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DEPARTMENT.

On reaching camp, go directly to Headquarters and introduce yourself to the Commanding Officer. Be cordial and friendly. Make some jocular remark like, "Well, here I am, Old Sock! How's tricks?" He may appear embarrassed, but do not notice that. Clap him familiarly on the shoulder. Make him see that you are his friend.

Strive constantly to improve on the Army manual. Some day when an Officer passes, salute him with both hands. This will be a distinct novelty to him and, no doubt, he will commend you heartily.

If, by any chance, you should be called down by a superior officer, it would be a grave breach of discipline for you to salute him the next time you meet. He may still be mad with you and not want to speak.

Whenever you are given an order for which you can see no reason, in a courteous manner, but very firmly, ask the officer for further details and explanations. It may develop that there was no reason for the order being given.

Endeavor to relieve the monotony of parade by little witticisms and humorous comments on the various commands. When your company commander says "Right face" reply that it is your right face but you can't help it. He will be charmed at your quick wit and probably will mention it to the entire company.

While on sentry duty, if some one approaches your post, rise, thrust your rifle into the ground, muzzle first, and say pleasantly "Who is it?" If the visitor has no visiting-card and you think that he is endeavoring to deceive you, speak to him sharply. Show him that you are not to be trifled with.

Show an interest in the personal comfort of those about you. Offer the sergeant your old shirt. At the proper time ask the colonel if he has sewed himself up for the winter.

If you are absent without leave and your company commander speaks to you about it, tell him that you are taking your next furlough

on the instalment plan. This businesslike reply will greatly please him. In all probability, he will give you a permanent vacation.

If you should be awake in your tent some night, reflect that there may be some other weary or homesick comrade in your company. To cheer him, begin singing in a clear, sweet voice, "Meet me in the brick-yard where the pickled onions bloom," or "Remember that a loving heart still beats beneath his overalls," or some other old time ballad.

Whenever it occurs to you that the company commander or the commanding officer is lonesome, make it a point to call on him. Do not wait for an invitation. He may be longing for a friendly word.

When you meet an officer who is walking with a lady, step right up to be introduced. He will be delighted with this attention to his friend. Do not, however, detain them more than an hour or two. Remember that there are other men in your company whom he will be anxious to have her meet.

If you think you are going to be sick go directly to the captain about it. He will tell you what ails you.

If you feel that your company commander is lacking in a few minor respects, talk it over with him in a patient, sympathetic manner. If you think he is in trouble, offer to lend him a couple of dollars. These little attentions will make him love and respect you.

When you see that your quickness and natural ability are placing you ahead explain to your comrades your good qualities. At the same time tell them kindly about their own defects. Do this in public so that you can not be accused of favoritism. While you are in the hospital send for a Bible and look up Daniel, fifth chapter, twentieth verse.

LOOKS LIKE A SLOW UP.

Briggs:—"Well, the world seems to move faster and faster all the time."

Griggs:—"Nonsense! During the Revolution we had minute-men. Now we have four-minutemen."

CAMOUFLAGE

The Modern Science of Camouflage consists in deceiving the enemy into thinking that something else is different from what it ought to be. As may be easily seen, it offers to the young soldier a fine opportunity for exercising his ingenuity. These suggestions, rendered into verse by Fuller Prunes, the street-car poet, may prove of value to the beginner.

Camouflage

If you see a complexion that's
peaches and cream,
Remember things always aren't
just what they seem;
Just take a good look, and come
out of your dream,—
It's camouflage!

If the opposite player leans back
in his chair,
Looks happy and whistles a
popular air,
Why, just ask the dealer for all
he can spare,—
It's camouflage!

If you're touched for a loan by a
friend who is flat,
And who'll pay "the day after or
swallow his hat,"
Just borrow his watch till the day
after that,—
It's camouflage!

If you don't want to drill when
the weather is hot,
Why just throw a fit in a suitable
spot;
A mouthful of lather will help
quite a lot,—
It's camouflage!

The reason the Kaiser, the silly old
ass,
Is steadily losing is simply, alas,
He never got out of the primary
class,—
In camouflage!

Cool Under Fire.

The major of a British battery—a soldier of the regular army—whilst on leave in London, met the wife of one of his subalterns. She was very keen to know how her dear boy was getting on, and particularly how he had shaped in the big push.

"Tell me, major," she said, "was Percy quite calm under fire?—was he perfectly cool?"

"Cool!" echoed the major. "He was just splendid. Cool isn't the word for it. He was simply Arctic. At times I thought he would shiver."