

INSTRUCTORS REQUIRED FOR I.T.C.s IN U.K.

Battalion to Provide Seven

It has been found necessary for unit in B.A.O.R., to provide N.C.O. instructors for the Rhine Army School of Infantry and also for I.T.C.s. at home

NOTES & NEWS

No more Iserlohn Guards

The guard provided by the Battalion since 23rd October on the Interrogation Centre at Iserlohn is to be found in the future by the 10th Hussars.

The first guard provided from the Battalion was found by "B" Company and gained quick praise from high ranking officers. Since then many of the guards have received bouquets.

At times it has been extremely difficult to provide men for this commitment and the release from it will be welcomed in many quarters.

Lucky men

A few days ago the P.R.I. received two cameras and two pairs of binoculars from Welfare sources.

The C.O. recently made the draw for these and the winners were as follows:—
Cameras—Pte. Rogers (88) H.Q. Coy.
Pte. Cooney T. "A" Coy.
Binoculars—Sgt. Howe H.Q. Coy.
Pte. Gascoigne "C" Coy.

It is hoped that further articles of this nature will be received from time to time.

Married Quarters for Rhine Army?

Plans are going ahead for the provision of married quarters for officers and men of the Rhine Army. The latest news in this direction is that of an exhibition at Bad Oeynhausen showing the type of accommodation which may soon be available.

Careless R.A.F.

From a reliable source comes the fact that out of the whole of Cologne our bombers have left only 140 whole houses standing. 70 of these are occupied by military personnel. Where do the Germans go?

MORE AWARDS TO COME

PTE. "IKE" HOBSON GAINS C.O.'s CERTIFICATE

On Saturday we announced the granting of awards to three released members of the Battalion. Today the Commanding Officer gave the news that he has presented one of his N.W. Europe Campaign Certificates to Pte. "Ike" Hobson, who was driver of the C.O.'s carrier throughout the campaign.

In addition the C.O., said that there were twelve C-in-C certificates and ten mentions in despatches still to be promulgated.

When this final list is to hand, the C.O. is to arrange for a booklet to be

The Battalion is to nominate one N.C.O. for the Rhine Army School of Infantry and three sergeants and four corporals are to go to be instructors at the "Dukes" I.T.C. in England.

The N.C.O.'s, selected will, of course, be of fairly high age groups or be deferred regulars, and it is the Commanding Officer's intention to choose men who have battle experience and who have done good work for the Battalion.

As regards the instructors for our own I.T.C., the C.O., told Company Commanders at a week-end conference, that it would be in the interests of the Battalion to find N.C.O.'s, who would make good instructors, for they would be training recruits who would eventually find their way here.

The Commanding Officer said that although he would be sorry to see good instructors leaving the Battalion, the N.C.O. situation was not too black. "There is excellent material in the Companies," he said "and future cadres would very quickly produce some good N.C.O.'s."

Continuing, the Commanding Officer said that the need for more training may not be very apparent to many men, now that the war was over. To these, he would point out that he regarded the soldier as a torchbearer who must pass on all his knowledge to all those who are to follow. "The Army," he said "must be efficient at all times, and must not have to start re-training again from scratch once an emergency arises."

Future Battalion training

Referring to future training within the Battalion, the Commanding Officer said that it would start gradually, working up from section training to platoon tactics. He laid emphasis on the need for hard work on the administration side, now that we had so many reinforcements from different Regiments, and also on the importance of getting physically fit.

"We never know," he said, "when we may have to go to another part of the world which is not so peaceful as Germany is today."

The C.O. then said that it was not outside the bounds of possibility that, in the comparatively near future, the Battalion would revert back once more to its old peacetime establishment including Support Company.

published showing all awards which have been gained by men of the Battalion during the war.

He is also arranging for a complete nominal roll to be compiled, including the names of all those who have served with the Battalion between "D" Day and the end of 1945.

In addition Sgt. Howe is preparing a nominal roll of men of the Battalion who have gained the C.O.'s N.W. Europe Campaign certificates. This is to be framed and exhibited in the Command Post.

WIRELESS NEWS

Missing Dakota Found wrecked Security Council Discusses Greece Today

HOME

The Air Ministry announced last night that the Dakota which had been reported missing early yesterday afternoon had been found wrecked near Carlisle. Three bodies out of the crew of six have been recovered, but further details are not yet known.

The plane left Carlisle on Saturday night on a routine training flight, and since it was reported missing an extensive search has been carried out by planes, farmers and airmen. The wreckage was eventually found by a civilian.

Stormiest weekend of Winter

This weekend has been the stormiest and wettest in England during the winter. Coastal areas have suffered most and there have been sailing cancellations of leave boats. The "Queen Mary" which was to have sailed yesterday morning was not expected to leave Southampton until this morning.

U.N.O. NEWS

Greece question to be discussed today

The Security Council is to meet at 3 p.m., today to continue the discussions on Greece. There are expected to be two propositions; one from Vyshinsky recommending the unconditional withdrawal of British troops from Greece and one

from Mr. Bevin asking for a complete acquittal of the British Government on the charge of endangering the peace of the world by maintaining British troops in Greece.

There is the possibility that a vote will be taken.

Moscow radio broadcast a full report of Mr. Vyshinsky's speech of Friday, but gave only a summary of Mr. Bevin's without mentioning his accusation about Russian propaganda.

PALESTINE

Raid on R.A.F. Camp

In Jerusalem it is reported that eight men, believed to be Jews, raided an R.A.F. camp and got away with 30 weapons.

UNITED STATES

400 School Janitors Strike

400 school janitors and matrons have gone on strike, involving the closing of 100 schools. Many thousands of school children are affected by the stoppage. The janitors are demanding an increase of one pound per week.

E. Phillips Oppenheim dead

Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheim, the novelist, died in Guernsey yesterday. He was in his 80th year.

GEVELSBERG SECONDARY SCHOOL TO RE-OPEN OFFICERS OF BATTALION ATTEND CEREMONY

News of Ex-Sergeant Lamming

There may be many who remember Sgt. Lamming who was the Officers' Mess Sgt. for many years in the old Territorial days. Those who knew him well recall that he left the Battalion owing to ill-health in 1940, when it was in Iceland, and will be interested to hear that he has since been an Alderman in the Mossley Borough Council.

His work in this capacity has earned him the honour of being made a freeman of the borough, and a meeting of the council was recently held in order to make a presentation to him in commemoration of this.

Unfortunately, Alderman Lamming was not able to be present at the ceremony, being confined to bed under the advice of his doctor. The presentation of a silver casket and scroll was therefore made to his wife by the deputy mayor, who spoke of the fine service Alderman Lamming had rendered to Mossley. He said that the Council's regard for him was very high.

Alderman Lamming sent a letter to the Council saying that he would always endeavour to be worthy of the title of Freedom of the Borough.

The Secondary School, which was formerly housed in the building now known as the "Iron Duke," is to be re-opened in other premises in Gevelsberg.

The official inauguration took place in the Wellington Theatre on Friday the 1st January at 1000 hrs., and was held before a large gathering of school children, parents, and teachers. Major Pyrah, deputizing for the C.O., along with other officers of the Battalion, attended.

The proceedings were opened by the rendering of a few musical items by a string quartet, this was then followed by the opening address which was given by the Burgomaster. In his address he pointed out that teachers might have shown more "back-bone" in opposing the regimentation of education. At the close of the speech, which was translated for the benefit of the officers present, the quartet played some more musical items.

The next speaker was the deputy headmaster, who stressed the fact that owing to lack of accommodation, many scholars who had the necessary intelligence and knowledge had to be turned down. "It was therefore incumbent," he continued, "on the part of the accepted pupils, to show themselves worthy of their good fortune." He also stated that two things were necessary to obtain happiness and they were, Heart, and Reason. Reason enabled them to distinguish between right and wrong. Heart enabled them to be good neighbours and gave the virtue of tolerance.

The proceedings were then closed by the singing of a hymn by Martin Luther.

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SECURITY COUNCIL SETS A PRECEDENT

It is a matter of some concern to many that into the discussions of the Security Council of the United Nations, is constantly creeping a feeling of suspicion and distrust. This is discouraging in view of the fact that the success of U.N.O. must be based on mutual trust among nations.

The agreement reached on the first dispute to be brought before the Council—that of Persia's with Russia—however, gives good grounds for optimism in its future dealings with such problems. The decision to settle the dispute by direct negotiations between the two countries concerned, is a good one, but the agreement to keep the matter "on the books" of the Security Council makes it even better.

This latter agreement was not achieved without difficulty; it took all the persuasive powers of Mr. Bevin and the American delegate, Mr. Stettinius, to break down the will of Mr. Vyshinsky, the Russian representative. It is difficult to understand why Mr. Vyshinsky was so keen to erase the matters from the Council's books—the plea that it hurt the dignity of the Russian Government to have its negotiations watched over by the Council was not a convincing one, and leaves one in doubt as to the real reason for the objection.

Mr. Vyshinsky would do well to realise that the Security Council, too, has a certain amount of dignity to keep up.

The ultimate agreement reached in this dispute is an important one, for it has set a precedent for future complaints. It is therefore highly satisfactory that the British and American delegates have made so firm a stand over the matter, which might easily have been passed over with little thought.

The decision is a good one, too, for illustrating the goodwill of the Council—for Persia is a small nation and has therefore every right to seek protection from the Security Council.

It is to be hoped that future discrepancies between nations will be reviewed with the same care and energy of mind and a firm stand made for open negotiations. It is only by open and frank dealings on such matters, however small, that the mutual trust between nations, so vital to the Security Council, can be built up.

Tomorrow's Radio

THE LIGHT PROGRAMME

1830: Great Conductors.
2010: To Town On Two Pianos.
2030: Ambrose And Anne.
2100: The Carroll Lewis Show.
2145: Just William.
2215: Eight Bells.

THE HOME SERVICE

1930: Transatlantic Call.
2000: Henry Hall's Guest Night.
2115: The Brains Trust.
2215: Tuesday Serenade.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Germans and Us

Sir,—There are many among the occupying forces who think that our attitude towards the Germans should be one of contempt. They think they are the scum of the earth and should be treated as such. They go so far as to say that in our everyday dealings with them we should be harsh, abrupt, dictatorial and that no politeness or consideration should be shown under any circumstances towards them.

If asked the reasons for this attitude they will say that, unless we behave like this towards them the Germans will think us "soft" and will lose any respect for us which they may have had. Perhaps they will say that the Germans would have been very harsh to us if we had lost.

Admittedly, the Germans have caused misery to millions and they have been thoroughly thrashed in battle, but we must ask ourselves 'Is this theory altogether right?'

Surely, our very presence here in Germany is an ever present reminder to the Germans that we are far from "soft." We have proved ourselves to be a stronger and finer nation than they, so why not present ourselves to them as we naturally are? One never knows—perhaps they may learn something from us. Why be ashamed of our normal way of dealing with people? Befirm with the Germans, by all means, and stand no nonsense from them, but surely normal gentlemanly politeness and consideration can do no harm?

Had the Germans won the war and occupied Britain we know that they would have dealt with us very harshly; but that is the German way—we have been fighting against it for six years. Why should we ape it?

Yours, "An Englishman" (Name supplied)

SPORTS NEWS

New Appointments

Owing to the release of Officers who formerly were responsible for various sports, a new list of duties has been compiled and is printed below. Any matter concerning the sports mentioned should be referred to the appropriate officer.

Lt. Senior, Swimming and Soccer.
Captain Evans M.C., Athletics, Rugby, Cross Country Running, Motor Cycling.
Lt. Lyon M.C., Boxing.
Captain Thornber, Hockey, Sailing.
Lt. Christensen, Ski-ing.
Lt. Judge, Table-Tennis, Darts.
Captain Burke, Rowing.
Sgt. King, Basket-Ball, Cricket.

More Kit Received

We have received some more sports kit from Bde. Welfare sources. It includes 2 pairs of boxing gloves, 19 football bladders, 4 pairs of soccer boots, two pairs of rugby boots and six-dozen ping pong balls.

"A" COMPANY ANNOUNCES----

Hard Work at Siegen

Readers of the "Yorkshire Pud" have already been told, by another scribe, something about "A" Company's new location at Siegen, and they will realise that we have not exactly landed on a bed of roses, but we are not daunted, and everyone is determined that conditions shall be improved. This will mean a great deal of hard work for us all, but we are sure that the result will be worth while.

Good Entertainment

In the matter of entertainment we have been well served this week. On Monday evening there was presented in our small theatre a very good performance by the 49th. Division Repertory Company of Terence Rattigan's comedy "While the Sun Shines," and on Friday we saw that excellent film "The Way to the Stars". For the future we have been promised two films every ten days, and there is every possibility of our getting "live" shows as well from time to time.

A challenge to "D" Company

With sport, too, we have made a beginning. On Friday afternoon the Company football team met a strong Polish team at the D.P. camp and emerged the winners by two goals to one after a hard game. C.Q.M.S. Valentine scored both our goals. There were about 800 spectators on the touchlines and several more at the windows of the buildings round the ground, all of whom showed their

keenness in a very vociferous manner. Regular fixtures with the Poles are being arranged, and with our present team we are prepared to meet all comers, including "D" Company.

Early Profits

Our first "capture" since coming to Siegen has been an American Jeep, which, as a result of information received, was brought in on Friday morning. Covetous eyes have been laid on it by members of the M.T. section, for, in common with most American jeeps, it is very well fitted out with various improvements, the chief of these being an enclosed body and a "requisitioned" passenger seat.

Welcome to reinforcements

The Company strength was further increased this week by the arrival on Thursday of 16 men. We extend a hearty welcome to these new arrivals and hope that they will soon make themselves at home with us. They were interviewed by the Company Commander on Saturday morning, when he expressed these sentiments to them personally, and gave them an outline of what the future holds for them and the Company.

In conclusion we should like to offer our sincere congratulations to our O.C. on his promotion to the rank of Major, also to Cpl. Pickles who was promoted this week.

OUR OCCUPATION TASKS ROUNDING UP THE NAZIS

For many of the problems facing us at the commencement of our occupation of Germany we had readily to hand experts to solve them. For the task of rounding up the Nazis, however, we had no such experts, and men had to be trained for this and new methods and systems devised.

Thousands of Suspects

The aim of this formidable task was to arrest and remove into internment all Nazis who were capable of threatening the security of the Allied Forces, and also depose from office all those who had held positions of influence in the Nazi set-up. A list, bearing several hundred thousand names of suspects, had already been compiled in order that Field Security Sections need waste no time in getting down to business.

. Many Surrendered

Their task was considerably eased by that fact that thousands of these, including all types, meekly gave themselves up. In addition, large queues of informers soon appeared outside Field Security Offices.

Quick results

By the middle of June ten thousand Germans within the automatic arrest categories were under lock and key. This number would have been even higher if sufficient facilities for internment had been available. Since then the work progressed well and it was found that by September attention could be turned to the purge of big businesses and industrial undertakings. Also, by this time the Germans themselves had been encouraged to be responsible for their own denazification.

Many Released

Further examination has since prompted

the authorities to release several hundreds of Germans interned in the early stages. These men, however, cannot call themselves "free" in any sense of the word. It is the job of the Public Safety Officer to see that they do not hold any position of responsibility, and in many cases other restrictions are placed upon them and their property.

German Police Help

The German Police Force, having itself been carefully purged, is now co-operating in this work, although it is somewhat lacking in experience.

54,000 interned

To date a total of 54,000 Germans have been interned in the British Zone alone. Of these, 6000 have since been released. Those figures include German Intelligence service officials, members of the S.S. and the Police Forces and officials of the Nazi Party.

German Criticize

Some Germans are not too happy about this denazification business, and maintain that a man should not have been arrested because his professional skill had earned him the praise and the recognition of the Nazi Party. They are further worried by the fact that very highly skilled administrators have been either executed or arrested, just when their services are most required.

Others, however, say that our purging of the Nazis has not been thorough enough, and should include many who were never members of the Party.

What do you think?