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FROM: Captain (D) Halifax.

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TO: The Commander-in-Chief,  
Canadian Northwest Atlantic,  
Area Combined Headquarters.

COMPLEMENT OF R.C.N. ESCORT VESSELS

It is submitted, with reference to your Minute II, C.N.A. 1-6-1 of the 6th July, 1943, regarding the complement of R.C.N. Escort Vessels, that the following are the maximum numbers that can be accommodated in the various types of Escort Vessels:

<u>Town Class Destroyers</u>	(a) Officers	- 11
	(b) Chiefs & P.O.'s	- 30
	(c) Ratings	- 114
<u>Bangor Steam Minesweepers (R.N.)</u>	(a) Officers	- 7
	(b) Chiefs & P.O.'s	- 15
	(c) Ratings	- 62
<u>Bangor Steam Minesweepers (R.C.N.)</u>	(a) Officers	- 8
	(b) Chiefs & P.O.'s	- 15
	(c) Ratings	- 62
<u>Bangor Diesel Minesweepers</u>	(a) Officers	- 7
	(b) Chiefs & P.O.'s	- 15
	(c) Ratings	- 62
<u>Corvettes - Short Forecastle</u>	(a) Officers	- 7
	(b) Chiefs & P.O.'s	- 10
	(c) Ratings	- 66
<u>Corvettes - Long Forecastle</u>	(a) Officers	- 8
	(b) Chiefs & P.O.'s	- 10
	(c) Ratings	- 78

2. These are the maximum numbers that can be accommodated but it is noted that in every case some ratings will have to sleep on lockers when ships are in harbour and no leave granted.

3. It is considered that with the exception of Town Class Destroyers, this overcrowding is acceptable since the health of ships' companies in other types of escort ships does not appear to have been adversely affected in the past. The inconvenience and overcrowding must be accepted to maintain the fighting efficiency of the ships.

4. If conditions were to be improved noticeably from the medical point of view, it would necessitate a reduction of complement of about 30%.

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