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BATTALION PLANS WAR EXHIBITION

Action Relics to Enrich Regimental Museum

The Commanding Officer is forming a collection of Nazi war trophies and curios, with the idea of presenting a collection to the museum at the Halifax Depot in commemoration of the Battalion's campaign in Europe

NOTES & NEWS

No More Jugs

Patrons of the "Iron Duke" Café are reminded that the only people entitled to send from outside for tea and cakes are the members of the Guard and the Riot Squad.

It is regretted that supplies of sugar and milk do not permit of sufficient tea being brewed both for supplying the café and the large numbers who send down jugs to be filled.

The Costs of Occupation

It is likely that Germany will eventually be required to pay the total sterling cost of Allied occupation in all four occupation zones including our own.

This will, of course, include payments on account of the Welfare expenses which the Allied Government have necessarily incurred in connection with the maintenance of their armies in Germany.

Units have now been told to notify higher authority each month of any imports into Germany of welfare equipment which they have bought privately from the U.K., so that these items can be reckoned as well as the major equipment supplied through Army Welfare sources. This would include such items as sports and games equipment, books and magazines.

The idea originated when the Battalion was accepting the surrender of part of 6th Para Div. in Holland last year. As a result the flag of the 6th Para Div. has already been presented to the Depot, and it is planned to form a collection which will be good enough to place on exhibition in Halifax.

A Nazi "Mother's Medal"

A number of medals, Nazi war pamphlets, and other small curios has already been collected, including an Iron Cross and a Nazi "Mother's Medal." When the collection has assumed suitable proportions, it will be sent to Halifax, where the Regimental Museum already houses Dukes' relics of former wars.

Pictorial Record of the Campaign

The Commanding Officer intends that some of the exhibits in the present Battalion Museum, such as the battle-honour board and the Fontenay sign, will eventually go to the Regimental Museum. He is also collecting a complete series of action photographs which will be mounted in England before presentation.

You can help increasing this unique memento of the Battalion's war effort. Any small curios which you may have collected, or any you may find in the future, will be very gratefully received if you care to hand them to the Intelligence Section.

INSIDE STORY OF N.W. EUROPE CAMPAIGN

C.O. talks to new arrivals

On Saturday, the Commanding Officer gave an extremely clear, interesting and informative talk on the campaign in N.W. Europe to some 80 or 90 soldiers of the Battalion who had not taken part in it.

The talk, which included many facts of higher strategy hitherto unknown to most of us, traced the movements of the Liberating Armies from "D" Day until the final surrender of Germany. He was assisted in this by some excellent maps prepared by the Intelligence Section.

He said that the success of the Allies could be attributed to the possession of better troops, better generals, and better equipment than the Germans, who assisted us by committing several stupid blunders.

The Waterloo Day Ceremony

Many will remember that the Battalion sent a contingent last Waterloo Day, June 18th, to the ceremony in which the freedom of the County Borough of Halifax was given to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

This honour conveys the privilege to the Regiment of marching through the town on all ceremonial occasions with "Bands playing, Colours flying and Bayonets fixed."

Now an attractive and well-illustrated booklet has been produced by the Regimental Depot, describing the ceremony in detail. One passage reads "A small, but very enthusiastic contingent from the 7th Battalion, which had won undying fame with the British Liberation Army, arrived from Germany on the evening of June 15th; their explanation of the early arrival was that they were running no risks of missing the ceremony."

WIRELESS NEWS

Shahria says he was Misquoted Eighty-Three Guns - No Foxes

JAVA

Dr. Shahria has denied reports that he stated the Indonesians didn't want the British to leave until all Japs were disarmed. He affirms that what he said was that any withdrawal of British troops before the Japs were disarmed would have to be coupled with the handing over of the task of disarmament to the Indonesian Peace Preservation Corps. Then the British could withdraw.

Clarke-Kerr Leaves for Java

Sir Archibald Clarke-Kerr left Cairo by plane for Java yesterday. After he has

completed his mission there he will continue to Washington to take up his duties there as Ambassador to the U.S.A.

INDIA

R.A.F. Strike

Some thousands of R.A.F. are still on strike at Calcutta, Cawnpore and Singapore airfields, although their conduct is orderly.

The Air Ministry has warned all ranks that these attempts to speed up demob only result in its delay through dislocation. It has again been explained that the Americans are only using the "Queen Mary" (which cannot dock in India or negotiate the Suez) in exchange for equivalent tonnage.

FRANCE

First Problems

In the first meeting of the new cabinet, Premier Gouin has stressed that the first problems are food and finance. Drastic economy plans are being made.

RUSSIA

Ukranium Experiments

Moscow Radio yesterday announced Stalin Prize-winners for 1943/44 Arts and Sciences. Winners of the 5000 pounds prizes include musicians, ballet dancers, battleship-builders, potato-growers, and inventors of a new process for the disintegration of uranium. 1945 prize winners are expected to include atom scientists.

HOME

Whitehall Protest

The Indian League staged a protest demonstration in Trafalgar Square and Whitehall yesterday against British interference in Indonesia.

Fox-hunters Disappointed

In a large scale fox-hunt yesterday over the Lancashire and Yorkshire border, in which 83 guns were out, only one fox was sighted and this got away. Four were killed last weekend in the Rochdale area. Foxes have been causing serious losses to farmers raising lambs and poultry.

U.N.O. NEWS

Persian Problem for Discussion

It is understood that the Persian delegates have received instructions from the new Persian Prime Minister for the presentation of their case to today's meeting of the Security Council. The dispute is over alleged Russian interference in the Azerbaijan area. The new Persian Prime Minister has stated that direct negotiations are also being opened with Russia.

Mrs. Roosevelt Broadcasts

The widow of President Roosevelt, in a B.B.C. broadcast yesterday, expressed surprise that in view of the importance of woman's interest in world affairs today, so few were representing their countries as delegates to the U.N.O. Conference in London.

CADBURY'S GENEROUS OFFER

Training for the Shopkeeper

Messrs. Cadbury Bros. are preparing to run short residential courses at the Beeches College, Selly Oak Road, Bourneville, to train ex-Service men and others in Grocery Shop Management and Confectionery Shop Management.

"It covers ice-cream and tobacco. . ."

The Grocery course, which covers commercial arithmetic, practical shop work, salesmanship, book-keeping, display, and the legal aspect of the trade, runs for four weeks. The Confectionery course runs for three weeks and covers all aspects of management, including such side-lines as ice-cream, tobacco, newspapers and libraries.

You Must App'y Now

A fee of one guinea a week covers all tuition and board and lodging costs. Whether Cadbury's will be able to run a series of these courses depends on the demand, and they therefore ask all who are interested to write now to the Bursar of Beeches College at the above address.

Vacancies in the W.D. Constabulary

There are vacancies for ex-Regular soldiers of the rank of war substantive sergeant or above, in the War Department Constabulary.

Applicants should be physically fit and possess the L.S. and G.C. medal (except or men commissioned before becoming eligible), possess a 2nd Class Certificate of Education, and be less than 45 years old.

As a temporary measure, candidates who do not possess the L.S. and G.C. medal but have completed 12 years' Colour service can be considered.

Full details can be seen in the Education Office.

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SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

There have been those who doubted Ernest Bevin's ability to take Eden's place as Foreign Minister, but there must be few who will deny that he has made a promising start.

Bevin is already becoming famous in the international sphere for qualities which we have already learnt to admire in the national sphere during the war—courage, honesty, forthrightness.

These qualities should succeed with Russia, if anything can. Russian policy shows a familiar tendency, that of making a special case of what she regards as her own concerns, coupled with the worst implications against the motives of other nations.

Russia at the moment is busy impugning the honesty of our motives in Greece and Indonesia, where we are saddled with the unenviable task of maintaining order, and where, incidentally, we are invited to remain by the heads of the Governments concerned.

Russia herself has troubles in northern Persia, where she has the responsibility of maintaining order. But while she presses for a full investigation of our action by the United Nations Organisation, she claims that the Persian problem is a purely internal one for herself and Persia alone to discuss and settle.

Such claims will not hold water. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Bevin is the man to tell Russia so, in the downright language which she understands.

Tomorrow's Radio

THE LIGHT PROGRAMME

1830 : Great Conductors.
1900 : Arthur Birkby.
2010 : To Town On Two Pianos.
2030 : Ambrose and Anne.
2100 : The Carroll Levis Show.
2145 : Just William.
2215 : Eight Bells.

THE HOME SERVICE

2030 : Grand Concert.
2115 : The Brains Trust.
2215 : Tuesday Serenade.

The
Wellington Theatre
Presents

"The Polar Stars"

at 1930 hrs.
On Tuesday

P.R.I. Corrects an Error

Although P.R.I. is not responsible for the issue of the R.A.S.C. 50 free issue cigarettes, he has kindly pointed out an error in our article "Leave Details" on Friday's front page.

It was stated that men returning to the Transit Camp at Neheim on a Tuesday would get their free issue there, while men returning on any other day would get theirs from the unit.

This last statement, of course, is not strictly accurate. The unit cannot draw cigarettes for any man who is not on the actual ration strength at the time of drawing, therefore you will not find an issue waiting for you. You will have to wait until the next issue day.

"A" COMPANY ANNOUNCES----

An Unusually Eventful Week

During the week that has elapsed since the last appearance of this column, "A" Company has undergone an almost complete transformation. This began very soon after the departure of our O.C. and Mr. Brown, who, together with a few other stalwarts, left on Monday to blaze the trail to our new abode at Siegen. It was on Monday, too, that we welcomed to the fold Lieut. Morgan, who, although transferred to us from "B" Company on the 17th, had not joined us previously as he was doing "one week's hard" in charge of the guard at Iserlohn. It was not long before he signalled his arrival in the Company by bringing in two German range finders as a result of a house search on Wednesday.

Comings and Goings

On Tuesday morning we received 35 N.C.O.s and men from the draft which had arrived the previous evening. These were a welcome addition to our strength, but on the same day our Group 26s, numbering 22, were transferred, some to "C" and some to "D" Company also those elusive people, who existed, so far as the Company was concerned, only on paper—in other words, the regimentally employed. So, on the days transactions, we were only a few up.

All these comings and goings involved a certain amount of work for several people, notably C.S.M. (Smiler) Greig, and "Val" (alias C.Q.M.S. Valentine), not forgetting our acting oblique Company Clerk, Pte. Cooper, who nobly shouldered the burden.

"A" Company an R.H.U.?

It was with some degree of pride that the C.S.M. announced, on Wednesday afternoon, that his records were once more up to date; but his satisfaction was short-lived, for almost immediately there appeared outside the Company Office, as if by magic, a party of 11 N.C.O.s and men. It was at this stage that Smiler was heard to mutter something to the effect that the Company was more like an R.H.U. In a moment, however, his smile had returned, and everyone buckled to and got on with the job of coping with the newcomers.

At this point in our narrative we must digress a little to say that, to all those who have joined us in the past week we give a hearty welcome, and hope that they will soon settle down and have a happy time in the Company.

Off to Siegen

Friday saw the departure for Siegen of an advance party of 30, in charge of the C.S.M., and on Sunday, Mr. Morgan set off with the rest of the Company, leaving only the C.Q.M.S. and a few of his henchmen to follow today. So ended a most eventful week. We have departed from the bosom of the Battalion to man a far-flung outpost—but you'll be hearing from us!

TOMORROW BRITISH AIRWAYS EXHIBITION

opens in the reading
room

This Week's Films

"They Were Sisters"
(Wellington Theatre)

"Henry V."
(Iron Duke)

THE CHURCH AT ELST



A YEAR AGO TODAY

Remember those long, cold wintry weeks in Elst this time last year? Remember those icy patrols to the Wattering and the Fly-over? By this time, patrolling had been reduced to a minimum, because it was suicide to be aggressive when every step on the brittle surface sounded like the report of a gun.

We had electric light in the front line, which, it was rumoured, was supplied by the Germans in Arnhem, and the cooks used a great deal of sugar in our tea. One thing we miss these days is the rum in our morning tea—but you can't have everything.