

I was going to say you are primarily interested in the reserve, but I don't believe that is so. You are interested in all the forces. If the active forces are as good as I think they are and become as much better as I believe they will, then your work in the reserve will be simplified. People will have a pride and interest in the active and reserve forces which will guarantee support.

In recent months I have visited officers and men of the three services. They are the kind of men anyone would be proud to work with.

In both the full time and reserve forces can enjoy advantages of comradeship in good conditions of service while they help to guard our country.

There are good reasons for joining the Reserves. Here are some of them:

- (1) The Reserve Army in Canada as in Britain and other countries provides the organizational framework, the interested and trained personnel, the buildings and the equipment for the formation of any future fighting force.
- (2) The Reserve Army fosters regimental and family traditions of service.
- (3) The Reserve Army is the one means whereby a man can contribute to the security of the nation at the same time as he carries out his civilian functions as a citizen and so discharge part of the obligations which result from the privileges of citizenship.
- (4) The Reserve Army gives young men modern military training with the best modern equipment.
- (5) The Reserve Army provides opportunities for trades training under competent instructors.
- (6) The Reserve Army produces disciplined alertness and the habit of teamwork.
- (7) The Reserve Army provides an opportunity for healthy development by the provision of sports equipment, playing facilities, competent instructors and organized leagues.
- (8) The Reserve Army by its system of local units and armouries fosters a fine form of comradeship and gives opportunities for recreation and social activity of a community nature.
- (9) In short, the Reserve Army provides opportunities for national service and healthy recreation under good conditions at the same rates of pay as for the Active Force; it is an exercise and a training in good citizenship. Men serving in the Armed Forces of Canada should be "Citizens Plus".

If they are good reasons for joining the Reserve, are not there even better reasons to join the Governor General's Foot Guards, with its fine record of service, its fine traditions, its reputation for good comradeship.

What we want today are more men of good character, good education and good physique to serve Canada in the active and reserve forces - we want them not to cease to be citizens but to add to their quality as citizens and their opportunities as citizens the fact that they are able as well as willing to defend their country; our armed forces must be "Citizens Plus".

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