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H.Q.S. 20-6, Vol. 34 (DAG)

The Minister

1. Arising out of my memorandum of 14th July, 1942 (H.Q.S. 20-6, Vol. 34) you asked for a statement of the men required to achieve the results indicated in paras. 38 - 41 inclusive, i.e.:—
 - (a) The men required to complete the Army in Canada.
 - (b) 70,000 trained men fit for overseas by 31st March, 1943, made up of:—
 - 48,000 for present programme.
 - 22,000 Contingency Reserve.
2. As at 30th May, 1942 (the basic date of my memo of 14th July, vide para. 14) the deficiency in the W.E. of the Army in Canada was 55,480 all ranks.
3. Besides completing this deficiency we propose to post units 10% over W.E. wherever this is practicable and this will absorb approximately 13,500 men.
4. The total of the above two figures comes to 68,980.
5. To maintain the Army in Canada, i.e. to meet normal wastage, to 31st March, 1943, we will require an additional 15,000 men.
6. Therefore, we require for the Army in Canada to 31st March, 1943, a total of 83,980 men.
7. But against this we shall discharge back to Civil employment of one sort or another a number nearly equal to our total wastage of 15,000. We estimate that only 3,000 will be totally lost through death or incapacity and that 12,000 will return to industry, agriculture, etc.
8. Therefore the net drain on the National manpower of the Army in Canada to 31st March, 1943, will be 83,980, less 12,000 returned to Civil life, or 71,980 men.
9. Additional to the Army in Canada we plan to produce (vide para. 38 of memo of 14th July) 70,000 trained men fit for overseas, by 31st March, 1943.
10. To produce this number fit for overseas we require to enlist or requisition 93,300 men.

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