

- (d) A small supply of Lewis guns has been acquired from R.N. stock for use in selected vessels.
- (e) The supply of degaussing wire is at present somewhat retarded with the result that it is impossible to take all ships in hand. The situation is being improved, however, and it is confidently expected that by the beginning of next week any ship which can be handled will be given every facility.
- (f) Consideration is being given by Admiralty to methods of preventing Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian ships from coming under Russian control. Pending classification of position, customs and colonial authorities have been instructed to find some administrative pretext for preventing such ships leaving British ports. Ships bound for another British port if on British charter are allowed to proceed.
- (g) Reports indicate that German merchant ship "Weser" at Manzanillo; the "Eisenbach" at Puntarenas, Costa Rica, and the "Arauca" at Port Everglades, Florida, are preparing to sail.
- (h) At 1230, July 27th, at Collingwood, Ontario, a new Corvette, christened "The Collingwood" by Mrs. K. S. Maclachlan, wife of the Deputy Minister for the Naval Service, was launched.
- (i) At 1715 on Monday, July 29th, another Corvette, "The Chambly" was launched at the Canadian Vickers Yards in Montreal by Mrs. Ernest Lapointe, wife of the Minister of Justice.

Chiefs of Staff Committee,
3rd August, 1940.