

TRAINING PLAN WILL CALL FOR 100 AIR FIELDS

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SHIP BASE POSSIBLE

Ottawa, Oct. 19 (Staff).—It is revealed here in connection with the gigantic Empire training scheme that at least 100 aerodromes will be needed. Most of these will be located on the prairies, far from the possibility of enemy raids, and where weather and ground conditions are excellent for flying.

Pilots from Empire countries will be arriving here soon for training, and the facilities at Trenton, Camp Borden and other fields will be greatly enlarged. The fields of the Trans-Canada Airlines will also be pressed into service. Training planes and instructors will come from England to augment equipment and staffs here.

If the war is prolonged, and if Germany intensifies her bombing raids on British ports, it may be expected there will be a decentralization of British shipbuilding, with Canada as an important Empire naval base, according to indications from good sources today.

This project is left for the indefinite future, but day by day Canada's small navy is being pressed into new co-operative ventures with the British Navy on convoy and anti-submarine duty. Depending on the length of the war and other major factors affecting the British forces, Canada may have to build new important port facilities, and may also build much heavier ships than have thus far been undertaken in this country. Training of large numbers of naval reservists may be expected soon.

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