

(b) Convoys

- (1) On the 15th of August the first Slow Convoy, S.C. 1 made up of 40 vessels, mention of which was made in last week's report, left Sydney, N.S., under the ocean escort of H.M.S. "PENZANCE". The 40 ships consisted of 22 British, 6 Norwegian, 5 Greek, 3 Swedish, 2 Dutch, 1 Esthonian and 1 Finnish, all of which were bound for the United Kingdom. 15.8.40.
- (11) On the 15th and 16th August, respectively, the Bermuda (18), the Halifax (17) and the Sydney (16) Sections of a Convoy left their assembly ports to effect junction at sea. The Bermuda Section, until junction with the Halifax Section, was under the local escort of H.M.S. "ALAUNIA". The combined convoy sailed under the ocean escort of H.M.S. "AUSONIA". The 51 ships consisted of 38 British, 8 Norwegian, 3 Swedish, 1 Egyptian and 1 Belgian, all of which were bound for the United Kingdom. 15.8.40
- (111) On the 19th and 20th August, respectively, the Bermuda (10), the Halifax (22) and the Sydney (7) Sections of a convoy left their assembly ports to effect junction at sea. The Bermuda Section, until junction with the Halifax Section, was under the local escort of H.M.S. "EMERALD". The combined convoy sailed under the ocean escort of H.M.S. "LACONIA". The 39 ships consisted of 25 British, 5 Norwegian, 5 Dutch, 3 Greek and 1 Swedish, all of which were bound for the United Kingdom. 19.8.40
- (1v) There were 3 independent trans-ocean sailings during the week, all from the Atlantic Coast.

4. Works

- (a) A total of 91 ships were inspected at D.E.M.S. ports throughout Canada during the week. These inspections were carried out at the following ports: 42 at Sydney, 29 at Halifax, 10 at Montreal, 8 at Esquimalt and 2 at Quebec.
- (b) The French merchant ship "PASTEUR" and the S.S. "HARDANGER" were taken in hand at Halifax for the installation of L/A gun equipment. Similar work was performed to the S. S. "FANO" at Saint John, material for which had been forwarded from Halifax. With the completion of work on these three vessels, together with the four mentioned in last week's report, all the stock of L/A gun equipment at this port will have been placed.
- (c) The installation of defensive equipment in the Norwegian vessel "HOYANGER" was completed at Esquimalt. The Netherlands' ship "AFRICA" is now in hand and, when this work has been completed, all the stock of L/A gun equipment at this port will, as in Halifax, have been placed.
- (d) Lewis guns were received at Halifax from Esquimalt for H/A Defence of merchant vessels. Four of these have already been distributed.