

Milton Platoon of Lorne Scots Reg't. Seeks Recruits for Training Program

The Milton Platoon of C. Company, the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) is currently seeking new recruits to build up the manpower of the local militia reserve unit. Lt. Frank E. Ching, officer-in-charge today issued an invitation to any young men from the Milton district interested in the work of the militia, to drop into the Milton Armouries any Thursday night and look over the program.

The Platoon meets every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Milton Armoury, Martin St., and the 12 men now forming this platoon are presently entering a fall program, that includes athletic activities, battle tactics, map reading and communications.

Need Healthy Men
Lt. Ching, an 11-year veteran with the Scots regiment, explained the army wants healthy men, capable of reacting to rigorous training. Right now the unit is taking a lot of combat training, to get the men in top physical shape. They're learning battle P.T. similar to the 5BX plan, and doing battle tactics out on the field. He is teaching the platoon to be very efficient in map reading, and will soon start a communications course using wireless radio sets.

In addition, recruits can look forward to the occasional weekend at Camp Borden where they will fire rocket launchers, machine guns and mortars, and learn how to handle other weapons such as grenades. These trips are held two or three times a year.

Recruits will go to camp Niagara once a year for range classification tests with rifles, and there's a possibility of joining a summer camp at Niagara as well.

Paid for Work
Lt. Ching notes anyone interested in signing up for a two year term in the reserve militia, should be aged 16 up, physically fit, and able to pass medical exams. The men are paid a half a day's pay, based on regular Army pay, for each Thursday parade, and the uniform and complete kit are supplied.

Each member of the platoon starts as a Private and works up through the ranks. Besides Lt. Ching in the Milton unit, are Sergeants Gerry Soulier, Corporals Frank Putman and Jim Powell, and nine privates.

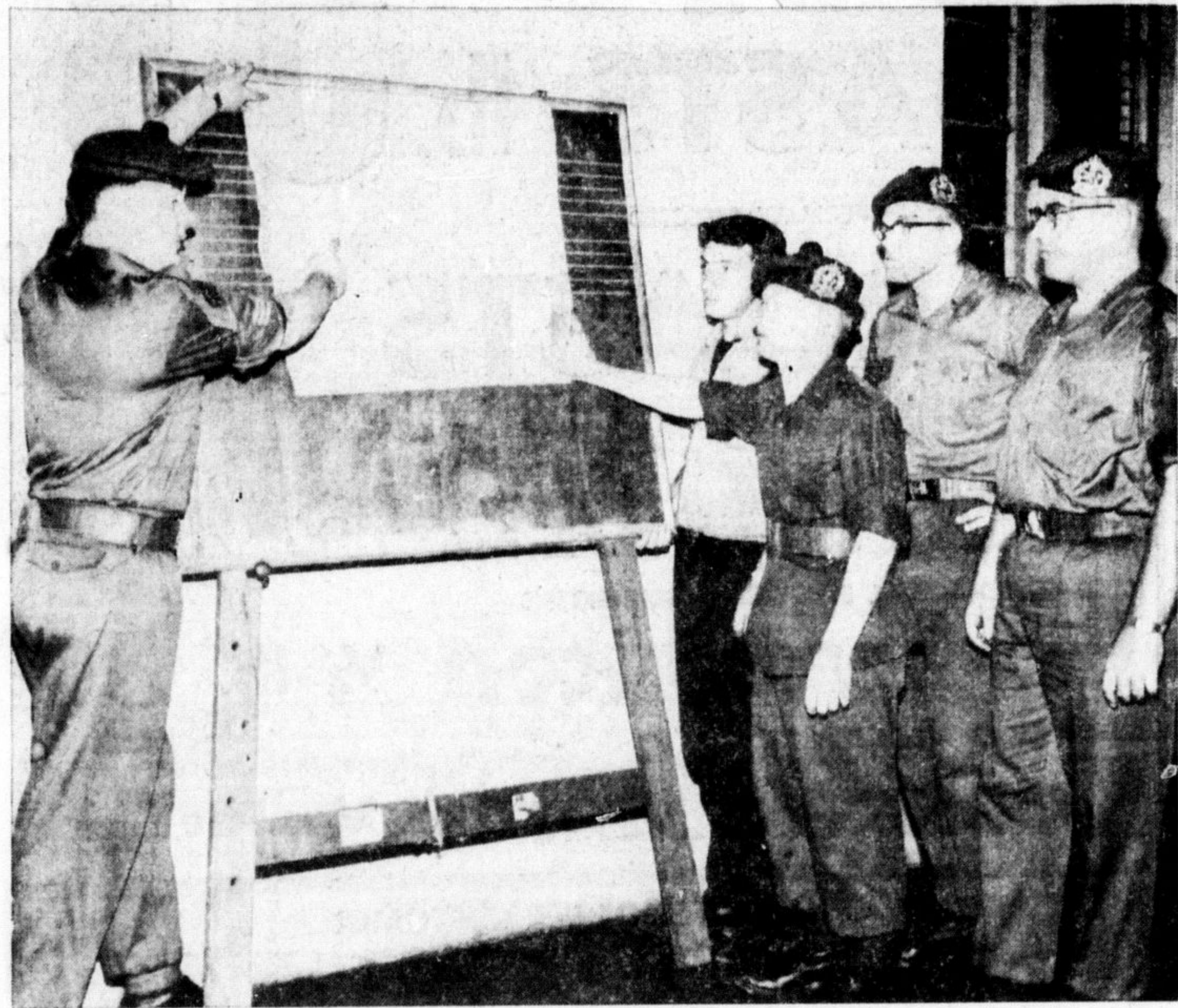
One member of the platoon, Cpl. Brian Smith of Milton, just recently decided to take a full time career in the Army and enlisted for Officers' Candidate School.



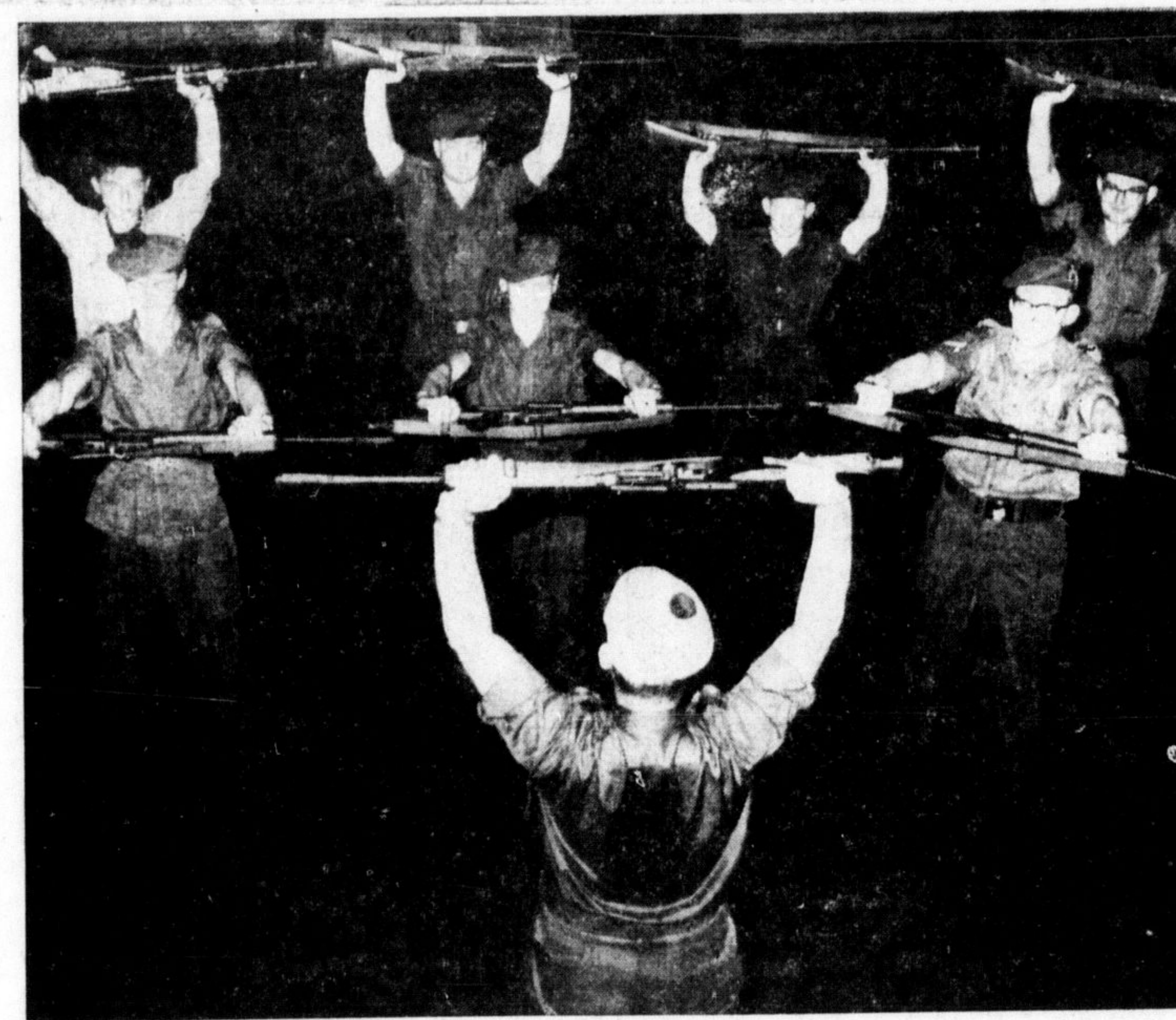
RIFLE SHOOTING is a part of the Lorne Scots Reg't training program, and Private Gary Soulier and Private John Boudreau get a lesson from Lt. Frank Ching, officer-in-charge of the Milton unit.



HUP, TWO, THREE, FOUR: Marching drill is just one facet of the varied training program given recruits in the Lorne Scots Regiment, and Sgt. Gerry Soulier, right, is shown working out his men. The militia recruits also receive map reading, communications and battle tactics instruction at the weekly Thursday parades.



MAP READING is important in the militia reserve units, and Lt. Frank Ching attempts to make all men of the Milton platoon proficient with maps. Above at left, Sgt. Gerry Soulier, Lt. Ching's assistant, gives instruction to Privates Gary Gray and Russ Morrison, and Cpls. Frank Putman and Jim Powell.



EXERCISING WITH RIFLES, some of the men from the Milton platoon of the Lorne Scots Regiment are shown at a parade in the Milton Armouries. Lt. Frank Ching (back to camera) leads the group. The unit is currently seeking new recruits to join the training program.

\$8,600 Prov. Grant Mount Nemo Project

George A. Kerr, Halton M.P.P. announced today that the Department of Energy and Resources Management has approved a Provincial grant of \$8,600 to the Halton Region Conservation Authority for acquisition of land in the Mount Nemo Conservation Area in North Burlington.

The Authority is purchasing approximately 37 acres along the brow of the escarpment between the Guelph Line and Walker's

Line for conservation and recreation. The scheme started in 1959 but was delayed because of negotiations with Lowville Quarries, which have now been settled.

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