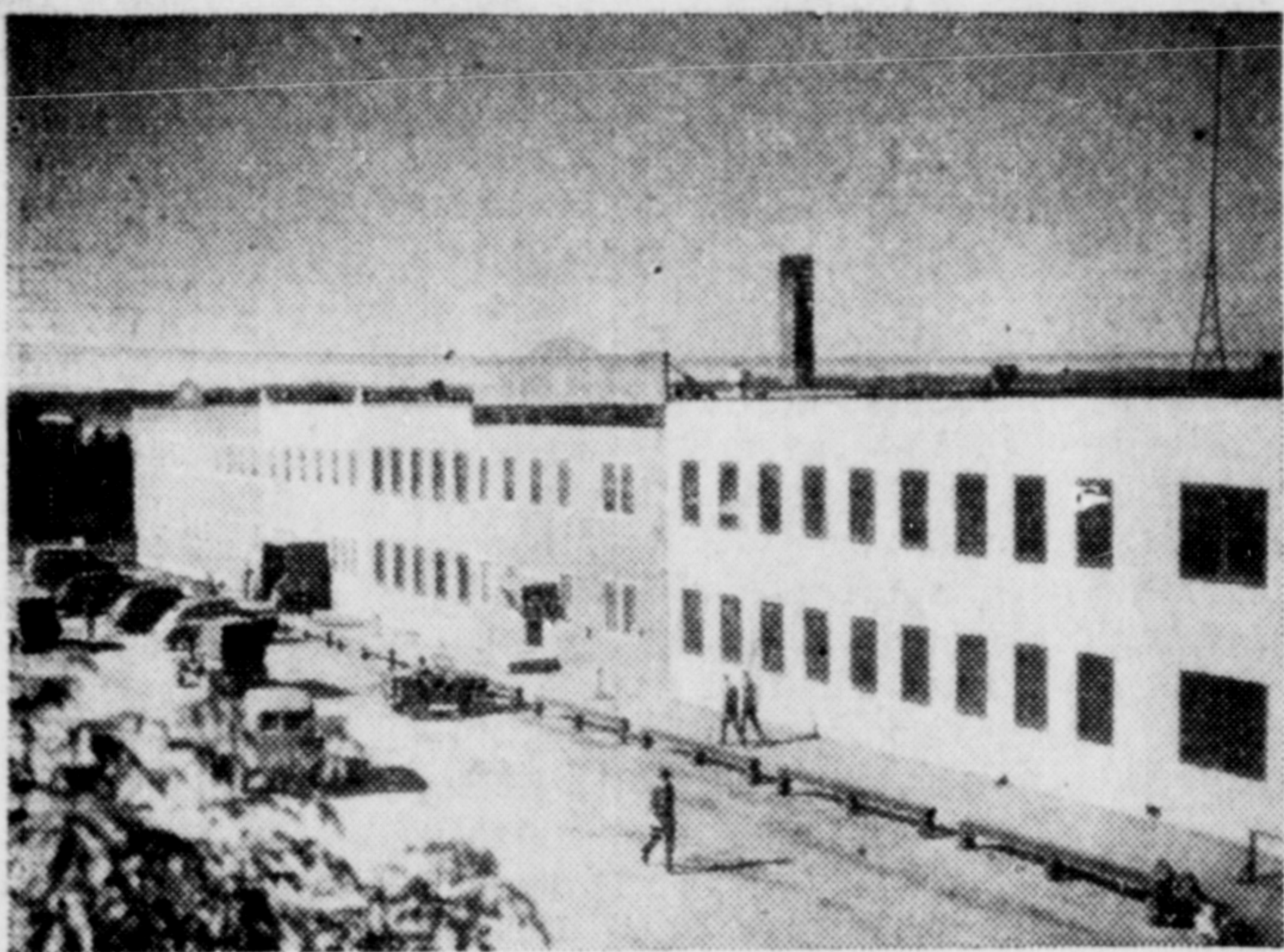


Prince Rupert's Vital Contribution Acknowledged



YUKON HOTEL—The U. S. Army Administration Building located on First Avenue has been the headquarters of the sub-port for more than two years. The building has almost 60,000 feet of floor space, and more than 500 military and civilian personnel work within.

Real Ball Park Made

The athletic field on Acropolis Hill was completely rebuilt in the past two years for the outdoor athletic program. This work, mainly under the supervision and inspiration of Major Louis W. Beck, Commanding Officer of Headquarters Company, changed the field from a small, rock-infested and boulder-surrounded spot to a level, well-surfaced field with drainage facilities and ample grandstand seats. The field has also been the scene of soccer games for the Canadian forces stationed here and for track and field meets.

Consul General Praises Men at Prince Rupert And Thanks People Here

Without Function Here, Japanese Might Not Have Been Turned Back From Designs On This Continent

By EDWIN F. STANTON
 American Consul General

VANCOUVER, Sept. 15—It is a matter of record that the Army Service Forces stationed at Prince Rupert have played an important part in maintaining a continuous and smooth flow of supplies to the United States forces stationed in Alaska and the Northwest. Without these supplies the important and strategic

Alean Highway could not have been constructed. Without these supplies our forces in Alaska would not have been in a position to hurl back the Japanese aggressors who sought to invade the North American continent, subjugate its inhabitants and lay waste its forests and cities.

The officers and men stationed at Prince Rupert made a vital contribution to the defence of Canada and Alaska and are deserving of praise for their efficiency and devotion to duty. It is, therefore, a matter of pride and gratification to me and all American citizens that the unremitting work and fine achievements of Colonel J. H. Mellom and the officers and men of the Army Service Forces should be publicly recognized by the *Prince Rupert Daily News* and the residents of Prince Rupert.

It is equally as great a pleasure to emphasize that the civil authorities and citizens of Prince Rupert have contributed in great measure to the efficient execution of the duties of the United States forces located there. The cordiality which has characterized relations between our forces and the good citizens of Prince Rupert is another manifestation of the understanding and good will which exists between the United States and Canada. This friendship has been strengthened and the understanding has been deepened by the sacrifices made by the peoples of the two countries in their common fight against the dark forces of Nazism and Japanese aggression. I am convinced that that friendship will grow as Canada and the United States enter a new era of peace.

Noted Artist Stationed Here

Murals in the U. S. Army administration building depicting ammunition loading operations at Watson Island were painted by Corporal John H. Page of North Muskegon, Michigan. Page, assigned to the 655th Port Company, has won several art scholarships in national competition throughout the U. S.

The post library on Acropolis Hill has a collection of 2,151 of the latest novels. All latest editions are added to this collection shortly after their publication.

Getting News For Soldiers

Were Covered With Own Newspapers On All Developments

By T/4 Walter D. Montgomerie
 Information-Education Branch
 The Command of the Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation, following the U.S. Army policy that the well-informed soldier is a better-trained soldier, has consistently provided the personnel of the Port with news coverage of local, national, and international developments.

The camp newspaper, "The Acropolis News," had a small beginning when several enlisted men volunteered to work with Capt. Richard P. Miller and Bob Herrick, now with the U.S.O., in the formation of a staff to publish a weekly mimeographed paper of camp news and activity.

In 1943, Cpl. Duane "Dip" Page was assigned to the Special Service Office, under the supervision of Capt. Louis D. Maguolo, to organize the expansion program for the paper. A daily mimeograph paper of war news and national events was prepared for distribution to the troops to keep them informed up to the minute on world-wide developments. Page, a newspaper reporter before he entered the service, was also an accomplished artist and the news was supplemented with cartoons of camp life.

Weekly Paper of Real Print

Arrangements were completed after a period of endeavor to publish a printed paper once each week to carry the company news, items of local interest and the news of coming attractions for the military personnel of the Sub-Port. In this printed paper could be found more of Page's inimitable art work, including his original pin-up pictures and a cartoon strip depicting the life of a luscious, scantily-clad gal who was the supposed "belle of the camp." Photographer for the paper was T/5 Steve Brylinsky.

The writer was assigned to the editorship late last year when Page was transferred to Seattle, and T/5 Howard Sadler was added to the staff to produce the art work. This staff continued the daily war news edition and the printed camp paper with the addition of another issue which featured a weekly summary of armed forces news around the globe, news for the men from their home towns, and "Eight Ball," an original Sadler cartoon strip showing the life of a typical serviceman.

The publication of the camp paper was transferred in May, 1945, to the Information and Education Branch under the supervision of Capt. Frederic S. Otis, S/Sgt. Robert M. Elston arrived from Whitehorse, Y.T., for assignment to the editorship of the daily and weekly papers.

Further dissemination of important news developments is given the personnel stationed on Acropolis Hill through the medium of daily newscasts by loud-speaker which summarize the latest news dispatches and world-wide short-wave radio broadcasts.

Distinguished visitors to the Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation have included the Earl of Athlone, Governor General, and Princess Alice; Ray Atherton, U. S. ambassador to Canada; Mayor LaGuardia of New York City; Major-General lie, assistant chief of transportation, Army Service Forces, and Brigadier General Robert I. Wylie, assistant chief of transportation.

Basketball Interesting

By SGT. MERV WILLOUGHBY

Perhaps the most interesting sports attraction during the stay at this station of the United States forces has been basketball. This activity was started in 1943 with a league composed of unit teams. Because of the lack of facilities (the Exhibition Building had been converted in a theatre) the games were mostly played at Port Edward and the teams would leave in the morning, play in the afternoon and return in the evening one day each week. But, from this nucleus, a post team was formed to enter the Area League. They won 16 straight games during the regular season but dropped the playoff series to Port Edward in three close and hotly-contested games.

After the completion of the new gymnasium building in early 1944, we were able to use it for the full season last fall and winter. The schedule of company league games and the Area League bookings made for a full season of the hardwood game. The Company league was won by the 655th Port Company team, players from which also formed the background of the post team of last year. The Post team, known as the "Yanks," played to capacity crowds of military personnel and Prince Rupert citizens and won the Area championship after a fine season.

The gymnasium has also been the scene of numerous other activities. The badminton and handball courts have been in constant demand, with several tournaments being held for titles in both singles and doubles competition. Just recently the Americans co-operated with the Canadian YMCA in staging the Area Badminton championships.

The spring and summer programs were highlighted by several softball leagues and the playing of the Browns, the post baseball team. Two active leagues were in operation in the softball game, one made up of various offices and the other had the teams from the various units stationed in the Port. The Headquarters Company won the title both years and in 1944 made a trip to Anchorage, Alaska, where they won the Alaskan-Aleutian service title, later going on to Edmonton for the Northwest tournament.

The baseball Browns have provided many good baseball games for the local military and civilian population for two years. They have also played games in Ketchikan and Smithers, and have had teams from Coast Guard and Army installations here for games. The most popular series, however, was between the local town team and the Browns, which drew large Sunday and holiday crowds because of the lively and interesting games. During the season just ending, the Browns won 11 of their 20-game schedule.



TALENTED "G.I." ARTIST—Cpl. Howard Sadler, staff artist of the *Acropolis News*, stands beside his huge portrait of the late President Roosevelt. The portrait was used in connection with President's Birthday Ball on behalf of the March of Dimes.

In the fall months, the main activity on the athletic field was a league of six-man football squads, playing a short schedule of touch football. The 654th Port Company, which was then stationed here, walked off with the championship last fall. Plans are now being made to organize a similar league for play this fall.

One of the things for which the Americans have been appreciative has been the interest of the local populace in the program and their encouragement to Yank teams in competition, and for the operation of all the local men in entering teams for day baseball games and ball games. Their hope is the fans have enjoyed watching the contests as much as have enjoyed participating in them.



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We are sorry to see you go but we shall look forward to seeing you back again. Meanwhile,

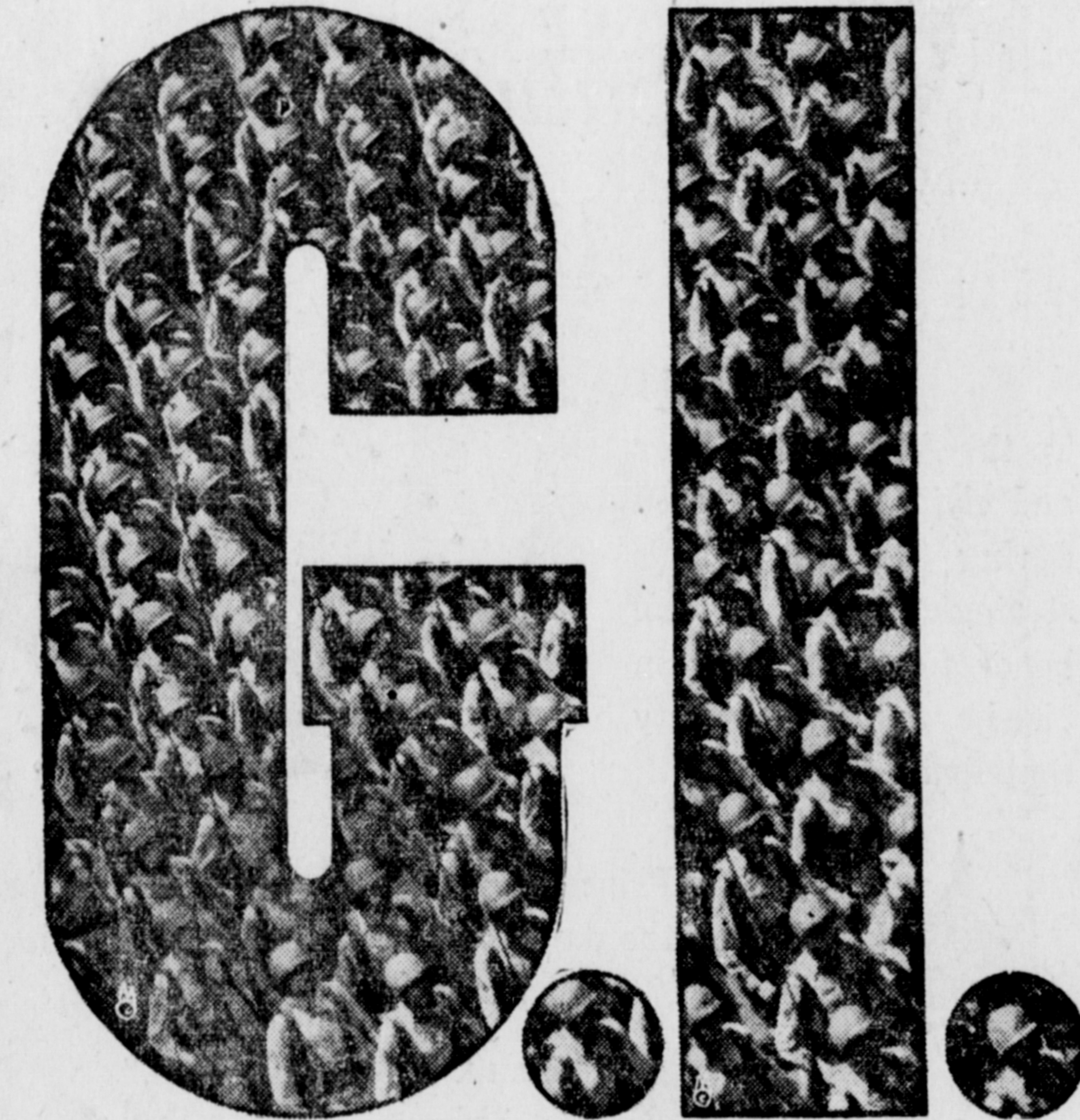
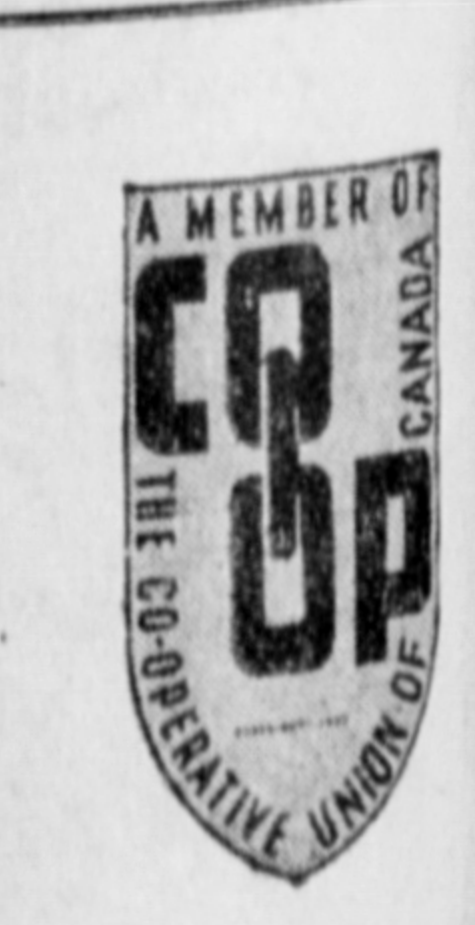
SO LONG, YANKS!
 AND HAPPY DAYS!



CO-OPERATION has had a very practical demonstration in Prince Rupert during the period that the American Army has been here. It has proven to all Canadians that we have good neighbors. We trust that this mutual confidence and goodwill may continue indefinitely.

We, in common with all other businessmen, wish to convey to all the military officials and personnel our thanks and best wishes for unflinching courtesy and goodwill.

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NOW THE TIME HAS COME . . . you're really going home again, ready to get into a home of your own, or start a new business in the community. We have enjoyed your company and are sure Prince Rupert will have happy memories for you. We hope to see you back again some day. Meanwhile, GOOD LUCK. Thanks for doing a good job.

Wm. F. STONE

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. . . . an enterprising Pacific port, welcomed the American forces in the dark days three years ago. During that time we have become firm friends.

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