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Army of the Future

Numerous Changes to be Made

Editor Returns.

It was published in an earlier edition that Capt. Judge. R. J. had vacated the editorship of the "Yorkshire Pud" as he was going to join No. 6 Infantry Holding Battalion at Hartford Bridge, near Morpeth. This has now all been cancelled and Capt Judge once more resumes his duties as editor, leaving Lieut. Hopkinson breathing a deep sigh of relief, who so ably carried on the good work in Capt Judge's absence.

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Inter-Battalion Cricket Match

A cricket match will take place between the Buren troops and the Eselheide Detachment on Wednesday 14th. August, commencing at 1430 hrs at Buren. A cricket inter-coy knockout will start on Saturday, August 20th, the draw being made by Lieut. Hopkinson.

WELLINGTON THEATRE

RE-APPEARANCE

OF

ERIC MUNDER'S CABARET SHOW

on

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th.

at 1930 hrs.

Admission:— 2/-, 1/- & 6d.

THE Army must be made more attractive if free entry is to increase. But is this not just what is being said of every other trade and industry, from coal mining to domestic service?

In fact the planners of the planning age are confronted with the old law of supply and demand, one of the laws that was never passed at Westminster and cannot be repealed.

The nation today has 2,000,000 fewer young lads than it had a generation ago. They are in demand everywhere. Everybody wants them.

FIELD-MARSHAL LORD MONTGOMERY will probably not secure the 100,000 volunteers wanted for the Army this year. But it will not be for any failure of ideas or energy on the part of the new Chief of Imperial General Staff.

He is putting the same splendid drive into his peacetime duties as

he did into his campaigns against the Germans.

He does not mean to be a War Office wallah. He plans to spend a great deal of time until the end of 1947 travelling the world, visiting the Empire, studying the needs on the spot with the men on the spot.

In these words the Chief of Staff shakes the Blimps to their foundation impetus to the view that Jack's as good as his master.

"Why should not the soldier read in bed if he wants to? I always do. I would go mad if I did not."

MONTY'S first campaign of peace is to raise the status of the private soldier. "It all depends on that article," Wellington of the infantryman on the eve of Waterloo. It is something new and entrancing to find this same warm appreciation on the day after battle.

FOOT NOTE:—

FOUR FREEDOMS FOR THE

VISCOUNT MONTGOMERY, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, fore-cast Four Freedoms for the British soldier in the Army of tomorrow:—

1. Freedom from barracks. "We want to abolish them and have bedrooms and sitting-rooms. Messing should be as in a good civilian restaurant."

ARMY OF TOMORROW

2. Freedom from "Lights Out." "Why shouldn't the soldier read in bed? I always do. I would go mad if I did not."

3. Freedom off duty. "The soldier, when not required for duty, should be free to go where he pleases."

4. Freedom from irritations. "Tattoo, roll calls, short passes, parades and so on."

A WORD FROM THE PADRE

Some years ago in Glasgow I was called to the death-bed of an old lady, quite a common occurrence in a large city parish. This old lady, however, was different. When I think of her I always spell lady in my mind with a capital L. She was very old, and she was dying, but she had grown old in the calm dignified way that becomes a Lady, and she approached the fact of Death as a Lady should, without fear and without excitement. She was poor in the sense of possessing few of the riches of this world, but I was soon to learn that she was rich in other ways. Ostensibly I went to that house to assist her in the solemn business of leaving this mortal life and entering into Eternity, but I went back again and again to learn wisdom, as a child does to a well-loved teacher. It was the time when milkboys were whistling the then popular tune of the moment "Little old lady passing by" and often as I climbed the stairs to her house, I'd hear the

tune and think to myself how little they realised that here was a grand 'little old Lady' passing by and going to keep an 80 year old engagement, or date, with the Infinite God who had created her, and the milkboys, and myself. She was in no hurry to die. Time was a gift of God and she'd use every last moment of her time preparing to meet him.

She won't mind my talking about her like this to you, because I asked her permission to quote anywhere one sentence she said to me. It was this—"I have lived more than 80 years and if I were to begin those 80 years over again there is not one tiny thing of all my life that I would not repeat exactly as I did it in real fact"—she said that when death was knocking at her door. Perhaps I could begin so to order my life now that when I come to the end of my road there won't be so many things I'd like to have changed or to leave omitted.

She was a lovely old Lady.

ERIC MUNDER'S CABARET

A Great Success

Last Wednesday night at the Wellington Theatre, the well-known Dance Band of Eric Munder's, entertained us to a highlights of Dance Music, with vocal and string music.

The Band gave a good account of themselves throughout the show, and a tribute must be made to their able leader, who showed great skill and leadership all the time.

The accordionist showed great talent and handled her instrument with ease. The crooner was also promising, also the girl vocalist rendered English songs, which the audiences appreciated in the usual manner.

General opinion of the show was that it proved very entertaining. A reminder;—The show has been booked again for Sunday, August 18th.

It is hoped that at the next performance there will be a larger audiences. It does not give much encouragement to the Education staff to see so few turn up at these shows after they have gone to so much trouble to arrange them. Ed.

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YOU CAN DO IT.

A Battalion road walking championship will be held on Tuesday, August 13th at 1430 hrs.

Each Company will produce a team of 6 men, including 1 officer or Senior N.C.O., 1 Junior N.C.O., 4 Ptes or N.C.O.'s. The distance of the course will be 7 miles, and will be run in the Buren area, commencing and finishing by the flag pole outside Battalion H. Q. Buren. Prizes will be given as follows, 1st prize will be 2 pounds, 2nd. prize 1 pound, and the 3rd 10/—, and the winning team will be awarded 10/— each.

From the results of this championship, a team will be selected for the Bde Championship which will be held shortly, further details for this will appear in a later edition.

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

A year ago, the war finished. To-day with their Allies, the British people see their magnificent efforts crowned with complete and absolute victory.

To-day, and one year after, we can see that although our military battles are over, our campaigns for peace and re-construction are only just beginning.

We need goods for the export market to pay for the food imports which we must have in order to live. We need machinery and equipment to build the Britain for which we have fought so long and so hard. To enable these objectives to be achieved, we need savings.

Our ancestors throughout the ages built up in the form of overseas credits a strong "nest-egg" on which we could rely when rainy days came. We have had the rainy days and practically all those assets are gone.

Now we in our turn have to save to enable us to pay our own way and so restore our National economy that we shall hand on to those who come after us the same strong Britain which we inherited from our fathers.

Savings are therefore as important to-day as they were during the war. When arranging the National finances for the current year, the Chancellor of the Exchequer was informed that the British people would raise by Savings five hundred and twenty million pounds, and this sum was taken into consideration when the tax relief programme was prepared. It must and will be raised.

Towards this very large sum, the three fighting Services have undertaken to raise ten million pounds. Each Command has set itself a target and the Campaign has already started.

The target for the British Army of the Rhine is a simple one—10/- per Officer and man per month, i.e. only 2/6d. a week. If we can improve on that, so much the better, but that figure alone will tell the world that we are pulling our weight, and the spirit which carried us from Normandy to Lüneburg is as strong in peace as in war.

Let us not forget that we won our military victories with our guns, our planes and our tanks. They were made available by our capacity to work, backed by our capacity to save. We shall win our re-construction campaigns with the same capacity to work and the same capacity to save.

Savings are the tools with which we shall carry out the job of securing a good standard of living for ourselves and making Great Britain a goodly heritage for our children.

An Appreciation

By Lieut. E. E. Bush, O.M.

I am sorry this article is a little late coming so long after the sports, but I think the Tug-of-War Team deserves mentioning, not only for their achievement in winning the Brigade Competition and getting runners up in the Division, but for the hard work they put in during training.

The training consisted of nine periods (AFTER DUTY) on the football pitch, which was watched by the Commanding Officer whenever he could spare the time, and by Lieut. R. Judge our Welfare Officer, who also acted as a coach on several occasions.

Considering that we had technique as a team on the rope and a method of coaching which had never before been seen by most members of the Battalion, Brigade and Division for that matter, much can be said for the NCO's and men who worked so enthusiastically to achieve success for the Battalion. Without doubt the success would have been greater had we longer to train and perfect our style.

I might state here that there were many congratulations passed to me to convey to the team which was very gratifying and made up for disappointment felt by all for not being able to get the 7th. Dukes name on the shield for the second time.

Well it was agreed that we ought to have a little celebration and the opening night of the "Iron Duke" (which had been closed for repairs) was decided upon as the best night, and a very convivial evening it was it was too.

The evening commenced with a dinner at 1900 hrs. which the boys had been looking forward to, so much that one beefy member of the team read detail wrongly and paraded in his Sunday best at 1300 hrs. and then again at 1800 hrs. and actually at 1900 hrs. was five minutes late.

Anyway we all sat down at last, with Sgt. Longmire's best looking and most efficient waitresses, starting us off with soup, followed by a mixed grill and finishing off with pancakes, with gallons of beer in between, and after.

I regret to say that six members of the team were absent owing to them being on leave, but I can assure them that the remainder drank their health well and truly. It was here we discovered that the lightest member of the team, Pte. Smith "A" Company could sink more beer than any other two members of the team put together. I think he had been saving his thirst from Dortmund where he went three days without any.

After conveying the Commanding Officer's appreciation of the excellent efforts I said "Goodnight" and judging from the vocal strains that floated through the windows a good night WAS had by all.

"BACK-ROOM" GIRLS

SPIRIT OF COMRADESHIP

Tucked away in a desolated corner of Central Germany on the former Wehrmacht "Salisbury Plain", where storm-troopers once practiced their battle tactics in secret over miles of sandy, scrub covered country, lies a carefully secured compound housing hundreds of Nazi internees, their British guards — and a handful of NAAFI girls.

The NAAFI Canteen, for the benefit of troops employed on strict guard duties, is staffed entirely by British personnel. No Germans other than prisoners, are allowed within the compound and those detained are not allowed outside, for they are all ex-members of the S. S. and other notorious characters whose records suggest they are best kept under lock and key for the present.

The Canteen is essential for troops stationed in this isolated sealed camp. It has no address, operating simply under a number. NAAFI girls sent here are required to do only a limited period of duty before they are replaced by new staff.

Recreation and amusements are mostly improptu. There is a small concert hall where films are shown and, occasionally, concerts by local talent. A few horses are kept in the compound which some of the girls, such as 21 years old Doris Fillingham, of 1 Chaple Place, Plymouth, are learning to ride. Doris, who had no previous experience in riding, can now sit a horse like an expert. Sometimes the girls are collected by truck and permitted to go on an excursion into the nearest town.

Half the girls, who work under the direction of Manageress Robina Clark, of the Kennels, Lockerbie, Dunfries, were recruited from Scotland. The cooks are May Gardner, of Gold Graig, Kilwinning Ayrshire and Mary MacLennan of Inverinate, Kyle of Lochalsh, Ross-shire.

A channel Islander is Rosemary Pain, of Inglenook, Granville, Jersey from Wales there is Iris Minnihone, of Maesglas Crescent, Newport, Mon.

On the face of it, being stationed in a prison does not appear an attractive proposition. But the spirit of comradeship fostered among the British community have successfully overcome the rigours of isolation and a number of the NAAFI girls have already elected to stay on beyond their allotted spell of duty.

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For my part I can only say "There are all good lads and their party was well deserved." AND THANK YOU "IRON DUKE" FOR YOUR EXCELLENT SERVICES.

POET'S CORNER

UTOPIA

Believe me, dear, there is some distant land.

Where hate and greed and anger are unknown

And men are Free, no hand against hand,

Where Truth is something Fine, not to disown.

No aircraft there are seen, no siren sounds,

Nor Belching, ratching, Tank pollutes the air with Foetid breath;

Deaths direful Hounds, with dazzling crimson Lips, are unknown there.

But there all work, a smile on every face

With song and Laughter heard allowed to slide.

Justice and honour have the pride of place

And things get done, are not allowed to slide.

There, my son, all's happiness and Love

Men worship as they please without a fear

Say just what they wish without reproof,

For chivalry is resurrected there.

ENYOI—

"Where is this place, you ask, I cannot say.

It seems not in this world of ours to-day.

D. N. S.

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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

I dreamn't that I stood at the end of a street,

Whose houses were built up with biscuits and meat,

The pavements were covered with tins of dried veg,

The roadway was cobbled with loaves of dried bread.

Then down came a lorry with trailer complete,

M.T.O. on the bonnet, myself on the seat,

Inside the trailer all shouting like — — —

Were loads of Colour Sgts. and ration personnel.

Behind were some Russians, some Poles and some Czechs,

Carrying banners marked DP and PWX,

They were followed by wives and sisters and brothers,

And a pretty fair gathering of — — —mothers.

Shouting for coal, soap, and razor blades too.

Some want white bread, some black, and some Irish stew,

And then they all faded away into tents,

And I woke to the cry of MORE RATION INDENTS.



Sport & Entertainment

1 CORPS DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING

1st. POLISH ARMoured DIVISION VICTORY

Delayed one day on account of rain, 1 Corps Rifle meeting ended last Thursday at Haltern Ranges, with 1st. Polish Armoured Division winners of the inter-Divisional trophy. Their total score was 109 points. Second place was taken by 49 West Riding Division with 98 points, closely followed by 7th. Armoured Division only one point behind. Fourth came 53 Welsh Division whose total was 75 points.

The Commander of 1 Corps (Lt. General G. I. Thomas), in presenting the awards, commented on the success of the meeting and the creditable standard of marksmanship achieved.

The rifle meeting was the first of its size and description to be held since before the war. Although the weather was not summery the general opinion was that the light for firing was good and that conditions on the ranges were excell-

ent. The whole Corps District was represented amongst competitors.

In the first days events, 7th. Armoured Division established a lead of some 15 points, having won class "A" (for Infantry Battalions) outright and having put up a good show in the other two classes. Again, on the second day, 7th. Armoured Division were outstanding in class "A" events, but in class "B" (Artillery and Armoured Regts.) and class "C" (Units under 300 strength) they failed to hold their position and honours were shared by 49 Division and the Poles. In the final day's events, the Poles consolidated their position and with 49 Division 9 points behind it was a foregone conclusion that the Poles would win the championships. When, in the later events 1st. Rifle Brigade were not firing for them, 7th. Armoured faded out somewhat from the picture.

RHINE ARMY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st Belgian Infantry Division won the inter-unit championship shield at Rhine Army Swimming meeting at Dusseldorf on Sat, Aug 3rd. They scored 5 points. Runners up were 1st Battalion the East Lancashire Regt (53 Welsh Div.) whose total was 46 points. Third position was taken by 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards (Gds Div) with 45 points and fourth position by 3/4 C. L. Y. who scored 41 points.

One of the best performances in the individual competitions was put up by Pte. Burton (HQ 146 Bde) who won the 800 metre free style race in 14 minutes 48 seconds and came second in the 120 metres free style race. In the diving WOI McBirnie (Control Commission) was outstanding, scoring 56 points in the free style dive. A second dive was needed to decide second and third places, Cpl. Fairbank (9 DLI) eventually gaining second place with 60 points plus 20 points for the additional dive, and Capt. Bigger (1st Bn. East Lincs.) obtained third place with 60 plus 18 points.

The water polo match was won by 1st. Bn. East Lincs who beat 1st. Goldstream Guards by 2-1 but not until two spells of extra time had been played. Capt. Bigger scored the winning goal.

A.T.S. teams also took part in the competitions.

The awards, including the inter-unit trophy, were presented on Sunday by the Commander of 1st. British Corps (Lieut. General G. I. Thomas, OB, DSO, MC).

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During Monday the Army Commander (Lt. General Sir Richard McCreery) was present and himself fired on one of the 300 yards ranges. With his first shot at a 'Harlequin' target he scored a pull-bull.

Principle individual matches were:

Match 1, class 'A' — Capt. Baker (1st. R.B.) 139 out of a possible 180 points.

Match 1, class 'B' — Cpl. Beattie (11th. Hussars) 135 points.

Match 1, class 'C' — Capt. Jurek (1 Polish Parachute Bde Wkshps) 134 points.

In match 5 (sten) class 'A' the Hallams Battalion of the York and Lincs. Regiment scored an excellent 700 out of a possible 840 points and they won the match by a clear 34 points. Pte. Leadbitter gained first prize with 126 out of 140. In match 4 (Pistol) class 'A', Capt Bond (1st. R.B.) scored 88 out of 108. Craftsman Walker's 148 out of a possible 238 was the best individual effort in match 2 (Rifle and LMG) class 'C'. Sgt. Ellis (4 KSLI) scored 43 out of 50 in match 6 (sniper) class 'A'.

1 CORPS TATTOO

As Saturday August 17 — the day of the opening of first Corps Tattoo at Dortmund Racecourse — approaches, it becomes clearer that the optimistic predictions of the Tattoo's success were fully justified. Tickets are selling well. The double attractiveness of the Tattoo—its complete novelty and the fact that part of the financial proceeds are going to the fund for the dependants of the Unna mine disaster — has made an immediate appeal to German civilians. Reports from Burgemeisters indicate that there will be "Full houses" on the two nights the Tattoo is open for Germans only.

One thing is certain — that the show itself will not disappoint. Even in rehearsals, last minute changes are being made to ensure that every scene is really tip-top. One item not so far publicised will be thrilling land surfboard riding at 40 miles per hour by girls of the ATS.

UNITS are laying on transport and where considerable distances are involved special trains are to be run. All roads leading to the Tattoo ground will be adequately signed and there will be ample parking facilities but drivers of road vehicles are urged not to take short cuts through Dortmund, even if they know the route. A good moral will be "Avoid" Dortmund town and get to route N 1. The Military Police have mapped out a scheme which will ensure that everyone can reach the racecourse without difficulty and all it entails is to follow the direction signs. It will also assist in the smooth running of the routing scheme if drivers will mark a capital letter "T" on the windscreen of their cars.

On the reverse side of the admission tickets to the Tatoo there is a curfew pass which, for the occasion, will permit civilians to be in the streets after the 2330. hrs curfew. Facilities are being arranged for the running of civilian motor busses from outlying districts.

Widely distributed throughout the area are posters in English, French, Polish and German, giving details of times and of prices of seats and telling when, where and how to obtain tickets.

The main points to remember are—
BOOK EARLY AND COME EARLY.



RHONDA FLEMING—R.K.O. STUDIO

INTELLIGENCE NOTES.

Once again we are asked to contribute to the "Y. P." So after a couple of months in which your ludding gossip column pen-pusher lay dormant, he again risks the retaliation which is sure to follow this effort.

Of course in writing anything that is likely to be blazoned across the face of "Yorkshire Pud", it is recommended to note the following facts:-

- Never disclose the strength of your section, or there are sure to be coal fatigues and other menial tasks come your way.
- Never mention names, your men are not film stars, nor do they encourage publicity; they prefer to stay in the 'keller'.
- Lastly, never write anything concerning your Sgt. that may be interpreted two ways; he is sure to get the wrong slant on things and life is a struggle anyway.

To come back to sub-para (a): our 'keller' man is known throughout the Bn. so there is little object in disclosing his name. To scotch the wild and malicious rumours circulating regarding the weird contraption he jealously guards down the 'keller'; it is not turning out BAFVS; he does draw his pay each and every week; and any yarn about him selling BAFVS at tuppence a dozen is an absolute prefabrication isn't it the kleine dick ein?

Sub-para (b): I have covered that already.

Sub-para (c): The section strength is two, a L/Cpl. and a Sgt. The L/Cpl. is permanently Orderly Cpl. and what the Sgt. does is his business.

Ever since Sal returned from Brussels he has made curious clucking noises, which are strangely enough consistent with the smacking noises usually linked with a dark night and two lovers. It has been ascertained that he twists his tonsils around his vocal cords and the result is as I have attempted to explain above. The only person who may be able to explain is the bloke who accompanied him but all that can be drawn from him is, "Tha knows".

Owing to Sten-Gun-Stapleys prowess and achievements with the weapon from which he derived his name he bunged in an application for the Royal Navy, but we regret he will have to be content with re-joining the onion clan from which he came. It is hoped many of his fellow Druids will be there to greet him when and if the time arrives.

Going Out?

Switch off The
LIGHT

"H. Q." NOTES

There have been quite a number of surprises in the Company this week. The Blanco brushes have been working overtime owing to the tightening up of the muster parade. Our Company Commander nearly had a fit on the first morning, he couldn't believe that we had so many "live" members in the Company.

We've not seen very much of "Pongo-Land" this last week, owing to his very trying duties of A/RSM. In his place CSM Lancaster has been causing a general upheaval. No, it's not some secret weapon you see him carrying about, just his tool bag, he's supposed to be training as an electrician, but according to "POP" Norworthy, the radio "fidler, on the PAD staff, he's making very slow progress. Cheer up "Blok" it takes years of training (and not Vocational either).

"Hello! Wait One" Sgt. Lugg; was shocked at the idea of having to do BOS. Nothing like being regimental now and again. On the Bn. parade on Friday, he was seen to be ambling along with a slight "list" to starboard. Too much leaning over his typewriter.

It has been very peaceful in the lines for the last few days. The "Nags" Patrol have been away at the horse show. "Bar 20" looks more like a saddler's shop than a sections billet. We are just waiting for the War Dogs to arrive, then we expect to see BUREN HUNT turn out, in full Don R's kit to chase the wild pigs we hear so much about.

It has been rumoured that cook Sgt. Holmes is going to apply for a job as a CMP, however the idea must

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Because of the "wild behaviour" of Sunday motor coach trippers, some of whom travel up to 150 miles to Sedbergh, where beer is plentiful the governors of Sedbergh School want motor coaches to be banned from a proposed new car park. The local Council have decided that in the future interests of the town they cannot accept the Governors' conditions for letting land to be used for a car park, and they intend to ask the Ministry of Transport for powers to acquire the land compulsorily.

The West Riding County Council and other authorities who are contributors to the scheme under which the Clumber Park estate, in Nottinghamshire, is to be acquired by the National Trust, are making representations to the War Department for the early release of the estate, the date for the purchase of which was originally fixed for June 24. The local authorities decided to make their representations after hearing that it might be three years before the estate is vacated by the military.

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have fallen through as we are very pleased to note that he is not wearing his white arm bands any longer. He was rather indignant when asked by "Pongo Land" when he was going to buy some white Blanco. "White armlets for the use of—"

Well that's all for this time, so till next week—Cheerio.

"SIGNALS" OCCASION

Here we are again with our news for this week. We are at the moment a very strong platoon all six of us under the great leadership of Sgt. Bright. If anyone thinks that the Sigs are always asleep (which they sometimes get told) you should have seen Cpl. Nobby Clarke and our Harry Fogil getting ready for leave in double quick time.

We cricketers were sad to see Cpl. Charlie Filer packed off once more to Eselheide and we shall miss him.

Now that we have our amplifier in the office we are saving a special seat for a certain one so that he can dash in and get 2nd. ich with ease. So that's all this week.

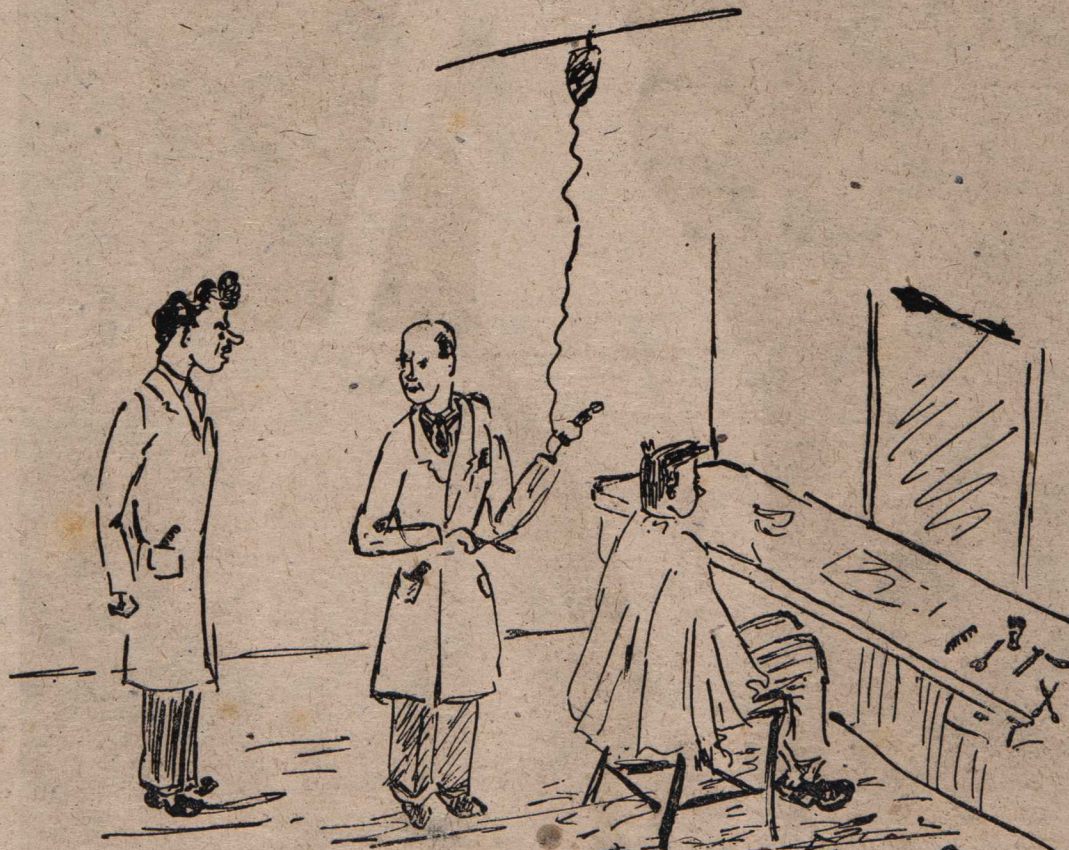
SAVE FOR SECURITY HOW?

Your Company Clerk Will
Give You Particulars

BOOKS OF THE WEEK "EVERYDAY KNOWLEDGE IN PICTURES"

As the title implies, this is a profusely illustrated book which to the ordinary man an excellent picture of the working of many common and everyday appliances and public services. These include Postal Services, Broadcasting, Tube Railways and even Vacuum Cleaners and Traffic Lights.

By just looking at the pictures this book is quite informative to the ordinary reader. He should however, not satisfied with a slight knowledge of the operation of things in common use, but should delve more deeply into their unseen and complex organisation.



MAKE IT A BASIN CROP, HE'S ONLY GOT KENSINGTONS.