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GENERAL GURDON'S ORDER OF THE DAY

Divisional Commander Issues Warning

The Divisional Commander, Major-General E. T. L. Gurdon, C.B.E., M.C., has issued a Special Order of the Day to all ranks contemplating bringing their families out to Germany.

NOTES & NEWS

Battalion Finds New Draft

The Battalion has had to find another small draft, this time composed of potential clerks of high age group. Seven privates are to leave today and will go to 51 R.H.U. at Herford. They are Ptes. Archbold, Stainton, Ormrod, Biddle, Ramsey, Jarrett and Ritson.

Toy-Making at Ludenscheid

The R.S.F.'s are running a toy-making course from the 17th to 30th of March at their Education Centre at Ludenscheid.

Two vacancies are allotted to this Bn. Applications must reach the Education Office not later than Saturday, the 9th of March.

More Specialists Wanted

There are still opportunities in the Bn. to be trained as a specialist.

Two more stretcher bearers are required, four clerks, fourteen carrier personnel, as well as nine men for the Mounted Patrol which is described in another column of today's issue.

Officer Appointments

Lieut. N. F. Tilley has been appointed Unit Messing Officer in the place of Lieut. Staveley who has left the Battalion for release.

Lieut. R. H. Carruthers, who brings the Scottish minority in the Officers' Mess up to two, has been appointed to command the Carriers.

Sports Meeting

A Sports Meeting is to be held in the "Iron Duke" on Saturday at 1400 hours, to discuss the Battalion's plans in preparation for the forthcoming Brigade, Divisional and Corps competitions.

The meeting is to be attended by all permanent sports representatives and one representative for each company.

Battalion Loses Signal Officer George Driver Goes

Captain G. F. Driver, who left the Bn. today for release, has served in the Army since 1940 when he enlisted as a volunteer. Until November that year he served with the Royal Corps of Signals, but joined the Duke of Wellington's Regiment after requesting transfer to the Infantry.

Commissioned from O.C.T.U. in April, 1941, he joined the Battalion and served with "B" Company as Platoon Commander until the Battalion left Iceland. He became Signals Officer in February 1943 and has since carried on in that capacity without a break, being mentioned

General Gurdon says "I think that it is right and proper that I should issue a word of warning on certain points. . . . in order to prevent disappointment and possibly even hardship in the future."

You May Lose Your Home. . .

The Divisional Commander points out that the Minister of Health in Britain has power to requisition unoccupied houses to solve the accommodation shortage at home. If the officer or soldier brings his family out to Germany, his vacant house may be requisitioned "and there can be no guarantee. . . . that the Minister of Health will agree to de-requisition it when such personnel leave the Army or when their families wish to return."

. . . . Find it Hard to Get a New One

The Divisional Commander then refers in his Order of the Day to the difficulty of procuring a house anywhere in Britain. If the family is not on the spot, houses that come on the market are rapidly snapped up, and others step into them before you even hear that they are vacant.

If, however, you let your home to a tenant it will be possible to register it with the Local Council as having been let to a particular person.

Then, if you wish to regain possession later, you can do so without the danger that the tenant may invoke the Rent Restriction Act in order to remain in occupation.

Make No Mistake

"Make no mistake," says General Gurdon. "I am as anxious as you are that you should have your wives and children with you. I am, however, equally anxious that, when making plans to have them out, you should do so with your eyes open to some of the pitfalls, so that you can take steps to avoid them."

WIRELESS NEWS

Canada Lends Britain Billion Dollars. Nearly 1,000 Enemy Subs. Sunk During War.

HOME

The terms of the Canadian loan to Britain were announced in Parliament yesterday. The loan is 281,000,000 Pounds (1,250,000,000 Dollars) at an interest of 2 per cent, and is repayable over a period of 50 years commencing 1st January 1951. There is a clause, similar to that of the American loan, by which interest payments may be waived in certain circumstances. The Canadian Government has also continued its interest free loan up to January 1951, and remitted the whole debt Britain still owes for the expenses of Empire Air Training. This debt amounted to 425,000,000 dollars.

The loan will involve the removal of trade barriers and will enable Britain to buy food and other essentials from Canada.

American Loan Arguments

The proposed American Loan of 1,100,000,000 Pounds is still being hotly debated in committee. Senator William Berkeley contends that it should not be linked with demands in connection with

the American War Bases and the Great War Debt.

Admiralty Releases Submarine Figure
The Admiralty announced yesterday that we sank 996 enemy submarines during the war—that is the equivalent of one every two days. 781 were German, 85 Italian, and 130 Japanese.

Premier Meets Employers

The Prime Minister and other ministers attended the National Conference of Employers yesterday. Attlee said that the Government asks for a prosperity drive, and while realising the employer's difficulties considers that they should adapt themselves. The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that the export trade was to be increased by 75 per cent, and the overseas balance of trade would be adjusted by the middle of next year. Foreign Minister Bevin said that Britain's prestige was linked with her capacity for bigger output.

SPAIN

Franco Speaks of Social Justice

Franco made no reference to the 3-Power statement on Spanish affairs when he spoke in Madrid yesterday. He made the usual allegations about Communism and Liberalism, and said that social justice in Spain depended on Order.

Moscow radio has said that condemnation is not enough, being merely a rehash of the old non-intervention.

PALESTINE

No News is Good News

There were no disorders in Palestine yesterday.

INDIA

Delhi Riots

Students and workers rioted in Delhi yesterday in protest against the Government's Victory Day celebrations. Buildings were burned and offices stoned; files and furniture were turned into the street. The police had to make baton charges and use tear gas. Finally they had to open fire. Five people were killed and ten injured.

A local curfew has been imposed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

JUGOSLAVIA

Delegates arrive at Trieste

British, American and French members of the Boundary Commission have arrived in Trieste.

Horses Authorised for Units

The Treasury has authorised units in the Rhine Army to maintain 9 horses at the Army's expense for patrol work.

Patrols of an N.C.O. and 8 men are to be trained in mounted infantry and grooming duties, and they will be responsible for cross-country sweeps where the use of vehicles is difficult or impossible.

In addition units can retain horses for recreational purposes provided that they pay Two Pounds a month into public funds for each horse. Recreational horses which are now surplus to requirements are to be pooled for distribution to units which have no horses.

Those who wish to join the Battalion's Mounted Patrol should apply now to their Company Office.

**GROUP 30 and
BELOW---**

**Apply For Your
Div. Vocational Course
NOW**

Or it may be Too Late!

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LOCAL AFFAIRS

The West Riding County Council raises over five million pounds a year from local rates and controls the expenditure of thirteen million pounds. The authority of the County Council affects the average man very much more closely than does the national authority of Parliament. It is responsible for all the great public services—the upkeep of the roads you use, the maintenance and staffing of the schools you send your children to, the supervision of the sanitary systems of town and country, the maintenance of your family's health, the provision of hospitals and the regulation of public nuisances. Transport services, housing facilities, entertainments, town planning—all these things, and many others too numerous to mention, come within the purview of the council.

And yet it is suprising, almost staggering, how few people care about the composition of their local councils. The polling in the West Riding County Council elections, which has resulted for the first time in a clear win for the Socialists, has nowhere shown more than slightly over 50 per cent of the total possible poll. In some divisions only 20 per cent of the electors troubled to record their votes, and the general average throughout the West Riding was only 40 per cent.

However satisfactory their win may be to the Socialists, they realise as well as the Conservatives that so much apathy amongst the electors is a disturbing indication that all is not well in local affairs.

If one is to judge from the polls—and there is nothing else on which one can judge—civic consciousness has not progressed from where it stood nine years ago at the time of the last elections; and this in spite of the fact that the war is generally considered to have stimulated interest in the working of our government and broadened our opportunities for learning something about it.

TOMORROW at 1930 hrs. "IN THE MOOD"

Two Hours Of
Song And Dance.

TONIGHT
Battalion
DANCE
at the
ZUM ALTEN
POSTWAGEN
1900 to 2200 hrs

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leave Travel

Sir,—I should like to endorse the remarks of "Disgruntled" ("Yorkshire Pud" March 6th Copy No. 199) and submit that the petrol saved by sending leave parties to the Div. Transit Camp at Neheim is negligible.

The distance from Gevelsberg to Neheim is sixty kilometres, following route No. Seven. That from Gevelsberg to Krefeld is sixty five kilometres, following routes Seven and Nine.

Such being the case it is nowhere near "twice as far to . . . Krefeld as to Neheim," as you say in your reply. Munster, Yes. Krefeld, No.

R. Buss Pte. "I" Section.

Editor: You "I" Boys are too much for us. After all we've done for you, you go and rat on us.

H.Q. Views (1) New Transport Appointments This Week

This is the M.T. Network on 252, 825 and 406 metre band. Here is the news in English read by Misty Fog.

Sgt. "Duff" Cooper has been appointed our special envoy to Siegen and will leave almost immediately for his new post. Sgt. Luty will fill the vacant post of Assistant Secretary to the Minister of Transport.

Truck Limp Back to Base

This week our trucks on routine flights over the mountains to Siegen encountered adverse weather conditions and one was crippled by a tramcar, but fortunately managed to limp back to base with a damaged radiator and landing wheel. Quite a commotion was caused by the fact that someone as yet unknown had the audacity

settling down to the mysterious way "the Cream" works.

No Soccer

No football this week came as a great disappointment to our Platoon team. We are anxiously waiting to see what we can do to the Rifle Platoon teams. Maybe we'll manage a fixture yet before the weekend. Our matches so far are wins, and we aim to keep this up.

Releases

At long last, 26 Group have left us, and already a certain chappie has drawn up a demob-chart for 17 days. Now, who can this be? We reckon he's in 27 Group, don't you, fellows? Talking of demobbing, someone else had this to say on the last day of February: "Well, at a minute past midnight I too will be able to say, 'Next month I'll be released'." He's in 28 Group.

New Arrivals

Amongst our new arrivals of the past few drafts were two jockeys, Ptes. Donaghue and Richards. Someone dared to suggest to the latter: "Have you only got six months in?" They both hope to be flying home to ride in the forthcoming flat-races soon, so now our claims on that other well known rider in the Company have completely vanished. We may send on another new arrival, who was heard to say in the Platoon Office this week: "I'd like to ride Glaxo in the Battalion Sports this Summer."

Soir de Paris

Buller West was a very busy man one evening this week. He was actually caught applying scent to the lapels of his best tunic. Now whatever could he be doing that for?

Here we must close this week, hoping next time to tell you of another smashing win on the football field.

SIGNAL NOTES

Irreplaceable George

This week we lose Captain Driver. He leaves the Battalion on Friday and he will take with him all our very best wishes for his future happiness in "civvy street."

Cpl. Brown left us yesterday—no, not demobbed! He has gone to Siegen to relieve George Schlie, who is group 27 and wishes to spend his last fortnight with the platoon.

Football

After our win against the M.T. last week, we had a hard fight with 13 Platoon on a wet, sloshy ground. The match finished with a draw, 1-1. Sgt. Law, who scored our only goal, and Pte. Pitt of the Q.M.'s staff, both played a very good game. Most of the praise for 13 Platoon goes to their goalkeeper who put up a very fine show.

Basketball—a Challenge

We are still waiting for a chance to try our new team. If any platoon is interested let us know and we shall be very pleased to arrange a match.

In conclusion we offer our congratulations to all members of the platoon who have recently been promoted.

LESSON I — "HOW TO FALL"



If You Please

A lady boarded a bus in Leeds recently and, tendered a half-crown in payment for her penny fare.

"I have no pennies, so don't complain," she said aggressively.

The young conductor smiled, accepted the money and remarked, "Don't let that upset you Ma'am; you'll soon have 29 of them."

Today's Radio

THE LIGHT PROGRAMME

1830: It's your money they're after.

1900: By Gaslight and Hansom.

1930: Just William.

2010: Intermezzo.

2025: Here's wishing you well again.

2110: Boxing.

2200: Merry-go-round.

THE HOME SERVICE

1930: They Belong to Scotland.

1950: Facts First.

2000: Tchaikowsky.

2115: Heather Micture.

2230: Featuring Minesweepers.

to steal one of our trusty but breezy steeds. This was quickly brought to earth by one of our night patrols commanded by Sgt. Luty.

New Rival for Bing

Chaotic scenes have been witnessed this week, owing to the fact that one sergeant in particular has been under a false impression, since the installation of the Network, that he could emulate Bing, much to the discomfort of all our listeners.

Loads of Bumph

The M.T.O. for some unknown reason decided to beat a hasty retreat to a carefully chosen hideout, and is now barricaded behind Accident Report Forms, only to be approached at risk of personal injury. Visitors, please take warning, especially those in the M.T. Section.

CARRIER NOTES

The Skipper Leaves

Our notes this week must open with a farewell to our beloved skipper, Captain Evans M.C., who, we hear, is now training the Yugoslavs the correct way to "Slope Arms." We wish him well in these unfamiliar duties. At the same time we welcome to our fold our new platoon officer, Lieut Carruthers. He is already