

This involves the reconversion of the following units from infantry battalions, - 4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards to a reconnaissance regiment, Westminster Regiment (motor) to a motor battalion, 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (Lanark and Renfrew) to a light anti-aircraft regiment.

(c) AIR FORCE -

No. 666 Air Observer Post (AOP) Squadron was formed in March but has not yet become operational. This squadron will operate in Fighter Command.

No. 664 and 665 AOP Squadrons became operational in March.

IV - Statistics

(a) CASUALTIES -

	<u>Navy</u>		<u>Army</u>		<u>Air Force</u>	
	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>
Killed	24	8	1087	1073	310	602
Wounded	5	6	3729	3308	25	31
Missing	26	56	141	221	-95	28
Prisoners	-	-	17	-	-224	10
	55	70	4974	4602	16	671

The minus figure for missing and prisoners is explained by the fact that a large number of personnel previously reported missing was reported safe, prisoner of war or presumed dead, during that month.

(b) DESPATCHED OVERSEAS -

	<u>April</u>	<u>Cumulative Total 1945</u>
Army	3,732 $\times$	31,665
Air Force	2,100	6,306

(c)  $\times$  Month ending 25th April - includes 626 NRMA.

(c) SUMMARY OF STRENGTH CHANGE -

	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Air Force</u>
Strength - Mar 31st	94,667	(b)	184,491 (e)
Intake	250	5520	86
Fatal Casualties	50	1166 (c)	310 (g)
Discharges	634	4414	3,236
Deserters (less apprehensions)		489 (d)	
Strength - April 30th	94,233 (a)	(b)	181,031 (f)

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