

RECREATION IN ITALIAN PRISON CAMPS.

The most monotonous life a man can lead is that of a war prison camp in Italy. Nothing to do, no place to go, day in and day out. Were it not for our own organized entertainment and educational programs one would go mad with boredom.

As a general rule each prison camp in Italy has their own entertainment and educational committees, the members being chosen from among the inmates by the men themselves. These committees provide the prisoners with a very good variety of activity. The theatrical society would produce a play and a variety show each week. The type of play would vary from week to week so as to satisfy the different tastes. One week they had the Merchant of Venice, the next The Man Who came To Dinner. The variety shows were held every Saturday night. They were composed of short skits, with the orchestra rendering popular music between the different numbers. We had a swing band, a symphony and an accordian band. These instruments were bought by the men through the camp commandant, each man of the camp contributing toward them.

The Sports committee organized leagues for softball, cricket, volleyball, and basketball. All this equipment was supplied by the Red Cross.

The Educational facilities were remarkable considering the circumstances. Instructors were obtained from among the men for practically any subject one desired to study. Timetables were made out, classes lasted one hour, and were held in different rooms. These courses were prepared by the instructors themselves.

(Written by one who was a prisoner of war for some time.)

Who was the P/S that had no more to do than put Red on charge for having his hands behind his back ?

I hear the boys in the Equipment Section were collecting money for Sgt. Cooper. What for boys ?

If Cpl. Boethby could run a lot of lads would be in detention by now.

What Sgt. in the Airmens Mess has his boots shined now and is always clean shaven since S.O. Mitchell arrived ? Why ?

Who is the Sgt. who always enquires who is on duty at the gate ?

Why is Stockie spending his 48's in Belleville now ?

(Editorial cont.)

take pot luck, leave it all to chance.

The answer lies with ourselves, you, and you, and myself. It is we of the younger generation who are the potential backbone of this country. It is up to us to plan the course, carefully, considerately, and intelligently. We must Think, Work, and Act - constructively, And as we do these things, and do them well, we will automatically make this land of ours into a working, stirring, striving democracy. One which, self confident in its inner strength, can refute all "Isms" with equanimity. A true source of pride to ourselves, and a monumental symbol to the entire universe.

The Torch is ours - let us use it well.

An Airman.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE MONTH

- Feb. 5th. Eaton Masquers, the finest show in the East, with thirty five performers (mostly girls). This is considered to be one of the largest troops, they even have their own electrician. The first five rows in the auditorium are reserved for the lady friends of personel, (including wives.)
- Feb. 11th. A Valentine Dance with the Jive Bombers from 6 R.D. and the usual load of hostesses.
- Feb. 26th. Victory Parade, another enjoyable evening of entertainment.

Keep these dates in mind and plan to be there.

MOVIES FOR FEBRUARY

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| Action in the North Atlantic | Feb. 14th. |
| Princess O'Rourke | Feb. 21st. |
| Night to Remember | Feb. 20th. |
| Mission to Moscow | Feb. 28th. |
| Sahara | Feb. 23rd. |

Who is the model Corporal in the Accounts who was put off the train last week in Belleville ?