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10. The War Committee, after further discussion, agreed that the proposals submitted be referred to the Chief of the Naval Staff for detailed examination with the First Sea Lord, and subsequent report by the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services for consideration by the War Committee."

2. Excerpt from Minutes Cabinet War Committee, Ottawa, September 8, 1943:

"13. The Secretary referred to the discussion, at the meeting of August 31st, with Mr. Churchill, of certain proposals submitted by the First Sea Lord. These proposals had been referred to the Chief of the Naval Staff and a report had now been prepared of which copies had been circulated.

(Naval Staff memorandum, undated - C.W.C.
document 604 - copy attached)

14. The Prime Minister expressed surprise that proposals of this nature had been put to the government without notice of any kind. Had the Naval staff known of them prior to the meeting? The manner of their presentation had placed the War Committee in a difficult position.

15. The Chief of the Naval Staff said that the First Sea Lord had, at an early stage in the Quebec Conference, discussed informally with members of the Canadian Naval staff various proposals for Canadian assistance to the Royal Navy. It was not, however, known to the Canadian staff that specific proposals were to be brought forward at the meeting of August 31st.

16. The Minister of National Defence for Naval Services explained and commented upon the Naval staff's report on the U.K. proposals.

Canadian personnel to meet the proposed commitments would total approximately 3,200 officers and men - 893 men for Commando units, 120 for training as officers, the balance to man two cruisers, two fleet destroyers, one training cruiser and motor gun boat and torpedo boat flotillas. All of these could be provided within the limits of the approved Naval programme which called for tot