

## 147 BDE. GP. TO BE HONOURED

### Citizens of Roosendaal to Present Flag

#### NOTES & NEWS News of Major Kavanagh

Readers will be pleased to hear that Major Kavanagh M.C., is a great deal better and getting up regularly each day. He hopes to be out of hospital about the middle of next week.

In a letter recently received he said that he was sorry to hear of the breaking up of "B" Company, but was looking forward to seeing the Battalion again and the many changes which have taken place during his absence.

#### Are you a Potential Tradesman?

Tradesmen are urgently required for technical jobs in the R.A.C., R.A.S.C., Royal Signals, R.E.M.E., Medical Service, A.C.C. and the various branches of R.E. (Transportation, Field, L. of C., and Survey).

Those who are not at present tradesmen within the Battalion, but who have civilian or other qualifications which would make them suitable for training, are now asked to volunteer.

#### New Wesel Road Bridge

A new road bridge is to be opened shortly over the Rhine at Wesel. It is an emergency bridge and will not stand the heaviest loads.

Spacing is rigidly restricted to 70 metres between each vehicle, and there is a system of red warning lights which must be observed scrupulously. Failure to observe these safety rules would result in the bridge collapsing!

The Wesel bridge will be of vital importance during the winter, as it is unaffected by ice and flooding. It is therefore irreplaceable until the Cologne bridge is completed.

#### Finds at Hasslinghausen

An "A" Company house search party led by Lieut. Morgan visited Hasslinghausen near Gevelsberg on Wednesday morning. A large house inhabited by a glass factory owner was found to contain Nazi literature of the usual type, a British gas cape and two German range finders similar to those for our 3 inch Mortars.

The excuse, of course, was that troops had left them behind and they didn't really know anything about them.

#### New Sports Secretary

Lieut. J. W. Christensen of H.Q. Coy has been appointed Sports Secretary in place of Captain Mallinson. All enquiries regarding sports should be addressed to him.

The inhabitants of Roosendaal, Holland, are to present a flag to 147 Inf. Bde. Gp. to commemorate their gratitude for liberation.

The presentation is to be made at 3.0 p.m. on the 16th February in the Town Square, Roosendaal, and the Roosendaal Town Band is to be in attendance for the ceremony.

At the presentation, the Bde. Gp. will be represented by two officers and fifteen other ranks from each Infantry Battalion in the Bde. and a similar party from 143 Fd. Regt. In addition two officers from Bde. H.Q. will be present.

#### Visitors to attend Dance

After the ceremony the party will move to the Town Hall to meet the Burgo-meister, and will attend a Dance which is to be held in the evening. They will then spend the night at Roosendaal.

#### Flag surmounted by Polar Bear

The flag will be a square one—two feet by two feet—and will bear the Roosendaal colours on one side and the Dutch National Colours on the other. Inscribed upon it will be the words "Liberation of Roosendaal, 147 Inf. Bde. Gp., 31 Oct. 1944," and on top of the flag pole there will be an image of a polar bear.

The flag is to be held first by 143 Fd. Regt. R.A., and afterwards by Bde. Headquarters.

#### C.O. To Visit Billets

Regular inspections of Company billets are to be a feature of Battalion life in the future. The C.O. has decided to institute these visits every Saturday morning, and he will be particularly interested in the standard of messing in the company cookhouses.

#### U.K. LEAVE DETAILS

If you are going on U.K. Leave you will now go by train from Neheim to Munster, leaving at 0800 hrs., on the second day before sailing if you are going (as most of us do) via the Hook, or on the first day before sailing if you are going by Calais. The Calais train leaves Munster at 1334 hrs., arriving at 0709 hrs. on the sailing day. The Hook train leaves at 1753 hrs. and arrives at 0345 on the day before sailing.

#### The Journey Back

Coming back from Calais you reach Munster at 1245 hrs., and go on to Neheim the same night. Coming from the Hook you arrive at 2237 hrs. at Munster, stay overnight and get to Neheim next day at

#### WIRELESS NEWS

### Government Announces Social Insurance Charter

#### Veshinsky Joins U.N.O. Delegate

##### HOME

The Government's National Insurance Bill was published last night and is to have its second reading soon. Its basis is that all people are to contribute without distinction as to their means; the "little man" will pay as much as the millionaire.

Payment will be in the form of stamps and insurance cards, varying between 1/9 a week for an employed girl under 18 to

5/9 for a self-employed man. For example the rate for an employed man over 18 will be 4/7 a week. Contributions will be made up by employers, and the benefits which insurance will bring will include sickness and unemployed benefit, widows and orphans benefit, retirement pensions, maternity benefits and allowances for the cost of funerals.

Retirement pensions will be 26/— a week for men of 65 and over, while 26/— (with additions for children) will also be the basic rate of sickness and unemployment benefit.

Both men and women will contribute and benefit, and the scheme includes the "non-employed"—that is people who receive no money for their employment, those out of work, and also housewives.

##### FRANCE

#### Guin Faces New Task

The task of Felix Guin, new French premier, in forming a new cabinet, has been rendered easier by the publication last night of the agreement of the three main parties to work as a coalition.

The new Government has announced its intention of carrying on the policy pursued by De Gaulle, and is understood to favour a break with Franco. It is likely that Bidault will again become Foreign Minister.

##### POLAND

#### "Political Murders"

The Foreign Under-Secretary of Poland has expressed amazement at the statements made in the British House of Commons' discussion on "political murders" in Poland.

##### UNITED STATES

#### Pay the Workers, says Truman

The U.S. Steel Workers' Strike is now in its fifth day. President Truman has told the Steel Corporation his advice is to pay the workers the increased wages suggested by the Government.

#### Harriman on way to Washington

The United States Ambassador to Russia, Mr. Averill Harriman, is on his way by air from Moscow to Washington. On his way he is to see MacArthur in Japan.

##### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### Veshinsky Speaks

A tremendous reception was given to Veshinsky, the Russian delegate, when he spoke at yesterday's meeting of the U.N.O. He said that the Committee for the Control and Development of Atomic Energy, just set up, was the first important act of the joint efforts of the United Nations to secure peace throughout the world.

#### Security Council Meets

The Security Council is to meet today. Some business will be discussed in secret session—some, on the present agenda, in open session. The arrangements for discussion of the Persian, Russian and Ukrainian appeals will be considered next.

#### Are you interested in the Professions?

The Brigade Education Officer has certain information not yet available in this Battalion, which can be seen by enquirers at Brigade.

#### VOCATIONAL NEWS

Information is available on the Scientific Civil Service, Appointments Dept. of the Ministry of Labour, Training in Business Organisation and Management, and a number of prospectuses from professional bodies in Britain. These prospectuses include such things as syllabuses of Civil Service exams, requirements of the Incorporated Institute of Accountants, etc.

#### Police Careers and the N.F.S.

The Civil Police and the Fire Service Recruiting Missions are to visit the Rhine Army soon to interview candidates who have been accepted for interview under A.C.I.s 1402 and 1442 of 1945. Arrangements will be made for these candidates to attend for interview, and they will either be given letters of acceptance immediately, or their C.O.s notified that they are not suitable.

Officers and men accepted are eligible for Class "B" release.

2140 hrs. for another overnight stay.

#### What You Need

You will need your mess tins, mugs, "eating utensils" and washing kit at Neheim, so have them ready. Bedding and blankets are provided but you must take a blanket of your own on the train journey.

#### Free Cigarettes!

If you come back to Neheim on a Tuesday, you will have an R.A.S.C. free issue waiting for you at the Blanket Store. Call for it; it won't call for you. But if you don't come back on a Tuesday you will draw it when you return to Gevelsberg.



## THE GERMAN YOUTH

It is difficult for British people, brought up with the minimum of state control, to realise how thorough was the Nazi control over youth; but it is a factor of vital importance when we consider how the real job of occupation is done.

It is nonsense to suppose that we are here to set Germany on her feet materially—that the imported food is merely to prevent disease, that the time and labour of technicians and Military Government experts are merely to enable the Germans to recover from the consequences of their own crimes.

The allies' work of occupation is mainly one of ensuring that Germany never again goes to war. Few of us are foolish enough to imagine that we can sit in Germany for ever. At some date she will be left to her own devices.

It is vital to ensure that when she is once again a nation free to make her own decisions, her young men have unlearned the foul lessons of Nazism.

It is these children in the streets that are vital. Children of 12 were born when Hitler was in power. Youths of 19 were only 7 when the Nazis first took over Germany. They have been taught to look on all their activities in school and out of school as for the glorification of the State. Their Youth Movement was avowedly intended to produce a race of supermen, super fighters, super toughs, whose only object was to make Germany the most powerful nation in the world—powerful for foreign conquests, powerful enough to make "inferior" nations into slaves to serve the Reich.

These lessons are not unlearned in a day. At home the German youth is subjected to many of the old influences of parents and older relatives. These older people cannot be schooled. They must be shown by our actions that we are a different type of conqueror. We must not ape Nazism and bullying in our dealings with them.

For youth there is some chance of education. The schools are gradually starting, in spite of difficulties in accommodation and staff. Primary education for the youngest is under way. A start is being made with secondary and university education for the older ones. A Youth Leaders' Course has been started near Hannover, on British lines. Youth movements have always been strong in Germany. Properly directed they are an essential part of young people's training for citizenship, quite apart from their value for health and culture. A youth movement must start again, but it must be a different type from that of the past. British boys' clubs and youth movements can set the example.

## Statistics!

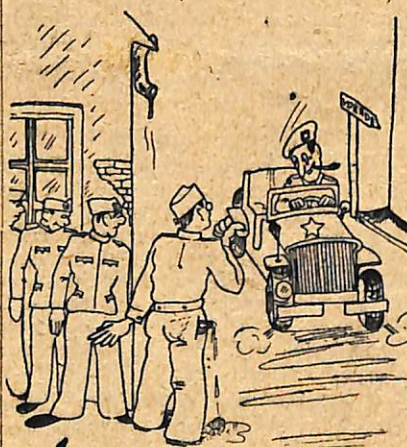
The mysterious "Man in the Corner," otherwise Pte. Horner of the Education Office, managed to find a little time the other day to check through his filing records. When finished, he proudly announced that the Education Office, has, since the beginning of June, received 1000 letters and sent out 900 letters. Which I suppose, is all meant to prove that "the Man in the Corner" really does do something else besides tea drinking and having breaks.

You are cordially invited to visit the Education Office at any time of the day or night. You are asked not to come between the hours of 1030 and 1130 as the first thirty minutes are taken up with tea drinking and the other thirty minutes with first break.

When you come in you will see detailed instructions as to the best approach. You are asked NOT to state your business, to PLEASE leave the door open, to sing us a song, recite, or just make a noise. If you care to comply with the last of the instructions the "man in the corner" will be most obliged. Also, please, never ask for a definite answer. The "Man in the Corner" would be lost without that invaluable expression "Er."



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## Tomorrow's Radio

### THE LIGHT PROGRAMME

1830: Atlantic Spotlight.  
1900: Radio Rhythm Club.  
1930: Shipmates Ashore.  
2015: Humpty Dumpty.  
2045: Soldiers' Serenade.  
2115: Fiesta.  
2145: Forces Favourites.  
2215: Navy Mixture.

### THE HOME SERVICE

2100: Music Hall.  
2220: The Amazing Doctor Clitterhouse.

## H.Q. VIEWS (1)

### Pimpernel Plummer back from Mission

Once again the Royal Standard is flying over the Palace, indicating that H.M. King Ivor the Cowed has returned to the Court. The Royal Standard is not the only indication of the Royal return, for even the most casual of observers will have seen the tremendous activity in and around the Court, couriers, courtiers, ambassadors and handmaidens are to be seen scurrying hither and thither, and, of course, thither and hither.

They seek him here, they seek him there.

The Court decorator, Pimpernel Plummer has been hastily recalled from his top secret mission in the wilds of Arnsberg, and is expected to arrive early next week. The fastest horses in the Royal stables have been placed at his disposal to facilitate a speedy return.

Preparations are in progress for the transfer of the Court to the metropolis of Newport (G.S.G.S. 4436 and 4328 1/250,000, Sheet N. 0839 M.R. 648739). It is expected that Their Majesties will take up permanent residence early next month.

### PIONEER POINTS

#### Candy is Just Dandy

In a letter received from Mr. A. Bacon (ex-Cpl. Bacon) he sends his best wishes to all his friends in the Battalion. He says he would much sooner be back with the Platoon. He reports that it is not all sugar and candy in civvy street.

Last week the Pioneers were seen troop-

ing down to the photographer's to have their likeness "took." Now the results have arrived they are undecided as to what to do with them. Somebody has suggested having them placed in the Chamber of Horrors.

### We Get 'em Riled

Ptes. Moylan and Pearce are rather annoyed at the publicity given them in last weeks "Yorkshire Pud." Moylan explains that his dirty face is not due to a lack of soap, but the hard work he does in the welders' shop. (Sgt. Short please note). Pearce "Tiger" says he is trying to forget his past life and wishes to close the matter.

### BAND GOSSIP

We have had no contribution to make to these columns for some time past as most of us Band blokes have been on leave. However, most of us are back now, except the Dance Section who were the last to go because their services were needed at the Battalion Pantomime.

### Turned back at Tournai

We lost three, or rather two, of our number in Group 25. Ken Rodgers has returned to the fold. When he got to Tournai the Second Echelon wallahs decided he was Group 26. So us Band blokes hope you other blokes will join with us in wishing this unlucky bloke better luck next time.

We think he ought to have got away with it as he has done six and a half years, having served at Dunkirk, Libya, Sicily, and then landed in Normandy on "D" Day.

### SIGNAL PLATOON WEEKLY

During the past few days many new members have joined the platoon, some from rifle Companies and some from the recent draft. We welcome them into our midst and hope that they will soon settle down and feel "at home."

### The Signals Say Why

We would like to explain to our many telephone subscribers, the reason for the delay which sometimes occurs on the switchboard. Although it may not be too well known we have sixty subscribers who, during the greater part of the day, use the telephone many, many times. It's only possible for the operators, of which there are two, to answer one call at a time, consequently when more than two subscribers call the exchange at any one time, a slight delay inevitably occurs. That is also the reason why, when a call is finished, the line is not always cleared immediately.

We ask for your co-operation when using the telephone, and one final point, it's only necessary to turn the handle once.



**TONIGHT**  
**"Belgian Variety"**

at the  
**Central Cinema**  
HOHENLIMBURG

Tpt. leaves Tpt. Office  
—at 1800 hrs.—

**TONIGHT**  
**Battalion**  
**DANCE**

at the  
**ZUM ALTEN**  
**POSTWAGEN**  
1900 to 2200 hrs