

**CHRISTMAS FOR FORCES ABROAD:** "The time has arrived when people should remember relatives and friends serving in the armed forces abroad. What our troops abroad want more than anything else are letters and news from home, particularly at this time of the year," said Mr. Claxton, the Minister of National Defence, in a recent press release.

"Korean waters are still patrolled by the RCN destroyers Athabaskan, Iroquois and Huron. Officers and men of the 25th Brigade remain at their posts in Korea; RCAF fighter pilots continue to fly with the USAF in Korea and 426 Transport Squadron continues its lonely flights across the Pacific carrying men and supplies both ways. Various detachments of all three services are at posts in Japan.

"In Europe there are the 27th Brigade, the 12 F-86E fighter squadrons of the RCAF Air Division and the RCAF material base at Langar, England. There are other groups of all three services on liaison and staff duties and taking courses in the United Kingdom, United States and other friendly countries.

"Altogether there are almost 20,000 men and women in Canada's armed forces serving outside of their country at this time.

"We should all do something to make this a happy Christmas for these men and women. To reach them before December 25, all mail, particularly parcels, should be despatched immediately."

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**VEHICLES INDUSTRY:** Last year was another record one for Canada's motor vehicles industry, the value of shipments from the industry's 19 plants reaching a new crest of \$767,354,984, a gain of \$24,459,096 over the 1951 record of \$742,895,888, according to the annual report on the industry by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The number of employees climbed to a new peak of 31,102 from 30,479 in the preceding year, the payroll expanded to \$113,607,071 from \$101,342,774, material costs rose to \$497,474,097 from \$469,114,484, and the cost of fuel and electricity advanced to \$2,781,312 from \$2,667,570.

Factory shipments of trucks and buses reached an all-time high of 433,710 with a wholesale value of \$670,901,744 last year, an appreciable increase over the 1951 peak of 415,420 worth \$651,420,227, while factory shipments of passenger cars were up in number to 283,534 from 282,714 but down in value to \$417,654,448 from \$438,613,532. The value of repair parts and accessories shipped rose to \$63,624,591 from \$62,619,151, and of all other products to \$32,828,649 from \$28,856,510.

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Out of every 1,000 employed in manufacturing in Canada in 1950, 805 were wage-earners and 195 were on salary, the former earning 75% and the latter 25% of the total payroll.

**AIRMAN WINS QUEEN'S AWARD:** Flight Lieutenant Russel H. Janzen, 33, of Panbrun, Sask., has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Services in the Air.

A test pilot with the RCAF's Central Experimental and Proving Establishment's detachment at Namao, Alta., F/L Janzen won his award for outstanding airmanship through several flying operations during an arduous winter of experimental flying. The official citation reads:

"Flight Lieutenant Janzen has, throughout his flying career, consistently displayed the utmost zeal and enthusiasm and the highest order of airmanship. During an arduous winter of experimental flying, his leadership and example have been a model for all, and his initiative and determination have enabled his project to be completed, under severe difficulties, in a most successful manner. Recently, while flying a high-performance aircraft relatively unfamiliar to him, this officer through his coolness and superior flying ability was responsible for saving the aircraft from serious damage which would have caused costly delays in the winter test programme. On another occasion, Flight Lieutenant Janzen experienced a fire in the air while testing another experimental aircraft. His sound judgment under duress, and skillful handling, enabled him to save the aircraft from possible complete destruction and to obtain valuable data for corrective action. At all times, Flight Lieutenant Janzen's conduct has been worthy of the finest traditions of the service."

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**BAND KOREA BOUND:** Still another Canadian Army band is being despatched to the Far East for a tour of duty with the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

Army Headquarters said on October 24 that 40 musicians of the Royal Canadian Signals Band, based at Barriefield, Ontario, would leave Vancouver by air in mid-November for Korea. The band will spend approximately six months in the Far East entertaining Canadian troops.

The Signals Band, directed by Lieutenant B.J. Lyons of Kingston, Ontario, will replace the Royal Canadian Artillery Band from Halifax, now in Korea but soon being rotated home. Director of music for the Artillery Band is Lieutenant E.R. Wragg of Halifax.

Just returned from an engagement at Fort Monmouth, N.J., the Signals Band will play a lengthy series of concerts for troops stationed in Japan and Korea.

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More freight was transported through Canadian canals in August this year than in any August in the past 30 years, the month's total of 4,591,325 tons topping last year's high August movement of 4,148,708 tons by 10.7%.