

#### THE CANADIAN FORCES COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (CFCS)

The role of the CFCS is to provide fixed communications networks for the Forces and to provide a national communications system for survival operations (civil defence). To carry out this role, CFCS commands all fixed communications installations within Canada.

#### THE RESERVE AND SURVIVAL ORGANIZATION

Administration of reserves is a responsibility of the Deputy Chief of Reserves (two-star general) at CFHQ. Command and administration of the Army Reserves is effected through 12 District Headquarters organized on a geographical basis. Although the Deputy Chief of Reserves has been given responsibility for Naval Reserve Divisions and RCAF Auxiliary Units, these report to the Deputy Chief through the Commander, Naval Divisions and functional Commanders, as appropriate.

The role of the Organization is to provide aid to the civil power, emergency forces for national survival, and provincial representation and to provide a training force to support the Regular Forces.

#### MATERIEL COMMAND

The role of Materiel Command is to provide logistic support of the Forces, i.e., procurement, provisioning and supply of materiel. To carry out this role, Materiel Command controls the operations of naval dockyards, ordnance depots, engineer depots, supply depots, repair depots and base workshops in Canada.

### Administration of Military Bases in Canada

Staffs and services required below Command Headquarters level to administer and support units based in a particular locality are being organized on Canadian Forces bases. The primary role of each base is to provide base-level administration and supporting services to those units located on or near the base. Each base has been allocated to a functional commander, to whom the base commander reports. The base commander is provided with sufficient staff, with representation from the four functional branches, to command and administer the base.

## Section 3.—Operations and Training of the Canadian Forces

### The Royal Canadian Navy

**The Fleet.**—As of December 1966, the RCN had 42 ships in commission and one submarine of the Royal Navy under RCN operational control at Halifax. HMCS *Ojibwa*, the first of three "O" Class conventional submarines, had completed her first year with the Atlantic Fleet; the second submarine, *Onondaga*, was due to commission in May 1967 and the third, *Okanagan*, was estimated for completion in early 1968. The aircraft carrier *Bonaventure* was undergoing extensive refit, scheduled for completion in August 1967. *Fraser*, the last of seven St. Laurent Class destroyers converted to helicopter operation, was ready for service in the fall of 1966, as was the fast hydrofoil craft HMCS *Bras d'Or* (FHE 400). Work on *Terra Nova*, the first of seven ships of the Restigouche Class to be modernized, was under way, scheduled for completion in the spring of 1968; modernization of the second ship will start in March 1967 and the last ship will be completed in September 1969. Construction of the research vessel, *Quest*, which will serve on the East Coast, started in August 1966 and construction of two operational support ships, *Protecteur* and *Preserver*, began in December. A new class of four destroyer escorts having helicopter capabilities is projected for the future—construction of the first will commence in the fall of 1967. A former Bangor Class Fleet Minesweeper, *Granby*, now being utilized as a Clearance Diving Depot Ship, will also be disposed of in 1967 and will be replaced by an ocean escort to be re-named *Granby*.

**Training.**—The major training establishments of the RCN are CFB *Cornwallis* near Digby, N.S.; Fleet School *Shearwater* near Dartmouth, N.S.; Fleet School *Stadacona* at Halifax, N.S.; Fleet School *Hochelaga* at LaSalle, Que.; HMCS *Gloucester* near Ottawa, Ont.; and Fleet School *Naden* at Esquimalt, B.C.

Men and women entering the RCN receive their basic training at CFB *Cornwallis* where the courses are normally 14 weeks in length. English-language training is provided for French-speaking recruits at CFB *St. Jean*, the courses lasting up to a maximum of 21