

taken in the course of our recent offensive. The items point to a strange laxity of military discipline, and add further proof of the straits to which our enemies are reduced for the lack of raw material.

**ORDERS BY OBERST KREPP**

Commanding 21991st Sauerkraut U. Wittern

**DISCIPLINE**—Private Johann Betaubungsmittle has been awarded 30 days on the regimental potato patch for failing to comply with order No. 23, R. S. V.P., M.O. and S.V.P., which distinctly states that "NO SHIRT, OR WEARING APPAREL, IS TO BE SENT TO THE LAUNDRY WITHOUT FIRST HAVING BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE CORPSE CONVERSION UTILIZATION PLANT FOR THE RENDERING DOWN OF "SMALL LIFE."

Private Albrecht Auswurf was awarded 10 days extra ration-carrying for having broken order P.T.O. No. 1 F.P., which states that "NO PERSON IS ENTITLED TO MORE THAN ONE WASH PER MONTH, UNLESS ABLE TO PROVE, BY PRODUCING HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE, THAT THE DAY OF APPLICATION IS HIS BIRTHDAY. The present serious shortage of soap permits no exceptions being made to this rule.

Private Rudolph Lungenentzundung, accused of the crime of "SLAPPING HIS ANNUAL BUTTER RATION IN HIS O.C.'s FACE," was dismissed on account of extenuating circumstances, he having lost six brothers lately, since when he has developed an utter aversion to grease or oil of any description.

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**HEARD ON THE PHONE**

*Hun Headquarters*

"What did you say? Die Kanadier Truppen have made a raid, and left a note saying:

"Dear Fritz—It is with great reluctance that we have to do this, but we have no other means of getting information. We are only going to take two prisoners, and to compensate you for the loss of SO MUCH INVALUABLE FAT, we leave herewith, in exchange, two tins of MAYPOLE MARGARINE.

The Canadians.

"Wohl! What do you know about that? Schmutzig, sterbend alt Kristopher Kolumbus; Was hoflichkeit!—(remainder deleted by Censor).

IN MYSTERIES OF THE GREAT WAR by Harold Wilkins (Philip Allan, London) a chapter is devoted to "FIGHTING THE ENEMIES WITH LIES." Mr. Wilkins goes to great length to explain that this "gem" was probably the highlight of the British Propaganda Bureau. From his book we quote the following—

"In October, 1925, General Charteris, who was chief of the British War Propaganda in London in 1916, let the cat out of the bag, at a banquet given at the New York Art Club in New York City. I here cite the report from the New York Times, dated October 25th, 1925:

"One day a lot of things were put on my desk, which had belonged to German prisoners or fallen soldiers. Among them were two pictures. One showed a railway train taking dead horses behind the front, in order to boil them down for fat. The other was a photo of a train taking dead Germans away from the front. The first picture had the caption:

"KADAVERS (Corpses) Sent to The Fat Manufacturers"

I knew that the worship of the dead was held in high esteem by the Chinese, whose bearing at that time had not been defined towards us, so I had the word Carcasses altered to Corpses, and then transferred to the pictures of the dead-soldiers. The picture was sent to a Chinese newspaper at Shanghai, and later on, a letter from a Chinese reader appeared in the London Sporting Weekly journal THE FIELD, in which he described the horrible boiling down of boiled soldiers

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—" A furore was created in certain London organs and in political quarters when this report of Charteris's speech appeared. The General denied that he had either invented the story, or altered the captions, nor did he, he said, use faked material for war propaganda.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, assured the house of Commons that the yarn was a pure fabrication:

"I confidently expect that such false reports will never be brought again."

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So 20 years after the war is finished the readers of THE LISTENING POST are still in the air as to the exact source as to the truth of the statement. After the battle of HILL 70 we walked wounded out of the line with five wounded German prisoners. We questioned them closely as to the truth of the statement. Everyone of them expressed mild surprise that the story had gained such credence. They all said that if it were the truth they would have certainly heard rumours of the fact. We are inclined to believe the German soldiers. The story was so revolting that no army would stand for such an outrage—civilized or non-civilized—but the story was put to us in such a palatable form that we swallowed it. THE LISTENING POST WAS FOOLED JUST AS MUCH AS THE DAILY EXPRESS.

**SHORT RATIONS**

"I went into a restaurant and was told that there was no tea, sugar or margarine, and I musn't order a meal more than 1/2. To think that I've cussed a tin of Maconochie in my time!"

From the Original L. P.

**MORE ADVICE**

Que.—"What does a crown and anchor board cost?"

Ans.—"One dollar for the board and dice, eleven dollars to pay the winners, six dollars and sixty cents to the O.C., total \$18.60. Play Snap or Old Maid—they're cheaper.