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HOME GUARD AND OTHER VOLUNTEER UNITS
Home Guard trains with regular army

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HOME GUARD TRAINING

Last week saw the close of a special fortnight's training of the Home Guard, and during this period the Chichester Company has had the full benefit of instruction from the officers and N.C.O. instructors of an Infantry Training Centre. "The principles of war," it is stated, "have been thoroughly taught." There have been demonstrations by the I.T.C. of these principles as applied to the platoon in attack and defence, reconnaissance and fighting patrols, application of fire and fire control, location of service targets, street fighting, defence of road blocks and other forms of modern warfare, under the critical but helpful eye of the Commanding Officer and staff of the I.T.C. The bonds between the Home Guard Company and its affiliated Regular Army unit have been greatly strengthened and H.G. members look forward to the continuation of closer liaison. In view of the fact that this voluntary training has taken place every night, including Saturdays and day-time on Sundays, tribute must be paid to the zeal and keenness of all ranks of the Chichester Home Guard Company. They gave up their spare time, and in some cases their meals, to make the average daily attendance over 60 percent through the fortnight.

The only matter of any general interest before the West Sussex Farmers' Union Executive last week was an intimation that farmers whose men find difficulty in putting in the time required of them on Home Guard parades should get into touch with the Secretary at the N.F.U. office, so that he or the Chairman of the branch might do what was possible to ease the situation. "The whole of this business has got to be dealt with through each individual farmer and the Home Guard officers. I don't think it is possible to deal with it collectively," said the Chairman.

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