

(9). TITLE:- REAL THING.

Picture:- Big mechanical dragons bring up guns and crews ! XXXX A Bharabane trip for the troops (1), but with stern business at the end of it ! XXXX They are to fire real live shells under the --

--watchful eyes of Headquarters. XXXX The guns are six-inch --

--howitzers, throwing high-explosive shells across five miles of the English countryside.

The whole area is forbidden to civilians. XXXX Who wants to get a --

--six-inch shell in their waistcoat, anyhow ? XXXX The loading of the guns is a smart bit of work, as neatly carried out as --

--drill commands on the barrack square. XXXX Another one ready !

And another "present" for someone an hour's walk away ! XXXX Knocking holes in --

--old England is alright so long as its our boys doing it. XX

XXXX Well, they "call it a day". XXXX Now they're off to a "betger 'ole" - and - er, so am I !

AND SO, FOR THE PRESENT, I LEAVE YOU !