

- trained Sub Lieutenants could be accepted but further reductions must be avoided. It is hoped that a method of decreasing is still one of major concern.
21. Specialist Courses for Executive Officers and Disciplinary courses for Technical Officers at regular intervals were continued throughout the quarter. While the numbers which will be reported for the Post War Navy are not known, the present manning of new construction ships was stepped up early in the quarter as a result of increased efforts to get the ships down the river before freeze up. The conditions of transfer to the drawn up and approved, in order that early consideration be given to the M.G.B. flotilla and the M.T.B. flotilla were selected and sent to the United Kingdom during this quarter. These Officers were taken from the M.L. service, with experienced Canadian Commanding Officers serving on loan to the Royal Navy being withdrawn to man the Canadian boats.
22. The Officers for the first two M.C.I. (L) flotillas were also sent to the United Kingdom during this quarter with the 3rd flotilla Officers sent to the C.O.S. (N) Courtney for a short period of training.
23. The 10th Accountant Officers' course completed in H.M.C.S. "CORNWALLIS" on the 4th November 1943. With one exception this class was entered from shore and proved to be an exceptionally satisfactory group of Probationary Officers.
24. The 11th Accountant Officers' course commenced in H.M.C.S. "CORNWALLIS" on the 8th December 1943 and will complete on the 16th February, 1944. This class consists of 53 members of whom 27 were male ratings promoted from the lower deck and six Wrens consisting of 2 serving officers and 4 Wren ratings promoted.
25. The use of C.N. forms for candidates for commissioned rank has been the basis for selection of the 11th and 12th Accountant Officers' courses. Careful analysis of these candidates has revealed a lowering of the standard of officer material from the lower deck. Should this downward trend continue, it will be necessary to give serious consideration to entering some Accountant Officers direct from shore.
26. The appointments of Accountant Officers to destroyers is continuing very satisfactorily and within the next two months it is anticipated that all destroyers will carry an Accountant Officer and others are expected to shortly become available for appointments to frigates. Appointments to sea continue on a merit basis. During December eight Accountant Officers were sent by various routes to the United Kingdom for subsequent appointment to the first R.C.N. Cruisers. The Accountant Officer staff of H.M.S. "NABOB" is exclusively R.C.N. Accountant Officers and the Accountant Officer staff of the 2nd C.V.E. has