

but includes English and other subjects.

Education officers are also in charge of the organization of trade improvement classes in the ground trades which are open to all airmen and airwomen who have not reached the highest grouping in their trade. The actual courses are given by tradesmen rather than teachers.

In addition to acting as general educational counsellor to all air force personnel on the station, education officers are responsible for seeing that group discussions on current events are conducted regularly. They are also ex-officio members of the library committee on each station. Libraries are built up by each unit and now contain an estimated total of more than 200,000 books. There is, however, no comprehensive plan of assistance in the selection and procuring of books for the various stations.

In February, 1943, a directorate of army education was established which parallels the directorate of personnel selection set up in 1941. The plan calls for a district education officer with the rank of major in each military district in Canada and other full-time officers to work with him, and for a sub-director overseas with the rank of lieutenant-colonel and other officers attached to the various formations there.

Even before the establishment of the new directorate, much educational work was done in the army. One of the most important of these was a trades training program, including latterly the recruitment of 17-year-olds for extended training in private school or college plants taken over for the purpose. In connection with basic training at certain centres there was special instruction for men who had received little or no formal schooling.

Army recruits at basic and advanced training centres are, as a rule, considered to be too busy to take on extra courses and are not permitted to do so. When they are posted to camps or overseas, however, they are free to enrol. Special lectures have been arranged for the Veterans' Guard and for disposal companies. These are usually courses which will provide a certain amount of knowledge of use to men after discharge.

The education directorate is represented on the officer appraisal board and provides an educational test for officer candidates when the usual academic diplomas have not been obtained. Refresher courses are sometimes found to be required, especially in mathematics.

Provision is also made for a variety of activities to meet leisure time interests of the men - lectures, discussion groups, educational films, directed reading, etc. There are 299 unit libraries in Canada well stocked with books provided by the Canadian Legion and other organizations.

Many groups and organizations in various United Nations have been considering the problem of educational reform and reconstruction in the post-war world.

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