

(A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Exchange of Notes between Canada and the United States regarding the transfer of United States citizens serving in Canada to the United States Armed Forces, press statement of August 19, 1942.

Through an exchange of notes at Ottawa on March 18th and March 20th, 1942, the Canadian Government agreed to the transfer to the armed forces of the United States of certain United States citizens and former United States citizens who were serving in the Canadian armed forces. To facilitate the return of these men, the Canadian-American Military Board, composed of members of the various branches of the armed services, was set up. Between May 5th and June 3rd the Board visited many of the principal military camps across Canada and effected the transfer of over 2,000 Americans.

The texts of notes recently exchanged between the two Governments with respect to these transfers are quoted below:

Note of July 10 to the Secretary of State of the United States from the Canadian Minister in Washington:

"My dear Mr. Secretary,

You may have been informed that, under the terms of a recent agreement concluded between our two Governments, approximately 2,058 United States citizens have transferred from the Armed Forces of Canada to the Armed Forces of the United States. As these transfers are now virtually complete, I have been instructed to communicate to the United States Government the gratitude of the Government and people of Canada which is felt to those United States citizens who have now left our Forces for those of the United States.

In this connection, the Prime Minister of Canada recently made the following statement in the House of Commons:

"We shall be sorry to lose those United States citizens who transfer to their own Forces. We do not, however, wish to stand in their way if they feel that they would sooner serve under the flag of their own country. Whether they are serving under our flag or under the United States flag, they are serving in the Armed Forces of the United Nations and are contributing to the common victory.