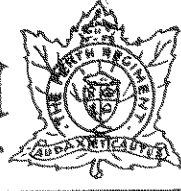


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A CIVILIAN SPEAKS

The following is a letter written by Rev. H. DE VOS, D.D., of Sneek, to members of The Perth Regt.

It will give you an idea of how the townspeople feel towards us.

C.C.C.S. You wonder what these four letters mean? I will tell you.

We civilians, too, have heard that you must stay longer in Sneek than you had expected and hoped. We are very sorry for you because we can understand that you are longing for your homes. But now you cannot go away; we must try to make the best of it.

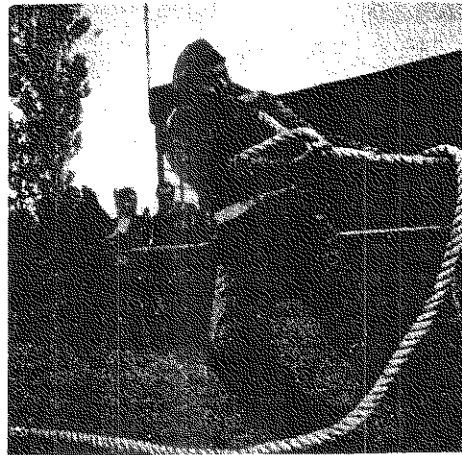
I say "we". Not only you must try it but we civilians of Sneek, too. You must stay with us longer than we and you expected. So you must become "burgers" (civilians) of Sneek. We hope that you will share in our lives, in our work and problems as well as in our pleasures. We hope that we may share in yours.

That will be good for you and for us. You have got something, so much, to give us, we have perhaps got something to give you. Besides this, by doing so, we may prevent difficulties which will arise.

For difficulties shall arise. For you, who must stay here and have very little to do. We will help you to fight the boredom which will take you. Difficulties may arise, also, between you and us. We must speak plainly and say the truth. When you came you were heartily welcome. We hailed you as our liberators. You still are welcome and we never shall forget what you did for us. If ever we forget we are not worthy of our freedom.

But as weeks and months go on there may come frictions. Young men become jealous because you dance with their girls, mothers become anxious about their daughters — by the way, you will take care of our girls? They are as dear to us as your sisters and friends are to you.

We must prevent these difficulties and therefore you must become a part of the population



Here's the "Boss Man" himself holding up his end of things in the Tug-of-war at our recent Regimental sports meet.

of Sneek. Your Colonel has understood this very well when he asked the civilian authorities to institute a committee to promote the contact between you and us. So there has been appointed the Contact Committee Canada-Sneek (C.C.C.S.). That is what the four letters at the head of this column mean.

This committee will co-operate very closely with the committee which from your side has been established for the same task. Several committees have been appointed. We all must work hard if we are to have success. I trust that you will; I promise you that we shall do our best.

We will have to solve many problems. For instance, language. But if there is a will there is a way. You must teach us English and learn from us the Dutch. A few words sometimes are difficult and different. One evening I heard a conversation about the Church Parade between a Dutch girl and a Canadian. The only English word the girl knew, as far as I could see, was "you" and yet they understood each other very well.

I hope we will learn to understand each other very well. We will work for the fraternization of Canada and Holland. You and me.

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INTRODUCTION

In this, our first issue of the Perthonian, we trust you will find an outlet for all that pleases and displeases you. The Perthonian is YOUR PAPER and its success depends chiefly upon the interest you take in it.

The articles you submit should in no way refer to political or religious affairs. Higher formation makes this necessary and we must comply accordingly.

We shall honestly endeavour to publish each and every article you submit. You must understand however that all our topics are based on a certain standard, any items falling below this standard will naturally not be printed. It is obvious that a standard had to be set if we want the Perthonian to be the hit she is going to be.

Now that you know the score, let's hear from you. "Duffy"

BAKER COY

OLD TIMERS WELCOMED BACK

"B" Coy: — The fellows of Baker Coy. were pretty glad to be able to greet Cpl. Gale back again after some weeks spent in England instructing. Another welcomed individual was C. S. M. Woodward. We can well remember those by-gone days, especially some of the unusual games played when all the Coys. were together, on the way from Italy to the Western Front. Supposedly it was football which usually ended up in a general free for all before it was over.

In the absence of Lt.-Col. Andrew this week the honour of writing the first Colonel's Column falls upon me. This is the first issue of our Regimental Newspaper. I hope everyone will take great interest in it and make it a success.

Dr. de Vos has kindly written an article outlining the organization that has been set up in Sneek for a better relationship and closer understanding between the citizens and ourselves. We also have our committees to work out the various problems with them. I ask you to cooperate with these committees and so insure a pleasant period in the weeks to come. The citizens of Sneek have shown a kindly and understanding attitude towards us. But as the days go by we will cease to be accepted as liberators and we must adjust ourselves to being good citizens as well as good soldiers.

There are many ways in which we can be good citizens of this town. Let us maintain the same high standard we had in battle and I am sure our stay in Sneek will be a pleasant one.

Major H. A. Snelgrove.

WE APPRECIATE IT!

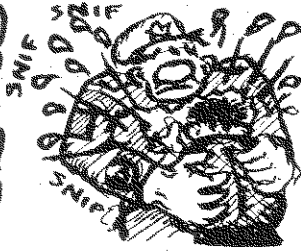
"B" Coy: — We consider ourselves pretty fortunate when we look upon the places where we are billeted. It is a grand spot in the town and the people are giving us a swell time. Its hard to beat that out and out hospitality of theirs anywhere. All their leisure time they spend on entertainment for us. Its hard for us to show our appreciation in the manner we would like under the existing circumstances.

These people are doing a wonderful bit for us. Every day our hob-nails put new marks on the floors, our constant runnings in and out wear out the door bells and take the shine off the door knobs, but still its as if they were our own homes. That hospitality is something that could not be found in many countries of the old world.

ALDRESHOT RIOTS REGRETTE

"B" Coy: — It is a pretty safe bet to say that the fellows are hoping that none of our ex-members got in trouble at Aldershot. Although there were many smiles over the episode, I think in almost every heart, there was a little anger over what happened. It would have been lots of fun while they were at it but when you stop and figure these things out it is only foolishness and greed on the part of a few individuals. We in "B" Coy, as in any other are pretty browned-off over the thought of spending months here instead of days or weeks but realize how lucky we are not to be out in some big field under canvas.

**BEER
HOOPS
SNEEK**



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.

1. We know of an outdoor swimming pool here in Sneek. We would like to know if the Coy. could get this pool for approximately twice a week? We all know that this is one of the leading sports and will keep us in better condition.
Fritz and Seaton.

2. In our Dance Hall, is there a possibility of being able to obtain tables and chairs to be placed around the floor with beer to

be served to us and our guests? A dance is never right when it is dry.
A. Guy

3. We five would like to know if the wet canteen could get something with more percentage of Hoops in it? This BEER we have at present consists of nothing more than water. Our mentality is not so low that we can't stand a stronger drink. We have drank it in civilian life. Why is it we can't have it now?
Five Ptes.

4. Could we have some of our salt issue placed on the tables of our dining hall? It would come in handy during these hot summer months. We could use cig tins for salt containers.
The Boys.

5. We would like to learn to dance. That is often heard from many of the boys, and they would like to know if some arrangement could be made to enable them to master this form of entertainment.
Flite Ofstairs.

6. Why are the meals at Club 61 better than at the Windsor Hotel? Or is that just a rumor? We understand that the RSM got in a little ahead of the Officers in obtaining a cook. The cook being from the Windsor Hotel.
Disgruntled.

7. Dear Ed:--

We have, we think, been very lenient with the sport stores, wishing all concerned to have a good time with what little equipment we have. However some dastardly individuals are keeping our stuff as we hand it out. How about some of you guys digging into your kit bags and returning: 25 pr. running shoes, 5 tennis rackets and 2 dozen tennis balls.
Unhappy.

8. We have six representatives from our Coy. on the Regimental Softball Team. These six also play on the Coy. team leaving only three positions to be filled. How can we of the Coy. enjoy this popular sport when our chances of playing are so limited. How about forming a rule regarding the Regimental Team?
Four Sports.

9. It has been suggested that the large hall where the Belgian Follies was presented, be used for our Cinema. Our's is too warm and stuffy, the boys complain.

10. Since Saturday afternoon is being recognized as a holiday in the battalion, could it be made possible for the leave truck to depart in the afternoon rather than the evening to Leeuwarden, asks one of the lads.

11. A couple of the Burma bound boys feel pretty peeved about having to walk all over town to get ready for draft. No transportation.

Educational Ramblings

By W.C. Stanton & G.T. Mitchell

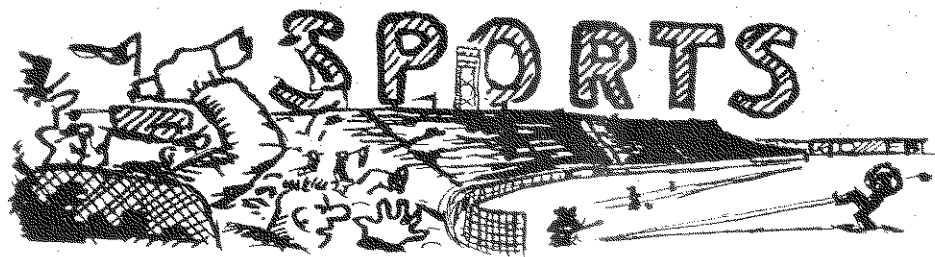
How about education? Is anyone interested? Now that the war is over for most of us there is a glorious opportunity for each and every one to catch up on that schooling that they missed in civilian life or that they didn't complete.

Your educational office, which is located in Headquarters Coy office, is open from early till late to look after your needs. If you think that it is too far to walk take your problem to your Coy Educational representative. There is now one in each Coy.

Watch your bulletin board for information on Educational Activities.

We have made arrangements for the use of the Sneek Library. They have a good selection of books on hand. Consult the list which should be on the Coy notice boards for names of books and their authors. Membership to the Library costs but 50 cents. This covers all the books you wish to take out while we are in this town. Give a list of the books you wish to read with the authors name to your own educational Joe. We will then have the books for you the following day.

The Div School at Hoffmeister Hall in Groningen is now open and doing good work in the line of academic subjects. Another Div School will be commencing shortly as well as the Army School at Vaughg. Here's a real chance to brush up on all subjects.



VISITING SPORTS GET COLD SHOULDER

Just a few short days ago on one of B Coy's parades, the happily attending Coy was asked if there was anyone present who could play Tennis. Immediately four grubby little hands shot up. They hailed forth. The Senior rank, a Cpl. was put in charge and told they were to proceed with necessary equipment to the Tennis Court.

Upon arrival our four adventurers discover that they were The Perth Regiment Tennis Team and ready to meet them is a similar team from the Calgary Tanks, sharply dressed and equipped. Consisting of 1 Major, 2 Lieutenants and a Sgt.-Major.

These men had come a long, tiring trip by jeep to play. The Perth Team was formed 5 minutes before the game. It was just a lucky break B Coy had four players to make a team.

And so the afternoon goes on, the games are played in the hot sun leaving all contestants thirsty, hot and tired and when the game is over, does the Perth Regiment offer these visiting sportsmen even the most essential needs of hospitality?

They do not.

Surely men, no matter of what rank, having done us the favor of coming so far to engage us in Sports, are entitled to some form of refreshment. Common courtesy demands some slight consideration. Surely we can't blame the apropos team. They were as embarrassed by this obvious, but for them, unavoible, rudeness as we were.

This is surely the duty of that elusive body known as the Sports Committee. This was certainly their responsibility.

To send these men away without at least an offer of friendship is in my opinion a big black eye for the Battalion.

I would suggest their smartening up. The teams that are doing us the favour of coming to play us should leave our home ground whether they have won or lost with the idea that at least they partook in some of that well known Southern Ontario hospitality.

By L/Cpl. S. E. Smith

B Coy:- Wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate the boys of the Regimental Track Team who took part in the Bde meet in Groningen last week. It was a darned good show, fellows, keep it up.

Supt. Coy:- We took a fall in Baseball on Wednesday giving into Charlie Coy 11-6. Highlight of the game was the "homer" slugged by Cobbler Cassel.

On Friday afternoon Support took a game from A Coy 15-13. Able Coy held the lead until the 7th, when, led by Wiarion who hit a home run to support a rally. This was followed up by a triple from Cassel and then A couldn't hold down the boys.

We could have a little more co-operation for our team, so let's have a better turn out for the next game.

Groningen:- The Bde Sports Meet was held here on July 10 and a very good crowd of athletes was present. The Calgary Tanks took top honours with the Perth in second place. Cpl. Lockington was top man, three firsts for his three events. He was also on the N CIB Relay Team which won by a good margin. Other scorers for the Perth were: Cpl. Holland and Ptes. La Fournie and Barichello.

The Baseball game on Thursday July 12 played against the Ontario Tanks at Harlingen was won by the Perth by a wide margin and a score of 8-7. As the score indicates it was a real good game. It was the hardest battle the Perth team has had to date.

The Tennis match on the 11th of July was won by the Calgary but our team is out to win in the return match.

The Sports Calendar for the following week is as follows:-

SOFTBALL:

Thurs.	19 July	PLF	Perth (Sneek)
Sat.	21 July	Perth	1 CAB Wkshps
Tues	24 July	HQ 11 CIB	Perth (Sneek)

TENNIS:

Thurs.	19 July	Three Rivers	Perth (Sneek)
Tues.	24 July	Perth, HQ 11 CIB & P.L.F.	

OFFICERS SOFTBALL:

Friday	20 July	Three Rivers	Perth (Sneek)
Monday	23 July	Perth, HQ 11 CIB & P.L.F.	
Monday	30 July	Irish	Perth (Sneek)

THE COLONEL GOES TO TOWN

Special:— The Commanding Officer is in London Eng, this week at Canadian Military Headquarters where he is busy (at least in the day time) writing the official history our Regiment.

SPORT (continued)

D Coy:— Two top canoe men here in Dog Company will take on any two men from another Coy for a race some sunny afternoon. Losers pay for the rent of the canoes, so don't forget to bring your money. Our telephone number is D Coy.

Groningen, Saturday 21 July will be the scene of the Divisional Sports Meet. Weather permitting this should prove to be a very impressive event. Transport is to be provided for those interested in attending.

A Coy:— At the recent Sports Meet we noticed the C.O. colliding with Terra Firma. Amid subdued whisperings in the stands we overheard the boys advising him where he could get the lead out of a certain part of his anatomy.

B Coy:— We are having a very good time sailing in this fair weather. Almost every day after sports are over you can see some of our number in warm weather togs, going towards the lake with a bottle of butter milk in one hand and a pretty girl in the other. We think our sailing ability is very good and are hoping that a possibility might arise whereby we use sailing races as an Inter-company sport competition.

D Coy:— Good going D. Coy. on last Wednesday's ball game. Hats off to our gallant fellows. Five home runs is something to write home about. It still looks like D Coy. has what it takes.

Send B Coy back to guarding the tanks and let D Coy carry on with the baseball.

LARGE TURNOVER OF OFFICERS

Special:— There have been 129 officers in the Perth Regiment since it was mobilized in 1939. This number does not include any attached officers or increment officers. Of this number 9 were Lt.-Colonels, 15 were Majors, 35 were Captains and 70 were Lieutenants. 14 officers of the unit paid the supreme sacrifice.

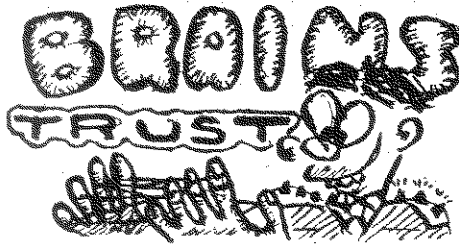
FOR YOU

Special:— A memorial booklet is being published this week which will include the names of our comrades who fell in battle. This booklet will be sent to the Next of Kin and will also be available to all those who served with the Regiment prior to 8th May '45. There are 257 names on the Roll of Honour.

SPORT GUFF BY DUFF



"Would you mind coming past again, my camera was not quite ready this time?"



**MAJOR P. F. FISHER
REHABILITATION.**

Q. I own my own farm. I have been in the Canadian Army for two and one-half years. Can I get a loan of enough money through V.L.A. to re-equip my farm with live-stock and necessary machinery? **M. A. Shaw**

A. The fact that you have been in the Army for two and one-half years is your misfortune and nothing can be done about it. Concerning V.L.A., provision has been made for the granting of loans at 3 1/2 % interest rate to veterans who own land and require funds to resume farming operations. Advances not exceeding 60 % of the value of the land or a maximum of dir. 3200 may be made to pay off a mortgage, effect improvements or buy livestock and machinery. If an advance for livestock and machinery only is required, the total must not exceed dir. 2500 or 50 % of the value of the land.

Q. Could I take a course through Army channels to prepare myself for Automotive Service as well as a small loan to start in my own maintenance and garage? I have served with the Canadian Army for three years. **Puzzled.**

A. Yes. A Course in Automotive Engineering (Motor Mechanics) is available through the Canadian Legion Educational Services by correspondence. In the near future there will be a vocational workshop set up on an Army level (and lower) to handle such technical trades. Information will be forthcoming on this later.

Under the Post-Discharge Re-establishment Order you are eligible for such a loan as you require. It is suggested that you obtain information in greater length through your Educational Office.

UP AND DOWN STATION STREET.

A. Coy.— Who is the "dish" our Major Fisher is squiring from this neighborhood? **Tanner, your slipping boy.**

We noticed the following partaking of the joyous juices the other evening, Davis with a mug as large as the piece of china that is found under the average bed. Racket Niles running over and buying all the beer and being generous as the devil with his Willy Woodbines.

Gray seems to be looking his handsome self again three weeks after purchasing one of those Friesland haircuts.

Now that we have a meat ration again in Canada, it should effect the garbage situation around the Ipperwash district.

**CHARLIE COY,
SALUTES IT'S BURMA BOUND.**

"C" COY.— To all our boys who have volunteered for further Front-line service with CFEF we wish to extend our sincere best wishes for their good luck in the Far East. We, your buddies, who know so well what War is really like can realize far better than those less experienced just what this sacrifice is that you so generously make.

"C" Coy boys are:

Pte Bartley R C
Graham N L
Loftus E A
L/C Griffin G E
Pte Hanna R
Harper L E
Laur H J
Lefelhoc J
Meiton A
Myles C H
Nelson J R
Smith R M
L/C Trineer F D H

STRATFORD'S UNBEATEN NINE.

C. COY.— The six Charlie Coy players, reps on the Regimental softball team proved themselves better than the Ontario Tank Regiment on July 12th.

This victory over the opposition brings the Perth boys up to nine successive wins.

The first inning started with Joe Natgawary of the Perth up to bat. He started things off with a fair fly into left field. This was all our lads needed, and by the time the end of the inning rolled around we were out on top to the tune of 6 to 0. Possibly this fast start led to a little over-confidence on the part of the Perths for they really had to pull their drawers up to squeeze out a win in the dying moments of the game. We still believe it was Joe's good arm that spelled success for our team.

Our thanks go out to Deut. Gerry Getty the master mind and manager of the team. He has himself a smart aggregation at the moment and it should remain so if no future drafts bleed us of our stars.

Charlie Coy, reps on the team are as follows:

Catcher . . . "Tubby" Domanczuk
Pitcher . . . Joe Natgawary
1st. Base . . . J. Mousseau
3rd Base . . . L/Cpl. Hercheratter
R. Field . . . Ted Potvin and Sgt. Smithson

Keep up to good work gang, we are right behind you until the finish.

We noticed Frashaw at the show the other evening with his Mother, congratulations Dick. When did she come over?

TO ALL YOUNG LADIES.— If you are looking for a young man these evenings please call around to A. Coy, C. S. M. Woodward will be in the office willing to interview you.

What's Cookin' with DUFFYS' BOYS.

SPT. COY:- Although there are many forms of interest which can be made in a regiment, the foremost of these is its own newspaper. It helps to bind together the men of different companies and also as there are new coming in constantly we hope it will help to get the boys to know each other. So lets pull together and make this paper a success.

There was a meeting held in the millionaires room in the Q. M. yesterday when our own John Inson was recognized as a storeman; he was given his new name "Clip" and henceforth will be called "Clip" Inson.

I heard the cooks squawking the other morning and it seems our new C. S. M. insists that the chefs wear skeleton web over their white aprons on the first parade.

This rehabilitation scheme is being taken seriously by one of the lads in the cookhouse, who is taking his course on a farm outside the village.

Those last C. O. F. drafts had Ray Cole

worried a bit, but he's got over it now; he counted his points again.

Some lucky Hollander is learning all about ranches in Western Canada from one of our Western boys. I think the sessions took place out Leeuwarden way.

We have one poor soak in the crowd. After drinking poco poco Cognac he was under the table. Bad stomach, Bill?

MED HERO IN DROWNING EPISODE

SP.COY:- In spite of quick minded action on the part of Pte Ken Coutlee of Support Coy's medicos who rescued and applied artificial respiration to an 11 month old infant victim of a near drowning in one of Sneek's ever-present canals the proximity of death proved too much for the child and she died 12 hours later as a result of her exposure.

Pte Coutlee was on his way to the R. A. P. in the morning when he was attracted to the scene of the fatality by shouts and commotion. Rapidly sizing up the situation Pte Coutlee took

control and taking the child from the arms of her frantic father rushed her immediately to the R. A. P. where artificial respiration was applied successfully and the child revived only to relapse fataly 12 hours later.

Brother Coutlee came to us during the Dutch campaign and has shown by his cool headed application of what the little book says to be a valuable addition to the Battalion.

WANTED.

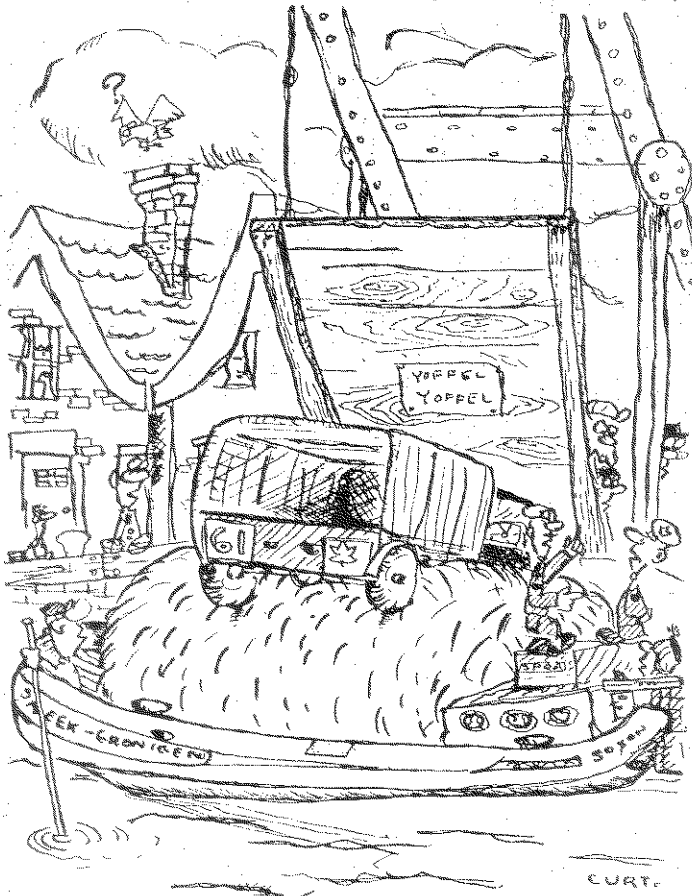
A full time clerk and cartoonist are required in the offices of The Perthonian. If you figure yourself so talented, please contact us and we will take the necessary steps to release you from other duties.

Repat. drafts are responsible for your requirements.

A typewriter with a standard keyboard is also required. If any of you looters are in possession of the aforementioned dig down in the old loot and bring her over. We are sure a satisfactory deal can be arranged.

BURMA HERE I COME.

Pte. J. A. Curtin our art editor shoves off for a short 30 days in Canada this week. We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude for his untiring efforts in sending this, our first issue, to press. So-long "Curt", and good luck to you.



"Stop saying the bridge is up, the bridge is up. I know it is up."

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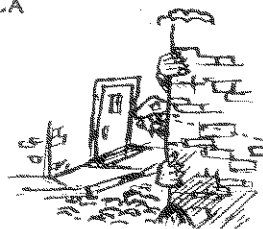
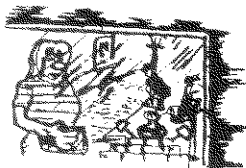
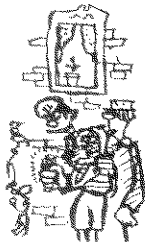
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