

The Medical Corps Alphabet.

BY "S RONG."

- A* is for Army of the Medical Corps,
Some people say, which ought to do more.
- B* is the Bottle, the constant call
Given by man, and not by a doll.
- C* is for Cases, so many we've had,
All exports from France—some very bad.
- D* is the contraction, much used by the Press,
Also by Officers: "D— that bally mess!"
- E* is for 'E, that's the old man
Who deals out C.B., and more if he can.
- F* is for Flanders, or maybe for France,
So easy to enter, to leave—but by chance.
- G* is for Gee, soon followed by Whiz,
When a shell drops near that comes from Big Liz.
- H* with a P, a Tommy in a car—
Blighty? So near yet so far.
- I* is for Iron, so much of it flies
To be from it always, how Tommy sighs.
- J* is for Jerry—Fritz von Flery,
All napoo from the bombs he may carry.
- K* is for Kaiser. A case for the train?
L is the coach—with a rope and a chain.
- L* is for Leave, the dream of O.C.s,
A bon time at Christmas right over the seas.
- M* is for Maidens so many and fair—
Auburn hair! right here! but my heart is sae sair.
- N* begins these clear Nights,
When Fritz comes over to "assert his rights."
- O* is for Orderly, that living machine—
"Say, guy, I must have a screen."
- P* is for Prison, once an ill name,
Now the quarters of hospital fame.
- Q* is for Kew, in which gardens Sister Sue
Promenades with officers—one, or maybe two.
- R* is for Rest—in Tommy's dictionary;
Spell a slavery by the military.
- T* is for Tetanus, and I need not here mention
They use a vile weapon just for injection.
- U* is for U-boat, that means submarine,
A relief to the man or wet to the skin.
- V* is for Valour and Victory ahead;
Once back in Blighty—here's me for a bed!
- W* is for Windy, applied to superiors,
If "Bombs"—dots and dashes on the morse.
- X* is for Xmas! what a beano!
Even No. 10 expected a canteen O!
- Y* is for Ypres, who will forget it,
Though Fritz forever obliterate it?
- Z* is for Zipp! Here's to the Bipp;
Give a hand, and let it Ripp!
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