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OVERSEAS COMMITMENTS

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First Division

Mobilization and despatch overseas authorized in fall of 1939 prior to formation of War Committee.

Second Division

Mobilization prior to formation of the War Committee.
Despatch overseas authorized February 12th, 1940; accelerated on invasion of Low Countries, May, 1940.

Third Division

Formation authorized May 17th, 1940; full mobilization authorized July 4th, 1940.
Despatch overseas part of Army programme, generally assented to at meetings, January 24th-29th, 1941.

Fourth Division

Full mobilization authorized July 4th, 1940.
Recruitment of balance authorized May 9th, 1940 (to take place of units diverted to Armoured Division).
Despatch overseas in summer of 1942 suggested by Mr. Ralston in telegram January 5th, 1941, after discussion with U.K. authorities, but never formally authorized by the Canadian government.

Fifth (Armoured) Division

Authorized August 13th, 1940.
Authorization confirmed and despatch overseas "as and when circumstances permitted", approved, January 28, 1941.

Army Tank Brigade

Formation authorized January 28th, 1941.
Despatch overseas arranged for June, 1941.