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## Active Naval Training

RESUMING her training schedule, H.M.C.S. Ontario sailed at 5 o'clock this morning, after a call at Prince Rupert that began on Friday afternoon last. The visit was one of mutual pleasure and interest.

All told, and including both coasts, the providing of annual sea experience for the 2,500 Canadian naval reservists who will train afloat, is a large and intricate operation. The training schedule shows that nine warships will make 54 cruises between now and September in which men from the twenty naval divisions from Halifax to Prince Rupert will participate.

The west coast cruises will range from San Francisco to Juneau, Alaska. Included in these are six voyages by the cruiser Ontario. The brand new tribal destroyers Cayuga and Athabaskan will also be well engaged in the Pacific phase of the training plan. Ports of call for the Ontario will be Esquimalt; Vancouver; Portland, Oregon; San Francisco; Seattle and Ocean Falls. H.M.C.S. Crescent will be in Skagway Sept. 17. On June 4th, H.M.C.S. Cayuga will be in Prince Rupert, sailing June 7th and July 23rd, H.M.C.S. Athabaskan.

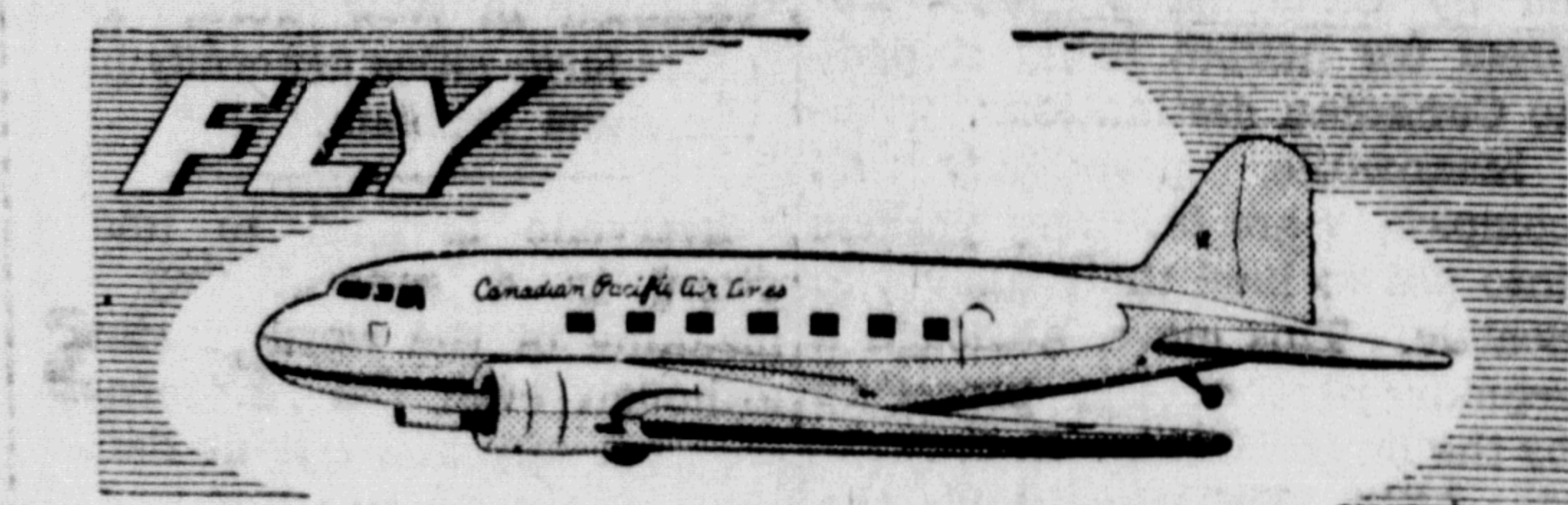
This active training program emphasizes the words spoken by Capt. J. C. Hibbard, commander of the Ontario, when he inspected Capt. Cook corps of Sea Cadets here Friday night. He stressed that trained men are still the nation's first defence despite the development of modern weapons which some believe may make future war a "push button" debacle.

## UNITED EUROPE

ONCE TERMED FANTASTIC, the suggestion that Europe become one country for all practical purposes, instead of remaining a set of nations burdened and embittered with ancient hatreds, rivalries and balances of power, appears to be making headway.

That much could be inferred from the conference held in Belgium last week. The idea, if received in a critical spirit, was certainly not rebuffed or discouraged. That the sharp differences of nationality be forgotten, that the people of the continent in future, be known only as Europeans, that border lines disappear and a common system of finance, customs, defence, transportation, become effective, undoubtedly did invite the most serious study. A feeling exists that unless something of this description developed, Europe's future could be one of little save chaos.

**CHILLY MARCH**  
REGINA, ☉ — A month-end weather summary shows Regina also, youngest detective-sergeant had an all-time temperature in the R.C.M.P., has retired afloat of 41 below for March. The ter 20 years at the age of 38 "to record was set March 10. Highest make room for younger men." temperature was 42 above, a long He is an expert in criminal law, way from the record 76 experienced in March, 1910. counterfeiting, anthropology, sociology.



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## ARAB FIELD CHIEF IS ABLE FIGHTER

Fawzi Bey Al Kawkji Served  
As Commissioned Officer With  
Turks In First World War

By MOHAMED WAGDI

CAIRO (AP)—Fawzi Bey Al Kawkji, field commander of the Arab "People's Army to Save Palestine," has spent most of his adult life fighting the French and the British.

The veteran Arab warrior, son of a Turkish officer of Lebanese origin, was born in Tripoli, Syria, in 1896. He graduated from Istanbul military college in 1917 and served as a commissioned officer in the Turkish army until the armistice in 1918 ended the First World War.

Kawkji then joined the Arab army under King Faisal and served under the French mandatorian power in Syria and Lebanon as a captain at Hana, but soon left the French army and joined the national organization working for the independence of Syria and the Lebanon.

With French weapon and equipment which he took with him, Kawkji joined the Syrian revolt of 1925 under the Druze leader Sultan Pasha El Attrash and fought many guerrilla battles against the French in northern Syria before the revolt ended in 1928.

With a number of companions, he was pursued by the French but escaped from Syria. He managed to reach Cairo and from there went to Saudi Arabia, where he served as military advisor and helped to organize the Saudi Arabian army. In 1933 he went to Iraq, where he accepted the post of cavalry trainer at Iraq's military school.

"TRIANGLE MAN"

When the Arab revolt flared in Palestine in 1936, Kawkji joined the Arabs at the head of 500 volunteers from Syria and Iraq and for three years fought the British in the Holy Land. This time, it is reported, he did not use guerrilla tactics, but regular army methods. The British used to call him the "triangle man" for his practice of lining up his troops in triangles when they entered a battle.

In 1939 the Arab rulers asked the Palestine rebels to stop fighting and the British white paper was issued stopping legal Jewish immigration to Palestine.

Kawkji then left Palestine with his companions and their equipment, returning to Iraq, where he joined again in fighting the British in the Iraq rebellion of 1940. This rebellion was led by Rashid Ali Kilani, a senior army officer, now in Saudi Arabia, where he was given refuge by King Ibn Saud. Rashid Ali's movement was

intended to drive the British out of Iraq. Kawkji led a band of Bedouin volunteers and suffered numerous bullet wounds. After the failure of this rebellion, he left Iraq and eventually reached Germany with Haj Amin El Hussein, the exiled mufti of Jerusalem.

When the Second World War ended, Kawkji was released by the Russian occupation authorities after mediation by the Lebanese government. For the last few months Kawkji, with the help of former officers of the Iraq and TransJordan armies, has been training volunteers in Syria and the Lebanon for the "People's Army" for which he has now established headquarters in northern Palestine.

One of the best known and reputedly one of the ablest Arab soldiers, many Arabs swear by his name, saying: "By the head of Fawzi, I will do this and so."

Five leaders of the Salvation Army here are sailing Tuesday on the Cardena for Vancouver where they will attend meetings at the week-end with General A. Orsborn, international leader and other high ranking officers who are now making a tour across Canada. They are Brigadier J. T. Gillingham, divisional commander, and Capt. and Mrs. Earle Jarrett, Citadel officers and Mrs. J. Chamber, matron of the native girls' hostel. Soldiers of the city corps will have charge of services next Sunday.

## Men Remain Biggest Factor In Defence

In a world where the development of modern fighting weapons is progressing with increasing rapidity, men are still the key factors in the defence of their country and the tolerant way of life, Capt. J. C. Hibbard, commanding officer of H.M.C.S. Ontario told members of Captain Cook Corps of Sea Cadets Friday night.

Capt. Hibbard spoke to 40 trim, blue-clad boys and their officers who were assembled in the drill hall of H.M.C.S. Chatham for his inspection.

After congratulating them on the smartness of their appearance and their obvious interest in their training, the veteran of North Atlantic wartime destroyer command gave a word of commendation for the "far sighted people who have made this corps possible."

"We are all proud of this great country of ours and realizing that twice in the last 25 years we have nearly lost it, we might all well ask ourselves what we can do to avoid another such catastrophe," he declared.

"I don't suggest for a moment that we should all join the fighting forces, but I do suggest —without fear of contradiction —that we must be prepared for another test if it comes. And for this reason, such efforts as try"

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AIYANSH—The raucous and continuous shrieking of a steam whistle signalled the initial operation of the new community sawmill which will provide lumber not only for this upper Naas River village, but for villages along the north coast as well.

Practically every member of the village contributed to the opening celebration by taking a pull at the whistle cord as wheels of the new mill began to turn. Indian Agent F. E. Anfield, Dr. J. A. Macdonald of the Indian Health Services and Inspector of Indian Schools R. F. Davey were present.

With a capacity of about 10,000 feet daily, the mill has already

cut more than 50,000 board feet which will be used for rehabilitation.

The mill was built with borrowed from the Branch on a long term loan which will be repaid by building new schools in the Rupert agency and for construction of homes have lapsed during the war.

Aiyansh villagers are of the enterprising spirit is enabling them to help themselves and others on the Many years ago they had mill but it burned down during that period dependent on imported or material cut by small able mills.

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