

diagnostic equipment, provision of four field salvage units in connection with slaughtering, and the preparation of 24 field decontamination units. Under arrangements with the Department of National Health and Welfare senior health authorities of the western provinces were briefed in regard to the possible threat of bacteriological warfare against humans. In the Yukon and Northwest Territories all civilian government doctors are being briefed under direction of the Department of Mines and Resources.

(c) AIR FORCE - Western Air Command

Stray floating mines of Japanese origin have been washed ashore at several points of the U.S. west coast; similar mines have been sighted at sea.

III - Organizational Developments

(a) NAVY -

The frigate group E.G. 6 was sailed from Londonderry on the 18th to come under the operational control of Commander-in-Chief, Canadian Northwest Atlantic.

H.M.C.S. "Tene" having suffered torpedo damage on March 29th is to be paid off into category "C" and her crew will man H.M.S. "Towy".

H.M.C. ships "Annapolis", "St. Francis" and "Hamilton" have been declared surplus as of April 1st.

H.M.C.S. "Prince Henry" was turned over to the R.N. on the 6th.

Approval has been obtained to reduce H.M.C.S. "Granby" to care and maintenance in view of serious engine defects.

H.M.C.S. "Meon" formerly on loan to R.C.N. was returned to the R.N. on the 23rd and will now be converted to a Landing Ship Headquarters (S).

Ten motor launches were re-commissioned during the month.

H.M.C.S. "Ontario", cruiser, was commissioned on the 26th in the U.K.

(b) ARMY -

The Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles were disbanded subsequent to their proceeding overseas as reinforcements. Organizational action was taken to ensure that the composition of the Canadian units formerly in Italy should be brought into line with the other units of the First Canadian Army in the 21st Army Group.

12 Brigade Headquarters (formerly of 5th Canadian Armoured Division) had been retained in Italy as the Headquarters of the rear parties in the former Canadian base area. The units which comprised this brigade have returned to their former roles in the 1st Canadian Corps.

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