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Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is my sincere honour to welcome everyone to the Merchant Navy Veteran's Day of Remembrance, 2020.

On this day, we honour our veterans of the Merchant Navy and remember the crucial role they played in securing victory in Europe. They faced years of relentless attacks from German U-boats trying to cut Allied supply lines. Yet, with an unwavering commitment to the war effort and to ensuring allied forces received necessary supplies, the Merchant Navy made trip after trip with the knowledge that their vessels were key targets for the enemy. We must never forget the many sacrifices they made in the name of freedom, peace, and democracy.



Right now, events such as this have never been more important, and rarely harder to plan. I would like to thank the organizers for all of their hard work in making today possible. It is vital that we continue to preserve the legacy of our veterans for our generations to come – ensuring that the bravery, achievements, and sacrifices of the Merchant Navy will never be forgotten.

Please accept my warmest welcome and best wishes for a memorable Day of Remembrance.

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