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SUMMARY TO: WAR COMMITTEE OF CABINET
RE: ALLOTMENT OF CANADIAN FORESTRY COMPANIES
TO CANADIAN COMPONENT 21 ARMY GROUP

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1. Purpose:

To allocate to the Canadian component of 21 Army Group five Forestry Companies from Forestry Units operating in the United Kingdom.

2. Considerations:

There are ten Forestry Companies, including their appropriate Headquarters in 21 Army Group, and ten companies including their appropriate Headquarters in the United Kingdom.

- (i) 21 Army Group have requested that five companies and a District Headquarters be reallocated from Canadian Forestry Corps Units, United Kingdom, to 21 Army Group.
- (ii) Ministry of Supply has agreed to the release of companies in the United Kingdom now employed on timber operations estimated to be necessary to make up these five companies and Headquarters for service in an operational theatre, and further agree to accept the result that only two companies will remain in the United Kingdom for employment on timber operations.
- (iii) Reallocation would result in more economical production of timber requirements for European theatre, particularly in regard to shipping rather than continuing production in United Kingdom.

3. Manpower:

- (a) Increase of 3 Officers and 17 Other Ranks to Headquarters Group, Canadian Forestry Corps, 21 Army Group
- (b) Increase of 23 all ranks to Reinforcement Pool Overseas
- (c) No increase in manpower ceiling Overseas
- (d) Reduction from five to two companies remaining in United Kingdom at 194 all ranks per company or a total saving of 582 all ranks.

4. Cost:

Reduction of three companies in United Kingdom will involve a saving of \$417,063 for 3½ months of 1944-45.

5. Proposal has been:

- (a) Agreed to by War Office
- (b) Recommended by Canadian Military Headquarters
- (c) Concurred in by the Minister of National Defence and the Chief of the General Staff.

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