

Airmen Resent Plan to Turn 4,500 of Them Into 'Zombies'

Sentiments of a De-winged Airman Given in Leading Daily

Last week The Advance had an editorial article about the contemptible scheme hatched up to save the "Zombies" and use 4,500 of the gallant airmen to reinforce the Canadian Soldiers overseas. These airmen highly trained for their own service, according to the announced plan, were in effect to be conscripted to the ranks of infantry, for which they had no special training. The excuse was that there were too

many in the airforce and reinforcements were needed in the army. The Advance asked why some of the thousands who had been serving for years in the air force overseas were not relieved by the alleged overplus in the service, and also why the trained "Zombies" were not used for the necessary re-inforcements for the infantry.

Herewith The Advance publishes a letter from a "De-winged Airman," as it appeared in *The Globe and Mail* last week, to give the sentiments of the men who volunteered for service in the R. C. A. F.

May I extend my heartiest congratulations on behalf of over 4,000 airmen and myself to the writer of the editorial in *The Globe and Mail* recently, entitled "Released Airmen Can Be Zombies". The writer of that article shares the heartburnings and bitter disappointments of the airmen concerned and we have unanimously elected him as one of us.

The main purpose of this article is to convey to the general public the feelings we braced-of airmen have toward the Government and the way in which the RCAF has handled aircrew personnel during the past few months.

We are not heroes; we are but servants of the public, men who have volunteered for one of the most dangerous tasks ever concocted by warfare, to serve as pilots, navigators, wireless operators and air gunners in one of the largest air forces of the day. We are of many races, creeds, ambitions and occupations; lawyers, engineers, university graduates, high school boys and teen-aged youngsters fresh out of school; all have volunteered, all have offered to donate their blood for their country.

Doing Menial Work

Furthermore, we have been waiting months, some even more, to undergo training: scrubbing toilets and floors, mopping hallways, washing endless piles of filthy dishes, up to our necks in filthy water and soap—university graduates, bachelors of art, science, the

cream of the crop. Why, you may ask, should men of this calibre and character permit themselves to do work of that nature? For the simple reason that we believed that eventually they would send us on course, and, naturally, we didn't mind doing a little filthy work in order to realize a lifetime ambition.

Yes, we expected to go on course in the near future; but after months of waiting, scrubbing and more scrubbing, the news leaks out that Minister of Air Power plans to have us discharged and transferred to the Canadian Army as infantrymen. The cream of the crop, boys, who wholeheartedly accepted the proposition to serve as aircrew, being transferred to the infantry digging ditches and the such. A democracy! Phooey!

How Long to Wait

When are we to be transferred? When are we to begin our "mudeating" career? Quote Mr. Power: "He gave no indication as to when the general demobilization plan would start, but a reasonable speculation seemed to be that this would follow the END OF THE WAR IN EUROPE." Shall we be forced to continue our present "Mopping-Up Operations" until the war in Europe is over?

Here beside me sits a lad of 18, a lad who ever since the age of 7 had his eyes toward the sky and his heart in aviation. For years he has been planning for the day when he would be old enough to enlist in the RCAF. For years he constructed model aircraft studied theory of flight, aerodynamics and aircraft recognition. At 15 he was a member of the Air Cadets; at 17 he had already enlisted in the RCAF; a youngster who, having reached his 17th birthday, immediately received his parents consent and enlisted. Furthermore, he was the first lad in the City of Montreal, and probably the first in Canada, to enlist in the RCAF when the age limit was dropped to 17 years, back in September, 1943. On a Saturday the order was announced in the newspapers, and on the following Wednesday he had enlisted. Look at him now, tears coming steadily down his youthful cheeks: "Dear Mom, I've got some bad news for you. It seems . . ."

Yes, there sits the Youth of Typical Canadian Boy

morrow, Canada's future, a bitter feeling in his heart, trying desperately to control his emotions and not to burst out in tears, lest he should embarrass himself before his fellow-companions. There sits the typical Canadian boy, a lad who after nine months of air force service is not quite old enough for call-up by the Canadian Army. What are his thoughts? Should he wait for his call? Or should he benefit by this bitter experience and decide to be a Zombie? Would you blame him for his decision? Can you the public, criticize this boy's decision not to offer his life for his country once more after the offer has been turned down by some weighted-down, medal-becked hero of the last war?

Little Doubt About Decision

We know what his decision will be. We know that the thought of not joining Active will never enter his mind. Even after that heart-breaking experience he and 4,000 others will decide to volunteer for active service; and if I understand human nature he will probably volunteer for the most dangerous task in the army, the airborne division, if the army will permit him to do so. Yes, he finds it quite difficult to concentrate on his letter to his folks. But he finally manages to close by saying: "Don't worry, Mom, everything will turn out for the better."

There before you, dear public are the facts, cold but true. That lad is typical of the 4,200 airmen involved. They all feel the same contempt to-

wards the Canadian Government; they all share the same feelings, opinions and decisions. Now you know the facts, what is to be done?

A final note: Should this article NOT be published, as the case might be, there will be many a bitter feeling towards the press. We believe in freedom of the press; and all we ask for is a chance to lay the facts down before the public, let them know what a farce this has been. The main purpose of the article is to convey to the public our sentiments. We pray that we shall be fortunate in *The Globe and Mail*.

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About Pensions for Wounded Men of the Present Conflict

Chief Pension Officer of Canadian Legion Writing Valuable Series of Articles

(This is the first in a series of ten weekly articles written especially for The Advance by Richard Hale, chief pension officer of the Canadian Legion, Ottawa headquarters.)

(By Richard Hale)

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 18 (Special) - The question of pensions for men of the armed forces who are wounded or injured, become sick and disabled, is one of the most discussed in Canada today. At the same time there is probably no other problem relating to men of the forces that is less understood.

In the first place the amounts of pension payable are generally grossly exaggerated in the average mind. Whenever a pension is mentioned the uninitiated visualizes some sum ranging between \$40 and \$150 per month. While it is true that pensions do run as high as \$150, in exceptional cases, where the man is totally disabled, it is equally true that the majority of pensionable disabilities are much smaller. Disability pensions are fixed in accordance with the degree of disability deemed to exist as related to the ordinary labour market.

The determination of the amount of a disability pension in respect to a disease is a very difficult and highly technical matter based generally on medical opinion as to the degree of impairment of the organs affected.

While pension rates are not made public by the Pension Commission the Canadian Legion has, through thousands of cases handled, been able to arrive at pretty definite conclusions in regard to specified types of wounds or injuries.

Here are some of the percentages of pension generally allowed. A married man with no children getting a 100 per cent disability pension receives \$100 per month. For the first dependent child he receives an additional \$15 per month, \$12 for the second child and \$10 for each additional child with NO maximum amount. A single man on 100 per cent pension gets \$75 per month; the loss of a thumb is 20%; loss of index finger 10%; loss of middle finger 5%; loss of fourth finger 5%; loss of little finger 3%; loss of hand or foot 50%; the 50% rate applying up to just below the elbow or below the knee; if the amputation is above the knee it is 60%; above the elbow 60%; middle of the arm 70%; middle of the leg 70%; and above that 80%; at the shoulder 80%; loss of an eye 40%; if a glass eye has to be worn; 30% if the natural eye remains in the socket; stiff knee joint - absolutely stiff - can't be bent, 20%; stiff ankle 20%; stiff elbow 20%.

Porcupine Music Teachers Elect Officers for Term

The Porcupine Music Teachers' Association held their first general meeting of the season, preceded by the executive meeting, last week on Tuesday evening at the radio station.

The Executive of this term are: President, Mrs. Alfred Gamble. Vice-President, Mrs. R. A. Vary. Secretary, Mrs. T. Tyndall, South Porcupine. Treasurer, Mrs. J. Wilkins. Committee - Mr. Geo. Jenkin, (Past President), Mrs. G. Luke, Mrs. T. Carbone.

A happy note was introduced by opening the meeting with the reading of a letter of appreciation from Mr. Lyell Gustin who conducted the Toronto Conservatory Examinations last June.

Applications for active membership from Miss Alice Giovannelli and Miss Clair Vachon were accepted. Mrs. Woodbury was appointed to represent the P. M. T. A. at a meeting of the Porcupine Bomber Squadron. Mrs. Luke and Mr. Treneer were appointed to act on the Porcupine Music Festival Committee. Mrs. Vary was appointed press representative.

Acting on a suggestion made by Mr. Gustin, plans are well under way to give a recital of all-Canadian Compositions in the near future.

Miss Blair gave a very interesting paper on the life and works of Sir Ernest MacMillan. Because there was no piano available, the members were deprived of the pleasure of hearing vocal selections by Mrs. Theriault and piano solos by Mr. Jenkin, which had been prepared.

The meeting closed by singing "The King."

ROLLER SKATING

Wednesday

Afternoon 2-4 p.m.
Evening 8-10 p.m.

Friday

Evening 8-10 p.m.

Saturday

Afternoon 2-4 p.m.
for Children
14 years and under 10c



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Denominations		Denominations	
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ISSUE PRICE: 100%		ISSUE PRICE: 100%	

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Applications for these bonds may be made through any Victory Loan Salesman, any Branch in Canada of any Chartered Bank, any authorized Savings Bank, Trust or Loan Company, or through the War Finance Workers at your place of employment, from whom copies of the official prospectus and application form may be obtained.

Department of Finance

October 1944

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Katharine Hepburn
IN
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A story of Chinese resistance against the brutal invading Japs

STARTING SUNDAY MIDNITE
TWO FEATURE HITS

Days of Glory

MUSIC IN
Manhattan

Assault Charges Withdrawn at Iroquois Falls

Romeo Perron, who recently was special agent for Timmins police in a number of liquor cases here, and who was assaulted at Porquius Junction some weeks ago, receiving quite serious injuries, failed to appear when charges of assault against Howard Brunette and Ivan Duclaire were called in police court at Iroquois Falls on Thursday last. Perron sent word to the provincial police that he was unable to attend that day, and the provincial police withdrew the charges, the two men being freed. In case that Perron puts in an appearance and is ready to proceed with the case the charges can be re-laid.

Twixters Club Discuss Bulletin and Parcels

The regular meeting of the Twixters Club was held on Monday evening, with the President, Mrs. J. Lake, presiding. Rev. Chidwick opened the meeting with a prayer.

During the business part of the

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AND
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Till We Meet Again
RAY MILLAND
MAUREEN O'HARA

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meeting there was a general discussion on the Christmas Bulletin and parcels which are to be mailed out to the forces.

The following members were present: Rev. Chidwick, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. W. Cook, Mrs. R. deGruchy, Mrs. A. Gadsby, Mrs. M. Harris, Mrs. V. Harris, Geoffrey Jelbert, Mrs. J. Lake, Mrs. V. Lacy, Mrs. F. Martyn, Mr. F. Martyn, Audrey Paice, Mrs. S. Robinson, Mr. S. Robinson, Mr. E. Robinson, Mrs. F. Wolno, Mrs. F. Wharton, Mr. H. Woods, Mrs. S. Walters, Miss Peggy Gedge, Mr. R. deGruchy.

Goldfields

LAST TIMES TO-DAY

Double Idemnity

also

Call Of The South Seas

Friday and Saturday
EDDIE DEW and SMILEY BRUNETTE

Raiders Of Sunset Pass

Added Attraction —
Chapter Two of
"THE BATMAN"

Comedy News

Coming Attraction
THE ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN
"Home in Indiana"
"Bathing Beauty"

Memorial Service for Chief Scout of Empire

South Porcupine Oct., 18th Special to The Advance.

The Boy Scouts, Cubs, and Girl Guides will meet on Sunday at 3 p.m. in St. Paul's Anglican Church to hold memorial service for Lord Somers, Chief Scout for the British Empire. All old Scouts, Guides and members of Associations are asked to be present.

Boy Scout Apple Day was quite a success last Saturday in spite of the weather. Financial returns were good.

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