

been able to develop a tremendous assault against Japan. Recently a British Naval Force has joined the United States Fleet in the Japanese theatre.

In Canada, these plans have meant that, excepting the expeditions to Hong Kong, and the Aleutians, practically the whole of our military effort has been applied in the war in Europe. In consequence the question of our participation in the further efforts which must be made in the East has had to be left for final decision until the time approached when we would be free to turn our attention to that theatre.

The Pacific is a region of vast distances. Transportation which was a difficult problem in Europe, and a limiting factor on all our operations, will be even more difficult in that theatre. This of itself strictly limits the size of the forces which can be employed with advantage. Canada's effort to maintain her just part in the further prosecution of the war against Japan will, as measured in numbers, necessarily be very much less than has been the case in the war in Europe. These considerations are most important in respect of the contribution of the Canadian Army, but they also apply to the Canadian Navy and to the Canadian Air Force.