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TOMMY ATKINS "UP"

RECRUITS LEARN TO RIDE.

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Picture.

Recruits of the Royal Horse Artillery are about to be instructed in the art of horsemanship.

The horses know all about it already. They are in fact the real

instructors of the Tommies. Watch

this, and you see what I mean. The horses are now showing the recruits how to

take a jump. After this solo exhibition

the horses will allow the men to sit on them, and see

if they can keep sitting on them. Occasionally the rawest recruits make the mistake

of being too affectionate, to the animals, clinging

round their necks, and so off. But the

horses soon cure them of that ! These are men of only a few

weeks training, and can already mount and dismount when they like, as opposed

to when they can't help it ! They learn most

things very quickly,

and can even make their kit appear complete at inspection time, and if the

Tommies don't know the way to the trough, the horses do !

Anyway, if you have lost your appetite in life, the Royal Horse Artillery is a likely place to find it again, and the finished

article looks like this, and feels like it !