

for the safety of that life-line of freedom.// The Canadian navy has not been confined to the North Atlantic. / Last November, Canadian corvettes shared in escorting the great Anglo-American armada to North Africa.// Several of our ships and their crews distinguished themselves in the Mediterranean.// For many months, Canadian ships operated in the North Pacific against the Japanese in the Aleutians.// Specially trained Canadian sailors manned many of the landing craft employed in the invasions of Sicily and the mainland of Italy.// In this war, Canada has become a naval power, now third in strength, among the United Nations.

Canada's maritime contribution is not confined to the fighting navy.// Our merchant fleet, manned by Canadian seamen, is growing in importance.// No praise is too high for the heroism and endurance of the merchant seamen. / Allied successes on every battlefield depend upon their exertions and their devotion.//

In aerial warfare, Canada's fighting strength has been directed against the enemy all around the globe.// The results of planning, organization and training on a gigantic scale have been recorded in successes in all the theatres of war.