

5. The Chiefs of Staff therefore earnestly request that the Canadian Government may be urged to reconsider the present restrictions, not only with a view to giving sympathetic consideration to the age-old British tradition of awards for valiant conduct and loyal service, but also because by this differential treatment the Dominion of Canada itself tends to stand aloof and apart from her co-members in the British Commonwealth of Nations.
6. The Committee desire to submit the following "Summary of Present Situation", and their Recommendations.
7. Summary of Situation.
- (a) Paragraph (a) of the Nickle Resolution of 1919 contains the words - ".....To refrain hereafter from conferring any title of honour or titular distinction....."
- (b) Secretary of State's Telegram No. 1768 of 9th November 1940 interprets this as follows: ".....It is not considered possible under present circumstances to make recommendations for such awards ("Orders of Chivalry") in view of House of Commons Resolution of 1919".
- (c) It is suggested that this interpretation is not entirely correct, since the Resolution at no time refers to "Orders of Chivalry" but only to "titles of honour or titular distinctions". Thus it would appear that the Third and lower Grades of such orders as the Bath, St. Michael & St. George and the British Empire (C.B., C.M.G. and C.B.E.) are not ruled out by this Resolution. In this connection it may be observed that present policy does permit the award of the Distinguished Service Order.
- (d) As matters stand at present, there is no award available for Senior Officers who may give distinguished service to their country in positions not actually in contact with the enemy. On the other hand the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for Meritorious Service is available for non-commissioned officers and men, as stated in Telegram No. 1768 mentioned above. Obviously this is an impossible situation, in which officers are debarred from the award of an Order of Chivalry, but men are not debarred from receiving the Medal of such an Order.
8. Recommendations.
- (a) The Chiefs of Staff are of the opinion that the present unsatisfactory state of affairs in regard to Honours and Awards can be very materially improved by strictly adhering to the wording of

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