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CANADA HAS BEEN DEFENDING its borders for many years, but it has only been since the advent of aircraft that the defence should include the air. It was not until World War II that the defence of Canada from air attack became a reality. After the tide was turned in 1944, this threat diminished and the air defence of Canada was again a low priority item. However, after World War II a new threat loomed on the horizon, and air defence again became a reality. In 1948, No. 1 Air Defence Group

Headquarters was formed and this formation has remained, in various forms, to this day. After 49 years, 1997 signals an end to a dedicated Canadian command for the air defence to Canada. This year welcomes No. 1 Canadian Air Division back, and they will carry the air defence torch. This book is about the air defence organization and all the units, bases, stations and squadrons, created to defend Canada against air attack. Farewell Air Defence Command, Air Defence Group and Fighter Group.

