

In connection with Canada's military obligations under NATO, the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group was still stationed in Germany in the area of Soest, Werl, Hemer and Iserlohn. It was to be relieved by the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in the autumn of 1957. Canadian troops continued to participate in training exercises with other NATO forces.

At the request of the United Nations, a force of approximately 800 officers and men of the Canadian Army was provided for service with the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East. The force consisted of supporting arms and services whose function was to provide communications, repair, maintenance and other administrative services for the United Nations Emergency Force. Part of the Canadian Army Force was sent to the Middle East by air in late November 1956, and the remainder, together with the equipment for the force, sailed aboard HMCS *Magnificent* on Dec. 29, 1956.

A parachute element of infantry, supporting units and an RCAF component continued training preparations to deal effectively with possible small invasions by an aggressor anywhere in Northern Canada.

Equipment.—The Canadian Army Equipment Development Program continues to concentrate on those fields particularly suited to Canadian capabilities and in which there are special Canadian needs. Particular attention has been given to the problem of living and operating in the North under the most severe and adverse conditions. The development and evaluation of defence equipment for atomic, biological and chemical warfare continued in close co-operation with the RCN, RCAF and Defence Research Board. The standardization program in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada and within NATO continues to promote the exchange of knowledge to the mutual advantage of the Armies concerned. Additional agreements were reached affecting procedures and equipment. The equipping of the Canadian Army with the new self-loading FN rifle, which fires the standard NATO 7.62 mm calibre round, began during 1957.

Training.—The policy of training is determined at Army Headquarters. General Officers Commanding Commands implement the training policy within their Commands, except for that conducted at Army and corps schools, which are under the direct supervision of Army Headquarters. The basic training of 6,540 recruits and the corps training of officers and men of the Canadian Army (Regular) was carried out at regimental depots, units, and corps schools. During 1956, 7,940 personnel attended courses at the schools of instruction. Promotion qualification examinations consisting of written and practical tests were held to qualify Regular and Militia officers for the ranks of Captain and Major; 61 candidates passed qualification examinations for selection to attend the Canadian Army Staff College, and 12 passed the entrance examination for the Royal Military College of Science. A training program was conducted during the winter months for all Regular officers to assist them in their professional knowledge. Militia Staff Course examinations were conducted for Militia officers to qualify Captains and Majors for Command and Staff appointments. Qualifying courses for Junior NCO's were conducted under General Officers Commanding Commands. Senior NCO courses were conducted at corps schools in accordance with training standards.

French-and English-language training which is available to all ranks of the Canadian Army was conducted by Commands and AHQ. The Canadian Army Training School conducted six-month French-language courses for English-speaking officers and NCO instructors. A number of French-speaking potential NCO's have also received English-language training.

Officers from the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Pakistan, India, Norway, France and Italy attended courses at Canadian Army schools of instruction.

Trade and specialty training is given at corps schools and units. Where feasible the facilities of civilian schools are used to supplement training at Army establishments. Training is conducted in accordance with the appropriate training standard for each trade