

II. SHIPS EMPLOYED ON ESCORT DUTY (including H.M.C. Local Craft and Auxiliary Vessels)

1. New Construction of R.C.N. Ships and Vessels, week ended 24th May

Launchings : Ships - Nil
 Commissionings: Ships - Nil
 Local Craft and Auxiliary Vessels - Nil

2. Total R.C.N. Vessels in Commission, 24th May

Destroyers	15	
Corvettes	74	
Minesweepers	58	
Motor Launches	51	
Base Supply Ships	2	
Total Ships	200	
Patrol Craft and Auxiliary Vessels	373	
Total Vessels	<u>573</u>	

3. Escort Ships in Operation and Under Repair

The following table shows the average number and percentage of H.M.C. Escort Ships and H.M. and Allied Vessels under the administrative and operational orders of R.C.N. Authorities which have been in Service and under repair during the past two weeks.

	<u>Week ended 17th May</u>		<u>Week ended 24th May</u>	
	<u>No. of Es-</u> <u>cort Ships</u>	<u>Per-</u> <u>centage</u>	<u>No. of Es-</u> <u>cort Ships</u>	<u>Per-</u> <u>centage</u>
Ready for Service	183	78.5	183	79.
Refitting or Repairing over 7 days	<u>50</u>	<u>21.5</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>21.</u>
	233	100.0	233	100.0
New Construction Working up	<u>3</u>		<u>4</u>	

NOTE: "Ready for Service" includes ships' boiler cleaning or repairing not over 7 days.

III. CONVOYS

The following table summarises the convoy sailings during the two weeks ended 22nd May in whose protection the R.C.N. participated. The Canadian coastal convoys were pro-

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