

GHOSTS OF CUSTOM-SHACKLED "OLD SCHOOL" DRILL MASTERS VANISH FROM MILITARY SCENE

Surrender To Modern Shocks

Walt Disney training films prove final banishment of influences of the disciples of old-style doctrines—

By KIM-BEATTIE

When faith in the British soldier's rapid-firing rifle was abandoned in 1915 in favor of the fire-power of automatic weapons, certain heavy-shouldered and opinionated old gentlemen in red tabs and Brass Hats, watching from the shadows of martial history, were no doubt coldly sceptical.

Those of the older citizens here will learn with regret of the passing of a short time ago in Picot, of Wallace McDonald, Mr. McDonald was a Canadian soldier in the First World War and one of the old school moved to Picot many years ago.

It was not until the great sweep toward modernization had personally struck the individual soldier in 1940—in his training process—that our mythical old-school background, that again harrumphed indignation and disapproval.

When university professors and learned pedagogues were called in as army instructors, for instance, and when they visited the long chain of Canadian Army training centres to lecture the staffs on "The Art of Teaching," the storm which arose from the bristling ghosts of the stiff-backed, spike-moustached disciples of old-style and spit-and-polish discipline—

But the end is not yet! When the Directorate of Training at National Defence Headquarters decided to be really exotic, and called on Hollywood and Walt Disney to help train young Canada for war, the last, stubborn devotee of precedent, prerogative and procedure must have surrendered outright in sheer despair.

Not that such stalwarts and their rigid theories—whose day is done—did not play a noble part in our armies of the past. Many of the doctrines they preached are still, and always will be, solid and indisputable in the background of our military structure.

Every action in the present war of massed-infantry armies, has proven that the human element is still a first requisite. But this is an era of new fashions, of surprise, speed and horse-power, and only resilience of mind and pliant habits can cope with the de-viating mood of the military hour.

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list. It would have been considered as grotesque as the Disney character in Canadian Army lectures and teaching the fine points of tactics while they do so.

The first Disney film to be shown in the equipment of the Canadian Army training centres disclosed many methods of stopping tanks by guerrilla tactics and particularly with the efficiency of the new Boys anti-tank rifle, swiftly coming into use.

As a result a new atmosphere pervades every camp, training centre, manoeuvre ground and lecture hall throughout the entire gigantic educational organization of the Canadian Army in training.

The story of how the General Staff adopted animated cartoons to assist the training program, alone reveals the new Canadian military mentality.

Imagination was immediately found, and the above comment substantiated. The great worth of films of that type in dramatizing army instruction was seen at once.

In an institution which has been changed in the past (and not always unjustly) with being so conservative that it is actually retrogressive, the despatch with which the Canadian General Staff applied the bizarre proposal is revealing of an outlook that is as new and progressive as the 1941-42 Canadian Army itself.

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DECEMBER 28th.—Canoë Cove 11 A. M. Nine Mile Creek P. M. Burnside Church, Clyde River 7 P. M.

PAINFUL INJURY — Master Duncan Cole, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cole, Stanley Bridge, met with a serious accident a few days ago.

W. M. S. MEETING — The Christmas meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the New London Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH SERVICES. — St. Peter's Bay United Church services, Sunday, December 29th.

CAVENDISH CHARGE. — Mr. Melbourn MacDowell, student, will speak in the North Rustico Church on Sunday, December 29th.

PRESENTATION — The Christmas presentation was generously extended to the Market Clerk, Mr. J. D. Wood, on Tuesday by all the stall holders and patrons of the Charlottetown Market.

FIRE AT SERVICE STATION — Fire completely gutted Bud's Service Station on Queen Street in the city Wednesday afternoon.

WEDDING BELLS. — A pretty wedding took place at St. Ann's Church, Lot 65, on November 12.

NURSES GRADUATION — At Hotel Dieu Hospital, Campbellton, N. B., the graduation of Miss Margaret Ryan took place on Dec. 7.

ANNUAL MEETING — Queen Mary L.O.B.A. No. 978, Kingston held their annual meeting last week.

Mrs. Clara Steele teacher for many years. Her first school was at Baltic, Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Mrs. Steele also taught school at Antler and Kennedy, Sask., Canada, where she met and married John Wesley Steele, who passed away over twenty years ago.

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Miss Reta McDonald arrived from Montreal on Saturday evening for the Christmas holidays.

The Bristol school closed on Monday afternoon but not before Santa arrived from the North Pole with a load of gifts.

Geese are very scarce here and were selling last week for twenty-four and twenty-five cents per pound.

Mr. Leo Lapierre arrived here last Friday from the Magdalen Islands to spend a few days with his mother, brothers and sisters.

Mr. Angus Lapierre, who has been home here for some time, will leave next week for Montreal.

Mr. Phillip Beard, who has conducted a blacksmith in Montreal for several years, has opened for business in the village at Morrell, in the stand of the late Adam Jay.

TOKYO, Dec. 25 — (Japanese broadcast recorded by AP)—Japanese headquarters announced tonight that Hong Kong had fallen and within the hour the news, heralded by a fanfare of martial music, was transmitted to the Japanese press.

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A Domel broadcast of the surrender described Hong Kong as a glowing Christmas present to the Japanese nation and said the capture "could have been achieved in much shorter order had it not been for the stubborn disregard by the British garrison for the Japanese advice to abandon resistance in the interests of the safety of residents of the island."

Although the hour was late on a holiday night, newspapers rushed out extras which have been reserved for the biggest war news.

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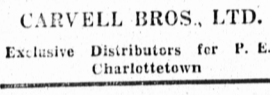
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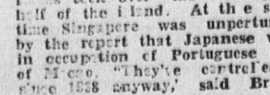
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—President Roosevelt introduced his distinguished guest, Prime Minister Churchill, to a typical American Christmas dinner tonight.

They ate turkey, chestnut dressing with giblet gravy and cranberry jelly topped off with plum pudding and coffee.

Very appropriately for two "sea-dogs"—the President was assistant secretary of the navy in the First Great War and ships are his hobby, and Mr. Churchill was formerly First Lord of the Admiralty—the menu included beans.

Their table-mates included Mrs. Roosevelt, Crown Prince Olaf and Crown Princess Martina of Norway, Viscount Halifax, the British Ambassador, and Lady Halifax; Lord Beaverbrook, Britain's Minister of Supply; Admiral of the fleet Sir Dudley Pound, and other top-ranking British and American military and naval names.

Keep Minard's in the home.



WAR TOUCHES PORTUGAL. Acting on word that a Japanese submarine base was to be established within 400 miles of Australia, British and Australian forces took over the Portuguese half of the island.

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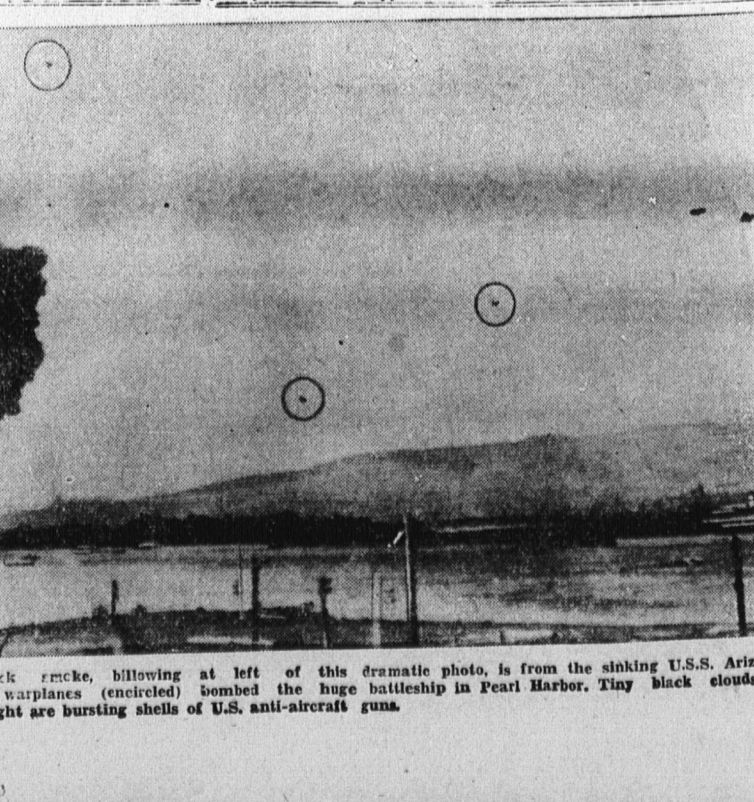
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Inky-black smoke, billowing at left of this dramatic photo, is from the sinking U.S.S. Arizona as Japanese battleship (encircled) bombed the huge battleship in Pearl Harbor. Tiny black clouds at upper right are bursting shells of U.S. anti-aircraft guns.