

35. If the principal of full proportionate Canadian contribution is accepted, some decision will be reached eventually of the over-all Canadian commitment. It follows that the burden on the Army Overseas can be made lighter to the extent that the Army in Canada is able to take up a greater share of the total commitment.

36. While it is difficult to arrive at any size for this commitment because of the undetermined governing factors, a minimum of one division may be put forward as a suggestion. Such an effort would not represent a proportionate commitment, but other factors might point to using such a figure as a basis for discussion.

PART V

37. In summing up this appreciation the following conclusions may be listed:-

- (a) The reasons for Canadian participation are based on Military, political and moral, and commercial grounds.
- (b) There are two sources of participation open for consideration,
 - (1) To cooperate with the British attacking by way of Burma and/or Malaya.
 - (11) To cooperate with the United States in their attack across the Pacific Islands.
- (c) The size and type of forces to be supplied will be governed by:-
 - (1) The strategic requirement as to types and size of force in each theatre.
 - (11) Canadian share of Army of Occupation in Germany.
 - (111) Extent of demobilization during the period.
- (d) From the Army Overseas:
A minimum of one division is suggested as a basis for discussion as Canada's contribution to the Pacific war.
- (e) From the Army in Canada:
The Pacific war contribution might be considered as whatever number of Brigade groups that can be secured from the forces available.
- (f) The division of the total commitment between the Army in Canada and the Army Overseas, will be dependent to a large extent on the size and effectiveness of the contribution from the Army in Canada.
- (g) In order that the principle of speed in attack be maintained, every effort should be made now insofar as possible to train and equip the troops that will eventually be used in the Pacific for that type of fighting.

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