

THE ARMY ON APPRO.

Met by the Regimental Sergeant Major and then taken by lorry to the depot - what a beautiful introduction to the Army! It's part of a scheme by which young men can now try out military life, for one day and one night before enlisting at the barracks of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire. Arriving at Beverley they were welcomed by the Adjutant, Captain Ford. Enough to make old sweats use strong words. And the Army's guests saw some square-bashing by recruits who are really in the service. Then Major Grieve showed them the Depot museum and the pictures of V.C. winners who served with the regiment.

In Napoleonic times the Shako went into battle, much impressing the enemy or the local girls. 200 years ago the East Yorks stormed the Heights of Abraham in the capture of Quebec; but for the present, it was introduction to barrack rooms, preparation for the time when they'd turn in for their one night with the troops. What the regulars thought about the experiment isn't recorded. All the same, this idea of taking the army on approval has a lot to be said for it. The regiment hopes that the brief experience of army life will induce the young civilians to enlist.

Nothing was left undone to make it attractive and exciting, including instruction with the self-loading rifle. It uses ammunition of 7-paint-62 millimetres, standard size in NATO armies, firing either single shots or 20-rounds rapid.

Another gun, the Stirling Automatic. Such good marksmanship, they simple must join the army.