

Recruit training takes place at CFB Cornwallis, NS, for English-speaking recruits and at CFB Saint-Jean, Que., for French-speaking recruits. Basic technical training in French is given also at CFB Saint-Jean, Que. and an expanding trades-training program in that language is given at most bases and schools.

Saint-Jean is also the site of the English-French Language School although the official languages are taught on a limited scale at selected Canadian Forces Bases, and in civilian centres under the auspices of the Public Service Commission. Training in other languages is given at the Canadian Forces Foreign Language School in Vanier, Ont.

Support trades training is conducted at the School of Administration and Logistics, CFB Borden, Ont., and technical trades training is conducted at a number of bases across Canada. Two Fleet Schools, one at CFB Esquimalt, BC, and the other at CFB Halifax, NS, provide basic and advanced Maritime trades training and have training facilities for the operational warships on the east and west coasts.

Flying training to "wings" standard is based in the Prairie Provinces — pilot selection and basic helicopter flying training at Portage la Prairie, Man., basic fixed-wing flying training at Moose Jaw, Sask., and advanced flying training at CFB Cold Lake, Alta. Navigator and observer training are given at CFB Winnipeg, Man. The operational Commands maintain operational flying training units, and technical training units to give equipment-oriented training to tradesmen in these Commands.

Canadian Military Colleges. The three Canadian Military Colleges are the Royal Military College of Canada, founded at Kingston, Ont., in 1876; Royal Roads Military College, established in 1941 near Victoria, BC; and Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean, established at Saint-Jean, Que., in 1952, primarily to meet the needs of French-speaking cadets. In 1959, the Ontario Legislature granted the Royal Military College a charter empowering it to grant degrees. In 1967, the Canadian Services Colleges, as they were then known, were re-designated as the Canadian Military Colleges.

The role of the Colleges is to educate and train officer cadets and commissioned officers for a career of effective service in the Canadian Forces. Courses of instruction are designed to develop character and to provide a balanced liberal, scientific and military education leading to degrees in arts, science and engineering. The Royal Military College of Canada accepts senior matriculants and offers a four-year course. Royal Roads Military College accepts senior matriculants who, on successful completion of the second year, go to Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean or to the Royal Military College of Canada for their third and fourth years. Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean accepts junior and senior matriculants to pursue a five- or four-year program; the final two years in some disciplines are completed at the Royal Military College.

During the 1972-73 academic year, 1,217 officer cadets were enrolled at the Canadian Military Colleges, 570 of them at the Royal Military College, 218 at Royal Roads Military College and 429 at Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean.

Staff and defence courses, Canadian Forces officer education system. The Chief of Defence Staff has authorized the development and implementation of a new four-level system of integrated and sequential command staff courses for the professional education and development of the Canadian Forces officers.

The Junior Staff Course (Level A) commenced operations in April 1970 at the Canadian Forces Staff School, Avenue Road, Toronto, Ont. It is a ten-week course conducted four times per year for junior captains selected from all classifications on a quota basis. It has as its aim "to prepare junior officers to perform staff functions of a general nature that are appropriate to their rank; and to provide the foundation for their subsequent professional development". The course includes studies in staff duties, the communication process, service knowledge leadership and management, professionalism and current affairs.

The Junior Command and Staff Course (Level B) (Land) will commence in March 1974 at Fort Frontenac, Kingston, Ont., replacing in part the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff Course at Kingston which will cease operations in June 1973.

The Command and Staff Course (Level C) is scheduled to commence in September 1974 at Armour Heights in Toronto replacing the current Canadian Forces Staff College and part of the current Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College course in the Canadian Forces officer education system.