

Encyclopedia of Military Terms

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Engineers.—The wise men of the army. They teach the ignorant infantry how to carry sand bags, barbed wire bath mats, etc. and how to work intricate machinery such as picks and shovels.

Estaminet.—Translated into English means the "Rendezvous de la Police Militaire". It is where soldiers (including engineers) congregate to spend their unearned increment and to recount the many brave deeds they have done, also to listen to Mademoiselle's "Arf an' Arf" language whilst drinking her "Arf an' Arf" bier.

Form Fours.—All military experts agree that it is absolutely imperative that a man be able to form fours before he is fit to defend the Empire.

Although this intricate manouver can be accomplished in any number of movements a Drill Instructor usually recommends three. The odd numbers stands pat, the even numbers step on somebodys' toes in the rear with the left foot, and somebodys' heel on the right with the right foot. The even number will then find himself viewing the landscape on the back of the odd numbers neck, whilst the Empire totters.

Lack of space prevents forming fours in the trenches, but the War Office has the matter under consideration.

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THE STRAFING OF THE HUN.

Our Victor of Vancouver, by the nine Gods he swore,
The dirty Huns across the way, should dwell in peace no more,
By the nine Gods he swore it, and named a trysting day
And bade his runners hasten forth
To East and West and South and North,
To summon his array.

East and West and South and North, the runners hasten fast,
Trench mortars, Scouts and Grenadiers, begin to damn and blast.

Come turn out of your dug-outs, in moments just a half,
Our Victor's on the war-path, our Victor's going to strafe.

And now has every Captain, sent in his tale of men,
The odds and ends are forty, the Scouts just tally ten;
From every hole and dug-out, hot-foot the worriers come
With clubs and axes, picks and spades,
With mess-tins, bayonets and grenades—
(Someone had shouted "Rum").

With clubs and picks and spades they ran and rallied
round their chief,

Who told them of his wishes, in orders terse and brief.

"Come get your Threlfallites and Mills, your bayonet and gun

Get out beyond the parapet—go forth and strafe the Hun".

The dirty Hun had been well strafed—he got it in his lair,
He got it in his back and neck, he got it everywhere,
And Victor of Vancouver was jumping with delight,
When Scout and runner hastened in,
With Captives fat and Captives thin,
He jumped clean out of sight.

So Fritzie's evening party proved such a great success
That asked if they would go again, the Scouts all shouted
"Yes",

Shame on the false Columbian, who comes not at the run
When Victor of Vancouver, is out to strafe the Hun.

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Officer to man studying an atlas: "What are you looking for, the Sandwich Islands?"

Geographical Student; "No Sir, you see when I went to school they told me that this world was composed of three parts water and one part land. Now I'm just trying to find out where that piece of land is".



Are the military authorities going to supply "tin" hats for the following natives;

The swan at Swan Farm, (who puts his head under water when Fritz shells him.)

The rats which take cover in the gum boots at Transport Farm, and the Pigeons at Hooze Farm?

Will the first Contingent soon get a vote in this country?

If the first ten years of this war will be the worst?

Our Weekly Cinema Film.

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ACT IV SCENE III

Bill Davis is relieved from the trenches and spends a sleepless night scheming to get even with Johns and wondering what to do to win Mary. Just as the grey dawn reddens the blue sky, Bill gets an inspiration. He decides to prove his love for Mary by giving her a present. The vital question is; "What shall the gift be? It must be something like her own sweet self—a thing of beauty and a joy forever; Something that will appeal to a woman's vanity." He goes through his kit bag, and out of the depths he produces a pair of socks. His comrades are awakened by his shouting of "I've got it, I've got it!" He ignores various sarcastic remarks such as; "Why don't you kill it", and "Put it in the Sergeant's bed and go to sleep". Several attempts are made to steal the socks, but they display their undying friendship for Bill by creeping back to his pack. He arrives at English Farm while the inmates of the Farm are still sleeping. Producing his mouth organ he proceeds to serenade Mary with, "Come be my Baby Bumble Bee" and "There's only one in a million like you". The German prisoners protest against Davis's music, and endeavour to rouse their escort. Johns threatens to send them back to the trenches and the Germans ask for mercy. Mary opens the door and Davis prepares his mouth to greet her. Before the echo of the greet has died away, Mary, with a look of intense scorn on her face exclaims, "William Davis! Have I not told you that lips that touch citron and grenadine shall never touch mine?" Just as she is about to leave him for ever, he produces the socks. With a screech of delight she falls on his neck—(Orchestra will play kettle drums at the double). They are brought back to civilization by hearing Johns shouting "Break away". Mary departs to put on the socks leaving the two rivals saying rude things to each other. She reappears and asks Davis to "promenade with her through the main street and up to Neuve Eglise church. Knowing that she wants to "show off" her new socks, he agrees to escort her; but asks her to change her mind about the church. "Think of the danger from shells" he says. "You can see by my medals, that I am not afraid. What would I do if anything happened to you?"

"Medals!" exclaimed Mary, "Why Johns tells me that you got them from a 'Dog Show' in England".

"He's a fibber" says Davis, "I got those in Africa for killing better looking niggers than him".

On the way to Neuve Eglise Davis changes his position. "Don't take cover behind me" says Mary, "Show the Germans your medals". He ignores her cutting remarks and commands her to either marry him or return the socks. She refuses to do either, so Davis returns to English Farm and challenges Johns to fight a duel. They decide to meet at midnight at Hyde Park corner and fight it out in Plugstreet wood.

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