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important field of war activity in which Canada has already made so striking and gallant an individual contribution."

This message points out that "in the light of the success of the German air force in helping to achieve the rapid subjugation of Poland" the problem of future requirements in air strength is of vital importance. "It is now abundantly clear that an overwhelming air force will be needed in order to counter German air strength and, in combination with other military measures and economic pressure, to bring ultimate victory."

Needs were estimated at "not less than 20,000 pilots and 30,000 personnel of air crews annually" for maintenance of this greatly enlarged air force".

In training such an air force, the United Kingdom found itself greatly hampered, especially by limited space and vulnerability to air attack. An appeal was therefore made to the overseas parts of the Empire. It was felt that if fifty flying training schools (of which 25 would be for advanced training), could be