

Owing to our present tactical situation we have received many invitations to play cricket. With great reluctance we have, up to the present, declined them all; but, if the challengers persist, the boys will get real devilish one of these days and accept.

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### Major Anderson's Company.

A general meeting was held on the 28th ult. to elect a canteen committee. Capt. Macfarlane occupied the chair (in a metaphorical sense).

There was a good attendance, and the following office holders were elected:—Steward, A/L/Corpl. Jarrett. Committeemen: Corpl. J. Peacock (vice Sergt. Simpson, absent through unavoidable circumstances), Sappers J. Breen and D. Baston, and A/L/Corpl. J. Moody. Auditor: Dr. Tagg. Q.M.S. Dallman will continue as President.

One gentleman, who certainly had the courage of his convictions, suggested that no N.C.O. should be on the committee. The majority, however, while admitting that he had made out a wonderfully good case, naturally preferred proportionate representation.

All the thirsty ones sat up and took notice when the question of making the canteen a wet one was raised. But the matter was left in abeyance.

Congratulations to L/Corpl. Silk; now that he has set his foot on the first rung of the difficult ladder of promotion, we hope that he will find "plenty of room on top." Real merit marks this appointment.

The Signal canteen has re-opened, and is doing a roaring business (oh, s'allright, ye pessimistic prohibitionists, only soft drinks—for those who are soft enough to imbibe them—are obtainable).

We have now dolled up à l'infanterie; and speculation is rife, though the rumour that the Kaiser and the Crown Prince are to be induced to inspect us (it being confidently expected that they would die of laughing) is not altogether believed, as this is so much at variance with the Government's well-known humanitarian principles.

A most depressing case of juvenile depravity was recently brought to light when a "lamb" was charged with gambling (gambolling) within an Army area. Prisoner, who looked exceedingly sheepish, made no reply to the charge; but the evidence went to show that the offence was aggravated by the fact that, when warned that he would be taken into custody, accused insolently exclaimed "Bah!" (or baa). In consideration of the extenuating circumstances, and prisoner's extreme youth, the President dismissed the case, remarking with ready wit "if he appeared before him again he would 'lamb' him."

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### Major Lawson's Company.

#### THE BIG SHOW.

Lawson's Travelling Circus and Hartley's Hair-raising Side-splitting Side-Shows.

#### SPECIAL FEATURES.

Hiddlestone the Demon Booze-fighter from Tara Hill. Challenges all comers.

Hor the granite headed nail eater. Challenges any goat in the area to a butting contest.

Bully-beef Bill in his STOREY of a tame tape worm.

Wireless in his famous act with a flaming motor-cycle. Broncho-busting Bill in his broncho busting act with "Carrots."

The Q.M.S. Squad.—The Elusive Tonsorial Artist: Him of the Lancers; Albert Edward and his little Primus Stove.

Samuel's Sextette.—Aquatic Athletes; Introducing Black Jack from the Wilds of Nova Scotia and Kurious Kon, the short-haired wonder; Pinkie Prid, the Toronto diver; special acts by the Black Prince and the Grand Duke.

McKenny's Musings.—How to get eggs for breakfast; peace offering of a Plymouth Rock, or doings of a Drake; Encore Madam! or why the pay ran out.

The management regrets that, owing to the exigencies of the Service, the following acts have been cut out:—

SHELL SHOCK BILL, in his monologue, "Three nights on the Somme, and then Some."

N.V., in his famous recital, "Only a Pickled Walnut."

It is also regretted that the only talking Crane in captivity (captured in the wilds of Dickebusch Lake) has flown the coop.

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### Major Hibbert's Company.

Lieut. Murphy is out with a challenge to run anyone at any distance from 50 yards to 50 miles. Night race and cross country preferred.

Can it be that the S.M. was seen on the Ateenvorde road recently looking for the "aeroplane" mentioned in the May SAPPER?

Latest reports from the Creighton Mine show that an Australian artillery officer said that things were coming our way.

The popularity of the M.M.P. is increasing every day. They work for the Crown, and get a hold with the anchor. Hence the expression "Crown and Anchor."

Capt. Young, M.C., formerly with this Company, is spending a couple of months with the British Recruiting Mission at Portland, Maine, U.S.A.

Among the recent arrivals at the C.E.T.C. we notice the names of several members of this Company. They have our best wishes for the future, as they had our sympathy at Bexhill.

Capt. Field says that "Hurdles come and hurdles go, but I drive stakes for ever." The question is, where does he get the stakes from?

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### Major Crysdale's Company.

This Company regrets that no contributions to THE SAPPER have been sent in before. They plead as excuses that they had no lines of the proper gauge, and that their only artist was too busy camouflaging.

We have spent the last few weeks at a rest and training camp, where the boys renewed their acquaintance with button polish, and improved their physical well being with "jerks."

Football and baseball teams have each played a number of matches. Owing to the paper shortage, however, it is not deemed advisable to publish a list of victories gained by either team.