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Veteran Admiral Wins Bar to DSO

LONDON (CP)—A 73-year-old admiral, too old to serve in the Royal Navy this war, joined the Commandos and for his gallantry, determination and undaunted devotion to duty as a liaison officer...

He is Admiral Sir Walter H. Cowan, known as "Titch" when he was in the navy because he is only five feet two inches tall. He gained the first decoration 46 years ago at the Nile.

Britain probably has no more colorful a figure than this soldier-sailor who complained when he came home on leave recently that "the war isn't over yet, and I should be on the battlefield."

His comment when he learned of his latest decoration was "please forgive me, I don't want to talk, I don't want to be made a hero."

The deeds which won Admiral Cowan his bar were performed at Mount Ormito, Italy, and on the island of Solta. At Mount Ormito he went out on a reconnaissance of forward positions, found a wounded colonel in an exposed condition and helped him over 1,000 yards of rock hillside in full view of enemy observation posts and under heavy artillery fire.

He accompanied the leading assault on Solta, was one of the first two men in the town and showed complete disregard for street fighting, encouraging his men by his example and fearlessness. On another occasion when a town being attacked by Commandos was divebombed by the enemy, the admiral went out in the midst of the bombing to disperse shipping in the port.

Veteran of many campaigns and possessor of five rows of ribbons, Admiral Cowan was taken prisoner at Tobruk in 1943, was repatriated and promptly went back to fighting.

BECOMES ARMY PADRE AFTER YEARS IN ARMY

WINNIPEG (CP) — Just to prove that anything can happen in the army, here is the case of George Alastair Kemlo, a gunner one day and a captain the next.

Kemlo, a clergyman at Herchel and Bethune, Sask., for four years, enlisted in the army a year ago and had been a gunner in the artillery. Recently he was appointed a captain in the chaplain services of Canada.

A real soldier, the ex-gunner is a qualified signaller in the Royal Canadian Artillery and has been through the mill, from scouring greasy pots to mopping the barrack room floor. He's even been A.W.O.L.—but for a good reason—"The home where I was staying had an alarm clock which didn't bother to ring, so I missed my train."

The day before he received his appointment, Kemlo was called for kitchen fatigue. He explained to the sergeant-major that he wouldn't mind going to the kitchen, but that he had to appear at the pay-office.

"That's the closest we've ever come to having a captain scrubbing floors or washing pots and pans," the non-com said later.

Capt. Kemlo chose the ranks "because I believed it was the fastest way to get overseas." Now he's hoping to get over there as a padre.

His parents are Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Kemlo of Limerick, Sask. Capt. Kemlo graduated in arts at the University of Saskatchewan and took theology for three years at St. Andrews College.

Anyone who has cleaned army webbing and rifle—as Capt. Kemlo did for 12 months—will understand what he means when he says: "I threw them away without a single regret. Overseas here I come."

SYDNEY (CP)—A. B. MacDonald, prominent member of the extension department of St. Francis Xavier University, will leave soon for Ottawa where he will work with the Co-operative Union of Canada.

SAFETY RECORD

FLIN FLON, Man. (CP)—Employees of Sherritt Gordon Mines won the John T. Ryan Regional Safety Trophy for the best metal-mining safety record in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories.

"Hobby Courses" Are Popular with Girls in Uniform

Canadian Servicewomen Get Expert Instruction in Handicrafts at University of British Columbia

By KATHLEEN BEK Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP)—Long winter evenings can hang heavily on your hands when you're an airman or a "W.D." stationed at some lonely post in the heart of British Columbia. You can spend a good deal of the time writing letters and reading books, and sometimes having a hobby helps a lot—at least it keeps you busy and amused.

Royal Canadian Air Force officials at Western Air Command realized this when they asked to have an instructors' school in handicraft opened in Vancouver.

Twenty-eight girls in air force blue and three wearing the khaki of the Canadian Women's Army are taking the 10-day "hobby course" at the University of British Columbia. They are being taught how to make something from nothing—a necklace or an ashtray from a scrap of plastic, an hors d'oeuvre dish or coat hanger from a bit of left-over wood. And they're weaving brilliant scarves and belts on home-made looms.

Girls from military stations throughout the province are attending classes in needlecraft, leatherwork, woodwork and plastics. When school closes they will return to their respective bases to teach the men and women there how to make both useful and frivolous knick-knacks for themselves and for their friends.

The Canadian Legion Educational Services, in co-operation with the Extension Department of U. B. C., instituted the course at the request of F. L. W. H. Hardie, command educational officer, Western Air Command, R.C.A.F. headquarters at Ottawa had previously recommended that such instruction schools be opened across Canada.

Learn Three Handicrafts "Each of the girls is learning three handicrafts," said Miss Hilda L. Cryderman, Education Counsellor to Pacific Command Women's Forces for the C.I.E.S., who is in charge of the school at U.B.C.

Instructors at the school include Mrs. A. Rees, formerly of the Hartman Fashion Academy of New York, who is in charge of needlecraft.

In the woodworking class the girls are making everything from buttons to handles for the shopping bags for which cloth is being woven by those in the weaving class. "I've always found that women are good at light carpentry work and these girls are no exception," said J. E. Ridley, manual training teacher at a Vancouver high school who is in charge of the woodworking.

The hobby course in plastics is the only one of its kind given by the C.I.E.S., said Miss Cryderman. In this class the girls are shown how to turn bits of discarded plastic—probably from damaged playing parts—into lockets, lapel pins, coat hangers, etc.

Unlike the other girls at the school, Irene Fairchild of Winnipeg, hospital assistant at Colwood R.C.A.F. Convalescent home near Victoria, will not return to her base merely to teach "hobbies" to her buddies. What she learns of needlecraft, leatherwork and plastics—the three courses she is taking—she will teach the patients at Colwood, thus helping them on the road to recovery.

GRAPE - SHOT

Fruit, exceedingly rare in wartime Britain, is consequently very expensive when it is to be had at all. In this connection, Tom Clarke told a story in his broadcast "Letter from London" to overseas listeners a few days ago:

A typical London Cockney went into a "swell West End shop" and bought three peaches. He was charged five shillings each. He tendered a one pound note in payment and turned to leave. "Wait for your change, sir," the attendant called after him. The man looked back at him in astonishment. "Oh," he answered, "that's all right. I trod on a grape as I came in."

HOPPERS PLAGUE CATTLE

VERDUN, B. C. (CP)—Ranchers in this district report that grasshoppers are devouring pasture land throughout the Okanagan and leaving cattle little green vegetation on which to feed. As a result of the grasshopper plague milk production has decreased 20 per cent.

SAWFLIES SEVERE

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—Sawfly infestation in Alberta and Saskatchewan is as severe this year as in 1941 and 1943, says Dr. S. W. Farsad of the Dominion government entomological laboratory. He warned that losses would amount to millions of bushels of wheat.

QUEBEC (CP)—The Department of Public Instruction estimates there will be 725,000 children in primary and secondary schools in the province this fall, an increase of about 5,000 over last year's period.

Cut Your Roses Late In The Day

Increased Sugar Content Lengthens Life of Blooms Cut In Afternoon

ITHACA (CP)—The time honored rule, "cut your roses in the morning when the dew is on them," has been disputed through scientific experiment in the horticultural department at the Cornell University.

Joseph E. Howland, assistant in the department, has shown that roses cut in the afternoon last longer than those cut in the morning. As much as 10 hours life is added, his studies indicate.

The reason given is that the leaves make sugar when the sun shines. The later in the day the stems are cut; the longer they should keep because of the increased sugar content, which is highest around 4.30 p.m.

Howland discovered also that short-stemmed roses with only a few leaves keep just as well as long-stemmed ones with many leaves—and there goes another old rule.

Sugar Necessary

The history of roses is said to support the new evidence. Howland pointed out that as early as 1906, French investigators discovered that the keeping quality of cut flowers was not improved by any chemical used in the water, unless it was used in combination with sugar. Florists now sell "sugar powder" to prolong the life of roses, without knowing it worked.

Sugar alone cannot be used in the water because bacterial growth would be increased, the Cornell experiments show, and possibly plug water conducting elements in the stem of the cut flower. A chemical which prevents bacterial growth in the water must be used with it. A large supply of sugar in the leaves and petals is one factor in preventing premature falling of the petals.

Whether other flowers will respond the same as the rose is not yet known.

ACE'S FATHER MOVES

VANCOUVER (CP)—Gustav Beurling, father of Canada's ace ace George (Buz) Beurling, former member of the R. C. A. F., has come here to work. A commercial artist, Beurling said he would send to Verdun, Quebec for his family as soon as he found suitable accommodation.

A PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LETTER

(Continued)

TO THE CITIZENS OF HALTON:

Our men have fought for freedom and the right of a busy, useful life. Those who live will ask for nothing more because they have, in service learned "he profits most who serves best." Many who remained at home have not had the privilege of learning that lesson—and these will die. Then years hence our Leaders will be men who have "served best." We who remained at home can at our best, only prepare the way for them, and that way must be built on the good we have had in the past, developing into the better we demand for the future. Harder problems lie before us and greater leadership will be needed.

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The Progressive Conservative Association, Halton County

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FORESTRY WORK FOR DISABLED VETERANS

WASHINGTON (CP)—In co-operation with the veterans administration, the U. S. Forest Service is making a survey to determine job opportunities and possibilities for training disabled war veterans.

Although forestry work generally requires able-bodied men, the service believes there are many jobs which even men with one arm or one leg, or men who have lost one eye, can be trained to perform.

The service's activities include supervision, protection and administration of the nation's 160, national forests of 175,000,000 acres. One of the biggest jobs is fire protection, which requires lookout men, mechanics, radio men, dispatcher, tool handlers, truck and bulldozer drivers.

Another phase is the growing and planting of nursery stock. Some of this can be done by disabled men, and so can clerical, bookkeeping and other office work.

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—For the third time this season twin calves have been born on the farm of D. M. Davidson, near Newton. All of Durham stock, dark red with white spots on their foreheads, they are named after movie stars.

WHAT IS HOME?

Eight hundred replies came to a London magazine which asked the question: "What is home?" These answers were written by persons representing all classes. Seven were selected and published.

"Home—A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in."

"Home—The place where the small and the great small."

"Home—The father's kingdom, the mother's world, and the children's paradise."

"Home—The place where we grumble the most and are treated the best."

"Home—The center of our affection round which our heart's best wishes twine."

"Home—The place where our stomachs get three square meals a day and our hearts a thousand."

"Home—The only place on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden under the sweet mantle of charity."

PROVIDE CHEAPER POWER

HALIFAX (CP)—Premier A. S. McMillan says the provincial government will take steps to improve and develop rural electrification. To ensure lower rates to rural electrical users, it will even take over power developments.

Business Directory

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