

YORKSHIRE PUD.

7TH BATTALION

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTONS REGT.

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BATTALION NEWS

D.Ps., leave Schwelm.

Russian D.Ps., at Schwelm have left for their own country - a good number of Italians have also left the Bn area this last week.

"A" and "B" Companies Move in.

On Saturday "A" and "B" Coys packed their traps and set out on the great trek to Gevelsberg - they arrived in good order and the journey was without incident - we in "HQ" extend our greetings.

Draft from the East Yorks

A welcome is extended to the draft which arrived from the East Yorks last night - we trust they will soon get settled down into our way of living.

Captain Thornett (Tim) is welcomed into the Officers' Mess - we hope he will soon find his particular niche.

"A Year Ago Tod-Day"

On August, 19th, 1944 this Bn advanced to a point West of Le Mesnil Mauger and took over from the 10 D.L.I. - on the 20th we rested and prepared for the coming attack on Les Trois Pois which was carried out at 0430 hrs on the 21st. The attack on Les Trois Pois was supported by artillery and was carried out in heavy rain. The place was captured without opposition.

B.B.C. LATEST NEWS

Far East

Japanese surrender emissaries have arrived in Manila and discussions are well under way in the City Hall there.

General MacArthur says Allied Forces are preparing to take over their occupational roles.

After 10 days of war with Russia Japanese forces in Manchuria collapsed last night - they are negotiating with the Russians in the Capital of Manchukuo.

Japanese surrender talks with China open today.

Hundreds of minesweepers are standing by to clear channels into Japanese ports.

Thousands of Allied prisoners who were in Manchuria are reported to be in better condition than was expected.

Home News

The Ministry of Fuel has announced that the Bedlington (Northumberland) A Pit will be opened as soon as possible. The pit was closed last June after a "go-slow" policy.

Proposals have been made to resume whaling on a large scale to assist world food supplies.

France

Paris has started a week of celebration to commemorate the 1st anniversary of the liberation of the city.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Extracts from the "Yorkshire Post"

News of the Japanese surrender offer was received quietly in the North. Flags quickly appeared on public buildings and office premises but there were few demonstrations of jubilation. In Leeds there was a civic ceremony on the Town Hall steps, public buildings were floodlit and beacons shone along the Headrow from each end.

Yorkshire members of the British team of scientists concerned in the invention of the atom-bomb are Dr Normann Feather of Grinsworth, near Hebden Bridge and Professor J.D. Cockcroft of Todmorden.

An announcement from Harewood House states that Lord Harewood has undergone a major operation and his condition is reported to be satisfactory.

Extensive damage was caused by a fire at Oakwood Dyeworks, City Road, Bradford, last Thursday night.

Cricket

"D" Company beat "Sp" Company by 14 runs on the Bn ground yesterday. The rain of the last week made the going very heavy. "D" Company's total score was 29, "Sp" were all out for 15.

"WHATS' ON"

On Wednesday 22nd August at Wuppertal - the Municipal Orchestra gives its third concert. Transport leaves the Transport Office at 1730 hrs.

On Wednesday 22nd August at the Wellington Theatre - an E.N.S.A., Show commencing at 1930 hrs.

On Thursday 23rd August at the Wellington Theatre the film - "To Have and Have Not" - commences 1830 hrs.

ROUND THE COMPANIES

"A" Company

Unlike "B" Company "A" Coy moved in on Saturday without any bangs, clatter, mad screams or shout of Tallyho - only a few came to the Iron Duke on Saturday evening - no doubt they'll get used to us in their own good time.

"B" Company

"B" Company has two objects to distinguish itself - one is a huge Red sign outside the HQ door - flaming RED - the other is Stand-Easy Measey who commented that "B" Coy alone could drink 10 barrels - they didn't drink 10 on Saturday and Sunday but we're perfectly willing for them to try.

"C" Company

A party of canteen wallahs of "Charlie" went into a huddle the other evening to define Army Regulations - it was decided that anything which moves you must salute; is it does not move you will pick it up; - if it is too big to pick up - paint it!

"HQ" Company

Indian Hewitt was busily whitewashing the back wall of the O.M. the other day whilst Cook Teddie Portch(?) did a Punch and Judy show through the back door.

"Our Walter" - Tilley of the O.M.K. is busy trying to poison the Sgts' Mess - he's got his china with him - John Robinson.

Our respected Padre was busy sewing on his own buttons the other day - his batman is on leave can almost see him looking over his spectacles and saying "Oh Indeed!"

RADIO

The Light Programme

1930 Record Trio

2015 Forces Favourites

2130 Canadian Caravan

2230 "Write A Tune"

The Home Service

2000 Henry Wood Promenade Concert

2130 "Flotsam's Follies"

2230 "RADAR"