

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVICE:—Should not advise you to borrow your next-door neighbour's toothbrush to polish your buttons with. Besides, when he cleans his teeth it will be unpleasant.

ARTHUR, BASE DEPOT:—A Crime Sheet is a white linen sheet which you draw at the Quartermaster's Stores to wipe your mess tin with.

ALGERNON, SGTS.' MESS:—No. It is not true that Barrack Room Damages are levied to buy cigars for the Sergeant-Major. As a matter of fact, he can demand cigars from any pretty barmaid as per K.R.O. 456.

BOHUNK, EDMONTON:—Cannot tell why the Bodega Bar is so crowded. It may be owing to the galaxy of beauties they have collected there to dispense the medicine.

HOBO, CALGARY:—Can't say why they hold roll calls at unearthly hours in the morning. Can quite understand why you dislike these. Would suggest you tell the Sergeant-Major.

NEW RECRUIT:—Cannot say where the song entitled "DO WE LOVE OUR SERGEANT MAJOR" came from. No, it was not General French who wrote it.

GEORGE:—Murphies are potatoes, mush is porridge, and punk is bread.

GAMBLER:—Crown and Anchor is a game they play in France. You can start penniless and go away in your own motor car. It is generally run by a gentleman with a hoarse voice and very bad eyesight, as he exclaims, "Well! Well! Well! Just where the heavy money lies again!" and proceeds to clear the board.

BATMAN:—Yes. It is a good plan to borrow a pair of your Officer's riding breeches if you don't like Infantry trousers. (See K.R.O. 999 for Authority).

CHARLES, ORANGEVILLE:—You say two girls are in love with you, and you do not know what to do? Better get on the next draft for France. Safety first. No women are allowed out there.

TEETOTALER, ANXIOUS AND OTHERS:—The Wet Canteen is a place where they sell beer. If not open for business, a good plan is to bang on the door, or prize it open with an axe. If more than one recruit is present it is best to sing one verse of HOW DRY I AM." then use violence as laid down by K.R.O. 5267½.

SHORTY:—I print your letter in full. You say while walking out in Sandgate with a dandy little Jane, one of the men in your hut, whose shirt you had borrowed, came up and said, "Look here, Old Sport, I shall want that shirt back to-morrow," and you think it very rude of him. Yes, so do we, but why not spend less money on firewater and pay your laundry bill.

ORDERLY:—Yes. Shakespeare wrote that quotation, "It's only fools and horses that work." Can't say which you are. You are certainly not a quadruped.

SPORTSMAN: Can a fortune be made by backing horses? Certainly, but betting on horse racing was only intended for bookmakers and simple people.

SLIM:—Am unable to say where you can buy that popular song, "HOW CAN A MAN LIVE HAPPILY WHEN HIS WIFE'S ALWAYS EATING BISCUITS IN BED."

WILLIE:—You ask what does R.P. stand for? Regimental Police. These are kept as ornaments in barrack yards and squares. On an Officer approaching, they give a click with their heels, and having no tail, their right or left hand swings automatically to the side of their head. Perfectly harmless if not interfered with.