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CANTEEN PURCHASES

How the New System Works

1 CORPS DISTRICT TATTOO

The Tattoo which is being held by 1 Corps District will commence at 21.20 hours daily from 7th. to 24th. of August, both dates inclusive. Performances on these evenings will be for British and Allied personnel. German civilians will be permitted to attend if accompanied by a member of the services.

Prices of seats are as follows:—
Boxes (seating 4 persons) 3 pound each.

Box Seats (Individual) 15/- each.
Stand Seats 4/- and 5/- each.

"Open" enclosure seats 1/6 each.

Those wishing to attend the Tattoo should hand in their names to their Company Office before 7th. August.

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WAR CRIMES TRIALS

The trial of a German national as an alleged War Criminal is to be held at the Courthouse at Dusseldorf on Wednesday, 14th. August, at 10.30. hours.

The accused is charged with the killing at Leichlinge on 31st December, 1944, of Sergeant John Barton, R.A.F.V.R., a prisoner of war.

Another War Crimes Trial is to be held at Bochum on Tuesday, 13th. August.

Five German Nationals are charged with being implicated in the ill-treatment of two Allied Airmen, prisoners of war at Aachen, in August 1944.

Those wishing to attend either of these trials should hand in their names to the Education Officer, by the 11th. August.

WELLINGTON THEATRE

on

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7th.

ERIC MUNDER'S DANCE BAND

at 1930 hrs.

Admission:— 2/-, 1/- & 6d.

Due to the introduction of the "Voucher" system a new method of making purchases at the Unit Canteen and Beer Bar has been instituted. Instead of purchasing goods from the counter with your vouchers you should take them to the exchange kiosk in the canteen, state your requirements, and you will receive in return for your vouchers tickets on which are stated your entitlements. These must then be surrendered to the person who serves you. It is emphasized that vouchers cannot be accepted by the Canteen staff in direct payment for goods.

These tickets will in fact serve as money, as far as the Unit Canteen is concerned, and will be accepted there on any night. That is to say, you may obtain a ticket, and not wishing to use it the same evening you may still spend it in the Canteen on any other evening. Further, if you do not wish to use the ticket at all, you may if you wish change it back into vouchers at the kiosk.

The prices of all Canteen goods have been revised as follows:—

BEER	3d. per glass
TEA	1d. per cup
CAKES	1d. each
SUPPERS	9d. each
MINERALS	3d. each
CORDIALS	3/- & 3/9d. per bottle
BISCUITS	2½, 3d, 3½, and 4d.

LESS BEER THIS WEEK

The beer ration for the "Iron Duke" which was formerly two thousand litres per week, has now been reduced to one thousand. This is due to the general shortage of beer which affects similarly all other Forces Canteen in BAOR. Efforts are however being made to restore the former ration allowance if it is at all possible. The Unit ration of two litres per man per week remains unaltered.

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FOOT NOTE:—

NAAFI's bottle situation last year was very tight—but not in the way you think—this time it was empty bottles they needed to keep going the supplies of beer and mineral waters to H.M. Forces in BAOR.

So Mr. G. H. Salter, NAAFI District Manager at Cuxhaven, was asked to collect as many empty bottles as he could, and as fast as he could.

With the agreement of the Army Authorities, he was lent a gang of German P.O.W's, and with 20 lorries organised search parties to root out thousands of old bottles which had been left lying about in disused camps, stores and depots.

Altogether an estimated 7,000,000 empties were picked up, and these helped in no small way to cope with the vast numbers required by NAAFI for the services.

A WORD FROM THE PADRE

"O wad some Po'er the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as ithers see us"
No, that isn't a sample of my pidgin german, but a quotation from a poet who hailed from North of the Tweed. In plain English it means that it would be a good thing for most of us to see ourselves as we are seen by the eyes, and minds, of other people. For most of us, if that wish were realised, it would most likely be a knock-out blow to our self-esteem. The exalted notion that many of us have of our importance, of our talents, of our appearance, of our social charms, of our righteousness—that notion might well be exploded out of existence. For others, the opinion and appreciation of their neighbours might come as a pleasant surprise. There are people who have a very lowly conceit of themselves: who under-values their good influence on others, and who fail to realise that their simplicity and cheerfulness, their kindness and quiet courage are not lost on the men and women with whom they come in contact.

Without disparaging the aspirations of Robbie Burns, I would humbly suggest that a better wish would be that all of us could see ourselves as God sees us. Human estimations and valuations can be so often faulty and prejudiced, or deceived by surface appearances. God sees into our hearts and souls, and His Knowledge of us is not swayed by mere externals. In other words, He sees us as we really are.

And it will not be the opinion of Tom, Dick or Harry that will count in the long run, but what we are in reality will decide our destiny in eternity.

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CONTINENTAL LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA

If you would like to spend your leave in Czechoslovakia, you may now do so, subject to certain conditions. Among these are that you make your own travel and accommodation arrangements. It is pointed out that accommodation expenses are in most cases, quite expensive.

DENMARK

B.A.O.R. has been offered 30 vacancies a week at the U.S. Leave Centre, Denmark. The leave period is seven days, which may be taken in lieu of one period of short leave plus 4 days privilege leave. The total cost for such leave will be roughly 10 pound.



PADRE O'NEILL

GERMANY

It was announced by Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Minister of State, in the House of Commons on Tuesday that the United States proposal for the economic fusion of the British and American Zones in Germany has been accepted in principle by the Government. This plan when carried into effect will be of immediate interest to the British taxpayer, for it will help to relieve him of a heavy burden.

The economic organisation of Germany, like that of other highly industrialised countries, is such that the unhampered exchange of goods between one area of the country and another is essential to its efficient functioning. This is because different areas have become specialised in the production of certain type of goods on the assumption that these can be exchanged for other goods which are needed, and which are produced elsewhere in the country. The advantage of such system is that regions which are peculiarly suited to the production of certain commodities may concentrate on producing these, to the ultimate advantage of the country as a whole.

Broadly, Germany may be divided into industrial and agricultural regions, although in actual fact the division is carried much further than this. Quite obviously the division of the country into four separate zones, and their economic divorcement from one another has completely disrupted this system. Neither the British nor the American Zone is self-supporting. They are chiefly industrial, and in the absence of trade with the food-producing areas essential imports must be supplied by Britain and America.

In concrete terms this means that it is costing Britain more than 80,000,000, a year to maintain life in our Zone, and America is spending a similar amount on hers.

Britain cannot continue to meet these costs indefinitely, and it is clear that the breaking down of economic barriers between the two zones will help us to reduce the burden. As Mr. Noel-Baker pointed out on Tuesday, we aim at the reintegration of the whole of Germany, and this is the first step in the right direction.

A VISIT TO MOHNE SEE

By Pte. D. C. SMITH

I had my first glimpse of the Mohne See from the back of a 15 cwt., as it jolted along the bumpy road which leads to the One-Day Club. From here one has a bird's eye view of this vast expanse of water in its setting of sharply undulating countryside covered by dense pine forest.

Having passed the ruins of several bridges which had been blown—a silent reminder that this area has not always been so tranquil as it is now—we passed over one which has been repaired, and then turned off on to the road which leads to the O.R.'s Rest Centre.

Ten minutes later we pulled up outside the Hostel, a large two-storey modern building, situated at the top of a small hill. On entering I was directed to the Reception Room where I was greeted by a middle-aged German woman who spoke passable English. I handed her my pass, whereupon she requested me to sign the visitors' book, asked for my two marks—which is all one has to pay for food and accommodation—handed me a pair of linen sheets, and then directed me to my room.

I spent the next hour or so exploring the immediate vicinity of the hostel. Dinner was at 6.30. This consisted of soup, roast beef, baked potatoes, green peas, and Yorkshire pudding, followed by steamed pudding with sauce. The dining hall is in a separate building; it is pleasantly appointed; a small orchestra plays throughout all meals. One is waited upon at table by Polish D.P.'s.

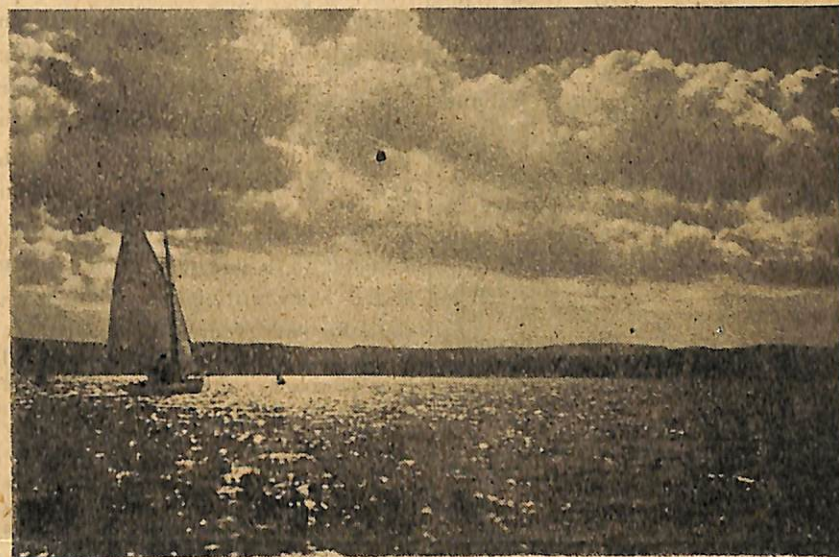
After dinner I sauntered into the dance hall, which is on the ground floor of the main building, where dancing was from 7 o'clock until

midnight. Beer was flowing from 8 o'clock onwards. The dance was well-attended; there were a number of ATS and one or two WAAF's present, so there was no shortage of dancing partners. Coffee and sandwiches were served at the close of the evening. So ended the first day.

After breakfast next morning, which was served at 9 o'clock, I went for a brisk horse-ride in company with several others. This lasted until half past ten, after which I went on the motor launch trip which is run daily to the famous Mohne See Dam. The "Skipper" of

latest intention, when they can obtain the materials, is to lay out a tennis court. Among other things which they have acquired for the diversion of visitors are six horses, which may be taken out on any day except Wednesdays, and some fishing tackle. Sergeant Durrant told me he was anxious to receive suggestions from those who have visited the Centre for further improvements in the recreational facilities.

After lunch I went for a long walk among the pine woods, parts of which are so dense as to shut out the rays of the sun. Here among these serenely beautiful forest giants everything seemed very peaceful, and for a moment I forgot



Nocturne

this small craft, a jovial old German with features as rugged as the surrounding countryside, took us by a roundabout route, thus enabling us to get a view of the greater part of the lake. The dam itself proved to be a very interesting spectacle. Evidence still remains of the widespread devastation caused by the floods which were released when the dam was breached during the war by the late Wing Commander Gibson, for which gallant enterprise he won the V.C.

Local inhabitants still talk about this event with much passion. But this exploit is now part of the history of the war. So thoroughly has the dam been repaired that it is now difficult to see where it had been breached.

On my return to the Hostel I got into conversation with two R.A.S.C. chaps. I learned from them that they were members of the staff and were responsible for organising the recreational facilities at the Centre. These two men, Sgt. Durrant and L/Cpl. Bunce, appear to have put in quite a lot of hard work during the twelve months they have been there. They told me how in that time they had made football, hockey, and netball pitches, rigged up an open-air dance floor, and turned part of the Lake into a swimming pool, complete with diving boards. Their

that I was in a devastated country laid low by war.

In the evening one of the visitors entertained us at the piano. Dancing began later and as on the previous evening went on until midnight.

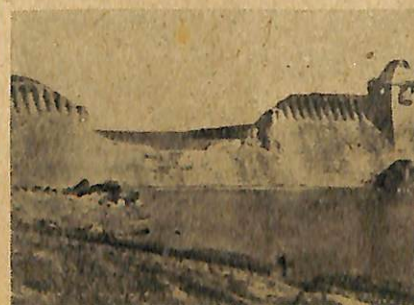
Next morning I was up bright and early—about 9 o'clock—and after breakfast, it being rather a dull day, most of us stayed in and played table-tennis or billiards. The weather brightened up towards midday, and in the afternoon I decided to go boating. A number of small canoes are at the disposal of visitors, and it was in one of these that I ventured out across the Lake. The waters became quite choppy as I progressed further from the shore, and caused the little craft to bob up and down dangerously; I derived comfort from the fact that I had with me a "Mae West", and that a rescue launch was standing by the whole time, ready to dash to the aid of anyone in distress.

However, I completed the "voyage" without mishap, and when I arrived back at the Hostel once more, my transport was waiting for me. So after eating a hasty meal I boarded the 15 cwt. and set out on the return journey along that very bumpy road, taking with me the pleasant memory of a delightful visit to a very beautiful spot.

The Dam



Before



and after



Sport & Entertainment

1 Corps Athletics Championships

53 Welch Div's Victory

1 Corps District three-day sports meeting which ended at Dusseldorf Stadium on Saturday, 20th. July, provided not only excellent entertainment but produced some fine sporting prowess.

53 Welsh Division won the Inter-Divisional athletics shield for the second year in succession—but only just. When the final scores were totalled, 53 Division and 7th. Armoured Division were level each with 95 points. 53 Division however, were awarded the shield by virtue of the fact that on Friday they had triumphed in the inter-unit championship.

With a fast, seasoned team of swimmers, 1st. Belgian Infantry Division won the Corps inter-unit swimming championship at the Stadium open air baths on Friday. 53 Division were runners-up with 41 points, seven behind the Belgians' total. 53 Division were represented by 1st. Battalion East Lanc. Regt., Third with 34 points came 49 Division

represented by the Royal Horse Guards. 7th. Armoured Division were fourth with 30 points, their team being 11 Hussars, and 52 Division (4 KOSB) scored 27 points.

During the Corps individual athletics championship on Saturday. 7th. Armoured Division had the best of the day's sport, scoring 97 points. Hard on their heels were 52 Divisional with 87 points. Third, fourth and fifth with 41, 33 and 27 points respectively were 1st. Belgian Division, 49 and 52 Division.

At the close of the day the Corps Commander, Lieut. General G. I. Thomas, CB, DSO, MC presented the inter-unit shield to 53 Division team, handing the trophy to the team capt. (Sgt. Hart). The General also handed medallions to all the other successful competitors in the individual events.

As in the Athletics Championships the Corps Commander presented all successful swimmers with souvenir medallions.

CRICKET

OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS V 11 R.S.F.'s

On Sunday, 28th July, a team of Officers and Sergeants of this Battalion played a similar team of the 11th R.S.F.'s at Erwitte.

The R.S.F.'s won the toss and decided to have first knock. The first three wickets fell for a total of nine runs. Then came a stand by Major Wilson and Capt. Coulter. They scored fourteen and nine, respectively. When this partnership was broken the remainder of the R.S.F.'s team was disposed of quite quickly and easily, except for a do-or-die effort by Sgt. Minsk, he scored a very forceful twelve, the R.S.F.'s total being sixty-five. Throughout the innings the brunt of the attack fell on the able shoulders of Lieutenants Allsop and Bush. The former bowling ten overs and taking five wickets for thirty-three runs; the latter bowling eight overs and taking three wickets for fifteen runs. Worthy of a mention was Lieut. Bush's effort when he caught and bowled Lieut. MacDonald.

Our innings got off to a cracking start. The opening pair Major Austin and Sgt. Brocklehurst put on thirteen runs before Major Austin was caught. Then came disaster. Sgt. Brocklehurst was brilliantly caught and bowled—Sgt. Minsk holding a hot return low down, Lieut. Bush and Sergeant Thomas were sent back for "blobs", and we were four wickets down for fifteen runs. After that it was just a procession. Only Lieut. Allsop stayed any length of time. He scored eight, and the side was all out for thirty-seven.

In the "hit-and-run" match played afterwards we fared much better. In an amusing innings we scored forty three, highlights of which were Major Austin six and Lieut. Maw (umpire—12th man) run out. The latter took about ten strides and still hadn't moved—they say studs are good things. The R.S.F.'s were all out for thirty-four, and that put us all square on the afternoon. No details are to hand as to the results of the third match which was played in the two messes.

A thoroughly enjoyable day—thanks 11th. R.S.F.'s.

PYTHON

"You've come home from the East, you liked it there? Plenty of fun and Frolics in Kashmir?"

Politely smiling, hiding my Despair

Of altering that Kipling outlook here

What can they know of those that fought and died

Along the Bloody Thousand Miles of land,

Tavoy to Tamu, knowing that I lied

Replying "Not so Bad" to understand

Some scribe must help, the mighty gulf to Bridge.

Twixt Peace Time Poona and Kohima Ridge.

D. N. S.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

SINCLAIR LEWIS. "BABBIT".

Obtainable from the Unit Library

Babbit is a self-made American business man not yet rich enough to live in Europe. He lives in middle-class society with Mrs. George F. Babbit in a "Cheerful Modern House for a Medium Income—the type he sells in his real-estate business.

The office is his Place of Worship, the making of money his Creed, and his car reigns supreme among his lesser gods. Surprisingly enough one finds him almost human amid the jargon and speed of his daily life. He goes hunting in Maine and (even more human) takes to himself a mistress in town.

Eventually the struggle against his bourgeois nature is too much and he drops back resignedly into the old complacent plod of business, club, and yearly holidays.

R. A. F. SHOW

"TAKING OFF"

in the

WELLINGTON THEATRE

at

1930 Hrs. Sunday August 4th.



JANIS CARTER, —Columbia Starlet

"S. P." BREVITIES

Support Company has at last found time to write a few notes for the "Yorkshire Pud". With our commitments at Eselheide, Mortar Platoon giving demonstrations at BAOR Training Centre and a section of carriers going off now and again with "Charlie" Company, the Company have seen very little of each other.

Now that we have finished at the BAOR Training Centre we hope to get back to sending Platoon notes in each week.

Our greatest loss whilst we have been at Eselheide was that "Mighty Atom" (Lieut. Carruthers) going on Class 'A' Release. We miss his cheerful smile every morning and wish him the very best of luck in Civilian life.

Major Burke is upholding the reputation of the Company by representing the Battalion in the Brigade, Divisional, and Corp Rifle Meetings.

C.S.M. Pearce went to Büren to answer for the R.S.M. but returned after a fortnight's stay, and was Sgt. Plunkett relieved, he handed over willingly.

Since C.Q.M.S. Hitchcock left the Company, Sgt. Plunkett has left the Mortars and taken over the Carrier Platoon. 2nd. Lieut. Price has arrived from the Welch, so once again young Plunkett is working very hard handing G 1098 over to the new Platoon Commander.

The C.Q.M.S. has a new hobby, that is looking after a pup. When asked what pedigree it is, he just looks at the dog and he shakes his head. Pte. Smith, the Company Runner, is thinking of making it into a War Dog.

Major Burke is now putting in some useful practice with his horses, getting them ready for the Divisional and BAOR Training Centre Gymkhanas.

Nothing exciting from the Anti-Tank (War Dogs), for they seem to be keeping the dogs under control. Hector is still very ferocious and seems to want to go for everyone he sees, but Pte. Stewart has him well under control, and are we glad.

If "Charlie" Company want a few tips on guard duties we are willing to help, but we said 'tips' and not men.

We have lost a few N.C.O's and men since our last notes, so wish them all the very best of luck in their new sphere of life. Well that's all for this week, so Cheerio.

"SIGNALS" OCCASION

We step forward once more to give you the latest activities of the "Sigs". and having been a while since we appeared in these columns many changes have taken place, notable among them being the departure of many of our friends for Civvy Street.

Among these is our expert on India, Sahib (Shall I tell you about the Irawaddy?) Hassell, and our ever-smiling pal, Jackie Thornton. And of course we mustn't forget our long-haired artist "Picasso" Geldard. So we say Good luck fellas, and may you find that cushy job you always spoke about.

Our tug-of-war champs would like to buff in here and express their thanks to Lieut. Bush for the excellent dinner he gave them. But in answer to "Bing" Crossley, you don't wear any ribbons for the medals you have won.

You have probably noticed our "new" arrival wandering about with cable and pliers; don't be bluffed it's only Sgt. Bonsell back after three months "rest" in England. Welcome back, Sarge.

"Bunny" Hare has retired to our outpost at Eselheide, and so no longer do we hear the familiar cry at 6.30 a.m.: "Hey, Cross! Switch on" and the retort of "Dai" Warman: "Indeed to goodness get your head down man." But in place of him we have our budding "Woody" Pearcey, (but no clarinet!).

On the sporting side, despite great shortage of staff we have managed to make entries in most of the sports that have been going on these last few weeks, and with some good results. The "Sigs" were also represented in the Bn. Cricket Team, in the person of Sgt. Briglin, Cpl. Clarke, and Cecil Pike.

That about covers our news for the time being, so we say: "Out to you until next time."

"H. Q." NOTES

It is many weeks since we last gave you any news about the "first and foremost" Company of the Bn.

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming our new Company Commander, Lieut. N. S. Maw, who came to us from "Charlie" Company; we wish him the best of luck in his new job. A great change has been noticed already especially in Mac, the faithful (?) clerk who is rapidly losing his curly locks with all the work he is getting. It is rumoured that he is getting a Frauline to help him in the near future.

The news that "Q" Chetwood has delayed his release has been received during the last few days. Oh! to be Group happy!!

A great disturbance was caused last Wednesday—the arrival of the Horse Patrol in the Company lines. As long as they do not come for their pay on their "Nags" every one in the office will be satisfied.

Sgt. (any Transport ?) Beaty was seen to be riding his motor cycle last week wearing the red sash of office, some people can't be satisfied with a newly painted motor cycle for to make all the girls turn round for a second look.

Our main crib—Why can't "A" Company do a guard now and again. It's surprising how well we are getting to know Büren whilst on our nightly walks (Official of course).

So till next time this is H.Q. saying cheerio for now.

"A" COMPANY NOTES

Since our last appearance in the "Pud" we have witnessed many changes in the Company. To those who have bidden us farewell, we wish them all the best in their new venture, and we welcome Capt. Evans, Lieut. Story and the men who have joined us recently.

It is really hard to say how the Company has been progressing these last few weeks, as we have not seen a great deal of them owing to the various Sports Meetings etc., that have been held. We should have a good selection of Utility men after all these meetings have finished, as we have had to supply practically everything from Sanitary men to Orderly Room Sgts.

One bright light of the Company has been "One Star" Dawson, who has been struggling to keep our one and only truck on the road these last few weeks; he has taken it through fire and water. (Or was it Mud, One Star?). However, all his efforts have come to nought, he has had to answer the call and take it into dock. Another of our Bright Sparks is "Buckets" Owens, who has been trying for weeks to shoot a pig, but for all his night vigils he hasn't even sighted one yet. Never mind Buckets we are certain you should at least see one before 59 Group comes round.

A note of interest for all beer drinkers, a number of the boys volunteered as Blood Donors last week and went up for a test; word has just been received that they shall be called for on the first shortage of Naafi Beer. A certain Sgt. who was with the party brought back a couple of bottles containing something of a cocktail of Steinhager, Champaign and Whisky.

A great commotion was heard coming from 9 Platoon billet the other day, we didn't dare venture near the billet while the din was at its height in case our ear drums might burst. However, when the noise subsided we recognised the Scotch twang of "Dead Eye Dick" Richardson and "One Meat Ball" Dollin. Further investigation revealed that the commotion was caused through "Dead Eye" using "One Meat Ball's" half of the table to lay out all his Shooting Medals. The difficulty hasn't been overcome yet and it would be appreciated if someone could supply another table before Sgt. "Dead Eye" returns from the 1st. Corps Rifle Meeting.

IT MAY COME TO THIS (no. 2).

THE Q.M. DOES. ORDERLY OFFICER!

