

**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 two to three 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 four 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 three years.

### Subsection 3.—Air Services.

Under the Act creating the Department of National Defence, the powers, duties and functions vested in the Air Board by the Air Board Act of 1919 are now administered under the direction of the Minister of National Defence.

The Air Services have three functions:—

- (1) The air defence of the country.
- (2) The conduct of flying operations for the Civil Services of the Government.
- (3) The control of civil aviation.

On July 1, 1927, the Air Services, which up to that date had been administered by the Director, Royal Canadian Air Force, under the Chief of Staff, were reorganized and divided into two divisions, as follows:—

#### (a) Military.

**Royal Canadian Air Force.**—The Royal Canadian Air Force, under the Chief of the General Staff, administers and controls all military air operations. The functions of the Royal Canadian Air Force are as follows:—

- (a) To provide adequate training facilities for all Government Air Services.
- (b) To provide a nucleus air force around which service units can be formed in the event of war.
- (c) To build up a reserve of pilots and mechanics.

The principal station of the Royal Canadian Air Force is at Camp Borden, Ontario, with other units at Vancouver and Ottawa.