

The purpose of these is to produce warrant officer and non-commissioned officer tradesmen for the Regular Army, some of whom may become specialist commissioned officers. It is widely accepted that the Apprentices Schools are fulfilling their purpose. This is borne out by the fact that the results achieved by the first school which had been opened at Chepstow in 1924 with a limit of 1,000 boys were so good that by 1939 it was decided to open a second school also with a limit of 1,000 boys at Arborfield. The fact that these two schools were kept going throughout the war indicates the value of them. After the war two more schools were formed.

Chepstow teaches mainly Royal Army Ordnance Corps trades, Arborfield mainly Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers trades and Harrogate mainly Royal Signals trades. In addition there is an Apprentices Chef School at Aldershot.

### **Regimental Boys' Units**

Their purpose generally is to produce long term Regular warrant officers and senior non-commissioned officers. In certain technical arms this applies mainly to the lower trade groups.

Boys' units in one form or another have existed for over half a century and have a great tradition of service. After the 1939-45 war it was decided to form or re-form Boys' Units in certain Arms and Services for the purpose explained above. A list of existing units appears at the beginning of the Committee's report. In addition there are plans to start Royal Army Medical Corps and Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Boys' Units this year.