

From Sept. 1/39 to Dec. 31/43
 39. Two Wrens Officers were recruited direct from shore during the quarter for service in the new cookery school H.M.C.S. "CORNWALLIS", Misses E.M. Middleton and M.B. Coles being entered as Paymaster Sub Lieutenants on the 2nd October and 27th December respectively. Both of these officers have had extensive experience in cookery teaching.

40. Pay

A considerable portion of the work carried out in this Directorate is devoted to ascertaining that the new Dependents' Allowance procedure is being correctly carried out. Considerable improvement has been noted in this direction but efforts to keep pace of the volume of work are somewhat handicapped by the lack of suitable civilian staff.

41. Medical

The work of the Medical Branch of the R.C.N. during the quarter, 30th September to 31st December, 1943, is reported statistically as follows:

MEDICAL OFFICERS 1 death
 23 net increase
 353 total as at 31.12.43

NURSING SISTERS 8 net increase
 212 total as at 31.12.43

SICK BERTH RATINGS 19 increase
 114 total as at 31.12.43

42. RECRUITS

	Examined	Rejected
Oct.	2246	202
Nov.	1295	160
Dec.	1255	116
Totals	4796	478

43. HOSPITAL DAYS (1% of man-days available lost through sickness)

	Avalon	East	West
Oct.	2.59	2.45	2.36
Nov.	2.57	2.53	2.56
Dec.	1.85	2.91	2.07
Average days lost per annum per man since Sept. 1939	-	-	9.78
Rate of average days lost per annum per man for quarter ending 31.12.43	-	-	8.79

44. "E" BOARDS

	Male	Female	Total
Oct.	83	8	91
Nov.	120	4	124
Dec.	87	6	93
Totals	290	18	308