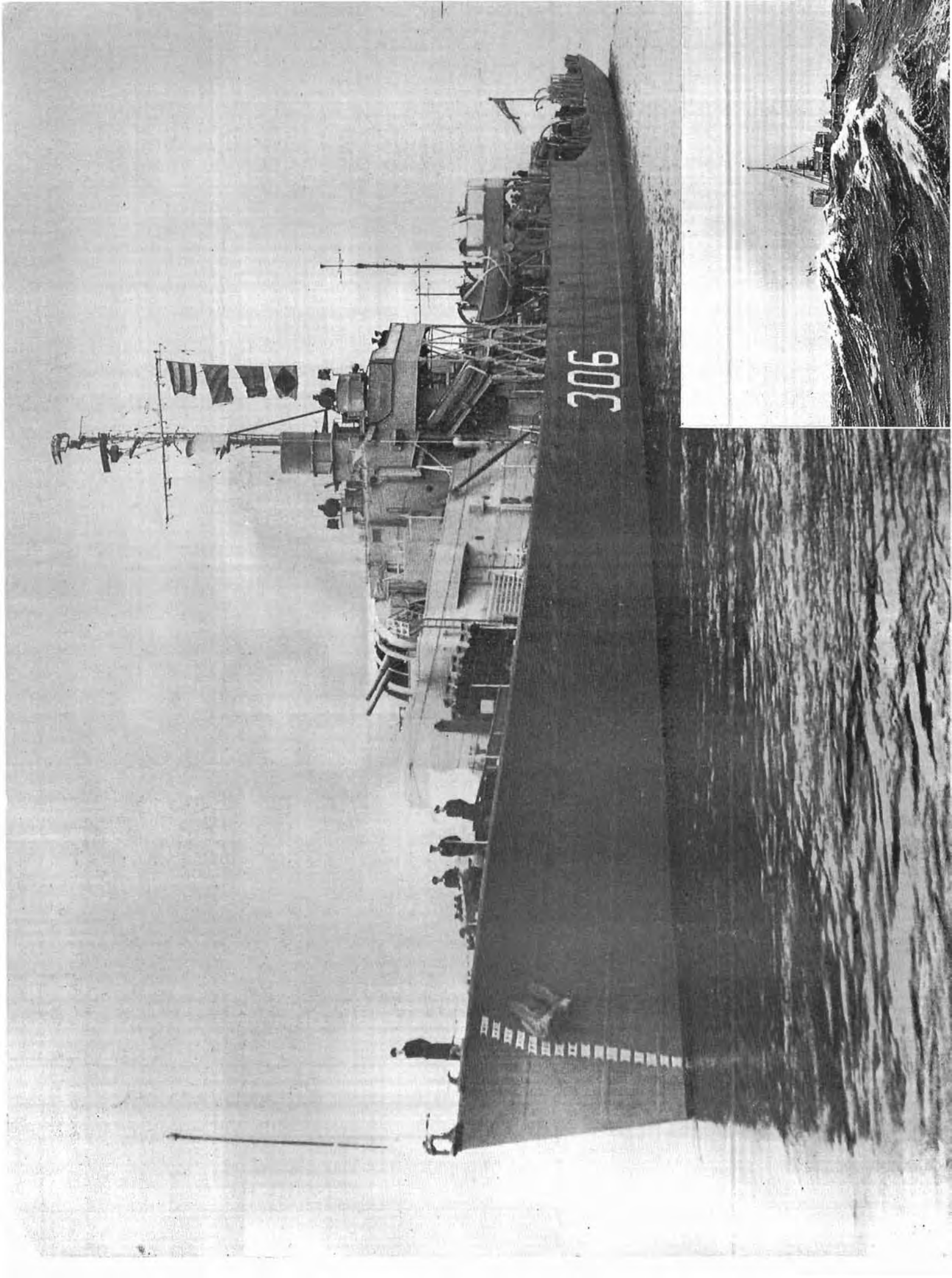


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COVER PHOTO

Four Sea Furies from HMCS "Shearwater" fly in formation over Halifax harbor. It wasn't so long ago that the appearance of naval aircraft in the sky above Halifax and Dartmouth caused all heads to crane upwards. Now the sight and sound of the Navy's planes are so commonplace that the groundlings scarcely give them a glance. That's North Dartmouth down below, with the Naval Armament Depot jetty in the centre foreground and the French Cable Wharf at the left. (DNS-2725.)

LADY OF THE MONTH

HMCS "SWANSEA", Halifax-based training frigate busily engaged this summer in providing cadets and reserves with practical sea experience, is a Second World War veteran with a distinguished record to her credit. Inset is a 1944 photo of the "Swansea", one of the most widely-published of all those taken during the war. (HS-10398 and GM-1144.)

Last month's "Crowsnest" blissfully reported that the West Coast Destroyer Division would be leaving Esquimalt on July 11 for Halifax and ultimately would take part in the European cruise.

The report, needless to say, was in error. On July 11 the "Cayuga," "Sioux" and "Athabaskan" were one day's steaming from Pearl Harbor and awaiting instructions that would send them further eastward in the Pacific—a long way from any European cruise.

The error was the result of what might be called "occupational hazard." At the time the report was written, it was fully intended that the West Coast destroyers take part in the European cruise. The same condition prevailed when the magazine was "put to bed". In fact, the Korean fighting had not even started.

By the time the ships' original schedule was cancelled and they were dispatched, instead, to Pearl, the "Crowsnest" was off the press. The choice then lay between releasing the magazine "as was" or publishing a completely new issue. The latter would have involved high costs and taken a lot of time, so the former course was adopted.

All we can say is: It happens even to the best regulated magazines. Presumably this error puts us in that company!

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The photo below was forwarded by PO Norman Keziere, photographer in HMCS "Ontario", who titled it,

"Sunday Divisions in a Rolling Sea."

It was intended to publish the photo exactly as received, but an argument developed as to whether the picture shouldn't show the men standing upright and the Ensign staff a-tilt. In a show of hands, those favoring the latter prevailed. Their version appears on the inside of the back cover.



R.C.N. News Review

With the United Nations

The Government announced on July 12 that three Canadian destroyers, HMC Ships "Cayuga" (Capt. J. V. Brock), "Sioux" (Cdr. P. D. Taylor) and "Athabaskan" (Cdr. R. P. Welland), had been made available to the United Nations and that action was being taken to place them at once under the operational control of General Douglas MacArthur, Commander of the forces of the United Nations for the defence of Korea.

Almost at the same time that the announcement was being made, the three ships were berthing at Pearl Harbor. Thenceforth they were to come under the orders of General MacArthur and it was not known at press time (July 13) what their instructions would be. It was considered likely, however, that they would carry on to Korean waters, making fuelling stops at Kwajalein and Guam on the way.

The division, which is under the command of Capt. Brock, was originally scheduled to leave Esquimalt July 11 for Halifax.

Instead, on June 30 they received orders to get themselves in full operational readiness as quickly as possible. Five days later, with hundreds of relatives, friends and well-wishers on hand to wave them God-speed, they steamed out of Esquimalt harbor and headed towards Hawaii.

"Ontario" accompanied them for the first two days of the journey, then turned 180 degrees and set course for Esquimalt. As the destroyers passed her in line ahead, the cruiser's ship's company, massed on her forecastle, gun turrets and bridge decks, gave each of them three rousing cheers.

Those cheers were echoed, in spirit, by the rest of their naval comrades, from the Pacific to the Atlantic — were repeated, indeed, by all of Canada.

Three Going to Europe

The diversion of the West Coast Destroyer Division reduced by three the number of ships scheduled to take part in the European cruise but otherwise had little effect on the program. At press time, it was the intention that the cruise go ahead as planned — with the provision that subsequent developments might cause either alteration or cancellation of the program.

The Canadian Special Service Squadron, consisting of the aircraft carrier "Magnificent" (Commodore K. F. Adams) and destroyers "Huron" (Lieut.-Cdr. E. T. G. Madgwick) and "Micmac" (Lieut.-Cdr. F. C. Frewer), is due to leave Halifax August 23.

They go first to Londonderry, for two weeks' training at the Joint Anti-Submarine Training School. There Rear-Admiral E. R. Mainguy will board the "Magnificent" and assume the post of Flag Officer Commanding the squadron. Then the three ships begin a series of visits to ports on the continent and in the British Isles.

The entire squadron is scheduled to call at Rosyth (Scotland), Oslo (Norway), Gothenburg, (Sweden), Copenhagen (Denmark), Cherbourg (France), Lisbon (Portugal) and Gibraltar, while the "Magnificent" pays additional visits to Rotterdam (Netherlands) and Portsmouth (England) and the destroyers go to Amsterdam (Netherlands) and Antwerp (Belgium).

While on passage from Cherbourg to Lisbon, the destroyers will detach and proceed to the area off Ile de Vierge where the original HMCS "Athabaskan" was sunk in action April 29, 1944. There they will hold a ceremony of remembrance and lay a wreath on the water in honor of the 129 officers and men who lost their lives when the "Athabaskan" went down.

The homeward journey starts from Gibraltar on November 9 and, after a three-day stop at Bermuda, ends at Halifax November 26.

Primarily, the cruise will be a training venture. At Londonderry the carrier, her three air squadrons (803, 883 and 825) and the two destroyers will obtain valuable training in anti-



HMCS "Athabaskan" steams out of Esquimalt harbor to form up with the "Cayuga" and "Sioux" for their journey to Pearl Harbor. The three ships sailed July 5 and reached Hawaii a week later. (E-11855).

submarine operations, and throughout the cruise the ships and aircraft will carry out exercises and manoeuvres whenever circumstances permit.

In addition, in paying formal calls to eight European nations, seven of which are signatories to the North Atlantic Treaty, the RCN squadron will perform a diplomatic mission expected to cement still further the relations between Canada and those countries.

A Busy Summer

Activity reached a high peak on the two coasts during July.

At Esquimalt, dockyard and other staffs worked overtime and at top speed in order to have the three destroyers ready to sail on schedule July 5. They were completely successful and, promptly at the appointed hour, the "Cayuga", "Sioux" and "Athabaskan" slipped and proceeded to sea.

After accompanying the destroyers for the first 48 hours of their journey, the "Ontario" turned back towards home and carried on with her sea training program.

The two Pacific Coast training frigates, "Antigonish" and "Beacon Hill", made a series of cruises to Bedwell Harbor before sailing July 24 for another visit to the popular port of Portland, Oregon.

Manned largely by reserve personnel, the Victoria naval division's training ship, HMCS "Sault Ste. Marie", made her big cruise of the season during July. Leaving Esquimalt June 30, she went as far south as San Diego and called also at San Pedro and San Francisco before returning home on the 16th.

At Halifax, the three ships of the Special Service Squadron were in port for leave periods and preparations for the European cruise.

The frigates "La Hullose" and "Swansea", like their opposite numbers on the West Coast, were busily occupied with training cruises for cadets and reserves. In late June, "La Hullose" got a taste of winter when she sailed north to Station Baker at the entrance to Davis Strait, to deliver mail and supplies to the weather ship "St. Stephen". Icebergs and chill breezes made it seem more like March than June.

Later "La Hullose" made a rendezvous with the "Swansea" and the two ships proceeded to St. John's, Nfld., where they participated in Newfoundland Day celebrations. During July the training frigates sailed together on cruises that took them to Pictou, N.S., Murray Bay, Que.,

Mail For Destroyers

Arrangements have been made to forward mail to personnel serving in the destroyers "Cayuga," "Sioux" and "Athabaskan," wherever their duties may take them.

Personal mail for officers and men serving in the three ships should be addressed in the following manner:

1. Rank or rating
2. Name and official number
3. HMCS (Name of ship)
4. c/o HMC Dockyard, Esquimalt, Victoria, B.C.

From Esquimalt the mail will be sent onward by the Fleet Mail Office.

Shelburne, N.S., Bar Harbor, Maine, St. Mary's Bay, N.S., and Saint John, N.B.

The wooden minesweeper "Llewellyn", training vessel attached to the Halifax naval division, HMCS "Scotian", put to sea July 4 on a nine-day cruise that would take her to ports in Newfoundland, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

On July 3 the "St. Stephen" arrived in Halifax, completing her final tour of duty as a North Atlantic weather reporting ship. Fourteen days later she sailed for Esquimalt, to be turned over there in mid-August to the Department of Transport.

On the Great Lakes, the Algerine minesweeper "Portage" was slowly working her way eastward as she carried out a training program begun at Port Arthur early in July. Between the 12th and 24th, she was scheduled to stop successively at Goderich, Midland, Sarnia and Windsor.

"The Far Distant Ships"

"The Far Distant Ships," the official account of Canadian naval operations in the Second World War, made its appearance in bookstores across Canada early this summer and was greeted with unanimous praise by the critics.

The term "official" might suggest that the book is written in the dry, ponderous form usually associated with official documents. "The Far Distant Ships" is anything but that. The author, Lieut.-Cdr. (SB) Joseph Schull, RCN(R), Ret'd., has produced a volume rich in all those qualities that go into the making of a good book—in this case a distinguished one.

Lieut.-Cdr. Schull writes with dignity and restraint, letting the men, the ships and the events tell their own dramatic story. In easy, fluent style, he traces the fortunes of the Royal Canadian Navy from September 1939

through to the demobilization days of 1945.

In so doing he establishes a perspective in which the extent of Canada's naval effort may be viewed, for the first time, in its entirety. Even to those most closely involved with the direction of this effort and most closely acquainted with the over-all picture, this first complete account of Canada's naval operations must come as a revelation.

The thousands of men and women who served in the naval forces of Canada during the war wrote a notable page in our nation's history. "The Far Distant Ships" ensures that the traditions they established will not be forgotten.

Guests of the Navy

Ten young Canadians, five boys and five girls, have returned to their homes after spending a week as guests of the Royal Canadian Navy. They were provincial winners in the Navy League of Canada's National Essay Contest and, besides winning medals, were awarded a week's visit to the Fleet. Most of them were accompanied by their school principals or teachers and the rest by their parents.

Seven of the students, four girls and three boys, visited the ships and establishments of the Atlantic Command between July 9 and 16, while two boys and a girl spent their time at Esquimalt from July 10 to 15.

On the East Coast the visitors were conducted on inspection tours of the RCN Air station at Dartmouth, the new entry training establishment, H.M.C.S. "Cornwallis," the naval dockyard, technical training schools and the ships in harbor at Halifax. In addition there were special functions arranged for their entertainment by the Navy League and the RCN.

Similar activities took place on the West Coast.

At both Halifax and Esquimalt arrangements were made for the visitors to spend a day at sea in a Canadian warship.

"Astute" Goes Home

HM Submarine "Astute", completing all 11-week period of training with Canadian naval and air forces, sailed from Halifax on July 7 for the United Kingdom.

The "Astute", latest in a series of British submarines loaned to Canada for anti-submarine training, exercised with ships and planes of the Atlantic Command and aircraft from the RCAF's Maritime Operational Training Unit at Greenwood, N.S., during her stay on the East Coast.

✓ Polar Patients

*RCN Hospital at Halifax
Treats Eskimos
from Eastern Arctic*

"BUTCH" has left the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital at Halifax — gone back at last to his home in the Arctic — but the memory of this cheerful, courageous Eskimo child is still very much alive in the big brick building in which he spent half of his first three years on earth.

"Butch" came out of the Arctic in 1948, in a Search and Rescue aircraft of the RCAF. He was 18 months old then and he was suffering from severe burns to more than two-thirds of his body.

For a time it was doubtful whether he would survive but naval medical officers — and his own stubborn courage — brought him through the dark hours. There was still, however, a long and tedious road to recovery ahead, and it was not until a year-and-a-half later that the Eskimo boy was declared fit and ready to return to his home.

By then he had become practically an institution in the hospital, known to everyone, staff and patients, as "Butch." (The name was given to him by one of the medical officers because nobody could find out, when he entered the hospital, whether he had any other.) When it came time for "Butch" to go, it was with regret that his friends in RCNH said good-bye to the little fellow who had won his way into their hearts.

"Butch" is one of about 125 Eskimos from the Eastern Arctic who have been treated at the naval hospital in Halifax over the past three years, or ever since an agreement was made with the Department of Indian Affairs whereby RCNH would undertake the treatment of Eskimo patients in addition to its primary function — the care of members of the three Services in the East Coast area.

The number of Eskimos in the hospital varies, but as a rule the total seldom exceeds 15. They range in age from one to 87.

The RCAF flies to Halifax all Eskimos destined for RCNH, on what generally prove to be "mercy missions." Sometimes case histories are scanty and if the patient is well enough to be interviewed an interpreter from the RCMP assists the



Life is a lot of fun for Oalak, an Eskimo boy recovering in the RCN Hospital, Halifax, from a badly frozen right foot. Oalak is one of about 15 Eskimos of varying ages who are receiving treatment in the naval hospital. (HS-11381).



Occupational therapy helps fill the time for Eskimo women convalescing in the RCN Hospital at Halifax. Under the guidance of Sub-Lieut. M. L. Thompson, Louise and Mary Adaluk make garments and other articles that will be of use to them when they return to their homes. Susie Berthe is the youthful spectator. (HS-5716).



Sub-Lieut. (NS) Hazel Mullin shows Eskimo girls in the RCN Hospital how to fold bandages. Left to right are Peetolassie, Secaya and Kaona. (HS-11346).

They don't complain but, rather, accept their lot philosophically and cheerfully. However, homesickness is common to all the Eskimos, except perhaps the little tots, and it is a happy day when the medical officer gives them a final check and flaps his arms up and down to indicate they are ready to be flown home. This message always brings a smile of sufficient width and warmth to say, "Thanks for everything."

medical officers in obtaining such information as is required for full diagnosis of the case.

The Eskimos' ills are no different from those of the other patients, except that such things as frozen limbs are more frequent during the winter months. (Eskimos with mental illnesses or TB are treated elsewhere).

The Eskimo, whether man, woman or child, is an ideal patient, says Surgeon Captain Eric H. Lee, Atlantic Command Medical Officer. They surrender themselves to whatever treatment "the big boss" prescribes and follow the doctor's orders religiously. They are good-natured and they get used to the hospital routine very quickly.

Accustomed to eating whenever they are hungry, the Eskimos at first find the Navy's regular meal hours a nuisance. However, they make the best of the white man's diet and peculiar eating habits.

As a special treat, the Navy occasionally arranges to have seal flippers flown in from Newfoundland on a "sked" run, and when this delicacy is placed before them the Eskimos' joy knows no bounds.

Hospital life is made as pleasant as possible, particularly for the older ones, who have more difficulty adjusting themselves to the new environment. Those who are well enough to be up are permitted to mingle with other "up patients." They love games and have proven themselves sharp checker players. The women during convalescence help out the hospital staff by making dressings or engaging in occupational therapy.

Thanks to the work of missionaries in the Northland, the Eskimos are very religious and read their Bibles regularly.

They are observant and it is not long before the men, for instance, can be found standing at attention by their beds during rounds, the same as the sailors in the other wards.

The Chief of the Naval Staff gets a broad smile from Peetolassie, a little Eskimo girl, in return for a chocolate bar he brought her while making a tour of the RCN Hospital on his annual East Coast inspection. (HS-11259).



R. W. UNDERHILL HEADS NOAC

*National Officers Elected
At West Coast Meeting*

Richard W. Underhill, of Vancouver, was elected president of the Dominion Council of the Naval Officers' Association of Canada at the annual general meeting held in Vancouver June 8-10.

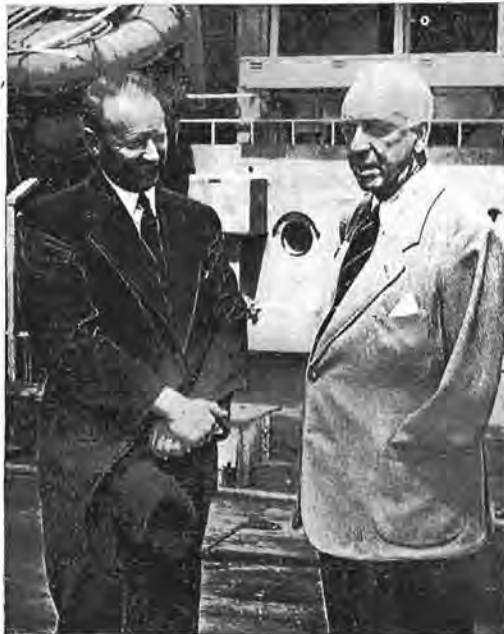
He succeeds Barry German, of Ottawa, who was elected honorary president.

Vice-presidents elected were V. G. Brodeur, Vancouver, (West Coast); J. M. Dowler, Calgary, (Prairies); F. C. Aggett Toronto, (Ontario); R. B. Warwick, Montreal, (Quebec), and Willard MacKenzie, Halifax (Maritimes).

Z. R. B. Lash, of Toronto, was elected honorary counsel and Harry McClymont, of Ottawa, secretary-treasurer.

The first two days' sessions were held in HMCS "Discovery," the Vancouver naval division, and were opened with addresses by Rear-Admiral H. G. DeWolf, Flag Officer Pacific Coast, and Rear-Admiral Brodeur, president of the Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia.

On June 10 delegates boarded the destroyer "Athabaskan" for the cruise to Victoria. On arrival, they walked around the dockyard, HMCS "Naden" and HMCS "Ontario" and later visited the Canadian Services College, Royal Roads.



Past and newly elected presidents of the Naval Officers Association of Canada are shown on the jetty at Esquimalt shortly after disembarking from HMCS "Athabaskan." Dick Underhill, of Vancouver, the new president, is at the left, and Barry German is on the right. (E-11682).

During the meeting a souvenir convention program was issued containing messages from Defence Minister Brooke Claxton; Vice-Admiral

H. T. W. Grant, Chief of the Naval Staff; Capt. German, retiring president; Rear-Admiral DeWolf and Rear-Admiral Brodeur and a complete roster of the Association's members from coast to coast.

Various functions were held in honor of the visiting delegates by the Naval Officers' Associations of B.C. and of Victoria and by HMCS "Discovery."

Following is a list of the convention delegates: B. L. Johnson, Vancouver; Barry German, Ottawa; R. W. Underhill, Vancouver; Willard MacKenzie, G. A. Rotherham and Fergus Cross, Halifax; G. F. Crosby, Saint John, N.B.; J. C. Finlay, Sydney, N.S.; W. F. Duffy, Charlottetown; H. R. Payson, Quebec; Pierre Dessaulles and F. C. Hutchings, Montreal; Burton Doherty, Ottawa; F. C. Aggett, Z. R. B. Lash, O. B. Mabee and W. Tennent, Toronto; Arthur Pedder, Kingston; St. Clair Balfour, Jr., Hamilton; W. J. Curry, Windsor; Barry Kelly, London; A. McPhedran, Kitchener, Ont.; Carl Hindle, Fort William; C. R. Frayer, D. C. Lennox and W. A. Johnson, Winnipeg; J. B. Wedge, Saskatoon; M. J. McPhee, Regina; J. M. Dowler, Calgary; Dick Edwards, Edmonton; Gordon Southam and V. G. Brodeur, Vancouver, and G. V. Greathed and J. R. Genge, Victoria.

Delegates to the annual convention of the Dominion Council of the Naval Officers' Association of Canada, held in Vancouver June 8-10, are shown above. Front row, left to right, are: J. M. Dowler, Calgary; J. R. Genge, Victoria; F. G. Hutchings, Montreal; F. C. Aggett, Toronto; V. G. Brodeur, Vancouver; Barry German, Ottawa; G. F. Crosby, Saint John, N.B.; W. J. Curry, Windsor; Carl Hindle, Fort William; D. C. Lennox, Winnipeg; C. R. Frayer, Winnipeg; W. A. Johnson, Winnipeg and St. Clair Balfour, Hamilton. Second Row, G. V. Greathed, Victoria; G. A. Rotherham, Halifax; R. M. Edwards, Edmonton; J. McPhedran, Kitchener; O. B. Mabee, Toronto; H. McClymont, Ottawa; J. C. Finlay, Sydney, N.S.; P. Dessaulles, Montreal; Willard MacKenzie, Halifax; J. B. Wedge, Saskatoon; R. W. Underhill, Vancouver; W. Tennent, Toronto and M. J. McPhee, Regina. Back row, Fred Crickard, Vancouver; Burton Doherty, Ottawa; Z. R. B. Lash, Toronto; Gordon Southam, Vancouver; Fergus Cross, Halifax; H. R. Payson, Quebec; W. J. Duffy, Charlottetown, and A. R. Pedder, Kingston. (Vancouver Daily Province photo).



THEY FAVOR THE HAND THAT FEEDS THEM

'Magnificent's' Chiefs and POs Choose Their Cook, Petty Officer Joseph Bucci

("The Man of the Month" is elected by the ship's company of the vessel or establishment in which he serves. Invitations to ships and establishments to elect a "Man of the Month" are not given in order of seniority, or indeed, in any particular order. None, however, will be missed. — Editor.)

NAPOLEON'S most frequently quoted saying might be given a nautical twist to include, "A ship's company works on its stomach."

Now, if you were to take a careful look at the chief and petty officers of HMCS "Magnificent" you would

be struck by their healthy, well-fed appearance and their satisfied expressions—particularly just after meal hours and before the trials and tribulations of ship-board life have had time to dim their reflections of their latest repast.



PO JOSEPH BUCCI

The reason for this happy state of affairs, one which turns the most savage of chief petty officers into benignant philanthropists—at any rate temporarily—is good food. The reason for the good food is Petty Officer Joseph Bucci, of North Bay, Ontario, and Dartmouth, N.S., who presides over the chief and petty officers' galley.

That a man who spends his time feeding as keen a bunch of culinary critics as you could find anywhere should be chosen by them as Man of the Month is proof enough that Joseph Bucci is no ordinary "hash slinger". You don't earn a tribute like this unless you are interested in the men you are feeding and in what you feed them. This, claims Joseph Bucci, is the secret of making petty officers purr over their meals.

A short account of our Man of the Month's career may help to explain how he discovered this secret and why he can go on being interested in preparing tasty meals in every climate and in all kinds of weather.

It seems that everything happens to Joseph Bucci in December, though his friendly personality radiates more of the warmth of July than the cold of winter. At any rate, it was in December 1925 that he was born at

North Bay, and it was in December 1942 that he joined the RCNVR as a cook, aged 17.

His first ship was "Cornwallis", then a part of the RCN Barracks in Halifax. Here, like so many others to follow, he took his new entry training before going to the RCN Bakery, in HMC Dockyard, in Halifax. After a training period in the bakery, he went to sea and stayed in ships until the end of the war.

His first sea experience was in HMCS "Provider", mother-ship for Fairmiles, stationed first of all at Rimouski and later in Bermuda. As a regular member of the galley staff and as relieving cook in Fairmiles, he began to acquire experience in producing meals under all sorts of conditions, the hallmark of a true Navy cook.

From the "Provider" he graduated as a leading cook to HMCS "Oshawa", Algerine minesweeper, engaged in escort work on the old "Triangle Run" between Halifax,

New York and "Newfie." This was the run where you froze all winter and groped through fog all summer. Joe Bucci kept the "Oshawa" ship's company well-fed and happy for a year in these conditions before being drafted to the "Fort Erie", a frigate on ocean escort duty. He was serving in her when the war with Germany ended.

He volunteered for the Pacific but his ship, which was refitting at Shelburne, N.S., was paid off after V-J Day and Leading Cook Bucci was drafted to HMCS "Peregrine" in Halifax. From there he was sent to the "Burlington", a Bangor minesweeper, for her last voyage, to Sydney for paying off and Shelburne for laying up. Back in "Peregrine", he received his discharge and celebrated the event by getting married—also in December.

As a civilian he tried both contracting and cooking, but he missed the sea. Mr. J. Bucci found cooking in a land-locked galley altogether too



PHOTO NDHO

Our Man of the Month stands by in his galley as the Chief of the Naval Staff admires the cake made specially for presentation to the mess judged to be the cleanest at Vice-Admiral Grant's inspection of HMCS "Magnificent". On the left are Cdr. A. G. Boulton, executive officer, and Commodore K. F. Adams, commanding officer, of the carrier. The cake was won, appropriately enough, by the CPOs Mess, No. 10-H. (Mag-1713).

steady for his liking. It took him just nine months to decide that the Royal Canadian Navy was the life for him. In September 1946 (he could not wait until December this time) he signed on in HMCS "York" as a leading cook, RCN, and headed back for the East Coast.

In the four years which have passed since then, he has continued to spend most of his time at sea. He served in the "Micmac" during her first commission, in the "St. Stephen" for eight months, and has been in the "Magnificent" since May, 1949.

He was one of the ship's company which commissioned the "St. Stephen" in 1947 and he made four trips to Station "Baker" in her. He won't say how much he enjoyed cooking in the weather ship while she was on

Extra Special Salute

The "New Yorker," ever on the alert for typographical or other errors, spotted this one in the New York "World Telegram and Sun":

"Following a gala trip up New York Harbor, three Canadian Navy vessels led by the light aircraft carrier Magnificent, today tied up at Pier 26, Beach St. and the Hudson River.

"Their arrival, greeted with a 21 $\frac{3}{8}$ gun salute from Governors Island."

"It must have been that name—Magnificent," was "The New Yorker's" brief comment.

station, but he has commented that, all in all, he seemed to see more of his family then than he has lately while serving in the "Magnificent."

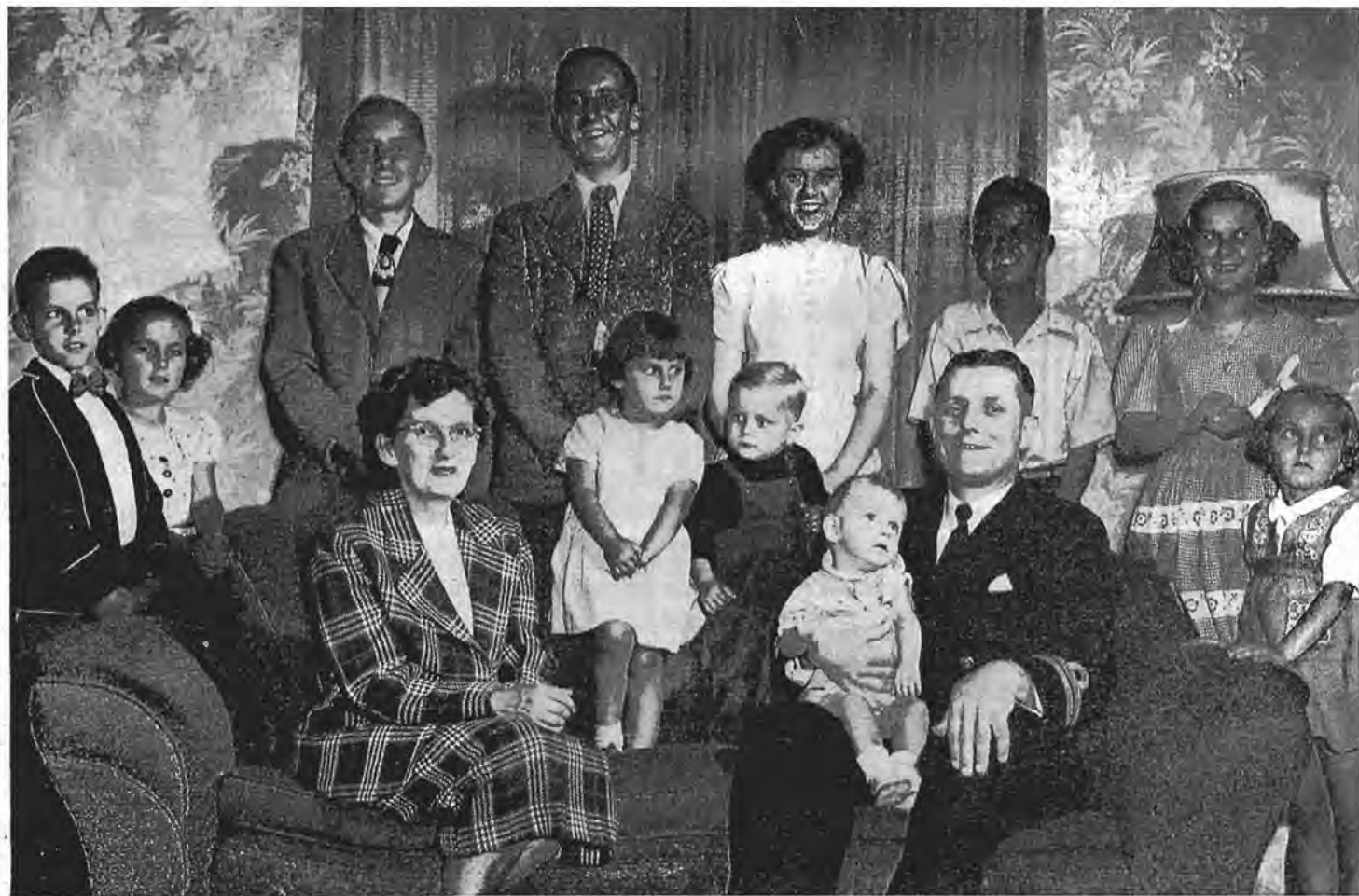
(No one in the "St. Stephen" is expected to believe this!)

His one spell ashore since rejoining found him first of all paying a visit to the West Coast to qualify for petty officer in the Cookery School, and later at the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital at Halifax, not as a patient, but as a PO Cook.

Petty Officer Bucci makes his home in Dartmouth. He is probably kept as busy there as he is in his ship, for he has a son, born while he was serving in the "St. Stephen", and a ten-weeks-old daughter.

If good meals go a long way towards making a happy ship, as they surely do, then Joseph Bucci certainly makes a full contribution to the happiness of any ship in which he serves.

Family of the Month



The family of Lieut. (E) J. F. Mackintosh, engineer officer serving in HMCS "Haida", poses for this handsome portrait. The family of six boys and five girls is understood to be the largest in the Royal Canadian Navy. Left to right around the chesterfield are: David, 8 years, Trudy, 7, Frank, 15, Russell, 17, Kathleen, 18, Bruce, 11, Lorraine, 13, and Patsy, 6. In front are Mrs. Mackintosh, Mary, 4, Robert, 2, and, seated on Lieut. Mackintosh's knee, is one-year-old Michael.

The five oldest children and the baby are Halifax Port Division, having been born on the East Coast; the others were born on the West Coast and belong to the Esquimalt Port Division.—(HS-11372).

Ex-'Chiefs' Honored

41 Made Life Members
In CPOs' Mess
at 'Naden'

Forty-one former chief petty officers of the Royal Canadian Navy were presented recently with gold pins signifying to life membership in the Chief Petty Officers' Mess at HMCS "Naden".

The idea of presenting membership buttons to ex-"Chiefs" living in the West was originated by CPO Alec Ross. After discussions by mess members, it was decided to appropriate the required amount from the mess funds and make all the presentations at once, at a special smoker in the mess.

Among those who contributed a great deal of time and effort to make the affair a success were CPO William Montgomery, CPO Duncan Kennedy, CPO Peter Lovric, secretary-treasurer, and CPO Les Cole, president of the mess.

CPO Cole carried out the duties of master of ceremonies with a flair born of long experience and kept the 130 Chiefs and ex-Chiefs in gales of laughter throughout.

Commodore G. R. Miles, Commodore of the RCN Barracks, made the first presentation, to ex-CPO "Dickie" Dunn, the oldest pensioner present. But before doing so he remarked that he was indebted to the CPOs' Mess for bringing the pensioners together, "because I shall one day be a pensioner myself and it shows me the tough stuff of which sailors are made. I only hope these gold buttons are as enduring as the men receiving them."

The remainder of the presentations were made by CPO Cole, who told the gathering that it was good for them to get together and compare their old age afflictions. He added, "Despite my youth next year I shall be among you."

The present policy of the mess is to present the pins only to pensioners applying for membership who have taken their discharge at Esquimalt. It will be a semi-annual affair. All other ex-Chiefs may apply to the mess for honorary membership.

One of the purposes of the membership pins is to foster an interest in the mess and to try to keep retired men from severing all connections with it. The buttons, are, in effect, a token of appreciation for service to the mess.

Among those to receive their buttons were five ex-CPOs who commissioned the old cruiser HMCS



Among the old-timers on hand to receive gold buttons signifying life membership in the CPOs' Mess at "Naden" were five Victorians who were chief or petty officers in 1920 and were members of the original commissioning crew of HMCS "Aurora." Left to right are CPO Jack Jenkins, Chief Yeoman of Signals N. Bennalack, Master-at-Arms Harry Finch, Chief Ordnance Artificer J. B. Dawson, and CPO (Gunner's Mate) A. Hardy. (E-11710).

Ex-CPO "Dickie" Dunn, of Victoria, acknowledges the rousing cheers of the "Naden" Chief Petty Officers' Mess as Commodore G. R. Miles pins a solid gold life membership button to his lapel. At the left is CPO Les Cole, mess president, who acted as master-of-ceremonies for the smoker and made the remainder of the presentations. (HS-11709).



"Aurora" in November 1920. From Devonport, where she commissioned, the "Aurora" was sailed to Halifax

and secured at the Dockyard in bitterly cold weather on Christmas Day, 1920.

Learning In The Dark

Visual Aids Become Major
Factor in Training
Naval Personnel

THIS is the moment you have feared most of all. Your ship's been fished. In a matter of minutes, possibly less, you'll be in the water. Nothing around you but rolling, hearing swells. Miles of bottomless ocean.

You can feel the deck slowly tilting. Your crewmates have started to release the carley floats and are going over the side. How many will be picked up?

After forty-eight hours on a raft, nothing could be better than a solid deck under your feet. How do you feel? Not so good, maybe, but at least you're alive . . .

Someone barks out a short command, and the lights come on.

A class of RCN(R) seamen receives gunnery instruction through the medium of film strips in HMCS "York". This compact, handy method of illustrating lectures is used extensively for training men in subjects where accurate diagrams are required and is fast replacing the "chalk talk" system. The instructor is CPO Harry (Gate and Gaiters) Catley and his pupils are, left to right, Ordinary Seamen Donald Watson, Larry Pearson, Hazen White and Robert Allan. (0-1355-27).

Another movie from the RCN Instructional Film Library is over, and another group of men have a clearer understanding of a situation they may someday be called upon to face. They have shared with the cameraman the experience of a torpedoing at sea, and have seen how and how not to act in the emergency. The knowledge they have gained from witnessing the real thing, reproduced on the screen, may very easily mean the difference between life and death.

From "Abandon Ship" to "Welding Stainless Steel", from "Submarine Construction" to the "Cooking and Carving of Meat", or the "Private Life of a Fuse", the RCN Instruc-

tional Film Library holds films of interest to men in every branch of the Naval Service.

Visual instruction is one of the most modern and most effective aids to learning, and one which is especially useful to Service personnel. Because of its importance, the RCN has been carefully selecting, compiling and cataloguing 16 mm films for use in ships, training establishments and naval divisions.

The work has been organized and supervised over the past year and a half by Instructor Lieut.-Cdr. Peter Bance, who is on the staff of the Superintendent of Photography at Headquarters. As a result, a catalogue containing more than 2,000 film titles, selected by the various directorates, has been prepared. In addition, Lieut.-Cdr. Bance has visited many of the naval divisions, organizing their visual aids departments and checking the working order of their equipment.

Every ship, training establishment and division is equipped with both 16 mm sound and film strip projectors.

Each division, school and training centre is supplied with a number of frequently used titles which are held on permanent charge. Other titles, which are required only occasionally, may be obtained on temporary loan from one of three film pools. Sea-going ships carry a large number of instructional films on permanent retention. They also have the privilege of drawing films from the pools at either coast.

In an effort to improve the distribution of instructional motion picture and strip films, all establishments, ships, divisions, schools and training centres now submit their film requirements to one of three newly-organized pools, located at HMCS "Naden", Esquimalt, HMCS "Stadacona", Halifax, and at the Joint Services Training Film Library (Navy), NDHQ, Ottawa.

HMCS "Chippawa" and all divisions and ships west of Winnipeg are looked after by "Naden".

All divisions between HMCS "Griffon", Port Arthur, and HMCS "Montcalm", Quebec, inclusive, deal with the Joint Services Training Film Library (Navy), Ottawa.



"Stadacona" attends to all establishments, ships and divisions east of Saint John, N.B.

The Joint Services Training Film Library, Ottawa, will eventually contain a master copy of all the instructional motion picture and strip films of the RCN, Army and RCAF.

Typical of the facilities provided at the divisions are those at HMCS "York", Toronto. Two classrooms at the end of the drill deck have been converted into a screening room. Folding doors divide the room, in order that pictures may be shown to small or large classes without wasting space.

At the back of the room is a projection booth and library. The projection booth is compactly designed and fitted with twin 16 mm projectors to enable the showing of the longer films without having to stop to change reels. A cabinet containing a wide selection of both movies and films strips, catalogued and marked, is conveniently situated behind the projector. A film splicing unit, for the repairing of damaged film, also forms a part of the equipment.

In addition to moving pictures, the division is equipped with a number of film strips and a film strip projector. Similar to the old method of slides, this machine throws stills on the



Duplicate copies of nearly all instructional films used by the RCN are kept on file in the Joint Service Film Library at Ottawa. Here Instr. Lieut.-Cdr. Peter Bance, right, RCN Visual Aids Officer, and Capt. A. L. MacDonald, who is in charge of the library, inspect a film. (O-1307-3.)

screen—pictures and diagrams which are especially handy when instructing on technical subjects, such as gunnery or navigation. The film strips have it over slides in that they tell a complete story without the danger of



CPO Harry Burden, motion picture projectionist, operates a 16 mm. projector in HMCS "York". Naval divisions are all equipped with projectors and films for training reserve personnel, and draw additional films from pools at Halifax, Ottawa or Esquimalt. (O-1355-22).

omissions or being projected upside down. Besides, a single film strip, containing the equivalent of several dozen slides, fits conveniently into a small tin storage box no larger than an ink bottle.

During the war instructional films proved their worth many times over. Now, in peacetime, the Royal Canadian Navy is making full use of this important instructional medium for the training of personnel in every branch of the Service. The "Nobby" Clark of today has his fair share of boat pulling, drill and practical training, but unlike his pre-war counterpart, he has the opportunity of seeing in detail how the work should be done before he attempts it, thanks to the visual aids program of the RCN.

NOAC News

HALIFAX BRANCH ELECTS OFFICERS

J. L. McGerrigle was elected president of the Halifax Branch of the Naval Officers' Association of Canada at the annual meeting held recently in HMCS "Scotian." He succeeds J. S. Wilson.

Others elected were W. E. Harrison, vice-president; H. M. Romans, treasurer; B. S. Joudrey, secretary; J. Reader, sports chairman; Fergus Cross, membership chairman; W. J. McIsaac, nominating chairman; G. W. Bridgehouse, social chairman; G. A. Rotherham, program chairman, and A. R. Webster, house chairman.

EDMONTON NOACs CEASE FIRE TILL FALL

Winding up activities until the Fall, members of the Edmonton branch of the Naval Officers' Association of Canada recently heard talks on present and past naval activities, in meetings held in the wardroom at HMCS "Nonsuch".

Speakers were Cdr. E. F. B. Watt, of the Directorate of Naval Intelligence, Ottawa, and Dan Harris, ex-lieutenant, RNVR. Mr. Harris, now in Edmonton as manager of a British oilfield equipment company branch, served as assistant naval attache with the British legation in Stockholm, Sweden, during the war. He told briefly of his experiences while there.

R. M. Edwards, president of the Edmonton branch, attended the recent national NOAC convention at Vancouver.

The Edmonton branch executive is already preparing for the second annual Trafalgar Day ball, to be held October 21.—G.H.S.



OFFICERS *and* MEN



Appointment Changes Are Announced

The following are among appointment changes for RCN officers which have either taken place recently or are due to take place in the near future:

Capt. L. L. Atwood to National Defence College, Kingston, for staff course. Formerly Director of Naval Intelligence, Naval Headquarters.

Cdr. J. C. Pratt to Naval Headquarters as Director of Naval Intelligence. Formerly on staff course.

Cdr. James Plomer to staff course. Formerly Staff Officer to the Commodore, Newfoundland.

Cdr. P. F. X. Russell to the staff of the Naval Member of the Canadian Joint Staff, Washington, D. C., as Staff Officer (Torpedo Anti-Submarine). Formerly officer-in-charge of the TAS School, Halifax, and on the staff of the Flag Officer Atlantic Coast as Staff Officer (TAS).

Lieut.-Cdr. P. S. Booth to HMCS "Stadacona" as officer-in-charge of the Torpedo Anti-Submarine School and on the staff of the Flag Officer Atlantic Coast as Command TAS Officer. Formerly on the staff of the TAS School.

Cdr. (E) (AE) John Doherty to Naval Headquarters as Deputy Assistant Chief of Naval Technical Services (Air.) Formerly in HMCS "Shearwater" as Station Air Engineer Officer.

Cdr. (P) A. B. F. Fraser-Harris to HMCS "Nootka" in command. Formerly on staff course.

Instr. Cdr. J. D. Armstrong to HMCS "Ontario." Formerly in HMCS "Naden" as Education Officer and on the staff of the Flag Officer Pacific Coast as Command Education Officer and Command Visual Aids Officer.

Instr. Cdr. G. L. Amyot to HMCS "Naden" as Education Officer and on the staff of the Flag Officer Pacific Coast as Command Education Officer. Formerly in HMCS "Ontario."

Lieut.-Cdr. J. P. T. Dawson to staff course. Formerly commanding officer, HMCS "Swansea."

Lieut.-Cdr. J. E. Korning to "Swansea" in command. From JOTLC.

Lieut. R. L. Ellis to HMCS "Bytown" in command. From TAS Training Centre, HMCS "Naden".

Lieut. J. L. Quinn to JOTLC. Formerly commanding officer, HMCS "Bytown."

Lieut. C. E. Richardson to HMCS "Nootka" as Executive Officer. Formerly on staff of the Director-General of Naval Ordnance at Naval Headquarters.

Medical Branch Men Qualify for Commissions

Chief Petty Officers Albert W. Hood and Archibald S. Kadey, both of the medical branch, have successfully passed their examinations for the rank of Commissioned Wardmaster.

Subject to medical fitness they will be promoted to that rank in the near future.

A native of Halifax, CPO Hood joined the RCNVR there in August 1940. He served throughout the Second World War in East Coast establishments and in Newfoundland, being demobilized in September, 1945. In April 1949 he re-entered the Reserve at HMCS "Scotian," Halifax, and transferred to the RCN in August of that year.

At present he is serving at Naval Headquarters, Ottawa.

CPO Kadey was born in Okotoks, Alta., and joined the RCNVR in September 1941. During the war he also saw service in East Coast establishments and in Newfoundland. He transferred to the RCN in December 1945 and subsequently served in the "Iroquois," "Portage" and "St. Stephen." He is currently serving in HMCS "Stadacona."

Two CPOs Taking Course For Commissioned Bos'n.

Two chief petty officers from the Pacific Command, CPO George W. Peakman, Esquimalt, and CPO Peter S. Cox, Victoria, sailed recently aboard the "Empress of France" for the United Kingdom where they will take the qualifying course for the rank of commissioned bos'n. They are the first men from among the new RCN Preparatory School graduates to take the course for commissioned rank. The nine-month course commenced early in July.

Both men completed the six-month course of studies at the Prep School



More than 60 years of service in the Navy are represented by the three chief petty officers shown above. They are, left to right, CPO Thomas A. Dicks, newly-elected president of the Chief and Petty Officers' Mess at "Stadacona"; CPO L.A.C. Paige, retiring mess president, and CPO F. W. Trottier, past president. They were photographed together at a levee held in the mess in honor of CPO Page prior to his departure for HMCS "Queen", Regina. (HS-10899).



Shown above is the first group of officers to take the Junior Officers' Technical and Leadership Course at HMCS "Stadacona." The course, of 41 weeks duration, is designed to standardize the basic professional knowledge of all junior executive officers in the RCN. The class graduates August 15.

In the photograph are, left to right, seated, Lieut. D. M. Howitt, Lieut. I. A. McPhee, Lieut.-Cdr. A. B. Cosh, Lieut.-Cdr. (P) H. J. Hunter, Lieut.-Cdr. A. J. Tanner and Lieut. (P) R. A. Beach. Standing, Sub-Lieut. J. S. Ker, Lieut. F. P. Saunders, Lieut.-Cdr. J. E. Korning, Lieut. J. A. Haverfield, Lieut. A. H. Slater and Lieut. R. P. Mylrea. (HS-8628).

with high marks which gave them the necessary academic credits for promotion.

CPO Hugh Clarke Wins Para-Rescue Badge

Chief Petty Officer Hugh Clarke, of Montreal and Dartmouth, N.S. was graduated from the RCAF Para-Rescue School at Henry House Field, near Jasper, Alta., on July 4. One officer and 11 men of the Air Force completed the course at the same time.

CPO Clarke was the first Navy man to take the tough, 18-week course, which has as its object the training of men to parachute into the wilderness to save lives.

Included on the syllabus are parachute jumping into both open and heavily-timbered areas, first aid instruction, bush lore, mountaineering, canoeing and rafting.

Born in Dundee, Scotland, in June 1920, CPO Clarke was living in Montreal when he joined the RCNVR in May 1940. During the Second World War he served in the destroyer "St. Laurent," the frigate "St. Catharines," the corvette "Trillium," and a number of smaller vessels. He transferred to the RCN in September 1944. Prior to taking the para-rescue course, he was a safety equipment worker with the 19th Carrier Air Group at HMCS "Shearwater."

In September 1947 he received an official commendation for his efforts

in attempting to save the life of a shipmate following the explosion of a private motor launch at Halifax.

First Class Starts Observer's Mate Training

Seven naval airmen are undergoing the first observer's mate course to be

conducted by the RCN. The new rating was authorized only a short time ago, and those qualifying will serve as aircrew in Avenger anti-submarine aircraft.

Those taking the course, which began at HMCS "Shearwater," the RCN Air Station at Dartmouth, on June 19, are Able Seamen R. L. Rogers and W. S. Reynard, and Ord. Seamen D. E. Carr, M. C. Thomas, M. Sulley, W. M. Hunter and W. A. Harnell.

Stoker Branch Men Finish 19-week Course

Twenty-one men of the Stoker Mechanic branch recently passed a 19-week course at the Mechanical Training Establishment, HMCS "Stadacona." Successful completion of the course is one of the principal qualifications for advancement to petty officer first class.

Graduates were Petty Officers Walter A. Baker, Kamloops, B.C.; Hugh M. Lavender Lashburn, Sask.; Leslie Kolesar, Victoria; Bernard F. Marengere, Lunenburg County, N.S.; Norman H. Thompson, Victoria; Ross H. Cawley, Edmonton, and Yaraslow Bryk, Halifax, and Leading Seaman Edward K. Hopps, Selkirk, Man.; Roy J. Wilkie, Calgary; Anthony M. Mattingsley, Turner Valley, Alta.; Peter A. Payne, Victoria; Albert J. Fraser, Vancouver; Brian A. Pope,



Members of the fifth Chief and Petty Officers' Leadership Course to be held at HMCS "Cornwallis" are shown above.

Front row, left to right: CPO J. C. Moore, CPO J. Magill, CPO G. H. Black, Lieut.-Cdr. J. C. O'Brien, officer-in-charge, Lieut. (S) A. F. Reade, instructor, CPO E. L. Anderson, CPO R. R. Malin and CPO R. Price.

Centre row: CPO A. Taylor, CPO F. C. Netherton, PO G. H. McGinn, PO W. H. Barclay, PO J. B. Rickard, PO S. G. Lemon and CPO J. M. Turner.

Rear row: PO H. M. Downing, CPO M. M. Tudor, PO C. G. Anslow, PO C. H. Laubach, PO T. H. Foster, PO G. H. Breen and PO J. A. Dunbar. (DB-886-1).

Victoria; Cyrus A. Brooks, Spryfield, Halifax County, N.S.; Earl S. Wylie, Edmonton; Daniel Teevens, Winnipeg; Robert W. Hinds, Edmonton; Lloyd A. Fell, Hollyburn, B.C.; Ferdinand M. Zurowski, Edenwolk, Sask.; Ronald Lowden, Springhill, N.S., and Ernest C. McCarville, Pictou, N.S.

Reserve Classes Take Communications Courses

A steady flow of Reserve officers, cadets and men has been passing through the Communication Training Centre at HMCS "Naden" since the start of the Reserve Training Program.

Recent arrivals at the centre included Mr. Roy Clarke, Cd. Comm. Officer, relieving Mr. Frank Skinner, who has gone to Churchill, Man., in charge of the Naval Radio Station. Other newcomers were CPO Duncan MacFarlane, from "Stad," and Ldg. Sea. L. Keith, from Albro Lake Naval Radio Station.

Leading Seamen Gordon Smith and Edward D. Leppard have gone to Aldergrove Radio Station and Able Seamen Joseph MacAreavy, Charles Pearson and Ken Bjordal to ships of the reserve training group.

A successful social evening for all communications personnel on the

West Coast was held recently at the Esquimalt Community Hall. Credit is due to CPOs Fred A. Watters and Thomas MacIntyre and Ldg. Sea. John Radley for their efforts in making the affair an enjoyable one.

Ten Communicators Complete Training

The following men completed a communications course on June 19 and have been drafted to the Coverdale Naval Radio Station, near Moncton, N.B.: Ldg. Seamen G. R. Cooper and G. C. Bruer, AB H. L. Wyman and Ord. Seamen J. E. Wash, C. Smith, N. R. Lamorie, E. A. Thompson, H. J. Walford, D. R. Fleming and W. S. Beckinsale.

Leave Regina Division for Sea-Going Billees

Ldg. Sea. L. Bessette and AB K. Ryland, both RCN, have been drafted from HMCS "Queen", Regina, to new duties at sea. The former joined the destroyer "Athabaskan" while Ryland was drafted to the "Ontario".

CPO Leslie Paige, RCN, from HMCS "Stadacona", Halifax, is a recent arrival at the division.

Padre Harry Ploughman New Command Chaplain

Chaplain Harry Ploughman, of Port Rexton, Newfoundland, has been appointed Command Chaplain (P) of the Atlantic Command. He succeeds to an appointment left vacant by the death on April 22 of Chaplain Charles deW. White.

Formerly in HMCS "Cornwallis,"



Padre Ploughman took up his new duties in the latter part of June. He was promoted to the rank of Chaplain Class IV in the July half-yearly promotions list.

A native of Port Rexton, he entered the Navy

at Halifax in November 1941. During the Second World War he served in Halifax on the staffs of Captain (D) and the Commander-in-Chief Canadian Northwest Atlantic, in HMCS "Avalon," St. John's, Newfoundland, and overseas with the Captain Commanding Canadian Ships in the United Kingdom.

Padre Ploughman also spent periods at sea in various ships on convoy duty in the North Atlantic and Canadian coastal waters, and saw action in HMS "Havelock," a destroyer, when the convoy she was escorting was attacked by submarines.

Demobilized in September 1945, Chaplain Ploughman was placed on the Retired List in HMCS "Brunswick," Saint John. He re-entered the service there in December 1948 and was appointed to "Cornwallis" when the training establishment was re-commissioned in May 1949.



Members of CR 33 class, winners for the month of May of the newly-awarded "Cock-o'-the-Walk" trophy in the Communication School at Halifax, are shown in the above photo. The trophy was presented by Lieut. H. A. Porter to be awarded the ABCM class making the best all-around showing during the month. Left to right are Ord. Sea. B. J. Murphy, Ord. Sea. W. M. Wheeler, CPO C. V. Scott, instructor, Ord. Sea. A. M. Crayden, Ord. Sea. Ernest Law and, holding the trophy, Ord. Sea. E. W. Penney. (HS-11363).

Keep Your Head Down!

The first Officers' Divisional Course and the sixth Chief and Petty Officers' Leadership Course from "Cornwallis" visited Aldershot Camp, N.S., on May 21 as guests of the West Nova Scotia Regiment.

The visitors witnessed various Army manoeuvres during the forenoon and in the afternoon carried out a mock attack against "C" Company of the West Novas, the latter defending a fortified position. Live ammunition was used and a mortar barrage laid down.

Major D. K. Rhodes, of the West Nova Scotia Regiment, expressed himself as being "most impressed" by the Navy's keenness and dash. It is hoped to carry out other similar exercises later in the summer.

HALF-YEARLY PROMOTIONS

Thirty officers of the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve) were listed in the half-yearly promotions announced on June 30.

Following is the list of promotions:

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

To be Commodore (E)

William W. Porteous OBE, Superintendent of HMC Dockyard, Halifax, Command Technical Officer and Command Engineer Officer, Atlantic Command.

To be Captain

Lorenzo L. Atwood, VRD, Director of Naval Intelligence, Naval Headquarters, Ottawa.

Antony H. G. Storrs, DSC and Bar, Naval Member of the Directing Staff, National Defence College, Kingston.

To be Ordnance Captain

William G. Ross, Director-General of Naval Ordnance, Naval Headquarters.

To be Acting Captain (S)

Henry A. McCandless, Naval Secretary, Naval Headquarters.

To be Commander

Gordon C. Edwards, HMCS "Niobe", London, England.

Frank B. Caldwell, Director of Standardization and Deputy Director of Weapons and Tactics, Naval Headquarters.

Patrick F. X. Russell, Officer-in-Charge, Torpedo Anti-Submarine School, HMCS "Stadacona", and Command Torpedo Anti-Submarine Officer, Atlantic Command.

John A. Charles, HMCS "Niobe", London, England.

To be Commander (E)

Hal B. Bolus, Assistant Staff Officer, Engineering Personnel, Naval Headquarters.

John Doherty, Deputy Assistant Chief of Naval Technical Services (Air).

To be Commander (L)

Francis J. Kelly, Air Electrical and Air Radio Officer, HMCS "Shearwater".

To be Commander (S)

Vernon W. Howland, Supply Officer, HMCS "Ontario".

Harold A. Black, secretary to the Flag Officer Atlantic Coast.

Beverley E. Gaynor, Director of Victualling, Naval Headquarters.

To be Ordnance Commander

Robert H. Chicken, Naval Headquarters, for duty with the Director-General of Naval Ordnance.

To be Surgeon Commander

Walter J. Elliot, MDCM, Assistant Medical Director General, Naval Headquarters.

Richard A. G. Lane, MD, Medical Liaison Officer, Office of the Defence Research Member, Canadian Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

To be Commander (Special Branch)

Douglas C. Elliott, Director of Sea Cadets, Naval Headquarters.

To be Chaplain (P) Class IV

Chaplain (P) Harry Ploughman, Command Chaplain (P), Atlantic Command.

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY (RESERVE)

To be Captain

Dickson C. Wallace, OBE, DSC, RD, HMCS "Scotian" Halifax.

Ferdinand R. Base, Commanding Officer, HMCS "York", Toronto.



W. V. Gordon, secretary-treasurer of the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund in Halifax, accepts a cheque for \$100 from Cdr. R. A. Webber, Senior Officer Reserve Fleet, East Coast, on the quarterdeck of HMCS "Haida." The money was donated by the Reserve Fleet, which also gave two cheques of \$10 each to the Rimouski and Cabano Fire Relief Funds. In the background are, left to right, CPO Douglas Gillis, CPO E. O. Edmonds, AB George Payeur and AB Paul Bellamy, four members of the ship's fund committee.

Cdr. Webber headed the 50-man naval party, drawn from the Gunnery and TAS Schools, Reserve Fleet and "Shearwater," which was flown to Winnipeg to assist during the flood emergency. (HS-11288).

Ronald Jackson, Commanding Officer, HMCS "Malahat", Victoria.

To be Commander

Philippe A. F. Langlois, Commanding Officer, HMCS "Donnacona", and Naval Officer-in-Charge, Montreal.

Edward O. Ormsby, Commanding Officer, HMCS "Griffon", Port Arthur.

Lorne D. G. Main, Commanding Officer, HMCS "Chippawa", Winnipeg.

To be Acting Commander

Guy St. A. Mongenais, HMCS "Donnacona", Montreal.

To be Chaplain (RC) Class III

George L. Green, HMCS "Non-such", Edmonton.

To be Surgeon Commander

David M. Bean, MD, HMCS "York", Toronto.

To be Commander (E)

George A. Wilkins, HMCS "Donnacona", Montreal.

LEAFLET RAID IS FAR FROM MODERN; NAVY USED IT TO GET BONY'S GOAT

The dropping of propaganda leaflets upon an enemy civil population is an accepted part of modern warfare. It is interesting to note, however, that it was not beyond the imagination or ingenuity of certain captains in the British Fleet to do just this as far back as the Napoleonic wars, 100 years, more or less, before the first airplane rose off the ground. Admiral Lord Cochrane, in his "Autobiography of a Seaman" (published 1860), writes of . . . "a device practised by us in 1806 when, at various times, running close in to the French shore. . .

"A number of printed proclamations, addressed to the French people, had been put on board, with instructions to embrace every opportunity of getting them distributed. The opportunities for this were, of course, few, being chiefly confined to the crews of boats or small fishing craft, who would scarcely have ventured on their distribution, had the proclamation been entrusted to them.

"The device resorted to was the construction of a small kite, to which a number of proclamations were attached. To the string which held the kite, a match was appended in such a way that when the kite was flown over the land, the retaining string became burned through, and dispersed the proclamations which, to the great annoyance of the French government, became widely distributed over the country."

LOOKING ASTERN



THE WRENS, GOD BLESS 'EM!

On August 25, 26 and 27, former members of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service will hold a national reunion at Toronto. The reunion, first of its kind, is sponsored by the Wren Association of Toronto and will be attended by ex-WRCNS personnel from Canada, the United States, Bermuda and Cuba. During the three-day get-together they will meet old friends and recall the memorable days in uniform. Their service with the Royal Canadian Navy is something they will never forget. And the Navy, in turn, will certainly never forget the women who contributed so splendidly to its wartime achievements.

On the occasion of this national reunion, The "Crow'snest" is pleased to

offer the following brief history of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, as a tribute to all the women who wore the honored uniforms of the WRCNS.

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IN the spring of 1941, officers of the three Armed Services and the Department of Labor met in Ottawa to study plans for co-ordinating the employment of women in Canada's war effort. During the first two years of the war, various women's auxiliaries and unassociated women's corps had been operating independently in cities across Canada. The aim of the conference was to establish a uniformity of purpose.

One immediate outcome of the meeting was to set up the Division of Volunteer Service, whose primary object was to register all women volunteers in Canada. The question of actually enlisting women in the Navy, Army and Air Force was discussed and the conference recommended that the Department of National Defence should undertake the recruiting, training and organization of all women's corps.

At this early date, it was felt that the manning situation did not occasion a women's branch in the Canadian Navy. But events moved rapidly in 1941. By the end of the year, the RCN had begun an expansion unprecedented in its history. With this expansion came a steady increase in requirements unforeseen at the spring conference. It became apparent that a women's branch, able to take over many shore duties and free officers and men for sea duty, would render valuable service.

In January 1942, naval authorities took definite steps towards creating a women's branch, the first in the annals of the RCN. To assist in the organization of the new service, Naval Headquarters called upon the Admiralty for the temporary loan of suitable, experienced officers of the Women's Royal Naval Service.

In April 1942, Captain Eustace Erock, RCNVR, who had been overseas with the Admiralty as Canadian liaison officer, was brought back to Canada and appointed Director of Women's Services. A month later, three officers of the WRNS arrived to assist in the organization of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service. They began an immediate tour of Canada to set up recruiting depots and to interview candidates.

Six days after their arrival there were 800 applications on file from Canadian girls who wished to join the Navy. Sixty-seven were selected to form the first training class, which went on active service in August and trained at Kingsmill House, Ottawa.



PHOTO: NNDHO

The Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service was closely modelled on the WRNS. There was, however, one important difference. The British organization was an auxiliary service whereas the WRCNS was made an integral part of the Canadian Naval Service. Canadian Wren officers were granted the King's commission and given naval rank, rather than the British designation of Superintendent, Chief Officer, First Officer and so on.

At the outset, the infant organization was beset with many and varied problems, involving accommodation, organization, recruiting and training. The WRCNS had to be fitted smoothly into a Navy that was growing by leaps and bounds. The initial complement was based on the general premise that Wrens would take over jobs at naval operational and administrative headquarters at Ottawa, Esquimalt, Halifax, Sydney and St. John's. But plans changed and requirements were augmented. The complement was increased and Wrens were slated for duty at naval divisions across the country and at other establishments. The accommodation needs were urgent, but planning, inspection and hard work solved the problem.

At about the same time as the first applicants for the Wrens were being interviewed by the three British officers, naval authorities were searching for a suitable site for a training establishment which would take over



PHOTO, NDHQ

As the war progressed, Wrens took over many new duties and responsibilities. Among these was the operation of signal towers commanding the entrances to harbors on the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards. The photo above shows two signalwomen on duty at the tower atop the Newfoundland Hotel, in St. John's, (Z-1272).

the job of training all new entries. The offer of the Ontario Government to turn over the Girls' School at Galt was accepted. No time was wasted in converting it to its future naval use. While the first class was training at

Kingsmill House, there was feverish preparation at Galt to have the new establishment ready for the incoming probationary Wrens. In October 1943 the new Wren training centre opened for business.

For the first eight months of its existence, the Galt training establishment was known as HMCS "Bytown", Division II, and was under the administrative control of Naval Headquarters. But in June 1943 it became more than just a training establishment. The former girls' school was commissioned a full training ship in the Royal Canadian Navy. It was named HMCS "Conestoga" and became the first Canadian "ship" with an all-women crew, with Commander Isabel Macneil, WRCNS, as commanding officer. It was, in fact, unique in this respect, not only in Canada but in the British Empire.

HMCS "Conestoga" will probably remain indelibly etched in the memories of most Wrens. With the exception of the first class, virtually every Wren received her initial naval training there. They will remember their arrival at Galt, their barracks routine, their service haircuts, and their bewilderment at the new way of life. They will remember, too, their weekly examinations on naval subjects, the scrubbing of decks, their hours of



PHOTO, NDHQ

A motor transport driver, her face smeared with grease, checks the motor of a truck at HMCS "Cornwallis". (GM-0140).

drill, the "Tea Boats", and, of course, that certain Master at Arms with the commanding voice and an engaging way of referring to every Wren as "Matilda".

And, finally, there was the parade by their divisional officer for the "Rating-up" ceremony. They then became "graduates" of HMCS "Conestoga", ready to take up jobs wherever the Navy needed them.

Wrens requiring advanced training for special duties were drafted to "Cornwallis" or "St. Hyacinthe", where they specialized as writers, motor transport drivers, cooks, wireless telegraphists, signalwomen, coders and teletype operators. Courses for sick berth attendants and photographers were added later. However, extension training at these two establishments did not begin until the summer of 1943. Until that time the Wrens pursued an on-the-job training scheme.

There was, too, an officers training centre at Ottawa, where Wrens would undergo a course which would fit them for commissioned rank. There was no direct entry as an officer of the WRCNS. All officers came through the ranks.

As the months flew by and Canada's part in the war at sea increased, the Wrens undertook more and more duties. They manned lonely wireless stations which kept tab on the movements of U-boats in the North Atlantic. As signalwomen, they directed warships in and out of port. At operational headquarters they plotted the movements of escorts and convoys on large wall charts. At tactical tables and night action rooms, as assistants to officers teaching sea-going personnel the latest methods in fighting the U-boat, they became grimly familiar with the struggle to retain supremacy in the Battle of the Atlantic. . . . But perhaps the full extent of the women's share became most apparent when Wrens showed up fully qualified as electrical artificers!

At the outset, the post of Director of Women's Services was held by Captain Eustace Brock, with Superintendent Joan Carpenter, Chief Officer Dorothy Isherwood and Second Officer E. M. Sturdee — the three WRNS officers — acting as advisors. It was planned that Superintendent Carpenter would soon take over the directorship of the WRCNS but she fell ill and Chief Officer Isherwood became the first woman director in March 1943. In August the British contingent returned overseas and the

post of director fell to a Canadian — Commander Adelaide Sinclair. She served in this capacity until her demobilization in the spring of 1945. For her distinguished work, she was awarded the OBE and promoted to the rank of Captain.

With the end of the war in Europe, the demobilization of the WRCNS began. Slowly the uniform of the Wrens started to disappear — slowly, because many of them were retained to help in the "paying off" of the wartime Navy.

The Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service officially stepped down from active duty on July 31, 1946. It was a good time for the Navy, and Canada, to take note of the contribution of the WRCNS to the over-all war effort. From the tiny nucleus of 67 young women who formed the first class, the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service expanded slightly more than 100-fold. In all, 6,783 Canadian women wore the uniform of the WRCNS. The highest number on active service at one time was 5,893, in April 1945. Most of the Wrens served in Canada, but there were 450 in the United Kingdom, a similar number in Newfoundland, 50 in New York City, and 50 more in Washington.

They went wherever the call of duty took them and they served in whatever capacity that their country required — and they did a grand job.



Assistant Commissioner Robson Armitage, RCMP, was presented with a colored photograph by Capt. (E) A. D. M. Curry, OBE, RCN, Ret'd., on behalf of the Naval Officers' Association, Halifax Branch, in the wardroom of HMCS "Scotian" June 24 in recognition of the splendid co-operation the former gave the association while serving as Assistant Commissioner of the RCMP in Nova Scotia. Assistant Commissioner Armitage will go on retirement leave at the end of the summer and plans to visit England before going to Western Canada to live. (HS-11473).

Blow Me Down!

An incident which left the City Fathers gasping with disbelief occurred recently in Vancouver.

A city grant of \$300 to help defray expenses of the annual general meeting of the Dominion Council of the Naval Officers' Association of Canada, held in Vancouver June 8-10, was returned, with thanks, by the NOAC of B.C. and HMCS "Discovery."

Convention expenses had been less than anticipated, officials of the association and the naval division explained, and it was felt that the city should have the money back.

As one Vancouver newspaper put it: "Aldermen just gasped when Ald. J. D. Corneet made the announcement."

Retirement

Chief Petty Officer Wilfred E. Fall, BEM

Rating: C1ER4
 Age: 43
 Address: 35 School Ave., Fairview, N.S.
 Joined: July 1930, as an Acting Engine-room Artificer, fourth class.
 Served in: HMCS "Stadacona", "Champlain", "Festubert", "Saguenay", "Prince Henry", "Owera", "Ottawa", "Shelburne", "Niobe", "Algonquin" and "Peregrine".
 Awards: British Empire Medal, June 13, 1946.
 Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, September 28, 1945.
 Retired: July 15, 1950.

LOWER DECK ADVANCEMENTS

Following is a further list of advancements of men on the lower deck. The list is arranged in alphabetical order, with each man's new rating, branch and trade group opposite his name.

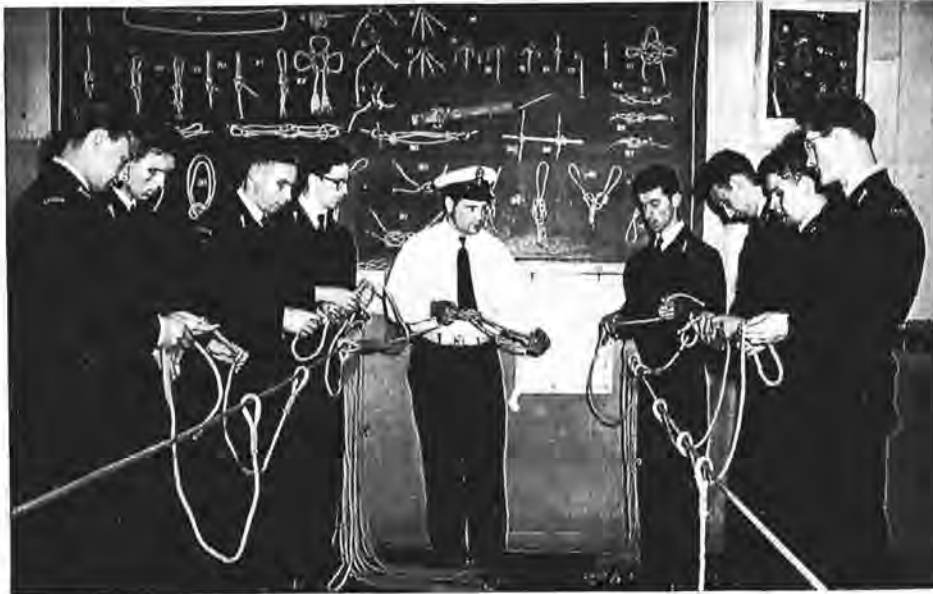
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 BOURQUIN, Stanley E.LSCM1(NQ)
 BOYCE, James M.P2CK2(NQ)
 BRAY, Edward A.P2TDS
 BREDO, Harold W.LSMO1(NQ)
 BRYAN, Robert R.LSRPS(NQ)
 CHIHRIN, MichaelLSSM1
 CHISHOLM, Albert E.C2ER4
 CLITHEROE, Robert E.LSAF2
 DAVIS, Lloyd J.P2MO2(NQ)
 DURST, George W.LSSM1
 EBELTOFT, Olaf J.LSCM1
 EVERALL, Walter G.P2VS2
 FAULKNER, Ralph B.LSQR1(NQ)
 FENN, FrankC2CM3
 GLASGOW, James G.LSSM1(NQ)
 HAINES, Edward H.LSCM1(NQ)
 HARVEY, Leslie D.LSQRS(NQ)
 HATCHIN, Robert H.P2MA2(NQ)
 HICKS, Howard G.P2QR1(NQ)
 HOWARD, Arthur P.C1CV3(NQ)
 JOHNSON, William J.LSMO1(NQ)
 KLINGLE, William P.P1SW2
 KURTS, David A.LSRP1
 LANGLOIS, Real J. L.LSAL2
 LAVERN, Donald J.LSTDS(NQ)

LOTZER, Percy C.LSCM1
 LEWIS, Albert J.P1GA3
 MASUR, Clayton H.LSCM1
 MILNER, Thomas W.LSBD2
 MILTON, Lloyd J.LSCM1
 MUIR, John W.LSEM1
 McEWEN, Garth D.LSCM1(NQ)
 McPHERSON, Robert R.LSCM1(NQ)
 O'SULLIVAN, Michael B.LSCM1
 PARENT, Rene A. L. J.LSCM1
 PARSONS, Gordon J.LSCM1(NQ)
 PETTER, John C.LSAL1
 PORTER, Kenneth R.LSRPS(NQ)
 RANDE, Howard A.LSCM1
 RAWLUK, James D.LSCM1
 REED, William A.LSCM1
 ROBERTS, ArthurLSCM1(NQ)
 ROBERTS, Douglas A.LSAL1
 TAYLOR, George M.LSCM1(NQ)
 TERLECKY, JamesP2AA1
 TORPY, Gerald V.LSNS1(NQ)
 WEAVER, Wilfred J.LSAF2
 WOOD, James W.LSCM1

Lose Game, Get Trophy

HMCS "Ontario's" basketball team finished on the short end of a 35-23 score in an exhibition game played at Port Simpson, but received an award for its efforts all the same.

The game was played during a visit to Port Simpson, against a team composed of Indians. After it was over, Sam Price, of Port Simpson, presented a trophy to PO Stan Birch, captain of the cruiser's team, as a memento of the occasion.



First year University Naval Training Division cadets learn their bends and hitches from PO B. H. Grant, of Kingston, Ont., as part of their two-week course in the Seamanship school at HMCS "Stadacona." Left to right are Cadets Maurice Tremblay, Windsor, Ont.; Andre Garant, Quebec City; Raymond-Marie Guay, Levis, P.Q.; Jean Lacasse, Quebec City; Laureat Tremblay, Port Alfred, P.Q.; Robert Buies, Quebec City; Bernard Blanchard, Ottawa, and Jean-Pierre Boivin, Shawinigan Falls, P.Q. (HS-11294).

WEDDINGS

Surg. Lieut.-Cdr. D. B. Maunsell, HMCS "Cornwallis", to Sub-Lieut. (NS) Jean M. Keenan, HMCS "Cornwallis".
 Lieut. (P) G. S. Hilliard, HMCS "Njobe", to Miss Heather D. Prentice, of Victoria.
 Instr. Lieut. T. J. R. Cole, HMCS "Shearwater", to Miss Jean B. Brittain, of Toronto.
 PO B. E. Cooper, HMCS "Stadacona", to Miss Dorothy E. Cameron, of Halifax.
 - PO J. R. Whyte, HMCS "Sioux", to Miss Shirley J. Warburton, of Victoria.
 Ldg. Sea. J. E. Mayo, HMCS "Sioux" to Miss Margaret L. Stoney, of Winnipeg.
 Ldg. Sea. R. A. MacKinnon, HMCS "Shearwater", to Miss Beverley S. Kew, of Halifax.
 Ldg. Sea. J. R. Robillard, HMCS "Sioux", to Miss Audrey Foster, of Cranbrook, B.C.
 Ldg. Sea. Kenneth R. Porter, HMCS "St. Stephen", to Miss Marie J. Duggan, of Halifax.
 Ldg. Sea. Donald G. Conly, HMCS "Sioux", to Miss Georgina M. Kelly, of Calgary.
 AB G. L. Dixon, HMCS "Sioux", to Miss Dorothy M. Alexander, of Vancouver.
 AB P. G. Robertson, HMCS "Shearwater", to Miss Eleanor Galbraith, of Halifax.
 AB J. R. Skinner, HMCS "Magnificent", to Miss Marion L. Hicks, of Halifax.
 AV L. C. Brahan, HMCS "Sioux", to Miss Dorothy M. Smith, of Vancouver.
 AB Charles E. Rhodes, HMCS "Haida", to Miss Iola Shafner, of Annapolis Royal, N.S.
 AB William B. Smith, HMCS "Magnificent", to Miss MacDougall, West Gore, N.S.

BIRTHS

To Cdr. W. M. Landymore, Naval Headquarters, and Mrs. Landymore, a son.
 To Lieut. H. D. Evans, HMCS "Stadacona", and Mrs. Evans, a son.
 To Lieut. (P) William Walker, HMCS "Queen", and Mrs. Walker, a son.
 To Sub. Lieut. R. A. Munro, HMCS "Queen", and Mrs. Munro, a son.
 To CPO Orville Fox, HMCS "Cornwallis", and Mrs. Fox, a son.
 To CPO A. P. Allen, HMCS "Cornwallis", and Mrs. Allen, a daughter.
 To PO George H. Richdale, HMCS "Athabaskan", and Mrs. Richdale, twins.
 To PO Ronald F. Darby, HMCS "Stadacona", and Mrs. Darby, a daughter.
 To Ldg. Sea. A. D. MacKay, HMCS "Cornwallis", and Mrs. MacKay, a daughter.
 To Ldg. Sea. James Wright, HMCS "Antigonish", and Mrs. Wright, a daughter.
 To Ldg. Sea. G. H. Shaw, HMCS "Stadacona", and Mrs. Shaw, a son.
 To AB Albert C. Spence, HMCS "Antigonish", and Mrs. Spence, a daughter.

"ANTIGONISH" YIELDS CUP TO "BEACON HILL" NINE

After winning three straight games in the Bedwell Harbor Softball League, HMCS "Antigonish" bowed to the "Beacon Hill's" standard-bearers in a sudden-death game and yielded possession of the monthly cup.

In two inter-departmental games, the "Antigonish's" Seamen were victorious both times, defeating the Stokers 15-13 and 27-15.

Afloat and Ashore

PACIFIC COAST

HMCS "Sioux"

A visit to Bremerton, Wash., from May 19 to 22 proved to be the highlight of the month. The ship took part in American Armed Forces Day celebrations and landed two platoons to march in the parade. The Canadian sailors received numerous compliments on their smartness.

Later, many were taken on sight-seeing trips and in the evening attended an Armed Forces Day dance at the civic auditorium. The officers' and enlisted men's clubs were opened to the Canadians and those who visited them were treated with true American hospitality.

Shortly before the "Sioux's" departure for Pearl Harbor, a ship's company dance was held at the Sirocco Ballroom. CPO Reginald Rimmer was chairman of the entertainment committee which organized the highly successful event.

HMCS "Ontario"

Ord. Sea. Anthonie Bychynski, of Winnipeg, a member of the "Ontario's" ship's company, was flown

from the Queen Charlotte Islands to Vancouver recently for an emergency appendix operation.

Ord. Sea. Bychynski was stricken while the "Ontario" was on a training cruise in the Queen Charlotte area. He was taken by motor cutter to Sandspit, B.C., the nearest air base, and from there flown to Vancouver in a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane. He is now convalescing in Shaughnessy Military Hospital.

HMCS "Antigonish"

The ship's company held its annual dance at the Sirocco Club, in Victoria, recently. Music by a local orchestra, floral decorations, a nicely laid buffet table and a good "M.C." in the person of CPO John (ZIP) Rimmer, combined to make the function a great success.

The door prize, donated by ex-CPO George Cole, proprietor of a local sporting goods store, was won by Lieut. and Mrs. G. Wither; the novelty prize by Petty Officer and Mrs. Robert (Buster) Bowack and the spot prize by CPO and Mrs. Harold Bulmer. Mrs. Bowack was chosen Bride-of-the-Month and was pre-

sented with an orchid and a kiss by the M.C.

A visit to Portland, Oregon, 100 miles up the Columbia River, brought forth another example of the hospitality of the "City of Roses" and the ship's company is looking forward to further visits.

ATLANTIC COAST

Communication School

The first class of ordinary seamen (shore communicators) qualifying for ABCS1 has been enrolled at the Communications School. Seventeen men are taking the 20-week course. PO Leonard Murray is class instructor.

It is anticipated that approximately 300 UNTD cadets will receive practical and theoretical instruction in communications at the school this summer. Lieut.-Cdr. A. W. Brown, co-ordinating officer for Reserve training at the Comschool, is in charge of cadet training.

PO Robert Watson, of Victoria, recently joined the school's staff. He formerly was on the staff of the Communication Training Centre at HMCS "Naden."

HMCS "Cornwallis"

With the return of fine weather and the famous Annapolis Apple Blossom Festival, there came a rush of engagements and parades.

A large contingent from "Cornwallis" played a prominent part in the Blossom Festival parade held at Kentville early in June. The band, under CPO M. H. Nold, was much in demand, appearing at a series of concerts, parades and dances over the festival weekend. Several engagements were fulfilled by the choir under the direction of Cdr. P. D. Budge.

A party headed by Lieut.-Cdr. J. C. O'Brien and Surg. Lt.-Cdr. D. B. Maunsell was instrumental in the organization and successful performance of a benefit concert at Annapolis Royal. Several members of the staff took part, in both a production and performing capacity, with CPO James W. Bell, of Victoria, drawing much applause for his fine singing. The choir sang in the concert, being



A bread truck from an Esquimalt bakery "came a cropper" when its driver tried to drive down what he thought to be a ramp on the edge of the parade ground outside the Gunnery Training Centre at HMCS "Naden." No damage resulted but it took special equipment from the naval Motor Transport garage to get the truck on its way again. (E-11156).

conducted on this occasion by Mrs. Jessie Lake, wife of Instr. Lieut.-Cdr. B. S. Lake.

The first Junior Officers' Technical and Leadership Course from "Stadacona", under the charge of Cdr. R. L. Hennessy, paid "Cornwallis" a visit and tried the assault course and battalion drill.

In connection with this and the "Cornwallis" — "Stadacona" officers' soccer game, a highly successful old-time dance was held in the wardroom, with music provided by "Harbord's Orchestra," led by Wardmaster Lieut. Eric C. Harbord.

"HMCS Swansea"

Basketball, track and swimming events were included in a tabloid sports day held in the "Stadacona" gymnasium recently. Organized on an inter-part basis, the meet was won by the Miscellaneous Division by a comfortable margin. Response to the affair was enthusiastic and a large number of participants turned out for each event.

A successful ship's company dance was held on May 15 in the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax. A large number of officers and men and their guests were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the function.

The ship has been busily engaged in providing sea training for cadets and reserve personnel. The first cruise was to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Quebec and the second to St. John's Nfld., for Newfoundland Day.

NAVAL DIVISION

HMCS "Prevost"

(London)

On June 16, "PTC 779," under the command of Lieut. C. H. Aharan RCN(R), left Port Stanley for a two-week cruise to Kingston, Toronto, Presqu'ile and Belleville. This was the first long cruise of the year.

Nine Reserve men, three RCN men and four Sea Cadets comprised the crew, with PO W. Mellish, RCN, acting as Cox'n and CPO A. Holwerda RCN, as engineer. The Fairmile returned to Port Stanley on the 30th after carrying out joint exercises with ML's from the Hamilton, Toronto and Kingston divisions. Further cruises will be made during the summer and will include visits to Georgian Bay and Lake Superior.

On Friday, June 23, a farewell party was held in the Chief and POs mess for CPO David Henderson and Mrs. Henderson. The former proceeded on 30 days leave prior to returning to the coast and joining HMCS "Magnificent." He has been relieved as shipwright by PO Charles Cusmanic.

command of Lieut.-Cdr. Alan R. Heater, of Victoria. HMCS "Malahat's" commanding officer, Captain Ronald Jackson, also made the trip.

HMCS "York"

(Toronto)

CPO Wilfred R. Franklin, a gunnery instructor at "York", has been



Members of the Halifax Sea Ranger Crew "Micmac" paid their first formal visit to HMCS "Micmac" Saturday, April 29, to have a look at the destroyer whose name they have adopted. During the visit, Lieut.-Cdr. F. C. Frewer, commanding officer of the "Micmac" presented Mrs. W. E. Kennedy, Skipper of the Sea Rangers, with a replica of the ship's badge. In the photo above, Able Seaman Ronald Robertson shows Sea Rangers Shirley Rafuse and Mona Burke over the forecandle of the destroyer. (HS-10763).

HMCS "Malahat"

(Victoria)

Activity aboard the Algerine minesweeper HMCS "Sault Ste. Marie," headquarters ship for the Victoria naval division, reached a new peak near the end of June as the deadline for her first long cruise neared.

On June 30, the ship sailed on a two-week trip which took her as far south as San Diego, California, and included stops at Los Angeles and San Francisco on the return journey.

The ship's permanent complement of 48 officers and men was augmented by about 39 Reserves from "Malahat."

Designed to give "Malahat" personnel as much practical sea-going training as could be managed within a two-week period, the cruise was eminently successful. Intensive minesweeping and other exercises were carried out.

The "Sault Ste. Marie" is under the

named "most valuable man" in the establishment during the past year. He was presented with a scroll and a gift by the Women's Naval Auxiliary, Toronto Branch.

On May 19 the chief and petty officers held a highly successful dance which was favored with a record attendance.

In company with a party from HMCS "Star", three officers and 15 men from "York", all specializing in naval aviation, paid a visit to the United States Naval Air Station, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Conducted tours were made through the station workshops and Avenger and Corsair aircraft were inspected.

Two Sea Cadet inspections were carried out recently by Capt. F. R. Base, commanding officer of the division. The two Corps inspected were RCSCC "Haida" and "Ontario". — F.A.H.

HMCS "Donnacona"

(Montreal)

On Wednesday, May 24, HMCS "Donnacona" took part in the Last Post Fund's annual Commemoration Ceremony, held on board the S.S. "Sir Hugh Allen". The commanding officer, Cdr. P. A. F. Langlois, and a guard of honor were present, along with many civic dignitaries, to pay homage to the war dead.

On Tuesday, June 6, HMCS "Portage" commanded by Lieut. E. P. Earnshaw, a former staff officer of "Donnacona", paid a short unofficial visit to Montreal on her way through to the Great Lakes for inland Reserve training.

"Donnacona" has gone in for refit. Contractors started work in June and it is expected that when the training season reopens in the Fall the division will have greatly improved instructional facilities. — R.F.D.S.

HMCS "Queen"

(Regina)

The last reserve drill of the season was held June 19 and wound up a term that saw an increase in attendance and the installation of considerable new training equipment.

On June 10 a good turnout was present for the Decoration Day parade. Two platoons took part in the march past and the wreath laying ceremonies which followed.

Four officers and 22 men went from "Queen" to "Chippawa" to help out in the Winnipeg flood. Eighteen of the group were Reserves and the remainder were drawn from the permanent staff.

Lieut. J. W. Buckingham, RCN, staff officer of the division, and Mrs. Buckingham were honored recently at a reception in the wardroom. Lieut. Buckingham will leave "Queen" shortly to take up a new appointment.

HMCS "Hunter"

(Windsor)

"Hunter's" spring training ended early in June with an intensive two-week recruiting drive which, to the end of the month, has brought 19 new reserves into the fold. The total is expected to reach 24.

This year the usual recruiting routine was advanced to the early summer in order that the men could be kitted and be ready to start training immediately that drills resume in September.

Two features of the drive were a

Hectic Holiday

A recent leave period started off in anything but quiet fashion for Petty Officer Ed McCullough, a member of the staff of HMCS "Hunter", Windsor.

Shortly after arriving in Montreal in the automobile of an American who had kindly heeded his upraised thumb, McCullough got a chance to repay the motorist for his kindness.

Standing in the Windsor station, McCullough saw a man attempting to break into the American's car, parked just outside. With a shout the petty officer ran out of the station and after the fleeing thief. The chase lasted for nearly half a mile and ended with PO McCullough and a civilian subduing the man and turning him over to the police.

An interesting sidelight on the incident was that the civilian who assisted in the capture turned out to be a wartime shipmate of McCullough's.

Commented McCullough: "It's a small world".

recruiting dance, at which members of the ship's company introduced friends who were interested in the RCN(R), and an open house at which the public was invited to inspect the division and the training facilities.

The dance served a two-fold purpose. All proceeds from the messes were turned over to the Manitoba-Quebec Relief Funds and a total of more than \$250 was raised.

More than 150 officers and men from "Hunter" attended the annual church parade held May 28 at All Saints Anglican Church and St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church.

Thirty-five officers and men from "Hunter" left Windsor in "PTC 762" on June 3 for Port Stanley, where they were scheduled to take part in Exercise Beaver. Salty types who made the trip conceded that Lake Erie was "choppy" for most of the cruise, while a number of green hands had nothing to say. They were too busy.

The annual "Hunter" picnic was held July 9. It was a family affair, with events scheduled for young and old.

HMCS "Chatham"

(Prince Rupert)

When the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund drive ended in Prince Rupert, much credit was given to the Navy for the part its members played in making the campaign such a success.

Prince Rupert's method of raising money was a novel one. A large halibut was obtained and citizens



Wilf Carter, the yodelling cowboy, took time off from a tour of the Maritimes to entertain the Royal Canadian Navy at HMCS "Stadacona". Here he plays a special number backstage for Wayne Rogers, son of PO Dallas Rogers, of Halifax. Holding the mike is Frank Jones, master of ceremonies of the Carter show, and at the right is Ldg. Sea. Peter Payne, of Calgary, who dropped backstage to have a chat with Carter about their hometown. Young Wayne appears to be more interested in the camera than in the cowboy. (HS-11367).



Mayor Rudderham of Prince Rupert buys the first ticket in the "Jumbo" contest. Naval personnel in the photograph are Ldg. Sea. Lorne Heath (background) and Ldg. Sea. Ronald Irving. The young ladies are Edith Jordan and Marjorie Brain. The contest halibut, raised more than \$400 for Manitoba Flood Relief.

were invited to guess its weight — at 50 cents a guess. The problem of keeping the fish fresh and moving it from place to place in that city was solved when naval personnel from "Chatham" volunteered their services to carry out these unusual duties.

At the conclusion of the campaign, civic officials passed a vote of thanks to the Navy "for a fine job which helped make our drive such a success."

Incidentally, the fish weighed 132 pounds. The prizewinner received a wrist watch donated by a Prince Rupert jeweler.

HMCS "Star" (Hamilton)

What was meant to be a "shake-down" cruise for "Star's" Fairmile, "PTC 706", turned out to be just that when the vessel sailed through the Welland Canal into Lake Erie on June 3 to take part in Operation Beaver at Port Stanley. Old-timers, used to the salt water, had to admit that the ship developed "a somewhat different motion" on the Lakes.

HMCS "Portage" called at "Star" on her way up the Lakes. While in port her officers were entertained at the regular mess dinner at the Hamilton division.

Personnel of "Star" are hard at work these days training for the various events in the Great Lakes Naval Regatta, to be held at Hamilton on the Labor Day weekend.

On June 10 the annual kiddies' picnic was held on the division's sports field. Prizes and treats were distributed to all the young guests, but the high point of the day's activities was the cruise around the

bay in the Fairmile motor launch.—
C.S.J.L.

HMCS "Griffon"

(Port Arthur)

Co-ordinated by Cdr. E. O. Ormsby, commanding officer of HMCS "Griffon," the Port Arthur naval division made a sizeable contribution to the Navy's part in the fight against flood waters in Winnipeg.

At the height of the battle 28 "Griffon" officers and men were in the Manitoba capital, filling and piling sandbags, operating pumps and small boats and assisting in dozens of other ways. All available equipment was sent to Winnipeg.

In the division itself, sleeping and sanitary facilities were hastily set up to care for a possible influx of flood refugees, which, as things turned out, did not materialize.

HMCS "Nonsuch"

(Edmonton)

Twenty-eight members of the "Nonsuch" band were guests of the Elks Club of Jasper, Alta., at the annual convention of Elks Clubs of Alberta, held at Jasper on May 23.

The band, under Lieut. (SB) Douglas Jones, bandmaster, led the parade through the city during the morning and provided appropriate music at a monster picnic in the afternoon. In the evening a concert was presented under Assistant Bandmaster J. Raycos. Following the concert, band members were guests of the Elks Clubs at the dance which concluded the convention.

Over 200 members of the Seamen's

Mess and their friends attended the annual ball sponsored by the Seamen's Canteen on May 19. The affair took place on the gaily decorated drill deck. In charge of arrangements were Leading Seamen Ray Thomas and Gerald V. Torphy, Able Seamen Bob Rhodes, Leonard J. Gibbs, Bob Bianchini and Roy Moysa and Ord. Seamen Bill Elliott and Dave MacNiven.

The training schedule for the University Naval Training Division at "Nonsuch" has now been completed. Eighteen first year men successfully passed the selection board for promotion to cadet. Cadets W. S. T. Jackson, O. M. Sachkiw and J. E. MacDonald have been promoted to the rank of acting sub-lieutenant.

HMCS "Catarqui"

(Kingston)

Three U.S. ships, the "Turkey", "Robin" and "Egret" arrived in Kingston on May 27 and stayed for the weekend. A reception and a dance were held for the ships' companies.

HMC "PTC 721" is now in full commission after her winter lay-up. Three weekend cruises already have been made.

HMCS "Portage" called in on June 9 for supplies and during her stop-over took 150 members of the Royal Historical Association for a two-hour cruise.

Lieut.-Cdr. Willis G. Cunningham, RCN(R), executive officer of "Catarqui", has transferred to the Retired List for business reasons.



A class of new entry cooks, stewards and naval storesmen receives a practical lecture from CPO Paul J. Gariepy in the instructional galley in the Supply School, HMCS "Naden." Left to right, seated, are Ordinary Seamen G. Aucoin, D. Love, M. Clevet, C. Nelson and J. Wessel. (B-11213).

Prairie Sailor

by
C.E.B.

"HOW did you ever happen to join the Navy?"

That is a standard question put to sailors whose "home ports" are on the prairies.

Some scratch their heads in pondering a reply; others have a ready, simple explanation: Their fathers were sailors before them (and probably were asked the same kind of question, but with the directions reversed).



CPO J. A. BROWN

In the latter category is Chief Petty Officer James Arthur Brown, a Reserve CPO instructor at HMCS "Queen" and a veteran member of the Regina naval division. Cheerful, chubby "Jimmy" Brown has spent most of his 29 years more than 1,000 miles from salt water. Yet all his life the tang of the sea has been as familiar to him as the dust borne on the dry prairie winds that sweep into Saskatchewan's capital.

CPO Brown was beginning to learn something of naval customs and traditions by the time he was able to walk. His father, the late Arthur Brown, served for a number of years in the British Merchant Marine and in the Royal Navy, his period of service in the latter including the First World War. When he retired from the sea for a new life in Western Canada, he took with him a fondness for and ingrained knowledge of his former profession. It was in this salty atmosphere that son Jimmy grew up.

"Instead of nursery rhymes, I got the rule of the road," he says, describing his youthful years.

It was natural that when James Arthur Brown reached 12 years of age the Regina sea cadet corps should get a new recruit. Five years later, when he turned in his uniform on discharge, it bore the badges of a chief petty officer.

It was equally natural for him to go on then to that small band of men who formed Canada's pre-war naval reserve. A short time after leaving the sea cadets, Ordinary Seaman Brown was tying a fancy bow on a newly-issued cap tally bearing the golden

letters, "RCNVR Regina."

It was in the spring of 1938 when Brown first fell in with other new entries on the drill floor of the Regina armory, where two rooms served the half-company as headquarters.

In June he saw the sea for the first time, when he reported to "Naden" for voluntary training. The following spring he returned to the West Coast for his second training period. When this was completed he went back to civilian life in Regina — but not for long. On September 3, Able Seaman Brown was one of a dozen "VRs" drafted to "Naden" from the Regina division in response to the Navy's initial call for men.

After two prosaic months on guard duty, Brown was drafted to his first ship, HMCS "Ottawa". Lines were being cast off as he stowed his hammock and within a few minutes the "Ottawa" was on her way to Halifax and convoy duty.

Brown remained with the destroyer until February 1940, when he went ashore to the "Stadacona" Gunnery School for an LR3 course.

On finishing the course, he was drafted to DEMS (Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships) in Halifax. For the prairie sailor it was the beginning of a phase of his naval career which was to take him to far-away places as a gunner in merchant ships.

His first ship was SS "Cornwallis", a freighter bound for the West Indies. When she returned to Halifax in November 1940, Brown caught a quick draft to HM Transport "Bergensfjord".

"The 'Bergie' was a former Norwegian ship converted for use as a trooper, and she sure got around," Brown now recalls. While he was aboard, she "got around" to the United Kingdom, British West Africa, the Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden, Red Sea and Mediterranean.

A year later he left her at Gourrock, Scotland, and was given passage to Canada, arriving home in time to enjoy Christmas leave. Returning to Halifax, he joined the DEMS base staff there.

In February 1942 Brown was advanced to leading seaman and in November, after another gunnery course and short hitches in the "Lady Rodney" and "Fort Amherst", went up to petty officer. Then he became an instructor in the DEMS training centre, and for the next two years

participated in the training of gunners for merchant ships. In 1944 he was rated chief petty officer.

After volunteering the following summer for the Pacific campaign, CPO Brown was drafted to the West Coast and was there when the war ended. Two months later he was demobilized and returned to Regina.

His war service was recognized in the King's New Year's honors list of 1946, when announcement was made that CPO Brown had been awarded the British Empire Medal.

Back in Regina, Brown went to work with the municipal railway, again following his father's footsteps. Now, as a civilian, he has a job that was never his in the Navy — that of coxswain. A motorman with the municipal railway, "Coxswain" Brown (as he jokingly titles himself) wheels trolley coaches, buses and tram cars about the streets of Regina.

Last year, when a transfer from the night to the day shift gave him some free evenings, he switched from the emergency to the active lists of the RCN (Reserve) and returned to his old division.

Now every Monday night at HMCS "Queen" his stentorian tones echo across the drill floor as he instructs new entries in field training.

And in a few years another Jimmy Brown will be sewing Canada badges on his jumper. History is repeating itself as CPO Brown's four-year-old son grows up.



"Coxswain" Brown
At the helm of his street car

Say Ahhh...., Please

Annual Medical Check-up
Keeps Tab on Navy's Health

THE smell of ether affects different people in different ways. The huskiest, fighting-est, two-fisted matedot ever to join the Navy — the man you would best like to have beside you in a scrap — is just as likely to turn pale with fright and sink quivering to the deck when he scents the sick bay and sights the MO's needle. That is often the case, according to those conducting the annual medical check-up in the Atlantic Command.

This summer, for the second time, medical staffs are carrying out a complete health survey of all naval personnel, other than Reserves under training, in both the Atlantic and Pacific Commands. The purpose is to help maintain the general good health of the RCN.

By means of these regular check-ups, an up-to-date medical record is kept on all officers and men. Through the survey, any disorders affecting the blood pressure, heart, lungs or skin are quickly detected and treated before they become serious.

The survey takes approximately three months to complete, during

which time the doctors listen to the heartbeats of close to 6,000 officers and men. The additional strain on medical facilities and staffs is somewhat alleviated by employment of University Naval Training Division cadets who are studying medicine, and other Reserve medical personnel taking summer training.

The survey also takes in the various outlying stations. In the case of Coverdale radio station, for example, a team equipped with portable lab and X-ray equipment went to Moncton to complete the work on the spot. Independent surveys are being carried out by HMCS "Magnificent," "Shearwater" and "Cornwallis" but the bulk of the examinations are carried out in the hospitals at "Stadacona" and "Naden".

During the survey individual medical documents are brought up to date. Inoculations are administered where necessary and chests X-rays taken. Those requiring further examination or treatment are immediately referred to specialist consultants in the various branches, such as surgery, medicine, ear, nose and throat, dermatology and radiology.



A heart and chest check-up is included in the annual medical survey being conducted in the Atlantic and Pacific Commands. Here Surgeon Lt.-Cdr. R. H. Roberts, of Halifax, takes a sounding of Petty Officer George Broome, of Montreal, in the RCN Hospital, Halifax. (HS-11341).

But even a routine survey such as this has its lighter side. From time to time a sailor will turn up with his arms and chest covered with tattoos that vary in design from the weird to the artistic. Color combinations are such that the staffs often wish they were equipped with color cameras to capture for posterity the vagaries of the tattoo artist's needle.

But whether they are confronted with snarling dragons, hearts and flowers, fainting he-men or sore feet, the medical staffs are completing a survey which is an important factor in maintaining a fit and healthy Canadian Navy.



University medical students who are spending the summer in the RCN Hospitals at Halifax and Esquimalt as surgeon cadets, RCN(R), are helping to carry out the annual medical survey of naval personnel on the two coasts. Surgeon Cadet Marvin Auerback, of Toronto, is shown here checking the blood pressure of Ord. Sea. Maurice Huneault, of Montreal, in the hospital at Halifax. (HS-11343).

'Huron' Host to Students

Two young Halifax high school students spent a day at sea last month in HMCS "Huron" and witnessed gunnery firing exercises being carried out by the Tribal class destroyer.

The trip was the boys' reward for writing winning career books on the RCN in a contest sponsored by the Department of Educational Guidance, Halifax.

The students, Bruce Forrest, of Queen Elizabeth High School, and Walter Verge, of Chebucto School, were welcomed on board by the "Huron's" commanding officer, Lieut.-Cdr. E. T. G. Madgwick; were shown around the ship and generally got a first-hand glimpse of life in a modern destroyer.



The Navy Plays



"Fraser" Marathoners Win "Cornwallis" Race

Cross-country runs are a new feature of the sports program at HMCS "Cornwallis". They are staged monthly, with new entry divisions taking part. The latest contest was won by "Fraser" Division, while individual honors went to Ord. Sea. Taylor Gordon, of "Huron" Division. Gordon took an early lead in the race and was never headed as he came home an easy winner.

Meanwhile, other track and field enthusiasts were out in strength as they prepared for the opening meet.

Inter-part sports leagues are operating in both soccer and softball. The officers' team holds down top spot in the soccer loop but is being hard pressed by the second-place chief and petty officers' squad. In the softball circuit, "Haida" Division is well out in front in the standings.

Two exhibition soccer games were played recently, "Cornwallis" win-

ning both contests. The base team met the RCAF Greenwood XI and won by a convincing 6-0 count. Later, the officers' team scored a 7 to 0 victory over the visiting "Stadacona" officers.

Other sports activities include sailing and tennis. The base now has its own tennis courts and a club is being formed.

Headquarters Yachtsmen Outpointed in Regatta

The Naval Headquarters Sailing Club and the Britannia Boating Club held a regatta on Dow's Lake June 18, with the latter organization coming out on the long end of a 190 to 140 total point score.

Both clubs used the Navy's 14-foot Admiral type sailing dinghies and, although the wind was light at times, good sailing was enjoyed throughout most of the program.

Following the eight-event racing schedule, members of the Head-

quarters club entertained the visitors at a buffet supper in the wardroom of HMCS "Carleton."

Lieut.-Cdr. R. M. Steele was officer of the day. Capt. H. L. Quinn was assistant to the OOD and official announcer. Starter was Harvey Stubbs, of the Britannia Club and Lieut. Leo Fagan acted as recorder.

Navy skippers who scored most of the Headquarters club's points included Capt. (L) W. H. G. Roger, Capt. (S) C. J. Dillon, Cdr. W. A. Childs, Cdr. T. G. Fuller, Cdr. A. F. Pickard, Lieut. D. O. Campfield and Lieut. Ian Morrow.

Storesmen Dominate Air Station Sports

Teams from the Air Stores department dominated the spring schedule of inter-part sports at HMCS "Shearwater." In a tournament which included competitions in sailing, table tennis and cross country runs, the Storesmen were easy winners with a 102-point total. Later, they topped 13 other teams in a pre-season softball knockout tourney.

"Shearwater" has entered the local senior softball league, which includes teams representing sections of Dartmouth and local business firms. The naval airmen have also organized intermediate and junior baseball squads, both of which have fared well in exhibition games. And to add variety to the sports scene, a soccer team has been entered in the Halifax and District Soccer League.

Two Teams are Tied in Communications Loop

Instructors and Class LRR teams were deadlocked for first place as the first half of the Communications School Inter-class Softball League schedule drew to a close at HMCS "Stadacona." Both teams had undefeated records.

In the "Stadacona" inter-part softball loop, the Communicators were doing well. After the first ten games, they were tied for first place with the Navigation Direction School. CPO Donald McGee manages the Communications School inter-part squad.



The HMCS "Naden" "Cock-o'-the-Barracks" trophy is presented by Mr. W. Heaney, of Heaney's Cartage and Storage, who donated the cup, to Petty Officer W. Steele, representing the Band and Manual departments, whose combined team took first place in the competitions. At the left is Commodore G. R. Miles, Commodore of the RCN Barracks. (E-11689).



Able Seaman James Kitchen, an electrician's mate serving in "Stadacona", is this year's holder of the Vice-Admiral G. C. Jones Memorial Shield, awarded annually to the athlete judged as having best combined ability and sportsmanship on the playing field. AB Kitchen is an all-round athlete who has been particularly outstanding in football and basketball. (HS-9246).

All-Star Soccer Team Captained by Navyman

A singular distinction befell Petty Officer John Kennedy, administrative writer at the RCN Depot in Esquimalt, when he was chosen captain of the Victoria All-Stars in their game against the visiting English Football Association representative XI early this summer.

For Petty Officer Kennedy it was the "big game" of his soccer career and the fulfillment of a wish to follow in his brother's footsteps. In 1937 Kennedy's brother — who was to lose his life in the Second World War — was elected to a B.C. team which played Charlton Athletic during their North American tour.

Playing the all-important centre half position, the 29-year-old petty officer turned in a steady game against the visitors. Displaying a stout defence and some brilliant goal-keeping, the Victoria team gave the tourists a real tussle before bowing 3 to 2.

Petty Officer Kennedy has played Association football since his school days. Soccer, however, is only part of his athletic life. He is a keen golfer, as well as being at home on the softball diamond and the basketball floor.

A native of Victoria, he has been in the Service since 1941. He resides with his wife, Christine, and 16-month-old daughter, Delma, at 3033 Carroll St., Victoria.



PETTY OFFICER JOHN KENNEDY
played against England

Close Competition in "Stadacona" Softball

The Inter-part Softball League at HMCS "Stadacona" produced some lively competition in the first ten games of the schedule. The Navigation School and the Communications School were tied for first place in the ten-team loop, each with a record of two wins and one loss.

The "Stadacona" entry in the Halifax Commercial Softball League started the season with three straight losses but came back to score two victories in the next four games. With only four of last season's squad, the sailors have not yet settled down to the kind of play of which they are capable. The team is coached by CPO Douglas Backman, while the manager is Mr. Leslie Jackson, Commissioned Supply Officer.

"Sioux" Softball Team Wins Six out of Eight

HMCS "Sioux's" softball nine made a creditable showing in a series of exhibition games in Victoria and other ports. The "Sioux" team won six out of eight games played, with most of the victories being registered at the expense of American teams in Bremerton, Washington. The two losses came in a three-game series with the "Cayuga".



The newest prize in Victoria hockey circles is the Royal Canadian Navy trophy, presented by the Navy for junior hockey competition in Victoria and District. The trophy is the first of its kind ever donated by the RCN. Above, four members of the Navy junior hockey team, first to win the award, pose with the trophy at "Naden". Left to right are Ord. Sea. P. Godbout, Ord. Sea. J. Devigne, Ord. Sea. Ted Audette and AB K. Kirton. (E-11812).



The boat jetty bustles with activity as members of the Shearwater Yacht Club rig sails and prepare for a regatta. In addition to the whalers, dinghies and Bluenose boats shown in the photo above, the club now operates the sailing sloop "Tuna". (DNS-1879).

BANNER SAILING SEASON

*'Shearwater' Yacht Club
Has Busy Summer Schedule*

Since the sailing season opened in late April, the "Shearwater" Yacht Club has staged more than 25 whaler and dinghy races. This full program has included informal races between members, as well as competitions held as part of the RCN Air Station's monthly inter-part sports schedule. Many other races, inter-club meetings, and full-scale naval regattas with ships and establishments of the Atlantic Command are planned for the remainder of the 1950 season.

The enthusiasm which has marked the club's activities this year is a continuation of the spirit which sparked it to a successful season in 1949 — its first in active operation. Formed on May 24 of last year, the "Shearwater" Yacht Club wasted no time in swinging into action. Weekly whaler and dinghy races were organized and continued throughout the entire season.

During the summer, the newly-formed club engaged in an ambitious undertaking. The ex-Cerman sloop "Grilse" was commissioned and entered in the internationally famous Marblehead race. Although the 50 square metre vessel belonged to HMCS "Stadacona," her crew for this race was made up mostly of "Shear-

water" Yacht Club members, including the skipper, Captain E. W. Finch-Noyes, commanding officer of the air station.

The "Grilse" and her crew surprised the experts by crossing the finish line ahead of all other Canadian entries to win the Colonel C. H. L. Jones Trophy. In the over-all standings in the 375-mile race, she placed sixth in a field of 22 boats.

The "Shearwater" yachtsmen were equally effective in competitions closer to home. In a whaler and dinghy sailing regatta held near the end of the season, the RCN Air Station sailors triumphed over boats representing ships and establishments of the Atlantic Command and the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron. Lieut.-Cdr. L. R. Tivy came home first in the whaler race, while Lieut. (S) W. M. McPherson, copped the honors in the dinghy competition. By virtue of its victory, the "Shearwater" Yacht Club became the first holder of a trophy donated by Cdr. A. B. Fraser-Harris, former commanding officer of the station.

Before the end of the 1949 yachting season, an important addition was made to the club's sailing fleet when the "Tuna," a sloop similar to the

"Grilse," was commissioned.

During the winter months, the club entered a new phase of activity. A club room was set up in one of the hangars and there the members held meetings and attended lectures. A boat construction program got under way, similar to that organized at HMCS "Naden." The scheme enables members to construct their own Snipe class boats on a co-operative basis. Five members are building boats at present and hope to have them ready for sailing by late summer. Another important winter achievement was the club's entry into the North America Yacht Racing Union.

By the time the 1950 yachting season rolled around, the active membership had increased to 65 officers and men. In addition to the inter-part regattas, the club entered outside competition and brought back another trophy. The "Tuna," which returned to action in early June, led a pack of large handicap boats across the finish line in the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron race on June 10 to win the Zetes Trophy.

The executive of the "Shearwater" Yacht Club for the 1950 season is as follows:

Honorary Commodore — Captain E. W. Finch-Noyes.

Commodore — Lieut. (S) W. M. McPherson.

Vice-Commodore — Lieut.-Cdr. L. R. Tivy

Fleet Captain — CPO D. W. Cooke.

Secretary-Treasurer — Lieut. R. S. Harris.



The winning crew of the "Shearwater" Yacht Club's first regatta of the 1950 season is shown above. Left to right are Lieut. (P) Doug. Ross, Lieut.-Cdr. (P) L. R. Tivy and PO William Shorten. (DNS-2907).

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL
EXPERIMENTAL RADIO STATION

VE1HO

H.M.C. COMMUNICATION SCHOOL
HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA
CANADA

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FROM the outside there is nothing unusual about Room 229 on the second floor of the Electrical School Building at HMCS "Stadacona." But inside there sits a man talking to the world.

"This is Halifax, Nova Scotia, calling. This is VE1HO in Halifax calling . . ." He tunes the band . . . suddenly the strength-meter needle jumps to the right . . . a strange voice comes through the loudspeaker.

"VE1HO, this is George, four, Peter Mike, Mike calling, in London, England. Hearing you strength seven, readability eight. Give me a call, please . . ."

The conversation continues and it is not long before VE1HO, the amateur radio station of the Communication and Electrical Schools at "Stadacona," has gained another new friend. During the past four years it has been making a lot of them. It is a world-wide kind of friendship. The walls of the transmitting room are nearly covered with post cards from radio amateurs in all parts of the globe. "Hams" in Ireland, the Virgin Islands, Japan, Italy, Florida, Sweden, New Zealand and France — just to mention a few — are regular listeners to VE1HO broadcasts.

And then there is a certain lady called "Margo," in Guatemala, who frequently calls up Halifax to chat with the naval "hams."

Station VE1HO was started by the former Communication School in HMC Dockyard. Its first president

was CFO Holland Shepherd, who still takes a leading role in the club's activities. It was in late 1945 that the



One way of papering your walls is demonstrated by members of the VE1HO Amateur Radio Club. Instr. Lieut. Kenneth E. Vavasour, club president, and CPO James Mathews add a few more to the collection of post cards received from amateur radio enthusiasts in all parts of the world. (HS-11345).

club first went on the air with a small home-made transmitter. Only the 10-metre band was used, but many valuable contacts were made.

In March 1948, when the Communication School was transferred to "Stadacona," the club moved its station to the basement of the new establishment. Membership increased rapidly. In order to accommodate the influx, two separate stations were set up. The Electrical School began transmitting under the call signs VE1RN and the Communication School retained VE1HO as its call letters. Both stations were under the supervision of Lieut. (L) Charles Williams.

When war surplus equipment was placed on the market a number of members bought themselves some and started stations in their own homes. The club's activities declined and finally VE1RN was abandoned and all transmitting was done through VE1HO.

A great boost was given the club in the Fall of 1949 when, during the administration of Cdr. (L) H. G. Burchell ("L" School) and Lieut.-Cdr.



THE BULLETIN BOARD

Professional Qualifications for Advancement, Photographic Branch

In order that all men in the Photographic Branch will have the same opportunity for advancement, men who are qualified only as Motion Picture Operators will be required to pass a conversion course in Photography.

Chief Petty Officers 2nd Class (Motion Picture Operators) must qualify to the standard of Petty Officer 2nd Class (Photographer) and all other Motion Picture Operators must qualify to the standard of their equivalent photographic rating.

Successful completion of the courses will qualify Photographic Ratings for trades pay as follows:

Able Seaman Photographer, Trade Group 1.

Petty Officer Second Class, Trade Group 2.

Chief Petty Officer Second Class, Trade Group 3.

In view of their technical knowledge, Chief Petty Officers 2nd Class (Motion Picture Operator) will continue to be paid trade group 3.

Training will be carried out under the supervision of the Command Photographic Officers and instructors selected from the Photographic Sections.

The selection of men to undergo the conversion courses will be made in the following order:

1. Men whose advancement is being retarded due to lack of professional qualifications, in order of their position on the advancement roster as of May 15, 1950.

Vavasour, president of VE1HO, is "the provision of amateur radio operating facilities for all interested naval personnel. There are no dues. All that are required are a certificate of radio proficiency and a sincere interest in 'ham' radio."

CPO Jacques, the secretary-treasurer of VE1HO, is willing to teach the necessary requirements for a certificate of radio proficiency to all those interested. He says, "We will soon be using new and much more elaborate equipment. If we are to operate it with maximum efficiency, we need new members. Everyone is welcome to join VE1HO — the more members we have, the better we'll like it."

2. Chief Petty Officers who have Motion Picture Operating qualifications only.
3. All other men of the branch who are not qualified professionally for the next higher rating.

With the exception of men undergoing the course for Able Seaman Photographer, the maximum number of men undergoing instruction at any one time will be:

Halifax Port Division 5

Esquimalt Port Division 3

Report of Leased Premises

The report of leased premises required from naval officers under KRCN Article 25.45 is now cancelled and need not be forwarded in future.

The regulations for reimbursement of rent liability or for liability under a lease are contained in KRCN 70.06.

Leave for Reserves

Officers and men of the Reserves are not entitled to leave, other than short leave, except when they have served continuously on naval training, voluntary service or special naval duty for a period in excess of 12 months.



Petty Officer Douglas Hooser, of Cranbrook, B.C., a crew member of HMCS "Ontario", doesn't believe in wasting his spare time. He brought his own weaving loom aboard the cruiser, set it up in an unused corner and now spends his spare time making scarves, runners, etc. His work bears the stamp of a master craftsman. (OC-269-1).

CPO Holland Shepherd and Ord. Sea. Marven Bushby "on watch" in the amateur radio station of the Communication and Electrical Schools at "Stadacona." It won't be long before their call is answered and another name is added to their already impressive list of contacts. During the past four years the members of VE1HO have talked to "hams" all over the world. (HS-11364).

J. C. O'Brien (Comschool) the station was given its own room on the second floor of the Electrical School building. Two workable transmitters were put together out of used equipment and a schedule for daily broadcasts was begun.

Due to the constant changing of personnel under training it has been difficult to maintain a strong, active membership. However, the future looks bright. The Navy has made available a new CW and phone transmitter — a 500-watt set which will operate on the 20, 40 and 80 metre bands. This will mean that the operators will be able to transmit on all frequencies up to and including the 28-29 megacycle band, extending considerably the station's scope.

The mainstays of the club at present are CPO Shepherd, CPO Jim Mathews, CPO Harold Jacques, Instr. Lieut. Kenneth E. Vavasour, Lieut.-Cdr. (L) Robert Whyte, Cadet Tom Clahane, Ord. Sea. Marven Bushby, CPO Don McGee and PO William Murray.

The club does not consider itself an exclusive group. On the contrary, it is anxious to enlist new members and stimulate interest in amateur radio.

Its main object, according to Lieut.

Comrades in Arms

Would-Be Warriors

Although one of the chief requirements for enlistment in the Canadian Forces is that the applicant be a Canadian citizen or a British subject resident in Canada, hundreds of applications from all parts of the world are received at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa every year.

During the past six months, there have been applications from nearly all of the 48 states in the USA, many from the United Kingdom, and others from South Africa, New Zealand, the British West Indies, India, Belgium and Venezuela. In addition, many Polish and other foreign immigrants to Canada have applied for service.

While the majority of the applications are written in either English or French, letters in German, Russian and other languages are by no means uncommon. The applicants represent all classes of society and list many and various skills and qualifications as reasons why they should be accepted.

The Army has received some interesting letters requesting entry.

One man, a restaurant owner in Indiana, said he'd like to join as a mess sergeant and wrote his application on the back of one of his menus.

In one of the many applications from Polish immigrants now living in Canada, the writer stated that he had 14 years' service with the Polish forces, was a university graduate, as well as a graduate of a military academy at which he had obtained his commission. He had been taken prisoner by the Russians in 1939.

Still another was from a regular one-man United Nations Organization. He was an Irish merchant seaman whose home was in Greenland and who served with the British Army during the Second World War. He gave his postal address as: c/o The Postmaster, New York City.

Applications vary in length from the terse, "please tell me how I can join" to bulky manuscripts listing qualifications, previous military service and, in some cases, advice. One, written in Russian, from a man now living in Alberta, was five pages long and, for the most part, dealt

with his criticisms and suggestions for the defence of Canada. One point he made was that some Americans and Canadians who had lived in democracies all their lives were susceptible to communist propaganda. He cited as examples the Canadian spy trials, Alger Hiss and Dr. Fuchs. But, he added emphatically, anybody who comes from Russia or any other communist country would be 100 per cent loyal. To Canada, that is.

The payoff letter, however, was not from a foreigner but from a native Canadian who wanted to enlist as a recruiting sergeant. He said that was his job during the First World War and he wanted to do it again until he was old enough to draw the old age pension at 70. He gave his age as 68.

THE RCAF

Popular Slaughter

Although most people do not realize it, the Air Force is conducting a deadly war across Canada from the air and inflicting millions of casualties. Just as in an actual combat situations, things have gone from "cold" to "hot." With the coming of the warm moist days of Spring, a specially equipped RCAF Dakota aircraft started carrying out low level spraying attacks against insects and their larvae in operations that will take it to such widespread spots as Goose Bay, Labrador, and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

The project is a joint effort in which the Defence Research Board

and the Department of Agriculture are working with the RCAF in experiments to control the breeding of flood-water mosquitoes and other insects.

The big Air Force Dakota, flying about 150 feet above the ground, carries a 2000-pound load of insecticide which is sprayed in strips across areas polluted by mosquitoes and their larvae. The aircraft flies along parallel lines 150 yards apart spraying a finely atomized mixture of about one third of a pound of DDT to one gallon of fuel oil. One gallon of the mixture will adequately spray over one acre of land or water. The DDT remains active for many weeks. Ground surveys of recent spraying along the marshes of the Ottawa River indicated that a dose of about one-third of a pound of DDT per acre used in the mixture killed more than ninety per cent of the larvae which might have hatched in the two or three weeks following the spraying.

According to Dr. C. R. Twinn, of the Division of Entomology, Department of Agriculture, as little as one-fiftieth of a pound of DDT per acre can be effective. Over 2,500 gallons of the fuel oil-DDT mixture were dumped on about 2,400 acres of swamp land near Canada's capital.

Dr. A. W. A. Brown, of the University of Western Ontario, directs the spraying operations in the field as the experiments move across Canada. Dr. Brown, an enthusiastic bug-hunter, said it was hoped that the experiments would produce new methods in agricultural and household insect control. The Air Force instigated research into this new field of warfare primarily for use in operations of the Armed Forces in the Northwest Territories and the Arctic, where mosquitoes and carnivorous flies present a major problem.

"Operation Airspray" will touch such bases as Fort St. John and Fort Nelson, B.C., Watson Lake and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Norman Wells NWT., and Churchill, Man. The team of airmen and scientists will wind up the summer campaign against Canada's insects at Goose Bay, Labrador, with experiments in the use of special aerosol sprays fitted to the aircraft engine exhausts.

Naval Airmen Help Army Recruiting Drive

The Navy provided the Army with air support of an unusual nature at Halifax in mid-May.

When the 36th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery (Reserve), launched a local recruiting drive, it enlisted the aid of the RCN Air Station, at Dartmouth, which obliged by having naval pilots drop recruiting leaflets while on routine training flights over the Greater Halifax area.

Subsequent enlistments in the Reserve Army unit reached a record total.

'BEAVER' ABBREVIATED BY HEAVY WEATHER

Exercise Beaver, a tri-service operation on which planning had been going ahead for more than four months, was carried out on June 4 at Port Stanley, Ontario.

The operation, which was to take the form of an assault landing on the beaches and harbor installation was the largest Reserve Force manoeuvre ever carried out in Western Ontario. Army units were provided by the Elgin Regt., Kent Regt., Fusiliers and Windsor Essex Scottish Regt.; the Navy was represented by "PTC 779", from HMCS "Prevost", London, "PTC 762" from "Hunter", Windsor, and "PTC 706" from "Star", Hamilton; and 11 aircraft from the City of London Auxiliary Squadron, RCAF, gave air support. More than 1,000 officers and men were involved.

Owing to the development of a heavy sea and high winds, it was decided to cancel the actual landing in the interests of safety. However, a very fine display was put on by the aircraft, considerable noise and smoke were created by the beach demolitions and six-pounder fire of the defenders, and the Army personnel with the invading force appeared to enjoy their three hours at sea, despite the heavy weather.

Much valuable experience was gained and inter-service spirit and co-operation in the London area have reached a new high. Plans are now going ahead for a similar scheme at a future date.

Among those attending Exercise Beaver in an official capacity were Capt. H. L. Quinn, Director of Naval Reserves, and Cdr. W. A. Childs, Assistant DNR, from Headquarters.

New Rank?

Talking about slips that pass in the night, the following, published under an Ottawa dateline, is an extract from a west coast publication concerning a naval officer's retirement:

"Lieut. Jones was awarded the R.C.N. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in April, 1936. He was promoted to arowwx, $\frac{1}{2}t\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}pi$ in May, 1941."

The secretariat of the Pacific Command is anxiously awaiting further details of this exciting new rank in the RCN.



The Gunnery School took the measure of the Electrical School in the best-of-three final series for the "Stadacona" inter-part water polo championship. Shown above are the members of the Gunnery School squad. Front row, left to right: Ordinary Seamen Maurice Boutin, Max Love, Robert Leclerc and Donald Tinslay. Standing: Ordinary Seamen John Thomas, Bernard Dubois, Gilbert Miles, James Clarke, Harry Thompson, and John Riley. The team was coached by Ord. Sea. Thompson. (HS-10906).

Obituary

ABLE SEAMAN W. D. MITCHELL,
RCN

Memorial services for Able Seaman Walter D. Mitchell, 19, of Rockingham, N.S., who lost his life in the crash of a Firefly aircraft on June 7, were held at sea June 9 on board the aircraft carrier "Magnificent," of whose ship's company Mitchell was a member, and ashore June 11 at St. George's Anglican Church, Halifax.

The memorial service on board the carrier was conducted by Chaplain W. E. L. Smith, RCN(R), and was attended by officers and men of the ship's company, who formed a hollow square about a cross and wreath which had been placed on the flight deck. At the conclusion of the service, the wreath was dropped on the sea by the commanding officer, Commodore K. F. Adams, and a funeral firing party fired three volleys over the water.

The service in St. George's Church was attended by members of AB Mitchell's family and by friends and shipmates. Rev. E. G. Gabriel, minister of St. George's, officiated, assisted by Chaplain G. A. Stone, of "Shearwater."

AB Mitchell, a writer serving aboard the carrier, was a passenger in an aircraft flown by Lieut. (P) D. J.

Fisher, of Toronto, which lost power and crashed into the sea off Sambro Head. It sank in a matter of seconds. The pilot managed to get clear and was picked up by a nearby fishing boat, being transferred to the destroyer "Micmac" and later to the "Magnificent."

A native of Halifax, AB Mitchell joined the RCN there in June 1948. He served at "Stadacona" and at "Naden" before being drafted to the "Magnificent" in January of this year.

Mutual Advantage

Exchanges of training facilities of advantage to both Services took place in May between 405 Maritime Squadron and No. 2 (Maritime) Operational Training Unit, RCAF, and an RCN Task Group consisting of the aircraft carrier "Magnificent" and destroyers "Huron" and "Micmac".

On May 10 and 12, HM Submarine "Astute", which had been exercising with naval ships and aircraft, was made available to 405 Squadron for anti-submarine practice. On the 22nd and 23rd, Sea Furies of the 19th Carrier Air Group, flying from the "Magnificent", exercised aircraft from No. 2 OTU in fighter affiliation.

Earlier in the month, the RCAF provided a target towing aircraft for anti-aircraft practice by the "Micmac".



