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BATTALION NEWS

Concentration of the Bn.

"A" and "B" Companies are to leave their splendid isolation this week-end and move into Gevelsberg. German labour is being used to build cookhouses for the two Companies.

The Iron Duke is preparing more rooms for the increase in trade. Overcrowding in the present Canteen is inevitable, however, in about a fortnight, the new Iron Duke will be opened and there will be room for all.

Death

We regret to announce the death of

831285 Pte J.E. Fisher

of "A" Company. Our regrets and sympathy go to all his relatives and friends.

Promotions

Our congratulations to the undermentioned on being granted new promotion:

C/Sgt Hellawell to WO.II RQMS.
L/Cpl Whiteley to U/A/Cpl.
Cpl Evans to L/Sgt.

"A YEAR AGO TO-DAY"

August 17th, 1944 - France, terrific heat, choking dust, and Mosquitos were the lot of this Bn., when, a year ago today, we started our advance from Vimont. Today, one year later, the whole world is at Peace - let us all ensure that the Peace is not thrown away.

B.B.C. LATEST NEWS

Far East.

At 1600 hrs yesterday, Emperor Hirohito ordered the Japanese Forces to "Cease Fire". It is expected to take from 6 to 12 days for the order to reach all the outlying Japanese formations.

General McArthur has promised safe conduct to members of the Imperial Family who are taking the surrender orders to the Armies in China and Manchuria.

Yesterday the Russians reported a Japanese counter-offensive all along the front - this morning it was announced that the Japanese Commander was ready to surrender to the Russians and had asked them to cease fire.

The Japanese emissaries ordered to Manila to receive the surrender terms have not yet arrived - they were expected to leave Tokio this morning. The Japanese presumed that the emissaries would not be called upon to sign the surrender documents.

Reports have been received of Allied troops going to Shanghai, the Netherlands East Indies and Manchuria.

America has declared that VJ-Day will not be announced until the Japanese have signed the surrender and put it into effect.

Home News

The first division in the new Parliamentary Session occurred last night on the Government's decision to allow no private Members' Bills this session. The Government won by a large majority saying that there was no time for anything but Government Bills for the next few months.

VENEREAL DISEASE

One hundred new cases of V.D., are being admitted every day to the 6th British General Hospital at Iserlohn. In other words nearly a complete Battalion of men from 1 Corps is contracting this disease every week!

MINISTRY OF LABOUR INTERVIEW BOARD

Last week 15 men of 1 Corps were interviewed by a Ministry of Labour Board.

The object of these interviews was to find out a new method of applying the work of the Appointments Boards. To put it more simply, the idea is to ascertain what the soldier wants. Consequently the "soldier has been asked". Now that the Government has announced that demobilisation will be speeded up the work of these Appointments Boards has become doubly important.

When a soldier, released from the Army, is interviewed by a Board, his capabilities are assessed and he is recommended to Employers as suitable for any job in the Group in which he has been placed.

Another feature is the Further Education Scheme whereby a person who has had his training interrupted will be sent to a University or Technical School at the expense of the Government. Grants up to 140 pounds a year will be made to a single man with increased allowances for married men.

This scheme does not mean the Ministry is going to direct everyone who applies to the Board. Its object is to assist people to find work during their period of "demob-leave".

(Contributed by Pte Burrows of "C" Company).

"WHATS' ON"

At the Wellington Theatre tonight:

"2000 Women"

Show commences 1830 hrs.

At the Iserlohn Garrison Theatre tonight, the farce:

"June Mad".

Transport leaves 1830 hrs.

ROUND THE COMPANIES

"B" Company

On Tuesday last "B" Company held an inter-platoon athletic meeting for a shield presented by Major G.M.M. Smallwood MC.

Entries were good, though the shortage of men in platoons entailed a lot of running for some fellows. The meeting opened in a heat haze which turned into humid weather around lunch time - in the afternoon the meeting was twice interrupted by rain.

10 and 12 Platoons put up a terrific fight for the shield but after the 16th event it became clear that 10 platoon, with a lead of five points, could not be beaten. 12 Platoon won the last two team events and was placed second with 40 points, 10 platoon winning by 2 points. Had 11 platoon had another runner they also would have been in the neck-and-neck finish.

The Commanding Officer looked in at the meeting though he had to leave early.

The Band turned out in force and played a great variety of numbers. They were very much appreciated. The day ended with the presentation of the shield and prizes by the Company Commander. The Company is now preparing for the inter-platoon Swimming Gala which it is hoped to hold soon.

"B" Company wants to know the identity of the Signaller who visits their R.A.P. every evening at 2300 hrs. Anyone oblige?

"HQ" Company.

Some feeling was displayed by members of the M.T. "Iron Duke Clique" last night 'cos Haslam, Cook and Bennett went to the flicks for a change - they'll have to be informed that, in the "set" it just isn't done".

"RADIO"

The Light Programme

1830 The Melody Lingers On.

1930 Radio Rhythm Club

2015 Forces Favourites

2100 Merry-Go-Round.

2200 Unusually Yours.

The Home Service

1930 These Passing Shows

2000 Henry Wood Promenade Concerts

2230 Serenade in Sepia.