

theatres of war. Canadian airmen have destroyed U-boats on the Atlantic. They have blasted Japanese strongholds, from the fog-bound Aleutians, through the islands of the South Pacific, to the jungles of Burma. The vast air strength forged in Canada has left its mark in Africa, in Sicily, in Italy, and on enemy communications and military strongholds from France to Norway. Its greatest and most devastating weight has fallen upon the industrial cities of Germany.

In fighting on land, Hong-Kong and Dieppe showed the world, what every Canadian knew in his heart, that Canadian soldiers of today have all the courage and all the spirit their fathers displayed on the fields of France and Flanders. In the years the Canadian Army overseas has helped to secure Britain against invasion, it has grown from a single army corps, which was what Canada had in the last war, to an army of two complete corps.

The strategy which assigned to the Canadian army in Britain the supreme duty of helping to defend the world's citadel of freedom against the enemy, denied to its divisions, until this fourth year of war, the opportunity to share in major operations in other theatres.

During the year now ended,