

TOMMY'S ALPHABET

"A" is for "Argyll" that fine Highland Clan
who voted for rum right down to a man.
"B" is "Biscuit" we get in the trench,
it's cursed at in English, German and French.
"C" is the "Censor" who must know ere this
a cross is a cross and a kiss is a kiss.
"D" is the "Dugout" that gives us the habit
of dodging about like a paralysed rabbit.
"E" is an "Easter Egg" laid by a louse
now there's a family, my shirts their house.
"F" is for "Flanders" according to wags
it used to be here but now its in bags.
"G" are the "Gumboots" that seem very neat
till your head comes down "whack" and up go your feet.
"H" is for "Huns" who are devils to roam
and till Belgium is "Hunless" we'll never get home.
"I" was an "Idiot"—thought he'd be brave
stood on the parapet, he's now in his grave.
"J" is the "Jam" we all have to grapple
God knows we are fed up with Damson and Apple.
"K" is an army composed of the best
we're glad they've come out to give us a rest.
"L" is the place — well you know where I mean
where defaulters etc. are oft to be seen.
"M" is the "Medico" whom I personally hate
He gave me a "9" instead of an "8".
"N" is the "noise" that is made by a shell
it goes up to Heaven and brings us down hell.
"O" is the "Offensive" we are starting on now
its even worse than "unearthing" a cow.
"P" is the "Piper" who pipes just for fun
and makes the Bosche glad he's only a Hun.
"Q" is the "Question" you might answer fast
How long is this blooming war going to last.
"R" is the "Rum" that is dished out to you
if you cannot stand one well you cannot "S tand To".
"S" is a Star-shell bound for the moon
as it quietly goes up, you quietly "get doon".
"T" is the drink we are now getting here
its rotten to know the Germans get beer.
"U" are the person the sniper is after
its "Odds on" he'll get you and then theres no laughter.
"V" is the backsight you look through to shoot
the Hun he knows it, and snipes you, the brute.
"W" is for "Wiring" a very fine job
till you get on the shins what was meant for the stob.
"X" as letters are no bally good
lets pretend they are charcoal for cooking the food.
"Y" is for "Ypres" surrounded by Snipers
pronounce it as you like but, we call it Wypers.
"Z" are the "Zeppelins" seen in the skies
they never come near us, the statement lies.

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Doctor (to Spr. Swinglead):—
"Well my man what is the matter
with you?"

Spr. Swinglead:—"I don't feel
well at all, doctor, everything I eat
flies to my stomach, and I am
spitting wind."

Doctor:—"How did you find
yourself this morning?"

Spr. S.:—"Well I just opened
my eyes and there I was."

Doctor (rather puzzled to or-
derly):—"Give him a Number 9."

Orderly:—"We have none, Sir."

Doctor (impatiently):—"Well
give him a couple of fours and owe
him one."