

BRITAIN'S NAVAL STRENGTH

Fleet Of Modern Carriers Is Backbone Of New Navy

By TREVOR BLORE

PORTSMOUTH, Eng. (Reuters) — Although it now ranks well below the United States and Russian navies in number of ships and personnel, the Royal Navy today still would be a powerful factor in modern sea warfare.

Britain has the modern fleet of aircraft carriers in commission. There are seven of them, with the Eagle and Ark Royal, both of the nearly 37,000 tons, the pride of the fleet.

The United States recently brought the 70,000-ton Forrestal commission, and other large American carriers are to follow, but for the moment Britain is supreme with its operational fleet of post-war carriers.

This summer has also seen some notable additions to British naval strength in the frigate category.

In July, two more ships of the Blackwood class of frigates, the Kerguel and the Pellow, were provisionally accepted from the builders, and the name-ships of another new class of frigate, the Whitby, joined the first of her class, the Torquay, at sea.

THE ATOMIC AGE

The Hardy, commissioned last December, was the first frigate specially designed and built, instead of adapted from an existing

hull, to meet the special conditions of the atomic age as submarine killer.

These prefabricated and all-welded frigates are fitted with the latest electronic equipment for locating a and destroying submarines.

It also has a hull form enabling it to maintain high speed in heavy seas, and is streamlined in such a way as to resist atomic bomb concussion and to wash away deadly atomic contamination.

The captain of such a ship controls his vessel from a specially-protected command position when in action, and sits surrounded by a great array of electronic devices which give him a picture of the ocean around him and of air, surface or underwater enemies.

These ships are about 300 feet long and have a peacetime complement of seven officers and 104 men.

ELECTRONIC MARVEL

The larger Whitby class, about 370 feet long and with nine officers and 180 men, are also an electronic marvel and have the heaviest armament of twin 4.5-inch guns and torpedo tubes.

Officers serving on these frigates believe that once they "lock onto" a submarine, it has little chance of escape.

Two other ultra-modern type of frigates now coming forward are the so-called Cat class, with names such as Leopard and Lynx, and the Cathedrals, named after such English cathedral towns as Salisbury.

The first of these types is designed as an anti-aircraft ship, with a hull resembling the Whitby class but a little shorter, and a silhouette showing the naval architect's present ideas, with a minimum of bridgework, no funnels and short masts with an impressive array of radar aerials.

The Cathedrals are equipped to work as aircraft direction ships, controlling the operation of planes in conjunction with ships.

CANADIAN BUILT

Another naval milestone this summer has been the commissioning of the Girdle Ness, a former landing craft maintenance ship built in Canada, as the Royal Navy's first guided-weapons trial ship.

She has gone to sea with a score or more of civilian experts of the Royal Navy scientific service and the ministry of supply to conduct the first British sea-borne tests of guided missiles.

A recent authoritative but unofficial assessment of the strength of the Royal Navy, based on the navy estimates and explanatory statement for the fiscal year 1956-57, gave the following picture:

Ships in commission and actually operational: Seven modern aircraft carriers, 10 cruisers, two fast minelayers, eight Daring class super-destroyers, 24 ordinary destroyers, more than 50 frigates, 44 submarines, 65 minesweepers, 29 coastal craft, eight large landing ships, seven survey ships and 41 fleet support vessels.

In addition, most of the following ships in reserve or undergoing extended refit, modernization or conversion could be brought forward fairly quickly in an emergency: Five fast battleships, seven aircraft carriers, 12 cruisers, 44 destroyers, 110 frigates, 15 submarines, 189 minesweepers, 41 coastal craft, 54 large landing ships, 74 fleet support vessels, one fast minelayer and one surveying ship.

Eyewitness Tells Grim Story Of Soldiers Trapped In Fire

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters) — A grim tale of suffering was unfolded here Tuesday by an eyewitness to a raging forest fire which swept northeast Cyprus last June and burned to death 21 British soldiers.

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The amount for new works was \$5,839,548. The department announced Monday. Of the remainder \$537,468 went for repair and maintenance of existing structures and \$746,177 was for dredging contracts.

New projects:

Newfoundland — Westville, completed, Cyrville Babb, Harbor structure of wharf extension and Grace, Nfld., \$121,465.

Prince Edward Island — Point Prim, construction of breakwater and wharf extension, J. W. and J. Anderson Limited, Burnt Church, N.B. \$90,398; Prince Edward Island National Park, bridge construction—Gulf Shore Road, R. A. Blyth, Toronto, \$253,076.

Quebec — Montreal, installation new road centre, customs examination warehouse, B. B. Electric Company, Limited, Montreal, \$50,000; Port Alfred, Que., construction of federal building, La Die

Entrepreneur en Construction Lee, Chicoutimi, Que., \$294,500; Vercheres, Que., construction of river bank protection, Gaston Dalpe, Vercheres, Que., \$61,200.

Contracts for repair and maintenance projects:

Nova Scotia—Little River, N.S., breakwater reconstruction, L. C. and M. H. Smith Limited, Port Hood Island, N.S., \$93,706.

Dredging contracts:

Newfoundland — Nova Scotia New Brunswick — Englee, Nfld., Cameron Contracting Limited, Halifax, \$69,000; Brooklyn, N.S., J. P. Porter Company, Montreal, \$233,356; Dingwall, N.S., J. P. Porter Company, Montreal, \$76,800; L'Archevesque, N.S., Maritime Dredging Limited, Charlottetown, \$34,496; Brantville, N.B., Denis Leblanc, Buctouche, N.B., \$33,600; Chockfish, N.B., Roger Leblanc, Buctouche, N.B., \$12,350.

Quebec — Riviere au Renard, Que., Captain I. Verreault, Le Machine, Que., \$4,350; Riviere Ouelle, Que., J. P. Porter Company, Montreal, \$66,839.

Young testified Tuesday the fire broke out June 16. He said he reached the spot the following day. Suddenly, about noon, as fresh troops came in to relieve the others, a sudden gust of wind blew the fire toward them.

"I watched from the opposite hill as the flames ran up like a champion sprinter," he testified. "The flames approached the hill-top, where several military vehicles were travelling on a narrow road."

"The leading vehicle tried to turn back but was immobilized as

Gov.-Gen.'s Niece To Appear On Broadway

LONDON (CP) — Anna Massey, 18-year-old actress niece of Canada's Governor-General Massey, is going to appear in the Broadway production of the London hit play, The Reluctant Debutante.

Miss Massey will take the part of the daughter and her real-life mother, Adrienne Allen, who is her stage mother in the drama by British playwright William Douglas Home, brother of the Earl of Home, secretary of state for Commonwealth relations.

The saucer-eyed Miss Massey, who leaped to stardom overnight at the age of 17, says she is "terribly excited" at the prospect of playing in New York.

Miss Massey is the daughter of actor Raymond Massey, brother of the governor-general.

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RURAL YOUTH FAIR

Provincial Harvest Exhibition

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- 1/2 ton Mixed Fertilizer to winner of Seed Potato Championship, donated by Island Fertilizer Company.
- 1/2 ton Shur-Gain 6-12.12-IM Fertilizer to winner of Table Stock Potato Championship.
- 1 year's subscription to "The Charlottetown Patriot" to Provincial Oats Champion, donated by Patriot Publishing Company.
- \$10.00 to Commercial Swede Champion, donated by Producers' Co-operative Association Ltd.
- Special Class sponsored by P.E.I. Dairymen's Association—Section 1—1 bale of hay suitable for dairy cattle feed to be judged on basis of colour, odour, composition and texture.

Prizes — \$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
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Section 2—1 glass quart sealer of grass or clover ensilage to be judged on basis of odour, colour and texture.

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What about the cost of living better, electrically? For new homes, many comforts and conveniences, such as adequate wiring, planned lighting, automatic heating and air conditioning can be covered by the mortgage. Your dealer offers all electrical appliances on convenient budget terms. Plan now to give your family all the advantages and comforts of living better, electrically.

General Electric appliances help you live better, electrically... save time, make work easier, provide entertainment, and add to the health and comfort of the family. Development is continually carried on to provide new and better lamp bulbs of every kind... to improve wiring systems, wiring devices, and other electrical equipment. As you acquire these new and finer electrical products you'll find that they make your home a more pleasant place to live in... that you are truly "living better," electrically.

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