

Five frigates and nine 'Algerine' type minesweepers also are maintained, as well as auxiliary vessels and 'Fairmile' motor launches. The following ships are currently in commission or are being retained in reserve:—

Light Fleet Aircraft Carrier —	Algerine Type Minesweepers—
H.M.C.S. <i>Magnificent</i>	H.M.C.S. <i>New Liskeard</i>
Cruisers—	H.M.C.S. <i>Portage</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Ontario</i>	H.M.C.S. <i>Wallaceburg</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Uganda</i>	H.M.C.S. <i>Fort Francis</i>
Tribal Class Destroyers—	H.M.C.S. <i>Kapuskasing</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Iroquois</i>	H.M.C.S. <i>Rockcliffe</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Huron</i>	H.M.C.S. <i>Oshawa</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Haida</i>	H.M.C.S. <i>Sault Ste. Marie</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Micmac</i>	H.M.C.S. <i>Winnipeg</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Nootka</i>	
H.M.C.S. <i>Cayuga</i>	Auxiliary Vessels—
H.M.C.S. <i>Athabaskan</i>	H.M.C.S. <i>Lloyd George</i>
Fleet "V" Class Destroyers—	H.M.C.S. <i>Revelstoke</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Sioux</i>	H.M.C.S. <i>Cedarwood</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Algonquin</i>	H.M.C.S. <i>Llewellyn</i>
Crescent Class Destroyers—	Motor Launches—
H.M.C.S. <i>Crescent</i>	H.M.C. <i>PTC 716</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Crusader</i>	H.M.C. <i>PTC 721</i>
Frigates—	H.M.C. <i>PTC 706</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Antigonish</i>	H.M.C. <i>PTC 724</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Swansea</i>	H.M.C. <i>PTC 711</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>La Hullose</i>	H.M.C. <i>PTC 762</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>Beacon Hill</i>	H.M.C. <i>PTC 779</i>
H.M.C.S. <i>New Waterford</i>	

The aircraft carrier, H.M.C.S. *Magnificent*, is of the 'Colossus' class, with a flight deck 700 feet long and a speed of 25 knots. Though Belfast-built, she has a number of Canadian innovations including a system of cafeteria messing for feeding her crew of more than 1,000. Sea Fury single-seater fighters and Firefly and Avenger anti-submarine aircraft make up her air component. The Sea Furies are among the fastest propeller-driven aircraft in the world, while the Fireflies and Avengers are specially equipped for anti-submarine duties.

H.M.C.S. *Shearwater*, commissioned in December, 1948, at Dartmouth, N.S., is the shore base for the 18th and 19th Carrier Air Groups, the Training Air Group, Fleet Requirement Unit and schools for air branch personnel. Formerly administered by the Royal Canadian Air Force, *Shearwater* was turned over to the Royal Canadian Navy just prior to commissioning.

The two cruisers are 500 feet long, mount nine six-inch guns and heavy anti-aircraft armament. They carry crews of nearly 800 each and have a speed of more than 30 knots. H.M.C.S. *Ontario*, completed in 1945, has since been completely refitted and is one of the best-equipped ships of her class.

The 'Tribals' are of about 2,000 tons, and are the most heavily-armed vessels of their type. Three of them, British-built, saw much action in the closing years of the Second World War. These are, in order of completion, H.M.C.S. *Iroquois*, H.M.C.S. *Huron* and H.M.C.S. *Haida*. The remaining four are products of Canadian shipyards and are the first turbine warships built in Canada.

H.M.C.S. *Crescent* and H.M.C.S. *Crusader* are smaller destroyers than the 'Tribals', displacing 1,700 tons. H.M.C.S. *Algonquin* and H.M.C.S. *Sioux* are Canadian Fleet 'V' class destroyers. They displace 1,700 tons and, while