

"NUTS AND RATIONS."

We confess to a little indifference of late in the matter of contributing to our column.

As for the Nuts—there are plenty of "Knuts" around camp these days, but only one "Kernel"—and the Rations are as good as ever, and as carefully prepared and camouflaged, for consumption by the hungry crowd who swarm into the mess at meal parades.

Frequently (at meal times) we are treated to "Tit-Bits" which do not figure on the bill of fare. In order to be properly digested these same "Tit-Bits" have to be taken with a large portion of salt.

It is probably one of the hardest things possible to tell a man he is a liar without hurting his feelings, but the inclination is strong enough sometimes to take a chance. You may suggest that he is a "perverter of the truth", "trying to pull your leg" or "shooting the bull". None of these terms are sufficiently strong to crush the liar, or to cause him to, so much as, turn a hair.

His stories of exploits wherein he, and he alone, accomplished the "utterly utter" are fairly frequent at meal times, which gives rise to the supposition that the seat of the imagination must be situated in the pit of the stomach.

We are always delighted to receive a letter from our fair correspondent "Felicia Charming", and are pleased to publish the following:—

Dear Pat,—

It is such a long time since we heard from you that I venture to enquire as to your silence (Modesty forbids us to publish the next few sentences).

I have witnessed several drafts leave the depôt recently, and amongst the many who have gone, were some of my best friends, to whom I had the pleasure of saying "good bye". (We sometimes wish the same pleasure would come our way, dear Felicia). I do not know many of the men now in the Depôt, but I think it a shame that they have to be back in the Barracks so early, late hours may be bad for one, but believe me, they can be thoroughly enjoyed by two. I have also seen your moving pictures, in the company of two of my friends, who are in the Cadets, and they are delightful (who! the Cadets or the Pictures?) but, oh dear! what an awful waste of time waiting for it to get dark. But we have one consolation, it will not always be light at 8 o'clock. With kind regards to your Editor and his Staff, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Felicia Charming.

Noticing certain names in the list of Congratulations in a recent issue of "Knots and Lashings", we are inclined to think that the distribution of the "Stars" and "Stripes", if somewhat late in their coming, are undoubtedly as much appreciated as the tardy entry of the "Stars and Stripes" in the present great conflict.

Here is an interesting item of news taken from the "Gazette" of recent date:—"The Czecho-Slovaks take Nikolsk and chase the Bolsheviki toward Khabarovsk assisted by the Chinese and Japanese." They must be contemplating building another tower of Babel!

—PAT.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Who is the Senior N.C.O. who has engaged for the season a verandah seat at that Hotel on Champlain St.?

What happened at the movie show on Monday last?

Who is the Cadet who asked the Master Tailor to make him a Corset lining for his issue serge?

And who is the Cadet who asked

Sergt.-Major Sims for the key of the half passage?

What are those queer noises that emanate from Corpl. Cairn's tent? Is it a fact that he claims to be taking singing lessons?

When does the chicken arrive, Sergeant?

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