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Canadian army executions in Italy theme of novel

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"Execution" by Colin McDougall

Reviewed by Maureen M. Fortune

The setting of this novel is in Sicily, July, 1943, at the time of the invasion by the Canadian troops. The story follows through to the Canadians' capture of Rome and the beginning of the new offensive. It deals particularly with the psychological effect on the men, of killing friend and foe.

Two Italian deserters were captured by Tom Platoon after an engagement in Sicily. The order from Divisional headquarters was clear—deserters must be shot instantly.

The two Italians were adopted by the platoon with Lt. John Adams, platoon commander, making the objections. The prisoners provided useful labor and seemed harmless. Later, because of orders from headquarters, Adams was forced to kill the men, using a machine gun after his Sergeant had bungled the execution. This incident had a profound effect on the group present, particularly the lieutenant and the company padre.

Later in Rome, the lieutenant had cause to take charge of another execution.

A civilian on our company went AWL with some deserters from the Canadian and American armies. The group was raided resulting in the death of a military policeman.

The civilian, though undoubtedly mentally retarded, had managed to pass his army medicals. He was charged with murder and ordered executed.

Lt. Adams and the padre, knowing the man was not directly responsible for his actions, tried to have the execution commuted. Failing this, they received permission to handle the proceedings and arranged the execution in the most humane way possible. In some way this rectified the earlier incident, restoring the minds of both men to whatever they had been before in Sicily.

Mr. McDougall portrays his characters vividly and describes several exciting and realistic combat scenes. There is a warm and human love affair to add to the interest. I strongly recommended this promising first novel.

New almanac covers everything from Popes to batting averages

Special to The Daily News

NEW YORK—Communist hostility intensified during 1958, but the free nations more than held their own, according to the record published in the World Almanac and Book of Facts for 1959.

This annual compendium of information about global affairs believes Communist encroachments against world peace were offset by the military and civilian use of nuclear power, the successful launching of rockets and satellites and the united diplomacy of the Western powers, which held the line for peace in a difficult year.

Foreign and domestic affairs are equally covered in the World Almanac, which, besides printing section concerning the United States government, devotes large space to the geography, economy and governmental structure of all nations. In this category come the teraritory, population, industrial situation and military defense of Canada, as well as a report on the centenary of British Columbia. Other tables in the Almanac report on mountains, volcanoes, rivers, holidays and many other subjects of interest to Canadian readers. There is a complete description of the Commonwealth of Nations and its members, as well as the structure and work of the United Nations.

In the foreign field, the Almanac finds the West successfully held the peace in the Middle East by its despatch of military to Lebanon and Jordan. Here this annual reference volume has much turbulence to report; the assassination of the King of Iraq; the military coup in Sudan; the threats against King Hussein of Jordan and the British interests in Kuwait and Aden; the welding of Syria and Egypt into the new United Arab Republic with the adherence of Yemen, and the maneuvering of President Nasser between the Soviet Union and the West to gain advantages for his pan-Arabian program.

The World Almanac for 1959 publishes many new tables of statistics and descriptive matter. Among the latest information in the book is the complete list of cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church, with the 23 named by Pope John XXIII.

Packed with information are the pages devoted to a report on the Sports Events of 1958. Here are the results of the World Series between the Milwaukee Braves and New York Yankees, the records and batting averages of players in the major leagues, Olympic records through the years, and reports from every field of sport and many minor ones, including the 1958 football season, horse racing and the races for the America's Cup.

The World Almanac and Book of Facts for 1959 is published in paper at $1.50 and cloth at $2.75 by the New York World-Telegram and The Sun, 125 Barclay Street, New York, 15, N.Y.

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Specifically, the World Book is a junior encyclopedia with articles shorter and written in simpler language than the adult encyclopedias. The 19 volumes, 7½ by 10 inches, are strongly made and meant to last a great deal of handling.

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There are 1,500 maps, 400 articles on history and geography, 1,000 on industry, 626 on trees, plants and flowers, 106 on insects, 1,550 biographies of famous people and 1,610 on travel. There are also pamphlets to set the young readers hunting for answers.

Although published in the United States and distributed in Canada from Toronto, the World Book is not neglectful of Canada. The publishers employed Canadian editors and writers and have forsaken their long-time sin of neglecting Canada.

British Columbia and Ontario get 12 pages each, and Alberta and Manitoba 15 each. Canada as a nation gets a total of 35. The World Book Encyclopedia has been designed to appeal to the Canadian reader as to the Americans.

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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Considering the bidding of this hand and the looks of the dummy, it was not too difficult for Mr. Dale to place practically all of the outstanding high cards in the hand on his right.

But this kind of knowledge is no good unless you know how to use it. Mr. Dale knew.

He won the opening diamond lead with the ace and paused to look the situation over. He decided it would be the height of folly to lead a club toward dummy's king in the hope that the ace was in Mr. Abel's hand. It was most unlikely that Mrs. Keen would have opened the bidding without that card. So on a club lead the opponents would undoubtedly win two club tricks and two diamonds to defeat the contract immediately.

Mr. Dale

The only reasonable chance of making the hand appeared to lie in the establishment of dummy's heart suit. On this sensible theory Mr. Dale led a heart at trick two and won with dummy's ace. He cashed the king of hearts, led a third round of the suit and ruffed in his hand with the ace of spades.

He was delighted to find that the opposing hearts were divided 4-3. Now if neither defenders element up with as many as four spades, the contract was home.

He cashed the queen of spades, then led a small spade to dummy's king. The suit broke evenly, too. Now the last outstanding spade was picked up by dummy's ten and on the two good hearts Mr. Dale discarded a diamond and a club.

Mrs. Keen had to discard correctly to hold the hand to four one. At this stage she was down to the king and queen of diamonds and the ace and queen of clubs.

If Mrs. Keen's last four cards had been K Q J of diamonds and one of clubs, Mr. Dale could have led a club from dummy to set up the king for a trick.

East dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
Mr. Masters
♠ K 10 8
♥ A K 7 6 2
♦ 8 6 2
♣ K 5

WEST
Mr. Abel
♠ 6 5 2
♥ 8 4 3
♦ 10 9
♣ 10 8 6 4 2

EAST
Mrs. Keen
♠ 7 3
♥ Q J 10
♦ K Q J 7 4
♣ A Q J

SOUTH
Mr. Dale
♠ A Q J 9 4
♥ 9 5
♦ A 5 3
♣ 9 7 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♦	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

Opening lead: Ten of diamonds.

If she had discarded down to the king of diamonds and A Q J in clubs, a diamond lead at trick 10 would have forced her to surrender a trick to dummy's king of clubs.

Reid fights power plan for Fraser

OTTAWA (CP)—Senator Thomas Reid, who has spent more than 20 years battling against power development of the Fraser river, Tuesday night declared war on Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton and exponents of diverting the Columbia River into the Fraser.

Senator Reid, Canadian chairman of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission, said he'll fight until the last breath against the diversion plan because it would kill salmon fisheries worth millions of dollars annually to Canadian fishermen.

He served particular notice in the Senate on Gen. McNaughton, Canadian chairman of the International Joint Commission which is negotiating with the United States now on Columbia development.

Diversion of the Columbia into the Fraser would require construction of 10 dams on the Fraser, said the B.C. Liberal senator, a member of the salmon commission since 1937.

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