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From the "Mighty
Fraser" to Cultus Lake

by G. M. Whitcomb

From the fourteenth of May, until
the sixth of September, six members
of our university were on training
at R. C. S. M. E., Chilliwack, B. C.
in preparing themselves for their
place in the Canadian Army as En-
gineer Officers.

At the camp, practically all phases
of Military Engineering were cov-
ered, and much valuable information
was gained which will help us both
at university, and in our life's work,
whether it be military or civilian.

While at the camp, we were visited
by quite a number of Canada's "Brass
Fiats". They all expressed a keen
interest in the methods being used
to train us for the Corps, and also
took the opportunity of collecting
ideas of value which they thought
would be of use to them in training
their own men.

For four weeks around the last of
May, and beginning of June, we were
confined to camp, and on call at all
time for work in connection with the
Fraser River flood. During that time
our regular training went on the rocks
and all interest at the camp was cen-
tered on the flood. Nevertheless,
they say a change is as good as a
rest (I don't believe that now), and
the COTC pitched in with the rest
of the army and did their part in
holding back the "Mighty Fraser".
The flood was very serious to Brit-
ish Columbia - - the worst in about
half a century, and there was a feel-
ing of obligation to the B. C. people
to do as much as possible for them.
It was no easy job, and many hours
were put in by the army in sand-
bagging, watching dykes, evacuating
people and their belongings, herding
cattle from near breaks in the dykes,
and various other seemingly insignifi-
cant duties, which beyond doubt
were major factors in saving lives
and country.

But the river eventually gave up
its battle, and we had to go back to
our training. For the remainder of
the summer, courses were given in
particular engineering subjects such
as surveying, roads and airfields,
concrete, mines and booby-traps,
bridging and others with which an
Engineer Officer must be familiar.

It wasn't all work though, for at
four thirty we were our own bosses,
provided there wasn't some nice night
scheme, examination, or extra lec-
ture that just couldn't be fitted in
during the day. Just the same we
got most of the night off, and in the
early evening a stream of happy "Civ-
ilians" could be seen on the road
heading for Chilliwack or Cultus
Lake, a notable British Columbia
summer resort only a couple of miles
from the camp.

Not only was Cultus Lake popular,
but every Saturday afternoon the
highway would be dotted with fel-
lows heading into Vancouver for the
week-end. It became quite a popu-
lar place and after one or two week-
ends there, there was no keeping a
person in camp once one o'clock
Saturday rolled around. Some of the
boys went farther than Vancouver,
and trips were made to Victoria, Se-
attle, and the Grand Coulee Dam.

In all, it was a good and profit-
able summer. I am convinced now
that the COTC is a great outfit to
get into. It assured fellows of good
and lasting summer employment
while at college, and a commission
in either the Reserve or Active Army
upon graduation provided they make
good.



Contrary to its appearance this is not a cut from Brunswickan files of
the 19th century. This is the "bridge" over which a considerable num-
ber of students pass each day. Beyond the bridge are the railway
tracks which are often blocked by trains. The moral should be clear.

The Fat Man

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The intruder blew out a cloud of perfumed smoke. "How long
have you been in business?"

"What is this a racket?"

"No, no, not at all. As I said, merely a warning."

The inter-office communicator buzzed and the fat man pressed a
button. "No, it's all right. I'll be through in a minute. No calls."

"About twenty-five years," he said, in answer to the question.

"Good. Twenty six and eight months, to be exact." The fat
man raised his eyebrows at the other's detailed knowledge. "Well?"

"Will you sell out now or will you fight?"

"What the devil are you talking about?" He leaned back watch-
fully in his chair, his eyes narrow again.

"I told you I came to give you fair warning. I am going to put
you out of business . . ."

The fat man snorted laughter. Then he rose to his feet, the set of
his body purposeful. "I have had enough of this tom-foolery. Get out!"

The slight man smiled, his blue eyes cold and watchful. The heavy
set man at the door tensed. "Have you ever heard of Orton's? Here's
my card."

The fat man's stand changed slightly. He glanced at the card and
the man seated so casually on his desk. His lips tightened and creases
showed around his mouth. "Yes, I have heard of Orton's."

The intruder laughed lightly, but his eyes seemed to bore right
through the fat man. "You should. We stopped your expansion west,
and you turned your attention to the other Maritime Provinces. You
did pretty well, almost as well as we expected, and now you have them
pretty well in your grip. There is very little that goes on in this section
of the east that you don't have at least one finger in." He leaned back,
his eyes still on the fat man who was now seated in his swivel chair,
and whose fingers were drumming on the arm of it. "You see, we had
our own grip on the west, and were consolidating it. We could not afford
interference at that time. Besides, you were pretty well marked as our
next - er - subsidiary. We blocked you in our own territory and let you
expand down here so we could take you over later on. Will you sell out
now or fight?"

The fat man stopped drumming. "You can't bluff me. Do you think
I am going to give up twenty-five years of work like that? You are crazy!
Fight? Of course I'll fight!"

"Uh-huh. Naturally. We had you figured for that too. It is a pity,
though, for my advisers had you appraised as a capable man, one who
would be exceedingly valuable in our organization." He grimaced, his
first change of facial expression of the interview. "Now I suppose you
will be made a nervous wreck with the worry of being driven out of

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