

Canada and Adjacent Territories(a) NAVY -

U-boats continued to patrol Canadian waters and sank a merchant ship bound from Halifax to St. John's, Newfoundland. Vigorous anti-submarine patrols in Canadian and Newfoundland waters would seem to have generally neutralized the U-boat menace in this area.

(b) ARMY -

The heavy anti-aircraft artillery defences at Goose Bay have been withdrawn. Coast artillery at Gaspé and Rigolet also have been withdrawn from an operational role and placed in maintenance.

For prisoner of war and escort duties, Veteran Guard units have been withdrawn from various areas, including Arvida (three platoons), Dominion Arsenal, Lindsay, (one platoon) and Hydro Electric Power installations at Niagara (three Companies). Consideration is being given to similar withdrawals from industrial installations on the west coast.

(c) AIR FORCE -

Eastern Air Command increased its activity to 646 sorties as a result of submarine activity off the Canadian east coast.

PART III - ORGANIZATION(a) NAVY -

Nil.

(b) ARMY -

Two new vehicles - Ram II, personnel carrier, and Ram II, ammunition and petrol carrier, - have been taken into use by the Canadian Army overseas.

(c) AIR FORCE -

The reductions in the Air Defence of Canada, referred to in last month's report, were carried out. Western Air Command was affected by the disbandment of three squadrons and the closing of stations at Ucluelet and Bella Bella. In Eastern Air Command, two squadrons were withdrawn.

PART IV - PERSONNEL(a) Despatched overseas -

	<u>September</u>	<u>Cumulative Total 1944</u>
Army	2,795	42,128
Air Force	449	23,901
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