

6. General.

- (a) Increased activity of German vessels in neutral ports is reported. The tanker "GEDANIA" sailed from Las Palmas to arrive St. Nazaire October 31st. S.S. "HELGOLAND" sailed Baranquilla October 28th for Cartagena.
- (b) German S.S. "KULMERLAND" at Kobe has been transferred to Japanese registry and renamed "TEIYO MARU". The "BURGENLAND" also tied up in Kobe is to be similarly transferred.
- (c) H.M.C.S. "BRAS D'OR" was reported as missing on October 25th, 1940. She sailed from Clark City, P.Q., October 18th, shadowing the Rumanian Ship S.S. "ING. N. VLASSOPOL", bound for Sydney, C.B. She was last sighted by "VLASSOPOL" at 0350 October 19th off Anticosti Island in the Gaspé passage. A search by air and sea has failed to reveal any trace of her and it is presumed she is lost. A Board of Inquiry will sit in Quebec on November 1st, 1940, to inquire into the circumstances. Captain C.R.H. Taylor, R.C.N., will be President of the Board. Meanwhile, H.M.C.S. "VISON" is continuing the search.
- (d) H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" was sunk in collision with S.S. "PORT FAIRY" in the North Atlantic on October 22nd, 1940. This information was released to the press on Monday, October 28th.
- (e) It is proposed to withdraw the St. Lawrence River patrol on November 7th, with the exception of H.M.C.S. "AMBLER" which will remain till shortly before the close of navigation, usually around November 30th.
- (f) There were two launchings last week:
 - (a) H.M.C.S. "SHERBROOKE", a corvette, at Marine Industries Ltd., Sorel, P.Q., on Friday, October 25th, 1940.
 - (b) H.M.C.S. "NANAIMO", a corvette, at Yarrows, Ltd., Esquimalt, B.C., on Wednesday, October 30th, 1940.

Chiefs of Staff Committee,

2nd November 1940.