

Canada's air force also has its part in convoy duty. But the greatest task of the Royal Canadian Air Force - and Canada's greatest single contribution to the common cause - is our part in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Together with the associated Royal Air Force schools, for which we have provided a home in Canada, it represents the greatest concentration of air training in the world.

In the Commonwealth Plan, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand are associated with Canada. Its purpose is the achievement of decisive supremacy in the air. The results already attained far exceed the original plans.

Thousands of graduates of the Air Training Plan are already serving with the Royal Air Force, or in our own Canadian squadrons in Britain. As the output of air crews increases, more Canadian airmen will serve with the Royal Air Force. More Canadian squadrons will also be formed. Before long the skies over Britain - and over Germany, too, will be filled with ~~our~~^{young} airmen from our land.

And here may I pause to repeat what I believe will yet prove to be one of the most remarkable prophecies in all history. The original lines were written in Latin, 200 years ago, by the author of the "Elegy written in a country

churchyard".