

YORKSHIRE PUD.

7TH BATTALION

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTONS REGT.

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BATTALION NEWS

The Wuppertal Orchestra

Last night the Wuppertal Municipal Orchestra opened the August Concerts in the Wuppertal Stadthalle. Eight men of the Battalion attended and had a very enjoyable evening. The Orchestra played extremely well under the direction of Helmut Schaefer. Music by Mendelssohn, Schubert, Haydn, Dvorak and Strauss was played. The next Concert will be on Wednesday, 15th August. Education Officer.

The Education Officer is now established in Gevelsberg and has taken up "official" residence in the D.P. Hospital.

A YEAR AGO TODAY

August 9th 1944 - the breakout from the cramped Normandy bridge-head had begun - American tanks were sweeping round in a great right hook to cut off the German Armies. On the evening of August 9th this Battalion took its part in the great advance which was to send the German Armies reeling back to their own frontiers.

Cagney - hunting ground for all the Mosquitos in existence, the barren plain, where, to move above ground courted disaster, was left behind.

On that August evening "C" Coy advanced into a minefield - casualties were heavy. Major Mountain was hit in the arm - CSM Robinson, trusted and admired by every man in the Company was killed. Major Hill was killed.

Today, one year later, we are the masters of Germany - a very full and momentous year it has been.

LATEST NEWS

JAPAN

It was announced at 2100 hrs yesterday that Russia would consider herself at War with Japan as from midnight last night. In the early hours of this morning the Red Army crossed the frontier of Manchukuo whilst Red Airforce planes bombed targets behind the Japanese Lines. The news came to Japan whilst the Jap Cabinet was in session to examine the effects of the Atomic Bomb.

More information is revealed today of the Atomic Bomb which was dropped on Tuesday on the naval base of Hiroshima. Observers report that in the centre of the area where the bomb struck there is "nothing left to cast a shadow" - complete disintegration has been effected. In the shattered outskirts of the city fires are still burning fiercely among the debris.

The second Atomic bomb was dropped yesterday on the city of Nagasaki.

Jugoslavia.

King Peter of Yugoslavia has accused Marshal Tito of dictating to the people as to how they are to vote to decide the new constitution.

United States

President Truman, after the Potsdam Conference and his meeting with King George VI, has arrived back in the United States.

RESETTLEMENT NEWS

Trades in which training has been arranged by the Ministry of Labour.

Building & Civil Engineering

Arrangements have been concluded with the two sides of the building industry under which men without previous experience may have six months intensive training in a training centre in the following trades, Bricklaying, Carpentry and Joinery, Plumbing, Timbering etc, etc. The six months course is followed by 14 months further training and experience in the industry on a progressive scale of wages, after which they will be accepted as fully skilled craftsmen. Other trades in which training has been arranged are Bakery, Boot and Shoe Manufacture and Repair, Cinema Projectionists, Clerical and Commercial work.

Furniture:- Wood machining, Cabinet making, Wood(furniture)finishing, Chair and frame making, upholstery, mattress making.

Leather:- Leather belting, leather producing, saddlery and harness making.

Manufacture of Pianos and Musical Instruments.

Paper making - a variety of separate occupations.

Pottery.

Radio Repair.

Retail Distributive Trades.

Hairdressing

Wholesale Clothing Manufacture.

Manufacture of Woolen Textiles.

Carding, Spinning, Weaving, warping, drawing and winding, finishing dyeing.

"HATS" ON

On Friday, 10th August at the Dukes Theatre

"Arsenic and Old Lace"

On Friday, 10th August at 1830 hrs at the Garrison Theatre Lserslohn the E.N.S.A. Show

"Beyond Compere"

Transport leaves Transport Office at 1730 hrs.

ROUND THE COMPANIES

"C" Company

"C" Company breathed a huge sigh of relief yesterday when it learned of the departure of the Education Staff for Gevelsberg - Rogers will no longer have to beef to Horner about "matchsticks on the floor" - neither will the esteemed Burrows - "George" to his intimates - have to crib because people will pinch his paper. The Cooks, too, will be relieved of a little responsibility.

"Adrian" (apologies) East, signaller of "C" Coy has announced today that he has a new invention - a Platonic Bomb - no details have yet been released.

"HQ" Company.

Ex-Sniper Hutchcroft owns a dog taken on the official strength of the Company by "Wheelbarrer" it is ranked as Pte Snip - Pte Snip is at present undergoing training to make him into a first class peace dog. He usually sleeps with his Uncle - "Farmer Schackleton" - he was found on his bed yesterday looking very, very cheesed off.

Daisy Downes wishes you all to know that his forthcoming marriage will probably take place some time in September - cheques of denomination below 100 pounds will not be accepted.

"A young man on the point of getting married is desirous of meeting someone of experience who will dissuade him of such a step".

RADIO

The Light Programme

1930 Record Review

2015 Navy Mixture

2100 The Adventures of Julia

2130 Top Ten

2200 Kay On The Keys

2230 Gorden Gaieties

The Home Service

2015 Piano Music

2030 I Want a Banana

2045 Popplewell's Gaiety Whirl

2120 On the Record

2230 Scottish Variety Orchestra.