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During recent months, the war has been brought ever closer to our own shores. Japanese submarines have attacked our own western shores, though without material damage; and German U-boats have penetrated into the St. Lawrence River to prey upon merchant shipping. The counter attacks carried out by the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force have met with increasing success, and every resource of skill and training is being used to exterminate these unseen assassins of the deep.

During recent months also, fighting men of Canada, representing all services, have carried the war into the farthest parts of an embattled world. The combined reconnaissance in force undertaken at Dieppe has added that name to the imperishable list of the battle honours of Canada. The casualty lists have showed that the struggle, ere victory be achieved, may be costly and prolonged. The Royal Canadian Navy, in addition to its full share of convoy duty in the unceasing battle of the Atlantic, has had a share in action in the Aleutians in support of United States Naval Forces. Canadian corvettes, seventeen in number, made up a part of the escort of the gigantic convoy to North Africa. Canadian airmen, bomber and fighter pilots and other aircrew, have ranged far and wide in the skies of Europe, over North Africa and the Middle East, with United States forces in Alaska. They have protected the citadels of freedom while striking at