

to the last minute, there is bound to be wastage through illness, accidents, etc. and a considerable margin for safety is necessary in order to ensure that adequate numbers actually embark.

Only the men who embark without converting to general service will be counted as N.R.M.A. men despatched from Canada.

Should N.R.M.A. men be permitted to volunteer for general service after embarking?

The answer is yes. Under P.C. 8891, these men are only liable for service in Europe. It is to the advantage of the State to have them convert at any stage to general service. Once they have done so they become available for service in any theatre. It is also to the man's advantage as it permits him to remove ^{any evidence of} ~~the stigma~~ ^{encounter} which attaches to a ^{stage} conscripted man.