SYNOPSIS Tommy Williams, aspiring young consin, is a member of the trio The Three Balls of Fire," working in Nick's cellar spaghett joint. Because of "no business" Nick lets them go. However, they theatrical producer Thornton Reed. She offers them a musica vue audition but the boys let the the theatre the place is nadhouse. Along with everyone else, they are thrown out. Tommy ses hope. Then suddenly he ha great idea. Little Barbara Jo, and of Penny Morris, whom Tommy loves, is in despair. Bar-bara and all her pals have been house. But now there is no money the treasury. Tommy gets things moving arranging a block party for the kids which will in urn finance a benefit show. Actually, Tommy is doing this for his own act, so he can get a pub-CHAPTER FOUR

tlement house, Barbara Jo told Penny her version of the meeting with Busch. The child's eyes wer shining as she said, "... and all the time Mr. Busch kept sittin' And just when I was sure he was going to say 'No,' Tommy got right on the desk and told him what wonderful kids we were and how if we didn't get sunshine and resh air we'd all wind up with

With what?" Penny asked. "Pickets."

enny got it and laughed. "Darling, you mean rickets. It was all the same to Barbara "Well anyway he was wonderful and finally Mr. Busch said he'd let him do it and Penny, all I could think of was Tommy being like Abraham Lincoln freeing e slaves."

Penny smiled but as she thought of Tommy her eyes were bright with hero worship too. "I'll have to tell him what you said. He'll ike that."

"I wish you would. Gee he's exceptional. Too bad he's not better looking."

Penny looked at her in amaze-"Why Barbara Jo he's finlooking. He's got character in his face. Why, he never stops to think of himself at all. But he'll be paid back." Dreamily, she be-gan to hum, "The Man I Love." Barbara Jo giggeld. "You know

Penny squeezed her chin. "If it could have him." else but him you Rehearsals got under way the very next morning and Tommy went around feeling that he was

living again. It was worth a milion dollars getting those comedy skits going nice and smooth, building up the technique of the kid stra, standing there, listening Penny tear up his heart with one of her love songs. And the kids were great. They all co-operated

Penny, you're making me feel The Block Party date was Her eyes were bright with unclose, when one day Mr. Stone shed tears. "Well, you shouldn't. sent for Tommy. Stone had re-You're getting everything you want. A Cause and a Showcase. ceived a letter from the Board of Trustees. It seemed that they And you wanted to get to Broadwere sending the Settlement way. Well, you're going to get twenty refugee youngsters from the British War Relief to show there. Of course you may knock down and climb over a few people hem what a real American Fourth but you'll get there. You're going to be a big success. You He read aloud. "A short wave ought to be very happy." She broadcast has been arranged and started from the room. "Wait a minute." He walked



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Fourth of July arrived, the streets were roped off and Tom-my's show got under way. The crowds were wild with excite. ment and the Refugee children did their broadcast. There was one tremendous cheer after anBLITZ-BUSTERS



the English children will talk to Then the "Three Balls of Fire." their parents in London directly from the Settlement House. The broadcast is scheduled for three the news reporters with their was here at last. He had written to Jonesy, that's the time we advertised the ing for her help in getting a thea-

tre for the benefit and next morning he was in her office, happy the Settlement kids in the audi torium then. That'll be right in and exuberant. the middle of the performance. Stone was concerned but there was no help for it. The Block my, going to send those news paper pictures to your mother?" Party would simply have to be He nodded. "Yeah. She'll think postponed.
Tommy was in despair. "But he leaned over the desk. "Jonesy, we'll never be able to get a permit again." All at once though, think of the performance."

he jumped two feet in the air.

dio, front page . . . twenty little English kids torn from their

mothers' arms . . . thrown right into our laps with an interna-

Ray scratched his head. "Yeah. I never thought of the publicity

Tommy shook hands with him-

self gleefully. "What a Cause. What a Showcase. And here we

are trying to send a bunch of

little kids to the country. Why

A voice cut in. It was Penny's.

tried to pull himself together.

ped him in time. She was running

own the corridor. "Hey Penny,

wait." He tore after her into the

office. She was busy with the files. "Look Penny," he faltered,

At that, she whipped around.

"What's the matter? Run out of

Sincerely, he looked at her.

over and took her arm and said

quietly, "You say that as if you

She refused to look at hir

"Why, that's silly. I don't hate

you. I think you're wonderful,

Nothing." Her voice was tre-

aulous, "I just don't think you're

The quarrel had a funny effect

Abraham Lancoln any more that's

on Tommy. First, he was good

and sore. Then, when he quieted down, he became obsessed with one idea. He'd show Penny. He'd

make her see that he was going to

die in the attempt. And if the

hat couldn't hurt anybody could

get those kids to the country or

your ambition, your talent ... "Then what's the matter?"

"if you'll only . . ."

Gosh, why hadn't the boys stop-

tional hook-up."

walks of New York.

She nodded, "I was really im-pressed." Where was his noodle? Why where was his noodie? Why this was perfect. Better than be-fore. Sure they'd have the broad-cast . . along with the Block Party, straight from the side-He rubbed his hands. "If you liked it we're on our way." Now he dug into his pockets. "Look. We collected forty-two dollars and with your contribution it comes to sixty-seven. Now all we need Stone was delighted with the idea and Tommy rushed out to tell it to Ray and Hammy. The boys is a theatre. Did you find out about the Old Duchess?" didn't catch on at first. "Don't Her face clouded over. "Yes I you see?" Tommy said, "'Bundles from Britain' will be a swell act did and Mr. Reed still owns it. But I'm afraid it won't be any for us to follow. And if they're good to you Tommy." sensational, so much the better. Look. Think of it. 'The Three Balls of Fire.' . Flashlights, ra-dio front rece

"Why not?"

. . . She made a little gesture. "It hasn't been occupied in years. There aren't even any seats in it. It's really not much more than a warehouse."

"But it's got a stage. We'll take it that way. Here you are Jonesy, sixty-seven smackeroos." "Oh no, Tommy." She seemed quite definite. "I'd have to ask Mr. Reed and I can't bother him. now, he's having so much trouble." The telehone rang, and she spoke into it worriedly . . . something about the Marelli act, which wasn't proving available.

we don't even need that any But Tommy was busy with his own troubles. "Gee Jonesy, I "Did—dd you say, 'We don't need that any more?"
"Huh? . . . well . . I . . " He night. We could fix it up." She rose and for the first time he seemed a bit irritated. "No ommy. The Duchess is completely out of the question. I'll have ask you to leave now too, I'm busy. You'd just better forget the whole thing."

Tommy stared at her but she was already on the telephone again. She had said, "Forget the whole

thing." How could he? Forget all that sweating and rehearsing and planning for Broadway? His feet were leaden as he went to Jonesy had been his best friend and now even she wouldn't do anything. It looked as if his whole future were just going up in

(Continued Next Week)

A Wartime Prayer: "To Be Adequate"

A New York Times Editorial On Prayer In Different Forms

It would be surprising in these days laden with grief and danger if men did not pray more than ordinarily. In different times prayer takes different forms. It's there is less of the formal saying of grace at meals, it does not nean of necessity that there is less giving of thanks. One pious man well remembered because when he prayed he sounded as though he were actually talking face to face with God once said: "Prayer is an attitude, an atmosphere, a state of mind and heart." the suggestion that his "loyalty to the alliance is by no means

"There are times," says Victor Hugo, "when the soul is on its knees whatever may be the attitude of the body." We do not know in how many iomes today the family actually gets down on its knees to speak correspondent said: "Ever since his accession, king Farouk, who is to God in daily worship. In other days a chapter of the Bible was only 22, has been arrogant and omineering in his dealings with usually read before prayer, in which the head of the house led Sometimes everybody in the circle offered some petition.

TABLE TALKS

A Marmalade Discussion

At this time of year most of us the bare shelves of the fruit cup jams and marmalades. Probably and lemon or other citrus fruit ed to give to you again the marmaade recipe and a discussion on the same, for quite a number seem to be having failures, and marmalade making can be made very

The first thing of importance choosing the fruit. Do not think that fruit you have had in the house for sometime or that is not quite fresh enough for table use will make good marmalade. In order to have a clear marmalade with an excellent flavor you must have fruit from the fines election. Now for the recine Grapefruit, Orange and Lemon Marmalade

lemons

o, their own misfortune, that

out any one who rises from

kind knows that the participants

A kind of peace has settled down

on the room for a moment. The setting for such circles is usually

spirit always is. Simplicity has,

mily prayers out in the country

ed out from the seminary to

and awed by-them. To bow

under such circumstances is to

nake real the most abstruse theo-

logical studies and to refuel faith.

What can man pray for today?

Both warring sides will be praying for victory. Of course, God

will not answer all prayers. That

would be illogical, and God's logic

is terrifying even to the righteous

n the depth of its justice. But

every man and woman and child

To be equal to the ex-

in this testing time can make one

prayer: He can pray to be ade-

hausting demands upon his cour-

age in the great encounters. To

the daily drain of small annoy-

ances. To be equal to the emer-

on that rainy afternoon before he

ington, said to his neighbors:

"Without the assistance of that Divine Being who attends me I

cannot succeed; with that assistance I cannot fail." There is a

moving simplicity in the words that followed: "Trusting in Him

who can go with me and remain

with you and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that

bade his neighbors farewell.

all will yet be well." He then

Just before Gettysburg every

ody seemed panic-stricken.

was feared that aonther Freder

icksburg or another Chancellors-

coln related afterward that he

ville could not be withstood. Lin-

went to his room, locked the door

and got down on his knees. He

told God that the cause was just.

"I then and there made a solemn

vow to Almighty God that, if He

Gettysburg, I would stand by

So it was with all the great

mergencies he met with in the

White House. "I have been driven

many times to my knees by the

overwhelming conviction that I

nad nobody else to go to. My

own wisdom and that of all about

ne seemed insufficient for that

We can assume that there is

ome praying going on in Wash-

ington today. Some of those prayers are unspoken. Some of

them do not wait for the going-

to-bed time for saying. They are

said at desks, perhaps. But there is no reason to believe that God

does not hear prayers said from

Under Suspicion

Farouk's Loyalty

above suspicion," appeared in the

British press as a result of the

resignation of Prime Minister Hussein Sirry Pasha's Cabinet in

The Daily Herald's diplomatic

behind desks.

would stand behind our boys at

tarted from Springfield to Wash-

It will be recalled that Lincoln,

gencies facing mind and body.

adequate in his patience for

the time, replaced artificial

rural, partaking of the majesty of the unfettered outdoors; the

Extract juice from fruit and pare all white membrane from peels. With a sharp knife slice ery thinly the fruit peel or chop very finely. Place juice and pee an earthenware dish and add water, 3 times the amount of juice and peel. Allow it to stand over night. In the morning place on the heat and bring to a boil.

BRIGHT DETAIL ON



By Anne Adams

Balance that New Year's budget -it's easy when you sew your own clothes! A pert cotton frock like Pattern 4993 by Anne Adams can be made from inexpensive material like calico or gingham. That new long-waisted look is achieved by side bodice sections that dip way below your waist The effect is good on a shorter figure, especially if you outline the seams with colorful ric-rac. Or you can make the shoulder yokes, sleeves, and pockets all of contrast for a really gay effect. An all-round belt is optional, as well as the one shown. Let the Sewing Instructor guide you through dressmaking details with ease and precision . . . save the pattern to make new versions as

you need them! Pattern 4993 is available in misses' and women's sizes 14, 16, 18, 20, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42. Size 16 takes 3½ yards 35-inch fabric and 2 yards ric-rac. Send twenty cents (20c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this Anne Adams pattern to Room 421, 73 Adelaide St. West, Toronto. Write plainly size, name, address and style

Intimations of a possible breach between the British Government and King Farouk of Egypt, with Phone Call Started Huns In Reverse

eph Stalin threw the German invasion of Russia into reverse, Sir Stafford Cripps, former Ambas-sador to Moscow, said recently. "On the night of December 12 the Soviet Premier personally tele-phoned down to the general in command and ordered him to at-tack," Sir Stafford related. "And

A FAMOUS BRAND

FINE CUT

Canada in its time, as m 14,000 head of cattle hor

famous brand of the old Oxley Ranch, founded in Alberta in 1902 by the late W. R. Hull.

BRAND OF THE

OXLEY RANCH

When it reaches boiling

from 5 to 15 minutes. I find

first boiling varies with the type

of heat you are using. If us

electricity or a good type of a stove where the heat is the fier

steady type, five minutes is safficient to boil after the boiling

point is reached. If the heat

to fifteen minutes (never longer

earthenware container and allow

it to cool slowly and again remain

over night. The next morni

measure juice and pulp, cup cup, and for every cup of

amount of sugar. Place the su

where it will get warm-not h

but warm. Commence the boil

of the juice and pulp. When

has reached the boiling point s

in the sugar very gradually, sta

ring constantly until dissolved Boil until, when dropped from

spoon, it will spin a thread. I

minutes, but never longer. La

dark color and spoils the fla

the type of heat, the type of frui and the length of boiling. Ju

one thing more; when making the

full recipe I never boil it all

tions; a smaller amount is eas

Occasionally for very spec marmalade, I do add three tall

spoons of white corn syrup to 2

above recipe, adding syrup abo

from heat. If dividing into the

each boiling. The syrup add

little more of a honey flavor.

Australia To Form

War Minister F. M. Forde

innounced that Australia will

cruit a volunteer corps of gue

He said the Government plant

to enlarge all volunteer forces it

instruct civilians in best ways

aid the army if invasion come

while defence activities outs

the Militia are to be directed

district commanders.

death penalty under int

law, at the invaders' discr

The Government ordere

bombers struck at Port Mo

It was announced that arm

tories will be scattered amon

land communities, with

ing small items of defence

concentrated in thickly population

400 miles from the Con

plants and garage works

ment. Munitions manu

coastal areas at present.

"The oceans which or

Britain and the United Stat

Australia now olas Murray Butler.

ated the United States and Gie

ened coastal areas as Japan

the jurisdiction of the Army a

ediately. Regular officers

illas to aid the army in case

Corps of Guerilla

boilings, add one table

inutes before r

gether. I divide it into three po

with paraffin.

boiling of marmalade makes its

Pour into containers and cover

and pulp measure

After this boiling return it to t

slower such as coal, boil from

FINE CUT!

the better. The end of the war will be in sight when 11,000,000 people are saying about how tough Not now. Used to it." -Calgary Albertan WE CARE ENOUGH"

Byrne Hope Saunders, to women of Western on the price ceiling law,
of Canada a motto for
. Women, she said, can
ceatable, "If we care

IR DEBT TO RUSSIA

us, we would not be argu-bout the petty things which arn us in Canada today. -Vancouver News-Herale TOO MUCH ROPE imo sends word from the orn tip of Alaska that he's

of a six-month night was -Windsor Star

RELESS" COOKER

-Chatham News APS ACT AS ONE it; 80,000,000 Japs and hate and act as one 130,000,000 people who together.

ADACHE TABLETS may be something in the that the 'modern incomewas devised by the makache tablets. -Ottawa Citizen

African Sheep p British Sailors

district commanders.

Forde cautioned against making a distinction between regularmed forces and guerilla trop or "people's armies." In Austral all armed forces must be regard as people's armies, he said. (Cibians who take up arms agains enemy invaders are subject to be death penalty under internstitations. ment. Fine gloves e makers.

> rmy is getting from them ample size for protecting sayonet practice and they distributing quantities of stributing quantities of ves to the forces gen-

on River is navigable steamers for 2,300

VOICE PRESS

SIX WORDS An unnamed young soldier out Hawaii has a message for you. He didn't know he had a mes-

touring the new defences of Hawaii found him in a secluded augout, where he was aleeping on the hard ground. Asked if that wann't pretty tough, the young soldier grinned, spat, and delivated his message: "Was. Not now. Used to it."

The scorer was set in the second of the new delivation of the second of the new delivation of the new defences of the new def

The sooner we get into that rame of mind about how tough t is to undergo the thousand

ined for this country at war?
lies the whole spirit that we have to win. Canada has thing for victory, either in peace. Nothing on earth peace. Nothing on earth best us, "If we care enough."
far, there have been too evidences that we do not enough, do not care enough to do not care enough to acoust on the care enough to give.

The peace. Nothing on earth best peace and the care enough."

The peace. Nothing on earth peace and peace and peace and peace and peace.

The peace. Nothing on earth peace and peace and peace and peace and peace.

The peace. Nothing on earth peace and pe we care enough," we can rward without one worry for future. If we do not, the is lost right now.

-Windsor Star

debt to the Soviet is a edfold heavier than is the debt to us. For all we need is contemplate what would happened to us had Stalin happened to us had Stalin in to go along with the Axis so many writers predicted he do just a year ago.

have our hands full as it is, Hitler and Japan—even when lion Russian lives have been fleed to help hold our lines. Those lives been sacrificed to us, we would not be argu-

Stain's speech to Soviet Russia's 200,000,000 people in the twenty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Red Army of Russia. He said "statements appear from time to time in the foreign press to the effect that the Red Army aims at the destruction of the German people. This is a wic-German people. This is a wicked, foolish libel. It is probable that this war will bring about the

into Nome in the spring divorce. We always thought ance of a husband to stay ch of an opportunity to last

FORGET THE GUN!

ed biologist thinks the eat the Jap. Particularly has a gun trained on the while saying, "This one -Chicago News

linois bachelor married That's reducing the ince to a minimum. Anpaper paragrapher rethat he got a fireless

-Detroit Free Press

of South African e helping to save the lives wrecked British sailors. skin gloves, large and re now included in a lifem each sheepskin and ties are being turned

are also prdoucing a great of other types of gloves, for the Royal Air Force, nention leather flying hel-the rate of a thousand a

THE WAR - WEEK - Commentary on Current Events National Unity Strengthened

By Changes In British Cabinet A wave of criticism has been alowly gathering force against Prime Minister Churchill's government as the British lost hold in Singapore, as the Imperials fell back in Libya, as the German ships of war escaped through the Strait of Dover. The nation was demanding explanation, insisting demanding explanation, insisting in changes in the cabinet in order

to strengthen Britain's war effort.
Public opinion in Great Britain
is a mighty force, and Mr. Church. ill is a strong-minded man. Such, however, is the potency of British democracy that he bowed to the demands of an aroused people by making changes essential to the strengthening of his government. The shake-up was a thorough one and the present small group of cabinet members will now be able devote all their energies to the

conducting of the war. Closer Ties With Russia Sir Stafford Cripps, former Ambassador to Russia, was appointed leader of the House of Commons. His entry into the cabinet appeared to be a response to growing demands that his views eabinet appeared to be a response to growing demands that his views en closer relation with Russia be given more authority. Sir Staf-ford knows Russia, her strength and her trends. Isn't Russia the only nation that has conducted a brilliant war aganist Hitler, and the only nation that has carried out a grand strategy? General

and only nation that has carried out a grand strategy? General MacArthur, in a greeting to the Red Army, said: "In my lifetime I have participated in a number of wars and have witnessed others, well as adulting in great detail. Task of British Task of British

The task of total war was too great for British preparedness.
Britain was called upon to protect her island home, to safeguard the Mediterranean shores of Africa, to build up an army in the Middle East, to arm her forces in the Far East, to furnish war materials to Russia and China. as well as studying in great detail the campaigns of outstanding leaders of the past. In none have I observed such effective re-sistance to the heaviest blows of a hitherto undefeated enemy followed by a smashing counter-at-tack. The scale and grandeur of ials to Russia and China. this effort marks it as the grea

It was not so much a matter of faulty strategy on Britain's part but a case of sheer physical incapacity that caused initial reverses. The British Empire was not souipped for was and account. verses. The British Empire was not equipped for war and no government, whether headed by Churchill or any other man, could have hoped to achieve victorles with the materials on hand.

In the reconstruction of his cabinet, Mr. Churchill retained the post of Minister of Defence but, to free himself of routine duties, appointed Mr. Clement R. Attlee to the new position of

Attlee to the new position of Deputy Prime Minister.

The changes made by Mr. Churchill should meet with the Churchill should meet with the widest approval. There is a feeling of great relief that the Prime Minister has by his prompt acminister has by his prompt ac-tion eased the growing tension in Parliament. Renewed confidence will now be felt in the cabinet and the national unity will be strengthened for whatever lies

end of Hitler's clique. We would

est military achievement in all history."

Task of Red Army

Task of Red Army
The courage and endurance of
the Russians must be backed up
with the machinery of war, and
Britain and the United States

must supply all that is necessary to enable the Russians to sustain their offensive against the invaders and to drive them from their land. The task of the Red Army is clearly stated in Premier

Army is clearly stated in Premier

Stalin's speech to Soviet Russia's



It is important to understand that responsibility for the unsatisfactory conduct of the war does not fall on any one man, but on a system that made early defeats inevitable. inevitable.

Before this war, the British

would be ridiculous to identify

would be ridiculous to identify
Hitler's clique with the German
people and the German state.
History teaches that Hitlers come
and go, but the German people
and the German state remain...
The task of the Red Army consists
of liberating from the German
invaders our Soviet land, in liberating from the whip of the Ger-

ating from the whip of the Ger-

man invaders the citizens of our

Responsibility For Defeats

villages and towns."

Empire was a loose association of nations and colonies, relying on the mother country for protection. None maintained an adequate fighting force, not even Britain herself. Britain did, however, have a powerful navy which Britain herself. Britain did, how-ever, have a powerful navy which was considered sufficient to pro-tect her possessions and com-merce in all parts of the world. Reliance was also placed in the French fleet, particularly for con-trol of the Mediterranean. Bri-tain depended on the French tain depended on the French armies—they failed. She de-pended on American naval super-iority in the Pacific—that failed.

those other parts of an Empire at war.

It was a formal conference, with formality natural to men bearing responsibility. There was nothing of the atmosphere of class-room or lecture-hall, though, for this was a conference of equals recognizing that each had his own duty to perform, and that each was dependent upon the other.

On the one hand were highly trained, keenly specialized Canadian naval officers, with all the experience and knowledge of the Navy behind them. And all the knowledge, too, of the hazards into which the conferees were going, and which they were to share.

On the other hand were the captains of the merchant ships. Each, in his own ship supreme. Each, after years of command, grown used to independent action and to making his own decisions. And each, at the dictates of war, abandoning his prized independence for the extra strength and the extra safety which come with the sending of ships to sea in closely guarded convoys.

They were veterans of the Atlantic Battle at the conference

They were veterans of the Atlantic Battle at the conference. Presiding was a "convoy commodore," the man who was to direct the fleet from the bridge of one of the merchant ships. Already,

the fleet from the bridge of one of the merchant ships. Already, this war, he has many crossings behind him, and a reputation for "getting the ships through."

"Getting them through," he said bluntly, was the only thing which mattered to him.

"I don't intend to leave any-body behind, we all will get across together," he declared. "We don't want any stragglers, and we don't want anybody losing the don't want anybody losing the convoy at night. If you are hav-

ing any trouble, let me know, and we'll do something about it." Calmly and confidently he outa copy of the convoy orders, and a chart showing the cruising dis-positions of the ships. Orders and charts were given close attention as the commodore went over them

point by point This to be done if a ship was damaged; that if the enemy attacked. Precautions to be taken against making too much smoke, which would give away the convoy position in daytime; or against howing lights, the flare of a careless match or the glare of an improperly shielded lamp, which would draw danger at night. Smaller points, too, which these men of experience recognize as being important. The need for dumping rubbish overboard only at certain dark hours, so that no trail may be left on the sea's sur face to guide the submarines which strike from below. Care that no slick of oil be left to provide yet another trail.

Carefully the captains noted each point as it was made. They each point as it was made. They wear no uniforms, and do not claim to be fighting men, but they are men wise in the ways of sea warfare and know the tricks of circumventing the enemy as well as the art of fighting him if he appears. To them this study of convoy orders was not an empty gesture, staled through repetition, but a meeting of their board of

WINTER CONVOY By Lieut. E. H. Bartlett, R.C.N.V.R.

of naval warfare was out to sea.
Sitting with them were uni-"If any enemy submarine is sighted, the sighting ship must open fire immediately," a quietly-spoken officer was saying.
"If you are not sure whether-he's an enemy, open fire anyway," he continued. Then, grimly, "we must not waste opportunities."

There were appreciative node. Sitting with them were uniformed officers of the fighting service, captains of Canadian accort ships which were to throw their shield around the merchant fleet. They, too, studied their orders in intent silence, completing their plans so that the protection they could give would be of the greatest.

must not waste opportunities."

There were appreciative nods from his audience. They were captains all, masters of ships bound for the war areas. Not captains of ships built for war, but men whose peacetime cargo carriers have been armed with guns against both submarines and aircraft, so that they will have some means of defence and so that "opportunities will not be wasted."

They were sitting in what the war has made familiar as a "convoy conference," getting their final instructions before their fleet sailed from a Canadian port, outward bound with food and supplies and vital necessities for those other parts of an Empire at war. the greatest.

The conference drew to a close. The commodore had given his last verbal orders, his next would be by signal from the bridge of the merchant ship in which he would lead the fleet. There remained

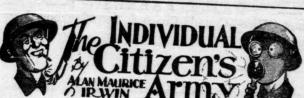
only his good wishes.

"A good and safe passage to you all," he said, "and the best of good luck. I hope we meet safely on the other side." The wishes were echoed by the Naval Control Service Officer and by the Naval Officer in charge of the port where the fleet had assembled. Not effusive wishes, by any means, just a quiet but extremely sincere "safe and pleasant voyage."

There is no room for demon-strativeness in a convoy confer-ence, and the men who take their nart in part in it are not looking for kind words. More satisfying to these merchant ship captains was the knowledge that the naval auth-orities had bent their every effor; to making their voyage "safe and pleasant." That they had watched over the arrival of their ships in Canadian waters, had cleared the way for them through the intricactes of unloading and loading, refuelling and taking supplies on board, arranged for minor repairs and been on hand to straighten away the difficulties and delays which beset a ship in port. And, in all this, had done their job under the cloak of secrecy with which they cover ship movements as one of the most important factors for safety. tors for safety. The conference broke up, and

there was a general mingling of all those who had taken part. A senior naval officer (four ringe of gold on his sleeve told of his captain's rank, and rows of col-oured ribbons on his coat told of the service he had already given his country) was host, for the conference had been held in the ward room of his base. For that ward room of his base. For that matter, he had been host to the captains for the time they had been in port, throwing the ward room open to them as a club, where they could relax in their short hours off duty. Business, for the moment, was over. The men who had met, on equal footing, as conferces at a board of strategy now were meeting as mutually appreciative friends.

easy friendship for the bond be-tween them, these captains in lounge suits and their brothers in uniform, has been forged strongly during the months they have been fighting — and winning fighting — and winning — the Battle of the Atlantic together.



Funny how on thing leads to another, isn't it? Last week's column ended with a reference to

the pronunciation of the word, "Lieutenant." "Lieutenant."

Two correspondents and a large volume of the Oxford Dictionar; supplied information on the origin of British mispronunciation of an Anglicized French word. As the two correspondents (could they be two correspondents (could they be the sum total of this column's readers?) also made some entirely irrelevant comments upon the writer's mentality we'll pass them

by and concentrate on the dictionary's explanation. Apparently both pronunciations are correct. The dictionary points out that the derivation is from the Latin "locum tenens" which became in French, "lieu"—in place of, "tenant"—to hold. In the 14th and 15th centuries English scriveners wrote the word vari-

ant and the latter spelling later degenerated into "luv" or "luf" tenant. Hence the British pronunciation-"leftenant." Yes, I know the pronunciatio doesn't match the spelling. But just think for a minute-how do you pronounce "plough," "cough,"

or "through," for example? The foregoing isn't as irrelevant as it might seem for the subject of today's essay is—officers. Officers all the way from Lance-Corporal to Field Marshal. You didn't know Lance-Corporals were officers? Sure they are —and very important ones, too!
To be meticulous, he is a Non-Commissioned officer, one of the three types of officers to be found in the individual citizen's army.

Another type is the officer who holds His Majesty's commission ranging in rank from Second Lieutenant to Field Marshal. There are more Lieutenants than

Field Marshals! And there are more Lance-Corporals than Lieutenants. To get the record straight here is the infantry list. Lance-Cororal, Corporal, Sergeant, Company Quartermaster Sergeant, all these are Non-Commissioned Officers. Next comes, Company Sergeant Major, Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant, Regimental Sergeant-Major; these are warrant officers. Commissioned officers are, Second

Major, Lieutenant, Captain, onel, Brigadier, Major-General, Lieutenant Con-Lieutenant-General, General and

And don't ask me why a Lieutenant-General is senior to a Major-General when a Lieutenant is junior to a Major!

Where does the Canadian Army get its officers? The answer is, from the ranks. Every candidate for a commission today, except in a few cases where civilian technical qualifications are the decid-ing factor in the appointment, is dressing in khaki serge at the time his name is considered.

He may reach commissioned rank in one of two ways. I almost said one is the hard way. are hard from the point of view of the outsider but quite possible has the necessary quality of leadership, educational qualifications.

Many an officer has worked his way up through the non-commissioned and warrant ranks. Others, and they are more numerous when there is a war on, have been selected as privates to go to the Officers' Training Centre for a

strenuous course. In each case the r tion is made by the mar's commanding officer who submits the name to the District Officer Commanding. If the latter concurs, the name is placed upon the eligible list and in due course, as vacancies occur at the training centre, the embryo officer goes up for training.

Appointments to the rank of Lance-Corporal and promotions to higher non-commissioned ranks are made by regimental commanders upon the tion of company or other officers. Warrant officers, with the exception of Regimental and Staff Sergeants-Major whose warrants are issued by the Minister of Na-

tional Defence, are promoted in the same way. Of one thing you may be certain—the man who leads your boy into action, or your boy, when he leads others into action, will be well-trained and thoroughly competent to undertake his heavy

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"You dance heavenly, Mr. Bolt!"

