

**OUR CORRESPONDENCE  
BOX.**

"DEAR EDITOR—I have been going with a girl steadily who is very fond of fruit with the peeling left on and, since I cannot endure the habit, will you advise me how I can break the courtship in a peaceful manner?—J.H.B."

Buy her pineapples.

"Mr. Editor—Am in love with a freckled girl who swears she will never marry until she has found a cure for the freckles. Will you tell me what to do?—No. 0016."

Have her remove the freckles with a putty knife, soak them for twenty-three hours in salt water and hang out to dry in a stiff northern breeze. They will be thoroughly cured in about a month and you may then proceed with the death warrant.

"Editor,—I am sleeping in a tent where the mud is several inches deep. Have to go on parade every morning at eight o'clock and get bawled out if my boots are not clean. What can I do under the circumstances?—0099."

Get a couple of batmen.

**HARD LINES, SERGEANT.**

SERGEANT CROWE, so the story goes, was sent to France recently, and it just happened that the party left shortly before pay-day. The "pass enthusiastic" Sergeant was evidently financially embarrassed, for he strongly insisted on being favoured by the paymaster before departing. His efforts were in vain, however, and he made the trip minus the necessary funds with which to enjoy life. Hard lines, Sergeant.

**ARE THESE FIGURES TRUE?**

A CHAP hears a lot of grousing from some men about long parade hours, etc., but I wonder how many fellows ever figure out how many days you actually work for the Army in a year.

Take for example, there are 365 days in the year, your average days' work is about 8 hours, therefore you spend 16 hours each day in recreation or sleep, this amounts to 244 days and leaves but 121. Sundays you do not work, which takes off 52 days and there is left but 69. Saturdays you have a half-

day off, which deducts 26 days, leaving 43, lunch hours amount to 16 days, which brings your figures down to 27 days. Two six day passes each year followed by a telegram saying your grandmother has died gets you at least 14 days, this leaves but 13 days, then figure the other two passes you slip in and get—"On account of the Adjutant being sick or on leave," which means another 12 days, and shows that you actually work but one day each year.

**OVERHEARD.**

*Fair lady:* Do you dance the two-step?

*Handsome S.-M.:* Well, rawther.

*Little girl:* No, mamma, they're not soldiers. They're only Canadians.

*Fair lady,* aged fifty something, as the spry young sergeant walks by: O, isn't he handsome. And there's no harm in him either.

*Quarter-master Sergeant* in his sleep about two a.m.: Go chase yourself. Go chase yourself. What do you think we're running here, a Salvation Army second-hand store?

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