LEAVES GRANTED

CAMP MOBILIZATION LIFTED

The following paragraph is quoted from Subsection 9 of Section 20, National War Services Regulations, 1942 (Recruits) Consolidation 1942 which regulations were approved by Order-in-Council P.C. 8343 of September 16th, 1942.

"The Board may, for any reason which it deems proper, from time to time, permit any person who is required to carry out alternative service, duty or work under this section to take leave of absence without remuneration from such alternative service, duty or work for such period as the Board may determine, and any person who fails to report to such place as the Board may designate at the expiration of such period or on cancellation of the permission of the Board before the expiration shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term of twelve months, with or without hard labour, or to a fine not less than Fifty Dollars and not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars, or to both such imprisonment and such fine."

Since the posting of this notice camp morale has definitely risen to new heights. The sour faces are once again sweet and smiling! Humour and fun go in hand with work at a speeded rate, as if working more quickly would bring leave-time sooner. The first groups of ten from each camp leave on November 4th for two weeks.

A number of men are unable to report (Cont'd on Page 3)
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A BRIEF MESSAGE
by Willard Towns, Q.C., Horne Lake

Text: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." 1 Peter 2:9.

I would like to start in something like Peter does in the first chapter. Therefore, I write to the friends and strangers scattered throughout the C.O. Camps: Brothers my desire is that we may all be of those who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Eph. 2:8.

God, in the beginning, wanted a being who would glorify Him, therefore, man was created. And in this (cont'd on Page 2)

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

A forest snags and stumps lies.
Q2. Its co-phases vary in denomination, nationality and vocation, yet all claim to be here because of one reason: an enlightened and active conscience. We are often asked in what respects we differ from other people, who do not share our convictions. Let me give a brief description of what I think a conscientious conviction, like ours, should be based on. Our convictions should be based on the teachings of the Bible. Our opinion and reason does not suffice, what it comes to is so vital a question. A conscientious objector's principles should not be dictated from the head or mind but from the heart. Conscientious convictions coming from a heart which has been cleansed by the blood of Christ, are reliable and worth-while, because they are Christ's principles.

Our camp leader is David Neumann. He has received his college education in Winkler and is quite a capable young man.

We open each day with a scripture reading and prayer. We have services 5 times a week, twice on Sundays. For our Sunday School lessons we read the Gospel of John. The Lord has richly blessed us, and we pray that we might be instrumental in leading souls to Him.

We have a group of talented singers in our midst. A male chorus, under the leadership of Jacob Balzer, provides much enjoyment for those participating. Our camp quartet is composed of the following: J. Balzer, 1st tenor, Leslie Schmitt, 2nd tenor, Dave Balzer, baritone, Frank Feters, bass.

On Wednesday we assemble to bring our petitions to the Lord in prayer. These hours spent in prayer prove very valuable to a victorious Christian life. Prayer, the breath of the soul, should be prevalent in every true Christian's life. How much (cont'd on page 1)
October

THE BEACON

LET US BE DOERS, ALSO
Pete Wolfe, Q.3.

During the eight months spent together with fellow C.O.s in two different camps, and by coming in contact with boys from neighbouring camps, I was impressed by several things, which doubtless many others will have noticed also. The following comments are based on actual facts, heard and seen while in A.S.W. Camps.

Opinion seems to be prevalent among us that exemption from military service is our just and natural due. This applies primarily to us who come under the classification of "Mennonite". Furthermore after having obtained exemption—and this applies to the majority of C.O.s regardless—we seem to think that we can partake of everything that the world calls pleasure.

First of all let us be aware that the privilege we enjoy as C.O.s has been dearly paid for by our forefathers, many of whom laid down their lives for it. Let us remember that paid privilege was not granted us for anything we have done which merits special consideration. This privilege was granted to our forefathers who proved through firm adherence to their convictions that they were worthy of special consideration. A benevolent government at present has made it possible for us to do alternative service thereby saving us from suffering again what others suffered before us. We can show our gratitude to our government by earnestly following our fathers examples both in their attitude to work as well as religion.

It is not our intention to discredit any group's interpretation and application of the Bible. But we believe it is our duty to point out that a C.O., much less a Christian, cannot participate in everything that the world does.

We all, no doubt, have claimed exemption on Biblical grounds. Some of us on the grounds of Christian separation for which reference can be found in John 18:36, John 17:16, Hebrews 11:13 and other places.

Others perhaps on the commandment "Thou shalt not kill." The government has recognized our stand, for which we cannot be thankful enough. We can prove how sincere we are in our stand by showing that we are and what we profess to be, are one and the same thing.

Now, my dear fellow C.O. who finds it so hard to live up to what is expected of you, can you honestly ground yourself on the teachings of the Bible on this matter of taking up arms and not heed the teachings of such a passage as Psalm 1? Remember, in Romans 14:23 we read "Whatever is not of faith is Sin."

Can we be a shining light while walking in the council of the ungodly, or standing in the way of sinners or sitting in the seat of the scornful? Paul says in 2 Corinthians 6:7, "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

If we fail to follow this we have no right to feel slighted when someone questions our sincerity.

Come on C.O.'s let us show that we are not only believers of the Word, but doers also.

With the arrival of fourteen Alberta boys at Horne Lake, coming from the Nanaimo Camp, the total number of Conchies now at Q6 is forty-seven. Twenty-five boys from Sask. opened camp here the latter part of June, while ten Ontario boys joined the Prairie campers on July 10th.
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MINISTERS TO VISIT US

A letter from Bro. J. H. Janzen informs us that Rev. J.B. Martin, Chairman of the Committee on Military Problems, and Bish. E.J. Swalm, Chairman of the Conference of Historic Peace Churches, will visit the various camps soon.
To the C.O.'s of the Forestry Service:

In the name of the "Saints" gathered at the Friends' meeting House, I greet you. Though I have not known you all personally, yet, sharing your convictions as I do, I feel myself one with you in a fellowship which bridges space and transcends personal acquaintance.

Some of us here are too old to be called for military service. Others are exempt because of sex or profession. The need for our making our stand publicly and taking the consequences is less pressing than it has been with you—though many Canadian ministers have experienced grave difficulties with their congregations over the war issue and a considerable number have sacrificed their pulpits. None-the-less, you who have chosen to give yourselves to the only alternative service that is provided in Canada, ought to feel, I think, that you are doing something of timeless significance, and that you are doing it for all of us. We honour you!

I have been delighted, this week, to have mimeographed letters from the Port Alberni group and a letter from a young friend who is in the Corps of Canadian Fire Fighters in England. In both of those I sense a certain dissatisfaction with the tasks presently assigned to C.O.'s. My friend in England writes: "There are certainly things in our work which could be objected to by an absolutist and indeed I have just received a letter from...expressing the most serious misgivings that he ever joined. But I feel my position to be justified...Our enemy is fire and it is fought wherever it arises. Strangely enough there are no British C.O.'s in the Nat'l Fire Service, because the N.F.S. will not accept their applications."

So whether it is in Britain, B.C., or Ont. I sense a considerable amount of intellectual ferment among you. You are set at humdum tasks; you are surrounded by folk who do not share your insights. Well, it occurs to me to say two things about what you are doing:

(a) You are having a prime opportunity to learn what Browning meant when he wrote: "Life, with all it yields of joy and woe,
And hope and fear, believe the aged friend,
Is just our chance of the prize of learning love,
How love might be, hath been indeed, and is;
And that we hold henceforth to the uttermost
Such prize, despite the envy of the world."

We believe that the ultimate solution of things will be found by the application of that love—\(\text{to quote Walter Rauschenbusch}\) 'the energy of a steadfast will act upon creating fellowship.' But will love work? You are having a priceless opportunity to learn. To live in close association with men some of whose ideas we do not like and yet, in the above-sense to love them—what a triumph that is!

(b) The job you are presently doing is only a small segment of the much more important thing you are accomplishing—the bearing witness to your faith, our faith. Had the work been easy, the associations always congenial, the pay adequate—then you could scarcely be regarded as 'bearing a cross for conscience sake.' But as things are you are experiencing something of the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. We who are watching you hail you and thank God for your steadfastness. Your faith and courage are an example to us.

We remember you in our prayers and are rejoiced whenever we hear from you.

Faithfully,

Rev. J. Lavell Smith,
United Church of Canada, Toronto.
There are 64 C.O.Is here at present, 20 newcomers having arrived from the disbanded Alberni camp several weeks ago. We are crowded in the usual fashion into eight prefabricated huts. Stretching room will be provided by a now almost finished recreation hall. Also being built is a smaller building to be used as a chapel and quiet reading room.

There's a good deal of miscellaneous work being done, some are engaged at snag-falling, others at road improvement, and there's the previously mentioned camp construction and maintenance. Weather has been fairly good for outside work which is fortunate, for few have rainclothes yet.

Practically everyone is as usual discussing and cussing the question of leaves, -- no doubt an Island-wide situation? Not adding to the clarity of it all is the recently received and posted-up Circular No. 9, a cryptic paragraph which all camps have probably seen and puzzled over by now.

CAMF Q7, CAMPBELL RIVER

Ten more victims, all from the Prairies camebreezing into our camp on very short notice. They were given a hearty and jolly welcome. Speaking of jolly, when good fellows meet there is always something to laugh about.

An epidemic of boat building seems to have struck this camp. They are of a light weight mosquito-type. Several have been launched and many more are in the making in the drydock. The boys chop them out of cedar logs and are doing a very neat job indeed. After the boats are completed the boys intend to sail the whole flotilla here on Campbell Lake to Camp Q3.

The wash-house here is well on the way to completion, lacking a few items of equipment. The lake (our bath tub) has turned rather cold, however, the boys are still bathing.

SNAG!! - The record in size of trees cut here is one which scaled 19.4 sq. feet, foiled by Nick Duder and Bill Epp. The record scale for one day is 149.11 sq. feet cut by Walter Hooge and Abe Weins.

On Oct. 24, George Brown and Phillip Isaacs were granted a special 3 day leave to accompany their wives from Vancouver to Campbell River. Well boys, that seems to be the only way one may obtain a weekend leave.

AMATEUR ASTRONOMY

Let us turn our attention this month to Cygnus, often considered one of the most beautiful constellations in the northern sky. Cygnus (or the Northern Cross) may be seen in our northern Milky Way. Deneb the brightest star in the constellation is found at the top of the cross, it is estimated to be about ten thousand times as bright as the sun and farther away from the earth than most of the very bright stars; estimated distance 600 light years. One of the most rewarding objects to observe in Cygnus is the star at the foot of the cross, Albireo. With a small telescope Albireo shows itself to be a gloriously coloured double (cont'd on Page 20)
On the front page of the Forest Branch Newsletter, "an entirely unofficial budget of news, nonsense, 'n' opinion compiled from time to time for the profit, amusement and annoyance of the staff", and article appears which is of interest to all A.S.W. men. Because it contains a little of everything the Newsletter stands for, we print it here.

"Like most of us, I went into my first camp prepared to find a totally different type of man from that I found. I had built up an idea of what a conscientious objector would look like. He was in my mental picture, on a par with the chinless hang-ups—on that one sees wandering around the city streets, the professional goldbricks, if you like. Th A.S.W. boys are not a bit like that. Another impression that was corrected for me almost at once was the idea that they object to doing any kind of military service. From that I am able to gather, this is not true. They object only to bearing arms. In other words, they are willing to serve their country—yes, they very definitely consider Canada their country and they are convinced her cause is just—so long as they are not asked to kill anyone; they will act as stretcher bearers, dispatch riders, or common laborers. They demonstrated their willingness to serve when a recruiting NCO called at Ponies Bay camp.

There may be, and probably are, a few 'men suffering' from one flat foot and one cold one, but the majority are solid. It occurred to me that perhaps most of them had accepted the policy of the church rather than exercising their own conscience in respect to war. The church is a great healer in their lives and parents tour the corps regularly. Services are held often and every soul is preceded by prayer.

You cannot be associated with these men for any considerable length of time without becoming convinced of their sincerity. They go about their various jobs with cheerful determination; they work hard, well and willingly. Most of them hail from farms and are true sons of the soil, proud of the fact that they are farmers and anxious for the day when they can return to their farms.

Life in the camps is not without humor, some of which rises from the lack of humor that often characterizes the A.S.W.s. One young chap was in the habit of walking into the canteen with finding spots to call on the co-k, who is a good-natured Irishman, full of dry humor. The co-k matched his friend pick his way across the floor, finally he said, admiringly, "George, do you wear a circle?" There's no laughter in George and he replied, in all seriousness, "No, it's just my arm; my figure, you know!"

The fact that there are several different denominations in some of the camps has led to confusion. In one camp, near Alberni, a small group insists on visiting the army town on Saturday night and holding street services. The rest of the boys in this camp, being of a different religious stripe, object on the grounds that it is undignified. The question was put to the forum for decision. This particular forum is a wise old duck, and didn't make through his sixty winters without learning a thing or two. He surveyed the gathering calmly without thought. At last, he cleared his throat and asked, "You ask me that is right and what is wrong in this case, and I answer you with a question. What would Jesus do? What would Jesus say?" Every man present knew the passage wherein Jesus commanded his disciples to go out into the highways and byways. The argument ended right there, and so far as I know, the boys, still proud to the simmering populace of Port Alberni on Saturday nights.

Loneliness seems to be the most hardship that men have to bear. Sometimes they're lonely for the sight of strange faces that they

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look sick, which gets them a trip to town for an examination and treatment. As a rule, the trip cures the ailment and the man is able to go right back to work. Some of the foremen are considering the old army cure, No. 9's for such cases.

There is, as usual, the odd lawyer in the bunch, and from him I learned that we, the people of Canada, made a deal with the Mennonites and other religious groups whereby they would do some of alternate service, which is, what they are doing now.

Harold McWilliams (Forest Economics) is in charge of the actual camps which includes food, sleeping accommodation and recreation. Doug Taylor and Arthur Waddington (Slash disposal and snag falling) are supervising snag falling and construction. Jim Pedly and Bob Murray, both Supervisors in the Vancouver District, are responsible for fire-fighting instruction, and getting the most use out of the men during fires.

One of the interesting sidelights of the A.S.W. camps is the use and construction of prefabricated houses. The houses are delivered cut and ready to put together. Each board is slotted and numbered and fits the next board so that they make a weather-proof join about five inches long. Some of the men have become real experts in putting these houses up, and a house a day for a three-man crew is the rule. Each house holds eight men, who sleep in double decker, prefabricated bunks, some with springs and some without. A Klondike stove is provided for each hut.

Jim Pedly says the A.S.W.s are the best fire-fighters we ever had."

We C.O.'s appreciate this on-looked-for praise. It is to be hoped that such words do not go to our heads, but rather, increase our efforts to serve our country and continue to change and gain public opinion in this manner. Come on fellows -- let's show them ALL we've got.

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CAMP MORALE LIFTED
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make use of this privilege. The first reason being the lack of funds for transportation. To date Ottawa has not arranged for reduced rates and the civilian fares prohibit travelling any distance on the present rate of pay. Most families at home are harder pressed since their earning power is in A.S.W. and parents are unable to help their sons by paying a fare.

No travelling time is allowed. C.O.'s must travel to and from home within two weeks. For those men living in B.C. or Alberta this gives them a good number of days at home. But for those who live in Manitoba and Ontario it means only four or five days at home at a cost of approximately $100. This hardly seems fair and it is hoped a satisfactory arrangement will be made soon. National Service as important as forest protection and reforestation is deserving of this.

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HORNE LAKE "HIGH" SPOTS

On Oct. 5th, Mr. W. Adamson, foreman, left camp, having accepted a new position as Forest Ranger in the Cariboo district, near Quesnel.

B. J. Moriecz, of Camp C5, Nanaimo, came to Horne Lake on Oct. 19 to inspect the camp and the work being done. The Nanaimo camp is being closed for the winter months, and fourteen boys arrived during the last week of October.

The new-comers were accompanied by Mr. Moriecz who returned to Horne Lake as foreman. An instructor came along as well.
To the Editor:

As the new paper is issued to appear before the men of our A.S.W. Camps I'll drop a few words for it too. With great interest and sympathy I have had the pleasure for a month to visit the different camps. It's a wonderful privilege to communicate with the young men and serve with the Gospel. It is also my desire, that this little paper would be like a servant too, to comfort camp life, edify one another and create better fellowship. We are gathered in camps from various nationalities, several denominations and different environments. Our assemblage is certainly determined from on High for a precious purpose. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called, according to His purpose.

Camp life gives us also opportunity to experience with Peter the saying: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

May the Lord give grace to those men responsible for this little paper, that you, the reader, may receive a blessing from it.

David P. Reimer,
Kleingemeinde Minister.
Sec'y, Manitoba Peace Commit

RELIGIOUS LIFE
Paul L. Storms, Q6.

The boys at Horne Lake take a keen interest in religion. It is not unusual to enter any one of the cabins and see one or more engaged in Bible meditation. Quite a number now take their turn in reading a portion from the Word and leading in prayer at the breakfast table.

Willard Toman is religious director and sets a good Christian example. The boys meet each Sunday at 10 a.m. to study the International Sunday School lesson. This meeting is conducted by Paul Storms, who arranges to have a different boy teach each Sunday.

A service is held Sunday evenings at 8, alternately conducted by Ben Ens and Henry Toews who have been responsible for arranging the programs. The boys heartily engage in singing the hymns led by Ernie Dyck. Someone reads the Scripture and offers prayer. A musical selection and a duet or quartet are rendered. A suitable poem is recited and an open number gives opportunity for anyone to take a part as the Spirit so leads.

Several of the boys take turns in preaching. The whole program is kept in harmony with the subject as arranged by the committee. At this service an offering is taken which helps in non-resistance war relief.

The Conchies who do the preaching are Harvey Byer, Willard Toman, Arthur Pankratz, Edwin Byers and Paul Storms. The quartet is comprised of Henry Martens or Cliff Jost as first tenor, Harvey Bartel, second tenor, Ernie Dyck, first bass, and Dave Epp, second bass. Cornelius Hiebert plays the violin or guitar and Pete Reimer the octophone.

Many other boys are musically talented.

At the Tuesday night meeting, turns are also taken in speaking. Here Harvey Bartel, John Knelson, Joe Weis, and John C. G. Fehr can be added to the names already given. Singing practice in charge of (Cont'd on Page 10)
RELIGIOUS LIFE

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Ernie Dyck has recently been organized for Thursday nights.

Each Friday night the boys meet for prayer and praise and this meeting has been of unusual blessing to those attending. Prayer is made especially for the folks at home, unsaved friends and loved ones, the sick, and for a revival of pure and undefiled religion throughout the world. Prayer is also made for a speedy accomplishment of God’s purpose in bringing peace and for our King, country, empire, and those in authority over us.

Camp life is helping some to take their part in public who before have been unaccustomed to this.

Should any of the boys burdened for a revival wish to write us requesting prayer for their camp, we would be glad to remember your request in our meetings. We would be pleased if you would do the same for our camp. Address your requests to Willard Toman.

The boys are sincerely grateful to the various ministering brethren who visit Horne Lake Camp from time to time. Their messages are greatly appreciated and their presence with us is a rich blessing. May God’s benediction rest upon their loving work among us.

TESTIMONY

I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications:
Psalm 116:1. I praise God for the privilege to sound a note of praise for all He has done for me. At the age of eleven, the Lord Jesus gloriously saved me. Even though I wandered into sin in my young manhood and lived an unfaithful Christian life, I never forgot my first experience.

At the age of 22, I yielded my life to Christ, wholeheartedly and unconditionally and praise God He has healed my backslidings and my waywardness. His presence is with me day by day.

I enjoy camp life and can truly say my devotional life has been deepened. It is also very enjoyable to fellowship with other boys in camp. I am thankful for the leading of the Holy Spirit. My desire is to be a faithful servant of God and a successful soul winner.

Edwin C. Dyers, Owen Sound, Ont.

HORNE LAKE "HIGH" SPOTS

On Oct. 20th, B. J. Moriez, foreman, bagged a buck dear while hunting in the woods near Horne Lake Camp. Mr. High, sub-foreman, accompanied him and spotted the game. It was a fat beauty and made a dandy prize.

Having received his medical discharge, Cliff Jost, left for his home at Flowing Well, Sask., from Dunsmuir, Oct. 21st. Many a time Cliff has entertained the campers with his hair-raising, breath-taking, miraculous stories of his experiences in the great Prairies. Camp life can hardly be the same with Cliff gone and the fellows will certainly miss him.

Clare Mahler and Paul Storms returned, Oct. 12th from a week-end trip to Victoria. The following Monday Arnold Smith and Harold Ashley re-
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turned from a visit to Vancouver. Ask the former how they liked sleeping in a barn!

Horne Lake Camp is situated in one of the prettiest locations on Vancouver Island. It overlooks the beautiful Horne Lake and is surrounded by picturesque mountain scenery, majestically timbered. There is good fishing in Horne Lake and swimming has been the chief sport all summer. Swimming is now giving place to horse-shoe playing.

The Conchies should not mind living on a small house scale when they return home and start married life. You should take a peek into one of the Horne Lake cabins where the seven occupants in each have utilized to the best advantage every possible space, with their beds, shelves, clothes closets, tables (in some cases folding), hangings, stools and chairs, etc., everything but the beds are of their own design and construction. Everything has its proper place; the pictures of wives or girl friends command the choicest locations.

If you have the blues and would like a good laugh to drive away the clouds, see Harry Kerr, the cook at Horne Lake Camp. Harry can draw more humorous illustrations out of the ordinary incidents of everyday life than any man. And he's perfectly original.

What would Horne Lake Camp do without Austin Byers, the practical joker and humorist? Sometimes his pranks are a little provoking but we just can't help but forgive "Auzzie". Although the smallest man among all the Conchies in British Columbia camps, (he only weighed 117 on coming to camp), he can create some of the biggest fun.

There are still a few giants at large. We have one at Horne Lake Camp who is known as "Big Bill". He tips the scales at 205 pounds and stretches six feet, four inches. He is quite interested in forming acquaintance with a respectable young lady of his own height, but since this is almost impossible he will take one under size! William Thiessen, Esquire is his name in society.

At the scene of the Cameron Lake fire which the Horne Lake conchies fought for several days, a tragedy might easily have occurred. A railway man sitting in a caboose car narrowly escaped death when a falling snag descended through the roof of the caboose, pinning his chair to the floor. A partner had shouted a warning just in time, to save his life.

Dagwood has nothing over John C. C. Fehr who assists the cook. He makes his own pancakes and, measuring one the other day, we found it to be ten inches in diameter. Jam and bacon together between two big pancakes is on John's regular breakfast menu.

Now why should Ernie Dyck knock his shelf down in the middle of the night and send things sprawling all over? He could have chosen the daytime and made a better job of it! Such carryings on, including his dramatizing, keep people awake, but then, when it's interesting, we overlook the inconsistency of it.
This summer we boys at Horne Lake were congratulating ourselves on not having any forest fires to fight, while other camps were having plenty. But we rejoiced too soon. By the middle of September, we didn't care if we ever saw another forest fire.

Our biggest battle was with a fire which raged in the mountains only a few miles in front of camp, and which was fast approaching the camp location. The tremendous fire broke guard twice. A new guard was established some distance in front of the flames, through thick bush, up a steep, rugged mountain, for three quarters of a mile. It took twenty men two days of hard labor to make this clearing approximately three feet wide.

The same evening of the second day, thirty of the men took positions at intervals along the guard with the purpose of backfiring. By this time the massive flames were about upon us. There was dire need for quick action. It was breath-taking having to hurry in climbing the guard, which was almost perpendicular in places.

At each interval, about twenty feet in from the guard, oil was poured on the parched undergrowth. Soon fires blazed the entire extent of the guard to form a second large fire to meet the oncoming flames and stop their wild, devastating hunger. To one not acquainted with the art of forest fire fighting, it might seem absurd to purposefully start a fire to stop another. Yet that's the way it is done quite often.

In our backfiring there was grave danger of the fire crossing guard and cutting off our retreat to safety, making it necessary to take to the woods behind and blindly stumble through dense forest. In the places where this could readily happened, the fire remained intact and we witnessed that evening God's providential care.

By 10:30 o'clock the fire was appreciatively under control, only raging at the crown. Midnight most of us were in bed. Some, however, stayed on patrol all night to put in twenty-four hours continuous labor. Because of the height to which water had to be pumped, our engine was able to force the water only a few hundred feet up the slope and thus the water from the creek was only of value in the attack on the burning bush nearest the road.

It was indeed awe-inspiring to watch the wall of colorful, mighty flames; to see them shoot with lightning rapidity up tall trees; to see and hear the weighty snags of flame fall with thunderous audition, sometimes to close for comfort. Our eyes smarted with dense smoke and our throats were parched. Yet it was interesting, exciting and thrilling!

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**A SONG FOR CONCHIES**

Here's a song which is being sung by the Conchies at Horne Lake Camp, composed by Everek R. Storms, principal of Lion's Head Public School, Ontario. It is sung to the tune of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

We're a long way from home and loved ones,
We're a long way, 'tis true;
We're a long way from home and loved ones,
But what's the use of feeling blue?

Yes, we're out here for duration
Till the war's all through;
We're a long, long way from home and loved ones,
But God's out here too!
ROAD CONSTRUCTION AT HORNE LAKE, CAMP 06.

John Knelson, Peaceful, Sask.

The road under construction had at one time been a railroad, rails have been lifted, but ties were still there. The first gang went out in early July, with John H. Knelson as straw-boss. The grade was well overgrown with alder trees and small brush. This was slashed away, ties pulled and dumped off the grade. A week later another fifteen men were on the job and work speeded up quite a lot.

The boys were formed into three gangs when about six miles of this road was cleared, with Henry Fahl and Peter Rainier as straw-bosses. Two gangs were then taken out to build bridges. They had one to put across the Big Horne Creek and a few along the lake side, one of which is fourteen hundred feet long.

While bridge building was going on, the first gang did some more slashing and tie-lifting. Many is the time Bill Thiessen, six foot four of sunshine and rain combined, sank his axe into a tree which the hornets had picked for their very own. You should have seen Bill swing three feet of legs with a pair of size eleven boots at the base end.

About fifteen miles of road is now usable.

Though many times the boys have seemed to get sort of discouraged, there were also many times you would hear some clear voice ring out with a good old fashioned hymn and soon a number would join in and this always did give us a great lift in spirit.

In summing up this article I want to say, with many thanks, that God has directed and protected us and it is with His help and Guidance that we plan to go on.

WHO'S WHO

Harvey Byer, 8514, age 23, hails from Toronto, shipper and receiver at Martin's Transport Co. Farming has been his chief occupation, in camp he is bull-cock. He has completed eight months of camp life. Half this time in Montreal River Camp. Harvey is a member of Grace Chapel, M.B.C. Church, East Toronto, chief is fishing.

Clifford J. Jost, home near Flowing Well, Sask., 1 year high school, settled down to farming, som trucking. A.S. Work — in the Banff National Park since Jan. 28, 1942, June 25 transferred to Horne Lake where he did guard duty at a gate to private road. Mennonite Brethren, says camp life teaches patience. Hobbies—horseback riding and mechanical work.

Joe Weiss, age 27, born near Leader, Sask. Left 224 acre farm when called to Banff National Park on Jan. 27, 1942. then transferred to Horne Lake Camp, has done carpenter work and road-building and lately kitchen work. Hobbies swimming, skating and mechanical work. Seventh-Day Adventist. Active in church work especially among young people. Camp life has strengthened his faith in Jesus.

Dave T. Wall, reared on a farm just north of Wynark, Sask. A quiet and well-mannered Christian of the Sommerfelder Church. Ten months in camp on road-construction. Though tiresome believes that camp life is character building.

John S. Kredich, age 27, Hague, Sask. Farming is chief occupation, member of Bethel Church, active on Christian Endeavor Committee. Transferred from Banff to Horne Lake, employed as camp truck driver.
or "Why is a conscientious objector?" were questions put to us recently.

War has brought to public attention many persons who object strongly
to certain forms of military training or service, or to any such train-
ing or service, which involves, potentially, the taking of human life.
Examination of these persons reveals that they have such diverse mot-
tives for and differences of degree in their objection that a definition
of the term "Conscientious Objectors" - by which they are publicly re-
ognised - is difficult, and an explanation that shows clearly the pos-
tion of all conscientious objectors is almost impossible. But some of
the considerations which motivate the conscientious objector may be
given.

Strongest of all motives is that of religious principle, founded on
the teaching and example of the Lord Jesus Christ. Such saying as
"My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, the
would my servants fight," John 18:36 and "But I say unto you that resist
not evil," Matt. 5:39, and "Pacified. I send you forth as sheep in the
midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents, harmless as doves," Matt. 10:16, coupled with His example service to all and His refusal
to retaliate in kind for injuries received, lay strong obligation upon
the conscience of all who follow Christ and have received His spirit.
Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, affirmed that he lived "in the
spirit and power of that life which makes war impossible." To such
persons objection to war is much more than a matter of conscience; to
them war and the spirit of Christ are utterly incompatible.

Religious training evidently effects attitudes to war, since we find
among objectors many persons who do not profess personal conversion but
who respect the teachings of the Gospel in matters of conduct and who
therefore object to war as they do to dishonesty, profanity, or other in
fractions of the moral code of Scripture. Such persons are most common-
ly found in the homes and communities where objection to war has been
traditional as a Christian doctrine and practice. Their objection pro-
ceed from an enlightened conscience - a taught conscience - though it
may not be supported by the "spirit...which makes war impossible."

Then there is the person who, philosophizing, finds war to be unsoc-
ial, an enemy of humanity, more injurious in its effects than the evils
which another hopes to remedy by war. He may or may not be a Christian,
may or may not have Christian teaching, may indeed be anti-Christian, but
his conscience is guided by his philosophy and he is found among the
objectors to war.

Cowardice is sometimes alleged as a motive for conscientious (?) ob-
jection. There may be some objectors of who the allegation is true, but
if true the strain of events is likely to reveal it and the same motive
will lead to professing the doctrine of the "conchie", when that way
seemed the easier, will impel to renouncing the objection when that way
becomes the harder.

Many conscientious objectors are strongly influenced in their choice
not only by the negative principles of objection to war and its means
and effects but by the positive principles of world-wide love and con-
nstructive service. Hence they willingly serve under and conditions -
however hazardous - and to any extent of personal sacrifice, so long as
their Christian and humanitarian principles are respected. Recognition
of this has secured for them the measure of tolerance and the openings
for service which are theirs today. God bless them in their service!
Webster defined the word "Beacon" as a "guiding or morning signal or light". Through this inter-car paper we wish to inform the home folks and other interested in the A.S.W. program, of our camps and their varied activities. Camp life differs from home life, and as young men we must utilize every possible opportunity beneficially, also their valuable years in our lives when without anything constructive resulting. As Christ commanded in Matthew 6, "Let your light so shine before men," we can act as beacons on the sea of life, and continue to radiate our spiritual testimony until Christ comes to establish that eternal Kingdom of Peace and Love.

"FILLING A GREAT NEED"
Amos Juizi, C2

This past year we have experienced a transition from home life to camp life, and for many of us it is the first time away from home influences. The one influence uppermost in our minds now is the church. Our camps have no religious directors. Ministers visit the camps, but their time is limited. As campers, we must organize religious activities of our own. Here our Sunday Schools fill a vital need. In Hebrews 10:25, the apostle Paul wrote: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but edifying one another, and so much more, as ye see the day approaching. Therefore let us go ahead, and fellow, I'd like to present this as a challenge to attend Sunday School, where we can gather to meditate on God's word. The day is fast approaching where we must appear before our Redeemer and give account of our work here below. Let us not be said that we passed by this opportunity to bring honor and glory to God.

"BACK TO LANGFORD "....."

On June the ninth, twenty-four Ontario fellows marched into Camp Langford C4, what the weather lacked in sunshine and warmth was made up by the eagerness and enthusiasm of the fellows. Camp life was a new experience for many of us, yet all were ready to buckle down to the new life. The first few weeks were spent in improving and enlarging the camp for an additional group who were coming later. Next came our project work consisting of log building, road work, installing a telephone line, etc. Our fire-fighting duties were organized and some time was spent in practice and instruction by our camp officers. We just emerged from our first taste of fires when nine stalwart, veterans of the Montreal River Days, landed into camp and proved an asset in fighting the seventy odd fires. These were fine fellows and added greatly to the warmth and fellowship of the camp. Especially Francis (Book) Starr who warmed up the atmosphere a few degrees each morning as he dove into the chilly Collinson's pond. If he had stayed much longer he would have ice to break before swimming, but luckily for him these same sheets left for the Koksilah camp on October the first. Thus ended a drama of fires, fun and frolic.

The balance of us remained in camp till October the sixteenth when we moved to Lake Cowichan Camp. Thanksgiving Day was spent in packing up, while some of the fellows went to Victoria bidding farewell to friends.

Lake Cowichan, our present camp, is situated right on the shore of the lake. We have a well located camp here, efficiently equipped — including hydro.

— Ward Shuh, C2
The boys from Camp Q4, Courtney, transferred to Rock Bay. Sixteen of them were moved to Camp Q2, Campbell River. They arrived here October 9th. They were welcomed at camp with misty weather and muddy roads, however Q2 boys gave them a more friendly reception than Mother Nature. Their work will be snag falling exclusively, the first fallers in Q2.

**FIRST WEDDING IN C.G. HISTORY**

Mr. David Noumann of Gem, Alta., was married to Miss Martha Harder of Borden, Sask.

The wedding took place in Vancouver on Sept. 26th at 7.30 p.m. with Rev. J. Harder of Yarrow officiating.

On his return to camp Dave did look a little worn out, but certainly had the expression of responsibility and worry, one usually sees on the face of a married man.

His wife will reside in Vancouver.

As a wedding gift the boys in camp presented them with a Scofield Reference Bible.

**ACCIDENTS**

Henry Funk of Abbotsford, B.C. was off work some 3 weeks for an injury he received when his axe slipped, cut through his boot into his foot.

Eldon Friesen of Herbert, Sask., had five stitches in his knee for a cut received while falling snags. He fell on the saw.

Herman Ratsloff of Abbotsford, B.C. has been away from camp for some two months. He had his finger badly crushed while working with the Caterpillar which was grading the road near camp.

Surprising what a little finger will do.

Henry Shultz of Hague, Sask., had an operation on his hand which had been paining him for sometime. The pain was due to an operation he had sometime ago, after which the skin grew to the tendons.

Henry is one of our many truck drivers in camp and the boys certainly hope to see him back at it soon. Maybe its because he makes a good spread when hauling gravel, and saves the boys spreading it with a shovel.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Henry is now guarding deserted camp.

**BIRTHDAY**

Our paper would certainly not be complete without mentioning our Foreman, Mr. Dave Martell.

He had a birthday on Saturday, Sept. 3rd and when asked his age he says "21". Of course, we can't deny him when he says he is young and handsome—or can we?
CAMP ACTIVITY AT CAMP G.B. VANCOURVER RIVER

The first group of boys arrived here in camp during the latter part of May. The first of all activities to be organized among the boys was the spiritual life in camp. They adopted the plan of electing one out of their midst as leader in spiritual matters. Upon him fell the responsibility connected with the religious service. He himself took, and still takes, the leading part in these, and makes it his duty to assign other boys as he sees fit, to take their turn in the leading of the services. In this way every one who feels he would like to and is otherwise capable, has his opportunity in this work.

The services are held Sunday forenoon and evening, the latter being excepted once every two weeks when that time is devoted to a religious program, or perhaps more rightly called a young people’s meeting. Then further, we have a prayer meeting on Wednesday night and are starting a Bible discussion to be held every Thursday evening. The book of Romans being the first we intend to discuss. The discussion is replacing a service formerly held on Thursday evening. It should be added that a portion of scripture is read, followed by prayer, every morning in the mess hall before we start breakfast. Everybody who wishes to has the opportunity to take his turn leading these short devotional periods.

We are indebted to John Enns, our elected religious director for his capable and conscientious devotion to this most important of all camp activity. May God’s grace and blessing attend his work further on.

In regard to the afore mentioned religious programs several things should be noted. They are under the supervision of an elected program committee of five. This committee is subject to change so that herein likewise is an opportunity for the boys to gain experience in this line of work. Each program itself is based on a Scriptural topic and consists of choral singing, quartets, trios, duets, music, readings, recitations, dialogues and discussion of the topic. To many of us they have proved a blessing both as hearers as well as co-workers in the above listed items. We do, however, feel the need for more literature from which to draw the material that goes to make up these programs. The quartet is especially worthy of commendation for their contribution to these meetings.

This review the spiritual life in our camp, and we look over the other phases of camp activity. We first come to our public speaking meetings. The originator, Frank Showler, got in touch with the University of B.C., at Vancouver and obtained outlines suitable for study groups on various topics. He brought the matter up before the boys and after a lengthy debate on which topic should be taken up, public speaking was selected. Those interested are holding their bi-monthly meetings regularly. We notice their gift of speech has not suffered, judging from their behavior in ordinary camp life.

A further step to a higher standard of living in our camp was taken recently, when action was taken upon the suggestion of George Haaman and Frank Showler about organizing a camp council. The functions of the council being to make the most of camp life as such. It looks after the intellectual side of camp life, obtaining library books, etc., also the sports, the tidiness of the grounds and most anything it can think of to further and enlighten camp life. At present it is pooling

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CAMP ACTIVITY AT CAMP Q3, CAMPBELL RIVER

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the available books in camp for an establishment of a library. It has recently arranged for a voluntary collection, to be held in camp, the proceeds of which are to be sent to aid foreign missions. We all find that its services are proving a beneficent, as could have been expected with such a splendid personnel comprising it. The council is composed of nine members elected on a basis of representation by provinces. The Rt. Honourables are as follows; B.C. — Helmut Neufeld (chairman), and Henry Roimer; Alta. — Hugo Harmos, (Secretary-treasurer); Ont. — George Haeman and Nick Siblock; Sask. — Dave Duick, Henry Harder, and Steve Mandzuk, and Jake Loopky. These men are in office until the end of the year when a new election is to take place. The right to resign is reserved. The council offices are non-remunerative. We feel confident that under such able leadership camp life will be vastly improved and we give them our hearty and unanimous wishes for a successful term.

Lastly we come to one of the most significant phases of all camp activities, that is the efforts and goodwill that have gone to make this publishing of this paper a reality. The untiring efforts, and the many hours of time, have been devoted to the organization and publishing of this paper by the editor-in-chief, Wes Brown, and his leading staff members; as well as the encouragement received from our Supt. Mr. McWilliams, are a topic in themselves and worthy of the highest commendation. We kindly thank them and wish them further success.

by Peto Klassen.

Q3 IN BRIEF
by Jake Willms

Camp Q3 is situated in an area that has been logged off and later burned over. This has left it in an almost barren state, only stumps and snags remaining.

Snags are a grave fire hazard, because once aflame, they explode sparks over a large area. Hence, it is of great importance that these snags be felled before aspen is replanted. Snagfelling is the major job at Q3, preparing for a program of spruce planting. Reforestation is most necessary. At the present time the province is logging three billion board feet a year, yet the timber areas replaces itself at the rate of one billion board feet a year.

As it takes two men to make a felling saw buzz we naturally work in sets of two. In one respect a snag faller is to be envied; he develops genuine muscles on every part of his body. He starts the day off with a stiff walk over very rough country, climbing hills, jumping stumps and boulders, sliding down steep slopes and doing an acrobats job of log-walking across ravines with tools, waterbag and lunch kit to balance. Of course his work only begins when he encounters a stand of snags and shows some action by pulling the saw and swinging an axe. Even his vocal cords are exercised by his loud cry of "Timber!" before each tree falls. This is the customary warning to workers nearby that a tree is ready to fall.

Last week operation was begun on the construction of a new stretch of road which is to be used in next spring's planting purposes. After the obstructing stumps have been blasted a bulldozer pushes the road through.

As this country receives more than its share of rainfall, a gang of men is kept busy ditching and building culverts.
BY TOM MCBRINE

The B.C. Forest Service A.S.W. Camp Q3 is situated about a mile south west of Lower Campbell Lake, which is noted for its trout fishing. It is also about a mile north west of Elk River Timber Logging Camp 8 from which quite extensive logging operations are carried out. The camp consists of an office, wash house, messhall and kitchen and the living quarters of the boys. The tents we are living in are 12x14 and are pulled over wooden frames. They accommodate four men each. The personnel of the camp consists of a head foreman, Mr. J. W. Fisher, two falling instructors, Mr. Ross Jones and Mr. George Rhodes, the latter being on temporary loan to camp Q7; last but by no means least our cook, Mr. Edward Carson. There are thirty-eight conchies in camp at present.

The nearest town is Campbellton about 14 miles by road east of camp, with Campbell River a mile and a half south from there. Campbell River is noted for the famous Tyee salmon fishing. Fishermen coming for hundreds of miles to try their luck.

The surrounding district is quite a hunter's paradise, deer, blue and willow grouse being in abundance.

Nick Siblock, Henry Braun and Tod Harder have been quite happy lately as their wives arrived in Campbell River on Oct. 4th. We don't expect to see much of the boys on week ends from now on.

Jack Falk, Helmut Neufeld, John Enns, Abe Funk, the Reimer Bros., Walter Martens, and Pete Wolfe spent a short holiday on the mainland the week end of Oct. 3. Walter is expecting his folks to move to the coast this fall, adding another family to the ever increasing number who forsake the prairies for the greener pastures of our wonderful B.C.

As soon as Walter Martens got back from the mainland he put up a picture of a very striking young lady. He claims, of course, that she is his sister. Really good encouragement for taking a trip to the mainland.

Jake Toews, George Gunther, Henry Harm, and Pete Epp spent Oct 11th week end at and around Vancouver, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones, we expect.

The first, and a very successful meeting of the male choir (latest achievement in camp) was held Tuesday night October 13. Fifteen boys took part. Helmut Neufeld, our director, we think is quite capable to conduct and direct the meetings. We all hope, as the choir gets under way, that some more of the boys will take part.

Short notice was given G. Gunther on the night of the 14th, to take a two weeks leave. A telegram received by our foreman, stated that George's father was in a critical condition.

C.C. CONVICTIONS
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time do we spend in secret? Is our sanctuary well visited? They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Brother, we need strength. Let us take refuge in prayer.
WE MADE IT
John Keeping, Q2.

Much to our dismay we've made it. We moved camp. After working all summer slashing, blasting, grading, and graveilling, we have put in about 9 miles of road into the northern wilds of Vancouver Island. Now we're at the end of our trail, literally speaking. One advantage we have prefabricated huts made of oiled cedar. They're warm although overcrowded. We're farther than ever from civilization and looking forward to several feet of snow in winter.

It was last May that a bewildered group of young men tumbled out of the bus at BloodoI on Mungo's Bay. Next day we were introduced to our work. We had to slash a 66-ft right of way into dense brush. We found the first two miles hard. The ground was swampy and wet which necessitated the digging of ditches and culverts. As we progressed we ran into rocks which had to be blasted and deep gullies to which had to be bridged. Then came the big job of grading the road with bulldozers and putting on a good coat of gravel. We have several trucks for this purpose, which are driven by our boys. It is surprising how much it takes for a good road bed.

From our new camp the proposed road is to skirt lakes, cut through rocks due north. We soon expect to push farther ahead through stumps and desolation which are akin to Northern Vancouver Island.

Cheerio for now, keep your chin up; its the first 10 years that are the hardest.

A BRIEF MESSAGE
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dispensation of grace, our bodies are the temple for the Holy Spirit, although, sad to say, we see men about us throughout the world, who are not led by the Spirit of God. They will not let the Holy Spirit lead them.

I hope that each of us who go under the name of Conscientious Objector is one of those peculiar people, zealous of good works, who has been called out of darkness into His marvellous light, and has accepted Jesus not only as Saviour, but also as Lord, in all we do and say.

AMATEUR ASTRONOMY
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star, one component a beautiful deep rich gold, and the other a heavenly blue.

To find this constellation face south and your bright star Deneb will be directly overhead at approximately 8 p.m. during October.
in our work.
Our paper is an interdenominational publication. Equal voice will be given to the various religious groups. All viewpoints of these groups will be published in such a manner as to strike a balance so that no viewpoint of any one group becomes the belief of the paper and so that no denomination has reason to feel suppressed.
We shall not make our paper a platform for any political issue or discussion. Such material will not be printed.
With these few maxims we hope our paper will be of value to all, that we may do the most good. Articles of a constructive nature and adhering to our policy are most welcome.

This paper is the result of the enthusiasm shown by you fellow c.o.s for an inter-camp newspaper. But that is not all. To accomplish the realization of your enthusiasm, considerable organization was necessary. So that you will understand better how this was done, I'll just say a few words.

Persons who we knew in the various camps were contacted and asked to report the feelings of the men in their camp regarding a paper of this kind. If they found sufficient enthusiasm, a mass meeting was called in which the men elected or appointed a camp editor, a circulation manager and several reporters. This constitutes the newspaper associate-staff in each camp. The camp-staff then reported their news to us at headquarters, and we hereafter-edit set-up, publish and distribute the completed paper.

There are several camps which I was unable to contact, because no man in these camps was known. The camps not yet participating are Ladysmith, Q1 Campbell River, and Seymour Mt. Park at Dollarton. If you know of some fellow in one of those camps who might be interested in contributing to our paper, you could help by telling him of this venture or by sending him this issue.

Here's hoping this copy meets with your approval.

Wes. Brown
Editor.

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