

Canadian sources, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom regret that trained personnel from the United Kingdom cannot at present be made available.

11. 2 trained officers will be sent for duty at the convoy assembly port at Halifax to assist in organizing convoy service. Additional personnel required for this staff and for naval control service staffs at Sydney Cape Breton Quebec and Vancouver to be supplied from Canada.

12. Naval reserves surplus to Canadian requirements to be made available for Royal Navy.

13. Recruitment from civilian life of officers and technicians with specialist qualifications, viz. trained civilian pilots for service in the fleet air arm, yachtsmen or ex mercantile marine officers suitable for Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve commissions, telegraphists and signalmen, artificers, scientists, electrical and wireless telegraphy and skilled electrical workmen.

14. Examination of possibility of building vessels, escorts "Black Swan" type, small mine sweepers and Anti Submarine trawlers for Royal Navy.

(b) Army.

15. While it is hoped that Canada would exert her full national effort as in last war, even to the extent of the eventual despatch of an expeditionary force, it is realised that no statement of policy on these lines is likely to be possible at the moment. Would it be possible, however, to consider as an immediate programme

(a) the despatch of a small Canadian unit which would take its place along side the United Kingdom troops.

(b) the provision of technical units, particularly signal, royal engineers, ordnance, medical, transportation (particularly railway construction and operating) units for attachment to United Kingdom formations.

(c) technical personnel for enlistment in United Kingdom units, particularly fitters, electricians, mechanics, instrument mechanics, alternatively motor transport drivers, and officers with similar qualifications.

(c) Air Force.

16. A general reconnaissance squadron of eastern air command to co-operate with forces at Halifax.

(see paragraph 7 above)

17. The United Kingdom authorities anticipate real difficulty in meeting personnel requirements if, as seems likely intensive air operations develop in Western Europe. It is suggested therefore that the best way in which Canada could assist would be to concentrate first on the individual training of pilots, observers, and particularly air gunners and W/T operators, rather than by forming and training complete units for despatch to Europe (Canadian ex-