

Since there are men trained in Europe waiting for equipment, each division's equipment sent to Europe virtually adds a division's strength of equipped forces to the common deterrent force.

When he was here, General Eisenhower asked if we had 25 pounders we could put in the hands of the Luxembourg artillery regiment which was being raised. The following day the cabinet authorized the offer and by Monday evening arrangements had been completed both with Luxembourg and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the guns are waiting for shipment - when we receive direction as to shipment.

Speaking to an informal meeting of Congress concerning the result of his tour, General Eisenhower said:

In little Luxembourg I had an unusual experience. I think you would like to hear about it as illustrating the readiness of the nations today to try to co-operate. They are very small. There are only 300,000 people there. But they set their jaws and said: "We will have universal military service, with no exemptions." They said, "We are very badly handicapped. We have equipment for one battalion only. What we particularly need is more artillery equipment."

And then General Eisenhower went on to say:

When I stopped in Ottawa I told the Canadians about this trouble, and the Canadians said, "Why, we have some artillery; we can ship it tomorrow." When I got to West Point a few hours later I was greeted with the information that the Canadian Government had approved of the transfer, and just left the red tape to me and my staff to look after.

Apparently on this occasion we did not have any red tape here - or at least we gave him that impression.

We are placing an order here in Canada for 50,000 platoon walkie talkie wireless sets designed in Canada to specifications agreed upon with the United Kingdom and United States and likely to be adopted as standard for all North Atlantic Treaty nations. This would be the first article of standard equipment to be so adopted for all twelve nations. The Canadian forces plan to use 5,000, the other 45,000 sets being supplied to the other nations.

Canada is also manufacturing a large number of radar sets for supply to our allies. We expect to be making 155 mm. guns of U.S. pattern. We are at work today on the 3-inch 50 calibre U.S. pattern guns for the U.S. and Canadian navies.

In his statement last week General Eisenhower stressed the importance of equipment. He said this, in his broadcast:

For this purpose the most immediate need of Europe is munitions and equipment.

Every one of the continental nations I visited can rapidly and markedly increase its resistance power if it can be promptly furnished additional