

At the outbreak of war, the Royal Canadian Navy had only 16 vessels in operation, consisting of six destroyers, five minesweepers and other small vessels:

DESTROYERS

H.M.C.S. Saguenay	East Coast
" Skeena	" "
" St. Laurent	West Coast
" Fraser	" "
" Ottawa	" "
" Restigouche	" "

MINESWEEPERS

H.M.C.S. Armentieres	West Coast
" Comox	" "
" Nootka	" "
" Gaspe	East Coast
" Fundy	" "

1 Motor Vessel (West Coast) H.M.C.S. Skidegate

1 Training Schooner (at Halifax) H.M.C.S. Venture

1 Auxiliary Ketch for training of R.C.N.V.R. (at Montreal)

H.M.C.S. Glencairn

2 Gates vessels (in reserve at Halifax) H.M.C.S. Festubert and

Ypres

The Royal Canadian Navy now operates more than 500 vessels of the following types: destroyers, corvettes, auxiliary cruisers, minesweepers, patrol vessels and small craft fitted for the many duties of modern sea warfare.

Although primarily a Navy of small ships designed for convoy protection, the R.C.N. is building up a destroyer fleet which will be no small contribution to the offensive power of the

Ships of the
R.C.N.