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## FAREWELL TO 23's

### 38 Men Leave the Battalion

#### NOTES & NEWS

##### "B" Company Bricklayer's Fine Work

Pte Williams of "B" Company, who is in full time attendance at the brick-laying class, has just completed a fine fireplace in the new D. and M. garage. Built into one corner of the garage workshop, the fireplace is similar but smaller to the one recently constructed in the bricklayers' hut. It is well worth a visit next time you are down near the "Iron Duke."

##### Hospital Entertainers Needed

It's not very great fun being in hospital at Christmas. Will you try and cheer up the members of the Brigade who may be in hospital at Christmas? Any men who can play an instrument or sing, and who would be pleased to give a small turn in one of the local military hospitals, is asked to inform his company office or the Education Officer.

##### Sunday's Play

###### A change of Time

The performance of "While the Sun Shines," given by the Minden Players, will now commence at 1900 hrs on Sunday and not 1930 hrs as advertised. This change of time has been made in view of the long distance the players have to make at the end of the show.

##### D. and M. Course

###### 24's Last chance

The next full time D. and M. course starts next Monday and will last till just before Christmas. Any men who have not yet submitted their names and wish to go on the course should contact their company clerk as soon as possible. Preference will, as usual, be given to men in the lower age groups.

##### Germans will clear Snow

When heavy snow falls around Gevelsberg, the Germans will clear the roads. They have their own organisation already prepared to get to work if main roads are blocked. It is likely, however, that if really serious snow drifts form troops will be called out to clear vital roads and railways.

##### Jobs for Instructors

Are you a good instructor? If so there may be a job for you at the Rhine Army Formation College. A number of instructors are still required in a number of subjects. Call at the Orderly Room and ask for further details if you are interested.

##### As other See us

On being told of the results of the British General Election, an old Greek replied, "I suppose Churchill and his party have taken to the mountains."

This afternoon, under a dull December sky, the 38 men of A. and S. Group 23 left the Battalion. As the Commanding Officer and the 2 i/c were unavoidably absent, having been called to an important conference, Major Smallwood made a short farewell speech to the men before they left for Neheim.

##### NO TROUSERS FOR TROOPS

Owing to the dock strike clothing is scarce in B.A.O.R. Yesterday it was reported that there were no B.D. trousers in sizes one to eight in the Divisional Ordnance dump. It is understood that B.D. blouses are fairly abundant.

##### RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOK

Just a small moan from the Librarian. A few chaps are going off on leave or on courses, and are leaving their library books in the billets. Will anyone about to leave the unit please return his book to the library. Remember, someone else may want to read that book!

##### Without Comment

N.A.A.F.I. has just announced that all goods are in very short supply—except blanco and boot-polish.

##### News of the Wrecker

Captain Bax, in a letter to the Commanding Officer, says that his feet have not touched the ground since he returned home to Cornwall on compassionate leave. At present he is spending all his working hours selling cattle at all the local markets around Wadebridge.

##### Germans don't like our films

At a recent film show in Gevelsberg, newsreel shots of British forces were shown during the performance. According to a Yugoslav officer who was present, many of the Germans laughed at the film and then, rising in a body, walked out of the cinema.

##### Lost and Found

A pair of Army issue gloves were left in the Quiet Room of the Iron Duke on Wednesday afternoon. The owner may have them on application to the librarian.

##### DRIVERS----

30 means M.P.H.

60 means

† R.I.P. †

#### WIRELESS NEWS

### 50 Year Loan for Britain Censure Motion Defeated

#### HOME

##### Loan Terms Announced

Britain is to obtain from the U.S.A. a loan of 1,100,000,000 pounds, repayable at 2% over 50 years. 9/10 of this loan is "new money," to be used for the purchase of supplies and services in the U.S.A. The remainder will be used to pay for Lease-lend materials that were on their way to Britain when the war ended. In return for this loan, the U.S.A. will be granted a relaxation in British import duties, and it is hoped to reduce trade barriers in all countries of the world.

Although the terms of the agreement have been signed, it does not come into force until it has been ratified by Congress and the Houses of Parliament. The Commons will be given a chance to debate the agreement next Wednesday.

##### Firework in the House of Commons

Although yesterday's debate in the House of Commons was less bitter than on the previous day, there were a number of brisk interchanges between the various speakers. Churchill, speaking in support of the Vote of Censure, attacked the Government policy, or, as he said, lack of policy on demobilisation, housing and trade. Demobilisation, he said, was the tap root of all recovery. On no account must the Government reduce the present figure of 12,000 releases a day.

##### A YEAR AGO TODAY . . .

After the excitement of Haalderen we had just moved to Bemmel. Although this shell-torn village was not exactly a health resort, it was far pleasanter than Haalderen. Not that some companies were too happily placed. Members of "B" Company will long remember those most uncomfortable positions around the big white house on the Haalderen road, and "A" Company will not forget the ice-cold, half-flooded pill-boxes on the edge of the orchard just in front of the tram sheds. Other people were not so badly off. "D" Company was down on the bund, overlooking the flooded meadows along the Waal, and "C" Company was resting away back in Lent, around Brigade H.Q.

##### Shiver my Timbers!

When the new wood lathe is working upstairs in the "Iron Duke" the whole edifice sounds like a Cross-Channel Packet. "Passports ready!" yelled Major Fancourt, adapting his gait to the pitch and roll of his new "ship." When the skipper began to hoot like a siren, First-Mate Farrar judged it time to beat a hasty retreat.

##### R.A.P. Reports

"So you operated on him just in the nick of time?"  
"Yes. In another 24 hours he would have recovered."

Replying for the Government, the Prime Minister accused the Opposition of moving the Vote of Censure merely as a political stunt. He declared that there was no intention of reducing the rate of demobilisation, and claimed that in every vital industry there had been an increase in labour and in output. The vote on censure was defeated by 281 votes to 197.

##### No Practices to be bought

The Government announces that in the new Health Bill it is likely that it will be made illegal to buy and sell doctors' practices. A statement by the British Medical Association states that if this means that doctors will be liable to "posting" anywhere at the State's discretion, the proposal will be strongly opposed.

##### Atomic Energy still out of reach

Speaking in Manchester, Sir John Anderson, head of the Atomic Research Council, said that it may be many years before we are able to use atomic energy for ordinary civilian uses.

##### More work for N.E. Coast

An announcement yesterday stated that between 60 and 70 new industries, ranging from fur coat making to plastics, are to be established in N.E. England. These new industries will employ over 40,000 people.

##### Gales delay B.A.O.R. leave parties

Strong seas in the Channel yesterday resulted in the cancellation of leave-boat sailings.

#### EGYPT

An attempt on the life of Nahas Pasha, former Prime Minister of Egypt, was made yesterday, when a handgrenade was thrown at his car. The missile missed the car, and injured several bystanders. This is the second attempt to assassinate this politician.

#### FAR EAST

Reports from Saigon state that it is believed that British troops are to leave the colony soon, handing over their responsibilities to the French.

New British forces were landed yesterday at Sourabaya.

#### GERMANY

At Nuremberg yesterday the British case was continued with further stories of Nazi treachery towards other states. As early as November 1938 Keitel laid plans before Hitler for the invasion and capture of Danzig. Yet in January 1939 Hitler publicly announced that there were no differences between Poland and Germany that could not be settled amicably.

Later the case against Germany for the invasion of Norway was opened. In February 1939 Raeder informed Hitler that his plans had been made with Quisling for the occupation of Norway.



### THE CHEAP-JACKS

It is our policy to pass on as much information as we can about the conditions prevalent in Britain at the present time, seeing that almost all of us are thinking of demobilisation in the near or not-so-distant future. If the picture which we paint is sometimes gloomy, we ask our readers to appreciate the fact that it is the difficulties and snags which make news. We don't have to warn you about the good things.

We had occasion yesterday to expose the furniture racket. Some of you may think the picture over-painted. It is true that many of the price difficulties in Britain now are not due so much to deliberate profiteering as to general war time scarcities. But there are rackets. Watch out for them.

Napoleon once said we were a nation of shopkeepers. Perhaps you are thinking of becoming one. If so, watch out for the cheap-jacks who are waiting to collect your gratuity. It is easy to be inveigled into putting up capital to start a small business. Make sure your partner is on the level and enter into no contracts except through a reputable solicitor. Otherwise you may find yourself the victim of his fraud or speculation.

On the other hand you may be offered a "thriving business of long standing"—the old established firm, in fact. Make sure that the local "good will" which the owner is selling you really exists, before parting with the cash which you have earned the hard way.

Just now the police in Britain are receiving scores of complaints from released service men who have been mulcted of the savings and gratuities with which they hoped to lay the foundations of their future. Very often little or nothing can be done to trace the absconding "partner" or the unscrupulous seller of worthless property. Often he has committed no actual offence against the law.

Make sure that in your case he doesn't get the opportunity.

## "When The Sun Shines"

A Terence Rattigan  
Comedy

Played by the  
49th Div. Repertory  
Company

COMING ON SUNDAY  
AT 1900. HRS.

YOU MUST NOT MISS  
"Captain Blood"  
Featuring  
Olivia de Havilland  
& Errol Flynn  
AT 1930. HRS.  
TONIGHT

## H.Q. VIEWS (1) The Grin With the Stripes

B.O.R. Brevitie's

Firstly, we welcome back into the fold with open arms and tight buttoned up pockets, Miss Ruth Howe, who has returned from a short stay with her people. She has many interesting tales to relate, mostly dirty as usual, and looks like getting as big as the Bishop of Newham, Dean Dashwood.

When asked about the remains of her once maidenly figure she blushing replied (yes, blushing, Of course it may have been indigestion) that it was all due to home cooking, the ability to scrounge dinner engagements and draught Guinness of which there seems to be a plentiful supply in the saloons, I beg her pardon, salons, which she graced with her presence.

### The Card Index King

Zebra Lugg (you know, the grin with the stripes) is still very busy these days evolving a system of cards for W.O.s. and Sergeants, thus putting them on a par with the ordinary or common soldier. What a wonderful age we are living in, one flick of the wrist and there you have all the information required, next of kin, grandmothers maiden name, telephone number etc.

Jive Mossman still gets "sent" with unfailing regularity and constantly listens in to Swoon Sinatra. He was heard to say that if Sinatra had his marvellous physique and he had Sinatra's hair—then that would be a combination.

### Old Man River

Otherwise there is no change in the hub of the universe—Cpl Harrison carries on as unperturbed as ever, although he has been known to mutter under his breath "How long oh Lord, how long." Oh, and in conclusion, just because the Adjt is away, please don't stop sending in all those enquiries that used to liven up the day's proceedings—it wouldn't seem the same without them.

### Signal Platoon Patter

One of the oldest and best known, or should it be notorious, of our flock left us on Tuesday morning, namely Cpl Stephenson. To make matters worse Pte "Sir Stafford" Cripps leaves us on Friday. We wish them the best of luck in the cold, hard world to which they are going, and tender our undying gratitude to them both for the noble work done by them for the Platoon in the past.

### A Challenge

We wish (This is getting monotonous) it to be known that we have quite a few men who are skilled in the ancient art of billiard playing, at least we think so. Will any, who consider themselves more proficient, please contact us, to prove the point? All you have to do is to turn the little handle on a phone. You'll always get a reply if you're lucky.

(Editor—You'll have to be very lucky)

### Phone Girls needed?

Of late, we have been accused of being a trifle slow in answering your calls, well, there happens to be 50 or more people connected to the exchange and we cannot possibly answer all at once although we try to do so. So we would thank all subscribers for their co-operation and patience.

### Band Gossip

On Friday Bandsman Bailey is leaving the fold and although he has not been with us very long, he will be sadly

missed. He was a very useful member of the 10th Dukes' Dance Band and he was booked for the Battalion Band three days before he arrived in this country as the Bandmaster knew him very well. We can only say Cheerio, Ben: Good Luck.

Schnozzle Durante has eventually been ousted from his leadership of the "Society of Hungary Wolves" by the Big Drummer. Where do you put it all, "Double Tapper?"

### Lost

Information is required as to the whereabouts of "Our Duggie," between the hours of "After Practice" and "Turn In." Anyone who can offer any information please communicate with Band Office Tel. No. Uhlandstraße 3.

Once again the Billet Area will ring with the mellow tones of our Bass Trombone as our Dear Brother John has returned from leave. PLEASE don't tell us that you have brought your bagpipes back, John.

### New Bandsmen Wanted

Demobbing is affecting the Band very badly and by the time Group 25 has left the Battalion the Band will be almost finished. Unless recruits can be found there is no hope of keeping going. Any man over Group 30 who would like to join the Band will be most welcome. Apart from being something to occupy the mind and pass the time on, the musical training the recruits will get will be more than useful when they are eventually "on the road out." Musical training is also an education.

Most people think that they have no music in them and often say that they don't understand the little black blobs on the telegraph wires. Well, a baby doesn't understand when people talk to it, but it soon learns, and babies are not credited with any sense. So not understanding music is no excuse when there is a teacher in the Battalion.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### The Mosley Gang Again?

Sir,—From a very reliable source comes the information that intensive experiments by German and Spanish scientists on the atom bomb are being carried out secretly in Toledo University.

German secret funds, smuggled out of Germany under the cloak of Swiss neutrality, are alleged to have been earmarked for atomic research.

Spanish and German laboratory workers at Toledo are labelled "professors" and "students," but all are equipped with passes and the laboratories are guarded by armed ex-members of the German SS and Spanish Falange.

Reports add that equipment and full documents were flown to Spain from Germany before the final German collapse, and, in a personal message to Franco, Hitler declared he was passing on the sacred mission of Nazism to Spain.

In view of the above information and the signs in Britain of the re-emergence from its wartime furkhole of the Mosley Fascist movement, one can only conclude that if these insidious individuals professing faith in the divine mission of

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Exciting game in Snow and rain

"B" Company draw with "C" at Soccer  
On Wednesday afternoon "B" met "C" in the league football competition and after a very exciting game both Coys came away with a point.

The conditions were very bad indeed and the players looked and must have felt frozen. "C" Company kicked off with the wind behind them and soon went into the attack, Knight shooting over the cross bar on two occasions. "B" Coy's defence remained steady under this pressure and gradually forced the play out of their half. Sgt. Fennell had some good runs on the right wing and threatened "C" Coy's goal on several occasions.

### "B" Company one up at half time

The play was fairly even throughout the first half and the first score came from a penalty awarded "B" Company. Pte Lowe made no mistake with an excellent shot that Williamson seemed hardly to see. Half time came with no further score. The game continued at a very fast pace, both sides going all out for the goal. Sgt Fennell came very near to scoring and some hectic moments were experienced by "B" Company. "C" Company scored the equaliser by a grand shot by Sgt Hazeldene. Going all out "B" Company got their second goal, after a good movement ending in Clay scoring. Pte Williamson was knocked out and left the field but returned within 10 minutes. With only about 5 minutes left to go it looked as though "B" were the winners but "C" had other ideas and putting every available man into the attack they were rewarded by a goal. No further score came and a draw was the final outcome of this excellent game. "G.M.M.S."

## Tomorrow's Radio

### THE HOME SERVICE

1900: News.  
1930: Up and Coming.  
2000: Schubert's 6th Symphony.  
2230: These Passing Shows (Fay Compton).

### THE LIGHT PROGRAMME

1700: The Count of Monte Christo.  
1730: Sandy Macpherson.  
1845: Knocking at the Door.  
2025: Here's Wishing you Well Again.  
1930: Just William.  
2010: Bing Sings.  
2110: Ring Up the Curtain.  
2200: Merry-go-Round.  
2300: News.

Hitler and Nazism are not speedily dealt with, all the seeds of a fresh war are being sown.

Freedom of speech, democracy—yes, by all means! But we must not once again hand these most cherished possessions, for which we have fought and our fellow men have died, to the enemies of freedom. If we do, then we shall richly deserve the fate that these arch enemies of mankind are most certainly preparing for us in the not too far distant future.

"S.F.O."