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IN REPLY YOUR TELEGRAM REFERENCE NO. 75, THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS ARE SUPPLIED FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION CANADIAN ARMY AND MUST NOT BE PUBLISHED:

1. (a) MALE FULLTIME PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE STRENGTH OF FORCES:

ARMY	105,000
NAVY	7,000
AIR	<u>30,000</u>

ALL SERVICES .....140,000 .....

(b) THESE FIGURES INCLUDE FOLLOWING NUMBERS AT PRESENT OVERSEAS:

ARMY	49,000
NAVY	2,000
AIR	8,000 .....
ALL SERVICES	59,000

(c) IN ADDITION THERE ARE THE FOLLOWING OVERSEAS CASUALTIES (ALL SERVICES COMBINED):

DEATHS 5,000, PRISONERS 8,000, WOUNDED 9,000, MISSING 1,000  
TOTAL 23,000.

(d) THERE ARE FEMALES IN FORCES AS FOLLOWS:

ARMY	3,000
NAVY	250
AIR	3,000 ....
ALL SERVICES	6,250

THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES:

(a) TOTAL POPULATION 1,640,000

(b) PROPORTION MALES AGED FOURTEEN - SIXTY FOUR IN FORCES (INCLUDING CASUALTIES ( TO MALES AGED FOURTEEN-SIXTY FOUR AT OUTBREAK OF WAR ;  
28 PER CENT.

(c) CLASSES OF MEN LIABLE FOR INDUSTRIAL CONSCRIPTION : UNFIT MEN AGED 18 - 46, ALL MEN AGED 46 - 59 ALIENS, AND ALL MEN WITH EXPERIENCE IN ENGINEERING AND BUILDING (TO AGE 70) AND TIMBER (TO AGE 65).