

John V Marsch, polish count

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Tony Ellis — 23 Jun 1998, 09:34

Sgt. Rock quoted:

'A Polish Count, a Knight Grand Cross,
Rx. and Q.E.D.;
Grand Master of the Blood Red Dirk,
and R.O.G.U.E.'

...This is a real head-banger. What does it mean? First of all, it's in quotes. Does that mean it is a quote from somewhere? If so, can anyone identify it?

It's just a little verse that the interrogator recites to show how clever he is. I suppose it may be a quote from somewhere, or a parody of a quote from somewhere, but I've always assumed that he just makes it up.

Since he's ridiculing Marsch's academic qualifications, presumably each title is derived from a recognisable abbreviation. I would imagine that "Polish Count" = "PhD", although I don't pretend to see exactly how, and so forth.

Anybody out there with more time, imagination, and knowledge of academic qualifications than me who'd care to solve this one for us?