



National Defence Photo

On December 5, 1960, the Canadian Minister of Fisheries, Mr. J. Angus Maclean, officially transferred to the Royal Netherlands Navy, under Canada's NATO Mutual Aid Programme, five CS2F-1 "Tracker" aircraft. The planes were accepted on behalf of the Government of the Netherlands by Mr. A. H. J. Lovink, Netherlands Ambassador to Canada. The transfer ceremony took place at the Royal Canadian Navy Air Station at Shearwater near Halifax, Nova Scotia. Among the other representatives of the Netherlands and Canada were Vice-Admiral L. Brouwer, Chief of the Netherlands Naval Staff, and Rear-Admiral K. L. Dyer, Flag Officer Atlantic Coast.

The "Tracker" is a twin-engine anti-submarine aircraft built by De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited under licence from the Grumman Aircraft Corporation, U.S.A. In all, 17 of these aircraft will go to the Netherlands under the 1960-61 Canadian Programme of Mutual Aid to member countries of NATO.

Fisheries Minister Maclean is a former RCAF bomber pilot. During the Second World War he was shot down over the Netherlands and, with Dutch help, managed to escape to Gibraltar.