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CASUALTIES (as at March 15th)

<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 to Service</u>
* In Canada	119	6	2			127
Overseas	106	118	26	38	4	292
Total R.C.A.F. Officers	225	124	28	38	4	419
<u>R.C.A.F. Airmen</u>						
* In Canada	350	15	8			373
Overseas	363	298	100	91	16	868
Total R.C.A.F. Airmen	713	313	108	91	16	1241
Total R.C.A.F. Personnel	938	437	136	129	20	1660

\* Includes Newfoundland.

ORGANIZATION

The increased operations on the Pacific Coast, brought about by Japan's entry into the War, have made it necessary to establish an R.C.A.F. Station at the Sea Island Aerodrome, Vancouver, B.C. R.C.A.F. Station, Sea Island, was therefore formed at Sea Island, Vancouver, B.C., effective March 23rd, 1942.

There are a number of training Units in Eastern Canada, which have a potential value as second-line operational strength. To ensure that this strength will be available if needed, such Units are allocated to Eastern Air Command. The primary role of Eastern Air Command, however, is operational; so, to relieve the Air Officer Commanding of training details and yet have this reserve strength under his Command, a training group in Eastern Air Command is required. No. 12 Group is therefore to be formed shortly.

AERODROME DEVELOPMENT

The Aerodrome Development Committee met on 17-3-42 and recommended the following:

- (a) The Development of a site at Lethburn, Sask., as R.1 to Assiniboia, E.F.T.S.
- (b) The removal and lighting of obstructions at Charlottetown, P.E.I., G.R.S.
- (c) The provision of telephone facilities at:
  - (1) Hartney, Man., R.1 to Souris, S.F.T.S.
  - (11) Regina, Sask., A.O.S., P.B.R.
  - (111) Vanscoy, Sask., R.1 to Saskatoon, S.F.T.S.

OPERATIONS

Eastern Air Command

97 Reconnaissance Flights	- 415 hours 17 minutes
13 Anti-submarine Patrols	- 131 hours 35 minutes
1 Allied ship separate from convoy	- 4 hours 20 minutes (escort)
4 Convoys escorted	- 71 ships in convoy

Western Air Command

131 Reconnaissance Flights	- 396 hours 25 minutes
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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING PLAN

Aircrew Training Situation (as at March 15th)

	<u>Under Training</u>	<u>Intake</u>	<u>Accumulation Output</u>	<u>Wastage</u>
INITIAL TRAINING				
Aircrew under training	2330	24678	20594	1754