

A Regimental Shave

Did you ever go to a regimental barber shop to get a shave? We never did, but we heard of a fellow that did and here is the story he had to tell:

"I went into the shop and sat down. The barber finished his morning paper and looked at me and pointed to the chair. I sat down and he reached for a towel, then changed his mind and started to wash his hands. The basin was empty and he went for water just as the bugle sounded long dress. In about ten minutes he came back. He put the towel around my neck—and then remembered that he had not washed. He finished his toilet and picked up his mug—and set it down again while he combed his hair. The bugle sounded short dress.

"He lathered my face and reached for the razor, then noticed that the slop pail was full. When he came back from emptying that the bugle was sounding the fall in. He shaved one side of my face and started on the other—then remembered that his pants needed repairs and took them in to the tailor next door. As he came back the bugle

sounded the advance.

"He finished the shave and started to remove the traces of the lather—then went down to the orderly room to see about his pass for the third following week end. He removed the lather and started to put on the powder, then stopped to borrow a cigarette. No one had a match and he went down to the armourer's hut for a light. When he came back he powdered my face and started to comb my hair. I happen to be bald-headed and was afraid he would want to wait for the hair to grow, but cookhouse sounded and ended the agony.

"Now, I don't mind the fourteen days' C. B. I got for missing parade, nor having him borrow my cigarettes—but when that guy wanted to charge me a shilling for room rent and then swiped my Clansman as I went out of the door, well, can you blame a fellow for getting sore?"

Sergeants Talbott and Akhurst are back in the lines after an extended vacation which they spent on escort duty at the segregation camp. They are looking fine and feeling better as a result of their long rest.

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