

## WE HAVE VISITORS FROM BERLIN

### Americans Lease-Lend an Officer and Three Sgts.

#### NOTES & NEWS

##### Two Pound Prize for Cpl. Haslam

A certificate of congratulation from the Divisional Commander, Major-General E. T. L. Gurdon C.B.E., M.C. and book tokens to the value of Two Pounds have been received for Cpl. H. Haslam's entry in the Arts and Crafts exhibition.

As was recently announced in the "Yorkshire Pudding," Cpl. Haslam submitted two brass candlesticks which he made while a novice in the Battalion Metalwork Classes.

The prize and certificate are being forwarded to Cpl. Haslam who has been released.

##### S.O.P.T. to visit Battalion

The Divisional Staff Officer Physical Training (S.O.P.T.) is to visit the Battalion on Tuesday morning. He is coming round to see our recreational facilities and give us the benefit of his advice.

##### New D. and M. Course

A new D. and M. Course started today after the return of Sgt. Storey from hospital. Six men on the course are taking it for vocational reasons; the remainder are training as future drivers for the Transport Section.

##### Raffle fetches over a Thousand Marks

The sale of Raffle tickets within the Battalion for the Divisional War Memorial Fund has produced 1260 marks. An announcement about the draw is expected shortly.

##### Rhine Army College

There are still a number of vacancies for officers and other ranks on Course No. 4 at the College of the Rhine Army, Göttingen, which lasts from 12th February to 14th March.

Applications are required from men of group 27 and above. Vacancies include Science, Modern Studies, Engineering (Theory, Electrical, Mechanical, Fitters etc.), Carpentry, Plumbing, Plastering, Bricklaying, and masonry. Those who are interested should apply to the Education Officer.

##### N.A.A.F.I. Explains Causes of recent Beer Shortage

N.A.A.F.I. has explained that the cause of the recent beer shortage, when some units (including ourselves) were hurried away from the brewery empty handed, was due to units collecting more than their entitlements.

In some cases, it is stated, units collected twice a week.

To avoid this muddle in future, units drawing beer are to take N.A.A.F.I. receipts with them each week.

An Officer and three Sergeants joined us on Saturday on a good visit in exchange for Captain Evans, who went to Berlin recently.

The Officer, Second Lieutenant (equivalent to our Captain) R.D. Tays, comes from the 771st Tank Battalion, a company of which is attached in Berlin to the 1st Battalion 110th Infantry. He lives in Boston, Massachusetts, "a damn fine place to come from and a damn fine place to go back to." He came to England in September 1944 and landed in France in October of the same year. His "outfit" was first committed in the offensive against the Maginot Line, which the Germans had turned to face the west. Luckily his own tank was unscathed, although his unit lost a Battalion Commander, three Company Commanders, and a Mortar Officer in one action.

He also saw action in the Colmar pocket where his unit fought alongside French Moroccans who showed reckless daring and a complete disregard for casualties.

##### Sergeants stay with "A" Company

The three sergeants, who are from the 1st Battalion 310th Infantry, are billeted with "A" Company. Section Sergeant J.J. Corcoran, who comes from New York City, was an engineering student before he joined the Army, and his job is section Sergeant in a Mortar Platoon.

Section Sergeant R. E. Peterson, from Cleveland, Ohio, was a student of the liberal arts before joining the Army. Like the others, he hopes to get his discharge in two or three months.

Sergeant R. A. Mullin (P/4 is his actual designation) is from Philadelphia. A professional baseball player, he is now serving with the Battalion medical detachment.

On behalf of our readers we welcome these representatives from our American ally, and hope they will enjoy their stay here.

##### Saturday's Promotions

Three new C.Q.M.Ss., fourteen Sergeants, five Lance-Sergeants, and thirty-one Corporals and Lance-Corporals were made up in Saturday's Part One Orders.

The new C.Q.M.S.s are C.Q.M.S. P. Chetwood, formerly H.Q. Company clerk, C.Q.M.S. J. Marshall, and C.Q.M.S. W. Alderson, who was promoted from Corporal.

Sergeants include Sgt. Marriott, who takes over the R.A.P. from Sgt. Hardy, and Sgt. Armitage, who becomes Band Sergeant.

#### WIRELESS NEWS

### De Gaulle to Resign in French Crisis B.B.C. Correspondent Gives Story of Life in Russian Zone

#### FRANCE

A major political crisis has developed in France and it is reported that De Gaulle has announced his intention of resigning. His principal private secretary has taken a letter to the Assembly stating that his decision is irrevocable.

##### De Gaulle to Retire

Apparently the General called a meeting of his supporters yesterday morning and told them he was tired of the political manoeuvring which was going on, and that Cabinet unity was merely a facade to hide the facts. He intended to retire into private life.

##### Three Parties Meet

Foreign Secretary Bidault flew from London to Paris in the afternoon, and the three parties in the Government (the Communists, Socialists, and Progressive Catholics) held a meeting. It is understood that the 3 parties may agree to form a new Government, but not, as the Communists suggested, under the leadership of the Communist M. Thorez.

#### BELGIUM

##### Leopold asks for Plebiscite

The Belgian Government has turned down King Leopold's suggestion for the holding of a plebiscite after the General Election, to decide the issue of whether he shall return. The King was prepared to return to take up his former role in the Constitution if there was a sufficient majority. If not he was prepared to abdicate. The Government has refused, on the grounds that all parties except one are against the proposal. The Prime Minister added that the principle of monarchy was not in dispute.

#### GERMANY

##### Life in the Russian Zone

The B.B.C. correspondent, Fraser, has

returned from an eight day visit to Saxony, in the Russian Zone, during which he was allowed to talk to civilians at will.

##### No Fraternisation

Fraser states that there is no fraternisation and that the ordinary German has little or no contact with the Russian troops, who keep to themselves. Life, he adds, is hard but not intolerable. There is law and order in Saxony; there are enough rations to prevent serious undernourishment, and the people are favourably impressed after the propaganda they have heard about Russian methods.

#### PALESTINE

##### British Officers Killed

British troops in Jerusalem have detained thousands of Jews after Saturday night's terrorist outbreak. A curfew has been imposed and all traffic in and out of the city stopped.

The power station near the Radio Station was attacked by armed Jews. The Radio went off the air, and two British officers were killed and one wounded.

#### GREECE

##### Left Wing Demonstration

There was a left wing disturbance in Athens yesterday, during which shouts were made against Britain and King George of Greece when a speaker referred to foreign interference.

#### JAVA

British artillery has been in action in Sourabaya to disperse Indonesians who were using machine guns.

#### BURMA

A meeting of the Independence Movement has been held in Rangoon.

#### JAPAN

A Tokyo report states that 400 Jap air plants are being taken over. They are to be put in good working order to produce goods required under the reparations order.

#### HOME

##### M.P.s. Back from Poland

Eight British M.P.s.—five Labour, two Conservative and one Communist—have arrived back from a visit to study conditions in Poland. They are to report to the House of Commons.

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

##### Persian Problem Discussed

The Security Council of the U.N.O. has been in conference on the method under which the Persian delegation is to present its case. It is unlikely that there will be a special meeting of the Council, but the question will be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

#### ROUND YOUR LIBRARY

##### Books Exchanged

Several old books were exchanged with the W.V.S. Mobile Library.

New titles include two thrillers, "The mystery of Henry Vaudin," (Gregory) and "The Marlenmore Mystery" (Fletcher). Novels include R.F. Gaye's "French Prisoner" and W.A. Darlington's "Egbert". There is also some non-fiction including "Romany on the Trial" "Trial of Mussolini" (Cassius), "When the Men Come Home" (Emmanuel Shinwell), Sonnets and Verse by Hilaire Belloc, and Susan Buchan's "Funeral March of a Marionette."



## HE WAS NOT ALONE

Napoleon called us a nation of shopkeepers; he was beaten because he forgot we were also a nation of shipbuilders.

But he was not alone. Our Government before the war forgot the same thing, and the result was the idle shipyards, new depressed areas, which brought us into the war with depleted tonnage.

Then ships began to go down, fine British ships, despite the vigilance of our planes and destroyers and the effectiveness of our anti-submarine devices. It was several years before the graphs at the Admiralty at last revealed a surplus of new construction over sinkings.

By then we had secured Liberty Ships under Lease-Lend from America, ships which if ugly and not built to last, were built in record time and were capable of doing the job. Now America with nearly 43 million tons, half the worlds total, has a problem of surplus on her hands. In addition she wants her 400 liberty ships back from us, or payment for them in dollars.

Our problem is a different one. We have only 14 million tons of shipping, 4 million less than our pre-war tonnage. Ships are vital to us, not only for carrying the exports we hope to send around the world, but also to recapture and maintain that carrying trade which was one of our most important assets before the war.

Where is this tonnage to come from? We must have these Liberty Ships, payment—although it would be a generous gesture on America's part if she forgot that she had ever given them.

In our ship-building yards we have 93 ships or over one and a half million tons under construction at the present moment. We shall need them all, and more.

## SAVE for SECURITY

### How?

Your Company Clerk  
Will Give You  
Particulars

The  
Wellington Theatre  
Presents

## "Fiddlers Three"

- Tommy Trinders Mirthmaker -  
On Wed. & Thurs.

## "A" COMPANY ANNOUNCES---- We Secure Valuable Transfers from "B" Coy.

The Company office these days rather resembles the R.T.O.'s at Kings' Cross with arrivals and departures. However, the arrivals, at last outnumber departures, so we are slowly but surely assuming the proportions of a company once more. We are glad to welcome to our midst Captain Buckland and we hope, although his stay will only be a short one, it will prove a very happy one. We also extend a hearty welcome to returning members of the company, now fully recovered from their trials and tribulations in various Stalags and hope they, and their companions from the U.K., will quickly settle in and make themselves at home with us. They have already shown their paces on the soccer field and will prove a very valuable addition to our side.

### The A.T. of G. changes affections

Our Special Investigation department has been further strengthened by the transfer of the "A.T. of G." "Baker's" loss is certainly our gain. He comes at an opportune time as we have lost, for a short time, the services of our own "Sexton Blake." He left behind "Pedro" who nowadays seems more intent on "fratting" than is good for him. He lacks the guiding hand of his master.

### "Q" Beats Pen into Ploughshare

Our worthy "Q" (acting) closed his G 1098 for the last time and quietly folded up his tent and "department this life" on Wednesday to resume life on the land. We wish him every success and bigger and better crops. He was asked to ry and raise some recruits but said raising corn was his special line, so so another of our ideas has joined the remainder in the W.P.B. (Waste Paper Basket, to you!)

### Any gum, chum?

The news that Sgt. Stewart was to proceed to Berlin for attachment to the American forces in Berlin produced a remarkable change in our naturalised Scot. He developed an accent overnight and an inclination to gum. Rumour has it that he made a corner in the market on that

particular commodity before leaving. We wonder why. We have our own ideas but they may be wrong. Still, we await his return with some anxiety but hope he will have plenty of adventures to tell of. No doubt he will, especially if he's been out much at night, and knowing him we are willing to bet he has.

Before closing, we wish to welcome to our midst C.S.M. Edmunds, C.Q.M.S. Gray and the other stalwarts of the new defunct "Baker" Company, some for a short stay but others for a longer period; and we hope they will be as happy as they were with their old company and that they will assist us to win back a few of the shields they formerly helped to win. Here's to our success in all spheres of activity!

## "DUTCHIE" SUMS UP THE GERMANS -----and he pulls no punches

### Tomorrow's Radio

#### THE LIGHT PROGRAMME

1830: Great Conductors.  
1900: Out of the Mayerl Bag.  
1930: Sports Magazine.  
2010: To Town on two Pianos.  
2030: Ambrose and Anne.  
2100: The Carroll Lewis Show.  
2145: Boxing (Arthur Danahar v Omar.  
2230: Just William.

#### THE HOME SERVICE

2000: Henry Hall's Guest Night.  
2115: The Brains Trust.  
2215: Tuesday Serenade.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Table-Tennis

On Thursday, 17th January, H.Q. I beat H.Q. II at table-tennis and now qualifies to meet "C" Company in the final.

H.Q. I, "fielding" Lieut. Judge, Sgts. Short and Cashmore and Pte. Beaumont, won outright by four games to nil. H.Q. II's team was Lieut. Christensen, L/Cpl. Gentle, Pte. Morris and L/Cpl. Bonsall.

The final should now be played off by the end of this week.

### THE OFFICERS, 6th JAN., 1946



Group 22 (Captain Denton and Captain Horsfall) left that afternoon

### The Slave of The Chains

If you are ever passing the Education Office and you hear queer noises of clanging chains, you must not be amazed. It is the chains that dangle from the typewriter of our once famous "Snopp." He now claims that owing to the fact that he has so much typing to do, he is no longer able to "snoop" on the poor unfortunates. The chains keep him in his place.

You are therefore asked to call at the Education Office if you have any special tit-bits of news—or to pop them into the "Yorkshire Pud" mail box outside the Cafe.

It is already eight months since the hated German country was beaten even in such a way that every German will have to admit: "This time we have really lost the war."

Their attitude has changed completely, they are now trying to curry favour with the Allied forces by being kind and humble and telling everybody that they never wanted the war and are the most peace-loving country in the world.

### Nazism on the Increase?

Don't let us judge, however, by their outward behaviour, for it is an irrefutable fact that in every German town National Socialist activity is gradually increasing. The sympathy of the population for the Nazis is reviving again. Recently when the Editor of a German newspaper was asked; "Which party do you think is the strongest?" he replied without a trace of irony, "Undoubtedly the Nazis."

### "Never say Die"

The correspondent of the "Observer" reports some interesting and incredible things, which we have possibly not yet heard.

Notwithstanding the severe measures, enormous swastikas are chalked every day on the pavement in front of the Nuremberg Court. One day somebody even penetrated into the prison of the War Criminals, printed a swastika on the door and added the words: "Never say die." Even here in Gevelsberg, we had some Nazi pamphlets pasted on several walls. And probably there is some truth in the few lines of one of them: "Though you do not give us anything to eat, we will never forget our Fuhrer."

### German always Right

A great deal of this is likely caused by the poor circumstances in which Germany finds herself nowadays. The fact that the Germans don't yet have any self-criticism, don't confess that they themselves are guilty and to blame (which you will never hear from the lips of a German), but, on the contrary, try to side with the Nazis again, though in secrecy, should convey a message of warning to the world. This should be taken into consideration in the decisions which are still to be taken regarding Germany's future.

It is my firm conviction, as the Commanding Officer told us about 2 months ago, "A German will always remain a German at heart."