

MILITARY PUBLICATIONS

The Royal Canadian Navy

1. The Navy existed as a separate service from 4 May 1910, when it was established by act of parliament, to 1 Feb 1968, when, by another act, it was absorbed into The Canadian Armed Forces.
2. It was governed successively by the following acts:
 - a. The Naval Service Act, 1910, and the British Naval Discipline Act,
 - b. The Naval Service Act, 1944, and
 - c. The National Defence Act, 1950.
3. Under the authority of these acts respectively, regulations were issued as follows:
 - a. The King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions. . . (KR&AI) in successive editions 1906-1943, supplemented by Canadian Naval Regulations (CNR),
 - b. The King's Regulations and Orders for. . . the Royal Canadian Navy (KRCN) which replaced both KR&AI and CNR in 1945, and
 - c. The King's (later Queen's) Regulations and Orders for. . . the Royal Canadian Navy, which reconciled naval with military and air regulations after 1950.
4. These were further supplemented by administrative orders:
 - a. Naval Orders (sometimes bearing the title Naval Weekly, or Monthly, Orders, according to the frequency of issue); from 1910-1932 these were numbered in annual series, 1933-1945 in a single series;
 - b. General Orders, 1946-1950 issued in a looseleaf edition numbered topically in accordance with the chapters of KRCN;
 - c. Naval General Orders, 1951-1965, similar to General Orders; in 1965, 24 chapters of the superseded KRCN not to be included in the new KR&O, were reissued as Supplementary NGO's, but since then all have been superseded by CFAO's and other publications with one exception whose replacement is being drafted.
5. Admiralty Fleet Orders (AFO) and their CONFIDENTIAL counterpart, CAFO, also applied to the RCN to some degree, especially in technical matters, and Naval Orders regularly drew attention to specific AFO's that did.

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6. Most British naval publications were issued in numbered series, each with a two-letter group prefixed to the number:

None CB: Confidential Books, classified CONFIDENTIAL or above;

no SP: Signal Publications, most of which were classified;

OU: For Official Use Only -- this series fell out of use during the Second World War and was replaced by BR's classified RESTRICTED;

BR: Book of Reference, unclassified or RESTRICTED.

7. The corresponding Canadian Series were CBCN or CB Can and BRCN.

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