

52. The Navy Show, during the period from 1st October to 31st December, covered Canada from the East Coast to the industrial portion of Ontario and Quebec. It played in Halifax, Cornwallis, Iruo, Moncton, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, St. Catherines, Welland, Hamilton, Brantford, London, Sarnia, Windsor, Stratford, Kitchener, Guelph and Galt. In all, 68 paid performances were given, playing to an attendance of 65,016 civilians. During this period, the members of the Navy Show also gave many troop shows playing to well over 55,000 Service personnel.

Another thing worthy of mention accomplished by the Navy Show is the entertainment of invalids in various hospitals throughout Canada. Many such instances are recorded in letters of appreciation, from Organizations as well as institutions, on file.

53. The work of organizing the Naval Library Service was formally undertaken during the autumn of 1943, after authority for this new project had been given by Naval Order #3128, dated 16th October, 1943. An officer was appointed to serve full time as Secretary of the Naval Library Committee, responsible direct to the Chief of Naval Personnel for the organization of Base Libraries in Naval Establishments and for the general administration of the project. At the end of the calendar year, eight Base Libraries were in active operation and a ninth was in process of organization, with a staff of eighteen (18) Special Duty Librarians, W.R.C.N.S. A complement has been authorized for the Naval Library Service consisting of nine officers and twenty four ratings, none below the rank of Leading Wren (S.D.). It is estimated that about sixteen thousand (16,000) books were in circulation in the eight Base Libraries at the end of the year, with an additional twenty thousand (20,000) out to H.M.C. Ships at sea or in Outposts - a total stock of thirty-six thousand (36,000) books, fiction and non-fiction.

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October 16	at Lanson, P.Q.	"ST. THERESE"	H.M.C.S. "ST. THERESE"
October 28	at Quebec	"JONQUIERE"	"JONQUIERE"
October 29	at Montreal	"LA HULLAISE"	"LA HULLAISE"
October 30	at Quebec	"THEOPHORD KIMES"	"THEOPHORD KIMES"
October 30	at Montreal	"LONGUEUIL"	"LONGUEUIL"
November 6	at Victoria	"BEACON HILL"	"BEACON HILL"
November 12	at Lanson	"LASALLE"	"LASALLE"
November 12	at Quebec	"LOLETTE"	"LOLETTE"
November 17	at Montreal	"ESTRIEN"	"ESTRIEN"
November 26	at Quebec	"LEVIS"	"LEVIS"
November 26	at Quebec	"COALICOOK"	"COALICOOK"
November 27	at Montreal	"RUYMEDE"	"RUYMEDE"
November 27	at Victoria	"KORANEE"	"KORANEE"
December 1	at Quebec	"ST. PIERRE"	"ST. PIERRE"
December 10	at Montreal	"LANARK"	"LANARK"