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MEMORANDUM

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CANADIAN INFANTRY CORPS

The present system in the Canadian infantry of limiting interchangeability of men solely within battalion establishments does not provide the pools of various tradesmen and specialists which are required throughout the whole of the infantry.

To provide the necessary pools, the Minister of National Defence, with the concurrence of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 1st Canadian Army, the Chief of the General Staff, the Senior Officer, Canadian Military Headquarters and the Deputy Minister of National Defence (Army), has made a submission to Council recommending the establishment of a Canadian Infantry Corps, to be constituted as a Corps of the Active Militia. This proposal is based on experience already gained with the Canadian Armoured Corps.

No increased cost is involved at present since it is not now intended to form a headquarters for the Infantry Corps and no additional personnel will be required. If costs are involved at any time they will be included when a War Establishment is submitted for approval.

For the guidance of Treasury Board, a decision in principle is required from War Committee on this proposal.

A. D. P. Heeney,
Secretary.

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