

# Corps and Seaforths Complete Camp at Vernon

## Reservists Trained as Combat Units

Special to The Vancouver Sun.  
VERNON, June 19.—The men of the 6th Div. (R) Brigade Group, RCASC, under Captain C. D. Mackinnon, have enjoyed their two weeks' training at the Vernon Camp, and the OC speaking to the unit Friday night expressed his satisfaction at the splendid progress they had made.

This opinion had been given earlier in the day by Col. A. W. Sparling, DSO, OC 39th Brigade Group, after he had inspected them.

Captain Mackinnon told The Sun the men had put on a good show. Their small but efficient bugle band under Corp. G. Postill had played them and their mobile transport vehicles past the saluting point in fine style on the Vernon Park Grounds where they had followed in line behind the Seaforths Reserve.

### INSPECTED BY CHIEF

Major-General B. W. Browne, DSO, MC, director general of the Reserve Army who arrived in Vernon Friday afternoon, visited the training area later and saw the men in action exercises.

Ptes. Ray Haines, rivet heater in the North Burrard Shipyards, and Terry Watson of Empire Sheet Metal Works admit it's been a hard grind some days as in addition to the regular jobs an Army truck shepherd is supposed to do, under the new ASC scheme of work he must go through the same basic training as infantry units, in case he is called upon to repel attack on his supply convoy.

An all-day scheme was carried out Wednesday which included establishment of advance petrol, ammunition and supply points. Later attacks on outposts were carried out, a particularly successful one by Corporal E. Finkham of B.C. Plywoods.

L-Cpl. Stan Patrick has become farm conscious while here, but he wants his homestead nearer the coast.

The peaceful atmosphere of the camp is in no small way due to the absence of income tax office men, the nearest in that line being Roy Hutchins of the War Finance Committee Office. Cpl. Jack Arnold and Pte. Quigley enjoyed the Army Show fashion display of what the well-dressed soldier is wearing or shouldn't wear.

### SEAFORTHS MARCH

Col. A. W. Sparling told the Seaforths that this year's camp exceeded expectations in showing the value of the original program of progressive and co-ordinated training.

"We felt that last year's camp was up to our expectations," he said, "and that while the basic training may have been tedious to the men, it has proven its worth beyond doubt in this year's more advanced scheme."

Col. Sparling, DSO, brigade commander of the 39th Reserve Group, took the salute as Lt. Col. R. M. Blair and his 2nd Bn. Seaforths, 500 strong, marched past to the music of their pipe band.

The men have had a good time; they have roughed it and liked it.

### HAVE LEARNED MUCH

"They have learned much as Col. Sparling said, especially that when it rains on a night bivouac boots should be left soles up to the sky to keep them from filling up with water, and no one should put his ground sheet in a nice little hollow, which soon becomes a little muddy lake."

There are many other things they have learned too—The confidence which comes to a body of men now moulded into a trained combat unit.

Friday night there was late

## BLACK, BOUNCING GOLD



This carload of 14-karat rubber tires arrived at a local warehouse this morning, leaving a swath of green-eyed car owners in its wake as it rolled through town. The tires, brand new glistening black beauties, lacked an armed guard and many a motorist, down to his last retreat, flirted with the idea of hijacking the load. Nonchalant workers who unloaded them at the warehouse explained that the tires were made from rubber brought out of Malaya just before Singapore fell. Heavy-duty tires they'll go to truck operators with a high priority rating. Private motorists will continue to clank through the streets on their rims.

## Unions Seek Better Shipyard Relations

The shipyard union conference, representing all unions in Vancouver shipyards, Friday night decided to draw up a brief recommending changes in the present setup of labor-management committees to make them more workable.

Criticizing the present structure of these committees as inefficient, with labor given practically no voice in the matter of production, delegates approved a resolution that a plan be drafted with the view to improving employer-employee relations and increasing war production.

A committee of three was named to draft a preliminary plan which will be submitted to the conference for redrafting, and then presented to the shipyard unions before being sent to federal authorities.

Another resolution was passed asking that Wartime Merchant Shipping prod the Dob-

son committee for a report on its recent investigations of shipyard conditions.

Delegates said that the Dobson committee had made extensive inquiries into various phases in the yards, but that no recommendations had ever been made.

Principal criticism of the present labor-management committees was that management had refused to take labor into equal partnership in the matter of production. Some labor suggestions had been accepted because they happened to fit in with management ideas, but many others had been sidetracked or rejected altogether.

Consensus of the meeting was that the unions should gather the best men available to work on revamped committees, skilled men who could sit down at a conference table on equal terms with management when ideas were passed around.

## 769 Jap Farms Bought For B.C. War Veterans

OTTAWA, June 19.—Hon. Norman McLarty, state secretary, announced last night that 769 parcels of farm land in the Fraser Valley area of British Columbia, formerly owned by Japanese, have been sold to the director of the Veterans' Land Act for future disposition to British Columbia men now in the armed services.

Proceeds of the sale will be credited to the accounts of the former Japanese owners. It was negotiated by Mr. McLarty, as custodian of enemy property, on the recommendation of the advisory committee on rural property set up under Judge David Whiteside of New Westminster.

The owners of the land have been evacuated.

The director of the Land Act, Gordon Murchison, said in a statement that not all the parcels of land are "of themselves suitable for veteran settlement."

"In some cases sub-division may be undertaken. In others, it may be advisable to consolidate two or more parcels into one unit. In many cases it will be necessary to undertake extensive alterations to existing buildings or the erection of new homes. The scarcity of building materials and labor are factors

which make it necessary to postpone such a building program until conditions are more favorable."

Meanwhile, he said, local administration of these lands will come under I. T. Barnett, provincial superintendent, Veterans' Land Act and Soldier Settlement, at Vancouver.

## Court Grants Divorce To Two Women

Divorce decrees were granted in Supreme Court Friday to Esther Elizabeth Lingard, 423 East Thirty-eighth, who was married here in 1931 to Allan Kenneth John Lingard, truck driver, Third and Main; and to Isabel Bernice Larsen, 7555

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