

as the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

In our force restructuring it was also found necessary to remove one artillery and one armoured regiment from the regular force. Using the seniority principle, but retaining two recently organized *Francoophone* regiments, we have decided that the Fort Garry Horse and the 4th Regiment, The Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, will no longer appear in the regular force order of battle.

Members of the Fort Garry Horse, the Black Watch and 4 RCHA will be transferred to other units as individuals, frequently remaining on the same base. For example, members of the Black Watch will be absorbed into the 2nd Bn, RCR, when the unit moves to Gagetown.

#### AIR COMMANDS

We are continuing close consultations with our United States allies on the question of the immediate and future structure of North American air defence forces. The Canadian air defence forces will remain much as they are for the present.

Air Transport Command's long-range *Yukon* fleet will be reduced from 12 to four by 1973. The nine *Cosmopolitans* now in that command will be transferred to Training Command in 1972 for a new role. We shall retain our 23 *Hercules* troop and cargo aircraft but shall reduce Transport Command's *Dakota* fleet by approximately 15 during 1970. We are continuing our studies for the requirement for a long-range jet transport to replace the *Yukons*.

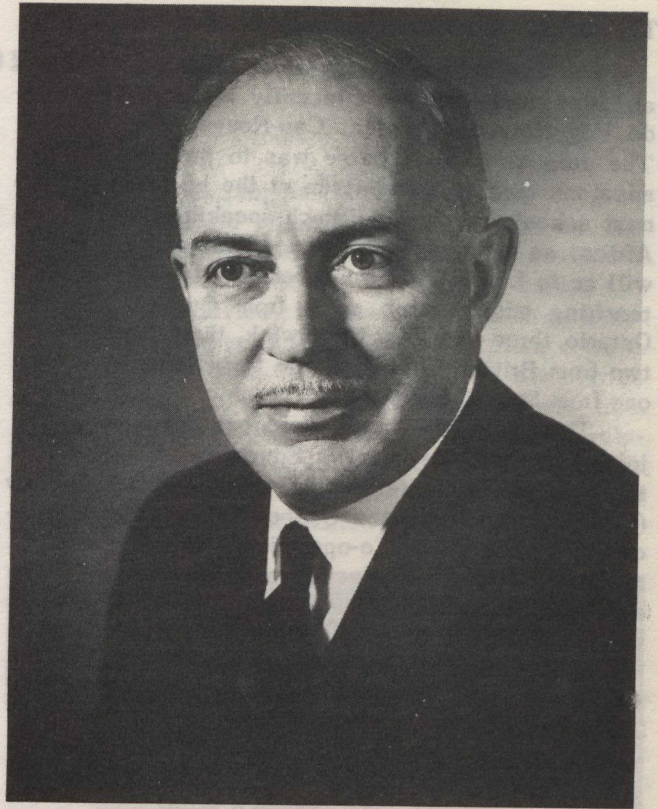
#### SEARCH AND RESCUE

Search and rescue continues to be an important part of our activities. We shall maintain our present number of rescue-co-ordination centers, and, over the next two or three years, improve our aviation capability in this field although slightly reducing the numbers of aircraft. This will be done by converting six of our *Buffalo* aircraft to this role and purchasing six new STOL aircraft capable of operating off land, water or snow. We will retire our *Albatross* aircraft and search and rescue *Dakotas* as the new aircraft come into service. We will also make some adjustments to our present helicopter distribution.

#### TRAINING, RESERVES AND CADETS

Training Command will reflect the reduced size of the forces. The *Dakota* navigation trainer (23 aircraft) will be retired in 1972 and replaced with the *Cosmopolitans* from Air Transport Command. During 1970, our *Tutor* and *T33* trainer fleet in this command will be reduced. We will retire the *C-45 Expeditors* trainer (53 aircraft) also during 1970.

We intend to reduce the size of our reserve forces and we are consulting with the Conference of Defence Associations on how we can make the most effective use of a smaller reserve force in support of



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our revised regular force. I should stress, however, that the reserves will continue to play a significant role in our defence structure.

Our support for the cadet program will continue at the present level of 100,000 cadets.

#### BASE CLOSURES

Some weeks ago, I announced the closing of a number of bases and facilities. At that time, I said a further announcement regarding a small number of other bases would be forthcoming. This is still the case. Final decisions have not yet been made on these bases but I expect to be able to make an announcement in a few weeks' time.

#### PERSONNEL

To operate the reconfigured force I have just described, we shall require approximately 82,000 military personnel and 30,000 civilians. This will mean a reduction of something in the order of 16,000 military and 5,000 civilian positions over the next three years. I previously announced that we shall not institute a plan of forced attrition of military personnel for the purpose of reaching the new force levels. This is still our intention, and, in fact, we shall continue recruiting at a reduced but still substantial level. A determined effort will be made to assist civilian personnel in finding new employment either in or out of the public service....