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Attachment of Canadian Officers to Australia and India Operational and Biological Research

1. I recommend for your approval,
 - (a) the attachment of two Canadian officers to the Australian Operational Research Section for a period of six months,
 - (b) the attachment of two Canadian officers to the Indian Operational Research Section for a period of six months,
 - (c) The attachment of one Medical Officer and two Non-Commissioned Officers, RCAMC, to the Indian Biological Research Section, and
 - (d) the despatch of the above-mentioned personnel by air.

2. It is the function of the Directorate of Operational Research and the Canadian Army Operational Research Group to advise the Chief of the General Staff, when requested, on any subject susceptible of scientific study, and to fulfil this function it is deemed necessary that officers of these organizations should serve in theatres of active operations. In line with this requirement, Canadian officers have been engaged in Operational Research in the United Kingdom for the past two years, and are now serving with Canadian Troops in the European theatre of war. Canadian officers have also been engaged in biological studies under temperate conditions.

3. To enlarge the scope of the research and development presently being carried out, it is felt that Canadian officers should gain first-hand experience of the conditions which prevail in the Pacific theatre of operations, not only in respect to climatic conditions and their effect upon types of stores and equipment but also the equally important factor of nutrition.

4. The experiences which will be obtained as a result of the proposed attachments will, in conjunction with that now being obtained in the European and Mediterranean areas, provide a comprehensive appreciation of all the factors which should be taken into consideration by the Canadian Operational and Biological Research Groups in the fulfilment of their function of rendering advice on matters susceptible of scientific study. The advantages which would result therefrom may be summarized as follows:

- (a) Assistance in the prosecution of the war in Europe.
- (b) Assistance to Canadian manufacturers in the provision of equipment for use in the European and other theatres of war, and to assist in the propagation of Canadian developments in India and Australia.
- (c) Compilation of data of value in future plans for the defence of Canada.

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