

(ii) On the 2nd September a convoy under the ocean escort of H.M.S. "DUNDEE" left Sydney. The 47 ships consisted of 23 British, 18 Norwegian, 4 Greek, 1 Dutch and 1 Finnish, all of which were bound for the United Kingdom. 2.9.40

(iii) A convoy left Bermuda on the 4th and Halifax and Sydney on the 5th, complete details of which will be included in next week's report. 4.9.40

(iv) There were 4 independent trans-ocean sailings during the week, all from the Atlantic Coast.

4. Works

(a) A total of 119 ships (a record number to date) were inspected at D.E.M.S. ports throughout Canada during the week. These inspections were carried out at the following ports: 37 at Halifax, 30 at Sydney, 22 at Montreal, 13 at Esquimalt, 9 at Saint John, 7 at Quebec and 1 at Sorel.

(b) 15 Scandinavian vessels, in addition to the 7 ships reported last week, have been equipped with semi-automatic H/A equipment.

(c) One hundred and fifteen vessels were inspected for defects in their degaussing gear during the week, 111 of which were found to be satisfactory, 3 unsatisfactory and repairs carried out to 1.

(d) The installation of degaussing equipment was completed to 13 ships in Canada during the week.

(e) The United States reported the degaussing of 3 vessels. Repairs were effected to 5 ships and 1 was entirely refitted. Eight are now in hand for the installation of degaussing gear and 2 for repairs to their present equipment.

(f) Three important ship construction contracts were let during the week.

- (1) To the Davie Shipbuilding Company, Lauzon, P.Q. for the construction of 6 153-ft. Diesel mine-sweepers.
- (2) To Marine Industries, Ltd., Sorel, P.Q., for the construction of 4 153-ft. Diesel minesweepers.
- (3) To the Canadian Power Boat Company for the construction of 12 70-ft. motor torpedo boats.

Work on these projects has not yet begun.

(g) Plans for the construction of No. 2 Wharf at Halifax have been received and are under consideration. The estimated cost of the project is \$116,000.

(h) Plans are being prepared for the construction of a Control Building at Sleepy Cove, Halifax, the project to cost an estimated \$35,000.

(i) The following construction projects at Halifax are under consideration:

- (1) Gunnery School; plans are being prepared by Dock-yard Officers.