

Canada and Adjacent Territories

(a) NAVY -

U-boats continued to patrol Canadian waters and although our defensive measures prevented them from sinking any merchant ships, H.M.C.S. "Magog" was torpedoed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. She suffered serious damage from this attack and was taken in tow to Quebec.

(b) ARMY -

Army garrisons at Botwood and Lewisporte in Newfoundland are to be withdrawn permanently from their operational roles at freeze-up.

(c) AIR FORCE -

Two submarine attacks on shipping and five sightings were reported to Eastern Air Command. On several occasions, unfavourable weather prevented aircraft of Eastern Air Command carrying out immediate or extensive patrols.

SECTION III - ORGANIZATION

(a) NAVY - Nil

(b) ARMY -

All Canadian light anti-aircraft batteries in Northwestern Europe have been reorganized by the reduction of one troop. This reduces the number of guns per battery from 18 to 12.

In order to provide additional counter mortar facilities, the personnel of Divisional Counter Mortar Officer staffs in Northwestern Europe have been increased. A Radar Battery has also been formed for the same purpose.

All 20 mm troops of light anti-aircraft batteries in the 6th Canadian Division, West Coast Defences, have been withdrawn.

(c) AIR FORCE -

No. 437 Squadron which was organized overseas in September, was employed mainly in carrying freight to the Northwestern European front and returning with passengers and casualties.

One squadron of No. 6 (R.C.A.F.) Group, Bomber Command, converted to Canadian built Lancasters. This group now comprises 11 Halifax and 3 Lancaster Squadrons.

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