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The Editor's Corner

A NEW ANGLE

There are definitely some advantages to this thing we call the "war effort." Think of all the attics and cellars that haven't been cleared of junk.

It's amazing, when you think of it, the amount of trash that has suddenly removed itself from our way of living. Take banana peels. No bananas, no peelings.

Even an old silk stocking is nothing to be tossed about carelessly these days. It also has its place in the "war effort." Dresses that used to droop unworn on their hangers are coming in for new attention and repair.

Another year or two of this kind of "war effort" and housewives may be in the position of spotless housekeepers.

MAYBE IT'S YOURS

Spring and fall may be the housecleaning season for housewives, but the beginning of the New Year is the accustomed time for business offices to "sort the wheat from the chaff."

There is one "accumulation" in our office, however, which we do not like to summarily dispose of without mentioning first. We refer to our collection of "found" articles which people bring in to us.

Lady's black fur-trimmed golosh, size 6; 1 small boy's brown cloth cap; 1 man's low-cut rubber, large size; 1 ball kahki yarn; 1 radiator cap; 1 pair lady's brown suede gloves; 1 man's figured blue scarf; 1 boy's wool sock (red, blue and grey, diamond pattern); 1 lady's rubber, size 5 1/2; 1 leather strap off baby carriage; 2 Yale keys, 1 ordinary key; 1 Tangee baby carriage; 1 leather wallet with identification card—W. H. Bevan; 1 lady's white silk glove, 1 black silk glove; 1 medium blue wool mitt, 1 pink angora mitt; 1 pr. boy's khaki wool mitts.

TEST OF CHARACTER

The greatest test of character is to be found in what is common rather than in what is extraordinary. It is easier for the soldier to be faithful in the rush of battle, when sustained by a catching enthusiasm, than to maintain a high note of consistent principle under the many trials of daily drill.—Norman Macleod.

THE LEGION AND POLITICS

From many sources has come the suggestion that the Legion organization should enter the political arena in Canada. The "Legionary," official publication of the Canadian Legion, takes the opposite stand, and voices the opinion of the majority of Canadian Legion men.

Visiting Canada's Army

Overseas in England

Another in a series of articles written by W. R. Legge and C. V. Charteris, who represented the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association in a recent tour overseas.

While in England the Canadian editors were shown in great detail all the various activities of the Canadian Army in England.

There was no effort to show all of the army overseas, but at least one unit of each kind was visited and studied, and the ramifications of the various activities are truly amazing.

The first unit visited was an Ordnance Corps workshop, manned by highly skilled men making all kinds of repairs. There was an armours shop, making repairs and adjustments to all kinds of guns, an optical shop making repairs to field glasses, microscopes, and similar instruments.

The main shop at this unit is in charge of Capt. M. H. Hastings, who comes from Hamilton, Que., and who reported that he receives the Standard Journal regularly and enjoys every word of it. He has been overseas since September 1940.

The work of maintenance of equipment is a very important part of the army as we realized more and more as the tour progressed. While we saw many places where maintenance and repair work is carried on, this first unit was the only one doing the highly specialized work on instruments which we visited.

The same afternoon a study was made of Field Battery Operations. This was an illuminating demonstration of the close liaison between army and air force. It was shown how the decision is made as to whether air or ground gun action is to be employed.

and how each one is called into action. As part of this demonstration, two batteries were set up in hiding under camouflage and a patrol of Mustangs were called out from a nearby air field. It was their job to locate the batteries, and photograph them.

These extremely fast and powerful planes gave the editors a real thrill as they circled and dived over the field, swooping down at times so close that it seemed as if they were going to take off our hats. It did not take them long to spot the hidden batteries, and with a gay flourish they were off. We were hurried over to the aerodrome and on our arrival were shown the finished pictures of the batteries taken from the planes.

Leaving the drome, we drove for many miles, stopping for our evening meal at East Grinstead where we ate in the room which the local Rotary Club uses for their meetings. Passing through many lovely old villages, we finally arrived at the hotel which was to be our headquarters for the next ten days.

It is most difficult at this time to find accommodation for a party such as ours, which with drivers, photographer and officers numbered about sixteen. Many hotels are closed, many taken over by the government and those which have rooms are short of food, or if they have food, are short of rooms.

However, a quiet hotel in a seaside resort was able to look after the party and so arrangements had been made there in advance. Such resorts today are almost deserted. Pleasure travel is most definitely discouraged, and most seaside places are under severe restrictions as to visitors.

Each day we started out early and travelled many miles in our private bus to various units and most nights arrived at the hotel very late, usually travelling for many miles in the black-out. The way our advance rider and our bus driver could drive at good speed through the darkness was always a thrilling experience to a party who had always been used to driving with powerful headlights. To add to our wonderment, there never was a

kindred matters especially close to veterans' hearts. All soldiers would have to think alike on all the issues. Another requisite would be the dropping of their Old Party affiliations.

The argument has been put forth that wartime comradeship would enable veterans in Parliament to work together despite differing interests. This, in the Legionary's opinion, is true only where the differing interests are not brought into play. The "troops" are content so long as politics do not intrude. The moment politics do intrude, they become antagonists—just as their civilian fellow-citizens. To expect veterans to treat other veterans differently over political differences is to expect the impossible.

Under its present Constitution the Legion is able to exert its influence on all Parties and all Governments. Keeping itself free from political and biased taint, the Legion's position is unassailable. Whatever its spokesmen say carries weight with the Government because Parliament knows that there are no political motives behind their representations. Give the Legion a political colour, and every remark of its leaders would be suspect immediately.

So, The Legionary urges Legionnaires to "have one place where we can meet in harmony. Let us keep our organization as a united, alert and mobile force, ready to apply our experience and influence where they can be most effective. Let us keep what we have—a great and strong fighting man's organization with a magnificent record of service to our country and comrades, achieved only by a splendid unity."

CANNOT USE EXPIRED BUTTER COUPONS

Retailers were warned January 9th that they must not detach and keep the expired butter coupons, Nos. 1 and 2, from the ration books of consumers who did not use these two coupons before the expiry date, January 3.

Likewise, consumers were warned by the ration administration of Wartime Prices and Trade Board, that if they did not use the two expired coupons while they were valid, they should detach and destroy them, before presenting their ration books at the store to buy butter on coupons Nos. 3 and 4.

This warning resulted from reports that some retailers, when selling butter on coupons Nos. 3 and 4, which were good from January 4 to January 7, are also taking coupons Nos. 1 and 2, to which they have no right.

Retailers replace their stocks of butter by turning in coupons to the amount of their replacements. The ration administration pointed out that if retailers collect the Nos. 1 and 2 coupons without selling butter, they obtain an illegal stock of coupons which do not represent

single direction sign or name post, and how they found their way without pause at intersections was a mystery.

Diappee Units Visited: Therefore the next item on our programme, a visit with units that had just returned from Diappee was of special interest. We were greeted by General J. H. Roberts who led the Diappee expedition and who spoke in high praise of the men and officers there.

The men then broke ranks and we had a most informal talk with them, sitting on the ground with small groups of men, who grouped themselves according to their home districts. In this way, I talked with P. Marcier, of Sherbrooke, C. Pigson, who was formerly on the Sherbrooke Police Force, Germain Surprenant, of St. John's, B. Verma of St. John's, Shawinigan Falls, P. Simons of Sherbrooke, J. L. Fontaine, of St. Pie, and Claude Rochelleau, of St. Ovide.

They spoke regretfully of many missing comrades and were concerned as to whether they would find the replacements just as congenial. Their stories of Diappee were gripping. One had told of being in charge of two carriers, which they finally landed after two attempts. After establishing a machine gun post, they came off again and landed ammunition.

Another told of seeing bombs drop

along all around his boat, also falling planes which he was unable to identify. He told of seeing a boat and a Messerschmitt collide nose and both fall into sea.

One told of seeing Frenchmen being taken in with evidence of having seen them.

A story they were chuckling over was of some men who finding the tiring intense, took refuge behind some cases which they soon found were filled with dynamite.

Many of these boys had back souvenirs of the raid, such as German badges, pencils, tobacco, etc. J. L. Fontaine said that it was his grandfather who used to operate the Pontiac Toll Bridge, near Millton, Que. He said that he had a war godmother, Mrs. J. Pariseau, of Sherbrooke, who had been very kind to him, and expressed the opinion that if relatives kept in close touch with the boys, they would more cheerfully carry on.

The Puelliers de Montreal certainly made a great name for themselves at Diappee and set up a tradition for the French Canadian troops, and it was a great opportunity to meet and talk with them informally.



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