

(b) that Munitions and Supply explore the possibilities of purchase and construction of C-3 type vessels; and

(c) that the Naval Staff consider the possibility of operating Canadian troop carriers as Naval vessels.

Army; reinforcements; report of Inspector General

11. The Minister of National Defence, in submitting an interim report on the reinforcement position from Lieutenant General E. S. Sansom, said that it had been concurred in by the Army Commander and the Chief of Staff, Canadian Military Headquarters, London. This report had only just been received in Ottawa, so that the staff here had not yet had time to examine it in detail but a preliminary examination of it revealed a satisfactory state of affairs.

The report stated that senior and divisional commanders in the theatres had expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the quality and standard of training of the reinforcements being sent to them. It also disclosed that the numbers on hand in the theatres and in the United Kingdom, as well as the weekly output of the training stream overseas, was quite satisfactory.

Copies of the Inspector General's report were circulated.

(Army Message IG 10, C.M.H.Q. London, to N.D.H.Q. Ottawa, March 14, 1945 - C.W.C. document 964).

12. The War Committee, after discussion, noted submission of the report, it being understood that it would be examined by the Army Staff and be the subject of a further report by the Minister at the next meeting.

Army; relationship of overseas forces to those of other Allies

13. The Minister of National Defence explained that, within the terms of the Visiting Forces Acts, Canadian troops could be placed in combination with other forces of the British Commonwealth, appropriate provision being also made for the exercise of command of such forces in combination by either a Canadian or other Commonwealth Commander.

The Act, however, did not apply to other Allied forces and it was the practice when forces of one nation were placed under the command of an Allied Commander, to make the necessary provision for the carrying out of orders by the issue of a military directive.

While there was no immediate necessity to