

Ralston Reveals Set-Up of Units Here and Abroad

**Gives Summary Without
Figures in Reviewing
Army Operations**

Ottawa, May 14.—(CP)—In his presentation of a review of army operations in the House of Commons last night the defence minister, Hon. J. L. Ralston, gave a summary, without figures, of the Canadian army units at home and abroad.

Overseas units were listed as follows:

1st Canadian Infantry Division, sent overseas in December, 1939.

2nd Canadian Infantry Division, sent overseas in June and December, 1940.

3rd Canadian Infantry Division, sent overseas in June and September, 1941.

4th Canadian Infantry Division, converted to the 4th Canadian Armoured Division in January, 1942, sent overseas August and November, 1942.

5th Canadian Armoured Division (formerly 1st Canadian Armoured Division) sent overseas in September and November, 1942.

1st Army Tank Brigade, sent overseas in April and June, 1941.

2nd Army Tank Brigade, still in Canada.

The summary showed the 1st Canadian Corps formed overseas in December, 1940, and the 2nd Corps in January, 1942. These two headquarters corps were formed overseas and "designed to command either infantry or armoured divisions or a combination of both as required operationally from time to time," and were formed into the 1st Canadian Army in January, 1942.

Ancillary Troops

Ancillary troops supporting the army formations were listed as: Army troops, general headquarters, and line of communication units consisting of all arms and services; Canadian military headquarters, reinforcement units and forestry corps, all formed either in Canada or overseas as required from time to time.

The following units were listed as serving in Canada:

Coast artillery, anti-aircraft artillery, fortress engineer companies, coastal command signal units, unbrigaded infantry and machine gun battalions, army service corps supply and transport units, army medical corps hospitals and mobile ambulances, dental corps companies and detachments, ordnance, pay, provost, chaplain, auxiliary and intelligence services.

The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Divisions and a "brigade group" were formed in March, 1942.

Those serving outside Canada at "North American outposts" were listed as follows:

"Various army forces located in strategic areas defending Newfoundland, Labrador, Alaska, islands adjacent to the West Indies and the east coast of the United States."

These forces include: Coast artillery units, anti-aircraft units, engineer detachments, signal companies and infantry battalions with supporting services.

149
WAR
EUROPEAN
1939
CANADA
ARMY