

command and staff appointments. Qualifying courses for Junior NCO's were conducted under General Officers Commanding Commands. Senior NCO courses were conducted at corps schools in accordance with training standards.

French- and English-language training, which is available to all ranks of the Canadian Army, was conducted by Commands and AHQ. The Canadian Army Training School conducted six-month French-language courses for English-speaking officers and NCO instructors. A number of French-speaking potential NCO's have also received English-language training.

Officers from the RCN and RCAF as well as officers from the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Pakistan, India, Germany, Belgium, Turkey, Norway, France and Italy attended courses at Canadian Army schools of instruction.

Trade and specialty training is given at corps schools and units. Where feasible, the facilities of civilian schools are used to supplement training at Army establishments. Training is conducted in accordance with the appropriate training standard for each trade or specialty. When required by technical developments in the Army, trades are revised and new trades are introduced. Trades relating to aircraft maintenance and repair are being studied in keeping with the decision that the Army will use certain aircraft.

The apprentice training program inaugurated in January 1953 is designed to train selected young men as soldier tradesmen and to provide them with the requisite academic background to enable them to advance to senior non-commissioned ranks in the Army. A high entry standard has been set to ensure that the prospective soldier apprentice will be capable of absorbing trade and academic training and also of developing the leadership qualities essential in senior NCO's. During 1958 an additional 460 apprentices were enrolled and 40 civilian teachers were employed to provide academic instruction for about 800 apprentice soldiers. Academic credits are obtained from the educational authorities of the province where the training is conducted. Apprentices receive trades training as clerks, cooks, carpenters, electricians, wireless operators, radar operators, radio mechanics, storemen, gun mechanics, vehicle mechanics and armourers. A balanced training program is designed to stimulate the interest of the apprentice. Military, trade, academic and recreational training are integrated. Separate messing, canteen and sleeping arrangements are provided for apprentices.

The training of the Defence of Canada Force continued throughout 1958. Airborne continuation training was carried out by each unit in conjunction with unit exercises. Defence of Canada Force units carried out exercises during the winter under cold weather conditions. Parachute and air supply courses were conducted at the Canadian Joint Training Centre at Rivers, Man., and courses in Arctic training at Fort Churchill, Man. Collective training for units in Canada was conducted during the summer months at Camp Gagetown, Camp Petawawa and Camp Wainwright. All arms training comprised sub-unit and unit training and culminated in exercises at the Brigade Group level.

*The Reserves.*—Funds were provided to permit an average of 45 days training for all ranks of the Militia during 1958, of which seven days was for summer training by attachment to Regular Army units, camps or headquarters. During the summer 12,800 all ranks were attached for summer training. The aim of training is to prepare the Militia for its role in the national survival program.

*The Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP).*—The Regular Officer Training Plan is in effect at the three Canadian Services Colleges and at all Canadian universities and affiliated colleges that have contingents of the COTC. The purpose of the Plan is to train selected students for commissions in the Canadian Army (Regular). Students enrol in the Canadian Army (Regular) with a special rate of pay; tuition and essential fees are paid and grants are given for books and instruments needed for study. In the period Jan. 1, 1957 to Dec. 31, 1958, 213 of these sponsored students graduated and were commissioned in the Canadian Army (Regular). Training consists of military studies, drill and physical training during the academic year; the summer term is devoted to practical training at military establishments.