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By DOROTHY GARBUTT, Hostess

Bob Gibson and I have just returned from a two-day trip to Terrace and, judging by the state of our shoes, have brought half of that town back with us. I went up partly on Y.W.C.A. affairs and partly to accompany our recent visitor, Mrs. West.

We took a tour of the town, all of twenty minutes it took us, then spent the remainder of the day in heavenly rest. Mrs. West was very fatigued from her long cross Canada trip. She and Mr. Pfifer left Ottawa on September 11 and had been travelling ever since with stopovers in all the cities and larger towns en route where they have held as many as seven or eight meetings a day, not including radio talks.

I had the opportunity of asking Mrs. West just where she thought we fell down in Rupert in our war effort. She replied that, after meeting the representatives of twenty-three women's organizations in Rupert and hearing from the members themselves of their separate efforts in sewing, knitting, salvage, library work and so forth, she thought the women of the town were doing a fine job in every line — except — and there was this "but"—except in home hospitality. She was here Thanksgiving Day and was struck by the very noticeable fact that not a single voluntary invitation had come in from anyone for Thanksgiving dinner for any of the boys. She feels that a home hospitality committee should be organized and a group of women — all the Prince Rupert women should be the goal — pledged to give home hospitality to the boys regularly, women who don't mind keeping an extra plate set "just in case" a boy drops in.

Mrs. West also suggested setting up a Red Cross "White Elephant" shop where used articles might be left, the funds for the sale of which would go to the Red Cross. Successful shops like this are run all across Canada. Sometimes they are called Red Cross Treasure Shops and I recall spending an interesting afternoon in the one in West Vancouver in which a friend of mine helps every Tuesday afternoon. All sorts of things are sold including plants and home made shopping barrows.

The regular weekly meeting of the Service Wives Club was held Thursday afternoon. Better get used to the rain, girls, and come out anyhow because we may have a lot of it before the winter is out. It was decided to hold a bridge whist next Thursday afternoon, October 22. Mrs. Donald donated the inter-club raffle which was won by Mrs. Brennan.

Gordon Wilson, navy telegraphist and leader of the Merry Matelots, is anxious to get hold of a clarinet and a trumpet for two of his group. If these boys can get these instruments Gordon promises some real entertainment in the future. They would like to beg, borrow or, if necessary, steal them.

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CALAIS TO DUNKERQUE

King's Royal Rifle Corps Gallantly Covered Flank Evacuation From France

Written for The Canadian Press By CLAUD GOLDING

LONDON, Oct. 16 (CP)—It was the gloomiest day in the defence of Calais in June, 1940, and the commander of the attacking German forces thought it an appropriate time to demand surrender.

So through the British lines, with a flag of truce, came a fussy little German officer. Leading him were two British riflemen, wide grins splitting their powder-smudged faces. The German was conducted to Brig. Claude Nicholson who replied with a clipped "No" to the Nazi demand.

This was just one incident in a glorious six days of valor by British troops, including a battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, who had been ordered to stop the Germans from breaking through to Dunkerque where the British Expeditionary Force was embarking for Britain.

Hold on they did. Overwhelming German forces pressed upon the perimeter and laid down an unending bombardment. German tanks nibbled at the defences. Sharpshooters sniped from windows and roofs. Finally the climax was reached. A platoon of the Rifle Brigade was rushed up to support the K.R.R.C., holding the western section of the perimeter. A platoon of the Queen Victoria Rifles was withdrawn into the inner perimeter after holding out until they had fired their last round. An anti-aircraaft battery marched wearily into the town after three weeks' fighting.

Good Old Tipperary

A half company of the King's Royal Rifles found a piano in a hotel they were defending. Soon above the thunder of the bombardment the voices of men singing "Tipperary" and "Pack up Your Troubles" were heard in the street. Along the streets, hugging every bit of cover, the Germans were advancing. The soldiers who had been singing drove them back. The Germans then demanded unconditional surrender. The men were prepared to die instead.

When cease fire came over the ruins of Calais four British battalions had been destroyed, among them the K.R.R.C., raised in North America in 1755 as the 62nd Royal Americans. A year later it became the 60th and in 1824 the Duke of York's Own Rifle Corps and finally the name it bears now. Wolfe gave the regiment its motto: "Celer et Audax"—Swift and Bold.

Canadian regiments associated with the famous force are: The Regina Rifle Regiment, the King's Own Rifles, the Royal Rifles, the Dufferin Rifles, the Brockville Rifles, Victoria Rifles of Canada and the Halifax Rifles.

HE'S WELSH-CZECH

LONDON, Oct. 16 (CP) — Lt. Karl Kuttlewascher, night fighter ace of the R.A.F. from CzechoSlovakia, is a proud father. His wife, a Welsh girl gave birth to a boy named Huw Eduard. The "Huw" is a Welsh name and the "Eduard" is Czech.

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