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YOU and ME

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PLAIN FACTS FOR EVERY MAN — AND FOR EVERY WOMAN, TOO

IT COULDN'T happen here was what they said in France, Norway, Denmark, and the rest of an unprepared and now conquered world. But happen it did.

Can we afford to be unprepared for an attack on our own homes?

What can we do about it? For one thing, every able-bodied man who is not eligible for active service can apply for enrolment in the rapidly growing Reserve Army for Home Defence.

The Reserve Army is Canada's counterpart to Britain's famous Home Guard in which men of stout hearts, including many a famous name in British fighting annals, are banded together so that they may help to take a terrible measure of any enemy who dares to set foot on their soil. Theirs is the stuff of which Canada's Reserve Army will be composed.

WHERE YOU COME IN

At the outbreak of the War, Canada had a very small Regular Army. The real Army of Canada was the Non-Permanent Active Militia, or what is known today as the Reserve Army. On the outbreak of the War the Units of the N.P.A.M. were mobilized as and when required to make the Divisions of the Active Army. As each Unit was mobilized it threw off a counterpart or Home Defence Unit—the Reserve Army. Prior to the war, any man of any age or medical category who was moderately physically fit could join it. Today, however, there can be no encroachment upon the field of manpower for the Active Army. In consequence the Reserve Army is appealing to the following categories to join the Reserve Army for home defence:

Young men 17 and 18 years of age in medical categories A, B, or C.

All men 17 to 50 years of age in category C.

Single men 36 to 50 years of age in categories A, B, or C.

Married men 31 to 50 years of age in categories A, B, or C.

Single men 19 to 35 years of age in categories A or B, and married men 19 to 30 years of age in categories A or B are NOT eligible for the Reserve Army.

HOW YOU JOIN AND WHAT YOU DO

It's all very simple. Special registration booths have been established all over Hamilton. You sign an application form, which does not bind you in any manner whatsoever and in no sense of the word does it obligate you to join the Active Army. It does indicate (1) your desire to be ready and (2) where you can be reached in emergency. In due course you present yourself to the Unit of your choice and are given medical examination. If you are accepted, you train an average of about one night a week, you go to camp with your Unit for 15 days and, throughout the year you attend 10 full days' training on selected week-ends.

It's as easy as that and it helps make you fit and useful should the enemy strike at Canada.

HAMILTON GARRISON — CAMP DATES and PARADE NIGHTS

Unit	Camp Date	Parade Nights
"B" Squadron 2nd/10th Dragoons	June 7—21.	Tues. and Thurs
11th Battery R.C.A.	June 21—July 5.	Mon. and Fri.
No. 3 Coy "A" Corps Signals RCCS	July 5—19.	Mon. and Fri.
2nd Bn R.H.L.I. (W.R.)	July 5—19.	Tues. and Fri.
1st Field Coy. R.C.E.	July 19—Aug. 2.	Tues. and Thur.
2nd Bn. A. & S.H. of C. (PL) . . .	Aug. 2—16.	Mon. and Wed.
2nd Div. Amtn. Colmn. R.C.A.S.C. .	July 5—19.	Wed. and Mon.
2nd/5th Field Amb. R.C.A.M.C. . .	July 5—19.	Tues. and Thur.
102nd Battery R.C.A. (Dundas) . .	July 19—Aug.2.	Mon. and Thur.

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. Am I paid? A. Yes, with certain minor deductions for regimental expenses.
- Q. Is my uniform free? A. Yes.
- Q. Will I be equipped? A. Yes, and as rapidly as possible with due regard to the necessity of active service men having first call on No. 1 fighting weapons.
- Q. Do I wear my uniform every day? A. No, only at times of training.

- Q. How am I to be identified as a member of the reserve army on other days? A. You will wear in your lapel a ribbon and you will carry a regimental identification card.
- Q. If I have a business of my own, what happens to that business if I am summoned, say, to Vancouver? A. If you and your Unit have to go to Vancouver, your business is in jeopardy. If you are not ready to go to Vancouver, pretty soon you may not have a business.
- Q. If a group of us at the office or club want to join together, can we stick together in the same Unit? A. Yes, provided it doesn't put undue hardship on your firm during the camp period.
- Q. Should I tell my employer that I am a reserve army member? A. Yes, and count on him for all possible assistance in helping you meet your added responsibilities. But this doesn't mean that you can impose on him. Remember, while you are training to defend everything you and he have in common, he has the responsibility of providing the work that gives you the money to feed your family. It must be mutual give and take. Possibly, in addition to his responsibilities, your employer may want to join the reserves too. This is real democracy at work.
- Q. Suppose I want to join a particular Unit, and it is "full up"? A. You can indicate your second, third, and so on, choice. And remember, your signature to the application does not bind you to complete the attestation regimental papers. It simply indicates that you are a red-blooded Canadian, willing and eager to do your part. And in the process, you will make scores of new friends who have the same idea.

Don't put it off—go today to the nearest registration booth and show your loved ones that, if need be, they are worth defending.

Remember, France, Norway and Denmark, and the rest of an unprepared and conquered world.

Remember Hong Kong and the shameful atrocities of the Jap.

It CAN happen here! It depends on YOU and ME!



This pamphlet is issued by the citizens of Hamilton, represented by the city-wide and very numerous organizations, business, social, fraternal, church, labour, veterans, comprising all sections of community life, in the interests of the Recruiting Campaign for the Reserve Army for Home Defence.