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### This Month . . .

Our leading articles deal with the NCO's School and the Black Berets . . . Building up an article isn't all jelly roll and ice cream and CAPT. CURTIS, OC NCO's School, and MR. ANDERSON, Chief Instructor of the same establishment, came across with a gilt-edged hunk of co-operation . . . LIEUT. ANDERSON was Lord High Executioner of the CAC Wing at Brockville just about this time last year and we were up before him twice because he could not see the dew on his glasses reflected in our wash basin. Ah, me, what a difference a year makes . . . His article is on pages 4-6, together with pix and what not . . .

The BLACK BERETS spread will be found on pages 12 to 14 . . . LIEUT. PETER PAGE has whipped through with a smart effort; as far as Army shows go it has been a tremendous hit wherever it has played . . . Particularly at Penetang, eh, Peter? . . . The lads in the cast are going on furlough soon and hope to go on to bigger and better things on their return . . . BUSTED BOGIE JOHNSON, i/c the orchestra, has worn his fingers to shreds rounding the noise-makers into shape . . . You guessed it . . . playing the "Johnson Rag" . . .

CAPTAIN TEDDY GRAHAM of the Tactics Wing is back with us this month with a contribution on page 3 . . . A key article, as JACK WALLACE of the Wireless Wing would say . . . All about what to take overseas and mighty handy to know, too . . . CAPT. GRAHAM spent a few leisure hours in Tunisia not so long ago and on more than one occasion lost his equipment, so he should know what's what when it comes to excess baggage . . .

Our guest this month is DR. McCLURE of the Canadian Red Cross . . . His effort on our behalf appears on page 10 and deals with Canada's future in the post-war set-up . . . Well worth ten minutes of anyone's reading time . . .

On page 15 we present an article by the widely read Armoured Warfare expert, MAJOR-GENERAL FULLER . . . His weekly comments in Newsweek are followed by millions . . . Having held responsible positions in the British war office for many years, MAJOR-GENERAL FULLER injects a wealth of knowledge in his articles on Tanks and Tank Warfare . . . So it is with no little pride that we give you "Tank Doctor" this month . . .

The Calgary Regiment continues the series by MAJOR H. T. R. GILMORE of No. 3 CACR, on Armoured Corps units . . . Page 7 . . .

The Meaford Column by VERN O'DONNELL will be found on page 8 . . . Vern nearly missed the boat this edition . . . Admitted he forgot all about The Tank in the swirl of activity up on the Range . . . Only 50,000 members of the Armoured Corps have forgotten The Tank in the past few years, so Vern shouldn't feel too badly about it . . .

Our sports department seems to be stretching out a page or so every month . . . Runs seven this issue . . . There is no stopping that man HULSE once he gets on the business end of a typewriter . . . Spent a few weeks out on the West Coast while attending a camouflage course and met everyone but the Mayor of Prince George . . . His "Pacific Breezes" on page 18 gives you an insight into what's cooking west of the Rockies and will be of particular interest to those in the Corps who hale from out there in No Man's Land . . . Baseball, softball, lacrosse, boxing, soccer and the rest of the Corps sports book is tossed your way by SGT. HULSE for the month of June, as well as a peek into the doings and goings on at the Basic Centres . . . "MEET MR. PILKEY" is the latest in the Hulse series dealing with Training Regiment Sport Officers . . . "Join the CAC and release a woman for overseas" is MR. PILKEY'S lament since his fiancee, an Army Nurse, departed these shores . . .

Our Cover this month was taken by SGT. JIMMY EVANS, Experimental Wing shutter man, while the NCO's School story was being filmed . . . CPL. J. A. DOUCETTE, instructor on the School staff, shows L/CPL. S. E. BALDWIN how the old butt stroke comes into play . . . O.K., O.K., so we did have the rifle wired in that position . . . Now you know . . .

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## Editorial . . .

The invasion of the Continent of Europe has started. Up to the time of going to press the plan seems to have worked well. From developments that have taken place so far the locality where the main landings have taken place appears to have been selected with the object of gaining early control of ports on the coast of France, in this case Le Havre and Cherbourg, and good communications leading to the centre of France. With regard to the latter, the river Seine, which is navigable for fair-sized craft as far as Paris, is an important factor in view of the probable destruction of the railways of the enemy.

At the present time the initial stage of the operations have been concluded and our troops are ashore on a broad front, in places miles deep, extending from the north end of the Cherbourg peninsula to the mouth of the river Seine. In making a landing on the coast, two essentials were necessary: first, the maximum degree of air superiority, and secondly, good weather. With regard to the latter, the weather in the Channel is always fickle and changeable and it certainly lived up to its past reputation.

For some hours after the landing took place a strong north wind delayed landing operations on the open beaches. Under such circumstances the longer the delay the more time the enemy has to build up his reserves and launch powerful counter attacks, which may prevent further progress inland by our troops. This happened at Aolerno and the situation was consequently for some time precarious. Latest reports, however, mention improving weather with the result that troops, ammunition and stores have been going ashore in a constant stream.

The next stage of the operations will be one of a period of heavy fighting in the face of heavy enemy counter attacks, so as to cover the landing of sufficient troops to start the main offensive. The great superiority gained in the air is an advantage of incalculable value, since the approach of all German reserves to the battlefield will be subject to constant attack from the air for many miles behind his front.

It is gratifying to read that Canadian units,

Army, Navy and Air Force, are taking part in the operations and from all accounts have acquitted themselves with great distinction.

In Italy the German Armies, particularly those North and Northwest of Rome, seem to be withdrawing in a disordered condition. How far the enemy will withdraw to the north remains to be seen. Here again the Air Force is lending valuable aid. The terrain through which the enemy's lines of withdrawal pass has many defiles and factors which always tend to make such operations costly and difficult.

If a threatened attack takes place from Corsica against the west coast of Italy it may well be that the enemy may withdraw to the line of the river Po, where he has concentrated extensive fortifications. In Burma it looks as if the monsoon had got the better of the Jap and he has now been forced to withdraw his troops from Kohima. It is probable that he will not long now be forced also to withdraw from the Imphal area. The Jap troops in this area have been supplied by his bases in the Chindwin valley to the east.

American forces in the Southwest Pacific have captured the important Jap air base of Biak in the northwest coast of New Guinea. The loss of this important locality is a serious matter as it forms part of the inner ring of defences of the Japanese system for the protection of the Dutch East Indies, Philippines and sea routes thence to Japan.

The capture of Biak will place the Americans in a favourable position to operate either northwards towards the Philippines or west towards Java.

The latest reports state that the enemy troops, now cut off in New Britain and the Marshalls from all supplies, are in a most perilous condition and are faced with starvation. Great events may also be confidently expected on the Eastern Front before long. Evidently Russian attacks on a large scale are in course of preparation.

The timing of these attacks will doubtless be designed to coincide with a time when the maximum number of enemy reserves have been withdrawn to the West.

—G.P.L. D-B.

## Gallantry and Fortitude . . .

In both Britain and the United States the greater proportion of our fighting men goes into the ground forces, and I don't think any of us in a war theatre belittles their services.

But does the postman in Indiana or in some little village in England—does he realize what these soldiers are doing, how they are performing? Does he know it as well as he knows the stories of the big bombers or of some of the destroyers carrying out

the gallant mission at Salerno? Every citizen of the United Nations has a right to know how important to our victories are the fighting spirit, sense of duty and the gallantry and fortitude of our ground forces. The accomplishments of this indispensable member of the air-ground-naval team will when the story is fully told fill many of the brightest pages of our war history. This is something I have felt for a long time. It comes from the heart.—GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

## What to take Overseas

by CAPT. TEDDY GRAHAM  
Tactics Wing



CAPT. E. D. GRAHAM, E.D.

Capt. "Teddy" Graham, for several years prior to the war a member of the Grey and Simcoe Foresters, has had his share of experiences with personal equipment. Proceeding to North Africa on attachment to the British-American 5th Army, he lost his personal belongings on at least two occasions as the Allies battled the Germans across Tunisia. A former star defenceman with the Chicago Black Hawks, and referee in the National Hockey League, he is presently attached to Tactics Wing on a tour of duty in Canada and expects to return to the battle fronts in the not too distant future. He has been awarded the Efficiency Decoration and African Star.

small pack can be converted into a "panic" bag—just a bag that could be carried in case of an emergency. Such articles as chocolate, emergency rations, water bottle, wallet, rum, probably heavy underwear, etc., should be put into it.

One of the most important items is to have your trunk well marked with your name and corps easily seen from any side. Naturally this will go into the hold and you will not see it until you reach your destination. It will save a lot of rough handling however, if those handling it can identify it at a glance rather than having to turn it over or on end.

For the unmarried men I suggest that any trifling articles that would catch the fancy of an English Miss should be taken along. You must remember that the English have been in the front line of this skirmish for five years and cosmetics are next to impossible to procure. Bobby pins, lip stick, silk stockings (if you can get them here yourself) are particularly appreciated.

The following list is more or less generalized and can be changed to suit the purse and individual.

1. CIVILIAN CLOTHES—By all means take civilian clothes. One can wear civies on all leaves and usually from Saturday until Monday A.M.
2. DRESS SHIRTS—as many as you have. One shirt costs approximately \$5.00 and seven coupons. Eighty coupons have to be spread over an entire year for all clothing.
3. SOCKS—Only dress socks as you can get good work socks from stores.
4. UNDERWEAR—At least some heavy and plenty of shorts as the latter cannot be purchased in England.
5. SERGE—At least one uniform.
6. SUMMER UNIFORM—

In the not too distant future those of you in the reinforcement stream will proceed overseas now that the second front has been established. Many will be returning to England for the second time and know all the angles, but to the majority who will be climbing the gangplank for the first time, a few practical hints on what you should take along may be helpful when your "D-day" arrives.

If you are in the fortunate position of being able to purchase civilian clothes, or if the old suit of pre-war days is still in good shape, by all means take it along. However, if you have no civies do not worry about it as the majority of soldiers overseas get along fine with only Government Issue.

Sleeping quarters on most ships are quite crowded so don't try and carry too much. You will probably have ten to twenty other Officers in the same cabin—arranged in two or three tier bunks—and they will take a dim view if your luggage is piled all over the floor.

It is suggested that you carry one small suitcase or club bag. This, you will find, comes in very handy when proceeding on leave in England. A few extra shirts, handkerchiefs, ties, socks, slippers, etc., should be in this bag. Serge is not necessary, but I would pack a sweater and, if in cold weather, a heavy suit of underwear would not be out of place. Shoe polish will be necessary and I urge you to have any brown shoes dyed black as this will save space, there being no necessity to pack brown polish and brown brushes. Do not pack your bag completely as there will possibly be cigarettes for sale on the ship and you will want some place to put them away.

Your small pack will be carried with the normal articles, namely mess tins, knife, fork and spoon, holdall, housewife, cardigan, towel, chocolate, spare socks and shirt. Make sure you strap an ordinary metal cup on the outside. When on board ship your



## N.C.O.'s School



By  
*Lieut. W. J. Anderson*  
Chief Instructor

Junior member, chronologically, of the T. & S. Wing of A-33 CACTE, Camp Borden, and responsible for the training of new A/Is for the CAC, is the NCO's School, a direct lineal descendant of the Instructors' School, A-8 CAC(A)TC.

This school was first organized in June of 1942 under command of Captain G. H. Pratt for the purpose of training NCO instructors in gunnery, wireless, driving and maintenance and general military training. Its first job was to give Armoured Corps training to the NCOs of the newly organized 2nd Army Tank Brigade, the units of which were then being converted from an infantry or cavalry role to that of Army Tanks.

In the spring of 1943 the location of the Instructors' School was changed from A-8 to No. 1 CACTSR, where it carried on for two months on the same syllabus which it had previously followed, under the same command. In June, 1943, it was decided to alter the nature of the course. Increased emphasis was to be placed on the duties and responsibilities of non-commissioned rank with a view to producing A/Is who were also competent NCOs. Training in wireless, D & M and gunnery was to be discontinued and subjects taught were to be limit-



Cpl. Doucette, J. A., follows through with a butt stroke as his class looks on.

ed to phases of GMT. Coincidental with this change in policy, Lieut. (later Captain) W. H. Marshall assumed command.

The officer establishment of the school has been consistently small, providing only for a captain and three subalterns. In consequence, instruction is done almost exclusively by NCOs.

The school has been most fortunate in securing and retaining for a substantial tour of duty a number of very efficient WOs and NCOs. RSM Blackman and Sgt. Dunbar of TSR and SSM Morgan of No. 3 TR served with the school during the period soon after its move to TSR and were largely instrumental in setting the high standard of parade square and general efficiency which the school endeavours to maintain, and in training other instructors who could carry on the task.

S/Sgts. R. H. Smith (who has been with the school since its inception), Silver, Dahl, McCulloch, Marantette and von Hugo have done long and valuable service as instructors. It would be unfair to make special mention of any of these without doing so for all, as each is outstanding in some phase of training. Sgt. Marantette has recently been lost through discharge from the service on medical grounds.

The present school SM is SSM K. R. Simpson, who fills a responsible and demanding position for which he is well suited by ability and training. Having enlisted in September, 1940, he was raised through the ranks to WO1, receiving an appointment as RSM of No. 10 BTC at Kitchener. On the dissolution of this Training Centre he became RSM of No. 6 BTC at Stratford, which position he occupied until that establishment was disbanded in November, 1943. He reverted to his substantive rank of Sergeant and was sent to Borden. He came to the NCO's School on course, at the conclusion of which he was made school SM and subsequently promoted to WO2.

In November, 1943, Captain W. B. Curtis, M.C., M.M., assumed command from Captain Marshall. He had as his Squadron Commanders Lt. V. W. Jewkes, who has returned to his regiment overseas, and Lt. W. J. Woelfle, presently adjutant OTC Wing.



Cpl. Azzarello demonstrates the proper stance with the Sten Gun to Troopers McFarlane, R. J.; Landers, K. G.; Damer, J. E.



Troopers Webb, N. E.; Stevenson, M. E.; Lillie, H. J.; Gordon, A. R., watch Cpl. A. A. G. Smith assemble the Sten.

## N.C.O.'s School Staff



FRONT: S/Sgt. C. McCulloch; S/Sgt. R. H. Smith; 2/Lt. J. Breckenridge; Lt. W. J. Anderson, Chief Instructor; Capt. W. B. Curtis, Officer Commanding, NCO's School; Lt. R. M. Moffat; Lt. C. H. Calder; SSM K. R. Simpson; S/Sgt. C. E. Dahl.

CENTRE: Sgt. C. N. Church; Tpr. M. J. Long; Cpl. S. C. Azzarello; L/Cpl. F. M. Heyworth; Sgt. L. Broad; Tpr. H. Cooney; Sgt. F. R. Foster; Cpl. H. R. J. Davies; S/Sgt. C. von Hugo; S/Sgt. E. Marantette.

REAR: Cpl. A. A. G. Smith; Cpl. C. L. McFadden; Cpl. B. E. Horne; Cpl. T. Burham; Cpl. J. A. Doucette.



Both these subalterns had seen service overseas, Lt. Jewkes after a long period in the PF, and both were well qualified to serve in such a school, as was their OC.

Captain Curtis enlisted in the 31st Alberta Bn. on December 12, 1914, proceeded overseas April 15 and arrived in France with his regiment in September, 1915. In June, 1916, he was awarded the M.M. for service at Ypres and in September of the same year a bar to the M.M. for service on the Somme. He was commissioned in December, 1916, and served as IO 31st Alberta Bn., being awarded the M.C. at Vimy Ridge in May, 1916.

In August, 1917, he was seconded to HQ 1st Army as an instructor in the School of Scouting, Observing and Sniping, which operated at Lingham and later at Senlis, France.

In October, 1917, he was promoted Captain and at the turn of the German push in '18 was seconded for two months to the REs, during which service he was mentioned in despatches. He returned to the SOS and served there until the cessation of hostilities.

In 1939 he enlisted in the 2nd (Res.) Bn. of the Elgin Regt. as a private, rose to the rank of major and in August, 1942, received an active appointment with the 1st Garrison Bn., with which unit he served until he came to Camp Borden.

His officer staff at present consists of Lt. W. J. Anderson in the position of Chief Instructor, and Lieuts. C. H. Calder and R. Moffat as Commanders A and B Squadrons, respectively. Lt. Anderson formerly commanded the CAC Wing OTC, Brockville. Lt. Calder served overseas with the 8th NBH and was returned by that unit for a commission. Lt. Moffat served in the Permanent Force.

During the period from September '43 to June '44, a substantial number of candidates have been sent from NCOs School with recommendations as A/Is. These represent about 66% of the total attendance during that period. Of these a considerable number have proceeded to further training as officer candidates. Some of the latter were designated for such training when they arrived, others exhibited during the training period, or a subsequent tour of duty as instructors, sufficient ability to warrant recommendation.

At about the time that Captain Curtis assumed command it became Corps policy that a course at NCOs School should be among the first steps in upgrading a soldier for commissioned rank.

Since early spring, 1944, it has been the custom to conclude courses with a ceremonial parade and inspection by the Corps Commander or some other officer of his selection. The parade has taken place in rotation at the various CAC units in Camp Borden and may possibly visit the Armoured Corps Basic Training Centres. Such parades are a valuable factor in producing esprit de corps within the school.

The location of the school was again changed in April of this year to new quarters in the T & S area.



Remedying stoppages on the Bren Gun, with apologies to Staff-Sergeant Smith. —Lt. H. W. Carter-Page

The school is under the direct jurisdiction of the CI, Technical and Schools Wing, Lt.-Col. W. D. A. Douglas. At present the syllabus is again under revision by instruction from the DMT.

The NCOs School, as any other military organization, can be no stronger than the common level of its component parts. It is, however, only fitting to pay, in conclusion, a tribute to the efforts of the WO and NCO instructors who have worked so hard and with so much enthusiasm since the inception of the school. Candidates and staff of the school who have gone to other training centres in Canada and overseas seldom fail to have a word of praise for the work being done by these men.



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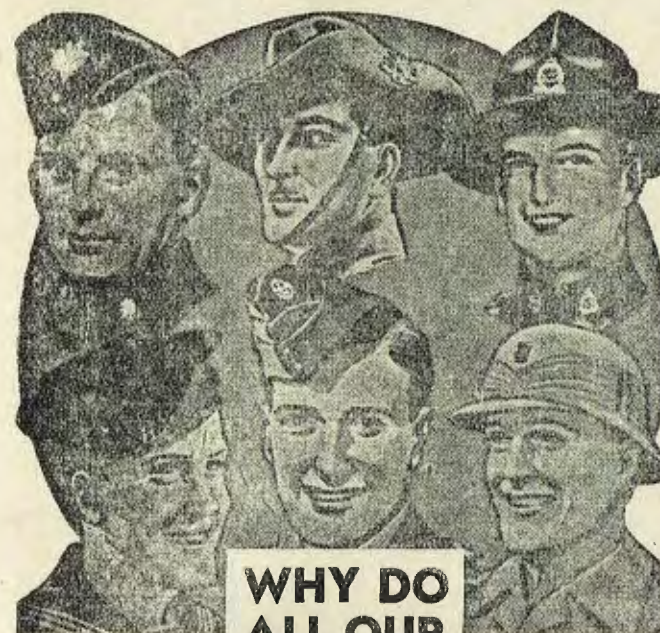
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# The Calgary Regiment

by MAJOR H. T. R. GILMORE

In 1910 the 103rd Regiment, Calgary Rifles, was organized and during the period 1914 to 1918 it continued to function as an NPAM Unit, furnishing many officers and men to various CEF Units.

On March 15, 1920, the Calgary Regiment was organized, perpetuating the 50th Battalion, CEF, and the 103rd Regiment, Calgary Rifles. It was re-organized in March, 1921, to consist of 5 battalions and to perpetuate the 10th Battalion, 50th Battalion, 82nd Battalion, and the 137th Battalion, CEF.

Only the 1st and 2nd Battalions were organized, and the trophies and mess equipment of the old 103rd Regiment were divided between these two.

In 1924 it was again re-organized to two functioning Units, which became the Calgary Highlanders and the Calgary Regiment.

The Battle Honours of the Calgary Regiment are those of the Battalions which it perpetuated:

Ypres	1915	Passchendaele	1918
Festubert	1915	Amiens	1918
Ancre	1916	Drocourt-Queant	1918
Arras	1917-18	Canal du Nord	1918
Vimy	1917	Valenciennes	1918

The cap badge is a reproduction of the coat of arms of the City of Calgary, and the collar badges worn by officers are a reproduction of the collar badges worn by officers of the 50th Battalion, CEF.

In 1922 the Regimental colours of the 50th Battalion were presented to the Calgary Regiment. They were deposited with the King's colours in the Central United Church, at Calgary.

In October, 1927, His Majesty the King authorized the alliance of the Calgary Regiment with the King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster).

In May, 1936, Headquarters and "B" Company of the 13th Canadian Machine Gun Corps were absorbed into the Battalion.

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It seems much more than a month since we met in the Meaford column for all branches in this Army camp have been moving at top speed. The training of our troops for the big show has moved into high gear on the Range with the Armoured Corps firing morning, noon and night with the Infantry scattered around the Range trying to dodge the shells. An infantry Major tapped our firing officer, Lieut. Roy, on the shoulder and with heavy sarcasm said that even though they were Infantry they were still on our side, and would he mind being a little more careful. Meaford citizens are ready to swear that all the vehicles that started the Invasion must have come through Meaford and set sail from Cape Rich.

But even with all the demands of duty the boys on the Range have managed to find time off to lose a few softball games. Softball on the Range has really taken hold and our Range league and main team are in full swing. Passing swiftly over our first two games with Meaford, for obvious reasons, we come to the third game which we won. This is the game that will long be remembered for it seemed that nothing the Range boys did could go wrong. The bouquet of the evening went to minute Pte. McMartin, who played centre field as though he had a basket with glue in it and who batted like a big leaguer. My goodness, I nearly forgot to mention that the score was 9 to 1 favour US.

A very few lines in this column are grudgingly allocated to the disaster that occurred when the Infantry visited our Camp. They arrived in camp and boldly challenged the Range to a game. The CAC boys turned out with vim and vigour to show that the boys who ride can play better than the boys who walk. But apparently walking is good exercise, for the score book did not allow enough space to record the number of runs piled up by the Infantry behind the sterling pitching of Pte. Davies. The Range slunk back to their huts vowing vengeance.

Capt. Blecker, O.C. of Meaford Range for the past six months, has gone, taking with him the very best of luck from each and every one of the Range personnel. "Hellos" and "goodbyes" are always equalized, and the reins of Meaford Range have been handed into the capable hands of Major Kilgour, who has proved since his arrival he is always ready,

no matter how hectic demands of training may be, to give a helping hand in organizing entertainment for the troops on the Range.

The large mat in front of our barrier has a big welcome inscribed upon it and of late it has been working overtime. Newcomers have been Capt. Hodgins, Capt. Downing, Capt. Fleming, Capt. Purdy and others, to each and every one of whom we extend a hearty welcome. Capt. Downing has just returned from the Italian front and the tales he tells makes every one of his listeners yearn to have been over there with him.

A hearty handshake from the Sergeants' Mess welcomes S/Sgt. Melling and Sgt. 'Schelly' MacDonald and his group of 'tank wreckers'. Schelly was also just returned from sampling the marvellous wine of the land that we are well on our way to conquering. Schelly and his boys have been through the thick of battle and are now back home to give the fellows here the benefit of their experience.

To all the rest of Lieutenants, Sergeants and Troopers who have laid down their bed-rolls on the rolling hills of Meaford, we hope that you enjoy your stay at the Range as much as we enjoy having you with us.

We are very sorry to hear that we are going to lose Capt. 'Tim' Price, a swell fellow. We certainly won't forget your cheery smile in a hurry. Sergeant Major Morgan, one of the pioneers who saw Meaford Range grow from an embryo of farm houses to a well organized camp, was given a rousing send off by his many friends. The very best of luck Sergeant Major. Sgt. 'Doc' Brown has also left, leaving a gap which will be hard to fill.

A few weeks ago a Range Staff Sergeant was happily embarking on his furlough when first one chap rushed up and shook his hand, then another slapped him heartily on the back. Congratulations poured at him from all sides. His knees started to shake and his face took on a faint pallor. But at last S/Sgt. Richards was finally convinced that he had joined the ranks of the Henry Fords and Rockefeller, for Lady Luck had waved the wand and presented him with the CAC first prize in the draw for the five hundred dollar Victory Bond. I'm Irish but I never have been that lucky. But since it had

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to be won by somebody, we are sure glad that it was our own 'Ricky'.

Entertainment on the Range has in the past ran the gamut of picture shows, stage shows, dances and the parade of sports, but a new field was explored when the Range casanovas and the belles of Meaford embarked on a Moonlight Cruise on Georgian Bay.

At the last moment clouds crossed the Moon, but that didn't matter for as the eight small cruisers sped out over the blue, the girls made sure not very many looked up anyway. After the cruise the party adjourned to the City Hall to dance and satisfy healthy appetites brought on by the cool Bay breezes. The floor show consisted of an exhibition in the fine art of jitterbug gymnastics by talented Professor Villeneuve. We don't know where the Sergeant gets his vim, vigour and vitality but next time we will make sure that we put leashes on the next fourteen hot-dogs that find their way into his hands.

We are sad to report that a tried and true veteran of the Range, the life-long friend of all soldiers, was in a serious accident received in his line of duty, mainly chasing jeeps trying to get a ride. 'Dinty', mascot of the Range, broke his leg and the consternation this news wrought was evidence of the esteem in which he is held. He was convoked to the vet after examination by the M.O. and is now limping around in the best of spirits with his leg in a cast. It takes more than a broken leg to keep a good trooper down.

Major-General F. F. Worthington and his staff, together with the staff course from the Royal Military College, Kingston, visited the Range and witnessed a marvellous exhibition of tank manoeuvres and tank firing training. The exhibition was made all the more dramatic since all could hear firing orders and tank placements which were broadcast from a wireless set over a loud-speaker system. All proceedings went through with clock-like precision which spoke well for the instructors and men of the Range. The visitors were also treated to an exhibition of the Infantry phase of modern warfare.

And so we close for this month and hope that when you read this our boys over there will be many miles further along the hard road to Berlin.

### *The Calgary Regiment*

(Continued from page 7)

In December, 1936, the Unit was re-organized as a Tank Regiment, and adopted the black beret and the tank insignia.

At the outbreak of War in 1939, 10 officers and 150 other ranks of this Regiment went to other Units. In June of 1940, 5 officers and 179 other ranks went to the South Alberta Regiment.

In February, 1941, the Regiment mobilized as the 14th Army Tank Regiment (Calgary Regiment). This Regiment took part in the action at Dieppe, and is now on active service in Europe.

A Reserve Unit was formed, and has sent on active service to the Navy, Army and Air Force, 77 officers and 1,100 other ranks.



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## Canada's Place in Global Strategy

By

Dr. Robert McClure

(Dr. Robert McClure, who recently returned from China where he has been serving in the Red Cross with the Chinese and American forces in Burma, gave a most interesting lecture in Camp Borden a few weeks ago. It is thought that the following article contributed by him to The Tank—Canada, will be of great interest to our readers.)

It would be easy for anyone to accuse me of having too much nerve in speaking to you when almost all my time is spent abroad. Let me just remind you, however, that from a distance one obtains a different view and in some ways a more accurate view than one does if too close up.

The Hon. Vincent Massey, for whom I have a deep respect, in his recent broadcast used the illustration of Canada as a bridge and it has been frequently used since the last war in other circles. The thought is usually confined to Canada as a bridge essentially between England and to a less extent the British Empire on one shore and the United States of America on the other shore. We are now living, however, in days of global strategy and I wish to write of Canada as a bridge on a more global basis. Canada can act as a bridge in two definite spheres, first within the British Empire and second outside and beyond the British Empire.

I find myself in a strange position today due largely to changes, not in myself, but due to changes in Canada during the 3 years that I have been away. You who live here and who have had these changes brought about in you slowly are less aware of these changes than one who has been "out of the swim" of Canadian life. While in many of my views I am considered to be a radical, yet in one thing I am ultra Conservative — I am an imperialist, I find. An imperialist who believes that the British Empire, as an empire, has a great future. An imperialist who wishes to see Canada stay very much within the Empire. An imperialist who cannot see why those imperial ties should in any way hamper the progress of any of the dominions, but who sees the Empire as a God-given tool and organization by which, if properly used, we can lead in the reconstruction of a better world.

The Dominions have a very great role to play within this Empire—not merely a political role—I do not know much about that and from what I hear that is a very complicated subject. I hope that the Dominions can play a role of cultural and ideological leadership.

### DUTIES AS WELL AS PRIVILEGES

It seems to me that we in Canada have, up to now, thought of the Empire too much in terms of what we got out of it. We got British preference in many of our foreign markets. We got 25% in most of the Empire markets. We got almost the entire motor trade of Burma, India, Hongkong, Malaya and

South Africa. The time has come for us now to see what we can GIVE to the Empire, not GET. For instance I do believe that Canadian help such as a commission to India could perhaps break the political deadlock in that country. I am sure we could if such a commission were made up of not only Canadian representatives but also from the other dominions as well. It is nice to belong to a family with influential parents but there comes a time when we have to think of our duty to the old folks as well. There are duties as well as privileges in this imperial game.

Canada also has a most useful function as a bridge outside the Empire. We are a geographical, political, commercial and cultural bridge between, not only Europe, but between the United States and the Orient. Why are we that? I think it can be easily explained. Industrially, economically and militarily we are well up among the second-class powers of the world. Our standard of living is among the highest on the scale. Our cultural standard is by no means the worst. Yet we are not out to acquire new territory. I think I am right in saying that we are the largest nation in our category that is not even suspected of having territorial ambitions. This may not sound like much of a distinction to you but it means quite a lot in world political thought today.

Commercially we want foreign markets for our agricultural, our forest and our industrial products but no one on earth has ever thought that we would go to war to get these markets. It is our privilege to have this reputation. Because of it we could take a much greater place as arbitrator in international disputes. We could lead the world in attitudes toward international questions.

If greater freedom is really to come out of this war Canada can have a great place in leading and guiding smaller groups in their search for their freedom. People in smaller countries and in more backward areas are extremely suspicious of leadership that is offered to them. Leadership of smaller nations by their powerful friends and neighbors is not always permeated by much trust. It often is the suspicion of the friendship of the wolf for the lamb.

Leadership of small and backward nations and protection of those rights is about the most fruitful cause of war one can think up. We, in Canada, are above suspicion. A nation without any territorial ambitions. To me this is Canada's destiny in world affairs.

### CHANGES IN OUR THOUGHTS

There are a few who may ask why we should bother with too much of this monkey business beyond our shores. Well, each 25 years we have had to bother with it. We have bothered in France, we have bothered in Hongkong, we have bothered in Sicily and in Italy, we are right now beginning to bother in Burma, and you and I cannot tell where else we may be bothering with it before peace breaks out. When war comes we have a big part in global war, then let us take a big part in global peace.

Before we can do anything very useful in this line we must make certain changes in our thoughts. It takes months to train a good soldier and a world citizen cannot be picked up ready made. This takes a lot of training too. These are some of the changes which I should suggest are necessary.

### START IN SCHOOLS

1. It is obvious that we must begin much of our plan for making Canadians into world citizens in our schools. In a negative way we must break down all color, racial and religious barriers. It is not difficult if we DESIGN to do it. It is as impossible to achieve this as any other objective by merely a pious hope that things will gradually improve. In a positive way we must approach history and geography with a world outlook. It might not be practical but there has been turning over in my mind in the past few months the idea of having students from other countries come to our primary and secondary schools. It is true that we have a few university graduates and more post graduates who come to Canada from other countries to study. These should be increased but this is not the point I wish to make now. I refer rather to the pupil who would come to our public and high schools for a few years, then go back to his own country to continue his education in his own land. Why should not each public school in Toronto have in it one pupil from a foreign country, from India, Africa, China, Russia or Turkey. Personally I feel certain that each CLASS with such a pupil would be much enriched by having such a visitor. The pupil could live in a typical Canadian home and really get to know us. We on our part would get to know them, their background, their problems and their hopes. We have done it with war guests. It was good. Well then let us enlarge and develop this idea. Such a scheme would be still more important and more useful in our high schools.

### MUST BROADEN OUR HORIZON

2. We need individually to broaden our horizon. A worm has a horizon of something like 2 inches. A man six feet high can see several hundred yards, while at 15,000 feet you can see a radius of well over one hundred miles. We must lift ourselves up a bit and not stick too closely to the worms-eye view. We tend to blame others for our lack of horizon. We tend to blame our political leaders for not leading us higher. We tend also to blame the press. On the other hand they give you what you want to read; that is their business. I remember when in Canada in 1941, an air raid in China that took a toll of 6,000 lives occupied one small paragraph in a Toronto paper, while a local murder trial took column after

column day after day. You were actually far more involved personally in the air raid than you were in that murder trial. It was just that the air raid was further away from you. Today your boy is over there keeping off an air raid from that very spot. It is not nearly so far away from you as you thought it was. If we are to fight a global war and win a global peace, we shall have to personally develop a more global outlook in our minds.

### DEEPER SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY

3. We need another thing in Canada and that is a deeper sense of responsibility. It IS our business what happens in a far away corner of the earth particularly if it happens under our British flag. We laugh at the primitive mental development of the man in some other country who may see a bad bit of road in front of his house or his farm where carts and animals are always getting stuck and who does nothing about it, who sees his neighbor's house on fire and does nothing about it until his own house is in danger. In international affairs before we laugh too much at that chap, take a look in the mirror, my fellow Canadians. If there is one blot on our national copy book this is it. When moral principles were at stake we have in the past failed to give leadership. There is no need to rub it in too much but you must remember that we must take some of the blame ourselves for that empty bed on the third floor and the vacant seat at the dining room table today.

### YOUNGER SPIRIT IN CANADA

4. We need a younger spirit in Canada. We are a young nation—among the youngest of the democracies. Youth has certain attributes, energy, vigor, daring and "abandon." Until the outbreak of actual war we showed little of these in our national life. We behaved like an old country afraid of shaking its vested interests, taking our part in maintaining a "status quo ante" that was long, long "ante" our time. This contribution of the youthful outlook should be our big show—who else can give it?

### REDEDICATION OF OUR LIVES

5. Finally we need a rededication of our lives. More living for others. If our boys can fight and die for others surely we cannot do less than to live for others. As on far island and distant hill and in strange skies our men work and die for a new world order so we must look beyond our national borders and our own selfish interests. On those same islands, on those hills equally far distant and in and beneath still more strange skies we must take our place to finish the job that they can only begin. We must each one resolve to be a Canadian citizen doing his or her bit in an era of global strategy. God helping us we will!

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## Black Berets

The Canadian Armoured Corps' contribution to the military entertainment world, the "Black Berets," is hitting the headlines these days. For the past four months these talented lads of the CAC have performed to Camp Borden audiences and toured through Southwestern Ontario, bringing laughter and entertainment to men and women in the services and civilians alike. Reports received from the Training Centres, hospitals and depots, where an estimated 20,000 lads and lassies in uniform have witnessed the show, place the production in the higher entertainment brackets and requests are continually being received for the show to play centres in the Borden area.

The Black Berets' first performance was on the night of February 16 last, at Camp Borden. This culminated a period of rehearsing, script writing, timing, prop manufacture, orchestrations and careful selection of the cast that was set under way last winter when Colonel J. A. McCamus, M.C., E.D., Officer Commanding A-33 CACTE, decided that theatrical talent throughout the Corps would be brought together and a show formed.



Lieutenant H. W. Carter-Page, the Armoured Corps "Cecil B. deMille," produced and directs the Black Berets.



**THE BLACK BERETS** (from left to right). **FRONT ROW:** Tpr. Benbow; Sgt. J. Flowers; Sgt. F. R. Osborne; Lieut. J. F. Johnson; Lieut. H. W. Carter-Page; Sgt. H. R. Collie; Cpl. L. K. Seaton; Tpr. J. Hebbes.  
**CENTRE:** Tpr. H. Bergeron; Tpr. A. K. Wilson; Tpr. H. F. Spragg; Cpl. E. Koutnik; L/Cpl. J. B. Morris; L/Cpl. R. Strome; L/Cpl. J. A. Allen; Tpr. A. Vipond; Tpr. G. E. Jarvis; Tpr. L. deB. Holly; L/Cpl. M. A. Cufaro.  
**BACK:** Troopers H. A. Phillips; G. W. Leek; J. J. Frost; J. L. Cadeau; H. Kemp; A. E. Wilson; E. Bergeron; H. S. Blair; M. B. McNab.  
 (Absent: L/Cpl. B. Silverburg).



The "Ladies of the CAC," one of the leading skits in the show, with Sgt. F. R. Osborne, Tpr. G. W. Leek, Tpr. A. E. Wilson, and L/Cpl. B. Silverburg at their hairy best in this all-male production.



L/Cpl. Morris, J. B., in two of his numbers.





It was thought at that time that a small group of entertainers, playing only to Borden audiences, could supply several evenings of entertainment for CAC personnel. However, from a meagre beginning on through the trials and tribulations of any stage venture, the Black Berets grew to their present strength and efficiency and through the medium of their performances have given the Armoured Corps the publicity and recognition it deserves.

Producer and Director of the show is Lieut. H. W. Carter-Page. Peter Page toiled in the glamour city of Hollywood under the Walt Disney banner before enlisting. Lieut. J. F. Johnson (Busted Bogle) is Musical Director. Trooper "Curly" Phillips is Stage Manager, and Trooper A. Vipond handles the orchestrations.



Tpr. L. deB Holly pleads with Tpr. E. Bergeron to order chicken, which the latter finally does, in one of the more zany scenes in the show.

The Black Berets recently returned from a tour of Kitchener, Hamilton and Toronto where they were enthusiastically received. At Kitchener they played to 500 CWACs and the number pertaining to these ladies of the army was a tremendous hit. At the Hamilton Hospital there was no stage or curtains so a concert party was hastily organized and entertained the boys. At No. 3 RCAF Convalescent Hospital in North Toronto, a private home in pre-war days, the cast was impressed by the lovely surroundings, including a swimming pool. Lieut. Page received several inquiries from his boys on how to transfer to the Air Force with a broken leg. Oakdale Retraining Centre, Christie Street Hospital, Exhibition Barracks and Manning Pool of the RCAF were also visited before the troop returned to Borden.

Several of the numbers on the programme have gone over with a bang, particularly "Borden Blues" and "One Pip Wonder". The former is applicable to those returning from a weekend in Toronto on the late trains, and goes in part:



Sgt. F. R. Osborne, Tpr. G. W. Leek, Tpr. A. E. Wilson, L/Cpl. B. Silverburg.

I've got those Borden Blues, those week-end Blues,  
Those Monday morning weekend Borden Blues;  
For I'm in the jail and my head is sore  
I'm never going to leave Camp Borden any more.

The finale, "One Pip Wonder", was recently featured on the Happy Gang programme from Toronto.

During their travels the Black Berets have encountered many difficulties. Some stages have no curtains, others no lights, no dressing rooms, no PA system. But "Curly" Phillips has been on the job to date and the show has always gone on. The chief difficulty at most halls is the lack of washing facilities. Tpr. Joe Hebbes, who has a black face number, and L/Cpl. J. B. Morris who coats his body with leg make-up for the South Seas number, are the chief sufferers in this respect.

Lieut. Johnson has his troubles with the band at times. During the playing of the National Anthem to close a recent performance, Trooper "stick his foot in it" Jarvis, the drummer, on rising to give the final roll accidentally stepped on the Klaxon horn. (This has not been adopted in the official orchestration.)

The performance that will be long remembered by members of the cast was presented at the K of C hut recently for Major-General F. F. Worthington, C.B., M.C., M.M., Commander, Camp Borden. Following the show the General proceeded back stage and met each performer, stage crew and orchestra. His complimentary remarks on the entertainment provided by Black Berets were greatly appreciated.



FINALE . . . . .

## The Tank Doctor

By  
MAJOR-GENERAL J. F. C. FULLER

About 18 months ago the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers was born, since when it has established a record never before approached, during the first 12 months of its life, by any former corps in our Army.

It is no exaggeration to say that, had this corps not been created, the probabilities are we should still be fighting in North Africa.

Barely born, then, like Hercules, it set about strangling serpents in its cradle; for on October 23rd, at El Alamein, it was allotted the important task of keeping the lanes through Rommel's minefields clear from blockade by disabled vehicles, tanks and guns.

During the following month its mobile workshops repaired and put back into battle no less than 1,000 tanks. Further, the amazing pursuit by the Eighth Army of 1,400 miles in 80 days would have been a sheer impossibility without the assistance of the R.E.M.E.

Obvious as it is in this industrial age that machine warfare is but a continuation of industry directed towards other ends, and, in consequence, war is preeminently a struggle between engineers, how came it that we had to wade through three years of devastating fighting before this essential corps was created?

### FROM DISASTER

The answer is stunning, for, as I will show, between 1916 and 1918, we possessed such a corps in all but name. Then, in 1919, we scrapped it. Next the Germans copied and improved upon it. Lastly, not until the 1941 campaigns in Libya, when it was found that our enemy's tank recovery and repair units could get damaged tanks back into battle about five times as fast as we could, did we wake up to the need of such a corps.

It was not forethought that jogged our intelligence; as usual, it was disaster. Then, what did we do?

Instead of digging up the mummies and enhydrating them—for in the catacombs of the War Office lie buried stacks of reports, establishments and memoranda on the organization and functions of tank recovery and repair—we called in a man who, so far as I am aware, might find it difficult to distinguish between a sprocket and a split pin—Sir William Beveridge—to solve our problem.

Do not suppose that I am questioning his wisdom or the excellence of his recommendations: instead, it is the waste of time I am considering.

The Beveridge Committee was appointed by Mr. Bevin on June 9, 1941, to consider the employment of skilled men in the Army. In August, it issued an interim report, followed by a full one in February, 1942.

In this report it is noted in paragraph 33 that there was much duplication of workshops and skilled

men in the Army (obvious); in paragraph 44 that "the Navy is machine-minded. The Army cannot afford to be less so" (obvious), and in paragraph 45 that the "organizational changes involved in substituting for an army mainly of foot soldiers an army mainly dependent upon machines and technicians" had not been fully realized (quite obvious), otherwise, why the committee?

Yet, strange to say, when, in 1919, drawing on nearly two years' experience of tanks in the field, I wrote a brief chapter on "Tank Mechanical Engineering" for my book, "Tanks in the Great War," this is how it opened:

"The organization of the mechanical engineering side of the Tank Corps constituted the backbone of the whole formation, for on its efficiency depended the efficiency of the fighting units in as high a degree as the fighting efficiency of a cavalry regiment depends on its horsemastership."

### PROBLEM SOLVED

What happened next? The report was passed to Lieut.-General Weeks, then Director-General of Army equipment, who, assisted by another committee, went further into the question, and some time later recommended to the Army Council that a corps of electrical and mechanical engineers should be formed (obvious from the start), so it came about that by Royal Warrant its formation was authorized on May 22nd, 1942, a year less 16 days since the Beveridge Committee had been called into being.

Thus the problem was solved: Whereas had the mummies been dug up, which would have taken half-an-hour, and once they had been enhydrated, which would have taken, let us say, a fortnight, it could have been settled in one-twenty-fifth of the time. Yet, in spite of these 50 weeks of profound cogitation, even today, though the REME carries out all repairs, the RAOC still provides all spare parts—a pernicious system and the bugbear of the old Tank Corps of 1916-18, which the enhydrated mummies would at once have made clear.

What was our engineering organization in the days of the first tank dynasty? We had a central workshop and a central stores. The former threw forward advanced workshops and the latter advanced stores. Both were highly mobile and linking in between came the recovery units, known at first as salvage companies and later as tank field companies. Towards the end of the war all these advanced units were grouped together to form a tank field battalion.

The companies of this battalion worked on identical lines to those now followed by the forward echelons of the REME and, like its men, they were combatants as well as engineers. Thus we read of No. 1 Tank Field Company: ". . . bombed by night and shelled and gassed by day, shot at by hostile airplanes from above and machine-guns below, its personnel worked stolidly on without being able to gratify that natural desire to retaliate."



Here is another extract from a report: "One tank in September-October, 1918, went through the cycle of being shot out of action, taken in salvage, repaired and handed over again in fighting condition three times in five weeks."

And here is yet another: "Advanced workshops alone, however, put into fighting condition 223 machines during the enemy retreat (1918), a performance which assisted in convincing Ludendorff that we had an enormous number of reserve machines, and calling for his reference to 'that apparently inexhaustible pool from which the British obtained their numberless tanks'."

Today this work is carried out by the REME, a vast organization compared to anything we had in 1918, yet I doubt whether in any way more skilful or more technically efficient: for in the old Tank Corps central workshops and its satellites we had some of the most experienced engineers in the Empire.

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The functions of the REME are to inspect and maintain all the machinery of the Army, from a tank to a transmitting set; to repair all equipment, investigate defects in design, experiment and recommend improvements.

The corps is organized into four echelons, two mobile, one semi-static and one static. The first consists of light aid detachments working at the front: the second works immediately behind the front: the third further back still, and the fourth generally at the base. Also there is a small workshop unit to attend to vehicles, guns, etc., on disembarkation.

To have created so vast and efficient an organization in 12 months is surely one of the outstanding feats in military history. Yet, how much more economical it would have been had we maintained in existence part at least of our 1918 tanks field battalion.

Early in the present year I read in a newspaper: "The idea of a separate electrical and mechanical unit to serve, and repair transport was conceived in the last war, but nothing was done about it because tradition dies hard."

As I have shown, it was not merely conceived but actually established. And as regards tradition killing it, all I can say is this: it was not, as half-hinted at by the above newspaper, kiboshed by the Colonel Blimps: instead it was slaughtered by the Mr. Crimps—the Treasury wallahs—those decayers of false economy and shrinkers of fighting efficiency.

Of this I can speak with some authority: for I was in charge of tanks at the War Office when our first splendid corps of mechanical engineers was slaughtered by purblind finance.

A maiden who walked on the Corso  
Displayed over much of her torso,  
A crowd soon collected,  
But no one objected,  
And some were in favor of more so.

A certain young fellow named Beebee  
Wished to wed with a lady named Phoebe;  
"But," he said, "I must see  
What the clerical fee  
Be before Phoebe be Phoebe Beebee."

Dogs in Siberia are the fastest in the world because the trees are so far apart.

A bow-legged soldier named Keys  
Had plenty of room between knees  
When he came to attention  
His Sergeant did mention  
His knees were still standing at ease!

Sally's back from Hollywood,  
Evading all its perils;  
Sally's reputation's good—  
No hits, no runs, no errors.

Dr. Hugh Hampton Young, eminent surgeon, attending the unveiling of a bust of himself at the University of Virginia, was approached by a young woman afterwards.

"I hope you appreciate," she said, "that I have come some fifty miles to see your bust unveiled."

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Panther is manned by a crew of five and it has already been reported in action against the Russians on the Eastern Front.

Probably the most striking feature of this new tank, apart from the gun, is its very long sloping front plate which closely resembles that of the famous Russian cruiser tank (T.34) and indeed it would appear that, to a certain extent, the design of the Panther's hull has been copied from the Russian tank, which the Germans are known to have held in high esteem. In addition the tracks are of a new pattern and as with the hull design show traces of Russian influence.

Although about the same size as the Tiger—it is actually about 2 ft. longer—and embodying many similar mechanical features, Panther is designed for an entirely different role—that of a cruiser tank with a fair turn of speed, and a good all-round performance.

The main armament consists of a new 7.5 cm. (2.95 in.) gun with an overall length of about 18 ft. The gun's armour piercing performance is in the same class as that of the 8.8 cm. gun mounted in the heavy Tiger tank.

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*What to take Overseas*

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# C.A.C. SPORTS

By Sgt. Ab. Hulse, Sports Editor

## Pacific Breezes

For most of the past month we spent our time either aboard the train or attending a Camouflage course at Vancouver, B.C. Consequently, when we returned to our old stamping grounds we felt a bit out of touch with things in general, and when ye editor telephoned for copy we felt very much like applying the art of personal concealment, and remaining undetected some place. But, it was no go, and so we decided to attempt to whip-up some sports news, applying the principle of operational camouflage by "concealing the real and displaying the false." In other words we have had to depend upon outside sources for most of our information, and if it sounds as if we were present for most of it, it is only because we received good co-operation from the various sports officers and NCOs throughout Camp, as well as Dave Speyer of the K. of C. The saga of Corps sports touches to June 15.

During our stay at the west coast we managed to meet most of the western sports writers and get in a plug or two for the boys in the black berets. We were guests at sporting functions on various occasions of Alf. Cottrell, Duke McLeod, and Jim Kearney of the Sun, Clancy Lorranger of the News-Herald, and Dan Ekman of the Province. It is doubtful if there is more talented array of sports scribes in any other City in Canada today, and all three dailies present newsy, attractive sports pages avidly read by thousands of fans at home, and followed equally well by the thousands of B.C. men and women serving King and Country in all parts of the world.

Say what you may, we are firm in the belief that good newspaper coverage and publicity can do much to improve both the calibre of sports and the attendance figures, which in turn affects the standard of play. There is nothing more discouraging to players than to perform before empty benches or sidelines, a point that might well be remembered by the officers and men of all the units.

All sports are running in high gear at Vancouver, and it was our pleasure to witness some of the most interesting games in all sports we have ever seen. Lacrosse, Canada's national game (and it is just that by Act of Parliament), is played at the Forum, an up-to-date arena which seats about 7,000. Five teams, including teams from the Army and Navy, are battling it out for the right to come east for the Mann Cup finals. New Westminster Salmonbellies are out in front at present but both service teams are threatening and their buddies turn out to support them vociferously whenever they are in action.

Neither one of the service teams will be able to come East however, so the Salmonbellies, the best of the three civvy teams, will likely make the trip, and should be able to take the best in the East. Crowds are getting close to the 2,000 mark as the race tightens. Baseball sees three Vancouver teams,

and Bellingham, Wash., drawing about the same crowds four nights a week to Capilano stadium. The teams are all stocked with veteran players, American chattels from the Pacific Coast professional league, and under age personnel. The Canadian teams are more than holding their own and the result is that Vancouver expects to receive a franchise next season in the Coast A.A. professional league, something they have been angling after for over 20 years. The calibre of ball is about that played in the Canadian Congress league or minor pro circuits. Several strong city amateur leagues are also functioning.

Soccer is drawing the largest crowds, and they are seeing just about the best brand of roundball in Canada today. We saw 5,000 present to witness a cup final between North Shore and Boeings. They really went for the game in a big way too. Right here in Camp Borden some of the best lads in the CAC teams are B.C. boys. Soccer of that calibre will draw crowds any place.

Girls' softball, with four teams performing in a bandbox park is another crowd pleaser. The femmes are long on both playing ability and looks. Tennis, golf, and men's softball all have many devotees, but men's softball, while fairly good, does not get the crowds or the publicity. Professional wrestling is in the throes of a comeback, as is boxing.

One of the big features of any hardball game is the "seventh inning" stretch, when in the interim between the visitors and the home team batting the crowd arises, stretches, yawns, and yells encouragement to their favorites as they enter the home stretch. At Capilano stadium they achieve the same effect and yet strike a timely patriotic motif, by the playing of O Canada! It is a picturesque sight to see the crowd standing at attention in the calcium glare with the teams facing the flag on the green sward as the loudspeaker gives out the strain of one of our nation's national anthems.

We recall one evening when from the press-box, while the music was being played the sounds of contented snoring could be heard. Peering downward we discovered a burly individual stretched out on a bench obviously having hastily downed his month's quota from the government wet sales centre. There was a book parked beside him with a vivid cover that attracted attention. Investigation proved it to be appropriately enough Thomas B. Costain's "For My Great Folly."

It was our first visit to the West Coast, and after experiencing the climate, seeing the facilities available for sport and play, watching the best teams in action, we can readily understand why so many good athletes come from B.C. The East can look to its laurels on all sport fields, both this year and for some years to come.

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## Softball

### CAC League:

The league opened on June 6th, and appropriate opening ceremonies were held at the home centres. Since then each Tuesday and Thursday night has seen ding-dong battles on all fronts, with surprisingly close scores in most cases.

The series is producing competition of senior calibre, and with the exception of TSR all teams have scored at least one win. The TSR boys are in a little different spot than most centres with overseas drafts and leaves continually affecting the line-up. For that matter the same situation will have an important bearing on the ultimate standing throughout the group, and team managers are scouting for replacements from day to day, those who are on top today may well be at the bottom of the heap come several weeks.

No. 2 CACTR are the present leaders with a clean sheet. G. L. Thorne, the team's pitcher, has been just that in the sides of the opposition. Lou Trudel, catcher, Hank Mokom, first base phenom of A-9 days, and the old reliable Nip Spooner at short have been going like wildfire. T & S with a battery composed of Lefty Finnemore of Toronto on the mound, and SSM Mickey McGuire with the mask are tied for second with No. 3. Glen Brydson, "Flash" Burgess, Bud McGuire, and Lt. Andy Tommy form a strong infield. Ernie Clark, Toronto, has been a sensation on the rubber for No. 3. He turned in a one-hitter against Newmarket recently that was a masterpiece. Lt. Paul Quarrington, Walt. Clark, Mickey McGuire and others have all come through in fine style.

No. 1, with two wins and a loss, are pressing hard. Beapit of Niagara Falls has been hurling nicely, while Bell, Gaudet and the rest have done well. Newmarket, a little weaker than in other years, is getting good tossing from Smith of Windsor, and Moon, while the return of Bernie Gantner to the infield after a year's absence has made them very dangerous.

They won their first start but Lady Luck has not smiled since. We are unable through lack of time to give you a line on the other teams except to say the Orillia boys are improving and in their last start took No. 1 while TSR have been more outlucked than outplayed.

### June 6th—

At Newmarket: Newmarket 6-No. 3 5.  
At Orillia: T & S 8-Orillia 6.  
At Borden: No. 1 8-TSR 3.

### June 8th—

At Borden: No. 3 9-Orillia 4.  
At Borden: No. 2 4-T & S 3.  
At Borden: No. 1 7-Newmarket 4.

### June 13th—

At Borden: No. 2 8-Orillia 6.  
At Borden: No. 3 8-TSR 4.  
At Newmarket: T & S 4-Newmarket 1.

### June 12th—

At Borden: No. 3 2-Newmarket 1.  
At Orillia: Orillia 9-No. 1 6.  
At Borden: No. 2 11-TSR 2.

### North Zone League:

An eleven team group gives this league its biggest entry in years. With only four teams carded for the playoffs, and CAC league players barred from competing, every game is hotly fought to a finish. The three training Regiments, Wireless, Gunnery, Track, Wheel, Administration give Corps an edge in chances of final supremacy, but on the other hand RCOG, 13X Depot and CBMH have the advantage of being able to choose from all the men available. The league went big league in its opening with all the teams parading in uniform, and the Corps Commander, Col. J. A. McCamus, M.C., taking the salute. The umpires' school conducted by the K. of C. has resulted in some high class officiating and a minimum of disputes, and brother if you have ever attended a sports meeting with eleven teams represented you will realize that is really something.

The teams are closely bunched at this stage and so many players have seen service it would be unfair to single them out for mention. No. 2 and No. 3 are undefeated but the pack are close on their heels, and according to Dave Speyer "nobody knows who is going to be bumped off next." The attendance at the games has been most pleasing to those connected with operation details.

### South Central Zone:

TSR are Corps representatives in the "Y" group and considering the fact they are meeting such doughty opponents as No. 1 RCAF, Dentals, and RCASC have made a creditable if not winning showing. Lt. R. Atkinson, the unit sports officer, is doing a grand job of things all along the line.

### North Central Zone:

No 1 have a "second" team performing in this area, one of the hotbeds of Borden softball. They have won one game to date but have certainly won respect from A-10, defending Camp champions, A-11, Engineers, and A-22 in the contests they have dropped.

### \* \* \* VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday night is Volleyball night throughout Camp, and the North Zone league already underway finds nine teams performing at the net game. No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, TSR, D & M Track, D & M MT, Gunnery, and T & S Administration are the Corps representatives against 13X Bombers, and CBMH. This is one sport every soldier can participate in, without any previous experience, and there is little equipment difficulty.

The players on the team can be changed easier than in other sports, and as only six men are needed for each game there should be no reason for any defaults. The finals will not be played until the Fall, so early results will not mean very much. Volleyball is regularly included in most unit sports programs too.



## Track and Field

On May 24, track and field day events put on by No. 26 CAC (B) TC, Orillia, attracted a crowd of more than 1,000. "B" Squadron won the championship with a total of 93 points. "A" Squadron was second with 35 points. The feature event, a three-mile cross country race, was won by Trooper A. Poisson, who covered the tough course with regulation army boots, doing it in the remarkable time of 23 minutes and 26 seconds. Mrs. J. D. Toogood, wife of Major Toogood, presented the prizes.

Lieut. Frank Foster, Sports Officer for No. 26, is to be congratulated on the success of this event. He was responsible for its organization, and everything went off with clock like precision.

The results of the various events were:

100-yard dash—1, Tpr. Ray; 2, Lt. Watson; 3, Tpr. Goldsack; time, 11-2-5.

220-yard dash—1, Cpl. Knowles; 2, Tpr. Blair; 3, Tpr. Gotham; time, 27 2-5.

440-yard dash—1, Cpl. Knowles; 2, Tpr. Bevans; time, 1.07.

880 yards—1, Sgt. Brinn; 2, Tpr. Prentice; 3, Tpr. Raymond; time, 2.31.

880 yards relay—1, "A" Squadron (Cpl. Knowles, Tprs. Dunlop, Kirby and Keriuk); time, 1.56.

One mile—1, Tpr. Beven; 2, Tpr. Morssette; 3, Tpr. Fraseller; time, 5.48.

Three miles—1, Tpr. Poisson; 2, Tpr. Morin; 3, Tpr. Campbell; time, 23.26.

High jump—1, Cpl. Rossi; 2, Tpr. Babb; 3, Sgt. Robson. Height 5 ft. 3 in.

Running broad jump—1, Tpr. Reich; 2, Cpl. Knowles; 3, Lt. Watson. Distance, 17 ft. 4¼ in.

Standing broad jump—1, Lt. Lees; 2, Tpr. Penry; 3, Tpr. Fraseller. Distance, 8 ft. 7 in.

Pole vault—1, Lt. Lees; 2, Sgt. Robson; 3, Tpr. Headman. Height, 8 ft. 9 in.

Hop, skip and jump—1, Tpr. Reich; 2, Cpl. Rossi; 3, Tpr. Fraser. Distance, 37 ft. 3 inches.

Shot put—1, Tpr. McMaster; 2, Tpr. Livisey; 3, Cpl. Muir. Distance, 32 feet, 6 in.

Tug of war—1, "B" Squadron; 2, "C" Squadron.

Obstacle and training race—1, "B" Squadron; 2, "C" Squadron.

Discus throw—1, Tpr. Sigurdson; 2, Tpr. McMaster; 3, Tpr. Bragans. Distance, 90 ft. 7 in.

Judges and officials: Hon. referee, Lt. Col. C. R. J. Lancaster, E.D., O.C.; Referee—Major S. K. Lount, M.C.; Judges—Lieuts. Tilson, Blois and Sysel; Starters—Lieut. Moule, SSM Ogilvie; Timers—Lieut. G. Jones, Major Richmond; Announcer—Lieut. R. Davies; Recorder—Lieut. F. Foster.

Newmarket Camp are holding a monster track and field meet and sports program on July 3 and the Borden centres as well as Orillia will be represented. Little is known of the strength of the Newmarket team, but judging by results in previous years, the 23 team will be travelling fast. Two years ago Lt. Larry O'Connor, Canadian Olympic sensation, then a corporal, started Newmarket on the road to success and last year with such outstanding performers as Jimmy Holmes and Bob and Joe Dales, our southern friends took MD 2 honors with something to spare. So, the Borden competitors can watch out. Lt. Bert McComiskey is this month holding a series of weekly meets to pick a strong team and he hopes to find much talent.

The Borden championships will be held the middle of July, and in September the Corps meet will be held. If you can run or jump, or toss the shot or discus, you owe it to your centre to turn out and give your best.

## Hardball

At Borden, the middle of June saw the opening guns ready to be fired. By a late ruling the four Armored teams were placed in one group, with RCOC, A22, No. 1 RCAF, RCASC, and A10 in a separate group, the winners to meet for the Camp honors. Advance reports would seem to indicate No. 2 CACTR as the team to beat. Besides a few holdovers from last season headed by Lt. Wilder of the pitching staff, the Rams have added Urban Morrison of London Army, Tommy Walsh, Brantford, Canadian bantam-weight army novice champion, a protege of Burleigh Grimes of the Toronto Leafs, Lt. D. M. McPherson, and Ellis and Cooper, two stars from Western Ontario. No. 1 boys are singing the praises of pitcher Lt. Tommy Gaudet and first-sacker Johnny Chirka among others, while Lefty Dowdell, Frenchy Mitrink, and Ridsdale provide Lt. Paul Quarrington of No. 3 with an experienced mound staff. D & M are saying little about their material but along the grapevine the news is the boys are hot and are not doing much worrying. The chips will soon be down, and we shall know the best and worst.

Newmarket Camp are entered in the Congress Senior Baseball League embracing such big name teams as Toronto Tip Tops, Hagersville RCAF "Cheetahs", Toronto Baers, as well as playing an interlocking schedule with the West Toronto senior league. In their first start, Newmarket defeated Hagersville 4-0. The boys from 23 were outthit by their opponents but played tight and timely ball. Heading their win was the four hit pitching of Tpr. Jack "Red" Rudderham of Liverpool, N.S.

Young Rudderham, who is but 19, struck out 13 of the Cheetahs, and retired the side in two straight innings, top grade pitching in any league. Cliff Mills of Copper Cliff gives Lt. Jack Morris' nine strength behind the bat. With the first game on the right side of the ledger, it's a case of "blue skies" at No. 23.

Orillia Camp are readying a team to play exhibition games and enter the Corps tournament. There is little news on this sport from Brampton, most of their players who won the 1943 Ontario Intermediate A title having long since departed.

## Cross Country Running

The first two weeks in June saw the area and district cross-country runs completed and congratulations go to the tankers from Brampton Camp and No. 1 CACTR for their excellent showing. Newmarket Camp also deserve mention for their fine performance, Major E. H. Adams, 2 1/c of No. 23, being responsible for the details of the MD 2 finals, and Tpr. Alistair Cameron from New Brunswick taking first honors at Brampton and finishing second in the MD2 meet held at Newmarket.

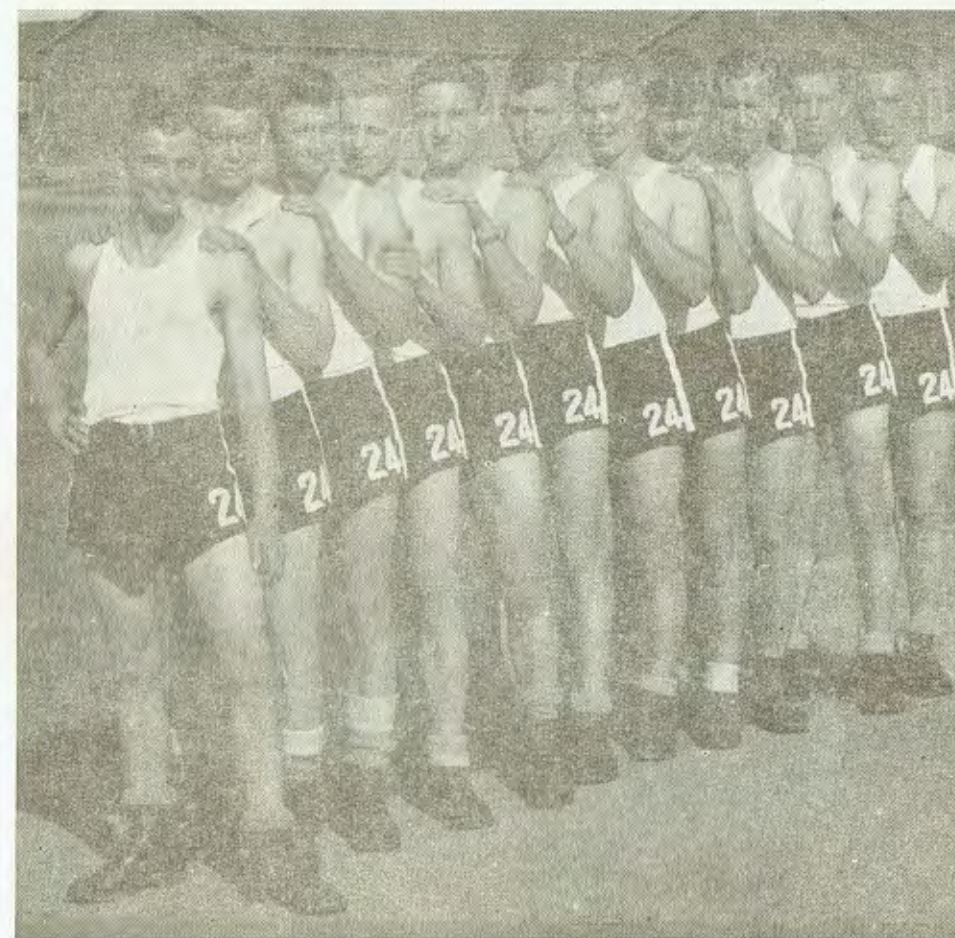
At Camp Borden due to a conflict with training schedules, only No. 1 CACTR was able to enter a team. Under the rules each centre was allowed to enter a 15 man team with the top twelve runners to finish the course counting in the final standing. When post time was on hand No. 1 only had twelve runners ready to start the 5 mile grind, the missing trio arriving a few seconds after the race had started and being declared ineligible. As the final results showed, No. 1 were in first place in the matter of points, but their twelfth man failed to finish, thereby depriving them of the honors and putting them in a tie for third place.

There seems but little doubt in view of the final standing that if Lt. Tony Teoll's stragglers had been allowed to enter, an Armored Corps victory would have resulted. A-10 took the race with a 300 point

total for 12 men, with A-22 in second place with 400 points. No. 1 with 11 finishing had a 168 point total while A-11 with a like number had 178 points. Lowest points for 12 men decided the issue. Ossie Marleau of No. 1, who guarded the nets for Newmarket Camp in hockey last winter, took second place, the Ottawa boy running a grand race. Tpr. Elia, Toronto, was 4th, and Cpl. Richardson, Toronto, was 5th, to give No. 1 three places in the sun.

On June 5th, Brampton defeated their brothers in arms from Newmarket, at Brampton. Cameron of Newmarket completed the course in 36.58, with Kingsmill of the homesters close behind, Cameron automatically advancing to the district final.

On June 12th at Newmarket, L/Cpl. Milton Wallace of Simcoe Camp, ex-Olympic star, finished first in the district meet closely followed by Cameron, both runners cracking the tough course in less than 41 minutes. But the CAC lads when the final toll was taken had the fewer points, surprising the wise-aces by defeating the favored Simcoe team. They are now looking for new worlds to conquer. The winning Brampton team was composed of L/Cpl. Plumley, L/Cpl. McComb, and Tprs. Kingsmill, Hearn, Avery, A., McMeekin, Dale, Martin, Avery, B., Osborne, A., Pynoski, and Osborne, B.



## Cross Country Champs

No. 24 Basic Training Centre, Brampton

Left to right: Troopers H. Avery, P. J. Doyle, D. A. Hearn, P. G. Kingsmill, W. E. H. Dale, J. K. Noble, H. A. Osborne, C. S. McComb, Cpl. T. C. W. Abram, Cpl. J. J. C. McMeekin, Tpr. W. Pynoski. (Absent, L/Cpl. Plumley).



## With the Leatherpushers

On May 24th, CAC contestants did themselves proud in the finals of the North Zone Senior Novice contest. The meet, organized by a committee composed of Lt. Bert McComiskey, Lt. Bob Fitzpatrick, CAC, Major N. McLeod, C.B.M.H., and David Speyer, K. of C. supervisor, was primarily held for the benefit of boys declared ineligible to compete in the Camp novice finals. Such sterling performers as Sgt. Al. Robertson and Tpr. Ernie White of No. 2, and Tpr. Blaine Hayden of No. 3 did not compete. While the majority of the boys entering were fairly well known to Borden ring followers, several new faces appeared on the scene to show promise. Around 4,000 saw the finals on the D & M parade square with a large attendance of senior officers, who distributed the awards. In addition lucky ticket draws were held. Lt. Ken. Robinson, A22, was the third man in the ring, with Capt. Ettles, Fraser, and Morris of Corps adjudicating. The results were:

118 lbs.—Pte. Alf. Campanella, CBMH, Hamilton, defeated Tpr. George Vlanich, No. 3 CACTR, Winnipeg.

126 lbs.—Tpr. Lou Soulliere, No. 3 CACTR, defeated Pte. Blondie Bezusko, CBMH, Hamilton.

135 lbs.—Tpr. Johnny Shaler, No. 3 CACTR, Winnipeg, won from Cpl. A. Deshene, T & S, Toronto.

147 lbs.—L/Cpl. Paul Kerluk, No. 2 CACTR, Winnipeg, shaded Tpr. Billy Olynik, TSR, Vancouver, B.C.

160 lbs.—Tpr. George Longlad, T & S, Toronto, defeated Pte. J. Zahara, CBMH, Kitchener.

Three exhibition tilts completed the card, Sgt. Al. Robertson, No. 2, and Tprs. Frenchy Mitrink and Grant, G. J., of No. 3, defeating capable opponents.

The bouts were applauded so heavily that early in June a matched card was staged before a capacity crowd and plans are underway for further contests to be provided throughout the summer. Billy Olynik, TSR, ko'd Breland of No. 3 in a thrilling slugfest, and Bezusko of CBMH got the nod over Jackie Witworth, TSR. Tpr. "Sunny" Sundborg of TSR vanquished the experienced Lewis of No. 2. Tpr. Hayden of No. 3 gained a split decision over the up-and-coming Johnny Shaler from his own unit, in what might be termed the star bout of the evening. Longlad, Stevens, and Haight turned in three fine wins for T & S, in other bouts, to complete a Corps sweep.

Mention must be made of two bouts fought in Toronto by Corps stalwarts. On the annual Newsboy Show staged at Toronto Maple Leaf Gardens in June, Sgt. Al. Robertson further consolidated his amateur featherweight crown by besting the classy Toronto boy, Joey Ferrier. It was a three-star win. Tpr. Neil Butler of T & S lost a decision at 160 lbs. to Billy Borne, one of the best amateurs in the U.S.A. The crowd did not agree with the verdict and roundly booed the announcement.

SSM Frank Flood, manager of the Camp Borden boxing team, and one of the moving spirits behind the fine showing made in recent months by No. 3 boxers, at the time of writing is acting RSM at No. 1 CACTR and has quickly put his shoulder to the wheel to encourage the 'manly art' at his new centre.

## Soccer

Soccer is really going places this year at Camp Borden. More men are seeking places on the various teams, bigger crowds attend the games, and the entry is increased. The race for North Zone supremacy is just nicely underway and the verdicts recorded, while they may forecast the future, cannot justify wagers being placed. To date (June 15th) Ordnance and No. 3 CACTR are out in front with unblemished records, but the other three teams are not far behind, and with luck several of the scores might have been different. No. 1 led by "Scotty" Bergoz, and "Rooter" Wright have yet to get in the win column but they look mighty good. Under Lt. Pete Leipnik's guidance No. 2 CACTR are making a comeback to the English game. "Shorty" Wright, and Staff Conlin have starred to date, but No. 2 is pretty well balanced and there is no telling who will crash the headlines next. Lt. Joe Ward, Lt. Charlie Thom and Sgt. C. Cheeseborough and Tpr. Jimmy Stewart have spearheaded the No. 3 eleven, definitely superior to last year's team. T & S Wing, '43 Borden winners with only four holdovers, have not yet really got into stride, but Lt. Jack Davies is all smiles following a 6-3 exhibition win over the strong Aurora Ordnance team, and thinks his men can go places. Among the T & S players in action to date are L/Cpl. Tommy Bell, Toronto, Sgt. Jack Mason, Guthrie, Lt. Harry Gray, Victoria, B.C., Cpl. Geo. Love, Beeton, Cpl. Art Gibson, Toronto, Sgt. Dave Arnott, Kapuskasing,

L/Cpl. Bert Rowarth, Toronto, L/Cpl. George Alexander, Toronto, S/Sgt. John Scrymgour, Toronto, and Tprs. Jack Inwood, Woodstock, Charlie Kennell, Montreal, Sammy Berger, Toronto, and George Cowes, Timmins.

North Zone Scores—RCOC 2-No. 1 0; RCOC 2-T & S 0; RCOC 2-No. 2 0; No. 3 5-No. 1 3; No. 3 4-T & S 0; No. 2 1-T & S 1.

Newmarket Camp are participating for the second year in the Toronto and District senior soccer league and in the sternest sort of play, have been holding their own. They have lost to the experienced Ady. AC, De Havilland and Hagibor teams and have beaten Rooneys and Slavias by good margins. There are 10 teams in their group and only a few have a better record, the Redmen say they have their worst games over and calculate to reach the league playoffs. Sgt. Major Syd Bowman is OC of the team and so far L/Cpl. Jimmy Lowens, goal, L/Sgt. Bob Urquhart, Capt. Pete Kerr, auxiliary sports officer at No. 23, and L/Cpl. Johnny Matheson have been carrying the mail. The forward line needs some extra work, and with a few new players the boys from No. 23 will do even better. Lt. Tom George has rejoined the team to add strength to the backfield. Incidentally, L/Sgt. Urquhart is one of the best halves in Canada, being chosen recently on the league selects to meet the mighty Ulster team.

## The Passing Show

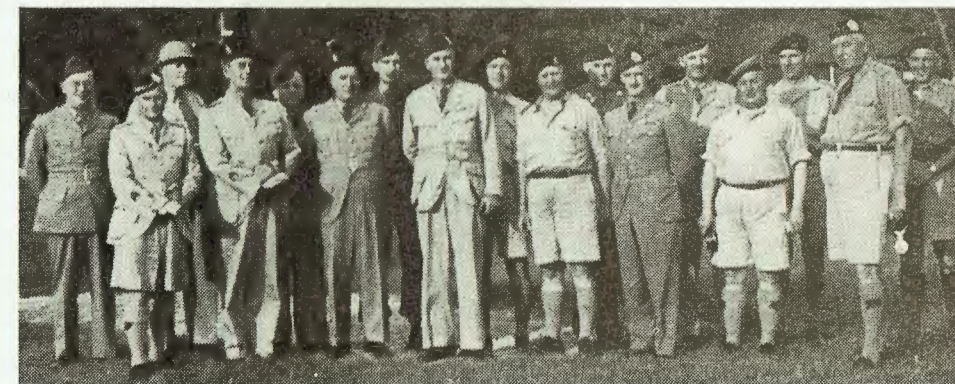
GIL HERON, the Jamaican lad who was a regular one-man band, at track, softball, soccer, and boxing for both No. 3 and Corps last year, is now stationed with No. 1 ITS of the RCAF, Toronto. Heron during the winter months was a ring sensation in Queen City Service competition, and right now is scintillating at softball in the RCAF league. . . . JOHNNY WATSON, another No. 3 and Corps track star, is also at the same station as Heron, and has turned in two fine track performances in recent weeks. . . . EPLETT'S ARENA at Orillia where the luckless boys from No. 26 entertained the Borden teams last winter, has been taken over by a Toronto-Hamilton syndicate and is being readied for roller skating, boxing and dancing, during the summer and fall months. The new owners promise better hockey accommodation too, which is good news to all concerned. . . . BARRIE COLTS held their banquet and presentation recently and Tpr. Jackie Mason of No. 2, a member of the team, was among those honored. Tpr. Chad Bark of No. 3, another valued member, was unable to be present. Reason? Now overseas on active service with the CAC.

REG WESTBROOKE, the classy netminder of No. 2 Rams, is playing a swell game of softball in the North Zone league this summer for Sgt. Cliff Clarke's proteges. . . . SSM BILL BLOGG of Tech Wing might be a valuable man to lure back to lacrosse this year. It is not so many years ago since he was a star performer for Allandale juniors and Barrie intermediates. . . . DOUG. SMYLIE, ace trackman of Camp Borden as a member of the Army Service Corps, is now at Eglinton, RCAF centre, and playing mushball for them as well as mopping-up track events. Well, that's one obstacle the Corps athletes won't have to surmount this year. Gordy Drillon, the Maple Leaf-Canadiens hockey star, is a member of the same team.

TOMMY KZYNK of MD 2, who took boxing honors in the 160 lb. at Borden over Tpr. George Longlad of T & S Wing, was a member of the Simcoe cross-country team which went down to defeat before Brampton Camp. . . . HAPPY EMMS, who refereed most of the CAC games the past winter, is a summer resident of Everett, which most Corps men have passed through either on map or track treks. The veteran Hap has come back to the hardball wars this season, and is pitching for Everett in the district league. . . . EDDIE BURKE, RSM of No. 2, veteran hardballer, has announced his retirement from the summer sport, but Sgt. Earl Parks is singing "say it isn't so", and if you know Sgt. Parks, Eddie will likely succumb to the siren's song, before the season is finished. . . . LT. BILL PAISLEY, ex-Bordenite, is the shortstop for Newmarket Camp softballers and taking quite a ribbing from his old pals when he comes to Borden.

BOBBY ROSENFELD, one of Canada's leading woman sport writers, has been drafted for umpire duty by the Congress Hardball League in Toronto. She knows the game from A to Z. Could be Dave Speyer and Lt. Bert McComiskey are missing a "featcha attraction" by not getting some of our CWAC neighbors to second guess the softball games. . . .

BLONDIE CAUDLE, who pitched some softball for No. 3 last summer, has played his last game. The lad, serving overseas with the CAC, had the misfortune to have his right hand blown off at CACRU during manoeuvres. Caudle, a game willing trooper, is a native of Lion's Head, Ontario. . . . WISECRACK of the month: At a recent meeting of sports officers at the K. of C., the shortage of horseshoes was being discussed. Said one: "We have plenty of shoes, but we can't get the horses off them."



Group of officers who attended the cross country grind at Brampton. Left to right: Major D. Menzies, Newmarket; Major A. H. Adams, Newmarket; Major A. F. Mavery, BMH, Brampton; Lieut.-Col. N. Young, Officer Commanding, No. 23 Basic Training Centre, Newmarket; H/Capt. Kerr, Newmarket; Major A. O. Thompson, M.C., Brampton; Lieut. W. Yates, Newmarket; Lieut.-Col. L. Bertram, Lorne Scots

(Res.); Lieut. C. W. E. Cairns, Brampton; Major J. D. Clark, Brampton; Capt. E. Smith, Lorne Scots (Res.); Major H. Beaumont, M.D. 2; Major N. L. Powell, Lorne Scots (Res.); Lieut. A. Whittaker, Brampton; Lieut. A. Dickson, Brampton; Lieut.-Col. R. V. Conover, Officer Commanding, No. 24 Basic Training Centre, Brampton; Capt. D. B. Caswell, Brampton.



## Meet Mr. Pilkey

If you see a smiling face emerging through a cloud of dust these days, you will know it is Lt. Doug. Pilkey, sports officer at No. 2 CACTR in action. We had hoped to reproduce the Pilkey physog on these pages this month but our photographer and the energetic Mr. Pilkey just couldn't be at the same place at the same time, so our readers will have to wait until next month to see a reasonable facsimile. By that time at the rate he's moving you probably will have seen him some place about Corps promoting things for his unit, for he is really getting around these days.

A Hamiltonian, who received his education at Uxbridge, Ontario, where he spent his boyhood, he comes under the rara avis class so far as most sports officers are concerned, in that he is not an athlete, never played on any organized teams, and has no ambition to do so. His specialty is organization, and promotion, and he believes that a sports officer can best serve, by seeing the necessary equipment and men are on hand, selling the idea of organized sports to as many men as possible as well as the powers that be, battling for his boys in the committee room and inculcating a unit team spirit in all ranks.

Masterminding of the teams should be left to those capable of handling them, so far as he is concerned, and he has carefully chosen men to run the various teams at No. 2 whom he feels will do a good job. Results to date would indicate he has chosen well, for the No. 2 teams are cutting a wide swath on the victory path these days, which partly accounts for "the smile that won't come off."

As a high school student and student minister, he started his organization tasks at high school, then among Sunday Schools, and then at Dominion Foundations at Hamilton where he was employed before enlisting for active service. He has been sports officer at No. 2 for about two months and once he took over, he took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves, and since that time has been on the go on all cylinders. There are 21 different teams in all sports playing regularly at the "Garden Spot of Camp Borden," a new sports field has been laid, which as he says is "second to

none in Camp." Plans are under way for tennis and badminton, and the latest venture to be tackled is lacrosse. He also has in mind, if the materials are available, bleacher seats for the sports stadium, but scrounging in case you have to do it is a difficult task these days.

A man's abilities can perhaps best be judged by the opinion of those who work with him, and those veterans of the sports front, Sgt. Al. Robertson, Charlie Szabo, Billy Jolly, Hank Mocom, Nip Spooner and Sgt. Earl Parks have taken on a new lease of life since Mr. Pilkey's debut at No. 2 and are displaying more enthusiasm than ever before. Lt. Pete Leipnik, Tpr. Kenny Dixon and Tpr. Moe Morrison are a new sports trio, who are full of the old College try. It was only a few weeks ago Sgt. Robertson wrote elsewhere, straight from the shoulder: "Our new sports officer is doing wonders for us." Doug. has got along well, too, with the other sports officers and officials in Camp, one of the most important functions attached to his present post. He is both Minister of Propaganda and Good-Will Ambassador for his players and Regiment.

Hamilton is called "the Ambitious City", so a native son must have some immediate objectives to strive for. Mr. Pilkey's may be summed as follows: 1st, he wants to get overseas like the greater percentage of Corps personnel to help finish the job, and in addition to again see his fiancée, Nursing Sister Lt. Barbara Green, now serving overseas. 2nd, as long as he has to stay in Borden he wants to see the No. 2 colors flying high in the sports world, with as many men as possible taking part in the various events, and getting pleasure in so doing. 3rd, when the war is over he wants to complete his studies, and become a United Church minister. He knows there will be plenty of morale work to do in the readjustments necessary when the sword is being forged into the ploughshare.

"On No. 2" is the battle cry of Mr. Pilkey these days, and we are sure the men and officers at his centre will respond in a manner that will bring back the halcyon sports record enjoyed by old A9.

—AB HULSE

## Lacrosse

No. 2 CACTR with such nifty gutted stick artists as Kenny Dixon, Bobby Thorpe, and "Signor" Caruso on hand are ready for action if they can find opposition. Dixon played for Brampton Bullets last year as did goalie Caruso, while Thorpe is a St. Kitts product, in addition there are a good many other capable boys ready to go. Dixon two years ago was Ontario's top lacrosse scorer, and he knows all the angles.

Several other Corps centres have expressed interest in the game, and we understand the RCAF and Meds are ready for action. Difficulty seems to be in finding sufficient equipment to go around. If this obstacle can be hurdled a league may be formed; the heavy sports schedule already in operation also makes for difficulty. Chances are a few exhibition games at least will be played with the best Armored boys included in the line-up regardless of their centre.

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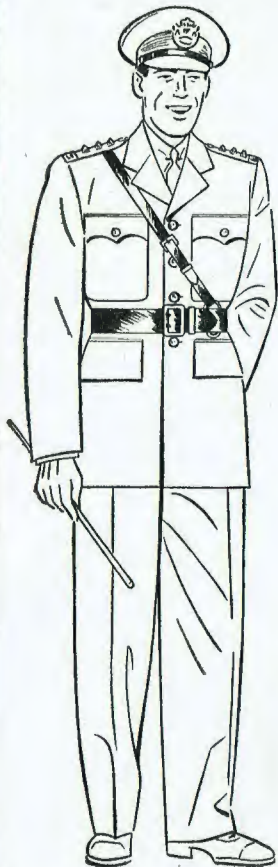
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