

approaching the numbers required to make two army divisions. Indirectly the navy makes additional demands on our manpower. Its growth depends upon shipbuilding and men are needed to build - and, let us not forget, to repair its ships.

The air force, too, must have its quota of men, and its demands are not so modest as those of the navy. Already enlisted in the air force are numbers equivalent to five army divisions. The manpower needs of the air force are far from being satisfied by the men actually enrolled in its ranks. The construction of training establishments and air fields, the manufacture of aircraft, of weapons and supplies all require men in considerable numbers.

The manpower requirements of the army itself are far from being satisfied by the men in uniform. The strength of a modern army depends upon mechanization and fire-power. In order to give the men in uniform the machines to equal, and, ultimately, to surpass the enemy, thousands of men must be kept in the factories.

In addition we are making machines of war for Britain as well as ourselves. The machines for Britain cannot be made without men to make them. More men are needed to produce the food on which Britain's very survival depends. Men are also engaged in transporting supplies to the seaboard, and in building merchant ships to carry the goods across the sea.

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