THE HISTORY OF THE MALCOLM CLUB R.A.F.

During the North African Campaign, the need for recreational facilities for other ranks of the Royal Air Force, was evident. Lady Tedder, who was working there at this time, saw that a club would fill this need, and with the aid of a French Civilian, opened the first club in Algiers in June 1943. Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder GCB, — then Commander in Chief Middle East Air Forces, was elected President.

When choosing a name for this and further clubs, it was decided to call them after the first RAF. VC of the campaign — Wing Commander Hugh Malcolm VC — who lost his life leading his Squadron of Bisleys on a suicide misison from which non of them returned.

The first club was a great success, so further clubs were started as the front advanced. Inside a year Malcolm Clubs were opened in Tunis, Rabbat Sall, Foggia, Bari, San Severo, Vasto and Naples.

During the bridgehead period of the 2nd Front, a Malcolm Club was opened in Normandy.

Now another is in Brussels, with two hostels to accomodate 350 leave personnel.

Eindhoven is the latest addition and it is hoped in the near future to open further clubs wherever they may be required. The Malcolm Clubs are open to NCOs and airmen of the R.A.F. — Air Formations, Signals and Allied Airmen.

They aim to provide a homely atmosphere, a good meal, club, facilities and entertainments whenever possible.

Each Club is self supporting and in the words of your President :

« This club is yours... so keep it going. »

Malcolm Club

Guide OF BRUSSELS

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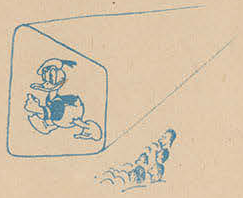

Cinemas

ENSA (Free).

ELDORADO (1),
place de Brouckère.

SCALA, next door Eldorado.

IN TOWN

CINEVOX, rue Neuve.
COLISEUM, rue Neuve.
CROSLY, rue Neuve.
LUTETIA, rue Neuve.
METROPOLE, rue Neuve.
NORMANDIE, rue Neuve.
PALLADIUM, rue Neuve.
ROXY, rue Neuve.
TRIANON, rue Neuve.
AMERICAN, rue du Pont-Neuf.
CHURCHILL, boulevard Ad. Max.
CINEAC-NORD, boulevard Ad. Max.
MARIVAUX, boulevard Ad. Max.
CAMEO, rue Fosé-aux-Loups.
PATHE-PALACE, boulevard Anspach.
AMBASSADOR, rue Auguste Orts.
STUART, rue des Bouchers.
GALERIES, Galeries Saint-Hubert.
ARENBERG, rue d'Arenberg.
BEAUX-ARTS (5), rue Ravenstein.
A. B. C., chaussée d'Ixelles (Porte de Namur).
LE ROY, chaussée de Wavre (Porte de Namur).
QUEENS-HALL, Porte de Namur.
ACROPOLE, avenue de la Toison d'Or.
CAPITOLE, avenue de la Toison d'Or.
SELECT AVENUE, avenue de la Toison d'Or.
VOG, avenue Louise.

Music-Halls

ENSA (Free).

VARIETY THEATRE (2), rue de Malines.

IN TOWN

A. B. C. (3), place de l'Yser.
ALHAMBRA, boul. E.n. Jacqmain.
VIEUX-BRUXELLES, boulevard du Jardin Botanique.
ANCIENNE BELGIQUE, rue des Pierres.
MON VILLAGE, r. des Poissonniers.

Concerts

CONSERVATOIRE (4), rue de la Régence.
BEAUX-ARTS (5), rue Ravenstein.

Theatres

ENSA (Free).
GARRISON THEATRE, rue du Marais

IN TOWN

MONNAIE-OPERA (7), place de la Monnaie.
GAITE, rue Fossé-aux-Loups.
GALERIES, Galeries Saint-Hubert.
MOLIERE, rue du Bastion.

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Dancing

PALAIS DE LA DANCE (8),
Montagne-aux-Herbes-Potagères (St-Sauveur).
PALAIS BAUDUIN, ch. d'Anvers.
PANTHEON, rue de la Montagne.
LA FREGATE, rue Neuve.
CAVEAU, boulevard Ad. Max.
PALACE DANCING,
rue Van Ysendyck (Schaerb.).

Baths - Swimming

Swimming Pools and Baths.

SAINT-SAUVEUR (8),
Montagne-aux-Herbes-Potagères.

BAIN ROYAL, rue du Moniteur.

BAIN St-GILLES, rue de la Perche.

BAIN St-JOSSE, rue Saint-François.

Baths only.

BAIN DU CENTRE,
boulevard Anspach.

Sports

Football

RACING CLUB, Vivier-d'Oie.
DARING CLUB,
rue Ch. Malis (Molenbeek).
WHITE STAR, rue Kelle (Woluwe).
LEOPOLD CLUB, Sukkelweg (Uccle)
ANDERLECHT, Parc Communal (Anderl.).
FORESTOISE, place Saint-Denis (Forest).

Hockey

LA RASANTE,
rue Sombre (Woluwe).
LEOPOLD CLUB,
Sukkelweg (Uccle).
DARING, rue Ch. Malis.
OREE, drève des Brûlés.
RACING CLUB, Vivier-d'Oie.
OLYMPIC, chaus. de Louvain.

Horse-Races

BOITSFORT.

STOCKEL.

DILBEEK.

Special trams services

Boxing

PALAIS DES SPORTS (9),
avenue Louis Bertrand.

Cycle-Races

PALAIS DES SPORTS (9),
avenue Louis Bertrand.

Greyhound-Races

PALAIS DU LEVRIER, rue de l'Evêque.
ACROPOLE, quai au Foin.

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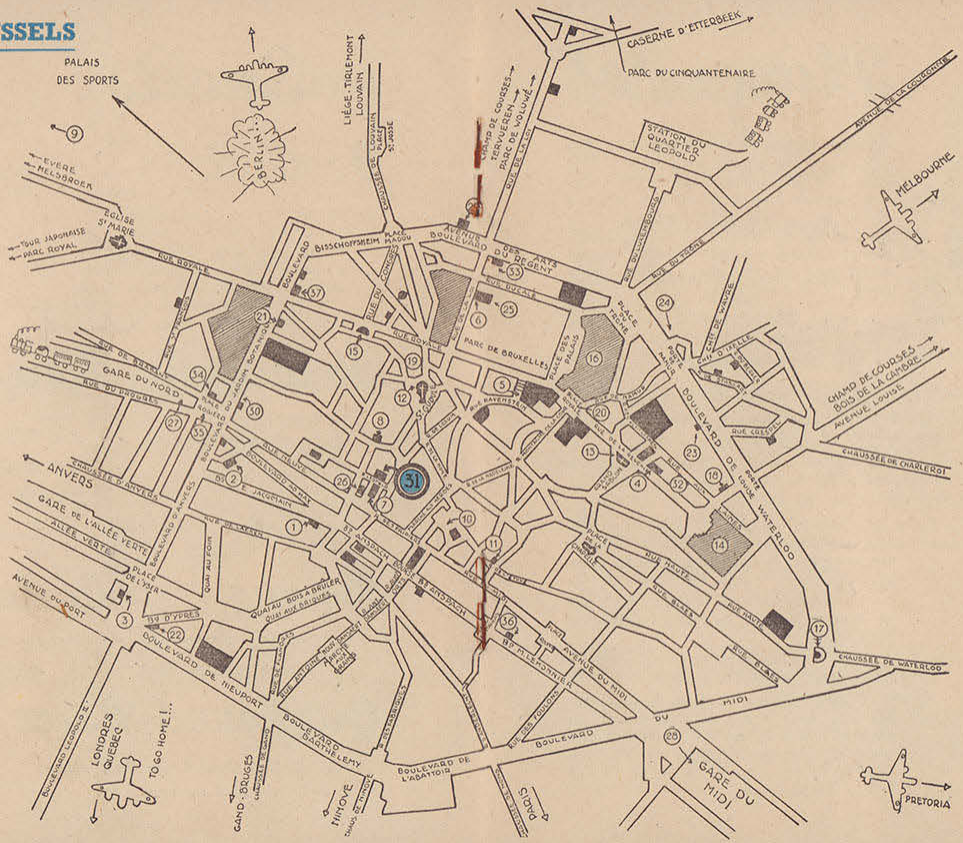
MAP OF BRUSSELS

1. Eldorado : Place de Brouckère.
2. Variety : Rue de Malines.
3. A.B.C. : Place de l'Yser.
4. Conservatoire : Rue de la Régence.
5. Beaux-Arts : Rue Ravenstein.
6. Théâtre du Parc : Rue de la Loi.
7. Monnaie : Place de la Monnaie.
8. Saint-Sauveur : Monagne-H.-Potag.
9. Palais des Sports : Av. Louis Bertrand.
10. Grand'Place :
11. Mannikin-Pis : Rue de l'Etuve.
12. Sainte-Gudule.
13. Eglise du Sablon..
14. Palais de Justice : Place Poelaert.
15. Colonne du Congrès. Rue Royale.
16. Palais du Roi.
17. Porte de Hal.
18. Mon. Anglo-Belge :
19. Westminster Bank : Rue du Treurenberg.
20. Lloyd Bank :
21. Café Blighty.



22. Salvation Army : Boulev. d'Anvers.
23. Toc H : Boul. de Waterloo.
24. Methodist : Rue Champ-de-Mars.
25. Vaux-Hall Gardens : Behind Th. du Parc.
26. Belgian Red Cross : Rue des Princes.
27. Belgian Red Cross : Gare du Nord.
28. Belgian Red Cross : Gare du Midi.
29. Hôtel Gallia : Avenue des Arts. (R.A.F. only.)
30. Church Army : Place Rogier.
31. Malcolm Club : Rue Léopold.
32. EFI Montgomery Cl. : Rue Royale.
33. Auxiliary Services Canada Club : 32, Boul. du Régent.
34. Albert I Y.M.C.A.
35. Maples Leaf : Place Rogier.
36. S S.A.F.A. . 22, Bd M. Lemonnier.
37. Welfare Services : 45, Bd Bischoffsheim (corner Bd Botanique).

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Places of interest

GRAND PLACE (10). If you like fine buildings, you should visit the GRAND PLACE, a fine gothic town hall surrounded by old buildings of the different guilds (some of which date back to the XI and XII century). You can recapture the charm of olden days. If you go early, you will find there a fine flower market in full swing.

MANNIKIN-PIS (11). Not far from the GRAND PLACE, as you will see from the map, is the little fountain of MANNIKIN-PIS. You should see this little chap, he is Brussels oldest citizen, here is the story :

To the young Duc « GODEFROID III DE BRABANT », two of his vassals declared war. The guardiens of the Duc, demanded help from the soldiers of the « COMTE DE FLANDRE ».

To assure the victory, the soldiers asked to have the presence of the young DUC on the battlefield, so his cradle was hung from the branches of an oak tree facing the enemy.

During the battle, the young DUC got up often to satisfy a certain desire, also the soldiers noticed his constant look of disdain towards the enemy, this gave the soldiers great encouragement to the victorious assault.

A monument was erected, and half of the cradle can be seen behind the MANNIKIN.

His popularity is universal, and he has a vast wardrobe.

Every Belgian Regiment has presented him, with a suit of clothes, and on national holidays, he is dressed up and wine or beer pours from the fountain. The wardrobe can be seen at KING's HALL, Grand Place.

EGLISE SAINTE-GUDULE (12). If you want to see a fine church, go to see Ste-Gudule, which dates back to the XIII century, and possesses amongst other features, some remarkable stained glass windows.

EGLISE DU SABLON (13). This church is also very beautiful ; across the road the « SQUARE DU SABLON » is charmingly conceived. Around the whole Square, is a lovely wrought iron balustrade, surmounted by 48 small statues representing the corporations of Brussels.

PALAIS DE JUSTICE (14). The vast Palais de Justice was built comparatively recently in the XIX century. Though a fine building, the chief claim to fame is that the Germans (who had it as a depot for their secret files) set fire to it the day they left Brussels, and the great dome crashed through the building.

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You should also see :

COLONNE DU CONGRES (15). Surmounted by the statue of LEOPOLD I, first King of independant Belgium. An interesting birds-eye view of the city can be seen from the top. At the foot is the tomb of the « UNKNOW-WARRIOR ».

PALAIS DU ROI (16). Opposite the Grand Park, is of very imposing architecture.

PORTE DE HAL (17). A city gate which dated from 1381, is now a Museum of old arms.

ANGLO-BELGIAN MEMORIAL (18). Erected in comemoration of the last war.

P.-S. — Note the number of anything that interest you, and locate it on the map.

Churches

Church of England, rue Crespel.
Church of Scotland, rue Buckholtz.
Methodist, rue du Champ-de-Mars.
Roman Catholic, rue Washington.
Salvation Army, rue Duquesnoy.
Christian Science (19), place du Châtelain.
Hebrew, rue de la Régence.

Exchange

WESTMINSTER FOREIGN BANK LIMITED (18), rue du Treurenberg.
LLOYD & NATIONAL PROVINCIAL FOREIGN BANK LIMITED (19), place Royale.

Lost property

On public road, inquire at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION, rue du Marché-aux-Charbons.
On tramways, at the Head-Office, avenue de la Toison d'Or.

Clubs and Canteens

A. E. F. (Allied Expeditionary Club for other ranks-Enlisted Personnel of the Allied Nations) HOTEL METROPOLE (1).
EFI (Café Blighty) (21), boulevard du Jardin Botanique.
SALVATION ARMY (22), boulevard d'Ypres.
TOC H (23), boulevard de Waterloo.
METHODIST (24), rue du Champ-de-Mars.
VAUX-HALL (25), near Théâtre du Parc.
BELGIAN RED CROSS (26), for allied soldiers, rue des Princes.
BELGIAN RED CROSS (27), gare du Nord.
BELGIAN RED CROSS (28), gare du Midi.
HOTEL GALLIA (29) R.A.F. only, avenue des Arts.
CHURCH ARMY (30), place Rogier.
MALCOLM CLUB (31), R.A.F. only, rue Léopold.
EFI-MONTGOMERY CLUB (32), rue Royale.
AUXILIARY SERVICES CANADA CLUB (33), boulevard du Régent.
ALBERT I.Y.M.C.A. (34), place Rogier.
MAPLE LEAF (35), place Rogier.
VAUX-HALL GARDENS (25), NAAFI/EFI W/O'S & Sgts CLUB.

ARMY WELFARE CENTRE - UNITED WELFARE SERVICES (37), 45, Boulevard Bischoffsheim (corner Boulevard Botanique).

SSAFA (Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Ass.) (36), 22, Boulevard Maurice Lemonnier.

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