

7. Real problems:

(a) reinforcements from Canada and in the United Kingdom, "were not in proper proportion of the various arms".

(b) "It was not possible to change the production from the training stream at short notice".

N.B. Both these were essentially and exclusively military problems, not political.

8. "The over-all problem was not one of the numbers but rather one of training the personnel available for re-mustering".

9. "The provision of trained reinforcements was complicated by the division of the Army between two theatres".

10. Shortages in the units in N.W. Europe during the period August to early October, 1944, during period while "surpluses in other arms were being re-mustered to infantry and re-trained."

11. "By the end of January, 1945, when the writer visited Headquarters, First Canadian Army in the field, the reinforcement situation was well in hand."

By 3 March, 1945, fully trained reinforcements available to meet two months intense wastage for whole Army.

12. General Conclusion (in General Sanson's own words)

"Notwithstanding the recent heavy fighting in North West Europe, all operational units are being reinforced promptly and maintained at full strength. The general reinforcement position overseas has improved during recent months and can now be regarded as satisfactory. The training organization overseas is functioning efficiently and satisfactorily, and is producing its maximum output of well trained reinforcements."