

"The District Officer Commanding shall in each case be responsible for the organization of any of such companies within his district. He will deal with all applications and shall have full control over the operations of such companies within the geographical limits of his military district.

"The members of the said force shall be recruited from persons who served in the armed forces of Canada or the United Kingdom in the war of 1914-1918, and shall include persons in categories 'A', 'B', and 'C' up to the age of 50 years. They shall receive pay and allowances according to the rates at present in force for the Canadian Active Service Force."

#### 4. ORGANIZATION OF A 3rd DIVISION, CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE, OFFICIAL STATEMENT, 24th OF MAY

The Hon. Norman McL. Rogers, Minister of National Defence, made the following statement on the 24th of May in the House of Commons:

1. I have to-day received details of the organization of the 3rd Division, C.A.S.F., and immediate steps are being taken to proceed with this organization in the various Military Districts.

2. The composition of the Division has received the fullest consideration. Selection of the Units for every arm of the service in the Division is being made after carefully weighing the various factors involved. As in the case of the 1st and 2nd Divisions and the ancillary troops which have previously been mobilized, every endeavour has been made to ensure that all parts of Canada are represented in accordance with population, and bearing in mind the forces each Province or area has already mobilized.

3. As in the case of Staff and Commanding Officers of the Units of the C.A.S.F. already serving, in which 56 per cent have had previous overseas service, the same consideration will be given to Officers with former service in the C.E.F. when selections are being made for the 3rd Division.

4. Some of our mobilized Units which, as a result of changes in war organization have become surplus, will be included in the composition of the 3rd Division.

5. Owing to adjustments arising from the decision to form the Canadian 3rd Division immediately, it will be necessary to postpone the proposed training camps for the N.P.A.M. units not mobilized in the 3rd Division, until later in the summer than had been intended.