

Naval Control stations have been set up at Halifax, Sydney, St. John's, Montreal, Quebec, Vancouver, Seattle, and San Francisco. The purpose of these stations is to maintain a constant watch on the shipping traffic in the North Atlantic and to report any suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities. A system was established whereby every merchant ship sailing in the North Atlantic was required to report its position, course, and speed to the nearest Naval Control station. This system was designed to detect any unauthorized ships or submarines in the area. The stations were equipped with radio sets and searchlights. The stations were manned by trained personnel who were responsible for maintaining the records and reporting any suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities.

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Communications

An efficient wireless communication system is an indispensable part of the work of the Navy. Ships at sea must keep in touch with land bases; communication must be swift. There are three principal land-based stations in Canada. These stations are equipped with the most up-to-date apparatus and are the central of any district in the world. They are in operation 24 hours a day, on any or three lines of communication are maintained in the area.

To prevent wireless communication being picked up by the enemy, every message must be encrypted. Since the collection of the wire a certain level of security is maintained.