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In my judgment this whole problem has to be looked upon from the viewpoint that Halifax is not only a national port, but due to war conditions, is very much a national city and certainly the existing unsatisfactory conditions in which public and private facilities are in general, is almost entirely attributable to the war effort.

SERVICES - NAVY. A survey of Navy personal has been undertaken by Commodore Beach and give below the results of this survey:

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| (a) Number of personnel living in service accommodations as of October 22, 1943..... | 3953 |
| (b) Number that will be accommodated when all accommodation which has been projected and approved has been completed.....
(Figures include three standard blocks, work on which has not yet been commenced) | 5010 |
| (c) Number of (a) who have dependents living in Halifax | 150 |
| (d) Number receiving lodging and provision allowances as of October 22, 1943.....
(4385 married, 3103 single) | 7488 |
| (e) Number of (d) who are likely to remain in Halifax for more than one year..... | 2931 |
| (f) Number of (d) living in hostels..... | 339 |
| (g) Number of (f) who are non-transients as defined as a rating who, from the nature of his duties, is likely to be in Halifax for more than three days.. | 339 |
| (h) Number of (d) who have dependents living in Halifax | 2142 |
| (i) Number of total personal in Halifax the presence of whose dependents in that city is considered essential for compassionate or other reasons and had established residence prior to outbreak of hostilities. | 1748 |
| (j) Number of Personnel in Halifax who have not already brought their dependents to Halifax and who contemplate doing so | 1018 |

The above figures do not include seagoing personnel or their dependents nor have figures been included for members of W.R.C.N.S., as both officers and ratings are living in service accommodations.

When the work at Deep Brook Training Centre was commenced shortly after I came to Halifax in 1942, it was anticipated by the Naval authorities at that time that this would enable them to move approximately six thousand men out of Halifax. My information is that the present strength at Deep Brook is six thousand three hundred, but the difficulty is that for every Naval Service man moved out of Halifax, another one has been moved in. Everyone appreciates the services being rendered by the Canadian Navy, but nevertheless the fact remains that the Naval officials have not been able to provide adequately for the housing of their officers and ratings.

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