

Six days after war began, the first Canadian convoy numbering 18 ships, was escorted into the open Atlantic. It reached its destination safely. Canadian ships have been on constant duty as convoy escorts ever since.

Offensive
Action

Most of the ships of the R.C.N. are designed for convoy work. However, a flotilla of light Tribal class destroyers is being built and two have already been commissioned. These ships are designed for offense, and will add strength to the Canadian service, as well as augmenting the power of the Royal Navy.

Canadian destroyers aided in the evacuation of British troops from France -- the St. Laurent, the Restigouche, and Fraser. The last-named boat was lost during the evacuation of troops from Bordeaux.

Five ships of the Canadian Naval Service took part with units of the American Navy in action in the Aleutian Islands.

17 R.C.N. corvettes joined in convoying the United Nations armada in the attack on Axis-held bases in North Africa.

1,200 R.C.N. officers and ratings also manned landing barges in this action.

Canadian naval personnel in mosquito boats have had numerous successes in forays against enemy shipping.

Men with the Royal Navy

Canadians on loan to the Royal Navy have served under fire in the Mediterranean and in the Indian Ocean, north to the Arctic Circle, and south to the Equator. Canadian ships fly