

Why Do They Fight?

Ed's Note: The following article was written by one of the men who has seen service overseas, and whom we are pleased and proud to see returning to our campus.

You have asked me why our soldiers are fighting the Germans. For what purpose are they waging battle? What will our young men and women want when they come home?—Of course, any reply, given by one person, will be only the opinion of that person and, as such, will be colored by the ideas and ideals of that person.

There is—we hope—nobody so naïve as to believe that the men in our armed forces are waging war for a reannexing of Europe and a reshuffle of the "balance of power". The Canadian soldier is not fighting for merely the reconstruction of an antiquated Polish government.

This war has developed into a struggle between nations holding different concepts of the "Rights of Man": it is a conflict of ideologies: it is Democracy versus Fascism. Well, then, we are fighting for the realization of our ideas. Here follow three ideas. They are the reasons why so many of our young men and women left the comforts of their homes and took up the cruel and self-destructing practice of War. Upon these three main ideas are hinged all the individual reasons for going on "Active Service".

The first idea is not so much an idea as it is our immediate and necessary task. To realize this first idea will be to crush for all time to come the military powers and sinews of war of Germany and Japan. Nazism and Japanese Imperialism must be destroyed—root, stalk and branch. Even then, our victory will not be complete unless we and our Allies help to establish a strong democratic government within the boundaries of those defeated countries.

The second idea has only begun to dawn upon mankind. It is the stern lesson of the last thirty years. We cannot enjoy peace unless we safeguard it—with our lives, if necessary. By the same standards, democratic institutions must be treasured and carefully guarded. We cannot allow war or the threat of war to be used as a mere instrument of national policy. Nor can we allow the subjection and persecution of any peoples by Fascism, Imperialism or by its successors or imitators. This second idea implies that all men are at liberty to develop in their own way and in their own

time, freedom from the fear of a war every twenty-five years. Our comrades are fighting so that this idea may become a reality and armed force will only be used to protect peace and the liberty of all free peoples.

The world must be made a fit place in which to live. That is the third idea or goal, the accomplishment of which entails victory over "The Five Giant Evils"—Want, Squalor, Disease, Ignorance and Idleness. We must have no more unemployment and "breadlines" to undermine the dignity and courage of men. To put the veterans of this "war into "relief-camps" would be to set in motion forces which might destroy our democratic way of life. There must be no more crowded slums and stinging depressions.

There is no need or justification for the extremes of wealth and poverty, so much in evidence in the past. These are only a few of the many evils that plagued our pre-war world. We must eliminate these evils; else they will destroy us. Our comrades do not want charity or sympathy: they want Freedom from Fear and Freedom from Want and the right to live their lives in decency and with independence of thought and action. We, who live behind the human barrier which they have thrown up against the Forces of Terror, must help them to build this better world. It is our duty to see to it that our soldiers and the soldiers of all nations come home to rising standards of living. We must so order our affairs that we have Social Security for all who need it and employment for all who want it.

Our comrades overseas are in action against the Forces of Oppression so that these ideas may become living realities. They have held the dykes against the tides of Barbarism; so to, we must hold the dykes against the now incoming tides of Reaction.

"A VETERAN"

The very minute you start to accumulate marbles, pennies, jack-knives or whatnot, either by skill, barter or purchase, you're a bloody Capitalist!

At the age of twenty, Joseph Conrad knew hardly a word of English. Yet he has presented to the literary world some of the finest sea narratives in the English language.

CAMPUS PERSONALITIES



FRED W. DAVIDSON

The President of the House—or the Lady Beaverbrook Residence—needs no introduction to us, for Fred Davidson has held many posts on the campus and has taken a keen interest in extra-curricular activities. Fred has also well proven himself in the scholastic line. Coming to us from Shediac in the fall of '41 as Provincial leader in the Matriculation Exams, and a Beaverbrook scholar, Fred has always maintained his high standard, and has been a prize winner more than once. Fred was also on the executive of the Residence last year, for he was Secretary-Treasurer.

Having chosen Engineering as his field, Fred entered the Society with gusto, for he has filled all the positions of the Engineering Society. In his Sophomore year he was Vice-President; as a Junior he was Secretary-Treasurer, and this year finds Fred the President of the 'Gineers.

In this, his Senior year, Fred is Vice-President of the S.R.C., being representative for the Engineers on that body. The War Effort Committee has also another able member in Fred this year.

In his Freshman year Fred worked for The Brunswickan as reporter and proof-reader, and was also the Assistant-Editor of the Engineering issue of The Brunswickan. In his Sophomore year, Fred took over the reins of the paper and became Editor-in-Chief. Still with an interest in publication, Fred is assisting with the Year Book this year.

In his Sophomore and Junior years, the Glee Club benefited from Fred's support. For the two years

Between The Bindings

"Army of Shadows" by Joseph Kessel. This book is one of the best of its kind. It is exciting as a straight war story but it also carries with it that feeling of increasing knowledge that many of us like to find in a novel. It is told, except for one chapter, in the third person and deals with a young Engineer—from his being taken prisoner by the Germans to his escaping from France. The inside story is of the French underground movement, and gives a good picture of the magnitude and degree of organization of this movement. The book also leads to a better understanding of the French people, and exposes the hardships endured by them since the fall of France.

"Between Tears and Laughter", by the Chinese philosopher Lin Yutang discusses some of the problems concerning the Asiatic world of today. Lin Yutang defends China's ancient and peaceful civilization and in almost harsh words gives his opinion of the imperialistic policy of Britain. He questions our idea of freedom and makes us wonder just what we are fighting for in this war. Most important to us, here is an Oriental's point of view on the part China and the rest of the Asiatic world will play in post-war affairs.

"U. S. S. R." by Walter Duranty. This is an excellent book. If you want a review of Russia for about the last twenty-five years, this is recommended. The author spent many years in the country as a foreign correspondent; writes without prejudice, and with veritable knowledge. The evolution of the Russia of today is unfolded from the causes and effects of historical facts. Duranty has a keen sense of observation and a remarkable genius for striking at conclusions which merit consideration. The truth about Russia seems to be at last revealed in "U.S.S.R."

"The White Cliffs"—Alice Duer Miller's stirring beautiful tribute in verse to the courage and fortitude of the English people. It is the story of an American girl who marries an English baronet, loses in World War I, hears his son only to see war clouds break over the life of the "second John" also. A "must" in reading.

of its organization, Fred was active in the U.A.T.C. Last year he rose to the rank of Flight-Sergeant, this being the highest rank held by a member of the student body.

Nor has Fred neglected the field of sport. Last year found him in the Swimming Meer, and also as an enthusiast for inter-class hockey.

CO-ED CAPERS

By Marion Morrison

Getting back in the groove again after the holiday, we find things much the same. The Freshette banquet was postponed until Saturday, October 14, because many of the co-eds were home for the Thanksgiving week-end.

Sunday afternoon the Choral Club gets underway. Its first meeting this year will be at 3 p.m. in Dr. deMerten's lecture room. With new music and some new warblers to augment the old faithfuls we have high hopes for this year.

Congratulations to Marj. Rowan and Pat Ritchie for making our first apple selling venture a success. Marj, through her efforts, procured the apples. Patsy organized the gang of sellers and everybody was hungry at Saturday's game. Approximately ten dollars was realized so we plan a repeat performance.

Ye olde reading room is taking on a different appearance these days. Tuesday night Miss Lucy Jarvis and Miss Madge Smith brought up some pictures for the

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I Spy

I spy, with my little eye, a few things which Snoop may have been looking at with a blind eye, so thought I would let you see too:

A new combination, Patsy and Boog.

Mavis Plinder still biking with Ralph.

Sainsbury and Anna S. at the show last week.

Ann MacKenzie looking very happy since Bob's return.

Mavis and Betty having a wonderful time at the Freshman Reception. Why didn't you take off your coat, Mave?

A certain civil spending all his spare time in Chipman.

Marie G. and Paul O. exchanging frequent smiles.

Dot and Ed still climbing the hill together.

Martin and MacMillan swimming with the co-eds. Could Miss Lawson be the attraction, Bill?

Marj. Rowan looking very happy over the weekend. No wonder!

Maggie C. and Carl Stairs with a mutual interest in drafting (?) which continues after drafting hours on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

ME

Fred is a willing and dependable worker and is always ready with a helping hand. He's a regular, good guy. When spring rolls around and our '44 graduates have disappeared from the campus, you're going to be greatly missed, Fred!



Tomorrow's

PEOPLE OF AFFAIRS...

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