

"The course for Air Gunners and Wireless Operators will also be shortened. The United Kingdom has already advised that training overseas of these men has been reduced from 24 weeks to 18 weeks. Action is to be taken to shorten these courses at the Wireless Schools in Canada first by two and then by 4 weeks, and subsequent courses will be on an 18-week basis.

"The effect of shortening courses will be to obtain a proportionate increase in the numbers of Wireless Operator Air Gunners trained compared to previous schedule. Precise figures of these increases cannot be given now.

"The resumption of deliveries to Canada from the United Kingdom of certain types of advanced training aircraft, together with arrangements in hand for acquiring aircraft in the United States, has made it possible to adhere to the accelerated plan for opening 8 Service Flying Training Schools this year. There were to be only 5 Service Flying Training Schools in operation this year according to the original schedule.

"On July 22, No. 1 Service Flying Training School at Camp Borden received its first intake of pupils under the Joint Air Training Plan, and on the same day Elementary Flying Training Schools at Lethbridge, Alberta, Prince Albert, Sask., Windsor, Ont., and Vancouver, B.C., received their first pupils. There had been previously in operation Elementary Flying Training Schools at Malton, Ont., Fort William, Ont., London, Ont., and Windsor Mills, Quebec. Until July 22, No. 1 Service Flying Training Schools had been training potential instructors for the Joint Air Training Plan and pilots for home defence.

"In order to supply elementarily trained pupils for the accelerated Service Flying Training School program (taking into account the advanced dates of arrival of pupils from overseas) it will be necessary to open six more Elementary Flying Training Schools this year than had been anticipated by the Plan. It had been arranged to have a total of eight E.F.T.S. in operation whereas 14 will be operating by the end of 1940. In addition to those named above there will be Elementary Flying Training Schools operating at St. Catharines, Ont., Hamilton, Ont., Cape de la Madeleine, Que., Goderich, Ont., Saint Eugene, Ont., and High River, Alta.

"The Joint Air Training Plan, in its earlier stages largely Canadian, is now beginning to assume the aspect of greater Imperial co-operation and in accordance with the schedule of the training program as designed last fall there arrived in Toronto last week for training in Canada the first group of British student airmen. There were 22 in this group, all of whom reported to the R.C.A.F. Manning Depot pending assignment to various flying training stations. From now on these students will be arriving from the United Kingdom at regular intervals, and in a very short while will begin the scheduled arrivals of student airmen from Australia and New Zealand."