

Canada Is Training Ground For Number Of Army Air Pilots

Britishers, Canucks and Many Americans Are Preparing For War Service

Canada is now the vital link between the raw recruit and the war itself, in that it is receiving thousands of men each month from Britain, the United States and from its own provinces for training and fairly immediate action in the war.

Americans continue to go to Canada as volunteers for the Air Force. Among those recently accepted was Peter G. Lehman, eldest son of Governor Lehman, of New York State. He will shortly report for training.

Canadian pilots, who have recently been taken an increasingly active part in the air war overseas, are included in the R.A.F. wing now in action against the Nazis on the Russian front. This was revealed on September 19 by Wing Commander Roy McGregor, D.R.C., who recently commanded a Canadian fighter squadron in Britain. He is now in Ottawa reporting to R.C.A.F. headquarters. "I haven't yet seen an R. A. F. squadron in which there are no Canadians," said Wing Commander McGregor, "and with the pilots coming from Canada at such a fast rate there will be more and more."

American pilots are also taking an increasingly active part in the air war, according to Wing Commander McGregor. He said that, in addition to the American "Eagle" squadron in action in Britain, a second American squadron is now active overseas. "The Eagle squadron and Canadian squadrons often fly together," he stated.

In addition to some sixty training centers which absorb about 10,000 recruits and "draftees" monthly, the Canadian Army is now turning out maintenance men from some 125 military and civilian trade-training schools at the average rate of 20,000 a year. This rapid expansion in industrial soldier-education has taken place in the past year and has been carried out with the assistance

of some 100 vocational and technical schools and Youth Training Centers in various parts of the country. Most important of the trades schools operated by the army itself is the Army Trades School at Hamilton, Ontario, where advanced courses are given.

Recently Prime Minister King, in his first public address since his return from Britain, urged Canadians to participate fully and unselfishly in the war effort of their country, which, he emphasized, is but a part of a struggle in which "all free men" must work together "if human freedom is to survive." Mr. King said his trip to Britain had confirmed his conviction that the peril is worldwide and strikes at the very basis of our civilization. He asserted, "Two years of war have served not to lessen but to increase the magnitude of the conflict." He told Canadians bluntly that, though their country is so situated as to be "still removed from the heart of the struggle," they must put forth their utmost effort.

Mr. King also stated that so powerful and malevolent are the forces now arrayed against the free nations of the world that "nothing less than one vast brotherhood of freedom will suffice today to preserve the world's freedom." He added, "I said, in London, that nothing in recent months had been more significant than the recognition of the deepening interdependence of the British Commonwealth and the United States. This growing sense of interdependence has arisen because, while, albeit, at the sacrifice of assistance to other nations, the British Commonwealth and the United States might each for itself be able to resist invasion and conquest, each is coming to realize that neither acting alone could destroy a military machine such as Germany already possesses and is in a position further to strengthen. Without the common action of both, the present war might well drag on for years, and the world be reduced to a condition of chaos which will make decisive victory, not to mention reconstruction, impossible."

Transportation

The nation's entire surface transportation system, including railroads, water and motor carriers, is being studied by a Congressional board to determine future possibilities in defense.

Blowing Up a Spitzbergen Coal Mine



News of the Day Newsreel Photo
One of the British raiders who recently landed on the island of Spitzbergen north of Norway is shown as he blew up one of the coal mines there to prevent the fuel from falling into German hands. The concussion was so great that it knocked him off his feet. Seven hundred inhabitants were taken back to England.

Rejectees Should Be Reinstated In Their Former Jobs

Selective Service registrants who are rejected at Army induction centers because they do not meet Army physical standards should be reinstated in their former jobs, General J. Van B. Metts, state director of Selective Service, declared today, instructing all local boards to utilize every facility at their disposal to aid these men.

Pointing out that the Selective Training and Service Act requires former employers to reinstate men inducted into the nation's armed forces who satisfactorily complete their military training, Director Metts asserted that employers likewise have a moral obligation to reinstate former employees who were not actually inducted but who had patriotically answered a call for service. He said:

"A man who responds to the call for military training is fulfilling his obligation to his country. When, for some reason beyond his control, he cannot be inducted into the nation's armed forces, he must be considered as having discharged his responsibility under the law and should be protected in doing so. Every effort must be made to prevent hardships in such cases."

Director Metts emphasized that the mere fact that a selectee has been rejected by the Army does not mean that he is physically unfit for his civilian occupation. Army standards, he pointed out, are very exacting due to requirements of the training program and the possible hospitalization or pensions for those who break down. For those reasons, he iterated, only a comparatively small percentage of eligibles can qualify for induction.

White State Selective Service headquarters is advised that most North Carolina employers are reinstating rejected selectees in their former jobs, the director said, the Selective Service system wants to make certain that none are treated

unjustly. Reemployment committees affiliated with North Carolina local boards, he announced, will aid rejected selectees as assiduously as they are assisting returning soldiers to obtain employment.

North Carolina local boards also were instructed by the director to warn all registrants ordered to report for induction to arrange their affairs so as to prevent undue personal hardship should they be rejected at Army induction centers.

Local boards, he said, should advise registrants that when they are notified of their call they should point out to their employers the possibility that they may not be accepted at the induction center. "The employer can then be prepared to replace the man if he is accepted," Director Metts asserted, "or to continue his employment if he is rejected." The director also suggested that any selectee who is rejected by the Army immediately notify his employer of the rejection.



Pershing Tur.



America's World War commander, Gen. John J. Pershing, is pictured as he celebrated his 81st birthday in Washington, D. C. In a message to the army he declared, "There is no nation in the world whose citizenry affords better soldiers than the United States."

Fellowship Meeting Macedonia Tuesday

The Churches of Disciples of Christ in this area will hold their annual one day Fellowship meeting at Macedonia Christian Church on Tuesday, October 7, 1941, from 10:30 a. m. until 2:00 p. m. A team of speakers from Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, and Mrs. Settle, of Greenville, leader in women's work, will lead the audience in an interesting conference.

Man Fatally Stricken At Lumber Mill Thursday

Mack Guilford, faithful employee of the Saunders and Cox Lumber Company, was fatally stricken while working at the firm's plant on lower Main Street here yesterday morning. Removed to his shanty, near the mill, he died a few minutes later.

About 50 years of age, Guilford was piling lumber in the mill shed when he suffered a heart attack. He had been with the company between ten and fifteen years, coming here from Washington.

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Farmers Get Busy With Small Grains

Within the next month, North Carolina farmers will seed their small grain for the 1942 harvest.

Whether individual yields will be better than the far-too-low average will depend to a large extent on the practices which the farmer himself uses, says W. H. Rankin, agronomist of the N. C. State College Experiment Station.

The average wheat yield in North Carolina is 12 bushels and the average income \$12 per acre; average oat yield is 22 bushels and income \$11 per acre; and average rye yield is eight bushels and income \$8 per acre. Barley stands in a better position since it is grown on a smaller acreage and receives better treatment.

The State College agronomist pointed out that the average farmer seeds less than 14 acres of small grain, yet there are about 150,000 individual farmers growing these crops each year.

When the grower attempts to increase his grain yields, he should remember that his harvest will be no better than the condition he provides. Small grains can be grown on almost any of the well-drained soils of the State if proper preparation and treatment are given.

The best yields of small grains, Rankin explained, are produced when they follow sods of red clover and lespedeza—turned or disced into the soil during the summer and disced again a week to two weeks before seeding time.

Oats and barley respond best to early seedings, that is, around the first of October, while wheat should be planted about three weeks later. Complete fertilizers, such as 4-10-6 on the average soil following row-cultivated crops, and 2-10-6 or 2-12-6 for soils where a good legume sod has been returned, are an important part of small grain production.

Bamboo

The tropical bamboo tree is the most versatile of all world plants, being used in production of food, weapons, shelter, implements, furniture, clothes, baskets, containers, bridges, pipes, cable, paper, ornaments and other articles.

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