

SOLDIERS' GUARDIAN² ★

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT !

Two years imprisonment, discharged from the Air Force - Six months imprisonment, also discharged --

This was the penalty imposed upon seven Airforce men stationed at Benalla by a courtmartial for supposedly starting a mutiny.

The word mutiny immediately brings to your mind the shooting of officers - rioting and pillaging - but the so-called mutiny was nothing but a refusal to go on parade in order to bring their many grievances before the officers when every other means had failed.

This amongst high Air Force Officers was considered a mutiny and down came the Hitler-like axe upon these men who are real Australian democrats fighting for their just rights. (cont. on page 12)

BELIEVE IT OR NOT (Cont.)

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So a few anti-democratic officers, instead of dealing with the causes of dissatisfaction which is widespread amongst the R.A.A.F., did the very thing to make it worse-- (God gave every man a head - some unfortunately were made of wood!)

What are badly needed in all the Forces are privates committees that can discuss all problems of the men and see that they are attended to. These committees can discuss with officers efficient and interesting methods of training, also they can educate all on what we are fighting for, and be a tremendous asset in helping to smash Hitler Fascism/

Amongst the U.T.'s we have 95% disinterested in the army. This is because of backward methods of training, inefficiency and bungling; methods of war production which create large profits and very little equipment, and because the privates are not given certain self-governmental rights or an interest in what they are doing.

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CONFIRMATION OF A YOUNG BRUTE

Fritz for Nazi Confirmation
passes his examination

This is how the quizzing goes -
What should be the occupation
of the fascist's aryan nose?

Poking, ferretting and smelling
At the next door neighbor's dwell-
ling

Like a good Gestapo Spy
Such is Fritz's quick-reply

Now what are the Fascist's hands
for?

Fritzi promptly gives the answer
Just to steal and kill and rob
And to do the hangman's job
And what are the Fascist's shanks
for?

Just for marching and for tramp-
ing

With a military gait

What shall do the Fascist's pate

Wear the gas mask and the helmet

With a brain box void and empty

Never think nor mark nor learn

(That's the Fuhrer's whole con-
cern).

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HOW TO FORM THAT COMMITTEE

The men of a Field Artillery (15th) Unit at Balcombe recently felt that their leave arrangements were unjust, fatigues were unevenly distributed, their messing equipment was poor and they strongly resented the manner in which they were addressed by their officers.

One man formed a committee of six around him to discuss ways and means of improving their conditions. They listed their grievances, and the necessary reforms, and put them to the men, who decided to back them to the limit. The committee asked to be allowed to read a copy of Australian Military Regulations and Orders, but this was refused.

They decided to strike if their demands were not met. Faced with this decision, the officers had no alternative but to concede the concessions asked.. The committee of six now have weekly meetings,

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HOW TO FORM THAT COMMITTEE

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and discuss any grievances or any subject concerning the welfare of the men. If necessary a spokesman is appointed to approach the authorities. Because of his solid backing the spokesman is sure of a good hearing.

The soldiers' committee also successfully organised a euchre tournament for prizes donated by their officers, who have also advanced money to buy extra messing equipment. Officers and men approve of the scheme, and since it has been in operation there have been no complaints.

Committees of the privates in every battalion should be formed, not only to look after the welfare of the men, but to assist in the planning of modern and efficient methods of training.

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FIVE REASONS FOR OPENING A FRONT IN EUROPE.....

1. Hitler, as a result of his needs on the Eastern Front, especially with his present blitz on Moscow has been forced to withdraw all but eight divisions of his forces in occupied Europe, nearly all his planes and tanks.
2. This withdrawal has meant that second and third class troops have been substituted, but nowhere near the same numbers. There has been no replacement of equipment, however.
3. The withdrawal of so many troops and so much equipment has given Britain a superiority in men and materials over Hitler's forces, such as we may never have again.

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FIVE REASONS FOR OPENING A FRONT⁷
IN EUROPE.... (Cont.)

4. Britain's war aims, which are to defeat Hitler and free the peoples of Europe, can only be accomplished by defeating Hitler on the continent, and no better opportunity will present itself than doing that job now.

5. That an invasion of Europe would be the signal for wide-spread support amongst the enslaved people for the invading forces and against the Nazi task masters.

CONFIRMATION OF A YOUNG BRUTE (Cont.)

Mighty pleased is the professor

And he praises Fritz immensoly

"You have answered very goot,

You're der perfect fascist brute"

Fritz is now his Nazi parents' joy

A confirmed Gestapo Boy!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT (Cont.)

Committees of the men will help
our war effort tremendously - see
what you can do about it!

STALIN SPEAKS:
"a second European hour must certainly
appear in the immediate future"

