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## RECREATION HAS TOP PRIORITY

Major Whyte gives us some inside dope on Recreational Facilities in 11 Brigade



Maj. J. S. WHYTE

Major Whyte kindly gave out with the following:

Leeuwarden is the entertainment centre for the 11th Canadian Infantry Brigade and almost every evening a goodly number of the boys pack up and head that way. Wondering what attraction Leeuwarden held for the men, we contacted Major John S. Whyte the Officer Commanding 11 Bde Recreation Centre to see if he could put us in the picture.

While everyone in The Perth Regiment knows that Sneek (Stratford) is without a doubt the best town in Holland for friendliness and good fun still many of the lads who really want to see the bright lights come to the bustling metropolis of Leeuwarden. Here is the capitol of Friesland and also the headquarters of that most important part of the Maroon Machine, 11 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group. Operating under the direction of this headquarters is the Recreation Centre which, to get back to it, is the reason why most people come to Leeuwarden. There are numerous clubs and installations operating for the soul benefit of the soldier and of which he is taking advantage. Club Roma is the W.O.'s and Sergeants home of entertainment and it is capably handled by C.S.M. Derbyshire and a couple of strong arm men. To say that Club Roma is a going concern is an understatement. Then we have the 1/11 Club; named after 1 CAB and 11CIB. Here you can sip a casual beer between shooting the breeze with a friend, and shaking a leg with a shapely Dutch Damsel. Supervisor Stevenson is responsible for the success of this establishment. After the 1/11 comes the Granite Club (mind the CWACS please). At the Granite Club the corporals and bucks may enjoy a snack and indulgence in almost any game their heart desires. The "boss man" here is Supervisor Courtney. In addition to these many clubs there is a swimming pool known as The Bay and a Cinema operating under the name of The Calgary Theatre. All the Other Rank amenities are

supervised by George Plewman of the Y.M.C.A.

There are two clubs at which the Officers might enjoy themselves, one is the Amalfi which is situated in Leeuwarden and where there is dancing nightly. The other is The Princenhof at Erneoude, here an officer may spend a restful week-end as sleeping accommodation is provided. If he so desires he may spend his time sailing or riding as these facilities are available. These two clubs are managed by a couple of hard working young officers, Lieut.

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### SITTIN' ON THE FENCE



Move over gals, I'm comin' in. They are Canucks and the place is Burlington Beach Ontario

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## PIPE THOSE CWACS

Special:— On Sunday last, the Perth Regt was very fortunate in being piped to church by the CWAC Pipe Band, the only band of its type in the world. The all girl band created quite a commotion in the Sneek vicinity and practically everyone and his brother either lined the thoroughfares, hung from lamp posts or peered out of second story windows. For many of the natives it was the first time they had ever seen a Canadian lassie and the impression left with them was a very favourable one indeed.

The parade was formed up at the Sport Field and so all ranks could benefit by the music, the Pipe Band was fallen in between Baker and Charley Companies (lucky fellows). To the Regimental tune, John Peel, the parade moved off through thousands of spectators along the main byways to Martin Church. After piping the soldiers into the church, the CWACS filed in and took seats in a sector allotted to them. After the Service Personnel had been seated, the doors were opened to the public and in a considerably short time the church was filled to overflowing and we are quite sure that all were not there for cleansing of the soul.

The H/Capt. E. C. Knowles opened the service. Our Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. M. W. Andrew read the lesson and the Rev. Dr. H. de Vos preached the sermon. At the close of the service both National Anthems were played and the congregation then filed out.

The parade was then marched back to the Officer's Mess where after a few words of appreciation to the CWACS, the C.O. turned it over to the R.S.M. The band was later entertained at lunch by members of the Sergeant's Mess.

to explain to the parties involved. Quite a paying business, this photography.

Piccadilly Circus has gone back to normal again and the place has a much nicer atmosphere and appearance. Keep up the good work, boys!!

We wonder what is the attraction for the men in Amsterdam? Can it be the historic tours?

## H. 8018 Private Clarence James MILLS

On 31st August 1944, during the attack on the Gothic Line, The Perth Regiment was consolidated on high ground near MONTECCHIO, north of the FOGLIA RIVER. The battalion, and particularly "B" Company's position was being heavily mortared and shelled. Many casualties were suffered during the attack on this feature, and the period of consolidation. Private MILLS, stretcher bearer attached to "B" Company, walked about the battle field rendering first aid and assisting in the evacuation.

On the night 31st August and 1st September 1944, the battalion was consolidated on feature 204, NORTHWEST of feature 111. During the counter attack on the Battalion position that night which caused heavy casualties Private MILLS, the only available stretcher bearer, rendered first aid to all the wounded in "A" and "B" Companies, all the time under heavy shell fire.

From the time the Battalion was committed to action until the final objectives in the GOTHIC LINE were reached, Private MILLS worked without rest and with the most unswerving devotion to duty. His quiet manner and efficiency, coolness and determination under heavy fire were an inspiration to all ranks.

## "H Q" TID BITS

Hdqts. Coy:— This may be of interest to the ardent (!!) sport fans in our fair Bn. Yes, fellows we do have a soccer team, or football as some prefer to call it. At any rate, they are now playing off for the Bde championship and we shall endeavour to print the schedule of where and when the games shall be played. Line-up of the team is as follows:

Captain and Left Back:	
CQMS Willis L. of Tillsonburg, Ont.	HQ Coy
Goal:	
Pte Birrell R. K. of Ottawa, Ontario.	HQ Coy
Right Back	
Pte Bell W. W. of Toronto, Ontario.	HQ Coy
Centre Half:	
Pte Greerson J. of Chatham, Ont.	"B" Coy
Right Half:	
Pte Jacobs L. of Montreal Que.	HQ Coy
Left Half:	
Pte White F. E. of Peterborough, Ont.	HQ Coy
Outside Right:	
Pte Lang A. of Smith's Falls Ont.	HQ Coy
Inside Right:	
Pte Flood W. R. of Stratford, Ont.	D Coy
Centre Forward:	
Pte Tulloch R. of Chatham, Ont.	HQ Coy
Inside Left:	
Pte Nadjiwan C. F. of Cape Croker, Ont.	Spt Coy
Outside Left:	
Pte Harvey H. of Novar, Ontario.	D Coy

Now that Pal is on re-pat, our chum "BUTCH" is in a stew in case that the pictures get out of the country on him and he won't be able

# OFF THE RECORD

C. COY:— A bouquet and congratulations are in order for our 2 i/c, Major H. A. Snelgrove, for his splendid effort on the very fine appearance of the booklet, "In Memoriam", The Perth Regiment. The booklet consists of a record of the Memorial Service at Wagenborgen, HOLLAND, an Honour Roll of our fallen comrades, a brief outline of the Regimental History & Battles and also a list of the Honours and Awards won by the men of the Regiment. The booklet is well compiled and also handsome appearing and makes a very worthwhile keepsake. I am sure the booklet will be well received and kept in fond reference by the Next of Kin of our heroic fallen.

What's third base (you know who?) doing wall flowering with that dark looking thing at the Hog Wrassle on Monday last. Was the music too fast, Skin? Man she's a "Beaucoup Momma" anyhow.

Anyone see that little tanned chap at the dance. He left his hammer and nails to squire this certain cutie to the brawl. He had that "Sent" expression when I lamped him sitting one out.

Also seen at the dance was Howard, our old "Amigo" howling around the hall. The Kid's been deep in the timber for a spell of late, so he really cut loose with the lambs at the dance.

Big time operator Kosowan was really working overtime at the dance, trying to impress a blonde affair, but he had to compete against that "Dark Menace" Naj'y.

Who is that character who dances with his eyes closed (check to check) and refuses anyone a dance with his Bunny. I think he is trying to get a licence, he has had trouble with a renegade moose.

Whats an old fellow like Bill (Who dat?) (You know!) doing roaming in the gloaming with "Twee Carbs" I How's every little thing? Bill?

Glamour boy, Yak, ran into a slight short circuit the other evening by crossing two wires, one blonde and one brunette.

At the dance in Leeuwarden he was cooing with the blonde, up dives the brunette, wraps her arms around him and says, "I'm sorry I couldn't make it the other night, I had to work". Sparks flew from both wires and the Kid was almost electrocuted.

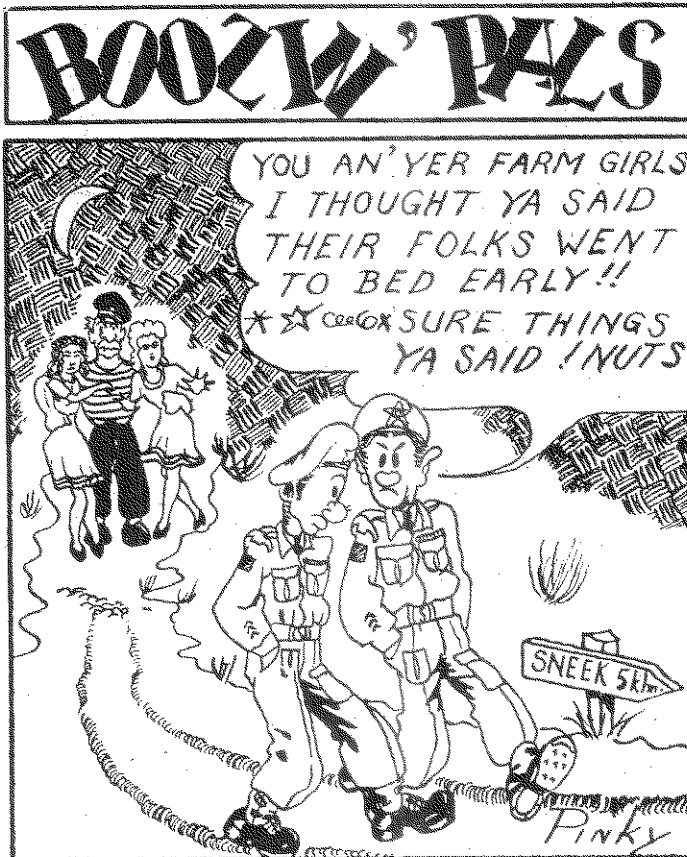
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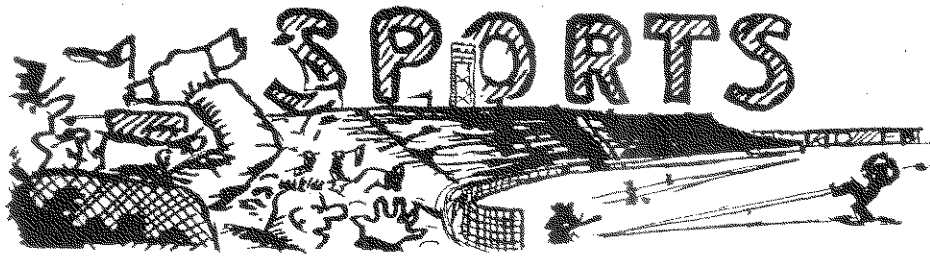
## RECREATION HAS TOP PRIORITY

J. W. Jeavons and Lieut. W. Chisholm, respectively. To administer all of these enterprises we have of course a headquarters complete with accountant, Lieut. C. Crochetiere, a civvy staff, supply dept., and all the other necessary personnel and transport that makes for an efficient organization.

We of the staff hope that the fun you have enjoyed in these various establishments have, to some degree, relieved the boredom and tedium of your protracted stay in Holland.

As our interview with Major Whyte came to a close he was reaching for his ever busy telephone to order another batch of Coca-Cola for The Granite Club. Methinks I'll see you there.





## THINGS ARE ALL TIED UP

In a classy brand of softball The Perths evened things up in their second game of the Army Finals last Saturday against the Q. O. Rs.

Overcoming a nervous tension which was quite noticeable in the first tilt, our boys took the field Saturday and proceeded to knock an over-confident squad all over the lot. In the stands, many a dream was shattered and many a guilder lost.

The first game of the playdowns was a sorry demonstration of what nervousness can do to a top notch team. The boys just weren't their old selves and the error totalled six before the ninth inning rolled around. Final score of the first match was 5 to 1 for the Q. O. Rs. The opposition gained 2 runs in the first inning. Syrek the Q. O. Rs. first baseman clouted a looloo for a homerun with their catcher Sgt Irvine on base. In the second inning, Sgt. Bland came in after getting on base through an error, this made a total of 3 for the Q. O. Rs.

In our half of the second inning we scored our only run, L/Cpl Herchenratter scampered across home plate after getting on base through one of the Q. O. Rs. 2 errors. There was no score then until the 7th inning and then the Queen's came through with 2 more. Roche scored after getting on base by error and Syrek anked in to home on a pass ball.

The highlight of the first game was the beautiful sock at the of' pill by The Queen's first baseman, Syrek. She was a labelled homer all the way and Mulligan in left field just didn't have a chance to get a finger on it. Our battery of Natyway and Domianczuk proved to be the classier of the two and it was heartbreaking to sit there and watch such good work go to waste.

With odds on, the Queen's went into the second game with a rather cocky attitude which was also reflected by their supporters in the stands. The loyal Perth supporters however were there in strength after travelling the 112 miles to get there. The spectators were flabber-gasted to see

what looked like an entirely new Perth team on the field. It was still the same old squad though minus the stage fright which predominated in the first game. The confidence baloon of the Queen's was soon deflated and they began to realize they were in a ball game.

The Q. O. Rs. however chalked up the first run with Adam their short stop crossing the plate in the first inning. The Perths tied the score in the second with our third baseman, L/Cpl. Herchenratter connecting for a long homer over the Queen's centre fielder, Mc Cartney. In a see-saw battle the Queen's again took the lead when in the third Adam and Irvine came in on a two bagger hit, by Syrek. In the fourth inning the Perths speezed out 3 runs to put them out front. This concluded the scoring for the afternoon. Mousseau, Herchenratter and Moffat were responsible for the 3 runs and they scored on a 1 base hit by our second, baseman Barachello and an error on the part of the Queens.

It was bang up ball all the way and the spectators were more than satisfied. Natyway and Domianczuk turned in their usual good style of play. Domianczuk gained a spot in the hearts of all who witnessed the game, his methodical playing was a pleasure to watch and there was not one foul tip that he didn't almost break his neck chasing down. It was good to see such keen sportsmanship. The Queen's became rather hot at times and they proceeded to argue over small points, their beefing didn't go very well with the crowd. The end of the ninth inning saw the Perths out on top to the narrow margin of 4 to 3.

The final tilt will be held Wednesday the 19th at the same place and at the same time. From past performances, it should be about the best game of the season and you can bet your boots we are not going to miss it.

The usual cat calls directed at the umpires was noticeable by it's absence at these games for Stan Mockford, J. White and Capt. A. O. Burke are pretty square shooters at the art of umping. If there was at any time a raw dec-it was usually evened up on the next close or doubtful play.

## UP AND DOWN STATION STREET

A Coy:—He was always a great one for tinkering around, (especially when Bde guard was being called). But with all his trials and tribulations at last he has reached the top. With a shout of glee, "that had the pup tents quivering" he shouted to the heavens. Hey hey my machine is working.

Save it for the daytime Brother Massey.

How come the Big Fellow Pte. Smale takes such pride in his personal appearance these evenings, being strictly a mans man he is no doubt getting in shape for the day he makes his return to Hensall.

We just couldnt keep it a secret Roy.

From all accounts the personal of A Company is quite willing to go CAOF en masse (can you really get all that stuff for 10 Woodbines). Turn your name into Woody he is heading the list.

How about it fellows.

# CHIT AND CHATTER GUESS WHERE?

**B. COY:**— There will be a compulsory ball practice for the Officers Ball Team, and do they ever need it! From the looks of last week's game a few of them should be issued with baskets and the score will likely be different. The exercise seems to be doing them all good so that is something. Better luck next time "Gentlemen".

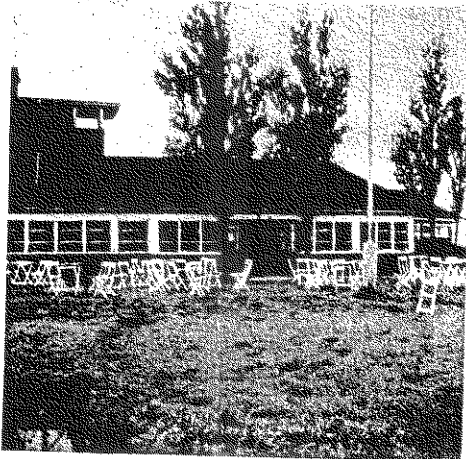
The road to Leeuwarden had a slight resemblance to a speedway a few days ago. The "B" Coy jeep, with the Major and a few Corporals had the misfortune of getting a flat tire. In exactly five and a half minutes the new tire was on and the trip was resumed. What a scramble it was! Even the Major had his finger in the pie.

What's the matter with all you "Heart Breakers" in the Regiment? Very few soldiers are to be seen escorting the local girls around these days. Could it be the girls are smartening up or is it that old saying "Variety is the Spice of Life". We hear Leeuwarden has many cute drawing cards.

On behalf of "B" Coy "Thanks" to "Scotty" our Y representative for arranging the tea and cookies at last week's ball game in Utrecht. It was a welcome treat and very thoughtful on his part but then he's always thoughtful isn't he?

Has anyone seen the Regimental paper that is put out by The Cape Breton Highlanders? It is printed along the same lines as our own but of course not near as good. We in the "Perth Regt." have a paper to be proud of and mean to keep it this way. Others may copy it but it will never be beaten.  
P.S. Keep your news items coming. Eh what!

From all rumours that are to be heard these days we should be home soon. The system is being speeded up and the Divs are getting out faster. Soon we'll be in our own country and back to our families. Many kind thoughts and memories will be taken back and its to be hoped many will be left here. The people have gone all out in their efforts to make our stay a pleasant one and have done a good job: Many thanks to the "Sneek" people.



The Sergeants shouldn't have much trouble here, for this is their Headquarters when those weekly dances are held.

SPORT GUFF  
BY DUFF

DENT  
45 HOLLAND

"They say Maynard always loses his head in a pinch"!!

## THE REPAT'S EMILY POST

With apologies to CANADA DIGEST and author Pte. J. J. Flick

Has it ever occurred to you that the present arrangement for the discharge of Canadian Army Personnel lacks the psychological understanding necessary to completely fulfill the benefits of the re-habilitation set-up?

We would like to suggest — in order to maintain the present high standard of character of the Canadian soldier and to prevent his disaffection in the Post-war world — that all individuals eligible for discharge be given an intensive course in social behaviour prior to their leaving the service; The following points should be emphasized in the syllabus of this course to re-civilize the Canadian Re-pat.

1. Air raids and enemy patrols are not encountered in Canada. Therefore it is not necessary to wear your steel helmet to the movies or to a social gathering. Nor is it considered necessary to hold a weapon, loaded and cocked, when strolling down the street.

2. In motion picture theatres, seats are provided. It is not good form to whistle every time a female over eight and under eighty crosses the line of vision. If the scene is obscured by the hat of the person in front, there are other seats which you may occupy. **Do not** hit her or she as the case may be across the back of the head and say: "Move your head, Jerk! I can't see a damn thing".

3. You will see a remarkable number of beautiful girls in Canada. These young ladies have not been liberated and many of them are gainfully employed as stenog's, sales-girls, beauty operators or welders. Contrary to past practices, The proper greeting is "Isn't it a lovely day" or "How do you find Halifax".

4. While journeying through Canada, particularly in strange cities, it is often necessary to stop over for the night. Large and pretentious edifices, known as hotels, are provided for the purpose, and almost anyone can give you specific directions to the nearest one. Here, for a small nominal fee, one can register and be shown to a room where he can sleep for the night. The practice of entering the nearest house, throwing the occupants into the yard and taking over the premises will cease!

5. The returning soldier is apt to obtain difference of opinions from his civilians associates. You should then call upon your reserve of etiquette and correct your acquaintance with such remarks as: "I'm afraid you are in error". **DO NOT SAY** "Brother, that's a lot of...." This is considered impolite.

6. Canadian dinners, in most cases consist of several items, each served in a separate dish. The more common practice of mixing various foods such as corn beef and pudding or lima beans and peaches to make it more palatable is to be considered bad manners and will be refrained from. In time, the separate dishes will become enjoyable.

7. A typical breakfast consists of such foreign fruits as canteloupes, fresh eggs, milk, ham, etc. These are highly palatable and greatly favored in the medical world and enjoyed by young and old alike. Butter made from cream is also served. If you wish some butter, you turn to the person nearest you and say: "Could I have some butter please". You **DO NOT** say "Throw me the.... grease".

8. Canadians have a strange taste for stimulants. The drinks in common use in the Central Mediterranean and on the Continent such as underripe "bianc" or "rosso" alcohol and grape fruit juice, or gasoline-bitters and water (known by the French term "COGNAC") are not ordinarily accepted in civilian circles. These drinks should be served only for those who are definitely not within the inner circle of friends. A suitable use for such drinks is for serving to Sgt-Majors, and other types of Army pests.

9. You will no doubt receive the odd invitation to spend an evening with some civilian friends. Upon retiring, you will often find a pair of pyjamas laid out on the bed. (Pyjamas, it should be explained, are two-piece garments which are donned after all other clothing is removed.) The soldier, confronted by these garments, should assume an air of familiarity and act as if he were used to them. A casual remark such as "My, what a delicate shade of pink" will usually suffice. Under no circumstances say "How in Hell do you expect me to sleep in a get-up like this".

10. Upon leaving a friend's home after a visit, one may find his hat misplaced. Frequently it has been placed in a closet. One should turn to his host and say "I don't seem to be able to find my hat". Do not say "Don't anyone leave the room, some.... has stolen my hat".

We feel that if a course such as is set down in this suggestion be adopted, much unnecessary hardship will be eliminated for the newly returned Canadian soldier.

## IN THE DOG-HOUSE

D. Coy:

1. What was the cause of the Big Turnout for Last Sundays Church Parade? It couldn't have been the CWAC Pipe Band could it? All Kidding aside though, The girls really have a grand Band & were certainly appreciated by one and all.

2. "D" Coy is really deserted now. No Capt Dooley, and No Sergeant Major Derrick, they are both away for several weeks at Nurenburg in Germany Running a camp, what a break for the Frauleins.

3. We see that Sgt. Routenburg the new Provost Sergeant has learned to ride a Motorcycle. All criminals beware, or the Long Arm of the law will be upon you.

4. We wish to take this opportunity of saying "Bon voyage" to Sgt. Johnston, Pte Gallant, Commerford, Decheno and Post, who have left for CANADA. Hope to see you all there ourselves in the near future.

AT THE FLICKS

Mark of the Whistler

Starring RICHARD DIX

Monday & Tuesday Sept. 24th and 25th



Here come the Waves

With BETTY HUTTON and BING CROSBY

Wed. & Thurs. Sept. 26th and 27th

My Pal Wolf

Starring SHARYN MOFFAT

Friday & Saturday Sept. 28th and 29th



Winged Victory

With American Air Force Personnel

Monday & Tuesday Oct. 1st and 2nd

WHO LET THAT FLY IN HERE

Italy, flies and a plan for their elimination. This form was actually passed down to Companies during the summer months of our Italian Campaign.

OBJECT

To inculcate within tps of 11 Cdn Inf Bde Gp the desire to kill.

METHOD

All flies coming within range will be killed forthwith.

Units will submit return on number of flies killed by 1800 hrs each day on pro-forma as follows:—

- A. No. of flies seen.
- B. No. of flies killed.
- C. No. of probables.
- D. Map reference.
- E. Bearing (Magnetic) from which flies came.
- F. No. of bodies definitely recovered.
- G. Time of kill.
- H. Type of weapon used.

DRILL FOR SWATTER

The following drill is used as a guide only and may be varied with the tactical situation:—

- (a) Grasp swatter firmly in RIGHT hand.
- (b) Creep on toes (patrol boots adjusted if possible) to within striking distance (normally 3 ft).
- (c) Place LEFT foot forward and slightly sideways to ensure proper balance.
- (d) Raise swatter to head height then bring it slowly fwd to within one ft of fly, making sure no shadow falls on objective.
- (e) Bring swatter sharply down on fly.
- (f) If fly is missed appropriate swearwords may be used. (list att as Appx "A").

(g) If swatters are not available rulers, wet towels, etc., may be used in lieu.

SENTRIES

- (a) One fly sentry will be posted during daylight hours in each sec post.
- (b) Di-sentries will be posted at all latrines.

ADM

Salvage

- (a) All bodies will be sent through normal channels to 11 Cdn Inf Bde Fly Salvage Depot at Rear HQ.
- (b) Cremation will be carried out by DAA & QMC.

Improper Use of Latrines

- (a) On no account will latrines be used for any other purpose than that intended.
- (b) Severe disciplinary action will be taken on any personnel using latrines as slit trenches.

APPX "A" TO 11 CDN INF BDE QP ADM  
INST No. 1202A

Appropriate Swearwords used on missing flies.

Words

- Gosh
- Golly
- Aw Hell
- Shucks
- Goodness Gracious
- Goodness Me
- Goodness
- Phoooley
- Nuts
- Damme
- Darn It
- Gee Whiz

Words

- Sufferin Catfish
- Jimminy Crickets
- Thunderation
- Great Jehosophat
- Oh Dear
- Dearieme
- Muck It
- Fudge
- Jeeppers Creepers
- Balls

# THIS IS THE LIFE BOY!!

Pictured here is the admirable cast of The Lifebuoy Follies, a group of entertainers who have been on the road for some four years and know what the boys want and how they like it and dished out. They will appear in Groningen this week-end after touring the Leeuwarden area. Reading from left to right, they are: Charlie Stephens, Jack Ayre, Helen Bruce, Daphne Mac Farlane, Irene Hughes, Dorothy Merrall, Norman Evans, Jimmy Devon and Benny Silverton.

