

CASUALTIES (as at March 22nd)

| <u>R.C.A.F. Officers</u> | <u>Fatal</u> | <u>Missing</u> | <u>Presumed Dead</u> | <u>Prisoner of War</u> | <u>Interned</u> | <u>Total lost Servi</u> |
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| * In Canada | 119 | 6 | 2 | | | 127 |
| Overseas | 111 | 116 | 30 | 39 | 4 | 300 |
| Total R.C.A.F. Officers | 230 | 122 | 32 | 39 | 4 | 427 |
| <u>R.C.A.F. Airmen</u> | | | | | | |
| * In Canada | 353 | 15 | 8 | | | 376 |
| Overseas | 378 | 298 | 110 | 92 | 14 | 892 |
| Total R.C.A.F. Airmen | 731 | 313 | 118 | 92 | 14 | 1258 |
| Total R.C.A.F. Personnel | 961 | 435 | 150 | 131 | 18 | 1695 |
| * Includes Newfoundland | | | | | | |

ORGANIZATION

During the past week, No. 14 (Fighter) Squadron, which was located at R.C.A.F. Station, Rockcliffe, was transferred to Western Air Command to strengthen the fighter defences of the Victoria-Vancouver area.

At the present time there are a large number of scientists available at the National Research Council and other Laboratories throughout the country who are capable of doing a great deal of research or development work for the Air Force. However, senior Officers of the Royal Canadian Air Force are fully occupied with their immediate duties, and do not have time to devote adequate attention to research problems. It has therefore been decided to appoint a Director General of Air Research for the R.C.A.F.

The responsibilities and duties of this appointment are:

- (a) To keep informed upon research and development work in this and other countries and to direct the attention of the Chief of the Air Staff and Air Members to important developments.
- (b) In co-operation with Air Members, to investigate problems connected with the work of the R.C.A.F. and to make recommendations for research and development work.
- (c) To act as Liaison Officer on research and development problems, between the R.C.A.F. and other Canadian Government Departments, the U.S. Services and research institutions (through Air Attache, Washington) and the British authorities (through the British Research Liaison Officer).

The status of the Director General of Air Research in relation to the R.C.A.F. and the National Research Council will be as follows:

- (a) He is to have access to all R.C.A.F. Units and establishments (through Commands) and is to report direct to the Chief of the Air Staff on the same level as an Air Member.
- (b) He will be appointed as Special Assistant to the President of the National Research Council for handling relations with the R.C.A.F., thereby giving him free access to the laboratories of the National Research Council.

ARMAMENT

A meeting was held in the office of the Director of Naval Ordnance on Monday, 23rd March, to discuss the allocation to the different Services of depth charges from Canadian production. It was decided that all fut supplies for the R.C.A.F. should be obtained from Imperial stocks established by the British Admiralty in Naval Ordnance Depots at Halifax, St. Johns, and Esquimalt.