

an establishment of some 3,000. So that the troops which we ordinarily think of in connection with our Canadian Army, the four Divisions and the Cavalry force, mean something a little short of 80,000 troops.

But this is only one item in the total. Sir Arthur Currie has at his disposal a mass of Corps troops; and also a great number of troops used on and for the lines of communication. The fighting corps troops amount to some 11,000 more; the bulk of those troops are artillery, some 5,000 or 6,000 strong—siege artillery, air-craft artillery, trench mortars, corps field artillery troops for maintaining the supply of ammunition, etc. There are over 2,000 engineers, tunnellers, telegraphers, telephonists, etc. More than 3,000 men are found by machine gunners and cyclists.

All told, Sir Arthur Currie's strictly fighting troops have establishments of some 90,000 men.

As for the lines of communication, they absorb not far short of 40,000 more. Army service corps and hospital services account for more than 8,000. The forestry service, railway troops and labour corps in France number more than 28,000, and it should be added that these formations render extremely valuable services. The railway troops, for example, have revolutionized conditions of supply and transport, have been the means of great saving of life in the rearward services, and by bringing up huge quantities of munitions have enabled the British Army to repeat its attacks at ever decreasing intervals.

CANADIAN TROOPS IN FRANCE.

Thus the Canadian troops now in France, if up to establishment, mean a force of approximately the following numbers:—

The Four Divisions and the Cavalry Brigade.....	78,000
Fighting corps troops.....	11,000
Total fighting troops.....	89,000
Army Service Corps and Medical Services.....	8,000
Railway, Forestry, Labour, etc., services.....	28,000
Total lines of communication.....	36,000
Grand total.....	125,000

This is not a statement of actual numbers in the field. Regiments may not be up to their establishments; and, in addition, there may be in France at some given moment a considerable number of recruits who have been brought over from England and are either being given their final training or are waiting to be moved up to the corps for which they are destined.