

(b) Convoy

(i) On the 4th and 5th September, respectively, the Bermuda (11), and Halifax (11) and the Sydney (12) Sections of a convoy left their assembly ports to effect junction at sea. The Bermuda Section, until junction with the Halifax Section, was under the escort of H.M.S. "RAJPUTANA". The combined convoy sailed under the ocean escort of H.M.S. "RANPURA". The 34 Ships consisted of 24 British, 4 Norwegian, 3 Dutch, 1 Polish, 1 French and 1 Swedish, all of which were bound for the United Kingdom. (This is the convoy mentioned in last week's report, at the time of the compilation of which exact details were not available.)
4.9.40

(ii) On the 8th and 9th September, respectively, the Bermuda (15), the Halifax (21) and the Sydney (11) Sections of a convoy left their assembly ports to effect junction at sea. The Bermuda Section, until junction with the Halifax Section, was under the escort of H.M.S. "VOLTAIRE". The combined convoy sailed under the ocean escort of H.M.S. "JERVIS BAY". The 47 ships consisted of 37 British, 5 Norwegian, 2 Polish, 2 Greek and 1 Dutch, all of which were bound for the United Kingdom, with the exception of 1 Polish vessel, which was travelling to Eire. 8.9.40

(iii) On the 10th September, a convoy under the ocean escort of H.M.S. "DEPTFORD" left Sydney. The 32 ships consisted of 16 Norwegian, 10 British, 2 Polish, 2 Swedish, 1 Dutch and 1 Greek, all of which were bound for the United Kingdom. 10.9.40

(iv) There were 6 independent trans-ocean sailings during the week, one from the Atlantic Coast and 5 from the Pacific Coast.

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(a) A total of 104 ships were inspected at D.E.M.S. ports throughout Canada during the week. These inspections were carried out at the following ports: 43 at Sydney, 32 at Halifax, 26 at Montreal, 2 at St. John and 1 at Quebec. Returns from the West Coast were not available at the time this report was compiled.

(b) The Norwegian Motor Vessel "BRAKAR" has been armed with a 4 in. Breach Loading equipment on the West Coast and the "CAPE HORN" is in hand for the installation of similar equipment.

(c) The Norwegian Ship "HARDANGER" is being stiffened at Halifax for the installation of 4 in. D.E.M.S. Equipment, and the vessel has been provided with a Thompson machine gun to enable her to sail in convoy.

(d) The "OSRIO" (Dutch) has been provided with bridge protection at Sydney.

(e) The British Ship "KAIPARA" is being provided with complete D.E.M.S. paravane equipment at Montreal.