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On Parade...

1st (Reserve) Bn. Prince Rupert Regt. (M.G.)

The training year of the Reserve Army runs from April 1 to the following year. As the current training year comes to a close it is possible to make a breakdown of the musketry practices that have been carried on through the year. During the Inspector General's visit to the Regiment, he inspected the musketry scores and he remarked on the excellent high average scores obtained by all ranks of the Regiment.

A breakdown of the figures shows that in the four rifle practices fired with a possible score of 80, A-Cpl. Columbin of D Coy. was top scorer with a total of 78. Pte. Brakstad of D Coy. was second with 74 and the following obtained 70 or over: A-Sgt. Dodds, H.Q. Coy.; A-C.S.M. Scott, A Coy.; C.S.M. Garner, A-Sgt. Elkins, Pte. Anderson, L.C. Pte. Krainyk of B Coy.; A-Sgt. Bury, A-Sgt. Mogg, Pte. Hill of C Coy.; A-Sgt. Schneider, K.J., Pte. Speer of D Coy.

The average score by companies shows B Coy. having a slight edge.
B Coy. 57.7.
C Coy. 57.8.
D Coy. 57.6.
A Coy. 53.3.

In the Bren gun practice scores of over 40 out of a possible 59 were obtained by H.Q. Coy.—A-Sgt. Andrew, Pte. Aandal and Pte. Saunders; B Coy.—Sgt. Noble, Cpl. Allaire, Pte. Krainyk, Pte. Paulson; C Coy.—Pte. Bazeley and Pte. Watmough; D Coy.—Pte. Derkson.

Among the officers Lieut. Ostashower was the top man with the rifle. Lieut. Crawford Moore edging out Lieut. Ted Moore by

one point with the Bren. Although the tempo of warfare has increased and the infantry soldier has to be master of many more intricate weapons than before, the principles of war remain and the soldier's best friend is still his rifle.

Monday, April 3, is the dead line for pay. No pay can be issued after that date.

The band, under Bandmaster Lien's leadership, is raring to go. Monday night they will play for A Coy. and Thursday night for D Coy.

Capt. R. G. Large, RCAMC, the medical officer of the regiment, is anxious to commence a first aid class. This is a good opportunity to learn first aid and it will be an asset to the community to have trained stretcher squads available in event of an emergency.

Recent additions to the Unit are: G. Hamelin, R. Storseth, K. A. Tkach, L. J. McCrear, A. Alger, J. F. Collins.

Promotions during the week are as follows: J. McGlashan, H.Q. Coy., and W. F. Gairdner, H.Q. Coy., to be A-Cpls., and R. G. Vandersluys, A Coy., to be A-Sgt.

LONDON, (P) — Bartle Bull, Canadian-born M. P., suggested in the Commons that Britain should change from driving on the left-hand side of the road to the right. The government's reply gave little encouragement. His suggestion would be adopted.

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. (By DOROTHY GARBUTT)

I should tell you about all the pretty Wrens in the Navy show and about their splendid chorus numbers and ensemble dances. I'm sure you get the surprise of your lives when you went to the show. Isn't the Port and Starboard number where the dresses change color magically a grand item, and the Rockettes and sailors' precision dance something they need to be seen to be believed.

By now you've seen John Pratt and got used to him, to quote his own song number, the lyrics of which he wrote himself, and all by hand. The boy's a genius. John is a Montreal boy and has always been interested in Little Theatre work, which in Montreal means the MRT or Montreal Repertory Theatre. Here it was that our present incumbent, Chester Le Maistre, met John and the other MRT boys with the Navy show, Robert (Impressionist) Goodier and Lionel Murton. These three at the start of the war joined the "Tin Hats," a troops' concert party playing all the eastern camps. John is a first rate comedian, although he rates his talents as a pool room virtuoso higher than his flair for good clean comedy. An architect by trade and training John builds up his acts with the same care and precision that he worked out plans for his peacetime profession, and the result is an equally pleasing facade of well timed humor and sidesplitting comedy. Tomorrow I shall tell you about others in the caste whom I have had the pleasure of meeting.

To get back to mundane things once again, let me remind you that Friday night is Bingo night at the Empress "Y" and everyone in the services is welcome. I forgot to tell you about John Pratt's overcoat—or greatcoat as the saying is. It's a dilly. It's a dar! Tailored to measure it is a jaunty expanse of smooth unwrinkled lapels, broad shoulders, narrow hips and shiny buttons. It's elegant. And being an architect by trade and training John wears it with the same care and precision... I said that before, didn't I? Anyhow, I was impressed.

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Disappointment in Italy...

The campaign has been going a little bit disappointingly in Italy the last few days. We have stopped or been stopped at Cassino, possibly not because it was impossible for us to win there but because the victory would not have been worth the cost. Probably a more advantageous point will be found to strike at. And, too, the Battle of Cassino, even though we appear not to have won it, may have served a purpose in a larger way. Meanwhile, it can in no way be described as a major setback.

One thing we know is that the campaign in Italy has been causing the enemy to divert a considerable measure of force while the battle in Eastern Europe with Russia is going so badly against the Nazis and the threat of an Allied invasion from the west still looms large before them.

Prince Rupert Airport...

Prince Rupert had hoped that an air field might have been one of the wartime developments here which would have been of lasting benefit to the locality but Ottawa has announced that, owing to cost and difficulty of getting the necessary labor, the project has been abandoned. We at least know where we stand for the moment in regard to the airport. However, we should not give up the idea altogether. With the undoubted expansion of commercial aviation after the war, it will become increasingly necessary that, if Prince Rupert is to be a modern and properly equipped transportation centre, it will have to be able to take care of land planes as well as water aircraft. An air field will be one of our outstanding postwar requirements and will have worthy claim in the classification of a rehabilitation project.

We will have to continue to press for some development along this line locally. The fact that the government may deem it is impracticable at this time does not make it any the less necessary.

"Meet the Navy" Great Show...

"Meet the Navy," the great Navy show that is being staged in Prince Rupert primarily and fairly enough for the people of the forces, is, we believe, quite worthy of some special mention in this column. It is the finest and most ambitious entertainment that has ever been staged in Prince Rupert unless the Army Show which was here several months ago might be said to have matched it. And the Navy Show is more than a mere vaudeville or music hall offering. There is much outstanding talent although, in view of the taste of the younger folk who naturally predominate in the forces, the lighter side is stressed.

Captain J. P. Connelly and those associated with him in the great undertaking are to be heartily congratulated and there might be a special word for the very fine orchestra led by Eric Wild which is no nauseating band of jive dispensarians but one of the most harmonious and ably conducted concert orchestras which has ever played in Prince Rupert. The orchestra, of course, is always the vital thing in an entertainment of this kind. In this case one could shut one's eyes to the show and revel in the melodic and technical perfection of the orchestra.

Shows like "Meet the Navy" should be of possible of maintenance after the war as well as during it.

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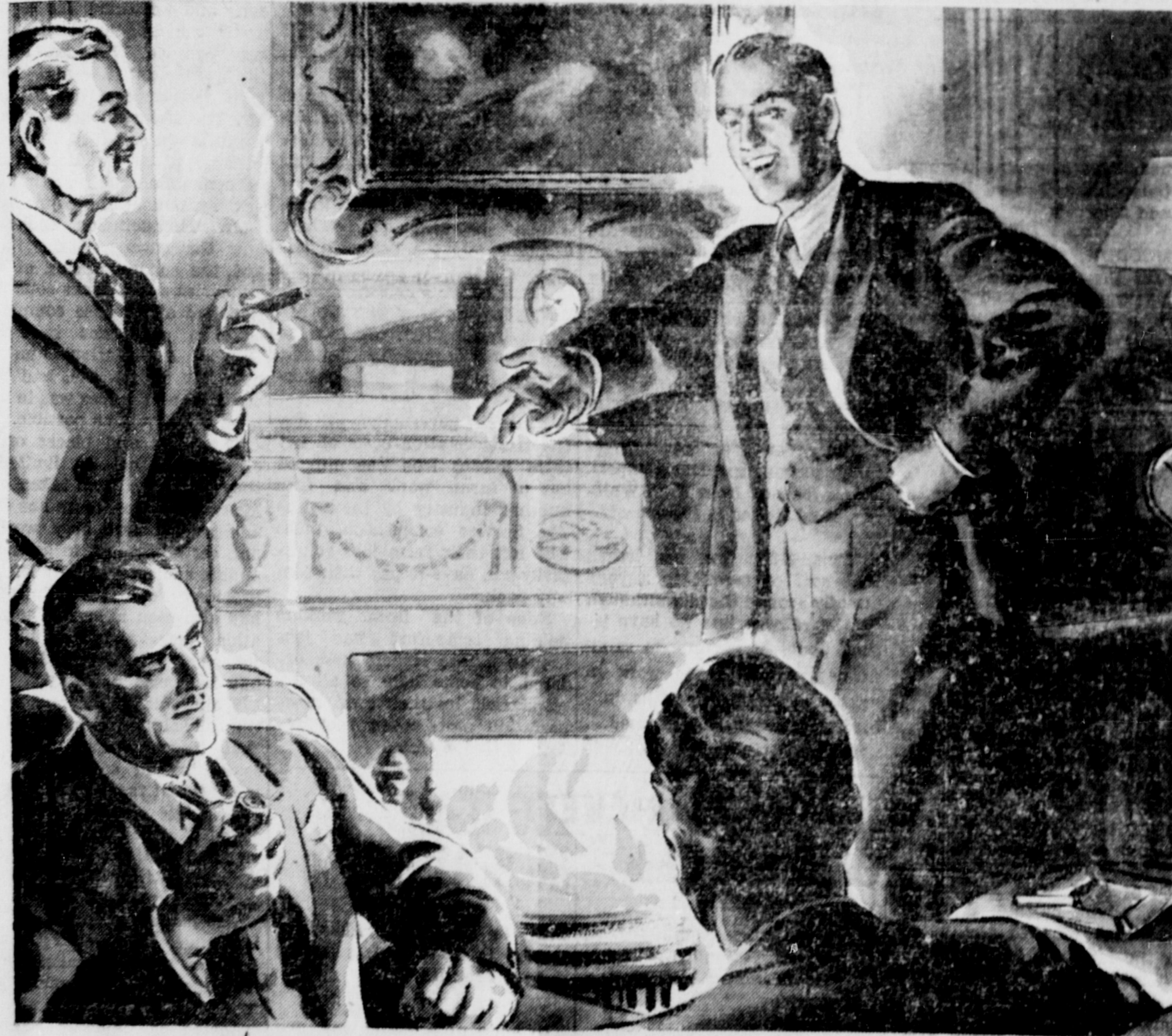
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NURSES' SALARIES

Editor, Daily News:

In reference to a recent item in your paper regarding nurses' salaries, I fully agree with the nurses that \$85 per month is

far from sufficient. I would think that the board of directors of the Prince Rupert General Hospital would be ashamed to admit that they are so grossly underpaying these ladies of mercy who must serve three long years to learn their profession while girls in war industries earn far more in small weeks after short weeks of training. The board will see that the nurses the modern ask.

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