

## (C) WAR DEVELOPMENTS

### 1. (a) *New Year's Messages from His Excellency the Governor General to the Forces.*

Christmas and New Year's greetings were sent to Canada's Navy, Army, and Air Forces by the Governor General. His Excellency, in messages to the Chief of Naval Staff, Chief of the General Staff and Chief of the Air Staff, paid tribute to the officers and men now serving in Canada's War Effort.

The messages follow: —

#### TO THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF:

"I send my warmest greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy. The splendid work they have done since the outbreak of the war is one of the most impressive features of Canada's great war effort and I cannot let this season pass without an expression of my profound admiration of the efficiency with which they have carried out their onerous and responsible duties." — *Tweedsmuir*.

#### TO THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF:

"I should be grateful if you would give my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all officers and men in the Militia Service. The smoothness and efficiency with which they have taken up their wartime duties is a remarkable tribute to the qualities which have made Canadian soldiers famous throughout the world. I know that in the days that lie before them they will give an account of themselves which will be worthy of their very best traditions." — *Tweedsmuir*.

#### TO THE CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF:

"Will you please convey my warmest Christmas greetings to all ranks of the R.C.A.F. A great and responsible burden will rest on their shoulders in the future but I am glad to think that the vast organization which may well turn the scale of war in our favour will have for its basis the officers and men at present under your command. I send my best wishes to you all for the New Year." — *Tweedsmuir*.

### (b) *New Year's Message from the Prime Minister to General McNaughton and Members of the Canadian Active Service Force.*

The Prime Minister sent a New Year's message to the First Division, C.A.S.F., following receipt of advices from London of the safe arrival of the second contingent of the Division.

The first contingent of the First Division spent Christmas in England and Christmas messages were sent. The second contingent, however, was on the high seas on Christmas Day. Owing to the secrecy which safe-