

THE ARMY'S POETS

IN THE ENGINEERS

If it's work you would be doin' Such as ties in need o' hewin', Till yer back is jes' one ruin, Join th' Engineers.

AFTER THE MAN EATERS



Sing a song of cooties, Shirts all full of them, Topping over everywhere From collar-band to hem;

THE POOR BOOB OR A PRIVATE'S ROMANCE

A TRAGEDY IN ELEVEN INDORSEMENTS

From: Pvt. 1/cl Edward Bangs, Inf. A.P.O. 701, A.E.F., May 1, 1918. To: Miss Elizabeth Jones, 3rd Ind. Subject: Emotions of Pvt. 1/cl Bangs.

SONG OF A SEASICK SOLDIER

Oh, the poets may sing of the billowing sea, But give me the land for mine, With the feel and the smell of the good firm earth.

DOUGHBOY DOPE

I've heard that talk about Democracy, An' a lot more o' this here high-brain stuff, I'm here to say it mostly got past me.

OUR SERVICE FLAG

We want a place for our Service Flag, For the Service Flag of America, We looked in vain to find a place.

CROSSES

Each life must have its crosses, And a soldier gets his share, From a trip across the ocean To the envied Croix de Guerre.

GRANDPA'S STORY

Gather, my children, come to my knees; What is this object which you can see Standing so close to Grandpa's canteen?

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The greatest shortage in equipment is the lack of bats. Everything from spokes to tree limbs is now being used, and where units are lucky enough to have a real bat, it is screwed together and tied together and champed together every time it threatens to crack under the strain.

Must Have Bats

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an Arctic exploration party drops in occasionally and puts the natives wise to the fact that the war is still going strong, a case of bats from the Oronsa may some day be washed up. And the natives, opening it in the hope of finding bonbons, blubber, razor straps or raisin seeders, will remark, "Gee, what primitive fighters those Americans must be!"

OUT FOR THE WIT STRIPE

There is one story that is as common at the front as the account of the American negro meeting his French speaking brother in the buses. As this story doesn't seem to have gained circulation in the S.O.S., it is worth telling for the sake of those, either in the S.O.S., or at the front, who haven't heard it.

AT THE DRESSING STATION

Lieutenant (to Private Newlywounded): Cheer up, old man; you'll likely get a Croix de Guerre out of this.

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