

The "Whys" Men's Columns.

SAY, TELL US, NOW!

Whether the recent matrimonial epidemic originated from a desire to beat the H.C. of L.—on the theory that "two can live cheaper than one."

If the Benedicks consider extension of leave adequate compensation for the risks that they are incurring?

Does the Camp comedian know how screamingly funny he really is?

Whether "Darkie" considers the duck walk a suitable place to practise "on the hands down"?

Where we may secure a hat big enough for the badge in front of the Depot Office?

Who is responsible for publishing Depot Order 226 2/11/18: "Boots, *steps* to be taken to economize"? I should say not.

What did Sergt. Lewin think when he *nearly* caught a rabbit the other day, and on looking up saw a Staff Officer enjoying the sport?

Why wasn't the Sergt. who owned the highly odoriferous goose crimed by the Sanitary Corporal, for allowing it to be hung on the western signpost without sounding the "Gas alert"?

Who taught his spinster hostess in Bicester the gentle art of poker?

Why had Sergt. McCoster a monopoly on osculation when the 15th left Weston?

If Sapper Wade didn't think he was riding the logs again when he jumped into the ditch on the march to Weston?

Why Corpl. Fleming won't allow THE SAPPER to publish the photograph that was taken in front of his billet?

Why does Sapper Gilbert Smith scale the timber in a goosebury bush by the running foot?

Why did "Wully" Rae find the parting at Bicester so hard?

If C.S.M. Morley and Sergt. Gould received cigarette cases from the vicar at Weston when they left their billet, why did they not pass a few "cigs" round the mess room?

Why the men out here who have borne the brunt are not given more opportunities to qualify for promotion with the new units?

Whether the men with "pull" don't make rings around those who have only push?

Why is it necessary, when inspecting huts, to stand 20 feet away from the fuze boxes?

Can any married man furnish an ex-Instructor of the C.S.S. with fresh excuses for staying away from home until late on Friday nights?

What was meant by the expression "Chig-nelled," used by an officer in a billiard match at the Club not long ago, when his opponent lost his nerve? [Ed.: I don't think that is at all kind.]

Who was the Sergt.-Major-Instructor who, while taking a party of men to the "pontoon area," said "Eyes left," and saluted a private?

Will someone please tell us who was the Sergt. from "A" Company who gave a baby soother to a certain sapper when he came back from his honeymoon?

What reason prompts the average soldier to sniff and sneer at the "brass hat"? Has he not even more brass attached to his equipment, which, properly burnished, constitutes him a scintillating member of the British Army, and partially, if not totally, eclipses our friends of the "brass hat and red tags"? So there is no cause for envy; what grounds bring out the antipathy?

How comes it that there is such a shortage of good Scotch whisky? The question becomes doubly insistent when we recall the fact that the bulk of Scottish manhood is now living in France, or has found a permanent resting place there. As a matter of actual fact, the shortage is alarmingly serious. We heard recently of an officer whose birthday could not be celebrated either by himself or his friends, owing to the conspicuous and lamentable absence of the liquid that cheers.

Does every soldier in France or in England realize the debt we all owe to the officers and men of all branches of our Navy? There is a tendency amongst soldiers to think that they alone are bearing the full brunt of the war. In reality, if it were not for the men of the sea, we would be unable to "carry on."

Whether each unit is supposed to grow all their rations during the coming spring and summer?

Who was the sapper who, when asked by his O.C. why the surnames of himself and his son were different, explained that he enlisted under a "nom de plume"?