

The Royal Canadian Navy and its Reserve Forces are under the direction of the Director of Naval Service, who is a member of the Defence Council. The Service consists of:—

1. Headquarters at Ottawa (permanent);
2. Royal Canadian Navy (permanent);
3. Royal Canadian Naval Reserve (non-permanent);
4. Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (non-permanent).

Royal Canadian Navy.—The Royal Canadian Navy is composed of 74 officers and 439 ratings. A large majority of the men of the R.C.N. are serving under 7-years' engagements. A small proportion consist of specialist gunnery, torpedo, and engine room ratings, lent from the Royal Navy, and a small proportion are ex-Royal Navy petty officers and men serving under special service engagements of from 2 to 5 years.

A proportion of the officers of the Royal Canadian Navy serve periodically in ships of the Royal Navy, to acquire experience in capital ships, light cruisers, etc., and training courses are arranged for selected officers at the instructional schools of the Royal Navy, to qualify in war staff, gunnery, torpedo, wireless, etc., duties. Courses for selected men in the gunnery, torpedo and mechanical training schools of the Royal Navy are similarly arranged.

The ships of the Royal Canadian Navy are:—

- H.M.C.S. Aurora (light cruiser—in reserve);
- H.M.C.S. Patriot (destroyer—in commission);
- H.M.C.S. Patrician (destroyer—in commission);
- H.M.C.S. Thiepval (minesweeper—in commission);
- H.M.C.S. Armentières (minesweeper—in commission);
- H.M.C.S. Festubert (minesweeper—in commission);
- H.M.C.S. Ypres (minesweeper—in commission);
- Submarines C.H. 14 and 15 (in reserve).

Naval training establishments, comprising naval barracks, gunnery drill shed, with all modern appliances for teaching gun-laying, sight-setting, etc., and parade ground, are maintained at Halifax and Esquimalt. Naval dockyards, with workshops, etc., for refitting and supplying necessary stores to H.M.C. ships, are also maintained at Halifax and Esquimalt.

Royal Canadian Naval Reserve.—The Royal Canadian Naval Reserve consists of 70 officers and 430 men recruited from amongst sea-faring personnel. Officers have been appointed to act as registrars at Halifax, Lunenburg, Charlottetown, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Prince Rupert, Victoria and Vancouver.

Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve attend naval training at Halifax and Esquimalt for 42 days for the first year of enrolment and for 14 days annually subsequently. They are permitted to volunteer for service afloat up to a maximum of 6 months during each period of enrolment. The period of enrolment in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve is 5 years.

Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.—The Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve consists of 70 officers and 930 men, organized as a division and distributed as follows:—Halifax (half company); St. John (company); Charlottetown (half company); Quebec (half company); Montreal (English half company and French half company); Ottawa (half company); Toronto (half company); Hamilton (half company); Winnipeg (company); Saskatoon (half company); Regina (half company); Edmonton (half company); Calgary (half company); Vancouver (half company); Prince Rupert (half company).