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If You Can't Knot & Unknot These Knotty Knots You're Knot an Engineer

KNOTS AND LASHINGS.

Just how important this subject may appear to the average sapper is a matter for conjecture. However, many eminent authorities, including "Rags", claim that no sapper, big or small, Scotch, Irish, or Jew, will ever gain entrance to that celestial paradise, where every day is payday and the nights are made up of wine, women and song, unless he can tie quickly, correctly, and without hesitation each and every knot prescribed by M. E., (Part III A), 1913.

The science of knot tying is not confined to engineers alone. Indeed, most of us (not all, of course) owe our very existence to the matrimonial knot, and how few professional misery makers realise when tying it, that, in reality, it is just a slip-noose.

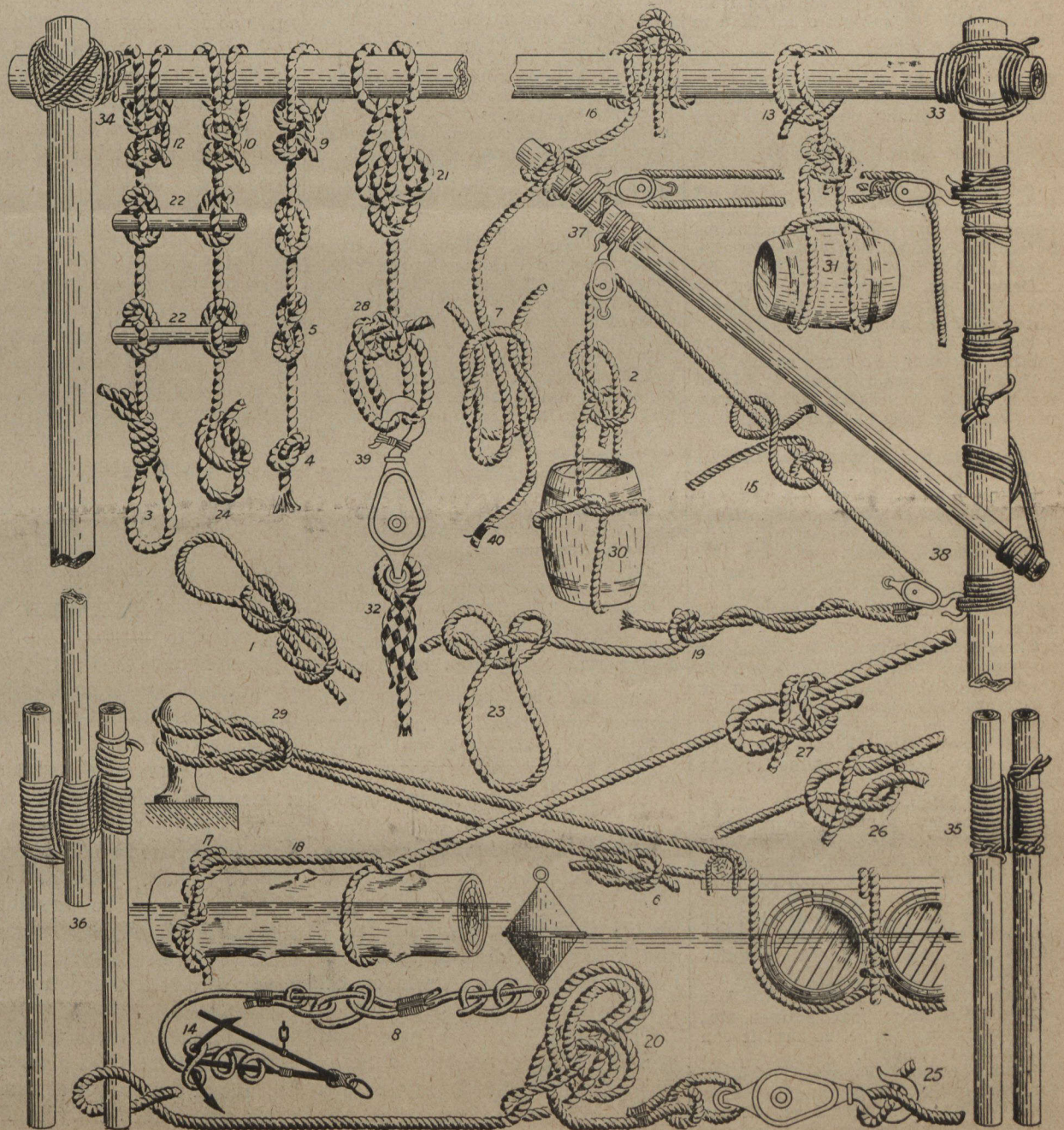
The "true lovers knot" Fig. 1, had its origin many ages before marriage became a business in the civilized world. Tradition has it that our North American Indian, enamoured with the charms, and working propensities, of his neighbour's offspring, procured the sinew of a deer, made a noose out of it, and wore it round his neck as a token of engagement. On the great ceremonial day, the chief spirit man of the tribe removed the loop from the redskin's neck and placed it around the neck of the doe-eyed damsel—thus authorizing her to cook, labour for, love, honour, and obey, etc., etc.

The following gives a brief outline of the uses to which the service knots are applied:—

"Bowline". (Figure 2). The inability to tie this or some similar loops at the end of a rope, was the one weak link in what might have been one of the most thrilling rescues in history.

To us the most tragic incident in the history of the Great Niagara River occurred during the winter of 1912, when the great ice jam which forms annually below the Falls unexpectedly broke up, carrying its human load down towards the yawning whirlpool rapids. Fortunately most of those aboard succeeded in reaching the shore. Not so the young married couple who were unable to effect a landing and soon found themselves floating down the river towards cer-

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tain death, unless some mysterious power showed its intervening hand.

Frantic with fear, the unfortunate couple knelt down to await their doom. In the meantime, news of their plight was telephoned to parties near the lower Steel Arch Bridge. Long ropes were secured and lowered down from the roadway of the bridge to the water, a couple of hundred feet below.

The huge ice cake, bearing its human freight, soon floated into view. Heroically the workers on the bridge manoeuvred the ropes until one dangled directly in the path of the raft. The husband grasped the rope and for the brief fraction of a minute at his disposal fumbled with the rope in an endeavour to secure it around his wife. He was partly successful, and she was raised a few feet off the ice, but the loop slipped and the half prostrate girl dropped back into the arms of her husband—where she remained clinging until the churning action of the cruel rapids broke up the ice, precipitating the two lovers, still bound in their last embrace, into the treacherous water from which they were never seen to rise.

The rope was hauled to the flooring of the bridge where it was found from the bends in the rope that the loop had slipped. Had a bowline been tied this life would probably have been saved.

"Slip Knot". (Figure 3). This pretty knot has launched more unfortunate souls into eternity than all the others put together. As well as being the service slip knot, it is also the Hangman's Noose.

Every little knot has a history all its own, but space prevents us from dealing with the subject other than to relate hard facts.

Thumb Knot. (Figure 4). Used to prevent the end of a rope from fraying; it is also used as a stopper to prevent the running end of a fall from slipping through a block.

Figure of eight. (Figure 5). Used as a stopper on a barrel pier brace.

Reef Knot. (Figure 6). Used for joining together two dry ropes of equal diameter; with wet rope it slips before the rope breaks; while a double sheet bend is found to hold.

Draw Knot. (Figure 7). Used for the same purpose as a "Reef Knot" but is easily released.

Hawser Bend. (Figure 8). Used for joining together two large cables.

Two-half-hitches. (Figure 9). Used for belaying or making fast the running end of a rope to its own standing part.

"Round turn". (Figure 10). For the same purpose as "9".

Rolling hitch. (Figure 11). For the same purpose as "8" and "9". This hitch is always easy to cast off.

"Fisherman's Bend". (Figure 12). This is used in pontooning to fasten cables to the rings of anchors, and in all water work where a give-and-take motion has to be met.

Clove hitch. (Figure 13). Used for securing the running end of a rope to a spar, as, for instance, in beginning a lashing; it is also used for securing guys to heads of spars.

Split clove hitch. (Figure 14). Used for making fast a buoyline to the crown of an anchor.

Magnus hitch. (Figure 15). Used for making fast to round spars when much friction is necessary to prevent slipping; it is also used, when swimming horses by the endless rope method, for securing the headropes to the moving rope. When used for the latter purpose the knot is finished off with a bight to facilitate quick release.

Draw hitch. (Figure 16). Used to secure a head rope, boats painter, etc., to a post ring or rope, so that it can be instantly released.

Timber hitch. (Figure 17). Used for securing footropes, starting diagonal lashing, or hauling logs. It can be easily undone when the strain is taken off it.

Killick hitch. (Figure 18). Used for hauling and lifting spars, the half hitch Figure 18a being placed near the end of the spar to be moved.

Stopper hitch. (Figure 19). Used for making a hitch that will not slip, with one rope or chain on a second rope or spar.

Bowline on a bight. (Figure 20). Used for making a double loop that will not slip in the middle of a rope.

Running bowline. (Figure 21). Forms a loop which can easily be slipped along a spar and tightened at any point.

Lever hitch. (Figure 22). Used with a lever to withdraw pickets, or secure the rounds of a rope ladder, or in connection with drag ropes. A pair of drag ropes a convenient distance apart with parallel bars secured by these knots, enable several men to pull abreast.

Man harness hitch. (Figure 23). This forms a loop to pass over a man's shoulder to assist him in dragging on a rope.

Running knot. (Figure 24). This makes a loop that will draw taut round an object.

Blackwall hitch. (Figure 25). Used for fastening the end of a fall to the hook of a block; it only holds while the stress is on.

Single sheet bend. (Figure 26). This bend is a good mode of fastening the fall of a tackle to the ring or becket of a block; it is also used for joining a wet rope to a dry rope.

Double sheet bend. (Figure 27). This bend is good for joining together ropes of unequal thickness.

Cat's-paw. (Figure 28). Used for securing the end of a fall to the hook of a block; easily released.

Cat's-paw. (Figure 29). For the same purpose as "28".

Vertical cask sling. (Figure 30). This sling holds the cask securely and is easily released.

Horizontal cask sling. (Figure 31). Has the same advantages as "30".

Eye-splice. (Figure 32). An eye splice is nearly as strong a fastening as a bend with seizings, and stronger than a clove hitch.

Square lashing. (Figure 33). Generally used to lash two spars which cross one another, especially where a weight has to be sustained as in the case of transom secured to the leg of a trestle.

Diagonal lashing. (Figure 34). Used to lash together two spars which tend to spring apart, as in the case of diagonal braces.

Sheer lashing. (Figure 35). To secure together the tips of sheer legs.

Gyn lashing. (Figure 36). To secure together the tips of gyn legs.

Block lashing. (Figure 37). For securing a block to a spar.

Boom lashing. (Figure 38). For slinging a boom to an upright spar, where a lateral movement is required.

Mousing. (Figure 39). Is securing a lashing of spun yarn to the mouth of the hook to prevent its clearing or disengaging itself from anything it may be hooked to.

Whipping. (Figure 40). Is tying a piece of twine round the end to prevent it from untwisting and fraying.

It Can't Be Done!

There's an Irishman somewhere in Base Company, a good old scout from St. Louis; always willing to do a good turn for his comrades,—and a little incident happened to him in his old home town, on St. Patrick day.

They were having a procession of some kind, or making a noise, when an old colored lady rushed to the window to see what was going on. She threw up the win-

dow, stuck her head out, and forgot it was one of those sashes you have to prop up!

Of course down it came, and there she was strangling to death, when Mike, seeing her turning black in the face, rushes up and frees the colored woman and gave her a sound lecture for not trying to give an alarm by shouting.

"No Sur! Nor me! Dawy gone! I'd sooner die first than let an Irishman think I was yelling for Ireland!"

(Ireland must look after itself, but we marvel at a coloured woman going black in the face:—Ed.)

MAYBE THIS IS A SOCIETY
NOTE: SOMEONE MAY
RECOGNIZE IT.

The joyful spirit of Christmas revelry echoed through the banquet hall of the Windsor Hotel on the night of January 15th (Pay Day) when No. 2 Section of D. Company were gathered in joyful celebration of THE GREAT EVENT.

Judging from reports which have come to our ears, nothing was lacking which would tend to encourage the gastronomic enjoyment of the feast.

Course followed course in a bewildering succession of ecstatic bliss, nor was there lacking that sweet sense of real good fellowship which is, without doubt, one of the crowning glories of life.

In the matter of dress a general quietness of tone and colour was apparent and the costumes worn by those present foretell no change of style for the spring.

It was noticeable that though there was considerable evidence of draft in the room no one complained.

—A. T. P.

ORGAN RECITAL
PLEASED MANY

By request of the citizens of Cowansville an Organ Recital was given in St. Paul's Church, at that place, on the 16th inst.

Spr. Dickson, at the organ, gave a number of selections in his usual capable manner. He was assisted by Sapper Sampson, Baritone, and Sapper Harris, Violinist.

Some idea of the way the boys were appreciated may be gathered from the pressing invitations they received to return and repeat their performance.

The fact the Church was crowded showed that they had given a good account of themselves at their previous appearance early in December.

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Just out of the trenches.—Some sleep whilst others play cards.

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**THE WAY TO A
LITTLE WHITE CROSS**

He was on his way to find the little white cross that would tell him where the boy of his heart lay buried. And while he walked, the little man that tens of thousands knew, his heart was heavy and hungry. Then he saw a regiment of tired, dust-worn Scottish soldiers come up. They had just come from the trenches for a "rest". They barely marched: they really shuffled.

The little man stepped up to the officer: "Would you mind halting your tired boys for a bit while I sing to them?" he asked. "It might hearten them a bit, you know. I am Harry Lauder."

The officer looked at the little man dubiously:

"What Harry Lauder?" he asked.

Just the faintest smile crept over the face of the little man as he answered: "Well, if you'll just halt the boys a moment I'll show ye."

The order was given, the tired men halted; they looked curiously at the little man and then he began to sing. In a moment the doubt of the officer vanished, a light came into the eyes of every tired man and for half an hour the little Scotch comedian sang to the men by the roadside.

And then, when the boys wanted more, and others had gathered, and an audience of over 2000 faced him on that dusty roadside, he clamber-

ed on top of the stump of a tree and began to speak.

A hush fell upon the men: they leaned eagerly forward and he said:

"Boys, one evening in the gloaming in a northern town, I was sitting by my parlor window when I saw an old man with a pole on his shoulder come along. He was a lamplighter, and made the lamp opposite my window dance into brightness. Interested in his work, I watched him pass along until the gloming gathered round and I could see him no more. However, I knew just where he was, for other lamps flashed into flame. Having completed his task he disappeared into a side street. Those lights burned on through the night, making it bright and safe for those who should come behind him: An avenue of lights through the traffic and dangers of the city.

"Boys, think of that man who lit the lamp, for you are his successors—only in a much nobler and grander way. You are not lighting for a few hours the darkness of passing night. You are lighting an avenue of lights that will make it safe for the generations of all time. Therefore, you must be earnest to do the right. Fight well and hard against every enemy without and within, and those of your blood who come after you will look up proudly in that light of freedom and say:

"The sire that went before me lit a lamp in those heroic days when Britain warred for right."

The first burst of illumination that the world had was in the lamp lit by Jesus, or rather he was the light himself. He said truly: 'I am the light of the world.' You are in his succession. Be careful how you bear yourselves. 'Quit you like men, be strong!'"

Then the little man went on: up the Bapaume road; over the shell-torn field of Courcellette; over a little ridge and into a cemetery. And there in the first row facing the battlefield was a grave and a little white cross. The little man looked at the officer with him. The officer nodded and turned away.

The father leaned over the grave to read what was written there. He knelt down; indeed, he lay upon the grave and clutched it, the while his body shook with the grief he felt.

When the storm had spent itself he rose and prayed: "O God, that I could have but one request. It would be that I might embrace my laddie just this once and thank him for what he has done for his country and humanity."

That was all—not a word of bitterness or complaint.

And, within the hour, on the way back to the town, he met another division of Scottish troops and, with his heart breaking, he was singing again the sweet old songs of love and home and country, bringing all very near and helping the men to realize the deeper what victory for the enemy would mean.

Grim and determined men they

were that went back to their dug-outs and trenches, heartened for the task of war for human freedom by the little figure in kilts.

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RED AND BLUE EMBROIDERIES.

London, 21 Dec.—An Army Order, issued last night, announced that the King had been graciously pleased to approve of the award of chevrons to denote service overseas undertaken since August 4, 1916.

Among those eligible to wear the award, in addition to officers and men of the Regular Army, Special Reserve and Territorial Force; officers, naval ratings and Royal Marines, of the Royal Naval Division; officers, soldiers and followers of the Indian Army and Indian Army Reserve, are:—

Officers and soldiers of Overseas Forces.

Native troops in East and West Africa.

Native Labour Corps.

Chinese Labour Corps.

Civilians attached to British forces in an official capacity.

Personnel of the Women's Legion, under War Office authority.

Members of Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service.

Retired members of the Army Nursing Service.

Overseas Nursing Services.

Members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Members of officially-recognized Voluntary Aid Detachments.

Personnel working under the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.

The chevrons will be of two colours—red and blue.

Chevrons earned before December 31, 1914, will be red; earned on or before January 1, 1915, blue; all additional chevrons after the first, blue.

The chevrons, which will be of worsted embroidery, will be worn inverted on the right forearm. The red will appear below the blue.

They may be worn in plain clothes by retired officers, ex-officers, pensioners, ex-soldiers and others who would have been entitled to wear them on uniform if they had remained in the service.

The Mark of Honour.—The Army Council announce that discharged soldiers entitled to wear the gold braid wound distinction on uniform may, at their own option, continue to do so on plain clothes after discharge.

THE REV. DR. REXFORD

LECTURED ON JERUSALEM

A most interesting and instructive lecture was given in the Men's Mess on Thursday evening by the Rev. Dr. Rexford of Montreal. The lecture was illustrated with a number of beautifully coloured slides, many of which were taken by the Doctor on his visit to the Holy Land just prior to the outbreak of War.

The Doctor treated his lecture in a geographical and historical manner, taking his audience with him up the wonderful valley of the Jordan, 1400 feet below the level of the Mediterranean Sea; pointing out that this wonderful valley is the deepest cut on the world's face; some of the photos showing the nature of the country through which General Allenby had had to

take his army, and graphically bringing out the enormity of his task.

The beautiful slides showed many bits of Jerusalem; emphasized the customs and habits of its residents; and the lecturer pointed out something of the intensely interesting history of the place.

The audience was disgracefully small—but most appreciative—and we sincerely trust that those who didn't attend were heavily disappointed. The Doctor understands soldiers (and thus didn't give any surprise attack on religion!)—and it's the soldiers' loss not to understand the Doctor, who was introduced by Major the Rev. A. H. Moore.

We thank Dr. Rexford for his kindness in coming, and hope the small audience last Thursday night won't deter him from planning to come again. He is really a splendid speaker, and more men will certainly want to hear him next time than attended the other evening.

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POAM

A PASSING DRAUGHT

It was the time for Comp'ny drill,
The snow was piled deep in the square;
And Sergeant Boyd took the Engineer's draft
And lined them up in the cold, cold, air.

I trow they did not meet in jest—
Engineers picked for service, they!
Out to do their very best,
And rub it into those who stay.

Then out in front stepped Sergeant Boyd,
And formed them up in comp'ny line;
The boys are right up on their toes
And picked their dressing up, right fine!

He put the "Tallest On The Right"—
The "Shortest On The Left" were placed;
In one long line, each side by side,
According to their size they raced.

The whole then numbered from the right,
And into two ranks stepped apart;
The front rank faced towards number one
The rear turned left and off they start.

They formed up on the standing man—
A company of well sized men:—
He split them up in sections
Then, by sections, numbered them again.

"Sections, Right Form!" the clarion call,
Went sharp and clear across the square;
It struck against the center wing
And I believe it still is there!

In "Comp'ny Column" they moved off
To tramp the snow beneath their feet:
They changed direction right and turned
And trod down more snow, flat and neat!

Whats this? They're forming into fours!
And moving to the right, are gone!
"Left Section To The Front" moves off—
The rest "Left Wheel" and follow on!—

"Comp'ny, Right Wheel!" the order comes—
Loud and clear so all may hear;
They miss the south wing narrowly
And leave the canteen to the rear!

"Company Column On Leading Section:
"The Remainder, Left Incline!"
Two, three, and four each turned half right
And doubled into line.

"Sections Right Wheel", the sergeant said:
Which formed them into "Column Of Route".
"Company Right Wheel!" yelled out the head,
And watched the move of each to boot!

They're going east: "Right Wheel" again—
The column's headed south.
"Form Columns Of Half Companies!"—
Came from that silvery mouth.

"Form Company Column!" next he called,
"Remainder, Right Turn!" followed fast.
They have advanced too far to clear—
He turns them round and they march past.

Again they turn, and "Carry On",
Still treading down the frozen rain:—

Build "Columns", "lines", and "Companies"—
And pull them all apart again!

It seems a bally waste of time,
With naught to show for what they've done:—
Yet here upon the fair white snow
They train to trample down the Hun.

This is the burden of my song—
The reason for this wild nightmare:—
To wish the boys who are leaving us
The Best of Luck when they get "THERE".

Author X His Mark.

My Creed

To live as nobly as I can. To be, no matter where, a MAN.
To take what comes of good or ill. And cling to faith and honor still.
To have no secret place wherein I stoop unseen to shame or sin;
To be the same when I'm alone as when my every deed is known;
To live undaunted, unafraid of any step that I have made;
To be without pretense or sham, Exactly what men think I am.

SOCIETY NOTES

Altho it did not appear on Depot Orders, nevertheless it is a well known fact, and one that has caused much discussion and comment—in fact, has completely upset the well-being of the E.T.D.—
—that Rebel Hill, of the Post-office, was prevented from going on the Engineer Draft by the Powers That Be in London and Ottawa.

It's quite too bad—and caused Rebel to leave on the 16th for Ottawa, where he will remain until the end of the war.

Then he probably will leap, with a joyful bark and much nuzzling, into the arms of his master, Sergt. Sammie Hill, who IS going on the draft.

Too bad they won't allow pets on troopships—as Rebel is SOME dog and is very well liked.

"OFFICERS' PAGE" HERE FOR NEXT WEEK

Page Five, next issue, will contain sparkling squibs, pretty pomes (but not many, nor long!), brilliant brevities, authoritative anecdotes, technical treatises, refulgent remarks, copied camouflage, military missiles, naughty notes and scintillant sarcasm—all furnished, under nom de guerre or otherwise, by the Officers of the Depot.

This is especially timely on account of the recent coming of 12 juniors to the Depot—men whose facile pens have recorded wild and wicked, grand and glorious, chaste and charming, mild and mellifluous (whatever that is!) effusions for the magazines and periodicals in lands around the Seven Seas.

Officers—kindly let us have the rest of the manuscripts by MONDAY NOON, please.

To the Ladies of S' Johns.

How soon we'll leave the E.T.D.—
And join our comrades oversea—
We do not know! 'tis hard to tell—
But 'e'er we go we might as well
—Thank the Ladies!

Our sojourn here has been made bright
By seeing them on whist drive night.
And for the happy times that we
Have spent OUTSIDE the E.T.D.
—We thank the Ladies!

And when we're gone we know they'll miss
The passing smile, the stolen kiss.
"We will be true"—be this our boast!—
And from our hearts we drink this toast
—"To the Ladies"!

So fare you well, sweet ladies all!—
We go to answer duty's call:
But in our thoughts we'd have you know
We hold you dear where 'ere we go.
—S' Johns Ladies.

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THE DOGS OF WAR

To us, the term "War Dog" is not very familiar, and as a consequence the work which the canine race is carrying out in France for the benefit of the human race is very little known to animal lovers. And who is not?

Dogs have been, and are being, used during this war in various ways, as: Sentinels, Despatch Carriers, communication agents; To Guard Ammunition (Munitions, Prisoners); With the Sanitary Corps (to seek out the wounded); Convoys (small vehicles, Mitrail-leuses, sleighs); Rat-hunting.

The greater number of the dogs used in these services are dogs of an ill-defined breed. Most of them are mongrels drawn from among the peasants' dogs.

We have, however, come across some—and these are the most useful—dogs with a much better pedigree, i.e., some of the champions from the canine exhibitions: Mount St. Bernards, Mastiffs, Bordeaux Bulldogs, Alaska dogs, Newfoundland dogs, Sheep dogs from Brie, another Languedoc, de Bauce, Malines, Collies, Bobtails, Alsatian dogs (sometimes called German sheep dogs), Fox Terriers, Scotch Terriers, Irish Terriers, Dandy Dinmont, Aberdeen Terriers, Bulldogs, Skye Terriers.

These dogs have been given, all of them, to the Ministry of War for the duration of hostilities.

They undergo first of all an

examination—that is to say, go before a board with a special jury—before being accepted. The dogs then accepted are placed in centres for instruction, preparation, and training. There they are entrusted to experienced trainers who make them familiar with their position as soldiers (courage, discipline, sang-froid, prudence, and despatch are taught them). It is only after a fairly long course in these schools that the dogs are sent to the Front and start their service.

As Sentinels these dogs are used in the trenches, at listening posts, at observation posts, and for long hours they mount guard quite indifferent to danger with scrupulous conscientiousness, an unnerving and tiring work. I know of dogs which have saved whole companies of infantry in times of fog by showing by their growling the very near presence of German forces, which otherwise could not have been detected.

Couriers.—The dogs carry orders and instructions from one unit to another across country exposed to shell fire, they carry them very quickly and through places inaccessible to man while taking no notice of the snares set for them by the enemy. It is specially among this class that the largest number are wounded. There is an instance of a dog which had its jaw broken while carrying a message, which in spite of its wound, carried out its mission to the end.

The dogs often work with tran-

sport and carriage of provisions harnessed to vehicles constructed for this purpose. They like this work, which they carry out with rapidity, energy, and pleasure.

Those attached as guards to depots of arms and munitions are perfect and trustworthy guides, swift in attack and defence.

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BIBLE STUDY.

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**"Dery Arks Me Opinion
On Married Life."**

"Dear Mr. Editor:—

"As me and Dermody was a'sittin' in the Canteen on Chuesday night, 'avin just came in from a spiritual meetin'—(or somethin' as we wasn't at!)—when in blows three of the Draft:—two sappers, and what comes in thru the door they left open!

"Dery arks me, confidential like, what I think o' gettin' marrit. An' he couldna have hit me on a subject nearer me heart!—me as 'as 'ad a quarter of a century o' Army life, 'an' THEN some—as they say in the Instruction Office. It's me as knows!

"Dery," ses I; "sweethearts 'as cost many a well-meanin' soldier (as might 'a' been a Corporal—yea, a Full Corporal) more than the National Debt!"

"How much is that?", ses Dery, as he bites a chunk out of a piece of apple pie as belongs to a sapper sittin' nigh him.

"Near's I can figure," ses I, "it's 1 to 6 months' pay of 31 days each wivout countin' deductions to Q. M. Stores and other necessities."

"Ummm!" ses Dery, gettin' me point, an' passin' me the inside cut of an apple someone dropped.

"Sweethearts, Dery, me boy," ses I; "are dear at any price, and the cheap ones ain't worf pickin' up! Mark me affidavit!"

"Dery ses: 'Ain't got an indelible pencil, 'ave ye?'—and I 'ad to explain that wot I said was a idiom or idiot, 'er somefing like that.

"Dery," ses I; "are ye really thinkin' o' gettin' marrit? If ye are—DON'T! Would ye give up this free, unfettered bliss for bein' home after Stables every nicht till ye have to join the Masons for an excuse to stay out?"

"Dery, me boy, listen!" ses I. "Here's some o' us:—Kitchener, Nelson, meself, twa Kings as I knows, and several members of other R'yal Families as is agoin' to be Kings some day. Be one of us," ses I.

"Dery, when I was servin' in Injy with the 1st Gatiwalgar 'ouse'old Cavalry, an' was the right 'and man of the right 'and troop—as 'ansome as a new Buffaler nickel as hasn't been spent yet—"

"(Here Dery buys a half-full bottle of cream soda from a sick corporal for a doubtful Canteen ticket he picked up.)

"—one day, when the Metulgari of Malplaquet was inspectin' the 1st Patuma Army Corps, an' I was sent over to the salutin' base where the ladies is, I spots a widow of a

dead Battery-Sergeant-Major who never got away on his honeymoon before he died.

"Well, Dery, me boy," ses I; "afid phatir purindi surbid!"

"What in 'ell's that?" ses Dery.

"That," ses I; "is what our old Colonel said one day when he saw our Regiment appear over the skyline of the waterworks, on a Review that was two hours late."

(But Dery remembers there are young soldiers here who have just been to the sermon in the Recreation Room.)

"Well, Dery," ses I; "that there widow cost me—"

"—(Thanks, Dery; it's better than nothin': the gas almost makes you think it's real!)"

"—4000 rupees, an' THEN some, afore I got her transferred to a lance-corporal what thoct he'd like a bungalow of his own."

"Why didn't ye marry her yersel?" ses Dery.

"For fifteen reasons," ses I. "At that time there was a glut on the market; meanin', the supply was greater than the demand."

"—Just the same," ses Dery, 'as the Mulligan when it's burn'ed!"

"Ye've clicked," ses I. "Dery: marryin' is vera expenseeve! Ye've movie tickets to buy, and hundreds o' things ye'd never think of 'ceptin' when yer drunk—an' ye and me bein' both dry"—(meaningly!)

"—(Here Dery 'ands me a bottle that Corporal Vaughn was keepin' till bed-time, and puts an empty one, with a cork, in its place; and we both moves on to another seat, as we were likely to be in the way in another minute!)"

"—just then I sees Dery's cap, and I sees a photo of the only girl in St. Johns that 'ad sworn she never spoke to any bloomin' soldier but meself!—and Me as 'ad just bought twa tickets to the movies

for the first night after my C. B. was finished!!—

"—I asked Dery to try an' trade them for a bottle o' cream soda and twa ice creams in one glass—"

"—nd I haven't seen Dery since!"

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When the band sergeant was looking for a note to make up his anvil set, did he realise what Bar(r) he would find it in?

Was the note found in the Smith's shop? (Pretty D—sharp of Barr. Eh what?)

Why the orderly officer on the 11th forgot that the Mounted Section was on 8.30 a.m. parade.

Whether the Employed Section forgot anyone in their ad.

Whether the Bandmaster thought a two-step was proper for the professional at Church last Sunday.

What "Susie" thought of it all.

Did the Bandmaster win out in the speed competition or was the prize for a slow race given to Spr. Dixon.

Where Corporal Ryland's other two shots went to.

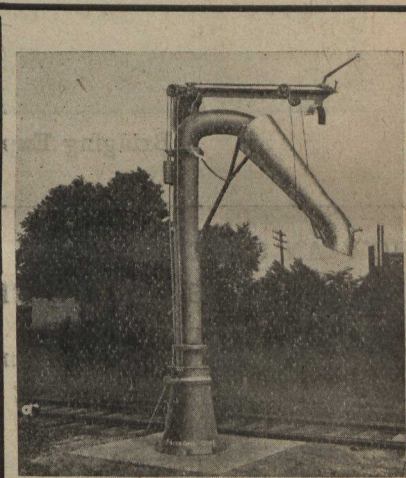
Does Sammy like licking stamps? (—he prefers to stamp parcels himself.)

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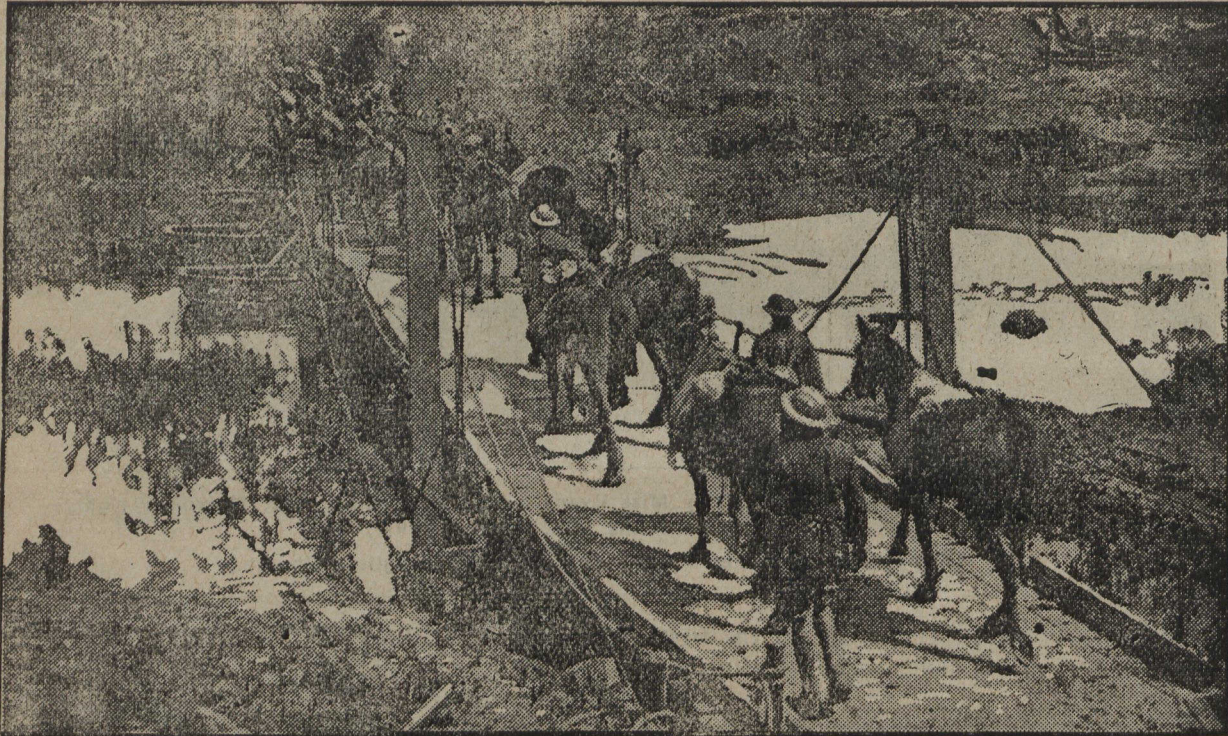
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HOW AN OFFENSE IS CONDUCTED

Naturally the scheme of an offensive movement varies according to all the factors concerned; but here is how several offenses have been successfully conducted.

There are six points in a successful offensive on present methods: First is the assigning to each unit of well-defined and strictly limited objectives, which must not be exceeded. The men are permitted under no condition to go beyond definite points.

Second is the proper preparation for the attack by artillery. The aim of this is to destroy or paralyze the enemy's means of response to an attack—his machine-gun posts, his batteries, his reserves and supplies of food and munitions.

Next is the wider use of light, quick-firing guns. At the begin-

ning the French had only two machine guns for each battalion; now they have eight, together with forty-eight automatic rifles and a large number of bomb-throwing rifles. Then comes the light trench cannon, which can be moved about and fired with the utmost rapidity; and finally the famous French "75," which fires a projectile weighing about 12 pounds 30 times a minute.

The next step is the unleashing at the proper moment of the infantry. The attacking troops are assembled in the immediate rear of the front lines, but so disposed as to avoid danger from shell fire or confusion in the connecting tunnels. These troops are divided into groups. The first are the lightly equipped, armed with rifle and bayonet; the second carry hand grenades and bomb-throwing rifles, and the third carry machine guns and automatic rifles.

On a given signal the first attacking wave climbs out of the trenches and moves as rapidly as possible to the objective point. The second wave follows soon after and has the task of "cleaning up" all the ground passed over by the first wave, with hand grenades, etc. With the third wave are reinforcing troops and supply troops, and to these is intrusted the task of converting captured enemy positions into Allied positions.

In the advance, soldiers are strictly admonished to move quickly, but to take advantage of every shelter, shell hole or other form of protection, and to avoid getting into groups. It is here that the French soldier's initiative and agility—qualities possessed also by

the Canadian soldier—come into play. The Germans, on the contrary, incline to compact masses of attacking troops, and hence their enormous losses. Coincident with the movement of the attacking troops is the curtain fire.

Finally—and enormously important—is the proper cooperative connection between the artillery and the infantry. This has been developed to a marvelous degree on the French Front, so that it is now possible for the command in the rear to know exactly where the advancing forces are at every moment. This is done partly by emergency telephone lines strung rapidly along behind the attacking troops by specialists in this work; also by daylight signals, rockets, message throwers, pigeons, runners—the last being picked men—and, especially important, the airplane.

On the Allied Front there are now four kinds of airplanes in use. There is the hunting airplane or scout, acting as policeman of the air, the bombing airplane, which ventures far over the enemy country to destroy his bases; the artillery airplane, with wireless apparatus, which observes and corrects long-distance shooting; and lastly the newest of all, the infantry airplane, which, flying low, accompanies the attacking troops, signals back their position and incidents of the fighting, and even attacks enemy troops below with machine gun and grenade.

A successful offensive, under present methods in the Allied forces, is enormously costly in material, but not at all so in men. It brings about a deficit of hardly five per cent in the ranks.

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 They "hate like hell" to see it snow,
 It's "a hell of a wind" when it starts to blow,
 Now "how in hell" can anyone tell,
 What "in hell" they mean by hell?

This married life "is hell", they say.
 When you come home late there's "hell to pay".
 It's hell when the kid you have to tote,
 When he starts to bawl it's "a hell of a note".
 "It's hell" when the doctor sends his bills,
 For a hell of a lot of trips and pills.
 When you settle with him you know real well,
 Just what is meant by the word hell.
 "Hell, yes", "Hell, no", and "Oh Hell", too.
 "The hell you don't"; "the hell you do";
 And "what in hell" and "Oh hell, where?"
 And "what in hell do you think I care."
 And the hell of it is, it sure is hell—
 When we don't know "what in hell" is hell!

ging two more goals, bringing the final score 4 to 3 in favour of the overseas men.

Line-up

Employed		Draft 27
Woodrow	Goal	Binks
Lavery	Point	Christensen
Beauchamp	C. Point	Du Vernet
Gervais	L. Wing	Blaise
Ferrier	Centre	Heslop
Sellery	R. Wing	McQuarrie

Referee:—Lt. D. B. Armstrong.

Mtd. Sec. Vs. Base Coy.

The hockey match between the Mtd. Section and Base Coy. was pulled off as per schedule on the 16th inst, and was beyond cavil or question the best game of the season; it resulted in a tie of 5 to 5.

Ferrier showed himself to be the star for Base Coy., while McCabe did the honors for the Mtd. Section. The game was very clean and speedy, especially toward the finish—when the Mtd. Section scored 4 goals in the last period.

Slim Mildon, in goal for Base Coy., had a number of fine stops to his credit. The Mtd. Section will have to thank Base Coy. for two of their goals, one being scored by Mildon being rushed into the net while having the rubber held between his pads. The other was put in by McEwen, while trying to clear it from a dangerous position in front of the net.

Q.M.S. Beauchamp refereed the game to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The audience was conspicuous by its absence—especially representatives from the Officers' mess. The Officers, N.C.O.'s and men should acquaint themselves with the schedule as it appeared in orders of the 14th inst., and keep their other dates from interfering with their attendance.

The line-up was as follows:—

Mtd. Section		Base Coy.
Eaton & Irwin	Goal	Mildon
Lough	Point	McEwen
Uteck & Halls	C. Point	Ferrier
McCabe	Centre	L. Campbell
McMullen	R. Wing	Estey
Wright	L. Wing	Carney

Referee:—Beauchamp.

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ATHLETICS.

Draft 27 Vs. Emp. Sec.

The hockey match between teams representing "Draft No. 27" and "The Employed Section" was played on the evening of Jan. 17th.

An interesting game was the outcome of this event.

In the first quarter the game was fairly slow, until Sellery received the puck at centre, and skated with speed to within ten yards of the net—scoring for the "Hard Workers". The supporters of the "Busy Bees" present soon made their presence felt and heard.

Heslop, for the "Wind", cut a figure-of-eight with the puck headed for goal, but was checked; the puck laid idle for one beat of quick time, then for some mysterious cause was placed in the net bringing the score one all.

In the second period fast hockey was played. Lavery scored the second goal for the "never-sweats", bringing the score to 2 to 1 in their favor.

Substitutes had to be brought in to replace casualties and the referee did his utmost to check the speed limit.

The third period proved interesting. Heslop took a long shot at goal, raising the puck above the lights and scored—bringing the score Two All.

The play developed into a kind of "Rough House" at this stage, when Ferrier scored the third goal for the "Sanitary and allied trades".

Heslop, after several fruitless attempts had been made by his brothers of the Draft, tried his over-the-lights shots again—bag-

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welcome:—they are old friends;
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very welcome sum of £28/17/1
which you have sent towards the
Blue Cross Fund, being the amount
collected at the Depot Sports. I
need hardly say how much we ap-
preciate this generous help, and I
shall be glad if you will thank all
concerned in the name of Lady
Smith-Dorrien and myself. We
think the collection splendid.

Official receipt has duly been
sent you.

Yours truly,

Leslie Rundle,
General.

AT LEAST ONE DEPARTMENT IS LIVING UP TO ITS REPUTATION.

(Here is a letter written by one
Militia department to another. For
obvious reasons the identity is
hidden.)

Sagebrush, P.T.,

9th January, '18.

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What Will Happen to My Man?

Jan. 10, 1918.

Dear Editor:—

I hope you will find space in
your newspaper for an answer to

these inquiries. I will give you the
particulars of my case.

My husband, who has been in the
Army for some time, is (I am
happy to say) one of those lucky
individuals who has never met
with an accident. He was a good
provider before he enlisted, except
on those occasions when he was
unable to find work. During these
times I was always able to help out
a little by taking in washing and
doing plain sewing.

My friends tell me that army
life gives a man but little exercise
and that these periods of enforced
idleness are followed by other
periods of fierce activity and great
nervous strain.

I do not expect my husband to
meet with any violent accident for
he is not of the nature of one who
takes foolhardy chances.

Do you think that the sort of
life that he is living will make him
dislike manual labor when he re-
turns?

Do you think that home life will
be too quiet and uninteresting for
him after having been in so many
places and seen so much.

Do you think that a man of his
age (34) would be apt to get into
any bad company in the old coun-
try?

In case he shows a dislike for
work when he returns, what would
be the best method to use in in-
ducing him to take up his work
again and earn a living for his
family?

Hoping to see my answer I re-
main,

Yours truly,

Mrs. Will Scrubbe.

Have You a Rolling-Pin?

Dear Mrs. Scrubbe:—

In answer to your inquiries, I
would first state that it is a little
out of our line to answer questions
regarding anything but love
affairs.

Yours seems to be a strictly
economic problem.

I would advise you to get in
touch with some efficiency expert
(any one of our Company Ser-
geants-Major could help you). You
have not gone into detail very
thoroughly but from deductions I
would advise that you see that his
dinner pail is full the morning
after he returns home and tell him
to "carry on".

It will be well to give him an
impetus or incentive to labor fre-
quently. That will be your part.

In case this does not have a
desired effect it would be advisable
to have a medical board sit on his
case for "hook worm".

Any further communication on

this subject must be more in keep-
ing with our column.

Yours truly,

Miss De Meener,
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If a soldier waits until he reaches England before writing to his relatives and friends that he arrived safely, it will be from 2 to 4 weeks before they receive the glad news. And during that time there has been much fear, doubt, nervousness and uncertainty about his trip across. The long delay in hearing from him prolongs the agony.

BUT—if each man writes his letter or postal, just before the Draft leaves, saying, in effect, "when you get this I'll be safe in England"—

—and stamps it, and addresses it, and takes it to our postoffice, saying, "Don't release this until we reach England"—

—and the postoffice puts it in a special box, and doesn't send it out until word comes from London (via Ottawa) that the Draft arrived safely—

—THEN friends will know in a day or two or three, etc., that you've arrived O. K. Their fears are calmed—and they can at once write to you, knowing you will appreciate an early letter.

What do you think about it? Then recommend the plan to the proper parties.

**OUR CONSECRATED BANNER
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On Sunday last the Consecrated banner of the Engineer Training Depot at St. Johns, P.Q., was handed over to the Rector and members of St. James' Church for safe keeping.

A special service was held on this occasion, attended by the congregation and a large number of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Depot.

The band of the E.T.D. was in attendance, assisting in the musical part of the service.

An appropriate and forceful sermon was delivered by the Rector, Rev. A. H. Moore, in which he expressed the honour and pleasure he and his congregation felt in accepting the Banner for safe keeping.

**COME TO THE
ORGAN RECITAL
MONDAY NIGHT**

There will be an Organ Recital at St. James Church on Monday evening, January 21, commencing at 7.30 sharp.

Sapper Dixon will preside at the organ, and will be assisted by a violinist and vocalists.

It promises to be well worth attending.

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE
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Centre:—Sgt. McIntyre,
Left Wing:—C.S.M. Escott,
Right Wing:—Sgt. Lowman,
Forward:—Staff-Sgt. Barr,
Cover:—Corpl. Vaughan,
C. Point:—Corp. Clappison.

We are pleased to know that Sergt. Francis has consented to referee the game and we understand he has been taking practice in this department.

It has come to our notice that clandestine practices have been perpetrated on the River Rink.

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One night recently the band was playing whilst we were at supper, and if you had noticed the songs they played you would have thought they were chosen purposely to create an impression. You would have made a shrewd guess that a draft would soon be leaving.

The first piece chosen was "Good-bye, little girl, good-bye"—followed by "The White Squall"—a possibility to be expected at Sea at this time of the year. (That evening we had soup for supper and we expected to see men making a dash for the side of the ship!). This was followed by "Rocked in the cradle of the deep". Here we pictured the Canadian Engineers all safely tucked away in their bunks ("I lay me down in peace to sleep".)

The next item was a selection from "The Bohemian Girl"—which brought to our mind the ship's concert in the after part of the vessel. The introduction of "the Heart bowed down by weight of woe" revealed the men who were looking back and thinking of those who were left behind and were feeling that inevitable sadness at parting which is typical of the soldier. But the next moment we were all gladly welcoming the appearance of the escort of Man o' War Ships, with "Rule Britannia", and the first glimpse of Old England was hailed with "Three Cheers for the Red White and Blue".

The efforts of our band are greatly appreciated, not so much when they play in Church, but more especially when they entertain us at supper time—and our Bandmaster is to be congratulated upon having such able and skilled musicians in his company.

Being chosen on the draft is one step in the right direction. Going oversea is another step. That is 2 steps. Now we will see the Germans dance!

Perhaps some of the boys will not be sorry to leave St. Johns, as it seems likely that in the near future "John Barleycorn" will be executed throughout the entire Dominion of Canada; and to be in St. Johns, when it is dry, is not to be thought of. But we all hope to get a good drink of "Lager" in Berlin before the year is out.

The letter E should be a favourite with the Engineers, we have it repeated thrice in our name. It is the beginning of the End and the end of the Struggle. It is first in England and the last in France. The Red White and Blue will use it for ever. It is the centre of Liberty and we will use it in our Earnest Endeavour to defeat the Enemy. We cannot have Peace without it. We do not find it in William, Autocratic War Lord. But we will find it in the trench in Flanders at the End of Our Spade and Rifle. It is always in Health, Happiness and Contentment, and it doubles itself in three Cheers for Freedom in the Year Nineteen Eighteen.

Engineers eagerly entrain en-route for England to enter the European Embroglio.

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MILITARY WHIST DRIVE.

Despite the inclement weather of Tuesday there was a very good attendance at the Military Whist Drive at Oddfellows Hall.

Under the direction of Lt. McBeath, ably assisted by Mrs. Young, Mrs. Blackadder, Mrs. Duval and

Mrs. Donaghy, the evening was passed very pleasantly. The introduction of the attack and defence system into whist added to the novelty; and upside-down hands, choice of trumps and other "refinements" proved amusing.

The winner of the first prize was Mr. Wilkinson, Comm'r of the



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Roumanian Army. Lt. Col. W. W. Melville came in second, as Comm'r of the German Army—(we are informed on the best authority that this appointment was purely accidental. We don't trust McB. though!)

For excellent service in the field the Colonel bestowed two Iron Crosses.

The Booby prize was taken by Capt. Powell, who now adds a trumpet to his collection of musical

instruments.

Dancing was enjoyed after the whist, to the accompaniment of Sgt. Cook's orchestra.

The nett receipts of the drive are estimated at between \$40.00 and \$50.00. This money is to go in aid of the Blue Cross work.

Prizes were donated by Mr. A. Golden and Mrs. W. B. Young.

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