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FROM: TAC EIGHTH ARMY

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ACC/216(.) T O P S E C R E T(.) PERSONAL TO CO PERTH REGT FROM
LEESE(.) MY BEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR BN ON THEIR
EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE YESTERDAY(.) YOUR ACTION HELPED US TO
SECURE A DECISIVE RESULT IN THE DAYS FIGHTING(.) MY SYMPATHY
IN THE WOUNDING OF YOUR CO

MESSAGE

The Corps Commander wishes the following message brought to
attention of all ranks engaged in the recent operations:

FROM: TAC EIGHTH ARMY

181030

TO: 1 CDN CORPS

SECRET (.) PERSONAL FOR LT GEN BURNS FROM LEESE (.) THE FOLLOWING
EXTRACT FROM A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PRIME
MINISTER (WINSTON CHURCHILL) IS SENT TO YOU FOR PUBLICATION IN ANY
FORM YOU MAY WISH (.) QUOTE (.) MANY CONGRATULATIONS UPON STORMING
OF THE CORFANO RIDGE AND PASSAGE OF THE MARANO (.) I CAN SEE THAT
THIS HAS BEEN A GRAND FEAT OF ARMS UPON THE PART OF THE TROOPS
INVOLVED (.) UNQUOTE

FROM: G 5 CDN ARMD DIV

221045A

TO: LIST 'A' DOWN TO UNINS

O 180 . the following message which has been received from Lt Gen
Sir Oliver W H LEESE Dt KCB CBE DSO GOC-in-C Eighth Army will
be made known to all tps under comd 5 Cdn Armd Div . quote .
personal to Maj-Gen HOFFMEISTER from LEESE . you have won a great
victory by the bitterest fighting since EL ALAMEIN and CASSINO .
you have beaten eleven German Divs and broken through into the PO
valley . the greater part of the German armies in ITALY were
massed against us and they have been terribly mauled . I congratulate
and thank you all . we must now hit them hard day and night and
force them back over the PO . unquote

MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Photographically reproduced above are three messages of congratulations on the Corfano break through.
The top message is personal to the Commanding Officer from Gen. Leese. The centre message is to
Lieut-General Burns from Leese, and is an extract from a message by Prime Minister Winston Churchill.
The Bottom message is personal to Maj.-Gen. Hoffmeister from Sir Oliver W. H. Leese.

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CHIT AND CHATTER

"B" COY:— Did you see the Repat Rythm show last week? No! Brother you missed something. We in "B" Coy think it a good idea to have a few more shows of this type. What was the matter with all you Jitter Bugs when that lovely Miss was looking for Band Leaders. Give it a try next time, Crooksie, those cigs come in awful handy for things and stuff.

Whats all this chattering we hear about the great Flash Beecroft, being chosen as water boy for the new hockey team? Could it be these Amsterdam overnight stops that are slowing you down, Biff, or old age? Keep a trying, kid, you will get in there yet with the best of them.

It doesn't take "B" Coy long to get into their stride. We are talking of the "A" Coy vs "B" Coy touch rugby game of a week back. Give it another try "A" Coy and if talk will help you win you have a real "Secret Weapon" in C.S.M. Woodward.

Now that Lieut Fleming of "B" Coy has the Princenhof Hotel running according to Hoyle, he has returned to take up his duties with the Coy. We hear you had quite a time there Sir!

"B" Coy takes this opportunity to say farewell to Capt Childs, Pleasant and Speedy voyage Sir and may we meet again.

That old saying "still water runs deep" is sure true. What's the matter Henry, has the love bug got you or have you been eating too much celery. We hear you had quite a strenuous time on your last weeks trip around Amsterdam, Woo, Woo.



FACTS AND FIGURES

SPECIAL:— A final count of casualties in The Perth Regiment revealed the following:
Killed, presumed killed and died of wounds:

14 Officers
46 W.O's and N.C.O.'s
201 Privates
Total - 261

Wounded:

26 Officers
139 W.O's and N.C.O.'s
490 Privates
Total - 655

Total casualties for the period 17 Jan, 44 to 8 May 45, 916 All Ranks, All missing personnel are now accounted for.

IN THE DOG-HOUSE

This will be the last time that In The Dog-House will appear in The Perthonian. Due to the decrease of the number of men in the regiment it has finally come time to disband "D" Coy. Many of us will feel lost without "D" Coy for with the Company we have had some very pleasant times.

The present "D" Company was formed in Huntstanton in August 1943. That seems like a very long time ago and much water has passed under the bridge since then. It's hard to say just how many men have passed through the Company since it was formed, but there are very few of the originals left now.

One person who will always be remembered by the men of "D" Company is Major "Sammy" Ridge. Major Ridge was the first Company Commander. And he was with the Company from the time it was formed, through all its actions right up until after the war was over. Only then did he leave to return to Canada. I'm sure that if he was still with the Regiment he would hate to see his Company disbanded as we all do. However it isn't practical to carry on with such a few number of men and so it must be done. The men of "D" Coy will go to other companies but we know they will all carry memories of "DOG"-Company with them.

UP AND DOWN STATION STREET

"A" COY:— Bouquets of the week go to our past editor Pte Williamson who has entered larger fields in the Educational Office. "A" Coy says, So long and thanks a million for the swell job that you have done for us. Here's hoping that we will be able to keep it up.

Anyone wishing to get home in the near future better stay off the streets for awhile as Zom Schram still thinks he is pulling taps at the Mansion House. Where did you ever learn to drive.

We would like to know what kind of treatments our young medicos are giving the girls here as they sure have an awful line up there every day. We don't think it is your looks Pletifer.

"A" Coy suffered more casualties in the recent departure for the good land Ptes Pawley, Young, Noon, Greaves and Sgt. Aylesworth. To the new men from Spt Coy, we enjoyed your short stay with us and say "Au Revoir" and hope to clink glasses with you in the near future. Pedestrians will have a fifty fifty chance now on the streets with those two drivers gone.

Ye Olde Mansion House will never be the same again with the present staff all out of there in a few days. One thing anyway, profits will be a little better for the boys now.

It really must be the real thing, when a young man wants to volunteer for all Bn guards to get off one Brigade Guard. We would like to know the house where all these jive sessions are held. What about it Hurst?

Why that lonesome look in your eyes Pare. Could it be that ravishing young blonde that has just left the district. We could arrange a course of some kind in Anshade for you if you want it.

It must have been pretty bad when a young lady had to have her secretary pen a letter to a certain young man on Station Straat. What kind of a batman has our Adjutant got anyway?

Who was the chap that was flashing all the Gliders at the Roma Club last week. Too bad he had to return them all to his Meisje on the way home.

THE PERTH PLAZA

Yes, there's still a call for "Ping Pong" players! We're happy to say our still sporty higher priced help lost out to the O.R's in an exciting tournament on Friday — but you'll be back won't you? — Sirs!

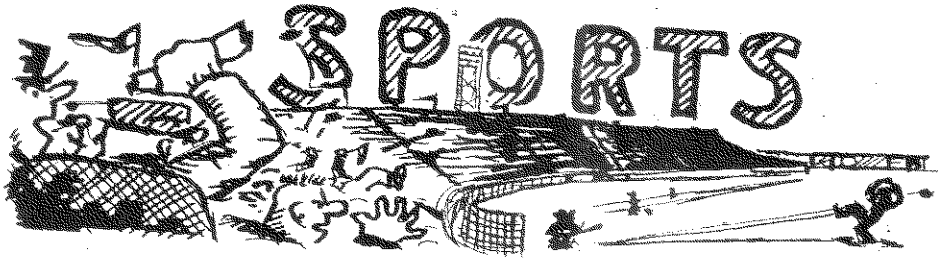
An afternoon tour may now be yours to such interesting places in this area as Oldehove Tower, Poptu Castle, Mummified corpses at Wieu'erd, Cattle and Dairy Farms, Factories and Pumping Stations. Please tell us if your interested.

Each evening a few more Casinovas and their "Meijes" are enjoying the tea shoppe and dancing. We might mention the first couple to trip gracefully across our floor was "Freddy Leduc" and his own "All Terpstra".

Some boys just cant realize how busy we on Plaza Staff can be. We were actually forced to leave our duties to play host to our very welcome C.W.A.C's from home. Was it the equality in uniforms or just old time sex appeal that scared you, fellows?

Once again Orchids to our general Supervisor for his top notch show we saw this week. Hope they keep it up and until next week. Dank You Veil.





HANGOVER HALL

Sports within the brigade are organized by unit reps who form the brigade sports committee. To-date things have run hot and cold regarding results, enthusiasm and organization. The highlight has been the splendid play and sportmanship of the Perth Softball Team who all but won the CFN crown. The weather is changing and we must seek sport indoors. The brigade has a very good swimming team training at the 'Bay Pool' in Leeuwarden. Unit hockey teams have begun to organize and play at The Hague and Amsterdam rinks. In addition to unit ice allotment any troops (with a guest if you wish) may pleasure skate in The Hague and Amsterdam (only) on Sundays from 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs. Hockey players should take advantage of this skating. Inside places for tennis, badminton, table tennis, volleyball, basketball etc are located or being sought in unit areas.

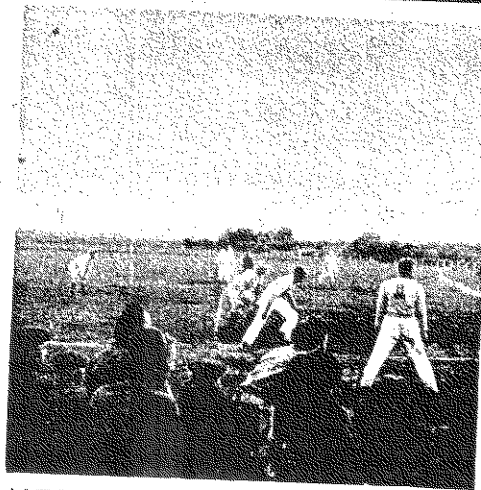
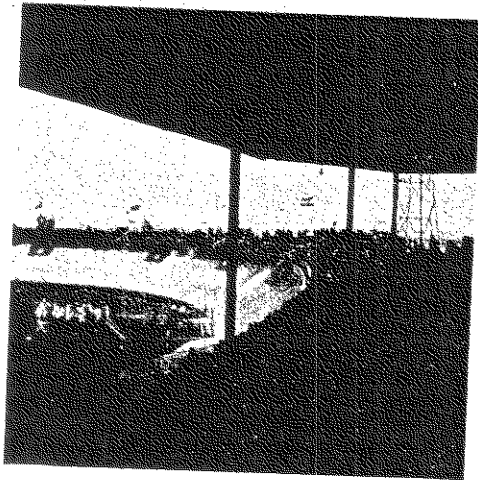
Leeuwarden with its present recreational facilities has now a new edition. Located on the second floor of the Exchange Building (across the road from the Amicitia Hotel) is a hall of sports and contains a tennis court, three badminton courts, a basketball court and a volleyball court superimposed on the latter. Two table

tennis tables will shortly be available as will be a double socket shower. It is hoped that tea, cake and a few other items will also be available shortly. This is a brigade sports house and belong to you men of 11 Bde, who will also be sharing it at times with the civilians. Hours for all sports are allotted to units, so consult your sports officer. If, however, the allotted unit is not using the courts anyone may take advantage. A certain amount of equipment such as tennis and badminton racquets, tennis balls etc are available, however, those wishing to play badminton must bring their own 'birds' due to short supplies at the moment. It is expected that a six team basketball league will play their league games here in the evening. "Round Robbin" tennis and badminton will also be played between units. Spvr Stevenson (formerly with 24 Fd Amb) is boss man and can be found there or reached by phone daily except Friday when the place is closed for civilian business use.

There is more to be told so consult your sports officer or office and we hope many of you will make use of the available facilities.

P.S. The above mentioned sports hall has just received its name: "Hangover Hall".

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REMEMBER UTRECHT?

On the left is a partial view of the spectators during one of the playoff games of the CFN finals between The Perths and Q.O.R.'s. On the right it just goes to show that Sgt Mulligan does get on base once in awhile. He is seen here on the mark for home plate while Sgt Moffatt is acting in the role of third base coach.

POP A QUESTION OFF THE RECORD

This week's question was "WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE CANADESE SOLDATEN". The answers were obtained from various girls in Sneek.

Miss Trijnie Schuil—When she was approached, her first point immediately reflected upon the untruthfulness of the married soldiers stepping out with the Netherland Girls. How would you boys like it if your wives were doing the same at home? As far as appearance goes, the Canadian Soldier is the best dressed soldier in the world and his manners are wonderful. The Canadian Soldier loves his drinks as well as any soldier, however, she thinks it a crime for the Netherland people to sell the poor grade of stuff to the soldier as it just creates a bad name to all Netherlanders—whether they are good or bad. She hopes we all sail for our homes very soon and wishes all the best and pleasant sailing.

Miss Guikje Kroes— I have only had the opportunity of meeting one whom I know quite well. He is a perfect gentleman and I am sure there are more like him in your particular regiment. I shall be glad when the Canadians leave Holland, as I am classified as the "Carb" type, we will once again be able to do as we please.

A single, very bashful girl says: I think the Canadian Soldier is O. K. in every way. You being our liberators, we yield to temptation very easily, because we just can't help but liking you.

The last young lady interviewed, after begging us not to use her name says: I do not know much about Canadese Soldees because I go onlee mit Officers.... but I thank they are also soldees... yes? They are very gentlemen.... sometimes. Also so handsome they be. I thank that in Canada that is necessary to be Officers.... yes? Sometime, I sorry they go away, but my fadder (He gray hair noo since three months) be very happy because he say: too much I likka the Officers and that is dangerous!!! no.

"C" COY:—Must Emily Post continually stand in the way of the tea drinking rank and file? All of course are in favour of table etiquette and the atmosphere of properness in the Piazza Tea-Room. But, our beef is, if tea must be served in thimbles, why, oh why, don't the waiters fill them up instead of merely dirtying the china.

Well what do you know of our wandering Coy runner. He makes the news once more, he is either developing an oriental (trend of action and thought, or he is a dyed in the wool Morman.) For he now squires to the theatre a bevy of luscious little chicks numbering no less than five. How about that Bluebeard?

Scene! the Sgts and W.O's dance. Emerson Noble (Astaire) quote "Well Sir think I'll sit this one out". But he reckoned without his

SPORT GUFF
BY DUFF



"I certainly wish my quarterback boyfriend would confine his passes to the rugby field".

"CLUB 61" CALLING

Things were very quiet around "Club 61" the past week and nothing startling happened to upset the daily routine. On Friday evening we had the pleasure of having nine members of the Army Show "Repat Rhythm" for supper — including five lovely young ladies. It is rather unfortunate that we didn't realize how disappointed the personnel of "C" Company felt or else we could have arranged to have them eat at their Mess. However, it is to be hoped that should the Battalion again have the pleasure of having young ladies to entertain, priority will be given to the members of "C" Coy.

The opening game of the new Regimental Touch Rugby Schedule saw the Officers and Sgts. battling it out and unfortunately, the Sgts. had to concede defeat by a score of 10-6. Despite lack of condition both teams displayed a fair brand of ball and the razzle-dazzle play of the Officers in the first half rather baffled the Sgts. However, as time wore on the wear and tear of the game began to tell on the Officers and by agreement, the game was called before full time had expired.

We again say S'long to five more members of the Mess who will be leaving for home this coming week — namely Bros. Puckering, Iles, Aylesworth, Murch and Mulligan. Bon voyage fellars and we hope you will have things all laid on for the rest of us when we arrive back.

Apparently "Fearless" and "Clout" had a very enjoyable weekend in Amsterdam. Sorry your canine friend has deserted the Mess, Bill, but apparently your kind of playing (with baseball bats) was a little too rough for him.

No, "B" Company, you were not the only ones surprised when Sammy and Frank turned up for Battalion Parade on Wednesday morning!!

OFF THE RECORD contd. from page 5

Beaucoup Momma (Muscles), a fruitless argument, a short sharp scuffle and the result was an adagio dance, with the Lachute Kid on the receiving end of Multi rugged exercise in three quarter time.

That home going concious Hamilton man MacKay, is becoming a menace, according to "C" Coy's Z i/c. Ten minutes after the news of the Queen Elizabeth being made available for the use of Canadians, MacKay had Mr. Cree's luggage, bag and baggage in the advanced stage of loading into a Sixty. The Capt. soothed the delirious lad as best he could, and suggested that they wait a day or two. Capt. Cree never knows, where he lives anymore and his laundry is worn thread bare by these constant false starts. Slow down Mac, Hamilton will wait for you.

Financially embarrassed and physically exhausted our Major returned from his Paris leave. He took the oath of abstinence, bearing tales of force being plied upon him, in the consumption of a quantity of spirits. He plans now to enter a monastery and become a man of the cloth.

MAROON

From the Canadian Army Newspaper
"The Maple Leaf"

You've heard of the patches from Canada
Of the red and the blue and the green
Each man has his own preference
And this can be plainly seen
Well, here's to the boys who ride horses
Though they're made of metal and steel,
For they fought with the courage of Dragons
And have never been known to yield.
The annals are full of their bravery
Citations and praise for each deed
The div. with the patch on their shoulder
The div. with the honour to lead,
So ask any who hail from Canada,
Go to mountain or sleepy lagoon
Their shout will come all together
"Its the Fifth" The colors "Maroon".

AT THE FLICKS

Bowery to Broadway

with

SUSAN FOSTER

and

JACK OAKIE

Monday & Tuesday October 22nd and 23rd

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THUNDERHEAD

SON OF FLICKA

with

RODDY McDOWELL

and RITA JOHNSON

Wednesday & Thursday October 24th and 25th

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BULLFIGHTERS

with

LAUREL and HARDY

Friday & Saturday October 26th and 27th

ANUDDER LETTER TO ME MUDDER

Dear Maw:

Could not rite youse all last weak as I am very buzy bein ejuated. I have unrolled in the Yuniversity class which the Army is wont to put on at the expense of the unsuspectin publick, and everything is going fine. Las week they tot us some hyer mathumaticks and it is all amazin not to say confoosin. In Algybra they tot us how to add too Xs and Substrack three Ys and it comes out to 4 guilders and 32 cents (new money). This is very good as new money is diffikult to get ahold of these days and I am figgering on goin into black market when they teech us some more tricks. Nacherly most of the soldiers here is more igorant as me and I expec to flease them out of plenty. Then in the fizzicks class they showed us a little bit about how to make ingreedyents for the atom bomb. This will come in very handy back home as a little bit of the stuff in a barl of water will keep the hole commewnity drunk for a munth. The brew pop is makin now is just sissy stuff and costs 25 cents a jug anyway. In the spellin class the teacher sez I am second to Nunn, but I cant figger that one as there is nobody in the class by that name. Anyhow you can see that I am improvin considerable.

Remember the lites in the city? Well I found out how they work. There is no wick at all and you dont have to put no oyl in. The first day they tot us you must have a positif and a negatiff on each end and harness them (not like we harness dobbin) to a windmill wich I am enclosing by return mail. I will have to make this a short letter as I have to break off and werk out a problem in triggernometry for the teacher. Is he dum — he asks us to do everything for him.

Twojoor lamoor reservoir (That's French for I'll be home for X-mas).

Yore ever-lovin son JOSEPH.

SOCCER

In a well played Soccer game played on Monday afternoon, 8th October 1945 at the Lemmerweg Football Field our Soccer team went down to defeat to a team from the Oranje Nassau Club of Sneek, but not without our team putting up a good show of fighting spirit that all Perth teams have when it comes to doing anything.

The Sneek team got away to a good start by scoring a goal in the first five minutes of play and followed it up with another before quarter time, then our boys came back with Tulloch scoring the first and Couture scoring the second, with Tulloch coming back to score the third and last goal to be had by our team in the game, but not because they didn't try, as they really played a lovely game and much credit goes to our goalie who played a magnificent game and every man on the team did his best, and our newcomers to the team, who are none other than C.S.M. Bell and Pte. Derbishire who played a good game and the members of our Soccer team say "Welcome Boys" we are glad to have you. Mr. Smith, the teams trainer was there playing a marvelous game and he is really making something out of our team (Champs so far).

So watch for the Bell combinations from here on as it will be good and also the secret plays of Jacobs, Willis, Cowan, MacDonald and White who also played very well in this game.

The Div Playoffs will be well under way when this goes to press but remember, your support will help them a lot, so come out to the future games.

"A" COY:— Well for a change "A" Coy came out on the short end of the stick this week. On Tuesday, H.Q. Coy failed to field a team so there was no game but on Thursday it was different as we had to have our six men

"H Q" TID BITS

H.Q. COY:— Notwithstanding the fine efforts of Andy, Ed and Abdo in H.Q. Kitchen these days, there are still a couple of the boys who would rather partake of a boiled Gin Sandwich on a Sunday evening. It is suggested that Andy 'blackball' the culprits when he has an outstanding meal coming up! ("Handles", Hank and "Terrace", Please Note!)

FLASH

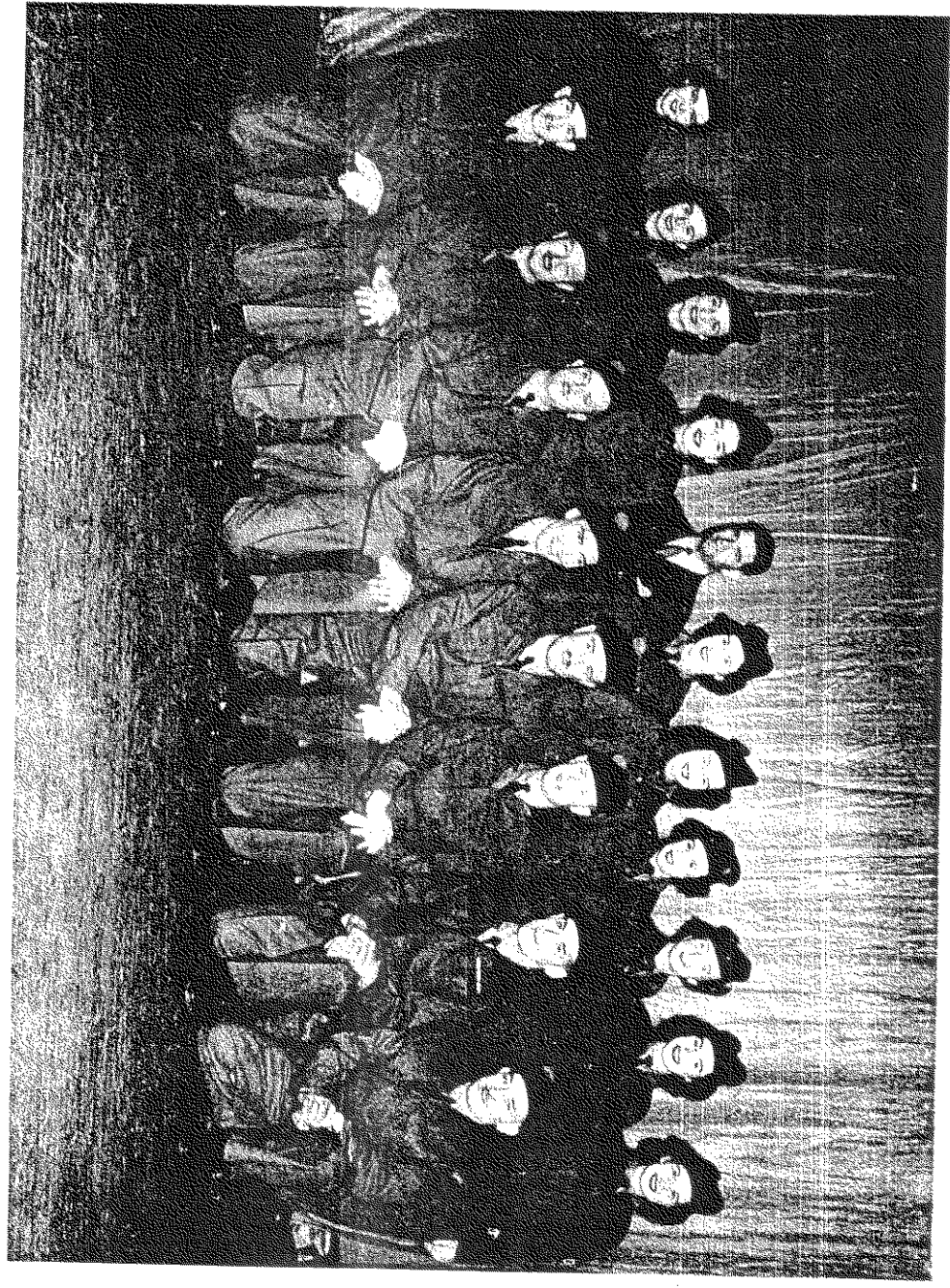
Roving reporter puts the skids to malicious rumour Friday, 12 October 1945. Five deliciously complexioned C.W.A.C.'s from the production "Repat Rythm" were seen having tea and a dance amidst the sumptous surroundings of The Perth Plaza. As there was no brass present, this should stop the rumours that C.W.A.C. personnel are interested in Officers only.

play the whole game and with "B" Coy scoring a touch down in the dying minutes of the game we went down to defeat to the tune of 20 to 15, but we say from here on in, it will be a different story.

Table Tennis — We think this Company is doing very well in table tennis by the amount of men we see playing everyday. Woody was sure weaving a mean bat the other night but we didn't see him showing any prizes the next day but keep it up Woody and you will be in there one of these days.

THE TORONTO MASQUERS

Pictured here is the cast of The Toronto Masquers, a civilian concert party that has been entertaining troops in Canada, U.K. and the Continent for quite some time now. Front row, reading from left to right they are: Bill Anderson, Frank Rosance, Reg Heal, Ed Fisher, Alec Maurice, Fred Pollett, Tom Williams, and Andy Wilson. Back row, left to right: Jean Smith, Jean Gregory, Marguerite Evoy, Kay Baldwin, Allison Wallace, Shirley Anderson, Yvette Poulin, Freda Lloyd, Joyce Wilse and Lorraine Deane. They were last seen in Leuwarden, at Harmony Hall, Monday and Tuesday, October 8th and 9th.



Off-set-printing Fach, Sneek