

DATE 13-4-42H.M.C.S. " QUINTE "State of Sea° Rough Wind 5-6 Var. Weather Sleet Local Area Escort

## PART (1)

## PHYSICAL REPORT

A. MAIN ARMAMENT

- |                                      |   |             |      |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|------|
| (1) Type                             | Vickers. MK4. QF 4"   |             |      |
| (2) Elevating                        | Sat.  |             |      |
| (3) Training                         | Sat.  |             |      |
| (4) Range Dial                       | Backlash  |             |      |
| (5) Def: Dial                        | Sat.  |             |      |
| (6) Rifle                            | Sat. Slightly rusted at muzzle.                               |             |      |
| (7) Breech                           | Sat.  |             |      |
| (8) Lock                             | Sat.  |             |      |
| (9) Night Sights and Loading Light   | Excellent   |             |      |
| (10) Communications                  | Sat.  |             |      |
| (11) Main Armament Magazine:-        | Cleanliness:- Sat.  | Stowage:-   | Sat. |
| (12) Shell Room                      | N.A.  |             |      |
| (13) R/U Lockers:-                   | Sat.  | R/U Racks:- | Sat. |
| (14) Flooding Devices                | Sat.  |             |      |
| (15) Condition of Charges            | Sat.  |             |      |
| (16) Condition of Projectiles        | Excellent   |             |      |
| (17) Magazine Log Kept?              | Yes   |             |      |
| (18) Compliance with A.F.O. 1696/41? | No  |             |      |
| (19) Tool Boxes                      | Sat.  |             |      |
| (20) Telescopes                      | Sat.  |             |      |
| (21) Barrage Sights                  | None  |             |      |
| (22) Gun Cover                       | Not used.   |             |      |
| (23) Gunnery Ledgers Etc:-           | Sat.  |             |      |
| (24) Gunner's Store                  | Could be tidier and cleaner.                                  |             |      |
| (25) Defects                         | Require deck R.U. Stowage for Star Shell and Reduced Charges. |             |      |

Remarks: The 4" gun was kept loaded. This practise should cease for obvious reasons.



(26) General Remarks- Ship equipped with Dumaresq and Vickers Rate Clock --???  
A general improvement is expected now that the Gunner's Yeoman is not required to be a watchkeeper. Rifle of 4" gun was 5 days without inspection.

B. .5" MACHINE GUNS

- |     |                     |                                   |
|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (1) | No. and Type        | Landed for A. & A.                |
| (2) | Condition           | Landed for A. & A.                |
| (3) | Tool Kit            | Sat.                              |
| (4) | State of Ammunition | Sat.                              |
| (5) | S.A. Magazine       | Sat. Could be cleaner and tidier. |
| (6) | Communications      | Sat.                              |
| (7) | Defects &           |                                   |

A & A's

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| (8) | Remarks | Landed for A. & A.'s |
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C. LEWIS GUNS

- |     |                     |              |
|-----|---------------------|--------------|
| (1) | No. and Type        | 2 - stripped |
| (2) | Condition           | Very good    |
| (3) | Tool Kit            | Sat.         |
| (4) | State of Ammunition | Sat.         |
| (5) | R/U Stowage         | Sat.         |
| (6) | R/U Amm. Stowage    | Sat.         |
| (7) | Defects &           |              |

A & A's

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|-----|---------|-------|
| (8) | Remarks | None. |
|-----|---------|-------|



RIFLES & REVOLVERS

(1) No. and Type	Rifles:- 6 Lee-Enf.	Revolvers:- 4 Colts .45
(2) Condition	Good	
(3) Tool Kit	Sat.	
(4) State of Ammunition	Sat.	
(5) Webbing	Sat.	
(6) Bayonets	Sat.	
(7) Stowage	Sat.	
(8) Helmets	Should be made a personal issue.	
(9) Defects &		

A &amp; A's

(10) Remarks

E. FIREWORKS

(1) Rocket Stowage on Bridge	Sat.
(2) Canvas Covered	Yes
(3) Rocket Firing Machine	Sat.
(4) Friction Tubes	Sat.
(5) Rocket Firing Upright	Sat. On bridge.
(6) Night Signal Box	Complete
(7) 1" Signal Pistol	2 - Whaler and Bridge.
(8) Cartridges	Sat.
(9) Complement of Fireworks	Complete
(10) A & A's	
(11) Fireworks Tank	Clean but untidy.
(12) Remarks :- Stowage on upperdeck should be found for Calcium Flares and R.U. for 1-lb. rockets should be made under chart room flat companionway.	



ANTI-GAS

- (1) Respirators Sat.
- (2) Ointment Sat.
- (3) Goggles or Visors
- (4) Visors 24 prs.
- (5) Decontamination Gear None
- (6) Chloride of Lime 5-lbs.
- (7) Stowage Sat.
- (8) Remarks:- Visors should be issued to all members on deck at normal A.A. Stations.

G. DEPTH CHARGE ARMAMENT1. THROWERS

- (a) Barrels Sat.
- (b) Expansion Chamber Sat.
- (c) Pistols Sat.
- (d) Drain Holes Sat.
- (e) Cartridges Sat.
- (f) Cartridges Pocket Sat.
- (g) Last test pistol Not ascertained.
- (h) Carriers Sat.

2. CHARGES

T.N.T.

AMATOL

- (a) Primer Tubes
- (b) Markings

3. CHUTES (or Rails) - Releasing gear Poorly constructed. Kept in good condition.4. D.C. PRIMERS

- (a) I.R. Rings St.No.6125 Sat.
- (b) Marks on primers Sat. Legible
- (c) Handles Sat.
- (d) Envelopes Sat.

5. D.C. PISTOLS

- (a) Is D.A. Key free? Yes.
- (b) Pistol covers St.No.6060 Sat.
- (c) Rings I.R. St.No.6120 Sat.
- (d) Rings locking Sat.



- (e) Last Tested Not ascertained.
- (f) History Sheets In Pistol Boxes.

6. TOOLS -- RIGGING

- (a) Tool box and spare gear complete? Yes,
- (b) Slings (2) Yes
- (c) Tackles (3) Yes
- (d) Primer Tools 4 Sat.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) Communications Sat.
- (b) Printed D.C. settings Yes.
- (c) Lanyards Sat.
- (d) Stowage on deck 16
- (e) Stowage below decks 16
- (f) Flashlights in D.C.T. R/U Lockers NO

8. DEFECTS & A & A's

None apparent.

9. REMARKS D.C. Equipment was kept in fair condition.

H. DEMOLITIONS

- (1) Complete Outfit? Yes - 40 Charges.
- (2) A/S compartment - Demolition Charge fitted? No
- (3) Remarks :- None



COMMUNICATIONS

1. PHONES &/OR V.P.

(a) Tiller flat	Sat.
(b) Aft Lookout	Sat.
(c) Aft Gun	None
(d) Crow'snest	Sat.
(e) Engine Room	Sat.
(f) For'd Lookout	N.A.
(g) For'd Gun	Sat.
(h) C.O.'s Cabin	Sat.

2. BELLS AND GONGS

(a) Action	Sat.
(b) Engine Room	Sat.

3. DEFECTS & A & A's

4. REMARKS

:- Communications well maintained,

J. LIGHTS

(1) Side	Sat.
(2) Masthead	Sat.
(3) Stern, shaded?	Sat.
(4) Fog	<u>None</u>
(5) Yardarm	
(6) Flashlights	Insufficient. Should have at least 24.
(7) Blackout	Unsatisfactory - very poor.
(8) Oil Lamps	Sat.
(9) Search Lights	Sat.
(10) Defects, A & A's	

(11) Remarks :- See #7. Blackout switches showed lack of care and maintenance. One or two being frozen and unworkable. Blank baffles on upperdeck scuttles are unsatisfactory and show light.



LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

No. of Ship's Company 67

(1) Carley Floats and Balsa Rafts

- (a) No. 25 Man One  
 (b) No. 15 Man -  
 (c) No. 10 Man -  
 (d) Are the following provided:-

Water, ✓ Milk, ✗ Beef, ✓ Biscuits, ✓ Grease, ✗ Paddles, ✓ Flares ✗

(2) Are the following provided:- Whaler with

Yes	Oars	Yes	Boathooks	Yes	Barricoes
Yes	Sails	Yes	Plugs	Yes	Dippers
Yes	Rowlocks	Yes	Boat's Box	Yes	Mast & Rigging
No	Axe	No	Sea Bag	No	Lantern
No	Bread	Yes	Beef	No	C. Flares
No	Grease	No	Milk	Yes	Compass
No	Sem. Flags			Yes	Biscuits

(3) Lifebuoys No: 4

(a) Equipped with flares? Yes

(4) Lifebelts -- Kapok:- 24 Inflatable:- 67

(5) Defects :- Items missing from floats and whaler as shown by X

(6) Remarks :- Additional Kapok lifebelts should be demanded to provide for the full complement. Boat signal Box incomplete. Lifesaving rafts secured too firmly for practical use.

L. V/S EQUIPMENT

- (1) Are flags complete Yes.  
 (2) Semaphore working N.A. - landed ashore.  
 (3) R/T Just installed - Sat.  
 (4) Binoculars 4 prs. One requiring repair.  
 (5) Telescopes 1 Requiring repair.  
 (6) Goggles Anti-glare None. Should be demanded.  
 (7) Care of Sig: Proj: Sat.  
 (8) Aldis or Morris Lamp One Sat.  
 torch  
 (9) Night signalling lantern :- One. Sat.  
 (10) Care of halyards Poor.  
 (11) Recognition signal shapes Sat. complete.  
 (12) Are books corrected up to date Yes.  
 (13) Defects  
 (14) Remarks :- Binoculars and Telescopes show lack of care.



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W/T EQUIPMENT

- (1) Are W/T Transmitters and receivers in good condition for instant use? **Yes**
- (2) Are spare W/T valves available for instant replacement should failure occur? **Yes**
- (3) Are the necessary tools available for instant repair of minor defects? **Yes**
- (4) Are W/T Jury aerials made up and ready for emergency? **Yes**
- (5) Should W/T power to transmitters fail due to break in wiring system, is coil of wire available for temporary connecting to mains. **FR 12 T set.**
- (6) What spare parts are carried for temporary repairs? **None**
- (7) What facilities are there for stowage of C.B.'s? **Sat.**
- (8) Does the ship carry a calibration curve for D/F errors to taken bearings. **Yes**
- (9) What facilities are carried for emergency W/T transmission in case of complete failure? **Set. FR 12T**
- (10) Are spare fuzes made up and available for instant replacement? **Yes**
- (11) Are all junior operators given every opportunity during slack periods to familiarize themselves with the equipment and general training? **Yes**
- (12) What S Gravity are batteries kept? **1250**
- (13) Electrolyte level **Sat.**
- (14) Rotary Converter: Date last exam: **Monthly** Sliprings: **Monthly**  
Commutator clean: **Yes.**
- (15) How long is Rotary Converter run at sea **Tested every 12 hrs.**
- (16) Are W/T books, manuals and C.B.'s kept up to date? **Yes**
- (17) W/T log book kept? **Yes**
- (18) Defects **See #6.**
- (19) A & A's



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(20) Remarks :- W.T. Equipment in good condition and showed signs of care and maintenance.

N. CONFIDENTIAL BOOKS

- (1) Stowage of Keys C.O.'s Cabin
- (2) Is C.B. Register kept up to date Yes
- (3) Stowage of S.P.'s C.B. Chests  
C.B.'s " "  
B.R.'s Filing cabinet in R.D.F. Room  
O.U.'s " " " " "
- (4) Filing & Org.: S.H.M.'s Sat.
- (5) C.B. disposal in action Sat.
- (6) C.B. disposal normal Sat.
- (7) Are C.B.'s etc. corrected up to date Yes.
- (8) Remarks:- Signals and C.B.'s well kept, due mainly to personal supervision of C.O. rather than to work of C.B. Officer.

O. MANILA, COIR & S.W. ROPES (excluding M/S gear)

S.W.R.

Hawsers, S.W. Flex: fitted, complete

No.	Size	Fathoms	Use	Stowage
1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	60	Mooring	Reels on deck
1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	30	Mooring	" " "
MANILA ETC.				
1	6"	120	Mooring	M/S Stone

Towing: Hawser	One	No Blake Slips on Carpenter's Stopper.
Pennants	One	
Bridle	One	

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2	4"	120 each	Reels on Foc'sle Deck.
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Other



A/S SET

- |      |                                  |   |
|------|----------------------------------|---|
| (1)  | Set Working                      | Yes.  |
| (2)  | Condition of Batteries           | Sat.  |
| (3)  | Condition of Set                 | Sat.  |
| (4)  | Spare Parts                      | Sat.  |
| (5)  | Handbook of Set                  | Should be in possession of H.S.D.                                       |
| (6)  | A/S Log                          | Sat.  |
| (7)  | Echo Sounder Log                 | Sat.  |
| (8)  | Echo Sounder Batteries           | Sat.  |
| (9)  | State of Echo Sounder            | Sat.  |
| (10) | Timing and Setting of Recorder   | Sat.  |
| (11) | D.G. Compartment                 | Could be cleaner.   |
| (12) | A/S Hut                          | Sat.  |
| (13) | Tuning                           | Sat.  |
| (14) | Dome watertight                  | Yes.  |
| (15) | Warning plates                   | No  |
| (16) | Tester                           | Yes.  |
| (17) | Condition of:                    |   |
|      | (a) Asdic Recorder Paper         | Sat.  |
|      | (b) Echo Sounding Recorder Paper | Sat.  |
| (18) | Remarks :-                       | Set well maintained, considering only 3 Asdic Ratings are borne aboard. |



ENGINE ROOM

(1) Smoke making arrangements

- (a) Boiler Rooms Sat.
- (b) Smoke Floats None.

(2) Smoke Control

- (a) 50 revs to 180:- Sat.
- (b) 180 revs to 50:- Sat.

(3) Damage Control

- (a) Shores No Complete complement, but no cleats provided.
- (b) Cement 100-lbs.
- (c) Wood for patching Sat.
- (d) Scarfing Hooks None

(4) Fire Extinguishers

Axes: 2

- (a) Condition 4 Foamene
- (b) Stowage Sat. 3 Pyrene

(5) No. of Fire Hoses

Pails: 12 - placed singly throughout ships.

- (a) Size 7 - 2½" & 2-2"
- (b) Nozzles " "
- (c) Gaskets Some missing from hoses
- (d) Valves Sat.
- (e) Pump Pressure Sat.
- (f) Downton Pump Sat.

(6) Steam (Facilities for fighting oil fuel fire in B'room) Sat.

(7) Ventilation - Airtight? Yes.

(8) General Condition of For'd Windlass Fair

(9) After Winch Fair

(10) Sounding Book Sat.

(11) Watertight Doors Sat.

(12) Boiler and Engine Room kept clean Excellent

(13) Remarks :- Two additional Foamene 2 gal extinguishers should be borne. Also five buckets should be assembled in one central stowage instead of being scattered throughout the ship.



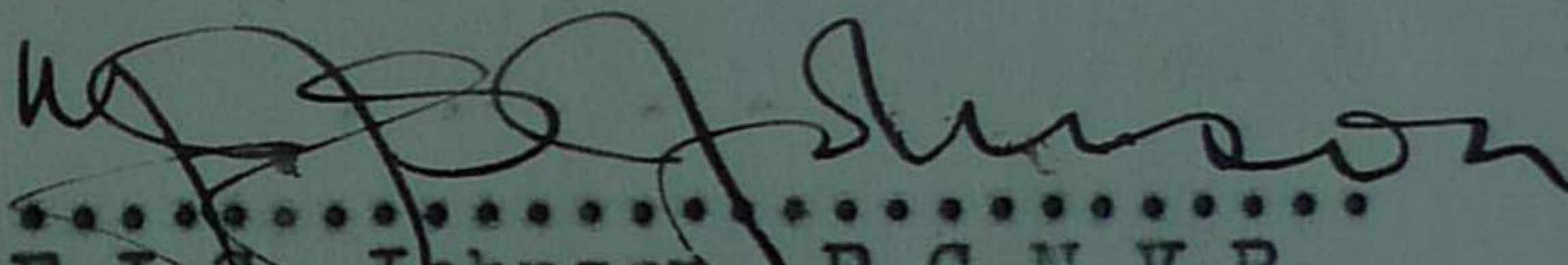
GENERAL REMARKS

The ship was fairly clean below decks forward, but the Wardroom, W.R. Pantry, Officers Heads, Galley and Cabins were filthy - due mainly to a lack of planned routine cleaning, lack of supervision and routine "round" of inspection.

The Engine Room and Boiler Rooms were exceptionally clean, neat and workmanlike.

As already noted in this report - the electrical switches and blackout arrangements showed signs of neglect.

It is considered that had the First Lieutenant availed himself of the information contained in the specimen copy of the Physical Inspection Report in his possession for the last two months - the ship would have made a much better showing.

  
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Lt. F.J.G. Johnson, R.C.N.V.R.  
A.S.O.C.C.H.



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NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

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H. M. C. S. "QUINTE"

Dept. No. M/S 9

Builders' No.

The undersigned have carried out an Inspection on completion of H. M. C. S. QUINTE and do certify that:

- 1) The ship has been built and equipped in accordance with the Specifications and Approved Drawings and is complete, except for the items in the attached schedule.
- 2) The ship is generally in a satisfactory condition and has been accepted on behalf of the Department and subject to completion of above mentioned items.

1. Representative of (Lloyd's Register of Shipping W.E. BAILLIE  
(British Corporation \_\_\_\_\_)

2. Representative of Engineer-in-Chief CHAS. H. BRON

3. Resident Naval Overseer I.H. GREENWOOD, ENG. COMD. R.C.N.

Rep. of Signal Division J.F. TABLER, LD. TEL. R.C.N.

Rep. of D. N. O. F.C. FINNIS - I.N.O.

4. Commanding Officer C.A. NICOL, LIEUT. R.C.N.R.

5. S. N. O. or (ILLEGIBLE) - NAVAL SUPERINTENDENT  
N. O. I./C. ESQUIMAULT.

PORT OF: VANCOUVER, B.C.

DATE: 30th AUGUST 1941.

Note: Four (4) copies of this form to be forwarded to N.S.H.Q.  
Ottawa.

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The Commanding Officer has been

report any findings at a later date.

*J.W. McAndrew Paymaster R.C.N.*  
GENERAL REMARKS REGARDING ACCOUNTS, ETC. OF SHIP

L. V. A., H. Bell has accounts in good order. The Victualling  
facilities on this ship are deemed sufficient considering the



# INSPECTION REPORT ON NEW CONSTRUCTION SHIPS

QUINTE

DATE November 19th, 1941

H.M.C.S.

The victualling facilities of the above ship have been inspected this day and are reported on as follows:

by Accountant Officer (Supply) Rank

*Robert Polue*  
*Pay Lieut*

H.M.C.S.

"Venture"

CLASS OF SHIP

DATE OF COMMISSIONING

COMPLEMENT

Minesweeper

August 29th, 1941

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The following is a report on the inspection of: -

STOREROOMS - Aft - Usual Minesweeper construction, cork-dusted and has Ventilators. - Clean and well-stowed.

Forward - Clean and in good shape.

GALLEY - Marwell Oil Range, gravity feed. Galley in clean condition when inspected.

REFRIGERATOR OR ICE BOX - Kelvinator freezing unit. In clean condition.

DAILY ACCOUNT BOOK - Entered up to date.

PROVISION ACCOUNT - Nothing entered to date as the V. A. waiting for value of remains from H. M. C. "Givenchy".

ABSTRACT OF DAILY ACCOUNT BOOK - Entered to date.

MESS TRAP ACCOUNT - To be made up by C. V. D.

MESS UTENSIL ACCOUNT - ( Same as above )

LOAN CLOTHING ACCOUNT - ( Same as above )

PROVISION STOCKTAKING - Mustered and found in accordance with Daily account book.

LOAN CLOTHING MUSTER - In accordance with packing notes.

WARDROOM MESS TRAP MUSTER - ( Same as above )

CANTEEN

Canteen audited 10th. Dec. 1941. Difference between Estimated and Actual Profits of # 194.07 discovered. The Commanding Officer has been advised of discrepancy and will report any findings at a later date.

*J. W. McAndrew Pay Lieut. R.C. 404*  
GENERAL REMARKS REGARDING ACCOUNTS, ETC. OF SHIP

L. V. A., H. Bell has accounts in good order. The Victualling facilities on this ship are deemed sufficient considering the defects shown on the reverse side.

(If additional space required P.T.O.)

The above is required particularly with respect to Minesweepers and Corvettes from new construction to ensure that accounts have been correctly commenced and are kept up-to-date. This report is to be rendered to the COMMAND ACCOUNTANT OFFICER as soon as possible after arrival of ships at base.



DEFECT LIST

STOREROOMS - Forward - Suggest installation of extra shelving between existing shelves on starboard bulkhead.

Aft - Suggest that duck-boards be placed on deck.

SPIRIT ROOM

- Suggest that a wooden cradle be supplied for Spirit keg.

REFRIGERATOR

- Suggest that the Beef rack be lowered about 2 feet. Temperature found at 39° which should be lowered to about 32°.

LIFEBOATS AND CARLEY FLOATS - 2 Lifeboats and 1 Carley Float. These are not provisioned with Beef, Biscuit or Water.

These suggestions have been given the Ship's Officer of the day for his attention.

WCC Lettington

W. V. O.



extra shelving  
on starboard

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

File:-

SUBJECT:-

GUNNERY AND DEPTH CHARGE DEFECTS - QUINTE

Referred to		Initials & Date	Remarks, Proposals.
C.C.H. copies to E.O.V. Gunnery Officer QUINTE			The following list of Gunnery and D/C defects, deficiencies and proposed A's and A's is submitted:- (1) Ladder over magazine hatch unsatisfactory. (2) A stowage for 2 stripped Lewis Guns is required on the bridge. Recommended position - inside helmsman's shelter. (3) Locker for Lewis Gun ammunition required on the bridge. (4) Two in number .5" Colt M.G. mountings to be fitted on H.A. platform. Wooden pad has been placed in centre of platform for pom-pom. Platform is not raised as in other minesweepers and some strengthening may be required before fitting .5" guns. (5) Two in number canvas covers for .5" M.G.'s required. (6) Belt filling machine to be fitted in after magazine. (7) Mainmast to be removed. (8) V/P or telephone to D/C chutes required. (9) Safety depression rail fitted too far forward. Depression of gun should be limited by cam on mounting. (10) Detonator Lockers are not 4" from deck and are fitted near ship's side contrary to N.M. & E.R.'s. (11) Ready Use Lockers on H.A. platform to be moved inboard as they will foul arc of fire of .5" M.G.'s. (12) Stowage arrangement in 4" magazine has been arranged differently than in other ships of the class and is not as suitable.
After Action Circulation			
Bring Forward			
To	Date Required		
File:			

G.O.V.  
24/11/41

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H.M.C. Dockyard,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
15th November, 1941.

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

File:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF MINESWEEPING FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT - H.M.C.S.  
"QUINTE"

Referred to	Initials & Date	Remarks, Proposals
C.C.H.		Submitted: Inspection of M/S FITTINGS and equip- ment of the above named ship was carried out on the 15th November, 1941, with the following exception this ship was found properly fitted for minesweeping. Sweep equipment Mk I.
After Action Circulation		M/S Equipment is being checked by P.M.S.O. Staff and any shortages found will be issued.
Bring Forward		M/S Trials sweeps I am advised were carried out before departing West Coast.
To	Date Required	This ship is not fitted with or equipped to carry spare reels of M/S wire in the Minesweeping Store room. This space is being utilized for stowage of Depth Charges.
		<u>Alterations</u> <u>Stern Light</u> removed from Flag Staff and fitted to after end of Pom Pom platform.
File:		<u>Kite Otter Stowage</u> Their present upright stowage interferes with the hoisting inboard and outboard of French Floats and Kite Mult. Otters. This can be overcome by moving the stowage brackets on deck inboard approx. three feet.

17.11

(R. McD. Barkhouse)  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.  
PORT MINESWEEPING OFFICER.

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H.M.C. Dockyard,  
Halifax, N. S.,  
18th November, 1941.

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

File:

SUBJECT: M/S TRIAL SWEEP - H.M.C.S. "QUINTE" - 17TH NOVEMBER, 1941.

Referred to	Initials & Date	Remarks, Proposals
C.C.H.		<p>SUBMITTED:</p> <p>A successful trial sweep was carried out in the above mentioned ship "QUINTE" on the 17th November, 1941. Minesweeping winch and all sweeping gear functioned very satisfactorily. This ship is fully equipped with Mark I sweep gear and is in all respects ready for sweeping.</p> <p>2. Double Oropesa Sweep was streamed 275 fms. of sweep wire both Port and Starboard. Sweeps were carried out between known marks.</p> <p>At 160 revolutions a sweeping speed of 9.8 knots was obtained.</p> <p>At 175 revolutions a sweeping speed of 11.0 knots was obtained.</p> <p>3. The maximum revolutions I am advised are 220, which should give a sweeping speed of 12.0 knots.</p>
After Action Circulation		
Bring Forward		
To	Date Required	
File:		

*R. McD. Barkhouse*  
(R. McD. Barkhouse)  
Lieutenant, R. C. N. R.  
PORT MINESWEEPING OFFICER.

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