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30. At this stage however it may be anticipated that the British forces in the Far East will still be engaged in Jungle Warfare -- a type of fighting for which the troops in Europe are not trained.

31. On the other hand by the time the pacification of Germany has reached the stage where substantial numbers of troops may be withdrawn, the Japanese war may have reached the state where operations on the China coast have begun, or at any rate preparations for this phase of the war well advanced. Therefore, part of the Canadian Army overseas should be easily fitted into these plans.

32. It is recognized that this movement of Canadian troops to the Far East from Europe will meet many difficulties. It will depend in part on the method of recruitment and size of the Canadian share of the Army of Occupation of Germany for the second Stage of Occupation. However, various methods may be put forward as to how the force could be made up:-

- (a) Using existing formations,
- (b) Calling for volunteers from the Army Overseas.
- (c) Extracting certain troops for demobilization based on some determined yardstick (length of service, marital status, etc.) and using the remainder for service in the Far East.

33. It is felt that none of the alternatives may be adhered to rigidly, but the over-riding consideration will be that Canada is still at war, and as such the strategical factors should be given priority over all else. It should be possible to use existing formations and to allow men with long overseas service (say four years or more) to be repatriated and to fill up the vacancies from the reinforcement pools, or from other units not selected for the Far East. To attempt to reform new units from volunteers would not only delay the time of Canadian participation, but would break down the efficiency and esprit de corps that has been built up over the last years. By the time the German war is over the number of men who will have been overseas since the first year of the war without returning home will not be large in proportion to the whole, and the repatriation of these individuals should not materially affect the Pacific participation or the Army of Occupation.

34. Forces in Canada - Insofar as the participation from the Army in Canada is concerned, this will depend on the number available for overseas service, vis-a-vis a contribution proportionately fair in comparison with the U.S. forces put into the effort. Since a fair proportion of the Army in Canada is now organized in Brigade Groups, the forces committed could be most conveniently allotted in Brigade Group units.

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