

THE AIRBORNE SERVICES

Last Belgian CF-100's

Delivery of the fourth and final group of 53 CF-100's being provided to the Belgian Air Force under joint Canadian-U.S. mutual aid agreements was made late in June.

Taking off from RCAF Station Uplands, at Ottawa, on Operation Jump Moat 4, Canadian aircrews ferried the remaining 11 long-range jets across the North Atlantic to Beavechain, Belgium, by way of Goose Bay and Keflavik, Iceland. On the same ferry trip, six CF-100's destined for NATO duty with the RCAF's Air Division were delivered to 3 Fighter Wing, Zweibrücken, Germany.

Task force commander for the operation was Squadron Leader R. J. Clark, a flight commander with 410 AW Squadron at Uplands. The flying was done by aircrews drawn from 428 and 410 Squadrons at Uplands, 425 at St. Hubert, 432 at Bagotville, 433 at North Bay, and from ADC headquarters at St. Hubert.

Search & Rescue Otter

No. 105 Communications & Rescue Flight at Namao has been equipped with a wheel-float amphibious Otter aircraft for use in search & rescue operations. The aircraft is designed to correct a deficiency which has existed in RCAF rescue operations involving pick-ups from the water. Where previously two aircraft, one on floats and one on wheels, was required to effect a

transfer of survivors, the Otter can now do the job.

The new Otter is not equipped with a SARAH receiver as yet, so on searches involving this equipment, must work in conjunction with a Dakota.

Training and Transport Moves

Scheduled for next year is the switching of the headquarters of both Training Command and Air Transport Command.

Winnipeg will become the new home of Training Command as TCHQ moves out of Trenton to make way for Air Transport Command. The two moves are generally welcomed by the people involved, particularly Transport Command, which has for some years been working under difficulties at Lachine, Que.

Although TCHQ will be relocated in Winnipeg, some ground training facilities will remain at Trenton. Other Training Command stations remaining in the east are Camp Borden, Clinton and Centralia. The ground courses presently taught at Aylmer are destined to be transferred to Camp Borden, and the RCAF establishment at London reduced to a token force.

On the prairies, Station Claresholm, Alberta, is to be closed this year and Station Macdonald, Man., next year. Reason given for the abandoning of the flying training school at Claresholm and the advanced school at Macdonald is that with Canada's NATO training

commitment ended, there is no requirement for these stations. The reduction in air training means a cut of some 2750 personnel in Training Command alone. Present strength of the command is 15,144.

CF-100's for NORAD

North American Air Defence Command has assumed operational control over the RCAF's nine CF-100 squadrons based in Canada, as well as all radar stations. Although NORAD was established in August of last year at Colorado Springs, the agreement outlining its operations which was signed at Washington May 12, was not approved by the Canadian Parliament until late June.

Operational control means that NORAD can give general direction to the RCAF's Air Defence Command, but the actual control of its squadrons will be retained by the RCAF. At the present time, NORAD is working out a defensive blueprint for North America. The plan will take into account all possible circumstances and eventualities so that defensive forces can be moved to any danger areas.

During a question period before the Senate external relations committee, Defence Minister Pearkes made several interesting points.

- There are only 17 Canadians serving at NORAD headquarters at Colorado Springs, in contrast to several thousand Americans.

- A general plan by NORAD for air defence has been approved but a tremendous amount of detailed planning remains to be done.

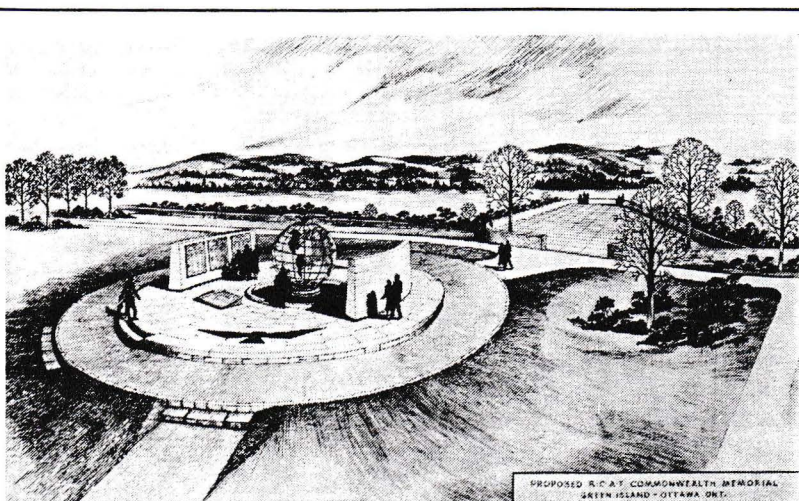
- Defence expenditures in Canada will remain high for a number of years yet.

NATO Training Wind-Up

An official wind-up ceremony was held late last month in Winnipeg to mark the end of Canada's air training program for NATO partners. From the time the program started in 1951, until the time when the last NATO pilot graduates later this year, the plan will have provided some 5575 pilots and air observers to foreign countries.

Air Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine of the RAF, on behalf of Gen. Lauris Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, presented a scroll in recognition of Canada's services to Air Marshal Hugh Campbell, RCAF Chief of the Air Staff.

A march past of RCAF personnel



COMMONWEALTH AIR FORCES MEMORIAL: Above is an artist's sketch of the memorial to be erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission at the Rideau Falls on Green Island in Ottawa. The names of 799 members of Commonwealth air forces who lost their lives in WW II air operations out of North American bases and who have no known grave, are inscribed on the low walls on either side.