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FIGHTING FACTS

Q- How do the present strengths of Canada's fighting forces compare with their pre-war strengths?

	Present	Pre-war
Army	400,000	4,000
Air Force	200,000	4,000
Navy	70,000	1,700

Q- What has been the growth of the Royal Canadian Navy?

A- Since the outbreak of war, when it had 15 ships, the Royal Canadian Navy has increased 30-fold in strength to more than 500 ships of all types, including destroyers, frigates, corvettes, auxiliary cruisers and minesweepers. Additional destroyer and cruiser strength will be added during this and next year, and aircraft carriers may be added.

The Canadian naval force has been designed primarily to safeguard United Nations convoy lanes stretching between Canada and the United Kingdom and beyond. Ships of the Royal Canadian Navy have been in action in many battle areas during the war - in the Caribbean, the Atlantic and North Pacific, and took part in the occupation operation of Alaska and in the landings in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Its total personnel is now more than 70,000 and 1,600 seamen are serving with the Royal Navy.

Q- Where has the Canadian Army been in action?

A- Contingents of the Canadian Army took part in the actions at Hong Kong, Dieppe, Spitzbergen, Alaska, Sicily, and more recently in the invasion of Italy.

Q- How many Canadian women are in uniform?

A- More than 35,000 Canadian women were in the fighting forces on August 31, 1943, including:

W.R.C.A.S.	3,683
C.W.A.C.	13,237
R.C.A.F. (W.D.)	13,200
Nursing Services	2,011
Female Doctors	40

Q- How large is the Royal Canadian Air Force in Britain and elsewhere?

A- There are at least 35 R.C.A.F. squadron establishments outside Canada, and this number will be increased to 38 by the end of the present year.