

THE GUNNERS' COLUMN

The Reserve Army has at last come into its own with a new function, that of creating units that will have active army experience. This is to be done by rotation, that is by calling up Reserve Army units in turn.

There is a place for all categories and all corps, those who are accepted will be enrolled for three years. A married man, after one year's service abroad, will be discharged on request, in the case of a single man, the overseas period must be at least two years.

We have not the honour of being one of the Regiments to be listed as an active unit but our turn will come. Towards that end, we hope to build up a nuclei of trained men, so that, when the need arises, many of us will be able to volunteer if we so wish.

Here is an opportunity for single and married men to come forward and join our ranks. Last Sunday, the Gunnery Instructors went out on a recce for gun positions around Selim Hill and Rosspoint Railway Station. On Sunday, May 20th, the local Battery will move into action for the day. The scheme will take the form of a defensive exercise and will be carried out under field service conditions. The aim of the exercise is to bring the battery personnel up to the stage of training required to take the guns into action; prior to firing practice. As this will be our first practical manoeuvre to attempt, it should prove to be of great value and a good turnout is requested.

We have now started taking our mobile gun out and are practising setting-up drill. We shall continue with this practice until we close operations for the summer. Another exercise is planned to take place sometime in June and will be held in the Nipigon area.

We are asking all of our members to turn out as regularly as is possible so that we can all be in on this for the experience and training. We are all looking forward to this, so let's all do it together.

Our Chemical Instructor, Sgt. Jim Cumming, is back from Camp Borden with a lot of hair-raising stories. Once again this year, there will be a summer camp on Vancouver Island. These camps provide an excellent opportunity to find out what the Active Army is like.

All recruits are cordially invited; training nights are Tuesday and Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

TACTICAL DEFENCE EXERCISE - MAY 20/51

It is desired that as many men as possible will attend this exercise in order to gain the maximum benefit from this practical test of their winter's training.

Parade will form at Armouries, Terrace Bay, at 0845 hours and will move off at 0900 hours. Personnel from Schreiber desiring to participate will be picked up at YMCA, Schreiber, at 0945 hrs.

All ranks will wear Battle Dress, Boots, Web Belts, Puttees and Overcoats.

Weapons, ground sheets and water bottles and other necessary equipment will be issued at the Armouries, 20 May 51.

Rations will be supplied and the exercise is expected to terminate at 1900 hrs. One day's pay will be granted to each man participating.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THIS EXERCISE THAT PERSONNEL DESIRING TO TAKE PART IN THIS MANOEUVRE SHOULD ATTEND PARADE ON 15 May 51 IN ORDER TO HAVE THEIR NAMES PLACED ON THE NOMINAL ROLL OR IF UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PARADE CONTACT CAPT. JEANNERET.

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SOFTBALL LEAGUE OPENING GAME

Don't forget folks, that next Wednesday night is the date of the opening game, set to take place at the South Camp diamond at 6:30 p.m. between the Engineering and Pulp Conversion teams. We are looking forward to everyone getting a lot of enjoyment out of this league this year, so come on out and encourage your favourite team or just have a good time ridin' everybody!

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Man's bicycle in South Camp. Owner please apply to South Camp Boiler Room.

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