

# The Airborne Services



**FAR FROM NATURAL HABITAT** is this DHC-3 Otter attached to United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt. The aircraft is one of several operated in support of the UNEF by the RCAF's 115 Air Transport Unit, which flies constant patrols over the Sinai desert along the Israeli and Egyptian border.

## A/C Stephenson Killed

Air Commodore J. G. Stephenson was killed along with five other RCAF officers and men when their B-25 crashed into Lake Michigan during an attempted emergency landing at Billy Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, Wis., April 29.

The RCAF B-25 was enroute to Truax AFB, near Madison, Wis., where A/C Stephenson was to take up his new post of deputy commander of the 30th NORAD Command. A/C Stephenson's previous position was that of chief of personnel services at AFHQ, Ottawa.

Other occupants of the aircraft, which reported a runaway propeller as the reason for declaring an emergency, were: Wing Commander George W. Kusair, also enroute to a new NORAD posting; Flight Lieutenant D. E. Dyck, the pilot; Flying Officer R. P. Howard, Flight Sergeant L. J. Bisson and LAC N. A. Porteous.

The B-25 was one of a number the RCAF has converted to passenger interiors for high speed executive transport operations.

## Miller CoS Chairman

After almost five years as a civilian and Deputy Minister of National Defence, Frank R. Miller has been named as new chairman of the chiefs of staff. To take the appointment, Mr. Miller will return to the RCAF as an Air Marshal, the last rank he held when he retired from the Air Force five

years ago to accept the Deputy Minister's post.

A/M Miller will replace General Charles Foulkes, whose retirement takes effect May 21.

Three other top-level military vacancies are expected in the near future. Air Marshal C. Roy Slemon, deputy chief of NORAD, and Vice-Admiral Harry DeWolfe, chief of naval staff, are expected to retire from the services in the near future, as is Air Marshal Hugh Campbell, current Chief of the Air Staff.

A/M Miller, new chairman of the chiefs of staff, joined the RCAF in 1931. During the war he was connected with training and later with Bomber Command. In 1945 he worked on the preparation of the "Tiger Force" which was being readied for operations against Japan. In 1951 he was appointed vice chief of the air staff. In 1954, he was made vice air deputy at SHAPE, a position he held until he became Deputy Minister of National Defence in August 1955.

## DEW Line Change-over

The RCAF has started exchanging its personnel stationed at DEW Line sites. Operational control of the DEW Line was taken over from the USAF last year by the RCAF. Since that time, 20 RCAF officers have been in operational control of the four main radar stations in the Arctic.

The four sites which are seeing the rotation of Canadian military personnel are Cape Dyer on Baffin Island,

Hall Lake on Melville Peninsula, Cambridge Bay on Victoria Island, and Cape Parry on Amundsen Gulf.

## GOC Cutback

All parts of the RCAF Ground Observer Corps located south of the 55th parallel are to be disbanded June 1, it has been announced by Defence Minister Pearkes.

The northern division posts located north of this line will continue to be maintained to supplement the DEW and Mid-Canada Lines and to provide assistance in search & rescue operations.

## Postings & Careers

•Air Commodore J. B. Millward has been appointed director of the regular officers training plan at National Defence headquarters. He succeeds Brigadier R. P. Rothschild. A/C Millward is presently RCAF member of the directing staff of the National Defence College, at Kingston, Ont.

•Group Captain D. G. Malloy has been transferred to the Seattle Air Defence Sector (SAGE), at McChord Air Force Base, outside Tacoma, Washington. Until his most recent appointment, G/C Malloy was senior operations officer at RCAF Station Gimli, Man. Simultaneous with the announcement of a new appointment, he was promoted to the acting rank of group captain.

•Wing Commander F. H. Hitchins, for the past 15 years official RCAF Historian, has retired from the service. A graduate of the University of Western Ontario with an MA degree in history, W/C Hitchins went to the University of Pennsylvania in 1925 for post-graduate studies, and as an assistant-professor in history. He received his PhD degree in 1930. W/C Hitchins joined the RCAF in 1941, and was sent shortly afterward to England to do historical research in early Canadian military aviation history. He spent two years at Aberystwyth with the British Air Ministry's historical branch. W/C Hitchins has joined the staff of the history department at the University of Western Ontario.

•Group Captain R. J. Gray, MBE, CD, has been named chief of organization & management at AFHQ and simultaneously promoted to the rank of Air Commodore. A/C Gray has been director of management engineering since June 1959.