

Don't Say We Didn't Warn You The Landing at Anzac

SOFT PEDAL

Sandy was learning to play the bagpipes. One night, while he was strutting about the room, skirling for all he was worth, his wife attempted a mild protest.

"That's an awfu' noise ye're making," she said.

Sandy sat down and took off his boots and got up and resumed his piping in his stockinged feet.



An Alimentary Canal, Ron.

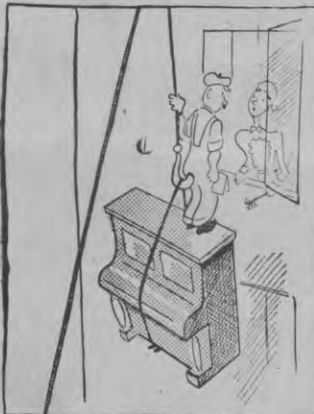
THE VERY LAST.

"How's your uncle, Bill?"

"Didn't you know? He has committed suicide."

"No, really? That's the last thing I should have thought he would do!"

"It was."



I've Always Been Musical.

RUSTIC REASONING.

A motorist approached a ford on a strange road, and before venturing, he asked a passing youth if it was safe to drive through it.

Being assured, he drove on, but was soon stuck in the middle.

With a withering glance he turned to the youth, who had stopped to watch proceedings.

"That's funny," said the lad. "It only comes up to the middle of my father's ducks."



W.H.S.

TOO GENEROUS

Nineteen-year-old William was puzzled over the girl problem and he decided to discuss the matter with his friend Martin.

"I've walked to the tennis club with her for three weeks," he confessed, "and carried her racquet. I've given her flowers and chocolates, and I've taken her to the pictures once a week. Now, do you think I ought to kiss her?"

Martin gave the matter earnest thought.

"Well, you don't need to," he replied. "You've done that for that girl already."

UNFORTUNATE

Political Speaker: "I'm pleased to see such a dense crowd here to-night."

Voice from the crowd: "Don't be too pleased we're not all dense."

Both the photographer and the mother had failed to make the restless little four-year-old sit still long enough to have his photograph taken. Finally the photographer suggested that "the little darling" might be quiet if his mother left the room for a few minutes. During her absence, the picture was successfully taken.

On the way home, the mother asked: "What did the nice man say to make mother's darling sit still?"

"He said, 'You thit still, you little brat, or I'll knock your block off. Tho I that still.'"



Seen in the Hospital This Week eh, Reg?

A new gunner was having his first lesson in motor-driving. The expert was at some pains to make him understand the action of the brakes.

"The hand lever," he explained, "brakes the rear wheels only, but the foot pedal brakes all four wheels. Now, is that plain?"

"It is," answered the gunner with a trace of annoyance. "But what is going to happen to me when all the wheels are broken?"

"I have no confidence in men."

"Why not?"

Every time I go to the pictures with another young man I find mine there with some other girl."



Camouflage.

PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE.

Magistrate: "What did you do when you heard the prisoner using such awful language?"

Policeman: "I told him he wasn't fit to be among decent people, and brought him here."



That Kruschen Feeling.

Mess Sergeant: Who in hell put those flowers on the table?

Orderly: The captain.

Mess Sergeant: Purdy, ain't they?

U-boat Commander: Enemy ship in sight. All men to action stations! Ready! Scuttle!

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PROVISION FOR CONCEALMENT

As the disembarkation of the fresh troops would extend over several nights, some method had to be devised or securely concealing the newcomers during the few days which would elapse before the opening of the battle. Terraces and shelters were accordingly dug on the hillsides, and in these they lay hidden alike from the enemy aircraft and scouts on the heights. Great supplies of food were landed and ammunition in such quantities as the resources of the force were capable of furnishing.

WATER

The provision of an adequate supply of water was the most difficult of all problems, its solution calling for the most careful forethought and calculation so that no contingency might be unprovided for, and nothing left to chance. Little ever stood between Anzac and thirst, so dependent had it always been on the sea-borne supplies of tepid but welcome water; but in the battles that were to be fought on the sun-baked heights, water would be as indispensable almost as ammunition. Dependence on regular daily supplies involving too great a risk, a reservoir of great tanks was formed on the hillside above the beach. A system of pipe-lines and supply tanks was created, and the water from the barges, after being pumped by hand into tanks standing on the beach, was lifted up to the reservoir by a stationary engine brought from Egypt. There were delays and mishaps of course, but anything that could not be supplied was improvised, and every obstacle was overcome by the fertile resource of minds which had been trained to cope with many desperate situations.

TROOPS ARRIVE

At last the long-expected reinforcements began to arrive. Throughout the night of August 3rd, 4th, and 5th, they swarmed on to the beach from the crowded boats and barges that drew silently in and out of the night, and as they landed, were guided away to their concealed bivouacs to wait the opening of the battle. The troops now at the disposal of General Birdwood amounted in round numbers to 37,000 rifles and 72 guns, with support from two cruisers, four monitors, and two destroyers. This force was divided into two main positions. To the Australian Division, strengthened by the attachment of the 1st and 3rd Light Horse Brigades and two battalions of the 40th Brigade, was entrusted the task of holding the existing Anzac position, and of making the frontal assaults which were to divert the enemy's attention and draw his reserves from the quarter in which the main blow was to be struck. The remainder of the force was to carry out the attack on the Sari Bair Ridge.

ARTILLERY SUPPORT

The artillery support in the operations was so planned as to make the most effective use of the very small number of guns available on shore. These numbered only 72 of all classes. In addition to the 18-pounders of the Australian and New Zealand Field Artillery, and the one New Zealand 4.5in. howitzer battery, there were the 10-pounder guns of the Indian Mountain Artillery, five batteries of 5in. howitzers, three 6in. howitzers, and the solitary 4.7in. naval gun on the right flank. There were in addition, of course, the guns of the fleet, but their effective value was limited, and they could not be used for the close support of attacking troops. In view of the great issues at stake, and the terribly difficult nature of the operations upon which the army was about to embark, it must be said that in material, whether in numbers or guns or in supplies of shells, the artillery at Anzac was pitifully inadequate.

THE ATTACK AT LONE PINE

The New Zealand batteries played a very prominent part in paving the way for the frontal attacks which were made by the Australian Division on August 6th and 7th, and particularly valuable was their support to the 1st Brigade of Australians in their heroic and altogether successful attack at Lone Pine. During the 4th, 5th, and 6th of August, the works on the enemy's left and left centre were subjected to a slow bombardment; the 1st and 4th Batteries bombarding the Lone Pine trenches, which were provided with strong overhead cover, and well protected by barbed wire entanglements. The 1st Battery was given the task of destroying the wire, and wire-netting, as experience showed in France, calls not only for accuracy of fire, but for a large expenditure of ammunition. Though this latter was impossible, the battery commander himself satisfactorily accomplished the task. Every round had to be conserved, so using one gun only, and observing from the forward trenches in the vicinity, he carefully and methodically prepared the way for the attack.

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High heels were invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead.

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