

Subsection 2.—The Canadian Army

Command.—The system of command of the present peacetime Canadian Army includes:—

Army Headquarters—Ottawa, Ont. (subdivided)

The General Staff Branch

The Adjutant-General Branch

The Quartermaster-General Branch*

Western Command—Headquarters, Edmonton, Alta.

British Columbia Area—Headquarters, Vancouver, B.C.

Prairie Command—Headquarters, Winnipeg, Man.

Saskatchewan Area—Headquarters, Regina, Sask.

Central Command—Headquarters, Oakville, Ont.

Western Ontario Area—Headquarters, London, Ont.

Eastern Ontario Area—Headquarters, Kingston, Ont.

Quebec Command—Headquarters, Montreal, Que.

Eastern Quebec Area—Headquarters, Quebec City, Que.

Eastern Command—Headquarters, Halifax, N.S.

New Brunswick Area—Headquarters, Fredericton, N.B.

Newfoundland Area—Headquarters, St. John's, Nfld.

Northwest Highway Command—Headquarters, Whitehorse, Yukon

Canadian Army Liaison Staff—Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Canadian Army Liaison Staff—London, England.

Army Headquarters conducts the planning and policy for the administration and training of the Active and Reserve Forces of the Canadian Army. It administers corps schools and other training establishments. Matters affecting Public Relations, Cadet Services, Military Intelligence, Chaplain Services, Provost and associated activities are directed by Army Headquarters through Commands.

The authority formerly vested in Military District Command has been given considerably wider scope in the new Command organization. The five principal Commands are charged with complete military responsibility, under Army Headquarters, for all matters affecting their territorial areas and the command and administration of all troops within these areas.

Organization.—There is but one Canadian Army which includes all the ground forces of Canada. Service is on a voluntary basis. The organization of the Army provides for six component parts as follows:—

The Active Force.—The Active Force is available for General Service and comprises a Field Force, Coast and Anti-Aircraft Defence Units, Headquarters, Command and Area Staffs; also training, intercommunication, administration, research and development staffs, units and establishments, officers and men permanently employed but not borne on any regimental establishment.

The conditions for enlistment in the Active Force provide for men who were on Active Service in the Army during the Second World War, if they meet the physical requirements, have a Grade VIII education or the equivalent and are between 18 and 40 years of age. Young men are preferred. Men who were not on Active Service during the War may enlist if they meet the physical requirements, have a Grade X education or the equivalent and are between 18 and 25 years of age. Men qualified in a particular trade may be accepted up to the age of 35 years.

Officers of the Canadian Army come from three main sources: (1) graduates of the Canadian Services Colleges—Royal Roads at Esquimalt, B.C., and the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ont.; (2) the Canadian Officers Training Corps; (3) promotions from the ranks.

* Includes the Branch of the Master-General of Ordnance.