

Canada's War Effort

Growth of the Armed Forces in 1942

A year ago, the navy comprised over 350 ships and over 27,000 men. At the beginning of the present year, there were more than 500 ships and the personnel had almost doubled, the number exceeding 52,000.

At the beginning of 1942, the active army included some 260,000 volunteers and an additional 20,000 men called up under the Mobilization Act. At the beginning of this year the number of volunteers had risen to about 360,000 and the men serving compulsorily to about 55,000. A considerable proportion of the men called up had volunteered for general service.

In the air force, the number of men rose in 1942 from about 100,000 to about 150,000.

In addition to the armed forces, about 38,000 Canadian merchant seamen are serving on vessels of Canadian or foreign registry. Some 400 men are serving in Britain in the Corps of Civilian Canadian Firefighters.