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### Even Canada Gets Them

When enemy mines are cast up on British or European coasts it is taken for granted, but here is a 500-pound Japanese mine which was found lying in a cove at Cape Cook on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Around it are four members of a mine disposal squad of the Royal Canadian Navy before it was blown up with a single .303 rifle shot at 150 yards by Petty Officer W. Easton, R.C.N., of Cobble Hill, B.C. (third from left). Others from left to right are Lieut. Fred Barber, R.C.N. (R), of Prince Rupert, B.C., who was in charge of the party; WO. B. Hiron, R.C.N., of Victoria, and AB. Gordon Mitchell, R.C.N. (R), of Calgary. The explosion of the mine was felt aboard a fishing vessel four miles away and heard aboard a naval vessel 5½ miles away.