

YORKSHIRE PUD.

7TH BATTALION

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTONS REGT.

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BATTALION NEWS ATHLETIC MEETING

The Battalion Athletic Meeting will commence at 1400 hrs today on the Gevelsberg Sports Field.

Competitors and Judges are requested to arrive at the field by 1345 hrs.

Tea will be served at the ground and you are therefore requested to bring your own cup.

Programmes will be available on the field.

The Commanding Officer will present winners with their awards.

The Bn. Library.

A monthly grant of Five Pounds has been made in order to purchase new books for the Battalion Library. Your suggestions as to type of books to be purchased will be welcomed.

"A YEAR AGO TO-DAY"

Bright moonlight flooded the great Caen plain on the night of August 4th, 1944. The mosquitos were, as usual, out in force and the heat didn't help to make things any more comfortable. It was close on midnight when the German bomber droned over and circled.

The plane droned in on it's bombing run and to the tautened senses of the men in foxholes below there came the seemingly never-ending scream of high explosive bombs. Three 250 lb bombs struck in the Bn HQ area without causing casualties. A.P. Bombs were dropped on the Company positions, after machine-gunning the Bn area the plane made off to the North.

Cpl Clowes and Pte Bingham were wounded in the legs and feet.

The raid was followed up by shelling and mortaring.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Far East.

Bad weather is holding up large-scale raids on the Japanese mainland. Mustangs yesterday attacked the Tokyo area & for the firsttime for a week, met enemy fighters.

Bombing raids have been made on Japanese ports, railways & installations in Formosa, French Indo-China & Malaya.

The Dutch Government has announced that the first Dutch Division for service in the East Indies will be ready early in the next year.

Germany.

It has been revealed that the Allied Chiefs of Staff held daily talks at the Potsdam Conference to discuss the war with Japan.

B.I.A. leave parties are to sail for England from Cuxhaven in North Germany, thereby saving the long journey through Belgium & France.

1000000 lbs of German explosives & poison gas are to be dumped in the North Sea.

The civil population of Berlin is to receive a cigarette ration of 12 a month.

England. The talks between the railway companies & the Unions have not yet resulted in agreement. The discussions are to be continued on Tuesday. Certain proposals have been made which will form a basis for further talks. The Unions have asked all their members to obey orders loyally & not prejudice the efforts of their leaders by unofficial stoppages.

The Biggest Bank Holiday crowd for many years is trying to leave London, & all stations are very crowded. At Paddington a queue 10 feet deep began to form last night & soon extended right across the station.

RESETTLEMENT NEWS!

Do you wish to be a farm worker when you leave the Army? If so, you may be interested in the Government scheme of agricultural training for men released from the Forces.

The Scheme has two objects. Firstly it aims at training men who have had no previous experience of agricultural work & improving the prospects of existing farm workers. Secondly it sets out to train the additional skilled labour that is needed for an efficient and highly productive agriculture.

Practical training will take two main forms:-

1. for persons without experience - a year on a carefully chosen farm.
2. for persons with experience - courses of the farm institute type.

In all cases farm training will be given in the applicant's home county, as far as is possible.

Trainees undergoing farm training will be accommodated on the farms or in near-by lodgings. Where practicable wives will live with their husbands. During the period of training men will be paid the normal "Training Allowances".

On the completion of training many farmers will wish to give employment to good trainees. In any case the Ministry of Agriculture will take all practicable steps to ensure that satisfactory trainees are found suitable employment on the land.

Application for farm training should be made to the local offices of the Ministry of Labour. In the meantime you may obtain further particulars from the Education Officer.

"WHATS' ON"

On Sunday, August 5th, the Bn Band will play at the Duke's Pool from 1500 to 1600 hrs and from 2000 to 2100 at the Iron Duke.

ROUND THE COMPANIES

A Basket Ball League was run off on Thursday afternoon. The players extended a terrific amount of energy even if not all on strict rules. The final results were 15 Pl at the top with 13 Pl holding the remainder up. It is doubtful if Sgt Johnson will ever be allowed to ref. again.

"HQ" Company.

The sound like a weary and very disgruntled Bren Gun which broke the silence at 2300 hrs last night had grave repercussions - CSM Price tumbled hastily out of bed, grabbed his pants and his revolver and dashed heroically into the night. On arriving at the scene of the disturbance he found the Guard turned out and Major Thomlinson telling a very scared German what he thought of him for having such a noisy car!

"MR" Marriott of the R.A.P. had a visitor last night - fraulein Louise - Louise wore a green dress (two shades) and a carefully careless brown coat over her shoulders.

Unfortunately the "Maestro" was out so Louise arranged to meet him "in half-an-hour at the bottom of the garden" - does she sing to you "Maestro"?

"Daisy" Downes, sometimes referred to as the "Darling" of the O.M. Staff is contemplating matrimony - the man has actually stopped frattling!

"Old Joe" of the Sgts' Mess is getting strung along with requests for a more frequent gravy issue and "what about our RASC rations" - he takes the question of gravy issues very seriously.

RADIO

The Light Programme

1930 "Organ Grinder Swing"

2010 Holiday Nights

2100 World Parade

2145 Desert Island Discs

The Home Service

1930 In Town Tonight

2030 MUSIC HALL!

2130 Sir Harry Lauder

2220 "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure"