

All Canada Honours the Army

They are well-trained, tough fighting men, these Canadian soldiers, who are the guests of honour during Army Week, June 28 to July 5.

The Navy and the Air Force have had their full share of gallant exploits. The Army so far has had to be content to do a drab job without glamour or spotlight. Its turn will come. Each arm of the service will have its share in the glory and the decisive battles in this war must be fought on the land.

Army Week will take the men on island posts away up north near Prince Rupert or at the batteries outside of Sydney, N.S. who day and night in all sorts of weather, keep watch and vigil. No more grim or drab task could be set for men and no man could show more resolution or heroism or determination.

All across Canada, in training centres, in units, these men are fitting themselves for the task that must come. Nothing could be more worthy than that the citizens of Canada should pay their respects and do honour to the officers and men and the women, too, of the Canadian Army.

Everyone's Helping

Canadians everywhere have shown tremendous enthusiasm in this undertaking. Service clubs and all types of Canadian organizations and private citizens are planning for a great week for the army, entertaining boys in their homes, at the clubs and in club meetings, visiting camps and bringing to the soldiers assurance that Canada is back of them in Canada and while these men in Canada are being honoured the men at the outposts in Jamaica and Newfoundland and Labrador and the sons of Canada, over 140,000 strong, who represent this country in England will not be forgotten.

The endurance, the fortitude, the industry and courage of these soldiers is worthy of every act of interest and solicitude which can be shown. Canada is proud of them. Generally, when training is talked about, one thinks of rifles and Bren guns and Tommy guns and trench mortars and anti-tank rifles and gas masks and Universal carriers and map reading and field work and musketry and all these physical things that have to be learned by a Canadian soldier.

There has been a tremendous increase in technical proficiency in the army. There are over 40 different trades and not only do the mechanized units require tradesmen, but the armored formations call for about 35 per cent of skilled men.

He's Highly Skilled

On the technical and physical side, if he really knows his job the soldier has to be about as highly skilled as any member of the fighting forces and for all-round qualifications he doesn't take his hat off to anyone.

Under army administration right now there are 36 basic training centres and 25 advanced training centres, including those for armored corps, artillery, engineering, signalling, infantry, Army Service Corps, ordnance, medical, machine gun and small arms.

Then there are three special trade schools, one of them teaching about 40 trades, a mechanics trade school and a driving and maintenance school.

There is a Junior Leaders School and a School of Army Administration and the Canadian Battle Drill Training Centre, and that doesn't include the facilities for training officers. There are two big officers training centres, one at Brockville, Ont., and one at Gordon Head in British Columbia, with a combined present capacity of 1800 instruction and planned for expansion to 3,000, and there are the junior war staff course, the senior officers' course and the Company Commanders' course operating in Kingston.

180,000 Men Per Year

For the last few months Canada has been taking into training centres, at least 15,000 men a month, which is at the rate of 180,000 a year. In May, Canada put into training centres, counting those enlisting and those called up, no less than 19,000 men.

These men are taught more than the use of weapons. They are taught useful skills and trades and things of the mind and of the heart as well. Neatness, orderliness, pride in themselves, self-dependence, initiative, resourcefulness, the ability to make something else do if they can't get the exact thing they want.

They are taught leadership and above all they are taught responsibility to others and that each man is his brother's keeper.

They are men to be proud of, these men of the Canadian Army, and it is fitting that all Canada should honour them during Army Week.

CAMP BORDEN OPEN TO PUBLIC JULY 1st

On July 1st, 1942, Camp Borden is being opened to the public, to help celebrate Army Week.

There will be field and track events; a beauty contest to select "Miss Camp Borden 1942," and many other attractions.

It is fully expected that one of Hollywood's most famous personalities will be present on this day and it would be greatly appreciated if you will be good enough to give this great day your support.

The Camp will be open from 10 o'clock in the morning, until 9 o'clock at night, and every effort is being made to make this the greatest day in the history of Canada's largest camp.

Men slightly underweight who join the Canadian Army usually gain from seven to ten pounds within the first few months of service.

CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF AT 51



Lieut-General Kenneth Stuart at 51 years of age is chief of the general staff, Canadian Army Headquarters, Ottawa. General Stuart has recently taken temporary command of the Pacific area, where he is consolidating the vast network of defence on Canada's western coast.

LOOK OUT, ALOLF, HERE HE COMES



Symbolizing the offensive spirit of the Canadian soldier this drawing by Grant Macdonald, Toronto artist, shows an infantryman with a Sten carbine at the fighting position. The new Sten sub-machine gun, now being manufactured in Canada, can be fired from the shoulder or the hip and is well adapted for use by shock troops and paratroops.



"Cheer up, pal... things could be worse. You ain't been torpedoed yet."

A Letter From Col. the Hon. J. L. Ralston



Minister of National Defence

OTTAWA.

To the Citizens of Canada.

It has been decided to mark the period from June 28th to July 5th, 1942, as "Army Week". The purpose is to give the people of Canada an opportunity of expressing their pride in the Canadian Army and honouring the Gentleman in Battledress, the Nursing Sisters and the Members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

During Army Week, citizens will have an unusual opportunity of seeing the Army at work. Each day has been set aside for some specific purpose. Monday, June 29th, for instance, has been made "Soldier's Day" when the public will be invited to send gifts and parcels to the men overseas and when they can entertain the men at dances and other special entertainments. The next day, June 30th, is "Citizens' Day", when civilians will be asked to prepare meals on a food ration system and restaurants will serve meals identical to those served to Canadian soldiers. On Dominion Day there will be garrison parades and special military demonstrations. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th of July will equally be devoted to enabling Canadians to learn at first hand various phases of Army activities.

Army Week will wind up on Sunday, July 5th, when the public will be invited to attend church services in Army camps and barracks, and special prayers will be offered for the members of the Armed Forces. On that day, camps will be open to the public and demonstrations and displays of barracks and camps will be arranged.

As Minister of National Defence, I am intensely proud of the men and women in khaki and of the women in Nursing Service blue who are serving Canada. I am sure that my fellow Canadians feel just as I do. I extend a most cordial invitation to all of you to express this well deserved appreciation by joining in the events of Army Week.

Yours very truly,

J. L. Ralston

Three Valentine Tanks Put Thru Their Paces



Giving an impression of immense power, these Valentine tanks of the Canadian Armoured Corps are put through realistic paces at Camp Borden. In top photo a steel monster emerges suddenly through a dense smoke screen, ready, if it were the real thing, to pour a withering fire into the enemy. Bottom photo illustrates three Valentines advancing across open terrain. One tank has just fired its turret gun. In an actual tank battle, it would hardly be necessary to use smoke bombs. Large numbers of tanks create so much smoke themselves that it is often difficult to recognize friend from foe.

The 5th Canadian (Armoured) Division, now overseas, contains powerful armoured brigades and a supporting group of artillery, infantry and other arms.

The Canadian Forestry Corps has established lumber mills throughout the Scottish highlands, and in many of them is turning out more than fifteen thousand board feet of lumber per day.

At the beginning of the war Canada had a Permanent Force consisting of only 4,000 men. From this tiny foundation the vast organization that is now the Canadian Active Army was built up.