

Sword thrusts volume 1

The Mess Committee have for some time thought that a sheet of the following nature would "be of value to the Mess generally. "We therefore present our first copy to you now, and trust that you will hasten to take full advantage of our general idea, which is, that through a medium of this type all members of the Mess will have the opportunity of expressing themselves and, as it is so easy to let little matted slip from one's memory, put them down on paper and address them to your Committee. In this manner many ideas which might never be brought to the attention of the Committee will be brought forward.

We propose to devote more or less space to the lighter vein and would suggest that any member of the Mess knowing something "on the point", let us have it.

We trust that all contributions will be of a nature tending towards the general good fellowship and co-operation of the Mess. These should "be addressed to the Mess Committee, Connaught Armouries.

For this, our first Issue the Committee have received no suggestions from other members of the Mess. We wish however, to bring a few forward and trust that you will make note of these.

1. Always keep the last Thursday of the Month open.
2. Make a point of being present.
3. If you have a friend "Who is the right sort" bring him along, he will have a good time and may possibly wish to become a honorary member of the Mess.
4. As soon as you receive notification from the Mess Secretary, phone him up and tell him you will be present. This is important as he must let the caterer know how many to prepare for.
5. PAY YOUR MESS DUES. These are needed if the Mess is to be kept to the standard that you desire.

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Congratulations are due Lieut H. P. Kelly, "A" Squadron, for his excellent showing at the Royal School of cavalry recently held in Calgary.

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The Following were caught on the Point.

Captain T. O. Clark (Gunnery Mess) to our Mess President on the 2nd of January 1924, "Say Bill, that was-a damn fine Rum Punch the 19th served Yesterday." Shades of old de Kuyper; what would Buck have said?

It has been suggested that the Mess Committee are deserving of a vote of censure over the New Years Show: - No order to stop the car was given.

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Is the above a General(s) order?

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It has been reported on good authority that the author of "Yes we Have no Bananas" has been arrested in New York, for going around with his Banana wagon. Will someone please suggest a punishment suitable for Doc. Washburn the suspected author of the following:

Yes: we have no Pajamas
We have no pajamas tonight.
We've plenty of earrings
And solitaire dear things
We've Necklaces too; and say-
We have rolled down silk stockings.
With expensive red clockings:
But yes: we have no pajamas.
We have no pajamas tonight.

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We are glad to see that Nobby is again able to turn out in mess Kit. He informs us that for some months past he has been working on an invention and that when camp time comes around next summer he will have perfected this to such a degree that we will have no poles whatever in our Mess Tent. We wish him every success.

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What was the officer doing when a lady stepped on his chest at the Gunners Dance?

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Who was the officer caught, removing his underclothes at the Gunners Dance?

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Recent reports from Chauvin lead us to believe that the Regiment must prepare for a Military Wedding in the very near future.

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What's that? Oh no, Joe is in Calgary.

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It has been suggested that the Town of Leduc must have had some other reason for voting dry on November 5th.

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Col. Bowen, Captain Smith, can you tell me how often Mr. Coulter has been in town this winter?

Capt. Smith: Twice, Sir.

Col. Bowen: Is that all?

Capt. Smith, Yes Sir I have only heard of him losing two coats this winter.

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Bill Bradburn (examining a curio) Two thousand years old? You can't kid me: why it's only-1921 now.

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The following is an anonymous contribution.

Seven ages of women

Safety Pins

Whip pins

Hair pins

Frat pins

Diamond pins

Clothing pins

Rolling Pins

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A certain member of a Chinese labour Battalion had been an interested spectator of the Canadian Cavalry Brigades Training Maneuvers for several days. He would be in a position where he could watch the whole maneuver. The Chaplain of the Fort Gary Horse had also been watching the Chinaman and approaching him one day asked him if he knew who God was, "Yes" the celestial answered. "me hear soldiers talk to horses about him."

Lieut Coulter and Captain Gianelli were discussing the equitation in connection with the School of Cavalry, the following s is a part of their conversation.

Lieut. Coulter: I say, Gin old dear, I want to know if this damned riding will give me pains in my head?

Captain Gianelli: Oh no; old top, in fact it is quite the opposite.

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Mary: - Mother, Captain Carruthers never takes a bath.

Mother: - Why, Mary, who told you that?

Mary: - He did, He said he never did anything in private that he wouldn't do in public.

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It is understood that piano stools with slung belts are to be worn by the adjutant on all future dress parades.

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Captain Gallagher, in a lengthy letter to the Commanding Officer has relinquished his appointment as paymaster of the Regiment. He states that he is fully qualified to take over the duties of chaplain and

hopes to do this at an early date. In the meantime, he wishes it to be known generally that he is free to deliver his especially prepared sermon on David and Goliath any night after twelve o'clock. He expresses regret that the collections to date have not been sufficient to buy the drinks for his congregations (or himself) and particularly requests that the gentlemen in his flock desist from that odious custom of dropping cough drops in the contribution box - in the first place his cold is better and secondly if he must have cough medicine let it be in liquid form.

We wish Captain Gallagher every success in his new field of endeavor and trust that his fondest hopes may be realized.

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It is reported that Col. Bowen has challenged one of the boys presenting himself for the Trumpet and Bugle Course to a competition. The boy to use the trumpet.

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When a fire, a dog, and a pipeful,
Can replace all the faces of old,
When my blood does not flame,
At each strange, woman's name,
Then gather me thy fold.

Lieut Mattern.

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Aa didn't know that Aa could have such a good time at the Regimental Smokers. Aa don't think Aa will miss any more.

Captain. Gallagher.

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A girl may be both ignorant and shapely, but she is never ignorant of the fact that she is shapely.

Captain Edwards

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If every girl were as good as she pretends to be the first time she meets you what a dull world this would be.

Major Watson.

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There is absolutely no cure for insomnia on a honeymoon.

Major Oliver.

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Modesty is a virtue guarded by girls with ugly legs.

Lieut. Oliver

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My girl has quite upset the dope,
She's fooled the public very much,
She doesn't use the fancy soap,
Yet has the skin I love-to- touch.

Major Strachan

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A cheerful sinner is more welcome than a melancholy saint.

Captain Bradburn

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The girl that takes your fancy is liable to take your roll.

Lieut. Stevens.

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There was a girl so pure and chaste,
The purer she was, the less she was chased.

Lieut Kelly.

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Love is a peculiar ailment that keeps old maids awake at nights.

Captain Smith.