

GLOSSARY

of

SLANG & PECULIAR TERMS IN USE IN THE A.I.F.

- ABDOMINAL. Abbreviation of "Abdominal thud," or crash, which is a polite adaption of "Gutzer,"
- See*
ACID. See "put the acid on."
- ACK I. FUF. A.I.F. (Australian Imperial Force)
- ABDUL. Turkish Soldier, individually, and collectively. An Arabic proper name.
- ACK. Signalman's pronunciation of "A".
- ACK. ACK. ACK. Full stop. Three A's in a signal signifies the end of a sentence. Otherwise expressed as "three to a leaf," "three of a kind" etc. or "ackety ack."
- AD-RIFT. Absent without leave. Apparently derived from the inference that a soldier who is an illegal absentee is not under the control of the authorities.
- ALF-A-MO. "Wait a moment." Originally a request for the one spoken to, to pause for the convenience of the speaker. A small moustache, which was also frequently referred to as a cricket match (eleven a side)
- ALLEY. Go: "alley at the toot," go quickly. (Corruption of the French "Allez")
- ALL SLOPERS CAVALEY*
ANDEY Mc NOON. An unqualified idiot. From the Arabic "Inta machnoon" - a damned fool.
- also "Annie from Asia"*
ANNIE. "Gentle Annie," - a big German Howitzer, which fired on Bailluel, during March & April, 1918. "Up in Annies Room," - facetious answer to questions as to the whereabouts of someone who cannot be found.
- ANTE UP. To surrender an article that was "souvenired," to hand over, to settle an account.
- ANTY. Sugar - so called on account of the frequency with which ants found their way into the sugar receptacles.
- ANZAC. (1) Initial letters of Australian, New Zealand Army corps contracted.
(2) The area on the Gallipoli Peninsula occupied by the Anzac Corps.
(3) One who was on Anzac during the campaign.
(4) Used sarcastically in reference to Military Policemen. The Provost Corps was originally named "Anzac Provost Corps." The term "Anzac" also implied gallantry another reason for its sarcastic application to the Military Police.
- ANZAC SOUP. Shell-hole water polluted by a corpse.
- ANZAC STEW. The ordinary Army stew diluted with water to a greater extent than usual.
- ANZAC WAFER. Name given to the Army Biscuit issued as portion of the Iron Ration, or when bread was not fully available. "Anzac" because of their constant use on Gallipoli, and "wafer" sarcastically because of their size and extreme hardness.
- Alfred la Guerra*
ARCHIE. Anti-aircraft shell or gun.