(b) Personnel to man three Flotillas of L.C.I.(L)'s, plus Squadron Staff and Beach Party have been drafted. — Approx. No. of Ratings: 700

(c) Officers and ratings have been drafted to the R.N. Algerines "Lightfoot", "Melita", "Persian" and "Postillion" to act as runner crews to steam these vessels to the U.K. On arrival these crews will be used to commission Corvettes building there for the R.C.N. — 320

(d) Crews have been drafted to the U.S.A. to act as runner crews for D.E.'s 97, 98, 563 and 564 building there for the R.N. On arrival in the U.K. these crews will be used to commission R.C.N. Corvettes. — 500

(e) The Escort Carrier H.M.S. "NABOB" has been supplied with a crew excluding Flying & Maintenance Personnel. — 425

(f) The R.C.N. is manning two Coastal Craft Flotillas. — 400

(g) H.M.S. "ARETHUSA" was steamed to the U.K with one complete Canadian Fleet Destroyer crew, plus additional Engine Room ratings. The Fleet Destroyer crew will man a Canadian ship whereas the balance will remain on loan to the R.N. for training. — 225

3,070

5. From the foregoing it will be seen that during the period under review we have alleviated the R.N. manning problem to the extent of over 3,000 ratings. However, a fraction of this figure represents assistance of a temporary nature only.

6. The following figures are of interest inasmuch as they show the change which has taken place in the overall disposition of ratings and the total increase which has taken place during the past quarter:

	RATINGS			
	Staff Ashore	Under Training	Afloat	Total Borne Active
31st Dec. 1943 (Estl.	26,358	9,725	27,191	63,274
1st Oct. 1943	27,679	11,583	22,641	61,903
Net Change (Ratings)	-1,321	-1,858	+4,550	+1,371

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