

## FAMOUS HALIFAX CANTEEN CLOSES

Served More Than 1,500,000 United Nations Servicemen

HALIFAX, Aug. 10 (C)—Volunteer workers at Halifax's North End Services Canteen contributed one of the brightest chapters to the history of the city's war effort.

The great grey-painted wartime structure, until it was closed recently, was a favorite rendezvous for thousands of servicemen and women of Canada and her allies. They went to dance, watch stage shows or movies or just to relax or write letters in the reading rooms.

From the kitchens equipped to serve 300 men an hour but often actually catering to 700 an hour, hot wholesome meals were provided at lowest possible cost.

Men fresh from the gruelling North Atlantic patrol could leave cramped quarters aboard warships tucked up at the nearby H.M.C. Dockyard and relax in games at the canteen's quait or horseshoe beds or indoors. Some preferred just to sit quietly out on the lawn in the sun, and the amateur photographer with a "hot" roll of newly-exposed film in his camera made for the dark-room.

Thirty thousand men a month passed through the canteen during peak periods of 1943-44 and these men were served more than 220,000 meals besides nearly 300,000 snacks and sandwiches. A total of between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 were catered to in all.

### Local Committee

Operation of the canteen was by a committee of local women and naval officers' wives. They began in tiny St. Mark's Hall, back in 1939, with funds collected by public subscription. Later, when the canteen overflowed its original quarters, they campaigned again, with the result that the new building was erected and occupied in 1941.

Since that time donations have been received from centres as far distant as Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and New York. H.M.C.S. Stadacona, Navy shore base at Halifax, donated a walk-in refrigerator.

Need for the canteen has disappeared, but the co-operation and appreciation of servicemen shown to the canteen's executive manifested by thousands of appreciative letters and by the fact that through all its years of operation the number of men who caused trouble can be counted on the fingers of one hand—will long be remembered in this city.

The boys will remember the canteen staff—numbering about 300 voluntary workers weekly—to whom no effort was ever too great to make a lonely lad feel at home and at ease and to whom no trouble was too much if it assured getting the boys the best of everything that was available.

## ACTS AS BUFFER TO SAVE FRIEND

STORNOWAY, Scotland, Aug. 10 (C)—Edward Nicholson fell from the deck of his trawler between two ships berthed here and was in danger of being crushed to death when his friend, Marcel Kernea, wedged himself between the vessels to keep them from bumping. This "human buffer" broke a thigh but saved the life of Nicholson. Ship mates recognized his efforts with a gift of £35 (about \$158).

## MAKES PLEA FOR BUDDIES

HALIFAX, Aug. 10 (C)—From a man who has a tragic knowledge of the ache of waiting, just waiting, comes a plea for the Canadian soldier overseas who has finished his fighting and is waiting, just waiting, to get home.

He is Walter Callow, the "Human Log" of Camp Hill Hospital, the First Great War flier who was badly injured in a crash in 1917, who has been bed-ridden for 15 years and blind for six, who is unable to move but proud that he has proved "that if a person has a healthy mind, hearing, a voice to speak coupled with the will to do, he can still live a useful life."

During this war he has earned \$8,000 and sent 2,000,000 cigarettes overseas to the services. He raffled a radio, made \$1,400. He bought a \$50 bond, raffled it, made \$1,300. He composed verses, designed cards, had his friends sell them. He started his own cigarette fund, got tobacco banks started overseas, sent shaving materials, clothes, comforts to the merchant marine.

Now the fighting is over in Europe and the soldiers who smoked between actions have that much more time on their hands. People are writing the "Human Log" that the need is as great as ever now that the soldiers are waiting to get home.

And, blind, paralyzed though he is, Walter Callow is bound they will have them. And to anyone willing to help him he asks that they send contributions to him at Camp Hill Hospital or to the Callow Tobacco Fund, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Head Office, Halifax.

## LOST TRIBE IN TRANSVAAL

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 10 (C)—A "lost" tribe living in the Waterberg has been described in a report from the Nylstroom correspondent of the "Rand Daily Mail." It consists of Hereros who fled from German persecution in South Africa in 1906, and have been located in the Tambotie Block, a group of six farms on the Sand River, 110 miles north of Nylstroom, in the Waterberg district of the Transvaal.

It is reported that the natives numbered about 2,500 when they set out from the Windhoek area, but only 600 to 800 survived. They eventually settled on both banks of the Limpopo River, some in Waterberg and some in Bechuanaland. They developed a nomadic existence, amassing large herds of cattle.

The problem of grazing in their scantily watered areas is exercising the authorities, and a proposal has been made to transfer the natives to a reserve. These Hereros have a high moral code, and have refused to marry outside their own tribe.

## WON'T BE LONG NOW

Ottawa Did Not Expect Canadian Army Would Get to Ottawa Does Not Expect

OTTAWA, Aug. 10 (C)—Russia's entry into the war against Japan held the attention of Canada's capital yesterday and brought from military observers the opinion that the Dominion's Pacific army force would never get a chance to see action there. It would be all over before they finished training. Even the most cautious were inclined to agree the Russian move, coupled with the new atomic bomb, must bring a Pacific decision soon.

### BIGGER BETTER BABIES

WITHAM, Eng. (C)—"As one called upon to baptize babies I can testify to the good work of the Ministry of Food," said Rev. B. E. Payne, vicar of Witham, in his magazine. "Some of them have been such heavy bundles of loveliness it has been all I could do to hold them safely."

## Vancouver Explorers

## Wonders of Nature Seen

Tourist Boosters From Vancouver Tour Tweedsmuir Park for Week

(By Barney Mulvany)

Members of the British Columbia Automobile Association and Vancouver Tourist Bureau under the guardianship of Frank Bird spent a week cruising the intricate waterways of Canada's greatest park reserve.

Leaving the Circle Guides' camp on a beautiful morning, noon camp was made at Windy Point where a flock of newly-hatched reed birds entertained some of the nature lovers. Absolutely fearless, the little mites of pussywillow chicks speedily made friends under the tender handling of Dave Hill, who had just returned from a year and a half in a German prison camp.

Snapshots were taken and the wee birds returned reluctantly to their anxious mother. At the mouth of the Tache two big moose strode out into the shallows to stare in wonder at the procession of four thirty-six-foot motor boats.

The swift water of Whitesail River was ascended with ease and camp made on a sandy beach on Whitesail Lake.

In the morning the Skid-Road Portage was reached but, as the tramway was in bad repair, the trip to Eutsuk Lake had to be abandoned. Noon camp was made at the head of little Whitesail Lake and most of the party went a-fishing with indifferent success, but Ernest Evans earned the title of "Abalone Evans" from the success he had with a small mother-of-pearl spinner, while "Judge" Thompson was the most successful fly-fisherman of the party. In the swift water of Falls Creek myriads of rainbow trout refused every lure 'till the "Judge" went up stream alone and, with a "Black Gnat" and a "Dusty Miller," rejoined the party with a catch that put all the rest to shame. The heaviest rainbow weighed exactly five pounds.

The Whitesail Range—just at the contact of that richly mineralized area with the conglomerates of the interior plateau—stood out clearly in the evening sunset, the emerald green of countless glaciers just beginning to show through the rapidly disappearing snow. The camps of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., the "Privateer" and the "Pioneer" mines, were passed, at all of which drilling operations were in full swing.

Near timber-line in many places could be seen the smoke of the smudges of prospectors who under expert direction are combing the whole district. The following morning broke with the big hills capped with flowing cumulus which rapidly darkened into a sky so black and threatening that only a few of the most courageous of the party left camp. Syd Scott and Dave Hill could not be dismayed and explored the McQuish River valley over an old trapper's trail blocked with wind-falls. The river, swollen by heavy rains and the following bursts of sunshine, was running all through the timber making travel haphazardous. A perfect downpour drove them back to camp and to the comparative comfort of a huge campfire, guarded by the vigilant eyes of G. Ternan and Eric Druce of the Forestry Department.

A night of almost steady rain and wind of high velocity sapped the courage of the auto-spoiled tenderfeet and, although plans were made to climb to the adjacent plateau in order to get pictures, conditions were discouraging and the taking of pictures almost impossible. The party broke camp and decided to make the run through to the main camp at Ootsa where a most comfortable evening was spent, and as the weather still looked threatening it was decided to return to Burns Lake and make short jaunts into Babine Lake, Moricetown Falls and the Hagwilget Canyon at all of which points the fishermen were most successful.

Arrangements had been made by the Burns Lake and District Board of Trade for a banquet at Francois Lake which was catered to by Mrs. Joseph Sugden of

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "She fixed the roses in the vase."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "lullaby?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Accomplish, promise, treatise.
4. What is a word beginning with ch that means "confused, or without order?"

### Answers

1. Say, "She arranged the roses in the vase."
2. Pronounce lul-a-bi, u as in up, a unstressed, i as in lie, principal accent on first syllable.
3. Accomplish.
4. Characterized by fantastic exaggeration, especially of human and animal figures. "She was frightened by a grotesque nightmare."
5. Chaotic.

## FOUR YEARS AGO IN THIS WAR

By the Canadian Press

Aug. 6, 1941—Harry L. Hopkins, U. S. lend-lease administrator, returned to London from Moscow. Two Italian supply ships were sunk and a cruiser damaged by British submarines in the Mediterranean.

The "Beach House" and described by the guests as prodigal. The dance which followed at the Francois Lake Farmers' Institute Hall was attended by residents from all parts of the Lakes District.

A general regret is felt that the party did not have more time and better weather conditions in which to explore the mysteries of the park and the wonderful waterways which offer such temptation to a real canoe expert.

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## HORRORS OF NAZI CAMP

French Woman Journalist Urges Non-Fraternalization Policy

LONDON, Aug. 10 (C)—Dressed in black and speaking in a quiet voice, Madame St. Clair Le Duc, French journalist and author, told newspapermen a tale of horrors enacted at a German prison camp for women.

Arrested in Paris in 1943 as one of the leaders in the intelligence service supplying information to the Allies, she was sent to Ravensbruck, a camp 12 miles north of Berlin built for 12,000 prisoners and which, when she arrived, held 45,000 women and children.

"The German women loathed us," she said, telling how she worked there for 10 months as a nurse. "The wardresses were as cruel as the men; they used to lash us across the eyes with leather belts with buckles at the end. Many of my comrades were blinded."

"Milk for the babies was drunk by the German wardresses and in the mornings we often found babies' fingers gnawed by the rats. Last January about 300 women and children died every day."

Madame Le Duc said she did not want to see the Allies "go easy with the Germans."

She said "these German girls who want to fraternize with the soldiers will make a sixth column if they marry them and get abroad."

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## The Australian Airmen Incident

Under the Empire Air Training Plan thousands of young men from Australia and New Zealand have come to Canada. One large group arriving by boat at San Francisco came up to a Canadian Pacific coast terminus by train. No official mention was made of their expected arrival or time of departure, yet on both occasions groups of the Australians' relatives and friends assembled at the depot to greet them.

## How Did They Know?

No newspaper had carried a line about these Australians. Security Officers had taken every precaution to keep the information secret. But well-meaning relatives, having inside information, have talked out of turn. The enemy, whose agents are everywhere, could thus have gained valuable information as to numbers and disposition of our air trainees.



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