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Corvettes - Revised Flower Class (10)

at Quebec	October 14
at Kingston	October 20
at Collingwood	October 25
in the U.K.	November 10
at Midland	November 15
at Collingwood	November 17
in the U.K.	December 1
at Kingston	December 1
at Quebec	December 12
at Quebec	December 22

Algerine Escorts

(S) at Port Arthur

at Port Arthur	October 22
at Port Arthur	November 18

H.M.C.S. 112, 113, 114, 115, 117, 118 and 119 were also commissioned during this quarter.

7. Total Number of R.C.N. Ships in Commission

The following table shows the number of R.C.N. Ships in commission on the 31st December, 1943, compared with the number in commission on the 30th of September, 1943, and on the 31st of December, 1942, and the increase in the last quarter.

	31/12/42	30/9/43	31/12/43	Increase
Auxiliary Cruisers	3	-	-	-
Landing Ships (L)	-	-	1	+1
Aux. A/A Ships	-	1	1	-
Destroyers	13	18	19	+1
Frigates	-	4	16	+12
Corvettes	76	74	84	+10
Algerines	-	3	5	+2
Minesweepers	62	64	63	-1
Motor Launches	51	62	68	+6
Base Supply Ships	2	2	2	-
TOTAL SHIPS	207	228	257	+29
Patrol Craft & Auxiliary Vessels	320	410	450	+40
TOTAL	527	638	707	+69

8. The general war outlook and the war at sea in particular have inclined so far in favour of the United Nations in the past year that it was decided on December 8th to cancel orders for 41 Frigates (including 29 Revised Frigates) and 11 Revised Corvettes which were to have been built in Canada for the R.C.N. This decision followed similar ones made in the U.S.A., cancelling orders for some hundreds of escort vessels, and in the U.K. where orders for escort vessels to be built both there and in Canada for Admiralty account were cancelled. None of the ships had been laid down, and little delay will be involved if it is decided, as a result of events within the next three or four months, to build the ships after all.