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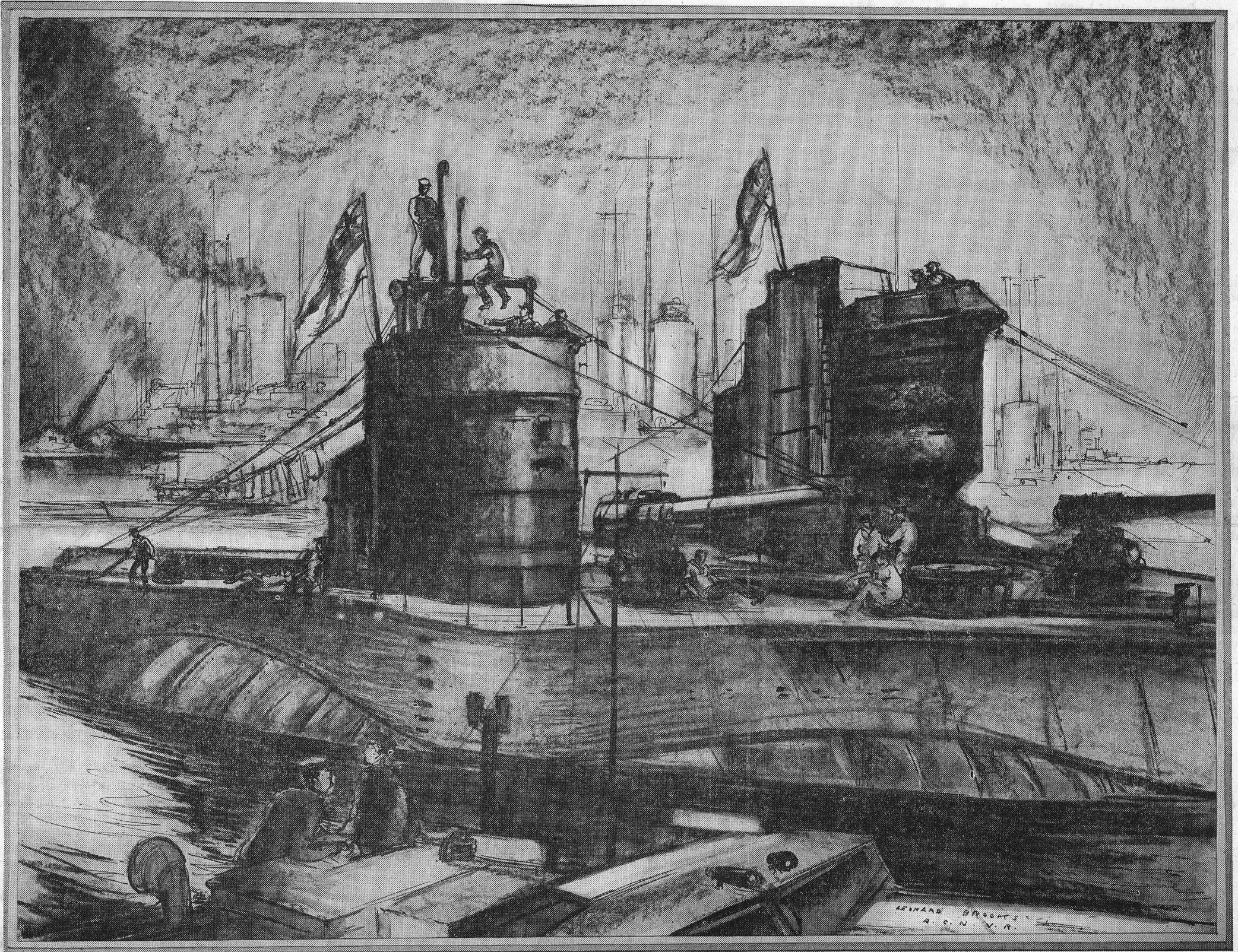
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## SUBMARINE SIESTA



When the men who keep watch beneath the seas in Britain's submarines come to port the most important item in their lives is sunshine and plenty of it. Long hours spent in the silent shells that wander throughout the trackless underseas must have their reward and in this pencil drawing Petty Officer Leonard Brooks, noted Canadian artist, has caught a very true picture of the men of two crews relaxing while their vessels lie in port. The drawing was done especially for The Crow's Nest, and is a fine example of the excellent work done by this well known young artist. Petty Officer

Brooks is in the Maritimes at present to organize sketching and painting groups in the Navy hobby huts being set up in Naval establishments under the direction of Navy Special Services. A member of the Royal Canadian Art Association, Petty Officer Brooks studied art extensively in France and Spain and taught in the art department of the Northern Vocational School, Toronto. A number of his paintings are in the National Art Gallery, Ottawa, and his work has been in major exhibitions across Canada. He has also written a number of works on fine art which are used extensively in the Dominion.

### Noted Educationist, Dr. F. Cyril James Acts As Final Judge Of Essay Contest

In accordance with its announced intention of bringing the suggestions put forth by contestants in The Crow's Nest essay contest to the attention of the highest authority, the paper is pleased to announce that it has been fortunate in securing as final judge of the essays, Dr. F. Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor, McGill University, Montreal, chairman of the Canadian Government's Advisory Committee on Reconstruction. The first judging of the essays will be carried out by the Naval Directorate of Demobilization, which has very kindly offered to act in this capacity.

Dr. James, who is also the professor in political economy at McGill University, is recognized as one of the leading economists on the continent today and the story of his life sparkles with evidence of the recognition he has received throughout the world for his brilliance as an educationist, author and economist.

His position as chairman of the Government Advisory Committee on Reconstruction, while a government

appointment, has no political ties, whatsoever, and the work carried out  
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DR. F. CYRIL JAMES

### Increase In Post-Discharge Allowances Announced By Dominion Government

As a result of criticism of the rates paid under the Post-Discharge Re-establishment Order, and the feeling that these rates were inadequate, the amounts of the allowances have been raised considerably, it has been announced by the Dominion government. Criticism of the rates came from the public generally and from various organizations interested in the welfare of the Servicemen. Those eligible for the allowances are discharged personnel, taking vocational training, awaiting returns from business or enterprise and men taking university training.

Under the former rates discharged men received \$44.20 per month, if single, and \$62.40 per month, if married. Married men were also allowed \$12.00 per month for each of their first two children and \$10.00 per month for each subsequent child.

These amounts were felt to be inadequate and following considerable research and discussion between officials

of the Department of Pensions and National Health and members of such  
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"If Blood be the Price of Admiralty  
Lord God we ha' paid in full."  
—Kipling

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## WITH BLAZING GUNS

"Down with her guns firing!" Than these, what prouder words are there in the annals of British Naval history? None, certainly! And these are the words that describe the highest point in the sinking of the Royal Canadian Navy tribal class destroyer HMCS Athabaskan, last month. These words place the men of the Royal Canadian Navy in the ranks of the world's finest fighting sailors for all time, for they are the supreme description of unbeatable courage.

With two of our newest and best fighting ships sunk by the enemy last month, the men and women of the Royal Canadian Navy sorrow over the loss of dear friends, relatives and the heroes who belonged to their Navy. But the men of "Athabaskan" and the frigate HMCS Valleyfield have set an example of courage, sacrifice and fighting determination which will stand before us throughout the years of war and on down into our history, our great history which must be the offspring of so much valor.

To the families of the men lost in these actions, The Crow's Nest extends deepest sympathy. To the men of these ships, as to the men of all other vessels of our Navy, that have met disaster, we give a salute—a salute to men who recognized the value of a free, a better world—men who thought it enough for which to die.

## HOBBY HUTS

At various Naval bases throughout Canada a new department has sprung up within recent weeks. The department is generally known as the "hobby hut" and the popularity it is likely to attain among all ranks will be boundless, for it is one which will be filling a long felt need in the Service.

During four years of war thousands of talented men and women have lost practice in their particular hobby because there was no place for the pastime in the stern business of war and because the materials for carrying on the pastime were not available for them. As a result, these same men and women had to seek entertainment and relaxation beyond the bounds of their barracks or base. In most cases the entertainment had to be paid for.

At long last this situation has been rectified by the institution of the hobby-hut. Hobby huts are being operated by the Navy Art Section, in conjunction with the Directorate of Special Services. Lieut. Allan Beddoe, who heads the Art Section, has wrestled with the problem for many months. His dream of being able to give every Serviceman and woman who wanted to carry on a hobby, an opportunity to do so, with the services of an expert instructor and with materials either supplied free or at low cost, is now being realized.

At this moment a number of the finest Canadian artists, now members of the Royal Canadian Navy, are touring various bases stimulating interest in the huts and providing as much instruction as their time allows. The job these men have to do is a big one and any help that can be given their work by any members of the Service who are skilled in any particular crafts, will be greatly appreciated.

The importance of hobby huts will not be under-estimated by many, for most of us have a full realization of what such a place can and will do for Service personnel.

## "CORNWALLIS 1609"

A large percentage of the men and women of the Royal Canadian Navy have lived aboard HMCS Cornwallis, in the heart of the lush Annapolis Valley country, and it is likely that vast numbers of these have wanted to know more of the history of that rich land.

A native of that country, Andrew Merkel, Atlantic Superintendent of the Canadian Press, has done the job for these people by giving them, in the pulsing ringing words of his new book, The Order of Good Cheer, both the description and the history of his native soil.

No words of ours can demonstrate more clearly the vibrant music of the narrative poem than does this excerpt from the book:

How when the ship was anchored in a bay,  
Made by a narrow strip of wooded land,  
Most of the company had gone ashore,  
The disputants among them, and had spent  
An afternoon within the silences  
Of the unawakened hills. And of the two  
How one had made his way back to the ship,  
Alone.....And faced interminable night  
Within the deep, dread shadows of the cove,  
Stabbed by the flaming daggers of the stars.  
How shouts were answered by the mocking shouts  
Of cliff and hillside, and the whisperings  
Of vagrant winds among the foliage,  
And with these lapsing wistfully, dead calm.  
How thunders rumbled, rose and fell and rolled  
Through forest depths, at bidding of the gulls,  
And for response? No sound but the dull boom  
Of breakers at the entrance of the cove.  
How fires were lit at points along the beach,  
And roaring, freed great tongues of writhing flames  
To charge the inky strongholds of the night.  
But all to no avail.....How when the dawn  
Revealed no vestige of the missing man,  
And the last anxious searcher had returned,  
Anchors were weighed, sails hoisted, and the ship  
Dragging the monstrous burden, bore away.  
How the surviving disputant was shunned  
By knots of former comrades, whispering  
About the decks and passage ways. Until  
'You murdered him'....'God knows, I never did.  
I saw him running, saw him swallowed up  
In those abysmal depths, and know no more.  
Why do you doubt?..But doubt the poisoner  
Held his ground and the accused was left  
To sweep the wide expanse of sea and sky,  
Praying for sign to prove his innocence,  
For fifteen days of ugly searching looks  
And fifteen wakeful nights of black despair,  
And then a moving speck upon the shore,  
A waving arm, a hat,—the missing man,  
Shouting and dancing on the sun-baked beach.

## PITY THE POSTIE

Not long ago in the House of Commons the Hon. William P. Mulock, P.C., K.C., M.P., Postmaster General of Canada, came under fire with regard to the delay and non-delivery of mails to and from members of the Canadian Armed Forces overseas.

In a statement to the House the Postmaster General gave a very detailed and specific account of the process used for the handling of Service mail and the various steps that have been taken to remedy the situation.

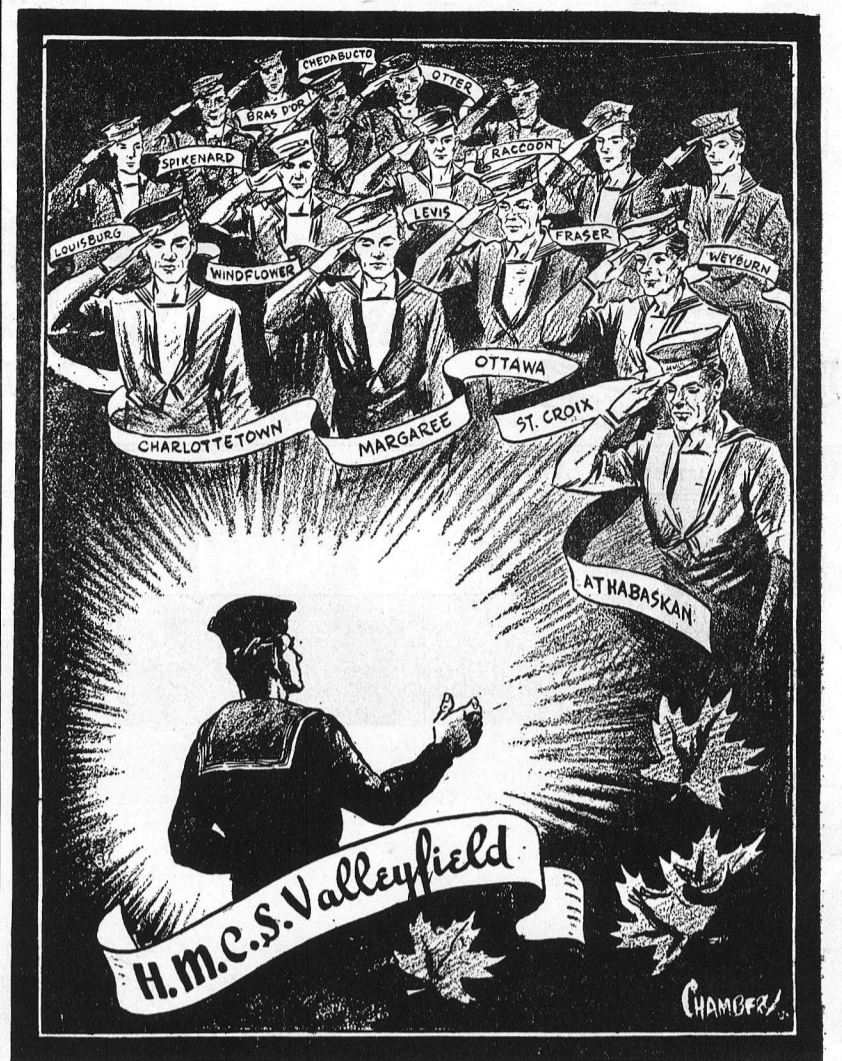
We in the Services, know only too well what it means to wait for letters and parcels that come only after long delay or never come at all. Mail is, probably, the number one morale-builder of the armed forces and when mail does not arrive in the time that the sender or recipient figures it should have arrived, the frown of wrath falls upon the postal department, the members of which are declared "careless."

That the non-delivery and delay in mails was a severe blow to morale, was admitted by the Postmaster General. He set about, however, and in very capable fashion, to prove that the charges made against the members of his department were false and that, almost without exception, the delay of mails hinged upon much more vital and factual circumstances than carelessness in postal staffs.

He gave a complete picture of innovations designed to speed up the mail service to men in all theatres of war and certainly the Postal Department, together with the Department of National Defence, as a whole, is to be highly commended for their efforts in seeing that the "mails go through."

There was one point upon which the Postmaster General did not lay stress in his statement, however, and it is one which is, in our opinion, more real and more potent than all others. It is to be remembered that the men who carry mail to war areas whether it be by sea, by land, or by air, do so while risking their own lives. Many times letters are delayed because the carriers had to engage in battle, give aid to wounded and drowning men, or make mechanical repairs in a danger-infested locality.

Remember—the next time one of your letters or parcels is not delivered, someone may have died trying to deliver it.



Courtesy Mr. Robert Chambers and the Halifax Herald and Mail.

## ACROSS OUR BOWS

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor may be accompanied by a fictitious pen-name to be used in publication of the letter but, the true name of the author must be submitted before the opinion will be published. No guarantee is given that any letter will be published. The name of the author of any letter will not be divulged to anyone other than the editors. Opinions expressed here do not necessarily reflect the views of the publishers.

### Pleasing Gift

Dear Sir:

I received my copy of The Crow's Nest today and thought I would like to say how much I enjoy its contents. My sweetheart is stationed at HMCS Cornwallis and he has sent me a yearly subscription to your paper.

I think it is a wonderful idea to have a paper of its kind because it gives us (as well as the boys themselves) an idea of just what the rest of Canada's Navy is doing.

Grace C. Peachell  
Winnipeg, Man.

### Now You Know

Dear Sir:

The sleeping rating pictured in "Who is He?" (Across Our Bows, May issue) is Philip Louis Rasmussen, V-42281, from Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

He has been serving in "Nipigon" since June 16, 1943 and doing a good job as a seaman torpedoman.

The picture was taken on a trip in late January or early February of this year.

Lieut. R. D. Miller,  
Executive Officer,  
HMCS Nipigon.

Thank you very much, Lieut. Miller. We have had a number of queries regarding the picture and are pleased to be able to give our subscribers the information they seek.—Ed.

### Keeping The Captain Informed

Dear Sir:

Needless to say, we all enjoy reading The Crow's Nest, it is so broad in scope and I get news of many friends in it; also, "The Navy" from the Navy League helps to keep me more or less in touch. I blow into the "Prevost" frequently and have a yarn for it is pleasing and refreshing to see in uniform so many keen officers and men and to enjoy a quiet pipe in the wardroom while others go about their 'lawful occasions', eh? The "Prevost" is a busy hub.

Capt. W. H. Crichton, RN  
(Rtd.),  
London, Ont.

### An American Friend

Dear Sir:

I am most pleased to receive your paper for I have a host of friends in HMCS Brantford, also the "Atholl," and I lost a few in the "St. Croix."

I shall be very happy to continue my annual subscription for many years, I hope.

Mrs. L. H. Chapin,  
Rosindale, Mass., U.S.A.

### Mrs. MacRae, Take A Bow!

Dear Sir:

I avidly read every line of The Crow's Nest as soon as it is received, and certainly enjoy it. Articles I particularly liked in this (May) issue were: A Navy Wife Speaks; and the editorial comment, "Lay Off!" Having also received The Nest from Dec. '42—Nov. '43, I feel very familiar with it and certainly wish you every continued success. It makes its recipients feel so much more closely linked to "The Lads in Navy Blue."

Mrs. G. E. Crawford,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Editor's Note—Two letters were received this month, one from "Sue" of Halifax, N.S., and the other from L/Sea. T. S. J., RCNH, neither of which it is considered in the best interests of the Service to print. We advise the authors to take their respective problems to the Personnel Relations Officer whose duty it is to deal with matters of a personal nature.—Ed.

### WHERE THEY GO

Numerous questions have arisen regarding the proper place for Service personnel to wear their new Service ribbons. In the case of men dressed as seamen, the ribbons should be worn on left side of jumper two inches from the point of the shoulder. For officers, and men not dressed as seamen, the ribbons should be worn in line with the top of the left lapel.

A pusser haircut is a scrubbing brush that breathes.

DANCE TEAM MARRIED



Working as a dance team for a number of years, CPO Alan Lund and PO Blanche Harris, nimble "Meet the Navy" dancers decided to make it a team for life and so, PO Harris became Mrs. Lund. The couple is seen receiving wedding gifts presented to them at Ottawa. With them in the picture are Captain J. Connolly, Director of Special Services, left, and Lieut. Roy Locksley, right. —RCN Photo.

PALSIED POETRY

By Hermes

No. 4. Thoughts while standing in sick parade with a temperature of 103.6 and you suddenly remember you forgot your chit.

Oh, I wanna get to sick bay for to spray my nose.  
(Sing Hallelujah and get that chit!)  
And I wanna go to stores for to get new clothes.  
(Sing Hallelujah and get that chit!)  
For there's nothing in the Navy you can non-stop,  
(Sing Hallelujah and get that chit!)  
Unless you got a memo from the guy on top.  
(Sing Hallelujah and get that chit!)

Now take the case of Ebenezer Jones. He had rheumatic fever in all of his bones.  
But the doctor he was pusser,  
And the doctor said:  
"No chit, Ebenezer? Go 'way, you're dead!"

Oh, I gotta get a casual for to get new shoes.  
(Sing Hallelujah and get that chit!)  
And I wanna go ashore to shake my deep brook blues.  
(Sing Hallelujah and get that chit!)

And here's a story that's hard to believe About a little stoker who couldn't get leave.

Three years on a cruiser  
"By the sweat of his brow"  
Lost his chit in Digby—  
He's "New Entry" now!

Oh, I wanna see my brother. He's on ship in port.  
(Sing Hallelujah and get that chit!)  
And I wanna see the pay-bob 'cause they paid me short.  
(Sing Hallelujah and get that chit!)

And here's the story of a bartered bride She was to marry Jonesy when it came high tide.

But Jonesy was on duty watch  
And Smithers had a pass.  
Smithers has a wife and son;  
Jones is taking gas!

Oh, I wanna get a discharge and my train fare home,  
(Sing Hallelujah and get that chit!)  
For the next guy that asks me for a chit

I'm going to crack behind the ear with the heel of my left boot and they'll have to lock me up 'cause I'll be drooling foam.  
(Sing Hallelujah and get that chit!)

Open Recreation Camp For Escort Vessel Men

By L/Sea. E. Battaglia, PTI



Well, lads, here's what you have been waiting for. Captain "D's" Recreation Camp at Miller's Lake will be ready to operate for the Western Escort Vessels this month. It is a real set-up and it is all for the benefit of you fellows. There will be facilities for all outdoor games and lots of swimming and boating. There is only one type of facility lacking at the camp—the facilities for work.

With the good old summer on hand once again, soccer and softball games are in full stride. HMCS St. Boniface probably takes the cake (without icing by order WPTB) in the softball field for having six teams, each complete with coach and captain.

More playing space is available for teams this year, the Navy League Recreation grounds having been made available during the afternoons. All ships softball teams are pretty well organized now and interesting inter-ship loop is expected.

Soccer is well under way with the first games being played by R.N. ships as soon as the frost was gone.  
"Hello, Frankie"—I'm outa stamps.

Crack Canadian Swimming Stars Training For Opening Of New Pool

By PO Ted Hebditch, P&RTI

With the opening of the new recreation centre and super natatorium at "Stadacona I," Halifax, Canadian swimming stars in these parts are rushing to form one of the best aquatic clubs the Maritimes have ever seen. Such well known clubs as M.A.A., Toronto Central "Y", Oakwood, Toronto; Vancouver, Aquatic club, Winnipeg Tankers, High Park Mineral Baths, Toronto; Regina Minnows, Ogs Pogs, Kelowna, B.C., are all re-

presented to make up a grand group for the RCN aquatic club.

Once organized, and after a few workouts, this club will be open to challenges. The author has been busy sorting out applications and now has a good list of swimmers waiting for the official opening sometime in June.

The new "Stadacona" pool is one of the best in Eastern Canada. Built to meet Olympic regulations, it is 25 meters long, 30 feet wide, with 12 feet of water under 1 and 3-meterboards.

SYDNEY SPORTS SLANTS

By PO J. C. Altman, P & RTI



Howdy Mates, here we are again greeting you from the breezy shores of Sydney Harbor. Sorry we missed you last month. A spot of "annual leave" was the reason.

The weather-man has taken a personal interest in "Protector" and has assured us of fine weather this summer with plenty of sunshine and very little rain. (How fantastic.)

During the past few weeks the P & RT staff, ably assisted by the Manual Division, took to grading, surveying, and landscaping, and before long a large clearing with a loose stone surface was transformed into an enormous recreational field containing three softball diamonds, an excellent soccer field and provisions for track and field events. Work has also commenced in the tennis courts. In the meantime, an effort is being made to take over the Sydney Tennis Club for the use of the three Services.

Softball, without a doubt, seems to be the most outstanding sporting topic at the base. A Ship's Company league has been formed consisting of 10 teams, representing almost every branch of the Service. In addition, a senior team will be selected to represent the Navy in Inter-Service and outside competition.

Friendly rivalry is evident amongst the teams in the Inter-part league as a result of the keen enthusiasm displayed by the officers and ratings. The Chiefs & PO's team, existing champs, was split up forming two teams headed by Charlie "Steel-Burner" Isaacs and George "Freezer" Seed. The officers with Pay/Lieut. Jack Stronach at the helm, have indicated to all concerned that this is their year. PO Wtr. "Rick" West and his gang of Pen Pushers have uncovered a new pitching ace and are confident they will finish on top of the heap.

We are quietly watching proceedings and absorbing the "idle gabble" thrust at us by opposing team captains who are confident their respective teams will win the coveted Softball title. We are not favoring any team and can only ward off these vicious attacks by uttering a well known expression, "we shall see, what we shall see."

The Wrens are also "softball-conscious," judging by the small-scale invasion made on the Sports Office several weeks ago. Leading the "Com-

mandoettes" was Wren "Nan" Hinshelwood, of Halifax Softball fame, who can hold her own in any league. CEA Cummings has consented to take over the coaching duties of the Wrens team and will guide them in their quest for Inter-service honors.

Ships alongside will be given every opportunity to play softball, soccer, etc. and will be encouraged to participate in any sporting function held in the Base.

A successful cross-country race was held on May 20. With ideal weather conditions prevailing, 30 hopefuls faced the starting line and were off at the crack of the gun on the long hazardous three-mile journey which led them through a stone quarry, scrambling up a steep hill, along a gravel road and finishing the course inside the Base. O/Sea. J. Smith took the lead at the start and managed to hold it until the midway marker and then gave way to Sto. Greenfield who was jogging along with a nice, even stride which was good enough to carry him to the finish line ahead of the pack in 20 min. 6 secs. O/Sea. Henderson finished second and Slimkr. Hagei came third. The course record is 19 min. flat, established last May by O/Sea. E. Churchward.

**Odds and Ends**..... The past month has seen the departure of a number of hockey players who were partly responsible for bringing to "Protector" its first hockey title.....Farewell to: AB Eagan, SBA McKeown, L/Coder Jessiman, Sto. Lukasik, AB McGee AB Hodkinson, AB Poplowsky, and AB Bathgate.....Good luck fellows, we know the job you are doing now is far more important than playing hockey.....Pay/Lieut. "Jerry" Collins, another popular sports figure at the Base has received a new appointment. He was Sec.-Treas. of the senior hockey club, manager of the basketball team and very prominent in Inter-part competition, representing the officers in bowling, volley-ball and softball.

We note that L/Sea. H. Lang, outstanding softball pitcher for "Protector" last summer, is now assigned to pitching duties for HMCS York in the Beaches Fastball league, in Toronto. Nice going, Hilly, we are rootin' for you.....Baseball will make its debut in the Base this season, and don't be surprised if we pop up with a smart senior team.

She was like this!  
the kind you look at  
of girl  
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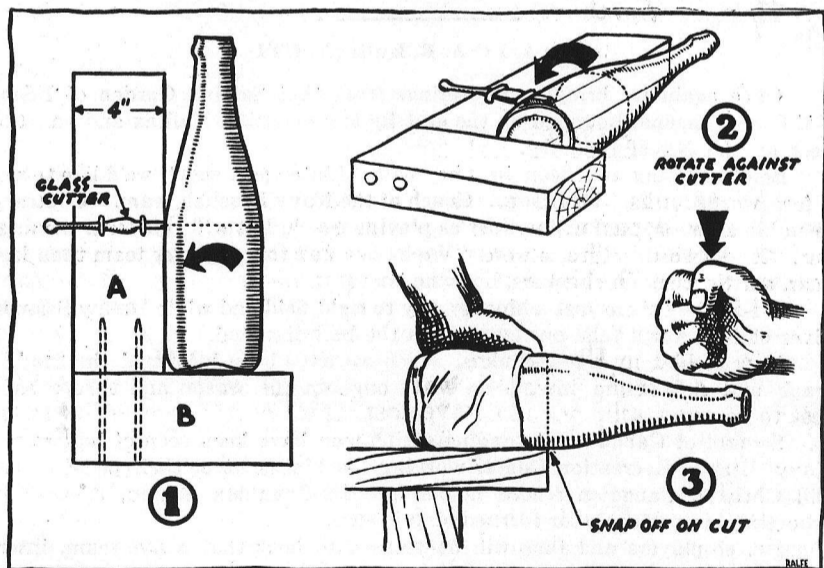
She—"Gee, honey, kissing is unsanitary. Think of the germs your lips will leave on mine."

He—"Listen, babe, the way I kiss I crush the germs to death."

(This is the first of a series of hobbies and pastimes that can be done easily in spare time. Readers interested in special crafts or hobbies are invited to write in for articles that can be of help to them.)

BOTTLE GLASSES

By Gilguy



A half a dozen smart glasses like the one shown in the photograph below can be made by hand from empty bottles, at almost no cost, other than a little patience.

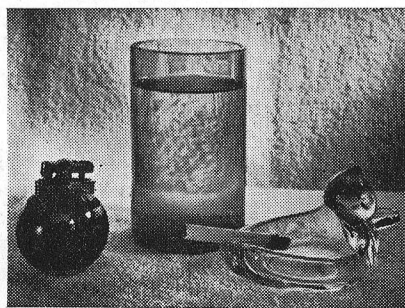
The initial equipment required is (a) the empty bottles (green ones are best), (b) two pieces of wood 2"x 4" about 8" long (c) a glass cutter or triangular file and a small carborundum stone. (30c in any hardware shop.)

First of all assemble the two pieces of wood with nails in the shape of an L. (fig. 1). Next lay your bottle in the crook of the L flat on the table and on piece "A" mark off the height you want your glasses to be. On this mark fasten your glass cutter or file so that the cutting edge will bite into your bottle when it is pressed close to the piece of wood "A".

Holding your bottle as in fig. 2 rotate it slowly but firmly against the cutting point of the glass cutter, or the edge of the file, until you have a fairly deep line scribed evenly around the bottle.

Now wrap the bottle in a heavy cloth, lay it over the edge of a table

with the scribed line just on the edge (fig. 3) and rap the neck sharply with your hand (better wear a glove). The whole neck should snap off neatly on the line.



All that remains to be done now is to grind the rough edges smooth with the small carborundum stone lubricated with oil. The final grinding should be slow and even so that the top edge of the glass will not irritate the mouth.

If all these operations are carefully carried out the result should be a real mansized glass—one that's different.

# Your Last Chance

## THE CROW'S NEST ESSAY CONTEST

### On Demobilization and Re-Habilitation

Don't neglect this opportunity to submit YOUR ideas on post-war plans for service personnel—they may not only win you a worthwhile prize—they may also be of assistance to the government in mapping its demobilization and rehabilitation plans for YOU.

## \$250.00 IN PRIZES

First Prize, \$100.00; Second Prize, \$75.00; Third Prize, \$50.00; Fourth Prize, \$10.00;

Three prizes of \$5.00 each for the three next best essays.

A free one year subscription to the Crow's Nest (value \$1.00) for each of the five essays considered the next best.

#### CONTEST RULES

- Contest is open to members of the Royal Canadian Navy only and includes all ranks and ratings. No member of the staff of The Crow's Nest (as named at the top of col. 1, page 2,) shall be eligible, however.
- No essay to exceed 1500 words in length. Essays will be judged from the standpoint of logic and practicability. Grammatical construction, spelling and vocabulary will not be considered by the judges.
- Essays are to be written as constructive suggestions rather than as criticisms of policies or proposals of any organization or group. Material should be written on one side of the page only.
- All essays become the sole property of The Crow's Nest which will have the privilege of reproducing any or all of them in the columns of The Crow's Nest, or in any other publication or radio program, providing credit is given the author.
- Each entry is to be accompanied by a separate sheet of paper bearing the full name and correct Naval address of the contestant. This slip of paper will be removed and the essay given a number before it is sent to the judges. Names of contestants are not to be written on the essay.
- The decision of the judges shall be final.
- All entries must be in the mails by 2400 (12.00 p.m.) Friday, June 30. Entries taking more than 30 days to reach this office, after the close of the contest, cannot be considered.
- All entries to be addressed to: Contest Editor, The Crow's Nest, 23 North Street, c/o F.M.O., Halifax, N.S.

## Stadacona Sprint Men Getting Ready For Summer's Track and Field Meets

By A/PO A. E. Bullock, RTI

Once again we bring you greetings from that Sailor's Garden of Eden, HMCS Stadacona, bounded on the east by the Beautiful Halifax and on the west by the Naval Laundry.

Before getting too deep in the realm of inter-part sport, we'd like to say a few words for Bud Morrison, Coach of the Navy Baseball team. Contrary to public opinion, Bud will not act as playing coach, but will rule from the dug-out. Bud's words of praise were, "We have an all round better team than last year, a little weak on chuckers, but who isn't?"

C-r-a-c-k—there goes a blooper way to right field and while Danny Seaman gives chase we will take our leave from the ball diamond.

Now to kick up a few cinders, which we have been informed the Stad. I track and field team intends to do throughout the season and take a back seat to no one.

Several of Canada's outstanding sprint men have been seen of late at the Navy League Recreation Center working the kinks out of their pedal digits. Bill Christie, Canadian record holder and Ex-Canadian champ, is carefully grooming his proteges for forthcoming events.

Soccer players and fans will be pleased to hear that a five-team, inter-service league is now under way. A/PO Stan Burton, is the one to thank for the organization of the league, to our knowledge the first in several years.

Teams represented are A23 Army, using the Elkins Field, Fleet Air Arm, with Woodside for their home pitch. HMCS Canada and our boys will use the Ad. House grounds.

Alf Crowder and Bill Deaves are the only two of last year's team still with us. But with such outstanding new comers as Lt. Covo, MAA Rogers, SBA Price, EA Wash, and SA Patterson, the team will be strong.

Chief Evans, PTI will help the boys to square themselves off.

F-L-A-S-H—All weightlifters take note. Your instructor, PO Ludolph, has informed us that over a thousand pounds of new equipment is now on order. This certainly is good news to the muscle men and with the arrival of the new equipment we think there are some muscles.

This year, bigger and better than ever, the inter-part softball league is away with flying colors. There are twenty-four teams entered, an addition of six teams over last year's schedule. Everything indicates a hotly contested season.

The South End Tennis Club, situated on Young Ave., will again be available to all Naval Personnel. Arrangements have been made that officers and ratings may play free of charge. Racquets and balls will be on hand for all who wish to play. Only entrance fee needed will be your identification card.

You followers of the body beautiful (and we don't mean Weightlifters) will find this interesting copy. The Wrens' Softball team, this year better than ever, intends to outdo itself. Sparked by several of last year's players the girls are eagerly awaiting the league opening.

A good deal of credit goes to Chief Henderson for his interest and enthusiasm in the Sports and Recreation for the boys of the Torpedo School. This small but mighty six-team league has

## Sports Accomplishments At Cornwallis

S/Lt. A. M. Stuart Brown.

Here at HMCS Cornwallis Training Establishment, recreation and morale-building is a predominantly important phase in the curriculum of training. Expert staffs are assigned to organize and plan all sport activities: Lt.-Cdr. R. Redman, Cmd. Bos'n C. MacDonald, Chief of Staff C.P.O. J. A. Arnott, and six P&RTI's man the PT School. In the Seaman's New Entry Section we have Lieut. A. Park, CPO R. P. Mylrea, and 15 able PTI's. CPO L. Blades, with three assistants, covers the Stoker MTE Section.

A glance at the data listed below will show what Cornwallis has to offer its officers and ratings in the field of sport.

**Basketball:** Cornwallis base team out-baskets the Acadia University to win the Maritime Provinces senior basketball championship.

In the ship's company league, (CPO's, PO's, MTE, OUT, Asdic School, Gunnery School, Bos'n Party) the Chiefs defeat the MTE. Hawke Block from the New Entry section win two out of the three -game series against the Chiefs.

N.E. Seamen "A" Basketball League (30 games) Grenville washes out Drake 56 to 31 in a two game total points. The second 20-game series brings Hawke, Benbow, Grenville and Drake to the finals.

In the "B" 30-game league Anson trounces Drake 57 to 33 in a total two game series. Effingham, Benbow, Anson and Hawke will battle it out for the finals in the second series.

**Volleyball:** 30 games—six teams—each block playing its opponent twice. Anson won four out of seven against Drake. The finals of the new series just winding up feature Anson, Drake, Grenville, and Effingham at battle stations.

**Floor Hockey:** Six teams competing in the Seaman section with a total of fifteen games. Finals Benbow, Drake, Effingham, Hawke.

**Wrestling:** Stokers hold interest in this field of sport and body-crushing.

**Indoor Field and Tarack Meets:** Drake Block won the laurels; Hawke Block claimed ownership in the second. To date two such events have proved a huge success. In the first meet Six Blocks competed.

**Ice Carnival:** Held at the Cornwallis new artificial ice arena. Six blocks from the seamen new entry section were listed as to points as follows E-48, H-41, A-30, C-24, G-22, B-21. Crests were awarded to S/Lt. Roy Beal of Anson Block in the officer's race, O/Sea. Miller, Moran, Coughlin and Lang.

**Boxing:** Navy wins the Maritime boxing championship for 1944 against civilian, Army and Air Force. 5 out of 8 championships were won by the RCN Flyweight 112, Bantamweight 11, Featherweight 126, Lightweight 135, and heavyweight 175.

The F. J. Jackman Trophy for boxing is retained by the N.E. Stokers from the MTE section, who won two out of three tournaments against the N.E. Seamen.

**Hockey:** Cornwallis holds the Maritime Provinces amateur hockey championship. The shield donated by the Star Mfg. Co. Ltd., of Dartmouth, N.S. was won by the Navy for the first time in its 20 years of competition.

Many sport participants would be interested to note who held the shield 1924 Sussex, N.B.; 25 Truro; 26 Truro; 27 Kentville, N.S.; 28, 29, 30, 31, Truro; 32 Dalhousie; 33, 34 Moncton Hawks, Allan Cup Champions; 35

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## Where Are The Boys Of The Old Brigade?

By Hermes



Back row l. to r.: Lt. A. Park, Remi Van Daele, J. Fritz, Bill Allum, Chuck Millman, Lt. Cdr. Redman, RN, P&RTO Capt. J. C. I. Edwards, Red Garrett, Geo. Gee, Joey Johns, Wally Stefaniv, Com. Bos'n McDonald. Front row, l. to r.: Doug. Lewis, Dave Nicol, Spence Tatchell, Gordon Bell, Scotty Mair, Norm McLelland, Vic. Lofendahl. Missing from picture, Players Joey Bell, Bob Goldham, Joey Peterson. Trainer: Bill Rae. Trainer and Equipment: Floyd Westhaver.

some fine competition among themselves.

The Halifax softball league is well represented by six teams, two from the Air Force, two Navy, one Army and one civilian team. From the best information available, coming from PO Barron and Coach Web Star, a red-letter season is looked forward to. Gordie Wright, formerly of Toronto Tip Tops will be the Navy's trump card and a threat to any opposing team, when they face him from the batters' box.

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TAILOR

94 Sackville St. Halifax.

"But where are the hockey players of yesterday?" Well might have Omar Khayyam have asked this question (even though he did it with roses). Where are they indeed, those patrician passers of the plastic puck? Surely, not playing Mah-Jong among rusting skates and rotting cranium crushers! (Goal sticks make the best ones ever. Especially the left-handed variety—with tape.)

No, the members of the "Cornwallis" triple-threat hockey team are back at their normal naval duties once again.

Wingers Nicol, Peterson and Tatchell, and defenceman Fritz, are serving at sea, while Vic. Lofendahl, another crack defenceman, has recently completed a D.E.M.S. course and left for parts known but censored.

Centers George Gee and Wally Stefaniv are now at Kingston taking a boiler-maker's course. It is presumed they intend to make things hot for the opposition, whether on aqua pura that is solid, liquid or just plain 'pop.'

Defenceman Remi Van Daele is following close on their heels with a copper-smith's course at the MTE here. Bob Goldham and Chuck Millman, also defencemen, and J. Johns, left wing, are on the P&RT staff at the base and may be joined shortly by another stanchion of defence, Bill Allum, who is contemplating taking the course. Norm. McLelland, impertinent pivot man, is directing traffic "down the blue line" at the Personnel Section office, in an effort to set maladjusted ratings on their true course, while assistant goalkeeper Barefoot uses tactics somewhat less subtle to achieve the same end. He's on sentry duty at the cell block.

As for plans for next fall. There really cannot be any for some time yet. Comm'd Bos'n Charles McDonald, manager of the team, had only this to say: "If the demands of the Service permit, I am sure we can produce a strong team next season. Our facilities for training will be far better than during this past season due to the erection of our indoor skating rink, and the team should improve accordingly."

Well, if the new hockey team is much better than the old one we don't know if we'll be going to many of the games. Remember the fight fans who would rush into a Joe Louis match two minutes late only to hear him drawl ".....it was a gu-ud fight....."?

## SUGGEST POST-WAR COAST GUARDS

Anxious to cater to the desires of members in promoting sport, the White Ensign Association, Halifax branch, will have softball team in operation this season. The following sports committee was appointed: C. A. Johnson, C. Gordon, J. V. Milson, Lieut. Bell, J. F. Rogers and Lt. -Cdr. Kenny.

PO Ruven, well known Navy athlete,

addressed the members on sports and baseball activities in Halifax. Mr. Crawford, chairman of the sports committee gave a report on the progress of sport in the Association.

Lieut. Bell, who acted as chairman at the meeting, led a discussion on the suggestion that a post-war Coast Guard service be set up which would absorb

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# Naval Customs--How They Originated

## PIPING THE SIDE



In the old days of sailing ships, and long before any system of signalling had been introduced in the Navy, the Admiral, as today, had to inform the fleet of his intentions. One must remember that in those days England, during those years when she was at war with Europe, kept many squadrons of ships at sea for long periods of time, keeping the sea lanes open, and, as in the case of the Napoleonic Wars, blockading the French and Spanish fleets in their respective ports, and thus preventing them from becoming united. Very often the Admiral knew that the enemy fleet was in the vicinity, having probably received news from his Corvettes and Frigates scouting well ahead of the main fleet, and to inform his captains of his plan of action for the forthcoming battle he would summon them all on board the flagship for a conference.

### Undignified but Practical

Providing the weather was good, the captains of the various ships of the fleet would be lowered away in boats, and pulled over to the Flagship, all the ships in the fleet coming head on to the wind to carry out this evolution. On coming alongside the Flagship, as often as not there would be a swell running, and the only method of getting aboard would be a Jacob's ladder lowered over the ship's side. Now the old type ship of the line, or any sailing ship for that matter, has what they call a large "Tumble Home", which is the slanting in-board effect of the ship's side from the upper deck to the waterline—the old "Victory" in dry dock at Portsmouth looks almost round out of the water—and it was a very difficult, if not impossible, feat for an aged and rather rotund Naval Captain to climb up the ship's side. To overcome this difficulty the Boatswain rigged his famous "Boatswain's chair", which is a chair without any legs slung on a bowline on a bight. This was then lowered over the side into the boat, and the captain was hoisted triumphantly inboard in it. A strong wind would probably be blowing, and any verbal orders from the Boatswain would not be heard by the sailors manning the falls. To overcome this the Boatswain used his "Boatswain's pipe"—a shrill whistle can be heard much better in a high wind than can the deeper pitched human voice. So as the precious cargo was gingerly hoisted inboard the Boatswain would be continually using his pipe, and from this old method of getting "the old man" aboard we have the custom today of piping whenever the Captain leaves or comes aboard the ship.

### "Overseas Trip"

Another method of transferring Captains to the Flagship in the old days, if the weather was very rough, was for the ships of the fleet to sail up alongside the Flagship in turn, and transfer their commanding officers without using a boat. To do this the Captain would be lashed to the boatswain's chair in his own ship, and hoisted out to the end of the main yardarm. A line attached to him would then be passed to the Flagship which in turn would reeve it through the main yardarm. Then the Flagship would sail as close as possible to the other ship, and the Captain would be hurriedly heaved across from one ship to the other and lowered safely on deck. This hair-raising spectacle would, of course, again be accompanied by the sound of the boatswain's pipe.

Today the King when in uniform, the Royal Family, the Board of the Admiralty, when acting as a board—in the case of the Canadian Navy the Navy Minister, who, although given the same privileges as the Admiralty is not entitled to a pipe—Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, is not entitled to a pipe unless with the rest of the Naval members of the Board of the Admiralty—all Flag Officers, all commanding officers no matter

what their rank is, and all foreign naval officers no matter what position or rank they hold, are entitled to be piped over the side of one of his Majesty's Canadian ships.

It is interesting to note that during this war a Flag Officer was transferred from one ship to another in the old-fashioned way. Rear Admiral Burnett during a Russian convoy to Murmansk was transferred from his Flagship, in this case a light cruiser of the "Dido" class, to an escorting destroyer. To do this it was too rough to lower a boat, and he was hoisted from one ship to the other in a boatswain's chair. As ships today do not have Main yardarms a derrick was used, and to give the occasion a traditional flavour the pipe was used for all the orders.

No wonder the little duckling  
Wears on his face a frown,  
For he has just discovered  
That his first pants are down.

Landlady to Lodge-and-Comper:—  
"...and as a whole this is quite a nice room, isn't it?"  
L-and C-er: "Yes, ma'am. But as a bedroom it's not so hot."

# Navy Show Shots

By Gersha

Here we are again—back in the East after a most wonderful tour of the West! A full description of our peregrinations would fill volumes—which we shall spare the readers! But it's been a great experience: the prairies—the Rockies,—the ocean—the trip to Prince Rupert and the wonderful visit with the Americans at Port Edward! —the spontaneous reception at Ocean Falls,—the idyllic days in Victoria,—not forgetting Saskatoon and Edmonton (!!!) and the breezy friendliness of Calgary. Regina will live in memory — for the rather exceptional hospitality extended there; and the Service Clubs, Canteens, Stage Hands, Ushers and Cafe workers, not forgetting the Porter and the faithful Train Crews have made the trip a pleasure rather than an effort.

### Bells for Belles

Many changes have taken place, both in programme and personnel; but the "Show goes on." Three of our loveliest Wrens have been married recently—one "within the fold." During the Toronto playing, Petty Officer Blanche Harris and Chief Petty Officer Alan Lund, both of Toronto, were married in St. Barnabas' Church. These young people, popularly known as "Lee and Sandra" will be remembered by thousands as highlights of the Show.

Early in February, Wren Patricia Ferguson of Montreal left the Show to be married to Second Lieutenant Walter Westwood of the Black Watch, (R.H.R.), of Canada, recently returned from Overseas, and in March, Wren Laura Willson, also of Montreal, was married to Lieutenant Clayton Cummings of the Canadian Dental Corps.

The best wishes of the cast go to PO Rumble, formerly with the Show at Hart House, now a patient in Christie Street Hospital.

And had you heard about the Wren who wanted to go overseas, because she'd heard you met a lot of heavy swells that way!

## British Columbia Fir

(For the special enjoyment of West Coast personnel)

The latest release on results of research on its origin and species gives the following:

When Rocky was building the mountains  
And Puget was digging the sound,  
They both could have used an army  
of men  
But there were no men around.

So they sent a note to that Bunyan man  
I mean Paul with the big, blue ox.  
Saying "Come here as quickly as you can—  
We've a contract for moving rocks."

So Paul went out and looked around  
With his eyes as sharp as sickles,  
And he tendered on both the contracts,  
They to furnish the hay and pickles.

Then the old men exchanged a very sly glance,  
Both thinking Paul's bid was low;  
But they thought, after all, he's taking the chance,  
So shook hands and called it a go.

Paul looked the job over the rest of that day  
With his sharp eyes to the weather,  
And chuckled and thought how he'd make it pay  
By doing both jobs together.

Then the ox jumped into the ocean,  
At Paul's bidding, I suppose,  
And the lower he stomped the bottom down,  
The higher the mountains rose.

The ox was losing a lot of hair,  
For he sure wasn't working slow,  
And as the soil was rich and the rains were there  
It took root and started to grow.

Now they call it 'Fir' it's so green and lush  
But it really is just hair;

## FLASHY WREN



There are 10 Wrens at Halifax, who are doing what has always been a man's job in the Navy—they are visual signallers. Their chief concern is the exchange of signals with ships coming in and going out of the harbour. And they are doing a good job. Their main boast, however, is that they have released eight men for duty at sea. Very intent on the business of flashing a message to a ship anchored in the harbour is Wren Patricia Abbott of Toronto.—RCN Photo by Lieut. H. Nott.

## PATTER FROM PREVOST

By Wtr. R. Griffiths

"Prevost's" first Baseball Game of the season got under way early in May to a good start with the Staff vs. the Officers. Needless to say the Staff gave the Gold Braid a beautiful trimming, with a final score of 22 to 5, this in spite of Surg.-Lieut. Smalls wearing out his right arm pitching and having to finish the game with his left, and S/Lt. Chodat turning in a good game of catching. Ldg. Smn. Richards and Steward Evans pitched for the Staff and Writer Dickie took care of the catching end of it.

The officers were beaten a second time a week later by King Division with a final score of 11-9. After the game, a very enjoyable time was spent at a weiner roast, held at Gibbons Park, and put on by the Ship's Company with Jimmy Callister in charge of everything and doing a swell job as usual. 'Pop' was served along with the hot dogs and dancing was entered into later in the evening to some hot records borrowed from the Wardroom and played over a P.A. system on one of the ship's phonographs.

### Naval Wedding

A very pretty wedding, and the first of its kind in the history of Prevost was solemnized the latter part of April when SBO Wren Shirley Williams became the bride of AB Harry Norman, late of Prevost and now on the way from Halifax to pick up a Fairmile on the West Coast. Our ship's Padre, Rev. Dalton Bishop officiated at the ceremony, which took place in his own church, First St. Andrews, London. The wedding music was played by Harvey Robb at the organ. For you Wrens who are interested, the bride was gowned in petal white faille taffeta, with a long moulded bodice and bouffant skirt, silk braid applique accenting the low waistline. Her veil of tulle was crested with a coronet of shirred net and she carried a sheaf of white carnations. The best man was Steward Max Henshaw. The Ship's Company attended the ceremony and a guard of honor with fixed bayonets was formed by seamen, after which the remainder of the Wrens engaged in tossing confetti on the happy couple.

Prevost's Navy Ball, held at the London Arena with two bands, Len Salei from Hamilton and Johnnie Downs of London, plus Prevost's own floor show, was a big success with a huge crowd of over 3000 in attendance. A nice sum of money was made thus for the Men's Mess. The door prize, a \$50.00 Victory Bond, was won by one of Prevost's new entries.

### Huge Parade Held

A huge church parade was held in London to officially open the Sixth Victory Loan. All units of the three Services were represented, including a representation from HMCS Prevost, Wrens from HMCS Conestoga, the band from HMCS York and Sea Cadets of RCSCC Courageous. In spite of the drizzling rain, a large crowd turned out. The Ship's Company here went over the top in our Victory Loan drive and obtained over 150% of its objective.

The bowling team from "Prevost" travelled to Toronto early in the month

to participate in a bowling tournament. The team won several prizes, indicating the affair was very successful.

Old Prevostites paying us return visits include Wtr. Don Johnson, Wtr. Lou Goldenburg, L/Wtr. Don Park, L/Wtr. Clare Bridle, Wireless Telegraphist Chapman, AB Harry Norman and AB O. Buckborough.

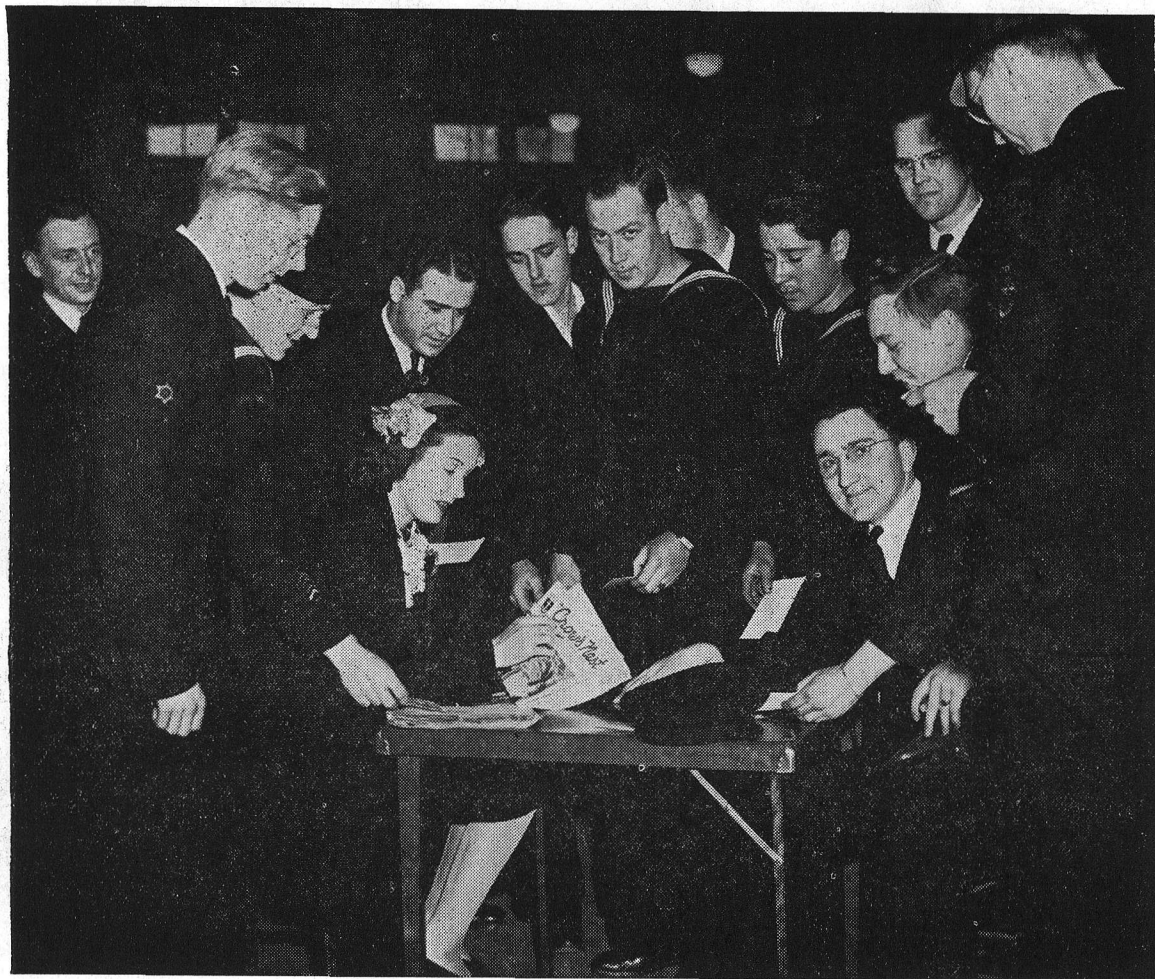
The Men's Mess has now been reopened after having undergone a new paint job and a complete new set of furniture has replaced the old worn-out articles. It is again just like home to the lads and it is appreciated now more than ever.

Last minute flash: The Officers have finally won their first game, after defeating the English Speaking Class with a score of 14 to 6. However, this was only accomplished by the fact that the E.S.C. pitcher was rattled for wearing his cap on the back of his head, getting two days No.11 at the appropriate time

Demure Miss—Are you musically inclined?  
Sto. I.—We-e-ll, I know how to make overtures.

Or one might call it the underbrush  
Of what the Blue Ox planted there.  
The Outsider

GA(I)LA DAY FOR SAILORS AT HALIFAX



When Hollywood's lovely Gail Patrick dropped in at the North End Services Canteen during her bond-selling visit to Halifax, she was promptly surrounded by a ring of autograph-commandos. She signed slips of paper, postcards, dollar bills, even the lining of one seaman's waterproof coat, and in this photo she signs a copy of the Crow's Nest for L/Wtr. G. H. White, RCNVR, Windsor, Ont. Some of the old hands mumbled to their chums "it's for my wife," or ".....for my little daughter," but when they returned to their ships with the prized signature the story probably changed to ".....so I told Gail....." or "Gail Patrick said to me....."—RCN Photo by L/Photog. E. Dinsmore.

BOOK REVIEWS

These books available at the Naval Library Service

**A Bell for Adano**—By John Hersey. Combining fact and fiction the author describes the attempts of an American Major to rebuild an Italian town. His instinctive knowledge of human nature and his tolerance and understanding prompts a policy of enlightened reconstruction. His sympathetic attitude does not, however, off-set his ability to view the situation clearly. It is apparent that policies and agreements can only be as effective as the men who are chosen to guide them.

**Hotel Berlin**—By Vicki Baum. This novel of high adventure and intrigue is reminiscent of the author's earlier success. An atmosphere of hysteria and tension permeates the Berlin luxury hotel. The characters become dramatically entangled against a background of Nazi brutality. An escapist story, it reveals an exciting panorama of events and personages.

**The Pied Piper of Dipper Creek**—By Thomas H. Raddall. The history and background of Nova Scotia offers

a wealth of anecdote and romance. A skilful story-teller combines his knowledge of the past with the present day appearance of the Maritime scene. Amusing and forthright, it deals with the various elements that contributed to Nova Scotia's heritage.

**Journey in The Dark**—By Martin Favin. The Harper prize novel of 1943-44 is a vivid portrayal of life along the Mississippi during the eighties. It is the story of an man who was determined to realize his ambitions in the economic and social world. The pattern of society that influenced his desires and his resulting loneliness after achieving them indicates a prevalent fallacy of the era.

**While We Still Live**—By Helen MacInnes. A novel based on the German occupation of Poland. It reveals the ceaseless resistance of a courageous nation that refused to be conquered. It is the story of Sheila Matthews, an English girl who became involved with the Gestapo in an exciting game of espionage and intrigue.

PRAIRIE BOY

By Wren Gertrude Shaw

O, Jack's the life of the "Golden Grill",  
With a whole month's pay and a day to kill  
With a girl whom he only knows as "Jill",  
A girl to his sailor liking;  
But see him stand at his good ship's prow:  
The hand that guided his father's plow  
Is guiding the future of Empire now—  
A twentieth-century Viking!  
He's in love with his ship and her eager grace,  
With her shoulders draped in the sea-foam lace,  
And his heart beats time with her steady pace,  
Be there sun or a fog to blind him.  
He dreams awhile and the long thoughts roam  
To the friendly skies and the prairie

loam,  
To the Schoolhouse dance and the "hills of home"—  
And the love that he left behind him.  
There's danger and death on the Ocean's floor,  
A moment to herald the loud blast's roar  
That might shake the ship to her stout heart's core,  
But she's never the one to falter!  
She'll dare the path where the wolf-pack waits  
With savage lusting and man-made fates,  
Or be ready to harbor the ship-wrecked mates—  
Be it Sitka or Gibraltar!  
The watchful eye and the silent lip!  
The cold grey surf where the sea-gulls dip!  
The star-beamed nights and the brave grey ship

My Eyes Have Seen

By John Arthur

The shadow gathered, huddling together as though in fear, surrounding the harsh outlines that encompassed the dwellings in masses of darkness broken by the irregularity that was the grotesque structure of London's East Side's panorama.

Those, who had occasion, stared with sleepless eyes past the rugged rooftops, off into the sundown's afterglow, seeking, while praying they would not appear, first signs of the dreaded arrival of the minions of the Beast.

The nerve-wracking calm was soon to be shattered by the Alert's piercing wail.

It was at this special moment, by God's good grace, that I was given an unforgettable glance into the very soul of those who waited in those dreadful moments which precluded devastation.

I looked deeply into the faces of the watchers. I saw strain, concern, yes, fear too—but not defeat.

Arrestingly, the characteristics of undaunted courage emanating from valiant hearts were etched upon the faces of these stalwart mainstays of civilization's last bastion.

I looked upon these things, I treasured them in my memory, carried that memory through adversity to an understanding of that undying tenacity of purpose and belief that enabled the people of Britain to stop the gap and which leaves me assured of the future.

Then the storm broke. Indiscriminate bombing created undescrivable havoc, but I cringed not—and was not alone.

Do you love me alone?  
Yes, dear.  
Will you always be true to me?  
Yes, dear.  
Then let's elope tonight!  
I can't dear—I've got a date.

Far from the sight of land!  
He thrills to the touch and the love and the pride of her,—  
Love for the great, brave heart inside of her,  
Pride in the gallant "away-with-the-tide" of her—  
Sailors would understand!

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A personal letter to You from the President.

Dear Reader,

It's funny, but "The Crow's Nest" receives so many letters extolling its virtues (for which many thanks), but oh! so few of criticism, either constructive or destructive. Now, "The Crow's Nest" knows it's not *that* good! But then, the publishing business is not unlike the retail trade, you and I will patronize a store for a long time, maybe years, and then for some reason which sounds good to ourselves we suddenly switch our business elsewhere. It may be the service, it may be the prices, it may be a personal dislike, it may be incivility on the part of the sales staff, but whatever it is the store owner has to guess why we left him, and went elsewhere. He knows, as also does "The Crow's Nest," that he can only thrive and prosper in direct ratio to the Service he gives.

This may all sound as if "The Crow's Nest" is not thriving and prospering. Such is not the case: on the contrary "The Crow's Nest" is doing quite well, but feels that if could do more for You, much more. We have always felt that this is Your paper, for Your entertainment, to keep You in touch with happenings in the Navy outside the sphere of your immediate activities and You have a right to say what You would like to see in this, Your paper. We want to enlarge "The Crow's Nest" and the more we enlarge it the more news and the more pictures we can give you, and more space will be available for your own stories. But we can't enlarge until the circulation warrants the extra expenditure of money. And so you see in the final analysis it's "Circulation" that we are after.

Recently, we reorganized our Board, and new editors will be added shortly to cover various fields—we may even have an "Advice to the Lovelorn" column, or, with the great increase in WRCNS personnel, a "Beauty Hints" column. But, joking aside, the "sky's the limit" if You will help us.

Supposing I give you some ideas to write to "The Crow's Nest" about.

If you're a subscriber, do you get "The Crow's Nest" within a reasonable time after the first of the month?

Do you want more pictures, more sports news, more stories, more jokes, more editorials, more Service news, more cartoons, more poetry, or maybe you want less of some of these things?

Do you like the "format", the "make up"?

Do you want more news of shipmates and happenings overseas?

If you are not a subscriber do you find difficulty in obtaining a copy of "The Crow's Nest"? (Why not tell your Canteen to get some copies in or better still take out a subscription?)

Well, that's a start, and it may give you the necessary impulse or inspiration to write to "The Crow's Nest" and tell us what you would like to see in the paper. Even 'slams' will be welcome. Remember, this is Your paper and is dedicated to Your entertainment, to Your Welfare; to You.

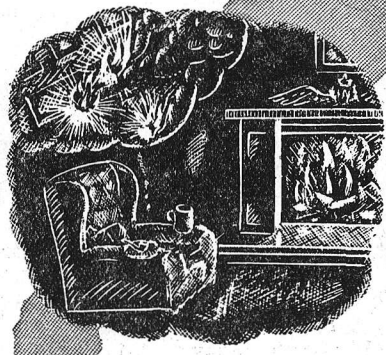
Good luck and good hunting and let's hear from you.

GEOFF. McCLINTOCK, President.

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GOOD READING

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AT ALL BOOKSTORES

HOBBY HUT INSPECTED



Great interest is being shown by members of the Navy in the hobby huts being begun at various Naval bases through the cooperation of the Directorate of Special Services and the YMCA. Visiting the hut at "Stadacona II" at Halifax, Commodore Beech inspects some of the work done by an Air Force corporal stationed in the RCAF section of the former "Y" depot. Accompanying Commodore Beech is Commander N. L. Pickersgill, commanding officer of "Stadacona II." —RCN Photo.

NOW LISTEN---MATE

"Re-what?—Re-hab-ili-tation—what's that, Mate? Well, that's the general scheme that's going to fit you back in civilian life after the war, as securely as possible. Why all this talk about this rehab..... stuff, now, you'd think the blank-blank war was over?"

You're right Joe, the war isn't over but if the government doesn't start thinking now about what it's going to do when the war is over, when the war ends it will have to do some mighty fast thinking to prevent large-scale lay-offs and unemployment. Everything would be tied up in a dirty knot. The change-over from war to peace isn't going to be easy but if it's planned and figured out now it will be a great deal simpler and quicker. For the same reason we should all start thinking about what we're going to do when we finally get home for good. There's no use kidding ourselves that there's going to be a Santa Claus waiting at the gates to greet us. When you get back to civilian life, Joe, you'll find the sea pretty rough, a bit of a breeze blowing and you'll be the worried Skipper.

Not a "Football"

The government isn't treating this rehabilitation and postwar reconstruction as just another political football. There are plenty of veterans of the last war in the government who want to make sure that the veterans of this war get the best breaks. Whether you're "agin" the government or not, it's making plans, surveys, to determine possibilities of employment, to organize postwar reconstruction and generally to make more happy and secure the lives of the steady working class. There is a definite attempt to make more real, more concrete the hopes you and I have that when this show is over society will be better organized and there will be a decent standard of living for everyone.

Say, Mate, what happened after the last war? Well, Joe, there's one thing we can be sure of and that is that whatever mistakes were made we won't make them again.

I'm not saying they made a lot of mistakes last time because they didn't, the scheme was most successful on the whole. The set up was quite a bit different though; the majority of the guys got trench feet, trench mouth and shot a rifle. Whereas in this war a guy gets all sorts of technical mechanical and electrical training that he can use in civilian life. What's more, the three services are going to try and teach a guy a trade of some sort before he is demobilized, because the only real guarantee of security is a trade or training of some type or other. Grants, benefits and gratuities are o. k. but when the chips are down you gotta work for your bacon and red lead, I mean, your apple pie and ice cream, anyway, you gotta work, Joe.

Easy Does It

Listen, Mate, when this thing packs up, what are the chances of going home full-ahead-both? Well, Joe, you better start getting used to the idea that you might have to go slow ahead and maybe you'll have to lie to for awhile. You see, getting a million or more guys home and sitting by the fireside with their slippers and pipe isn't as easy as making a date with Maisie or Joanie. The country can't take back one tenth of its population without grunting a bit. If it grunted too much it might bite a lot of people and that's just what we want to avoid. Demobilization will depend on a lot of things but mostly on the number of

people that have to be kept under arms to keep the Huns and Japs under our thumb, and how fast the country can take back the others without grunting.

How is all this guff going to work in practice? Well, Joe, we are trying it out now; lots of men are being discharged for medical reasons. But, here are some concrete examples of guys getting back into civvies: Say, I gotta run, Joe, gotta 'phone Maisie—Read the Crow's Nest next month and I'll tell you lots more about it."

PROTECT US

by William Reid, Wtr.

Dear God, protect our ships where ever they may be, In quiet coves, or battling raging seas, And guide them safely through their rendezvous With death. Help them we pray, each compass true, To herd the straggling convoy to its silent base.

Dear God, protect our sons, who know no fear Save fear of Thee. Help them to better seamen be. Stand by them in their watches long and weary; That some day soon, beyond the dark horizon they may find A ray of light—a rock on which to build for all mankind.

Dear God, protect ourselves, that we may worthy be Of having gallant sons; each one of

THE SAILORS' LADIES

by M.F.R.



Navy men have built up a long tradition for having mascots on their ships, usually a small dog or cat, and their ladies unconsciously do the same thing. Necessity, however, forces the women to pick something a little more packable than a live Irish terrier. For instance, one Navy wife who has travelled back and forth with her husband over three-quarters of Canada's area has a deep attachment for a large blue china goose, whose neck has been broken four times in moving. "I don't feel satisfied in a new home until that ugly thing is up on the shelf," she admitted, eyeing the wound stripes around his neck which were applied with mending cement.

Another lady has a fondness for a white plaster lamb with a red bow tastefully arranged beneath his chin, and silly looking long blue eyelashes fanned out on his cheeks.

Of course most of these feminine mascots are loved for their souvenir value, as no matter how many articles are packed in storage, these pieces are always moved with the ladies. We asked one wife what object she always took with her from place to place, and never forgot or left behind, and she replied, "Well, offhand I'd say that framed photograph over there—and then, of course, my husband!"

The housing shortage is a subject of vital interest to almost everyone these days, and many lurid stories of overcharging and just plain highway robbery circulate among friends. We think the worst story comes from a province where a couple had arranged to occupy a four-room apartment on the first day of the month. When they showed up with their luggage, they were ushered into their two-room home with a big smile. They protested that they had arranged for double that space, and wished their rent lowered, and then the landlord explained that he had cut the original apartment into two dwellings. And what about the rent reduction? "Oh, I'm sorry but I couldn't do anything about that," he sighed mournfully, "You see, it cost me such a terrible amount to divide the place into two!"

In some Canadian towns where there are training centres for the men in the Forces, the native language is sometimes French rather than English. This fact never seems to interfere with a sailor's social life, however, and you see them everywhere, strolling up and down the streets and through the parks with the current girl friend, "How is it that you boys aren't

whom has placed His trust in Thee. Help we pray, their eager hands to Build a new and better world of happy homes And fertile valleys tilled. Each one in awe of Thee.

bilingual, and yet you always have dates?" we asked one boy. "Oh, I guess you might just say we speak Basic French," came the quick answer, with a wink.

Post-war planning comes up in conversations nowadays more than the weather ever did, everyone having a few personal wrinkles to include. One Naval Commander we know (with three children) swears he is going to build a huge apartment house after the war and refuse to take any tenants unless they have two or more children. Some people dwell lovingly on the food angle. And then there is the lady who says she is going to hunt up the inventor of the springless studio couch, designed to serve as a bed in so many small living quarters "for the duration," and she is going to shoot him in cold blood. "Only first I'll make him sleep on the thing all night before his funeral," she finished happily.

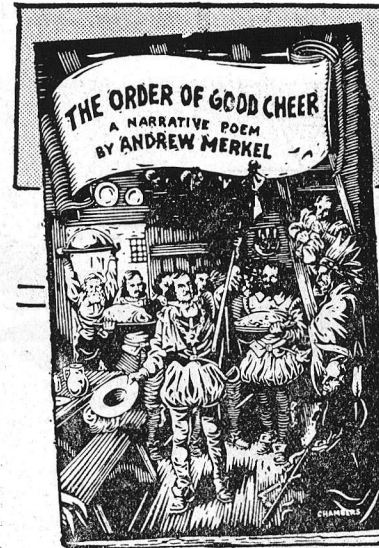
Our favorite cartoon of the month shows two men in a furniture store watching a lady walk energetically back and forth with tables, chairs, etc. One man explains, "Oh, she never buys anything—just comes in every day and rearranges the furniture!"

Who said men were romantic? One husband was instructing his wife on her course of action if she ever woke up in the middle of the night to find the house on fire. "Just grab your diamond ring and your cook book, honey, and dash right out," he counselled.

Two little boys were discussing their ages. "I'm five," said the first. "How old are you?" "Dunno," replied the second. "Do Women bother you?" "Nope." "Then you're only four."

English vulture to 2nd English vulture, "Carrion, old boy, carrion!"

IF YOUR DEALER CANNOT SUPPLY



If you cannot obtain copies of this lilting, graphic account of the 1604-08 voyages to the site of H.M.C.S. Cornwallis,

with Marc Lescarbot's map of Annapolis Basin first published in 1609, clip this advertisement, attach one dollar and mail to the Imperial Publishing Co., Halifax, who will forward the book postage-free to any address given. Sender's name will be filled in if both addresses are listed.

Stirring Narrative Poem Written By Newspaperman

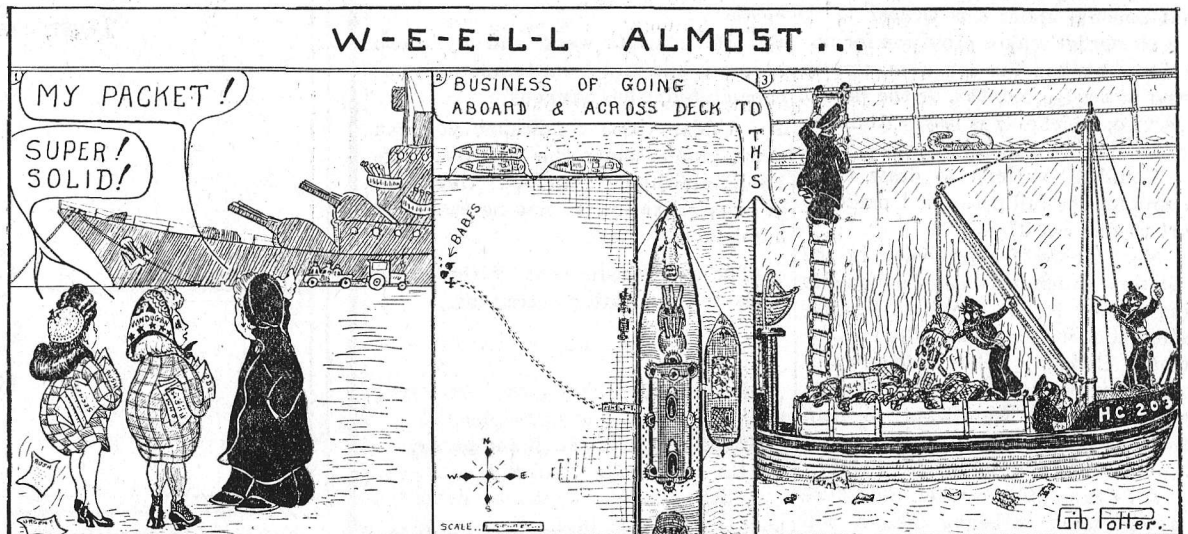
The Order of Good Cheer, by Andrew Merkel, with Marc Lescarbot's map of the Annapolis Basin, first published in 1609, mailing envelope and decorations by Bob Chambers. Imperial Publishing Company, Halifax, 50pp., \$1.00.

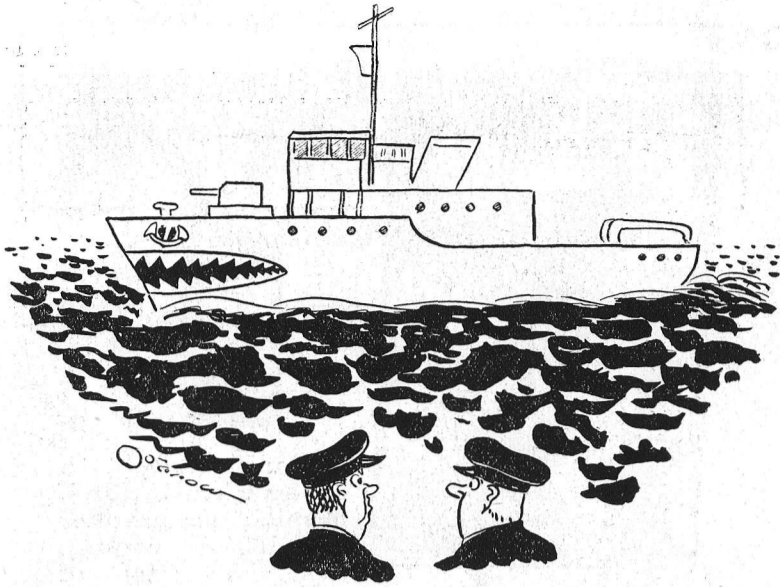
This is a narrative in blank verse, based on the early voyages of Pierre du Guast, or as he is better known perhaps, the Sieur de Monts, 1604-08. Numbered among de Mont's co-adventurers were Samuel de Champlain, Jean de Biencourt whose title was the Sieur de Pourtincourt and Marc Lescarbot, the young Paris attorney who dreamed of a Utopia in the New World. While the first winter was spent on an island at the mouth of the St. Croix River, now dividing New Brunswick and Maine, the first attempt at colonization was made the following spring at Port Royal, opposite the present site of HMCS Cornwallis. It is with the arrival at Port Royal and subsequent events leading up to the founding of Quebec in 1608 that the narrative deals. The story is simply told in lilting, blank verse, interspersed with several haunting lyrics.

Robert Chambers, an outstanding Canadian artist, has done a cover depicting a meeting of the Order of Good Cheer with consummate craftsmanship. His also are the line drawing of the Marc Lescarbot map used as a frontispiece, the decorations for the title page and mailing envelope which is furnished with the book. The whole makes a charming souvenir of the Port Royal Country.

The author, Andrew Merkel, is Atlantic Superintendent of the Canadian Press at Halifax. Formerly of Digby, he writes authentically of the land and sea of his early associations.

To avoid that run-down feeling, cross streets carefully.





"All right Codrington, if you're sure it's an original idea."

## Planning For You

The following is the third in a series of instalments of material regarding rehabilitation. These instalments, offered in question-and-answer form, have been prepared by the Department of Pensions and National Health, following approval by the three Departments of National Defence. They will be of interest to all Service Personnel and should be of considerable aid to competitors in The Crow's Nest's essay contest.

### Instalment 3

#### POST DISCHARGE RE-ESTABLISHMENT ORDER

- Q.** Under what authority are grants for subsistence paid to discharged members of the services?
- A.** These payments are made under a Privy Council Order, known as the Post Discharge Re-Establishment Order. One of the most important parts of the programme, it has become known as the backbone of the re-establishment plan.
- Q.** Who are eligible for grants?
- A.** The grants are divided into five categories. They are payable to:
- Those fit and available for employment who are seeking work and for whom there is no suitable employment.
  - Those following a course of vocational training under the Vocational Training Coordination Act.
  - Those who have embarked on private enterprises, such as farms or small businesses and who are waiting for returns from those small enterprises.
  - Those temporarily incapacitated and unable to accept positions.
  - Those furthering their academic education looking towards university degrees.
- Q.** What is the scale of grants?
- A.** Single men receive \$10.20 weekly and married men with their wives \$14.40 weekly.
- Q.** Is there any provision for children and other dependents?
- A.** Yes, provision for these dependents is approximately the same as the Dependent's allowances paid by the Dependents' Allowance Board.
- Q.** What is the period for which the grants are payable?
- A.** They are payable for twelve months, or the period of service, whichever is the lesser.
- Q.** Is there any time limit to these grants?
- A.** Yes. The out-of-work benefits are available only in the first eighteen months after discharge. Other grants must be applied for in the first twelve months after discharge or cessation of hostilities, whichever is later, or of a date set by the Minister.
- Q.** Are there any exceptions to this time period?
- A.** (1) Yes. Exceptions are made in the cases of those taking vocational training or furthering their education with a view to university degrees. In the case of university education, students are eligible for grants on a basis of month for month with their period of service. There is a further governing factor, that of scholarship and effort. Students whose records justify it can be carried right through to graduation and outstanding students, if it is considered to be in the national interest, can go through to post-graduate degrees. In the case of vocational training, the training, where necessary for re-establishment, may be carried beyond the twelve month period.
- Q.** How long can I draw unemployment benefits under this Order?
- A.** The Order makes provision for unemployment benefits for a maximum period of twelve months, or the period of service, whichever is less, within the first 18 months after discharge.
- Q.** Could I continue to draw these benefits for the full period if I make no effort to find work?
- A.** No. There is a provision in the legislation which permits the benefits being cut off in the same way as unemployment insurance benefits may be cut off. Canada's rehabilitation programme is designed for those ex-service personnel who want to help themselves. The out-of-work benefits will not be regarded as a dole of right.
- Q.** If I am an office worker and refuse to accept work at heavy labour, will

this debar me from securing out-of-work benefits?

**A.** No. Those entitled to out-of-work benefits are ex-service personnel who are fit and available for work, but for whom no suitable employment is available. Obviously, an office worker is not suited to a job digging ditches.

**Q.** If no suitable work is available for me over a period of time, what will be done?

**A.** Canada has made a wide survey of employment opportunities. One solution would be to have a training counsellor discuss these with you so that you may be given the opportunity to take training for suitable work on vocational training grants and allowances.

**Q.** If I start to work and my health becomes bad and I am temporarily incapacitated, what happens?

**A.** Under these conditions, you can draw grants under the Post-discharge Re-Establishment Order, if treatment or hospitalization is not necessary or admissible.

(The next instalment of this series deals with vocational training.)

SBA—Smith, what's the first thing you'd do if you had hydrophobia?  
 Smith—Ask for pencil and paper.  
 SBA—To make your will?  
 Smith—Nope. To make a list of the people I want to bite.

## FOOTLIGHT FANFARE

by Gib Potter, SA

**Buzz of the Month . . .** Special Services technicolor musical Revue "Meet the Navy" returns to entertain East Coasters with their fast moving extravaganza, featuring multi-rhythmic fantasies, fine vocalizing, spiced with clever skits and Gals, Gals, Gals . . .

Heading the Hit Parade of new acts, come the Four D'Alaires, professionally billed as the "Flying Del Rios" during their American Circus career, whose acro-balancing tumbling is a terrific crowd-pleaser . . . .

Anita and Ray's Night Club routines highlighted Special Services concerts hereabouts a year ago, with Ray's quick-wit Emseeing hypnoing many a dismal evening's fun . . . .

It'll be Old Home Week for Bill Richards, Violinissimo, Tenor Tony Stechysyn, vocalizing guitarist, Dixie Dean, ace accordianist, Sid and Marj Smith, pianists and tapster, and ex-Kings Collegers, Bea Gibbs, intricate terpsing and Betty Shaw comedy monologues, who are no strangers to local concert fans of last season. So

its welcome back to a well known group of entertainers . . . .

They say the Squeeze Box Trio are a perfect example of accordion-ation, (and a pun is the lowest form of pastry . . . .)

The rousing Russian number never fails to stimulate the local vodka and caviar trade . . . .

The entire show is solid entertainment, Plus! It is booked three days at the Capitol Theatre and three days at the Navy League Forum for the cash customers and finishing with four Cuffo performances for the Servicemen and Servicewomen . . . So . . . Put it on your 'must-see-list' or you'll be sorry . . . .

Lt. Clary (Hustling) Harris is taking bows on the 'Rens 'N Ratin's double-feature length concert, staged at North End Services Canteen and Dalhousie Gym recently, registering a new high on the applause-meters . . .

Conceded to be the strongest presentation ever staged locally by Stadacona Special Services using work-all-day-and-show-at-night talent it featured everything from Burlesque to Horse-opera . . . .

The Army scored an assist on skits by Harvey Aitken and Bunny Levitz. The Airforce was ably represented by Alf Howarth in charge of lighting effects . . . .

'Rens being Saskatonian 'Dutchy' Wyma, Torontonion Betty Boylen, Lesley 'Citadel' Hill, Rose 'Jimmie' James, Beth Chayko, and Cora 'Cuddles' Campbell . . . .

'Ratins were Emsee Roger Greig, Francis Johns and Em Huckins, Pianos, Ira 'Superman' Matlock, versatile John McDonald, Whistling Bill Hook, Boogie Woogie Percy Haines, Tenor Del Rogers, Alex Bowen, Russ Flutter, Stanley Tufford, Jim Graham.

Lt. 'Horsen-Belles' Berlin collected the jewelry as a gone-with-the-draft gift from the Concert Group.

Amply repaid are Concerteers appearing at North End Canteen with bountiful lunches supplied by the ladies of the N. E. S. C. . . .

There was a brave giri of Connecticut, Who flagged the express with her petticoat;  
 Which her elders defined  
 As presence of mind,  
 But deplored the absence of etticut.

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# Sports Writer Claims Navy Nine Looks Best Sailor Team To Date

By Warrant Officer Tommy Graham,  
Sports Editor

For the past three seasons Stadacona baseball nine has romped through all opposition to cop the Maritime ball crown and this year they'll be seeking their fourth term at the helm of the diamond realm.

Just how they'll fare only time can tell, but, although it may be a bit premature to venture out on the limb and say they'll take the title again, we feel safe on making this prediction after having watched the navy nine during preseason training sessions.

Under the tutelage of Bud Morrison, the portly ball player who hails from Petrolia, Ont., and whose outfield performances with the navy last year were nothing short of brilliant, Stadacona will field a formidable club again this year.

### Best Team to Date

Some say the club is even stronger than last season, others don't share this enthusiasm. Either could be an eminently correct analysis, but in the opinion of this operative, Stadacona will have a better all-round team this year than any of her title-winning nines to date.

If the truth of the matter must be told, Morrison is a little worried about his pitching corps, but as far as his infield and outfield are concerned he is extremely contented.

"We are a little weak in our hurling department," said Morrison, "I'd like to have same flingers we had last year and I'd feel safe in saying we'd take the league in a breeze, but I guess we can't have everything. As for my infield and outfield I believe we have as good as any team in the league and they are superior to our club last year."

That old bugaboo of all sport coaches—"the drafting office"—dealt Bud a tough blow recently when Dick Pawley, ace of his pitching corps, was drafted to sea. Pawley's absence will be truly missed for the quiet-spoken Hamiltonian is a ball team in himself. It was largely due to his elusive slants that the navymen romped through to the title last year and he would have helped their cause a great deal this semester. There is hope, however, that Dick might be back later on in the season to do a bit of twirling for the navymen. When questioned just before shoving off to sea, what he thought about not pitching this year the speed ball ace replied: "I didn't join the navy to play ball. I've wanted to go to sea for a long time and I'm quite happy about it. I might get in the odd game when we hit port, but Bud has a few good fingers there and the team should do well."

The most significant development in the Stadacona camp in recent workouts has been the sudden blossoming of Frankie Morris into a consummately clever sleight-of-hand artist. The porky Torontonion has been feeding the boys with plenty of that now-you-see-it-now-you-don't technique, much to the satisfaction of coach Morrison.

"If Frankie continues to improve he should prove to be one of the league's leading twirlers this season" said Morrison.

### Useful Player

Morris, is an all-around athlete who never seems to steal the spotlight but sure makes his presence noted. He is the kid brother of Toronto Maple Leafs' Elwyn and is a vest pocket edition of the older Morris. Frankie played well for Stadacona's football squad last fall and then turned in some smart hockey while performing in the inter-part league.....He appears to excel in baseball and those who have seen him toss the "apple" in workouts are quite certain he'll be a big asset to Stadacona this year.

Chuck Hyde, who hails from Niagara Falls; Elsing, of St. John Dockmen; M. Diamond, who twirled for Victoria Navy last year; Duke Ryall, the fast ball from Windsor, Ont., who starred in the Michigan-Ontario baseball circuit, and Murray Genthron, the former House of David ball player, round out the pitching corps that will "carry the mail" for Stadacona.

Niagara Falls' Geo. Morden and W. Stirling of last year's club appear as likely snubbers for the club, while M. Carroll, of Victoria, and Pat Boyle of Toronto, are waging quite a battle with R. Lippelby for first base honors. Dev. Vickers, with last year's nine and Jack Hanish, who hails from Detroit, are likely contenders for second base. Saskatoon's George Brent, holdover from last year, and Eddie Redder, of Belleville, have been battling for short stop berth while Kenny McFayden, of Sarnia,

appears to have the nod for third base over Edmonton's Pete Denilowich and Toronto's Val Jackson.

Mike Hedgewick, fleet footed football star of Windsor, Sarnia and Hamilton has been waging a keen battle for an outfield post with Hal Dixon, of Stratford, Henry Duroucher, of Windsor, and Jack France, from Toronto.

Danny Seaman and Bud Heximer, both last year regular performers in the outer pastures appear certain to take their old positions again this season.

Both afield and at bat, Stadacona has a formidable club and they'll take a lot of beating before they'll relinquish their hold on the league title. Both army and airforce promise to present strong teams and each has several stars of baseball note on their

The Halifax shipyards club are also reported stronger than last season. It should be a mighty interesting baseball season around these parts this year.

## "Montcalm" Softball Team Competes For Garrison Cup

By W. J. Einarson

Sport promises to be one of the main activities of the ratings in HMCS Montcalm after their daily routine is over this summer if the present plans materialize.

### Line-ups

S/Lt. J. P. Croall, one of our newly arrived officers is in charge of this branch and he is being assisted by A/L/Sea. Mendoza LaChance.

The barracks has entered a team in the Quebec Garrison softball league. Last season the team lost out in the semi-finals but previous to the final series they lost several stellar players to the coast.

L/Sea. Jack Crozier, one of the best pitchers in the league is back again and, in fact, he is the lone holdover from last year. Marcel Larochelle who played a few games last season is also back in harness. Several outstanding players from Halifax, Hamilton and Ontario round out the squad.

Though considered by many a winter sport, the boxing club intends to put on bi-monthly shows.

And last, but not least, the barracks is contemplating an entry in the Garrison Soccer league.

### Gives W.T. Course

To give the W.T. ratings an idea of what to expect when they reach HMC Signal School at St. Hyacinthe, a preliminary course has been started at HMCS Montcalm under the direction of L/Tel. O. Ford.

More than 50 members of the ship's company attend the lectures for a period of three weeks following their first week of initial training, after which they go to St. Hyacinthe for further training.

## A STAR IS BORN

By Jerry Walsh, ERA.

The big noise on the West Coast recently was Jack Benny and his cast who put on several concerts for the Armed Forces here in Victoria. Assisted by "Rochester," Phil Harris and Jack's wife Mary Livingston, their engagement here was enjoyable but all too brief.

You should have been here when Jack was performing at HMCS Givenchy. HMCS Naden had every available barge on the Pacific taking over her ratings so they would not miss his scheduled show.

A remark uttered by an excited Wren as Jack made his appearance proved to be one of the highlights of the performance. As the radio star made his grand entrance she exclaimed in an excited voice that was heard by Jack and the greater part of the audience: "Gee, he looks a lot younger on the screen, doesn't he?" Little did she or the audience know that this was to have been Mary Livingston's opening line as she made her appearance.

"Where do we go from here?" remarked Jack.

The incident was harped on throughout the show, and brought many a laugh from the audience including the somewhat blushing Wren who so innocently turned out to be the star of the show.

## WINNERS OF F. J. JACKMAN TROPHY



Competing in HMCS Cornwallis Drill Shed, last month, New Entry Stokers won the boxing tournament and the possession of F. J. Jackman Trophy for three months before it is again up for competition. Stoker vs. Seaman boxing tournaments are extremely popular and are attended by large, enthusiastic crowds.

Front row, l. to r.—S. Hook, (Belleville, Ont.); Lieut. (E) J. A. Hewitt, (Galt, Ont.) CPO Blades P&RTI (Red Deer, Alta); Mr. Johns, Wt. Eng. (Victoria, B.C.); T. Nevilles, (Hamilton, Ont.). Middle row, l. to r.,—P&RTI Ollson (London, Ont.); E. Taylor, (Montreal, P.Q.); K. Martinell, (St. Paul, Alta.); N. Grant, (Montreal, P.Q.); R. Yeager, (St. Catharines, Ont.); N. Clark (Windsor, Ont.); P&RTI Smith (Ottawa, Ont.). Back row, l. to r.,—R. Harber, (Hamilton, Ont.) L. Gunter, (Toronto, Ont.); B. McCaffrey, (Ottawa, Ont.); B. Beckett, (Wishart, Sask.)

## HERE and THERE IN HMCS MONTCALM

With W. J. E.



No more will George Young have to ask his division the time. Recently when his division went out on draft they presented him with a beautifully engraved wrist watch.

A/L/Sea. John Crozier reported a very nice time when he was on leave, the only drawback he claims was that it was far too short.

Among the new officers who have recently arrived are S/Lts. D. D. McRae, T. V. McGinn and F. A. Leier.

Recent visitors at the barracks include Art Wood, Dan Kane, Ivan Johnson, Duncan Carey and Ivan Fraser.

The Smiths have it this month as at

of the champions last year, have shown up at the nightly sessions on the sandlot and Stadacona Wrens are shaping into a well-groomed ball club.

least six of the ship's company have that surname.

Not only is Charlie Godwin, our ship's cook an accomplished artist in the galley but he is also an able pianist.

Jack Charde, the duty ambulance driver, must like the hospital. Shortly after he took over the job he contracted measles and was confined to hospital for two weeks as a result.

Bill Scott, Ed Smith and Mendoza LaChance, three instructors, have all returned from Toronto where they took a special course.

Eddie Dartnell, who is on course in Toronto, was a former member of the Quebec Aces who won the Allan cup emblematic of the Canadian Senior hockey championship.

Ralph Austin Blandford really comes from a Naval family. His father and brothers are members of the silent service as well as his two uncles.

In a recent visit to the barracks Captain E. R. Brock, CBE, C. O. of Reserve Divisions, expressed great satisfaction in the progress of this ship.

Papa Bear—Someone has been drinking up my whiskey.

Mama Bear—Someone has been drinking up my gin.

Baby Bear—Hi!

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## THE UNICORNER

News from

H. M. C. S. "Unicorn"  
Saskatoon, Sask.

by S/Lt. (SB) John H. Pepper

Yes Sir! Unicorn has a hardball team, and we aren't fooling when we say it's the best one to show in this part of the country for some time. We've been working out behind closed doors, that is, until we found out just what we had in the way of ballplayers. But now all can be told, and this is just the place for us to tell it.

Never was any doubt about what kind of a team we had in the fielding angle, but the old question just had to come up, "Son, can you hit?" So we had some batting practice, and we have no more doubts. What the team did to our supply of balls just about ruined the whole set-up. A few of the lads who should be known to some of you guys and gals line up this way.

Behind the bat, we have one of the sweetest little back-stops you ever saw. Any of you who have seen Tony Leswick play hockey or baseball will know what we think of our catcher.

Our big threat to opposing pitchers, and we introduce from the port side our man Friday at first base, Del Peters. Del has played a lot of ball, his best effort being with the Cubs. This year, big things are expected of that war club he totes to the plate. A good hitter, a strong fielder; that's Del!

At second base, we have a newcomer from the east. This is the second half of our port-siders. A good fielder, and a long ball hitter, the claims to fame of the boy at second, S/Lt. T. R. Bothwell, but just call him "Both", negative long "O". "Both" is coaching the team.

At third, and do we like that arm, is "Bondie" McConnell. Mac is also a long ball hitter, swooshing them away back from the starboard side of the plate.

So the last man in our infield, and the strongest fielder on the club is Ralph Almas. If we had another redhead to put in beside Ralph, we'd have all the local colour necessary. This lad makes a specialty of stopping things. A veteran infielder, we are counting on Ralph to hold things down when the going gets tough.

A couple of snappy drafts put a hole in our outfield that you could drive a street car through sideways. However, it still leaves us with three experienced men, but any more injuries, and then comes the grief. In centre Johnny Bassett, a fine fielder, a dream hitter, and a burst of speed that means "Watch his stolen base record."

In left Reg. Johnson, a small man, but a sure catch and a fast mover. Bill's experience will pay off in the runs column.

In right "Irish" Ireland, decidedly no Scot, another lad from the East who knows how to get the hits. A good athlete, and a decided help to any club.

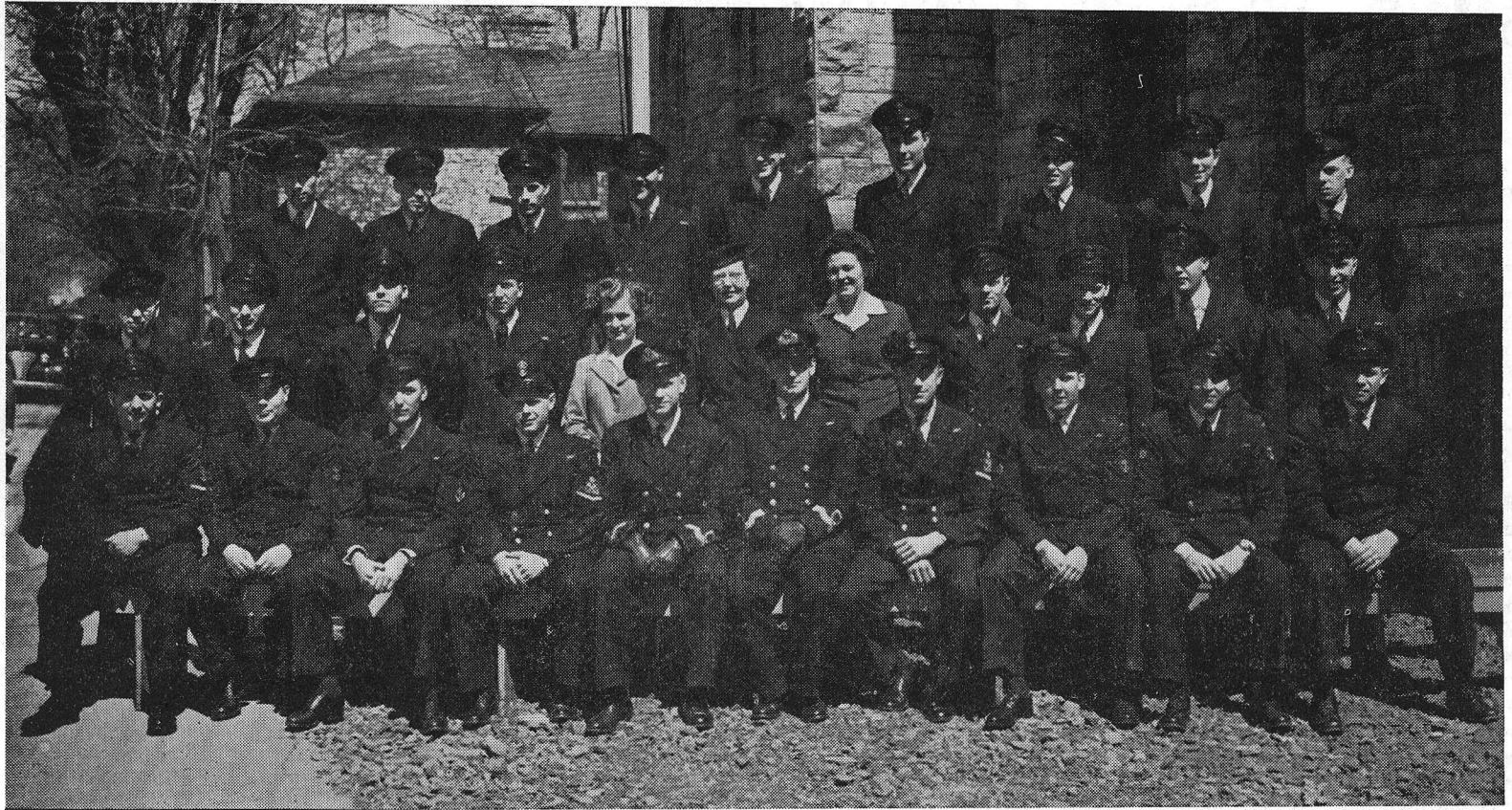
So you noticed it too, no mention of pitchers. This is really a dark horse angle. By the time the next Crow's Nest comes out, the season will have started, we will have won our first few games, and the presses will roll on our mound staff. This is just to make sure you don't forget the "Unicorner" next time.

### Good Prospects

A softball league has been organized for Inter Active Service Competition. HMCS Unicorn has entered a team, and has great hopes this season for winning the league. Last year the team was a runner-up in the Saskatoon City softball league, and although a number of the players have been drafted to other ships, we still have a few of the old regulars in the persons of L/Sea. Carl Olson, O/Sea. Jimmy Brennan, Tony Leswick, Ralph Almas and Lloyd Saunders.

Some of the new recruits are O/Sea. Frank Parnett, who has played for a number of years with the Knights of

## ACCOUNTANT STAFF AT CATARAQUI SEES 'THE BIRDIE'



The sun was shining, the air was warm, a photographer was at hand and the Accountant branch of HMCS Cataraqui at Kingston, Ont., decided to have a picture taken, and so, here they are:—

Back row: T. J. Haslip, Wtr.; G. S. Phipps, SA; J. S. Remnant, Ck. (s) G. L. Boucher, Wtr.; G. Clarke, SA; M. G. Wood, Wtr.; J. L. Dee, Ck. (s); E. K. Coutts, Ck. (s); T. A. Kelly, SA; Center row: l. to r.: F. S. Wilson, SA; W. A. Sellwood, A/Ck. (s); M. Giardino SA; J. R. Wickware, Wtr.; A. I.

Godridge, Prob. Wren; D. I. Gallery, Wren Wtr.; E. M. Pederson, Prob. Wren; W. D. Smith, Std.; L. A. Sharp, Cook, (s); J. S. Armstrong, SA; A. E. Baxter, Wtr. Front row, l. to r.: P. H. Wallis, L/Ck. (s); H. G. Poole, L/Std.; L. D. VanDusen, L/Wtr.; C. A. Hodgins, PO Wtr.; W. S. Cowan, Pay. Lieut.; R. G. Harris, Pay Lieut.; J. R. A. Godin, PO Wtr.; N. Harrison, L/Wtr.; W. F. W. Ahern, L/SA; W. Giroux, L/Ck. (s). Absent: M. J. Kerby, L/Wtr.; J. S. McKerracher, L/Std.; D. A. Gannon, Std.; L. J. Arvaisis, P/Std.; D. E. Blaney, L/SA; M. J. O'Neill, A/L/Wren; G. E. Sinclair, Wren Postal Clerk.

Columbus club in Saskatoon; Herby Mann, who played with the Pacific Sheets at Victoria, SA Earl Gill who pitched for the Calgary Cardinals, 1934, and for Purity 99, Alberta Champions in 1942.

L/Ck. Hedley McDonald, who played for the Navy at "Naden," is also on the team.

Unicorn is looking forward to a good season, and practices and exhibition games are under way with S/Lt. W. H. Eltom at the helm.

### Busy Artist

Sto. II Winston Elliott has been a busy artist. Excellent original portraits of Lt.-Cdr. C. A. E. White, and PO George Hood now decorate our walls. "Wince" has also decorated the Wardroom and PO's Mess with oil painting copies of the King, Vice Admiral Nelles, and Captain Brock. Some day, he hopes to begin a career as an artist and judging by his current samples, he should be most successful.

### Spring Brings Wrens

"Spring has come to Unicorn and with it, the Wrens," says Lieut. M. L. Kidder, WRCNS. We have now four Wrens: "Pat" Richards, "Dusty" Rhodes, SBO from "Chippawa," Margaret Ramsay, SA from "York," and Irene Wilkie, Pay Writer from "Cornwallis." The girls are enjoying Divisional life in the prairies, and hope that more Wrens will soon arrive to swell their ranks.

### Victory Loan

HMCS Unicorn launched another Victory Loan campaign, in charge of P/S/LT. Bill Madden, with a quota of \$12,000. One and all decided they wanted a share in the future, and also to show that the \$12,000 challenge was not too much for this ship. In five days this objective was reached. At this writing, we had to look twice to be sure it was true. We had passed our objective by \$6,000, and were still going strong. The Ship's Office, under Lieut. Snair and P.O. Tourner, responded in an outstanding fashion. Our galleys, under L/Ck. Harry Lawson and Wardroom under L/Std. Joe Grantham, did exceptionally well. After victory, when you walk into a restaurant and see a familiar face, remember the cooks and stewards started up their business with Victory Bonds. Jimmy Burden again came through for a nice gain. Keep it up Jimmy. Each division went the limit and Canada will certainly have a new crop of prosperous young men when

the war is won.

### Graduation Dinner

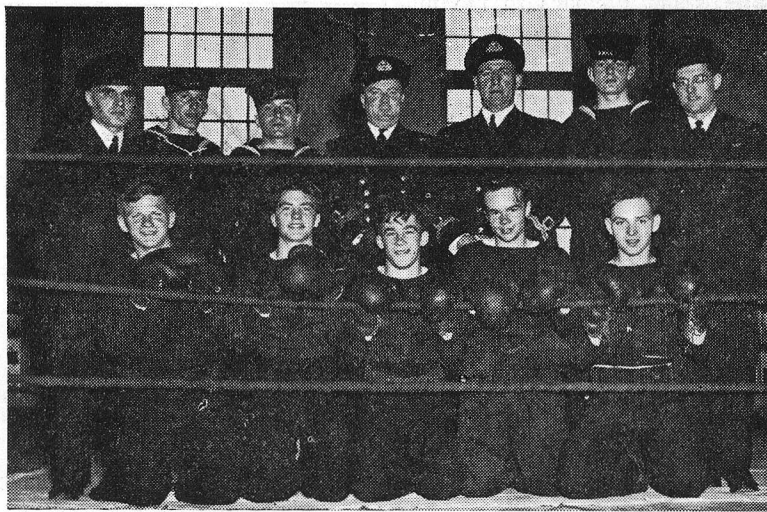
The University Naval Training Divisions of the University of Saskatchewan climaxed their year's training here recently by holding a mess dinner in the Seaman's Mess. Among the guests was Lt.-Cdr. C. A. E. White, captain of Unicorn.

A toast was proposed to the King, by the President, S/Lt. (E) W. R. Rowbotham, and toasts to the Naval Service, absent comrades, and to the draft, by the CO of the unit, Lt.-Cdr. (SB) J. B. Mawdsley and other members of the division. A merry time was had by all, especially due to the vicious circle of fines imposed for the infractions of various rules of mess etiquette. "It was a fitting send-off for the many members now going on Active Service," reports Lieut. G. Clarkson.

A gossip is a person with a keen sense of rumor.

They tell me I snore  
But I don't hear it;  
I think that's odd,  
When I'm so near it.

## A GROUP OF CHAMPIONS



Last month the sailors of HMCS Star, at Hamilton, Ont., added to their already goodly group of trophies by winning the Canadian Bowling Association's Armed Services Five-pin tournament. The boxers of the Division also showed their wares by losing only one bout in a Victory Loan Show held aboard the ship before a crowd of 3,000. Shown in the above picture are the bowlers in the top row and the boxers below. Back row—L/Ck. Bakogeorge, Sto. I Willick, St. I. Yachetti, Lt.Cdr. R. Jackson, Lieut. R. Pearce, Sto. I. McKie, L/Wtr. Senchuk. Front row—O/Sea. Litke, O/Sea. McCarthy, (also a star hockey player owned by the Detroit hockey club and slated to play for them after the war), O/Sea. Stumpf, Sto. II Uren, O/Sea. Hall.

## Capabilities Of Canada Unlimited Speaker Tells "Chippawa" Sailors

HMCS Chippawa, Winnipeg's splendid training ship, went all out during the sixth Victory Loan Campaign. The objective of \$40,000. was reached and a further \$8,350 worth of bonds purchased—putting this ship well over its quota. The sale of Bonds was stimulated by the holding of several parades. For the one held Saturday, May 7, Winnipeggers turned out in thousands—to witness the biggest Naval parade ever held in the city—nearly 1000 sailors and sea cadets participating.

There have been several notable visitors here during the past month. Captain Paul B. Cross, Chief Staff Officer Reserves and member of the Naval Board, told what plans the Government has made to provide education, employment and suitable living conditions after the war for men in the Navy. Captain Eric Brand, R.N., director of trade and intelligence divisions, in Winnipeg on an inspection tour, addressed the Ship's Company and stated: "Canada is capable of becoming a sea power, Canada is capable of anything." Captain Paul Earl, Deputy C.O.R.D., was another visitor to "Chippawa."

### Outstanding Artist

S/Lt. Grant MacDonald, one of Canada's outstanding artists, was here doing a series of sketches of men in training. He has sketched many famous people, including actors and actresses, and those who posed for him during his time at "Chippawa" felt highly honored.

Another Naval officer to visit our

ship was the youthful and daring submarine commander, Lieut. N. L. A. Jewell. He thrilled the Ship's Company with a brief account of how his "secret mission" sub "Seraph" sneaked Gen. Mark Clark into Africa and back again—the daring act that laid the groundwork for the Allied landings in North Africa. It was "Seraph" also which picked up Gen. Henri Giraud on the coast of France after the latter's escape from the Nazis.

"Chippawa" is still very active socially. The dances and concerts put on periodically for the ratings and their friends are always well attended and enjoyed by all. In addition, all men in training were guests at a matinee performance of the Navy Show.

### Keen Sportsmen

In the sports department the competitions between officers and instructors proved of great interest and amusement. The officers managed to eke out a victory in softball, but were outpulled by the instructors in a Tug-of-War. The ratings are occupied at present with basketball and football and it is anticipated that they will soon challenge one or both the other groups.

In addition to hundreds of men, Chippawa has at present 30 probationary Wrens in training. They are training as cooks and stewards and in addition to drilling, they assist in the galleys to gain practical experience. They take their work very seriously and are enjoying their training at Chippawa.

Think of being seasick when you had lockjaw!

# Calgary Commanding Officer Presents Wings To Graduates

HMCS Tecumseh's skipper recently presented wings to the graduating class of No. 19, S.F.T.S. at Vulcan, Alberta. It is the first time that such an honor has been given a Naval officer.

Lt.-Crd. Dattels' message to the graduating airmen at Vulcan was as follows:—

"Wing Commander Fraser, Officers, Airmen and Airwomen of No. 19 Service Flying Training School:

It is indeed a pleasure for me to be here today to present wings to the graduating class of this school. I felt honoured when your Commanding Officer invited me to participate in this ceremony and I realise it is further evidence of the unity of the services that exists today.

To you who are about to graduate, I would like to say that I feel that I can enter into the justifiable pride that is yours by every right. In a few minutes, you will wear the wings that will set you apart as trained pilots.

You have every right to be proud of those wings. As one who has both witnessed and experienced the alliance of Sea Power and Air Power I can say that we in the Navy are just as proud of the achievements of the RCAF as we are of our own.

And speaking of "alliance" between the services, I know you did not gain your wings without "alliance," or co-operation. Co-operation between your officers, your instructors and yourselves.

That co-operation of which I speak means as much to us in the Navy as it does to you. We do not hope to contribute our might to the destruction of the enemy without a continued and increasing co-operation, between our fleets and our sailors and your fleets and your aircrew.

The pattern of co-operation between the services has been well set in this war. It is for the likes of us who stand here today to follow through and enlarge upon that pattern until certain and final victory comes to our united arms.

You of this graduating class are off to a good start. You are graduating from a school recently awarded the efficiency pennant by the Minister of National Defence for Air, for outstanding ability. You go from here to engage in the great fight—we in the Navy look forward to union with you in that struggle against the common enemy—I say good luck to you, one and all—victory is for the united.

### THAT'S BETTER!

Naval personnel serving far from their homes are happy with the recent announcement by the Department of National Defence that, effective June 1, 1944, a ceiling of \$15 will apply as the maximum amount payable by Naval personnel for passage fares in Canada on presentation of Special concession travel warrant (that pretty blue slip of paper). This means that personnel travelling from coast-to-coast will save something over \$10, in most cases, on the round trip. For other leave they will travel on a return ticket for the price of a single one.

## Commander Of Submarine Addresses Men Of "Queen"

By Lieut. P. H. McKew

Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, visiting his native Saskatchewan, was widely feted during the course of his itinerary throughout Saskatchewan. On his visit to Regina he met our Commanding Officer, Lt.-Cdr. Aggett, and other Naval personnel at various functions held in his honor.

HMCS "Queen" went over the top in the 6th Victory Loan. Our quota was \$15,000.00; actual subscriptions have already totalled \$18,400.00 with more to come. This result was achieved through the wholehearted co-operation of all on board. Six members of the ship's company who served overseas formed a speaking group under Lt.-Cdr. Aggett, to assist the National War Finance Committee. Speaking in Regina and its environs, their efforts brought an enthusiastic response, and it is pleasing to note that the territories in which they operated were right at the top of subscription returns. As well as Lt.-Cdr. Aggett, the following participated: Lieut. Cree, PO Thurston on, PO Hinkson, L/Sea. Coyie and Wtr. Heron. The province of Saskatchewan was again first to exceed its quota.

A distinguished submarine commander, Lieut. Jewell, RN, Legion of Honor, MBE, etc., honored us with his presence on the evening of May 11. Earlier in the day he was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Canadian Club held in the Hotel Saskatchewan. As Captain of HMS Seraph his talk was a thrilling and interesting account of submarine warfare. Later in the evening he gave an inspiring address to the Sea Cadets complimenting them on their appearance, and efficiency.

"Queen's" softball league is enjoying its second week of ball. Eight teams are competing including officers, Accountant Branch and Ship's Company. Volley-ball and floor hockey, together with Danish Rounders, are among the many games enjoyed in P&RT classes.

### SEE!—LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL!



A shot from HMCS Stadacona Special Services New Revue "Rens 'N' Ratin's" showing a section of the "Rens" part. This hit show made its debut to the Halifax public at the Dalhousie Gymnasium and was the first civilian appearance of a Stad. production. Back row: Betty Boylen, (Toronto, Ont.) Beth Chayko (Winnipeg, Man.) Rose 'Jimmie' James, (Stratford, Ont.). Front row: Cora-Mae Campbell (Winnipeg, Man.) 'Dutch' Wyma (Saskatoon, Sask.) Lesley Hill, (Vancouver, B.C.)—RCN Photo by L/Photog. E. Dinsmore.

### LEAVES SERVICE



RCN Photo

#### F. A. LARGE

Known to hundreds of men of the Navy who had come to him for assistance with their personal problems, Lt.-Cdr. F. A. Large, pictured above, last month became one of the youngest provincial cabinet ministers in Canada when he was sworn in as Attorney and Advocate General of Prince Edward Island. He is expected to seek a seat in the legislature shortly.

Lt.-Cdr. Large, who joined the RCN VR in August, 1938, and came on active service in September, 1939, has been personnel relations officer since August, 1941. Prior to that time he served at Saint John, N.B., at Gaspe and in HMCS Niagara. He has been chairman of the Victory Loan committee for the Canadian Northwest Atlantic Command during the last four campaigns.

His new appointment necessitates his release from Naval duties.

## First Dance At "Unicorn" Successful Social Function

by O/Sea. K. M. Taggart

A big dance was held in the new Naval barracks of HMCS Unicorn, Saskatoon, Sask., recently. It was the first public dance held here, and the hall was gaily decorated with flags, and paper streamers. A large crowd attended and dollars were left after expenses had been paid. The profits will be used in improving the Seamen's Recreation room and supplying better sports equipment for the men of the ship. Oren Wilson and his band supplied the music while Lieut. Wilton was in charge to see everyone had a good time. A survey was made of all those selling tickets, and it was learned that Coder "Trig" Tregaskis set the pace by selling more than 40 tickets. O/Sea. Johnston and "Red" Fourn followed close behind selling 20 each. Everyone had a fine time, and it is hoped that many more will be held here . . . . .

## Regina Whaling Season Called Humorless Joke

by J. Hains, AB

Now that winter has loosened its hold and the ice has disappeared from the Wascana Lake, helped considerably, I feel sure, by the impatient and warming observations of the boys themselves, the "whaling season" is again in full swing. Here, you say, is a feeble attempt at humor and I agree with you but for an entirely different reason. Anyone who has had the least experience at pulling a whale roar is fully aware that the funny side vanishes after the first few strokes. This is work, good solid stuff, and here at "Queen" the lads, even as I write are perspiring beneath a May sun and the equally hot comments of their PO's. However, while "Queen" is not the largest ship in the Dominion, its percentage of enthusiasm is possibly the greatest! Anyhow, our prairie lads have a reputation for taking to the boats like the proverbial ducks to water, and this in its literal sense, and not as some of the humorists would have it.

Our Wascana Lake is not a large expanse of water. Frankly, it is small enough for a few misguided people here in Regina to make it of it a butt for their unintelligent witticisms. Naturally enough, in their civilian capacities they must forever remain ignorant of the facts. This will hurt nobody, least of all those in training. The lake, an artificial one, does provide however, all the requirements necessary in producing competent and efficient oarsmen. Then too, for the benefit of the skeptical I might add that in a favourable breeze it is possible for us to lay our whalers over to the gunwales under a full spread of canvas.

Unfortunately, the resultant excitement of sailing before a wind is short lived and the exhilaration passes only too quickly. The skeptics are right, because the lake does not lend itself easily towards sailing a 27-foot standard whaler. But there is good experience and even a little fun to be had in the attempt, and in the words of the adage—"something attempted something done". Basic training from a boating point of view only requires us to produce good oarsmen, and instill in our lads a comprehensive knowledge of the boat and its construction. Lt.-Cdr. Aggett, assisted by an efficient staff of officers, PO's and killicks, is leaning no stone unturned to accomplish this.

"Dewey, fix the doings, will ya?" When referring to his collar or silk it was the Dewey that needed a cleaning. After listening to him for quite a while—the noise of the train helped—I asked him his name. Of course, you guessed it! I felt quite proud, for the rest of the trip, traveling with Douglas Dewey!

## Hamilton Bowling Team Wins Canadian Tourney

Smashing the maple at the Olympia Gerrard Alleys in Hamilton, last month the bowling team of HMCS Star captured top honors in the Canadian Bowling Association's Armed Services tournament. The sailors had a 26-pin edge over No. 15 Ordnance from Camp Borden. Also taking part in the tourney were teams from HMCS York, at Toronto, and HMCS Prevost, at London.

Admittedly the best boxing tourney ever staged in the city, the Victory Loan ring show held on the drill deck at "Star" last month was a success from start to finish. A crowd of 3,000 watched the Service tourney and saw "Star" boxers win all their bouts but one.

Soccer and baseball are now holding first place in the sporting world at Hamilton and "Star's" football men won their first game over a team made up from the crew of a Royal Navy ship.

One of the biggest social successes of the year, the Regatta and Dance held by "Star" on May 24th, brought forth throngs of spectators and dancers.

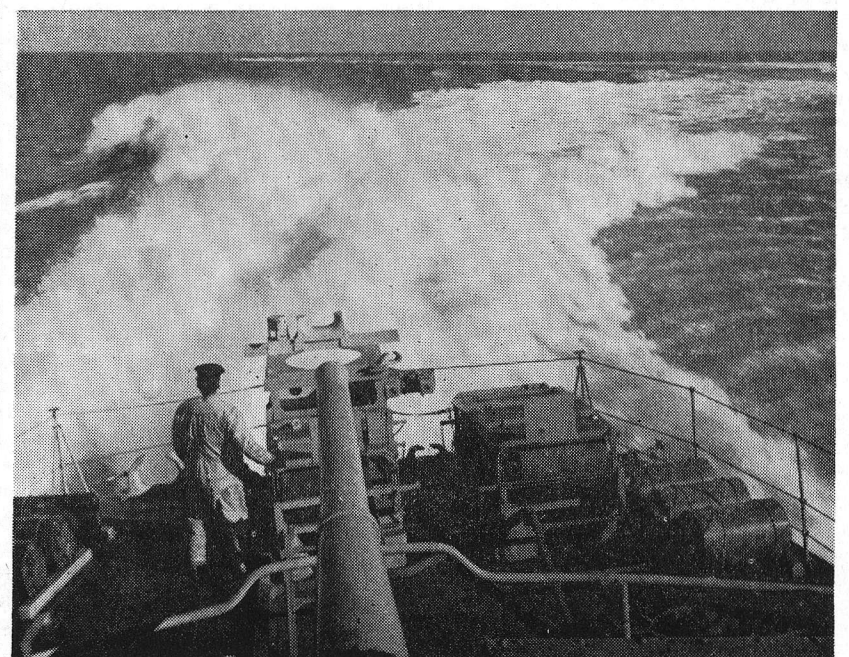
### DEWEY IS ELECTED

By Jerry Walsh, ERA

While proceeding to Naval barracks after a two week's leave—in a happy frame of mind—the kind hand of fate endowed me with a fascinating traveling companion in the dress of a Naval rating. Yes, he was a sailor. He must have been for he christened me "Dewey" on sight, and thereafter everything and everyone was a Dewey.

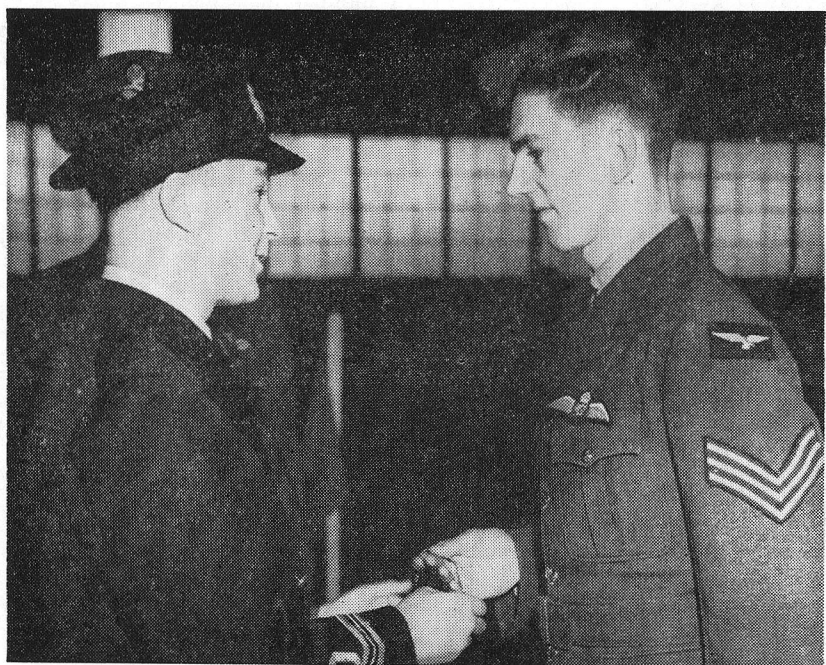
Having a little trouble with the shift handle on his seat, he barks to me,

### SIoux MAKES A TURN



HMCS Sioux, newest destroyer to join the Royal Canadian Navy is shown here making a highspeed turn during a workout after recent commissioning. Rated as one of the fastest destroyers in the world, Sioux will be a sister ship to HMCS Algonquin.—RCN Photo by Lieut. G. Milne.

### NAVAL OFFICER PRESENTS GIFT



Sergeant Bryan Harvey Bjarnason of 1149 Grant St., Victoria, B.C. who graduated at No. 19 S.F.T.S. Vulcan, Alberta. Sergeant Bjarnason was presented with the gold bracelet, signifying that he had led his class, by Lt.-Cdr. Dattels, Commanding Officer of HMCS Tecumseh, Calgary. Sgt. Bjarnason received his commission upon graduation.

# Avalon Sport Shorts

By Sully



Greetings, readers, and once again—it's, "How ya gettin' on?" from "Newfy." Avalon is bathed in the beauties of spring, and I, for one am feeling rather exhilarated. Of course, I'm a warm weather man anyway, but I reckon everyone feels better when the sun comes out to stay, and you can take off all those heavy clothes. I'll just take one more deep breath at the window, and enjoy one more luxurious stretch—A-a-a-e-e-h-is-. There we are and away we go.

First things first, and naturally, in this base soccer is in rail position. The RN ratings have been hard at work for the past three weeks, and have rounded out a pretty fair team. St. Owen has managed to keep his boys at his fingertips, and the team has played a couple of civilian aggregations with a fair amount of success.

Close on the heels of the English laddies come the RCN boys. Our own navy team of last year is fairly intact, and we have acquired the services of a number of promising young football players. Jock Ferguson is still with us as coach and yours truly is managing PTI. In our one and only game to date, we trounced a civilian school team by a score of two to nil, and considering the fact that the lads aren't in condition, they made a very good showing. The RCN team includes, Kirk, Watson, Crossover, Rowley, Rourque, Frew, Schroeder, Blythe, Nickolson, Hotham, Whiteley, Bunney, Green, Thomson, and PTI Summerfield.

An inter-service league is being drawn up, and it should be a good one. The RN lads will definitely be in there, and just let someone try and exclude the RCN. Our main drawbacks, at present, are a shortage of gear and of suitable playing fields. Both will be eliminated shortly—we hope.

Interpart softball is gradually taking its accustomed shape, and is overcoming the difficulties that any interpart league usually encounters. Our summer sports are generally a little behind other bases, due, of course, to the weather, but softball is definitely in the groove as of now.

PTI "Ed" Polowy, although new in this port, has done a swell job of organizing the far-flung branches of Avalon, and a meeting is being held to straighten out the rules and times and such like. All last-year's teams are represented again, with a few new faces around the table. The cooks, for instance, are trying hard to get organized, and we'd like to see them in there. (Always trying to oblige cooks, because I'm a hungry guy). No doubt the Stokers, being base champs for 1943 will be right in there slugging to hold their trophy, and Sammy Shack will make darned sure that RCNH is in the roster. Shipwrights will probably have a couple of teams.

One championship which we are certainly going to try and hold on to is the Senior Inter-service cup. Last season, it was Navy all the way, but so far this year, we can't form many conclusions. Most of our old stand-bys are departed hence, and we have to start over again. However, in a base this size I don't think we'll have much trouble shaping up an excellent team. Work-outs are under way, and PTI Geoff Harris is looking out for the boys. Geoff is tops at organizing and if there's a team in this place he'll get it moving.

Inter-service meetings are taking place, at which all the different sports officers air their opinions, and this season should be a good one for softball.

With the arrival of a number of old



Here she is—a member of the "Service Feminin de la Flotte." What's that? Why, she's a Wren in the Fighting French Navy. Incidentally, this young lady does her work in Algiers where she is stationed, awaiting the day when she can return to her beloved France. Photograph by Service Cinematographique de la Marine.

faithfuls, we have higher hopes for our baseball team this year. A number of our regulars are gone, but in their place we have a number of young fellows who are really dandy ball-players. One such boy is Mike Bula who we believe played in "Cornwallis" last year, and another is a Leading Cook by the name of Jaques who hails from Windsor Ont., and is quite a boy around second base. Incidentally Mike Bula is a Windsorite, also. In the pitching ranks, McIsaac, of Montreal, is in good shape, and has been working out faithfully for the last couple of months. Old faithful Sammy Shack is still with us to handle the decker, and he is one of the best catchers in these parts. I'd like to mention a few more but, time presses. Geoff Harris also handles this team.

The weekly Volley-ball series has been a tremendous success, and we are amazed at the enthusiasm displayed. Officers, writers, stokers, RPO's, SBA's, all have been represented, and have really enjoyed themselves. All teams played once a week and a weekly winner was chosen. Now they are playing off the weekly winners to decide the base champions. It looks like the Shipwrights will take it, but the Reg. Office is putting up a pretty stiff fight.

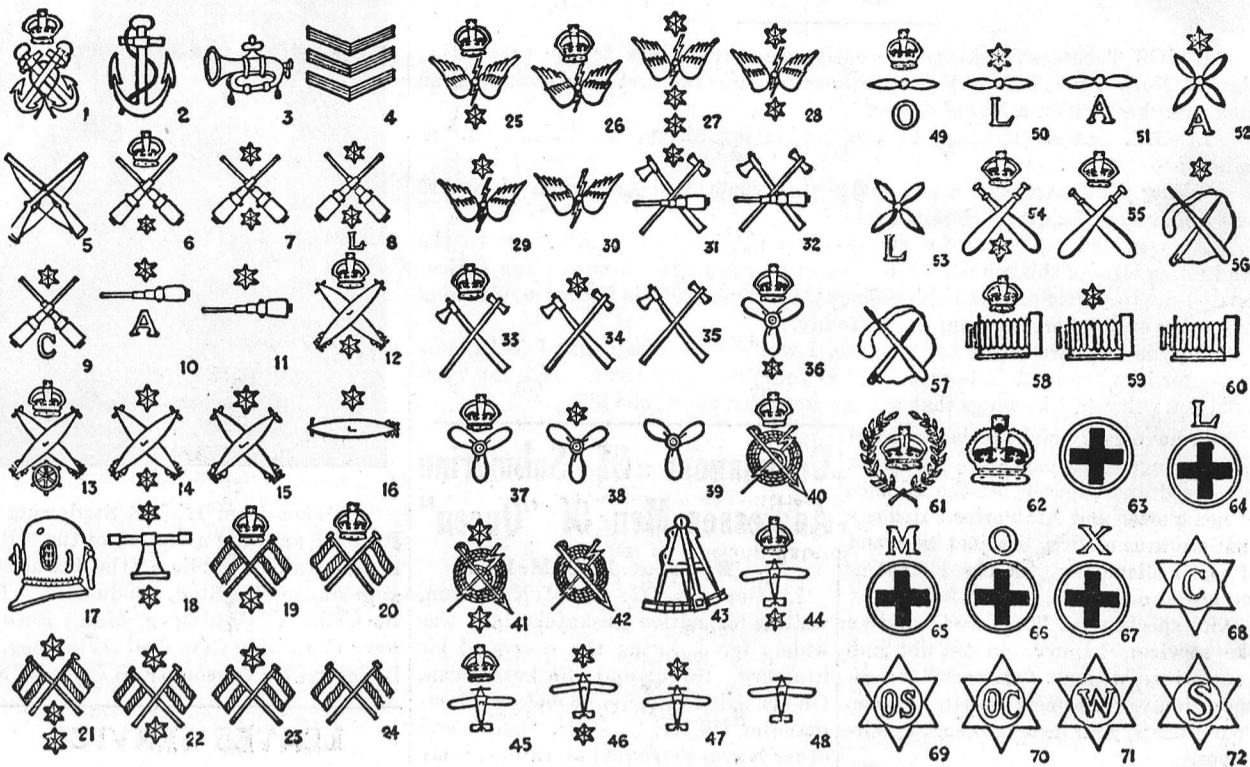
If everything works out okay, and comes up to expectations, we'll have some lacrosse up here this year. Yes, folksy's, Lieut. McCormick is trying to get the gear and proper machinery set up right now. Many requests have come in from the lads around these parts, and now we have a man in the office who really goes for lacrosse. In fact, his home town is noted for the lacrosse players it has produced, and the equipment it manufactures. Pat LaFave is the boy I'm referring to, and he's really a hard-working lad. If lacrosse becomes a reality in Avalon, he'll be the happiest sailor in this navy.

This coming week-end will see a very important event take place in "Newfie." An all-star boxing show is going to be staged at an American base, to choose the Newfoundland interservice champions. It had to come sometime, and this is it. The CN as usual will have as many c trants as possible, and stands a good chance to clean up a few titles. It is not known at present, whether Tommy Campbell, our star middleweight will be able to take part or not; but if he does, the smart money will be riding in his corner. Our Mother contenders will include, Art another middleweight, Pete Doyle a featherweight, and Stevenson, another outstanding featherweight.

Instructor Davey Brown, our genial boxing coach says "If Campbell can fight, tell the readers that we'll cop three titles, okay!!" Wish us luck folks.

# THE BADGES OF THE NAVY

For The Benefit Of Our Civilian Readers



1. Petty Officer. (left sleeve.)
2. Leading Rate (left sleeve.)
3. Bugler.
4. Good Conduct Badges (3 stripes—13 years or over, 2 stripes—8 years or over, 1 stripe—3 years or over). (Left sleeve)
5. Marksman (Rifle)—Good shooting badge.
6. Gunner's Mate.
7. Director Layer and Gunlayer (1st class).
8. Gunnery Rating (2nd class, with appropriate letter below (Q, L, C, or A, for Quarters, Layer, Control or Anti-Aircraft).
9. Gunnery Rating, (2nd class), with letter Q, L, C, or A.
10. Gunnery Rating (3rd class), with letter Q, L, C, or A.
11. Gunner (not C.P.O. or P.O.)
12. Torpedo Gunner's Mate.
13. Torpedo Coxswain.
14. Leading Torpedoman (low power)
15. Leading Torpedoman.
16. Torpedoman.
17. Diver.
18. Rangefinder (1st class).
19. Visual Signalman (1st class).
20. Visual Signalman (2nd class), C.P.O. and P.O.
21. Visual Signalmen (2nd class), other ratings.
22. Visual Signalman (3rd class).
23. Trained Operator (V/S).
24. Ordinary Signalman and Signal Boy (V/S).
25. Wireless Telegraphist (1st class).
26. Wireless Telegraphist (2nd class), C.P.O. and P.O.
27. Wireless Telegraphist (2nd class), other ratings.
28. Wireless Telegraphist (3rd class).
29. Trained Operator (W/T).
30. Not Trained Operator (W/T). Ordinary Boy and Telegraphist.)
31. Chief Armourer and Armourer.
32. Armourer's Mate and Crew.
33. Chief Shipwright.
34. Chief Joiner; Blacksmith; Plumber; Painter; Cooper and Shipwright; Joiners; Blacksmiths; Plumbers, Painters, and Coopers (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th (confirmed) classes).
35. Artisans (4th (acting) and 5th classes)
36. Mechanician.
37. C.P.O. and P.O. Stoker.
38. Leading Stoker and Stoker (1st class).
39. Stoker (2nd class).
40. Submarine Detector Instructor.
41. Higher Submarine Detector.
42. Submarine Detector.
43. Surveying Recorder.
44. Rating Observer.
45. Acting Rating Observer.
46. Air Gunner (1st class).
47. Air Gunner (2nd class).
48. Air Gunner 3rd class).
49. Air Mechanic C.P.O. and P.O. (A—Airframe; E—Engine; L—Electrical; O—Ordnance sections.)
50. Air Mechanic; Leading Rating with letter A, E, L, or O.
51. Air Mechanic, other ratings with letter A, E, L, or O.
52. Air Fitter, C.P.O. and P.O. and Leading Rating, with letter A, E, L, or O.
53. Air Fitter with other ratings with letter A, E, L, or O.
54. Physical and Recreational In-Training Instructor (1st cl.).
55. Physical and Recreational Training Instructor (2nd cl.).
56. Chief Sailmaker and Sailmaker.
57. Sailmaker's Mate and Fabric Worker.
58. C.P.O. and P.O. Photographer.
59. Leading Photographer.
60. Photographer.
61. Master at Arms.
62. Regulating Petty Officer.
63. Sick Berth Assistant.
64. Sick Berth—Laboratory Assistant
65. Sick Berth—Masseurs.
66. Sick Berth—Operating Room Assistant.
67. Sick Berth—X-Ray Assistant.
68. Accountant Branch—Cook Rating
68. Accountant Branch—Officer's Steward.
70. Accountant Branch—Officer's Cook.
71. Accountant Branch—Writer.
72. Accountant Branch—Supply

Some of these rates apply in the Royal Navy only.

## INCREASE IN POST DISCHARGE

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organizations as the Naval Directorate of Demobilization, it was decided to place the allowances in three brackets and to raise them to the following amounts:

- (1) To men out of work and awaiting returns from business or enterprise, \$50 for a single man and \$70 for a married man.
- (2) To men taking vocational or university training, \$60 to a single man and \$80 for a married man.
- (3) For pensioners, broadly speaking the amounts will be slightly higher than in class (2).

Allowances for dependent children will remain the same as previously.

The allowance of \$15 per month in the form of a pension to a dependent parent has been raised to \$30 per month

It is expected further improvements in allowances will be announced shortly.

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by himself and the other members of the committee is done only with the future of Canada in sight.

### Closing Date

This month sees the closing date of the essay contest and, with only a few weeks left in which to get entries in, it is hoped all interested Naval personnel will find the time to submit their ideas. Entries coming in during May were double the number submitted during the first month of the contest. The contest editor is more than pleased with the results thus far

for they indicate that personnel in all departments are thinking on the problems they must face in the years following the war.

## SUGGEST POSTWAR

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a number of Naval personnel. The enthusiasm with which the subject was discussed resulted in a motion being passed that the matter be studied thoroughly and that a comprehensive report be given at the June meeting.

## SPORTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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