

Their work forms part of the military mapping programme of the country's unmapped areas started when aerial photographs of these regions were taken by the RCAF in 1946. Working with government surveyors from the Department of Mines and Resources, the soldiers are carrying out the "ground work" -- the gruelling detailed phase of the mapping programme.

Ottawa authorities said that in addition to the seven survey parties which have been operating in the northwest this summer, two are working in New Brunswick and another is mapping an area near Suffield, Alta.

CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF JINNAH: The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, sent the following message on September 12 to the Honourable Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan:

"All parts of the British Commonwealth will be pained to learn of the sudden passing of His Excellency Mohammed Ali Jinnah, the first Governor General of Pakistan. On behalf of the Government of Canada, I should like to express our sincere sympathy to the Government and people of Pakistan in their national loss."

CANADIAN DELEGATES TO I.L.O. CONFERENCE: Arthur MacNamara, Deputy Minister of Labour, announced on September 13 the names of Canada's delegates to the Technical Tripartite Conference of the International Labour Organization meeting at Geneva from September 27 to October 16.

Dr. Bertrand Bellemare, special adviser to the Quebec Department of Labour on industrial security and hygiene, has been named as the Government representative. R.B. Morely, General Manager of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association, of Toronto, will represent employers, while Chester Jordan, of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers of Quebec City, is the Workers' Delegate.

The Conference will examine a Draft Model Code of Safety Regulations for Factories.

The delegates will sail September 18 from Halifax on board the Aquitania.

MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS: The Office of the Prime Minister made public on September 13 the text of the following announcement, made public at the same time by the Prime Minister of Great Britain in London: The Prime Minister (Mr. Clement Attlee) announced in the House of Commons on June 28 that it was hoped to hold a meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers to discuss broad general questions of common interest in October. Arrangements have now been made for a meeting to take place in London on October 11.

It is hoped that most Commonwealth Prime Ministers will be able to be present. Mr. Chifley, who visited this country as recently

as July, will however be unable to leave Australia again after so short an interval and Australia will therefore be represented by Dr. Evatt. Dr. Malan owing to pressure of domestic matters and parliamentary business in South Africa will also be unable to be present and South Africa will be represented by Mr. Eric Louw, Minister of Mines and Economic Affairs, who will attend meetings when his responsibilities as the leader of the South African Delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations admit of his doing so.

As is customary on these occasions the meeting will be a private one at which there will be confidential discussions and exchanges of view on matters of common concern between Commonwealth Prime Ministers. It is not the practice on these occasions to take formal decisions.

D.M. MACKAY APPOINTMENT: The Honourable James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Mines and Resources, announced on September 13 the appointment of D.M. MacKay to the position of Director of the Indian Affairs Branch, recently vacated by the retirement of Mr. R.A. Hoey. Mr. MacKay was formerly the Superintendent of the Welfare Division of the Branch and has been in the service since 1936.

Following World War I, in which he served in the Canadian Army and attained the rank of Major, Mr. MacKay became interested in Indians and their problems while conducting land surveys in the interior of British Columbia. Elected to the Provincial Legislature as Member for Cariboo in 1933, he resigned in 1936 to accept the Federal post of Commissioner of Indian Affairs for British Columbia. In November, 1947, he was promoted to the position of Superintendent of Welfare at Ottawa and had the responsibility for the direction and supervision of Indian Welfare programmes.

Mr. MacKay will be the Acting Director of the Branch until the expiration of Mr. Hoey's retiring leave.

COST-OF-LIVING INDEX: The cost-of-living rose more rapidly in Edmonton during July than in any major Canadian city, but actually dropped a whole point in Montreal, the Bureau of Statistics reported on September 13. Indexes for eight regional cities showed Edmonton's separate cost-of-living index was 153.5 on August 1 compared with 151.2 the previous month. Montreal's index dropped during July from 161.6 to 160.6. Indexes for the other six cities registered increases nearly paralleling the 0.6 point increase in the Dominion index. The widest changes occurred in foods, with a sharp seasonal decrease in vegetables being compensated by increases in other foods, except in the case of Montreal where the food index fell 3.1 points.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY: Church parades are to be held by the RCAF across Canada on Battle of Britain Sunday, which falls this year on September 19, it was announced by Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa. Special church services will be held, and a march past will take place at all larger units. Taking part in the ceremonies, with officers and men of the Regular Air Force, will be members of the Auxiliary Squadrons and the Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

The occasion marks the eighth anniversary of the culmination of the Battle of Britain, when the Luftwaffe suffered major defeat in its attempt to open the way for Hitler's planned invasion of Britain. From the second week in July, 1940, until the end of October of the same year, the German air force turned its might against the United Kingdom, first seeking to overwhelm Britain's fighter defences by heavy attacks on airfields, aircraft factories, harbours, shipping, and radio location factories. Turning on London, the Luftwaffe continued to send over swarms of bombers and fighters, and when forced to abandon bombers for mass daylight attack attempted to wear down the fighter defences by sweeps of fighters and fighter bombers. Crippling losses forced Hitler to ease his daylight aerial offensive, and although night attacks continued, the Battle of Britain was won and the immediate threat of invasion eased. September 15 is generally taken as the end of the critical period in the Battle of Britain, for enemy losses in their attacks on London rose to a peak on that day, forcing a change in tactics by the Germans. Battle of Britain Sunday is marked as the first Sunday falling after that date, if September 15 itself is not a Sunday.

The Battle of Britain has special significance for the RCAF, for it was its baptism of fire. In August, 1940, a squadron of the RCAF for the first time flew into action against an enemy, won its first victories--and suffered its first casualties. Forty-seven Canadian officers and men--three of them with the RCAF and the others serving with the RAF--gave their lives in the Battle of Britain.

RCN APPOINTMENTS: Two top-ranking officers of the Royal Canadian Navy's supply branch will exchange appointments early next month, Royal Canadian Naval Headquarters announced today.

Captain (S) Rupert A. Wright, O.B.E., R.C.N., of Victoria, British Columbia, and Ottawa, who at present is Director General of Fleet Accounting at Naval Headquarters, will become Command Supply Officer of the Pacific Command. Commander (S) Murray A. Davidson, R.C.N. of Vegreville, Alberta, and Halifax, presently in charge of the supply organization on the West Coast, will assume Captain Wright's duties at Ottawa.

Both men started their Naval careers as Paymaster Cadets. Captain Wright entered the

service in 1924 and received early training in ships and establishments of the Royal Navy. He was Accountant Officer at Esquimalt, British Columbia, from 1935 until 1939, when, at the outbreak of war, he was appointed Station Accountant Officer, West Coast Station. He transferred to the East Coast as Command Accountant Officer in 1941, and early the following year was named Paymaster Director General at Naval Headquarters. In 1942, he was promoted to the acting rank of Paymaster Captain.

Captain Wright went overseas in 1944, for a few months' duty with the Senior Canadian Naval Officer, London. He was awarded the O.B.E., in 1946, for his work in organizing the Navy's Supply and Secretariat Branch. In 1946, he was appointed Director General of Fleet Accounting.

Commander Davidson joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1932, and also took early training with the Royal Navy. Returning to Canada in 1937 he served in ships and establishments of the R.C.N. until 1940, when he was appointed secretary to the Commodore, R.C.N. Barracks, Halifax. Later he became Accountant Training and Drafting Officer and then Accountant Officer in Charge of Accountant Personnel at R.C.N. Barracks. He was promoted to the acting rank of Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander in 1941.

Following a period of duty as Base Accountant Officer at Halifax, during which he was promoted to the acting rank of Paymaster Commander, he was appointed Accountant Officer of H.M.C.S. "Avalon", Newfoundland in 1943. He returned to Canada in December of the same year to take up the appointment of Director of Accountant Personnel, at Headquarters.

Commander Davidson served aboard the cruiser, H.M.C.S. "Ontario", prior to assuming his present duties as Command Supply Officer, Pacific Command.

WATERFOWL SURVEY: Waterfowl survey work carried out in Canada this year was reviewed by Canadian and United States wildlife officials at a two-day meeting held at Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Clarence Cottam, of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the meeting made a rough assessment of the waterfowl population in the areas surveyed and discussed breeding conditions, brood sizes, brood losses and banding results. The different methods of survey, both aerial and ground, were compared, and the values peculiar to each were brought out.

Dr. Oliver Hewitt, of the Dominion Wildlife Service, Department of Mines and Resources, acted as Deputy Chairman of the meeting. Other Canadians present included: J.G. Cunningham, Game Commissioner of British Columbia; Dr. Ian McTaggart Cowan, Professor of Zoology at the University of British Columbia; E.S. Huéstitis, Fish and Game Commissioner of Alberta; George Watt and G.M. Spargo, of the Alberta Fish and Game Association, Calgary; George Fanset;