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One part of the continuing struggle in the Atlantic area, as distinct from the Pacific area, remains of very special ~~concern to Canada.~~ On earlier occasions, I have spoken of the Northern Bridge - a bridge of shipping which carries across the Atlantic the products of our farms and factories, and the trained men of the fighting services. Any bridge across the ocean is subject to attack. Outside the range of air protection from land bases for convoys of ships, the U-boat can be a terrible weapon. Throughout this present year the enemy has sent submarines into ~~what we have regarded as coastal~~ ^{Canadian} waters, and merchant ships in these waters have been attacked ^{as well as in the St. Lawrence,} and sunk. ^{through the vigilance and co-operation of the Royal} It is true that many of these marauders will ^{Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force,} never return to home bases; but the toll of merchant ships has been heavy, and the loss of ocean-going tankers has been especially severe. More anti-submarine craft and more long-distance patrol planes ^{on both sides of the Atlantic} are helping to reduce these losses, but the menace is ever-present.

The Battle of the Atlantic is still being fought with vigour and with ever device that science can perfect. The Atlantic has brought the war close to our Eastern shores, as the Pacific has to our Western coasts. But on all fronts the enemy is a continuing menace. What ten months ago many people still regarded as war in many separate parts of the world is today a war of all the continents on all the continents.