

"NUTS AND RATIONS."

We have recently received a copy of a very creditable publication entitled "The Canadian Sapper" brought out by the Canadian Engineers at their training depot at Seaford in England.

Many of you may have seen it, as it has been in the Recreation Room for the past week. We are pleased to see the boys over yonder continue to have an interest in a paper of their own. We beg to extend our congratulations.

Every week you fellows get an invitation to contribute items of interest, jokes, quips, hints, sarcasms, grumbles or howls, to this paper. We want you to be represented in its pages. Air your views. Send in your poetry (?) or poems to the Editor and have the satisfaction of knowing you helped to make it a better paper (and Heaven knows it is open to improvement).

It often happens you may hear a good joke on a room mate, or perhaps you can tell us one that never really happened but you can so disguise it as to make it look like the truth. This, is to many of us, our first attempt to get into print, so you need not be shy.

We cut the following advertisement from a recent issue of a military journal:—Kit narker. Expert criminologist. Shadowing effectively executed; missing links, supper rations, cap badges, week end passes, expeditiously found. Special offer to N.C.O.'s.

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Here are a few definitions gathered from "Worldly Wisdom":—
Skirt (abbreviated)—A garment that makes women look shorter, and men look longer.

Epitaph—A statement that usually lies above, about one who lies beneath.

Dust—Mud with the juice squeezed out.

Cinder—One of the first things to catch your eye when travelling.

Policeman—A never present help in time of trouble.

Religion—A cloak used by some people in this world, who will be warm enough without one in the next.

Island—A place where the bottom of the sea sticks up through the water.

Fault—About the only thing that can be found where it does not exist.

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SOME FIGHTER THIS KID!

As a result of an interview by Sappers Chaddock and Coughlin we are able to present to our readers a remarkable story of a remarkable sapper. The interview was held in the Hospital where the subject of this article, viz:—Sapper Hackworth is a patient.

Attempting to lift his feet off the floor and at the same time making strenuous efforts to keep awake Hackworth told his story.

I enlisted in the American Army during the Spanish American war, went to Cuba with the 4th Tennessee's, was mustered out at Knoxville, Tenn. (at that time a Sergeant). I went to Mexico on a mission of my own, was captured by Medro's army, and forced to fight, with them to overthrow the Diaz government. Fought thirty-eight battles under Medro and Villa. In one cavalry charge I was one of the three survivors of the 22nd Chauchau regiment. In another battle at Javia fought three days and nights (36 hours without water or food) before we captured the town of Torren. I fought for twelve days (but not continuous) at another time. After the over-

throw of Diaz I was sent to Mexico City and held in reserve for eighteen months with uniform and three meals a day but no pay. After Huerta murdered Medro I was forced into his army to fight against Villa and Carranza, who captured me and forced me to fight for them. By a stroke of good luck Huerta recaptured me and I was sent to Vera Cruz, where he said I would be free from capture, and I was made a Colonel in the 33rd regiment. Strange to say, I was the first prisoner taken by the American army when they landed, because General Mau gave the order to run, but did not say which way. I was taken to Galveston, Tex. and set free. I received in all ninety-three day's pay for four-and-a-half year's fighting.

The interviewers remark that there is a lot of fight left in this sapper yet and he really would make an ideal prisoner. He stated also that he was 34 years of age.

Editor's note:—Too good an opportunity would have been lost had we not published this account. We make no apology to our readers and are pleased to leave them to draw their own conclusions.



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