

Air crews:

Men to be trained as pilots, air observers or air gunners for overseas service. They must have high school entrance education, be between 18 and 26 years old, and pass a stiff physical examination continually subject to recheck.

Ground Crews:

Enlisted men: An estimated 30,000 men will be required. They will be chosen according to special qualifications for the tasks they are to perform—mechanics, electrical experience and the like. The age requirement is between 18 and 40 years with a strict physical examination.

Civilians to assist on the ground: An estimated 6,000 men will be required. They may be men outside the age limit for enlisted ground crew men or those who could not pass the physical test.

Some 2,700 officers who have had experience in flying, wireless or other experience, as instructors, will be required. Many of them will be those trained in the Royal Canadian Air Force and ready to take over their duties.

For wireless training telegraph operators in commercial jobs will be enlisted when available and those who have practised wireless as amateurs. The age limit for non-flying administrative duties will be 18 to 49 years.

There will be openings for unskilled youths in the air crews, but at first there will be few openings for them in the ground forces.

The training set-up is planned along democratic lines. All recruits for air crews will enlist as airmen. In the four weeks in the initial course they will be divided into pilots, air observers and air gunners.

At the end of the training they will be listed in the pool. Only then will some of them be given commissions and the others will be non-commissioned officers according to their showing during training.

(b) Arrival of Royal Air Force Officers and Men

Seventy-one officers and approximately 200 airmen of the Royal Air Force have arrived in Canada to assist in the training of pilots, air observers and air gunners under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. One group will be stationed at Air Force Headquarters in Ottawa, a second will proceed to the Air Training Command in Toronto, a third is going to the Technical School in St. Thomas, Ontario, a fourth will be located at Trenton and a fifth at Camp Borden.

The Officers in the party and the posts to which they are now proceeding are as follows:—

Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa: Group Captain F. W. Long; Squadron Leader F. V. Beamish; Squadron Leader F. C. Seavill; Wing Commander H. Seidenburg-Seymour; Squadron Leader S. W. Needham;