

Back-Sheesh—A Definition.

TOMMY is a tiny nipper,
But his appetite is great.
At the table he is master,
Where he sits in high estate.
There's a dainty on the table:
Tommy wants it; so do we.
Tommy's voice is most persuasive,
So he gets it.—That's Back-sheesh.

Tommy, out in muddy Artois,
Makes the Yanks and Frenchies gape:
In his eyes the hunting madness,
As he steps across the tape,
Herds the Huns into a shell-hole,
Strips them to their modesty,
Leaves them nothing but their—trousers.
Tommy's got the rest—Back-sheesh.

Tommy now is back in "Blighty"
With a wound stripe on his cuff—
On his other arm, a Flapper,
Dainty as a powder-puff.
Wants a kiss; the maiden blushes.
Will he ask her?—No, not he!
That were never Tommy's motto.
Does he get it?—Sure! Back-sheesh!

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Australian: "Is that well very deep, Canada?"

Canada: "Deep? Say, you've only got to drop the pail hard and you've a short cut to Australia."