



A Furphy means a rumour that's  
Not necess'rily true.  
The sort of thing we say "they" said  
Not specifying who.

We take notice of these stories  
And then elaborate.  
For what's the use of hearing things  
If you can't tell your mate?

Let us now consider furphies  
And their claim to fame.  
For I've heard a strongish rumour as  
To how they got that name

'Twas long ago and far away,  
In battles, fierce and hot.  
"The war to end all wars" they said.  
(A load of tommy rot!)

The Pommies and the Anzacs, with  
Canadians and French,  
Were sitting, gloomily, in mud,  
In a rat-infested trench.

They sat there in those muddy holes,  
Slowly losing heart.  
They got no news at all until  
They saw the water cart.

Those carts were known as furphies then,  
From a town in far off Oz.  
Med ladled out water and  
The gossip, too, because

Those water carters carried all the  
Stories far and near.  
And the rumours flowed like water, fast  
With tales men loved to hear.

That's how the rumours started, and how  
The furphy got it's name.  
The Gunga Dins of World War I  
Put furphy in the fame

And, now, you know the answer, you've  
No need to speculate,  
For a rumour's writ on water  
And that's no furphy, mate !!