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Twelve censorship stations are now in operation, the three new ones opened since the last report being Prince Rupert, St. Hyacinthe and Montreal. In the Montreal office a Sub Lieutenant W.R.O.N.S. is responsible, under the direction of N.C.S.O. of Montreal, for the running of Post Office Box 9000. This Post Office box was established with the co-operation of the Department of Transport, Merchant Seamen's Branch, the British Ministry of War Transport and the Post Office Department, in order to expedite the delivery of mail from Canada to Merchant Seamen wherever they may be. In addition this address has proved most satisfactory from a security point of view.

At the present time approximately 500,000 letters per month are handled by the various censorship stations. A life jacket of German origin was also received during the war, but further investigation proved it to be a hoax.

7. The campaign by press and radio for photographs for the Naval Photographic Library was begun on 9th July. Since that date until the middle of August, contributions came in steadily and some 2400 photographs were selected for reproduction, 1236 of which have been forwarded to Admiralty.

The results of the campaign were of particular interest to the R.C.A.F. and it was arranged that the photographs, as chosen by P/O Losée from the incoming material, should be copied for despatch to the Air Ministry. The photographs were primarily of air fields, factories, bridges, etc., and 270 of these views have been passed to the R.C.A.F. Many more have been studied but retained by the Library.

The map division of the Photographic Library has grown correspondingly. There are now approximately 950 maps on file, a large percentage covering Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. There are also several town plans and harbour charts and these, together with the maps, have been increasingly in demand by the Intelligence sections.

Naval Information

8. The Directorate of Naval Information, under Mr. H.C. Howard, Director, has expanded both in staff and in the scope of its operations during the past quarter.

Members of its staff are stationed in every theatre of war in which the Royal Canadian Navy is engaged and the Directorate covers the Navy's activities in daily press releases, by photographs and over national radio networks, in addition to carrying on press liaison work in England, Newfoundland and Canada.

The staff at present, exclusive of the Director and stenographic and clerical employees, numbers 38. One officer was taken prisoner in the Mediterranean and the rest of the staff is disposed as follows: