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## OFFICERS TO TAKE CHURCH PARADES

### Little Hope Of New Padre

Arrangements are being made to continue the work of the Padre after he is released from the Battalion in a fortnight's time. A pamphlet was issued today to assist all Commanding Officers in leading Unit services themselves.

#### Little chance of a New Padre

Commenting on this new order, the Commanding Officer said "At the moment it seems very unlikely that we shall get a replacement for the Padre. All that we can hope for is that a Padre will visit us occasionally, just as our own Padre goes to the Leicesters and Kensingtons

at present. But, as in future, there may be only 1 Padre in a Brigade of 10,000 men, a good deal of the Padre's work will be left to the Battalion."

#### The Value of a Padre's Work

"The taking of a Sunday Church service," continued the Commanding Officer, "is but a part of a Padre's duty. A good deal of his strength lies in the advice and understanding he gives to men who go to see him, besides his own personal example in everyday life. In battle itself I always felt that a Padre was worth an extra company. How well our own Padre has helped the Battalion we all know and sometimes, when I look at the small congregation on Sundays, I feel it is poor gratitude for the comfort he gave to so many men in action."

#### The Future

The Commanding Officer said that the Padre's duties would have to be carried out in the following way; a simple weekly service would be taken by the Commanding Officer, whenever a Padre was not available; the Padre's large welfare work would be carried on by a specially appointed officer from the Battalion.

#### Group 22 officer leaving

The long awaited news of the release of Officers in Group 22 has come through at last! Officers are now having to do draft conducting duties on their way home, and in consequence the departure of the Battalion's 22's will be staggered. Major Smallwood M.C., Captain Denton and Captain Horsfall are to leave on Monday, and they will be followed on Friday the 18th by Major Fancourt M.C. and the Padre, the Rev. S.H. Chase M.C.

#### Don't rush the Frontier!

All the liberated countries are now setting-up control posts at the frontier. Drivers are warned to obey any signals given by the frontier guards. These gendarmes are authorised to use force if their signals are ignored.

### GROUP 25 TO GO OUT PIECEMEAL

Owing to the large number of men involved, Group 25 will be released in 7 separate sections. Starting with "A" and part of "D" Company on the 10th January, parties of about 20 men will leave at intervals until the 19th of the month. Here is the complete timetable:—

"A" Coy	"D" Coy	(B—G)	10 Jan.
"D" Coy	(J—W)	"C" Coy	12 Jan.
"B" Coy	(A—R)		14 Jan.
"B" Coy	(S—W)	)	15 Jan.
"H.Q." Coy	(A—C)	)	16 Jan.
"H.Q." Coy	(C—J)		18 Jan.
"H.Q." Coy	(J—W)		19 Jan.
"H.Q." Coy	(W—)		

### WIRELESS NEWS

#### Troops To Help Gas-works Truman Criticises U.S. Recovery

##### HOME

##### Arch-Traitor Hanged

William Joyce was executed yesterday morning at Wandsworth Jail. A crowd of about 300 people assembled outside the jail, but there were no demonstrations.

##### Ammunition Explosion

The death-rolle in the Savernake explosion was not as heavy as first thought. It is now confirmed that 7 soldiers were killed.

##### 5 Year Old Bomb Destroyed

The 550 lb bomb dropped in 1941 at Eastbourne was exploded electrically yesterday. Slight damage was done to neighbouring houses.

##### Search for Escaped Prisoners

Police, warders and soldiers spent last night searching Dartmoor for two escaped Borstal youths.

##### Steps to keep up gas pressure

All available experienced workers are to be obtained from the Army to help the gas industry this winter. This decision has been made after the recent fall in pressure during the cold spell. Trouble is still being met in some towns. At Manchester only ¼ of the normal gas pressure is available, except at meal-times, and the supply failed altogether at Wembley last night.

##### Rhine Bridges Damaged

Yesterday a tug hit the road bridge at Xanten, damaging one vital pier beyond repair. This bridge, which was a Class 40 bridge until recently, is not fit for Class 12 traffic only.

In the last fortnight every road bridge over the Rhine, from Xanten to Cologne, has been damaged by barges and tugs.

##### Rail Mishap Delays Leave Parties

A returning empty leave train was derailed yesterday in Belgium. Both up and down leave trains were delayed for some hours.

##### Cooking Difficulties

Don't be too hard on the "Iron Duke" cooks if the cakes are sometimes a little hard. The recent "cold snap" has led to a fall in the gas pressure, already low enough, so that it is impossible to bake cakes in the daytime. To produce the usual 400 cakes, the cooks are now trying to bake at night.

##### UNITED STATES

In a broadcast speech last night, President Truman said that post-war recovery in America was distressingly slow. He blamed Congress for much of the delay, for, while obstructing his Administration, Congress had no proper alternative plans for the future. He also criticised many of the big industrial concerns in the United States for their undesirable attitude towards labour problems. Finally the President stated that the country needed 5 million houses, and that so far very little had been done to get them.

##### GERMANY

Two leading Gestapo officials told the Nuremberg Court yesterday of the plans to exterminate the Jews. Up till 1942 most of the Jews were concentrated in Ghettos; after that date they were killed in great numbers. At first they were shot. This proved too slow, and Himmler ordered that they should be gassed. Altogether it is thought that nearly 5 million Jews were slaughtered in Europe by the Germans.

It was also disclosed during the trial that there were some 30,000 internal security police inside Nazi Germany, in addition to large numbers of informers and part-time agents.

Confirmation has been given that the former Regent of Hungary, Admiral Horthy, has been released from Nuremberg Jail.

##### ITALY

Thousands of unemployed men marched through the streets of Florence yesterday demanding work and food. Many of the demonstrators have now taken up their quarters in hotels, cafes and theatres until their demands are met.

##### JAVA

3 people were killed in another outbreak of rioting near Batavia. An Indonesian mob became involved with Dutch troops.

##### INDIA

3 Indian soldiers, found guilty of joining the Japanese Army were sentenced by a court-martial to be transported for life. This sentence has now been remitted to dismissal from the service. The 3 men are to be the guests of honour at a dinner of the Indian Congress Party in New Delhi.

##### PALESTINE

More house searches have been carried out. 7 suspected terrorists have been detained.



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## POST-WAR CRIME

There are signs that the crime wave which had reached such an alarming size has begun to subside. Increased police activity has curbed the activities of many evil-doers, and, for the time being at least, the spread of crime has been checked.

What are the causes of this new outbreak of crime in Britain? After every war there is always a sharp rise in the number of crimes, so that this new wave of lawlessness, alarming though it maybe, is nothing unusual. But why should war bread crime? Some men, after living a varied wartime life of adventure, find "civvy street" dull. Not for them a return to the monotonous plodding of life in a factory or shop! They would much rather seek their fortune in an easy way, by robbing their neighbours.

The problem of evil-doing is not, however, confined to important crimes, such as burglary, shop-breaking and murder. Reports from all parts of England disclose that there has been an enormous increase in petty pilfering during the last few years. Bicycles disappear from outside shops, bottles of milk are stolen from door steps, vegetables are taken from allotments coats are removed from cloakrooms. Many of the people committing the crimes would hotly deny that they were thieves. While serving in the Army or the Navy they had learned to "scrounge" for themselves, and had found that by using their initiative and wit they could often obtain many articles useful for their comfort and protection. Now that they are released they think they can continue in the same way "picking-up" anything that might come in useful.

Obviously such people are as much criminals as the men who rob a bank or steal a motor car. Whatever they themselves may like to call their petty pilfering, the fact remains that it is common theft.

*The Wellington Theatre*  
PRESENTS  
(16 MM. FILM)

"Farewell  
My Lovely"

SATURDAY ONLY  
ADMISSION FREE

MEDAL FOR THE  
GENERAL

starring  
★ ROGER LIVESEY

TONIGHT  
at 1930 hrs.  
ADMISSION

1 & 2 marks

## 24 Years Service with the Regiment

C.Q.M.S. G.A. Charlesworth of "H.Q." Company commences his 24th year of service with the Regiment today. He joined the Army, in this Regiment, on the 4th January, 1923 at Sheffield and has served with different Battalions ever since. He served with the 2nd Battalion in Egypt for two and a half years, was in Singapore with the same Battalion for the same period and wound up his stay with the 2nd with four and a half years in India.

In 1935 he joined the 1st Battalion in Malta, serving for a year on what was to become the "George Cross Island." In 1936 he was posted to the Regimental Depot at Halifax. From there he went on to Bordon and later to the Regimental ITC at Plymouth where he was O.R.S.

### Service Overseas

C.Q.M.S. Charlesworth has held many posts. He was "Mounted Orderly" to our Major Kavanagh's father in India; Platoon Sergeant to 2/Lt. (now Brigadier) Exham in 1926-27; Chief Clerk to O.C. Troops in Leeds where Captain Coop of the 2/6th Battalion was Garrison Adjutant. He was a C.Q.M.S. in the General Service Corps at Ossett and Bradford and before joining this Battalion in November 1945, was on the War Office Civil Affairs staff.

Obviously the oldest soldier of the Battalion C.Q.M.S. Charlesworth remembers when Boy (now Bandmaster) Watkins joined the 2nd Battalion in Singapore. The then Commanding Officer Lt.-Colonel Pickering, now Colonel of the Regiment, asked Boy Watkins his name and received the following reply "My name is Watkins, I come from Brighouse, play Cornet an' is there 'owt else you wanta know?"

We shall try to persuade the C.Q.M.S. to tell us more anecdotes of his long and varied career in due course.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—I enjoyed the orange I was issued with yesterday. If it's not too greedy, can I ask when we'll get another? Couldn't some arrangements be made for us to have fresh fruit at least once a week?  
"Jaffa."

### M.T. Notes

When one attempts to produce a set of lighthearted notes on any subject, it is usually advantageous to be in a happy frame of mind and to have a subject which has some humorous possibilities. As the writer of these notes is in a very black mood, made even blacker by the necessity of making a dead-line, he finds himself in a somewhat difficult position. It must be admitted that the outlook is rather grim.

### He's done it again!

Our worthy Padre does seem to do his best to, shall we say, divert us. It seems that he produced a new version of the "bull in a china shop" theme the other day. He drove through that hallowed portion of roadway which runs past the two sentry boxes just as guard mounting had reached an advanced stage. The further reduction of unit vehicle holdings has been temporarily retarded as a result of the return from Bde H.Q. of the Padre's own truck. Nevertheless, we continue to detail a breakdown gang to stand-by whenever he proceeds outside the camp area.

### New drivers received

Our gallant team of instructors is still trying to produce drivers sufficiently quickly to avoid the painful necessity of some vehicles developing square wheels after Group 26 goes out. Tuesdays draft included 5 ready-trained drivers, for whom we are truly thankful.

### A Life on the ocean wave

Our Clarence has just heard that the leave sea-voyage has been somewhat prolonged. He appears to be dead sick. Cheerup Clarence, wait until the boat starts to sway.

Definition:—B.O.D. . . . Base Ordnance Depot.

### Any question?

Aunt Fanny's Column.

### What about hog-skin?

No, Kid!

## A YEAR AGO TODAY



Brigadier Wilsey lays a wreath in memory of the Haalderen dead

## H.Q. VIEWS (1)

### The Morning After the Night Before Feeling

#### Signal Sprache!

The "after-holiday" spirit seems to be predominant once again, and the "get me out schnell" look is appearing on more and more faces. Amongst these are two of the oldest members of the platoon, Ptes Middleton and McLean, who leave us on Friday with the 24s. We are very sorry to lose them but wish them all the best in Civvy Street. We sincerely hope that Middleton's plumbing improves after last weeks' gallant attempt to flood the house.

#### Another re-inforcement

We welcome to the platoon our latest member, L/C Filer and hope that he doesn't find it too difficult to settle down amongst new faces (?).

#### The pin-up King

In between his many D.R. runs Pte Hage is turning out some remarkable photographs. Practically every man of the platoon now has a life-size photograph over his bed. The subjects range from girl-friends to "Tiga" the Signals mascot.

#### From My Diary

N.A.A.F.I. SERVITOR SERVITIUM  
N.A.A.F.I.

N.A.A.F.I. pack up today, and with it disappointment. Now I am not too choosy about the brand of cigarettes I smoke but it does seem to me that an unfair advantage is taken over us chaps, rationed as we are to 75 per week, with not a dog's chance of getting anymore from anywhere (apart from R.A.S.C.). We frequently get a lot of rubbish dumped on us, sheer intimidation and I have never heard anyone express a preference for the particular brand I have in mind, having been invariably without a cigarette that day, and learn that this brand forms the bulk of the ration, I could weep. I cannot refuse them, being one of those chaps who, rightly or wrongly, simply must have tobacco, but I shall be longing for a decent smoke until the next issue.

"Underdog."

P.S. Would any of my friends like four?

Yes, I'll smoke 'em for you!  
"A and S Gp 68."

## Tomorrow's Radio

### THE LIGHT PROGRAMME

1800: Call of The West.  
1830: Atlantic Spotlight.  
1900: Radio Rhythm Club.  
1930: Shipmates Ashore.  
2015: Cinderella.  
2045: Soldiers' Serenade.  
2115: Fiesta.  
2145: Desert Island Discs.  
2215: Navy Mixture.

### THE HOME SERVICE

1930: In Town Tonight.  
2000: Those Were The Days.  
2100: Music Hall.  
2220: He Was Born Gay.