Page 2 THE BOYS OF R.H.Q.

You should see them on parade, All lined up straight and true; Batmen, clerks and R.A.P. Drivers, storemen - you'll agree That soldiers they will never be The boys of R.H.Q.

Just why they joined the army When they should be in a zoo, The Colonel wonders every time He sees them straggling into line; My God ! Must I admit they're mine. The boys of R. H.Q.

The Major's given up the ghost Of straightening out this crew. Their drill is such an awful mess; Their motto is 'By God and guess' But still they're gunners (more or less). The boys of R.H.Q.

The R.S.M. once cherished hopes To discipline imbue. The only time, to his despair, He found he had his muster there Was when paraded for their beer. The boys of R.H.Q.



CHRISTMAS CAROL.

I hear the bells on Xmas Day But no 1 it only is reveille. "Feet on the floor" the sergeant yells And that sure ain't no Xmas Bells.

THE BOOK OF NOWONDA.

And it came to pass in those days that the hosts of the Ac-Ac Headquarters did hang up their shields and bucklers and did encamp; and certain of their young men did journey afar being mighty hunters of butterflies. It was rumoured, moreover, that there were in those parts barbarians spying out the land and behold the young men did come across one like unto a barbarian while hunting, and did straightway run to the Captain of the Host, saying, "Lord, we did see in a river bed one which did seem unto us like a barbarian." So all the young men and mighty men of valour, did take up their arms and did pursue the barb arian with Tommy guns and chariots and caught him not and they returned unto their encampment sorrowing. THUS SAITH NOWONDA.

WHERE'S OUR MAIL.

Maybe it's on the ocean Tosses by wind and hail. Maybe it's with old Davy Jones; Where's our ruddy mail.

We can do without tobacco We can do without our ale. In blinding tears we're asking Where's our ruddy mail.

Neath the blazing sun we labour And every 'Don R! hails, "Hey, cobber, can you tell us "Where's our ruddy mail".

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REFLECTION.

Gunner Jones ate what he found on his plate And never as people do now Did he note the degree of potato and pea He ate it because it was chow. Undisturbed ? at dinner he sat Destroying an ant or a fly To think it was lacking in this or in that Or a couple of vitamins shy. He cheerfully chewed every species of food Untroubled by worries or fear, Lest his health might be hurt by some fancy dessert Thus losing his chance of a beer.