

Casualties in the Armed Forces

Any review, however brief, of Canada's war effort demands a reference to the losses which our armed forces have sustained. The nature of the war itself has hitherto fortunately spared us from heavy casualties. Our troops, twice under orders to proceed to the front, were denied actual participation in battle, first by the withdrawal from Norway and, next, by the collapse of France.

The restriction of active warfare, since the fall of France, to Britain and the waters surrounding the British Isles, and the comparative rarity of naval engagements, have combined to restrict our losses on land and at sea. In the air, the heat and burden of battle, up to the present, have been largely borne by British pilots.

The Losses at Sea.

Our main losses have been at sea. Canada has lost three armed ships, the destroyer H.M.C.S. "Fraser", with a loss of 47 ratings; the destroyer H.M.C.S. "Margaree", with a loss of 4 officers and 136 ratings, and the armed trawler H.M.C.S. "Bras d'Or", with a loss of 5 officers and 25 ratings. In addition to these, some 24 officers and ratings have been lost in active service from various