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15. In July R.C.S. (Routing and Convoy Section) Rooms 3801-3817 changed its name and location and became known as Mercantile Plotting Section located in Rooms 3743 and 3856.

Concurrently, a certain reorganization in duties and activities took place. The "Ships in Port" section was transferred to the Convoy room; constant liaison is maintained with this sub-section through systematic transfer of ship tickets between M.P.S. and Convoy room.

A wall plot, corrected for 2000Z daily is now maintained for the North and South Atlantic.

16. Shipping Intelligence Reports have been greatly increased; a daily report covering all independent shipping north of 35° 00' N. and between 30° 00' W. and 67° 00' W. is now sent to C. in C. C.N.A. and F.O.N.F. for use in briefing LR and VLR aircraft. This report is amended as necessary on receipt of diversions.

M.P.S. maintains a Canadian Coastal Zone wall plot in Operations Plotting Room for information of Operations. M.P.S. also furnishes routes and departures of independent merchant ships which may be of interest to Operations, and, in general, works in close co-operation with Operations Plotting Room.

A summary of neutral shipping within 750 miles of Halifax is supplied daily to O.I.C.

Preparations are under way for developing Pacific Shipping Intelligence on the same lines as that of the Atlantic.

17. Merchant shipping losses for the quarter were either third or fourth lowest since the war began. In July 381,230 tons of Allied and neutral shipping were lost from all causes throughout the world, a relatively high total which, however, is balanced by the sinking of U-Boats. More U-Boats were sunk during July than merchant vessels sunk by U-Boats and in August the U-Boats fared even worse as can be seen from the following table:

	Total Merchant Ships Lost	Merchant Ships Sunk by U-Boat	U-Boats sunk & Probably Sunk
April	82	55	16
May	67	49	41
June	37	18	19
July	69	44	45
August	28	13	29
September	25 (?)	12 (?)	11

18. In the area of Canadian responsibility no attacks or sinkings took place in the three months except the convoy battles of September 18th to 24th, which involved convoys HX 256 (1 Merchant vessel damaged) ON 202 (5 Merchant vessels sunk) and ONS 18 (1 Merchant vessel sunk). Although the enemy undoubtedly scored a success in this series of engagements sinking three escorts and six merchant ships