

THE GUNNERS COLUMN

Things are moving right along in the Armouries now. We have started off the new year with a bang and each parade night shows improvements all round. The well planned syllabus that we now have indicates an objective of a well trained and disciplined battery. The days of growing pains, headaches and frustration are now in the past and we can now settle down to some serious business and a bit of fun.

At present we are conducting a class for Junior N.C.O.'s who will eventually be the back-bone of our unit. We are also conducting tests of Elementary Training to have our men classed as being trained and consequently raise their wages. Our gun drill has reached the stage where the men are handling the drill by themselves, certainly a step in the right direction. Under the able direction of our Gas and Chemical Warfare instructor Sgt. Jim Cumming we are getting well acquainted with this subject.

Ten men will be chosen from the Battery to attend a winter training camp at Esqui-mault, B.C. This should prove to be a nice trip for some lucky guys.

Most of the problems have been ironed out in the matter of pay (an important one) and within 2 weeks, a Pay Parade is expected when all personnel will be paid up till the end of 1950, including the new rates of pay that went into effect as of December 1st, 1950, that are shown here:

Rank	Monthly Rate	Daily Rate
Pte.(E)	79.00	2.63
Pte.(T)	83.00	2.77
Pte.(F.G.)	90.00	3.00
Cpl.	103.00	3.43
Sgt.	119.00	3.97
S/Sgt.	139.00	4.63
WOII	161.00	5.37

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NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

RELUCTANT FARMER - by Thane: LIFT UP YOUR HEART - Sheen: CASES IN COURT - Hastings: I LEAP OVER THE WALL - Baldwin: PURPLE PASSAGE - Hahn: FIVE & TEN (Short Skits for All Occasions). COMPLETE PARTY BOOK - Rennasleer.

Mrs. R. Scowen has kindly donated a large number of books to the Library, the names of which can be had from the Librarian.

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LEGION NEWS

There will be a general legion meeting in the Legion Hall on Monday night, 7:30 p.m. February 5th, and we shall discuss the general plans for the coming year. Members are requested to turn up and bring along all ideas and plans as they will be welcome.

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Legion Bingo

Don't forget the Legion "Bingo" coming up next Friday, February 9th. The "Snow-ball" is now \$40.00 on 27 calls and will be run off when the old alarm clock on the wall rings. Come on out, folks, and try your luck. We'll have to admit that \$40.00 won't buy a fur coat (which is badly needed these days) but it would sure help towards one. See you there!

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CURLING SCHEDULE (Cont'd from P.4)Saturday, February 10th

7:00 p.m., Ice No. 1 - Johnston vs. Marsh
Ice No. 2 - McColl vs. Duncan
9:00 p.m., Ice No. 1 - Pugh vs. Haughn
Ice No. 2 - Pineault vs. Knauff

Monday, February 12th

7:00 p.m., Ice No. 1 - Ostling vs. Pugh
Ice No. 2 - Craig vs. Pineault
9:00 p.m., Ice No. 1 - Marsh vs. McDonald
Ice No. 2 - McColl vs. Baillie

Tuesday, February 13th

7:00 p.m., Ice No. 1 - Knauff vs. Baillie
Ice No. 2 - Haughn vs. Boudreau
9:00 p.m., Ice No. 1 - Duncan vs. Dodge
Ice No. 2 - Johnston vs. Lohr

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