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9. Naval Distributing Authority

The Naval Distributing Authority and his staff of 260 continued to discharge their duties under the administration of D.N.I.

A total of 1,158,403 publications weighing 251 tons were issued for Naval purposes during the quarter, 25,010 corrections being inserted during the same period.

10. Naval Information

The Directorate of Naval Information, under Mr. H.C. Howard, Director has expanded in the scope of its operations during the past quarter.

Members of its staff are stationed in every theatre of war in which the Royal Canadian Navy is engaged and the Directorate covers the Navy's activities in daily press releases, by photographs and over national radio networks, in addition to carrying on press liaison work in England, Newfoundland and Canada.

The staff at present, exclusive of the Director and stenographic and clerical employees numbers 38.

Headquarters of the Directorate is in the Laurentian Building, 80 Elgin Street, Ottawa.

11. In full co-operation with the R.N. and U.S.N., the O.I.C. collects, interprets and promulgates all intelligence of immediate operational significance regarding the disposition and movements of enemy and potential enemy Naval forces and shipping. Its activities are sub-divided under three general headings: German, Japanese and Neutral.

12. German:

- a) D/F warnings to convoys
- b) Daily U-boat estimates
- c) Advisor to escort groups (through S.O.'s(Y) Halifax and St. John's) on U-boat W/T procedure and frequency schedules and changes.
- d) Analysis of HF/DF reports from escorts.
- e) Adviser to D.O.D. and Atlantic Commands on planning of A/S operations.
- f) Adviser to D.T.D. and A.C.H.Q. on routing of merchant ships and convoys.
- g) Daily signals to A.C.H.Q. and F.O.N.F. for planning of Air operations.
- h) Assessment of reported contacts with enemy units in Canadian area (Sightings and Attack Summary).
- i) Study of U-boat communications and promulgation of O/W.T.(Y) Summary to other allied centres.