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Young Canadians—

MAY "EVEN SCORE" WITH NAZI GUARD

Escaped From Continent to England They Tell of German Treatment in Occupied Country.

By D. E. BURRITT
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Feb. 23: (P)—Two Canadian youths who as boys were taken by their parents to Belgium have reached England after a fiction-like escape from German-occupied territory through which they wandered six months. Sons of the Canadian fathers who married Belgian women after the First Great War, the pair related a tale of daring adventure which carried them through six imprisonments—one in a concentration camp. Once they feared they would be shot. Often they were hungry. Sometimes lost, often cold. More than once they bluffed their way past sullen German guards and sentries. The trail of freedom led through rivers and over mountains. When finally they landed in England they were clothed mostly in what had been given to them.

"But it was worth everything we had to endure," said 21-year-old Peter, a thick-set blond youngster who once delivered meat for his father in several southern Alberta towns and in Lethbridge. "Now we are going to be allowed to join the Canadian army."

"Yes," interrupted Irwin, his 21-year-old freckled-faced companion, "and perhaps we will get a chance to even the score with those brutes."

Parents Disappeared

Bitterness and revenge burned within the slight frame of young Irwin. And it was easy to understand why when he told how his parents disappeared beneath the rubble that was once their home. Both lads asked that their full names be not disclosed for fear reprisals would be taken against Peter's family, still in Belgium. His Russian father, a naturalized Canadian, who fought with the Canadian army in the First Great War, took his family to Belgium eight years ago "on a visit."

It was the same with Irwin's parents. His father, an ironworker who was born in Harrison, Ont., took his Belgian bride to live in Sturgeon Falls, then to Buffalo. Finally the, too, went "to visit" the mother's homeland where war found the two families living as prosperous neighbors in a town near Brussels. They tried to flee with other refugees, but were turned back by the Germans for whom they were forced to work. "If you don't work you starve," Peter said simply, shrugging his shoulders.

Both anxious to be spokesman, the lads collaborated in telling now the German troops, "always polite as part of their propaganda to gain support of the people," had "bought everything there was to buy." Clothing, shoes, food, wines and all other supplies disappeared in six months. After that "everything just flopped."

People Starving

The result is, the youths agreed, that "people are slowly starving." All foods are scarce, "especially the things on which the working people live—bread and potatoes." Well, it really isn't "bread" at all, Peter explained. "More like putty," interjected Irwin.

Even that sort of bread can't be obtained if you don't work for the Germans, turning out shells or other war needs. Here young Irwin told of his own little sabotage campaign. As he worked in a shell factory he "condemned the good shells and certified the useless ones as perfect."

That was only his private campaign. Outside the factory he joined Irwin and other youths in cutting telegraph wires, slashing tires on German cars, distributing "underground" anti-German newspapers, helping form secret societies whose members swore to continue sabotage.

Workers Scarce

Because of the difficulty of organizing Belgian labor the Germans have been campaigning for



D. E. BURRITT

TOUGHENING UP THE W.A.A.F.



There's no room for weak sisters in Britain's Women's Auxiliary Air Force. The gals must be able to take it and dish it out, too. Here you see one member giving a demonstration with an instructor. The man was all set to throttle his victim, but now the tables are being turned.

MILITARY CONCERT

Another Entertainment in Connection With Victory Loan Campaign Held Last Night.

A second military concert in connection with the Victory Loan campaign was held Sunday evening in the Capitol Theatre with talent from the Royal Canadian Air Force contributing largely to the program which was acceptable to a large audience which practically filled the house. Capt. Marsden of the Royal Canadian Engineers made a brief but appropriate speech. C. F. Leslie, area supervisor of the Young Men's Christian Association again had charge of the program and acted as master of ceremonies.

The program included vocal solos by Corp. Jack Quinn, Royal Canadian Air Force; saxophone solos, Corp. Kirby, R.C.A.F.; vocal solos by Leading Telegrapher Lewis Bond-Bernard, Royal Canadian Navy; piano duets by Leading Aircraftmen Bowell and Hilton, R.C.A.F.; monologues and tap dancing by Chief Petty Officer Bob Hope, R.C.N.; bagpipe solos by Sergeant Pilot Boyd, R.C.A.F.; vocal solos by Private Robert Armour, United States Army, and vocal solos by Aircraftman I. Le Claire. An especial feature of the program was the excellent rendition by Ronald Bridgett of "Sons of Empire," the song written by Mrs. William Brass of this city, with lyric by Miss Frances Moore, also of Prince Rupert. To give atmosphere a member of each of the services—navy, army and air force—stood on the stage. Mr. Bridgett responded to an encore by giving "There is No Death." There were selections by the R.C.A.F. orchestra and accompanists were Mrs. J. S. Black and Miss Frances Moore.

Capt. Marsden, in his brief speech, giving Prince Rupert credit for the fine showing it had already made in Victory Loan subscriptions, urged further support. He told of countries he had seen which had been the victims of aggressors. He hoped to God that there would never be similar experiences here. No effort of civilians to prevent such an eventual-ity could be too great. It required the best efforts of all in every way possible to see that the instruments of war were made available for the fighting forces. If the rest of Canada did as well as Prince Rupert was doing, the fighting forces would have little to fear.

Several short moving picture scenes appropriate to the war with particular reference to the Victory Loan campaign were projected.

There was a drawing for a Victory Bond in connection with the lounge seat sale. The winner was Renato Carrari who is using the bond as a basis to buy more.

Mail Schedule

For the East—	
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays	5 p.m.
From the East—	
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays	11 p.m.
For Vancouver—	
Tuesday	12:30 p.m.
Thursday	10:15 p.m.
Friday	9:30 p.m.
February 12 and 23	p.m.
From Vancouver—	
Sunday	p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Friday	p.m.
February 8 and 19	a.m.
For Stewart and Premier—	
Sunday	7 p.m.
Wednesday	2 p.m.
From Stewart and Premier—	
Tuesday	a.m.
Thursday	8:00 p.m.
For Alice Arm,	
Naas River and Port Simpson—	
Sunday	7 p.m.
From Alice Arm,	
Naas River and Port Simpson—	
Tuesday	a.m.
For Ocean Falls—	
Thursday	10:15 p.m.
Friday	9 p.m.
From Ocean Falls—	
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Friday	p.m.
For Queen Charlotte Islands—	
February 10 and 24	9:00 p.m.
From Queen Charlotte Islands—	
February 9 and 23	a.m.
For Alaska—	
Wednesday	2:00 p.m.
February 8 and 19	a.m.
From Alaska—	
Thursday	8:00 p.m.
February 12 and 23	p.m.

EIRE'S PLANS FOR PULP

DUBLIN, Feb. 23: (P)—Because shipping restrictions have curtailed importations of paper a mill near here plans to experiment in the manufacture of pulp from Eire timber. An official said there was a possibility of procuring a plant from Canada.

Whifflets From The Waterfront

Just twenty-four hours behind schedule on account of having had heavy freights for waypoints, Union steamer Venture, Capt. Lorne Godfrey, arrived in port at 7 o'clock Saturday night from the south, sailing at 10:45 p.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.

Union steamer Catala arrived in port at 4 o'clock this morning from the south and sailed at 8 a.m. for Stewart and other northern points whence she is due back here tomorrow morning southbound.

On a regular voyage from Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands, Union steamer Camosun, Capt. James Watt, arrived in port at 2:20 this morning and will sail at midnight tomorrow night on her return south over the route.

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