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## MASSED PIPE BANDS OF FIRST CANADIAN ARMY



*The above picture was a taken during the three day Liberation Festival held in Amsterdam last June. On the balcony can be seen Queen Wilhelmina, Prince Bernhard and General H. G. Crerar GOC. First Canadian Army together with other Dutch dignitaries. Can you recognize any of our band in this photo*

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## MILITARY MEDAL

**Awarded to F-55507 Cpl. (now Sgt.) Hezekiah MacCormack for outstanding work in Italy.**

His citation reads :

During operation on the Arielli front information was limited and night patrols were not successful in pinpointing enemy positions. It was therefore necessary to reconce by daylight. Accordingly, on the 25th of February 1944, Cpl. MacCormack with one man was detailed to proceed to a suspected enemy house some 600 yards on the enemy side of the Arielli river. Well knowing that there were no covered approaches or lines of withdrawal and that the whole terrain was under full observation and if the enemy was alert would mean his certain death, Cpl. MacCormack proceeded directly across the terrain and entered the house. On the upper floor of the building he was able to gain the following information: Definitely pinpointing several MG posts, one of which was fifty yards from the house and manned, he also spotted three houses which the enemy were occupying. By his utter disregard for his own personal safety, Cpl. MacCormack's information enabled the Bn. to carry out successful patrols by night and one daylight patrol in which an enemy MG post was taken killing one man and bringing one back as PW. Since that time Cpl. MacCormack has carried out several patrols and has shown the same daring, utmost dash and disregard for personal safety. All of these patrols have been successful.

## EDITORIAL

We have a country of which we are justly proud. From year to year she grows and magnifies her position among the nations of the world. Here are a few facts of which many of us are not aware and are interesting to note.

(1) Of Canada's population, approximately twelve million, over one million entered the armed forces including 45,000 women.

(2) Canada is the third largest country in the world and had the world's largest fishing grounds.

(3) Canada ranked fourth among the united nations as a producer of war materials and weapons.

(4) Canada is the largest producer of food in the United Nations.

(5) All Canadian war debts have been met inside Canada, 60% by taxes and the remainder from Victory loans. She has taken no lend lease or similar help but on the contrary has extended such help to other nations.

(6) Canada is third in the united nations Naval power and fourth in air power.

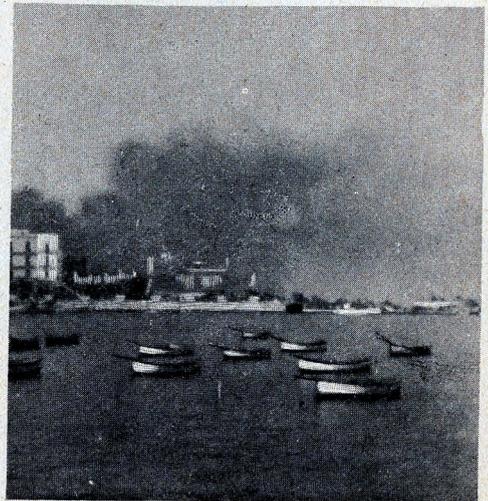
(7) Canada's aluminum production is now about equivalent to the world production in 1937.

(8) Canada's forests cover more than one third the total land in the country. In this connection she is almost the sole source of Britain's softwood and the pulp and paper industry alone is a direct livelihood for at least half a million Canadians.

Carry on Canada!

G. B. L.

### Remember This Waterfront.



Above is a picture of the harbor in Bari, Italy, taken after the city had its only air raid of this past war. Makes a guy think of all those good times spent at the 8th. Army Res. Camp there.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REHAB PROGRAM FOR CANADIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL

During the past month three S. P. O.'s have lectured and interviewed every man in this unit on the benefits of the Canadian rehabilitation program and the best use to be made of them according to each man's plans and opportunities. There is help for everyone in various forms but this can never be anymore than help. Each of us must in the finale analysis, take a large amount of responsibility for his successful re-assimilation into civilian life.

The main benefits of this program seem to be know generally. The clothing allowance of 100 dollars and the rehab grant of one month's pay of rank and dependants allowances on discharge are familiar to all. Most of us have totaled our basic gratuity of \$7.50 per month for service in Canada and \$15.00 per month for overseas service. Many understand that for every six months of service overseas a supplementary grant of seven days pay (including trades pay) and seven days dependants allowance plus seven days subsistence allowance (\$1.25 per day for O.R.'s) is added to the basic gratuity to make up the total gratuity. The total gratuity is paid after discharge in cheques, each equal in amount to one month's pay and allowances plus subsistence allowance until the amount of the total gratuity has been received by the veteran.

Even the more complicated re-establishment credit which is always equal in amount to the basic gratuity is fairly well understood now. This credit is available to those who do not wish to take training or take advantage of any part of the Veteran's Land Act. This money is never received by the veteran directly but is paid out on his behalf by the Government (to the person selling to the Veteran furniture, business, home or to the person who is doing the repairs or providing the services) after the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs has so recommended. Every Veteran should bear in mind that this is in a sense not his money until the payment of it is recommended and that therefore before making deposits or commitments he should always consult Dept. of Vets' Affairs first. This is the only way to prevent difficulties over credit. Another thing about the re-establishment credit is that you have ten years in which to use it and therefore there is no need to hurry to get at it. No doubt there will come a day when it will be extremely handy. One of the best features of this credit is that unlike the usual extensions of credit in business you do NOT have to repay it or any part of it. You may in certain cases put up one dollar of your own money for every two dollars that the Gov't advances out of your credit.

Many people feel that the V.L.A. is the

best piece of legislation in the whole rehab program. For some it affords an "opportunity of a lifetime". For the man who wants to own a farm and has the qualifications to run one there is available a loan up to \$6,000 out of which a maximum of \$1,200 can be used for stock and equipment. After paying a deposit of 10% of the cost of the land and buildings plus two-thirds of the cost of the land and buildings at only three and a half percent the whole contract is paid up. That means that on a successful venture the cost of stock and equipment of up to \$1,200 and roughly one quarter of the cost of the land and buildings is an outright grant or gift.

For the man who wants a home and one or more acres of land and who at the same time has a steady income from an outside source or who at the same time is employed as a commercial fisherman, the \$6,000 loan is also available under the same terms for repayment as outlined in the above paragraph including up to 1,200 dollars out of the \$6,000 for essential equipment.

It should always be borne in mind that the re-establishment credit is not available to those who take training, or the amounts of the allowances paid to the Veteran undergoing training are deducted from the credits so that in effect, the training is using up money which he might otherwise have.

While training opportunities vary across Canada there are two main methods that interest soldiers. The first is "Full Time" training in a school or training institution. Practically all trades are available with few exceptions and special arrangements for some of the more unusual trades. A Veteran if single receives \$60 per month, if married another \$20, plus children's allowance if any, and small allowances for board if he has to live away from home while undergoing training. The second main method of training is called "Training on the Job". Under this arrangement the Veteran becomes in a sense apprenticed to an approved qualified tradesman and is paid by him at the prevailing rate for the Veteran's level in that trade. The Gov't makes grants of money to an extent that the Veteran in effect receives approximately four fifths of the prevailing wage of the trade in which he seeks qualification, throughout his training period. The advantages of this last method are that the Veteran receive a living wage while learning a trade under the most practical circumstances possible and he often makes contacts or lays the foundations for future employment arrangements in his chosen trade.

Many Veterans are interested to know

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## NEWS from the Hayshakers

We heard "Big Steve" telling his cronies a few days ago that he was definitely the No. 1 glamour boy of Bolsward. Is it true that he had his photo taken and intends to raffle them off to all his Dutch sweeties. What will Gable McCuspey do now that you've taken over as the pin-up boy of the week Steve ??????

We were wondering why Normie MacI. and Bill A. were going around with their chests stuck out so far last week. When we inquired they answered, "Both of us have been picked as special men for the advance guard at Army HQ." Truth is certainly stranger than fiction.

Believe it or not, when Harper A. was on Bn. Guard last week it was his first time since he joined the outfit well over a year ago. In Bolsward anything can happen.

The "Mad Carpenter" around our lines is a lad who goes by the name of Meister M. It is his boast that he can build up anything that the boys tear down. Most certainly a good man to have around in this day and age.

Apparently MacKinnon J. E. knew about doing guard duty in Apeldoorn a week ahead of everyone. During the six days previous to the announcement that a guard was being formed he was seen scrubbing his web and shinning his brass at every spare moment Surely an old vet like J. E. couldn't be after a marker's stripe at this stage of the game. Now that we have been reading the "Bay News" for the past ten weeks, nothing surprises us.

Winters, T. M. to the kitchen staff; "Guess I'll only have one beer tonight gang". Five minutes later he was seen with a two gallon pail coming out of Mickey Welsh's.

Where was Fraser H. A. during Lt. Stackhouse's leave to Amsterdam with the hockey team. Could cupid have scored a hit on his heart while he was in Leeuwarden.

Who is the certain Hayshaker that was on leave in Amsterdam minus his body? At least that is what his friend thought. You want to brush up on that Charles Atlas course, or are you just making yourself invisible for OUT OF BOUNDS STREETS?

S'long Boots.

The boys in the kitchen would like to know the address of Larry Gibson's future wife,

## BULL FROM H Q

Things have been pretty hot around the coy this past week, and by that we don't mean that the Sgt. Major was on the rampage.

To start things off, the sanitary man while heating water, had an argument with a can of gas, and for once was glad to have a canal close to him, the can of gas went out and he was forced to take to the water where he cooled his heels and suffered nothing more than a soaking.

The Sgts. in the coy have a nice room behind the kitchen, and from all appearances must have had a warm time, as we noticed the dying embers of transport Sgts. mattress at the botton of the stairs. Warm aint it.

Pte. Rhodenizer and Peter "Snaps" Quirk were seen taking off for Sneek yesterday, and when Quirk will go that far from home you can be sure ther's something doing.

The spirit novel L/Cpl. Richardson last Sunday and he rose from his blanket pressing to get dolled up for the tea dance, Ritchie say's You have to give the girls a treat once in awhile.

Sgt. "Meach" has left this column to take over for the Sgts. corner, Meach is a tee-totler himself so from the sober point of view the news should be good.

Floyd has given up the exchange and is now riding a motor bike, this is not intended as a warning but all Dutchmen should be on the lookout for this individual.

The "Colgate Kid" returned (all in one piece) from what we understand to have been a lovely three day trip to Brussels.



HOLLAND BEAUTY

# "LITTLE JOES" BCOY CHATTER FROM CHARLIE

During this past week our little Joes have been very quiet, due to the fact that most of them are either on Brogade Guard or catching up on their studies at Bde. School in Leeuwarden.

Our C.O.S. is right on the bit this week, he was even seen acting hut orderly, or was he showing the hut orderlies how to act.

This week our famous cook Feeny was transferred to the Sgts.' Mess. We sure hate to see him go and wish him all the luck in his new kitchen.

Having completed his course away from the unit, Pte. Bernard was welcomed back to the Coy by all the old regulars. We also welcome back Pte. Jardine who likewise was supposed to be on course.

One of our lads on the Bde. school in sure making a hit with the Leeuwarden women. Could it be the education or is it that stunning wavy hair Andy???

A certain Cpl. and his friend Smitty were seen dashing off to Leeuwarden in a big way on more than one occasion last week. Is it love boys, please let us know.

We wonder if our efficient CQMS will arrive back from Delfzylj with a smile this weekend. Or will he get the 513's out again???

On the Brigade Guard it was noted that three of C. Coy's men namely, Pete. Falkingham and "Bill the Great" were really showing their stuff. If they put on the same kind of a show when they go to Army HQ, they should go over real big. So the rest of you boys on Army Guard should keep an eye on the three mentioned and do likewise.

Once again we say farewell to a soldier and a man. We were all glad to see him make a repat draft, but sorry to lose his fellowship and quaint sayings around the Coy lines. So to Cpl. Bowers, we in C Coy and all those who knew him, wish him best of luck and a speedy return to the home land.

Friends.

"It sure is getting cold around here these days, I sure wish I had my leather gloves". This was what our Pte. MacKay was heard saying. What we would like to know is, did you give them to her or did she take them. Jim, I think you are getting soft but don't worry Jim, gloves will soon be on issue.

## "HEADLEY DOWNS"

I went to Bonnie Scotland  
On my Army leave.  
I over stayed the pass I had,  
You see, I'm hard to please.

The O. C. of my unit,  
He looked at me and frowned.  
Said he, "My boy you'll serve one year,  
At a place called Headley Downs".

So now I'm in detention,  
With just five months to do.  
And boy will I make whoopy,  
When those five months are through.

So I guess its back to Scotland,  
With or without leave,  
For my soldiering days are over,  
And I'll do just as I please.

And if the M.P.'s catch me  
Before this war is through  
The O. C. that is trying me,  
Will say not one — but two.

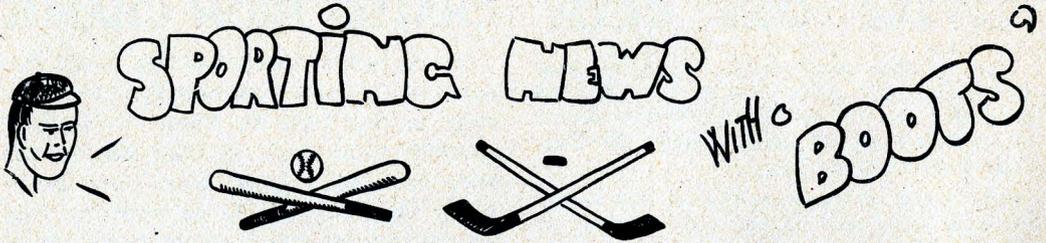
And when he passes sentence,  
I suppose he'll wear a frown.  
Then I'll start another stretch,  
At a place called "Headly Downs".

A n o n.

## YOUR COY REPORTET



Alex "Monk" Campbell



Nothing much has happened on the sports front this past week. In an exhibition game held in the Hague rink, our unit puck chasers were defeated 6 to 2 by the Irish. Playing eleven men against the Irish twenty-five our boys made a much better showing than in their initial start. It was only through the superior force of the Irish, which enabled them to change their lines much more often, that our gang were the losers.

In an interview with Lieut. Stackhouse, I learned that on their next practice our team will be bolstered by the addition of

three well known hockey players of the unit. Now that the team will be brought up to full strength, I feel sure in saying that we will give an excellent account of ourselves in the forthcoming league.

The basketball team has folded up, due to the fact, that all available men are needed for Army guard.

By the look of this weather, soft-ball has had it.

Can't see why an inter-coy volley ball league has not been organized.

That's all for this week gang.

*Boots*

## THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

In previous issues we have both boosted and blasted the excellent Sunday tea dances held at the "Y". Last week we mentioned this fact, there were too many Dutch beauties and not enough soldiers. Again we make a statement based on fact. On more than one occasion last Sunday, there upwards to twenty couples on the floor and not one soldier was dancing with a girl. If the boy don't want to dance, all is O.K., it's their affair and it is up to them to see what kind of a time they want to make it. As has happened in the past the girls outnumbered the soldiers at least ten to one. As we said last week they were queued up at two o'clock waiting for the doors to be opened at two thirty. Then, when a couple of bucks decided to drop in for a spot of good old limey tea, to their disgust they found that all the tables with a few exceptions were completely commandeered by these Bolsward beauties. Why

in Heaven's name hasn't our efficient "Y" staff looked into this. This dance is not a weekly social affair for all of Bolsward's blushing Juliets, as we see it this tea dance is for the enjoyment of the O.R.'s and those who wish to take their Dutch sweeties are cordially invited to do so. As the situation stands at present, to get a seat a guy must have a few female friends at the dance who might possibly invite him to their table. "We let the case rest".

Practically every O. R. in the rifle companies has done Bde Guard in Leeuwarden since we came to Bolsward. Always it's the same story when they come back. If they can have their meals served on porcelain plates and linen table cloths, why can't we have at least something along those lines.

If you have any photo's that might be suitable for publication send them around to the office, we sure would appreciate them.

## BRASS HAT SECTION The Sergeant's Corner

The O.C. Charlie Co'y is hot on the trail to Amsterdam again this weekend. He has already visited the art gallery and Colonial Institute. What more is to be seen there??

Capt's MacAdam, Rogers and MacKenzie, S.P. Officers, left this week to continue their work elsewhere after having spent about a month with the batallion.

Lt. Whiston has returned from U.K. Leave approximately a week earlier than he was expected. He says the high winds and rain in England were too much for him and anyway he was lonesome for dear old Bolsward!

Major MacLachlan breezed in from Paris this week looking slightly refreshed and wondering when the next leave allotment was coming out.

The adjutant is going about tearing his hair and swearing at everyone in general these days. The education officer walked into the B.O.R. one morning only to have a book thrown at him and the remark "By damn Langley you are the one that sent all the men away to school and now I should let you figure out where this army guard is coming from". Why not try Delfzijl Hughie??

No 6 C.G. Hospital opened its doors to Major Chisholm again this week. Why not get those tonsils out Don?

The sports officer spends most of his time between Amsterdam and Leeuwarden these days. How is the ice around the latter spot Stackey?

We're beginning to see a lot more of the paymaster these days, he says "I just can't stand the quiet in that house now that Dunc has gone back to Canada".

This week will see the mess pretty well depleted when the greater part of the batallion will move to Nijmegen and Apeldoorn on guard duties.

Why doesn't someone do something?? Your reporter can't find any scandal!!

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## HOME NEWS

Now that the date of our repatriation is drawing near, the following news item will be of interest to many.

The ration of gin has been increased to four quarts per month by the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission. Other quotas remain unchanged at two quarts of whiskey or four quarts of wine or twenty-four quarts of beer. Store hours in Halifax and Dartmouth have been extended by moving the opening hour ahead to 10 a.m., three hours earlier than at present.

Here comes a suggestion that I think would be worth heeding. I notice there are still a lot of fellows who sit back on weekend nights and say they can't dance; now I suggest that you all get out on the floor and learn. We've heard a few adverse things said about these Dutch girls but I give them some well deserved credit for the way they coax some of you fellows out for a dance. So next Saturday night lets see all you guys out there; there's no better place to learn and no better way to spend a social evening. Lets go, gang!

Any similarity between Pat Atchinson throwing darts and a man doing the shot-putt is purely coincidental. You all know Pat, he's the guy that drank all the lemonade Saturday night.

We have now on most week-ends at the mess a very polished personality. A guy can't help take it for granted that he was a big noise in a big town back home. You can hear him advertising himself most nights about ten oclock or after. Will someone please give him a cigarette paper to stand on (when he comes here from the officers mess) so that everybody can hear him.

We wish our new mess president oceans of success and no hearaches in his new job.

What we need is more ambassadors of goodwill like Dog Coy's CQMS in the mess. You have probaly seen him one night sitting amongst about ten girls; and the pleasure was all theirs.

As a usual climax I present Joe Barters most stunning story from last week-end. If you're polite you'll believe it if your smart you won't. "I'll never forget the time I was picked for a daylight patrol", Joe says. "You see the only way we could get near the German positions was to be disguised in a cow's skin. You should of seen us; me in the front legs and Sgt. McSween in the rear pair. Boy! everything was going great and we were getting over near the enemy trenches; I was thinking was this ever slick, me pretending I was a cow eating grass when all of a sudden Sweeny poked me, and said", Hey! Joe we got to get out of here, here comes a German with a milk pail".

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REHAB PROGRAM FOR CANADIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL *cont. from page 3*

that if they return to and work in insurable employment for ninety days after discharge, by filling in a certain section in the unemployment insurance booklet back to 1 Jul 41 when the act come into force are automatically paid up.

It is often comforting for a Veteran to know that under the rehab program set up for him there are "Out of Work Benefits". The benefits of the Unemployment Insurance Act are still available after the "Out of Work Benefits" have been exhausted. (For various reasons if unemployment occurs it is always wise for help under the "Out of Work Benefits" first) Payment of \$ 50 per month for single men and \$ 70 for a married man plus additional allowances for children are available for up to twelve months of unemployment provided this occurs within eighteen months of discharge and no suitable employment is available.

If a Veteran has started up a small business enterprise or a farm it is anticipated that many worthy cases a little financial help at the outset will greatly enhance the chance of success. In such cases for a period up to twelve months, subsistence allowance, up to \$ 50 per month for a single man and \$ 70 for a married man plus allowances for children can be paid to help the enterprise over the first critical period. No money received under this benefit has to be repaid.

For most of the readers of this article the important part of the Medical Treatment after discharge is that a Veteran can receive treatment for any disability that arises during the first year after his discharge, even though it is not related to service. The treatment will be continued for as long as it is required to cure him and if necessary allowances for a period of twelve months similar to those mentioned above can be granted.

Veterans' insurance is often a question for discussion. The advantages are: (1) That the re-establishment credit can be used to help pay for it. (2) That usually no medical examination is required (so that a Veteran who, because of disabilities or defects in health cannot get insurance elsewhere can have insurance under this Gov't plan) and (3) the premiums are waived if the Veteran through some total and permanent disability cannot pay. The Veteran's Insurance must be applied for within three years after discharge.

These are the highlights of the Rehabilitation Program for Canadian soldiers. By your service you have earned the right to all the benefits you can use to advantage. Yours is the final responsibility as a discharged Veteran to make the most of this help and to make a successful return to civilian life.

## BOATES TERRIERS

Who was the certain man standing in front of the mirror for a solid hour one day last week? We know you were not shaving and it is our guess that you were imitating Boris Karloff in his picture *Frankenstein*. It could have been MacIntyre.

**WARNING!!!** Men with sore arms should not stand in cold damp halways, talking to other soldaten's girl friends.

Our C O S. was patiently looking for our Sgt.-Major all day on the 27th. Where was the brains of our Coy? The C O S looked everywhere with the exception of Groningen. Could he have been there?

The motto of our Coy reporter is: "If you can't beat them, out run them". An example of this was when he was seen clearing the ping pong table at the "Y" with plenty of space to spare, on one occasion last week.

**BLANCO ! BLANCO ! BLANCO !** Never have so few, used so much, for so little reason.

Oceans and oceans of tears rolled down the cheek of a certain red-haired Bolsward beauty when one member of 16 Pl. had to leave this great Metropolis recently. Sorry boy, the Padre can't help you in this situation.

Why the great sigh of relief from certain individuals after they had read the last edition of the "Bay News"? I wonder what they have to hide.

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## Capes Smash the Quota

As the paper goes to press we learn that the unit has 300 % of its Victory Loan quota. This is an excellent showing and signifies that everyone is putting the contents of the old sock in the proper place. There is still a week to go so let's dig into the tea pot and boost it to 500 ! Can we do it???

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## HONOUR

The loss of gold is much,  
The loss of time is more;  
The loss of honour such a loss,  
As no man can restore.

A n o n.