

River Class Frigates, forty-two revised Flower Class Corvettes and twelve Algerine Escorts ordered in 1941-42, are now in commission and all should be fully operational early in 1945.

H.M.C.S. "Skeena" which ran aground on Videy Island, Reykjavik, in October, is now considered a total loss and is to be dismantled. H.M.C.S. "Chebogue", torpedoed in October, is undergoing temporary repairs with a view to being put in reserve.

(b) ARMY -

The 1st Armoured Personnel Carrier Regiment, Canadian Armoured Corps, was formed overseas. This unit is equipped with Ram Tanks stripped of their turrets and internal fixtures and its role is to transport infantry in the battle areas.

The infantry section of the Reinforcement Units in the United Kingdom has been reorganized as an Infantry Training Brigade of four training regiments, each consisting of an infantry depot battalion and an infantry training battalion. The 13th Canadian Infantry Brigade is being used to effect this reorganization.

Equipment. Some Sherman tanks, mounting 17 pr guns, have been taken into use by the Canadian Army in Italy, to replace a proportion of Sherman tanks with 75 mm guns. 15 cwt Armoured trucks have also been taken into use by the Canadian Army Overseas in various units to replace White Scout cars and half-tracked vehicles.

(c) AIR FORCE -

No. 436 R.C.A.F. Transport Squadron was authorized to form overseas on August 20th, but the crews did not arrive until October and the squadron is not yet operational.

IV - STATISTICS

(a) CASUALTIES -

	<u>Navy</u>		<u>Army</u>		<u>Air Force</u>	
	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>
Killed	34	17	592	1632	700	362
Wounded	1	12	1788	5874	38	40
Missing	86	4	117	683	-268	23
Prisoners	-	-	8	20	78	31
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2505</b>	<b>8209</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>456</b>

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