

6. Precautionary Stage:- the
 ea. morning "Stand To" when
 the Watch Officer and Sergeant
 always have a medium of excretion
 on the pluck - take all precaut-
 ions to avoid attracting their
 attention during this stage.
7. Period Before Relief:- the
 last 100 yards between the
 canteen and the latrine.

THE JAUNTINGS OF JASON.

CHAPTER II

And ere one or two hours had passed there came from the huts sounds as of awakening men. All the leaders were shouting at once and in response came loud muttering and curses from within. Jason and his men betook themselves in the wake of the soldiers, who by this time were assembled and were walking in a body up a hill. There they came upon a wondrous machine unlike anything which they had hitherto seen. One Alex Filis Cancerus spoke in lengthy terms about the machine and Jason was filled with wonderment at the weapon, for such it was. He was pleased when King Johnjee told him that, in honour of his visit, they would cause this weapon and three others which were cunningly hidden on various parts of the hill, to fire.

Immediately three men rushed past shouting "R.A.P.". Jason was sorely puzzled but again Felis Cancerus came to his aid and explained. The men had been suddenly smitten with "skitters" a terrible tropical fever striking with the speed of an adder. It was indeed unfortunate for these men would be unable to partake in the performance and, strangely, the same three had been likewise stricken on two of her similar occasions.

Great preparations were made and the heavy steel thunderbolts were laid out in readiness. Then cried Alex "No. 1 Stand By Fire!" There was a thundering roar, a blinding flash and a smile on all the soldiers' lips for the faces of Jason's men were deathly white. Flashes and thunder came from the other guns, for this was the name of the weapons, and, ere seconds had passed, large splash- es appeared in the sea some two leagues away. And Jason saw that by this magic sould one of these thunderbolts hit a boat, then it would sail no more. He espied near where the splash- es had arisen, a boat travelling at great speed amidst a cloud of

smoke and knew that it was this
the soldiers were striving to sink.
Many more missiles were hurled,
but only one splash indicated
that the boat was nearly hit,
whereupon Jason and his men clapped
the ir hands with glee at
the performance. Cried one man
who would have been an officer
"It wasn't my fault, I tell you"
but Jason was unaffected by this
modesty, for it was plain to all
who had brought about this wonderful
shot.

Wearily, for there was great exertion in the work, the soldiers retraced their way down to the huts and lay upon their beds. A shout of "The Beer's in" brought them out again with more speed than all the shoutings of the leaders. And the heroes followed running throng, for they would not miss one aspect of this strange existence. They saw men coming away from a small house and many more waiting to receive bottles of liquid which overflowed immediately upon the removal of a small cap therefrom. And Jason noticed that, ere the men had drunk one bottle of this "beer" as he thought would be the name, that there was great noise and much shouting. He would have listened to the loud talking of two tall men, lean and fair, had not another said "List them not, O Jason, they talk naught else but the faeces of bulls and we heed them little. Come, sit with us and drink awhile." So Jason tarried and drank, and liked, and drank this foaming draught. Presently, the noise and shouting became to him a blur and he felt that he would give anything to stay in this wonderful place.

THE LATEST IN WATER-COOLING
FOR THE TROPICS.

The Orderly Room Staff of 151 with wistful memories of N.Z. fishshops have recently installed running water on their Orderly Room floor and from time to time happily paddle while they tap the keys. Come and see our Kiddies Paddling Pool- no mother need feel any anxiety - absolutely no danger - nurse-maids in waiting will be provided with cup of tea and anything else they may want or need. All the luxuries of the Lido with none of the expense.

NEWS FLASH ! ! !

Sgt. Westwood DID get his well-won bottle of beer.