

they may go into commission immediately on completion. Vessels are also being constructed in Canada for the British Admiralty. The Royal Canadian Navy undertakes patrol duties on our own coasts and is actively co-operating in the coastal patrol and defence of Newfoundland. One of the most important tasks is in connection with the convoy system, which is a regular and necessary part of the work of transporting military supplies, foodstuffs and commodities from this continent to British ports.

Discussions with the United Kingdom Government, which were begun either before or during my visit to England, are being continued. The closest relationship is being maintained between the two governments and between officers of the Department of National Defence here and in London, and the officers of the Admiralty and War Office. The Department of National Defence has in London a most efficient and conscientious staff of officers and men who are sparing no effort to ensure that arrangements, details, administration, movement of troops and their care are carried out expeditiously and smoothly. This staff at Canadian Military Headquarters is located in close proximity to the office of the Canadian High Commissioner, and messages travel back and forth from Ottawa to London with the greatest facility and despatch. This machinery is working smoothly even under the strain of the present trying circumstances.

In conclusion, Mr. Rogers stated — This week's shock has not been easier to bear when we recall the suffering that has been caused to millions of innocent people. When we realize the success that has attended the treachery and duplicity of the Nazi machine, no human being can stand by with indifference, nor can we realize without horror the depths to which a whole nation has descended in its brutal lust for power and destruction.

But the French army recovered after Verdun. The British army came back with renewed vigour in the summer of 1918. And tonight, with a clear picture before us, when we might be forgiven for harbouring doubt, I believe with all my mind that they will do so again. And were it possible for me to make my remarks heard by those kindly peoples across there, whose hospitality I have so recently enjoyed, I would say,

“We, in Canada, share your hatred of the destructive force that seeks to overwhelm you. We share your love of liberty and your determination to be free. We admire your steadfast courage and your devotion to ideals that are also ours. We have pledged ourselves to stand by your side and we have promised our utmost aid. We have committed ourselves to fight to the limit of our capacity and to bring that effort to bear just as swiftly as we can. Canada is with you until victory has come for the great cause we uphold together.”