

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. Charnplain (destroyer—in commission);
 H.M.C.S. Vancouver (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).

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

Royal Canadian Naval Reserve.—The establishment of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve is 70 officers and 430 men recruited from amongst sea-faring personnel. Officers have been appointed to act as registrars at Halifax, Charlottetown, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, 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 thereafter. 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 establishment of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve is 70 officers and 930 men, distributed as follows:—Halifax (half company); Saint John (half company); Charlottetown (half company); Quebec (half company); Montreal (company); Ottawa (half company); Toronto (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).

Each company or half company is under the immediate command of an officer of the R.C.N.V.R., appointed as company commanding officer. The company commanding officer is assisted by other commissioned officers of the force.

A petty officer instructor (a highly qualified ex-petty officer of the Royal Navy or of the Royal Canadian Navy) is employed at each company headquarters to give instruction to men of the company in gunnery, seamanship and other naval subjects.

Each officer and man of the R.C.N.V.R. performs annually a minimum of 30 drills of not less than one hour's duration at company headquarters. In actual practice 40 to 50 drills have been performed annually by each member of the company. Officers and men also attend from 2 to 3 weeks' naval training annually at the naval bases at Halifax or Esquimalt.

Officers and men who can obtain the necessary leave of absence are permitted to perform a maximum of 4 months' voluntary service during each period of enrolment, and a large number have availed themselves of this opportunity of gaining extended naval experience under sea-going conditions. The period of enrolment in the R.C.N.V.R. is 3 years.