

the intensive interest of the District Officers Commanding and we hope that it will not be long before the lack can be supplied. These are the units which will suspend recruiting after August 15 and will after that be augmented by those who will be called for training.

Let me repeat again, the Non-Permanent Active Militia are not Canadian Active Service Force troops. But they are Canadian soldiers, part of the Canadian Army which will be training at local depots, at camps or training centres in rotation this summer and autumn and on through the winter.

4. *RECENT STAFF APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED BY MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE*

The Minister of National Defence has made the following announcements of staff appointments: Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, Commanding the Canadian First Division Active Service Force in Great Britain was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General and placed in command of a new British Army Corps, which will include the Canadian forces now in England. Major-General G. R. Pearkes replaces Lieutenant-General McNaughton in command of the first Canadian Division.

On July 21, the Minister of National Defence announced the appointment of Major-General H. D. G. Crerar, as Chief of the General Staff. General Crerar has arrived in Canada from England, where he has been Senior Combatant Officer at Canadian Military Headquarters, and he assumes his new duties as Chief of the General Staff at once.

5. *BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING PLAN: STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR AIR*

Further acceleration of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan was reviewed in detail on the 5th of August by representatives of the participating countries at a meeting of the Supervisory Board, presided over by the Minister of National Defence for Air, Honourable C. G. Power.

After the meeting the following statement was issued by the Minister of National Defence for Air:—

“In order to accelerate further the output of pilots under the Joint Air Training Plan the periods of training have, at the request of the United Kingdom, been reduced from 8 to 7 weeks in the Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced training stages.

“This acceleration will of course not be manifest until the schools are in full operation and any temporary shortage of aircraft is overcome.