

*By Mr. Marshall:*

Q. Are you setting up a separate organization for the work overseas from the organization that functions in Canada? There is a board in charge of the operations in Canadian canteens?—A. There is a budget board operating under the Department of National War Services, operating in Canada, and a similar board is being set up now in the United Kingdom.

Q. Would it be working jointly or would it be a separate board?—A. That is under the Department of National War Services, and I cannot answer that.

*By Mr. Ross (Middlesex East):*

Q. Can you give us a few details about the new accounting system presently being set up?—A. Well, it is being set up somewhat on the same basis as in Canada. The organizations will file regular monthly statements of their business. It is expected that it will be audited by their own people and checked by representatives of the regimental funds board in the United Kingdom, very similar to what is being done in Canada.

Q. Is this new machinery all set up? Has the personnel of this new accounting machinery been appointed?—A. No. It is being appointed by the Canadian military headquarters in the United Kingdom; and it was not appointed when I left.

Q. Was that a direct request from some of the units or was it just a matter of policy?—A. It was a matter of discussion with the officers of the Canadian military headquarters and myself.

*By Mr. Brooks:*

Q. What system do they have for allotting to the different services certain areas for their operation, or are they in competition with one another in the different camps?—A. The various organizations are allotted to the Canadian army formations and are brigaded; that is, there is one organization with each brigade of the division and they operate within that brigade. Wherever that brigade is, the organization allotted to the particular brigade functions. With the Royal Canadian Air Force personnel the situation is different, because we have Canadian personnel serving with slightly over five hundred British squadrons—R.A.F. squadrons. Therefore, we zone the United Kingdom; we divided it into four zones and allotted one of our organizations to each zone. That is the general set-up. There are certain special functions that each organization carries out.

Q. I understand that each brigade group has one of each of the services with it?—A. Exactly.

*By Mr. MacKenzie (Neepawa):*

Q. By what authority is the canteen set up? Who asks for the canteen in the first place? They are not forced on them, are they?—A. No. The O.C. of the unit either operates his own canteen or has N.A.A.F.I. operate it or has one of the national organizations operate it.

Q. I mean, how does it come into existence in the first place? Is it part of the organization?—A. It is the officer commanding the unit for whom the canteen is being operated who determines whether he shall have a canteen and who shall run it. There is no compulsion on anybody.

Q. A certain number of men must ask for the canteen; is that it? Or does the O.C. himself decide whether he wants one or not?—A. Well, I presume he knows whether it is necessary.

*By Mr. Brooks:*

Q. The O.C. can either have a canteen of his own or he can ask one of the services to operate a dry canteen?—A. Yes.