

organization. By the boat leaving England on Sept. 5th Captain Fanning-Evans and two Sergeants will be arriving and as at present advised 100 rifles and 54,000 rounds of ammunition. We have no news however of the Lewis Guns, revolvers or what is of very great importance, the material for the making up of uniforms. It would I suggest be idle to recruit a force for its month's training unless we could put them in uniform and equip them with a rifle at least and also give them some target practice. If the material for uniforms is not coming forward by the boat leaving September 5th I think we should endeavour to see whether we cannot obtain same speedily in Canada.

2. The present plan envisages the recruitment this year of 180 ranks by monthly quotas of 25 per month. We have already lost our quota for July and August and September is upon us. My own view is that we should proceed at once to recruit 100 men, that is the three quotas for July, August and September, and anticipate the quota for October. After the end of October it will probably be too cold and the weather too uncertain to give any outdoor rifle practice to those who come up for training and this is a very important matter. We can of course give training with the miniature rifles in the Central Fire Hall to those who come up during the Winter. If this proposal is agreed to it is possible that the C.L.B. Armoury could be obtained for the housing of the men. If not the lower flat of the Y.M.C.A. building would be suitable. The C.L.B. Armoury is equipped with water and sewerage and the only installations required would be one or two cooking ranges. The men would be supplied with straw filled mattresses and pillows at a very cheap rate and would sleep on the floor. Two cooks would be required. Drill could take place either in the Armoury or in the Police Drill Hall.

3. I would suggest recruiting 50 men from St. John's and 50 men from Bell Island. The mines are the one spot near St. John's which require instant guarding if enemy raiders are loose in the Atlantic. With the assistance of the Manager of the Bell Island Mines, 50 applicants from there could be chosen who are permanently resident on the Island and I think the company should be asked to make up to the men the difference between the allowance paid by the Government and the sum which they would earn in the mines, and that they should be guaranteed that their jobs would be given back to them at the end of their month's training.

4. I think conditional applications might now be sought by the Chief of Police by an advertisement setting forth the terms, being put in the papers. Full particulars of each applicant would be taken so that when Capt. Evans arrives he would be in a position to begin interviewing them.

5. It will not be possible for the Police Force tailor to handle the making of uniforms with sufficient expedition at this late date and I suggest that the Supplies Division should approach the two clothing factories and find out the cost of making the uniforms on the basis that the raw materials would be supplied, and arrange so that they may be made rapidly.