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#### This Month . . .

"Canada's Role in the United Nations" is our lead article this month (Page 3) and is one of the best we have had the privilege of presenting . . By Vincent Price . . . . "Driving and Maintenance," Col. Butler's baby, is featured on Page 5 and there after. Ye Gods, but we received co-operation from Track and Wheeled Sections. Lieut. Joe Ward all but turned a tank upside down so that Bill LeBaron, who illustrated the article, and Jimmy Evans could get the pix they required . . . . Likewise Wheeled . . . . Colonel Griffin, who heads T & S Wing, is introduced to you on Page 12, and when you close the mag. he is looking right at "Italian Interlude" on Page 13, a jaunt through the Italian campaign that he is authoring for us . . . . Just when we were worrying about a good Overseas story, the Fairy Godmother who guards all editors waved her wand and there was Colonel Griffin . . . . A mighty interesting article and it will be continued from month to month . . . . "The Black Ram," Page 14, explains what gives with the Camp Borden insignia that is seen on all vehicles . . . . It is Major-General Worthington's second appearance as an author in The Tank . . . .



McCulley contributes "Day After V-Day" on Page 15 . . . . The title explains what it's all about and is penned from an educationalist's viewpoint . . . . Well worth the reading . . . . In fact it should be a must . . . . On Page 17 appears the reproduction of a leaflet dropped on a British unit during the closing days of the last war . . . . Loaned to us by Major G. P. L. Drake-Brockman . . . . Pages 18 and 19 give you a general idea of who's who at Corps Headquarters . . . . A Key-looking outfit, you must admit . . . . Page 20 is true, so help me, every word of it . . . Page 21 . . . Yes, Sir . . Vern O'Donnell is with us again on Page 22 with his Meaford goings on, while Sgt Hulse rattled his bones and nudged the odd bit of news from the Sergeants' Messes around the circuit for Page 23 . . . . On Page 24 we give you Dave "Ceegar" Speyer, the One and Only, who is boss man at the Knights of Columbus . . . . It's about time Dave got a wee bit of publicity, for despite his afternoon naps, he does more for the Armoured Corps in sports and entertainment than many realize . . . . (That should get us a Coke) . . . . Ab Hulse muddles through some more sports on Pages 31, 32, 33 and 34 . . . . We were obliged to cut Ab down to but four pages due to the heavy mag planned for December, hence only 36 pages this month . . . But he will blossom forth again in our Christmas edition . . . . Casualties appear on Pages 35 and 36 . . . On to

> The cover, a scene from the Track Section Training Area, was sketched by Lieut. Bill LeBaron, whose work has brightened The 'Tank up 100%. The pencil drawings of the Corps Headquarters Officers are also his work, as is the drawing of the tank on this page.

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## Editorial . . .

netic mine.

## M'Lady Dons a Uniform

With due apologies to the many serious minded and patriotic young women who have moth-balled their civilian attire for the duration, and with tongue in cheek, we deviate slightly from the usual serious theme of this page to refute the words of one high ranking officer who termed the appearance of CWACs upon the Borden scene as "Hitler's Secret Weapon V-3", and shall show that when properly handled the V-3 becomes an ineffective as the mag-

The Officer in question pointed out that the explosive powers of the V-1 and V-2 are but a pimple on an elephant when compared to the resounding whoof when he informed one lassie in battle dress that her country expected her to be on duty Saturday afternoon. Investigation disclosed that she had a 48 coming up, a heavy date for the weekend and had all that particular day suffered the creeping qualities of her first experience of winter underwear. Now we ask you, had she not the right to become excited?

Women have always and will always be individualists, and the extent to which they have been regimented in this war will forever be a tribute to the organizing ability of the Department of National Defence. Unheard of feats have been accomplished in all fields of endeavour during these war years, but we shall never cease to marvel at a hundred women marching ALL in STEP across a parade square. When you have seen that sir, you have lived.

For you must realize that it is not only the little lady's inborn hatred of "being like the other girl" that causes grief to the most understanding drill sergeant, but her very build thwarts his every effort towards a smart parade. Her pelvic bones are not on an even keel and consequently a gentle swish and sway, so apparent when girded with a grass skirt and in technicolour, is more than noticeable when she jaunts across a parade square. This, however, is a minor detail when compared to the difficulties encountered on the command "Right Dress". More than one trooper has been told to "Pull in that pot," but a much gentler approach must be forthcoming if the sergeant expects results from a snaking line of struggling females. "Ease in those hips" is far more appropriate, but in many cases is this physically possible?

When the derrieres have been correctly aligned, the sergeant is then faced with the problem of dressing the front of the line, it now having taken on the general appearance of a stockmarket graph. This is not the fault of the gal, for the finger of blame can be placed squarely on Dame Nature who, recognizing no Manual of Drill, has cunningly placed the shelves and bumps on each individual lassie as

When, following weeks of corn-tickling drill, the girls are worthy of parading before any redlapelled gentry in the country, they are still first and foremost members of the female sex and insist on indulging in the habits and traits so familiar to them. Kleenex is stuffed in sleeves, either to dust off shoes (usually accomplished by rubbing the foot gently under the table on the pants leg of some unsuspecting youth who volunteered to treat her to a Coke), or to nick the lip-stick from the corners of the mouth. Purses—we imagine that is what they are called-are slung smartly over the left shoulder and are a true indication of the girl's length of service. If empty, she enlisted yesterday. If moderately full, she has been "in" a week. If car tickets, a compact, a pocketbook and three rusty hair-pins jump out at you, she has been in a month. But if she can't open it at all, you may rest assured the date of enlistment is at least two months distant.

Handling the individual CWAC is no less complex than manoeuvring a squad on an icy parade square. Unpredictable as the weather, they have a particular dislike for a shouted command, that is of course, unless the Officer or NCO is good looking. Far better results will be forthcoming if "would you mind" or "please" is prefixed. Somtimes M'Lady takes a particular dislike to a duty or place. A verbal end run with a reverse spin is then called for, thusly: "Miss (the word Private usually garners you an icy stare) Jones, these letters have to be mailed, but under no conditions are you to handle them." Within a matter of minutes they are on their way. It was ever thus.

Under no condition permit a party of the first party to work adjacent to a party of the second part for whom she has a distinct dislike. The key to this situation is to know who is speaking to who on different days. These likes and dislikes are traded in each evening and a shiny new set indented for each morning, depending on how the dance went the previous evening or who borrowed who's cigarette lighter.

So you see it is unjust to name our fair ladies the "V-3". They are actually doing a grand job and are swinging their shoulders to the wheel for final victory, but please sir, Girls will be Girls.

## Canada's Roll in the United Nations

Written specially for THE TANK-CANADA

By Major Vincent Price, K.C.

For some time I have kept before me, in my study, one of the greatest war cartoons of the famous Australian cartoonist, Low:

It shows a Cross Roads, with a Sign Post,

In one direction, on the Sign Post, is an arrow pointing: "To the Bright Hopes of 1940-41." In the opposite direction is another arrow, pointing: "To the Grim Prospects of 1943-44." Down below, in front, is a distracted Hitler, who is being dragged. by grim Father Time, in the direction reading "To the Grim Prospects of 1943-44." Hitler is exclaiming "Turn back the Universe, and Give me Yesterday!"

But we know the Universe cannot be turned back! Time Marches On! And now, in the late Autumn of 1944, we, instead of Hitler, are marching in the direction of the Bright Hopes for the Future.

But this is no time for either overconfidence or complacency. In Europe, we now realize that, barring some unforseen event, we are facing a Winter campaign. In the Far East there seems to be no doubt that the great and decisive battles still lie ahead of us. Yet, we have every reason to feel confident that if the United Nations remain United, we shall eventually crush utterly the Nazi tyranny and the unscrupulous war-machine of Japan. You will note that I said "If the United Nations remain United." Continued close cooperation between the United States, the British Commonwealth and the Soviet Union is essential for success. At this very time we all must remember the lessons of disunity and weakness of the pre-war days, and the lessons of Unity and its resultant strength, achieved by the United Nations in this War.

For Canada it is time to take stock:

First: Of our position now in world affairs and Second: As to what part Canada will play in the International organization of the future

Why should we, as citizens of Canada, be interested in world affairs? Most of us are concerned in plans for building up a strong, healthy and prosperous Canada, which is all well and good. But, of what real value, for example, is the recent Family Allowance Act, under which Canada will spend some 200 million dollars, annually, to rear more and better babies, if in 15 or 20 years from now those same children are to become fodder for the war-machine of the future? It is of vital importance that there should be widespread knowledge and constant discussion of the issues involved in peace and security. The public opinion of the world's people can be a tremendous factor in achieving the goal which we all want. And, in addition to this, we must be prepared to "wage the Peace". We never hesitate to put all our people's and our country's resources into "waging the war", but we are just beginning to learn that we must have that same attitude, that same ardour about "waging the peace."

First then, to our record in the past: As we are thinking of Canada's share in the task of planning for world security, in the future, it would be well to look back on our record in the League of Nations. That was the organization that was created after the last war to ensure the Peace of the future. What was our part in it? The record shows a decided opposition, on Canada's part, to the idea of the League as a body with power to enforce its decisions. Canadian delegates were, generally speaking, ready to cooperate on minor matters, but not on the big issues.

First: We all know that access to the raw materials of the world goes to the very root of many international problems. In 1920, the very first year of the League's history, a proposal was made for the League to investigate the sources and distribution of the world's raw materials, in an effort to arrange a more even distribution among the nations and remove many grievances. Canada opposed that investigation!

Second: In 1922 and '23, Canada tried to have Article X removed from the League Covenant. You



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will recall that was the Article under which each member agreed to protect the other members, in the event of attack from outside. Canada failed to have the Article removed, but, nothing daunted, she pursued her efforts until a Resolution was passed whereby it was possible to escape the obligation of going to the defence of any unfortunate member who was attacked.

Third: In 1931, the first great test came to the League, when Japan invaded Manchuria. Under the Covenant, the members of the League were bound to give aid to China. Nothing of the kind was done. Canadian representatives at Geneva, as well as the representatives of some of the other countries, advocated a cautious attitude, and also minimized the aggression of Japan.

Fourth: In 1935, came the Italian rape of Ethiopia, and the question arose of economic sanctions against Italy. Our Canadian representative at Geneva moved for the application of Oil Sanctions against Italy, as provided by the terms of the Covenant of the League. But, immediately, the Canadian Government announced to the world that it refused to acknowledge responsibility for the move made by our own representative. Later, sanctions were applied but the honour of leadership in this connection was lost to our country.

Fifth: In 1936, Canada announced before the Assembly of the League her policy of "no commitments in advance." Canada would not be obliged to apply either military or even economic sanctions against an aggressor, when the aggressor-nation was so named by the League. And that it was always for the Parliament of Canada to decide when we should take action against an aggressor-nation, and the League should have nothing to say about it.

Sixth: Lastly, I would remind you of the glaring record of our nickel shipments to Japan, with those of some other countries, while China was fighting for her existence.

Of course, there were many other factors which contributed to the downfall of the League and Canada was not alone in the type of attitude I have cited. This is a time for national self-examination,—a check-up on our international behaviour. We must be prepared to stand for what is right and not for what is expedient. We must be willing to assume our full share in the task of maintaining iaw and order in the world of the future.

#### The Proposed New World Organization

Out of the ghastly tragedy of this war, there have arisen what we now term the "United Nations", and there are 44 nations in the group. If we look at Canada's position in that group, we find she holds a rather unique place. In the first place, we have the prestige and influence which comes from our membership in the British Commonwealth of Nations. But, constitutionally we are an independent nation, free to go our own way, either within or outside the Commonwealth. At the outbreak of the war, we ranked 35th in population, among the nations of the world, and we were the 5th trading nation of the world. Recently we have been ranked

7th among the 44 United Nations in matters of resources and potential wealth. All this means that we are in the forefront of United Nations affairs. It is a glowing challenge to a young and adventurous country.

And now, what of this New World Organization?

The first blue-print of the new world order has been called the Dumbarton Oaks Report, which was issued from Washington last month. This Report must be regarded as the most important document published since war began. It is a tentative, not a final plan and is open for suggestions from all members of the United Nations. The plan has not yet been accepted officially by any Government. Its outstanding features are

First: The future Peace Organization is to be built out of the existing War Organization; the nations which have united to crush the aggressors are to remain united to enforce the Peace! That is a vastly different plan from that which followed the last Great War.

In 1919, the wartime alliances were dissolved when the fighting ceased. There was no attempt made to use the successful alliances of the war just over, as the basis of the postwar organization. We all know that that plan failed!

The Dumbarton Plan does not create a new Association of Nations. On the contrary, the charter has been prepared by the very alliance which already exists. This Plan has the very definite advantages of giving strength, continuity and tried and tested cooperation.

Second: The second essential feature of the new Plan is that the structure is vastly different from the structure of the League of Nations. On the surface, there seems to be much resemblance: Both plans have a Council, both have an Assembly, both have a Permanent Court of Justice and both have a Secretariat.

One might well ask, therefore, "What is the difference between the Dumbarton Oaks Plan and the League of Nations?"

Let us analyze the situation: The clearest way, I think, to appreciate the differences between the new Plan and the old, is to cite the outstanding defects of the League of Nations, and then to see if, and how, those defects have been remedied in the Dumbarton Plan. I'm sure we're all agreed that the greatest defect of the League was that it could not enforce its decisions. When an aggressor began a war, the Council of the League could simply recommend to the Nations what steps should be taken to stop the war. It had no armed force at its disposal, and no power to act at once to stop the war.

In the Dumbarton Plan, the situation is quite different. It creates a Security Council. Note the word "Security." This Security Council is to be always available for decisions and can decide if any dispute is likely to lead to war. But then, it can go much farther; if it thinks war is imminent, it can act at once, it can take any necessary measures and it is to have the armed forces of member nations immediately ready for service, to prevent the war.

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The D & M School came into existence with the inception of A33 CACTE, Tech & Schools Wing, on May 22nd, 1943.

The personnel of the school were the instructional and administrative strength of the old A-8, A-9, and A-28 CACTC, D & M Wings. In short, A-33 CACTE was an amalgamation of all departments of the old training centres.

On May 22nd, 1943, Major, now Lieut.-Col. J. E. Wilkins assumed command of the D & M School, with Major, now Lieut.-Col., R. F. Butler as Chief Instructor, Capt., now Major, R. C. Armstrong as Officer Commanding Wheel Training, and Captain, now Major, N. F. Johnson as Officer Commanding Track Training, and Captain, now Major H. N. Rehill as Administrative Officer, and SSM (WOII) T. E. Gale, now WOI, filling the RSM Berth.

In June, 1944, Lieut.-Col. Wilkins was posted to command MT Regiment and Lieut.-Col. R. F. Butler assumed command of the D & M School. Major H. N. Rehill, who had for some time past been acting as Assistant Chief Instructor, was appointed Acting Chief Instructor.

While the school actually came into being in May, 1943, the new instructional buildings and hangars were not ready for occupancy until the early Spring of 1944.

#### CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

In the old A-8, A-9, A-28 setups, each school was responsible for the administration of students under training. Now the schools have the students for training purposes only, the administration being done by the training regiments from which they come. In other words, we used to be a boarding school, with the students living with us, and now we are the day school, with the students going home each night when they are not on bivouac or convoy schemes.

#### TRAINING POLICY

The policy followed by the D & M School is to give students as much training as possible under field conditions, with the men either sleeping outside, or in tents in the summer months, and in log cabins in the winter months, with the men doing much of their own cooking in their mess-tins, and their maintenance under conditions similar to that which they will encounter when overseas.

Lt.-Col. R. F. Butler.

#### Lt. Col. R. J. Butler

NOVEMBER, 1944

The Commanding Officer of D & M School was born in Hythe, England, in 1905. Educated at Ashton Modern and King's School, Rochester. Came to Canada in 1924 and farmed for a few years in Manitoba. Appointed manager of the Moose Jaw branch of Ogilvie Flour Mills Ltd., later manager of the Edmonton branch, and on the head office staff at Montreal, P.Q. In 1937 he resigned his position to become Sales Manager of Wilkinson & McLean Ltd., at Edmonton, Alta., which position he held at the time of joining the Active Army. In October, 1939, he joined the 2nd Edmonton Fusiliers (M.G.) (reserve) as a private. Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in April, 1940. In August of that year he enlisted for active service, qualifying as a reinforcement infantry officer of Loyal Edmonton Regiment. In July, 1941, he transferred to the Canadian Armoured Corps and took CAC courses. In March, 1942, he proceeded to England for a course and was promoted to the rank of Captain. Returned to A-9 CACTC to command the D & M School. On the formation of A-33 CACTE, was appointed C.I. of D & M School with the rank of Major. In June of this year took over command of D & M School and in September appointed Lt.-Colonel. Home in Edmonton, where his family resides. Chief hobby is golf. Member of the Edmonton Golf and Country Club and the Edmonton Club.



## Wheeled Section

Training within the Wheeled Group of D & M School is devoted almost entirely to the Driving and Maintenance of D.N.D. wheeled vehicles. The only exception being the lessons taught on Field Cooking. Concealment and Camouflage, March Discipline, Harbouring and such related subjects.

The training of drivers i.c. wheeled, covers a period of seven weeks and great care is taken that all lessons are taught on a progressive basis.

Gunner-operators, CAC operators and Tradesmen are given an intensive two weeks course on wheeled driving and while no qualifications are given, these men are made safe drivers and are made thoroughly familiar with drivers' maintenance.

When all groups come to the school they are given lectures and instructions on Drivers' Standing Orders, Highway Traffic Act, March Discipline, Rules of the Road, Safety Precautions, Accident Reports and Crew Drill.

During the first two weeks, groups are divided into two sections and alternated on classroom instructions on General Principles and Maintenance and Driving.

In well equipped classrooms, groups are given instruction in squads of six on, i.e. engine, Carburetion, Ignition, Steering, Electrical System, Transfer Case, Fuel Pumps, Cooling Systems, Rear Axles and Differentials, Clutch, Brakes, Lubrication Gear Box, Wheels, Tires and Batteries.

Visual aids are used on all subjects including moving picture films, slide films, cut-a-way models, stripped chassis models and in addition, well trained instructors do a great amount of black board sketching. Great stress is laid on the work as carried out by the six point task system in relation to the various components so that the student knows exactly what he is doing and what effect good or bad maintenance has on the vehicle. A day is next spent on trouble shooting where, on a large battery of mounted engines, stoppages are set up by the instructor and the group, under supervision, find the trouble, correct it and put the engine in good running order.



Driving instruction for the first five weeks of the course is carried on in Blackdown Park which has been described as one of the finest of its kind on this continent.

The first lessons are taught in the "Bull Ring", a large flat area embracing two circular and one figure eight track. Here the recruit learns control, gear changing and the very elementary points of army driving. When past this point the group moves to the Close Driving Area where they drive vehicles through various set-ups which teach control in close quarters.

The next step is the introduction to controlled convoy driving in the "Block" system, on one-way roads. Here the driver is no longer driving as an individual but is taught to become a part of a convoy where speed, intervals, hand signals and strict crew drill and March Discipline are enforced by the Convoy Commander.

From one-way roads the group progresses to two-way traffic, then to the obstacle course where they do more precision driving on reverse-banked turns, small strip budges, side hill driving and many sharp turns. Speed is not an essential, but perfect control of the vehicle is required at all times.

Next comes a lesson in unditching and debogging, then a trip over the "cross country" course where they encounter a great number of heavy sand hills which make gear changing and judgment of speed and power an absolute necessity.

Students selected for Track Training as Tank Drivers or Tank Drivers' Mechanics are withdrawn from the group at the end of the third week.

After this intense course of training in the area, groups spend the 6th and 7th weeks of training on two four-day convoys. At this time they put into practice the lessons taught on field cooking, concealment, harbouring, march discipline, map reading, route cards, and traffic control.

On a course of such proportions where so many subjects are taught in a comparatively short space of time it is not expected that the student is a full fledged mechanic but due to the repetition of lessons taught on maintenance parades, the six point task system of maintenance, the man is capable of keeping his vehicle in action when he joins a regiment in the field.

Places for winter training in Blackdown Park have been completed and a heavy building program is now under way.

In addition to the Log Hut in the Bull Ring completed last year, there will be a second Log Hut for students and a third, nearing completion, to be used as living quarters for the permanent area staff and group instructors. Upon completion of these buildings a driving shed will be erected in the vehicle compound for maintenance parades during the winter months so that training can be carried on regardless of the weather.

## Blackdown Park







Hill-Climbing





Night Convoy

"Little Alcan"

MQMS Leonard, W. V.

Cpl. W. Quinton, London, and Tprs. J. P. Jones, Vancouver, and M. A. McRonie, Vancouver prepare for the hun-







## **Track Section**

Under the most capable and friendly supervision of Major N. F. Johnson, the Track Section of the D and M School has expanded and developed considerably since its establishment as an entity by the Armoured Corps amalgamation in May 1943.

At present the Tank Driver Mechanic (TDM) student undergoes with us a course of ten weeks' duration, comprising all phases of Track Driving and Maintenance Trng. as the skeleton syllabus below will indicate:

First Wk.—General Principles (Wright Whirlwind).

Second Wk.—Basic Driving—Salisbury Plains.

Third Wk.—Basic Driving—Salisbury Plains.

Fourth Wk.—Basic Driving—Salisbury Plains.

Fifth Wk.—Maintenance-Track, suspension, engine repairs.

Sixth Wk.—Maintenance-Track, suspension, engine repairs.

Seventh Wk.—Maintenance-Track, suspension, engine repairs.

Eighth Wk.-G.P. Diesel-4 days.

Ninth Wk.—G.P. Chrysler Multibank—6 days.

Tenth Wk.—Advanced Driving—Salisbury Plains.

The General Principles (GP) week on the Wright Whirlwind includes an introductory lecture on this radial engine, followed by an investigation of it-installed in the Ram tank.

Considerable care has been exercised in the selection of the "GP" instructors who, besides possessing a thorough knowledge of their subject, also must be proficient at teaching it—of "putting it across" to students whose mechanical experience is slight or lacking altogether.

To introduce them to the Whirlwind engine, and Ram tank which it drives, the student receives an intensive Week's "GP" trng consisting of the following subjects:

Four-Stroke Principle, Elementary Electricity, Elec. Equipment, Ignition, Fuel and Lubrication Systems, Fire Equipment, Safety Precautions and Lubrications, Power Train, Power Traverse, Instrument Panel Suspension, Homelite, First and Last Parades, Road Check, Weekly Maintenance, the Task System and Log Books.

If his work satisfies each of instructor, group supervisor, and group officer, the student moves out to the Driving Area, Salisbury Plains, for a three weeks' honeymoon with Ram tanks called Basic Driving. Here the student lives, eats, works and sleeps with the tanks; here he learns how to drive them; here he is drilled in the vital importance of thorough and regular maintenance and finally he learns to adjust himself to field conditions.

During this three week stretch the student lives under canvas, but upon completion of the impressive, 100 foot log cabin now under construction and ably superintended and engineered by Lieut. O'Flaherty and Sgt. McGillvray, a mad rush from the refrigerating tents to this bush palace is anticipated.

The student is given the Driver i/c test in the final week of Basic Driving and if successful he receives his Class III Standing Orders, Track.

Three weeks of general maintenance in the hangars follows Basic Driving. The student learns all types of suspension work, 50 hour checks and the repair of engine break downs such as blown exhaust elbows. Before the tank action or for more specialized repair work by RCEME it must pass a rigid inspection by the maintenance supervisor and officer who ensure that all First Echelon repairs have been completed satisfactorily.

With seven weeks of D & M Tracked Trng under his belt the student now meets two other engines: in his eighth week he spends four days with the GMC Diesel, learning as much as he can about General Diesel principles and more particularly the GMC model 6004 special, which drove the Valentine tank.

The student has in the ninth week of the course, the opportunity of familiarizing himself with the M4A4 Chrysler Multi-Bank. As with the other engines he studies on the TDM Course, the student is conducted on an investigation of the Multi-Bank. Here he learns how to time the individual ignition systems, studies the fuel and lubrication systems and the synchronization of the Power Unit.

Each group supervisor receives his instructors' daily reports on each student in the group. These reports and the results of his frequent examinations, both written and practical, determine the student's performance and progress throughout his course.

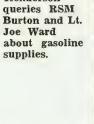
The TDM course conducted by the Track Section culminates with a final week in the Track Area. The syllabus this week is labelled Advanced Driving. To derive the most from his final week with us the student must "tie in" or collate all he has learned in the other weeks of the course. In this final phase, actual field conditions all simulated wherever possible so that the student is enabled to derive a maximum of training and experience. He subsists on Mess Tin (Comps) Rations, beds down in harbor with his Tank, learns the importance of camouflage, etc., and spends about six hours or more behind the tiller bars-convoy driving by day and night, troop formation and basic tactical manoeuvres.

When the TDM leaves us after passing the practical exam and the written TDM paper he is eligible for Trades Pay. He proceeds to the Gunnery School for two weeks which is followed by a four weeks' course on Crew Trng at Meaford.





Capt. Bruce Henderson queries RSM Joe Ward





This crew is ready for action: Front: Tpr. L. Guilmett, St. Jerome, P.Q., Cpl. C. W. Mc-Intosh, Quill Lake, Sask., Tpr. E. F. Stowe, Beulah, Man. Rear: Tprs. J. J. Pearson, Welland, J. A. Carrobourg, Coderre, Sask











#### CHIEF INSTRUCTOR, D & M



#### Major H. N. Rehill

Born, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Educated at schools in Portage La Prairie. Joined the Permanent Force with the Lord Strathcona Horse (R.C.) as trooper in 1935. Had risen to the rank of sergeant at the outbreak of war. Transport Sergeant at Camp Sarcee in 1940. Rejoined the Straths as senior motorcycle instructor in 1941 and proceeded with them to Listowel. In July, 1941, became a D & M instructor at A-9 CACTC. Commissioned 1941 and took advanced training at A-5, reposted to D & M at A-9. On the formation of A-33 CACTE, became adjutant of D & M School with rank of Captain. Appointed Chief Instructor in June last, and received majority in September, 1944. Married with one child and resides in Barrie. Motor mechanics and radio have been a life-

## Greeting Cards

BIRTHDAYS: SWEETHEART, SISTER, MOTH-ER, DAD, WIFE; GENERAL BIRTHDAY, WIFE

ANNIVERSARY, SYMPATHY AND

CONVALESCENT On display at your canteen

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#### Major R. C. Armstrong

Born in Toronto, but for the last 14 years a resident of London, Ontario, where he was employed in the graphic aris -printing and lithographing. Was commissioned in the NPAM with the 1st Hussars Regt., and when that unit was mobilized, because age prevented him going overseas, transferred to A-9 CACTC. Attended the first track maintenance officers' course at Fort Knox in 1941. Transferred with rank of Captain to A-28 CACTC at Dundurn, and came back to Borden in command of D & M Wing when that centre moved East. Upon formation of A-33 CACTE, took command of Wheeled Section of D & M Wing. Received his majority in 1944. Married with no children, but looks with parental eye on "Blackdown Park." One of the Forest City's most ardent badminton players and looks favorably on gardening and golf.

#### Major N. J. Johnson

Born near Aurora and attended Aurora High School and University of Toronto (S.P.S.) Dropped studies at high school to enlist in 1916 and went overseas as a Sapper, served in France over a year. Completed studies and attended Ontario College of Education. While at University, captained the 'Varsity soccer team. Science Master at Aurora from 1924 until enlistment. Commissioned in NPAM in 1931 with 12th York Rangers and retired with rank of Captain in '36, to Cadet Services. Joined the Queen's York Rangers, 1940, and commanded a Company with rank of Major before coming to CAC in 1942. Reverted to Lieutenant in active army and posted to A-9. In command of Track Section with rank of Major since formation of A-33 CACTE. Married with two sons, one now at Brockville COTC. Chief hobbies, golf, holidaying on Georgian Bay and "Salisbury Plains."

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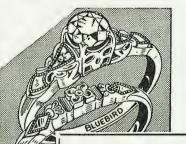
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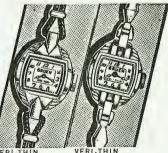
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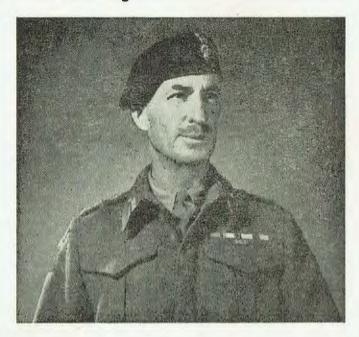
Assumes Command of T & S Wing

The new CO of T & S Wing was born in the north of Ireland and came to Canada at the age of 14 in 1912. At the outbreak of the last war he joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons, his Army number being No. 57, and proceeded overseas with them in 1914 as a trooper. He was soon promoted to the rank of machine gun sergeant and was in action in France with a dismounted cavalry brigade composed of the RCD's, Lord Strathcona Horse (RC), and the 2nd King Edward Horse, a colonial unit. This subsequently became the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, with the Fort Garry Horse replacing the 2nd King Edward Regiment. He was wounded at Festubert in 1915. By 1916 he had been promoted to the rank of Squadron Sergeant-Major, and later the same year was commissioned in the field. By the end of the war he had become an Acting Captain. Returning to Canada after the war he served on the recruiting staff of the Permanent Militia and in 1920 joined the Royal Canadian Machine Brigade under the then Lt.-Col. E. W. Sansom. This unit was disbanded in 1922, and he was reposted to the Lord Strathcona Horse with whom he soldiered until 1930, at which time he voluntarily resigned to enter civil life, subsequently becoming advertising manager of the Imperial Tobacco Company.

In 1940 he was recalled from the reserve of officers, and served briefly as Staff Captain (Q) at NDHQ. When the Lord Strathcona Horse was mobilized he rejoined them in January 1941, by now holding the rank of Major. He was with the "Straths" at Listowel and Camp Borden, and in September, as 2 i/c, proceeded overseas in charge of the advance party. In May 1942 he was appointed acting Lt.-Colonel and placed in charge of the training wing at No. 3 CACRU. In October he took command of his old Regiment, and took part in the hard training schedule followed by the 5th Canadian Armoured Div. prior to going to Italy in November 1943. He was one of the few senior officers, who had seen action in the last war, permitted to lead his unit in battle and took part in the shows at Ortona, the break through the Adolf Hitler line, the run to Rome, and the crossing of the Melfa River. In the latter engagement he was awarded the D.S.O. and we are privileged to reproduce through the courtesy of the Maple Leaf (Italy) the citation:

"On the 24th May, a regiment commanded by Lt.-Col. Philip George Griffin was ordered to advance to the Melfa River and to provide support for a river crossing force from the Westminster Regiment (Motor). When the regiment was within approximately 2,000 yards of the objective a large number of German Panthers were encountered.

"Despite the fact that his tanks were outgunned by those of the enemy and realizing full well that the close country and mined approaches to the ob-



jective gave the enemy tanks every advantage, Lt.-Col. Griffin engaged the enemy with great determination and drove forward to his objective.

"Although his tank was hit twice, Lt.-Col. Griffin continued to fight his regiment, which suffered heavy casualties, in order to reach his objective.

"Throughout this action, Lt.-Col. Griffin demonstrated outstanding and exceptional powers of leadership. In the face of all hardships and difficulties he attained his objective. The fact that he successfully accomplished his task in the face of great difficulties was largely responsible for the success of a brigade in selzing a crossing and forming a bridgehead over the Melfa River."

The "Straths" won battle honors for their splendid showing, and were warmly commended by His Majesty King George VI when he inspected them in Italy. This summer he was promoted to the rank of Colonel, Lt.-Col. J. A. McAvity, M.B.E., well known as a gunnery expert throughout the Armoured Corps, taking command of the unit. On his return from overseas he took over the command of T & S Wing from Lt.-Col. W. D. A. Douglas.

His main hobbies are sports, particularly boxing and soccer, taking part in both sports for many years. In the "Straths" as part of the training program every man in the unit took part in at least one boxing contest regardless of rank, a system Col. Griffin would like to see in the training at Borden.

GI: "Your husband looks like a brilliant man. I suppose he knows everything."

. . .

She: "Don't be a fool. He does not even suspect a thing."

## ITALIAN INTERLUDE

by Colonel P. G. Griffin, D.S.G.

The telephone bell rings. "Hello, Griffin speaking."

"Oh Pat, Bill Murphy (GI 5th Cdn. Arm'd Div.), can you come over to Div. right away? Pick up the Brigadier and B.M. on your way; got something very hot."

"Right-o, will be there in twenty minutes."

Half an hour later I was told the Regiment had to move forward into action as soon as possible to support the 4th Indian Div. We were to draw our tanks tomorrow, and early the following morning would begin loading them on to Italian trains for Vasto, Headquarters of the famous 8th Army.

And so we did, in groups of 12 new Shermans to a train we left Mateira, town of weird cave dwellings, and splendid contrasting Fascisti buildings. Captured German tank cars carried two tanks each. They were fine steel trucks, but the Iti flats had to be reinforced to even carry one.

As is so often the case in the Army one waits weeks in idleness and then when the move comes it must be rushed to a degree that at times becomes chaotic. My Regiment was split into bits and pieces, my I.O., Bob Sutherland (Toronto), and I with batmen, two jeeps, one scout car, drivers and the odd extra operator, started out with all speed for Lanciano. An advance party under Major J. Smith (Calgary) was travelling more slowly in rear. Tanks on trains of twelve were making their way across the hundred and fifty or so miles to Vasto, while behind, the remainder of the Regiment under Major George Wattsford, our 2i/c (Ottawa), waited orders to move on wheels.

I arrived at my destination but Headquarters, 4th Indian Div., had not as yet arrived. However, one of the Brigade Headquarters had, and I found the Brigadier at breakfast. As is invariably the case with British Senior Officers, he was a grand fellow and insisted on our having breakfast also.

After which he, the GI, who had in the meantime arrived, and I started out to contact the Brigade he was to relieve, a New Zealand Brigade.

Over a road built by their Engineers, where a mule path had existed before, we bumped and twisted. In spots it was a quagmire, and later in the snow and rain its maintenance became a nightmare demanding upkeep night and day. At Brigade, I got the location of the N.Z. Armoured Regt, which was my opposite number, and pushed on. By now I was having to drive cautiously as the odd shell or mortar bomb was tearing up the road and making an ungraceful descent from the jeep necessary at times. Those who have experienced shelling hesitate not on the order of their going, nor pride dictate the nature of their landing place.

A ruined farmhouse was RHQ, it had that haven of all HQs in the field, a dry, warm cellar, which was shell proof. The tanks were drawn in around it camouflaged. A telephone line ran back to Bde HQ and long lead of the radio was brought from the tank in through the window. Italians still lived in what remained of the house above, and cooking was done on an open wood fire in the kitchen which was still intact.

The CO was delighted to see me and as he was having a noon snack invited me to share it. I had a delicious N.Z. butter, the first I had had for quite a while, and several canned delicacies which were new to me.

There was a great similarity between the New Zealanders and our own lads. They were keen seasoned fighters having fought for a long time in the North African desert and were all out to help in every way possible, from information regarding the Bosche to tips on how to build the queer "Heath Robinson" arrangements used for heating dugouts,

I plodded in the mud around all the troop positions and never fully realized until now how tough the going was for infantry in that intensely cultivated country. One's feet got bigger and bigger with the mud that accumulated on one's boots till the point was reached when one had to sit down and rest. A couple of hours of an attack under such conditions, and as the Englishman says, "You've 'ad it, Chum."

Troops were tucked away in small copses, in hollows or behind houses, all camouflaged, and back of the ridge along which the highway from Orsogna ran to Ortona, scene of the famous Canadian battle of last Christmas, ready at any moment to move up to the assistance of the Infantry holding the FDLs, forward of the ridge.

In that area a cemetery was situated which the NZs had captured a couple of weeks previous to our coming in and as is the case with most Italian cemeteries, it was on high ground, necessitating quite a scrap before the Hun was kicked out.

Now, as the standard of living of the Italian dead, as it were, is on a higher level than that of the living, a number of very elaborate vaults dotted the graveyard and as they were often broken open by the shelling, they made excellent places for the Infantry lads to live in if somewhat gruesome, In them an odd assortment of stuff was found where it had been stored by the Italians for safe keeping, fur coats, silk stockings, lingerie, linen, etc. Some odd spectacles were seen of the troops in waisted fur coats and flannel nightshirts trying to keep out the intense cold. Popular indeed must have been the lads who were able to send home silk stockings or a mink coat, although regulations say looting will not be permitted. Who would condemn such as looting?

On my return to my own RHQ information had come in that all the tanks were being mustered at

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## The Black Ram

by Major-General J. J. Worthington, CB, MC, MM.

Why was the Ram's Head chosen as the tactical sign for the Borden Command, and why was the motto "TIMETE ET INTERFICIMINI" selected?

This symbol was usually associated with attacks on seemingly impregnable defences. The ravages of time, in the course of thousands of years before our era, has occasioned total obliteration of historical record of when it first made its appearance. Yet, it is reasonable to suppose that when men built walls for defence, some General of that time scratched his thick head (for other purposes than thinking) and remembered the action of a Mad Ram (possibly against his own posterior). Let us suppose this General, not being a Joshua of Jericho, assembled a Ram's Head on a long, stout log, gathered a tetrarchy or two, and bashed the wall in. The military mind, being what it is, seized upon this idea and used it for several thousand years.

In due course we find it symoblic of a means of smashing through. Everyone has heard of the Battering Ram or, in modern phraseology, the breakthrough. To summarize, the Ram's Head was the means of breaching the wall through which the attacking Infantry poured.

Turning to more recent times, the defensive wall was similarized in the trench, the barbed wire, and the bullet. Once again a deadlock occurred on the battlefield. A new form of battering ram appeared. Instead of a long pole on which was mounted the symbolic head, the new battering device took shape in a steel box, actuated by motor power, in other words the Tank. But do not forget that the modern battering ram is dependent on other Arms to exploit its success, just as it was in the case of the original thousands of years ago.

Borden is the home of the Canadian Armoured Corps. It was here that the first tank school assembled in 1938. It was here that Canada's first Armoured Formation was organized and commenced



their training. This was the 1st Canadian Army Tank Brigade, now the 1st Armoured Brigade. The Ram was this Formation's tactical sign. The first battle which Canadian tanks ever took part in, i.e., the Beaches of Dieppe, the Unit carried the Ram as its symbol.

The first tank made in Canada was named the Ram. This was the forerunner of the famous series of modern tanks. It is therefore considered fitting that Borden should perpetuate this symbol.

As to the motto, "TIMETE ET INTERFICIMINI", this is a soldier's slogan. It is simple and to the point. It means "Be afraid and you will die", or should we say "MORITURI TE SALUTAMUS."

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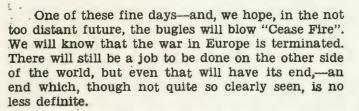


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## The Day After V-Day

Written specially for THE TANK-CANADA

by Joseph McCulley, M.A.



If history repeats itself there will first of all be celebrations, many and varied in their form. The morning after the final V-Day, however, will bring with it its due proportion of headaches and perhaps some disillusionment.

On every hand today we hear the plans of those who would fashion "a brave new world" built according to their own particular blueprints. It is good, perhaps, that so many people should be concerning themselves with some considerations relative to our return to the more or less normal paths and activities of peacetime existence. It is desirable, however, to try and take a more or less realistic view of the situation as it will be.

The close of hostilities, whether it take the form of an armistice or an occupation of enemy countries, cannot and will not, of itself, assure us of "a brave new world." As the war is being won and will be won by the uncounted myriad acts of loyalty and devotion on the part of millions of people on both the home and the fighting fronts, so also the "brave new world" of our dreams will be won by a similar kind of devotion, struggle and sacrifice on the part of the same millions of persons. In the final analysis no new society is built except it be built by the combined and cooperative efforts of individuals, each of whom makes his own specific contribution to the good of the whole. The High Command of the Army lays down the basic plans of any given campaign to be waged. The objective of the campaign is clearly seen. Strategy is carefully planned but no matter how clearly the objective is seen nor how clever the strategy, the plans of the High Command cannot be effected unless those plans are carried into operation by the efforts and exertions of the humblest soldier in the ranks.

What are the objectives for the postwar period? What shall our strategy be and what is demanded of the individual citizen? Put in its simplest possible way, the objective for which the war is being waged and which must be achieved in the postwar period, is "the good life for all." This includes the opportunity for a normal home and family life, the opportunity of a steady job at adequate pay, some chance for wholesome leisure and recreation. This is, perhaps, an over simplification of the objective, but it is certainly a minimum, without which nothing else is worth while.

Many and varied are the strategies which have been suggested by which this objective may be achieved. Some of these plans have to do with political reorganization, others mainly economic, others include aspects of both of these. There are also those who, discarding political and economic slogans and doctrines, cry out for a return to a simple mode of life and a renewal of religious belief and conviction .

It must be realized that no one plan instituted by any one agency, be it the government or other. can provide all the answers, and assure each and every citizen of his proper place in the postwar scene. Government, educational institutions. churches, social agencies, veterans' organizations can lay their plans as carefully as the human mind is capable of laying plans. Attractive schemes of rehabilitation and postwar adjustment cannot, of themselves, however, achieve the objective. In the final analysis the winning of the postwar "cam-



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paign" can only be achieved by the devotion, the struggle, the determination and perhaps even sacrifice on the part of the individual soldier and citizen.

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When I say, however, that this is all that has to be done, it is undoubtedly leaving until the last the most difficult part of the job. Many of the readers of this article have been in service for a period of years. A good job has, perhaps, been given up. Education has, perchance, been interrupted. The soldier's way of life is not conducive to study. The average member of the armed forces has, during the past few years, always looked forward to the ultimate result of his training in terms of action. The life of the camp and the barracks has provided a measure of camaraderie and fellowship which is seldom found in civilian life. When the soldier walks out with his discharge papers in his hands he is very definitely "on his own." After having taken orders for months or years he is forced to face situations as an individual citizen. He must think for himself, make decisions for himself in terms of his own desired objectives and in the process must become his own superior officer.

In addition to those being discharged from the armed services there will be approximately the same number coming out of war industry, also anxious to find satisfactory peacetime occupations or to resume their interrupted education or training. It has been estimated that a total number of probably 1,200,000 Canadians will have to find new occupations, new activities, many of them demanding further training or re-training.

The real purpose of this article is to suggest that now is the time to begin to think seriously and definitely of your responsibilities as an individual to take the fullest possible advantage of the opportunities which are being made available. The life of the soldier demands a high degree of courage, both physical and moral. Your life as a veteran will require, in my opinion, just as high a degree of cour-

age. It will, however, lack many of the features which, with all its difficulties, have made life in the service not only bearable but enjoyable. Every veteran should be cautioned against extravagant or unwise use of the discharge pay or the war service gratuity. Every veteran should be urged to take the fullest possible advantage of opportunities for retraining or further education. Even though you return to your former job you will find that during the interval of the war years new processes and methods have been introduced which will require to be learned. If your education has been interrupted you will find it difficult to pick it up at exactly the place where you left off. You will have lost something of your ability to concentrate for long hoursto "burn the midnight oil" at non-glamorous tasks. You may find yourself back at school or university associated with students younger than yourself, many of whose activities will seem peculiarly childish to you who have been matured in the varied experiences of your service training and activity.

I have already seen some of those who have been discharged and I know how real these problems can be. As you face your own future it is wise to recognize honestly and frankly what some of your problems will be. I know that you will find those in positions of responsibility in our educational institutions more than willing to give you every possible assistance. You do not ask for sympathy: you do ask, however, for understanding, and this I am sure you will receive. There is only one purpose in all our minds, whether we are those who have served in uniform or those who have endeavoured to maintain in this country a way of life which is worth fighting for and which will justify the sacrifices of the war years.

The day after V-Day will most certainly arrive. The objective for all Canadians is clearly seen: the strategy is understood. What remains is that each individual veteran, assuming his vital role as a citizen of a country which is still young and which has the finest part of its history still ahead, should tackle his own individual task in the spirit of Ulysses of old:

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- b) The new German government has solemnly declared its readiness to evacuate Belgium and to restore it.
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Who is to blame if daily thousands of brave soldiers needlessly have to med their bleed and die?

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## Corps Personalities

#### Colonel C. E. Bailey, DSO, MC -- Officer Commanding

Head man of Canadian Armoured Corps Training Establishment at Borden since June of this year, Colonel Bailey has seen service in two wars, having served overseas in World War 1 with the Infantry and with an Armoured Regt. in this conflict. ... Proceeded overseas as a private in 1914 ... returned to Canada in 1915, commissioned and returned to France ... Gained Majority in 1918 with the 4th Bn. CMGC . . . Twice wounded . . . Awarded the DSO and MC and a bar to the MC, and was mentioned in despatches . . . Joined British Columbia Regiment as 2 i/c when unit mobilized in 1940 . . . Attended Senior Officers' Course, Kingston, before proceeding overseas with his regiment on its being converted to the 23th Armoured Regiment . . . Attached to British Army on arrival in England and attended courses in Gunnery, Tactics, D & M and W/T . . . Appointed to command the 28th Cdn. Armoured Regiment, July 14, 1942, and promoted to rank of Lieutenant-Colonel . . . Returned to Canada in September of '43 for Special Duty . . . Was attached to the Unattached List, NDHQ, as Supervising Officer of Port Companies . . . Appointed Officer Commanding T & S Wing, A-33 CACTE in April of this year . . . Then to the position he now holds . . . A Westerner from Vancouver . . . President of Longshoremen's Union for several years, and is a well-known construction engineer on the West Coast . . . When he wants something done, action is forthcoming or else . . . Will return to the coast after the war, but is anxious to get back into the fray . . . .

## Major G.P.L. Drake-Brockman, Major D. N. Cameron DSO, MC - Senior "G" Officer

Well liked by everyone who knows him . . . Keen sense of humour carries him through mountain of work that allows him time for but one article a month in The Tank . . . Came to Canada in 1942 and was appointed GSO at A-33 Headquarters, a post he has held ever since . . . Served for 28 years in the British Army, mostly with the Royal Tank Regiment . . . Has been closely associated with Tanks since 1917 . . . During course of Army career has served in Russia, France, Egypt, Iraq, India and Burma, and all points north. ... Has travelled widely, to say the least ... An Englishman by birth, his adopted country is the Union of South Africa, and as such is one of the few representatives of that Dominion now serving in the Canadian Forces . . . One of the Key men in Corps, "D-B," as he is known to thousands who have passed through A-33, has one pet aversion, namely, signing Work Orders for the Tank Staff to travel to Barrie . . . . Godfather and Guardian Angel of The Tank, his comment on a good edition: "Big Stuff" . . . On a poor edition: "Fawfoo."

#### Lieut. C. S. Robb Learner "G" Branch

"Chick" Robb is what the boys in the ranks call "a good head" . . . A Montrealer, he has been a member of the Reserve Army since 1921, when he placed his "X" on the dotted line for the 57th Battery, RCA, in Quebec City . . . In 1925 attained the lofty heights of a Captaincy and was O.C. of an Ammo. Column in the 13th Bde. . . . In 1941 joined the 6th Hussars as Chemical Warfare Officer, coming to No. 3 CACTR in May of 1943 . . . Has been Gas Officer, Acting O.C. of a Squadron and general "I'll be around if you need me" personality over at No 3 . . . Came to Corps Headquarters in March of this year as Staff Learner "G," and there he is right now . . . Born in Moncton, N.B., and has been in the employ of the C.N.R. for 28 years, serving that company in Winnipeg, Quebec, Prince Rupert and Montreal . . . As "D-B" would say, "A very mobile person" . . . Resides in Montreal and will return to Railroading after the war . . . Married with one daughter . . . Proudest possession: His Canadian National Pass. Pet Aversion: The C.P.R.

Staff "Q" Major

A Maritimer of the first water . . . Home is in Halifax, but family are presently residing in Barrie . . . Born in Parrsboro, N.S., in February of 19- . . . An accountant in civil life . . . Called up when his Regiment, the Halifax Rifles, mobilized in Aug. '39 . . Proceeded overseas in May '42, returning to Canada in November of the same year . . . . Claims thinning hairline due to excessive worries brought on by his position of Lord High Executioner of Armoured Corps Quartermasters in Borden . . . Well liked by those with whom he works . . . Pet Aversion: "Anyone who frowns upon the Maritime oysters" . . . Attended schools in Parrsboro and Sussex . . . While in employ of Royal Bank as Accountant was stationed in Central and South America for three years, 1927 to '29 . . . Married since 1932 . . . Two girls and a boy . . Active in hockey and baseball down in the herring choker district. ... Donned the mask and big mitt for the New Brunswick champions from Sussex in 1923 . . . Forward on the Sussex hockey squad . . . Also played in a Halifax jive and jump outfit, being a key man on the banjo . . . .

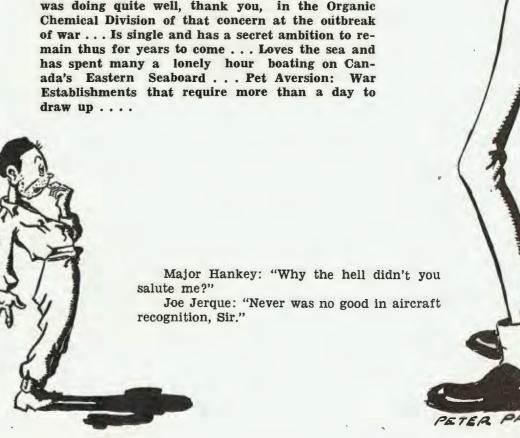
#### Lieut. D. L. Gales

Always on duty no matter what hour of night or day you go into Corps H.Q. . . . Constantly worried if the "In" basket on his desk not empty . . . Joined RMR (MG) 2nd Res. Bn. in Montreal as a private . . . Commissioned in '41 . . . Lieut. in '42 . . . Qualified Captain in winter of '42-'43 . . . Hit the long dusty trail through OSAC and Brockville in spring of '43 . . The old legs creaked a little and the old lungs gasped a little at OTC, but made it with colors flying . . . Accounts Officer at No. 2 CACTR for a while, then to Corps Headquarters as Staff Learner "A" . . . Educated at Lower Canada College and McGill . . . At University '28 to '35 . . . Donned the flat hat and graduated in Law . . . Practiced eight years with Campbell & Co., and later with Kearney, Duquet and MacKay . . (plug) . . Married Jan. 5, 1939 . . Mrs. Gales also a lawyer . . . What chance have the neighbors? . . . Proud father of 7-months-old daughter . . . Ambition: To meet his Platoon Sgt. from Brockville . . . .

#### Major Eugene Hankey

Senior Admin. Officer

Another Montrealer . . . One of the better Admin. Officers wearing the old Black Beret . . . Has a passion for getting work done, but fast, but fast, Dear Yorick . . . Respectfully referred to as "Major Pull-Through" by the Troopers who have served under him and "The Thin Man" by a regiment of friends he has acquired since coming to Borden . . . Due to his knowledge of Military Routine, a good man to have on your side when the going gets tough . . . Joined the Loyola COTC in Montreal in 1933 and was commissioned in May of '36 . . . Full Looey in '37 . . . Captain in '38 . . . Major in '39 . . . Attached A & T Staff Loyola COTC in October '39. . . . Transferred No. 41 CA(B)TC, January '42 as Company Commander . . . Transferred A-8 CAC(A) TC, March '42, and was A.O. at that centre to May of '43 . . . A.O. T & S Wing, May to October '43, at which time he assumed command of No. 2 CACTR ... On May 1 of this year he became Senior Admin. Officer at Corps Headquarters . . . Born in London, England, he came to Canada at the tender age of three and remembers every day of the trip . . . Was educated at Loyola College and from all reports was one of the more gaudy students at that house of learning when it came to high marks . . . Taught at Loyola for a spell, when his yen for adventure carried him across Montreal to the C.I.L., where he was doing quite well, thank you, in the Organic draw up . . . .





# MENFORD

A lone, tired, mud-spattered trooper mooched into the K. of C. after a day's work and picked up the evening paper. After reading the funnies he decided to see if we are still winning. The picture on the front page captioned another trooper sitting in France with mud marks up to his knees, After one look the trooper remarked those guys over there don't know how lucky they are, it's only up to their knees. In Meaford we walk around like an iceberg with one onequarter showing above the surface. He was probably stretching the point a little bit, but ask anyone on the Range and they will back up his story. But come hell or high mud, the Range still goes on and if you think I'm kidding ask Lieut. Roy or Lieut. Parr, who firmly believe that the only way to keep a moving target moving is to hire dwarfs to push it; ask Sgt. Warren, who has been stringing so many telephone wires he is beginning to look like a sparrow; ask Sgt. Major Purdy, who has put a down payment on a crystal ball to find where all the men get to when he needs them; ask Tpr. Wayner, who is sure that there must be some other way to strengthen the fingers to play a bull fiddle than exercising them on a scrub brush.

But let us change the subject from woes to women and discuss the six very successful dances we have had up here in the past little while. Congrats to the bands from CAC in Borden. We have had them twice and they were sure tops in jump-jive and sweet swing. The last men's dance was a Hallowe'en affair, complete with a cider barrel and bobbing apples. The largest crowd ever to attend a dance at the Range was on hand in the K. of C. Hut, with the feminine touch provided by beautiful damsels from Meaford and Owen Sound. They ate, drank (cider) and were merry, and tripped the light fantastic until curfew at twelve.

The decorations added the festive touch and under the artistic hands of Cpl. Seaman and Tpr. Gaffield, skeletons, cats and witches leered at you from all directions. The sergeants and officers followed with their Hallowe'en dances and your truly, who was privileged to attend, can safely report that a very good time was had by all.

Hear ye, hear ye, Sgt. Sharp, Lieut. "Pat" Patterson and Tpr. Dick Wayner, we hereby serve notice that we expect great results from the band you are forming and hope in the future that our dances will be put on for and by Range personnel. By the way, we present the crown, the ermine and the staff to our King of Scroungers, Sports Officer Lieut. Pilkey. He completely outfitted our orchestra and nobody knows or cares where the instruments came from. He obtained so many pads for our floor hockey team that we have a hard time finding the players under them, especially Capt. McCarty. He now has his eye out for a gymnasium complete and if I know him he will probably drive in some day with one in the back of his jeep.

There were screams and hollers, an emergency RAP was set up and the call went out for more stretchers. It's O.K., the Range is just playing floor hockey again. About four weeks ago a little band of sports enthusiasts got together to plan a fall and winter sports program for the Range. The drive and energy of this little band has been proven by the full schedule of sports in operation on the Range today. Sports three nights a week and two afternoons, a six-team league in floor hockey, a four-team league in basketball, arrangements under way for a four-team house league, and a main team in ice hockey. We think its members, under Lieut. Pilkey, deserve a vote of praise. The attendance at the meeting is as follows: Lieut. Pilkey, chairman; Sgt.-Major Purdy, Sgt.-Major Hockley, Sgt.-Major Brent, S/Sgt. Blain, Sgt. Sharp, Lieut. Patterson, Sgt. Macdonald, Cpl. Seaman and yours truly. Its plans are large, covering both entertainment and sport, but what is more important, they not only talk at these meetings; they carry out what they say.

From Balaclava we are sorry to hear of the re-posting of popular Capt. Downing, who has been O.C. of Balaclava

since Capt. Graham left. Big-hearted and jovial and friend of all, Capt, "Tom" Downing takes with him the best wishes of not only his own group, but all of us on the Range who enjoyed his friendship. Capt. Casselman, another veteran of the battle of Italy, is the new O.C. We have known him ever since he arrived home and are sure there is none more capable to fill the job.

After a search that was like looking for a needle in a hay stack, we have finally found a fellow typewriter-pounder. Sgt.-Major Hockley has consented to in the future add a few paragraphs on the Sgts. Mess.

#### Flashes from the Sergeants' Mess

We are given to understand that congratulations are due to Sgt. and Mrs. Warren on the birth of a bouncing baby boy. Nice going, Fred; they say that walking the floor at nights is a good way of getting in condition for route marches.

Rumour has also been going the rounds that a certain Sgt. is soon to join the ranks of the (happily?) married personnel. Nice going, Joe; and we can't say that we blame you. According to all reports and to the way some of our people are such frequenters of Owen Sound, it must be quite

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, the members of the Sergeants' Mess entertained in the form of a dance in the K. of C. An enjoyable time was had by all, thanks mainly to the efforts of Mr. O'Donnell, Sgt. Newton and the members of the committee. We sure don't know how we would ever exist without the help of our genial friend, Mr. O'Donnell.

Someone, we would not care to say who, has introduced a mild form of murder, in the shape of ground hockey, to the members of the A.F.V. Range, which has taken everybody by storm. The only rules that must be followed is that if you must break something, don't let it be the stick. If it happens to be someone's else's legs or neck, that is O.K., as we are told that men are expendable. To date the sergeants have given a very good account of themselves in this (sport?) winning from both the officers and the other ranks. We have every reason to be proud of ourselves in doing this after some of the dire threats that were heard around before the officers vs. sergeants game. Anyway, it's all good, clean fun and seems to be enjoyed by everyone.

Now that the winter season is upon us, it is surprising how many members of the mess are turning out for sports. In spite of the fact that there is usually a great creaking of bones and muscles on parade the day after a game, we have managed to turn out a ground hockey team and a basketball team from the few members we have in the Mess. The boys apparently never know when to grow old. Keep up the good

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, the Mess entertained the boys from Balaclava in the first of a series of cribbage games. The results were very satisfactory as far as we were concerned. ending up with 11 points for the Mess and 5 points for Balaclava. Better luck next time, boys.

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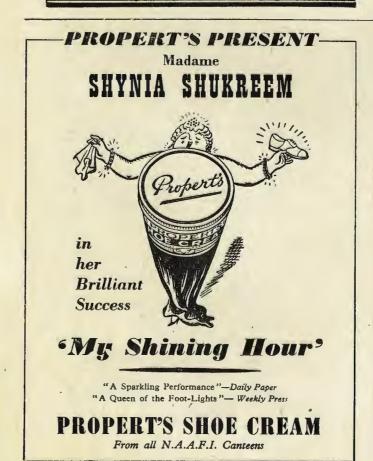
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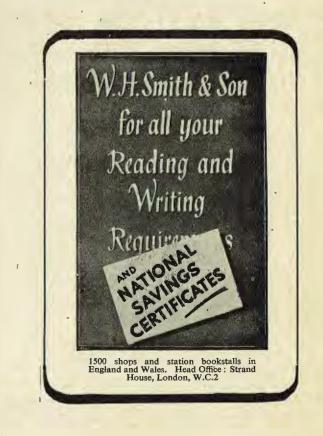
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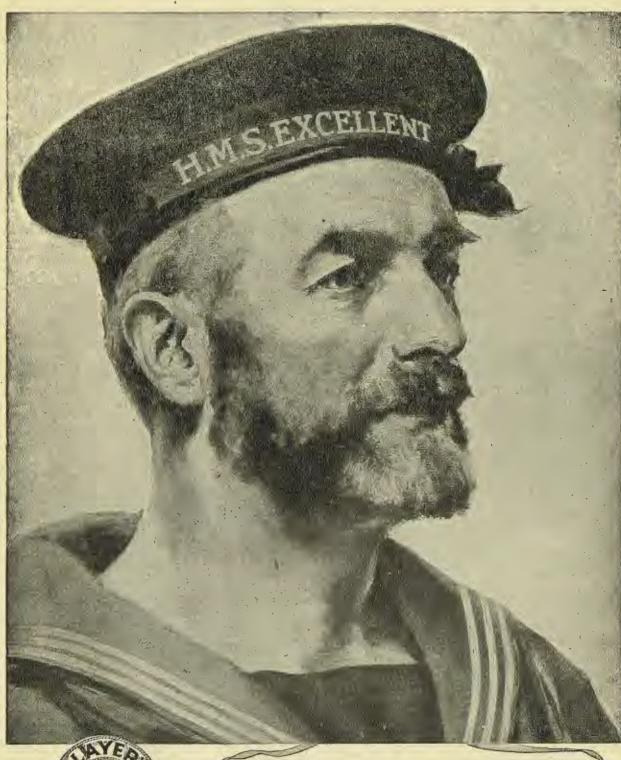
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EGAD, SIR, WHAT A NIGHT! When the boys down at No. 1 turned on the heat to tender a farewell dinner to their retiring C.O., Lt.-Col. F. H. Collins, who is leaving the Centre, and tied one on to celebrate the promotion of RSM FRANK FLOOD. Around fifty were at the festive board, and speeches were the soul of wit by their briefness. SGT. HARRY CROMPTON, the Mess Caterer, did a grand job of scrounging the necessaries, and had the quota at high tide. The officer guests unleashed their best stories, and with the three-hookers matching strides, impromptu skits, and songs, the evening was one long to be remembered. LT. "ANDY" ANDERSON, the Count Basie of the Officers' Mess, was on the beam at the pianoforte, and there was never a dull moment

But don't think the boys at No. 1 have had the social field to themselves! The chappies over at No. 2 held an OYSTER SUPPER not long ago and then enjoyed a 90-minute floor show provided by the Camp Auxiliary Services a la stag. MAJOR C. E. PAGE told his experiences in Oflag. MAJOR GENE HANKEY and MAJOR J. R. DUDLEY were other honored guests. It was in the wee sma' hours the well finally went dry.

SGT. J. L. SEAMAN of TSR tells us his compatriots held a smoker on the 13th, and despite the fact Bob Dunbar and Johnny Mouck thought it might be an unlucky day, everything was peaches. MAJOR OLIVER, MAJOR TUXFORD, LT. OMMANNEY and the squadron commanders were present, and while the censors might frown on it as public entertainment, some really clever skits were produced by SSM KEN SIMMONS, STAFF WOOLFE, Gene Autry's only rival in Camp, RSM FRANK BLACKMAN and MR. OMMANNEY. From there on J. D. doesn't remember the details.

And then two nights later, with pay night being purely incidental, a MILLIONAIRES' NIGHT was held. About midnight the Monte Carlo kids, SSM "IKE" PENNY, STAFF PETE GARVIN and SGT. FRANK SIMMONS had the rest of the gang in near bankruptcy. Capitalists we call them. GIRLS, and then MORE GIRLS! Gadzooks! But these fellows down at T & S Wing know the right phone numbers. Copaco girls one Sunday, the lassies from Geco the next, and Sunday afternoon in place of its usual dullness, becomes a veritable Stage Door Canteen.

A NEW HARDWOOD FLOOR has been laid at No. 3 Mess, with the result that entertainment has been kept at a minimum, but once the Mess is redecorated, the committee in charge expect some gala evenings, especially so, since that old smoothie of organization and entertainment, STAFF RAY SMALES, now parks his brogans in No. 3. Ray knows all the answers and has no intention of letting his former buddies at T & S Wing steal all the limelight. Notice a lot of those newlyweds we have been mentioning the past few months are hanging close to the Mess these days except for weekends, but then CONFUCIUS SAY: Wedding ring like tourniquet—both stop circulation.

WHAT DO THEY DO IN THE INFANTRY? Brother, that may have been a ditty once, but quite a few of the black beret boys have transferred to the PBT in recent weeks and there are a good many "empty saddles in the old corral." We can't name them all, but the good wishes of the entire Corps follow them, wherever they go. We know they can do a grand job and their only wish is to get over there before it's over. There have been a good many other changes too. SGT. BILL WALTON of Records has followed his son to the infantry, but age stops it there for the Prince Albert sage. SGT. EV BOWERMAN of TSR writes of a good trip overseas and a meeting with old pals at Cacru.

SGT. "GIBBY" GIBSON of No. 2, the lucky fellow, has been getting an eyeful of Belgium beauty, as well as a few licks at the Hun for the boys over here. SGT. DES EVANS-SMITH of No. 1 will soon be treading the scented fields of old Devonshire once again, and ex-RCD, SGT. JACK WENDON has been glad to put on his spurs again and ride his gray (or is it chestnut?) Sherman. These RCD's claim to be able to ride anything once they don the spurs. SGT. LLOYD MORRISON, Canteen Sergeant at No. 3, and ex-of RCOC, is

now at Depot waiting to return to his old post with Robt. Simpson's. SGT. DEAN GOODINGS of No. 1, who was known as "Mr. Zoot Suit," has also departed for greener pastures. The Boswell of No. 1, SGT. JACK LEWIS, drops an erudite finger to the Underwood and records of Sgt. Goodings, for posterity (if for nobody else.) "His never-ending anemophilous phraseology was always good for a laugh." Your squadron O.C. will probably lend you a Webster, but it's not what you think. On the PROMOTION score sheet we notice the names of C. E. BROWN, A. C. COOMBER and A. R. McRAE at No. 1, C. K. NUNN, new Provost Sarge at No. 2, AUB RANSOM, K. J. LAMBERT and GORDON SNODDEN at No 3. Step up to the bar, gents!

JACK CLAYTON, from District Depot, is another new face in the Mess at No. 3,

CHAMPIONS have been declared at No. 3 in billiards and snooker. RSM JOCK SMITH won over LEFTY TODD in the English game, while Lefty took his roommate, SSM TINY IRVING, at snooker. The latter game, according to the next door neighbors, was replayed until dawn. SGT. DICK DREW proved himself equally at home on the pool table as the softball diamond, as he annexed a cue for hirun in snooker at T & S, while the versatile STAFF TED YATES did the same at billiards. We can smell a tournament in the offing right now. And speaking of your proboscis, that wasn't a smoke screen you saw at T & S, that was merely the fact that RSM MICKEY MAGUIRE and STAFF JACK DILLON were both celebrating the arrival of baby daughters. RSM HERB YOUNG was master of ceremonies at the Dillon handout. Herb got the cigars, Dillon the chit.

NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN LEGION came to RSM NICK LYSTAR, as he received a letter this month from SSM TONY VEIL, now in Halifax with RCEME, and if there are any bluenoses in the house they had better arrange to have the tourist bureau call on Tony pronto. He reports STAFF JOCK ARNOTT busy in the machine shop, while he and STAFF BILL HOWGATE are in the engine room. MQMS JOE BOLAN is at Debert, which Tony found better, and the old automotive maestro is permanent Orderly Joe, but finding time to drop over now and again to Moncton to see SSM ERNIE JARVIS, who is in clover, so to speak, since he's back home. Can you picture that pair together? Somehow or other, Joe has been doing poetical anthology, and sends the following poem:

TO SOLDIER WIFE Do not become a hermit, Dear, While I am far away. Just have a lot of fun, Dear, Slip out each night and play, Have the boys around, Dear, They, too, must have their fling. Be sure you treat them kind, Dear, Laugh and dance and sing. Do anything you will, Dear, Pet and flirt and park, With John, Bill and Jack, Dear, Have fun after dark, The years are all too few, Dear, Your chasing round to check, But should I find you do, Dear, I'll break your £c "&% ||\$%"?/ neck.

NOT BAD, n'est-ce-pas for the Ancient Mariner? And while on the age question the fellows at TSR are getting a bit worried lest it is overtaking SGT. BILL APPLETON. Seems as the it were only yesterday he sought the bright lights, music and charm of Barrie. Now he is the dean of the Mess. MQMS GAR HOPKINS has the T & S chefs waiting for that moose he promised to bring back from the far north. The exigencies of the service recalled STAFF TOMMY MARWICK, just when he was acting as Gar's aide de camp. As we write "30" SGT. BOB STENNETT has it the English version of Pistol Packin' Mama goes:

"O drop that lethal weapon, mater, Disengage it from your hip; Toter of that liquidator Release it from your grip."

## Meet Mr. Speyer

We think we are safe in saying that the best known personality in Camp Borden over the past four years is John David "Ceegars" Speyer, supervisor of the K. of C. hut, "where hospitality reigns supreme."

Born in Toronto in 1907, and proud of the fact, Dave attended De La Salle C.I. where the list of his achievements read like "what every young man should know". Rugby, track and hockey gave him a working knowledge of sport. Being associate editor of "The Delascope" gave him a flare for publicity, and oratorical contests sharpened up his wits and developed a silvery tongue which has stood him in good stead throughout the years. He was on the Boys' City Council too.

At 17, he plunged holus-bolus into the promotional sphere, organizing the now defunct West Toronto A.C. which sponsored teams in almost every sport. Over 100 boys were outfitted with sweaters and equipment by means of raffles, and lucky draws, and you had to be a Percy Williams on foot, or have your ears filled with wax to escape if you were anywhere within a radius of a mile, when "Salesman Sam" Speyer was on safari. Prominent athletes numbered among the old boys of the West Toronto crew are "Cam" Gray, former Varsity rugby star, Reggie Hamilton of the Toronto Leafs, and PO Johnny Acheson, ex-Boston Bruins forward. He helped organize the Ki-Y movement in the Queen City and then received an appointment to the City Playground staff, where he organized among others Mc-Gregor Playground, which he quite frankly admits was undoubtedly the finest in the City. The Mc-Gregor boys were rugged individualists, and won a long list of City sports honors and once made the Ontario intermediate basketball finals. Billy Taylor, ex-centre of Oshawa Generals and Toronto Leafs, is the most notable by-product.

Early in 1940 he came to Camp Borden as sports supervisor at the Hut, and after three months took over his present post. At that time the K of C consisted of the present canteen and part of the games room. In 1942, the present auditorium, reading and writing rooms were added, and this year there is the new hobby and handicraft section. Cribbage, checkers, dancing, basketball, movies, boxing, pingpong, educational classes, "leg shows", are included in the wide and varied program presented 52 weeks in the year. 150,000 sheets of writing paper, countless envelopes, ink, magazines, are supplied free to the troops each month. Facilities are especially provided for members of the Roman Catholic Church to carry out religious obligations, but race, color, or creed play no part in the genuineness of the welcome you receive at the hut, or the hospitality. Aside from the organizing and business end, Dave is chairman of the North Zone sports organization, referee, at boxing and basketball, spare umpire, chief rooter, and Santa Claus when it comes to providing needed athletic equipment. His chief assistant is LORNE CROOKS, quiet-spoken native of Lon-



"As I was saying . . . ."

don, Ont., who knows all the jobs that have to be done and does them without any fanfare. Cecil Grant, Frank Kehoe and Freddy "Cash-box" Franks round out the present staff. Each day finds new problems arising, and there is never a dull moment. It may be a slow way to go nuts, but it's a pleasant sort of way and the boys seem happy in their work, so that ole Massa Speyer seldom has to crack the slave whip.

Borden is used as a training ground by the K of C for personnel proceeding overseas on auxiliary services work, and just about the same rules regarding age and category apply as in the Army. So many assistants have been on the job since the outbreak of war that even Dave can't recall them all, but tribute must be paid to the services rendered by fellows like Jack Carolan, Henri Gavard, Si. Fady. Andy McGroarty, Jack Walsh, Pete. Dillon, Andy Wellsby, Clare Lannon, Jack Kehoe, Pat Murphy, Mac MacCormack, Bill Gates, and Ken Mitchell. Only this month one of the most efficient assistants ever to come this way, Joe McParland, left for Labrador, and of course a four star graduate who is doing a bang-up job in his own field is supervisor VERN O'DONNELL of the Meaford Range, who, aside from his other duties, keeps readers of The Tank familiar with the doings up on Georgian Bay.

Each Tuesday morning, the sports representatives from RCOC, RCAF, CBMH and the various units and wings of the Armoured Corps gather at the Hut to setup the week's sports program, debate the pros and cons of the various rules, settle protests, and plan for the future. "Mr. Speaker", who presides over the deliberations, is the ubiquitous Dave, and the arguments wax hot and heavy at times, whilst the Speyer stogie burns away, but ev-

eryone ends up on the best of terms, the cokes are on the house and another hectic week is underway.

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Mr. Speyer resembles Bing Crosby in two things. In pre-war days he used to daub grease paint on his face in the old minstrel show and warble a mean ditty. He also was interested in race horses, and along with his brother, the well-known athlete, Chris Speyer, owned a couple of noble nags, and Dave says those jokes Bob Hope has been cracking about Crosby's horses really originated with his stable. He's still waiting for one of them to come in. Crosby, who is a "left-footer" too, however, is the proud father of four fine boys. Dave's record as a family man of three years' duration is a charming bundle from heaven called Joy-Anne, who, the proud father concedes, is almost as pretty as her mother (which, incidentally, is saying something, even for Dave.)

The future? Well the problems of rehabilitation loom pretty big, so big that Dave is rather anxious to lend a hand to getting the chaps he bade goodbye to settled comfortably back in civvies. He's talked to them, listened to their troubles and figures he should be able to solve some of their problems. Then there's still the call of boys' work, and dealing with juvenile delinquency, another mighty important field. With that wide smile, a hand well trained for hand-shaking, a fine sense of diplomacy, politics is another field that might be attractive. If this were the U.S.A. the slogan might be "Speyer for Senator."

You can pretty well depend on it that, whatever the job may be, Mr. Speyer will tackle it with the same infectious sense of humor that has got results over a trying four years. Numbered among those fellows you will remember for a good many years to come after you get your ticket is mine host, Dave Speyer of the K of C Hut.

FLASH! Just as Army personnel changes fast, so does that of Auxiliary Services. Since the above was set in type, Lorne Crooks has left to become supervisor at Barriefield, Cecil Grant has been moved to Niagara Falls, and Fred Franks has gone back to civilian life. Newcomers to the staff are Pat Howe, Harry Walsh and Jack McLean.

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## Canada's Role In The United Nations (Continued from page 4)

It might be well for us to consider this Security Council for a moment. President Roosevelt recently illustrated the point by saying that, when there is trouble brewing in a town, the town constable does not run to the town hall and call for a meeting of the town council to get instructions as to what he should do. The town constable acts at once. And that is just how the Security Council can work in the Dumbarton Oaks Plan. It is, perhaps, the greatest advance over the League of Nations idea. In our own terminology, we can say the Security Council is the Police Commission of the United Nations, and it can act at once, with armed forces at its disposal. On the other hand, the Assembly in the Dumbarton Oaks Plan will look after the administrative side of world affairs, that is, all social and economic questions, also the making of recommendations concerning disarmament and international peace and security questions. But, it is the Security Council's power that is the new and significant factor.

Already, this plan has been attacked on the ground that it is a return to Power Politics; that, in reality, it puts the small nations at the mercy of the Great Powers, and that, these four or five Great Powers, through their control of the Security Council, will dominate the affairs of the world. This, it is said, will eventually lead to rivalries and disputes.

and bring on another war. I cannot agree with this criticism of the Dumbarton Oaks Plan. There can be no doubt, of course, that the Plan recognizes the fact that the leading military powers, which are bearing the burden of the fighting, are the United States, Russia and Great Britain, and that China in Asia and eventually France in Europe must be closely associated with them. And, it also recognizes the fact that these four or five Great Powers will dominate the Council in enforcing peace and giving security.

Power can be exercised either for good or evil. The old idea, with which we all have been familiar, is to associate power with evil, aggression and war. The new idea is that Power can be used for Peace. To those who are fearful of the idea of "power for peace", may I recall the Atlantic Charter of 1941 and the Declarations of Moscow and Teheran in 1943. These are not secret agreements; they are open to the world; they are the solemn public promises of the Great Allied Powers to keep their vast forces united to preserve peace.

Power for Peace simply means that the Great Allied Powers will support the new world organization with a superiority of force, and will work together through the Security Council to prevent aggression.

Now, the question is "where do we fit into the picture?" I suggest that Canada should seek and

urge Commonwealth solidarity in the Security Council. As the Dumbarton Oaks Plan now stands, the Security Council consists of the four Great Powers: Great Britain, the United States, Russia and China. Later France will be included. These four, and later five, will hold permanent seats in the Council. Also members of the Security Council and elected by the Assembly every two years, will be six lesser powers. You will see at once, as far as the Commonwealth is concerned, that, with Britain holding a permanent seat on the Council, one of the Dominions is not very apt to be elected from among the forty non-permanent nations, for a two-year seat. In that case, Britain would have to speak alone, and not for the Commonwealth as a whole. How much more powerful the Security Council would be, in its task of preserving world peace, if the British Commonwealth spoke with one voice.

Lord Halifax, in his famous speech in Toronto last winter, pointed out that, after the war. Great Britain standing alone, would be greatly weaker in population, area and resources than either Russia. the United States or China. He also pointed out something which needs to be remembered now, and that is, that while the Dominions secured equality of status with Great Britain in 1931, they have never yet assumed equality of responsibility or function. The Dominions have never taken an equal share with Great Britain, in the vital matters of foreign policy and defence. Is it not time that Canada should be prepared to assume the burdens and responsibilities, as well as the benefits of this socalled equal status. All this does not mean losing our independence, or freedom of action as a nation. in the Assembly of the United Nations. It does mean constant and intimate collaboration between the nations of the British Commonwealth, as to that most important matter of all, namely, threats of aggression. The job of the Security Council is so important that, if it fails, the whole structure will collapse. Therefore, I think that the British Commonwealth of Nations as a whole, and not Great Britain alone, should be a permanent member of the Security Council, that Council which we termed the Police Commission of the United Nations.

Our second major role in the United Nations is to be the linch-pin between the British Commonwealth and the United States. Can there be any reasonable doubt that the success or failure of the new world order will depend primarily on the future close collaboration of these two great English-speaking democracies? No one can deny now that if the United States of America and the Commonwealth. with all their combined power and resources, had stood solidly together in the prewar years, Germany and Japan would not have carried the world into the holocaust of war. Can you imagine, that if the United States and Great Britain parted company, there would be the slightest hope of the Dumbarton Plan succeeding? I am sure that it could not. Therefore it is of the utmost importance that the Commonwealth and the United States must always closely collaborate. Our unique position makes it inevitable that Canada should maintain the linth-pin role in this vital association.

The Third Role which I visualize for Canada. involves our relations with Russia. Canada and the Soviet Union have many links. We both are "pioneer peoples of the north." We are tied closely by the fact of geography. Canada is on the direct air-route between Russia and the United States. Canadians have unbounded admiration for the sacrifices of the Russian people, and the campaign they have waged against the common enemy. I am convinced that a third world war is impossible, if the Big Three, the United States, Russia and the Commonwealth, live and work together in friendliness. No power would challenge them. Let us frankly admit that, in these difficult days, some people question the sincerity of Russia's purposes and believe that a full understanding with Russia may be difficult to obtain. We should not forget, however, that Russia is a party to the Atlantic Charter and the other declarations I have spoken of. In the last period of the dying League of Nations, after Russia was admitted as a member, she strove as hard as any for its success. Canada is in a unique position to develop an ever closer contact with the Russian people, so that a unity of purpose may be maintained.

The Fourth and last Role I see for Canada is as an active and really influential member of the Assembly of the United Nations. In this capacity, we can speak and act as an independent nation, with our own distinctive North American outlook, and, at the same time, as a member of the British Commonwealth. This role, I believe, is not inconsistent with a United Commonwealth role in the Security Council. For while the Security Council will keep the Peace of the World, the Assembly will have the task of developing the Prosperity and Progress of the World

Finally, let us regard the Dumbarton Oaks Plan as the hopeful and workable beginning of a New World Order. Let us also remember that we must be on sure footing, as we take the first steps this time. The task will involve time, patience, sincerity of purpose and unselfishness on the part of all nations. Peace, like war, can only be won by sacrifice.

To the members of the British Commonwealth there is a special challenge and a solemn duty, because we know and we enjoy the great heritage of freedom, justice and liberty under the law. This heritage should be the possession of all mankind. Let us all work unceasingly, so that Canada will take her full share in the fulfilment of this task.

#### NEW MEDICAL OFFICER FOR BORDEN

Acting Lt.-Col. J. C. R. Edwards, RCAMC, has been appointed senior medical officer for Camp Borden. He succeeds Col. Lloyd, who has taken over command of CBMH. Col. Edwards is a graduate of the University of Toronto and practised in Newmarket before enlisting. He has been at No. 23 BTC, Newmarket, No. 2 DD, Toronto, and Ottawa before coming to Borden.

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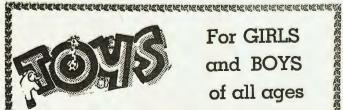
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#### ITALIAN INTERLUDE

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Vasto and would move forward on tracks so that we could relieve the N.Z. armour the following day. I had word sent back to have squadron leaders rushed forward by jeep as early as possible in the morning. The advance party and they arrived within an hour of each other just before noon.

Having given the advance party instructions re taking over from the New Zealanders, I took the Squadron Leaders in to meet their opposite numbers and get as much information as possible before their squadrons could get up that evening. By now I also knew that the wheels were rolling and that they, too, would arrive late that evening.

About this time Lt.-Col. Ralph Tindall of Westminster Regiment (M) contacted me. He had come up regarding a relief which was later contemplated between his Regiment and one of the units of the Indian division.

It was getting dark around 1700 hrs. when the head of my tank column reached the point beyond which I had decided my squadrons would break-off to move into the forward areas. Right of way on the various roads had been given us for a period of approximately an hour and a half, so everything had to run smoothly if we were to clear in time without chewing up the roads too much. "A" Squadron was moved forward to about five miles from Gardegrelle and about four miles from the enemy's FDL's. It cleared the main road and harboured. The troop leaders were sent in by jeep to meet their squadron leader (Major Lee Symmes, Toronto) and find out as much as possible about the positions they were to take over from the New Zealanders at midnight after the infantry relief had taken place.

"B" Squadron (Major Bill Milroy, Edmonton) moved up along the precarious Duncan Road referred to earlier, to a hollow covered by an overhanging bank and tucked away comparatively safe from enemy shell and mortar fire, although within a mile of the forward area. The intention was to carry out the relief in this case the following night, giving troop leaders further time to recce routes across the extremely difficult terrain it was necessary to traverse to their positions.

"C" Squadron moved into Regt reserve about 6000 vards from and due south of Orsogna which was in enemy hands and stood out on a spur defended almost completely on three sides by deep precipitous cliffs.

Midnight came and our liaison officer with the Infantry reported the relief complete and it was O.K. to go ahead by troops. "A" Squadron moved into position, the noise of the tracks bringing down considerable shell and mortar but the Regimental guardian angel was looking after them and the casualties were nil. It was a hair raising experience. Ordinarily it is a trying enough proposition to move into any new place in the dark, but this was our first experience at making a relief in close touch with the enemy, it had to be done as silently as possible and absolutely without light.

By 0300 hrs it was completed, the N.Z. armour had rolled off into the night, and ours was the responsibility of tackling an enemy who was playing for keeps. That which we had trained for so long now confronted us with grim reality. The night was spent in improving positions, tucking tanks in behind and between the buildings of the small hamlet the sqdn occupied. Camouflage and deception of all sort was used to hide the fact that a relief had been made from the prying eye of enemy aircraft which we might expect in the early morning.

It was an odd situation which confronted the members of the Sqdn when first light broke, as few had slept. They found themselves west of and beyond ORSOGNA, separated from it by a deep ravine, but very much under enemy observation at a distance of about 3000 yds. The Itis were still in occupation of the little village and daily, groups of 2 or 3 drifted in through our infantry from territory occupied by the Huns. We were always suspicious of the Italians, so their movements were watched closely, and incoming ones were taken by security personnel for questioning as to their own identity and for possible info. regarding the Germans. It was necessary later to move all Italians back from the forward areas as telephone lines would be mysteriously cut during the night and information of our preparations would leak out to the enemy.

Getting the relief of "B" Sgdn carried out the following night was a tougher problem. I had bulldozers and "cats" standing by as the mud was terrific, the idea being that the broad tracks of the l.a. would give better traction, and we could either pull or snake the N.Z. tanks out and our own in if they got stuck. However, they didn't and the relief was completed in excellent time.

A great deal of credit is due the tank drivers as we had trained in England on Rams, with six pounders, yet with very little experience they had moved these new Shermans some 200 miles into action, the latter part of which was certainly not tank going in any sense of the word, and did it without losing a tank.

Everyone settled into this new type of existence quickly, self preservation and bodily comfort became uppermost in all minds. My greatest worry was gunnery, as I said before we had trained on the 6 pdr in England and with the exception of those who had taken a gunnery course, few really knew the 75. I took my problem to the GOC, General Tuker, who was quite sympathetic, but not so his Brigadiers who insisted it would bring down fire on their positions. I talked turkey to them, ending with "Gentlemen, we fire the 75 'or else' and I will not be responsible for the 'or else'."

We fired, and I imagine our gunnery training is unique in tank history, being against enemy positions. As I described previously, all three sqdns. were around the town of ORSOGNA held by the Germans. "A" to the west, and slightly beyond. "B" to the east and "C" directly south of it. A high tower

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had been giving a lot of trouble  $a_S$  it was used as an observation post of Jerry's. This was generally used as a target as most troops could see it. Those that couldn't, moved their tanks forward where they could engage houses and targets in "No Man's Land."

In this way we got everyone through and really learned what a grand gun the 75 was. Later on, we had a bet with the arty to the effect that we couldn't bring the tower down with 150 rounds. We did a troop shoot under Lt. Perkins (who later as Recce troop leader won the D.S.O. at the Melfa) and somewhere about the 45th round the tower crumbled to the delight of the Cape Breton Highlanders who were mostly overlooked by it, the 11th Cdn. Inf Bde having relieved one of the Indian Bdes some time previous.

Our sojourn in this part of the line at times was fairly exciting, owing to German activities, shelling, mortaring, and small local attacks. We got to know and respect the Indian troops, grand fellows they were, Gurkhas, Punjabs and Rajputans. In each brigade there were 2 native and one British battalion. The Div consisted of only two Inf Bdes as it had had its other Bde captured in the fall of Tobruk, and its new Bde hadn't as yet caught up, hence the fact that the 11th Can Inf Bde was working with this Div.

The experience we gained during this couple of months on this sector was invaluable and paid dividends later. We were blooded quietly, without taking a bloody nose, and found ourselves becoming seasoned without realizing the process was taking place. Small local attacks taught us how to look after ourselves, as for instance the Div Comd wanted to know just what was in front of us at GARDE-GREILLA and ordered a recce in force to be put in by a Cov of Gurkhas and a troop of our tanks. The attack kicked off, but heavy mortar and shell fire penned the little brown men and it was necessary for the tanks to push through and take out some of the enemy positions, which they did successfully. As the enemy by this time had disclosed the strength of his positions, the order to withdraw was given. The troop ldr ordered his Cpl's tank to cover the movement of the Sgt's and his, to a position further back from which they in turn could support the Cpl. Unfortunately the engine in this tank stalled and couldn't be started, the crew panicked, their first time in action, not realizing the other tanks were covering them, and bailed out. The Cpl. and one man were killed or died of wounds shortly after as they raced for cover. Lt. Catton, seeing what had happened, ordered the Sgt's tank to hook unto the derelict tank, while he gave covering fire and put down smoke. An excellent job of recovery under fire was done and we had learned a lesson the hard way.

From then, it became a point of honour with the Regt that a tank would never be deserted while it was humanly possibly to fight its guns and, should that time come the crew must dig in and deny it to the enemy as long as possible with ground weapons.

After that we did a number of such shows and gained a great deal of confidence and experience and what was equally important, built up

the confidence of the infantry in the fact that we wouldn't let them down. It was rather pathetic to see the confidence of the native troops. They seemed to look upon us as their big brothers and come around offering to do chores for the troops. They would pat the tanks and grin. It was shortly after this that something happened which I imagine is perhaps unique so far as Canadian troops are concerned. We had moved up onto the ORTONA front, by this time about the end of February, and having relieved the Calgaries were supporting the 1st Can. Div on the right and the 8th Indian Div on their left and the independent British parachute Bde, which was being used as inf at that time. A troop of "B" Sgdn under Lt. Jack Burton was in behind one of the native Regts in a counter-attack role, and as the house they had taken over as a billet was filthy dirty, they thoroughly cleaned up the area before moving in. This apparently appealed to the Hindus who were scrupulously clean themselves, in that they obtained from their Coy Commander permission to entertain the troop to a meal. Jock, having had some experience with the brown lads on the other front, made up his mind his gang was not going to "lose face" as the Jap says, so parading his troop, said: "You lads had better eat what is put in front of you or else." And a mighty fine job they did of it, even if at some discomfort to their innards. It was really something to see them getting that highly spiced Indian food down, a bite, then a swallow of beer. Yes, I said beer. You see this native Regt didn't drink and had got their supply from the "NAAFI" for the occasion. It was one of those parties at which a pleasant time was had by all.

During this time, the Westminster Regt (M) had also been in action around Orsogna and had earned a lot of kudos through repelling a Coy of German infantry which attacked suddenly one night in the dark. The attack found the Westy's on the alert and an excellent bag of Huns was taken. They, too, had moved up near Ortona, and the New Brunswick Hussars (Lt.-Col. G. Robinson) by this time having been completed with tanks, appeared with Bde HQ under Brig. Bradbrooke, and took positions in rear in the deliberate counter-attack role. Shortly afterwards the BCD's (Lt.-Col. F. Vokes, later killed north of Rome) moved up and the 5th Can. Armoured Div. was complete.

The other Armoured Regiments of the Bde were not as lucky in seeing action as we, owing to the front settling down for the winter into a stagnant state, the only activity being that of shelling, mortaring and infantry patrols on the continuous prowl to pick-off prisoners. Keeping warm became everyone's greatest problem and ingenious indeed were some of the heating contraptions. Bitterly cold weather with snow and sleet continued each day and the life of the infantry in slit trenches became a veritable hell.

One of the most miserable nights I have ever spent was on a patrol in force with a company of PPCLI who had been ordered to bring back prisoners by hook or by crook. The night was pitch dark

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C. A. C. SPORTS

by Sqt. Ab. Hulse

Hockes

Nine entries have been placed with Major Gerry Goodman for the Camp Borden sérvice league, and it is extremely doubtful if a more powerful league will function any place in Canada this winter with every centre having veritable star-studded rosters. Games will be played at BARRIE ARENA, two nights a week, and doubleheader bargain prices will prevail. Two groups will be formed with the winners meeting in the Camp finals. An interlocking schedule will be played to add plenty of variety to the men. Teams entered include No. 15 RCOC, A-22 RCAMC, Camp Headquarters, A-19 RCASC, No. 1 SFTS RCAF, A-32 Provost Corps, A-10 CITC, A-11 CMGTC and the Armoured Corps. T & S Wing will represent the CAC in competition. All that is needed to make the league a success is for old man zero to do his stuff. The season will open immediately after the holiday season.

CAC League: Present plans call for a seven club league, with two groups as follows: Group 1: Newmarket Camp, No. 1 TSR, No. 3 CACTR, T & S Wing intermediates. Group 2: No. 2 CACTR, No. 1 CACTR, and Orillia Camp. Each team will play the other

twice, with the top two teams meeting in goals to count series for the group title. The winners will clash for the Corps championship in a best of three series. Newmarket and Orillia are both fortunate in having covered rink accommodation right at hand, and Lt. Bert McComiskey, Corps Sports Officer, is seeking rink space for the Borden teams. With the exception of the Newmarket team, unless things are being kept a deep, dark secret, the league will hardly be as strong as last year. Newmarket have left over from last winter, Jack Wheeler, Harvie Avison, Jack Life, and Johnny Callanan. New additions include Charlie Nesbitt, No. 2, Joint McComb, and Capt. Bing Caswell, Brampton Bullets, Tommy Jamieson, Toronto, and Cavanagh of Montreal Royals, with much other good material in the offing. Watch the Redmen is already the slogan!

North Zone: An outdoor league will function under the direction of the K of C, for small units like CBMH, 13X Bombers, and the various wings of A-33. This will provide hockey for those not able to make the big teams and as usual will provide plenty of fun and bitter rivalry for competitors and spectators alike.

#### No. 2 CACTR, Camp Borden Lacrosse Finalists 1944



STANDING (L to R): Szabo (trainer), Lockhart, Lt. A. Yates, Grey, Squires, Redmond, Lt. R. Rimmer (manager), Dixon, Young, Lt. G. Fennell, Sgt. Ab Hulse.

FRONT: Dundas, Knowles, Lt. "Sing" Caruso, Granton, Yorkovitch, Wilson, 2/Lt. F. Bennett, Lt. A. McComiskey. —Photo by Lt. Bert Lahmer.

## Sports at Meaford

With the advent of Lt. Douglas Pilkey, as Sports Officer at the Meaford Range, a new deal on the sports front has come for the men at the Georgian Bay outpost of the Armoured Corps. Mr. Pilkey has received full co-operation from Major D. H. Lander and the powers that be, with the result that attractive new basketball and hockey outfits have been purchased, and teams in floor hockey and the cage game are already in action each week in the Meaford Armoury.

Floor hockey finds a four team house-league functioning at what may well be described as modified mayhem. The teams wear complete hockey outfits, and need them, too, and in place of the usual wand and rubber disc are using a softball and hockey sticks. At present Administration Squadron are showing the way to the other teams, and their supporters have enriched themselves in cold cash at the expense of the others, but the worm may well turn any day now.

The basketball team is entered in a four club league sponsored by the Meaford A.A.A. and on November 8th a gala opening was held with Meaford High School clashing with the Rangers and a floor hockey match following. Taking part in the opening ceremonies were, Dave Speyer, K of C supervisor

at Borden, Major Lander, the president of the Meaford Association, and A. B. Gardner, principal of Meaford High School. Around 500 people were present for the occasion and bleacher seats are being erected to accommodate the spectators at future games.

Possessing youth, and speed, and with more practice under their belts, the Meaford secondary school scholars doubled the score on the Rangers 32-16. The Range team was composed of: Lts. D. S. Galbraith, Barrie, B. Garrett, Parry Sound, H. R. Waller, London, Pete. Leipnik, Toronto, Capt. W. J. Casselman, Winnipeg, Sgts. E. D. Rhodes, Saskatoon, and J. I. Shumay, Vernon, B.C., Cpls.: K. Seaman, Toronto, and W. Gould, Detroit, Mich., and Pte. G. W. Fay, London, with Lt. J. E. Patterson as coach.

A survey is being made of the hockey talent on hand, and the team will play in the Meaford town league as well as seeking exhibition games. Eventually, they may challenge for the Corps title. A Range league will provide exercise for those less skilled at the winter sport.

Morale at Meaford is exceedingly high, and the varied sports program, with boxing and winter sports like skiing and tobogganing also contemplated, will do much to keep it there.

## TAKE 7th ROUND DECISION WITH PLENTY TO SPARE

Camp Borden rolled up a total of \$1,650,650 in the 7th Victory Loan drive, half as much again as its objective, with 152%, and nearly 87% of the personnel bought a bond. A-22 CAMTC made the best showing in Camp, but every Armoured Corps Centre went over the top, as well as the two Armoured Corps basic centres at Newmarket and Orillia. Listed below are the units over 300 strong who went over the top. No. 29 Coy, CDC, and Camp Headquarters headed the returns of the smaller units with percentages of 318.21 and 244.23, respectively. All reached their objective.

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A-19 CASC TC 363,000.00	167.90%
СВМН 50,000.00	164.36%
No. 2 CAC TR 105,750.00	162.69%
No. 1 CAC TR 90,300.00	154.35%
CAC MT Regt 42,050.00	136.97%
A-10 CITC	134.88%
A-11 CMG TC 119,550.00	133.18%
A-33 CACTE and T & S Wing 88,200.00	123.35%
No. 1 CAC TSR 89,250.00	122.09%
No. 15 RCEME	114.03%
No. 3 CAC TR 81,500.00	113.98%
A-32 C Pro C TC	111.70%
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#### Basketball

Camp Borden: Eight well balanced cage quintets, playing in Barrie C.I. gym and the mammoth drill hall of the RCAF, should bring service basketball into its own this winter. Entries have been filled by Armoured Corps, A-10, Meds, Service Corps, A-11, Ordnance, RCAF, and Camp HQ and the schedule will get underway in late November, with time out for the Christmas holidays. Double-headers will be played twice a week.

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CAC League: A seven club circuit, with five teams from Borden and the teams from No. 23 and No. 26 BTC will seek the Corps championship. The basic centres are already in action and should have an early season edge on the Borden teams. Four teams will qualify for the league playoffs.

Newmarket: Early this month the Redmen basketeers journeyed to Brantford and emerged with a last half 36-33 win over the boys from No. 20 BTC. Callanan (14), Grice (12), and Reynett (8), spearheaded the attack for the CAC team. The calibre of play was very fast for so early in the season and a series is to be played between the two Centres. Newmarket floored the following players: Callanan, Avison, Grice, Reynett, A. McLeod, Henshaw, B. McLeod, Swigger, Rudderham, O'Connor and Blower.

North Zone: No. 3 CACTR will defend their North Zone title with opposition being provided by CBMH MT Regiment and 13X, RCAF. More entries are expected before the season gets underway. All games will be played on the K of C floor.

Les Femmes: Whoops my dear! Borden is to see girls' basketball for the first time in its history. The CWACs will have at least two teams in competition and the Nursing Sisters at CBMH will match strides with them with two teams. Don't know just where in Camp they'll find room to accommodate the crowds but wherever it may be, you'd better be on hand early for the S.R.O. sign is sure to be out.

#### ITALIAN INTERLUDE

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and as the rain fell it froze. It was difficult enough to walk and almost impossible to move silently through the eerie rustle of the night wondering when all hell would break loose. The Boche was uneasy and at intervals verey lights would go sizzling up into the heavens and one hugged the wet, cold earth motionless as the glaring light floated softly to the ground. Out of the darkness would break the sharp snap of a Schmeisser, so distinctly different from our Bren. Boy, what a grand night for a murder or worse. An uncanny silence, then it broke, the platoon on the left had bumped. Schmeissers and Bren mingled with the crack of hand grenades and the blood curdling screams of a man in agony. Grab a prisoner, if possible, and get back was the drill now, because the enemy D.F. would come down at any time. Plop, plop, plop, six times and through the night came the ghostly wail of the sobbing sister. or wailing Willie, six times, the ear-splitting tearing crash of the exploding bombs as one hugged a sodden bank and prayed to one's God. A lull for a moment in the deafening din, and on one goes, slipping, scrambling and cursing, a white faced prisoner deadly afraid in the centre of the patrol being hurried along, wondering what fate had in store. Back to HQ, the friendly cheery aroma of rum in hot tea, the questioning of the prisoner by the battalion IO (he was a paratrooper, sullen and dumb), the darkness settling down again, cut here and there by the fire of a jumpy German sentry, who still saw imaginary patrols closing in on him.

God! How one admires the PBI. How damned magnificent they are, and there are no better infantrymen in the world than our own Canadian lads. I chatted awhile with the CO, Lt.-Col. Cammy Ware, D.S.O., and passed out into the rain and the night seeking my driver, one Tpr. Brennan (Sioux Lookout, the finest driver and most faithful friend

I shall ever know), and my jeep. Along a shell pocked road, winding down around by the 2nd Cdn. Inf Bde HQ and up the hill into Ortona, that hell town where so many fine lads fell in its capture that festive season, Christmas 1943.

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## The Passing Show

ARMOURED CORPS won the Canadian Army softball championship in England this Fall, defeating Infantry Reinforcements by 3-2 in successive final games. This is the same club that included Rhodes, Ganny, Ernie Clarke and Maguire of No. 3's 1944 roster on their strength. The boys in the black berets included Cpl. W. B. Carr-Lawton, Toronto, and Tprs. M. I. Bowers, Billy Dubel, A. Easton, Gerry Sarkisian, of Toronto, and Dunc McKay of Aberdeen, Sask., many of whom played for the old A-9 team. Bowers and Clarke handled the pitching chores. That brings softball to an official close. but WE HEARD ONE the other day about the secretary who turned out for practice with the plant softball team, after the boss had told her he'd buy her a mink coat if she'd play ball with him. LAST POST has been sounded in France for an ever increasing number of Maple Leaf athletes and sportsmen. RED TILSON, star of the Oshawa Generals, last year a member of the A-10 team in the Camp Borden league, will play no more. GORDY HUGHES, faithful, bespectacled little bat boy of the 1943 No. 3 mushball squad, who won 24 games in a row in Borden, was killed in action while serving with the GGFG's. PAUL KROWCHUK, who umpired many a North Zone softball tilt, went to his end as a member of a tank crew. These are but a few of the names we could mention. ALLISTER CAMERON, the New Brunswick version of perpetual motion who thrilled the track experts at the CAC sports day with the way in which he won the three-mile event, added to his laurels by finishing second in the famous 19-mile around-the-bay event at Hamilton. Cameron was making his first start as a marathoner and finished second behind the famous Scotty Rankine. We agree with Lt. Bert Life, the Newmarket track coach, when he calls Cameron "the most promising marathon runner in Canada today." CONGRATS to our good friend MAJOR GERRY GOODMAN, Camp Sports and Auxiliary Services Officer, on his recent attainment of his majority. Gerry has been doing a grand job since coming to Borden. W. E. DAMBOISE, who last year won the 145 novice title of M.D. 2 and the district. but was unable to compete at Petawawa, is now attached to T & S Wing and won his first start in competition at the K. of C. THREE CHINESE BOYS are playing basketball these days at Orillia Camp. They are the Long brothers, who hail from Lethbridge, Alta., and Johnny Wo, who played for Vancouver Tech last winter. The three lads are good at the game, too THE SOCCER CHAMPS from No 3 CACTR celebrated their season with a bang-up dance at Brentwood last month. Soft lights, sweet music, and enough CWACs to go around; who could ask for anything more? RSM PADDY FARRELL, of No. 23 BTC, Newmarket, who held that position from the Camp's inception, has retired from the service because of ill health. Pat, a former Imperial Army boxing champion, and a fencer of Olympic calibre, was a great booster of sports and had his shoulder to the wheel from the first day he came to Newmarket. Last year he was manager of the M.D. 2 boxing team which won the team honors in the Canadian Army boxing championships. BOBBY THORPE, ace forward of the 1944 Brampton Buliets, later an instructor at No. 2, and more recently discharged from the Army, after trying out with the Detroit Red Wings, has been assigned to the Detroit-Canadiens amateur (?) farm ciub, Quebec Aces, who despite heavy inroads by drafts (hockey) will again seek possession of the Allan Cup. LARRY DESHANE, nifty little lightweight of T & S Wing, is now doing his soldiering at Prince Albert, Sask. RAY HIL-LIARD, youthful ball of fire on the No. 2 Rams last winter, is now a member of the Hershey Bears in the American pro circuit and from the outset has been up with the leading scorers in the league. A fair indication of the callbre of hockey played in the CAC league last winter. LT. GORDY ROSE, popular sports officer at A-19 RCASC, is on the outward bound list and his shoes will be hard to fill, but A-19 have a habit of coming up with some mighty fine personnel in this field. FIVE PERSONAL FOULS, not four, as has been the case in other years, will get you a seat in the sin bin this season, following an amendment to the basketball rules. Now, too, a team not in possession of the ball may call for time out at any time. There is another amendment

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too which prevents tall players interfering with a close-in shot on basket. That rule on personal fouls should suit Army basketball, where the style of play is, to say the least, a bit rugged at times. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ago one of the toasts of Gay Paree and later of the North American Continent, whence he came to earn heavy sugar and tangle with the Manassa Mauler, Jack Dempsey, was GEORGES CAR-PENTIER. Carpentier was a hero in the French Army as well as in the ring. Now he is on trial as collaborationist with the Nazis. Georges says it is all a mistake that the late Max Schemling should be photoed with his arm about him and that high German officials and cameramen should have attended his 50th birthday party. Could have been, too, for the Germans were uninvited guests at many functions and Herr Goebbels seldom missed a chance for publicity. The verdict will be awaited by sportsmen everywhere. BOBBY PORTER, last year a member of Oshawa Generals, and previously with Brantford Lions, is now stationed at No. 26 BTC and will likely be seen in action in the CAC group. BILLY TAYLOR, former centre ice star of the Toronto Maple Leafs, after being transferred from A-10 CITC to Toronto, is now stationed at No. 23 BTC, Newmarket, which doesn't make coach Capt Bing Caswell the least bit displeased. CAPT. IKE MASTERS, former Quartermaster at No. 1 TSR, now back in civilian life in Kitchener, in his day was one of the best known amateur hockey stars in Ontario as a member of the famous Kitchener Union Jacks-Karges, Trushinski, Hiller, Parkes, George Hainsworth and players of that ilk. BILLY CUPOLO, young recruit to the present Boston Bruins club, spent the past year in a sanitarium with lung trouble at the expense of Art Ross. CHUCK SCHERZA, presently performing for New York Rangers, is another T.B. recovery, and has but one good lung-and don't forget hockey is billed as "the fastest game in the world." VIC JACKETT, one of Army Shamrock's two goalies, is former netminder for Yorkton, Sask., western intermediate champions. Jackett was originally posted to Orillia Camp and was transferred this month to Toronto. He would have been a valuable addition to the CAC team from No. 26 BTC. CPL. JOHN ROSSI, who finished second in the high jump at the CAC field day, is some pumpkins as a basketball player as evidenced by his 15-points-a-game average in the eight-team house league functioning at No. 26 BTC. Rossi comes from Port Colborne, whose secondary school teams have always been ranked with the best in Ontario. HERBIE CAIN, last year's scoring champion of the NHL and holder of the most points in one season record, a friend of many years, writes as follows about the Boston Bruins: "The team is just fair and how they will go in the NHL I do not know. If Bennett (goal) goes well and the kids up front continue to improve, we might have something. I think this team is better than last year, but all the other clubs have improved too-in fact, have improved more than we have." LT. H. R. McADAM is the new sports officer at No. 1 CACTSR, succeeding Lt. Bili Fedak, now

## CANADIAN ARMOURED CORPS



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LAWSON, James Bruce, Major, Lieut., Regina, Sask. MaGUIRE, Charles Leo, Lieut., Montreal, Que. SHERWOOD, Donald Joseph, Lieut., Montreal, Que. STOKES, Edward Samuel, Lieut., Sarnia, Ont. TAYLOR, Thomas Edmund, Lieut., Winnipeg, Man. THOMPSON, Arthur Percival, Lieut., Winnipeg, Man.

#### DIED OF WOUNDS

FROATS, George Gordon, Major, Renfrew, Ont. GAR, Henry Victor, Lieut., Toronto, Ont. FRIEND, Edwin Dixon, Lieut., Whitby, Ont. RUSSELL, Hugh James, Lieut., Maple Creek, Sask.

PETERSEN, Andrew James, Lieut., Vancouver, B.C. SMITH, Ray Clarke, Lieut., Edmonton, Alta. STAIRS, Gilbert Morrow Sinclair, Col., Montreal, Que. STEELE, Bruce Clarke, Lieut, Toronto, Ont. STEVENSON, Wilfred James, Lieut., London, Ont.

#### OTHER RANKS

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ACRES, Robert Austin, Tpr., Chilliwack, B.C. ANDERSON, Allan Joseph, Tpr., Simcoe, Ont. ANDREWS, Robert Edison, Tpr., Onward, Sask. ARUNDELL, Edgar, Cpl. ATKINSON, Roy Vicars, Tpr., Penticton, B.C. BADGLEY, Verdon Douglas, Tpr., Oshawa, Ont. BAILLARGEON, Aime, Cpl., Blind River, Ont. BARNETT, Alfred Thomas, Tpr., Kildonan, Man. BARNUM, Hariin James, Tpr., Vancouver Island, B.C. BEAMAN, Wilfred Woodroe, Tpr., Yorkton, Sask. BOUCHARD, Louis Joseph, Tpr., Vassar, Man. BRISTOW, Morris, Tpr., Saskatoon, Sask. BROWN, James, Tpr., St. Thomas, Ont. BURROWS, Francis Lyman, Tpr., Raymond, Alta. CABLE, George Vernon, Cpl., Etomami, Sask. CAMPBELL, William Harold, Tpr., Richard's Landing, Ont. CHILTON, Sidney George, Cpl., Tillsonburg, Ont. CLEARY, Eldric, Tpr., Montreal, Que, COPELAND, James Piliard, Tpr., Toronto, Ont. COOK, Hartford Augustus, Tpr., Fort Erie South, Ont. COSTELLO, William John, Sgt., Vancouver, B.C. CRAIG, Andrew, Tpr., Trenton, N.J., U.S.A. CRAWFORD, Norvin Smith, Tpr., Newcastle Creek, N.B. DALEY, Daniei Joseph, Tpr., Somerville, Mass., U.S.A. DAVIES, William, L/Cpl., Toronto, Ont. DESCHENES, Herve Fernand, L/Cpl., Hamilton, Ont. DOOL, Wilfred Steven, Cpl., North Bay, Ont. DOUCETTE, Joseph Eloi, Tpr., Piaster Rock, N.B. DREW, Robert Gregory, Tpr., Smiths Falls, Ont. DUFFUS, Stewart Gordon, L/Cpl., Vancouver, B.C. DUTKA, Adam, Tpr., East Coulee, Alta. EATON, Llewellyn Edwin, Tpr., New Osgoode, Sask. EDWARDS, Arthur George, Tpr., Mount Pleasant, Ont. EGAN, Frank Henry, Cpl., Lucan, Ont. EISENBRAUN, Joseph, Tpr., Eburne, B.C. ELLIOTT, Paul Joseph Henri, Tpr., Montreal, Que. ENRIGHT, John Thomas, Douglas, Ont. EVE, Geoffrey Thomas, Tpr., Aldergrove, B.C.

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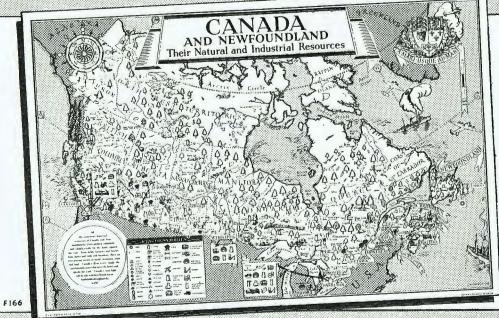
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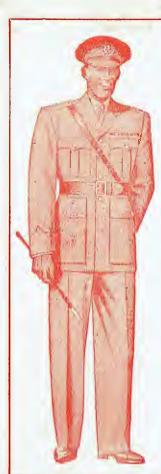
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