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RE-ENLISTMENT IN THE REGULAR ARMY

Army Council Publishes The Conditions

A new Council Instruction has just been published giving the terms and conditions on which soldiers can extend, re-engage, or continue their colour service on normal Regular Army engagements.

NOTES & NEWS

Church Services

Owing to the absence of the Roman Catholic Padre on leave, all Roman Catholic members of the Battalion are asked to attend the normal civilian services until further notice.

The Rev. Gordon T. Brigg, the new Senior Chaplain to 49th Division, is to conduct Divine Service at our own Garrison Church tomorrow morning.

The Imperial War Museum

The Imperial War Museum in Lambeth Road, London, is now receiving the "Yorkshire Pud" regularly. In a letter from the Librarian, it is disclosed that an exhibition for this war is planned on the lines of that of the Great War.

As well as possessing over 5,000 works by the official and unofficial artists of the 1914-1918 war, the collection includes many relics of weapons and equipment, mementoes of historic events and gallant men, and models and photographs illustrating the methods and conditions under which the war was fought on land, at sea and in the air.

Battalion Welcomes New Draft

Twenty-one reinforcements, all of fairly high age groups, arrived in Gevelsberg last night.

The draft, which included only one N.C.O. (a lance-corporal), consisted of fifteen men from the Royal Welch Fusiliers and six from the Royal Warwicks, although a few of them have been Airborne or Commandos. Three of them were clerks, two were drivers, and one was a printer of 7 years experience. He has been attached to the Wellington Press.

The remainder are to stay for the moment with "D" Company, where they spent their first night after arrival.

Brigadier to Inspect Battalion

The Brigade Commander, Brigadier R.C. Cottrell-Hill D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., is to inspect the Battalion on Tuesday morning, commencing at 1000 hours.

The Brigadier will first inspect the Battalion on parade and will watch "C" Company at Foot and Arms Drill. The rest of the morning will be taken up with a tour of all billets, followed by a visit to the dining-halls at lunch-time.

The Bde. E.M.E. will at the same time be carrying out a detailed inspection of all M.T. vehicles.

The new terms of service take effect from the 1st of March 1946, and are as follows:—

- Original engagement of 5 years with the Colours and 7 with the Reserve; or 12 years with the Colours.
- Extension of colour service to complete 12 years with the Colours.
- Re-engagement to complete 21 years service.
- Continue in the Service beyond 21 years.

Rank Guaranteed

Man between ages of 17½ and 30 years who are not already serving on Regular engagements can now re-enlist into the Corps or Regiment of their choice, for 5 years with the Colours, as shown in para. (a) above. Their service will reckon from the date of the new attestation, but previous service will reckon for increases of pay and for service pension, and retention of their present rank is guaranteed.

For the Regular Soldier

Paras. (b), (c), and (d) above refer only to those who are already Regular Soldiers. Those who wish to extend their service to complete the remainder of their 12 year engagement with the Colours, re-engage to complete 21 years service or continue in the Service beyond 21 years, should apply to their Company Office.

Timber!

This month's allocation of timber for use by the Battalion's woodwork class has now been received—a quantity of softwood, oak, and plywood.

Opportunities in the Cotton Industry

Wages in the cotton industry have been increased during the war and further improvements are under consideration.

The cotton-spinning employers, for instance, have said "it is our policy to see individual wages higher than in the past in relation to general wage-levels and the cost of living."

Working conditions have been improved in many respects—modern lighting, ventilation, air conditioning and dust extraction plants have been installed in many mills; there are more first aid rooms, rest rooms, and welfare facilities.

Training for All

If you are eligible for a Ministry of Labour Training Course the Government will pay you the normal scale of allowances to support you and your family

WIRELESS NEWS

Socialists Sweep Polls In L.C.C. Elections

Churchill Speaks To Virginians

HOME

The London County Council Elections have resulted in an increased majority for Labour. The Socialists secured 90 seats as against 76 at the last elections, the Conservatives 30 as against 48 last time. The Liberals and the Communists each secured 2 seats. The two Communist gains, Stepney and Mile End, are the first ever gained by the party in the L.C.C.

Monty says Three out of Four are Nazis

Field-Marshal Montgomery, speaking in Hastings yesterday, said that the German ration would remain 1000 calories. The inmates of Belsen, he said, had only 800. Remarking that "overgrown Germans have got to tighten their belts," the Field-Marshal said that 3 out of 4 Germans were Nazi at heart, and it would take 10 years to eradicate it.

Motor Car Pioneer Dies

Dr. F. W. Lancaster, who designed and built the first British motor car 50 years ago, died last night. He was a great pioneer of the science and practice of engineering. Many features of the modern

A YEAR AGO TODAY

A year ago today the Battalion was "enjoying" its second stay at Haalderen, on the Nijmegen "Island," scene of the famous German attack on Dec. 4th. In our own area life was comparatively quiet, although the Lincolns had staged an unsuccessful attempt to reach the Rhine a few miles beyond in "Buffaloes."

Elsewhere life was not so quiet. We had just heard that the Americans had succeeded in capturing Remagen railway bridge intact and penetrating into the forest beyond. A security silence prevailed, as impenetrable as the fog which poured over us all day from Montgomery's smoke-generators.

car owe their origin to him, and he also laid the foundation of aeronautics.

Fire on the "Queen Elizabeth"

A fire of unknown origin which started in a small store-room in the world's largest liner, the "Queen Elizabeth," was put out in one and a half hours yesterday. The "Queen Elizabeth" is being reconverted from her troop carrying duties.

UNITED STATES

Churchill on Anglo-U.S. Amity

Churchill spoke yesterday before the State Legislature of Virginia. "With malice for none" we should stand together in defence of the causes that we hold dear. Exactly how and when this unity was to be achieved it was impossible to say. Referring to American comments that his previous speech implied that Britain was either to become a State in the American Union or that America was to be invited back into the Empire, he remarked that the answer probably lay between the two extremes.

RUSSIA

No Persian Settlement Yet

No reply has yet been given either to the American note requesting the immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from Persia, or to the British note delivered last Monday asking for further information. (All Russian troops should have left by March 2nd according to treaty obligations).

Russia Agrees

Russia has replied to the French note suggesting submission of the Spanish problem to the Security Council. Russia "entirely agrees." The American reply, which is understood to be on the way, is not likely to agree.

CHINA

Russians Still in Manchuria

No agreement has yet been reached with the Russians as to the relief of Russian troops in Manchuria by Chinese, according to the latest Chungking report.

GERMANY

They Froze Germans Too

Goering's first two defence witnesses have been heard at Nuremberg, but both of them made damaging admissions under cross-examination. Field Marshal Milch admitted that Goering knew of the freezing experiments in the concentration camps.

Divine Service

at the

Garrison Church

at 1130 hrs. Tomorrow

(The Service will be taken by the Senior Chaplain)

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SPANISH JACKANAPES

Recently we have been presented with the unedifying spectacle of a dictatorship making a fool of democracy. We grew used to this sort of thing before the war, but after the defeat of Fascism most of us must have felt free to presume that it would not happen again.

Unfortunately, this has not proved the case, and after a tremendous allied victory which cost six years of blood and toil, we can still watch the festering sore that grew with Fascism's first European triumph outside its country of origin.

The sore is Franco's Spain. It is a sore because it is one more problem which is undermining allied unity. The Government of France, nearest of all to Spain, has taken the initiative and proposed that diplomatic relations should be severed as a preliminary to bringing the present condition of Spain before the Security Council of U.N.O. as a threat to world peace. France has had no reply from America, and Britain has not fully accepted her note.

In the meantime the French Government announced its intention of closing the frontier, only to find that Franco acted first and closed his. Fresh from his triumph in hanging his political enemies by the neck, he now thumbs his nose across the gate to France.

It is a sorry spectacle when all the victorious democracies can do is to exchange futile notes.

The British point of view seems to be that while we would welcome a revolution it must come from within. That is reasonable talk to a nation capable of deciding for itself and acting freely. But there is no "His Majesty's Opposition" to the Caudillo. The Opposition is hanging by its neck, unless it has already been cut down.

Logically, we don't see the difference between "liberating" France and Belgium and Holland and "liberating" Spain. We knew none of the occupied nations were capable of throwing off Germany's yoke unaided. We didn't stop short of their borders and say "We musn't interfere in your internal politics."

How long is this jackanapes, who rose to power through the blood of his countrymen with the help of the divisions of Hitler and Mussolini, to be allowed to sneer and jeer when his accomplices are either dead, on trial, or in hiding?

Or do we still think he is a "gallant Christian gentleman"?

TONIGHT
at 1930 hrs.
"IN THE MOOD"

Compered by
ERIKA VON LOM

TOMORROW
Erich Bahl's
BAND CABARET SHOW
"THE GOOD TIME STARS"

at 1930 hrs.

MY OLD MAN SAID FOLLOW THE BAND

During 1939 Major Pyrah joined the greatest platoon of all, the M.T. At that time Captain Hibbert was Transport Officer, and Sgt. Robbins, the one and only, was Transport Sgt. Together, Major Pyrah and his M.T. have always been a first class team. Finally he left to become O.C. Headquarter Company. Many times we had our tiffs, but the main thing was the team worked very well, and one can always remember the day the Battalion moved to Scotland ready to embark for Norway. It was a very fast convoy—perhaps not as fast as the one that Major Thomlinson was in charge of.

Perhaps many still do not know just how he aquired his name "Shake." Well, it was in Iceland, when the C.O. came to inspect, that he always had a shake on (not to mention that all officers had a shake on during this period).



The Old Cock-Linnet at the Start Point

During the Yarmouth days one had to work very hard and it was through Major Pyrah's good help that we were able to waterproof our vehicles and always come out on top in any competition against other units.

In action—well, it was always he who gave the drivers the spirit to keep the old wheels turning all the time, and it was a record for him to have only one vehicle lost.

Major Pyrah's big test piece was the move from Le Havre to Belgium. One part of the route involved going through Brussels with 7 D.W.R. leading the Bde. Column. The G.O.C. was waiting for the column on the outskirts of Brussels with a change of route. It was quite simple to find the way. The Major asked a civilian the road to Malines and was told to follow a No. 10 Tram! But Major Pyrah got through in the end. Four hundred vehicles following a team is not the approved military method. Unorthodoxy sometimes pays. Anyhow, Major Pyrah always got us to the right place at the right time.

The Company will keep his song for their own—

"MY OLD MAN SAID FOLLOW THE BAND."

H.Q. Views (2)

We Don't Guarantee Your Route - Card

This week Sgt. Roberts goes on a 10 days course to England. Cpl. Lord M.M. takes over the responsibilities of the office and other dubious duties. From what the Good Lord says anyone wanting a route-card during the next few weeks will probably find himself stranded on the Hook of Holland. He asserts the M.M. does not in anyway mean Marvellous Memory, except that he does remember a certain man who caught him for 10 fags (that man please note).

New Cipher Clerk

Buster is our new cipher clerk; he even baffles himself mixing German with English, and cipher with shorthand.

They Seek him at Siegen

Armed with two bibles, two prayer books and a white collar, Hallamshire Watford

Today's Radio

THE LIGHT PROGRAMME

1815: Four in Harmony.
1830: George Elrick's Party.
1900: Radio Rhythm Club.
1930: Shipmates Ashore.
2015: Forces Favourites.
2045: Tip-Top Tunes.
2115: Fiesta.
2145: Saturday Night Out.
2230: Navy Mixture.

THE HOME SERVICE

1735: March of the Movies.
1955: Scottish Dance Music.
2100: Music Hall.

SPORTS NEWS

RUGGER

Don't forget the Combined Services (B.A.O.R.) XV versus the Kiwis at Wuppertal on Wednesday 13th March 1946. If you want to go, give your name to Company Office before 1200 hours on the 11th of March (Monday).

Note: This time it's Rugger, not Soccer—and we hope it won't be cancelled.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What do You Think, Chums?

Sir, I am a frequent attender at the Wet Canteen and should like to know the reason why glasses are always kept beneath the counter until certain parties arrive.

Also why can't something be done about the queue in the corridor? Why not let the lads in at 6.30 even if the beer has to be served at 7 o'clock?

"Frothblower."

Editor: Why do you perpetual grouse always think that people are doing you down? Have you a persecution mania?

Glasses are for gingivitis cases and some other people whose personal property they are.

Main reason for queues is the fact that patrons of the "Iron Duke" remove our crockery. For instance, we have had 800 cups since the canteen opened in September (200 of them within the last two or three months). There are now 46 left. Out of 200 dining plates we can only muster 36.

Opening the cafe and bar early doesn't mean that people will sit down and wait in comfort. It means that the queue will form at the counter.

has set off to Siegen to relieve Pimpnel Plummer. He went bearing the good wishes of Gevelsberg Missionary School. We are daily expecting to see Pimpnel minus his shirts and pants. He's been howling for reinforcements for ages. We know he will be pleased to be back, although he has his eye on places further afield.

P.S. A message just come in—Watty wants more white collars. He says they are slinging mud around like snow down there.

BAND GOSSIP

This week our notes will doubtless be shorter than usual owing to the fact that nothing of any interest has happened to us residents of 3 and 4 Umlandstrasse.

By The Way

We think the boys are all reformed characters since "Jive" Roms was demobbed for good behaviour last week. Or is it the new books that the Bandmaster has presented them which keeps them occupied?

Yes, fellows, these books are quite interesting, and if you would like to be the proud possessor of one of them just see the Bandmaster about joining the Band. By the way the books are called "Dims and Doms" and are published by Boosey and Hawkes of London. So don't forget—if you have a high age group, come and join the happy throng.

We have had three letters this week, one from our old Band Sergeant "Duggie" Shaw, one from Fisher and one from Cpl. Bill Norman.

Cpl. Norman to Go to School of Music

Cpl. Norman left us a few weeks ago to join the Depot Band, and in his letter he says he hopes shortly to go to the School of Music at Kneller Hall. We wish him all the best of luck.

Mr. Shaw and Mr. Fisher are getting along fine in civvy street and they wish to be remembered to all. They say they were two good soldiers but are far better civvies.

Soccer Triumph

Yesterday after a most exciting game of football the Band team scored a victory of two goals to nil against a platoon of "C" Company.

And now, wishing L/Cpl. "Taffy" Lewis all the best on his promotion to full rank, we say "Cheerio" until next week.

SAVE BY SYSTEM

EVEN IF IT'S ONLY A PENNY EVERY WEEK

Ask your Company CLERK TO FIX IT.