

At the very time of which report speaks, namely March, 1945, when, according to General Sansom, the reinforcement situation was "satisfactory", decision was made to move 1st Canadian Corps from Italy to N.W. Europe.

Yet, at the other end of Canada, we have another General (Pearkes) telling you that the Corps was moved from Italy to be broken up for reinforcements.

I will tell you why the Corps happened to be moved at that time:

(Here paraphrase Churchill).

Throughout war, govt. left purely "military" matters scrupulously to military experts and took proper responsibility to give political (i.e. civil) effect) to military decisions.

Military matters the province of military experts, but civil government best conducted by those with experience in civil administration.

One thing to have one outstanding military man in a government, but quite another to seek to form a political party of "retired generals".

Perhaps the next time the Tory party changes its name, it might consider calling itself the "General Conservative Party".

Seriously, people of Canada will pass severest judgment on men who have used the prestige of their military careers to give a semblance of authority to deliberate misrepresentation of facts such as has been the case with General Pearkes and especially with General Sansom who misrepresented his own report.