

23. The War Committee, after discussion, approved for despatch the draft telegrams submitted.

Canadian Army overseas programme

24. The Minister of National Defence reported that General McNaughton, in the light of the shipping situation, and after further consultation with the War Office, had submitted his views regarding the composition of the Canadian Army, and particularly a recommendation for immediate reorganization of armoured divisions on the British model.

The net result of reorganizing the two armoured divisions in the manner proposed would mean a slight decrease in officers and other ranks. A reply had been sent to General McNaughton, agreeing in principle with the suggested reorganization; it was recommended that this action be confirmed. Explanatory documents were circulated.

(National Defence telegrams and memorandum, December 21 and 22, 1942 - C.W.C. document 375).

Approval was also requested for the appointment of General Samson to command the Second Canadian Corps.

25. The War Committee, after discussion, approved in principle the reorganization of the Canadian Army overseas in accordance with General McNaughton's recommendations, and the appointment of Major-General Samson to command the Second Canadian Corps.

B.C.A.T.P. - purchase of Canadian Hurricanes

26. The Minister of Munitions and Supply reported that, under the terms of the Combined Training Organization Agreement, Canada had to pay for aircraft manufactured in this country of U.K. design. One hundred Hurricane IIB aircraft from Canadian manufacture were required for No. 1 O.T.U., together with spares and accessories; the cost to be approximately \$8,748,800. An explanatory memorandum had been circulated by the Minister of National Defence for Air, by whom authorization was recommended.

(Air memorandum, December 14, 1942 - C.W.C. document 369).

27. The War Committee, after discussion, approved in principle purchase of one hundred Hurricane IIB aircraft, as recommended.

Increased facilities, Dominion Arsenals, Quebec

28. The Minister of Munitions and Supply pointed out that the War Committee, on December the 9th, had approved in principle the provision of funds for expansion already under way at the Dominion Arsenals, Quebec.