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Camp Petawawa Provides Interesting Training for Reserve Army Soldiers

by Barry Wenger

Camp Petawawa, on the banks of the Ottawa River, is a busy place this summer. Not only is there a steady flow of Reserve Army units in and out of the camp each week, but facilities have become crowded by the addition of Permanent Force units and portions of the 27th Brigade, in training for their duties in Europe this fall.

When we visited Petawawa last week as one of the representatives of the weekly press, we found that as usual there was something new to be seen. Perhaps the most interesting of these was the GOC himself. He is Major-General H. D. G. Griffin, CBE, DSO, ED, who commands 30 [illegible] the Army of Occupation, Commander, [illegible] of the Province of Ontario.

[illegible] He [illegible] Central Command [illegible] party [illegible] his [illegible] planning. His [illegible] to keep the camp [illegible] Canada's army were made evident when he devoted the entire day to escorting the press all over the rambling precincts of Camp Petawawa, and when he and his gracious lady entertained at their home the same evening.

Petawawa Is a Big Place

Petawawa itself is interesting, if for no other reason than because of its size. The environs of the camp extend almost fifteen miles in length, covering an area of 70 square miles or about 45,000 acres. Situated about ten miles north of the town of Pembroke, the area lies along one of the most beautiful stretches of the Ottawa River, which is more than a mile in width at the southern extremity of the camp. Only a fraction of this total acreage is actually occupied by buildings, the remainder being taken up by artillery and small arms ranges and tank training areas.

Tents Used This Year

For the first time since the early war years we saw tent lines in use for both officers and men. Need for tents had arisen partly because of the unusually high number of men in training this year, and also because many of the semi-permanent buildings which served throughout the war, are being torn down to make way for permanent buildings of solid construction such as barracks for the regular units.

As well as all the buildings needed for administration and training, sleeping and messing quarters, etc., the camp has approximately 500 well-built homes for the married personnel. So extensive has this section become that a new public school is being erected to accommodate well over a thousand pupils in the lower grades.

The "married patch" is again a feature of the summer camp, consisting of a complete tent town at the junction of the Ottawa and Petawawa Rivers, where wives and children of men and officers live for the summer months.

Chief point in the training of the seven thousand reserve army personnel who will have been through the course by the end of the summer, is the emphasis on practical work. There is almost a complete absence of foot drill and kitchen duty. The men are in for one-week courses and they are given every mer, is the emphasis on practical training as they can. Thus, when they carry on with routine training at local heaquarters all over the province during the next twelve months they will be acquainted with the weapons which are used in the field.

Reservists in the armored corps, for instance, who have spent months learning the theory of tank operations, are given a chance to work with the lumbering vehicles themselves. They drive them, fire their guns and manoeuvre through mock battles. The same is true of artillery men, infantry and all the rest.

In turn we visited the Armored Corps under Major Ritchie, of the Three Rivers Regt., Artillery under Major M. L. A. Chabot, Infantry under Major Bates and the School of Military Intelligence, this year in charge of Colonel McFarlane.

New Aspects of Training

Among the innovations this year are limited training with the 2.36 "Bazooka" and its larger counterpart made famous by the American Army as an anti-tank weapon. Fired from the shoulder of one man, the [illegible] discharges a rocket-propelled [illegible] which is very effective against the armour of tanks at range [illegible]

The W[illegible] not a [illegible] means, but its [illegible] widely [illegible] supporting [illegible] the infantry company. The newsmen [illegible] a close-up demonstration of its effectiveness and the display was one of the most breath-taking things of its kind we have ever witnessed. Mounted on a fast-moving Bren carrier, the weapon itself consists of a moveable gun mounted on a swivel in front, from which a flame 150 yards in length can be projected against enemy pill boxes, tanks or strong positions. Fuel for the tremendous burst of fire is provided by a tank of 90% high octane gasoline impelled from the nozzle of the gun by pressurized carbon dioxide. The most astonishing part of the demonstration was to see the vast squirt of living flame roar out toward its target and then watch as the carrier itself raced into the midst of the fire to complete the "kill". The driver and gunner are protected from the heat only by a face-high piece of armour plate.

Fire Power Demonstration

By far the most interesting spectacle of any week at Petawawa is the fire power demonstration every Thursday evening and the one witnessed by our press party was one of the best of the summer, for the weather was perfect.

The demonstration is staged chiefly to acquaint Reserve soldiers with the actual power of the weapons which can be brought to bear by any one infantry company and its supporting complement of air force and artillery. The show is staged on a flat area beside the Ottawa River several miles above the actual camp site and the spectators have a grandstand seat on the high ridge back of the mock battle area.

The action is started when a flight of Mustangs races in to launch their rockets against targets in the immediate foreground with deadly accuracy. Then they wheel back to strafe the same ground with .50 calibre machine gun fire. Close on their tails are three great Dakota aircraft 30 minutes out of Uplands airport at Ottawa and loaded with the singing paratroopers of the Royal Canadian Regiment. The commentator, who is addressing the spectators, switches his mike to the radio hook-up with the aircraft itself and as the planes pass over the bat-

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