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THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW?

The name of the Corporal in R.2.A.5 who wears the badge of the Sportsman's Battalion, but who, when asked to take an interest in athletics, answers in the negative, wears white shirts, collars and waist-coats and spends half his time combing his hair.

If all members of the above Battalion have as much sporting instinct in them, or was the Sportsman's Battalion just a farce?

Which of our flappers is fondest of candy?

If Corporal Brookes of R2A4 is so shy of being judged in the Beauty Competition that he is contemplating wearing a gas helmet during office hours?

Whether Sergt. Dick Huckstep knows his way to the Paymaster's Office?

And whether his account does not appear more weirdly complex after each visit?

Where did the Rowing Club find that Tar Baby Mascot of their's, or is it actually a photo of Corporal Watson?

What is the reason of S.Q.M.S. Wilson's complaint re the price of his lunch these days?

When is Sergt. Jackson going to study French? It should be soon, as Monsieur is not pronounced *mon-sig-nor*.

Does it take 18 years' service for S./Sgt. Ellis to learn how the various Staff Officers are distinguished?

Who is the Sergeant on leave at Watchet who was mistaken by the officials for an alien and asked for his credentials, and did the police mistake him for Kerensky?

How did Sergt. Soper feel when Cpl. Wallace asked to look at the "Bulletin" on the 17th inst.?

And how much longer is Cpl. Wallace to wait for change to buy a copy, or is he waiting until the next subscriptions become due?

If Cpl. Koller did not have a near shave of representing his section in the "Beauty Competition"?

And if he did not think his chances very great in the final?

Did a certain Officer in R.2 put an advertisement in the "Bulletin" Agony Column asking for an appointment with a lady in blue at 3.20 p.m., 18th inst., at the N.W. corner of the room occupied by B.4?

Whether Pte. Hunt, of R2B4 really enjoys being called "John"?

How does S./Sgt. McLean, R.1C., find his way upstairs to his room at the Veterans' Club?

Who is the guy in R.2.A.2. (Casualties) who tried to scale the bedroom wall the other night, fancying somebody was chasing him riding a cow?

And what did his wife think about it?

What the young ladies thought of the "brave Sergeant" in R.1.F. who killed the rat the other morning? Can he not be rewarded with the "O.B.E.," as the act deserves commendation?

Who is the lady in R.1.F. that received a letter from her sister's supposed friend, and if it was really her sister's friend?

Why is a certain Corporal like a nigger, and is it because he likes "pink" stockings?

Whether the rear cap-strap affected by certain of the personnel of this office is rendered necessary by "swelled head"?

How Cissie Lemmon manages to carry the crook stick with a silver knob?

How E.C.C. of R.1.A. spells knob?

Is it true that Erb Hawkes was recommended for the V.C., but could only get a Good Conduct badge out of it?

And is it true that he is the most generous man in his section?

Is it right that our friend Cpl. Cutler, alias the Fossil King, is cultivating a superfluous amount of hair on his face?

And does the Alaska Bedding Co. know of this?

Is it true that Pte. Scotty Wildman, R.2.A., C.S., drew lots to see who should pay for the tea and when he lost refused to pay?

It is true that Pte. McLarty, when on fire picket, forgot his post when the alarm went?

And what he said on arriving in the basement and found he was posted to the fifth floor?

Who is the S./Sgt. in R.2.A.2. who polishes the mahogany at the Holborn Buffet from 1 till 2 p.m. daily, and is the blonde young lady the attraction?

If green is Sergt. Charman's favourite colour?

Whether Pte. "Fish" Grady will find as good fish down at his unit as at the C.R.O.?

What did a certain private in R.1.E. say when he found there was only a farthing in the purse he picked up?

If a certain soldier in R.2.B.5. recently promoted Sergeant visited R.1.E. one afternoon solely for the purpose of parading before a certain brunette?

What part of himself would the Crown Prince shoot away if he wanted to impair his usefulness?

Who was the private in R.1.E. who asked for a pass to have his photo taken, and what did his Sergt.-Major say?

Is it right that Pte. Hawkes is going to buy a drink on the day on which peace is declared?

If Sergt. Logan was very sore at not finding a certain private at home when he went to visit him?

How many of the C.M.P.'s on duty in London rode a horse daily for nearly eighteen months during 1915-16?

It is true that Pte. Emery, R.2.A.3., is to receive a D.C.M. and be promoted to "Fire Chief" for his timely action and great courage in extinguishing a burning basket, and will his comrades make a presentation to him for saving their lives?

If S/Sergt. Halford, of R.1.B., after returning from one of his recent vacations, considers he is sufficiently rested and capable, to cope with the rush of work in the *big push* forthcoming?

"Bulletin" Beauty Competition.

Result of Section Voting.

There is no doubt that this competition is a great success, twenty-one Sections taking part. Very keen voting resulted, and in at least one Section there was a "tie" with the result that a further vote had to be carried to decide who was to represent the Section. Some Sections seem to have taken the thing seriously, whilst others took it as a huge joke, and in view of this we have decided to award *two* prizes instead of one as announced last week: The judging will be done on "points," so many points being given for the mouth, eyes, nose, etc., to a total of 100. The "Beauty" receiving the highest number of points will receive the chief prize, and the man getting the *lowest* number of points will be awarded the "booby" prize. This, we think, will make it fair for everyone. We trust that having gone so far, the competitors will "see it through to the bitter end" like all good sportsmen. We hope to announce the result of the final next week.

The following are the competitors voted for by their respective Sections, and eligible for the final—

R.2.A. Cent. Sec., Pte. Cohen; R.2.A.1., Spr. A. D. Anderson; R.2.A.2., Pte. W. C. Newcombe; R.2.A.3., Pte. S. Calladine; R.2.A.4, Cpl. Brookes; R.2.A.5, Cpl. G. Harris; R.2.B. Cent. Sec., Tpr. S. L. Anderson; R.2.B.1, Pte. Bruce; R.2.B.2, Cpl. J. A. Perry; R.2.B.3, Sgt. Biddulph; R.2.B.4, Cpl. H. Easy; R.2.B.5, Pte. W. Parant; R.1.A.1, Pte. P. G. Graves; R.1.A.2, Cpl. W. Bond; R.1.B. and C.C.I., Pte. A. J. Ferguson; R.1.C., Sgt. L. S. Sheldon; R.1.D., Pte. J. MacNair; R.1.E., Cpl. J. A. Jones; A.M.S., Pte. R. W. Marsh; R.3, S.Q.M.S. Worthington; R.1.F., Cpl. D. Jones.

The Judges decision will be final.

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Now, boys, look your best and keep smiling; you never know when the lady judge may be looking at you.

Slang of "Uncle Sam's" Army.

"Bobtail"—Dishonourable discharge
 "Guardhouse Lawyer"—A soldier who is usually in the guardhouse himself, who advises other soldiers how to get out.
 "Jawbone"—A verb meaning to obtain credit such as "I have just jaw-bones him out of 5 dollars."
 "Sand-rats"—Soldiers who stay in the pits on the ranges and score the targets in firing practice.
 "Shavetail"—A new second lieutenant, so called because new army mules had their tails shaved.
 "Slum"—Beef hash.
 "Stroker"—A soldier who works for an officer.
 "Wagon-soldier"—A soldier in the Artillery.
 "Doughboy"—A soldier so called because they once rubbed their uniforms with pipeclay, and when it rained this clay made dough.