

In the north Atlantic, 16 trans-oceanic convoys crossed without loss. Eleven of these were entirely escorted by Canadian warships and all were escorted by Canadian warships in the western area. These included eight trade convoys that sailed from North American ports and carried three and a half million tons of cargo to the United Kingdom.

A convoy from Britain to Iceland was attacked and lost two ships near Reykjavik on the 10th. No Canadian ships were involved in this incident.

(b) ARMY -

The Canadian part of the operations to clear the Schelde Estuary was completed by November 4th, following which nearly all Canadian forces were withdrawn to rest areas.

On November 8th, 2nd Canadian Corps took over the sector around Nijmegen and for the remainder of the month, formations of the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions were engaged in patrolling the line east of the city. 4th Canadian Armoured Division remained under command of the First British Corps (of the First Canadian Army), and patrolled the Maas River north of Hertogenbosch until November 24th when it was withdrawn to army reserve.

(c) AIR FORCE -

The Canadian group in Bomber Command flew 2046 sorties and dropped 8010 tons of bombs mainly on synthetic oil plants, railways, canals and harbour installations. In addition 405 (Pathfinder) Squadron flew 125 sorties and dropped 618 tons of bombs. As a result of all these operations, 25 R.C.A.F. aircraft were lost.

The R.C.A.F. component of SHAEF (Air) composed of twenty squadrons, carried out 3857 sorties against troop concentrations, railways, mechanical transport and armoured vehicles. During these operations 14 enemy aircraft were destroyed, 2 enemy aircraft damaged, and 22 locomotives, 30 motor vehicles and 36 passenger cars destroyed and damaged against a loss of 20 R.C.A.F. aircraft. (The above figures do not include 418 Squadron for the period November 16th - 30th).

R.C.A.F. General Reconnaissance Squadrons, operating under Coastal Command, flew 227 sorties without loss. Early in the month, aircraft of 404 (Coastal Fighter) Squadron participated in an attack on five German vessels of which two were destroyed and one damaged. Later, another attack on five enemy vessels resulted in the damaging of four.

No. 437 R.C.A.F. Transport Squadron, operating under Transport Command, flew a total of 108 sorties consisting mainly of freight runs to the Continent.

Canada and Adjacent Territories

(a) NAVY -

U-Boats were present in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence throughout the month and also patrolled off Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. An unescorted merchant ship,

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