

5. Stores

The equipment purchased by Naval Stores amounted, this week, to \$72,859.25.

6. General

- (a) In the Foreign Intelligence Section at Naval Service Headquarters, 295 sheets of intercepts were sent to the Admiralty.
- (b) The delivery of 200 Smith & Wesson machine guns, recently ordered, has been delayed due to faulty bolts, but 50 Thompson machine guns with 6 drum magazines and 5,000 rounds of ammunition are being supplied pending the eventual receipt of the original order.
- (c) The Master of a British ship reports sighting, on August 18th, an Armed Merchant Cruiser 100 miles south of San Diego proceeding north at a speed of 14 knots. The Armed Merchant Cruiser had three guns, one on a raised platform on forecastle head, one on a raised platform on the poop, and one on the boat deck abaft the funnel.
- (d) Two British merchant vessels, one at Baltimore and the other at Norfolk, have reported cases of typhoid. Both vessels loaded drinking water at Norfolk which has been reported as of very poor quality.
- (e) The monthly report of the Staff W/T Officer shows there was a decrease of about 17% in the number of messages handled by the Ottawa Naval W/T Station during August as compared with the previous month. Conditions were normal and no unexpected difficulties were encountered.

W/T TRAFFIC FOR AUGUST 1940

OUT Messages 2,803

IN Messages 2,129

Total ... 4,932

Number of "groups" 236,467

- (f) A Manning Conference was held on Friday, 30th August, with Officers present from R.C.N. Barracks at Halifax and Esquimalt. A number of urgent problems were discussed and great benefit was derived from this meeting. In view of the successful outcome, it is the intention to repeat this procedure at a later date.
- (g) The main points discussed dealt with manning of new and unexpected commitments, recruiting up to the end of the fiscal year and tentative plans for increase in personnel for the next fiscal year. The most important problem, at the present time, is the question of accommodation and instructors available on both coasts.