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SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE

LIEUT. V. E. FRYER BRINGS US A REPORT ON THE BRIGADE SCHOOL

One week after the opening of the new school at Leeuwarden, under the auspices of 11 Brigade and named in accordance, 11 Cdn Inf. Bde School, The Perthonian roving reporter paid it a visit. There was a certain amount of personal interest in his going; many sad tales had been brought back from other similar establishments relating to the poor choice of subjects and the poor meals, etc. There was need to find out whether our Brigade had profited. Moreover, C.S.M. Bell of "C" Coy had had much to do with the administration during the opening phases; and indeed, for two weeks following.

One or two of the men this unit sent forward had returned during the first week on the excuse that the subjects offered were either not of their choosing or of too advanced a nature. It followed, therefore, that the morale of the students remaining should be one of the first things to approach. From interviews conducted with a fair cross-section of the student body the conclusion was drawn that morale was of the highest. This was mainly due to excellent meals and decent accommodation. The kitchen staff, in fact, had their work cut out keeping the men from coming back for second helpings. It occurred, naturally, to assume in the typical Army fashion; that this might be as much due to skimpy servings as to good food but investigation proved this contention wrong. The food was good. As regards billets your reporter found the students comfortably established four to a room with persons of their own choice as roommates and in most cases equipped with stoves and plenty of coal to keep them warm. There were no restrictions imposed upon them regarding kit lay-out other than the cautionary "Keep the room tidy". What about the subjects, you say? It did not appear that these were either too difficult or not of good choice for the men during class are given the benefit of excellent instruction from practiced High School teachers who know their work and can make any subject on the curriculum interesting and worth while and easy.

Hours commence at 9 o'clock in the morning and continue through until noon when there is an hour and one-half break for lunch and relaxation. Three periods are covered in this time. At 1.30 students reassemble and continue through

until 3.30 when the day is finished. Thursday afternoon is free as is Saturday afternoon.

During these periods the subjects include Mathematics, that is, Arithmetic and Algebra and Geometry, Social Studies (a very popular subject contrary to the general impression), English, French and Bookkeeping. Students are required to take at least three subjects with the exception that Bookkeeping requires but one other to make the equivalent. All these subjects are elementary in the sense that a student starts in at the very beginning and is not expected to be a wizard capable of digesting volumes of information at a glance. The instructors are understanding.

The original intention of the school was to run for six weeks and to provide certificates of standing for those in attendance. The recent change in the time of movement in our Division has caused some change to be made in those plans. It is evident, now, that we will not be here for six weeks. Indeed the school is slated to close on November 29. What, then do the men accomplish? They will receive certificates of standing and these will be acceptable in recognized schools at home should they choose to continue study. They will have received the benefit of good instruction from competent instructors which has saved them from wasting their time while awaiting repatriation. They have in some cases been made aware that there are other things in life of a beneficial nature besides "building something" — the increased interest in an abstract subject (so-called) like Social Studies has proved that. The men studying there will admit as much. They do not feel that their time is wasted, not by the slightest bit.

The only regret these men have is that the school was not started earlier. That, too, is the opinion of the Instructional Staff from the Chief Instructor, Capt. "Clay" Turner, down. An orchid is due the complete staff and in particular the Administration Officer, Capt. S. E. Beacock, in conjunction with Capt. Sandwell at Brigade for the excellent job they have done in fitting the deserted German Air Force barracks as a school of learning. A much more fitting use, you'll agree, than that for which it was first intended.

EDITORIAL MENTION IN DESPATCHES

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OFF THE RECORD

"C" COY:— Two of the Coriano kids left for C.A.O.F. this week. Moore had the happy out-look on going there for when he goes to indulge, the beer will be 8 per cent.

L/Cpl. Strang did not have no jolly out-look, he said "with a year in that country he will be lucky when he gets back to Canada that his Mary Evans will not want to have anything to do with him". We all wish you the best and that chest of ribbons should get you your tickets home soon.

The "Plaza" will have to get some more oil stoves or our glamour boys will have to find themselves some warmer lady friends. When the lady said "I's koud" a certain soldier didn't take long to jump up and move the stove where she and himself could cuddle up on top of it. What is the matter "Bone Woods" can't you use some of your own heat with your charms?

Religion is the subject that a few of the boys are stressing all their spare time on. It looks as time draws near to leave Sneek their conscience is getting them down. Never mind, Williams, Gates, Zinke and MacTavish, from now on try and be good soldiers.

There is a G.I. that has the right idea. He got himself engaged and now she takes one day a week off to press and clean everything up for him. Hurry up, Norm, there are just three more weeks left to give us one of these "buggy ride weddings".

A. 50574 Private Vern Edgar GOODING

Action for which commended

1. On 13 September 1944 THE PERTH Regiment was consolidated on the objective it had captured SOUTH of CORIANO. Private GOODING, a Stretcher bearer, was attached to "D" Company. A patrol had been sent out by the company to establish contact with the INDIAN unit on the left. One of the members of the patrol, a Lance Corporal, was wounded seriously and left out in the open under heavy mortar and automatic fire. Private GOODING went forward, despite the fire, to render first aid. Although displaying a Red Cross flag, he was subjected to heavy small arms and artillery fire. He would not leave the wounded man, but remained in attendance on him for the remainder of the day and until a Stretcher party went forward during darkness to bring the wounded man in. Private GOODING's conduct was an inspiration to all ranks, and maintained the highest traditions of his employment.

CANADA—HOLLAND WEEK

Canada—Holland Week will be celebrated from 19th—24th November here in Sneek. Capt. Pattison, Capt. Dooley and Supervisor Ulley are representing the unit on the programme committee.

The schedule of events for the week is as follows:

Monday 19th Nov.

Special Movie for Dutch Civilians
1800 hours — Sports Film and Movie
2100 hours — Regalia Movie for Soldiers

Tuesday 20th Nov.

1900 hours — Bridge Tournaments
1900 hours — Ping-Pong Tournaments
1900 hours — Sjvel Rak Tournament
The above are Dutch—Canadian competitions.

Wednesday 21st Nov.

1900 hours — Dutch Gymnastic Display
at Amicitia
2130 hours — Regalia Dance (till 2359 hours)

Thursday 22nd Nov.

1900 hours — Boxing Show at Amicitia

Friday 23rd Nov.

1900 hours — Swimming Meet (Leeuwarden)

Saturday 24th Nov.

1400 hours — Handball (Two Girl Teams)
1500 hours — Soccer (Perth vs Sneek)

Sunday 25th Nov.

1400 hours — Movie "Hello Junie"
1900 hours — Movie " " "
This is a captured German film with Dutch Captions

For the Tuesday night tournaments and the Saturdays games, prizes will be donated by the Dutch and the Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will be closed at 2000 hours on Saturday, 24th Nov. '45.

ME JEAN BAPTISTE

Holland Someplace
Nov. 10, 1945.

Hallo Philleas:

I am writting you again somemore. What's become you that you don't write to me some more? I am receiving a letter from dat fellow Pierre who I dink tell de police where I hide when dey look for me, so I don't like dat fellow some more. Now Philleas I'm telling you a new hexperience I have dis week. I go to the feet-ball game and I tell you some people are not "balance on de branch" in dis harmy. All de time dey hit themselves down for a little ball. All de time four or five doctors she run on de field for to help them poor fellow, also they carry out three or five fellow de feets first. All de soldiers she hollar all de time but me and de Dutch peoples we shake de heads for them poor fellows. I don't dink I go some more.

I have Dutch gurl now Philleas, she nice one too. I meet her at night in de car park. She tell me dat she go mit Officeer before but she go mit me now. She look like Philomene what work at your house. You remember when she have de accident with de wash machine? She smaller on one side than de oder now, my girl is lik dat. She very particular my gurl, she smoke only Sweet Caporal Cigarettes, the Officeer she go with before smoke Tartans I think that why she not go mit him some more. She fine gurl Philleas but she expensive, I have to her bring some soap all de time. Them Officeer dey spoil de gurls I dink. I'm woory a little bit, when I go to her home in de barge her papa he show me a big shot gun; I'm woory what he mean by dat. By de way Philleas I'm what you call scratch all' de time dese day I woory what am dat. I think I'm catch something someplace. Don't tell me fader dat I have de Gurl because he fix de corn shed for me to bring her in and I'm not think of dat these day yet, maybe she go back to Officeer if he get Sweet Caporal Cigarettes. Well I dink I finish because maybe they send me to the Army of Occupy soon.

Oi revoir
Yor frand
JEAN BAPTISTE
P.D.Q.

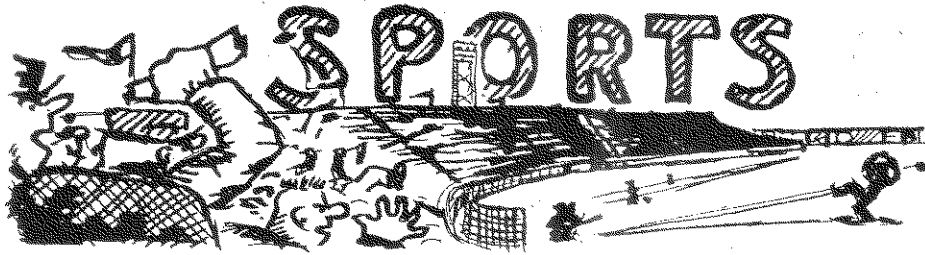
P.S. If the rhubarb she flower before I come back please take care of him for me. J. B.

MENTION IN DESPATCHES

A. 11799 CQMS John Nelson GRAINGER
Action for which commended

2. This NCO has been CQMS of Headquarters Company for a considerable time. At all times he has efficiently carried out his duties and any and all additional duties which were thrust upon him. During the periods when the unit was occupying positions in the line, and in the actions at the FOGLIA River, and at CORIANO, he has been largely responsible for the fact that supplies were never lacking. He has, on numerous occasions, worked without rest for days at a time under the most trying conditions, with never a thought for his own welfare or safety. His coolness, cheerfulness and devotion to duty have been an inspiration to the other CQMS', whose efficiency is largely the result of the example set by this NCO.





IT'S HOCKEY FELLAS — On Tuesday, Nov. 6th at The Hague our hockey team got off to a flying start to open the league schedule with a win over our camera men the Irish Regiment to a tune of 3 to 1.

After a few minutes of play in the first period our second line centreman Natywary scored on a lovely pass from Mills. The period ended 1-0. In the second period our first line centreman, Flashy Cpl Beecroft came through with a beauty, after a pass from leftwinger Hunter. Before the period ended, a one man rush by our great defenceman "Moose" Mousseau came through with the best goal of the game, making it 3 to 0 at the end of the second period.

L/Cpl Herchenratter our "Big Block-House" defenceman played a wonderful game. All members of the team played heads up throughout the game, with lots of credit going to our Great Little Man "Tubby" Domianczuk in the net for the job he had done. He made stops that had the poor Irish just about in tears and the rest of us holding our breath.

Thursday, Nov. 8th we saw our boys take the Bay Boys (C.B.H.) 7 to 0, to take top position in the league schedule.

The score does not indicate the play as the Bay Boys played well throughout the game. In fact they had it all over us in the first period but just could not click, as our Big Little Man in the nets was just kicking them out left and right. He deserves the shutout he got.

Half-way through the first period we saw our "Block-House" L/Cpl Herchenratter make a solo rush for a lovely goal. Before the period ended Worton scored on a pass from "One Man Rush" Mousseau making it 2 to 0.

The second period started off with a goal by Johnson from Mousseau and Natywary. Again our "Block-House" came through with a neat goal on a pass from Mills. Before this period ended our first line banged one in by Hunter, assisted by Beecroft and Rolston to make it 5-0.

The third period again had two more goals, one being scored by L/Cpl Herchenratter from Natywary and Mills. Before the end of the period Hunter scored on a pass from Beecroft and Rolston to make it 7 to 0.

On Saturday afternoon, 10th November our team came through with another win over 11 C.I.B. at the Apollo Rink, Amsterdam. The final score was 4 to 1.

In the first few minutes of the game our Cpl "Beef" Beecroft came through with a shot from the blue line that made the goal tender look bad, as it rolled in between his legs. There was no other score in this period.

The second period started off with our "Block-House" L/Cpl Herchenratter making a long rush for goal, being the loveliest goal of the game. Before the Period ended our first line came through with another dandy goal. L/Cpl Rolston, scoring on a pass from Cpl "Beef" Beecroft to make it 3 to 0.

In the third period again our "Block-House" defenceman L/Cpl Herchenratter came through with a goal on a pass from Beecroft.

A couple of times throughout this period our "One Man Rush" Mousseau made his former performance but just couldn't click. Before the period ended our rivals scored on a scramble in front of the net, after "Tubby" our "Big Little Man" in the net made a sensational save. The game ended to a score 4 to 1.

Everyone played heads up hockey but in many a rush to the opponents goal we just couldn't beat the man in the net.

They are all pitching to cop the Brigade Championship. So how about going all out and giving the best support possible. Three cheers for our team and we wish them all the luck in their future games.

THE PERTH PLAZA

TOURNAMENTS — Any of you chaps wanting different types of tournaments be sure and ask about them. We are looking for suggestions every day so let's have 'em. The Bingo, Ping-Pong, Crib and Bridge nights are being well attended and with the weather as it is, we would like to see you in at nights.

Our professional Ping-Pong Thursday night was won again by Pte Woods with Pte Wilson as runner up. Pte Pillon won the amateur tournament on Friday afternoon defeating Pte Roseborough in the finals. Last Saturday night saw Pte St Jean win the Crib tournament with Pte Carriere winning the booby prize. The more the merrier is our motto so let's see more of you entering these tournaments.

TEA DANCING — We are glad to see more people taking advantage of our "canned music". We like to see the floor filled with "loving couples" and if you have a favourite piece you want played just ask for it.

SUGGESTION BOX — Up to date we have had three suggestions in our box. The one concerning the tea-room was quite good and I think now the waiters are looking after the bar and quite well. As for the suggestion about a mirror in the wash-room, one quick glance behind the door and there you are as big as life.

UP AND DOWN STATION STREET

"A" COY:— We have noticed on different occasions this week, Walper and his two imported "Chicks" from Amsterdam. We are wondering if it is hands off or can anyone cut in?

We can always depend on our good old CSM for a bit of news. Spent all week interviewing personnel warned for draft. You guessed it, he was trying to find out a few new addresses. We would also like to know what that thing is under his nose?

Our Coy Runner quotes "A change is as good as a rest". He dropped his local "Meisje" for twelve days for a Cognac Factory. Would you?

Who was the fellow that got all dressed up for the big Hallo'een Dance, took a few shots of Cognac and within a few minutes was resting peacefully in his gallant get-up. How about that "Styles"?

A certain Cpl was getting used to his return to civilian life the other day but he says the street cars in Antwerp run a little different to the ones in Toronto. Was it the "Meisje" on it that you went for Frankie?

Well our C.Q.M.S. really worked himself into a good job for a week or so. Could it be that a certain young lady lives there too?

Congratulations to the football team in bringing more laurels to the Regiment. Keep up the good work, Boys.

We still insist that men who have seen front line service for nearly a year in Italy before coming over to this country should not go to C.A.O.F. Also it is funny when a man is wounded in April and then doesn't get any points for that month.

The Sneek Civilians and The Perth Regiment were honoured last week by a visit from Princess Juliana. As this was her first visit to Sneek it was quite a thrill for the younger generation and also for the soldiers who had never seen her.

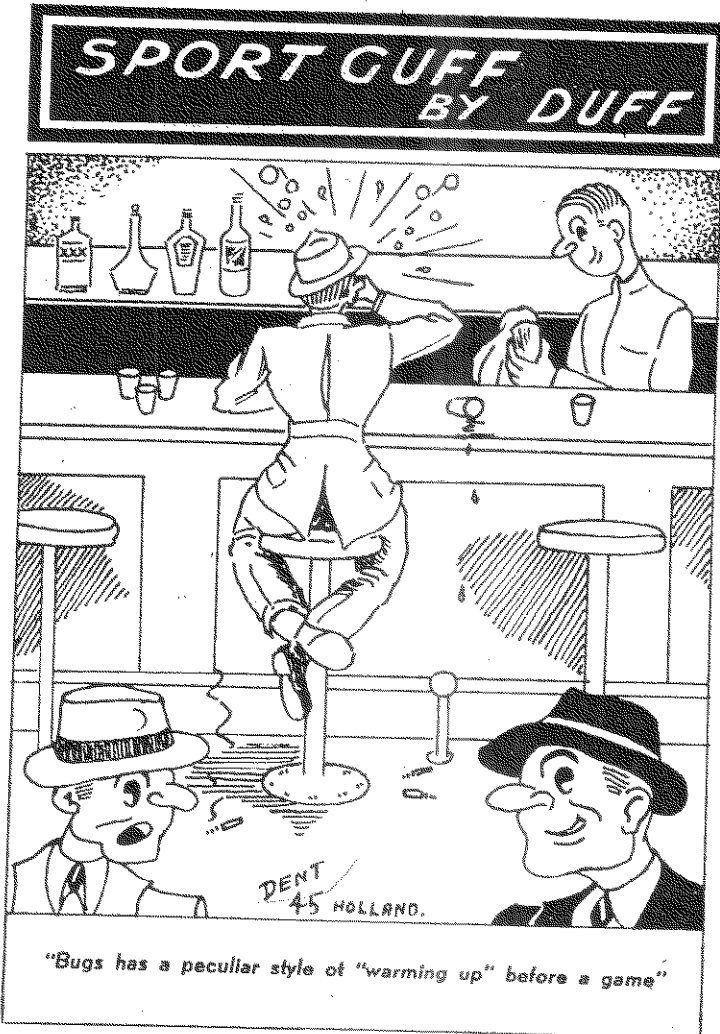
CHIT AND CHATTER

"B" COY:— Congratulations to the Regimental Soccer Team on winning the Div. Championship. Considering the support given at the game they came through on top in the good old Perth way.

Rumours are that the hockey team are doing the Regiment proud, The "Great Flash" Beecroft has turned in a fine performance as have all the rest and we hear the "Canada Club" Amsterdam is seeing a fair amount of the boys at night. What's the drawing card fellers?

CSM Karchut and Sgt. Bramley returned from a short leave in France. According to their stories they had a swell time and surprising, as it seems, they both returned with all their equipment.

One thing more the Canadians, not the Perths, of course, can be credited with, is supplying some Amsterdam cutties with new coats. Indirectly, of course. These light coloured Army Blankets sure do make nice winter coats. Have you noticed?



"CLUB 61" CALLING

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 31, "Club 61" invaded the Roma Club, Leeuwarden, to attend a Masquerade Ball held under the able direction of CSM Derbyshire, P.L.F.; Sgt "Beef" McKay, I.R.C.; and Sgt. Wm. Dalzell, C.B.H. All members were in costume as could be seen by the weird characters roaming the streets of Sneek in the afternoon. Before departing from the "grand ball", the C.O. inspected the many and varied costumes and gave his seal of approval. The highlight of the evening was when the judges chose the best dressed couple and our own "Mr. Nifty and Senie" took top honours.

The Amicitia Theatre was the scent of another "Club 61" party on Friday evening, Nov. 2nd, with all members of the 5th Div. invited. Guests of honour were; Lt-Col M. W. Andrew DSO; Major H. A. Snelgrove, Major P. F. J. Baker, Capt. D. L. Thompson and Supervisor Uilley. The Amalfi Band again "gave out" with their usual top notch music and kept the floor filled to capacity throughout the evening. Yes, even "L.C." was out dancing and that quiet unassuming fellow named "Chico"! Drinks were dispensed by our very capable bar trio namely CSM Karchut Sgt Bramley and Sgt Burgess. Sam was also picked for the job but preferred to do a little jitter-bugging himself.

On Sunday evening sixteen couples from "Club 61" sallied forth to Bolsward as guests of the C.B.H., W.O.'s and Sgts Mess. After (a few) rounds of Gognac, gin etc. the gang got in the groove and all report a very enjoyable evening.

We noticed that the band played a lot of slow music on Friday evening. Doesn't the Yank waltz, "Woody"?

Bert, if you must save your drinks to bring home, contact "Raw Deal" for a thermos as the flowers at the Roma Club are not robust enough to take the punishment — even George says you "Gotta be rugged"!!

The burning question seems to be "Who threw the Overalls" eh Al?

After the ball, "did you or did you not" take her home, Frank?

"Fearless", also attended the Masquerade Ball. Were they serving you sleeping tablets, Bill?

Say "Locky" in Canada we usually kept the drinks on the table not under the table.

Despite the rugged weather conditions, the spirits of the members of the Mess don't seem to be dampened any, as the ROMA CLUB, Leeuwarden, continues to be their favourite haunt and almost every evening a truck load of "wolves" go in for their usual liquid refreshments and dancing lessons.

SCENE OF THE WEEK

Six burly (?) Members of the Mess desperately trying to hoist our friend "Limpy" into the back of a 60-cwt after he had decided to do one of his favourite "fade-away" acts. Gosh, Bert, it's a mighty good thing she only allows you one late pass every two weeks!!

PERSONALITIES

It was with regret that we had to say "S'Long" to our esteemed fellow-member, Sgt L. C. Smith, (Smitty) who left here for the C. O. F. this past week. Best of luck, "Smitty", and we hope it won't be long before we shall be seeing you again.

We welcome to the Club, our new Catering Sgt, as he is already so aptly nick-named Sgt "Mac" McDonnel, and sincerely hope that he enjoys his stay with us. He has already captured the hearts of a few "meisjes" at the "Roma", by teaching them the "Chatham Shuffle".

It is too bad you couldn't let drive at that queer character the other night "Mr. Ick", but your presence of thought averted what could have been a major catastrophe.

How are the dancing lessons coming along, Freddie and Bill? You certainly cut a mean figure on a dance floor, or maybe it is just that "pepper-upper" you take before proceeding onto the floor that has the rebounding effect on your nervous system.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"Gosh but I like you" "You know, I would sure like to take you out for an evening"!! And he claims he isn't a "wolf".

Who is the individual that stole the little girls affection in Belgium from her one and only? It must be his wavy hair!

On Friday evening, "Club 61" entertained the Regimental Soccer team in honour of their winning the Divisional Championship. All members of the team were present, including their travelling reporter and press agent, and the guest of honour was Mr Smit, of Sneek, their popular trainer and counsellor. After the dinner, CSM "Norm" Bell, welcomed and congratulated the team on behalf of the Mess, and the Captain of the team, CQMS Willis, flittingly replied. Mr. Smit then addressed the team, and presented each with a souvenir of Sneek. "Captain" Willis then gave the trainer a nice gift as a small token of their appreciation of his services which played a great part in helping the team to win.

POP A QUESTION

This week's questions was "WHO, IN THE REGIMENT IS YOUR MOST UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTER, AND WHY?"

The answers were obtained from various members of The Regiment, however, when many of you fellows are approached for your opinions on the question you refuse to co-operate with us, this is your paper, so, next time you are asked to do your bit, please, keep up the Perth Fighting Spirit.

The answers are as follows.

L/Cpl Wickie, H. a member of "A" Coy who lives in Sebringville, Ontario, says: For any one who knew R. S. M. Soper I think they will always remember him, when he chowed up a parade it was sure to be followed by, "Still, not a move".

Another person in the Regiment is our present R.Q., especially in Italy, where the Vino was easy to get. (Remember Altamuro S.M.?)

Pte McNabb of HQ Coy who hails from Orillia, Ontario, says: To my estimation Pte Bennett of "A" Coy will always be the most unforgettable character I have known in the Unit. Not only was he cool in action but he was always full of fun and willing to help his pals at every opportunity. Those who know him will always remember how good he was on the scrounge especially after "Itie" chickens.

Pte McCann, F. G. a member of "A" Coy says: My most unforgettable character is an Englishman born in Canada in a Scotch settlement about 31 years ago. Now the point is, out of 31 years he spent 30½ years arguing. His first argument was with his Dear Mother when he tried to give him a bottle but he says, "No, I can go and get the milk fresh from the cow". Now as years went by he was invited into the Army and the first time I saw him was at a Ball Game in Avalino, no one to argue with so he yapped to himself, and next he was noticed for his slit trench serenades on the accordian and finally the Regiment settled in Sneek and a handicraft shop was started, unfortunately for the boy. This character is a member, of the unit. Here he found his hearts desire as the shop was small and he could corner any one in an argument. His love for the Lords and Dukes, and mutton and sardines and Wood-bines is so great the boys figure he is no value to Canada and they should deport him. Oh yes, the character is Pte Hamilton, A. L. of "C" Coy.

Pte W. A. Graf, "C" Coy who lived in Kitchener, Ontario, says: I pick Pte I. R. Jones, formerly of Support and Headquarters Company. His wit and humour would stir you, no matter what sort of mood you were in. His morale was always at the highest point, regardless of how fed up he was.

PIERRE

River Canar', Nov. 12t 1945.

Hello again to the Jean Baptiste.

I think I write you once some more, for I don't think you be very happy for not being home here for the night of de jour de l'an. When the man of the Gran' Nort' Wes' thinks of the home on the St. Laurent and the frien' he may never see. So on that day, I drink to your wife an' girl and take one for you also. I am wonder if the soldier is always bother' with the man who sell the pretty piece of paper call the War Bon'. At the first time, she's one damn nice thing, I'm tell you, but after four, five six, and den for my short stay in Stratford, the news she's a long time in reach that place, I'm think, nobody seems to know about that war for you fellows, but since I come back to the River Canar', I hear tell she's gone to the nine time and that's no joke, Las' week in the

town hall, there is fellow have a meeting which says we all mus' go. So I'm go to see that fellow there. Well, he talk for a long time that fellow and don't say nothing at all. Then he say that them Governments like me to lend them some money for the sixty year, Where the Hell Mackenzie King going now what takes him so damn long to come back. So I'm keep my money on the River Canar' and go home to my shack to my wife Rosalie, and say to her, that guy don' know the different from the bugle she blow, from the steamboat come up the river. But now I am verce happy, for I see by the Soldier paper, where the boys from St Laurent is all come home on the "Liz" so I'm tell you if you don' know before. Already, the musk-rat is swimming roun' the pool, never knowing when the trap go smash. Las' week my frien' Bert tell me the skunk-pole-cat is good for eat, same time good for fur.

Yures in haste

PIERRE.

AT THE FLICKS

DELIGHTFULLY DANGEROUS

with

JANE POWELL and
RALPH BELLAMY

Monday & Tuesday 19th and 20th November

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"God is my Co-Pilot"

with

DENNIS MORGAN

Wednesday & Thursday 21st & 22nd November

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HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME

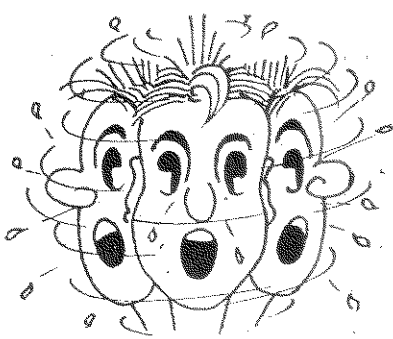
with

PAT O'BRIEN and
CAROLE LANDIS

Friday & Saturday 23rd and 24th November



DOLL DILEMMA CONT'D



A state of confusion still exists as our hero tries to single out a partner from this maze of Canadian beauties

