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FIGHTING FACTS

THE ARMED FORCES

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

A-			<u>Present</u>	<u>Pre-war</u>
	Army.....	More than	460,000	4,500
	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 36-fold in strength to more than 550 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 Kiska 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, Kiska, Sicily, and more recently in the invasion of Italy.

Q- How many Canadian women are in uniform?

A- More than 33,090 Canadian women were in the fighting forces on August 31, 1943, including:

W.R.C.N.S.....	3,683
C.W.A.C.....	13,257
R.C.A.F. (W.D.).....	13,500
Nursing Services.....	2,611
Female Doctors.....	40

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

A- There are at least 32 R.C.A.F. squadron establishments outside Canada, and this number will be increased to 38 by the end of the present year.