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JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING U-BOAT WARFARE IN
MARCH, ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF
THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER

March was an active month in the war against the U-boats, which operated in widely dispersed areas from the Barents Sea to the Indian Ocean.

The enemy has persevered vainly in strenuous endeavours to disrupt our flow of supplies to Russia by the Northern route.

Our merchant shipping losses were mainly incurred in far distant seas; though a little higher than in February they were still low and the rate of sinking U-boats was fully maintained.

The Allied merchant fleet continues to improve both in quantity and quality, but the strength of the U-boat force remains considerable, and calls for powerful efforts by surface and air forces.

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