

Canada's War Effort

The Navy

The Canadian navy has three tasks. It shares with the army and the air force in guarding Canadian shores. It shares with the British and United States navies in protecting merchant shipping on the Atlantic. It co-operates with the sea forces of the United Nations. In engagements with the enemy, officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy have borne themselves gallantly. Several enemy submarines have been sunk by Canadian naval forces.

A programme of expansion of the navy has been followed continuously since the outbreak of war. Only a part of Canadian shipbuilding capacity is devoted to the needs of the Royal Canadian navy. The total shipbuilding capacity is divided between the construction of cargo ships and naval craft. A considerable number of ships of both kinds are constructed for Britain, the United States and other of our allies. At the same time, British shipyards as well as our own are building ships for the Canadian Navy. A considerable increase in the number of ships, including several destroyers, is anticipated in the present year. The enlistment and training of naval personnel is keeping pace with the increase in the number of ships.