

## KRIEGIE RATIONS

I know why there's no sugar in my pie

Kriegie Rations

My appetite has now replaced my passion

I'm hungry all the time

Our table's bare, hungry kriegies everywhere

It's starvation

My stomach's reached the depths of degradation

I'm hungry all the time

I dream of ham + eggs till my condition's most pathetic

And awake to bread + jam that I understand is all synthetic

Deteriorous as I am I'll probably end up diabetic

And that's when I'll blow my top

I can't go on - all my energy is gone

It's malnutrition

A man just cannot live in my condition

I'm hungry all --- the time -- .

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# On Which We Live

German Rations per week Barley Sp-3 cbs Bread-Sugar Potatoes cut

Bread - 1 loaf \*Cheese - 464 grs. \*Meat - 125 grs, marg-salt-jam  
Sugar - 175 grams Salt - 75 " Jam - 175 grs, stopped  
Margarine - 217 " Potatoes - 300-400 " Occasionally meat-cheese in light soups

## Red Cross Parcels American

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| 1- 12 oz can corn beef  | 1- 16 oz box raisins         |
| 1- 12 " " spam          | 1- 8 " " sugar               |
| 1- 4 " " salmon OR      | 1- 5 " can jam               |
| 1- 4 " " sardines       | 1- 4 " " coffee              |
| 1- 16 " " Powdered Milk | 5 packs cigarettes           |
| 1- 16 " " Margarine     | 2- 4 oz D Bars - (chocolate) |
| 1- 7 " Box Crackers     | 7- Vitamin C Pills           |

## Summer issue Vegetables

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| cucumbers - once                    | Gr. bean Sp at Moosberg      |
| cabbage - once a wk July, Aug.      | dehyd in soup at Moosberg    |
| radishes - once                     |                              |
| colli-rabbit - once a wk Aug, Sept. | in soup at Moosberg          |
| onions - once                       | occasionally in soup at M.b. |
| carrots - three times               |                              |
| Peas - once                         | occasionally in soup at M.b. |

All rations unreliable

Shanty Town

There's a shanty in the town on a little plot of ground  
Where the green grass grows all around - all around  
The roof is so worn - so badly torn  
It reaches the ground - right and down to the ground  
Just a little old shack - built way back  
About twenty five feet from the railroad track  
Lingers on my mind just all the time  
Keeps callin' me back - all the way back  
I'd be just as sassy - Hailie Solassie  
If I were a king - would it mean a thing  
Put your boots on tall - read the writin' on the wall - oh it wouldn't mean a thing - not a doggone thing  
There's a queen waiting there - in her rockin' chair  
Just blowin' her top on a keg af beer  
Singin' all around and truckin' all down  
I gotta go back to my Shanty Town -

## The Last of The Bombardiers

Down a lonely road on a cold black night  
 A miserable beggar trudged into sight  
 And the people whisper over their beers -  
 Here comes the last of the bombardiers

4th

What is a Bombardier? - No reply  
 But men grow silent and women sigh  
 As a death-like silence fills the place  
 With the gaunt grey ghost of a long lost race

4th

Furtive glances from ceiling to floor  
 Till someone or something opened the door  
 The bravest of hearts turned cold with fear  
 For the thing in the door was a bombardier

4th

His hands were bony his hair was thin  
 His back was bent like an old bent pin  
 His eyes were two empty rings of black  
 And he vaguely mumbled "Shack" "Shack" "Shack".

4th

This ancient relic of the Second World War  
 Crept 'cross the floor and slouched at the bar

And in hollow tones from his sunken chest  
Demanded a drink and only the best

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The people said nothing but watched in the glass  
As the bombardier produced his bomb-sight pass  
The glass to his lips and they heard him say  
"Bomb bays open" - "Bombs away"

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Thus speaking these words he slouched thru the door  
And the last of the bombardiers was seen no more  
And all through the years that phrase has stuck  
When you say "Bombardier" - you add "Hard Luck"

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### ESCORT OF P-38's

Oh Hedy Lamarr is a beautiful gal  
And Madeline Carroll is too  
But you'll find that you're given a different theory  
Amongst any bomber crew  
For the prettiest thing of which we can sing -  
This side of the Pearly Gates  
Is no blonde or brunette of a Hollywood set  
But an escort of P-38's

THE REMAINDER OF

THIS POEM WAS REJECTED FOR POOR READABILITY AND  
LESS SENSE - TO THE AUTHORS CREDIT WE MIGHT ADD THAT  
IT RHYMED WONDERFULLY!