

War Service in Action At Camp Borden

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CAMP BORDEN, March 28—Canadian soldiers get the best military equipment that science and money can supply. Their gas masks are proof against any known war gas. They are carried in trucks which are the last word in motorized military vehicles. They get everything, from shoe laces to shav-

ing material, table tennis, Sunday evening service, and sing-songs are the evening fare in these centres of warmth and cheer. Reading and writing rooms are crowded and dry canteens on a non-profit basis supply beverages, sandwiches, chocolate bars and small necessities not available elsewhere in camp. The huts are at least half a mile apart, and there is no overlapping, as each

Borden except during Sunday visiting hours but just outside Borden's main gate is the Hostess House of the Y. M. C. A. to provide a meeting place for women and children and their soldier sons, husbands and fathers. Bright with chintz and colourful walls and warm with the hospitality of fulltime volunteer women workers, this House has a comfortable lounge, writing



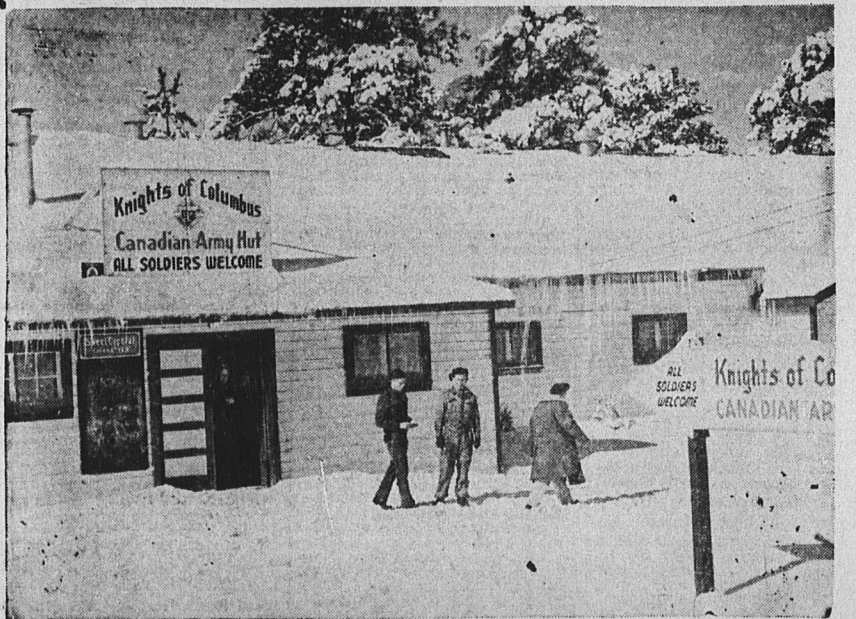
WARM COMFORTS FOR MEN IN UNIFORMS

Thousands of volunteer members of the I.O.D.E. throughout Canada are working tirelessly to supply reading matter, magazines and books, to the troops. But this is only one of the war responsibilities assumed by these women. Above a group of women prepare a shipment of knitted comforts, socks, sweaters and gloves, leather jackets for men in the Royal Navy, and clothing for bombed victims and refugee children in Great Britain and in Canada.

ing material, required to keep them in physical health and comfort. Departments dealing with national defence however expect voluntary war services to fill another most important need of our fighting men. The government supplies rationed but not recreation. It gives the men "tin hats" but not table tennis. It furnishes magazines for rifles, but not for reading. These spare-time needs are met by organizations included in the Canadian

centre serves the men in nearby barracks and each takes turn in showing the same movies during the week. Each centre has a large auditorium seating 80 to 1,000 men and with a well-equipped stage and motion picture equipment. As many as three showings a night may be given in one of these auditoriums, reaching 3,000 men. In each centre are reading and writing rooms, a games room and a canteen. Church

and reading rooms, games room first aid and rest rooms. Hundreds of soldiers make use of the canteen lounge and games rooms daily as a pleasant respite from routine. Thousands of books and magazines are provided each week by the Imperial Order, Daughter of the Empire. These are distributed by an Auxiliary Service officer among the war service centres and unit canteens. Socks, sweaters, scarves and



"ALL SOLDIERS WELCOME"

In this Knights of Columbus Canadian Army Hut at Camp Borden, Ont., soldiers of every denomination are welcomed. Moving picture shows, concerts, small games—from table tennis to checkers—and reading and writing facilities are made available to thousands of men each week. In K. of C. army camps in Canada and overseas such huts bid "All Soldiers Welcome".

War Services Fund, which is appealing to the "folks back home" for \$5,500,000 with which to carry out this all-important task. In Canada's largest military camp here, 16,000 men from all over Canada every day ask the question: "Where do we go tonight?" In a week these men make 110,000 calls on the large war service centres maintained by the Canadian Legion and the Knights of Columbus, the Salvation Army and the Y. M. C. A. They visit the Hostess House of the Y. M. C. A. at Borden's gate to meet their wives and children, mothers and sweethearts and they read books and magazines supplied by the I. O. D. E.

There is no gay white way at Borden but in the off-duty hours between supper and "lights out" the troops pack the centres operated by the war services. Moving pictures, concerts, small games tour-

parade are held each Sunday in all as well as meetings for many religious denominations. Mobile canteens and tea cars from these centres accompany men on manoeuvres and guard duty and carry supplies to men in hospitals. The centres are open to all men in uniform, without regard to rank or creed. The Canadian Legion educational program has more than 3,000 men at Camp Borden taking correspondence courses on various subjects. There are many personal efforts to aid soldiers solve their problems. For example, an examiner from Northern Ontario had left home 20 years ago and wanted to write his mother and father if they were still living. The Salvation Army found his parents in a distant part of Quebec and they were reunited with the son before he went overseas. No women are allowed in Camp

You Never Hear An Englishwoman Complaining: "Oh, Dear, Housekeeping Is SO Monotonous!"

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LONDON.—The "monotony" of household duties, against which women everywhere have always been wont to rebel, has completely disappeared from wartime Britain—with a vengeance. The women of England don't need to be told that in this war they are as much in the front line as their men. They know it. Every sunrise brings a new problem to the kitchen front, as almost every twilight brings its air-raid alarm, putting a semi-colon to a day. As the year draws on towards spring, even the morning starts with a difference. After four months of something like fourteen hours a day of blackout, spring brings the relief of breakfasting or at any rate of setting about household chores in daylight. (This blackout business is a dull care, something like a not very painful, but constant, toothache.

A SHAKEUP IN SCHEDULE
In our house there are something like eighteen windows and it's some business seeing that not one ray of light gets through to the street at night. Otherwise the warden loses no time ringing the bell to have you adjust the curtain. Each morning taking down the blackout is the first "must" before starting the day's duties. Next comes shopping. Air warfare has shaken up the home in more ways than one: the government has just appealed to women to get their shopping done before 4 p. m., so that train and bus routes are left free for workers to get back to their homes and have some food before the sirens set up their wail. "Kitchen" shopping, it is urged, should be gotten over in the early morning, leaving household duties for later on.

That means a complete shakeup of most women's ordinary schedule. But even if it upsets routines, shopping is now usually an adventurous expedition. Some days many of the items in your list won't be available so it's no good telephoning orders—you have to alternate choice. Again, you are asked to carry home as much as you can. Deliveries are restricted. Messenger boys as well as maids are rare. They can find more remunerative and spectacular jobs in the munitions industry or in factories making other war necessities, while the government needs them badly. The A. R. P., the A. F. S. and other wartime organizations, too, have absorbed quite a number of them. Last month disgruntled clients were given permission to change their registered tradesmen. Hitherto one had to be registered with butcher and grocer for your rationed foods—meat, butter, sugar, tea, fats, bacon—you could not change your mind. Over a million applications were made and it is to be supposed that this million British housewives can't be wrong.

PARTIES ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN
The old custom of barter seems to have been revived since the war. Your week's ration, for example, is more than sufficient for your needs; but you have a friend on short on onions but long on cheese—both as rare as a snow-



When English housewives like those above get together for a cup of tea between chores these days, conversation is likely to center on food rather than on fashions or people

storm in July—so you barter your goods. This system may perhaps be frowned on by the powers that be but nothing can stop it, so far as I can see.

With the recent more stringent rationing restrictions, entertaining in the home has been reduced to the vanishing point. If you invite friends for the week-end, they know that they must bring their own rations, and week-end meals turn out to be a series of Dutch treats. Sherry parties are replacing cocktail parties, because it's getting more and more difficult to obtain ingredients to mix a simple Martini or a Bronx. Presets, too, are almost obsolete. Whiskey costs four and a half dollars a bottle, brandy is worth its weight in gold, and even the price of sherry is continually rising. Sandwiches are restricted and reduced to their very simplest expression for most "fillings" come under the rationing heading.

As a matter of fact parties are few and far between these days usually given only for men home on leave. It's too hazardous getting around after dark, what with the blackout, regular public services and the incident danger of night raiders. Most people only visit in their immediate neighborhood, where, if things get too hot, they are within easy reach of home. Besides the mere business of living these days is pretty strenuous and "entertainment" has become a pretty general custom un-

less you're on some sort of night duty or gunfire and other disquieting noises keep you on tenterhooks waiting for the "All Clear."

A NEW ATTITUDE TOWARDS HOUSEKEEPING

Conservation among women these days usually runs to food. Heating, or, was the second most important subject. Now that the winter is over, the rather inadequate ration of six hundred-weight of coal per household loses much of its grimness, but central heating was never one of England's great points, and one's lowered vitality made it difficult during the winter months to keep warm on ever-decreasing heat. The exchange of recipes or tales of experiments with new foods have replaced small talk about changing styles, new hair-do's or just plain gossiping. Cooking is once again being recognized as a fine art. When this war is over, England may be known for its wholesome cooking instead of as the home of the soggy boiled potato and watery cabbage. So even those women who used to profess a certain disdain for housekeeping, deeming it unimaginative and utterly devoid of interest, have had to change their viewpoint. Somehow it has aroused their fighting instincts.

Dress Up For Spring



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\$11.95 to \$25.95 A small deposit will hold any coat.

THE FASHION SHOPPE

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For-Britain pin—to the seventeen-dollar red white and blue timepiece suspended from an R. A. F. wing insignia. Everywhere one sees the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes intertwined. One large poster, with the hand of Uncle Sam clasping the hand of John Bull, reads: "Help Britain buy American supplies. Every dollar you spend on British goods goes back into American factories and farms which are selling to Britain, the supplies she needs so urgently."

BRITISH CLOTHES NOW FILL SHOPS
In spite of the war, beautiful British clothes continue to fill the luxury shops of California. These were sold with a white satin arm-band, bearing the Union Jack and insignia "Britain Delivers the Goods." I have been given one of these as a souvenir, and I am very proud of it. At one of the Bundles-For-Britain stalls with their British patriotic novelties, I was introduced to film stars Lois Wilson and Marion Nixon. They were in charge of the stall in Magnin's for the day. Proceeds from everything sold, including a little book on the gallant sea battle of the Jervis Bay, go to the British cause. Like so many people I have met here, Lois Wilson said proudly, "My father was British. I know what Britain stands for." I asked her if she would like to give me a little piece of her own costume jewelry for the Vancouver Red Cross Superfluity Shop. She consented gladly, as did Marion Nixon.

STARS' JEWELRY WILL BE SOLD HERE
I am collecting these little pieces of jewelry from the stars in response to a request from Mrs. E. R. Sugarman, treasurer of the Red Cross Superfluity Shop. Mrs. Sugarman's plan is to have a special table displaying the gifts of the film stars, when the Superfluity Shop holds a big spring tea a little later in the season. British film stars and friends of Britain in Hollywood are responding nobly to the idea, which was sug-

CURTAINS SMARTLY STYLED
Ensembles of matching ruffled organza curtains and bedspreads will be featured this Spring. Embroidered ruffled lawn or organza curtains usually featured at high prices are now being shown at moderate price levels. Plain white ruffled organza curtains in customized lengths are new featured for every room in the home. These curtain lengths range from 57" to 90" in two different widths. Ruffled dotted marquisettes are again popular, with novelty swag styles preferred. The 200-inch dotted marquette curtain is expected to match last year's overwhelming popularity. It is again being shown in cream, white and eggshell. Tailored lace curtains in allover patterns feature small and medium designs. Most of these curtains come with adjustable tops and are very sheer and lacy. Eggshell and cream are the dominant colors. Cottage sets are gay and colorful this Spring. Simple designs of red and blue in combination with white, will add cheerfulness to the kitchen. Embroidered seersuckers which are very popular in the 1-1-2-yard bathroom curtain size are seen in many stores. They come in the new little bow-tie pattern shown on pincheck or plain grounds, with novelty edgings on white and colored grounds.

Minard's relieves sprains.



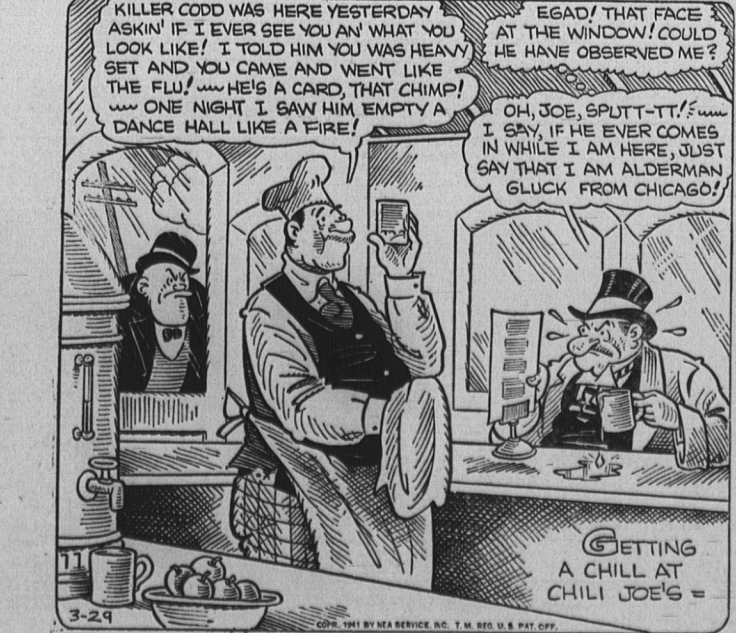
Hostess in wartime Britain need no longer worry about their friends' food fads. When week-end guests arrive, they frequently bring their meals along with them

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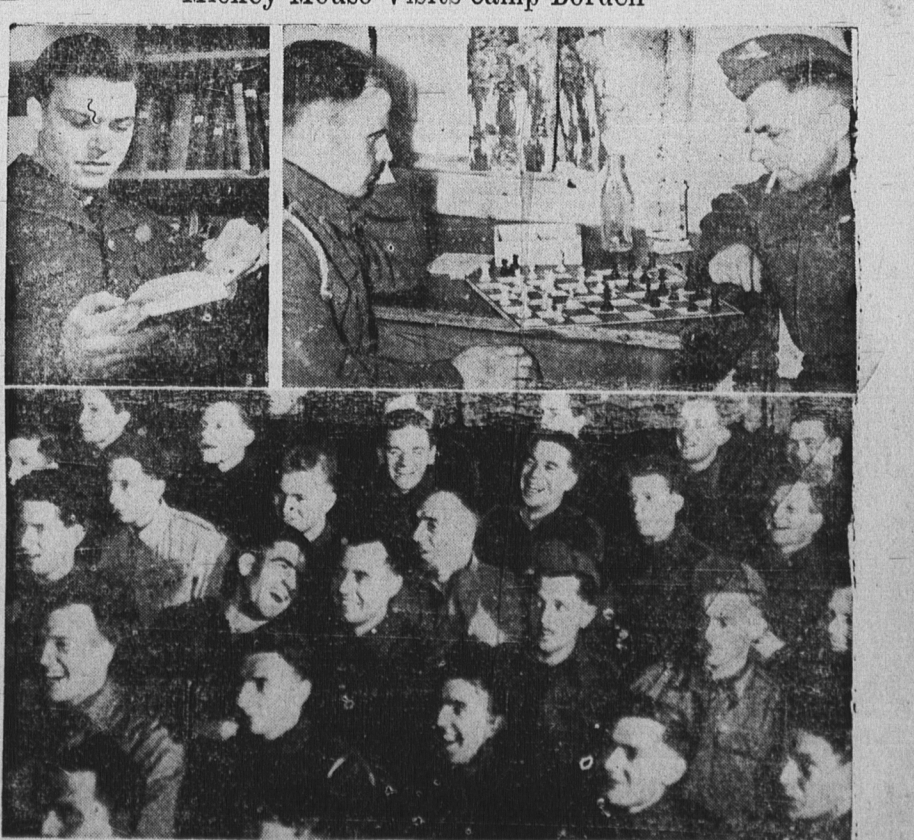
BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



GETTING A CHILL AT CHILI JOE'S

Mickey Mouse Visits Camp Borden



Here's how men in uniform enjoy their few hours of spare time in Canada's military camps, thanks to auxiliary war services. In photograph (1) ABOVE a young airman is choosing a book from the well-stocked library shelves at Camp Borden. In (2) a veteran of the last war who lost no time in enlisting again is intent on a chess problem. Picture (3) shows military movie fans enjoying the antics of Mickey Mouse at one of the shows given nightly at Camp Borden. Recreation of many kinds is provided by Canadian war services, not only in Canada, but in Great Britain, Newfoundland, and Iceland.