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CFB Cornwallis : Canada's Peacekeeping Training Centre: Blueprint 3

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CFB CORNWALLIS: Canada's Peacekeeping Training Centre



The further development of a multinational training centre will entail additional requirements and expense. In the event of a Federal Government decision to host foreign armed forces, diplomats, and civilians at Cornwallis, the following projects would merit consideration:

- a peacekeeping training centre administration building and operations centre (approximately \$6 million)
- a new library and peacekeeping resource centre (approximately \$2 million)
- permanent married quarters for twenty staff officers and faculty members (approximately \$1.5 million)
- renovation of the existing base hospital (approximately \$6 million)
- renovation of eight H-block barracks up to the accommodation standard required for other ranks (approximately \$6 million)
- proceeding with the planned development of a new firehall (approximately \$1 million)
- proceeding with the planned development of a new gymnasium (approximately \$10 million)

The painting and refurbishing of other buildings on this base has been projected to require approximately \$150,000. An additional \$75,000 would be required for landscaping. In sum, the additional capital cost of developing a Canadian and multinational peacekeeping training centre at Cornwallis would be an estimated \$33 million, spent over a number of fiscal years.



It should be emphasized that the required capital budget is presented only as an approximation, since the total cost estimate is an amalgam of amounts for planned projects at the base, and of notional estimates for others. As previously noted, the development of this training centre should be guided by an independent needs-analysis.



The Location

CFB Cornwallis is situated in Southwestern Nova Scotia. Located on the shores of the Annapolis Basin, the base is approximately 15 kilometres east of Digby and 15 kilometres west of Annapolis Royal and Fort Anne. Military air transport is available within 80 kilometres at CFB Greenwood. The Halifax International Airport is approximately 225 kilometres to the east. Direct access to the Eastern United States is also available through the Yarmouth airport. This base is a fifteen minute drive from the ferry to St. John, New Brunswick. Cornwallis is also served by an all-weather, limited-access highway from Halifax.

The Cornwallis site offers a number of advantages:

- relative proximity to the airbase at CFB Greenwood and the naval base at CFB Halifax would facilitate tri-service peacekeeping training;
- the geo-strategic location offers rapid deployment to operations in the Middle East, Central America, Eastern Europe, and Africa;
- Dalhousie (Halifax), Acadia (Wolfeville), and Universite Ste. Anne (Churchpoint) could provide helpful resources and expertise;
- the base offers a semi-isolated training environment;
- there is a wide range of accessible terrain in the immediate area;
- the surrounding communities depend upon and support the military presence.

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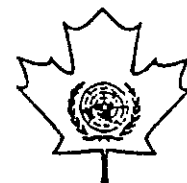


CFB Cornwallis is the largest employer in the Western Annapolis Valley area of Nova Scotia and its presence is vital to the socio-economic security of the region. Peacekeeping training and exercises in the surrounding area would be welcomed.

Cornwallis also provides a very attractive setting for a multinational peacekeeping training centre. Aside from the scenic site, the surrounding area is of considerable historic importance. Canada's oldest settlement, the Habitation in Port Royal, is roughly 5 kilometres across the Annapolis Basin. Nearby Annapolis Royal is widely recognized as the birthplace of Canada. In the two-century struggle to establish control over North America, this town suffered seventeen sieges and changed hands on seven occasions.

Among the area's noted recreational attractions are: a nearby Provincial Theme Park and Wildlife Park; Kejimikujik National Park; the Annapolis Theatre, Historic Gardens, and farmer's market; the Digby scallop fleet; numerous historic sites; whale-watching and sea-bass fishing; and golf and tennis facilities. The nearby Digby Pines is widely regarded as an excellent resort and conference centre.

Some sources have suggested that a peacekeeping training centre will require additional land for field exercises and simulations. Of the 650 acres comprising the Cornwallis base, approximately 350 unused acres might be used for these training exercises. Additional land is also available in the

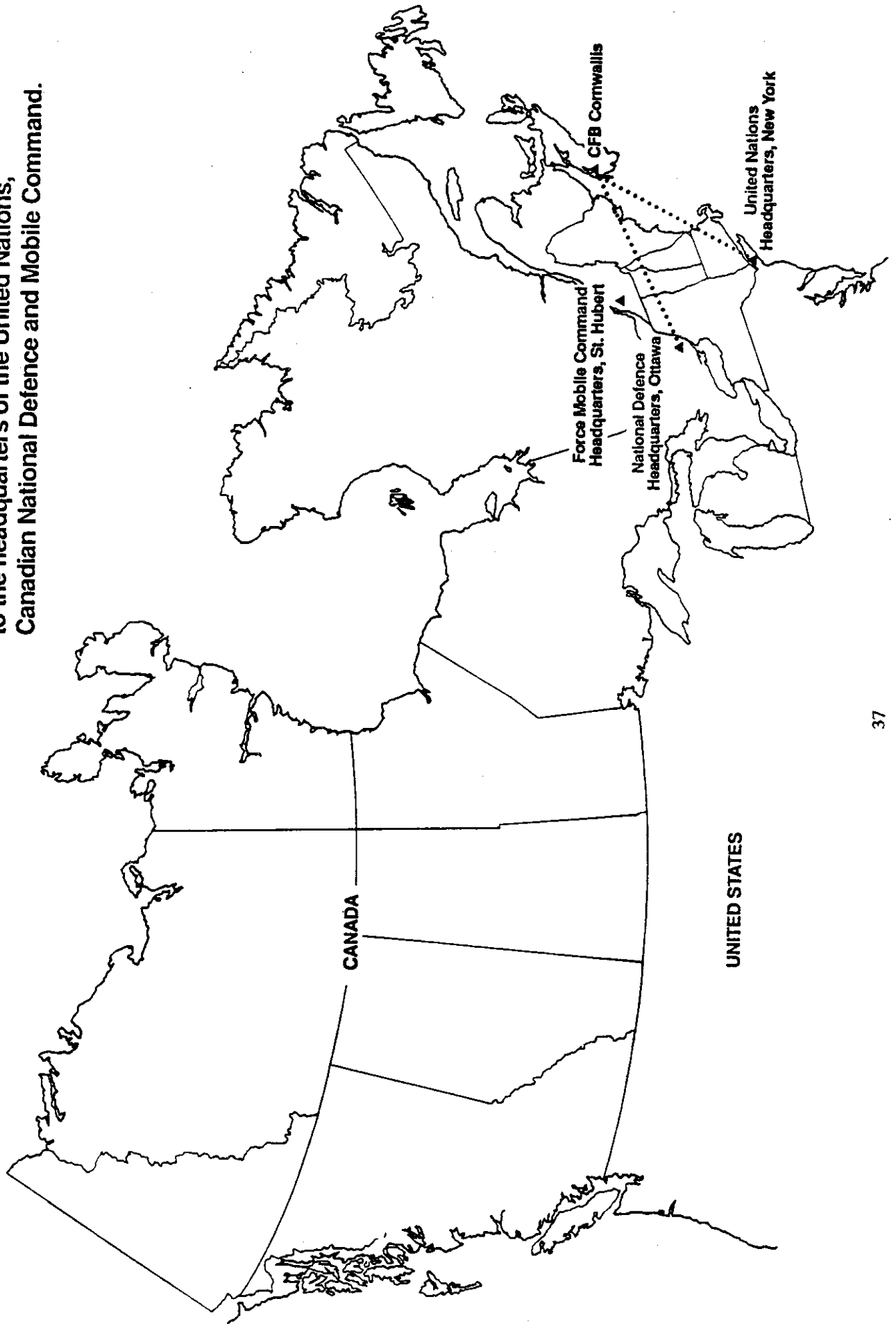


immediate region at a relatively low cost. Unlike areas such as Montreal, Toronto or Calgary, there are few, if any, pressures to free up Cornwallis' resources and land for commercial use.

Several defence officials have expressed a concern that this location is too far from both National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa and United Nations Headquarters in New York. They note that while the military has access to the area through CFB Greenwood, it can occasionally take civilians up to a day to travel to Cornwallis from Ottawa and New York. These reservations would likely be allayed if the province were to upgrade the Digby airport. This would ensure civilian carriers and heavy military air-transport access to within 20 kilometres of Cornwallis.

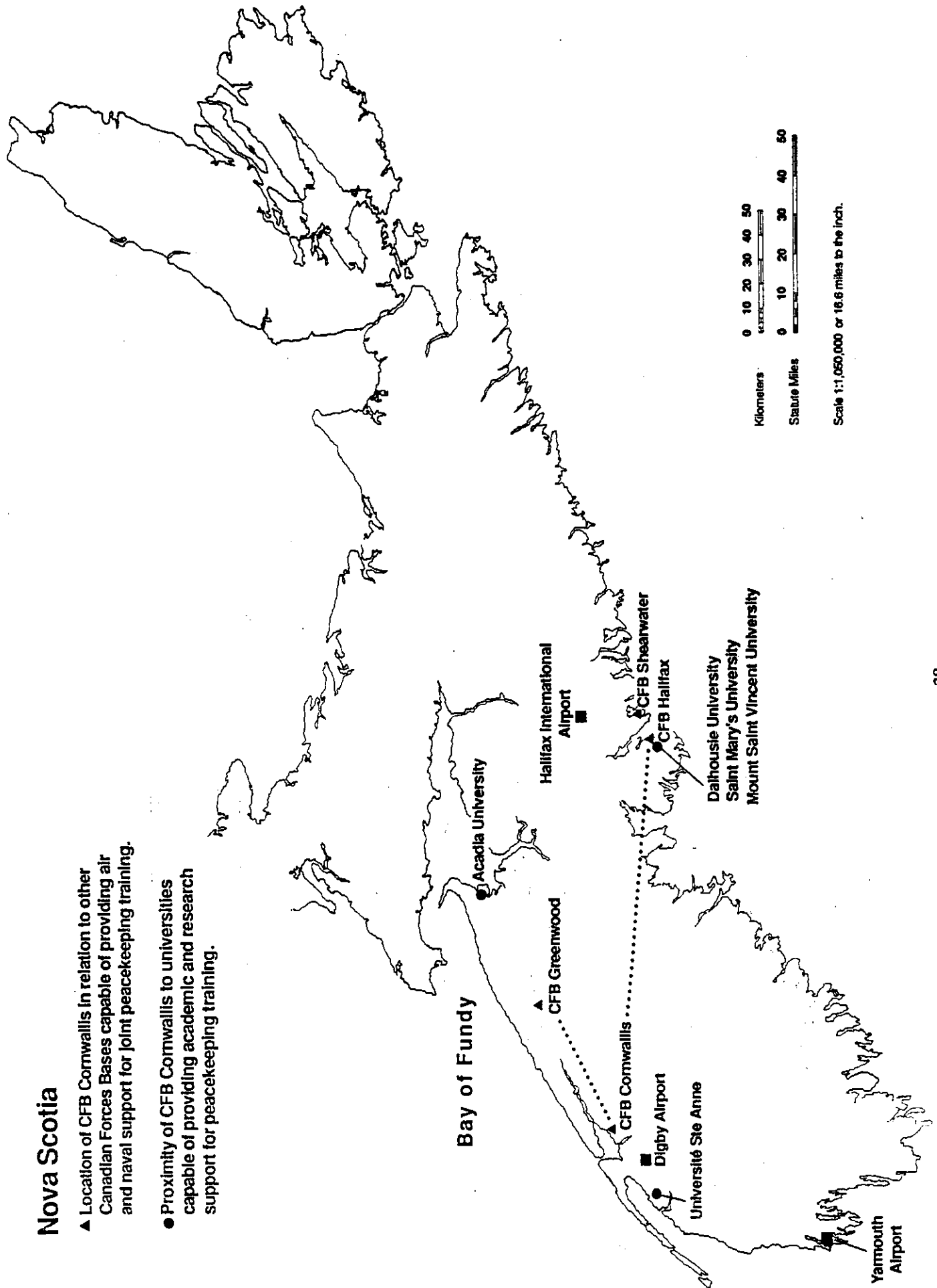
Overall, there are sound strategic, economic, and social grounds for establishing Canada's peacekeeping training centre at Cornwallis. Moreover, there is extensive provincial and community support for the proposed peacekeeping training centre.

**Location of CFB Cornwallis in relation
to the headquarters of the United Nations,
Canadian National Defence and Mobile Command.**



Nova Scotia

- ▲ Location of CFB Cornwallis in relation to other Canadian Forces Bases capable of providing air and naval support for joint peacekeeping training.
- Proximity of CFB Cornwallis to universities capable of providing academic and research support for peacekeeping training.





Conclusion

The United Nations General Assembly has confirmed the international demand for peacekeepers and peacekeeping training centres. As United Nations Under-Secretary General, Michael Doo Kingue, writes, "...now is the opportune time to establish peacekeeping training centres as part of future collective security arrangements and regional co-operation."

Canada has expressed its commitment to strengthening co-operative security through the United Nations and peacekeeping. Although some defence officials initially advised that a Canadian peacekeeping training centre is unnecessary, recent events and reports confirm the rationale presented in the 1991 proposal, "CFB Cornwallis: Canada's Peacekeeping Training Centre". Whereas Canadian Forces have extensive peacekeeping experience, the current peacekeeping training programme urgently needs to be modernized and institutionalized.

CFB Cornwallis has been widely identified as an ideal location to host a Canadian peacekeeping training centre. This base has the required facilities and sufficient space. Its relative proximity to air and naval support at CFB Greenwood and CFB Halifax is conducive to joint peacekeeping training. In addition, this proximity provides the potential to stage future peacekeeping operations. A new peacekeeping training programme would be a compatible



and cost-efficient supplement to assigned recruit, sea-cadet, and reserve training programmes.

The proposed organizational structure, year plan, and curriculum do not represent definitive answers to Canadian and United Nations' peacekeeping training requirements. They do, however, represent an initial blueprint for a Peacekeeping Training Centre of Excellence at CFB Cornwallis.

In sum, it is apparent that the development of this training centre would complement Canadian foreign policy, defence policy, and economic policy. Aside from meeting international demand and a national defence requirement, this centre would secure vital regional socio-economic interests.



ANNEX A: General Peacekeeping Training Programme

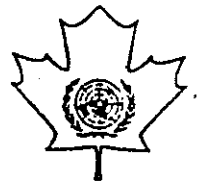
(A four-week training programme for all ranks.)

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Introduction to the United Nations	UN System UN Charter UN Security Decision-Making Co-operative Security International Law
Overview of UN Peacekeeping Activities	Peacekeeping Peacemaking Peacebuilding Enforcement Verification Observation Joint Operations Policing Election-Monitoring Humanitarian Assistance



Annex A continued...

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Peacekeeping Studies	Major Developments Lessons Learned
Mission Security & Defence	Policies with Regard to the Use of Force Review of Emergency Procedures Use of Small Arms & Anti-Tank Weapons NBCD Review
Communications	UN Reporting Procedures Voice Communications Procedures Radio Operation & Maintenance
Transport	Operation & Maintenance of Four Wheel Drive Vehicles & Armoured Personnel Carriers Operations Involving Air & Helicopter Support



Annex A continued...

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Co-operation with Related Agencies	Co-ordination of Military & Civilian Activities (i.e., UNCIVPOL, Red Cross, Red Crescent, UNHCR, UNDP, etc.)
Fieldcraft	Survival Techniques Map Reading Navigation Bivouacing Camp Kit Use & Maintenance of Field Equipment Preparation of Food Water Purification



Annex A continued...

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
UN Service: A Peacekeeper's Roles & Responsibilities	Peacekeeping Relations Conduct & Co-operation in the Field Impartiality & Neutrality Cultural Sensitivity Training Interacting in a Multinational Force
First-Aid	Preventive Medicine Emergency First-Aid CPR Triage Treatment of Wounds Hygiene Sanitation
Canadian Administration Guidelines	Support, Travel, Dependent & Medical Arrangements



ANNEX B: Officer Peacekeeping Training Programme

(A four-week training programme supplementing the General Training Programme.)

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
UN Command and Control Structures	UNHQ Secretariat Office for Special Political Affairs Field Operations Division Office of Programme Planning, Budget & Finance Force Secretariat Military Logistics Staff Observer Group HQ Mission HQ
UN Service: Officer Roles and Responsibilities	Military Force Commander Chief of Staff Battalion Commander Field Staff Officer Member of a Formed Group UN Military Observer



Annex B continued...

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Current Peacekeeping Operations	UN Mandate Canadian Commitment Mission Update Intelligence Briefing Review of the Dispute & Parties to the Conflict
Mission & Area Studies	Assessment of Political, Social, Religious, Economic & Cultural Factors Review of Topographical, Climatic & Environmental Conditions
Potential Future Operations	Conflict Analysis Projected Scenarios & Requirements



Annex B continued...

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Officer Responsibilities in the Field	Reporting Procedures Leadership Maintaining Morale Conduct Promoting Co-operation & Confidence-Building Tactical & Psychological Demands on a Battalion Conduct & Physical Fitness of Forces in the Field Impartiality Co-ordinating Relations Between UN Civilian Agencies & UN Forces Diplomacy Media Relations
Advanced Conflict Resolution	Mediation & Negotiation Techniques



Annex B continued...

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Simulation Exercises	Planning, Deployment & Establishment of Hypothetical Operations
Research Project	Applied Studies & Assignments
Course Debriefing & Evaluation	



ANNEX C: Other Rank Peacekeeping Training Programme

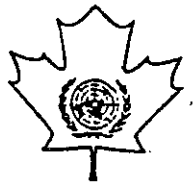
(A two week training programme supplementing the General Training Programme.)

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Applied Peacekeeping Tasks & Techniques	Patrolling including foot, vehicle, border & night patrol Methods of Reporting & Observation Establishing & Maintaining Buffer Zones Demilitarized Zones Mobile & Static Observation Posts Cease-fire Lines Demarcation Lines Construction of Road Blocks, Protective Shelters & Fortified Bunkers
Transport Control	Tactical Deployment Patterns Armoured Personnel Carriers



Annex C continued...

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Field Exercises	Joint Operations including Armoured Personnel Carriers & Soft-Skin Vehicles Refresher Training with Support Weapons Distribution of Humanitarian Assistance Protection of Refugees Convoy Duties
Simulation Exercises	Managing Local Disputes Within a Buffer Zone Reporting on Breach of a Cease-fire
Course Debriefing & Evaluation	



Annex D: Mission Peacekeeping Training Programme

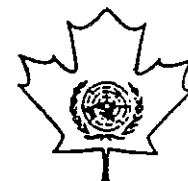
(A two-week refresher training and mission familiarization programme taken prior to deployment. The General Training Programme is a pre-requisite to Mission Training.)

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Introduction to the Mission & Mandate	Mission Objectives & Organization Status of Forces Agreement UN Force Participants Contingent Assignment Command and Control Structure Standing Operational Procedures The Field Support System
Overview of the Conflict	Comprehensive Review of the Parties to the Dispute Overview of the Political, Social, Religious, Economic & Cultural Factors Underlying the Conflict
Environmental Assessment	Topographical & Climatological Conditions



Annex D continued...

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Intelligence Briefing	Threat Assessment Common Problems in the Mission Area
Language Training	Daily
Physical Training	Daily
Equipment Preparation	Issue Kit Familiarization, Operation, Maintenance & Shipping of Required Equipment
UN & Canadian Regulations	Pay & Allowances Dependents Passports & Visas Insurance Vaccinations Medical & Dental Envelope



Annex D continued...

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS
Unit, Company & Battalion Training in Assigned Tasks	Review & Practice of Communication, Transportation, Patrolling, Observation, Reporting & Security Procedures
Simulation Exercises	
Course Debriefing	