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THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Strength at March 31, 1945.....	more than 95,000 more than 89,000 men nearly 6,000 women
Pre-war strength of R.C.N.....	1,774
Ships at March 31, 1945.....	939
Pre-war strength in ships.....	17

LIST OF HONORS AND AWARDS (from the commencement of hostilities up to and including March 31, 1945.)

Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath.....	4
Commander of the Order of the British Empire.....	10
Officer of the Order of the British Empire.....	56
Member of the Order of the British Empire.....	46
Distinguished Service Order.....	8
Distinguished Service Cross.....	109
Distinguished Service Medal.....	86
Associate of the Royal Red Cross.....	4
Royal Red Cross.....	1
George Medal.....	9
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.....	2
Albert Medal.....	3
British Empire Medal.....	84
Royal Humane Society Medal.....	6
Mention in Despatches (Officers).....	329
Mention in Despatches (Ratings).....	415
Kings Dirk.....	1
Commendations.....	18
Naval General Service Medal with "Bar Palestine".....	6
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Foreign Awards:

Legion of Merit (U.S.A.).....	2
Bronze Star Medal (U.S.A.).....	3
Polish Cross of Valour.....	4
Norwegian War Medal.....	2
Greek War Cross, 3rd Class.....	1
Czechoslovak Military Cross, 1939.....	3
Bronze Medal -- Order of Orange Nassau (Netherlands).....	1
Order of Patriotic War First Class, Russia.....	1
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TOTAL 1214

Functions of the service

The Royal Canadian Navy has four different parts to play in the sea warfare of the United Nations:

- 1) Protection of merchant shipping
- 2) Protection of Canadian shores