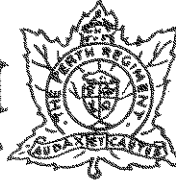


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## CRERAR ON REPAT.

Our present position in regards to repatriation, as explained by, Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, G. O. C. First Canadian Army.

1. The time is approaching when the "individual priority" system of repatriation of soldiers (all ranks) of the First Canadian Army, brought about by the need of volunteers for the Canadian Army Pacific Force and the consideration given to those with very long service overseas, will come to a general end. The repatriation of the balance, and the bulk, of the First Canadian Army will then be almost entirely carried out by the despatch of units, and sub-units, which will be locally re-mustered to form, as nearly as possible, territorial components.

2. Although the need for an orderly repatriation and sub-sequent demobilization of the First Canadian Army by territorial units and sub-units, rather than by drafts of individuals has been fairly well explained in the pamphlet "After Victory In Europe": I believe it would be well if I went over once again, the more important reasons why the "unit system" should now be whole-heartedly adopted.

3. The basis of "First Over, First Back", or "First In, First Out", or "High Point Scores Before Low" has a strong sentimental influence. It is not, however, a rational procedure and one which it is possible to carry out, other than but partially. Indeed, it has already been proceeded with to the practicable point in the First Canadian Army, as it is today. We are already experiencing acute shortages in properly qualified Commissioned, Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers, in essential tradesmen, such as butchers, clerks, cooks, storemen, shoemakers, etc. Should the present period of "repatriation by disintegration" further continue, it will not be possible adequately to maintain and administer the troops yet remaining in this country. Nor will it, even now, be easy to bring the units and sub-units of the Canadian Army, so considerably changed in their personnel, again up to the very high standard which they possessed in the past.

4. It is quite essential therefore, that everyone of you loyally accept the view that the time has come when "High Point Scores" can no longer be an influencing factor in repatriation, and that

the despatch of the balance, and bulk, of the First Canadian Army must now be done in a selected sequence of Divisional Groups, units and sub-units. The "time factor" of the individual must give way to the "orderly organization" of the many. The personal longing to "get home quickly" must be subordinated to the higher duty of each one of us to think, and act, in terms of the greater good for the greater number.

5. The majority of very long service, or "High Point", personnel are to be found in the administrative services, the signals etc. The greatest number of "Low Point" soldiers are in the ranks of the Infantry — for the very good reason that the Infantry arm has suffered by far the heaviest casualties in operations. Yet, from the point of view of orderly repatriation and demobilization, it is the "combat arm", rather than the "administrative service" which should be first to be released. And, if sentimental factors are to dominate the issue, it would be easy, also, to use the additional argument that the infantry man with his, say, five months of very dangerous operational service to his credit, should be released in advance of those in the other Arms and Services, whose duties have not subjected them to the same risks to life and limb.

6. But, the head, even more than the heart, requires to be employed in the intricate business of repatriating and demobilizing a large army. And so, let the argument and the chatter cease, and let all ranks get down to the worth-while business of bringing themselves, and their units, to the highest level of physical fitness and soldierly behaviour, of raising their vocational and educational standards, of enjoying, though not abusing, the recreational facilities which are extensive and good and, finally, maintaining the friendliest relations with the Dutch People, throughout our enforced stay in their country.

7. The Royal Canadian Navy Show "Meet The Navy" arrived and opened in Amsterdam on the 12 July for a seven weeks booking. Eight other small "shows" are on the way to the Canadian Army from Canada. The C. W. A. C. Brass Band of some fifty strong, is due this week and the C. W. A. C. Pipe Band follows shortly. With these, and all the existing entertainment and sports facilities now afforded all ranks First Canadian Army, there will be ample means for enjoyment in "off duty" periods. Whatever can be done to make the period before repatriation not only bearable, but enjoyable, will be done. But the solution mainly lies in the outlook you yourself adopt. I expect of you, in this matter, your loyal, effective backing and support. I know that, as always, I shall get it.

# EDITORIAL

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## REPATRIATION

On the front page of this issue you will find the present programme for Repatriation as explained by Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, G. O. C. The First Canadian Army. It would do us well to read and digest this programme carefully. Outlined here, are the answers to many of the questions you have formed in your own minds. The programme has been placed before you in a rather well defined manner. In reading it, you will realize, what is expected of us in the long and wearisome months to come. As we have fought our battles, so let us fight the inevitable boredom which will descend upon us, with that victorious vigour and determination which we, the Perths, are so noted for.

And when at long last, our moment for Repatriation arrives, let us leave Sneek, and Friesland, and Holland with our heads high and our chins up, knowing, that at least, we have kept our end of the bargain and have lived up to the expectations of our G. O. C.

"Duffy".



## POST WAR PLANS

On the first of April 1945, the Perth Regiment was authorized to become a Scottish Unit. We were also permitted at that time, to adopt the dress and Douglas Tartan of the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), with whom we are affiliated. Dress Regulations are in the process of being drawn up and will follow as closely as possible the dress of the Cameronians with the exception that we will be kilted.

In this issue is a picture of the proposed design for our new cap badge. Last November when the change to a Scottish Unit was discussed by the officers, it was unanimously agreed that the name of the Unit must not be changed. The officers and men of the Regiment have given some fame to the name as it stands, and we are known throughout the Army as The Perth Regiment. Secondly, the name of "Perth" is Scotch in itself. Therefore the only change being made is in the dress. The change to Scottish Dress will probably not take place until we return to Canada and are organized on a peacetime basis. I hope that many members of the present battalion will be able to take an active part in the Regiment in Canada. We are all very proud of our Unit, and it is our duty to see that those who carry our name in peacetime, do so in a manner worthy of the sacrifices of our fallen comrades.

Lt. Col. Andrew has spoken to most of you on the subject of a Regimental Association to be formed when the Unit returns to Canada. This organization will serve to bind together the several thousand members of our family scattered across Canada. It will also be a means of assisting ex members of the Regiment in many ways. I can see the Association functioning very well at an annual reunion, for instance, when the "old sweats" follow the 61 sign and the maroon patch to their Company Headquarters, and there to spin yarns of life in England, Italy, Belgium or Holland. To start the Association, we have rolls of most of the members and their addresses in Canada and in addition we have a roll of the next of kin of our fallen heroes.

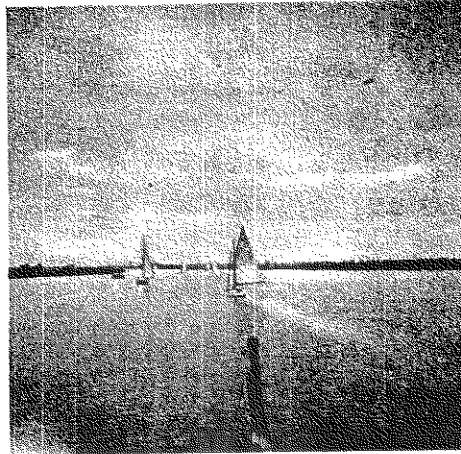
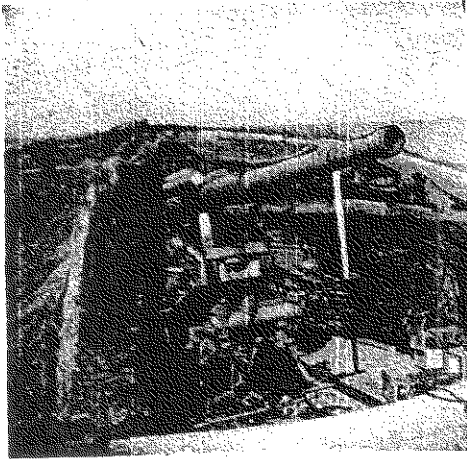
Major H. A. Snelgrove.

## THIS IS IT—



Here we have the new and proposed design for the future Perth Regiment cap badge. The original design is kept as the centerpiece and the Scotch theme is introduced in the background through a cluster of thistles and the St. Andrew's Cross.

## COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING—



Pictured above, is a comparison of what we have known, and what we now know. On the left is one of "Tedeschi's" large coastal guns

which made life rather miserable for us during our fighting around Nansum, then on the right, an everyday scene on the waters of Sneeker Meer.

## CHIT AND CHATTER Y. M. C. A. NEWS

**B. COY:**— We in Baker Coy. had quite a laugh at Dog Coy's comments on winning a ball game from us. Wonders never cease to happen. It has been so seldom that you have won a game that all this back slapping seems a little far-fetched. Hold on to your garters in the next game though, and enjoy your victory now, while you can.

Which poor little Cpl. got a trifle "tipsy" at the last Cpl's party? What's the trouble "Langie", was it the wine, the women or just a weak stomach that made your feet a bit heavy and your head a bit light.

The boys would like to congratulate "Dynamite Getty" on the improved facilities for drawing sports equipment at the sports field now. We should also like to congratulate the ones responsible for the proper courtesy shown to visiting sport teams of late. The liquid refreshments are a very good show in extending the well known Perth Hospitality.

The "Old Soldier" Maj. "Bomber" Chamberlain M. C. has just recently returned from a rather hectic leave in England. To show that his vitality was not impaired, he has been taking the lads out for a few body building exercises. It is rumoured that our's are not the only bodies in which he is interested. There will be a certain fair haired officer of equal rank screaming for the Bomber's blood when he returns from "Blighty" next week.

Once again Baker Coy. scores with the ideal Orderly Room location. The Combination of sun, space and view tend to make life a little more bearable for the ever-working clerk.

**SPECIAL:**— We are interested to know what tournaments you would like to have from the following:

1. Bridge 2. Cribbage 3. Whist 4. Euchre 5. Bingo.

If you will enter your name with the game you would like to play most, we will arrange a Tournament so that everyone can participate. Prizes will be given to the winners. So come on gang, let's weed out all the good card-sharks and see who is the best in the battalion. It's a good way to get extra chocolates for your heart-beat, or some good old Canadian fags for yourself.

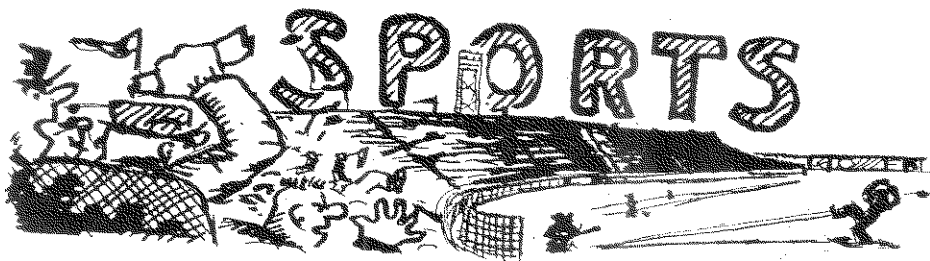
**HOSPITALITY:**— Many Dutch families would like to entertain you in their homes. Leave your name and Coy. at the "Y" and we will do the rest. An enjoyable evening is assured.

**FLOWERS:**— Have you sent any flowers home of late? Place your orders at the "Y". Please allow three weeks for delivery.

Canteen Hours . . . . .	1245 to 1630
	1730 to 2100
Recreation Hours . . . . .	1245 to 1630
	1730 to 2100
Library Hours . . . . .	1330 to 1630
	1830 to 2100

note: The time limit on books is one week.

Sundays: There will be no sales on Sundays. The "Y" however will be open for reading and writing purposes.



By L/Cpl. S. E. Smith

Our Regimental "footballers" under the guiding hand of their Dutch mentor, Mr. Smit, begin to take on a professional appearance. In a rousing game last week, against the Cooks and Waiters, our lads came out on top with the decisive score of 10 to 2. Willis, Tullboch, Woodhouse and Flood starred for the Perth. Following this victory up, our team went out to defeat the famed L.S.C. team to the tune of 4 to 0. Woodhouse and Flood being the scorers for this hectic session.

We still reign supreme in the softball world. Our game against the C.B.H. last week, was won by default when the opposition failed to put in an appearance. Not a good way to win a game, but better than slaving for one. Tuesday's game with the Three Rivers was a mere push-over. At the end of the fifth innings our friends the Tankers called it quits, and no small wonder, for the score at that point was rather overwhelming. 17 to 1 to be exact. In Thursday's game at the end of the second inning, the P.L.F.s. were leading our lads on the down hill trail at something like 2 to 0. Providence, or someone, then stepped in and down came a torrent of rain, enough to at least cause the games cancelation until Sunday. This factor should cause our boys to sit up and take notice, and to possibly bring their heads down out of the clouds before it is too late. Anyhoo, the best of luck men.

Rain also washed out Thursday's Tennis Match. Monday the 23rd however, our boys will be out there battling on the courts.

A new softball and volleyball schedule commenced on Monday within the Regiment, and it should create some friendly rivalry within the Coys. Get out and get into the game. If you can't play, you can at least give your team the support it deserves.

From Capt. Thomas Cooper M.C. comes the following retort to some of the beefs and moans re sports in our last issue.

As for the Swimming Pool, we did enquire into the use of the local one sometime ago. We found at that time, by taking it over, we would be doing a lot of youngsters out of one of their greatest but few pleasures. However arrangements have been made whereby Coys. can send twenty men into the pool at Leeuwarden any afternoon at 1400 hours. It is a swell pool and being indoors, it does away with the necessity of wearing a swim-suit.

To the writer of "Visiting Sports Get Cold Shoulder", my only answer is: "We are sorry, it won't happen again".

A rather dismal effort was turned in by our heroic nine on Tues. the 24th. True they defeated Bde. Hdqts. but what a humble showing. The lads were not in form at all. At many moments during the game it appeared as though the opposition would snaffle up the numerous opportunities offered to them and come out on top when the final score was chalked up. Poor performance was noticeable in practically all positions, and if the lads are going to make any sort of showing against the famed 30th Battery aggregation there's going to be a lot of sock pulling up before that date arrives. We hate like the devil to hand slams out like this, but you must admit that the type of playing certainly doesn't warrant any bouquets.

**SPECIAL FLASH:**— Small interest is being payed these days to the "dark horses" of the Regiment, namely, the Officers team. In the first five games of the Divisional Schedule our Officers have kicked through with four decisive wins. Of course the scores resemble those of basketball or rugby, but nevertheless our lads with the "pips" are giving their all and are truly deserving of a little more support than they are getting.

Here's a chance to get out and heckle your boss without fear of being "rapped" for it, and believe you me, there are plenty of opportunities for heckling. The razzle dazzle play in the out field on the parts of such stalwarts as "Scotty" Battison, "Wee Willie" Hider and "Holt" Cree are enough to keep you supplied with chuckles for a week. Then there are the "smash and grab" plays of "Adj" Thompson, "Clown" Gallagher, "Duffy" Dent and Dave the Dooley in the infield. But the true highlight of these games is the hectic pitching and catching of Scott and "Dynamite" Getty respectively.

On Friday the 27th our boys will be punching it out with the 30th Battery in Leeuwarden. The game commences at 1900 hours and transport leaves the battalion lines at 1815 hours. Let's give the boys the necessary backing to go in and smash the 30ths winning streak of some 91 games. You will never have the opportunity of seeing another game of this calibre for some-time to come, so put your favourite gal on the shelf one night and come on down to see the boys put on the heat.

# OFF THE RECORD

By Pte. U. Davidson

**C. COY:**— Our thanks go out to the "Beefs and Moans" column for airing our complaint regarding Regimental softball players participating on the Coy. teams and thereby "freezing out" some of the Coy. lads who would like to play the game. The other day in our Mess Hall L/Cpl. Herckenratter was running around sobbing for some of the sportsminded and long denied ball players to come out and play ball. He was chiefly interested in finding out who the "informer" was that squealed about being denied the use of softball equipment. Thanks once again to the higher priced help and the attention they have given our beef.

## "CRACKS ABOUT YOU"

**C. COY:**— Sgt. Maslin, (to Corbey who is a half hour late on parade) "You should have been here at 9 o'clock".

**Pte. Corbey:** "Why, what happened?"

**Lieut. Storey:** "So you would like to join the cavalry eh? Do you know anything about horses?"

**Cpl. Lawler:** "I sure do, only yesterday I picked two out of three winners at the races".

**Lieut. Cree:** "I once told thousands of women where to get off".

**Cpl. Culbert:** "Wow, You certainly must have been a lady killer."

**Lieut. Cree:** Naw, I only happened to be an elevator operator in a Department Store".

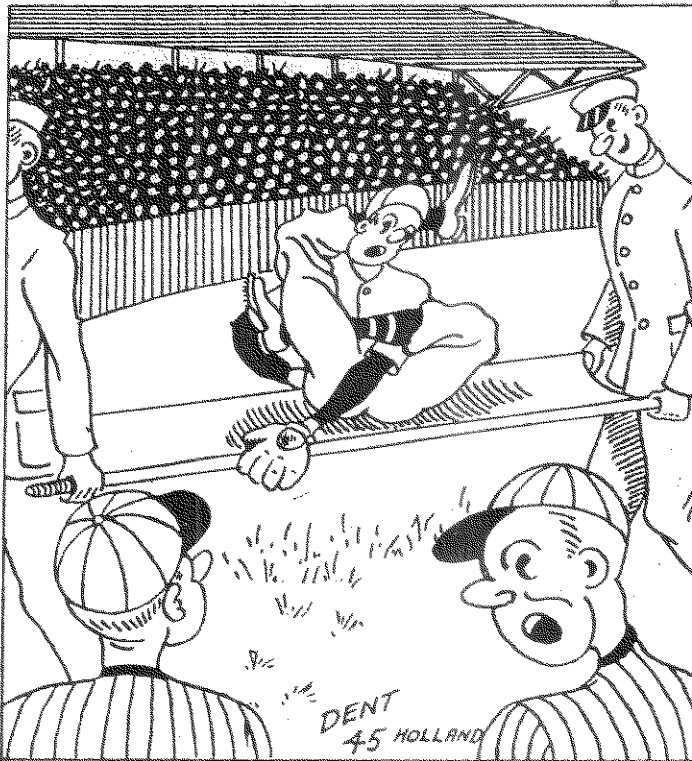
Black crepe may be noticed hanging from our Orderly Room door these days, but it is not because our clerk has died (Although some people believe he should) It is only because of the drubbing we experienced at the hands of Dog Coy. in our softball game last Monday. We make no excuses for our defeat, but are willing to bet, the shoe will be on the other foot the next time. There's nothing small about us, complimenting another team on their victory over us.

We are only hoping our own lads will read this and get the lead out of their breeches the next time.

## WANTED

A compositor is greatly needed on the staff of the Perthonian. The Dutch compositor at the news office is not familiar with the English language and consequently many mistakes are made. Much time and effort could be saved in type-setting and proof-reading if we supplied our own compositors. Anyone interested, please contact Capt. Dent at the Support Coy. or at the Officer's Mess.

We are still calling for a typewriter with a standard keyboard. If the folks in the home where you billeted are in possession of a typewriter which is not being used, speak to them of our requirement and let us know the outcome.



"I told dizzy to take it easy on that new wind-up of his."

## UP AND DOWN STATION STREET

A. COY:— We have in our Coy. a talented young composer, namely, Pte. Lamont. His latest masterpiece is titled "Look at them there Apples" will be introduced this Saturday evening at a garden party by the well known master of the key boards, Pte. McKenzie.

Can that be bridge that Roberts, McCormick and St. Jean are playing these summer afternoons? It couldn't be anything else, what with all those IOUs that are floating around.

On several occasions we have chanced to view a certain young officer and his lady friend horseback riding in the vicinity of our Coy. kitchen. If we find the odd horse-shoe in our rations someday, we will know that the "gruesome twosome" ventured too close to the cook house door.

Major H. A. Snelgrove, "O.K. everyone down for ten push-ups". Voice in A. Coy. "That's the foundation for my first "beef" to the Perthonian".

Poem:

He may give you laces rare,  
Dresses that glimmer with frosty sheen,  
Shining ribbons to wrap your hair,  
Horses to draw you as fine as a Queen.  
But by the time you swear you are his,  
Shivering and sighing,  
And he vows his passion is,  
Infinite and undying,  
Lady, make a note of this,—  
THAT CANADIAN IS LYING.

At a garden party in town last Saturday evening Hurst displayed one of his talents by singing a few popular songs. Among them Stardust, he has a soft sweet voice similar to the bark of our Sgt. Albers during rifle inspections these mornings, when he lets out with his favourite piece DUST DUSTY DUST.



The beefs and moans column is published solely for your opportunity to air any grievances you may be harboring. It is not a solution to your troubles as none of the problems will be answered. Your questions are simply printed hereunder in the hopes that the proper committees will take note and proceed to rectify the same.

## FROTHY FILOSOFY

I dropped into The Mansion House the other evening.

Who should I see, overflowing a chair, hard by the bar, but my ol' pal Falstaff (you all know Falstaff—he hails from Shakespeare). Quoth he politely, "Set ya bum, I would have woids wit ya".

This warm invitation was, I knew, an invite to bankruptcy, because, the Fat Stuff's capacity was a legend in the land. Answering in accents low and sweet, I spake thusly: "Ne! Ne! Huge Hill of Flesh! Nix! Niet! Groot Gob of Gristle! Thou hast been improvident with thy gliders, therefore will I not speak with thee".

Now nothing irritates ol' Falstaff more than to hear me mimic the dialect of his youth. "Varlet! Cutthroat Dog!" he roared at me. At this point, two Perth's at the next table, thinking that Falstaff was toasting their health bought us seven beers apiece. I knew I was in for a session then, so I settled back to sip and listen.

Sixty seconds later, when five of the foaming ales had perked his moisture content up a notch, Falstaff said—"It grieves me to see the times so out of joint: verily the world wags not like it used to". "Death, Famine, Pestilence and Want, stalk alike the liberated lands and the enemy countries smitten by the sword of War"—Perceiving that I blanched and trembled at his eloquence, he loftily waved his hand, and, quaffing the two remaining beers, said—"But fear not: I have discovered the true elixer and panacea for the ills of mankind". "The answer is"—(and here he stood, and, drawing himself up to his full width, shouted) "More Beer!" A timid soul in the corner, terrified by this warlike bellow, immediately bought two all 'round.

As he cooled his bulbous schnozzle in this latest free issue of suds, Falstaff went on, "How can a nation, that has to tighten its belt stomach a brew as weak as this?" "However, weak or strong, I say that Beer is the great Common Denominator". "I tremble for the success of the Big Three Conference". "Can one mix vodka, scotch whiskey, and corn liquor together and have a smooth cocktail result?"—"But now the scene changes—I see all the polished table tops at all the World Conferences suddenly ringed with beer-glass stains—there is music and dancing—and Peace and Security reign supreme!"

What a gift of gab ol' Falstaff has—and that tableful of suds, I left him with, cost me my last five gliders too!

1. Is it possible for the Y.M.C.A. to serve tea and cake in the evening?

Anon.

2. Why can't electricity be brought into this town, mainly for the pressing of uniforms and also, there are a few radios that could be tuned in.

A.B.C.

# WHAT COOK'S WITH DUFF'S BOYS

SP. COY:— From what I can see, everythings been going pretty good in the old cafe this week. The convoy of cooks carrying out mangarie, still have that "you can eat it or else" look on their faces. And dehydrated Joe, still stands in the doorway keeping one eye glued on the clock and the other on a cute little trick who persistently loiters about the cook-house door, swinging a shiny pail. Joe slipped the other morning, and both eyes strayed in the direction of the Dutch cutie. The clock ticked on, and we managed to score another gob of bacon. "Seconds" Robinson has been slipping the odd gudden to the wench, so she will vamp our beloved Joe.

Our new apprentice in the shoe shop takes his work more than seriously Stud Spencer, is his name. He's already used enough hob-nails to sink one of these good sized Sneek barges.

Things are coming to a pretty pass when a certain W.O. gets the gate simply because the daughter of the house couldn't resist his manly charms. Oh you Sinatra you.

The C.Q.M.S. has turned out to be a real Astaire. He tells us: "You don't even need music if there is cognac around." He has devoted two hours of each afternoon to teach the kitchen staff the latest steps in dancing.

If anyone wishes to learn the locality of Col-laborator Alley, see our own little "Brownie", he will take you there if you ask him.

The music was soft, and they seemed as one as they glided smoothly across the dancefloor. That look of heaven, and I wish it could last forever appearance, was on their faces. Nothing mattered now that they were in each other's arms. Suddenly, things changed, and a look of disappointment spread over their faces. "I'm sorry", said acting Provost Maclaren, "but youse two bums has either gotta dance wit a babe, or get offa da floor."

## H. Q. TID-BITS

H.Q. COY:— There's a new song gaining popularity in Haich Queue these days, namely, "My Views are Getting Dimmer All the Time". Copies are available upon request at Gestapo Headquarters. The words and music were written by Sgt. C. W. Mlazen.

Clerk "Hank" Near, claims he is the most unpopular man in the Coy. It seems that last week he didn't send everyone on Repat Dratfs or U. K. Leaves. His Reason? — He must keep two men for kitchen fatigues and he couldn't decide which two.

There ought to be a law. On one of the rare occasions that genial "Butch" Orr gets slicked up for a meander in downtown Sneek, he should be subjected to indignities at the hands and scissors of Al and Pal, The Tip Top Tailor. No, Butch, you can't wear it now, even if it does look like a bow tie.

A few more of the lucky eligibles leaving for home these days. Best wishes, fellows, keep the home fires burning so that we "frozen" personnel can thaw out upon our return.

Capt. Thompson, the adjudant, is looking even more fit and rugged these days. Reckon' he has found that sailing is a little more strenuous than merely watching the B.Ms. go by.



# Entertainment

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Each night twenty civilian couples are being invited to  
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Soldiers of the Netherlands are welcome.



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Showings on Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. nights at 2000 hours

Watch the signboards for current presentations  
and don't forget to bring a friend.

Netherlands soldiers are also welcome at our movies.

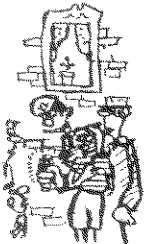


## The CHURCH HALL

Showings on Tues. and Thurs. nights. 500 seats for soldiers  
and their guests. - 500 seats for civilians. - Same picture  
as being shown at the Avon.

## Mansion House and Stadium Tavern

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Iced Belgian Beer.



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