Subsection 1.—The Royal Canadian Navy

Organization.—The Chief of Naval Staff at Naval Headquarters at Ottawa exercises central authority over the Royal Canadian Navy; Flag Officers at East and West Coasts exercise operational and administrative command of ships and establishments within the Atlantic and Pacific Coast Commands respectively. There are also 22 Naval Divisions throughout Canada that are established primarily for the recruiting and training of the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve); they are administered by the Flag Officer, Naval Divisions with headquarters at Hamilton, Ont. Naval missions are maintained at London, England, and Washington, D.C., to maintain liaison with the Royal Navy and the United States Navy. As part of Canada's NATO commitment, officers of the Royal Canadian Navy are now serving on the staffs of the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, and the Commander-in-Chief, Eastern and Western Atlantic Areas.

For the protection of shipping and the defence of Canadian coastal areas and harbours, the Royal Canadian Navy had 64 ships in commission during the year ended Mar. 31, 1954. In the event of war 38 of these are available for assignment to NATO for the defence of the Canada-United States area and for the protection of convoys under the control of the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. Ships not earmarked for assignment to NATO are required for harbour defence, for training and for miscellaneous duties.

The strength of the Royal Canadian Navy on Aug. 31, 1955 was 2,646 officers and 16,534 men and women in the regular force and 1,701 officers and 3,818 men and women in the reserve force.

Operations at Sea 1954-55.—During the year ended Mar. 31, 1955 the Royal Canadian Navy reduced its contribution to the UN Naval Forces in Korean waters from three to one destroyer escort. After leaving the Far East in January 1955 HMC Ships *Huron* and *Iroquois* visited Ceylon, India and Pakistan on their return passage to Halifax.

In the course of normal training HMC Ships made many visits to Bermuda and American and West Indies ports. HMCS *Quebec* carried out cruises to Europe, South America and Africa and the first Escort Squadron, HMC Ships *Algonquin, Prestonian, Lauzon* and *Toronto*, visited Mediterranean countries in the autumn of 1954. During the year, HMC Ships in addition to small training and tactical exercises took part in NATO exercises "New Broom 3" in the Western Atlantic Area and "Morning Mist" in the Eastern Atlantic Area.

The Arctic Patrol Vessel, HMCS *Labrador*, commissioned in June 1954, carried out survey and associated operations in the Arctic between July and September. It was the first warship to complete the Northwest Passage.

During the year 12 additional destroyer escorts, frigates, coastal escorts and minesweepers were commissioned. Also an agreement with the Royal Navy was implemented by which three RN submarines were lent to the RCN, based on Halifax, thus greatly increasing the facilities for anti-submarine training for both the RCN and RCAF.

Training Ashore.—HMCS *Stadacona* at Halifax, N.S., and HMCS *Naden* at Esquimalt, B.C., are the major shore establishments of the Royal Canadian Navy. Their facilities include schools for general and specialized training besides the drafting depots, hospitals and accommodation facilities necessary for the maintenance of the ships based on each coast. Formal courses in seamanship, gunnery, navigation direction, communications, diving, damage control and fire fighting, electricity and electronics, marine engineering, meteorology, medical assistant skills, and supply duties are provided in the schools and centres of these two establishments for officers and men of the regular and reserve forces. A third major shore establishment, HMCS *Shearwater* at Dartmouth, N.S., provides technical training for naval aviation.

During the year ended Mar. 31, 1955, 4,043 regular force new entries and re-entries received entry training at HMCS *Cornwallis*. A method of training new entry ordinary seamen has been devised which affords an economy of training time and intership and