

Canada should establish and maintain in the period following the conclusion of hostilities.

Army reinforcements; Inspector General's report; shipping; policy regarding despatches

14. The Minister of National Defence stated that the interim report of the Inspector General, Overseas Forces, submitted to the War Committee at the meeting of March 22nd, had now been studied by the Army Staff.

The Chief of the General Staff and the Adjutant General had reported that the situation disclosed in Lieut.-General Sanson's report was satisfactory, provided that an adequate and continuing flow of reinforcements from Canada was maintained. Generally, it appeared that the reinforcement position as of March 31st of this year was from fifty to seventy-five percent better than had been the case in November, 1944.

An analysis of the combined overall situation as of January 31st was submitted, and copies circulated.

(Memorandum, C.G.S. to the Minister, March 29, and revised Appendix A, March 27, 1945).

15. General McNaughton said that, in the light of this favourable position, he had recently declined an offer of shipping space for 10,000 additional men in April and May.

16. The War Committee, after discussion, noted with approval the Minister's reports.

Repatriation of overseas forces; provision of shipping

17. The Prime Minister, referring to the discussion at the meeting of March 22nd, read a draft telegram addressed to the U.K. government requesting British support for the maximum possible allocation of shipping for repatriation of Canadian forces at the conclusion of hostilities with Germany.

(Draft telegram, External Affairs, to Dominions Office, March 1945).

18. The War Committee, after discussion, agreed that the draft telegram, with certain amendments, be despatched.

Arrangements in Canada upon conclusion of hostilities with Germany

19. The Secretary, referring to the decision of the Cabinet on October 10th and of the War Committee on October 11th, 1944, submitted a report and recommendations from an interdepartmental committee

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