

Ships of Canada's navy have, as you know, been engaged with your ships in the coastal waters of Britain. Other Canadian ships are taking their part in the duties of convoy on the great passage-way of the Atlantic, so vital, not only to the present of Britain, but also to the future of Canada and the United States of America.

Canadian air squadrons, too, have been taking their part in the Battle of Britain. In the Royal Canadian Air Force we have today 50,000 men. Every day that valiant brotherhood receives many new comrades in the proud partnership with Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom in the great British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, which this year will double the number of its enlistments.

In this land of great horizons, clear skies and wide spaces, over 50 training schools, 20 manning depots and 20 recruiting centres are already in full operation. From this source is flowing to Britain an ever growing stream of pilots, observers and gunners. They are already crossing in thousands and will continue to come to you in ever increasing numbers.

"England, so long the mistress of the sea,
Where winds and waves confess her sovereignty,
Her ancient triumphs yet on high shall bear,
And reign, the sovereign of the conquered air."