

At the camp, too, there are general stores, a grocery store and butcher shop, all under the management of a corporal. Another corporal, Cpl. Melancon from Grand Falls, N.B., has charge of the laundry and dry cleaning establishment employing several Indian girls. They give a three-day service and the shirts and clothes are done up as they would be by a first-class Ottawa laundry. Cpl. Melancon did not know anything about laundering or dry cleaning so they sent him down to Winnipeg to take a month's course there and now he does a great job. These regimental activities run by the officers and men and their wives are all carefully supervised. They do a business of about \$60,000 a month and the profits are turned back to improve the amenities and services. The hospital looks after the wives and dependents of the soldiers as well as emergency cases in the neighbourhood. In April, ten babies were delivered in the military hospital including twins to a soldier's wife.

I have visited most of our military establishments across Canada during the past year and in all isolated centres there are communities like these but I do not think I have seen one where there is a better spirit than at Churchill. One of the reasons is the Officer Commanding. Another is that they have to make the most of it and they depend on themselves. Also they have to work harder than some of us down here regard as right or proper. Time studies showed that some of the men are sometimes doing over a hundred hours a week. They get Arctic pay and extra leave. Now with regular RCAF plane services to Edmonton and Rockcliffe we can fly personnel in and out on leave.

Altogether this was a great show and it made me proud to be a Canadian, to see how Canadian soldiers can adapt themselves to live under such difficult conditions.

As you will have realized, practically all the defence activities I have mentioned have civilian uses; similarly civilian activities are significant in terms of defence. Unless you can live in the north you can't expect to fight there, and if we can and do live there, the chance of anyone else moving in is not very great at present. One of the first jobs we have to do is to look after our Arctic.

The extent to which military and civilian activities go hand in hand is well illustrated by a list I made up some time ago of our major activities in the north. These are:

1. The Canadian Army maintains the Northwest Highway System, that is, the Alaska Highway; and the RCAF maintains the Northwest Staging Route.
2. The Canadian Army provides tele-communication services through the Northwest Territories.
3. The RCAF this year will photograph 300,000 vertical and 300,000 miles tri-camera, which would bring the total in the last four years to 757,500 miles of vertical and 827,000 miles of tri-camera photography. At Rockcliffe they process about 100,000 photographs a month. These are then turned over to Mines and Resources to be made into maps for mining and fishing and tourist travel as well as for military purposes. Army engineers and civilians will fix triangulation points. Last year the RCAF carried a party from the Dominion observatory which re-located the magnetic pole.