

(4) (Cont.)

The officer in charge will then have authority to correspond with Naval Service Headquarters on technical matters and in future his advice will be sought on all P. & R.T. matters.

(5) In line with existing policy that R.C.N. Sub-Depots should have the widest authority in drafting within their respective jurisdictions and be independent of local Senior Officers, a proposal that the Sub-Depot at St. John's, Nfld. should be brought under the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "AVALON" was not approved.

(6) Similarly it was not approved to place the Sub-Depot Esquimaux under the administration of the Commanding Officer, Pacific Coast. It is felt that complaints against the present drafting organization will become fewer as the "Longest Ashore" roster system begins to operate.

(7) Considerable study has been given to the proposed permanent Fire-Fighting Organization and a recommendation has been forwarded to the Complement Committee entailing a considerable reduction in its overall complement and in numbers of Officers. Conditions of service for ratings of the Fire-Fighting Branch are in the process of promulgation. They will be patterned along the lines of the Shore Patrol Service.

(8) As a result of advice that civilian labour is becoming easier to obtain, it has been recommended that the Motor Transport Branch should be manned by civilians with certain specified exceptions, such as Patrol Wagons and Ambulances which will continue to be manned by Naval ratings. This does not apply to H.M.C.S. "CONESTOGA", "CORNWALLIS" or "BYTOWN", where Naval Personnel will drive M.T. vehicles.

(9) In order to regularize the screening of Candidates for promotion to Commissioned Rank and to place it on a more scientific basis, Personnel Selection Officers are being designated to sit on Promotions Boards at H.M.C.S. "CORNWALLIS" and under the Captains "D".

(10) An outline of the use to which the proposed R.C.N. Training Cruiser would be put, has been forwarded to S.C.N.O.(L) upon request, as the transfer of such a ship to the R.C.N. is still under consideration at Admiralty. It was noted that approximately 250 Officers and ratings per month could receive valuable instruction in a Training Cruiser.

(11) The Commanding Officer, Pacific Coast, has been instructed to reduce H.M.C.S. "NADEN" to Care and Maintenance and review all West Coast Shore Establishment Complements in the light of the number of ships at present operating in his command. Accommodation will be made available in H.M.C.S. "NADEN" for R.N. Personnel manning C.V.E.'s but they will be required to supply their own staffs.