

In speaking of the turning of the tide in this present month, I think it is well to recall that the enemy is still strongly entrenched and largely provisioned for a lengthy war. The war up to this point has never been a war in which the enemy can be beaten by passive defence. He cannot be starved or blockaded into submission - not, indeed, while he has so many suppliers of goods ranged on his side. He cannot be defeated by any expectation that his morale at home will crumble, or that dissension will break out in his ranks, even though the pressure upon his fortress be sustained and severe.

To sustain offensive warfare, the United Nations will have to be able to meet the enemy in any defined theatre with forces at least equal to his own. Wherever the United Nations can reach this point of balance where co-ordinated attack of all three services becomes possible, then the offensive can be maintained and pressed home.

In the consolidation of the forces of the United Nations the Canadian Army, Navy and Air Force will have an important part. Our Navy has already served with skill and great determination in many waters. Airmen of Canada have fought the enemy over many battlefronts around