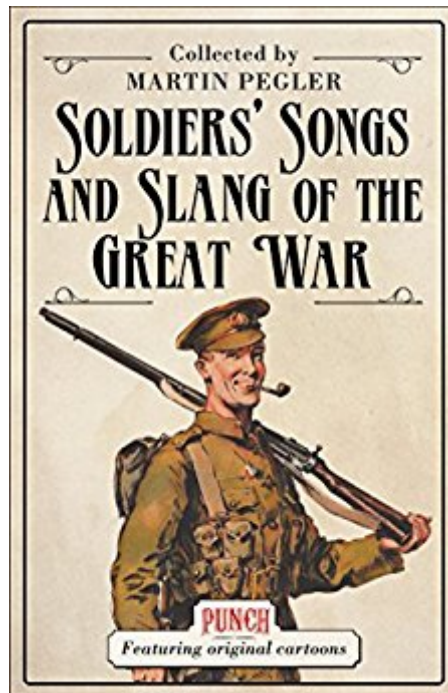




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Well written, well organized. Very helpful for "deciphering" jargon when reading WWI letters and magazines.

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