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SUMMARY TO: WAR COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET
RE: LOAN TO BRITISH ARMY OF 150 CANADIAN BORN
CHINESE PERSONNEL FOR OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT
IN THE PACIFIC THEATRE OF OPERATIONS

1. Purpose:

Loan to War Office, on request of British Security Co-ordination of 150 Canadian-born Chinese personnel to remain members of the Canadian Army for operational employment with the British Army on special duties in the Pacific Theatre of Operations.

2. Considerations

- (a) Approval in September, 1944 in response to urgent request from British Security Co-ordination, of loan and despatch of 25 Canadian-born Chinese soldiers for service in India and Australia as wireless operators.
- (b) Selection of personnel for present submission already initiated by, and to be the responsibility of, British Security Co-ordination.
- (c) Unlikely that 150 qualified personnel can be found. Authority required, however, to permit personnel up to this maximum to be despatched as they are found and volunteer for these special duties.

3. Manpower

Already approved and despatched in part	-----	25	All Ranks
Additional required	-----	125	" "
Total authorization now proposed	-----	150	" "

4. Cost

Non-recurring	-----	\$79,650
Recurring (for 12 months of 1944-45)	-----	57,825
Total	-----	\$137,475

Funds available. Costs governed by Mutual Waiver Agreement between the United Kingdom and Canada.

5. Proposal has been

- (a) Recommended by the Chief of the General Staff.
- (b) Approved by the Minister of National Defense.
- (c) Reviewed as to financial aspects and concurred in by Deputy Minister (Army).

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