

W.F. BULL ASST. DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr. W. Frederick Bull becomes an Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Trade and Commerce, in charge of the Commodities and Control Division, as the result of several promotional appointments announced on September 28, by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, with the concurrence of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Denis Harvey succeeds Mr. Bull as Director of the Commodities Branch. Mr. G.A. Newman is the new Director of the Export Division, and Mr. Charles F. McGinnis the Director of the Import Division.

During his twenty-one years with the Department Mr. Bull has served in New York, Trinidad, New Zealand, and Washington, D.C. In Ottawa he has served as Chief of the Export Permit Branch, Director of the Export Division, and Director of the Commodities Branch. A native of Weston, Ont., and a graduate in Commerce of the University of Toronto, practically his whole career has been devoted to the public service.

Mr. Harvey graduated from McGill with honours in Economics, and joined the Department following the last war on his retirement from the Canadian Navy in which he served with the rank of Commander. He organized and has headed the Department's Import Division.

Mr. Newman graduated from the University of Manitoba, joining the Trade Commissioner Service in 1929. He served in England, New York and the British West Indies before returning to Ottawa in 1945 as Assistant Director of the Trade Commissioner Service, and then Assistant Director of the Export Division, of which he has recently been the acting head.

Mr. McGinnis, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, joined the Department as Assistant Director of the Import Division upon its formation in 1945. He had previously been engaged in private business as an import broker and consultant in Toronto.

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N.A.T.O. ARMY PERSONNEL ARRIVE: First army personnel from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to take military training in Canada have now reached Canada and have been assigned to the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Man., the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, announced on September 29. Air Force personnel taking training under the same scheme have been here for some weeks and are already well into their training with the RCAF.

Three officers from the Italian Army and one from the French Army made up the first group of army arrivals, Mr. Claxton said. They are Majors Giovanni Prat, Stanislao Labbate and Alfonso Mantia, of Italy, and Capt. Maurice Victor Guirau of France. Two more captains, one from each of the foregoing countries, are expected to arrive in Ottawa next week-end, and two sergeants from the Netherlands Army are due early the following week.

In addition to aircrew from the United Kingdom, there will be approximately 250 personnel from six European nations training here, including 50 student pilots, 50 student navigators, and up to 150 army officers and other ranks. Five nations definitely participating are France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway and Italy, and Portugal is expected to be the sixth.

Canada's offer to the nations signatory to the North Atlantic Treaty was announced by the Minister last March as a concrete means of aiding in the military programme of those nations.

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BRITISH WAR GRAVES FILM: Brig. Frank Higginson, CMG, Secretary of the Imperial War Graves Commission, is expected to arrive in Montreal aboard the Empress of Canada from the United Kingdom this week. Brig. Higginson will give illustrated lectures in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver.

A. Lewis Watson, Secretary-General Imperial War Graves Commission (Canada) announced on October 2 that Brig. Higginson would conduct his lectures in conjunction with a film entitled "War Graves of the British Commonwealth and Empire." The picture shows how cemeteries and memorials are maintained by the Commission.

The first lecture will be in Ottawa October 9, by invitation of the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton. All other lectures will be staged in co-operation with the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League.

The picture, covering both the Second World War and the Great War, 1914-18, includes shots of such famous memorials and cemeteries as the Menin Gate and Vimy Memorials; La Chaudiere Cemetery, Dieppe, Beny-sur-Mer and Moro River Canadian Cemeteries, Cassino and Amhem.

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RCAF SERVICE EXTENSION: A one-year extension of service has been offered the majority of Air Force officers due for release in October, 1951, under the RCAF's short-service commission programme, it was announced on September 29 by Air Force Headquarters. The accelerated expansion of the RCAF has made this move necessary.

Approximately 130 officers, all aircrew, were eligible for release on October 1, 1951, under the RCAF's plan to keep about 50 per cent of aircrew officers in the ranks of flying officer and flight lieutenant engaged on terms of five or six years. Purpose of this programme is to ensure that the average age of aircrew officers actively engaged in flying duties is maintained at a relatively youthful level. In addition, the officers going back into civilian life give the RCAF a youthful but highly-trained reserve available for immediate call-up during national emergency.