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Recent Changes in Commands and Staffs

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1. This Report deals with those changes in commands and staffs which have occurred in the Canadian Army Overseas subsequent to 3 Sep 43, which was the date of Report No. 102. This period has witnessed important changes, including the retirement of Lt.-Gen. McNaughton from the command of First Cdn Army.
2. The form of this Report is identical with that of Report No. 102. References in parentheses are to supplements to Canadian Army Overseas Routine Orders; dates are those on which the changes mentioned became effective. A list of officers commanding formations and holding first-grade staff appointments, as at 30 Nov 43, is attached as Appendix "A".
3. Casualties during the operations in Sicily and Italy have not occasioned alterations in higher commands and appointments in the Canadian force employed there, although they have caused changes in unit commands. Mention may be made here of the death in action in Sicily of Lt.-Col. B.A. Sutcliffe, E.D., commanding Hast. and P.E.R., and of Lt.-Col. R.M. Crowe, commanding R.C.R. The former unit is now commanded by Lt.-Col. the Lord Tweedsmuir and the latter by Lt.-Col. D.C. Spry. Casualties amongst junior officers have of course been much more numerous.

HIGHER COMMANDS

4. Most important changes have recently taken place in the higher command of the Canadian Army Overseas. As of 26 Dec 43, Lt.-Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., relinquished the command of First Cdn Army and was succeeded by Lt.-Gen. K. Stuart, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., as Acting Commander. General Stuart was also appointed Chief of Staff, Canadian Military Headquarters, as of 27 Dec 43. Maj.-Gen. P.J. Montague, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., V.D., formerly Senior Officer became Maj.-Gen. i/c Administration, C.M.H.Q., and was also appointed Judge Advocate General, Cdn Army Overseas (Special Supplement, 4128).
5. These changes in command were explained by a statement issued in Ottawa and published on 27 Dec 43, as follows:

the terms of C.M.H.Q. Office Instruction No. 41, para. 2(b):

The right to communicate to Cdn HQ in this theatre is strictly limited to matter of Cdn administration and Cdn policy.

54. The functions and working of this 1st Echelon will be dealt with at greater length in reports treating the Canadian operations in this theatre.

55. In "Q" Branch, C.M.H.Q., Brigadier MacQueen remains as D.Q.M.G. Lt.-Col. E.B. Wilson, formerly A.A. & Q.M.G., 2 Cdn Div, has been detailed temporarily to perform the duties of A.D.Q.M.G., replacing Brigadier MacDonald (above, para. 50) (4024, 8 Nov 43).

56. C.F.C. The Canadian Forestry Corps, which has been reduced in size, is now temporarily commanded by Colonel C.E.F. Jones (3932, 16 Oct 43). Brigadier J.B. White, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., has vacated the command to return to Canada, having passed the retirement age (3912, 3 Sep 43).

CANADIAN REINFORCEMENT UNITS

57. Major-General Roberts remains in command at H.Q., C.R.U., and there have been no changes in first-grade appointments there.

58. Brigadier Shields has moved from the command of "B" Group, C.R.U., to that of Increment, H.Q. 1 Cdn Corps (see para. 23 above). Colonel H.R. Tyner, M.C., V.D., was detailed temporarily to command "B" Group (4086, 14 Oct 43). "D" Group is now commanded by Brigadier G. Francoeur, O.B.E., V.D. (4024, 16 Nov 43).

59. In the Mediterranean area, a new holding unit for reinforcements - 2 Cdn Base Reinf Depot - has been organised under the command of Colonel S.A. Lee, M.C. (3949, 15 Oct 43). 1 and 2 C.B.R.Ds. together constitute 1 Cdn Base Reinf Group, commanded by Brigadier E.W. Haldenby, M.C., V.D., formerly commanding "D" Group, C.R.U. (3949, 16 Oct 43). As noted above, the Canadian base area is now AVELLINO, near NAPLES.

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60. This report was drafted by Lieut. J.R. Martin, R.C.A.

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The Canadian Minister of National Defence announced today that following the recent illness of Lieut.-General A.G.L. McNaughton, medical authorities have advised that he has developed a physical condition which will necessitate freedom from all military responsibility for an extended period.

General McNaughton has advised the Canadian Government of his inability physically to carry on and has asked to be relieved as soon as possible.

In these circumstances and in view also of the requirements of impending operations, the Minister stated that the Canadian Government, with great regret, had decided to grant General McNaughton several months leave of absence from service and to relieve him of command of the First Canadian Army. The Minister paid tribute to General McNaughton's outstanding service to Canada and hoped that after a period of rest and recuperation his unusual talents would be available to serve his country in some capacity less exacting than in command of an army in the field.

Lieut.-General K. Stuart, present Chief of the Canadian General Staff has been appointed Chief of Staff, Canadian Military Headquarters London and Major-General P.J. Montague will continue as Major General in Charge of Administration at Canadian Military Headquarters, London taking that title as Judge Advocate General, Canadian Army Overseas. Pending the appointment of a successor to General McNaughton Lieut-General Stuart has been appointed to the Acting Command of the First Canadian Army.

The Minister stated further that Canadian troops in the Mediterranean had been increased to constitute a Canadian Corps under Lieut.-General H.D.G. Crerar.

6. Lt.-Gen. McNaughton had held the senior appointment in the Canadian Army Overseas since his arrival in the United Kingdom as G.O.C. 1 Cdn Div on 17 Dec 39. He commanded 1 Cdn Div, and the Canadian Force subsequently created from the division and the ancillary troops, until 19 Jul 40, when he was appointed to command 7th Corps with the rank of Lieutenant-General (206). He remained in command when the Canadian Corps was formed on 25 Dec 40 and continued to command this Corps (now 1 Cdn Corps) until the formation of H.Q. First Cdn Army (6 Apr 42), when he was appointed G.O.C.-in-C. (1828). General McNaughton's health has occasioned anxiety at various periods during the past two years, and for a time in the winter of 1941 - 42 he was obliged to give up the active command of Cdn Corps (Report No. 55, Para. 8).

After his recovery, he made a short visit to Canada, the only one he has made since his departure from the Dominion in 1939, and returned to the U.K. a few days before the organisation of H.Q., First Cdn Army (Report No. 65, Para. 7).

7. A brief sketch of General McNaughton's career will be found in Preliminary Narrative, The History of the Canadian Forces Overseas, 1939 - 1940, Chap. I, para. 47. His withdrawal from the Canadian Army Overseas, in the development of which he had played a most important part, may be said to mark an epoch in the history of the Canadian Army in the present war. He has been an important figure in the United Kingdom for more than four years past, and the comment of the Military Correspondent of The Times upon his retirement may be quoted:

Deep regret will be felt in this country as well as in Canada at the breakdown in the health of Lieutenant-General A.G.L. McNaughton. All who know him are agreed that he has an outstanding personality. He has brought to his military career a well-stored and penetrating mind, which takes in its stride problems of command, of organisation, of scientific research, and many others outside the average soldier's sphere.... He is a great authority upon weapons and weapon production.

(The Times, 28 Dec 43)

8. General Stuart, who now takes command at C.M.H.Q. and will also act for the present in command of First Cdn Army, succeeded General Crerar as Chief of the General Staff, Canada, late in 1941. He has kept closely in touch with the problems of the Canadian Army Overseas, and has made a series of visits to the United Kingdom. He was in the Mediterranean at the time of the assault on Sicily (10 Jul 43) and returned only a few weeks ago from a further visit to the Canadian Troops in that theatre.

9. Lieut.-Generals H.D.G. Crerar and E.W. Sansom still command 1 and 2 Cdn Corps respectively.

10. There have been two changes in divisional commands. Maj.-Gen. G.G. Simonds, C.B.E., D.S.O., has left 1 Cdn Div to be G.O.C. 5 Cdn Armd Div (1967, 1 Nov 43). Both these formations are at present in the Mediterranean area. General Simonds, it will be recalled, has held numerous important staff appointments and commands since his arrival in the United Kingdom as G.S.O. 2, 1 Cdn Div, in 1939. In September, 1942, he was given command of 1 Cdn Inf Bde, later becoming B.G.S., First Cdn Army, and, for a brief period, G.O.C. 2 Cdn Div. (See Report No. 96, para. 7). General Simonds, the first Canadian Officer to command a division during protracted active operations in the present war, commanded 1 Cdn Div during the Sicilian campaign, and the performance of the division under his direction was generally regarded as highly satisfactory.

11. General Simonds was succeeded as G.O.C. 1 Cdn Div by Brigadier C. Vokes, D.S.O., who was promoted to the acting rank of Major-General (3967, 1 Nov 43). General Vokes (born 13 Apr 04) is only 39 years of age and thus becomes the youngest General Officer in the Canadian Army, a distinction previously held by General Simonds (cf. Report No. 96, para. 7).

12. General Vokes, a Permanent Force officer (R.C.E.), came to the United Kingdom in 1939 as a Major and served at C.M.H.Q. as D.A.A.G. and A.A.G. Since then he has been associated exclusively with 1 Cdn Div, becoming G.S.O. 1 in June, 1941, and later commanding P.P.C.L.I., in an acting capacity. He became Brigadier in 1942 with command of 2 Cdn Inf Bde (2208, 24 Jun 42). In the course of the advance through Italy in the autumn of 1943, he took command of 1 Cdn Div during the illness of General Simonds.

13. Major-Gen. C.R.S. Stein relinquished the command of 5 Cdn Armd Div, previous to its departure from the United Kingdom for the Mediterranean, for reasons of health. He has returned to Canada.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST CANADIAN ARMY

14. At H.Q. First Cdn Army, the appointment of Chief Engineer has been filled by Brigadier A.T. MacLean, M.C., V.D. (3949, 20 Oct 43), succeeding Brigadier J.L. Melville, M.C., E.D., who has returned to Canada and is serving as Chairman, Canadian Pensions Board. Brigadier MacLean was previously C.E., 2 Cdn Corps, and prior to that C.R.E., First Cdn Army Troops.

15. Major-General C.S.L. Hertzberg, C.B., M.C., V.D., who held the post of C.E. from April 1942 to June 1943, is at present understood to be in India, supervising construction of airfields.

16. Brigadier P.A.S. Todd, O.B.E., E.D., formerly C.R.A., 3 Cdn Div, is now Acting B.R.A. (3967, 24 Oct 43). This appointment was vacated by Brigadier H.O.N. Brownfield, C.B.E., M.C., who became C.C.R.A., 1 Cdn Corps (see para. 22, below).

17. Lt.-Col. (now A/Colonel) G.E. Beament, O.B.E., was appointed Colonel, G.S. (Ops) and was succeeded by G.S.O.1 (Ops) by Lt.-Col. C.R. Archibald (4024, 14 Nov 43). Lt.-Col. C.R. Archibald had previously been G.S.O.1 (S.D.) at C.M.H.Q. Lt.-Col. (now A/Colonel) J.R.R. Gough, previously A.Q.M.G., becomes Colonel (Adjutant and Quartermaster General's Branch) (4024, 14 Nov 43).

18. Lt.-Col. S.S.T. Cantlie, formerly commanding R.H.C., replaces Lt.-Col. K.G. McCullagh, who had been acting temporarily as G.S.O.1 (Liaison). The vacancy in the command of R.H.C. was filled by Lt.-Col. G.P. Henderson, M.B.E., from the command of Alq. R. (both appointments, 3899, 6 Oct 43).

19. Major (now A/Lt.-Col.) F.E.D. Wallace, E.D., was appointed A.A.G. (3880, 27 Sep 43), having been

vacancy in the appointment of A.Q.M.G. caused by Col. Gough's promotion was filled by Major (now A/Lt.-Col.) D.F. MacRae, M.C. (4024, 14 Nov 43). Major G.S. Gibson, E.D., became A.Q.M.G. (Movements) with the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (4024, 8 Nov 43). Major (now A/Lt.-Col.) G.F.C. Pangman, formerly Brigade Major, 3 Cdn Inf Bde, was brought back from Italy and appointed A.A. & Q.M.G. Cdn Planning Staff (4044, 23 Nov 43).

20. The appointment of D.A.D. Arty., which has been vacant, is now held by Lt.-Col. S.E.E. Morres (4109, 4 Dec 43). Another vacancy is filled by the appointment of Lt.-Col. (now A/Colonel) C.A. Campbell, O.B.E., to be D.C.E. (Works) (4109, 21 Dec 43). Col. Campbell had been C.R.E., 4 Cdn Armd Div, and formerly commanded 1 Cdn Tun Coy.

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST CANADIAN CORPS

21. H.Q. 1 Cdn Corps is now in the Mediterranean area. Before it left the United Kingdom, Brigadier G.A. McCarter, formerly in command of 6 Cdn Inf Bde, was appointed B.G.S. (3899, 1 Oct 43). In this post he succeeded Brigadier W.J. McGill, who reverted at his own request to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel to command Alq. R. (3899, 6 Oct 43).

22. During the illness of Brigadier E.C. Plow the duties of C.C.R.A. were temporarily performed by Brigadier E. Huckvale (3932, 20 Sep 43). Subsequently, Brigadier Plow vacated the appointment and was succeeded by Brigadier H.O.N. Brownfield, C.B.E., M.C., formerly B.R.A., First Cdn Army (3967, 24 Oct 43). It is understood that further changes will shortly be made in higher artillery appointments.

23. Brigadier P.R. Shields, M.C., E.D., was detailed temporarily to command Increment, H.Q., 1 Cdn Corps, from the command of "B" Group, C.R.U. (4086, 14 Oct 43). The Increment was formed to deal with the large volume of administrative work consequent upon the departure of Canadian formations from the United Kingdom for the Mediterranean theatre, and constituted in effect a "rear party" for the Corps, remaining in the United Kingdom.

24. Major (A/Lt.-Col.) H.R.T. Doucet was appointed G.S.O.1 (Ops) (4067, 25 Nov 43). Lt.-Col. Doucet commanded Perth R until he became G.S.O. 1 while specially employed at H.Q., 13 (British) Corps in the Mediterranean (3796, 2 Sep 43). The appointment of A.Q.M.G. is once more held by Lt.-Col. W.G.H. Roaf (3949, 21 Oct 43), who left it to be specially employed (cf. Report No. 102, para. 12). Later he held the appointment of A.A. & Q.M.G., Cdn Planning Staff. The previous A.Q.M.G., A/Lt.-Col. C.H. Drury, now commands Admin. Group, Increment (3932, 16 Oct 43).

HEADQUARTERS, 2ND CANADIAN CORPS

25. Brigadier MacLean's move to Army as C.E. left a vacancy in the appointment of C.E., 2 Cdn Corps. This was filled by Brigadier W.N. Bostock (4007, 27 Oct 43), who had been in Canada as B.G.S., Pacific Command (Report No. 96, para 36).

26. Lt.-Col. R.W. Moncel succeeded Lt.-Col. J.S.H. Lind in the appointment of G.S.O. 1 (Ops) (3770, 27 Aug 43). Lt.-Col. Moncel previously was in command of 18 (Man) Armd C Regt. Major A.F.B. Knight left the appointment of D.A.Q.M.G., 1 Cdn Div, to take that of A.Q.M.G., as A/Lieutenant-Colonel (appointment and promotion, 3880, 20 Sep 43). Lt.-Col. M.F. Peiler, E.D., was appointed to command Admin. Gp., Increment (3932, 16 Oct 43).

1ST CANADIAN DIVISION

27. In senior appointments at H.Q. 1 Cdn Div the sole change falling within the scope of this report is in that of G.S.O. 1, now held by Major (A/Lt.-Col.) C.M. Harding (4007, 1 Nov 43), previously specially employed at H.Q., 13 (British) Corps (3796, 2 Sep 43), who succeeded Lt.-Col. (now Brigadier) G. Kitching (see below, para. 38).

28. Lt.-Col. B.M. Hoffmeister, D.S.O., succeeded General Vokes in the command of 2 Cdn Inf Bde, and was accordingly promoted to the acting rank of Brigadier (3967, 1 Nov 43). Brigadier Hoffmeister's promotion created a vacancy in the command of Seaforth of C., which was filled by Major (now A/Lt.-Col.) J.D. Forin.

29. Upon Brigadier M.H.S. Penhale's leaving to be B.G.S. at C.M.H.Q. (see below) the command of 3 Cdn Inf Bde was taken by Brigadier T.G. Gibson (4006, 12 Oct 43), formerly commanding 9 Cdn Inf Bde.

2ND CANADIAN DIVISION

30. At H.Q., 2 Cdn Div, Lt.-Col. J.S.H. Lind became G.S.O.1, from G.S.O.1, 2 Cdn Corps (3770, 27 Aug 43).

31. The appointment of C.R.A. has been filled by Lt.-Col. R.H. Keebler, who becomes A/Brigadier (4024, 8 Nov 43). He replaces Brigadier P.C. Tees, M.M., E.D., who has returned to Canada for reasons of health (C.M.H.Q. file 10/Tees, P.C./1). Brigadier Keebler earlier commanded 12 Cdn Pd Regt, and then became G.S.O.1, while specially employed at 21 Army Group in the United Kingdom (3817, 8 Sep 43).

32. Brigadier McCarter's appointment as B.G.S., 1 Cdn Corps, left vacant the command of 6 Cdn Inf Bde, which was then taken by Brigadier G.S.N. Gostling, E.D. (formerly commanding 10 Cdn Inf Bde) (3899, 1 Oct 43).

3RD CANADIAN DIVISION

33. Major J.D. Mingay was detailed temporarily to perform the duties of G.S.O.1, 3 Cdn Div, succeeding Lt.-Col. W.W. Lockhart (4086, 7 Dec 43). Major Mingay formerly was 2nd in command Essex Scot.

34. Lt.-Col. H.A. Sparling, who had been G.S.O.1 while specially employed at H.Q., Eighth Army (3796, 2 Sep 43), was appointed C.R.A., with the acting rank of Brigadier (3967, 27 Oct 43).

35. The command of 9 Cdn Inf Bde is now held by Lt.-Col. (A/Brigadier) D.G. Cunningham, D.S.O., previously G.S.O.1, H.Q., 1 Cdn Corps (4067, 25 Nov 43), who succeeded Brigadier Gibson (above, para. 29).

4TH CANADIAN ARMoured DIVISION

36. A/Lt.-Col. J.W. Proctor has succeeded A/Lt.-Col. J.K. Hjalmarson as A.A. & Q.M.G. at H.Q. 4 Cdn Arm'd Div (3770, 27 Aug 43). Lt.-Col. Proctor was formerly A.Q.M.G., 2 Cdn Corps.

37. Brigadier N.E. Rodger, having relinquished the appointment of B.G.S., C.M.H.Q., has taken command of 10 Cdn Inf Bde (4007, 6 Nov 43).

5TH CANADIAN ARMoured DIVISION

38. 5 Cdn Arm'd Div has moved to the Mediterranean theatre, whither 1 Cdn Div had preceded it. 11 Cdn Inf Bde is now under command of Lt.-Col. (A/Brigadier) G. Kitching, D.S.O., previously G.S.O.1, 1 Cdn Div (4007, 1 Nov 43). Its former commander, Brigadier H. Sharp, D.C.M., E.D., has reverted at his own request to the rank of Colonel to command 1 Cdn Inf Reinf Unit (4024, 15 Nov 43).

OTHER FORMATIONS

39. 1 Cdn Army Tk Bde, also in the Mediterranean, has been re-designated 1 Cdn Arm'd Bde (C.M.H.Q. Administrative Order No. 163, 10 Nov 43). No changes have occurred in the commands of 1 or 2 Cdn Arm'd Bdes or 1 Cdn A.A. Bde.

CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS

40. At C.M.H.Q., as described in para. 4, Lt.-Gen. K. Stuart has become Chief of Staff, and Major-General the Hon. P.J. Montague is now Major-General i/c Administration.

41. Brigadier H.H.S. Penhale, who commanded 3 Cdn Inf Bde during the Sicilian campaign and the advance through Italy into the CAMPOBASSO area, has now returned to the United Kingdom (para. 29 above) to take up the appointment of B.G.S.

42. A fundamental change has been introduced in the organisation of the Staff Duties Section of the

General Staff Branch. The new establishment divides responsibility for this section between two Colonels G.S., dealing with Staff Duties (Training) and Staff Duties (Weapons), respectively. Under these two officers are six G.S.Os.1, dealing mainly with the work of individual arms of the service, and responsible to S.D. & T. in matters of organization and training and to S.D.(W) in matters touching equipment. Lt.-Col. (A/Col.) W.S. Hiegler, formerly commanding 13 Cdn Fd Regt, has been appointed Col. G.S., S.D. & T. (Appointment and Promotion, 3949, 16 Oct 43), while Col. F.F. Fulton continues to hold the appointment of Colonel G.S., S.D.(W).

43. Lt.-Col. T.A. Johnston was appointed G.S.O.1 (S.D.3 - Provision of Equipment) (4044, 18 Nov 43). Lt.-Col. W.E. Harris, formerly commanding Canadian School of Artillery, has been appointed G.S.O.1 (R.C.A.) (4024, 8 Nov 43). Major (A/Lt.Col.) A.B. Dove has lately succeeded Major (A/Lt.-Col.) J.T. Wilson (who has proceeded to an appointment at N.D.H.Q.) as G.S.O.1 (R.C.E.) (4109, 21 Dec 43). Major (A/Lt.-Col.) H.R. Varcoe was appointed G.S.O.1 (R.C. Sigs) (4044, 22 Nov 43), and Major (A/Lt.-Col.) B.B. King, formerly G.S.O.1 (Trg.), was appointed G.S.O.1 (Inf & Air) (4044, 22 Nov 43).

44. Lt.-Col. W.G. Abel, D.D.P.R., has lately been promoted A/Colonel (4109, 29 Nov 43) and it is understood that an increase in the Public Relations establishment is pending.

45. A number of changes have also been made in "A" Branch. Brigadier Beament, now heading Cdn Sec, G.H.Q., 1st Echelon in Italy, has been succeeded in the appointment of D.A.G. by Brigadier C.S. Booth, formerly A.D.A.G.(B) (3932, 20 Oct 43). Lt.-Col. (A/Col.) V.S.C. McClenaghan, M.C., E.D., has succeeded Brigadier Booth as A.D.A.G.(B) (4067, 30 Nov 43). Colonel McClenaghan had previously been A.A.G., Cdn. Sec., G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon, Central Mediterranean Force.

46. A/Lt.-Col. L.R. McDonald has succeeded Lt.-Col. Walker (below, para. 50) as A.A.G. (Dis) (3949, 16 Oct 43).

47. G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon. Mention may be made of the expansion which has taken place in Cdn. Sec. G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, already referred to in Report No. 102, Para. 24. As defined in F.S.R. Vol. I, 1939, Chap. V, Sec. 23, and Appendix III, the functions of 2nd Echelon ("The D.A.G.'s Office at the Base"), are concerned mainly with recording the whereabouts of personnel in the theatre of operations, recording casualties, submitting demands for reinforcements, maintaining statistics on manpower in the theatre of operations, and allied questions.

48. With the deployment of a large Canadian Force in the Mediterranean area, the services of a new Canadian 2nd Echelon, distinct from that already in existence in the U.K., were required in that theatre. Accordingly, a Cdn. Sec. G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon was set up at PHILIPPEVILLE in North Africa.

to the new Canadian Base Area at AVELLINO, near NAPLES (C.M.H.Q. Office Instruction No. 41, Amendment No. 1, 6 Dec 43). Lt.-Col. M.S. Dunn, from 2nd Echelon in Britain, has succeeded Colonel McClenaghan as A.A.G. (4067, 30 Nov 43).

49. G.H.Q., 1st Echelon, Mediterranean. An even more important development (referred to in Report No. 102), has been the establishment of a Cdn Sec., G.H.Q., 1st Echelon in the Mediterranean area. This office has been set up to deal with Canadian policy in matters of organization and administration, etc., and to be a channel through which such questions can be discussed between C.M.H.Q. and the Canadian Forces in the Field.

50. This section was at first attached to 15 Army Group (C.M.H.Q. Office Instruction No. 32, 15 Sep 43) and was comparatively small. It was headed by Lt.-Col. D.K. Tow, who flew out to the Mediterranean late in April, 1943, at the time when plans were being made for the deployment of 1 Cdn Div and other Canadian troops in that theatre, and remained there as a "point of contact". More recently the expansion of the Canadian force in the Mediterranean, which now comprises a Corps H.Q., two Divisions and large numbers of ancillary troops, has necessitated a considerable increase in the Section. Brig. A.W. Beament, V.D., formerly D.A.G., C.M.H.Q., is now Officer in Charge (3949, 20 Oct 43). Brig. N.B. MacDonald, C.B.E. has been appointed A.D.Q.M.G. (3967, 3 Nov 43); he formerly held the same appointment at C.M.H.Q. Lt.-Col. Tow, who established the Section in the first instance, is now Colonel i/c Administration (appointment and promotion, 3949, 15 Oct 43). His former appointment, that of A.A.G., is now held by Lt.-Col. C.H. Walker, formerly A.A.G. (Dis), C.M.H.Q. (3949, 15 Oct 43).

51. At latest advices, 1st Echelon is located at NAPLES. It is now attached to the Advanced Administrative Echelon of Allied Force Headquarters (C.M.H.Q. Office Instruction No. 41, 10 Nov 43).

52. An historical precedent for this 1st Echelon is found in the creation, in July, 1918, of a Canadian Section at General Headquarters, British Armies in France. Of this Section the Report of the Ministry, Overseas Military Forces of Canada, 1918, remarks as follows:

In forming such a Section it was not intended to interfere in any way with the responsibility of General Headquarters and the Supreme Command, in relation to matters affecting military operations or discipline, but through this Section the full control of the Canadian Government over matters of organisation and administration within its Forces was rendered capable of fruition.

53. The functions of the Canadian 1st Echelon, now existing in the Mediterranean, are indicated in

APPENDIX "A"PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENTS, CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS.

This list, which is partial only, is extracted from the more complete list, prepared by A.A.G. (M.S.), C.M.H.Q., as of 30 Nov 43, to be found on C.M.H.Q. file 9/LISTS/2/2. Formations are arranged in "normal" positions in the Order of Battle, which may vary from time to time. No attempt has been made to bring this list up to date; details of changes since 30 Nov 43 will be found in the text of the report.

FIRST CDN ARMY.G.O.C.-in-C.

Lieut.-General A.G.L. McNaughton,
C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

6 Apr

M.S. Branch.A.M.S.

A/Lt.-Col A.G. Charrier, Gen List.

14 Nov

G.S. Branch.B.G.S.

Brigadier C. Foulkes.

4 Apr

Col. G.S.

A/Colonel G.E. Beament, O.B.E.

14 Nov

G.S.O.I (Ops)

Lt.-Col. G.R. Archibald, R.C.A.

14 Nov

G.S.O.I (S.D. & Trg)

A/Lt.-Col. C.J. Laurin, C.A.C.

10 Aug

G.S.O.I (Int)

A/Lt.-Col. P.E.R. Wright, C.A.C.

21 Jun

G.S.O.I (Air)

A/Lt.-Col. C. Rankin, C.A.C.

21 Jun

G.S.O.I (Liaison)

Lt.-Col. S.S.T. Cantlie

6 Oct

A.G. & Q.M.G. Branch.D.A. & Q.M.G.

Brigadier A.E. Walford, M.M., E.D.

8 Apr

A.A.G.

A/Lt.-Col. F.E.D. Wallace, E.D.,
Gen List.

27 Sep

A.Q.M.G.

A/Lt.-Col. D.F. MacRae, M.C., Cdn
Inf Corps.

14 Nov

A.Q.M.G. (Mov)

A/Lt.-Col. G.S. Gibson, E.D., Cdn Inf
Corps.

8 Nov

Attached to the General Staff.B.R.A. (Acting)

Brigadier P.A.S. Todd, O.B.E., E.D.

24 Oct

G.S.O.I

Lt.-Col. F.D. Lace.

14 Nov

Chief Eng.

Brigadier A.T. MacLean, M.C., V.D.

20 Oct

Attached to the General Staff (Cont'd)

S.O.R.C. Sigs	Lt.-Col. B.W.G. Grover, O.B.E.	18 Apr
D.D. Svy.	A/Colonel H.L. Meuser.	14 Nov
G.S.O.I (C.W.)	Lt.-Col. W.R. Sawyer, R.O.E.	15 Jun

Attached to A.G. & Q.M.G. Branch.

S.O. (Education)	A/Lt.-Col. O.E. Ault, Gen List.	14 Nov
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Services.

D.D.M.S.	Brigadier C.P. Fenwick, M.C., E.D.	26 May
D.D.S. & T.	A/Brigadier G.R.R. Smith.	15 Dec
D.D.O.S. (Acting)	Colonel (O.O. 1 Cl) C.F. Hubbs.	8 Nov
D.D.M.E.	Colonel H.G. Thompson, D.F.C.	22 Jun
A.D.P.R.	A/Lt.-Col. C.S. Wallace, Cdn Inf Corps	29 Apr

Canadian Planning Staff.

A.A. & Q.M.G.	A/Lt.-Col. C.F.C. Pangman, Cdn Inf Corps.	23 Nov
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1 CDN A.A. BDE.

Comd.	Brigadier D.R. Agnew.	13 Jul
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H.Q. 3 CDN DIV.

G.O.C.	Major-General R.F.L. Keller.	8 Sep
G.S.O.I (Temp)	Lt.-Col. W.W. Lockhart, R.C. Sigs.	8 Nov
A.A. & Q.M.G.	A/Lt.-Col. E.A. Cote, M.B.E., Cdn Inf Corps.	6 Aug
C.R.A.	A/Brigadier H.A. Sparling.	8 Nov
A.D.M.S.	A/Colonel M.O. Watson.	3 Aug
C.R.E.	Lt.-Col. R.J. Cassidy.	18 Jan
A.D.O.S.	Lt.-Col. (O.O. 2 Cl) N.P. Dew.	8 Sep

7 Cdn Inf Bde.

Comd.	Brigadier C.O. Mann, D.S.O.	23 Jun
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8 Cdn Inf Bde.

Comd.	Brigadier K.G. Blackader, M.C., E.D.	20 Jan
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9 Cdn Inf Bde.

Comd.	A/Brigadier D.G. Cunningham, D.S.O.	25 Nov
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H.Q. 4 CDN ARMD DIV (CONT'D)

H.Q. 2 CDN CORPS.

G.O.C.

Lieut.-General E.W. Sanson, C.B., D.S.O. 15 Jan

B.G.S.

Brigadier H.A. Young. 15 Jan

G.S.O.I. (Ops)

Lt.-Col. R.W. Moncel, C.A.C. 27 Aug

D.A. & Q.M.G.

Brigadier H.V.D. Laing, E.D. 15 Jan

A.Q.M.G.

A/Lt.-Col. A.F.B. Knight, R.C.A. 20 Sep

C.C.R.A.

Brigadier A.E.D. Tremain, E.D. 15 Jan

Chief Eng.

Brigadier W.N. Bostock. 27 Oct

C.S.O.

A/Brigadier S.F. Clark. 8 May

D.D.S.T.

Colonel O.H. Barrett. 18 Jan

D.D.M.S.

Brigadier C.A. Rae, E.D. 26 May

D.D.O.S. (Temp)

Lt.-Col. (O.O. 2 Cl) G.W.C. Lake, E.D. 9 Nov

D.D.M.E.

Colonel (E.M.E. 1 Cl) M.C.G. Meighen. 18 Jan

H.Q. 2 CDN DIV.

G.O.C.

Major-General H.M. Burns, (O.B.E.), M.C. 6 May

G.S.O.I.

Lt.-Col. J.S.H. Lind, Cdn Inf (Corps). 27 Aug

A.A. & Q.M.G.

Major D.H. Rosser, Cdn Inf Corps. 8 Nov

C.R.A.

A/Brigadier R.H. Keebler. 8 Nov

A.D.M.S.

Colonel L.H. Stuart, E.D. 18 Jan

A.D.O.S.

Lt.-Col. (O.O. 2 Cl) F.E. Bell. 31 Jan

4 Cdn Inf Bde.

Comd.

Brigadier J.H. Sager, E.D. 18 Apr

Comd.

Brigadier G.V. Whitehead, V.D. 13 Apr

6 Cdn Inf Bde.

Comd.

Brigadier G.S.N. Gostling, E.D. 1 Oct

H.Q. 4 CDN ARMD DIV.

G.O.C.

Major-General F.F. Worthington, C.B., M.C., M.M. 2 Feb

H.Q. 4 CDN ARMD DIV (CONT'D)

C.R.E. Lt.-Col. C.A. Campbell, O.B.E. 23 Jun

A.D.M.S. Colonel W.A. Jones, V.D. 26 Jan

A.D.O.S. Lt.-Col. (O.O. 2 Cl) A.G. Poupore, 27 Aug

4 Cdn Armd Bde Brigadier H.V.D. Loring, R.C.A.C. 27 Jan

Comd. Brigadier J.D.S. Smith, O.B.E. 6 May

10 Cdn Inf Bde Brigadier A.E.D. Tremaine, R.C.A.C. 27 Jan

Comd. Brigadier N.E. Rodger, R.C.A.C. 6 Nov

CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.

S.O. Major-General P.J. Montague, C.B., 26 May

General Staff Branch. Lt.-Col. (O.O. 2 Cl) A.G. Poupore, 27 Aug

B.G.S. Brigadier M.H.S. Penhale, 6 Nov

Col. G.S. (S.D. & T.) A/Colonel W.S. Ziegler, 16 Oct

Col. G.S. (S.D. (W)) Colonel P.F. Fulton, O.B.E., 22 Nov

G.S.O.I (S.D. (W)) Lt.-Col. T.A. Johnston, Gen List, 18 Nov

G.S.O.I (R.C.A. Sec) Lt.-Col. W.E. Harris, R.C.A.C. 8 Nov

G.S.O.I (R.C.E. Sec) Lt.-Col. J.T. Wilson, R.C.E., 22 Nov

G.S.O.I (R.C. Sigs Sec) A/Lt.-Col. H.R. Varcoe, R.C. Sigs, 22 Nov

Hist Offr. A/Lt.-Col. C.P. Stacey, R.C. Sigs, 27 Aug

D.D.P.R. A/Lt.-Col. W.G. Abel, C.A.C. 8 Apr

A.G. Branch. Brigadier G.V. Whitehead, V.D. 27 Jan

D.A.G. Brigadier C.S. Booth, E.D., 20 Oct

A.D.A.G. (A) Brigadier E.G. Weeks, M.C., M.M., 1 Jul

A.A.G. (Org) Lt.-Col. E.C. Brown, R.C.E., 1 Oct

A.A.G. (Pers Selection) Lt.-Col. J.W. Howard, C.A.C., 25 Mar

Dir of Education A/Lt.-Col. J. Grace, Gen List, 29 Mar

A.G. Branch (Cont'd)

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A.A.G. A/Lt.-Col. O.L. McCullough, M.B.E., E.D., Gen List.

A.A.G. Lt.-Col. F.N. Owens, R.C. Sigs. 27 May

Det. Cdn Section G.H.Q. 1 Echelon.

Officer i/c. Brigadier A.W. Beament, V.D. 20 Oct

Col. i/c Adm. A/Colonel D.K. Tar. 15 Oct

A.A.G. Lt.-Col. C.H. Walker, Gen List. 15 Oct

A.D.Q.M.G. Brigadier N.R. MacDonald, C.B.E. 3 Nov

A.D.M.S. A/Colonel K.A. Hunter. 15 Oct

Cdn Section G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (North Africa)

A.A.G. Lt.-Col. M.S. Dunn, Cdn Inf Corps. 15 Oct

Overseas Cdn Records Office.

Officer i/c Records. A/Colonel R.T.E. Hicks-Lyne, M.C. 10 Jan

G.P.M. Brigadier P. Kelly. 1 Jun

A.D.A.G. (B) A/Colonel V.S.C. McClenaghan, M.C., E.D. 16 Oct

A.A.G. (Dis) A/Lt.-Col. L.R. McDonald, Cdn Inf Corps. 16 Oct

D.P.M. A/Colonel A.D. Cameron, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. 1 May

A.A.G. (Pers) Lt.-Col. D.A. Clarke, M.C. 25 Mar

Prin Chaplain O/S (P). H/Colonel W.T.R. Flemington. 22 Mar

Prin Chaplain O/S (R.G.) H/Colonel M.C. O'Neill, M.M. 22 Mar

A.A.G. (M.S.) Lt.-Col. W.B. Wedd, D.S.O., M.C., E.D., Gen List. 11 Nov

A.A.G. (Claims) Lt.-Col. G.S. Clark, Cdn Inf Corps. 22 Mar

D.J.A.G. Colonel W.A.I. Anglin, O.B.E., M.C. 24 Aug

D.M.S. Brigadier R.M. Luton, C.B.E., M.C. 19 Feb

D.D.M.S. Colonel G.A. Winfield. 21 Jun

D.D.D.S. Colonel L.V. Janes, O.B.E. 14 Dec

Q.M.G. Branch.

Q.M.G. Branch (Cont'd)

A.G. Branch (Cont'd)

A.D.Q.M.G. (Temp)	Lt.-Col. F.B. Wilson, E.D. Cdn Inf Corps.	8 Nov
D.O.S.	Colonel H.B. Keenleyside.	25 Feb
D.Q.S.	Colonel D. Douglas, O.B.E.	15 Dec
<u>H.Q. CDN FORESTRY CORPS.</u>		
Comd.	Colonel C.E.F. Jones.	16 Oct
<u>H.Q. CANADIAN REINFORCEMENT UNITS.</u>		
Comd.	Major-General J.H. Roberts, D.S.O., M.C.	13 Apr
G.S.O.I	Lt.-Col. P.L. Nicholls, Cdn Inf Corps.	20 Aug
A.A. & Q.M.G.	Lt.-Col. D.F. Spankie, Gen List.	6 Aug
A.D.M.S.	A/Colonel J.F. Hazzard, E.D.	18 Jun
A.D.D.S.	Lt.-Col. W.G. Trelford, V.D.	29 Jun
A.D.O.S.	Lt.-Col. (O.O. 2 Cl) R.E. Denison.	29 Jun
<u>"A" Group.</u>		
Comd.	A/Colonel J.A. Calder.	27 May
<u>"B" Group.</u>		
Comd.	Brigadier P.R. Shields, M.C., E.D.	25 Sep
<u>"C" Group.</u>		
Comd.	Brigadier J.C. Stewart, D.S.O.	25 May
<u>"D" Group.</u>		
Comd.	Brigadier G. Francoeur, O.B.E., V.D.	16 Nov
<u>"E" Group.</u>		
Comd.	Brigadier T.J. Rutherford, E.D.	8 Apr
<u>"F" Group.</u>		
Comd.	Colonel L. Keene, E.D.	22 Feb
<u>"G" Group.</u>		
Comd.	Brigadier J.B.S. Lough, D.S.O., M.C., V.D.	3 Apr

CANADIAN FORMATIONS AT PRESENT
IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN

<u>H.Q. 1 CDN CORPS.</u>		
G.O.C.	Lieut.-General H.D.G. Crerar, C.B., D.S.O.	6 Apr 43
<u>General Staff Branch.</u>		
B.G.S.	Brigadier G.A. McCarter.	1 Oct 43
<u>A.G. & Q.M.G. Branch.</u>		
D.A. & Q.M.G.	Brigadier J.F.A. Lister, O.B.E.	8 Apr 43
A.Q.M.G.	Lt.-Col. W.G.H. Roaf, Cdn Inf Corps.	21 Oct 43
<u>Attached to the General Staff.</u>		
C.C.R.A.	Brigadier H.O.N. Brownfield, C.B.E.	24 Oct 43
Chief Eng.	Brigadier A.B. Connelly.	23 Jun 43
C.S.O.	A/Brigadier C.S. McKee, E.D.	10 Jan 43
D.D.S.T.	Colonel M.V. McQueen, E.D.	25 Sep 43
D.D.M.S.	Brigadier E.A. McCusker, M.C., E.D.	8 Apr 43
D.D.O.S.	Colonel (O.O. 1 Cl) J.A.W. Bennett.	17 Oct 43
<u>Administrative Group.</u>		
Comd.	A/Lt.-Col. C.H. Drury, R.C.A.	16 Oct 43
<u>H.Q. 1 CDN DIV.</u>		
G.O.C.	A/Major-General C. Vokes, D.S.O.	1 Nov 43
G.S.O.I	A/Lt.-Col. C.M. Harding, R.C.A.	1 Nov 43
A.A. & Q.M.G.	Lt.-Col. W.P. Gilbride, R.C.A.S.C.	29 Apr 43
C.R.A.	Brigadier A.B. Matthews, D.S.O.	15 Jan 43
A.D.M.S.	A/Colonel C.H. Playfair, O.B.E.	29 Apr 43
C.R.E.	Lt.-Col. G. Walsh, D.S.O.	1 Apr 43
A.D.O.S.	Lt.-Col. (O.O. 2 Cl) D.G.J. Parquharson	16 Feb 43
<u>1 Cdn Inf Bde.</u>		
Comd.	Brigadier H.D. Graham, D.S.O., E.D.	15 Jan 43
<u>2 Cdn Inf Bde.</u>		
Comd.	A/Brigadier B.M. Hoffmeister, D.S.O.	1 Nov 43
<u>3 Cdn Inf Bde.</u>		
Comd.	Brigadier R.G. Gibson.	12 Oct 43

H.Q. 5 CDN ARMD DIVISION AT PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.

G.O.C. Major-General G.G. Simonds, C.B.E., Nov 1 1943

G.S.O. Lt.-Col. W.C. Murphy, E.D., C.A.C. May 6 1943

A.A. & Q.M.G. Lt.-Col. F.B. Matthews, Gen List. May 7 1943

C.R.A. Brigadier R.O.G. Morton. Jan 31 1943

C.R.E. A/Lt.-Col. J.F. Christian. Jul 21 1943

A.D.M.S. Colonel H.M. Elder, E.D. Mar 19 1943

A.D.O.S. A/Lt.-Col. (O.O.2 Cl) W.G. Denney. Oct 22 1943

5 Cdn Armd Bde.

Comd. Brigadier G.R. Bradbrooke, C.M. Sep 21 1943

11 Cdn Inf Bde.

Comd. A/Brigadier G.A. Kitching, D.S.O., Cdn Inf Corps. Nov 1 1943

15 Cdn Armd Bde.

Comd. Brigadier R.A. Wyman, E.D. Feb 2 1943

H.Q. 1 Cdn Base GP.

Comd. Brigadier E.W. Haldenby, M.C., V.D. Oct 15 1943

H.Q. 1 Cdn Div.

(For 1st and 2nd Echelons, C.M.F., see above under H.Q. 1 Cdn Div.)

G.O.C. Lt.-Col. C.M. Harding, R.C.A. Nov 1 1943

G.S.O. Lt.-Col. W.P. Gilbride, R.C.A.S.G. Apr 28 1943

A.A. & Q.M.G. Brigadier A.B. Matthews, D.S.O. Jan 15 1943

C.R.A. A/Colonel C.H. Playfair, O.B.E. Apr 28 1943

C.R.E. Lt.-Col. G. Walsh, D.S.O. Apr 1 1943

A.D.O.S. Lt.-Col. (O.O.2 Cl) P.G. J. Parryson. Feb 16 1943

1 Cdn Inf Bde.

Comd. Brigadier H.D. Graham, D.S.O., E.D. Jan 15 1943

2 Cdn Inf Bde.

Comd. A/Brigadier H.M. Hoffmeister, D.S.O. Nov 1 1943

3 Cdn Inf Bde.

Comd. Brigadier H.G. Gibson. Oct 12 1943