

The forces in the United Kingdom are serving together. The Canadian forces are, under the general provision, serving together with the United Kingdom forces and are therefore under separate command.

That third provision of the order in council provides, in effect, that an officer designated by the Minister of National Defence may detail for the purpose of serving in the United Kingdom any portion of those forces to act in combination with the British forces in which case, as I stated a minute ago, by acting in combination they come under a combined command.

Following that through, the Minister of National Defence designated General McNaughton in respect of the Canadian corps; the senior combatant officer at Canadian military headquarters in respect of the troops under his command, and the senior combatant officer in command of any remaining troops in the United Kingdom in respect of forces under his command, to detail the forces or parts of the forces as they might think fit to act in combination with the British forces.

That gave authority to General McNaughton, if he so desired, to detail the Canadian corps, or, as it was then, the first Canadian division, to act in combination with the British forces. He did that. He has detailed the troops of the Canadian corps to act in combination with the troops of the United Kingdom. That is the situation at the present time.

The senior combatant officer at Canadian military headquarters has not, I understand, detailed the troops under his command to act in combination, because the troops under his command are generally speaking troops in training, troops at base units, and so forth. There are no other troops in Great Britain except those in the Canadian corps under General McNaughton and those under Canadian military headquarters. That brings the Canadian corps under the command of Sir Allan Brooke, commander in chief of the home forces, by reason of the fact that the Canadian corps has been detailed by General McNaughton to act in combination with the forces of the United Kingdom.

Parallel with that goes this, that under General McNaughton's instructions when he went there, he is directly responsible to the Minister of National Defence and, through the minister, to the Canadian government for the control of the forces under his command. I mention that so that I may indicate what the situation would be with regard to the troops when under Sir Allan Brooke.

The situation, if one were to visualize operations in the United Kingdom, is that Sir Allan Brooke would—I have not any doubt of this