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War of Movement.

By Lt. E. T. Adney, C.E.

Ever since those fateful days when the German masses broke through the British and French defenses before Cambrai and began. forcing our armies back by rapid marches, to somewhat the line along which we are now fighting, it has been proclaimed by the Germans, and by many of our own Writers, that the "dead lock" of "Trench warfare" was at an end and "war of movement" had begun; that we were "done with" stationary warfare, (which in some ways resembles siege warfare), and that the fighting henceforth would be "in the open", with once more the free movement of cavalry and the rapid concentration and movements of infantry directed toward smashing through and enveloping the flanks of armies imperfectly protected, or not at all protected, by field defenses. This was what the Germans wanted, claiming as they do superiority in the handling of large bodies of men. Particularly did they assert superiority over the British, whose generals, they claimed, were untrained in the direction of large armies fighting in the open.

Trenches Not Obsolete.

And this was what in a great measure did take place. There was warfare of movement. But in one respect, a very important respect, the old fashioned warfare of the open was not reproduced anew. The present war, at least in Europe, is what no other war ever was so much—a war of "materiel". In the first place the heavy guns are a dominant element. These can



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only advance slowly. The retreating enemy has destroyed the roads. New roads must be prepared, railroads constructed, not only on which to move the guns themselves but the immense quantity of ammunition required. This is the case also with other supplies of other kinds. While these roads are being reconstructed the retreating army, if held intact, falls rapidly back upon new positions, upon positions, either already prepared, or else which they immediately throw up and which in time develop into systems of defense. - Probably we will not see again such a long period of stagnation in trenches, as we did before, for the Germans seem to be now compelled to force a decision within a short time at no matter what cost in men. So we may not again see such elaborate and extensive trench systems; that is all. Trench warfare has not, and will not, come to an end-until war does.

Trench warfare, or as we should say, "position" warfare, alternates with "war of movement". Just how this takes place under modern conditions has been as lucidly, as by anyone, explained by Col. Azan, of the French Army, in his work, "The War of Positions", from which I quote as follows:—

"Whenever two adversaries are approximately equal in power, the war of positions is the only one possible. Admitting that the line of resistance of one of them may be temporarily pushed back on a large extent of front, and that two or even three successive lines of positions may be carried, there always remains in the rear another line of positions, under the cover of which the vanquished party may reorganize his forces; the parts of the front adjoining that which has given way accept the necessity of retirement and set themselves to work to straighten out the line. War of movement is, therefore, restricted to the space which separates the positions captured from the positions behind them.

If, on the other hand, a victorious offensive definitely cuts the enemy's line, war of movement may find wider scope. Either the beaten troops become demoralized, and, if pursued with energy, throw their own reserves into disorder—thus causing a disaster which the resistance of a few fragments of the line will have great difficulty in repairing; or else the remnants of these troops, falling back on unshaken reserves, are able, with them, to rally on new positions; in this latter case each fragment individually experiences war of movement, though it tends to establish itself, for actual fighting, in a posi-

tion which it either reinforces or prepares afresh.

War of movement is thus, for the time being, generally imposed by the stronger on the weaker side. But it modifies itself more or less rapidly, according to the courage or the tenacity of the defeated troops, into a war of positions; it thus permits the equilibrium of combat to be re-established and a new line of resistance to be formed. Then the war of positions begins again.

There are, nevertheless, circumstances in which the war does not present the aspect of two lines of opposing positions, each endeavoring to force the other back, but in which it resumes the features of a war of movement.

These instances are as follows:

1. When one of the armies is insufficiently supplied either with men or materiel, to cover the fronts which it must hold.

2. When one of the armies, having its front well supplied, lacks sufficient reserves either in men or in material, to go to the rescue in case a breach is made. This might occur when a belligerent, enfeebled by the wastage of the war, did not soon enough accept the necessity of shortening his front.

3. When the armies facing each other have to manoeuver over a large space in comparison with the amount of their effective—as in East Africa or Equatorial Africa, in Mesopotamia, etc.

In these different instances, the troops are no longer held in by a continuous barrier which prevents manoeuvering. And yet, when they come into contact, they all consolidate their positions by digging trenches, by providing them with the accessory defenses, by utilizing their artillery to the best possible advantage. Thus the actual combat, which follows these preparations, takes on the same character as the war of positions.

Movement, when it becomes possible, is limited, furthermore, by a reason other than the encountering of organized positions; this is the difficulty of transporting an adequate supply of material and provisions.

Bold and rapid movements, such as used to be carried out, have become very difficult. Napoleon could say that he "made war by the legs of his soldiers", because his success came through bringing up his infantry by forced marches, in order that, at the critical moment, they should intervene on the battlefield.

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The distinction comes to Draft 74, Canadian Engineers, from St. John's, P.Q.! It departed in charge of our worthy O. C. and friend, Lieut. Knighton, C.E. There is an accompanying feeling of pride that besides being the largest draft from any one unit, that it was composed of men of such splendid physique-men who had gathered from all parts of Canada for the great task before them.

It is with regret that we must say "Au Revoir" to the Senior Officers of the E. T. D., whose untiring efforts in our behalf won the high esteem of all officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Draft. Time and space does not allow us to express our esteem of each personally, but collectively we wish to express our sincerest appreciation of their efforts. And, the Ladies of St. John's!-words cannot express our appreciation of their many kind entertainments and their treatment of us while in the

In the wee ("very wee"!) small hours of the morning, we heard the stern command of our O. C.,-"Fall in!" A moment later all was astir and on the double!

Section after section followed in rapid succession, and at 6.30 a.m. the first train-load said farewell to St. Johns, to friends and to sweethearts.

Trains bearing the balance of the Draft followed at regulation distance. Draft 74 had left St. Johns!

Arriving at the place of embarkation, we were lined up for a final roll-call, and ushered into a palace on the sea. In the after-noon, we steamed forth—to the Briny Ocean of hidden mysteries, to the music of tugs, factory whistles, locomotives, and of the crowds that gathered to wish us "bon voyage"

Assigned to our berths, with all our worldly possessions in position, We soon gathered into small groups. Many had inside information and very contradictory! All retired early to sleep the sleep of the Just or the Unjust. Some only dozed off, not having removed their clothes, fearing a cold plunge.

A very difficult Standing Order to observe is this-"No material or substance of any kind to be thrown overboard during the day." It is interesting to see the boys rush to the railing and consign and Dorrer. Wonder why!

their dinners to the sea, even in spite of orders. Never a care as to whether we may be C. B.'ed the rest of our lives—the fishes must

Orderly Room at Midnight!

(Portholes closed, fans not working, officers in shirt sleaves, collars off, perspiration flowing, struggling with a conglomeration of mixed and unfinished records, and unpublishable words encircling. Suddenly someone calls "Tinie"there is a rush for the railing; Dinner is overboard; work is resumed. Thus—the end of a Perfect Day!)

Overheard Aboard.

Who was the lieutenant who when we were passing Father Point, enquired as to when we would "pass the Thousand Islands"? What Brand produced that effect?

Who is the lieutenant in Cabin 12 who insisted that after lying in his bunk all day, without meals, that he was only resting?

Who authorized the "Pyjama Parade" on the night of July 2nd at 2 a.m.? Fire Sanitary Officer

Why the Fond Farewell to the Officer in charge of Car 10, train 2 of Draft 74 leaving St. Johns!

Why the hurried retreat of Orderly Officer Atkins (not Tommy) after calling, "Lights Out", at the Sisters' cabin!

Who was the sapper that used a pot of Coffee ready for breakfast to use as a depository for his surplus dinner?

Why did the Officers want to be innoculated again on board the boat? Perhaps the pleasant smiles of our Nursing Sisters had to do with it. (Incidently, we may remark that it is the intention of "Knots and Lashings" to present this sad scene to its readers in the form of a cartoon—watch for it!)

We are glad to have the owner of this line of boats in Draft 74.-Welcome Mr. Donaldson!

Did you notice how attentive our O. C. is when the Ladies are present? Rather attentive, n'est-ce pas!

It is rumored that our M.O. is afraid of sharks and does not sleep well,-we trust he will soon get his

"Kingston looks better to me each day."-Does this Party refer to the Pen?

Why did the First mate make a special inspection of Cabin 6-and what happened to the occupant of Berth 2!

"Where do we go from here?" The following officers were absent from meals:-Lieuts. Philips, McCutcheon, Brooks, Moore, Tobias Phone Main 770.



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Kings Regulations and Orders however clearly state that discipline should be maintained whenever possible without punishment; but it is also pointed out that crime should not in any case be covered up in order to avoid the punishment it deserves being awarded.

Under conditions of today, with so many men passing through the depot-most of whom are strangers to any form of disciplineit is almost impossible to have a clean sheet for orderly room; but on the other hand there is no reason why the passages leading to the Officer Commanding's office should be so well lined with cases up for 'charge'. It speaks ill of a corps to have a large list for orderly room, and if the men of this depot would look upon a fellow soldier who figures in Part two orders under the heading 'Punishments', as a disgrace to his corps there would, perhaps, be a falling off in the number of cases. It is not suggested that such a man is hopeless, but often have we noticed that a man desires more than anything, the esteem of his fellows.

FLAG WAVING.

We have noticed a predominance of American (U.S.A.) flags in the ranks of those departing on drafts for overseas, over those of British nationality. It is somewhat a strange sight to see British soldiers waving a flag of another nation, ally though she be; but we feel that if the Britisher were as fond of flag-waving as our cousins across the line, we should scarcely notice the small percentage of Stars and Stripes. As it is, one or two "Union Jacks" are now to be seen amongst a score or more "Old Glorys". We think as a matter of taste it is not quite 'au fait', we don't object to the "Stars and Stripes", in fact we honour the flag as representing a nation which is making the sacrifice of its manhood against Hun tyranny, but there is a place for everything.

THE SOLDIER'S PAL.

Our Padre last Sunday, amidst delightful surroundings, touched a chord that should respond in all his hearers. The question from Genesis which Cain asked "Am I my brother's keeper?" was applied to the soldier, and no doubt was left in the minds of his hearers that man, by his actions or thoughts toward his fellow man, was responsible for the standard of morale. It is a thought well worth consideration especially in army life where man is 'up against' strange conditions, and needs the moral support of his friends or mates.

"WHAT WE KNOW NOW!"

That certain members of the Cadet Class can be seen of a Sunday afternoon in the long grass of a certain piece of Suburban Pasture—Qualifying. Owing to the rather modest nature of these Cadets, one must approach this pasturage under cover to really enjoy the performance. Probably the best movement we saw was a lone Cadet known as "Near off". forming Fours with a Fence Post. Everything went well until the Fence Post became the odd man in the blank file. The Manuel of Infantry Training was consulted, but nothing seemed to be found to clear the situation, so the order "as you were" was given. About a hundred yards off another Cadet was seen with an M. I. Training in one hand spelling off yards of detail to a class consisting of a cap with a white band, a waist belt, jacket, a note book, service knife and a pencil. The Cap with the white band was evidently a N.C.O. aspiring to become a Cadet, as much of the abusive and profane language was directed at it. The only perfect movement observed was when a Cadet gave night dress to a row of fence posts. This was really commendable, and all went well until a crow lit upon a post half way along the fence. The Cadet immediately seized the opportunity and rebuked the crow,—à la S. M. Clements, only much more fluently.

We wish to ask if this mutinous fence post will be brought up charged under Section 40 of the Army Act, in so much that it exhibited dumb insolence.

"Inst."

THE CADET.

I wanted to be an officer And have two stars on sleeve A batman to say 'coffee sir' And get all kinds of leave I joined the class for training And called myself cadet And drilled sunshine or raining But haven't got there yet.

They try to teach me how to ride On horseback without falls 'Tis this that sometimes hurts my pride

And things inside my overalls. To shout aloud I try so hard From early morn to night Till teeth from out my mouth are jarred

And voice is gone outright.

Now when I get my Sam Browne on I'll happy happy be I'll swear I'll never look down on

Cadet whoe'er he be. Cadetyet.

OUR THANKS.

The management of "Knots and Lashings" wishes to publicly tender an expression of our appreciation to the following members of the E. T. D. Band, who last Saturday volunteered to step into the breach and see that the few remaining copies of our paper were sold to those who might otherwise have gone without their "Knots and Lashings".

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The thing that goes the furthest, Towards making St. John's worth while,

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"M. M. P."

"Who was the Corporal who was the first to pull out the 'fags'?" The Corporal referred to in last week's "Twinkles", says,—"Do as I say, not do as I do." "Tis good advice!

We boys would like to know who mislaid the Major's timepiece, Monday evening. Was it a lady?

And also—wouldn't it be a rather dull evening for that brilliant gathering of numbskulls if that Sergeant Pianist hadn't volunteered his services?

We, the Boys of the Mounted Section wish to thank our worthy C.S.M. for the great deed he has done. He has taken our little Leper out of the ranks and had him qualify for a permanent Stable Piquet. C.S.M. Sims, please accept!

An Irishman was drafted into the service and asked them to what branch of the service he would be attached.

They told him, "Oh, the Flying Corps."

Said Pat,—"And faith, what do they do in the Flying Corps?"

"Oh, nothing!—only ride up in the clouds in a big machine!" And said Pat,—"When the

And said Pat,—"When the blame thing stops how the divil am Oi goin' to get out and crank her!"

We overheard one of those buglers at this,—

"Say, does the Colonel own the horse he rides here?"

"Of course not,—it's an issue!"

The Team Drivers' Bath.

The drivers out of number four, On Thursday had a shock;

For the Sergeant Major said, "Look here

This work for an hour will stop."

"You take your towels, and also soap

"And off to the river you go
"And, Corporal Priest, if they
wont wash

"You may scrape them with a hoe."

Now those boys in Number four, Are different from Number three; If **We** were told to take a swim, You bet we would yell with glee.

But take old Pop, and Dick De Bues

And Boler, Wright and Ham,
The only time their faces are
washed

Is when they have eaten jam.

Our S. M. is a diplomat,
Their feelings he would not hurt
So he just told them to take a
swim

And the Richelieu got the dirt.

Let us hear more from the Boys of the Mounted Section next week. They're the stuff!

то ЈІММҮ.

I love thee best O Jimmy wild!
In moments when in accents mild,
Thou tell'st some tale of derring
do

Put over on some rascal, who
Has pulled thy leg, as varlets will,
About some fine point of new drill,
On guards, ceremonials and such
stuff.

I'm sure one cannot learn enough! We love thy tales of other times, Of soldiering in those other climes, In regiments of the elite!

I'm sure, Jim, thou wert always neat

The ladies claim thou'rt their despair

As they note that handsome smile and hair,

And military carriage too.
You look as soldiers ought to do,
So cheer up Jim and carry on,
Your day's work here will soon be
done!

And when you get across to France A six days' leave you'll get perchance,

The French girls you'll meet over there

Could not resist so debonair A man, and they'll be overjoyed, To take a walk with Jimmy Boyd.

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During the week, the harsh vacant spot was filled with another Poster obtained, we understand, from Toronto, on urgent request by wire, and sent "special delivery" from that City.

As hinted at in our last issue, there was every indication of an "armed guard" being placed to prevent a recurrence of last week's raid. However, when our genial friend heard that it was "Knots and Lashings" that obtained the Poster, he said, "No guard for me! My heart and soul is with 'Knots and Lashings'. Let them have all the Posters they want and good luck to them!"

It is to be regretted that this last was not known to us before we way-laid and captured the worthy Captain on the street at the early hour of 8.45 yesterday morning! "You, Sir, are a prisoner of 'Knots and Lashings'," we said. "If it's that new Poster you're after you can have it," said he. "You can have anything I have—even to the half of my kingdom! Come with me, gentlemen."

Now you know how we obtained another of those famous Posters.

"Not guilty this time."

"ENTENTE'S OBSTINACY."

E—nglish born or English bred, N—ever yet has it been said;

T—hro' the ages that have flown,

E—'er the horrid Hun was known, N—or in peace or battle din

T—hat we ever yet gave in.

E-ver eager for a fight

S-trong to conquer, and to right

O—ur brave Allies over sea
B—ritons who will conquer? WE!
S—traight the road to vict'ry lies.

S—traight, the road to vict'ry lies, T—riumphant shouts for us shall rise:

I—n our unity we trust,

N—ever doubting; Win we must.
A—nd the Hun's ambitious Pride,
C—an, and will, be swept aside,

Y—ears will pass in Harmony on the fall of Germany.

Sergt. E. P. Lowman.

WANTED.

Lots of work for good swimmers and waders to chase tennis balls. Apply C.S.M. Lear.

THE CADET'S LAMENT.

Upon this, a dark and stormy day I take my pen to write a lay, Intent to clear a mystery By giving you a history Of that great corps the first Cadets, A bunch of budding martinets.

Oft have our camps and barracks

With laudatory phrases, sung
By fond admirers far and wide,
Who our perfection have espeed;
Without enquiring well into
Those phases crude we all passed
through,

Before we did attain to that Perfection which you marvel at. How on the field in straggling rows,

To cuffs and crys and cruel blows We first imbibed the A. B. C. Of things correctly military.

Of things correctly military.

How, mounting each a steed of war,

We banged and bounced and bumped, and bore

The tortures of the damned; the while

Enduring Simm's expletives vile; Before those girls who loved to be A-sitting in the gallery.

Long after thoughts of war are passed

The memory of those days will last, And in old age we'll oft discuss The days when we were treated

How swift we left the numna soft,
How gracefully we soared aloft,
How suddenly returned, and hark,
How heavily we hit the bark.
And o'er our wine we will recall
Our friends and fellows one and
all:

Serg. Webb's old pet, the Plimmer bird,

(Who's often seen and always heard)

And Cheerful Chick, and Rusty Bell,

And all those lads who went through hell.

And every lame and lazy guy
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Dere Koronel

I am sick like hell of dis driver work wot de sappers she call play it me wake up in de morn afore I have finish my sleep of de night an I am sore where I sit on from de bump I get from de horse when she dont stand still. My hed is so sorely too as my part I sit on an I think dere Koronel there should be wot you call de cushions in dat school of riders where I fall an de horses she should not bumpety bump so is it not so dat I stay on force. I don't want to get behind my saddle.

Dere Koronel I speak to de majer de Mille about me to him but she say if I dont like hims hand if I have a clean shave Jimmy work I must bump him which is true of my head. I think dis section of de drivers too much working an no ice cream cones and if I go sick of de stomach de surgent majer with de spurts touch de ground an look like de fighting cock and have de langwidge of her own she tell me go hell an get on wit my orse which kick my shin an bite my pants.

The corporal she too is of de limit she tell me get de pipe hose to wash de stable an I see no water from her spout an she tell me look down see wot inside of de pipe when de water she come an I get her in de eye all sudden an wet my clothes.

Dere Koronel I think I ask you put me in de band to play de drum as I not think I live long in de stable, but my rosie laf me in de eye when I fall over my spurts on my nose an face an she say I look the better nor I do now behin de big drum as de big fat man in de band does now. I am afraid my rosie is love dat drummer an he wants me in de band to let her out to see him when I play de drum at officers club Thursdays.

Please dere Koronel tell to dat surgent majer of de horses wit de lions bark dat she is worse nor better than surgent majer Estey nor surgent Boyed and they should be condemnation of confinement to barracks.

Dis stable job is too much of work for me to do an I want to have more sleeping an my rosie say I smell too much always more dan before when I was sapper an had shower bath once twice since I join de armee when the doctaire she order me de military bath.

Joe. Pacquette.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor

"Knots and Lashings". Dear Mr. Editor:

Well, and how are things going like some protection from Jimmy

this week; I see you are giving me lots of space; I am being pointed out with pride to the young fellows as a shining example of what a soldier should look like.

This fine moustache of mine is worrying me a little just now; it seems they are not as fashionable now as they were in my young days, you know when I was in the Royal Engineers in Chatham we wore our 'taches outside the chin scales and it was then a young soldier's ambition to grow as much furze on his upper lip as he could the times and I don't fancy the toothbrush variety would suit my style of beauty, then, on the other Boyd will kick and imagine that I am trying to cut him out. Of course, if I had the time and inclination I could make Jimmy look like two cents with the ladies.

I have always been strong with the dear girls; when I was in Chatham I had all the ladies walking sideways, and then the officers became jealous and they arranged for my being sent to West Africa; it was pretty much the same there and I got mixed up with the dusky ladies and nearly became the Prince Regent of a native state.

And it seems that the same fascination is still with me; the other evening I walked into the Ice Cream Parlor on Richelieu St. to buy an Ice Cream Cone, (as a matter of fact I was a bit embarrassed financially and between you and I, didn't have the price of a big beer); as soon as I handed the lady my best smile she almost fell in to the Ice Cream barrelsome of the fellows there gave other reasons for her temporary faintness,-but I could give the real reason, I have seen the same thing happen before. I hope Pay-day will come along soon, if not I shall have to go into the hair cutting business again.

Do you know, I believe some of these Sergeants are a bit jealous of me. Jimmy Barr keeps looking at me a bit too closely for my liking, he collects queer birds and animals, and I don't like the way he rattles the feed tin when I go near his menagerie; I could tell him that it takes more than chick feed to entice me. I had a walk round camp last Sunday, looking the lady visitors over but I didn't seem to "catch on" somehow; next Sunday I am going to wait until some young soldier comes along with a nice chicken and then I am going to stick him in the cooler and pinch his girl.

By the way, Mr. Editor, I would

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Well, see you next week! Yours,

Jock.

MORE TALKS WITH JOCK.

1st Sergt.—Say, Jock, you must have started your soldiering early.

Jock (modestly).—Well, I did.

My first enlistment was with the famous 10th Legion under Caesar, we were the pick of the Roman Army and although I say it meself, I was the pride and terror of the Legion.

I held the rank of unpaid Lance Corporal and one of my jobs was to carry Caesar's fiddle case. I lost the piece of resin he used for the fiddle strings; as a matter of fact I mistook it for a chew of tobacco.

At this time Hannibal was applying for my transfer to his army so I got my transfer and when he saw me he said that the only job he had for me at the time was as batman to Lucretia Borgia. I got along alright there for a time until one day I was surprised in the wine cellar by the butler, in the melee that followed I struck the butler with a roll of music. I was paraded before Lucretia Borgia, and for the first time she noticed the hair growing on my toes and sticking through my sandals. She says: "You're fired; you're fired, you're a Scotchman. Beat it!" Well—I beat it to Egypt and they were at that time advertising for Stonecutters, I got a job cutting stone for the Sphinx. I made a slight mistake in cutting the left eye of the Sphinx, and once more I lost my job.

Then I started on the long hike back to the Hielanns.

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(Written by a Canadian who went to the front with the Queen's University Engineering Corps and is now an officer in a Scottish Regiment.)

The 1st Commandment is: Thou shalt challenge all persons approaching thy post.

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The 3rd Commandment is: Thou shalt not use profane language unless under extraordinary circumstances, such as seeing your comrade shot or getting petrol in your tea.

The 4th Commandment is: Remember the soldiers week consists of seven days. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy odd jobs on the seventh day.

The 5th Commandment is: Honor thy King and Country. Keep thy rifle well oiled, shoot straight, so that thy days may be long upon the land which the enemy giveth thee.

The 6th Commandment is: Thou shalt not kill—Time.

The 7th Commandment is: Thou shalt not adulterate thy mess tin by using it as a shaving mug. •

The 8th Commandment is: Thou shalt not steal thy neighbour's kit.

The 9th Commandment is: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy comrade, but preserve discreet silence as to his goings out and his comings in.

The 10th Commandment is: Thou shalt not covet thy Sergeant's post, nor thy Corporal's, nor thy Sergt.-Major's, but by the dint of perseverence rise to the high position of a Lance Corporal.

The 11th Commandment is: Thou shalt love thy comrades of whatever race or color they be; but thou shalt hate the Germans as thou dost hate Hell.

Whilst standing on the corner on Richelieu Street I was attracted by a handsome Sergeant escorting a beautiful slender lady through the busy thoroughfare. Being attracted by the soldierly bearing of this Sergeant, I investigated and found it to be our friend Sergt, D——. He even looked younger than his twenty seven (?) years. Oh! Hughie if your "hooskeeper" could only see you the noo!



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"Faith, thet oi hev not."

"Well, oi wunder at ye, Hennessey," and Dooley settled to the attitude of exposition. "Now, ye've hearrd uv a musicle chairr... Well, a medicle bhorrd is much th' same loike, only it's a table.'

"The other mhornin sez one uv the officers to me... Captin Slack... they call him th' same as they do th' officers throusers... sez Captin Slack, familiar loike, sez he, bein fond uv ould Oirland and spuds and whut not... sez he... Dooley, ye ought to go to the medicle bhorrd... over ther in the red house, fornint th' khanteen... "The M.O." sez he "wull let ye

"Well oi didn't know juist whut wuz an M.O. But, sez oi, he must be th' nixt thing to th' M.P. only sooner... so off oi wint, salutin th' Mhajor, frendly loike, on th bharrak square."

"But th' door wuz shutt und ther wuz a loine uv sojers waitin with letters on ther aarms.' "Thin wun uv thim giv me his letters un oi took it und in oi wint, juist loike a new rekroot, feelin loike Rishiloo Sthreet whin ut wuz moved round th' corner."

"Will, ther we wuz, all loike a wake in th' middle uv th' noight only it wuz in th' mhornin, "und th' smell wuz dhifferent"... "Docther Campbell here loike, lookin importint, und countin a lot uv blue phapers... und Captin Geggie there loike fingerin' hiz hairr und with a far away look in hiz fhace, und Mister Dherrik smoilin

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"Thin Captin Geggie took und mhade me sthrip und taps me familiar loike, upon th' chist, 'juist loike Maggie wuld whin she wuld want a new aprin." "Thin he puts a blow poipe t' me chist und listens at th' uther ind und sez, again familiar loike, say nointy

"Faith, Hennessey, oi that it wud be some uv th' cratur he wud be afther meanin, und oi sez, Shure what fur not'... But he lookd surphrised loike und Captin Campbell shrugged his sholders und sthopped countin... "Say, nointy noin, sez he, chant ye be afther spakin Inglish''... Will, Hennessey, ye see oi cudn't thry spakin Inglish loike a Scotchman so oi up und sez, sez oi... "Nointy noin".

"Thin sez Captin Geggie, sez he, 'Dhraw in' und oi cudn't be afther knowin whut that wud be, ther bein none uv th' cratur anywher to thaste."

"Thin th' Captin took off his glasses and put thim on agin und whispers to th' other Captin and thin sez he, ye arr B 2 und ye must be in-okulatid und go on dhraft.'

"Will sez oi to mesilf, oi hex no objecshun t' going on dhraft but oi can see no sphiggot."

"Will, Hennessey, they say thet th' inokulatin is to make th' new rekroots want t' foit und oi think oi can be afther doin without th' help uv th' loikes uv thet but th' medicle bhord is th' dhriest thing oiv bin to uv th' kind, with all th talkin ux 'nointy noin' und 'dhrawin in' und 'on dhraft' but whut can ye expect, Hennessey, whin ye hev a Scotchman afther runnin a wake in th' middle uv th' mhornin."

MAXIMS FROM No. 3 COY.

- 1. A hair on the head is worth two in the brush.
- 2. A Roll and Ham gather no
- 3. Never judge a sausage by its
- 4. Honesty is the best policy. (When the tents walls are rolled
- 5. A boil in the kettle is worth two on the neck.
- 6. Love is blind but Matrimony is a good eye opener.
- 7. People who live in glass houses should undress in the dark. L/Cpl. Millar, J. C.

TO OUR P.T. INSTRUCTORS.

At morn they lie about the brook, With rod and line aswish; At eve down in the Sergeant's Mess They lie about the fish.

THE DEFAULTER.

A defaulter is he. And got his C.B., For trying to run things his way; He has plenty of jaw An' don't care for law. He's a tough guy from far, far, away.

It does seem so queer, That he ever came here, With the notion of doing his bit, He's an 'arnary cuss, Likes to stir up a fuss, Just to let fellows know "he is it". Been so badly used, So badly abused,

All Non. Coms. he hates just like work: He'll get them some day,

And sure make them pay; He's as tough as the Terrible Turk. So he raves on, From sunset till dawn, And thinks he is playing the game. Still, he's only a bluff

With that kind of stuff: For a wild man his talk is quite tame.

Now, why don't he try To live, aye, and die Like the men he is cussing so hard. If he'll only be fair And play the game square He will have the C.O. for a pard. The war won't be won, We can't beat the Hun. With rough stuff and lots of hot

air. Good men have tried, Aye, and many have died, To beat just his game "over there". He can be on the level, And still be a devil, His chums will admire him for that If he'll only be good, And stop being rude

He'll make "home" when he "goes to the bat"!

Cpl. T. C. Wyllie, E.T.D., St. Johns.

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—е. w. j.

MORE, JOCK!

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"The Afghans we were out to smash regardless of the price, "The General says to me, "Look,

Jock, we'll have them in a

"So get your wits a'working and tell me your device.'

Old Jock gut busy thinking and worked him out a plan,

Where he would trick the dauntless and wily old Afghan,

reported to his chief.

"My brave Bold Jock," the General cried, "My tears will show my grief.

"Should you return successful, I'll grant you six month's leave!"

"A boon I crave before I go," cried Jock our hero brave,

"Should I fall in this adventure, please put this in my grave,

'Tis the button from Noah's haversack I prize it very highly,

"So carry out my wishes, Sir, ere I meet the Afghan wily.'

Jock paused in this old story; "My mem'ry's not so good

"I cannot tell a story as well as I once could

"I need some lubrication, I am not feeling well,

"I'll go and strafe a few big beers at the National Hotel;

"And then you'll hear a story worthy of the telling,

"Of how I pinched the Afghan Chief in the midst of his hordes yelling,

"And should I get a little mixed in times and dates and places, one cent.

"Forgive me for my memory poor and just fill in the spaces.'

Jock hied him down and bought some beer and says, "I'm feeling better

"I'll tell that ruddy story and I'll tell it to the letter,

"When I was in the Engineers a'servin of the Queen, Sir,

"I was a famous soldier as ever you have seen, Sir,

"The glory of my regiment, my Colonel's pride and joy,

"Believe me in those times, Jimmy, I was some soldier boy,

"Smart as a ruddy buttonstick on parade and in canteen,

"I've served my country everywhere, there's nowhere I aint been.

"Now get on with that story, Jock, and cut out all that stuff,"

Says Jimmy Boyd instructor, "I've nearly heard enough."

need more lubrication," says Jock with stricken look:

"Four beers is what will start me givin' extracts from my book,

"So once more to the pub, Jim, whilst I think out a text."

We'll leave Jock lubricating-Continued in our next.

A mother objected to a punishment given by the teacher to her boy, and calling upon the teacher, asked in tones that were icy: "Miss Harrington, I wish some information on the outrageous proceeding. Kindly tell me just what end you had in view in punishing my son."

The teacher replied sweetly: "Why, I had the same end in view He dressed up as a native and that anybody would in spanking a little boy.'

> A Sapper was trying to cut a piece of choice beef and remarked to the Orderly Officer, who was passing at the time,—"Sir, I can't cut this piece of meat; they should take it back!"

> O. O.—"No, they can't take it back."

Sapper.—"Why, Sir?"

O. O.--"Because you've bent

"Some Sapper".

A Negro who had just contributed twenty-five cents to the Red Cross was accosted by a lady who asked him if he had done his bit towards the Red Cross. "Yes mam," replied the darky, "I'se just done my 'two bits'.'

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WAR OF MOVEMENT

(Continued from page 2)

Today, it is the heavy artillery which must be moved in order to win. For this, railroads are necessary, or at least excellent roads that will support immense burdens. As the defeated army is certain to destroy, at least to injure, its lines of communications in its retreat, it becomes necessary to repair them. The preparation of gunemplacements, and of ammunition depots, demands much labor; for the heaviest guns, it is even necessary to construct platforms. The installation of telephones between the observing stations, the guns, and the commanders, is a long affair. The artillery fire must be adjusted on new targets. All these preparations take time. Lastly the artillery will be of very little use in the battle if it is not furnished with an enormous amount of ammunition, capable of being supplied without interruption. The most important feature of moving from one position to another no longer consists in the approach of the infantry and of the field artillery, but rather in the transportation of the heavy artillery. Movement is made easier, if it be possible to keep in hand a supply of heavy material loaded on wheels or tractors, ready to follow instantly in the wake of victorious troops.

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The foregoing was written in 1917. It may be said to truthfully describe, of course in general terms, what is now taking place along the German drive in France. The utmost the Germans could gain by a single thrust was the distance to which their advance-guards could carry their own provisions and equipment, and continue to be supplied. Then was the long wait for the artillery and transport. It may be added that where the enemy meets with great losses in men, there is need for time to refill divisions, unless he has unlimited reserves to draw upon. But even the distance that the fresh troops could advance is limited.

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Or confine my feeble carcass to the regions down below;

For I've suffered untold anguish in my narrow prison bunk— Since they handed me my sentence, "Thirty days for getting drunk."

They have taken away my wallet, Copped my watch and diamond ring:

Now my heart is sad and lonely, I'm the bird that never sings.

There's no pie or cake for supper, Just plain skilly and dried punk; Since they handed me my sentence, "Thirty days for getting drunk."

There are jail birds serving "Sixty",

They're as happy as a lark; While I am sad and lonely in my cell so gloom and dark.

"Ten days" was all they handed to a man for stealing junk. Oh, they soaked me rather heavy— "Thirty days for getting drunk"!

Like a dog, I seek my kennel, 'tis a cell in number ten,

Where the inmates look like zebras and no longer feel like men; In a suit of stripes they've dressed me,

They have shaved me like a monk, Since they handed me my sentence, "Thirty days for getting drunk"

Now all jail birds heed this warning,

And when you're forced to roam, Do not seek the red saloon lights. With its powder and its foam.

"Cut it out!" should be your motto.

And you'll pack your little trunk, And they'll have no chance to hand

"Thirty days for getting drunk!"

Sapper P. Evans, Clearing Coy.

GOING TO KILL A CAT?

The pick is mightier than the sword. Jimmy Howde was seen headed down town with a pick on one shoulder, a shovel on the other. His henchman was carrying some chunks of lead pipe and a sack in which some moving object was evidently present.

Officer to Jimmy:—"Well, Jimmy, going to kill a cat?"

Jimmy, (characteristic smile on his face):—"No, Sir! Am goin' to write a letter."

Overheard in Class 39.

Lieut. A. (the Right file of Front Rank):—"Dress back, Mr. G—." Lieut. G.:—"Sorry, old chap, but I was dressing by your nose."

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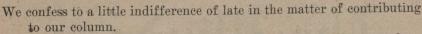
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Frequently (at meal times) we are treated to "Tit-Bits" which do not figure on the bill of fare. In order to be properly digested these same "Tit-Bits" have to be taken with a large portion of

It is probably one of the hardest things possible to tell a man he is a liar without hurting his feelings, but the inclination is strong enough sometimes to take a chance. You may suggest that he is a "perverter of the truth", "trying to pull your leg" or "shooting the bull". None of these terms are sufficiently strong to crush the liar, or to cause him to, so much as, turn a hair.

His stories of exploits wherein he, and he alone, accomplished the "utterly utter" are fairly frequent at meal times, which gives rise to the supposition that the seat of the imagination must be situated in the pit of the stomach.

We are always delighted to receive a letter from our fair correspondent "Felicia Charming", and are pleased to publish the following:-

It is such a long time since we heard from you that I venture to enquire as to your silence (Modesty forbids us to publish the next few sentences).

I have witnessed several drafts leave the depôt recently, and amongst the many who have gone, were some of my best friends, to whom I had the pleasure of saying "good bye". (We sometimes wish the same pleasure would come our way, dear Felicia). I do not know many of the men now in the Depôt, but I think it a shame that they have to be back in the Barracks eo early, late hours may be bad for one, but believe me, they can be thoroughly enjoyed by two. I have also seen your moving pictures, in the company of two of my friends, who are in the Cadets, and they are delightful (who! the Cadets or the Pictures?) but, oh dear! what an awful waste of time waiting for it to get dark. But we have one consolation, it will not always be light at 8 o'clock. With kind regards to your Editor and his Staff, believe me.

Sincerely yours,

Felicia Charming.

Noticing certain names in the list of Congratulations in a recent issue of "Knots and Lashings", we are inclined to think that the distribution of the "Stars" and "Stripes", if somewhat late in their coming, are undoubtedly as much appreciated as the tardy entry of the "Stars and Stripes" in the present great conflict.

Here is an interesting item of news taken from the "Gazette" of recent date:--"The Czecho-Slovaks take Nikolsk and chase the Bolsheviki toward Khabarovsk assisted by the Chinese and Japanese." They must be contemplating building another tower of Babel!

-PAT.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Who is the Senior N.C.O. who has engaged for the season a verandah seat at that Hotel on Champlain St.?

What happened at the movie show on Monday last?

Who is the Cadet who asked the Master Tailor to make him a Corset lining for his issue serge?

Sergt.-Major Sims for the key of the half passage?

What are those queer noises that emanate from Corpl. Cairn's tent? Is it a fact that he claims to be taking singing lessons?

When does the chicken arrive, Sergeant?

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