

Halifax, N.S.

FROM: Captain "D" Halifax

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TO: The Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "Stadacona"

Fairmiles - Delegated Authority to Punish

It is recommended that some definite authority to award punishment should be delegated to the Commanding Officers of all Fairmiles in commission which may from time to time be tenders to H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" (i.e. those administered by Captain "D" Halifax)

2. The following points should be considered in determining the punishment authority to be delegated:

1. That the Commanding Officers should have some authority to punish in order to maintain a prestige in keeping with their appointments "in command"
2. Commanding Officers of Fairmiles are generally Sub-Lieutenants or Lieutenants R.C.N.V.R. with from one year to three years service experience.
3. That all Commanding Officers of Fairmiles should have the same authority whether they be Lieutenants or Sub. Lieutenants.
4. That it is difficult to superintend properly long periods of No. 11 punishment on board Fairmiles which are without ~~qualified Regulating Petty Officers.~~
Coxswains qualified in regulating duties.
5. That unless authority for one (1) day's "Scale" punishment for absences over short leave and drunkenness is delegated there will be a tendency to allow minor offences in these categories to go unpunished or be punished in an improper manner. This is the result of the amount of time and transportation difficulty involved in bringing such minor offender to be dealt with in H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" when the offenders boat is lying at a buoy or jetty a great distance from "Stadacona" or may even be at an outport in the Halifax area.

3. The maximum powers at present recommended for Commanding Officers of Fairmiles are:

- 4 days No. 11 punishment
- 7 days No. 12 punishment—(but not to apply
- 7 days No. 16 punishment to Petty Officers)
- 1 days "Scale" for leave breaking or drunkenness
- No. 17

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