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But the hardest struggles are still to come. Everywhere the enemy has been attacked on the fringes. Nowhere has the hard core of Axis strength yet been penetrated.

In all these developments, Canada has had a growing part. For our army it has been a hard period of waiting, broken only by the operation at Dieppe. During the long months, our army in Britain has never ceased to perfect its training for the hour when it will strike at the enemy. Meanwhile its transformation from a single army corps to an army of two corps has proceeded apace. The army in Canada has been strengthened and trained to meet and repel any assault on either coast in close co-operation with the navy and the air force. In addition to coastal defence, the Canadian navy has discharged a steadily growing share of convoy duty on the North Atlantic. Units of the navy helped to escort the ships which carried the allied forces to North Africa. In the war in the air, Canadian airmen have had a part over every fighting front on land and at sea around the globe. In Britain, in Africa, in Russia, in the south-west Pacific, in China, Canadian weapons and supplies have added in growing volume to the strength of the United Nations.

The achievement of the utmost balanced effort in the prosecution of the war has resulted in a steady increase in the proportion of the resources of the nation devoted to the purposes of war.