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MEMORANDUM TO

War Committee of the Cabinet.

At their meeting of 8th September, 1943, the War Committee of the Cabinet approved the infiltration of Canadian crews into certain R.N. ships including cruisers and Fleet destroyers, such infiltration to be completed in the calendar year 1944.

Since the primary duty of such vessels is to engage the enemy, it is recommended that they should be transferred to Canadian ownership in order that the ships in which Canadian personnel may win battle honours may be the property of the Canadian Government, rather than of the Government of the United Kingdom.

It is recommended approval be given for the transfer of ownership of two cruisers, one training cruiser, and two Fleet destroyers, from the Royal Navy to the Royal Canadian Navy at no cost, and for provision to be made in the Canadian Naval Estimates 1944-1945 for their operation and maintenance.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
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