Blackwood on *Bridge*

By Easley Blackwood

Mr. Muzzy was kibitzing this deal and he winced when Mrs. Keen opened the bidding on the South cards with one club. He thought she should have opened with a forcing two-bid. Well, I'll say this, if you wagered on Mrs. Keen's bidding as against Mr. Muzzy's you would soon be able to retire.

She properly opened this hand with one club, realizing that game was not possible unless her partner had a little honor strength. She knew that if Mr. Masters had as much as one high card trick, he would give her a chance. And if he lacked that much, she would be very fortunate not to be beyond the one range.

Mr. Masters had just enough for one bid and when Mrs. Keen heard it, she went straight to game at no trump.

Mr. Abel led the jack of hearts and Mr. Champion correctly went up with his king on the chance that his partner had opened a suit headed by A J 10. Mrs. Keen won with the ace and immediately led the queen of diamonds. Mr. Abel covered with the king, but Mrs. Keen was not enticed into going up with dummy's ace. She ducked the trick, permitting the king to win.

Again Mr. Muzzy showed his disapproval, shaking his head sadly and muttering something about having the king trapped and then letting it get away.

Of course, what Mrs. Keen was trying to do was to make sure of winning four diamond tricks. She had to lose one trick in the suit no matter how she played. Wisely, she decided to lose that trick at once. Had she won the first diamond trick with the ace, Mr. Abel would have won the third round with his 10 spot—and then there would have been no entry to the remaining good diamonds in dummy.

East dealer
Neither side vulnerable

North
(Mr. Masters)
S—J 8 7
H—8 4 3
D—A 7 6 4 3
C—9 4

West
(Mr. Abel)
S—10 3
H—J 10 9 6 2
D—K 10 2
C—K 10 5

East
(Mr. Champion)
S—Q 9 5 4 2
H—K 7
D—9 8
C—Q 7 6 2

South
(Mrs. Keen)
S—A K 6
H—A Q 5
D—Q J 5
C—A J 3 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 C	Pass	1 D
Pass	3 NT	All pass	

At the third trick Mr. Abel led the 10 of hearts and Mrs. Keen won with the queen. She laid down her jack of diamonds and was pleased to note that both opponents followed suit. She now led the five of diamonds to dummy's ace and ran the rest of the suit, thus winning four diamonds, two spades, two hearts and a club for game.

Turning to her critic, Mrs. Keen said good-humoredly, "Well, I managed to stumble through some way, didn't I, Mr. Muzzy?"

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Science Marching With Korean Canadian Troops

By BILL BOSS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

WITH THE CANADIANS IN KOREA (CP)—Science marches with the troops when Canadians go into battle. Its represntative is Maj. Hodgson Goodfellow of Kingston, Ont., whose job is to study the factors that govern the performance of infantry in action.

It keeps him on the hop.

The 36-year-old major, who lives at advanced headquarters of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade group, goes out with patrols, studies battle reports, is an inveterate visitor at units where he checks still further for missing details, and works long into the night compiling the data he has assembled.

The sign outside his tent says "Operations Research." Unquestioning troops assume straight off that at the very least his work is nuclear fission or electronics. Less impressed but still hardly-understanding staff officers wish he would look into the general misbehaviour of cookstoves.

The major's current job simply is to see how the infantry fights—which means all the conditions governing that—and to find how any of the conditions may be so manipulated as to improve the result.

Operations research is a new field.

The scientist in operations research tries to find better ways of using existing equipment, though sometimes he is able to suggest improvements to it.

Maj. Goodfellow is part of the Canadian Army operations research establishment, located at Kingston and headed by Dr. Otto Maas, scientific advisor to Gen. Simonds.

He has a wealth of examples to illustrate the value of his field.

It determined, for instance, the size of shipping convoys on the seas during the Second World War. At no extra cost it sharply reduced loss through enemy action.

Researchers studied the figures and noted that roughly the same number of ships were lost from each convoy, large or small.

Until they came along the conclusion was almost reached that there was no advantage to company since losses were equal.

The scientists simply pointed out that larger convoys were indeed the answer since the percentages lost were smaller.

Maj. Goodfellow's principle is that tactics and strategy will always be questions of skill and manoeuve — art — but that by study and reseach into the factors governing battles they may increase the powers of tools already at the commander's service by demonstrating additional scope.

Born in South Shields, England, and by hobby an archaeologist, the Major is a University of Saskatchewan graduate in the science of engineering.

During the war he was seconded from the Canadian Army to the British Admiralty's department of miscellaneous weapons development, headed by another Canadian, Sir Charles Goodeve of Winnipeg.

He is married to the former Josephine Birkill of London, daughter of John E. Birkill, first violincellist of the BBC Symphony Orchestra and who is planning a concert tour of Canada this year. They have a daughter, Caroline, 7.

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