

light of these negotiations,

*which have been conducted
both in North Africa
and in London.*

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Meanwhile the battle against the Axis continues, with its main forces in Tunisia. In addition to the westward march of the British Eighth Army, the Axis forces in Tunisia are also being attacked by the British First Army, under General Anderson, with very effective support from other Allied contingents, notably

*the Fighting French. It is to this Army that Canadian officers
and now - commissioned officers of
Canada's army in Britain have been attached for first-hand battle experience.*

Pressure upon this last stronghold of the Axis in Africa will continue, ^Xfor upon the outcome of the present battles of Tunisia hangs much of the future course of the war. North Africa may well become the springboard for an offensive against the Axis elsewhere; and it should be added that in conjunction with the land operations in Tunisia and the sea battles of the central Mediterranean, the air offensive against the chief ports and industrial cities of Italy has been greatly intensified.

has continued steadily. Montgomery's progress from the East has been steady, and Anderson's forces, battling against great physical obstacles and entrenched enemy resistance, have pushed the Axis forces ever closer to the sea. Ports in Tunisia long open to the Axis are now in British hands. The supply and communications problem is still a difficult one, but it is one which the most strenuous efforts are being made to meet.

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