

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - Canadian Army Train 1942

02/02/1942 *Ottawa Citizen*

Canadian Army Train

Army Exhibit Train Will Cross Canada

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Every arm and service of the Canadian army will be represented in a travelling exhibition scheduled to leave Ottawa February 4 on a comprehensive itinerary that will show the army in cities, towns and hamlets from Halifax to Vancouver.

Weapons, from rifles and bayonets up to a tank, will be part of the exhibit and some of the vehicles carried on flat cars to which a ramp has been specially fitted will be driven through the streets at points where the train stays long enough to permit of unloading. Other features of the travelling exhibition will be demonstration cars in which the workings of signals, engineers' dental and medical stations, the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, the Canadian Army Trade School will be shown and explained.

Made up from rolling stock of the two railway companies, the train has been specially painted each car bearing the name of the train - "The Canadian Army Train."

03/02/1942 *Sault Star*

Canadian Army Train

Ontario

Victory Train Route Announced

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03/02/1942 *Kingston Whig Standard*

Canadian Army Train

Ontario

Army Train Will Visit Ontario Points

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Canadian Army Train

Ottawa

Corporal Percy McKay With Army Train Tour

The only Ottawa boy aboard the Canadian army train which left Ottawa this morning for a 15,000 mile four-month tour of the Dominion is 20-year-old Corporal Percy McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. McKay, 415 Elgin street. Stationed at Three Rivers as an instructor when personnel for the train was being chosen, the Ottawa boy was the only man from that camp to be picked.

He was born in Montreal and finished his education here at Lisgar Collegiate. A peacetime member of the Cameron Highlanders, he joined his unit the day war broke out. A brother, Sergeant Beverly McKay, 25, is already overseas.

The young soldier, who has become bi-lingual since joining the army through diligent study and association with French-Canadian army men, is slated for his sergeant's stripes within a month, having passed the necessary examinations.

15-Car Army Train To Tour Dominion Impresses Party

Governor General. Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald and Hon. J. L. Halton Inspect, Exhibits

The Earl of Athlone, Canada's Governor General, the Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner, and Defence Minister Ralston stepped out of the below zero temperature of the Isabella street siding yesterday afternoon and spent nearly half an hour inspecting the 15-car Canadian army train assembled in Montreal and Ottawa for a 15,000-mile, four months cross-Canada tour in the interests of recruiting and the Red Cross.

High ranking officers of the Department of National Defence accompanied the inspection party as it pushed its way down the corridors of the train to view the interesting exhibits, demonstrating all types of army equipment from food to righting weapons and clothing.

Model of Efficiency.

Painted in the gray, blue, maroon and crimson colors of Canada's four fighting divisions overseas, the train, even from the outside was a fine example of Canadian efficiency. Inside was endless equipment, 60 per cent of which the Canadian public has never before seen.

The Governor General and Mr. MacDonald were duly impressed with the display and with the fine personnel of six officers and 64 men specially chosen to travel with it to more than 200 municipalities in Eastern and Western Canada. They called it "a fine show."

"I am pleased beyond words with the turnout of the train and its arrangement," was Col. Ralston's comment. "It is a splendid cross-section of the army. We couldn't send out a mobile unit in the winter so we put the whole things on rails."

For the first time in the history of both Dominion railroads, a train completely manned with the exception of firemen and engineer by army personnel will move over Canadian rails. Even the army's cooks and "porters" are aboard and army menus and cutlery are used in the dining car.

The 70 picked men who make up the unit's personnel are headed by Colonel J. E. McKenna, M.C. of the Royal Montreal Regiment. with Captain R. A. Dayton of the Queen's Own Rangers, Toronto, as adjutant. They are both immensely proud of their hand picked men.

Ottawa Boy Aboard.

Two Arnprior boys and one Ottawa boy were chosen as part of the personnel which is made up of men from almost every unit and army district across Canada. The Ottawa boy is Corporal P. McKay; the Arnprior boys are Privates W. Cunningham and O. J. Payer.

The purpose of the mobile exhibition is to show Canadians how the army is equipped, how it is trained, how it works and how it fights. It will be parked at convenient sidings in each place visited and mobile equipment will be driven through the towns.

Accompanying the inspection party were, besides those mentioned, Brigadier A. F. L. Letson newly-appointed adjutant general; Brigadier O. M. M. Kay, D.A.G. and Brigadier K. M. Perry, D.A.G. Controller C. E. Pickering represented the city. H. Willis O'Connor and Fit. Lt. J. Chevrier were in the vice-regal party.

The train left Ottawa at 6.30 this morning for Carleton Place where it was on view from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; at Smiths Falls from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and at Perth from 6.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

12/02/1942

Windsor Star

Canadian Army Train

Leamington

Leamington Woman Honored As Train's 50,000 Visitor

LEAMINGTON, Feb. 12. Mrs. C. A. Henderson thought she would be just one of the hundreds of visitors to the Canadian Army Train when she left her home on Marlborough street to inspect the train when it, stopped here last night, but she was greeted as an honored guest when she mounted the platform of the first coach.

For Mrs. Henderson was clocked as the 50,000th visitor to arrive at the train, although it has been on the road only a week and has yet to visit the larger centres on the schedule. Officers in charge of the train gave a special welcoming hand to the Leamington woman.

12/02/1942

Windsor Star

Canadian Army Train

Windsor

Specialists Man Train

Soldiers From All Parts of Canada Tell About Army Exhibits

Specialists in their own branch of the service, soldiers from all sections of Canada make up the personnel of the Canadian Army Train on display until 10 o'clock tonight at the Windsor C.N.R. station.

HAND-PICKED GUIDES

As the purpose of the train is to present Canada's war effort to the public, these men, 70 all ranks, were hand-picked to act as guides and attendants for the many displays. Twenty-five percent of the men are French-Canadians.

The train has just started on a schedule that will take it 15,000 miles and calls for 200 stops. During the first week, more than 50,000 have visited the display.

13/02/1942

Brantford Expositor

Canadian Army Train

Brantford

Brantfordites who have not seen what a "jeep" is will get a grand opportunity Saturday evening when the Canadian Army Train goes on an exhibition in this City from 6.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. The train consists of 15 cars of which 10 are devoted to exhibits representative of practically everything that goes to make up a modern army. The train will travel 15,000 miles and visit more than 200 centres from coast to coast in a comprehensive exhibition of the Canadian Army and its work. A light utility car seen in the centre of the flat car is a "jeep." At left everyone will recognise a universal carrier and at right is an 1,800-cwt personnel truck. The bottom two pictures show a sandbag shelter in which a unit wireless station has been set up. At centre is a model of an 8-cwt wireless truck and on the table a wireless set for use in vehicles. Centre is the operator at D.H.Q.; beyond him a signal sergeant demonstrates a cable-laying machine - Canadian Army Photos.

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Montreal Gazette

Canadian Army Train

Rigaud etc

ARMY TRAIN MAKING TRANSCANADA TRIP

Exhibition to Arrive Here on February 24 Under Col. McKenna

The Canadian Army Train, in charge of Lt.-Col. J. E. McKenna, M.C., a prominent figure in Montreal's financial district, will tour the province of Quebec between February 24 and March 2, according to the itinerary announced yesterday. The mobile exhibition will cover the country in four months to demonstrate to Canadians how their army is being instructed and equipped, how it operates and how it fights.

During the trip from coast to coast, the exhibition train will visit as many as three centres daily, stopping on a side line long enough for the population of each place to examine the numerous exhibits.

Arriving here at five o'clock on Tuesday, February 24, the train will leave here at five o'clock the following Friday morning, allowing more than two days for Montreaiers to visit the train.

The province of Quebec itinerary begins at Rigaud on the forenoon of February 24. After a stop at Ste. Anne de Bellevue in the afternoon, the train continues on here.

Valleyfield, St. Johns and Farnham are the stops on February 27; St. Hyacinthe and Drummondville on February 28; Sherbrooke and Thetford Mines on March 1, and Lake Megantic on March 2. From there the train visits the Maritimes.

16/02/1942

Brantford Expositor

Canadian Army Train

Brantford

SEEN FOR 65 MILES

The powerful searchlight beam which pierced the darkness above Brantford while the Canadian Army train was on exhibition Saturday night was visible for many miles last Friday night while the train was in London pilots of RCAF training planes on [sic] routine night flights over Western Ontario reported they could see the beam when they were 65 miles away from London. The shaft of blue light even penetrated lighter layers of clouds. One flying officer who served in the RAF in England earlier in the war said the pencil of light in the sky made him homesick for Old London.

ARMY TRAIN DRAWS MANY ON ITS TRIP

The Canadian Army Train now on tour to give Canadians an idea of the equipment used by the fighting services has been visited by nearly 100,000 persons in 12 days National Defense Headquarters said today.

During the weekend the train made six stops in Ontario at Ingersoll, Woodstock, Paris, Brantford St Thomas and Simcoe. During the previous ten days of the tour 77,654 had inspected, the train and the weekend visitors brought the total to 99,781.

125,000 Already Have Visited 15-Car Blitzkrieg On Wheels

The Canadian Army train arrived in Toronto last night intact- except for a tin of herring. They canned herring, the soldier said, was "lifted" while the train was on its tour of Ontario cities and towns.

All through the trip which began in Ottawa, the train has been besieged by war-minded Canadians of all ages, anxious to get a glimpse of the equipment being worn by fathers, brothers, cousins and friends in the fighting forces. The train crew estimates at least 125,000 people have been through the 15-car exhibition, not including last night's crowds.

Here for a two-day stay, the Victory train even carries one of the new made-in-Canada "Valentine" tanks, a 22-ton machine built in Montreal. A 25-pounder is set up in one car and intermediate equipment right down to a two-pounder is to be seen. A Thompson sub-machine gun is on display, as well as the Vickers and Lewis machine-guns. Hand grenades and various types of high explosive, shrapnel and anti-aircraft shells are open for inspection.

The train which is under command of Lieut-Col. J. A. McKenna, Royal Canadian Regiment, has a universal carrier, carried on a flat car at the rear, and a huge searchlight. This light, which played through the snow into Toronto skies last night is rated at 800,000-000 candlepower. It can be seen from 40 to 60 miles away.

A feature of the small-arms display is the new Canadian Army rifle, a Lee-Enfield, with a new, short, dagger-like bayonet only nine inches long.

Of chief interest to women visitors is the display of army food - (from here the herrings were removed,) the cuts of beef, lamb and pork given soldiers are shown, while tinned goods and other fresh vegetables are on display.

The train will be on display all day today at the North Toronto station, up until 10:00 p.m. Tomorrow it will move to the siding just east of the Fort York armories.

Toronto men attached to the crew, which was selected from various units across the dominion, are : Sergt. E. W. Gunn, Staff Sergt. F. Flood. Cpl. T. Vinetti, Bdr. C. Droy, and Pte. W. Cunningham. Officers from Toronto are: Major A. F. Mother t, Capt. H.R. Dayton and Capt. G. Lasher.

Exhibits of Army Roll Into Toronto

TORONTO. Feb. 19. The Canadian Army Train which is on a Dominion-wide tour to stimulate interest in the Second Victory Loan and to better acquaint Canadians with the many phases of army activities, arrived in Toronto last night for a two-day visit.

Lieut.-Col. J. E. McKenna of the Royal Montreal Regiment, officer commanding the display unit, said that more than 125,000 persons have already passed through the train since it began its tour, February 4.

MILITARY TRAIN COMING TO CORNWALL

Word has been received that the military equipment train will be in Cornwall on February 23rd, and that the equipment will be on exhibition from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

This train consists of the newest and finest war equipment, including tanks, shells, guns, and every kind of modern military equipment. It is the finest Army show ever made available at one time to the public.

This is the only stop made by the train in the United Counties, and it would be well worthwhile for any from this district who are planning a trip to Cornwall, to endeavor to be there at the time of this exhibition.

MONTREAL, Feb. 20 (CP) - Canada's Army exhibition train will enter New Brunswick on Tuesday, March 3 after touring in southeastern Quebec, officials at headquarters of Military District No. 4 announced here tonight. The train will stop at St. Stephen and Woodstock on March 3, and then move on to Fredericton the next day. It will arrive in Saint John the afternoon of March 4.

HUNDREDS OF CITY AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS VIEW SPECIAL ARMY TRAIN ON SUNDAY
Dramatized By Display

Hundred of Kingston residents visited the special Army train featuring displays dramatising the war effort which arrived at Fort Frontenac on Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

The train was met by Mayor H A Stewart other civic officials and heads of the Victory Loan committee.

Keen interest was shown in the graphically designed layouts which bring home the full import of the Second Victory Loan and the issues at stake.

Canadian Army Train in Georgetown Last Wednesday.

2205 People See Train in 2-hour Stop Here - Three Million in War Equipment on Exhibit.

The Canadian Army train attracted a crowd of citizens numbering 2205, when it made its scheduled appearance in Georgetown last Wednesday. The train, which has been making a tour of Canada in connection with the current Victory Loan campaign, was at the local C.N.R. station for two hours- 10 a.m. till noon - and officials were pleased at the interest shown by the large turn-out. In the vanguard of the inspection tour were pupils of Georgetown Public and High Schools and Glenn Williams Public School, who marched in a body from their classrooms.

Chairman W. V. Grant, of the Georgetown District Victory Loan committee, in company with other officials of the campaign, met the train at the station when it arrived from Guelph and officially welcomed Lieut-Col.. J. A. McKenna, officer commanding a staff of sixty-six offices, NCO's and men who made up the personnel of the train. Committee members had an opportunity of meeting Col. McKenna and the senior members of his staff in the lounge car and were conducted on a tour of the train by him. He explained that over three million dollars worth of equipment was on display. While the train was in Georgetown, an official photographer from MDG, and two photographers from the Montreal Standard, were on hand to take pictures of the personnel, which was hand-picked from regiments right across Canada. Col. McKenna himself was on loan from the Royal Montreal Rifles.

The train was painted in the colors of the four Canadian divisions - red for the 1st, blue for the 2nd, French grey for the3rd, and maroon for the armored. Consisting of fifteen cars, four or five cars in the front were devoted to the men themselves- diner orderly room, sleeping quarters, a dynamo car for power, and combination lounge and library. The train was run on regular army lines with a complete staff of army men, augmented only by a few necessary railwaymen. Supplies were drawn from canteens in various cities en route by prearranged plan. The only thing lacking was bathing facilities and the YMCA had co-operated to (continued on page four)

Among the spectators who visited the Victory Loan Canadian Army Train at Place Viger Station last night were ---

Army Train to Visit Province

Prince Edward Island is included in the Army Train Demonstration Tour which will travel all over Canada and will be one of the most unique and arresting exhibits of Canada's war effort that has ever been seen. It takes fifteen cars to house the exhibits which have already been viewed by millions of people.

The train will arrive in two sections and will be at Borden between 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. March 16th. It will arrive at Summerside at 2:00 and 2:30 (two sections) March 16th and the exhibit will be open from 3:15 to 8:00 p.m. It will leave Summerside at 9:00 and 9:30 that evening and will arrive at Charlottetown at 11:30 and 12:00 midnight, March 16th. Exhibit will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. March 17th. More particulars will be available later.

10,000 VIEW DISPLAY

Many Visit Red Cross Car on Army Train

More than 10,000 men, women and children from all walks of life in the city visited the Canadian Red Cross Society display car on the Canadian Army Train, now located at Place Viger station, during yesterday, according to a check made by Corporal XR. Pichette, who is in charge of the Red Cross display.

Recruiting Train Queries

Fort Erie Times-Review

The Canadian army train which was here last Monday provided a lively topic for discussion hereabouts - but most of it seemed to revolve around the point of whether the military equipment in it really cost as much as \$3,000,000.

Legion asks Postponement of Army Train visit

The Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion opposes the proposed visit of a demonstration train to this province in a resolution adopted at the monthly meeting. The Branch has decided to ask the Department of National Defence to cancel or postpone the proposed visit of the 15-car train to this province in March.

The Legion objected to the visit of the train on the grounds of the difficulty involved in transporting it across an ice-filled Northumberland Strait. Tow trips would be required of the ferry Prince Edward Island to carry the train to the province and an equal number to return it to the mainland.

The Department (of National Defence) "cannot know the seriousness of the situation regarding transportation to and from this Island since the loss of the car ferry Charlottetown," the preamble said. "Farmers and exporters cannot get cars to export our produce and it is only with the greatest difficulty that a portion of the incoming supplies are ferried."

The resolution said "we feel that the people of this province are fully impressed with the gravity of the war situation and our total enlistments being between 7,000 and 8,000 we feel there is no necessity to spur enlistments in this province."

EDITORIAL NOTES

There are representatives from every province except Prince Edward Island on the \$3,000,000 Canadian Army demonstration train travelling over the Dominion, we are told. Of course, our men must be on active service not in safety-first jobs.

Army Train to Miss P.E.I.

Ottawa, - March 6.- Defence Department officials said tonight that because only one car ferry now is available for traffic to Prince Edward Island from the mainland, the Canadian army train, on tour throughout Canada, has cancelled its visit to that province. Officials said plans were cancelled at the request of provincial and civic authorities, Charlottetown and Summerside boards of trade, and the Canadian Legion Provincial Command.

Pastors Protest Time Of Army Train Visit

Kentville, N.S. Mar ch 9. Pastors of four churches here, in a letter to Finance Minister Ilsley today, protested that the visiting hours of the Canadian army demonstration train here Sunday "seriously depleted" church and Sunday school attendance.

Before the train's arrival. Kentville authorities had protested the proposed hours, and they were to have been changed so as not to conflict with church services.

The clergymen's protest was addressed to Mr. Ilsley as member of Parliament for this constituency. It was signed by Rev. G. R. Thompson, Anglican; Rev. J. W. Brown, Roman Catholic; Rev. W. C. Machum, United, and Rev. A. A. MacLeod, Baptist.

Army Train Here On April 12, 13

Edmontonians who last week helped in the contribution of nearly \$1,000,000,000 in the second Canadian Victory Loan drive will have a chance to see what their money buys when on April 12 and 13 a 15-car "army train" arrives in Edmonton to display "the tools" which will help Canadian soldiers "finish the job."

Announcement of its arrival was made by M.D. 13 headquarters Thursday. The train has been touring Canada and now is heading west.

Every arm and service of the Canadian army is represented on the train, and weapons from rifles and bayonets to a tank will be on display. Some of the army vehicles will be driven through Edmonton streets, it is expected.

The train has been specially painted, each car bearing the name "The Canadian Army Train." The color scheme is based on the colors of the four overseas divisions, blue, red, French gray and maroon.

One car, consisting of four booths, is devoted to Red Cross blood donors, munitions and supply.

Regular army rations are prepared on the train for the six officers and 60 men who accompany the traveling exhibit. The daily ration forms part of the R.C.A.S.C. exhibit.

Incomplete itinerary for the train in Alberta indicates it will be in Vermilion on April 11, Vegreville on April 12, Edmonton on April 12 and 13, Wetaskiwin and Red Deer on April 13, Stettler and Drumheller on April 14. The train will arrive in Calgary on April 14 and will be on display the following day.

Exact times when the public may inspect the train and its equipment will be announced shortly.

14,300 VISIT ARMY TRAIN

HALIFAX, March 11 (CP) - Canada's army demonstration train was visited by 14,300 persons in three hours here today. Lt.-Col. J.E. McKenna, in charge of the train, said it was the best showing made in any centre of comparative size since the tour started. Up to now, 357,000 persons have passed through the train.

14/03/1942 *Montreal Gazette* *Canadian Army Train* *Montreal*

Army Train Returning For Two-Day City Stop

The Canadian Army Train will be here for two days at the end of the month, permitting more Montrealers to see the \$3,000,000 worth of war materials manufactured in Canada, it was announced yesterday.

On its return from the Maritimes the train, in command of Lt-Col. J. E. McKenna. M.C.. will reach here on Friday, March 27, at 12.15 a.m. and will leave for Lachute on March 29.

The train, on its way to tour the western provinces. will be in Quebec City on March 23. and will visit Three Rivers, Grand'Mere, Shawinigan Falls, Louiseville, Berthier, Lanorie, Joliette, Ste. Therese and St. Jerome on its way here.

19/03/1942 *Edmonton Journal* *Canadian Army Train* *Edmonton*

Caption to poor picture

These exhibits form part of the Canadian Army train which will be on display In Edmonton from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. April 12 and 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon April 13. The train is visiting Canadian centres to show what the army is and how it works. At the left of the flat car pictured here is an anti-aircraft searchlight five feet in diameter. This model can be operated by hand or by remote control. Next to it is a diesel operated generator. Equally essential to successful war today is the Valentine tank seen at the right. This is what is known as an infantry tank It is manufactured in Canada. Needing less than 10 minutes from unpacking to operation the dental operating room shown at left, complete with X-ray machine and developing tent, is one of the many exhibits. Folding dental chair, drill, operator's table and instrument cabinet, X-ray machine and developing dark room all pack away into the trunks. Everything required in the operation of a medical inspection post and the requisite equipment for a one-bed hospital is displayed In the exhibit of the Royal Canadian Army Medical corps.

19/03/1942 *Ottawa Citizen* *Canadian Army Train* *Ottawa*

Canadian Army Train To Visit Ottawa West

The Canadian Army Train with its more than \$3,000,000 worth of military equipment is to visit the Ottawa West station on Monday, March 30, it was announced yesterday. .

The train, which is touring Eastern Ontario centers in the course of a 15,000-mile trip over the Dominion as a stimulant to recruiting, will be at the station between 3.30 and 10 p.m. on that day. On the succeeding day it will visit Arnprior, Renfrew and Pembroke before heading north to Noranda.

Until now more than 100,000 persons have visited the display, commanded by Lieut. Col. J. D. McKenna of the Royal Rifles of Canada, Montreal. An Ottawa soldier, Corporal P. Q. McKay is a member of its personnel, and others from this district include Cpl. H. R. Wright, Renfrew; Pte. O. J. Payer, Arnprior, and Tpr. R. St. Cyr, Alexandria.

21/03/1942 *Ottawa Journal* *Canadian Army Train* *Rimouski*

TRAIN BACK IN QUEBEC

RIMOUSKI, Que., March 20. - The Canadian Army exhibition train, which has been touring New Brunswick for the last few days, returned to Quebec province today and stopped here and at nearby Riviere du Loup for a few hours.

21/03/1942 *Montreal Gazette* *Canadian Army Train* *Rimouski*

MANY SEE ARMY TRAIN

Rimouski, Riviere - du - Loup Citizens See Equipment

Rimouski. March 20. The Canadian army exhibition train, which has been touring New Brunswick for the last few days, returned to Quebec Province today and stopped here and at nearby Riviere-du-Loup for a few hours.

More than 3,000 persons visited the train at each of the two lower St. Lawrence towns.

23/03/1942 *North Bay Nugget* *Canadian Army Train* *North Bay*

The Army Train's "Mascot"

When the Canadian Army train arrives in North Bay on April 1 it will have as its mascot "Coaster" the dog which is shown above with Sgt. F. J. Tilt of Windsor. They are shown sitting on the Valentine tank carried by the train. "Coaster" got his name because he's going to travel from coast to coast

23/03/1942 *Brantford Expositor* *Canadian Army Train* *Quebec*

"CARDINAL IN JEEP"

QUEBEC, March 23 - Cardinal Villeneuve eased himself into the driver's seat of a "jeep" car aboard the Canadian Army train here today and later inspected the \$3,000,000 layout of modern war equipment. More than 457,000 persons have visited the traveling army display.

24/03/1942 *Montreal Gazette* *Canadian Army Train* *Quebec*

PRELATE 'PILOTS' 'JEEP' ON TEST RUN

Cardinal Villeneuve Inspects Army Train, Takes Utility Vehicle on Imaginary Spin

Quebec, March 23. - Cardinal Villeneuve eased himself into the driver's seat of a "jeep" car aboard the Canadian army train here today, beaming with delight as he gripped the steering wheel and took the four-seater light utility car on an imaginary test run.

His "passengers" three members of the official party inaugurating the train's one-day stopover here after a two-week tour of the Maritimes - were Mayor Lucien Borne, Brig. Georges Vanier, officer commanding Military District No. 5, and Lt -Col. J. E. McKenna of Montreal, officer commanding the train.

After inspecting the \$3,000,000 layout of modern war equipment Cardinal Villeneuve said he was "extremely impressed with the organization of the army and the completeness of the equipment." He said the knowledge of the N.C.O. guides who explained the exhibits to him was "amazing."

The train pulled in here last night after stops during the week-end at several south-shore points. Also in the official party that greeted it here today were Labor Minister Edgar Rochette, Hon. Hector Laferte., Speaker in the Legislative Council, and Lt.-Col. Leon Lambert, chief of the provincial police.

More than 457,000 persons have visited the travelling display since it started its nation-wide tour seven weeks ago in Southern Ontario. Tonight it will move on to Three Rivers and will visit Grand'Mere, Shawinigan Falls, Louiseville, Berthier, Joliette, Ste. Therese and St. Jerome before reaching Montreal Friday for an overhaul.

City Gets Chance To See Army Train

The people of Ottawa are to be given their first opportunity to view the already famous Canadian Army train which will be on exhibit on the Isabella street siding next Monday from 3.30 to 10 p.m. The many exhibits in the train show the modern and up-to-date equipment with which the men of the Canadian Army are equipped.

In celebration of the visit of the train to the Capital. Mayor Lewis said this morning that he hoped everyone would take advantage of this opportunity to see for themselves just what their money in war savings certificates, victory loans and taxes is buying and that merchants and others throughout the city would observe the day by decorating their windows and flying flags.

By the time the train is exhibited in Ottawa, it will have been viewed by at least 500,000 people. It will then have completed its tour of the eastern half of Canada, and will then commence its tour of the West.

Today the train is on view at Three Rivers, Que., and it will approach the Capital through Hull. On a siding by the Hull West station, it will be open for inspection from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. next Monday. The train was assembled in Ottawa on February 3, but was not shown to the public here at that time.

24/03/1942 *Ottawa Citizen**Canadian Army Train**Arnprior*

Army Train Will Visit Arnprior Next Tuesday

ARNPRIOR, March 24. - (Special.) - Information has been received from Military District No. 3 headquarters at Kingston that the Canadian army train of fifteen cars with \$3,000,000 worth of war equipment will visit Arnprior on Tuesday next.

25/03/1942 *Ottawa Journal**Canadian Army Train**Arnprior*

TO VISIT ARNPRIOR

ARNPRIOR, March 25 - Military District No. 3 Headquarters, at Kingston, announces a Canadian Army train of 15 cars, with \$3,000,000 worth of war equipment, will visit this place next Tuesday for public inspection,

26/03/1942 *Ottawa Citizen**Canadian Army Train**Ottawa*

Canadian Army Train To Be Seen Here on Monday

Citizens of Ottawa and Hull will get opportunity to view Canada's hard-hitting, mechanized tools of war. Officials to give souvenirs to the 500,000th visitor.

Canada's hard-hitting, mechanized tools of war - \$3,000,000 worth - will be on display in Ottawa and Hull on Monday with the arrival of the 15-car Canadian Army train.

The train, which carries the war equipment which Canada is now manufacturing in large quantities will be at the Hull West station from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, and at the Isabella street siding in Ottawa from 3.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. the same day.

Lieut. Col. J. E. McKenna, M.C., of Montreal is in charge of the train, which is painted in the colors of four Canadian divisions now overseas; red, blue, French gray and maroon. Under him is a selected personnel of 60 officers and other ranks representative of all parts of Canada.

During its 15,000 miles of travel across the Dominion the train has been responsible for bringing the army to the public and the public to the army. It has shown and educated many thousands of people in the many intricate weapons required to fight modern warfare and has impressed the need for many more such tools.

Attracts Recruits

Hundreds of recruits have been interested in one of the many branches of service with the Canadian Army.

Of particular interest to mothers and fathers who have sons in the army, the train has given them concrete ideas of the type of materials with which their loved ones are being provided to fight for freedom, and also to defend themselves.

Ottawans should not miss this opportunity to see how communication is maintained between the front lines; how rapidly a river may be bridged; the highly important job of feeding the army; the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, which is in possession of one whole car devoted to the display of the numerous types of clothing provided soldiers; the armament display; a complete field unit of the Canadian Dental Corps; how the health of the soldier is given careful attention; the working of the army trade schools, the valuable work of the Canadian Red Cross.

Immediately to the rear of the train are two flat cars on which are a 22-ton Valentine tank, anti-aircraft searchlight, a reconnaissance truck and a universal carrier. The searchlight which has been used during the tour operates from a Diesel engine and has 800 million candle power. It can be seen from a distance of 65 miles.

To Give Souvenir

Soldiers are not supposed to give away their regimental badges - no matter how prettily they are begged for - and, up to now, despite blandishments of the fair sex of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, officers and men who are demonstrating Canadian Army equipment aboard the Canadian Army train have stuck nobly to their guns. In nearly two months of exhibitions across the eastern half of the Dominion the train and its personnel have not even a button missing.

But, it was learned here tonight, there will be a technical infraction of the rules within the next few days when the 500,000th visitor is tagged by the soldier-tradesman made electric eye that counts each visitor to the 15-car exhibition of arms, ammunition, uniforms, medical, dental, signalling, engineering, training and ordnance equipment displayed by the train.

The idea of a souvenir for the half-millionth visitor, says Lt. Col. J. E. McKenna, was conceived by a sergeant who thought something tangible should be done by the men themselves. "How about each of us contributing a regimental badge and mounting them all on a belt that will represent the 35 or more units the 66 officers and men on the train belong to?" he asked.

There was an enthusiastic response and the belt is now ready.

Amateur statisticians aboard the train have calculated that according to present daily attendance averages the half million is likely to be reached at Buckingham or Hull. Just as the eastern half of the Canada-wide tour of the Canadian Army train ends and the western itinerary starts.

It could not be learned how the badge-givers fared at the next kit inspection, nor did any member of the exhibition train's staff appear to be short a badge here today. Major L. H. Webber, Sainit John, N.B., who is quartermaster of the train did not appear to be unduly perturbed.

This souvenir belt, quite like those which were popular during the Great War, now awaits the winner of the lucky number.

Daily Attendance

Daily average attendance of Canadians anxious to see how their dollars are used to equip their soldiers for the 49 days the train has been open to the public has been 9,544 it was learned at National Defence Headquarters.

Questioned as to the probable 500,000th visitor the spokesman refused to hazard a guess. Up to Wednesday morning, he said, 467,000 had seen the exhibits. Including Wednesday there would be three exhibit days before the train reaches Hull West station for exhibition from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Monday, March 30. Ottawa will have a chance to inspect the exhibits Monday afternoon from 3.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.. and there is a possibility, it was pointed out, that unless Hull turns out a record attendance the souvenir belt might become the property of an Ottawa visitor.

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Caption to a very poor quality picture

At the left of the flat car pictured above is an anti-aircraft searchlight five feet in diameter. This model can be operated by hand or by remote control. Next to it is a diesel operated generator. Equally essential to successful war today is the Valentine tank seen at the right. This is what is known as an infantry tank it is manufactured in Canada. These exhibits form part of the Canadian Army train now touring the Dominion to show what the Canadian Army is and how it works. The train will be in Hull on Monday morning next, coming to Ottawa in the afternoon where it will be at Isabella street.

28/03/1942 Ottawa Journal Canadian Army Train Ottawa

In the Canadian Army Train of 19 cars which arrives in Ottawa for display on Monday next, there will be one car devoted entirely to the interests of the Red Cross Society. The train will be open for inspection from 3.30 to 10 o'clock in the yards on Isabella street. The Red Cross car is No. 4319 and included in the exhibit! there will be work pertaining especially to the Prisoner of War and the Blood Donor Service.

28/03/1942 Ottawa Citizen Canadian Army Train Ottawa

Thousands View Garrison Parade Through Capital
Active and Reserve Units March to Lively Airs. Fine Training Reflected In Bearing of Troops.

The greatest display of uniformed manpower since the garrison parade of May, 1941. was that of last night when active and reserve units of the Canadian Army held a marchout through downtown Ottawa to the lively martial airs of bands, bugle brass and pipe.

The parade was held primarily for the purpose of drawing attention to the Canadian Army Train which will be open to public inspection at Hull West station on Monday morning and at the Isabella street siding. just east of Bank street, in the afternoon and evening. More than 4,000 men took part in last night's marchout.

Thousands of spectators had an opportunity to witness the marching polish and general smart appearance of Ottawa's part time and full time fighting men.

28/03/1942 Ottawa Citizen Canadian Army Train Ottawa

See the Canadian Army Train
Isabella Street Siding

At last it's here: the Canadian Army train that has been touring the province. Your Victory Bond dollars helped equip this train, be sure to see it. Accompanied by crack soldiers, this train contains the newest in army equipment.

28/03/1942 Ottawa Journal Canadian Army Train Ottawa Hull

Parade in Hull Prepares for Arrival Of Army Train

The Regiment de Hull will parade on Sunday at 2.30 p.m.. through principal streets of that city with its brass and bugle bands, in honor of the Canadian Army Train which visits Hull and Ottawa on Monday.

The Army Train will be on exhibition in Hull at Hull West Station, Monday, from 9 a.m.. to 1 p.m., and in Ottawa at Isabella street siding, from 3.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The 15-car travelling exhibition carries \$3,000,000 worth arms and equipment manufactured in Canada and used by Canadian soldiers.

The Mayor of Ottawa, accompanied by members of the Board of Control and City Council, will visit the train in a body about five o'clock Monday afternoon. Earlier in the afternoon the entire personnel at District Depot No. 3, under command of Lieut-Colonel Gillie, will parade, headed by the band, to Isabella street siding to view the various exhibits of equipment.

In the evening from 7.45 to 9.45 the brass band of the 2nd Battalion, Governor General's Foot Guards, through the courtesy of Lieut. -Colonel J. H. Hogan, M.M; Officer Commanding, will entertain visitors to the train. The G.G.F.G. band, an organization of the most accomplished Ottawa musicians, is well-known to Ottawans and should prove a popular attraction.

The Ottawa police department and Electric Railway Company are taking special steps to take care of the increased traffic on Bank and Elgin streets at Isabella street siding and members of the Saint John Ambulance Association will also be on hand in case of emergency.

30/03/1942 Ottawa Citizen Canadian Army Train Hull

Mother Of Seaman In Hull 500,000th To See Army Train

Purely by coincidence but startlingly appropriate was the discovery that Mrs. F. Laurin, of 21 St. Joseph Boulevard, Hull, wife of a soldier, mother of a sailor, was the 500,000th person to visit the Canadian army train when it was on exhibition at Hull West station this morning. The train is now being shown in Ottawa at the Isabella street siding.

Mrs. Laurin is the wife of Sergeant A. Laurin, R.C.A.M.C., presently at Camp Borden undergoing training for active service overseas. She was the mother of Ordinary Seaman Lucien Laurin, who lost his life in the sinking of H.M.C.S. Otter just a year ago this month, on March 26, 1941. Mrs. Laurin proudly wears the Mothers' Cross in honor of the sacrifice she has made for her country.

Accompanying her on her inspection of the famous train was her 11-year-old son, Idas, who, as mascot of the Hull Regiment, was dressed in full uniform and wearing upon his sleeve the Sergeant Major's crown. She was also accompanied by her daughter, Miss Armande Laurin.

In appreciation of Mrs. Laurin's visit, and to observe the fact that she was the last of the first half million Canadian people to view the train, every member of the train crew autographed the booklet "Gentleman in Battle Dress" which is given to visitors, and which was presented to her.

30/03/1942 Ottawa Citizen Canadian Army Train Hull

Thousands in Hull Visit Army Train

Thousands of Hull residents visited the Canadian Army train which arrived at Hull West station at nine o'clock this morning and was on exhibition until 1 p.m.

Mayor Raymond Brunet and members of city council, also a large delegation of Rotary Club members headed by John F. Taylor, president, were among those to view the train. School children were also given a few hours off to see the train.

Several Hull manufacturers allowed their men an hour off to inspect the train which is in charge of Lieut. Col. A. McKenna of Montreal. On Sunday the train stopped at Lachute, Montebello and Buckingham, leaving the last named place last evening.

This afternoon and evening the train will be on display at the Isabella street siding, Ottawa, from 3.30 to 10 o'clock.

31/03/1942 Ottawa Journal Canadian Army Train Ottawa

One Civilian Among any Soldiers Proves Man-of-Action at Army Show.

While the civilian generally is supposed to be at a discount in a world where the Armed Forces take precedence, one small individual in a business suit among several huskies in uniform, yesterday emerged as the man-of-the-house at an Army show.

The stage was set for this civilian-man-of-action when several hundred people, including many women and children, were lined up along Isabella street waiting in turn to hoard the Canadian Army Train.

Suddenly, as if out of nowhere, a runaway horse careened on to Isabella at a full gallop, dragging behind it a bread wagon which rocked and swayed like a stagecoach in a western movie.

Several women screamed. There was a stampede to clear the street for the charging horse.

Soldiers and civilians alike scattered across the sidewalk. All but the small individual in the business suit.

He raced in the same direction as the horse was galloping, and when it caught up to him, he leaped for the bridle. The runaway dragged him perhaps 60 feet before his weight brought to a stop. The civilian was Special R.C.M.P. Constable Sydney Armstrong of 273 Arlington avenue, who before joining the force three years ago was a farmer in the Osgoode district.

"Well done and thanks", an Army officer told him after the runaway had been halted.

31/03/1942 Ottawa Citizen Canadian Army Train Hull

Mrs. F. Laurin, 21 St Joseph Boulevard, Hull, wife of a soldier and mother of a sailor, is pictured above as she stepped aboard the Canadian Army train in Hull yesterday morning, making the 500,000th person to visit the display of army equipment which has been on tour in Eastern Canada for some time. Helping Mrs. Laurin on the train is Sgt. F. Tilt, while standing to the right is Mrs. Laurin's son, Idas,, 11 years, mascot of the Hull Regiment, who went through the train with his mother. (Official Canadian Army photo).

03/04/1942 Edmonton Journal Canadian Army Train Wetaskiwin

Army Train Visit To Be Celebrated

Wetaskiwin Makes Plans For Afternoon Stop

STORES TO CLOSE (Special to The Journal)

WETASKIWIN, April 3. - Mayor C. D. Enman has been named chairman of a reception committee in connection with visit of the Canadian Army train here on April 13.

Patriotic and service organizations, militia units, municipal councils, and school boards have been invited to appoint representatives to attend a preview of the train immediately on its arrival. Mayors of Ponoka and Millet and members of city council are expected to be among the number, and a general public display will follow.

Stores and other places of business will be decorated for the occasion and will be closed, it is planned, between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. The train will leave for Red Deer at 5:00 p.m.

04/04/1942 North Bay Nugget Canadian Army Train North Bay

MUCH INTEREST IS SHOWN IN CANADIAN ARMY TRAIN

Every piece of equipment, large and small, which go to make up the modern highly mechanized armies of the present day were displayed in North Bay when the Canadian Army Train exhibit stopped here for three hours on Wednesday morning. Like most other centres where this train has stopped thousands of citizens soldiers and school children lost no time in viewing the \$3,000,000 worth of new army equipment. These photographs taken when the train was in North Bay shows many citizens looking over the huge display At top left Lance Bombardier G Meugens (centre) of Victoria BC and Lieut B F Addy (right) of Moncton NB are shown repairing a small steel lathe in the army trades school exhibit as Fort Chippewa soldiers file by in the background. Interested spectators are pictured top right as they viewed the two flat cars of mechanized equipment. A complete description of the Valentine tank and huge searchlight was being made over a loudspeaker system when the bottom photo was made. From left to right here may be seen the 60-inch anti-aircraft searchlight the motor-driven generator for the searchlight and the Valentine army tank. Four thousand persons viewed the exhibit (Nugget Photo)

When the Canadian Army Train exhibit visited North Bay for three hours on Wednesday approximately 4,000 North Bay civilians and soldiers took time off from their regular duties to view the \$3,000,000 worth of Canadian army equipment displayed in 12 cars of the 15-car train. Located in one of the coaches along with other modern weapons of war was the 25-pounder field cannon shown in the top photograph. Adding a touch of realism to this display was the camouflage nets and the soldier in tin helmet and battle dress. Soldiers and school children are pictured at right here as they viewed the exhibit. A large crowd of soldiers citizens and school children lined up to the end of the station platform are shown at bottom as they waited to enter the train. Every piece of army equipment from the small calibre rifle bullet to the huge Valentine army tank were displayed in the novel exhibit (Nugget Photos)

04/04/1942 Saskatoon Star-Phoenix Canadian Army Train Saskatoon

Army Weapons to Be on View Here

Train Open to Public From 8.30 In Morning Until 2 in Afternoon

The Canadian Army Train now touring the country will be in Saskatoon on April 10 and will be available for inspection from 8.30 o'clock in the morning to 2 o'clock in the afternoon. During that time every person in the city will have an opportunity to see the army weapons that are purchased with the bonds and war savings certificates in which people invest.

The train has attracted considerable interest in the cities end towns it has visited. The purpose behind it is to bring home in a forceful way to everyone the inevitably tremendous cost of war by letting them see at close range the instruments of war as used by Canadian soldiers.

Military authorities said today it was definitely not a "circus" train, or a mere exhibition of army weapons. To the young men who will some day be soldiers it describes the equipment they will later be expected to use.

Citizens may see on this train for themselves a representative selection of some of the very things for which they so generously parted with their hard earned dollars. They will see a demonstration of weapons and munitions, and the fine workmanship carried out by Canadians in Canadian factories.

06/04/1942 Ottawa Citizen Canadian Army Train Ottawa

Among the first of many visitors to the Canadian Army Train, stationed at Ottawa on .its scheduled exhibition tour of the country, was Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. The Prime Minister is shown in the photograph inspecting the electric eye which counts all visitors to the mobile exhibition as they pass it. To the right of Mr. King is Lieut.-Col. J. E. McKenna, Montreal, officer commanding the train, and to Mr. King's left is Hon. Angus Macdonald. To Mr. Macdonald's left is Major-. General H. F. G. Ltson, the adjutant-general. (Canadian Army Photograph.)

06/04/1942 North Bay Nugget Canadian Army Train North Bay

Classes were dismissed at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning in order to allow the staff and students of the school an opportunity of visiting the Canadian Army train which was in the city. The teachers and students went in a body to inspect the train during its three-hour stop at the C.P.R. station. The inspection of the train proved a revelation to the majority of those who were fortunate enough to inspect the display. As the time allotted for the North Bay stop was only three hours it was impossible for all the staff and student body to go through the train and those who were not granted the privilege were keenly disappointed.

Army's Display Train Starts Western Tour

The tools that will finish the job are being displayed across Canada by the Canadian Army Train.

This morning the more than \$3,000,000 worth of equipment taking 10 exhibition cars was privately shown at the C.N.R. depot. The train will tour the West before returning to Winnipeg, where the public will be invited to inspect the display.

Purposes of Display

The functions of this miniature mechanical army on wheels are:

To acquaint the public with the various units of the army and to demonstrate their use.

To exhibit modern army equipment.

To show the technical training acquired by the men.

To aid recruiting.

To promote the war loan.

To assist the Red Cross in registering blood transfusion donors.

The 15 coaches of the train, including two flat cars, carry nearly every piece of equipment and machinery in use today by the Canadian army.

The machines range from the big Valentine tank, with its gun turret, to the new round bayonet, which is much like an overgrown spike.

The display section is made up of the two flat cars and seven baggage cars, which have been stripped. A railed-off passage allows the public to pass through. Between 1,200 and 1,800 people can see the exhibit each hour.

Divided Into Groups

The various departments of the army are arranged as follows:

Royal Canadian Corps of Signals showing how communication is maintained in the field; Royal Canadian Engineers with a folding boat bridge and pontoon bridge as part of their exhibit; Royal Canadian Army Service Corps shows how the highly important job of feeding the men is handled.

The Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps has a whole car to show the types of clothing equipment from that used in the tropics to a decontamination suit.

The Royal Canadian Artillery displays its 25-pounder field guns, shells and all the smaller weapons.

Trades Schools

The Canadian Dental Corps and the Canadian Medical Corps displayed the equipment used in maintaining the health of the men.

A complete car is given over to the Army Trades Schools and the work they are doing. Each province in the Dominion is represented. The Red Cross shows types of food parcels it sends overseas and with actual blood serums and pictures show the work done in maintaining a constant supply of blood for use in the battle areas.

The two flat cars include the 22-ton Valentine tank, the largest anti-aircraft searchlight made in Canada, a personnel truck, universal carrier, and a jeep.

The official party included His Honor, R.F. McWilliams, K.C. lieutenant-governor; Premier Bracken, Mayor Queen, staff headquarters officers, M.D. 10; members of the city council and other civic dignitaries.

08/04/1942 *Edmonton Journal**Canadian Army Train**Lacombe*

Lacombe Prepares Greet Army Train

(Special to the Journal)

LACOMBE. April 8. -Committees have been appointed on publicity, reception and decorating for the visit here next Monday of the Canadian Army train.

Definite assurance has been given that the train will stop in Lacombe on its way from Wetaskiwin to Red Deer and will be on view, it is expected, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Mayor Thomas Wilks heads the reception committee. Board of trade. Lions club, Canadian Legion, Lest We Forget club, I.O.D.E., and Better Business club are co-operating.

09/04/1942 *Vancouver Sun**Canadian Army Train**Vancouver and BC*

Army Exhibit To Be Shown Here April 20

With every type of army equipment from huge Valentine tanks to a tiny dentist's drill, the 15-car Canadian Army Train which shows the public where its money goes in the equipment of the fast-growing fighting forces, will arrive in Vancouver at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19.

The following day, the train will be "spotted" at a convenient place on the CPR tracks so that citizens may visit it and see the many exhibits, which include practically all types of equipment issued to the army. Arms, armor, food, protective and offensive devices and clothing and medical supplies are among the thousands of items on display.

The train will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, April 20. The exact location will be announced by The Vancouver Sun as soon as it is decided upon.

The exhibit will be shown in 13 British Columbia centres during the tour. Schedule follows: Revelstoke, April 17, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Sicamous, April 17, 1:15 to 3:15 p.m.; Kelowna, April 17, 8 to 10 p.m.; Vernon, April 18, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Kamloops, April 18, 7 to 10 p.m.; Agassiz, April 19, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; New Westminster, April 19, 4:15 to 6:15 p.m.; Vancouver, April 20, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Penticton, April 21, 5 to 10 p.m.; Tadanac, April 22, 5 to 10 p.m.; Nelson, April 23, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Cranbrook, April 24, 4 to 10 p.m., and Fernie, April 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All times stated are the hours between which the train is open for public visits.

09/04/1942 *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix**Canadian Army Train**Humboldt*

Army Train Visits Humboldt District

Special to the Star-Phoenix

HUMBOLDT, April 9. With streets bedecked with flags, 1,800 citizens of Humboldt and district turned out to view with keen interest the Canadian Army train which was on public exhibition here for two hours on Wednesday afternoon. More than three million dollars' worth of army equipment, representative of the tools of war which Canada is now manufacturing in large quantities, was displayed on 10 exhibition cars.

The train was made up of 15 coaches, including two flat cars. The coaches were painted in the colors of the four Canadian divisions now overseas, red, blue, French gray and maroon.

The personnel of the train is made up of seven officers and 64 men, who hail from all parts of the Dominion, coming from as far east as Glace Bay and as far west as the Pacific Coast. Lieutenant-Colonel McKenna of the Royal Montreal Regiment is the officer in charge, and Lieut. C. E. Mason of Moose Jaw is the Saskatchewan officers representative.

11/04/1942 *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix**Canadian Army Train**Wadena*

Wadena People See Army Train

WADENA. Wadena received an influx of visitors on Wednesday morning when the Canadian Army Demonstration Train made a stop of two hours here.

Practically the entire population turned out to view the many interesting exhibits, and when supplemented by hundreds of visitors from the district, a large crowd had assembled. In all 961 people had the privilege of witnessing their marvel of modern production.

Many were unable to gain admittance to the train, having arrived too late.

The feature which seemed to appeal to the majority of the visitors was the spotless appearance of all exhibits. True to army tradition, everything had a place, and many complimentary remarks were passed regarding the appearance of the exhibit on the 15 cars. Men on duty in and about the coaches were obliging, and willing to assist visitors in viewing the army equipment under their care.

Canadian Army Train Here Sunday Night and Monday

The long-awaited Canadian army train will be in Edmonton over the week-end. Fifteen cars long, the train has equipment of a value of \$3,000,000, representing every branch of the army. It will be open to inspection by the citizens of Edmonton for three hours.

Arriving at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the C.N.R. depot, the Victory train will be open to the general public from 9:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Sunday and from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon Monday.

A private inspection will be held Sunday from 8:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for army, air force and navy officers, newspapermen, and other invited guests.

The train will be met by the band of the 2nd Battalion, Edmonton Regiment, which will play during the Sunday stop-over Monday morning the band of the Midland Regiment will be in attendance.

A special guard of the 2nd Battalion, Edmonton Fusiliers and the Edmonton Regiment will be on duty at the train Sunday, and Midland Regiment men will guard the train Monday.

On Sunday the train will be on display at track No. 2 at the C.N.R. depot and Monday it will be at the C.P.R. depot.

The train is staffed with four officers and 60 other ranks headed by Lt.-Col. J. E. McKenna, M.C., of Montreal. Three Alberta men will be on the train. They are Sgt. W. Harte of Three Hills, Tpr. M. S. Craven of Medicine Hat, and Pte. J. C. Mitchell of Luscar.

Purpose of the train is to bring the army to the public to show the citizens of Canada the many and intricate weapons required to fight modern war, and to impress upon the public the great need for such tools of war. It is hoped the train also will interest prospective recruits in joining one of the several branches of the army.

Signals, engineers, army service corps, ordnance corps, artillery, dental corps, medical corps, and trade schools are represented on the train. One section also has been set aside for the Red Cross display.

Weapons include a 22-ton Valentine tank, and a searchlight which can be seen for 65 miles.

13/04/1942 *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* Canadian Army Train *Biggar*

BIGGAR. Great Interest was taken in the Canadian Army Demonstration Train when it made its appearance in Biggar. A reception committee awaited the arrival of the train, headed by Mayor W. J. Wright and included S. R. Hutchings and F. Hopkins of the Citizens' Recruiting Committee, W. D. Moore and M. A. Searl of the Board of Trade, and T. Carscadden of the Kinsmen club.

This committee was personally conducted through the coaches by Lieutenant-Colonel McKenna, officer in charge. A steady stream of interested spectators, 300 in all, passed through its coaches. Many spectators arrived from the surrounding small towns where the army train could not make a stop. Before the train pulled out the bright rays of the searchlight could be seen for many miles around.

14/04/1942 *Edmonton Journal* Canadian Army Train *Lacombe*

LACOMBE, April 14. More than 1,750 people passed through the Canadian army train during its hour's stop in Lacombe on Monday. Mayor T. Wilks and members of the town council, board of trade, and councils of Bentley and Rimbey were the first to enter the train and were welcomed by Mayor L. N. Webber.

Keen interest was taken in the various displays and many questions asked the officials in charge. While members of the local unit of Fusiliers acted as guards on the station platform, the Canadian Legion assisted in lining up the crowd into an orderly procession, which facilitated their passage through the train.

14/04/1942 *North Bay Nugget* Canadian Army Train *North Bay*

Canadian Army Train to Return

Word has been received today that the Canadian Army Train which passed through North Bay recently, will stop in the city Friday May 8 in order that those who missed seeing it before have an opportunity of witnessing the display.

The train which consists of 19 cars showing all phases of Canadian War Effort will stop in North Bay for just a half hour between 5 and 5.30 p.m.

In one of the cars will be an attractive Red Cross display. The exhibit portrays in pictures the Red Cross Blood Donor service and the Prisoner of War parcel packing. The principal object of the Blood Donor exhibit is to familiarize the public with this work and to register volunteer donors. The car will be manned by a corporal of the Canadian Army Medical Corps.

15/04/1942 *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* Canadian Army Train *Canora*

The people of Canora and district had the privilege on Tuesday afternoon of learning first hand something of how the Canadian army operates, when they viewed the Canadian army train, which is now touring Canada and which made its third stop in Saskatchewan at Canora. During the two hours it was here, 2,700 people filed through the cars. When it was opened for public inspection in Canora, Mayor C. T. Garvin, on behalf of the town, signed the official register.

A small party of citizens had the honor of meeting Lieutenant-Colonel McKenna and in a short talk he explained the various features concerning the train and expressed appreciation for the welcome received here. He mentioned the flags put out by the local Boy Scout troop and remarked that everywhere they had visited the people were orderly and it was arranged that 1,800 people could pass through in one hour.

Later a reception for the train officers was held in the Bank of Commerce chambers, through kindness of Mr. Mullen and arranged by the local recruiting committee.

17/04/1942 *Edmonton Journal* Canadian Army Train *Calgary*

9,000 CALGARIANS SEE TRAIN

CALGARY, April 17. - More than 9,000 people streamed through the Canadian army train Thursday while it was on display in Calgary.

18/04/1942 *Vancouver Sun* Canadian Army Train *Sicamous, New Westminster*

Army Train On View At C.P.R. Depot, Monday

SICAMOUS, April 18. Personnel aboard the Canadian Army train travelling across Canada to give Canadians some idea of the mechanized equipment of the Canadian Army are being greeted with the "thumbs-up" salute by crowds at interior railway stations as they pass through.

At Three Valley, a small way station 40 miles east of Sicamous, Japanese evacuated from coastal districts hailed the train with the same greeting. The Japanese are working on construction of the Trans-Canada Highway.

The train will be open to inspection in New Westminster at the CPR station from 4:15 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Sunday and later in the evening will proceed to Vancouver, where it will be on display at the CPR station from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday.

Moose Jaw To See Army Train Tuesday

(Leader-Post Moose Jaw Bureau)

MOOSE JAW, April 24. The Canadian army train, on tour across Canada for exhibition and recruiting purposes, will be in Moose Jaw Tuesday, and hundreds of citizens who have eagerly awaited its arrival will have five hours to see more than \$3,000,000 worth of army equipment, including every type of arm being manufactured in Canada for Canadian troops.

The train will be in the city from 9 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, according to Lieut. Harold Hyman, public relations officer for M.D. 12, who was in Moose Jaw Tuesday and Wednesday interviewing civilian recruiting officials.

Has 13 Coaches

The train will be on track 6 at the C.P.R. depot. It is composed of 15 coaches, including two flat cars, on which are some of the heavier materials of war - a 22-ton Valentine tank, anti-aircraft searchlight, reconnaissance truck and a universal carrier.

Army Train In Province On Monday

The Canadian Army demonstration train, which already has been visited and acclaimed by more than 33,000 citizens of northern Saskatchewan, returns to the province Monday (27/4) with its first stop-over at Swift Current.

Bringing a complete display of the weapons and equipment of the modern army, from tanks to field kitchen utensils, the train will make 12 exhibition stops in southern Saskatchewan before heading eastward.

The [sic] demonstration train's itinerary follows: Swift Current, Monday [27/4]; Moose Jaw and Assinibioia, Tuesday [28/4]; Shaunavon, Wednesday [29/4]; Weyburn and Estevan Thursday; Regina, Friday 30/4; Indian Head, Wolseley, Grenfell and Broadview, Saturday [31/4]; and Moosomin, Sunday [1/6].

6,313 Moose Jaw Folk See Army Train Display

(Leader-Post Moose Jaw Bureau)

MOOSE JAW, April 29. Thousands of Moose Jaw citizens, including hundreds of men in uniform, school children, and business men, visited the Canadian Army train in Moose Jaw Tuesday morning, seeing at first hand how the boys in khaki live and the machines and tools they use to win wars - tools and machines that were made entirely in Canada by Canadian workmen, and that will be used entirely by Canadian men on any field of battle.

By count of a sensitive electric eye in the Canadian Army Trade school exhibit car 6,313 people passed through the train during its stopover in Moose Jaw, bringing the total for Canada up to Tuesday to 709,288 visitors.

Mayor James Taylor of Swift Current was the 700,000th [sic] visitor to the train, which he visited during its stop in that city Monday.

An official party, comprising Mayor J. W. Cormann, K.C., and civic and recruiting officials, was taken through the train before 9 o'clock Tuesday morning by Lt.-Col. J. E. McKenna, M.C., officer commanding. Included in the party was Major MacNutt, officer commanding the K.O.R.C., and Lt.-Col. W. J. Hanney, V.D. Mr. Justice George E. Taylor, head of the civilian recruiting committee, was also present, with W. G. Baker, M.L.A., Earl Badger, George Phillips, and others.

The train was in Moose Jaw until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and was attended the entire time by the Regina Depot active service band. Crowds were kept in line by R.C.M.P., military, city and railroad police.

Army Train To Carry Regina Guns

When the Canadian army demonstration train rolls into Regina Friday for a 12-hour stop-over, one of the longest made anywhere on the train's tour of Canada, citizens will be able to view for the first time the product of Saskatchewan's major war industry.

As part of the impressive armament display on the train, the two-pounder anti-tank gun will take the limelight, for this is the gun which is assembled in Regina. The gun has not been displayed in the city on any previous occasion.

Big Artillery

It is just one of a large assortment of interesting armament manufactured in Canada which is shown on the train. There is everything from a massive, smashing 25-pound artillery piece to the Tommy (gangster) gun used by paratroops and commandos.

The train, which will be located on a siding near the C.P.R. freight sheds on Dewdney street, will be open to the public from 10 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock in the evening, and it is expected that thousands will stream through it during this 12-hour period.

Provincial and civic authorities and representatives of the armed services in Regina will take part in the ceremonies opening the exhibition of the train here, and there will be a military band and guard of honor from No. 12 depot in attendance under command of Capt. P. W. Farrar.

Official Party

In the official party, which will be greeted by Lt.-Col. J. E. McKenna, officer in command of the train, there will be Lt.-Gov. A. P. McNab, Premier W. J. Patterson, Brig. G. A. H. Trudeau, officer commanding M.D. 12, Mayor C. C. Williams, representatives of the armed forces and prominent citizens.

Arrangements for this reception which will begin at 9:30 o'clock are in charge of Regina's civilian recruiting committee, headed by Lt.-Col. E. J. Cleary, D.S.O., in cooperation with Lt.-Col. B. A. Cooke, officer commanding 2nd Reserve Regina Rifles.

In the evening the Regina Rifles will parade from the armories to the train, accompanied by a band. The route of march will be straight east on Dewdney and will not take the battalion downtown.

Before arriving in Regina, the train will be on exhibition in Weyburn and Estevan Thursday. After the Regina visit, the train will head east, with stops in Indian Head, Wolseley, Grenfell and Broadview Saturday and Moosomin on Sunday. Its tour will be completed, in Ottawa May 10.

716,500 SEE ARMY TRAIN

OTTAWA, May 2. - More than 716,500 Canadians have visited the Canadian army train touring the country to display the equipment used by men in battle. It has been on tour 85 days and now is in Saskatchewan.

DISPLAY RATIONS ON ARMY TRAIN

How It Is Cooked and Served; Famed Valentine Tank Aboard

The Canadian Army Train moving demonstration of the intricate and deadly weapons of war used by the Canadian Army of mechanized soldiery returns to the northern part of MD 3 on May 8 and 9. It has been confirmed by an announcement from Toronto that the train will be in Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury on May 8 and 9 respectively. The train may be seen between 8 and 11 pm Friday.

The 15-coach train painted in the red blue grey and maroon colors of the four Canadian Divisions is designed to bring Canadians into closer touch with the work of the Army. Equipment used by all branches of the service from food rations to medical stores to 25-pounders and armored vehicles may be seen.

Already the train and its staff of 66 officers and men commanded by Lieut-Col. J. E. McKenna of Montreal has travelled from Ottawa to the Maritimes back to the -Pacific coast and Victoria and is now on its way back to this district. It has been inspected by throngs of people from coast to coast. In many towns whole schools turned out "en masse" and left thrilled by what they had seen. On it you will see the swanky walking-out uniform soon to be issued to the Army, the Army's newest and deadliest rifle and machine guns

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Army Train Back

The Canadian Army Train which is now in Northern Ontario will return to Ottawa Sunday when it will be on exhibit at the Isabella street siding from 2 to 6 o'clock.

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Ottawans Will Get Another Chance To Tour Army's Train

Famous \$3,000,000 Demonstration To Be Here Sunday From 1 to 5 p.m.

Residents of Ottawa and district who were unable to see the Canadian Army Train when it was on exhibition in Ottawa several weeks ago will have an opportunity to do so when this famous \$3,000,000 demonstration again visits the Capital on Sunday, May 10.

The train will be on display at Isabella street siding from 1 to 5 p.m. and will afterwards be turned over to the authorities for dismantling. By then it will have completed its tour of the Dominion from coast to coast, having covered more than 15,000 miles and having been seen by more than three-quarters of a million people.

Interest in this travelling exhibition when it was in Ottawa and Hull last month prior to starting on its long Journey to Western Canada was remarkable and during the one day and evening it was in this vicinity it was seen by more than 15,000 men, women and children. It was during its stay in Hull that it was viewed by the 500,000th visitor.

The fifteen-car train, painted in the colors of Canadian divisions overseas, carries equipment and arms which are being manufactured in this country for the men of the army, at home and overseas. By bringing together these materials, Canadians have had a first hand picture of the vastness of Canadian war production as well as an idea of how their money is being spent to help equip their soldiers.

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*Sault Star**Canadian Army Train**Sault Ste. Marie*

LONG ARMY TRAIN ARRIVES FRIDAY

Young Men Keenly Interested in Artillery Says Col McKenna

Every man woman and child in Sault Ste Marie is cordially invited to visit and thoroughly inspect the Canadian Army demonstration train with its \$3,000,000 worth of equipment when it pulls into the CPR station here on Friday May 8. The free public exhibition will be between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Now on its way from the West the big 15-car train has toured most of Canada and everywhere the reception from citizens has been magnificent. The vast majority of the equipment on display has never been shown publicly and this, therefore, is a grand opportunity for young and old to see the weapons that are being forged for victory.

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G.G.F.G. Band Will Play When Train On Display

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. J. H. Hogan, M.M., the band of the 2nd Battalion, Governor General Foot Guards, will play at a concert to be given as part of the second visit of the Canadian army train to Ottawa next Sunday.

The train will be on display at the Isabella street siding from 1 to 5 p.m.. It will be its last appearance after crossing Canada from coast to coast, covering more than 15,000 miles and being viewed by more than 750,000 people.

The concert, which will be given at the Isabella street siding, will be from 2.30 to 5 p.m.

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*Regina Leader-Post**Canadian Army Train**Estevan*

News Notes of Estevan

Hundreds of citizen from the district visited the Canadian army train here Thursday afternoon. The train was at the station for a couple of hours.

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Soldiers' Relatives To Be Special Guests

Next-of-kin of soldiers from Ottawa and district will be special guests at the final showing of the Canadian Army demonstration train which will be on view at the Isabella street siding from 1.00 to 5.00 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Winding up a tour of the entire Dominion, the train will be seen for the last time in Ottawa Sunday before being dismantled. Army authorities have made special provision so that mothers, wives and sweethearts of enlisted men who turn out for, the display on Sunday will have every chance of seeing all the tools, equipment and weapons used by men serving in the army.

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*Ottawa Citizen**Canadian Army Train**Ottawa*

Diplomats Among Last of 800,000 To See Army Train

Of the 800,176 persons who saw the Canadian Army Train on its tour of the Dominion, none displayed a keener interest in every detail of the travelling display on Canadian Army life than Sir William Glasgow, Australian high commissioner, and one of Australia's noted Great War fighting men.

He literally bombarded Lieut.-Col. J. E. McKenna, M.C., officer commanding the train, with questions, as the diplomatic party toured the train Sunday afternoon, when a crowd of 6,330 Ottawa citizens, many of them next-of-kin of soldiers, turned out for the final showing.

Sir William was particularly interested in the modern weapons in use by the Canadian Army, and he compared them with equipment in use when he was on active army service. He lauded the Canadian Army development, as evidenced by equipment on display. He was accompanied by Lady Glasgow.

Similar expressions of praise were voiced by other members of the diplomatic corps and consular body who attended the last display of the train before it left Sunday night for Montreal to be dismantled. They included Lieut.-Col. Francis J. Graling, assistant military attache, United States legation, Wladystaw Kickl, secretary of the Polish legation, and others.

Guests of honor were received by Col. A. J. Everrett, director of mobilization and recruiting, of National Defence Headquarters, who declared that much good had been accomplished by the army train tour.

Army Train Broken Up After 15,000-mile Trip

Following a 15,000-mile trip, during which it was visited by over 800,000 persons, the \$3,000,000 Canadian Army Train is being dismantled at Hillside sidings in Westmount. The train, commanded by Lt.-Col. J. E. McKenna, M.C., officer commanding the 2nd Battalion, Royal Montreal Regiment, (M..G.), made over 200 stops during its trans-Canada journey.

The train's personnel, which explained the numerous exhibits on board the aptly described "travelling showcase of Canadian Army equipment," has been dispersed. the soldters returning to their respective units.

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The Day the Army Came to Town

Canada - The winter of 1941-1942 was a dark time for Canadians.

Europe was firmly in the hands of Nazi Germany and the Royal Air Force had only just managed to fight off the Luftwaffe and win the Battle of Britain.

England was hungry and needed weapons, but the sea lanes back to North America were infested with German submarine wolf packs which tormented the merchant ships that were trying to keep the United Kingdom alive.

On 7 Dec 1941 the Japanese launched their infamous attack on Pearl Harbor, pulling a reluctant America into the war and opening the West Coast to a new threat.

Only a few weeks later the British garrison at Hong Kong, which had just been reinforced with almost 2,000 Canadians, fell to the Japanese Army, and the entire Allied force was either killed or captured.

By Christmas Day, 290 of the Canadian soldiers who had arrived in Hong Kong the previous month were dead and more than 1,600 others were sent off to prisoner of war camps, where 264 more would die before being liberated in 1945.

Train Allowed Public to See Soldiers and Weapons First Hand

Faced with bad news in Asia and a seemingly unstoppable German army in Europe, the political and military leaders in Ottawa needed to do something to rally the Canadian people to the cause of the war.

At the beginning of 1942 they settled upon a masterful public relations campaign to bolster support for the military.

A 15-car-long train, advertised as the Canadian Army Train, was assembled in Ottawa to carry more than \$3 million worth of "Made in Canada" military equipment on a 24,000 kilometre coast-to-coast tour of the country.

Under the command of Lieutenant Colonel J.E. McKenna, a veteran of the Great War, and a popular member of the Royal Montreal Regiment, the train's role was to provide the Canadian public with a chance to see the soldiers and weapons of their army first hand.

More practically, the train also served as a mobile recruitment centre, drawing young men and women from across the country into the ranks of the armed forces.

Of equal importance, it was also a running advertisement for the sale of the Victory Bonds needed to finance the war.

Coaches were painted red, blue, gray, and maroon to honour the colours of the four Canadian Divisions that had been formed.

The 65 soldiers who lived and worked aboard the train during its tour were hand picked to represent more than 40 different units from across the country.

The train usually visited two or three towns per day, setting up for three hours at a time to let people walk through the carriages and see a broad range of military equipment, most of which had never been shown in public before.

Exhibits included a Valentine Tank, a Bren Gun Carrier, a jeep, a 25 pound artillery piece, light and heavy machine guns, rifles, small arms, clothing, medical equipment, communications and signaling devices, and an 800,000,000 candlepower searchlight that was visible from up to 100 kilometres away.

The cars were organized into displays representing different parts of the army, including the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, the Royal Canadian Engineers, the Royal Canadian Artillery, and even the Dental and Medical Corps.

Also on board was a display from the Canadian Red Cross Society that focused upon its role in sending care packages to allied prisoners of war, and in and collecting blood serum to send over to Britain to help treat wounded soldiers and civilians.

Stops in Cornwall and Rigaud

The train started its tour in Ottawa on 3 Feb 1942 and over the next three months visited 202 different communities across the country, drawing in a remarkable 800,000 visitors at a time when the population of Canada was less than 12 million people.

Residents of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec were first able to visit the train on the afternoon of 23 Feb 1942 when it stopped in Cornwall after having come along the St. Lawrence River from Brockville.

The next morning the train moved on to Rigaud where more than 2,000 people, led by the mayor, came out to welcome it.

Later that day it proceeded to Ste. Anne de Bellville, where almost 5,000 people walked through the exhibits, the highest turn out to date for the tour.

For its visit to Quebec the English posters that offered information on the military equipment aboard the train elsewhere in Canada were switched to bilingual signs.

On board, the 15 bilingual soldiers who normally attended to the exhibits were augmented with more French speaking soldiers, in order to better convey their message to local citizens.

Following a visit to Montreal and the Eastern Townships, the train continued into the Maritimes, before turning around and heading westwards across the country, all the way to Vancouver.

Then, circling to the east once again, the train made its way back across Canada stopping in towns all along the way before finally ending its tour in Montreal on 10 May 1942.

Hard days remained throughout the rest of 1942.

In June the Alaskan islands of Attu and Kiska were occupied by Japanese forces, bringing the war to the doorstep of North America.

Later, in August, the Canadian Army launched its ill-fated raid on Dieppe, where almost 1,000 men died in less than 12 hours on the beaches of France.

The war was not going well, but the Canadian people remained committed to the cause and by the end of the fighting more than a million Canadians and Newfoundlanders had served in the military.

Of these, 45,000 never made it home.

While the Canadian Army Train certainly didn't win the war, it did manage to win the support of the population at a time when victory was by no means certain.

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