

## The "Whys" Men's Columns.

SAY, TELL US, NOW!

Was it a coincidence that the very night Section 1's senior N.C.O. received his third stripe, the rum ration decided that the longest way round was the safest way home?

Isn't the sapper wise who, thanking a friend for an A1 cake, defines gratitude as "An intelligent anticipation of favours to come"?

Is the utter desolation of Billet 22 solely attributable to the absence of our Jackie?

Does big Bill not feel that time spent in drilling bantams is wasted in the case of a man destined to hold intimate converse with big guns?

Who is the Corporal who never retires to his bed at night without giving us his favourite motto—"Keep cool, calm, and collected, while under the enemy's fire"?

Who is the Engineer who goes down town every night to see a 250 pounder, and what does he find to talk about?

Who is the Sapper who says that if salt is in porridge, it's porridge, and if it is accidentally left out, it's mush?

Who are the Lance-Corporal and Sapper who, after two years of correspondence, have just found out that they have both been writing to the same girl in Ottawa?

If "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," why should we imitate the Hun in certain types of propaganda, *e.g.*, lectures to the troops on "What are we fighting for?" We think almost any soldier could tell you in one sentence.

When the colossal amount of potential genius available in our splendidly magnificent citizen armies will be used to the fullest extent in securing victory, and crowning our colours with the garland of peace? Adamant officialism, in many cases, places a bar before this. We feel a certain diffidence in broaching this question, due to our respect for the fighters of Mons and Ypres; but the question is there!

If the quality of beer in No. 1 canteen has improved in the last few days?

If all ranks "On Command" at Littlehampton did not find their stay there congenial?

If Lieut. Goodwin expects to win the "Daily Mail" prize for the largest spuds, and if he intends to donate it to the canteen funds.

How many people in the Depot have bicycles for hire, and if they can afford to buy a bicycle every week?

If two of the S.Ms. in the Depot will advertise in Orders the ingredients necessary to polish boots and brown leather belts.

Part II. Orders 67, 20/3/18:—If a certain man in "B" Company was sentenced to three days C.B. for leaving parade *with* permission, what would have been the sentence if he had left parade without permission?

Did the Scotch-Irishman's prejudice against the "Theological" Gardens arise from the ungodly prices charged for Eats? Or could it be that the sight of so many *bars*, when a "dhrop o' th' crater" was unattainable, proved too painful?

Whether there hasn't been a marked improvement in the "grub" recently? and if it isn't a real pleasure to be able to throw bouquets at those responsible?

If "Snowball" isn't *some* cook? and whether he couldn't put our own mulligan artists "hep"?

Why some people kick against war weddings? After all, the victim is extremely liable not to live to regret his rash act.

Did the D.Rs. enjoy the trip to Dame Hill in search of the Sergeant?

Who is the "guy" in the Signal Company who, when told to split up a bale of peat moss among seven horses, cut it up in chunks and put it in the mangers?

Is it a fact that C.Q.M.S. Downton is joining the track squad, to train down to Air Force weight?

Who was the man who, when told to load his rifle, took the magazine out? Does the same man take out his teeth to eat?

Will the bugler who murders "Last Post" kindly do same from the sea front, or would he prefer the gas dug-out?

Was the reason "B" Company was the only one to march at attention through Alfriston recently, that they were doing penance for breaking the "Cross"?

If some of the benedicts do not object to church parade on the ground that they wish to take their wives to church in Seaford? Is the *real* reason not shared by others than benedicts?

Who used the remnants of the Dance Committee's French chalk for shaving powder?