

all of the other member nations. From the military point of view, Canada's participation in two world wars has led to the conviction that in the world as it is today the defence of Canada, continental defence, and the defence of Western Europe are all inseparable parts of the same problem: the defence of western civilization by ensuring through the manifest strength of NATO that aggression will be deterred and peace maintained.

NATO - European Area

Following the decision by NATO member nations to establish integrated forces in Europe, Canada undertook a special recruiting programme in the summer of 1951 and towards the end of that year the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group took its place in Europe alongside the forces of our allies. The 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade, proceeded to Germany and relieved the 27th Brigade there in November 1953. Since then the Brigade in Europe has been rotated in 1955 and 1957 - 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group 1955 to 1957 and 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group October 1957 to date. The Brigade Group is quartered in four camps in the Soest area of Germany.

Canada's commitment to the NATO integrated air forces consists of eight squadrons of F-86 Mark 6 interceptor day fighters, and four squadrons of CF-100 Mark 4B all-weather fighters. These RCAF air division forces are located at four bases; Marville and Grostenquin in France, and Zweibrucken and Baden-Soellingen in Germany, with the Division Headquarters at Metz, France, and a supply depot at Langar, England. Two air transport units, one at Metz, the other at Langar, and an Air Weapons Unit, Decimonannu Sardinia, are also provided.

NATO - SACLANT

Canada continues to be one of the NATO members directly concerned with providing sufficient sea power in the North Atlantic Treaty area. Canada has earmarked the major part of her fleet to NATO service in war, the largest block assignment being for anti-submarine operations under the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic (SACLANT). At present the RCN has 47 ships earmarked for D-Day NATO service.

In addition, there is a commitment for the assignment of maritime aircraft to SACLANT. These aircraft will include the Argus, which is being developed and built in Canada specifically for maritime operations.