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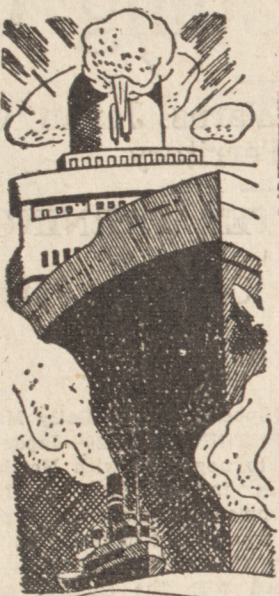
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TELLS HOW CANADIANS DEFIED FRANCO FOR 65 CENTS A DAY ON MADRID ROAD

MADRID, July 12.—Except for lice and dysentery, which veterans have come to regard as more of a menace than the insurgents in the opposing trenches, the 300 Canadians of the Mackenzie-Papineau battalion, just moved up to the Jarama front, should find life there rather like that in a summer camp for boys.

Behind a protecting ridge, only a few rods from the front line trench, are three ping-pong tables, a baseball diamond, an area for pitching horseshoes, a library and a canteen that sells everything from cigarettes to haly oil. These are some of the benefits they share with the Lincoln battalion of Americans.

Soldiers of the Mackenzie-Papineau battalion work a four-and-a-half day. There is a two hour day shift and a night watch of two and a half hours, during which they look out for surprise raids. To make things more pleasant, the boys on the night shift get sandwiches and coffee.

Radio receiving sets operate day and night bringing in B.B.C. news-casts and musical programs. In addition to the library, a daily newspaper is mimeographed and a weekly is printed in Madrid and brought out to the line.

The daily carries war news, articles by experienced soldiers on army life, information on hygiene, a daily lesson in Spanish, the poems and songs written by the volunteers. The weekly is political.

Rations of cigarettes are distributed free four times a week, and on Sundays chocolate and cakes are served to all. The brigade developed the best kitchen of any fighting unit in Spain and many of the soldiers never ate so well, even at home.

Now, sometimes, while the snipers are potting away from the rebel trenches about 300 yards distant, from behind the protecting hill comes the answering crack of a baseball bat on rawhide, the light thud of boxing gloves as soldiers keep in condition by sparring, and the shouts of young men at play.

Pay is 12½ peseta, or about 65 Canadian cents a day. The ghost walks every 10 days.

The Canadian unit on the Jarama front began with a nucleus of about 20 who, with other members of the Lincoln battalion and Spanish militia-men, successfully defended the Madrid-Valencia highway against a major insurgent attack last Feb. 27. The highway is a vital artery through which besieged Madrid receives virtually all its supplies, re-

inforcements and evacuates civilians. Shortly after that engagement, in which many English-speaking volunteers were killed and wounded, replacements brought the number of Canadians up to 40. They remained in the front line for four months, with only one break in three days, when they were relieved by a unit of Frenchmen. This is an all-time record for front-line service, according to military men.

Then, recently, the Lincoln battalion which included the 40 Canadians was moved back to a rest camp for three weeks' leave. During the rest, Canadians were withdrawn from scattered fighting units in Spain and 300 were organized into the Mackenzie-Papineau battalion. A check-up at the rest camp showed that, as nearly as could be calculated, 17 Canadians have been killed in fighting since the beginning of the war. It was estimated too that there are 500 Canadians in loyalist Spain. Many are in medical and transport services. Now that the three-week rest period is up the Mackenzie-Papineau battalion is on the front about 26 miles southeast of Madrid, protecting the highway of Valencia.

The veterans who were there in February and March didn't have much fun. The earth was bare. It rained and the temperature was chilly or worse. They slept on ground sheets in damp dugouts.

In April the countryside became green, and sweet-smelling lilacs adorned no man's land. When spring gave way to summer, the lilacs disappeared and poppies spread their 'carpets of fire over the fields. Olive trees grew on the bullet-scarred tress between the opposing trenches.

The volunteers on night watch frequently engaged in verbal skirmishes with the insurgent trenches. Voices carry well in the quiet of the night, and if the insurgents were mellowed by a good supply of cognac and began singing they could be heard in the government trenches.

The boys would poke their heads above the sandbags and yell at the insurgent trench some of the lusty Spanish expressions they had picked up. The insurgents would stop singing and yell back. It would become quite a session until someone, instead of shouting, would start shooting a machine-gun. Then everyone would fall back into the trench, out of sight.

This is the sort of thing the 300 Canadians of the Mackenzie-Papineau battalion will find in their new position on the Jarama front, unless Generalissimo Franco really is concentrating his forces about Madrid with an eye to throwing all his weight against the old capital's defences. If he does, it won't be like a summer camp on the Jarama front. But it will be plenty hot.

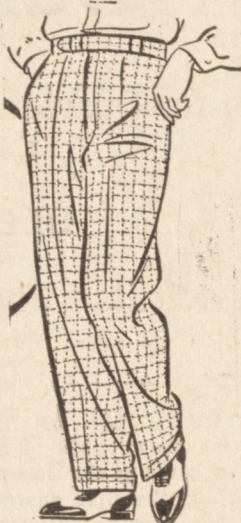


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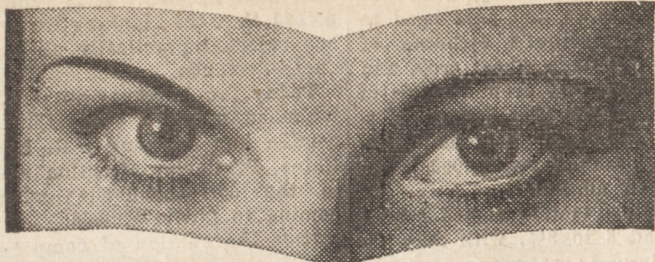
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CLAIMS TAXI DANCING IS HAZARDOUS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

CHICAGO, July 20.—Brunette Marie Anderson, 19, who said she preferred to stand, thank you, "ever since my accident," set out tonight to have taxi dancing officially recognized among the hazardous occupations.

She filed a petition to that effect with the Illinois Industrial Commission and asked them to determine damages received when she sat down suddenly on the dance floor.

Miss Anderson, who said she graduated from waitress to dance hostess in approximately two months alleged that the fall injured her to the extent that she now has fainting spells and is unable to work.

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