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The Department of External Affairs announced today that five additional Canadian Army Officers have been selected for service with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine under its Chief of Staff, Major-General E.L.M. Burns, DSO, OBE, MC. This is Canada's response to an urgent request from the United Nations Secretary-General Mr. Dag Hammarskjold for more Military Observers to man observation posts and provide mobile patrols when necessary along the demarcation line in the Gaza strip. Mr. Hammarskjold reached agreement with Egypt and Israel on this strengthening of the United Nations supervision machinery during his recent mission to the Middle East.

The five Canadian Officers whose selection was announced today are Major Alexander K. Paton, MC, CD, 35, of Vancouver, who was commissioned in 1941 and served in Northwest Europe during World War II; Major Roland P. Yelle, CD, 38, of Quebec City, who has served both in Europe and Korea; Major Samuel M. Pinkerton, 35, of Hamilton, Ontario, also with both Second World War and Korean service (mentioned in despatches during the Korean War); Major George W. Graham, CD, 37, of Calgary, who served during World War II in the United Kingdom and Northwest Europe, and subsequently was stationed in Germany; and Major Lorne M. Stone, 30, of Vancouver, who was commissioned in 1948, and has served in Germany with the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group.

The additional five officers will leave Ottawa for the Middle East on May 25. There are already five Canadian Military Observers with the Truce Supervision Organization, in addition to General Burns.

The other countries which are contributing to the total of 21 additional Military Observers at the request of the United Nations are Australia, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden.

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