

participated in activities south of Okinawa. The cruiser H.M.C.S. ONTARIO is on the first leg of its journey to the Pacific. Considerable numbers of destroyers and frigates have already returned to Canada for reconditioning for Pacific service.

With Pacific army personnel given highest priority for return to Canada, initial retraining in Canadian camps will be completed by late summer, and the Canadian units will then move to the United States for advanced and specialized training before going into action. As the force will consist largely of battle-experienced soldiers, training will be comparatively brief.

At least eight R.C.A.F. squadrons have flown back to Canada - personnel of others will come by ship on a high priority basis. Most training courses will be given in Canada, but final training will be in the United Kingdom when airmen return there before flying to the east.

How will Canadian forces be selected?

A questionnaire was distributed to all Canadian armed forces personnel to find out those who wished to serve in operations against Japan. All Pacific forces will be made up of men who volunteer specifically for duty in the Far East war.

The army force so far as possible will be restricted to men under 35. To obtain the correct balance between various army classifications some men may be remustered from armor to infantry. Among reinforcements will be men with little or no European experience who volunteer to fight Japan.

If necessary balance among the air force trades is not possible from the volunteers, members of the air crew reserve who volunteer for duty will be called back into the service.

Why are Canadian Pacific units made up of volunteers?

Because Canada's Pacific forces are so much smaller than their European strength, thousands of men already in the forces cannot be used to fight Japan. However, all but 10% of the personnel who entered Canada's armed forces signed up for service anywhere in the world for the duration of hostilities so are eligible for Japanese service. Therefore the principle of allowing those men who express a wish to stay in the war to the finish was felt to be the most practical way of assuring the best possible Canadian units. From Canada's most enthusiastic soldiers, seamen and airmen - men who have asked to serve against Japan - will come the Pacific forces.

What type of armament will Canadian units have?

The army will be equipped with American weapons and other equipment in the interests of standardization. United States helmets and Canadian uniforms will be worn. Air force squadrons will fly the latest models of bombers that have been famous over Europe. The navy will have two