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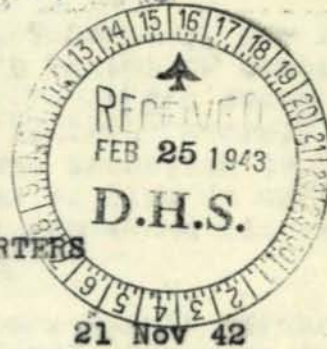
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CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS



Situation of the Canadian Military Forces in the
United Kingdom, Autumn, 1942 : II.

Recent Changes in Commands and Staffs.

1. This Report deals with changes in commands and staffs in the Canadian Army Overseas subsequent to 31 Jul 42, the date of Report No. 78, the last dealing with this subject.
2. There have been a number of important developments during the period dealt with, including changes in two divisional commands. Included in this Report are the first changes in command resulting from battle casualties, the commanders of 4 and 6 Cdn Inf Bdes having become casualties in the DIEPPE operation of 19 Aug 42.
3. In scope and form this Report follows the pattern of earlier ones dealing with the same subject, beginning with No.36. References in parentheses are to supplements to Canadian Army Overseas Routine Orders; dates, unless otherwise specified, are those on which the changes mentioned became effective.

HIGHER COMMANDS

4. General McNaughton remains in command of First Canadian Army, and General Crerar in command of 1 Cdn Corps, as noted in Report No. 78.
5. There have been, however, two changes in divisional commands. Major-General G.R. Pearkes, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., who came overseas in December 1939 in command of 2 Cdn Inf Bde, and had commanded 1 Cdn Div since General McNaughton relinquished command of that formation on becoming commander of 7 Corps in July, 1940, relinquished the command upon returning to Canada to assume the appointment of G.O.C.-in-C., Pacific Command (2503, 3 Sep 42). The importance of the Pacific Command has been considerably enhanced since the extension of the war to the Pacific area and in particular the Japanese occupation of some of the Aleutian Islands, beginning 3 Jun 42. General Pearkes was succeeded as G.O.C. 1 Cdn Div by Brigadier H.L.N. Salmon, M.C., formerly commander of 7 Cdn Inf Bde (appointment, and promotion to Major-General, 2503, 8 Sep 42). General Salmon has served overseas since the beginning of the war, in various staff appointments and commands. His first appointment was G.S.O. II, C.M.H.Q. (18, 7 Dec 39). For a time he commanded the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment (Report No. 78, para.32).
6. Major-General C.B. Price, D.S.O., D.C.M., V.D., who came overseas in 1939 in command of 3 Cdn Inf Bde, and was subsequently appointed to command 3 Cdn Div, has relinquished the command of the latter formation and has been seconded from the Canadian Army Overseas on appointment as Overseas Commissioner

of the Canadian Red Cross Society (2503, 7 Sep 42). For some notes on 3 Cdn Div during General Price's tenure of command, see Reports Nos. 48, 70 and 73. General Price was succeeded as G.O.C. 3 Cdn Div by Brigadier R.F.L. Keller, formerly commanding 1 Cdn Inf Bde (appointment, and promotion to Major-General, 2503, 8 Sep 42). General Keller is also an officer of long overseas experience, and for a time commanded his own Regiment, the P.P.C.L.I., in England. (1)

7. It may be worth noting that, as a result of the departure of General Price, every Divisional Commander in the Canadian Army Overseas is now a Permanent Force Officer.

8. 1 Cdn Corps, still in Sussex, remains under the operational command of the G.O.C.-in-C., South Eastern Command. The latter appointment was vacated by Lt.-Gen. B.L. Montgomery on proceeding to the Middle East to assume command of the Eighth Army, in which command he has since achieved such signal success. The last SECO orders issued under General Montgomery's name bore the date 20 Aug 42; the next issue, dated 22 Aug 42, bore the name of Lt.-Gen. J.A.H. Gammell, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., as G.O.C.-in-C.; and shortly afterwards the command passed to Lt.-Gen. J.G. des R. Swayne, C.B.E., formerly C.G.S., Home Forces, who assumed command early in September (SECO orders, issue No. 87, 8 Sep 42).

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST CANADIAN ARMY

9. At Headquarters First Canadian Army, Brigadier M.H.S. Penhale relinquished the appointment of B.G.S. upon taking command of 4 Cdn Inf Bde. He was succeeded as B.G.S. by Brigadier C.R.S. Stein (2503, 8 Sep 42). Brigadier Stein served as an A.A.G. at C.M.H.Q., before going to H.Q. 5 Cdn (Armd) Div as A.A. & Q.M.G. He was subsequently appointed to command 2 Cdn Armd Bde, which appointment he held until he went to Army.

10. A/Lt.-Col. The Lord Tweedsmuir, C.A.C., has been appointed G.S.O. I (Intelligence) in succession to A/Lt.-Col. G.P. Henderson, R.H.C. (2770, 16 Nov 42). Lord Tweedsmuir was formerly G.S.O. II (I.) at Army. Lt.-Col. W.P. Gilbride, R.C.A.S.C., formerly A.A. & Q.M.G., 5 Cdn (Armd) Div, has been appointed A.Q.M.G. (2770, 16 Nov 42).

11. Major D.C. Spry, R.C.R., was appointed Personal Assistant to General McNaughton, succeeding Lt.-Col. Rodger, when the latter was appointed B.G.S., C.M.H.Q. (2563, 8 Sep 42).

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST CANADIAN CORPS

12. At H.Q., 1 Cdn Corps, Major (A/Lt.-Col.) W.G.H. Roaf, formerly A.A. & Q.M.G., 2 Cdn Div, has been appointed A.Q.M.G., in succession to Lt.-Col. J.R.R. Gough (2770, 16 Nov 42). There have been no other changes in normal first grade staff appointments at this Headquarters.

13. An "Increment" has been added to the Headquarters of 1 Cdn Corps. This increment is in fact a Canadian Operational Planning Staff, and functions mainly in LONDON. It has a considerable establishment. Appointments to the Increment include those of A/Lt.-Col. G.P. Henderson as G.S.O. I (Liaison) (cf. para. 10, above) and of A/Lt.-Col. C.F.J. Finlay, R.C.A.S.C., as A.Q.M.G. (Ops) (both 2770, 16 Nov 42).

- (1) General Keller, who was born on 2 Oct 00, is stated to be the youngest Major-General in the Canadian Army, and is believed to be, at the present time, the only one who did not serve in the last war.

1ST CANADIAN DIVISION

14. At H.Q. 1 Cdn Div Lt.-Col. H.W. Foster, C.A.C., became G.S.O. I in succession to Lt.-Col. W.N. Bostock (2388, 7 Aug 42). Lt.-Col. E.B. Wilson has been succeeded as A.A. & Q.M.G. by Lt.-Col. W.J. Moogk, R.C.R., lately commanding the Royal Winnipeg Rifles (2770, 20 Nov 42).

15. On relinquishing the command of 1 Cdn Inf Bde, General Keller was succeeded by Brigadier G.G. Simonds, who had formerly been B.G.S. 1 Cdn Corps (2515, 11 Sep 42). Brigadier H.N. Ganong, appointed to command 8 Cdn Div in Canada (Report No. 78, para.14), has been succeeded in the command of 3 Cdn Inf Bde by Brigadier C. Foulkes, formerly G.S.O.I, 3 Cdn Div (2339, 1 Aug 42).

2ND CANADIAN DIVISION

16. There have been a number of changes in commands and staffs in 2 Cdn Div. Lt.-Col. W.S. Rutherford, S.D. & G. Highrs, was appointed G.S.O. I in succession to Brigadier Mann (Cf. Report No. 78, para. 16) (2388, 5 Aug 42). Lt.-Col. W.G.H. Roaf, formerly A.A. & Q.M.G. at H.Q., Canadian Reinforcement Units, was appointed A.A. & Q.M.G. (2362, 6 Aug 42); and on Lt.-Col. Roaf's moving to H.Q. 1 Cdn Corps (para. 12, above) he was succeeded by Lt.-Col. G.S.N. Gostling, formerly commanding the Toronto Scottish Regiment (M.G.) (2708, 3 Nov 42).

17. Brigadier M.H.S. Penhale was appointed to command 4 Cdn Inf Bde, in succession to Brigadier S. Lett, D.S.O., who was seriously wounded at DIEPPE and has since returned to Canada (2503, 8 Sep 42). Brigadier H.A. Young, formerly B.G.S., C.M.H.Q., was appointed to command 6 Cdn Inf Bde in succession to Brigadier W.W. Southam who became a prisoner of war at DIEPPE (2503, 8 Sep 42).

3RD CANADIAN DIVISION

18. Lt.-Col. W.J. McGill, R.C. Sigs, has succeeded Brigadier Foulkes as G.S.O. I, 3 Cdn Div (2339, 1 Aug 42). Lt.-Col. McGill was formerly G.S.O. I (S.D.), C.M.H.Q. Major E.A. Coté, R.22e.R., formerly D.A.A.G. 1 Cdn Corps, has been appointed A.A. & Q.M.G., with the acting rank of Lt.-Col. (2362, 6 Aug 42). This appointment was formerly held by Lt.-Col. H.V.D. Laing.

19. General Salmon has been succeeded in the command of 7 Cdn Inf Bde by Lt.-Col. H.D. Graham, E.D., formerly commanding the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment (appointment, and promotion to Brigadier, 2503, 8 Sep 42).

4TH CANADIAN (ARMoured) DIVISION

20. 4 Cdn (Armd) Div has arrived in the United Kingdom since Report No. 78 was written. This formation is commanded by Major-General F.F. Worthington, M.C., M.M., who formerly commanded 1 Cdn Army Tk Bde. His G.S.O. I is Lt.-Col. G.E. Beament, R.C.A., who formerly commanded 6 Cdn Fd Regt (2362, 1 Aug 42). His A.A. & Q.M.G. is Lt.-Col. J.K. Hjalmarson, C.A.C. (2445, 27 Aug 42).

21. Of the formations comprising 4 Cdn (Armd) Div, 3 Cdn Armd Bde is commanded by Brigadier A.M. Thomas, M.B.E., V.D., and 4 Cdn Armd Bde by Brigadier E.L.M. Burns, O.B.E., M.C. (an officer with a long record of service overseas in the present war, including a period as G.S.O. I, C.M.H.Q., and one as B.G.S., 1 Cdn Corps). The Support Group is commanded by Brigadier W.C. Hyde, D.S.O., V.D.

5TH CANADIAN (ARMoured) DIVISION

22. In 5 Cdn (Armd) Div, Lt.-Col. W.P. Gilbride (cf. para. 10, above) has been succeeded as A.A. & Q.M.G. by Lt.-Col. J.R.R. Gough, Gen. List (cf. para. 12, above) (2770, 16 Nov 42).

23. Brigadier Stein (para. 9, above) has been succeeded in the command of 2 Cdn Armd Bde by Brigadier G.R. Bradbrooke, M.C., formerly commanding 2 Cdn Army Tk Bde (2544, 21 Sep 42).

OTHER FORMATIONS

24. 1 Cdn Army Tk Bde is still commanded by Brigadier Wyman, and 1 Cdn A.A. Bde by Brigadier Agnew. 1 Cdn A.A. Bde is now under command of First Cdn Army.

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25. As noted above (para. 11), Brigadier N.E. Rodger has succeeded Brigadier Young as B.G.S., C.M.H.Q. (2503, 8 Sep 42). Brigadier Rodger served at C.M.H.Q. early in the war as G.S.O. III (M.I.) and more recently had been Personal Assistant to General McNaughton.

26. Lt.-Col. McGill (para. 18, above) has been succeeded as G.S.O. I (S.D.) by Lt.-Col. S.F. Clark, R.C. Sigs, formerly commanding 5 Cdn (Armd) Div Sigs (2339, 1 Aug 42). The appointment of Lt.-Col. F.F. Fulton, R.C. Sigs, as G.S.O. I (S.D. Tech), has been confirmed (2503, 8 May 42). Lt.-Col. Fulton formerly commanded 1 Cdn Radio Location Unit, but never actually left C.M.H.Q., where he had served previously as Technical Liaison Officer (Sigs).

27. There have been many changes in "A" Branch, C.M.H.Q. A second Assistant Deputy Adjutant General has been appointed; this appointment, known as A.D.A.G. (A), is held by Colonel W.N. Bostock (provisional appointment and promotion to acting rank of Colonel, 2388, 7 Aug 42). Lt.-Col. W.B. Wedd, D.S.O., M.C., Gen List, has vacated the appointment of A.A.G. (Org) and has returned to North America to take up the appointment of Military Attaché at the Canadian Legation in Washington (2677, 23 Oct 42). He has been succeeded by Lt.-Col. F.N. Ovens, R.C. Sigs, formerly commanding 4 Cdn (Armd) Div Sigs (2770, 12 Nov 42). Lt.-Col. M. Noel, E.D., has vacated the appointment of A.A.G. (MS) on promotion to Brigadier and appointment as D.A.G., N.D.H.Q. (2677, 17 Oct 42). He has been succeeded by Major (A/Lt.-Col.) H.M. Cathcart, C.A.C., who formerly held the appointment of D.A.A.G. (MS (B)) (2770, 12 Nov 42).

28. Lt.-Col. W.A.I. Anglin, M.C., R.C.A., formerly A.J.A.G., has been provisionally appointed D.A.A.G. and granted the acting rank of Colonel (2445, 24 Aug 42).

29. There have also been changes in "Q" Branch. The most important appointment has been that of A/Col. J.F.A. Lister, R.C.A.S.C., to the provisional appointment of A.D.Q.M.G. (2445, 27 Aug 42). Colonel Lister, then a Captain, came overseas with the Advance Party of 1 Cdn Div in November, 1939. More recently he served as G.S.O. I at the Canadian Junior War Staff Course at R.M.C., KINGSTON, ONTARIO.

CANADIAN REINFORCEMENT UNITS

30. At Headquarters, Canadian Reinforcement Units, Lt.-Col. Roaf has been succeeded as A.A. & Q.M.G. by A/Lt.-Col. D.F. Spankie, Ir. Fus, formerly B.M., 8 Cdn Inf Bde (2362, 6 Aug 42).

31. There have been some changes in Group Commands. Colonel A. Hamilton Gault, D.S.O., E.D., commanding "A" Group, was promoted Brigadier (2474, 27 Aug 42) and subsequently relinquished the command (2708, 22 Sep 42). He had the misfortune to fracture the stump of the leg which he lost in the last war, has had a long period in hospital, and may not be able to return to active duty (information from Brigadier Beament, 20 Nov 42). He was succeeded by Colonel J.R.S. Lough, D.S.O., M.C., V.D. (2708, 28 Oct 42). During the interim the Group had been commanded by Brigadier H. Lefebvre, M.C., V.D. (2708). "B" Group is now commanded by Colonel P.R. Shields, M.C., E.D., R.C.A.S.C. (2544, 25 Sep 42), who succeeded Brigadier A.E. Nash, who has been struck off strength of the Canadian Army Overseas (2589, 14 Sep 42). "D" Group is still commanded by Brigadier Lefebvre; during the period when this officer commanded "A" Group, Colonel Lough commanded "D" Group in an acting capacity (2708).

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