

7. The War Committee, after discussion, agreed that the transfer of the units to Europe was not desirable and that the Minister explore, as an alternative, the possibility of having local civilian labour employed in the theatre.

Army; loan of Chinese personnel to
British Army

8. The Minister of National Defence reported that British Security Co-Ordination had requested the loan of 150 Canadian-born Chinese personnel for operational employment with the British Army in special duties in the Pacific theatre.

In September, in response to an urgent request, twenty-five Canadian-born Chinese (Canadian soldiers) had been despatched to India and Australia as wireless operators. They had given very good service and British Security Co-Ordination now desired 125 more.

Authority was requested to permit despatch of personnel up to this maximum, provided they could be found and would volunteer for these special duties. Selection would be a responsibility of British Security Co-Ordination.

The cost involved for the remaining period of the current financial year would amount to \$137,475, for which funds were available.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Department memorandum, Dec. 9, 1944 - C.W.C. document 908).

9. The War Committee, after discussion, approved the Minister's recommendation.

Navy; modernization of long range navigation
stations, Nova Scotia

10. The Minister of National Defence for Naval Services reported that under the authority granted by Order in Council P.C. 6246, dated July 20th, 1942, two long range navigation stations had been installed at Baccaro Point and Deming Island in Nova Scotia.

These two stations comprised a critical link in the Northwest Atlantic Loran system, which was a modern system of aiding deep sea navigation. The cost of the original equipment of these stations had been provided by the United States. This had now become obsolete, however, and it was desired to obtain new equipment so as to bring the Canadian stations up to maximum efficiency and to conform with the agreed station standard for the Loran networks which had been recommended by R.C.N.-U.S.N. Loran Standardization Conferences.

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