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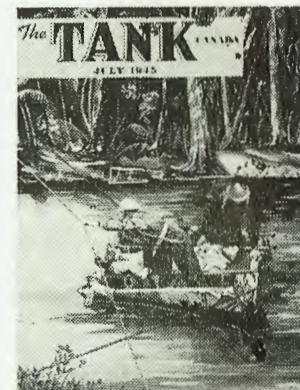
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Our Cover

Inspired by his observations during recent RCAMC manoeuvres, Bill LeBaron depicts men of the "Meds" evacuating casualties, crossing a river by means of an improvised raft.

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R. J. P.

Well, friends and /or readers, you've "had it." With this issue, the Tank completes its tour of duty, to become but a memory . . . The end came suddenly. Anticipating the inevitable, but not expecting it so soon, we had prepared for a bang-up job on our final edition . . . But things happened fast . . . Orders to wind up operations immediately found this issue already partly off the press . . . and so we say adieu, but not in the way we had planned.

This space (which we were forced to steal at the expense of Abner's monthly summary) permits us little space for all that we would wish to say . . . We know that those who preceded us on the Tank staff share our feelings when we say "It's been a pleasure" . . . and we hope that you have, in reading the mag, derived even a part of the enjoyment that we, in turn, found in producing it . . . To all those within Corps, from the "Boss Man" down, without whose whole-hearted cooperation the Tank would have found the going tough indeed . . . to our readers, whose lively interest in the mag was a constant guide in our planning . . . to our contributors, who gave so freely of their time to prepare articles of national significance . . . and to our advertisers, who by their generous support made possible the production of the Tank, we extend a sincere "Thanks for everything." . . . And to Ken Walls and his band of 'trustworthy aides at The Barrie Examiner we voice our apologies for all that we did to shorten their life span. The enthusiasm and plain hard work that they put into The Tank was reflected in the well finished job they turned out, in spite of our persistent last-minute interference.

As the last copy of the July issue goes into the mail bag and we close the doors, Bunny Reed heads for a spot with the 19th Army Show (top billing, for sure) . . . Bill LeBaron dives for cover into his musty art room . . . while Abner, with misty eyes, yet eager step, commences a search for that currently popular, but so elusive, blue slip of paper. Jack McLeod, we suspect, will be likewise engaged . . . Guess we'll see what's cookin' in the publishing business with the CAPF . . . might catch up with our old colleague Sinn down thataway . . . So long, gang . . . and all the best.

—W.T.

Editorial . . .

THE SANDS OF TIME:

The Tank is no more! With this issue the official journal of the Canadian Armoured Corps closes its pages. For almost five years, your magazine has carried the saga of "the tanks" and their men, but the story is still incomplete, and as we write "30" from the editorial chair, the hope remains that in the not too distant future, some competent authority will pen for posterity the story of the Canadian Armoured Corps.

The Canadian Armoured Corps itself is but a "babe in arms" compared to some of the historic Regiments which make up its component parts. A combination of the blue-bloods of Army history, crack cavalry Regiments of "the right of the line," and newer formed units, providing invigorating life-blood, have produced an offspring whose story is as proud as any other branch of the service, whose deeds of valor can never be erased from the sands of time.

It is curious how almost unknown this history of the Canadian Armoured Corps is to the ordinary soldier and civilian. We wear our beret at a jaunty angle, with pride. We recall to our friends and relatives the feats of Armour, be it in battle or on the playing field. We will argue from the drop of the hat with members of some other branch of the service as to the respective merits of our Corps and theirs. Yet if we are suddenly challenged on a question of fact, or a point in interest we may be unable to answer.

Arthur Bryant, noted war correspondent of the London Sphere, has written a most interesting article called "Tribute to the British Army," and Mr. Bryant right enough refers to the inadequate knowledge of its deeds and daring that abounds. Apropos to what we have been saying, he says:

"The essence and soul of the British Army will be found in its Regimental history. It is a history of a most peculiar kind. It has its hallowed victories. But its heroic defeats and its jests are equally, or even more, hallowed. The very nicknames of our Regiments reveal and explain their character. The Dorsets—the Regiment which carries on its Colours the proud text, "Primus in Indus"—are called, not, as they would be were they enrolled in the German Army, the Conquerors of India, but the "Green Linnets." That is Dorset and that, in the natural mode of old England, is the Dorsetshire Regiment. The Wiltshires are the "Moonrakers" because they were once found on a dark night dragging a pond with hay-rakes, looking, as wits said, for the moon, but as they themselves confessed, for smuggled brandy kegs. The Norfolks—that grand corps who still wear mourning for the great soldier they buried "darkly at dead of night" on the ramparts of Corrunna—are the "Holy Boys," because a hundred and thirty-five of the pious peasant folk of Portugal, seeing the Britannia on the cap-badges, prostrated themselves at what they took to be an image of the

Virgin. The first Regiment of the Line, with its long—to its brother regiments almost over-long—history, is kept in its place, with the sobriquet of "Pontius Pilate's Bodyguard." And one Regiment of Hussars, which lacked the patronage of the various Royalties which adorned the title of its companions, christened itself cheerfully "Nobody's Own," and took pride and courage from the fact in battle."

On his departure from Camp Borden for Vancouver, Major-General F. F. Worthington, CB, MC, MM, who may well be termed "the daddy of the Canadian Armoured Corps," wrote:

"The Corps has grown out of all proportion to its original embryonic state. It has made a fine tradition, and achievement of this tradition is something that every member of the Canadian Armoured Corps must live up to. Traditions are built on the past and are signposts to the future."

A glorious past! A triumph over toil, monotony, discomfort, hardship and adversity has been the lot of the Canadian Armoured Corps. Who can doubt that our future will be as glorious?

"H"

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO OUR GALLANT BROTHERS-IN-ARMS:

Officers and men of the Canadian Armoured Corps extend greetings to the members of the Armored Force of the United States Army who, on July 10th last, celebrated their fifth birthday.

It was on July 10, 1940, the present American Armored Force was organized.

Lt. General Daniel Van Voorhis, retired, and Major General Adna R. Chaffee, now deceased, are rightfully known as the "grandfather" and the "father" of the Armored Force, respectively.

In 1930, at Fort Eustis, Va., the first mechanized force since the old World War I Tank Corps, was assembled at Fort Eustis, Va., under the command of Col. Daniel Van Voorhis. With this small force Colonel Van Voorhis blazed trails which were later to be followed by Generals Chaffee, Devers, Scott and others.

Major General Adna R. Chaffee, first chief of the Armored Force, was Colonel Van Voorhis' executive officer at Fort Eustis. Throughout the lean years when few either in or out of the Army saw the need for an armored force, Adna R. Chaffee clung to his conviction that the Army needed machines as well as men. Events finally convinced Congress and the War Department of the soundness of Chaffee's views. For more than a year, until his death in August, 1941, General Chaffee worked night and day to build an armored force that would acquit itself creditably on the battlefield.

That the dreams of these two Officers have been fully realized is to put it mildly. Wherever they have gone the American Tankers have won glory and honor and in the days to come their's will be one of the most important roles in the ultimate defeat of Japan.

The Camera Tells All

Photo Using

by Lieut. Bob McDonald

A veteran of Col. Elliott Roosevelt's North African Photo-reconnaissance Wing recently toured air bases in this country to acquaint photo units with operations in a combat zone. He is F/L M. G. Brown, who has made about 120 missions in 17 months' service over Western Europe, the Middle East and the Mediterranean. He was particularly active in the Sicilian campaign and in laying the groundwork for the invasion. To quote him 'photo reconnaissance is recognized as one of the most important kinds of work in this war.' Montgomery, Eisenhower, Doolittle and Alexander wouldn't think of moving 10 feet without pictures. Before planning any sort of an attack, strategic or otherwise, they want photos!

Until quite recently, a discrepancy in the training of our reinforcement officers arose when they arrived overseas and tasted action for the first time. Each troop leader is handed aerial photographs to supplement the information he might normally obtain from a map. Our boys in most cases were not aware that such photographs were available and did not know how to use them properly. To remedy this situation, a Photo Interpretation Wing located at Macaulay Camp, Esquimalt, B.C., was established to train the necessary instructors for this new subject. 'Photo using' was now to be included in the training of all reinforcement officers.

In October, 1944, photo using courses were begun at A-33. These courses, discontinued during the winter months, were resumed again in March of this year.

Guided by Lt. Col. H. R. Schell, Chief Instructor at that time for A-33, and with the splendid co-operation of his staff, Capt. Lorne Racicot, Lt. Otty Machum, et al, photo using locally was re-arranged into one-week, and, more recently, into two-week courses. Staffed by Lts. Murray Macpherson and Bob McDonald and embellished with training aids in the form of some fine sketching and display work by Cpl. Mack Blevins, photo using soon established itself as a tangible link in the officer-training program.

Aerial photographs of overseas and local areas were obtained through congenial Flt.-Sgt. Dowes, head of the Camp Borden RCAF Photographic Section, and from N.D.H.Q., Ottawa.

Lt. Col. E. F. Schmidlin, GS, Camp Borden command, recently gave the "go-ahead" in arranging regular flights for the students at No. 1 SFTS. Co-operating to the full, Flt. Lts. Kightley and Smith and FO Isherwood, have assisted in arranging most interesting and instructive flights which have now been incorporated into the course itself.

Photo using or photo reading itself, as distinguished from Photo Interpretation, covers only the bare essentials enabling the student to make intelligent use of air photos in the study and use of ground.

The photos are studied with the aid of stereoscopes which enable the perception of depth, or a third dimensional effect, to be obtained.

In the field, an Army Photographic Interpretation Section (APIS) is located at Army, Corps and Division Headquarters. All interpretation of enemy defences is done by APIS. Where such interpretation is required the photos are annotated indicating each position by name right on the surface of the prints. These 'annotated photos' are distributed by the Unit Intelligence officer. He is the source of all photo requirements.

After training in map using locally, reinforcements encounter considerable difficulty in using European maps which are not as accurate as our Canadian training maps. Air photos, most accurate of form and supplying a wealth of up to date detail that no map can equal, constitute an ideal supplement.

In Sicily, as F/L Brown points out, the landing areas for the Americans, Canadians and British were photographed from a low level and every platoon commander, before leading his men in, had a picture of the type of ground he had to cover. The information obtainable from these photos was surprising. From a height of 30,000 feet a mine field would show up distinctly.



Aerial photograph taken during a raid by "heavies" from an RCAF Bomber Group in Britain. One of the Canadian Halifaxes can be seen above the smoke-hidden target, while the bomb craters elsewhere in the picture testify to the accuracy of earlier attacks.

Col. Roosevelt's photo-reconnaissance wing when operating at El Alamein with General Montgomery, made a rough mosaic of air photos of the entire German battlefront. The pictures, taken with very high-powered cameras, all but showed the make of each gun used by the enemy. At a specified moment, Montgomery, with his heavy artillery pieces pointed exactly at every German gun position, opened fire and—bang went the Germans. At this point, the tide of the struggle turned in favour of the Allies.

To demonstrate the superiority of pictures over visual reconnaissance we cite an episode involving photo-flyer F/L Maloney. Returning from a routine job one day, Maloney spotted what appeared to be an enemy merchant vessel of not more than 3,000 tons headed toward Tunis, then under siege from both sides by the Allies. When the photo was developed it showed a camouflaged tanker of 10,000 tons, which carried 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 gallons of gasoline. They went out and got that tanker, which if it had got through to the fuel-parched Germans, would have caused very serious trouble.

In the South Pacific, Colonel Hollstein, photo officer for the Air Command of the entire Solomons area during November, 1942, when the Americans and Japanese were slugging it out on Guadalcanal, pushed through his large-scale job of photographing enemy areas, installations and shipping. Though the jungle trees effectively screened any activity on the ground, along the edges of the jungle the individual Jap foxholes could be picked out. However, the principal items of intelligence in that area were



ship movements and airports. Where photo interpretation was impossible except along the edges of the dense jungle, it was extremely valuable on the Jap fleet and air force.

There were occasions when the "Tokyo Express" (Japan's supply convoy) would get into Shortland Harbour. The 'photo-flyers' would go out and photograph the area. As soon as they landed, the pilots would give a visual report to the Bomber Command, outlining the location of the ships. By the time the bombers were ready to take off each was assigned individual ships as targets and individual photos showing the ship and its position in the convoy. Incidentally, the Japanese used a similar arrangement when they attacked Pearl Harbour.

Our Navy makes ingenious use of aerial photographs. Using small-scale plaster of Paris models to plot fleet manoeuvres, they refer to their pictures and select channels practically eliminating the danger of running aground in unfamiliar waters. Such precautions are of unlimited value, for example, in mining enemy harbours.

At one stage, Shortland Harbour was mined one evening. The very next morning, the Japanese ran a small task force in there and lost four of their ships.

Photo-reconnaissance plays a definite part in the activities of all three branches of the service.

For the Air Forces, bomb-damage assessments can be made of airdromes, harbours, factories, power installations and railroad yards. New targets can

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These aerial photographs taken by RCAF air reconnaissance aircraft of a strip of territory show, when overlapped, and pieced together, a "Mosaic," of a variety of military objectives for bombers to handle later in their own particular manner. Standing out with remarkable clarity, are a river, railway lines and marshalling yards, shipping at docks and in river inlets, vital bridges, factories, storage dumps, and other choice targets. It was, from such "mosaics" as this, that the Allied air forces were able to do such a devastating job on enemy territory on and after D-Day.

The Origin of the Tank and the Armoured Corps

(Editor's note: The material for this article was obtained from notes prepared by Major G. P. L. Drake-Brockman, DSO, MC, with necessary amendments by senior officers of the Corps.)

In order to stimulate morale and Esprit de Corps within a Unit it is necessary that all ranks should have a knowledge of the tradition, history and background that went into making it the Unit it is.

From the days of the South African War and particularly after World War I, a number of close affiliations grew up between British and Canadian regiments and battalions which resulted in many instances in the Cdn. unit adopting some of the customs, badges, colours or "march past" of the mother unit as it were.

During the years of peace these affiliations are kept alive through correspondence and the inter-visits of individual officers and other ranks of either unit.

Since the outbreak of the present war, many Canadian units have had the opportunity of visiting and being entertained by their affiliated regiments in England or vice-versa.

This applies in particular to units of the Canadian Armoured Corps whose association with British units has been a close one, firstly between the 1st Canadian Tank Bttn. (formed in 1918 but never saw action as such) and the Tank Corps in World War I, later with the Canadian Armoured Fighting Vehicles School (formed in 1937) and the Royal Tank Regt., and since this war started between this latter unit, the newly formed Royal Armoured Corps and the C.A.C. Both the latter corps embracing Cavalry and Infantry regiments converted to Armour during this war of mechanization.

The Origin of the Tank

The tank is a comparatively new weapon in warfare being employed in battle in 1916 for the first time. It is therefore necessary to go back to the days of World War I in order to make a complete survey of the whole subject, (a) the development of the tank and (b) the growth of the Armoured Corps both British and Canadian.

By the end of 1914 the opposing armies on the Western Front had constructed formidable and complicated lines of trenches extending from SWITZERLAND to the North Sea. These trenches were in great depth and were protected by heavy wire entanglements covered by fire from a large number of MGs. A successful attack could only be made against these trenches frontally by Infantry supported by intense arty fire on an enormous scale which was designed to destroy the barbed wire entanglements and the MGs that protected them. Unfortunately, during this process two things happened.

- (1) The bombardment which preceded the battle warned the enemy where the attack was coming, i.e., the value of surprise was lost.
- (2) The intensity of arty fire created a network of craters over the area of the attack which in wet weather, or where the surface drainage had been destroyed, reduced the terrain to the status of a bog so that the attacking Infantry could only advance over it with difficulty.

The great battles fought on the Western Front during 1915 and 1916 lasted for months and produced enormous casualties, while the actual progress in terms of captured ground was slight, (e.g. Battle of the Somme July-December 1916. Maximum advance 10 miles on a frontage of 25 miles. Casualties 520,000 men).

A situation such as this eventually amounted to a deadlock and at that time it seemed likely that the war would end in favour of the powers who could stick the casualties the longest.

The problem therefore was how to devise some means of breaking through the enemy's positions which would

- (a) Destroy the enemy's barbed wire and MGs.
- (b) Effect surprise.
- (c) Not destroy the surface of the ground and make it impassable for the Infantry.

The "Tank Idea"

A study of warfare from the earliest times reveals the fact that victory on the battlefield has gone to the army which could do the following better than its opponent.

- Produce the greatest volume of accurate fire (fire power).
- Move faster (mobility).
- Protect itself so as to avoid casualties (protection).

Examples: English Archers. Hundred Years War. Genghis Khan's Horsemen. 13th Century. Wellington's Army. Peninsular War 1808-1814.

In modern times as far as naval and air warfare are concerned, the battleship and the aeroplane are the latest.

Early in 1915 a certain R.E. officer, Col. SWINTON (now Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton) set about applying these principles towards a means of ending the existing deadlock. He reasoned out the problem on the following lines. How could a vehicle be produced which would be able to travel across country, carry guns and at the same time provide protection for the gun crews. For the first, devel-

opment on the lines of the agricultural tractor with sufficient power suggested itself; for the second, the armament mounted on the vehicle, while protection in shape of armour to the maximum weight the power unit of the veh could propel seemed to be the solution to the third.

Technical difficulties at the time were considerable. Mechanical engineering compared to present day standards was still in its infancy. However, Col. Swinton went ahead, incorporated his ideas in blue print and submitted them to the War Cabinet, who were, unfortunately not convinced regarding the practicability of the proposals.

However, fortunately for the British Empire, there was one minister who had sufficient imagination and foresight to realize there were possibilities in the scheme, he was Mr. Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Churchill handed these plans over to the Chief of Naval Construction and after certain modifications, the first pilot model of the tank was produced in February, 1916. Shortly afterwards, the tank completed its first trials successfully and orders were issued for the production of 150, Mk I Tanks as they were called.

This first tank was aptly named "Mother" and it is still preserved in the museum of the Royal Tank Regt at Bovington Camp in England.

Design of the Original Tank

The original hull of the tank was designed primarily to meet the exigencies of trench warfare and as such cross country and climbing capacity were important factors. For this reason, Col. Swinton discovered that mechanically, the hull, if in rhomboid* form, would produce the best results. This shape has the following advantages:

- (1) The centre of gravity "C" would be low down and central. This would reduce the risk of overturning.
- (2) The overall track riding over a driving sprocket "F" and an idler wheel "A" and set at the maximum height above the ground, provided the maximum climbing capacity.
- (3) The large area and length of track base "B" in proportion to weight and bulk provided a low sinkage ratio and ability to cross obstacles.
- (4) The construction of sponsons "G" on the sides of the tank would enable increased armament to be carried with wide arcs of traverse.

It is from the shape of the original tank that the CAC Arm Badge takes its origin.

PARTICULARS OF MK I TANK:

Weight—30 tons.

Crew—1 officer and 8 ORs.

Armour—14 mm.

Armament—2-6 pr : 4-.303 Lewis Guns.

Length—28 ft. Width—(less sponsons) 9 ft.

Height—8 ft. Width of Track—18 in.

*RHOMBOID—Parallelogram with sides of equal length. Mechanically this shape is still the best one for a tank and it gives the best cross-country performance.

It is interesting to record that each tank was fitted with two 90 h.p. Tylor or Daimler Engines and two gear boxes. Operating the tank was a cumbrous procedure. Two "gears men" were placed in the after end of the tank to change gears, signals to do so being transmitted by taps with a hammer on the side of the tank. In order to turn the tank one gear box was put in neutral while the other operated and in order to assist the movement, two large steel wheels operated by lever were lowered to the ground to give extra purchase for turning. The maximum speed was only 3 m.p.h.

The armour was proof against ordinary rifle and MG fire but would not stop AP amn. H.E. shell fired by fd or heavy guns at any range would penetrate the hull, burst inside and cause much damage.

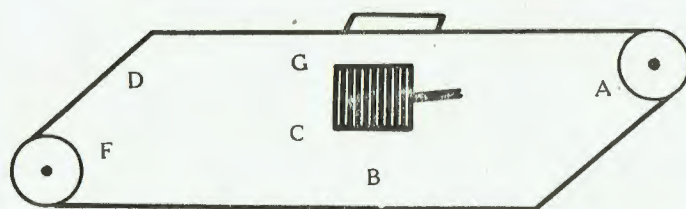
The petrol tank was situated above the driver's seat in the front of the AFV. This was a great disadvantage and was the source of many fires often resulting in the total loss of the tank.

Original Personnel

The personnel who manned the first Mk I's delivered for trials were naval RNVR ratings and each tank was given a name with prefix HMLS (His Majesty's Landship). By July, 1916, sufficient tanks had been delivered for training to start, so the Army relieved the naval ratings. The personnel consisted of officers and ORs mostly from the Machine Gun Corps. They were grouped into four companies and given the title A, B, C & D Coy, MGC (Heavy Branch).

The origin of the name "Tank" is interesting. In order to keep secret its identity, the AFV's were covered with tarpaulins and had the words "Water Tanks, Petrograd" painted on the outside.

Tank Construction Basic Principles



- (A) Height of (A) idler wheel or sprocket above ground level. Advantages of the overall track determines ability to climb vehicle obstacles.
- (B) Length of (b) track base and (c) centre of gravity (which should be amidships) determines obstacle crossing capacity. Centre of gravity should be as low as possible.
- (D) Power Unit. No. of H.P. determines speed and also climbing power, combined with (a).
- (E) Sinkage: Areas of Port and Starboard track bases divided into the weight of the tank in pounds equals sinkage. For practical purposes this should not exceed 10 lbs. per square inch of track base.

The Crossing of the Rhine

The Story of a Flag

At the end of the last war the Tank Corps was given the honour of leading the victorious Allied Army across the Rhine, armoured cars of the 17th Battalion Tank Corps being the first to cross the Hohenzollern Bridge at Cologne.

Colonel Carter, in the leading armoured car, flew the Tank Corps colours of brown, red and green, and this flag was preserved during the peace years in the Royal Tanks Corps Officers Mess at Bovington, together with a similar flag flown by General Sir Hugh Elles from his tank at the Battle of Cambrai.

As a matter of interest these colours were the original colours of the Tank Corps in the last war and are symbolic of the breaking of the Hindenburg Line (Cambrai, Nov. 20, 1917). The BROWN signifies the mud of Flanders, the RED represents blood and the GREEN the green fields behind the enemy's line.

In 1917 General Sir Hugh Elles decided on the now famous Tank Corps colours, brown, red and green—through the mud, to the blood and then to the green fields beyond. He found a quantity of silk of the appropriate colours in a small draper's shop in St. Omer and sent this home to his wife, who made three silk flags. Of these, the first used in action is the best known, that carried on General Elles' tank 'Hilda' at Cambrai on 20th November, 1917. The second—the actual flag of the story above—was taken over the Hohenzollern bridge by Lieut.-Colonel Carter in 1918. The third remained in General Elles' possession: it was destined for Berlin. Over a period of 28 years the silk had become tattered. Recently it was skilfully repaired by the Royal School of Needlework and was handed over to General Briggs at the Cambrai Day luncheon in 1944. This flag is now with B.L.A. and destined for the first R.T.R. unit to enter the city.

In this war, the same flag and a unit of the same Corps which led the advance across the Hohen-

zollern Bridge in 1918 again led a victorious British Army across the Rhine.

This time, the 4th Battalion Royal Tank Regiment was entrusted with the honour of seeing that the flag accomplished its historic mission a second time. This Battalion was equipped with Buffaloes for the Rhine crossing, and the Regiment was thus again able to be in the lead in spite of having no bridge to cross.

At 9 p.m. on the night of the 23rd March, 1945, in brilliant moonlight, the leading wave of Buffaloes of the 4th Battalion RTR entered the Rhine, carrying infantry of the 5/7th Gordons and the 5th Black Watch. By another strange coincidence these infantry battalions belong to the same Brigade of the Highland Division as was supported by the 4th Battalion RTR at the Battle of Cambrai in 1917.

The flag was carried personally by the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel A. Jolly, DSO, in the leading Buffalo of the left-hand troop of the left Squadron ("A" Squadron). This was the troop leader's Buffalo, commanded by Lieut. S. Millership. Other members of the crew were L/Cpl. W. Davies (driver), Tpr. W. Marsh (gunner) and Tpr. J. J. Tyler (wireless operator).

At four minutes past nine the craft touched down on the enemy bank one mile west of Rees and the flag was unfurled.

It has now been returned to Bovington, and it is to be hoped that it will not again be disturbed by the necessity for crossing the Rhine a third time in similar circumstances.

On July 11th last Sir Hugh Jamieson Elles, "admiral of the tanks," who led 450 British tanks into battle at Cambrai in 1917, and gave us our colours, died at his home in London at the age of 65. In 1937, to facilitate War Minister Leslie Hore-Belisha, Sir Hugh resigned from the Army Council to make way for younger blood. His memory will forever be cherished by Armoured Corps personnel.

Armoured Units Will Retain Identity

Regiments of the 1st and 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigades will retain their identity for repatriation to Canada, although the brigades are being disbanded in the current shuffle of the Canadian Army overseas. It was reported previously that the Ontario Regiment of Oshawa, the Three Rivers Regiment and the Calgary Regiment, which form the 1st Armoured Brigade; the Fort Garry Horse, of Winnipeg; the 1st Hussars of London, and the Sherbrooke Fusiliers, which form the 2nd Armoured Brigade, would lose their identity, but instead they are being absorbed as units into the 4th and 5th Armoured Divisions. All of these units except the Fusiliers at one time did their armoured training at Camp Borden.

B.C. Dragoons Honoured

The British Columbia Dragoons—9th Armoured Regt—has been affiliated with the famous Royal Inniskilling Dragoons of the British Army, Defence Headquarters announced recently. Both active and reserve battalions of the B.C. Dragoons share this honor.

The 9th Armoured Regiment assumed this name after a number of changes during recent years. It is the perpetuating unit of the famous 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles of the First Great War. As a non-permanent active militia unit and for the first few months of this war, it was known as the British Columbia Dragoons. Then it became the 5th Motor Cycle Regt, and on reorganization overseas it was named the 9th Armoured Regt and fought in Italy and Northwest Europe.

The Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

by Major R. E. Ralph



Awounded man is evacuated! He gets hit, somebody looks after him, he gets well (most of them do, you know) and that is that.

A short paragraph, isn't it? But what a lot of ground it covers. What a lot of organization, administration and training there is in that simple paragraph. And here at A-22 it has been our job to train Medical Corps personnel with that one object in view—to see that a sick or wounded soldier gets the best medical care possible, no matter what the difficulties.

Development of the Medical Corps: For two hundred years after the formation of the British Army, medical arrangements for campaigns followed no ordered plan. The public showed an almost incredible indifference to the man who was hired to fight. It was not until the Crimean War that a start was made to provide the Army with a Medical Corps. Originally known as the Hospital Conveyance Corps, it enlisted unemployed pensioners who were given no special training with the inevitable result that it proved a complete failure. Following this, in 1857, there was formed the Army Hospital Corps, composed of medical officers, NCO's and privates. Training was carried on so successfully that the corps received special mention more than once during the campaign and the present day medical set-up, to some extent, is based on their original ideas. However, it was not until 1898 that the RAMC was established by royal warrant signed by Queen Victoria. The RCAMC closely follows the pattern of the RAMC, being known in 1914-18 as the CAMC, changed RCAMC in 1922.

At the beginning of the European phase of the present war, it was soon apparent that the 1914-18 organization had no place in mechanized warfare. The Dieppe show also proved that something had to be done, so in 1942 the Hargtill Committee, sitting in London, changed the set-up to the present one. A-22, originally in Ottawa, but changed to Camp Borden shortly after the beginning of the war, switched immediately to the new training and ever since has been the Corp Training Centre for the whole of Canada. Originally situated in No. 3 Trg. Regt line, A-22 moved to its present location in June, 1943.

Functions:—The RCAMC is responsible to the Army for certain things. They train men to (a) collect, treat and evacuate the sick and wounded, (b)

maintain the health of the Army by strict attention to hygiene and sanitation. That last point is particularly important at the moment because we know that by far the greatest number of casualties in the Pacific Theatre has not been caused by the Jap, but by disease, to a large extent preventable by the man himself.

Personnel:—The RCAMC soldier must be a physically fit soldier and must not be below grade 2 Pulhem for operational duties. He has to render first aid, evacuate casualties, use a map, protect himself and casualty from gas, assist in Field Ambulance, Field Dressing Station, Casualty Clearing Station, Advanced Surgical Centre and Base Hospital duties and, also to assist the Medical Officers in the discharge of their duties.

Training at A-22 CAMC TC:—The average recruit, when he comes to A-22, has completed Part I of his training and comes to us for a further 8 weeks to complete his Part II which should fit him for his duties in the Medical Corps. He is allocated to one of the Training Companies and his medical education begins. Drill is carried on just as vigorously as it ever was in Part I training because those of us who were overseas are quite convinced that there is nothing to instill discipline like drill, done well and properly. The question is often asked as to why so much emphasis is placed on drill in the Medical Corps. The above is a partial answer. Another reason is that it all goes to the making of a soldier and, as in the present day set-up, the Medical personnel are working right up forward, unless they are a soldier, they may become a preventable casualty. Besides that, our drill is designed to teach the man how to conduct himself correctly on parade as an individual and in a group, it enables numbers of men to be moved from one place to another quickly and quietly. It teaches the man to synchronize his actions with those of others, as he certainly must do.

Has anyone ever tried to carry a loaded stretcher any distance at all? If so, it is brought home that a high degree of physical fitness is required. So, the PT course is fairly stiff as far as conditions allow. An attempt is made to keep it on the par with PT in other branches of the Service. This includes the obstacle training and controlled run. Why? Try and carry a stretcher over rough ground without the necessary training.

Route marches, short and fast, are an integral part of training. It is not often that a medical unit

would have to be on the march all day long. But it may be required to get someplace in a hurry so the emphasis is placed on route marches not much over ten miles.

Considerable attention is given to PAG and medical aspects of chemical warfare. As long as the war lasts, the everpresent spectre of gas has to be taken into consideration and the recruit receives a thorough training in how to look after himself and a wounded man during a gas attack.

Map Using is drilled into the trainee until it is second nature for him to look at a map and mentally visualize the difficulties to be overcome in evacuating a wounded man. In that respect, our teaching of map using is not quite the same as other corps. We are concerned in how to get people back, and not forward and the problems are sometimes quite acute. Also, it is pointed out to the recruit that he is receiving specialized training. If he is a hundred miles away because of faulty map reading, his services are not of much use, either to himself or to anybody else.

Security, Military Law, care of equipment, pay and allowances, etc., are all taken care of under the heading of fundamental training. It is realized that in some cases it is just a rehash of what the recruit already had in Part I but some of the material is deemed so important that it is worth while emphasizing it.

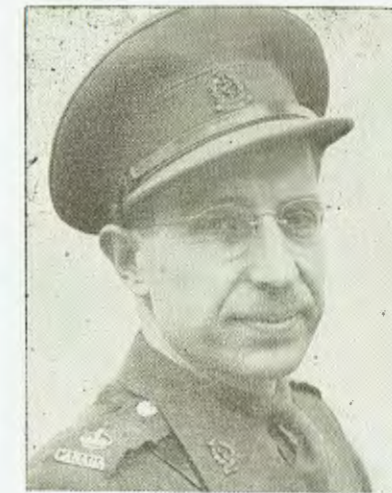
Night vision and night training, field craft and camouflage, are all important particularly to Medical Corps personnel. It is not any fun to be bombed or machine-gunned by the enemy when busily engaged in tying up a soldier's wounds.

Stretcher drill and first aid naturally receive the most attention. St. John Ambulance method, although good, is not, in our opinion, particularly applicable to the Army, so we have developed our own methods. Battle first aid is not taught because



It's not "rock-a-bye-baby," but an improvised portable stretcher created under battle conditions in the Tioga area by the RCAMC. A wounded man can be transported with ease this way.

The Chief Instructor



MAJOR R. E. RALPH

Meet Major R. E. "Bob" Ralph, Chief Instructor at A-22, RCAMC, and author of this article. Major Ralph tackled the job of doing a story as well as he ever felled an opponent from his outside wing post on the Queen's "U" football squad. He had just returned from Italy when this photo was taken.

every front line soldier should receive adequate instruction in that—rather the fundamental principles behind the lessons are emphasized and re-emphasized so that the 80 periods should leave the soldier with the feeling that no matter what the circumstances calling for first aid he will be fully competent to meet them. It is our aim to so instill the principles of first aid in the recruit that it will be automatic for him to do the right thing at the right time.

The Nursing Orderly course is designed to teach the basic principles of nursing care, and the care of casualties in the field. It is not designed to train male nurses, but rather to train men to be of use in medical and surgical units. Some overseas veterans of the Mediterranean show may remember the malaria and jaundice cases that the Field Ambulances handled. At that time we did not have our own Canadian Casualty Clearing Stations in action which meant that any soldier evacuated back of the Field Ambulance and Field Dressing Station level was lost to the division for a period of weeks and perhaps months. So units there were only supposed to look after 150 patients at the most turned to and looked after well over 400, all malaria and jaundice. This meant that 95 per cent of the personnel had to fill in as nursing orderlies, so the importance of the subject is definitely stressed to the recruit.

Hygiene and Sanitation is definitely stressed and is handled by a separate part of A-22, known as the School of Hygiene and Sanitation. Particularly at the present time, emphasis is being placed on personal protection against the two dread diseases, malaria and dysentery as well as the other numerous tropical diseases because all we can do is to teach the man what to do and what to try and get others to do. The rest is up to the man himself.

Organization of the Medical Services in the Army is an interesting subject to the recruit and a general knowledge of the organization of the Canadian Army is also taught. Tabloid sports, current



It looks like a real shot from overseas, but it was actually taken at Borden. All pieces of equipment, including the boat, were made with record speed by the recruits in training.

events, mess tin cooking, quartermaster problems, all receive a certain amount of attention. For the instructors there is a training aids room, and for the personnel, an information room and hobby shop. The recruits' eight weeks stay is made as pleasant as possible with due regard to discipline. What probably interests them more than anything else though, are the practical schemes. Here they are really on their own. Outside for from three to seven days, they live and carry on their duties as if they were in actual action. Practice evacuation schemes are carried out across rivers, up cliffs, through bush, with smoke, tear gas, thunder flashes, mines, all adding to the excitement and realism. The scheme area for this year is in the Tioga district along Pine Creek where the underbrush is so thick that one doubts whether or not the original Indian inhabitants of the country ever got through. It is a good training for jungle warfare, though. Practical map using schemes with compass are also carried out in that area and after a few of those, the boys are never afraid again of getting lost! Probably also the use of 60 cwt. lorries as ambulance cars is one of the most interesting pieces of work that they are shown. Merely by the use of slings, an ordinary lorry may be converted into a very handy ambulance. A jeep also, may be converted into a two-man ambulance merely by setting up the collapsible framework which is carried on the side. In that way, the usefulness of the vehicle is not impaired as it may be used as an ordinary jeep most of the time and when the occasion arises, be converted into an ambulance jeep in a matter of minutes.

An important phase of the training at A-22 is the qualifying class for Medical Officers. Strange as it may seem, the knowledge of medicine that the average medical officer has, is still not all that is necessary for him to be successful in the Army. Before his commission is confirmed, he must qualify at A-22 and it is not any secret that every class finds at least one and sometimes more who have to repeat.

We hope to turn out medical officers at A-22 who can take a platoon and drill it and make a fair showing; who can claim to be fairly expert in the use of a map; have the latest knowledge of MCW at their fingertips; can hold up their end at military law; and, in short, be so expert and have so much knowledge of army ways that they may make the best possible use of their knowledge of medicine. Although their course only last five weeks, they go out on practical schemes in which they are required to do everything themselves. Nothing is done for them—they acquire knowledge by doing, so that when they do command men, they never have to order them to do something that they have not already done themselves.

Organization:—The organization of the RCAMC in the field has great emphasis placed on it in training. Farther back, on line of communication and in base hospitals it becomes more and more of a strictly medical show in which the knowledge of medicine is all-important. In the field, however, a medical officer must also know his army. The only representative of the RCAMC with a battalion is the RMO—he must select and train his regimental stretcher bearers himself from unit personnel. His stretcher bearers have a dangerous job to do and a fair share of M.M.'s have been handed out to them. His only vehicles is a 60 cwt. but quite often a jeep is loaned to him from the unit for use as a stretcher jeep as required. Farther back, anywhere from 200 yards from the RAP to two miles, is the CCP or Casualty Collecting Post. It is responsible for the evacuation of casualties from the RAP. Usually composed of 23 all ranks, it is 1/3 of a Field Ambulance Company. The HQ of the Field Ambulance forms the ADS—and



Army Medical personnel practice camouflage and commando tactics if necessary in action. A last minute check of equipment is made before zero hour.

this is where formal documentation of a casualty begins. The ADS is one or two miles behind the CCP and usually sends most of the casualties needing shock treatment or surgery to the Advanced Surgical Centre, composed of a Field Dressing Station for the nursing care of the wounded, a Mobile Surgical Unit for emergency surgery and a Mobile Transfusion Unit for the treatment of shock. The casualties who do not need this sort of treatment are carried direct by the Motor Ambulance Convoy to the Casualty Clearing Station, another 5 to 10 miles back. All casualties eventually find their way back to a base hospital or, and this is important, if their condition improves sufficiently at any stage of the evacuation they may be short circuited to a Rest Camp and from there placed in the reinforcement stream again.

Training Personnel:—The officers and NCO's in charge of training all have Overseas experience in the majority of cases. Col. C. V. Ward is Commandant of A-22. As a member of the 9th Field Ambulance, he went Overseas with the First Division. Subsequently he went to Corps HQ as DADMS and from there, after over three years Overseas, back to Ottawa as AMD 6. In the latter part of '43 he came to Borden as CO of A-22 and still is with us. 2 i/c and OC School of Hygiene is Lt.-Col. Scott from Picton. Overseas in late '40, he looked after a Field Hygiene Section, subsequently going on the Mediterranean show and winning a MBE for his outstanding work in hygiene and sanitation at Ortona. He came to A-22 in the Fall of '44 and is still at the School of Hygiene. 2 i/c of the School of Hygiene is Major Sharpe. On the staff of Connaught Lab., enlisted and went overseas at the beginning of the war. He was commissioned as a Stretcher Bearer Officer and came to A-22 late in 1943. Acting as Chief Instructor at the moment at Major R. E. Ralph, an old rugby associate of ye editor, Ab Hulse, of Queen's fame. Major Ralph had just started practice in Toronto but when war started, wandered into the Automotive Building at the Exhibition and became one of the original M.O.'s of A-10. Went overseas shortly after, became involved in the Mediterranean show and came to A-22 on a tour of duty a year ago. In charge of the Training Company is Major P. A. Belanger. From Ottawa, he proceeded overseas with the 23rd Field Ambulance, came home on exchange and came to A-22 last Fall. Major Blecker, Administrative Officer for the Unit comes from Toronto and was originally with the H. and P.E. He straightens out the red tape tangles that are bound to occur every so often. CSM Kilvert of the Officer's Company is another First Division man and really makes them sit up and take notice. Kilvert is a Westerner and all that that means! CSM Chambers of the Training Company is from Jamaica and is a shining example of the model soldier. Recently returned from the Drill and Duties course at Long Branch and does he ever put them through their paces now. Three old sweats with the unit, all old Black Watch men, are Capt. D. MacDonald, Wellington and Armstrong. Capt. MacDonald, a prisoner of war in the 14-18 show, was overseas until they caught up with him

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The War Bore

By Major D. E. Harker

I have been asked to write another story for The Tank Magazine.

And because I am rather scared of the Editor, my pen is once again in my hand.

What shall it be? An account of the day when I, with a smoking pistol in either hand, a wounded corporal over each shoulder, and a knife between my teeth, advanced alone and destroyed 15 Tiger Tanks? Or the story of how, single-handed, I wiped out an .88mm Anti-Tank gun and its crew, and then, whipping a screw driver from my small pack, removed the breech-block, tucked it under my arm and returned to my lines, whistling unconcernedly?

Perhaps I had better reserve those for the Pink Teas at which I shall doubtless preside on my return to civilian life.

I think that I shall substitute the story of the War Bore, and if it isn't just what you want, Mr. Editor, by the time it reaches you I shall be safe on Civvy street.

Have you ever met a War Bore?

He is the character who insists on remembering the forward slope of that Hill . . . the time when he told the Sergeant to go jump in the lake . . . that terrific Party . . . that Salient northwest of the canal . . . Ashtrays, matchboxes, pokers and rugs are strewn around the room to illustrate his exploits.

But memories are like photographs, highly personal property of little interest to those who do not share them.

Just how thrilled would you be if I showed you the photographs of my children, remarkable progeny though they are? I will admit that in moments of rare inebriation, I have produced them, only to re-

alize that the highly privileged spectator (poor goop!) sees in them three little scallywags exactly like Joe Doakes's.

It's the same with memories.

Maybe my story will begin:

"Well, when we got to the F.U.P. . . ." And as soon as I say, "F.U.P.", you will be saying to yourself,

"F.U.P.! By gosh, that reminds me of the time . . ." and from there on, you will be waiting your opportunity to plunge in and say (very rapidly) "Well, fancy that! But the time I shall never forget," (broadening out), "was when we . . ."

Whilst the guys who think an FUP is a kind of meat sauce will be politely sitting there, hoping our War will soon be over and they can go to bed.

Most of us will take from this war at any rate two good things—friends and memories. Neither should be exploited or abused.

We, who will soon be wearing again the old blue pants, the bowler hat and the canary-coloured socks, will do well to remember the poem William Shakespeare wrote for J. Caesar shortly after the battle of Waterloo--

Though you've a fund of memories galore,
The surest way to make a fellow snore
Is when you try to shake him to the core
With tales of Guts and Gore.
And though this bloody War
Has left you lame and sore.
We earnestly implore
That you will not ignore
The 12th Mosaic Law
"Thou shalt not be a bore."

D.E.H.

PHOTO USING

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also be pin-pointed. General Doolittle had each pilot and bombardier of his North African Strategic Air Force equipped with a photo of the target taken not more than 24 hours ahead of the bombing. The results—we don't have to outline them here.

For the Army, maps made from mosaics (overlapping strips of aerial photographs) are used in selecting potential landing areas on beaches, indicating mine fields, revealing roads for truck and tank passage, and showing enemy troop movement and disposition.

For the Navy, aerial photographic reconnaissance kept track of all shipping movements, convoy searches, and enemy sightings at sea.

Germany, a few years ago, stated that the country with the best photo-reconnaissance would win the war. The Allies might well today counter with "The country with the best photo-reconnaissance is winning the war."

When the struggle is over, aerial photography, with no limit to its possibilities, will turn to other fields. Already the Department of Highways in Canada are doing the bulk of their survey work with the aid of these photos. They will also play their part in the reconstruction program for devastated Europe. They represent an invaluable aid in speeding up the location of sites for any extensive building or rebuilding program.

THE OFFICIAL REPLY

A discharged soldier who had unpleasant memories of his military experience, took the first opportunity after resuming civilian clothes to write to his former colonel:—"Sir: After what I have suffered for the last four years, it gives me much pleasure to tell you and the army to go to blazes." In due course he got his reply:—"Sir: Any suggestion or enquiries concerning the movement of troops must be entered on Army Form 2132, a copy of which I enclose."

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The Canadian Grenadier Guards

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By WO1 (RSM) Frank Blackman

On Sept. 19, 1760, two weeks after the British Army took possession of Montreal, Gen. Amherst, the first British Governor of Canada, instructed Colonel Haldimand to assemble the Militia of Montreal who had served under the French regime.

Tracing its origin from this body, in 1807, the first Battalion, Montreal Militia was organized.

From this Battalion the present Regiment, Canadian Grenadier Guards, is directly descended. In 1811, an order was issued raising the Battalion again, together with other units of the Montreal garrisons. The Commanding Officer was the Hon. James McGill, founder of McGill University.

In 1813 a detachment of the First Battalion was present with the British forces in a successful raid on Plattsburgh. The same year a Coy fought with distinction under De Salaberry at the Battle of Chateauguay. The Battalion was presented with colours by the Prince Regent for its services on this occasion.

In 1854 a special Company, called the Montreal Rifle Rangers, was formed. In 1855 a Defence Act was passed by which the Montreal Rifle Rangers were officially recognized, and became not only the senior Militia body in Montreal, but the senior VOLUNTEER unit in the whole British Empire. The Rangers were then absorbed into the First Bn, Montreal Militia, and eight other companies were quickly added.

No. 1 Coy (The Montreal Rifle Rangers) was composed of prominent citizens. Nos. 2 and 3 consisted largely of members of the City's Volunteer Fire Brigade. Nos. 4 and 5 were composed entirely of Irish Roman Catholics, No. 6 of Orangemen, No. 7 of Scottish Highlanders and Nos. 8 and 9 of French Canadians.

In 1859 these nine companies were formally gazetted as the First Bn., Volunteer Militia Rifles of Montreal.

In 1860, HRH the Prince of Wales, who was then in Canada, consented to give his name to the Bn, and it was forthwith called the "First or Prince of Wales Regiment, Volunteer Rifles of Canada."

During HRH's stay in Montreal, it furnished nine Royal guards.

A Coy of the Regiment served at Sandwich, Ontario, from December, 1864, to May, 1865, and in 1866 and 1870 the whole regiment was on active service in the Fenian Raids, but saw no actual fighting.

The Regiment was called out for active service

in the Northwest Rebellion of 1885, but as there were indications of renewed Fenian activity on the borders of the Province, it was kept under arms in Montreal.

In 1898 the "First Prince of Wales Rifles" and the Sixth Fusiliers amalgamated under the name "First Prince of Wales Regiment", Fusiliers, and HRH honoured the Regiment by becoming the honorary Colonel, retaining the appointment until his death.

The "First Prince of Wales" Regiment Fusiliers sent a detachment to the South African Campaign thus gaining for the regiment the battle honors South Africa, 1899-1900.

A further change took place when the Regiment was thoroughly reorganized in 1912. An unprecedented distinction was conferred upon it. By direct command, of HM King George V, it was named the Canadian Grenadier Guards, and was thus not only raised to the status of Household Troops (Maison du Roi), but was granted the actual name of the unit which is not only the Senior Regiment of the Brigade of Guards, but of all British Infantry.

In 1914 the Regiment first sent overseas sufficient Officers and men to constitute one third of the 14th Bn, CEF, and followed this up with one complete company to the 23 Bn CDF and another to the 60th Bn, CDF. In 1915 it raised a complete unit, the 87th Bn, CEF, which, by permission of HRH the Duke of Connaught, fought under its own name, "Canadian Grenadier Guards." Finally, the 245th Bn, CEF, CGC, was raised under Lt.-Col. the Hon. C. C. Ballantyne. The Regiment thus practically furnished three Battalions for Canada's Overseas Forces.

The 87th Bn, CGG, made a splendid record with 4th Can. Div, and was one of the outstanding units of the Can. Corps. At the Somme, Vimy, Dracourt Oueant Line and Canal du Nord, it was selected to attack the most important of the German Defences, Regina Trench (Somme) Hill 45 (Vimy) Drury Mill (Dracourt-Oueant) and Bouston Wood (Canal du Nord). In the last named battle it made four separate attacks in five days and came out of action with only 125 left of all ranks. At Regina Trench it was the only Bn of the 4th Div called upon to make two attacks in the struggle which resulted in the capture of that defiant enemy stronghold. The Bn won a long list of honours and awards, among them Guardsman John Francis Young, VC, of Montreal.

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Ypres	1915-1917	Amiens
Festubert	1915	Drocourt-Oueant
Somme	1916	Canadian Nord
Arras	1917-1918	France and Flanders
Vimy	1917	1915-1918

In addition the Regiment has the following Battle Honors:

Mount Sorrell	Scarpe 1918
Ancre Heights	Sambre
Ancre 1916	Hindenburg Line
Souchez River	Pursuit to Mons
Hill 70	Valenciennes

The Grenadier Guards (Br) have shown a keen interest in their Canadian namesakes. The Lt.-Col. commanding wrote:

"We rejoice that the Canadian Grenadier Guards have so well maintained the glorious traditions of the name they bear, and our regret is that it has not been our good fortune to fight side by side during the War. The Regiment has watched with pride the splendid services rendered by their Canadian Brothers."

In 1923 with the gracious approval of HM the King, HRH the Prince of Wales was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. In 1924, HRH was given the rank of Colonel-in-Chief to bring the appointment into conformity with the custom of the Brigade of Guards. HRH first met the regiment when it furnished a Royal Guard of 100 men on his visit to Montreal.

The first time, however, that His Royal Highness saw the Regiment after he had become Colonel-in-Chief, was on Aug. 1st, 1927, when it furnished a Royal Guard at the City Hall. The Guard of 100 men in full dress was under the command of Major H. D. Rolland. This was the first time that a parade bearing arms had worn the Guards full dress uniform in Montreal since 1865 when the British Grenadiers had a Bn stationed there.

In May 1939 the Canadian Grenadier Guards in association with the GGFH of Ottawa, with whom the unit is now brigaded in the 4th Armd Div. had the honour of Trooping the Colour before His Majesty, King George VI, on the spacious grounds of Parliament Hill. This was the first occasion on which a reigning British monarch had visited Canada, and the first time in the history of the Empire that the King's Colour had been trooped in His Majesty's presence, outside of England.

On June 3rd, 1940, the Regiment mobilized for Active Service under the command of Lt.-Col. M. F. Peiler, ED, with Major H. W. Rick as second in command. Major H. C. Griffith, ED, succeeded Major Rick as 2 i/c a few months later when the latter suffered a severe back injury. Major Rick was later appointed Commanding Officer of the GGFG. The height standard of 5'8" being rigidly adhered to it can readily be understood that the complete mobilization of the unit was a lengthy process.

In 1940 the Regiment was again honoured when it was ordered to furnish a Royal Guard to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada. This guard was reputed to be the best Montreal has ever seen. Each and every man was 6' or over.

The Regiment continued as infantry until the turn of 1942 when they were converted to an armoured regiment. The unit trained in the techniques of Armoured warfare in Debert and departed the shore of Canada in October the same year. Upon arrival in England they were met by the band of the Grenadier Guards (British) and marched to their new home. From there training proceeded at a rapid rate under the expert guidance of Maj.-General F. F. Worthington, CB, MC, MM. The invasion of Europe saw the Guards in action.

At this early date it is impossible to give an absolutely accurate list of honours, awards and casualties, but the following is the latest information available:

DSO	4 Officers	OBE	2 Officers
MC	2 Officers	Men. Des.	8 Officers 1 WO
DCM	1 Sgt. 1 Gdsm.	MBE	4 Officers
MM	2 Sgts.	C in C Certificate	
	1 Officer 1 WO II	C. de G. (with palm)	1 Off.
	2 Sgts. 1 Cpl.	C. de G.	1 Off.

	Off.	OR
Killed	16	60
Wounded	28	120
Missing		12

Further distinction was brought to this Regiment when Sgt. M. Horowitz won both the DCM and the MM. Sgt. Horowitz was the first Jewish Canadian to win both these awards and was truly an inspiring leader and soldier. He later died of wounds sustained in battle in a POW camp.

The second Bn of the Canadian Grenadier Guards was mobilized on the 28th June, 1940, with Lt.-Col. H. D. Rolland as Commanding Officer, and Major A. C. Barwick as 2 i/c. The regiment continued to train as Infantry on a laid down syllabus from NDHQ at the Regimental HQ in Montreal.

The Easy Way

"Taking the easy way out" has a bad reputation, because it's usually associated with a person who is lazy or weak and takes the easy way instead of the BEST way. But there are times when the easy way IS the best way. A good example of that is in the performance of Preventive Maintenance service in the Army. For it's a lot easier to tighten a few nuts than it is to replace a whole assembly that's been damaged because the nuts weren't tightened. It's a lot easier to keep a battery filled with electrolyte than it is to put in a new battery. It's a lot easier to keep a rifle clean than it is to fix it when it jams—especially if you're under fire when it jams! So here's your chance to do something you've always been told not to do—take the EASY way out. Use PREVENTIVE Maintenance.

G.O.C's. "Good Neighbour" Shoot Sets New Record For Contestants

Month by month since its inauguration by Maj.-General F. F. Worthington, last year, the Command Skill-at-Arms contest has shown increased entries and increased interest throughout Camp. The seventh GOC's shoot called the "Good Neighbour" shoot, in honor of the natal day of our great American ally, July 4th, was the most successful yet held, and greeted with a warm sun, and ideal firing conditions the meet attracted the largest number of entries ever to compete, and a fair-sized gallery.

For months past it has been no secret that the personnel from the Canadian Armoured Corps have walked off with the Lion's share of prizes, and while the seventh contest saw CAC representatives excel all down the line, the list of the major prizes was more evenly divided than in any other shoot, the Infantry, and Provost Corps providing especially stern opposition.

Capt. W. "Chick" Calder of NCO's School was the only Corps representative to take any of the individual honors, winning the Junior Officer's rifle award with a perfect score. In the Senior Officers' class, although Col. F. Scott of A-10, CITC, won first, the remainder of the prize money went to Armoured Corps Officers. Major Harry Barr, of No. 3 CACTR, once again finished in second place a scant one point behind the winner.

It was in the team prizes that the black beret boys really went to town, and these awards after all, are probably the most indicative of general training. "A" Squadron of No. 1, CACTR, reached the limelight for the first time by winning the combined Bren-rifle honors with a total of 559 points, a single point of NCO's School.

MT Regiment scored a smashing victory in the rifle team contest to annex the Borden Command shield for the fourth consecutive time, a record that will probably never be equalled in Camp competition. The team was composed of Sgt. Cameron N.G., Sgt. Herman J. F., Sgt. L. F. Farrley, Cpl. Ast E. J., L/Cpl. Elwood L. F., L/Cpl. Aldridge R. E., L/Cpl. Marcotte H. N., Tprs. Primeau S. P., Neilsen J., Rostitch E. G., Antilla H. H., Dalshaugh E. M., and L/Cpl. Puttinen L. F. Their victory is all the more remarkable in that despite the fact they are all trained soldiers, they receive very little time for actual practice on the range.

The meet was smoothly run under the direction of Major J. L. Stiver, OBE, GSO 2, and Capt. W. L. Jewell, GSO 3 (WT). Major-General A. C. Spencer, CBE, ED, the Camp Commander, was present most of the day and presented the winners with their awards. "It has been a great success," he commented on the meet.

RESULTS:

COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP SKILL AT ARMS:

1. "A" Sqn. No. 1 CACTR (559 pts.). 2. NCO's School, A-33 CACTE (558 pts.). 3. Trg. Coy., A-32 CPTC (540 pts.).

INDIVIDUAL RIFLE CONTEST (Small Arms Trophy)

1. Pte. McLean, R.D., A-11 CMGTC (113). 2. Pte. Cater, F., A-32 CPTC (109). 3. (tied), Pte. Finnerty, T. B., A-32 CPTC and Tpr. Eros, T. B., No. 3, CACTR (108).

INDIVIDUAL BREN CONTEST (John Inglis Trophy)

1. Cpl. Hall, R. R., A-19 CASCTC (136). 2. Cpl. De St. Remy, C. E., A-32 CPTC (104) and Pte. Eddington, K., A-11 CMGTC (104). 3. Sgt. Glass, M., No. 1 CACTR (102).

RIFLE FIRE AND MOVEMENT:

1. Pte. Fournier, J. A., A-10, CITC. 2. Pte. Prašek, L., A-32 CPTC. 3. Pte. Anderson, T. B., A-10 CITC.

TEAM CONTEST: (Borden Command Shield):

1. MT. Regt. A-33 CACTR (245). 2. MMG Wing A-11 CMGTC (241). 3. "A" Sqn. No. 1 CACTR (224). 4. "A" Sqn. No. 2 CACTR (220). 5. NCO's School A-33 CACTE (214).

COACHING CONTEST:

1. Pte. Colgan, V., A-11 and Cpl. Ostrosine A-10. 2. Tpr. Melville J., No. 3 CACTR and Cpl. Jackett, V., No. 2 CACTR.

JR. OFFICERS' CONTEST:

1. Capt. W. Calder, NCO's School, A-33 CACTE (60). 2. Lt. C. W. S. Forrest, A-10 CITC (58). 3. Lt. P. Baylen, A-10 CITC (55). 4. Capt. N. Alexander, 1, CACTR (54).

GOC's INVITATION MATCH TO SR. OFFICERS:

1. Col. F. Scott, A-10 CITC (62). 2. Major H. Barr, No. 3 CACTR (61). 3. Lt.-Col. F. Adams, No. 1 CACTR (58). 4. Major M. M. Philpott, No. 1 CACTR (57). 5. Lt.-Col. P. G. Griffin, A-33 CACTE (57).

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TARGET IN FRONT!



Capt. Fred Egan, the Camp Public Relations Officer, was present at the seventh GOC's skill-at-arms tournament, and went to work with his camera to good effect. **TOP ROW:** One of the members of the Infantry band demonstrates the theory that "the music goes round and round and it comes out here;" the Brens are loaded, and those serious looks in the background are because their turn comes next; Major-General A. C. Spen-

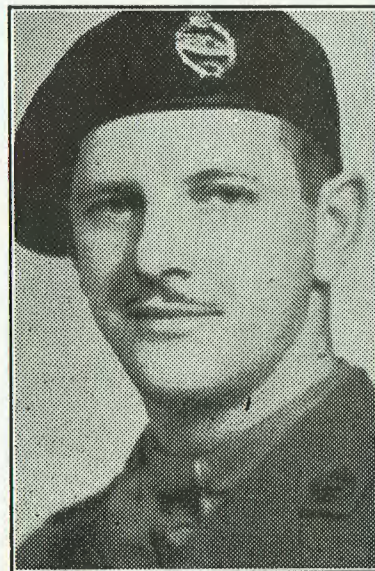
cer, CBE, ED, the Camp Commander, presents Lt.-Col. J. E. Wilkins of M.T. Regiment with the Borden command shield for team shooting. It marked the fourth straight occasion too; competitors kept abreast with things by means of scoreboards. These lads are still a bit puzzled by their placings; Col. F. Scott, of A-10, smiles happily as he accepts congratulations on winning the Senior

Officer's Rifle contest. **BOTTOM ROW:** The day was warm and sunny, and Sgt. J. F. "Fatso" Farrelly of M.T. Reg't. decided to beat Wasaga to it; Major J. L. Stiver, OBE, a former member of the Canadian Bisley team, was on hand at the "m'ke" to give the boys a few handy hints; Col. P. G. Griffin, DSO, the Corps Commander, watched the Armoured Corps personnel turn in a great

effort. He failed to repeat his triumph of May in the Senior Officers' shoot, but was in there for some prize money; Boom! went the drummer and he could twirl those sticks, too, as the band swung into action as the final returns were tabulated. **CENTRE:** The M.T. Regiment loll happily following the announcement of their win, the GOC concludes the meet with congratulations for all competitors.

Personality Parade

"Greatly Exaggerated"



Lieut. J. N. MacKinnon

Lt. MacKinnon is now on leave at his home in Barrie, and looks in the pink. Like The Tank, his family also were officially notified of his death.

Like the death of Mark Twain, that of Lt. John Norman MacKinnon, MC, reported in the "For Gallantry" section of the June Tank, was "greatly exaggerated." This magazine received from Public Relations in Ottawa the news of Lt. MacKinnon's death and the official listing carries the words "died of wounds."

On July 19, Lt. MacKinnon walked into the Tank offices with his old friend, RSM Nick Lystar, and we can testify, after feeling his hearty handshake, he is very much alive. He was wounded at Viens and for three hours rested on a slab in the mortuary of the 29th General Hospital as a casualty. "I fooled them all," he said.

New Auxiliary Services Officer

Command Headquarters at Camp Borden has announced the promotion of Capt. Nelson H. MacMillan, of Toronto and Alliston, to the rank of major and his appointment as Command Auxiliary Services Officer.

Major MacMillan was secretary of the Borden Central Committee for the Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Victory Loan campaigns.

Born at Toronto, he was educated at Malvern Collegiate and Port Credit High School. His wife, Mrs. Verna MacMillan, lives at Alliston, Ont.

Major MacMillan served two years with the RCASC 2nd Divisional Supply Company, NPAM, before he was commissioned in the Active Army early in 1942. Since then he has been at A-19 Canadian Army Service Corps Training Centre at Camp Borden. He has done extensive work in amateur theatricals and music, preparing scores and leading orchestras. He studied music at the Toronto Conservatory of Music.



Capt. N. H. MacMillan

The Heavenly Twins

Herb Young hails from Ottawa, and joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons on April 10, 1931. Spent seven years with the "Drags" at St. John, Que., and Toronto, and being an expert horseman, participated more than once in Gymhankas. Also was proficient at hockey. In April, 1938, was posted to London to the Canadian Tank School and came to Borden to the AFVTC. Along with Nick Lystar was one of the first two drivers to handle a Mark VI tank (quite a thrill, too). At A-8 CAC(A)TC and then overseas in '40 to the Armoured Corps School. Attached to the 2nd Gloucester Hussars for three months and then to the Royal Tank School at Bovington. Returned to Canada in 1941. Was created a WO2 at A-9 that year, and later became RSM of the Centre. Took over as RSM of T & S Wing upon its formation, and enjoys the distinction of having presided over the largest Sergeants' Mess in Camp (even Herb and his motorcycle found it hard to keep up with all the boys). Married, with one son, and intends to remain in the Permanent Force and teach the recruits how to do it the right way.



RSM "Herb" Young



RSM "Nick" Lystar

and fought among others Frankie Battaglia and Neil Cowie, as well as promoting bouts in Winnipeg. In 1937 was assigned to the Canadian Tank School at London, and here he hooked up with Herb Young and the two have been inseparable ever since. One of the veterans of the Armoured Corps was at the old AFV School, A-8, overseas, for advanced training, and became RSM of A-28 in 1942. Transferred to his present post at Wireless Wing in July, 1944. Presently resides in Allandale and is the proud father of two girls and a boy (born on Boxing Day). Likes the West best, but admits to never having lost a vote in elections since coming East. Hopes to join Canada's Pacific Forces shortly.

Nick Lystar is a native of Manitoba and proud of it. Enlisted at a tender age in October, 1923, with the Lord Strathcona Horse, and served under the present Corps Commander, Col. r. G. Griittin, DSO, who started him in ring activities which brought him the Manitoba lightweight championship in 1927 and sent him to the finals in the Dominion championships the next year. Transferred to the Princess Pats (PPC LI) in 1926. Turned professional in 1929

Sergeants

INSPIRED doubtless by a trip to Wasaga, FALSTAFF, the Tank's poet, dashed off the following:

Girls who wear flannel
The whole year through
Ich to get married
But seldom do.

Speaking of the summer paradise, how about that despatch that read WASAGA WOLVES SHEARED? Seems our good friends "Benny" and "Whitey" were taken over the jumps one Saturday night, and it wasn't by good samaritans. They came back sans dough, sans watches, sans everything. THE DEAD END KIDS, led by EDDIE BURKE, took BLACKMAN'S BUMS into camp over at No. 2 on the softball diamond, despite the fact that Frank had his proteges out for secret practice. ROLL OUT THE BARREL is the favorite song of the three-hookers at No. 2 every time they pass the Officers' Mess, as the score reads two empty kegs in favor of the "Sarges." The winning lineup included Art Greaves, Lefty Kline, Ed Burke, Frank Blackman, Jim Clarke, Earl Parks, Gib Whittamore, "Hack" Mansfield, Bill Baulch, Fred Filmore and "Dusty Roberts. Col. C. E. Parish did the hurling for the officers, but received poor support. IT'S A BOY at the menage of OSSIE JEWELL, and dad just was getting acquainted with the young fellow when he left on draft. BILL MERRICK, formerly of No. 3 and TSR, is reported as being with the occupation forces in Germany. SGT. L. H. Evans of MT Regt. has a new toast: "Here's to the pictures in my wallet. May they never meet." ROYAL YORK REVERIE: On one of those weekends one of our prominent swains was parked outside the men's beverage room, waiting for a friend, when he noticed a lady make several quick surveys of the mob. Always the gent, he politely asked: "Pardon me, but are you looking for a particular person?" She replied: "I'm satisfied if you are." STAFF McGLASHAN, the messing expert of No. 2-No. 3, is now at CS & TO JOHNNY GILBANK of No. 3 Army Examiners has transferred to A-19. BILLY DOWNS, ex-Ontario Tank and MT Wheel, is back in circulation in Toronto again.

SING US ANOTHER ONE DO? Well, we said we intended to publish one each month, so we won't stop now. Try this with your beer baritone:

"There was a young salesman named Phipps,
Who married on one of his trips,
A widow named Block,
Then died of the shock,
When he saw she had six little chips."

PROMOTIONS are still being made and we note, BILL WRIGHT to SSM; BILL SMITH and H. W. NEAL, celebrating their exaltation at Wireless Wing; DON CHAPMAN, acting RQ at No. 3, and new Sergeants W. P. CLARKSON, NORM WILLIAMSON, JIMMY LAVIN and BILL GRAHAM, also at "3." One promotion we had hope to be able to report hasn't come through yet, but all the boys are pulling for him, so all we can say now is HERE'S HOPING, PETE.

OUR SONG IS ENDED, but the melody lingers on, we hope. To you, and you, and you, au revoir, and happy hunting.

SWAN SONG IN C MINOR, or have you heard that with this issue this is the last time you'll get the lowdown on the above and below surface doings of the Corps three-hookers. 'Twas just a year ago my predecessor of blood, sweat and tears, ex-Editor Mel Sinn, sez: "See here, Angel, we need extra copy; how about dishing out the dirt about your buddies?" That was the first mistake we made, as each month's deadline came it was a case of "Pass the Aspirins, Falstaff." "Get me JACK LEWIS on the phone! Where in Tophet is that copy from ART GREAVES? Have NICK LYSTAR and TED YATES forgotten we exist? Hey, Joe, what do you know? Seems as how I must talk in my sleep, for the good frau knows those names as well as anybody else. "DON'T QUOTE ME, but I heard . . . ! THIS IS OFF THE RECORD, but did you know . . . ? And so help me if we didn't print it we were figured an old so-and-so. Good job we read that book by Dale Carnegie, for there always was a next time. And now furlough, and no Sergeant's copy for August. Why brother, this must be what that old crooner BILL KEEN means about THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET. But frankly, chums, we enjoyed it all. But space is a wastin' so let's go on with that LAST ROUND-UP.

QUARTERS BERT PERKS sails for England and the Perks estate next month, having given up the pay office ghost at No. 3, which means AL BETHUNE steps up a notch. We shall miss "Sir Basil," a doughty opponent at billiards, knock rummy and Mess meetings. SSM GEORGE JARVIS of MT Regiment is back in Oshawa now and doubtless able to give the technicians at GMC a pointer or two. SSM NICK NICHOLLS, another CAC veteran, and one time RSM at TSR, has a chicken ranch at Sudbury. SSM PAT PATTERSON, of Guards fame, is back at his sales job at Farnham. PQSSM BILL NEWTON of T & S Admin and A-8 is home again in London. Look at all those Sergeants too who hit the brass ring on this trip of the mad merry-go-round. C. C. PIPELLA, back to Calgary and the open spaces; BILL SHIELDS, back to Depot at MD 2; FRED SIMSON, veteran of seven years in India and a sojourn at No. 1, in metal work at London; REG PADBURY, a crystal gazer from Flood's Hall, watching the grass grow at MD 12; HARRY MAY, formerly of No. 2, now Rehabilitation Officer at Midland; STAFF VEATS of Corps HQ to one of those red plush Ottawa jobs. We heard you, sonny, but we don't know the answers, apparently.

WAY DOWN UPON THE SWANEE RIVER, well, not quite that far, but at least way down upon the banks of the Rideau Canal right now, headed as instructors for Canada's Armoured Forces for the Pacific, are some of A-33's finest. RSM JOCK SMITH of No. 3 heads the crowd, who include, among others, JIMMY BODDY, the CAC hockey flash; Aub Ransom, Fred Thomson, Bob Davidson, Ossie Jewell, George St. Lawrence, Gordy Bell, Hec McCulloch, Mike Keogan, Gord Cunningham, MQMS BILL LEONARD, Jimmy Murray, Max Loney, J. B. Butcher, Len Kerswill, George Elliott, S. E. Adams, Al McDonald, Fred Lusky, JOHNNY OLIVER, the eminent MC; George Payne, Bill Healey, Stew Betts, Bill Dunn, Eddie Lappan, SSM MOE EASY, of the Horses (no relation to Captain Easy); Doug Reeve, Al Thompson, George O'Brien, Blakey Blakeston, BRUCE McCUTCHEON, ye olde baseballer of D. & M; S. H. James, MQMS H. C. SAUNDERS. Hope we got them all, but that's a bit too much, perhaps, so soon after. THE TEARS (envy, regret, crocodile and honest-to-God) flowed copiously, and so did the suds, too, as the Messes dipped deep into the monthly profits to do the job properly. From now on you'll have to depend on the lads writing to get the hot news flashes.

MEAFORD

Since this high altitude gives me short spells of loss of memory, I will slyly glance into the Range score book to give you the latest, hot off the home plate, news of the boys who caper around the diamond while the white pill cavorts in the stratosphere. First, to summarize our main league in two words—"LEAGUE LEADERS." Yes, the Range team has slugged, stolen and talked themselves into the leading spot and, with a winning streak of four games under their belts, they look like they are going some place if Fletcher on third base could keep his eye off the blond half way down the base line. The boys of late have been playing top softball, backing up Sgt. Hockley and Cpl. Lisk, who have been pitching the type of ball that wins games. Besides this, we have our home league, which is also going great guns, namely, Tech. Wing, Sgts. Nuts and Snafus. Last of the seventh, two down, count three to two, bases loaded, the huge crowd is straining forth in their seats as the pitcher winds up and tosses the pill and the mighty Tpr. Dauphin goes down standing up, and slouching to the bench, utters these immortal words: "Aw, &%\$||, I let them have it or them cooks would have burned my grub for the rest of my life." The score was 27 to 9 favor Snafu's. Of course, Tech Wing had a lot of fellows on furlough. At the present time the Snafu's are leading the league by four points. Could it be Slim Newton's threat that anyone who doesn't bring in a run washes dishes for the rest of the month. Slim!!! This is a democracy. By the way, four very nice fellows who had the colossal impudence to umpire these games are now resting peacefully in the hospital.

The officers have a softball team, too. Shall I say more? Yes. A-11 officers, those nery fellows, challenged the mighty A-33 officers' team to a game of softball, no holds barred. With the doctor, an example of how to get an M.D. with a six-month correspondence course, holding down third base (in a sitting position), the doughty Rangers sallied forth to conquer. That game was the best example of how to miss a ball gracefully I have ever seen. I couldn't see the first baseman for cigar smoke, but I did see that shortstop. Lucky fellow, if he had been anywhere near where that ball was coming down he would have had four front teeth knocked out. He made sure he wouldn't miss it, so he opened his mouth, too. He missed it. By the way, our hardball team played an exhibition game last week. From all reports it was the best three-ringed circus that Thornbury has ever seen.

Joking aside, though, we have a very good group of sportsmen here on this Range who are solidly behind our sports program, and we have never had a postponed game, even though the fellows work late and hard.

The Range, now and for the past two years, has been a place where the boys in the Black Berets have come for their final gruelling test in extensive tank training. It will, in the near future, add a new department in the form of a recreation camp to be situated on the shores of Georgian Bay. With the sponsorship of Col. P. G. Griffin, DSO, Commanding Officer of Armoured Corps, plans are under way to establish a camp for the weekends where the boys who sweat around the 30-ton juggernauts may spend their weekend lolling in the warm sun beside the clear water of the bay. Voluntarily, and at no expense to themselves, they may come up to the Range and camp down by the bay and fulfill the ambition of all, which is to eat late, sleep late and play when you have the energy. I have talked with some of the boys who have already been up and they say that the time you have you would pay ten dollars a day for at a summer resort which could not be located in a more suitable spot.

The evil eye of the roving reporter falls this week on the impressive building across the road, reached by a beautiful winding drive which has more humps and hills than the rocky mountains. That screeching and banging is not the building falling down; it is only the boys in our combined wireless and carpenter shop working hard. First I drove up with my trusty vehicle to the front door, got out, and then sadly watched the air disappear from my front tire. It seems Tpr. Arneson had clumped across the road with one board over his shoulder with a nail in it (in the board), dropped the board and kept on walking, not even missing it. Hopping mad, I marched in the door to raise my voice in anger, but I was beat, 'cause Cpl. Bolong and Tpr. Elliott were arguing over possession of tools and a 75 going off would not have been heard. Cpl. Bolong and Tpr. Elliott are two of the oldest residents of the Range and have torn more buildings apart and put more together than anyone I know. Both Bolong and Elliott think they have the best job on the Range and cheerfully work on with not a word of grouching!!!

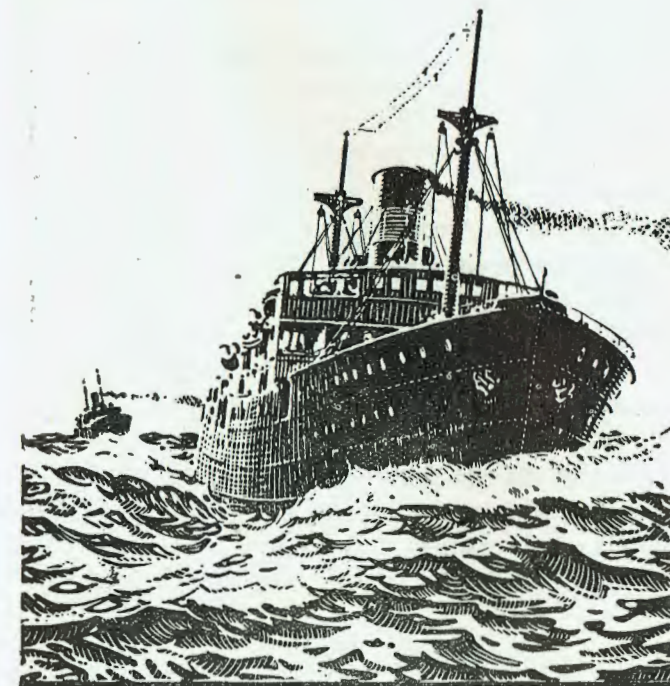
Officer 1/c of the works troop is Lieut. Bradshaw, who also does a good job as Range Sports Officer. "Brad" was a boxer of note in his home district and won a few middle-weight championships. At time of writing he is just getting over a badly sprained ankle received in a dive for first base in a league game.

The chaps who dip the brush and daub with different hues of the stuff that sticks to walls, are our two painters, Pte. Marcotte and Pte. Melanson, who are kept busy keeping the camp in the pink, or green, or cream, for that matter. The fellows whose daily job in the carpenter shop is to put all the tools in the wrong order on the wrong benches and sweep pieces of wood that Elliott has worked on for days and throw said pieces in the fire before Elliott can catch them, falls to Tprs. McCracken and Arneson. Tpr. Arneson also used to drive army vehicles.

In the screech and scream wireless shop there is never a dull moment, and how could there be with such characters as Cpl. Saulter, L/Cpl. Ripley and L/Cpl. Foster wandering around in a maze of dials and gadgets, radios, telephones and batteries of all sizes and descriptions. The Casanova Cpl. is, of course, Saulter, who wins the women, using the plans and techniques taught to him at length by Ripley and Foster. They also hold the shield for setting more telephone operators quivering with their sultry voices than anyone else during their sojourn as Range operators. Reigning over this dot-dash domicile is genial Sgt. "Charlie" Fecteau, who can be busy at more jobs at one time and get them all done than anyone I know. At the present time he is worrying his hair grey over a new wireless system that was invented by Rube Goldberg, with the assistance of Einstein, who wrote the instructions and threw in a bit of relativity. Wireless supervisor for the Range tanks is Sgt. George Fletcher, who is certainly a going concern whether he is working or not. His long frame takes him with equal ease in and out of tanks and around the bases for home runs. An ardent sportsman, exponent of the phrase "All work and no play makes Fletch a dull boy," he can be counted on to give all his energy to anything from decorating halls for dances, his specialty, organizing and taking part in all sports and blowing all the tubes out in my radio, in which pastime he takes a fiendish delight. L/Cpl. Alexander and Tpr. "Teapot" Kettles carry the tape and screw driver at No. 3 Regt.



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In the evenings, you would have drunk your fill of bad liquor in barrack canteens conducted by private contractors, often unscrupulous, who paid to the State a monthly sum called "privilege money" for the right to trade. This right was considered a rich prize, and large sums were offered which could be recovered only by excessive prices. The canteens were frequently dirty and ill-lighted hovels, notorious for their exorbitant charges and poisonous liquor—the cause of much drunkenness and crime.

Reforms were gradually introduced, and in 1917 the contractor system was finally abolished, and control of Service canteens taken over by the Navy and Army Canteen Board, operating on the principle that canteen profits should be returned to the Services in cash or amenities. In 1921 this principle was permanently established with the birth of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes—Naafi as it is to-day.

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Revealing the Rackets

Don't be a Sucker!

by A. R. HASKELL
General Manager
The Toronto Better Business Bureau Inc.

For the past year, with the end of the war with Germany, and the handwriting on the wall for Japan, the numbers of Armed Service personnel being discharged has been on the increase, and in the months to come by progressive steps, the numbers coming back to civilian life will increase manifold.

Going back to civvy street presents many and varied problems both to those being discharged, and those who look after the details. One of the greatest of these is to see that those discharged make the most of the opportunities offered them, and make good use of the cash they receive by way of gratuity allowances, clothing allowances and rehabilitation grants and credits, as well as deferred pay amassed by those who served overseas.

The vast majority of the public feel eternally grateful to our Armed Forces for the job they have done and the sacrifices they have made. Those of us who have not had the privilege of wearing the King's uniform can never fully repay them. However, there are always amongst us, in peace or war, a small percentage of misguided persons who seek to make a living off the other fellow illegitimately, and care naught who their victims may be. We call such persons, "racketeers," "sharks," "grafters," and "chisellers." The wolf may well be garbed in sheep's clothing, and appear to be an "Honest John" or "Holy Joe," to whom you could trust your last dollar, or confide your innermost secrets.

The experience of the Toronto Better Business Bureau over the past year, and the experiences of hundreds of service men and women who have been victimized by such persons, unfortunately bears out the truth that racketeers are no respecter of persons.

Such sayings as "forewarned is forearmed", and "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" may be dog-eared and tired, but our organization felt that in order to give the members of the Armed Forces full warning of what they may expect to find awaiting them unless they are on their guard, it was necessary to do some education work, and expose to the light of day, illegitimate and unfair business practices.

Talks have been given to members of the Army, Navy, RCAF and groups of CWAC at the various canteens and centres. Sixteen talks saw audience totaling over 2,000 persons. The radio has also been used.

Booklets and posters have been prepared and widely distributed and a separate department known as the Veterans' Assistance department with a veteran of this and the last war in charge was set up.

Experience has taught that your average service man goes for something short and to the point. He wants the meat with excess verbiage deleted, and our posters have been so designed that the advice given may be easily read, and we hope as easily made a part of the soldier's every day thinking. They contain the following information:—

(1) Don't give strangers information concerning your military service at home or abroad—whether you are married or single, how many dependents you have, or whether you have assigned or deferred your pay. Information of this nature is of considerable value to swindlers and racketeers because it gives them figures that will enable them to ascertain exactly how much money they can take away from you.

(2) Avoid the "fake" clothing or watch salesmen who appear from time to time in discharge centres, and who promise you a great deal for very little. Investigate the reliability of every individual who wishes to sell you anything. Reputable salesmen and merchants welcome investigation.

(3) Don't sign a contract until you have read it over and thoroughly understand it—and ALWAYS KEEP A COPY.

(4) Remember that a GUARANTEE is ONLY AS GOOD as the salesman or concern who gives it, and to be of any value must be IN WRITING. "BEFORE YOU INVEST—INVESTIGATE."

By means of this poster we invite members of the Armed Forces to use the facilities of our organ-



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ization without charge, which they have done in ever-increasing numbers since last September when we first considered the possibilities of being of service to members of the Armed Forces. Following distribution of this poster we commenced, as mentioned previously, giving talks to various groups of members of the Armed Forces, both men and women, and at the conclusion of these talks we requested our listeners to ask questions concerning any matters in which they are interested, or to report to us any rackets that they had come across. I am sure that you will be interested in knowing that the three questions most frequently asked us are: (1) Where can I buy a good used car? (2) What precautions should I take before buying or building a home? (3) What should I do before going into business, or becoming a partner in a business?

As you will appreciate, we received a great deal of information in this manner, and were especially interested in the rackets that members of the Armed Forces told us about. For instance, it was evident that there were many people who are interested in persuading members of the Armed Forces to sell their Victory Bonds. It was evident too, that many of those who listened to these talks had become victimized in the picture frame and picture enlargement racket, and many of them informed us that their wives, mothers or sweethearts had been swindled out of various sums of money in connection with this racket. In addition, we learned about fake veteran organizations, the excessive cost of mortgages, and many other things of particular interest to those whom we are trying to assist.

There are glib salesmen ready to sell you a "swell" watch cheap. Others whisper that they can tell you where you can get your civvies at a 10 per cent discount, or "real Huddersfield tweed right off the boat from England." Used cars are touted as smoothly as the touts at the race tracks steer you to a good thing in the first race.

The "swell" watch looks good, but from there in beware. It is an old con racket that is practised day after day upon the streets of any large city. If you need a watch see a reputable jeweller, it may cost you more, but you know it will give you years of service, and the case is as stamped upon it. "All that glitters is not gold" as Shakespeare wrote over three centuries ago. The "real Huddersfield tweed" never saw England, and all you bought was a suit of inferior quality at a higher price than you would



have paid to some firm whose trademark and honesty is a national household word. The used car market has always presented a big field for sharpers, and you may find that after you have driven your purchase a few days, you have a real "lemon."

There was the case of the ex-soldier who wanted a used car. He listened to a "tip" on where he could make a good deal. He made a dandy. He paid \$450 cash for a neat little model that lost its rear transmission before he was halfway home. He went back to the dealer. The dealer was sorry, but what could he do about it now? The former soldier didn't think of getting a guarantee—in writing—or checking the dealer's reputation.

Many enquiries have been received from members of the Armed Forces, and especially from those of them who have returned to civilian life, concerning the advisability of going into business, and especially with regard to buying a business that is already in operation. The importance of making enquiries before doing either of these two things was recently emphasized when a member of the Armed Forces called at this office and, following an interview with us, made a few enquiries and found that the business which he proposed buying had been sold no less than five times during the past eighteen months.

While it is impossible, owing to the brief space at our disposal, to give in detail all the enquiries that should be made before purchasing a business, the three main questions to which answers should be obtained are:

- (1) Why does the owner wish to sell?
- (2) How long has the present owner been operating the business?
- (3) Can the present owner produce an audited statement showing what gross and what net profit was made during the previous 12 months?

Naturally, these are not all the questions to which answers should be obtained, nor do they include all the precautions that should be taken before purchasing a business or becoming a partner in a business. However, the same remarks apply, and the same questions should be asked concerning the purchase of a boarding or rooming house.

For example, take the case of a young aircrew veteran who had \$2,500 to invest. He always had kind of a hankering to run a rooming-house. So he followed an "attractive" offer and spent his \$2,500 buying a rooming-house business.

It was completely furnished and full of roomers; looked like a good thing. When he walked in after closing the deal, however, most of the furniture had been removed and all but two of the "roomers" had disappeared. What he didn't know was that the apparent lodgers were "plants" to make the house look full. Oh yes, and he had forgotten to get a signed inventory of the furnishings within.

Veterans of the present war are getting a comparatively better break by way of finances than did veterans of the last war, and foolishness or loose thinking on the part of the ex-serviceman or woman can easily sabotage the well meant plans devised for rehabilitation by the Government. Already hundreds have been victimized. Don't be a sucker yourself when you get your blue ticket! There is no

doubt about it that several years in the army or Air Force have dulled the business sense many individuals once had. In addition many discharged personnel for the first time in their lives have a big amount of cash in their possession.

"Facts about Rackets", which tells in plain, short form, about the many pitfalls awaiting the serviceman was prepared in booklet form, and distributed free of charge by the Toronto Better Business Bureau. 10,000 copies of the first edition were gone within two weeks. The booklet was enlarged and another 25,000 have been distributed free, and we have placed another order for an additional 25,000 copies, and any member of the Armed Forces may obtain a copy free by sending his name and address, together with a three cent stamp to the Better Business Bureau, 350 Bay Street, Toronto.

The many inquiries received and the use of our facilities by many former soldiers, at no cost to themselves, lead us to believe that slowly but surely our fighting men are becoming aware that the wolves still prowl on civvy street. Recently we assisted two gentlemen in uniform who visited our offices. One was a patient in Christie Street Hospital who had received some high-pressure literature indicating that the individual who sent it to him was conferring a favour upon him by giving him an opportunity of investing his money in a syndicate which would give him quick returns. To make it easy for him to take advantage of this "wonderful opportunity" they told him that they would accept his Victory Bonds as security. Having heard a warning by the Bureau against investing without first investigating, he referred the matter to an officer of the Department of Veterans' Affairs at Christie Street Hospital, who, in turn, sent the literature to this office. We discussed the matter with Provincial authorities and forwarded the literature to them for investigation. Within two weeks we were informed by the Ontario Securities Commission that, as a result of their investigation, this scheme had been abandoned. Thus, by referring this matter to our office, two things were accomplished—one was that the individual who was asked to make an "investment" saved his money, and secondly, this scheme folded up as a result of having been reported to the proper authorities, and in this way many prospective "investors" were saved.

We invite any member of the Armed Forces to call at our office prior to making a down-payment or signing any option to purchase a business, or become a partner in a business.

The cost of maintaining our Veterans' Assistance Department, which includes the publishing of thousands of Fact Booklets and posters, is borne by more than 1100 business firms and individuals in business, not only in Toronto, but throughout the Province of Ontario, who are members of the Toronto Better Business Bureau, Inc.

There is no law to prevent people throwing away their money if they wish to do so, but to those who wish to take the elementary precautions for protecting themselves, by following the Bureau's slogan—"BEFORE YOU INVEST—INVESTIGATE"—the facilities of the Toronto Better Business Bureau

are available. Our readers in other parts of Canada are invited to use the facilities of the other Canadian Better Business Bureaus, which are located in Montreal, Ottawa, Vancouver and Winnipeg.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

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and now is in charge of the NCO class at A-22. Capt. Wellington is the Adjutant, also an old vet and another vet is Capt. Armstrong, the Accounts Officer. Armstrong's Scotch accent is so thick that one could cut it with a knife—and that is one of the main reasons why he is the Accounts Officer.

With all this wealth of Overseas men, training has become very practical and only that which has been found valuable in actual battle has been retained. Other theoretical matter which one never did find any use for has either been thrown out or relegated to a spot in which it cannot do any harm. Helped also by those other Officers and AI's who have not been fortunate enough to get Overseas, such as Capt. R. G. Wallace, Administrative Officer of the School of Instruction, it is our earnest endeavour to turn out medical corps personnel who will continue to uphold the high traditions of the RCAMC that this war has so firmly established. The motto of the RCAMC "In Ardius Fidelis"—"Faithful in Adversity" holds good with us at all times, in all places and under all conditions.

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TPR. W. BULAK	Selkirk, Man.
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TPR. S. V. FEMIA	Toronto, Ont.
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WO2 (RQMS) B. G. CONROY	Virden, Man.
WO2 (SSM) G. W. HULL	Montreal, Que.
SGT. HARVEY BARKER	Garrick, Sask.
SGT. R. W. SMITH	Vancouver, B.C.
CPL. D. R. BOUTILIER	Richards, Sask.

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Britian Strikes New War Medals

Canadians Will Qualify

Canadian servicemen and service women overseas will qualify for the new Defence Medal which is being struck, along with six new campaign stars, Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the British House of Commons last month.

Mr. Churchill also said: "The currency of the 1939-1943 Star has been prolonged until this month and the award will be described as the 1939 to 1945 Star to meet the time factor."

Canadians qualified for the original 1939-1943 Star and accordingly additional Canadians now will be able to get the decoration, even if unable to qualify under the original time limit.

Hitherto recipients of the 1939-1943 Star could not also be awarded the Africa Star, but Mr. Churchill said the King now has approved the award of both to the same individual.

The King also has instituted a gilt rose emblem to be worn with the ribbon of the 1939-43 Star for air crews of fighter aircraft engaged in the Battle of Britain to October 31, 1940.

THE DEFENCE MEDAL

The Defence Medal ribbon has green edges and a flame-coloured centre, "symbols of enemy attacks of our green and pleasant land," with two black stripes representing the blackout.

The official Buckingham Palace statement of the King's decision disclosed that the Defence Medal will be for "military non-operational service overseas from the country of residence and for specified service in the United Kingdom and other territories which have been subjected to air attack or closely threatened."

THE PACIFIC STAR

The Pacific Star—for operational service in the Pacific theatre from Dec. 8, 1941—has a dark-green ribbon with red edges, a central yellow stripe and two other narrow stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The green and yellow stand for forests and beaches, the red edges for armies, the dark blue for naval forces and the light blue for air forces.

THE BURMA STAR

The Burma Star—for operational service during the Burma campaign—has a dark-blue ribbon with a central red stripe and two orange stripes. The red stands for the Commonwealth forces, the orange for the sun.

THE ATLANTIC STAR

The Atlantic Star—primarily for men on convoys and their escorts and anti-submarine forces—has a blue, white and seagreen ribbon, shaded and watered. Aircrew will be eligible if engaged in operations against the enemy.

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THE EUROPE STAR

The Aircrew Europe Star—for operational flying from the United Kingdom over Europe up to June 5, 1944—has a light-blue ribbon with black edges and a narrow yellow strip at each side.

THE ITALY STAR

The Italy Star—for service in Sicily and Italy—has a ribbon in the Italian colours, green, white and red. There are five vertical stripes of equal width; in red at either edge, the one in the centre green, and the two intervening stripes in white.

FRANCE & GERMANY STAR

The France and Germany Star—for operational service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany between the invasion of Normandy and V-E Day—has a ribbon in the red, white and blue of the Union Jack, with five vertical stripes in equal width with blue at each end and red in the centre.

ONLY ONE WORN

The maximum number of stars awarded one person will be five, but only one actually will be given, and clasps will be available to indicate others for which the wearer qualified.

NINE FOR THIS WAR

The new medals will bring the total of Second Great War decorations to nine.

The George Cross and George Medal, instituted September 24, 1940, were intended primarily for civilians, and awards of these honours to the fighting services are confined to actions for which purely military honours are not normally granted.

SEVEN IN LAST WAR

Campaign medals for service in the First Great War were seven—the 1914 Star (commonly called the Mons Star), the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal (commonly called the General Service Medal), the Naval General Service Medal, 1915, the Mercantile Marine War Medal, the Victory Medal and the Territorial Force War Medal.

UNITED NATIONS MEDAL

Prime Minister Churchill informed the House of Commons that he expects there will be a "United Nations Medal" at the end of the war but that the new Defence Medal will probably be the last decoration issued by Britain in this conflict.

THERE'S A LIMIT

Sir Leslie Boyce, M.P., asked if there would be a General Service and Allied Victory Medal, in addition to the Defence Medal and the six new campaign medals just announced.

Mr. Churchill replied: "We must not get our firmament too full. The limit of the human breast also introduces precautionary ideas."

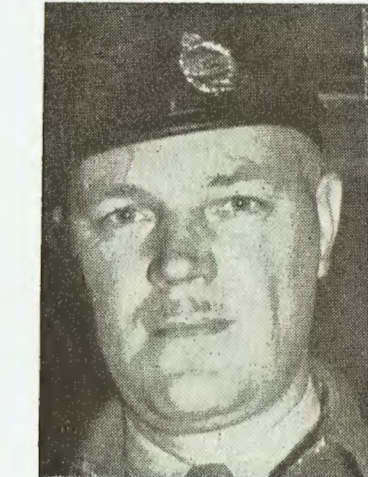
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The Passing Show

LT. RALPH RIMMER, former Sports Officer at No. 2 C.A.C.-T.R., is now at Orillia Camp, and is playing second base for the No. 26 B.T.C. team, which is entered in the Orillia town league and doing very nicely too. BUN WHITE, who performed in the C.A.C. hockey league with Brampton Bullets, and last winter with A-22 Meds, is equally as good at lacrosse and gets in the odd game with Mimico Mountaineers, current O.A.L.A. leaders. A SPORTS POLL taken among Canadian troops as to their FAVORITE SPORT shows some interesting statistics. Fifty-five per cent of a group labelled English-Canadians voted for SOFTBALL, with 44 per cent of the French-Canadians doing likewise. In the latter group, tennis, ping-pong, English rugby, borden ball, volleyball, skiing and cross-country running had their enthusiasts. Other percentages for both groups included, swimming 52, bowling 50, skating 47, rifle shooting 40, hockey 35 (do our eyes deceive us?) baseball 29, skiing 23, horseshoes 23, volleyball 22, basketball 21, boxing 20, tennis 18, table tennis 15, soccer 12, track and field 10, wrestling 10, handball 9, weight lifting 8, fencing 6, English rugby 5, lacrosse 5, Canadian football, practically taboo in the Army, was not included in the poll. Sports Officers might do worse than keep this summary in mind when arranging their programmes. The figures will vary, of course, depending upon localities, and home Provinces, but it should provide a fair guide. BACK TO THE WEST goes another old favorite of

Corps Sports, following discharge, in the person of CAPT. BLAIR COOK. "Cap" coached T & S hockey team to the C.A.C. finals in 1944, and last winter became coach of the year, as he maestroed the C.A.C. team to the Camp Borden championships. No mean feat considering the opposition, and the fact that considerable diplomacy is needed to keep harmony in the dressing room. A former baseball player of note he was turning in a bang-up game at first base this season for the fast travelling T & S Officers' Mess team in the K of C league. Probably will turn out an Allen Cup contender somewhere in Alberta in the future. FAREWELLS have also been said to one of the best-liked sportsmen



Capt. Blair Cook

ever to reach these parts, STAFF CHARLIE BRODIE. Better known as "Steve" and just as ready as his namesake to take a chance, for the past four years he has been active in almost every branch of sport. He was a one-man sports staff for T & S for some months, and has also aided M.T. Reg't. Last winter he trained the Corps hockey team, and was general factotum all along the line. He will hibernate in Toronto. Back to Borden, and welcomed by a host of friends, came quiet-speaking LORNE CROOK, who had served previously as assistant to Dave Speyer at the K of C. Lorne has been at Barriefield Camp the past year, and despite a difficult general situation got results as usual. He is happy to be back at "the best Camp in Canada," and those engaged in the sports end of things are happy too. LT. LES. WILDER, former A-9 No. 2 pitcher, has been posted back to Borden from Meaford and will be seen in action with the C.A.C. team shortly. Les took a furlough not long ago to his hometown of Weyburn, Sask., and nothing was more natural than he should again enter into the baseball competition of the district. When he left home he was leading the league in hitting with a neat .435 average. Hopes to continue that same sort of slugging here. NEWMARKET RUNNERS took the M.D. 2 cross-country championship, held last month, with quite a bit to spare, as they placed nine in the first ten home. ALLISTAIR CAMERON came home first with a grand

performance. FLASH ABRAM, who guarded the nets for Brampton the year they won the C.A.C. hockey championship, was a member of the team. BRIGGS CREIGHTON, who played defence for No. 2 C.A.C.T.R. the winter of '44, is catching for the Orillia Camp team, who are more than holding their own in the Orillia town league. NOT CLASSED as a sport, but certainly very popular as an indoor form of amusement or foolishness, is CRAPS. We recently read a book on the subject called "Scarne on Dice." Brother Scarne, an American magician, really knows his stuff. He deals with the ways to fix dice so they'll behave as the gambler wishes, and there seems to be no limit to the devices used. He also illustrates how a pair of honest dice may be rolled crookedly, with the Whip Shot, Lock Grip, and blanket roll being the main ones. It boils down to keeping your eyes open for "lucky" guys who like to pick up dice in a certain way, whose knuckles protrude awkwardly when they make the dice "cackle," and who would rather roll them on a blanket or a piece of soft earth than against a wall. The percentages of rolling certain points provides an interesting bit. Suppose you need a six. There are five ways of rolling the point, whereas there are six ways of rolling a seven or "crap." In this case the right bettor is a sucker at even money, as he should have six-to-five odds. Best advice of all is to leave the dice alone. LT. CHARLES FAWELL, of Unity, Sask., is the new sports officer at No. 1 C.A.C.T.R. Lt. Fawell has had practical experience at most sports and was a member of the A-27 hockey team. His wife won second prize at the C.A.C. beauty queen contest for civilians last September. Mr. Fawell succeeds LT. AL. KUNTZ, the ice artist, who held the post the past eight months, and who expects to receive his discharge soon. Chances are that you'll see Al performing for Lester Patrick's New York Rangers in the N.H.L. come next Fall. RCEME/RCOC SOFTBALLERS, the 1944 Camp champions, have not had much luck so far this season, but they are putting up a grim struggle and if they make the play-offs, look out. THE BROWNING BROTHERS, Pete and Gerry, who hail from Chatham, Ont., are the first colored-brother act to be presented in Borden. Gerry is the catcher and Pete the outfielder. Off-hand, we can recall several dark clouds who have scintillated in Borden sports. DICK WAYNER of A-9 was a neat softballer. GIL HERON of No. 3 C.A.C.T.R. not only was an outstanding mushballer, but was a standout at track, soccer, boxing and baseball. It is doubtful if a better all-round performer ever was on the sports scene here. CPL. ROBBIE ROBBINS of A-22 was another sweet athlete who had both variety and class. DANNY SAUNDERS, current overseas lightweight champion, and SPEEDY LEWIS, both of No. 2 C.A.C.T.R., were two of the best boxers ever to hit Camp. VERN. ESCOE, ex-heavyweight champion of M.D. 2, now in New York seeking the world's title (seek is a good word). ANDY HARDING of the Chatham Camp softball club which won the Army championship of Eastern Canada in 1942, are others we remember. All have been gentlemen, on and off the field of sport, a credit to their race, to the Army, and to democracy.

AT HELVERSUM, in Holland, Canadian Armoured Corps personnel made an almost clean sweep last month of the big 2nd Div. Tabloid Sports meet, witnessed by all the bigwigs, including Lt. Gen. Crerar. FIRST HUSSARS took the meet, with a fine display. The London laddies were under the leadership of LT. B. P. KEMP, who hails from Toronto. THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S HORSE GUARDS, led by LT. BILL DICK of Toronto and SGT. ELMER TUBBE of Ottawa, were tied for third, with a Light A.A. battery team, which had been picked to represent the FIFTH ARMoured DIV. in the meet, who were captained by SGT. W. H. CLARKE of Hagersville. The Dutch folk got quite a kick out of the show. MAJOR NORMAN JOHNSON, chairman of the C.A.C. soccer committee, and in his day Captain of the University of Toronto team, receives his discharge the end of this month, and come September will be back at Aurora high school teaching the science courses. A veteran of the last war, Major Johnson stepped down to Lieutenant to join the C.A.C. at A-8 in 1942, and for the past year has functioned as O.C. of D & M Track, where he was a guiding spirit in promoting the various teams of the Wing. He is a nifty golfer too, as some of his buddies found out.

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The Female of the Species

by Bobbie Rosenfeld

Stand well back, boys, and give me room! Till now you have read the witty (sometimes) sports pieces of two-fisted male scribblers, but the Female of the Species has been held "out of bounds."

At long last Sgt. Ab Hulse has relented. He has realized the gem of journalistic entertainment you have been missing and has asked this Scribbling Sally to establish the initial beachhead.

M'gosh, though, I'm on the horns of a dilemma! Is it he-man sport stuff the boys want to digest, Sarge—or what the femmes are up to in sport?

The femmes, you say?—Okay.

We trust, Sarge, that the boys are chivalrous to the point of not condemning women as rotten sports . . . of looking terrible and dressing like idiots. We trust the boys do not scoff at the gals in sport, hinting they are clumsy and incompetent—that most of them have two left feet—that they ought to be barred from competition and kept in the kitchen. 'Cause, besides being antediluvian, Sarge, it ain't nice and it ain't true.

Women, in that past quarter of a century, have delivered proof that they are physically, mentally and morally fit to traverse the fields of sport with their righteous husbands and boy scout brothers.

One field in which the gals are showing the men a thing or two is the softball field. And how!

Denied the opportunity and ability to play hardball because of the hazards and physical strain, the girls take to softball as they take to lipstick and fingernail polish. Here is a game which seems to come naturally to them, seems to fit their theoretically frail powers. Where a man, no matter how expert, may feel that softball is not so rugged and virile as women find it, it calls out all their powers, and they feel no secret shame.

But don't for a moment get the idea that they play it in a lady-like way! Far from it! No bean-bag technique for them, no dainty feminine pokes at the ball, and no frightened faun running down to first. I should say not.

What's more, the "diamonds" are proving plenty box office. There's a softball stadium at Toronto's Sunnyside that is beating a sweet and staccato tune on the cash register. You can raise your eye-brows to half mast if you like, but figures—and they lie little—have shown that the Olympic League lot on the lakefront has, more than one season, paid a rental fee to the Toronto Harbor Commission equivalent and sometimes in access of Maple Leaf Stadium where the ballplaying professional Leafs play. Operating on a percentage basis the Commissioners have coined as high as \$12,000 a year from the Sunnyside band box . . . and that brother isn't alfalfa in any milieu.

Yes, in softball at least, the gals are a bigger drawing card than the men.

About the author . . .

BOBBIE ROSENFELD, the "My Girl Friday" of the Toronto Globe and Mail Sports staff, is one of those all too few gals who know as much about sports as any mere male. For more years than even she would care to admit, Bobbie was tops at softball, basketball, ice hockey and track and field, good enough to hold her own in international competition and catch a place on the Canadian Olympic team. Her column "Sports Reel" is something a bit different from the mill run, and lately she astounded the lads by invading the baseball diamond as a "wumpire." Score another success! When we asked "Miss Roberta" to contribute this article, we little thought she would be our last columnist, but guess it is kinda appropriate at that for a femme to have the last word.

There's much more life in a girls' game. Their chatter seldom lets up—talking, chirping and cajoling—often talking each other or themselves out of plays.

Lady DeMaggios step up to bat swinging a couple of bats, toss the extra ones away with utter disregard for the bat boy's bean, kick the dirt from their spikes, then step up and clout it. If they connect—and they do—even if a gal player knows she can't make it—she'll race down to the firstbaser blocking the bag. There is a crash of soft bodies, lipsticks fly out of pockets, and boom—over go the gals.

In the field, the gals snag flies with flypaper ease, snap the ball around with a million dollar infield grace and precision. The catcher and pitcher have conferences, not about the good-looking man in the stands or about the pretty dress that girl near first base is wearing, but to give the pitcher heart.

Yes, and let the umpire make a poor decision, and he will find himself surrounded in a jiffy by a group of caterwauling felines all squawking at once, demanding their rights. Fortunately for the umpire, hat pins have gone out, but the gals take their bats along with them when something goes wrong. Let the umpire make a real mistake in the rules, and he'll find the Battalion of Death looking over his scalp to see where a bat will make the most artistic dent.

It takes umpires who are born Supreme Court Judges to handle a game. Such a gent must be prepared for all sorts of emergencies. For instance, should a girl hitter protest that he erred in calling a ball a strike, what can he do if the girl suddenly bursts into tears. Tears have always had their effect on the male breast in the past and the softball tear is no exception. And what is the ump to do! To be an ideal girls' softball arbiter, an umpire must be a man of the world, something of a Casanova, and have a heart unlike a marshmallow.

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C.A.C. Sports

by Sgt. Ab. Hulse

Softball Serenade

With RCAF handing A-10 their first loss of the season, and A-33 one game in hand, the Infantry and Armoured Corps are practically tied for the leadership of the Camp Softball circuit. RCAF are close behind, with A-11 holding down the fourth of the first slots.

Since their loss to A-10 Lt. Joe Fennell's mush-batters have been rolling merrily along and to July 23rd had scored four straight wins since the last report filed. The team have played smart ball on the whole, and despite any temporary lapses have always been able to overcome the opposition. Highlighting the CAC record has been the pitching of Brown and Finnemore, who have mowed down the opposition with regularity. Capt. Bob Dennis has been handling their shoots and like Old Man River, "just keeps rollin' along."

The batting averages for the last six games show the following: Andy Tommy .500, Garney St. Germaine .411, Lorne Racicot .360, Reg. Westbrooke .333, Gord Scott .333, Al. Kuntz .285, Bob McLaughlin .250, Joe Fennell .250, Bob Dennis .250, Lefty Finnemore .200, Lee Dowdell .166, Daristè Moreau .166. The rest of the boys have yet to crash the hit parade, and that includes those like Johnny Burgess and Bill Keen, who have only made a few starts.

A-33 4 — A-11 0

Bill Brown tossed a two hitter against the "Em-gees," who, except for the first stanza when four runs, only one of which were of the earned variety, provided tough opposition. Brown whiffed 13, and his opponent, Fred Vasil, struck out eight. Joe Fennell made the feature catch of the game of the shoe-string variety, which kept A-11 off the score sheet.

A-33 10 — A-19 0

Service Corps, minus some of their key players, proved no match for the Tankers. Fennell and

Kuntz banged out homers, and Brown set down the opposition with one scratch hit and 12 strike-outs. But for Westbrooke failing to make a play on a ball, the elongated hurler might have scored his second no-hitter of the season. The hit came too in the last inning. Scott made a nice running catch of a long drive in left centre.

A-33 4 — RCEME 2

Closest game of the season to date, next to the A-10 game, was the return joust with RCEME. The visitors were out-hit seven to two, but Brown's charities, plus four errors, put A-33 on the defensive four of the seven innings. Brown fanned 13, for the feature effort of the game, and his opponent, Tommy Moxon, except for two innings, was almost as effective. Catcher Browning of the losers was especially prominent in the RCEME effort. Johnny Burgess made his first appearance with the CAC and indicated he will be a valuable addition.

A-33 10 — A-22 4

Lefty Finnemore scored his second win of the year over Meds. It was the lanky southpaw's third game in as many nights, and he tired on end to allow A-22 to tally their runs. St. Germaine and Westbrooke carried the heavy bats for Corps, and the infield played well, defensively. Rodier went the route for A-22 giving up nine hits. Finnemore was touched for three hits, and struck-out six.

Standing as of July 22nd.

	W	L	Pc.
A-10	7	1	.875
A-33	6	1	.850
RCAF	5	2	.713
A-11	4	5	.444
A-22	2	5	.285
RCEME	1	6	.143
A-19	1	6	.143



K. of C. League

With the schedule over half completed, T & S Officers' Mess, No. 1 CACTR, D & M School, and CBMH are virtually tied for the top four spots in Dave Speyer's circuit. The clubs are battling merrily and each week provides new surprises and fresh up-sets.

The first four teams will compete in an "A" series championship, while the remaining six will fight it out for the "B" championship of the league. Good crowds have been attracted each Monday night, and the schedule has been closely adhered to.

An attempt has been made to compile figures showing the leading batters, but so far only two teams have definitely forwarded records to the K. of

C. According to these figures Lt. Bob Johnston heads M.T. Regt. with a .695 average and Tpr. Jimmy Uniac, with .500 heads No. 1 CACTR hitters.

Standing to July 21st:

	W	L	Pc.
T & S Officers	4	1	.800
No. 1 CACTR	4	1	.800
D & M	4	2	.666
CBMH	4	2	.666
MT Regt.	3	2	.600
No. 3 CACTR	3	2	.600
Wireless	2	4	.333
NCO's School	2	4	.333
No. 2 CACTR	2	4	.333
Gunnery School	0	6	.000

Baseball

Fielding one of the strongest teams ever presented to the eyes of the Borden fans, the 1945 edition of the A-33 baseball team to date has ridden roughshod over all opposition in Camp, and barring unforeseen disaster, should be able to emulate the feats of the Corps hockey team. The team has both power and plenty when it comes to players, in fact, so many first grade players are available for most positions that Sgt. Earl Parks and Lt. Jack Barrow, who are doing the masterminding, have a tough job deciding who will play. All that, of course, could change if the past is any criterion, but right now the black beret ball hands are riding high. A-32 Provost Corps appear the next best team, led by Frank Cater, ex-Leaf's protege.

A-33 14 — A-10 3

The grand opening of the Camp league was held on the diamond of No. 2 CACTR on July 4th with A-10, the 1944 champions, providing the opposition. Lt. Col. R. V. Conover, VD, tossed the opening ball, with Lt. Col. H. M. Bevis at bat and Major N. Mac-Millan behind the bat.

For two innings the scoreboard showed nothing but goose eggs. In the third, A-10 scored twice by virtue of two walks and an error. With a five-hit

barrage, Corps took the lead in their half with four runs. Two hits, the only ones garnered off pitcher Tommy Cooper, netted the Infantry their final run, in the fourth. From there in it was A-33 all the way. Cooper aided his own cause with three hits, while second sacker, Bill Flounders, likewise banded out three bingles. Ken Walker, the A-10 catcher, played a sparkling game for his team, but even at that was overshadowed by Bill Keen, the CAC receiver.

A-33 11 — RCAF 2

"Lefty" Kline made his debut on CAC hilltop and backed up by sterling play from all departments the ex-A-22 hurler set down the Flyers with two hits while his mates were nine hits. It was a "ball game" for four innings, with Corps out in front 1-0, and Butterfield, the Air Force pitcher, working smoothly. In the sixth, the entire A-33 batted with six markers coming home. Todd led the winner's assault, with Tommy Walsh taking the fielding honors. Players used to date in the two games played are Keen, c; Cooper, p; Kline, p; Westbrooke, 1b; Flounders, 2b; Jacques, 3b; Tembroeck, o and 3b; Walsh, ss; Orlando, o; Hurley, o; Todd, o. All have done well, but you'll see new faces as an attempt is made to give all the team aspirants a chance to make the grade.



The Armoured Corps bench looked a bit worried in the earlier innings when this pix was snapped, but trainer Bill Jolly (pictured on the end) and the gang soon smiled happily as the base hits rang out and pitcher Tommy Cooper continued to handcuff the A-10 batters.



Lacrosse

Canada's national game got off to a fine start on July 19th, and from an Armoured Corps point of view it was a perfect setting as Capt. Llew. Cordingley's boys took a thrilling 8-6 win over the Infantry. The game was played at the RCAF box, and Lt. Col. J. D. Conover, CBE, MC, ED, AAQMG, faced the opening ball.

From the outset Armoured Corps took the lead, and at the half held a 5-1 margin, Wilkinson, Peterson and Wilson spearheaded the attack, while Billy Flanders, making his first start in a lacrosse uniform, performed sensationally.

Superior condition gave the Infantry an edge in the last half, but Bill Mulliss, former Brampton Excelsior star, kept the Tankers rolling and the final score of 8-6 about tells the tale.

The Armoured Corps team was composed of: Capt. Llew Cordingley, Vancouver, B.C.; "Duke" St. John, Ottawa; Jack Wilson, Brampton; Russ Slater, Owen Sound; Larin Carson, Cornwall; Bill Mulliss, Brampton; Charlie Webber, Vancouver, B.C.; Bill Flanders, Montreal, P.Q.; Bill Wilkinson, Montreal, Que.; Lloyd Bernie, Brampton; Carl Gray, St. Catharines; Bob Lenham, Montreal, Que.; Bill Morris, Brampton; Frank Peterson, New Westminster, B.C.

A-22 RCAMC, the defending champions, have a strong team headed by Bun. White, one of Ontario's top lacrosse stars, and with most of last year's team complete, will be hard to beat.

Capt. "Silver" Bennett, veteran lacrosse star, who played his first game in 1902, but still hides his true age, heads the Borden referees, and kept the opening game well under control.

No. 2 Track Meet

On June 28, under a sunny sky and with Major-General A. C. Spencer, CBE, ED, and other high ranking officers present, No. 2 CACTR staged a well-arranged unit track meet on the CAC oval.

Competition was close and while no world-beating times or distances were turned in, many of the boys indicated they will be heard from later.

Individual scoring honors were shared by Tpr. W. B. Flonder and Tpr. O. F. P. Spooner, both of Montreal, while A Squadron won the Squadron award from B Squadron by a close margin.

Results:

100 yd. dash—1, Tpr. O. F. P. Spooner, Montreal; 2, Tpr. J. M. D. MacDonald, Montague, P.E.I.; 3, Tpr. R. A. Doran, Calgary. 11 3/5 secs.

220 yard—O. L. Wentzell, St. John, N.B.; 2, H. P. Harris, Toronto; 3, M. Zipay, Montreal. 24 3/5 secs.

440 yard—W. B. Flonder, Montreal; 2, A. V. Tracy, Waterloo; 3, O. F. P. Spooner, Montreal. 59 1/5.

880 yard—C. Varga, Toronto; 2, R. A. Taft, Terrace, B.C.; 3, O. L. Wentzell, St. John, N.B. 2.25.

1 Mile—W. B. Flonder, Montreal; 2, D. L. Lawson, St. John, N.B.; 3, Tpr. Robichaud, St. John, N.B. 5.15.

High Jump—E. M. Parker, Trenton; 2, R. Ville-mure, Three Rivers; 3, C. W. McCool, Milden, Sask. Ht. 5'4".

Running Broad Jump—O. F. P. Spooner, Montreal; 2, R. Orlando, Timmins; 3, R. Villemure, Three Rivers. Dist., 17.8.

Shot Put—J. A. Beament, Ottawa; 2, W. L. Beau-doin, Blind River; 3, J. W. McChesney, New Glasgow, N.S. Dist., 39.8.

Javelin—W. H. Moore, New Liskeard; 2, R. Hunt-ing, Huntingville, Que.; 3, R. E. Lankin, St. Thomas. Dist., 111.2.

Discus—A. R. Preston, Trail, B.C.; 2, W. O. Sav-ela, Fort William; 3, J. Anderson, Toronto. Dist., 90.6.

No. 3 Holds Track and Field Championships

With over 70 per cent of the total Regimental strength engaged as actual competitors, No. 3 CAC TR held one of the most successful field days staged in Camp, on July 11th. Lt. Andy Tommy and his committee had arrangements well worked out, the meet being completed at 1730 Hrs. Col. P. G. Griffin, DSO, the Corps Commander, and Lt. Col. H. R. Shell, Chief Instructor, A-33, were on hand to present the prizes along with Lt. Col. R. V. Conover, VD, Officer Commanding, No. 3, CACTR.

Tpr. Percy Masterman, Vancouver, B.C., was the sole double winner on the card, while the 3-mile event, won by Tpr. R. D. Collins, Peterborough, was one of the features of the day, being negotiated in 19.4. "B" Squadron won the championship with 98 points, followed by "A" Sqn. with 90, and "C" Sqn. with 68.

Results were:

100 yd. dash. 1. Tpr. J. R. Anderson. 2. Tpr. R. K. Jones. Time 11.6 secs.

220 yd. dash. 1. Tpr. J. E. Pushot. 2. Tpr. V. E. Pilgrim. Time 24 secs.

440 yd. dash. 1. Tpr. S. Wisniewski. 2. Tpr. G. H. Stubbs. Time 64 secs.

880 yd. run. 1. Tpr. H. A. Hurford. 2. Tpr. T. Fin-lay. Time 2.36.

A-10 Wins Camp Cross-Country Run Black Berets Do Well!

Lt. Russ. Bowman's crack infantry cross-coun-try team won the Camp harriers championship on July 10th as they placed 12 runners in the first 22 men home, and provided the individual winner in Pte. W. Rosen, Toronto, who went the route of over 5 miles in 27.28. The Infantrymen were full value for their win, but it was too bad that just prior to the meet transfers broke up the No. 1 CACTR team, who had won the Corps championship the month previously. The No. 1 team on their performance would have given A-10 a grim struggle. A-11 finish-ed second, followed by No. 3 CACTR, No. 2 CACTR, and A-32 in that order.

Tpr. Billy Flanders, Montreal, Que., represent-ing No. 2 CACTR, ran a great race to finish in sec-ond place close behind Rosen, only being headed in the final stretch. Tpr. J. F. Kirby, who won the Corps individual championship without steady training, annexed fourth place.

In all 73 runners competed and all but a small percentage finished the course. It was the first maj-or sporting event staged by the new Camp Sports Officer, Lt. Ken. Robinson, and he made a fine job of arrangements. Major-General A. C. Spencer, CBE, ED, was present to present the prizes and congratu-late the winners. The first five home and their times were:

1. Pte. W. Rosen (Toronto) A-10, 27.28. 2. Tpr. W. Flanders (Montreal), No. 2 CACTR, 28.01. 3. Pte. G. McLennan (St. James, Man.) A-11, 28.04. 4. Tpr. J. F. Kirby (Toronto) No. 3, CACTR, 28.14. 5. Pte. K. R. Craig (North Bay) A-10, 28.24.

1 mile run. 1. Tpr. L. H. J. Atkinson. 2. Tpr. R. M. Chester. Time 5.31.

3 mile run. 1. Tpr. R. D. Collins. 2. Tpr. J. F. Kirby. Time 19.4.

High Jump. 1. Tpr. P. G. Masterman. 2. Tpr. A. W. Wilkinson. Ht. 5'.

Broad Jump. 1. Tpr. V. A. McCagherty. 2. Tpr. C. R. Peterman. Dist. 17' 5".

Pole Vault. 1. Tpr. P. G. Masterman. 2. Tpr. L. G. Smith. Ht. 9' 2".

Shot Put. 1. Tpr. W. A. Ozero. 2. Tpr. D. D. Mc-Indoe. Dist. 32' 1/2".

Discus Throw. 1. Tpr. J. N. Showalter. 2. Tpr. J. D. English. Dist. 92' 10".

440 Yd. Relay. 1. "B" Sqn. (Finlay T., Pushot R., Gale V. B., Jones R. K.).

880 Yd. Relay. 1. "A" Sqn. (Peters B. F., Ozero W. A., Tostenson H. R., Stewart G. O.).

Tug-Of-War Light. 1. "A" Sqn. (Cunningham A. E., Wilson D. E., McKenney R. A., Marshall D. R., Ashmore R. E., Patenaude "A." J., Brennan G. R., Ralph T. J.).

Tug-Of-War Heavy. 1. "A" Sqn. (Felstead F. C., Caden J., Shelp W. S., Doyle G. L., Raymond P. S., LeBlanc A. C., McIndoe D. D., Reid J. M.).

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THE FEMININE TOUCH

(Continued from page 27)

By the way, softball doesn't bunch muscles or give gals a weight-lifter's figure as some of the crusty critics of the femmes in sport would make you believe. On the contrary, it is an all-round body toner, calls on a gal's grace, quickness and natural ability.

Also to prove their femininity, girl players worry a lot about everything from broken fingernails to their uniforms.

Women have been known to care more about the latter than about the way they play.

There are cases on record of expert women players breaking up a fine team to go play with another because the color scheme of the uniform was more to her liking. The wise woman's team sponsor keeps pace with the changing colors in other styles by changing his team's colors yearly.

At present blues, mauves and flashing scarlets predominate. But heaven help a team if a girl sees creampuff yellow worn by the Slugging Sallies team of Woppascoket, Ontario. She'll up and leave faster'n she'll toss away her brand new dirndl if she sees the same (exclusive) model on another girl.

Women's teams are also a dash fickle in their allegiance. Used largely to exploit the product of a

manufacturer or the wares of a merchant, the gals may float from one sponsor to another, depending which offers the more enticing reward, or better working and playing conditions. Well, after all, a gal must buy lipstick, dresses, fingernail polish, hats. And how can you blame a gal if she becomes the walking sign board for a firm which gives her fewer working hours, more playing hours, improves her position in the establishment and also her weekly salary cheque?

And in case it has escaped your notice, the gals have broken out with a professional league. The All-American Girls' Professional League—operating in six cities across the line—South Bend, Rockford, Racine, Fort Wayne, Grand Rapids and Kenosha. Like the professional baseballers in the big leagues, these gals go into training yearly for a period of two weeks, play day in and day out to complete a 120-game schedule, pay weekly stipends anywhere from \$45 for a good shortstop to \$70 for an ace pitcher.

One thing we'd like to know, fellas. Do the audiences of Mere Males who pack Sunnyside Stadium and similar stadia in other sections of Canada really care whether the gals play flawless ball or not?

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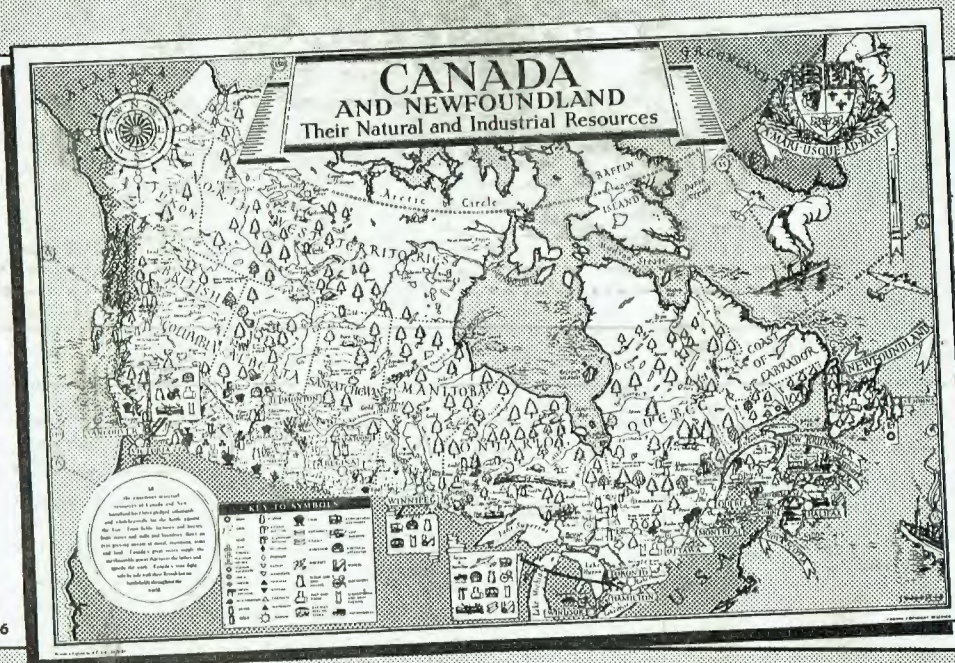
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