

Likewise maintains records of all hospital ships.

A quantity of Naval Intelligence on the basis of interrogation of crews of neutral ships has been produced.

Periodic reports on the composition and disposition of Allied Navies and daily chart on enemy submarined positions for the J.I.C. are prepared.

4. N.I.D. (3)

N.I.D. (3) can record a steady three months' work on the collection and collation of material for use in the interrogation of German Naval P/W's, but at the moment its Italian and Japanese sections are inactive. The Japanese records are being kept partly by N.I.D. (2) and partly by N.I.D. (3).

As regards the Axis portions of the Italian Navy, N.I.D. (2) are recording their movements.

On two occasions (22nd October and 5th November) officers of N.I.D. (3) proceeded by air to St. John's, Nfld., to meet survivors from a sunken German U-boat. P/W's were not landed, but their effects (which included diaries and other documents) were secured and they were accompanied by the N.I.D. (3) officers to Boston on a destroyer and by air and there handed over to U.S.N.I.H. The subsequent detailed interrogations which produced much useful N.I. material and confirmed preliminary findings again established the effectiveness of the escorting methods developed by the section. On this occasion too the captured documents were ample and helpful.

The main activity of the section continues to be the distillation of Naval Intelligence from the mails and a busy quarter's work can be recorded in the Naval Section of the Postal Censorship, where the Naval Tables examined some 72,781 letters and some 24,294 submission slips were issued. Of these letters the bulk were for the Admiralty and for Navy Department, Washington, with a smaller number for N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. The further check of German officers' mail, conducted at the Postal Censorship by N.I.D. (3) personnel (W.R.I.C.N.S.) since the end of August, was continued and during the quarter 8,104 pieces of mail were examined. The Wrens also continued work on the production of biography cards of serving German Naval Officers, to be used as reference material by the Censorship's Naval Examiners and up to the end of the quarter 220 officers have been carded.

Since the 1st September all book parcels from Germany for certain classes of captured German Naval Officers have undergone special examination in N.I.D. (3) and during the quarter under review 372 such parcels were scrutinized containing many hundreds of books. On occasion, recourse was had to the R.C.M.P. (C.I.B.) Laboratory at