

3. Three Canadian destroyers sailed last week from the Pacific coast of Canada for western Pacific waters. These vessels are hereby made available to the United Nations and appropriate action is being taken by the Canadian Government to place them at once under the operational control of the Commander-in-Chief of the forces made available by members of the United Nations for the defence of the Republic of Korea against the aggression committed by North Korean forces.

4. The Commanding Officer of these vessels is being instructed to report to the headquarters of General MacArthur and is being authorized to use the United Nations flag, in accordance with the Security Council's resolution of the 7th of July.

5. It would be appreciated if you would bring this decision of the Canadian Government to the attention of General MacArthur as quickly as possible.

APPENDIX 13

Telegram from the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Acting Canadian Permanent Delegate to the United Nations, July 14, 1950

I have the honour to acknowledge your reply of 12 July 1950 regarding the Security Council resolution of 27 June 1950 and wish to express my appreciation for the decision of the Canadian Government, under the terms of the resolution, to make available to the United Nations three Canadian destroyers which have sailed for Western Pacific waters. Your reply has been transmitted to the Security Council, to the Government of the Republic of Korea, and to the Unified Command (USG).

I have been informed that the Government of the United States which, under the resolution of 7 July 1950 has been given the responsibility for the Unified Command, is now prepared to engage in direct consultation with your Government with regard to the co-ordination of all assistance in a general plan for the attainment of the objectives set forth in the Security Council resolution. In this connection I have been advised that there is an urgent need for additional effective assistance. I should be grateful, therefore, if your Government would examine its capacity to provide an increased volume of combat forces, particularly ground forces. Offers of military assistance should be communicated to the Secretary-General in terms leaving detailed arrangements for subsequent agreements between your Government and the Unified Command (USG).

APPENDIX 14

Statement by the Prime Minister, July 19, 1950

The attack of the North Korean aggressors on South Korea is a breach in the outer defences of the free world. Each of the free nations has its responsibilities. So far as Canada is concerned, we have our obligations as a Member of the United Nations. We have our obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty. We have our joint responsibility with the United States for the defence of the North American continent.