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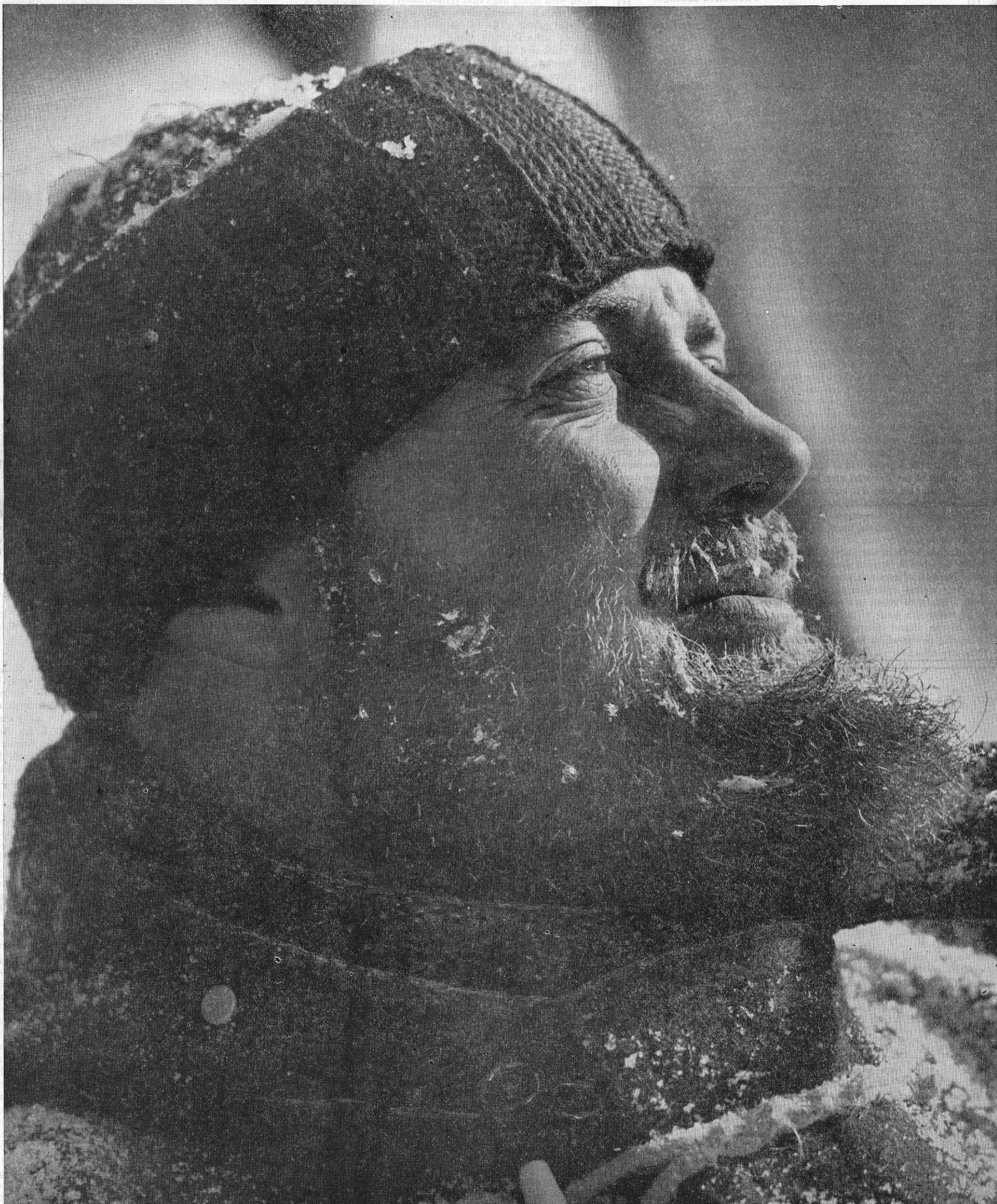
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"If Blood be the Price of Admiralty
Lord God we ha' paid in full."
—Kipling

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DON'T BE MISLED

Not long ago a general signal was made to all ships and establishments of the Royal Canadian Navy by Naval Service Headquarters. It dealt with the possible reduction of personnel of the Navy as the course of the war progressed in favor of the Allied forces.

This signal contained the type of information which it is necessary to promulgate from time to time throughout the Service and which, unfortunately, might lead members of the Service to think prematurely along the lines of demobilization—the use of which word has been much discouraged of late.

Because of this The Crow's Nest has been asked by certain senior officers at Headquarters to explain that the signal is not to be construed in any way to mean that there is a possibility that anyone in the Service is likely to be discharged in the near future. Such is not the case. The purpose of the signal was to determine the number of persons wishing to remain in the Service until the conclusion of the war and to assist authorities in dealing with the resultant excess of manpower which would follow the release of a considerable number of persons from the Armed Forces.

The work of properly categorizing the results of the canvass of personnel will take a great deal of time and even when the work is completed the number of persons who may be released can only be set in accordance with the numbers needed to successfully carry out the victory over both Germany and Japan,—which will include also, preparation of a peace-time world.

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that every man and woman in the Naval Service should understand that commitments for the complete defeat of Germany and Japan must be given first consideration and that any discharges from the Service must also conform with the government policy which will be paid down to ensure economic stability for Canada when the flow of men and women back to civilian life has begun.

Any undue optimism on the part of Navy men and women at this time is likely to result in a let-down of pressure which is so very essential in this eleventh hour struggle with Germany. We do not want a repetition of the almost disastrous rise in optimism and consequent weakening of driving power which beset the country in the late days of 1944. This time, the Allied forces are rolling ahead—let's keep them rolling!

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.

Well, We Asked Them

Dear Sir:
I am a regular reader of The Crow's Nest which I greatly enjoy. There is one criticism which I should like to make, and which, to my way of thinking is very well founded; that is the failure of not only your paper, but of all Navy publications, to mention DEMS gunners.

It is a very small branch of the Service which is doing a wonderful job but getting credit only for a supposedly "soft" job; which is anything but soft.

In writing this I hope it will give them a bit of notice which they so very well deserve.

J. H. C.

We quite agree with you that the DEMS gunners are doing a very fine job indeed, but we don't agree that we fail to mention them in our paper. Whenever an article comes to us about DEMS men, if it is at all printable, The Crow's Nest uses it. If you will look back through your old copies of The Crow's Nest you will find a lengthy article entitled "DEMS—Badge of Honor" and some months ago we had a letter similar to yours in the Crow's

Nest. At that time we solicited articles from and about DEMS men. The Crow's Nest staff is not large enough that we can go out and cover every type of assignment and so, we must depend on each department of the Navy taking enough interest to send the material to us. If we are not mistaken there is an organized DEMS club from which we would be pleased to receive material—but we can't print information which we don't receive.—Ed.

Never 'Nuff Newfie

Dear Sir:
Is it possible to put more news in your paper from Newfie? Two of us here in the Sick Bay have had three years in St. John's so lots of news from there will be very welcome. We are glad to receive a copy of The Crow's Nest and look forward to it every month
A.T. Morris, L/SBA
HMCS Givenchy, III,
Comox, B.C.

We think your friend "Sully" does a pretty fine job of covering Newfoundland news for The Crow's Nest and with Newfie John's timely contributions there is usually a goodly
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Discoverin' Discovery

with Lieut. John H. Pepper

HMCS Discovery greeted February with an evening of dancing and entertainment that must have set some kind of record here on the West Coast. Certainly the music under the baton of P/O Watson was tops, the dancers most enthusiastic, the refreshments were "on the house," and the supper was delicious.

The main deck was tastefully decorated with signal flags that criss-crossed from stem to stern to create a gay and colorful effect. The tables were laid out in cabaret style along the port and starboard sides and another row on the stern for the stags.

O/Sea. Harold Skovmand said that he thought that the most interesting and unusual event of the evening came when an organized mock march past was presented by the ratings and their ladies. This was directed by Lt. Hilliard Morgan, led by W/O H Bennett and assisted by L/Sea. Zelinsky and O'Neill, Beatty Division armed with brooms formed a guard of honour, and W/O Bennett was armed with a trusty wooden sword.

The vigour of the gay crowd was maintained by refreshments which were served cafeteria style. L/Sea. Coombes won the lucky spot dance. "Pete" Loveridge carried the arrangements off perfectly. The only sad ones at the conclusion of a very wonderful evening were the members of the Duty Watch who were compelled by the "exigencies of the service" to let their pals escort their dancing partners home.

Khaki Klowning

This month the Army show "Tin Hats" played in Little Mountain Barracks in Vancouver. Navy guests spent an enjoyable evening watching the performance of this troop whose fame almost equals that of the Dumbbells Show of World War I. About 20 men compose the cast which features everything from a puppeteer to a first-rate fire-eater.

The two-hour continuous show is back-dropped by an on-stage orchestra that plays most effectively throughout the performance. The "girls" parts are ably taken by three men whose make-up and impersonations are first class.

Travelling since their organization in 1941 they have completely toured the British Isles, followed the Canadians through North Africa and then into Italy. The director, Sgt. Walter Benson, has been mentioned in dispatches for producing the first soldier show to play in the front lines. En route to France soon after "D" day the soldier showmen were torpedoed in the English Channel and four of the cast were killed and four wounded.

We rate the Tin Hats as a four star special service vaudeville show.

Housing Shortage

The declaration that Vancouver is an emergency housing area and the appointment of a special housing czar reminds us of the joke that our new five-foot two Padre Goss tells on himself.

It seems that Padre Grøham had succeeded in renting a room and invited roomless Padre Goss to inspect his new quarters. Proudly displaying a large clothes closet he looked at Mr. Goss and said,

"Well, Padre Goss, would you like to sub-let the clothes closet?"

Fire Fighters

The following signal was recently issued by our Commanding Officer, Lt.-Cmdr. K. McRae:

Undermentioned ratings are commended for their prompt action on Tuesday 23rd. January when they showed considerable initiative in extinguishing the fire on a Royal Vancouver Yacht power boat.

P/O Calladine, L/Sea. Gibbs, P/O Smith, L/M/M Taylor, L/Sea Ridge, O/Sea. Nash, O/Sea. Ells."

Behind Lt./Cmdr. McRae's signal of praise lay an exciting half hour for the chaps concerned and the prevention of a fire that might have destroyed a jetty and many valuable power boats. Gibbs saw smoke coming from a power boat on an adjacent jetty.
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KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS



As they go about their duties at Naden, naval personnel keep abreast of the war news by means of the above map. It was erected at the main gate of HMCS Naden under the direction of the education department. In the photograph, Wren Virginia Weber, of Vancouver, helps Instr. Lieut. George L. Amyot Winnipeg, plot the day to day advances on the Russian and Western fronts. The eight by five foot map was painted by L/Sto. Magill, Saskatoon, talented artist of the visual aids department at the base, who is now busy on an even larger one, twelve feet long and eight feet high, which will portray the Pacific theatre of war.—RCN Photo.

GASPE GOSSIP

By Norm. Horn, S.A.

Fort Ramsay again, still the last with the latest. We are still alive and kicking up here, even though Mother Nature is out to tie us down. With all this snow and mild weather, skiing has come into a more predominant spot than ever before, and the skiers are really in their glory. At the last meeting of our local ski club, many new faces were seen, and all the old faces gleaming in anxiety, just waiting to get up into the hills. Last Sunday, being a very mild day, the boys and girls decided to "off coats." Two of our greatest enthusiasts, Audrey Annette, Gaspé, and Dennis Gauthier, Ottawa, were the leaders in this, appearing in shirt-sleeves in the early part of the afternoon. After a hectic afternoon on the many hills, on one of which L/Ck. Johnny Mulloy, Sudbury, sprained an ankle, and Charlie Woolcox, Windsor, and Gordon (Red) Clarke, of Toronto, sprained just about every other joint in their bodies, the gang met at the "Y" hostel, where they were fed a splendid supper, and then saw a good movie. After the show that night, I overheard S/Lt. Ernie Joyce, of Baxter, Harbour, N.S. ask ERA Albert Amey of Oshawa, Ont., "Listen, wise-guy, since you know so much about skiing, tell me this, what is the difference between a salami and a christiana?" Which goes to skiing is definitely here to stay.

Shinny Still Top

Even though skiing has its place, hockey is still the major attraction. Our base team is still holding its lead in the Peninsula league, by winning the last two games with a decided margin. In the last game the team won from the

Seminary team by the score of 7-3. Unfortunately, for them they lost the services of their coach, CEA Jimmy Watson, of Calgary, who has forsaken them for 21 days leave, the lucky guy. Aply taking his p'ace is L/SA Roy Armstrong, of Toronto, who formerly coached the stokers. Even though the team is still holding the top place, Roy is still aiming them at perfection, mainly by trying to cut down on the tempers of some of the boys.

In our Inter-Branch league, the Accountants are still holding the lead, with the Seamen running extremely close behind them. Recently the greatest surprise of the league occurred when the Stokers beat the Motor Mechanics 17-3. This last game puts the Stokers in second place with the Seamen right behind them.

Our latest attraction here at the base is our new library. While Kay was away, Georgina Wilson, of Esquimalt, B.C., took her place. Upon Jo's shoulders fell the job of moving. The library now shares half a building with the Canteen, which is a good place to be. With the Aid of the YMCA, who supplied the many comfortable settees and easy chairs, the library has become one of the most popular spots on the base, with many of the latest books already on the shelves, and a lot more on order, L/Wren Kay Ardagh, of Orillia, Ont., is making sure that the boys have lots of good reading material for their spare time.

Another new addition to our base here is the snack bar. Every night, after the show is over, a steady stream of fellows is seen moving in that direction. Here we are served with plenty of good food, and lots of coffee.

SORRY, NO LAMOUR FILMS LEFT



One hundred and fifty ships on the Royal Canadian Navy now have their own movies which go to sea with them and include the latest pictures you can see in any Metropolitan theatre. They are provided by the Royal Canadian Naval Film Society, a non-profit organization, owned by the men in the Service which gives shows to the seamen at 5 cents a man.

At the Naval Motion Picture office in Halifax Wren Jill Humphreys of Victoria invites Coder Bob Woodward, Vancouver, and Able Seaman Lloyd Dickson, Regina, from HMCS Midland, to take their choice of the films in the shelves back to their ship.—RCN Photo by Lieut. R. G. Arless.

Army Show Tops With Navymen

By Henry Sherman, A.B.

In December, 1942, the Canadian Army show went overseas. In February, 1945, Unit "B" of this same group tramped across the Drill Hall Shed stage at HMCS Cornwallis to present one of the finest evenings of service entertainment these weary old eyes have ever beheld. They had been overseas exactly two years, toured the British Isles, then embarked for Italy right on the heel of the invasion of Il Duce's member of the same name. They had carried their own portable stage to within 20 miles of the firing line, had suffered malaria, dysentery, and other army pleasantries, and felt the hot breeze of sniper's calling cards as they whizzed by, singing their invitation to the waltz. Fortunately, no one of this little group was ever at home at the time.

With true army daring, they came into this den of bayers-at-the-moon with a cast of 16 men and only three women. (Talk about German wolf packs, have you ever seen a group of sailors on week-end leave in Digby?) And they made us like it. Costumes and other stage paraphernalia were at an absolute minimum; orchestra and M.C. did their stuff in regular army battle dress. But the material was good, the band excellent, and the spirit of the performers struck a new high for any touring company to hit these parts. It will be a long time before Cornwallis audiences forget the hilarious renditions of "MacNamara's Band," by Emcee L/Cpl. Jimmy Moore, of Montreal, and four members of the music makers on stage, or the fan dance by four more of the same. Pvt. Lou Herman, as the proverbial army sad sack, evoked many a sympathetic chuckle from the audience with his pitiful attempts to "get into the show" then proceeded to delight every one of the 4,000 present with his rich and colourful tenor voice.

Thrilling Threesome

As for the CWAC's, what they lacked in quantity they made up in quality. Alfreda Phillio, a former Rockette, was more than enticing in a solo dance routine to the St. Louis Blues—much more. Sunny Wilson brought thoughts of home with her soft, nostalgic songs, and Ethel Hendry would have broken every bone in her body during that acrobatic dance of hers—were she possessed of any such corporeal contraptions as ordinary bone and gristle. Apparently she is but loosely contrived of a pink gelatinous substance that allows her to act that way.

Across Our Bows

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amount of material from our friends over there. However, we'll try to see if we can't give a little more varied coverage to "Avalon" in future issues.—Ed.

An Essay To Us

Dear Sir: This is a belated, but sincere, note of thanks for the \$50 which I received as prize money in the essay competition.

The paper should be commended for stimulating the thinking of its readers on such an important subject. Also for obtaining the services of those who acted as judges.

I, personally, was most grateful for the opportunity of expressing my thoughts. Knowing that our ideas would be brought to the attention of those most concerned with our welfare made the effort doubly worth-while.

In closing may I again thank you and say that I enjoyed the paper very much.

Reta Moran, L/SA,
HMCS Bytown,
Ottawa, Ont.

An American Friend

Dear Sir: I've enjoyed the paper very much and have kept all issues since my

THE FRONT PAGE

Although our January Cover indicated that L/Sea. Stuart Lavis, of Cobourg, Ont., was on his way out of the Navy (as the departing year 1944) he is still with us and this month gives an excellent study of the typical sailor standing watch on a North Atlantic run. This may be the month when Spring arrives for those on shore but for the men at sea it means icy winds whipping down from the north, sweeping the giant rollers over the ship and freezing water inches thick on rigging, guns, decks—everywhere. The excellent photograph was taken by L/Photog. Norman Keziere and was a prize-winner in a recent contest conducted by Lieut. W. Halkett among the members of his photographic staff at Cornwallis.

brother started sending it to me nearly three years ago. As long as I have two brothers in the Canadian Navy I shall continue taking the paper, and maybe longer.

Mary C. McLaughlin,
Ellsworth, Maine.

Roses for the Pix-Man

Dear Sir: I have enjoyed every copy of your paper. Your New Year and Old Year

cover was the most natural picture I have ever seen. Outstanding photography there.

Gertrude, Kane,
Rosindale, Mass.

We think our photographer is pretty-fair, too. Your poem, we are afraid, cannot be used since it deals with a political subject, which puts us completely out of the play.—Ed.

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WHERE THEY ARE NOW

by Warrant Officer (SB) Tommy Graham

Editor's Note:—We have had numerous requests from our readers from time to time asking information as to the present whereabouts of various officers and ratings of the Royal Canadian Navy and have to the best of our ability obliged but of late the requests have been so great that we've decided to devote a monthly column to this purpose. We have solicited the services of Tommy Graham, RCN Public Relations Officer and probably one of the best known personalities in the service as conductor of this department, Tommy, who was a member of the RCNVR in peace time has been on active service since the outbreak of hostilities and probably knows more navymen personally than any other person in the service.

Hello friends, really believe I've been "seen off" for this job but seeing as how it will keep me in better touch with the boys I've decided to have a go at it. As they say "a lot of water has passed under the bridge" during the last five and a-half years of war and there is no doubt that many of you have sailed over plenty of water in this period.

When war broke out in September '39 there were probably no more than 150 active members at each of the RCNVR divisions across the Dominion and I believe I can say I became acquainted with or knew a majority of these "matelots" prior to that eventful day or in the ensuing six months that followed. And while, despite the rapid expansion of the navy, I've met a great many navymen since, I don't propose to lead anyone to believe I know everyone in the navy—although I believe it would help if I did—however, I'll endeavour to acquire the information you seek and probably in this respect meet more friends.

And now to look after your "requests".....The former Regina navyman who seeks information on **Tommy S. Cook** will be pleased to know that Tommy who joined the navy as an Able Seaman at the Regina Division back in 1933, is now a Lieut. and Executive Officer of the frigate HMCS Ettrick. Tommy was called into service at the outbreak of hostilities and for some time was an instructor of new entries at Naden. He was elected for commissioned rank, passed the board, and posted to Halifax, then to sea. He has had considerable sea-time since and was aboard HMCS Prince Rupert when she was credited with sinking an enemy submarine.

CERA "Tobby" Fall, who, it is said, is the most senior CERA in the Navy has just arrived back in Canada after serving a year on the fleet class destroyer "Algonquin." Tobby, who originally hails from Bermuda, long made Halifax his home and was a starry athlete while stationed at this wartime port in peace time, being prominent in cricket and soccer. Following a spell of leave he will return overseas and is slated to pick up a cruiser.

One of Edmonton's peace-time ratings who has done a great deal of globe-trotting since war started and who just arrived back in Canada is CPO **Roy Harvey**. Roy, joined the navy in '34 as an Able Seaman at the Edmonton Division and is one of the few "originals" of the western city's sailors still on active service. Roy, who followed the gunnery branch of the navy was a DEMS gunner for some time before being transferred to Canadian naval craft. He served aboard an armed merchant cruiser, a Royal Navy man of war and just completed a year aboard HMCS Algonquin. He is now home on leave at Edmonton and expects to return to the latter ship on completion of his leave.

Carrol Olson, of Saskatoon, who was a peace time member of the Hub city RCNVR, joining in 1938, is now serving aboard the bangor minesweeper "Red Deer" as coxswain.....**Vern Taylor**, an "original" Edmonton peace-time sailor is now a COA and after having had a spell at "Cornwallis" is now serving afloat aboard "Haida".....**Eddie Kushner**, former Blue Bomber football star, and peace-time member of Winnipeg's reserve is CPO coxswain of the frigate "LaSalle".....**Jack "Spud" Taylor** of Edmonton's peace time V.R.'s has just arrived in Newfie after a spell at "Naden".....**Reg Fincham**, CPO Tel, who hails from Victoria arrived back in Canada after a year aboard "Algonquin".....**Peter Parnell Jeffries**, is now aboard "Eyebright" and is a Lieut. Pete hails from Edmonton but makes his home in Victoria.....**Russell Cowan** is a Sub. Looie and is serving aboard "Trail".....he recently completed his training at Kings. Rus is also an Edmontonian and a member of the peace time reserve.....**Wilfred McWatters** is at Newfie, the former Regina red-head was coxswain aboard "Red Deer" prior to his recent draft.....**Freddie Heatley** is a Pay Subbie and is serving at N.P.R. in Ottawa.....**Elul Sidaway**, former newspaperman at Regina and peace time navyman at the Queen city is now serving at "Peregrine".....**Johnny Sharp** is serving aboard "Pictou" and is a Leading Stoker.....**George Fyfe** who was a DEMS gunner before he received his commission is now a Lieutenant and is with DEMS at Halifax.....**Stan Griffiths** one of the original DEMS gunners is still with that branch after five and a half years.

"Cornwallis" Crushers Coddle Killick Cupid

On February 14, favorite "Let me call you sweetheart" day of the year the regulating staff of HMCS Cornwallis decided to demonstrate it could wear a heart as well as a crown on its sleeve and sent the Wrens and ratings on the base a collective valentine: a gala dance at the Raquette Casino in Digby, N.S., third floor on your left off the Gay White Way.

A record attendance of officers, Wrens, ratings and civilians (girls who have not received their draft calls yet) made the dance a sparkling success and the band, supplied by the newly amalgamated mazurka mill down Cornwallis way, provided music that went to your head, your feet and left the rest of you to fend for itself.

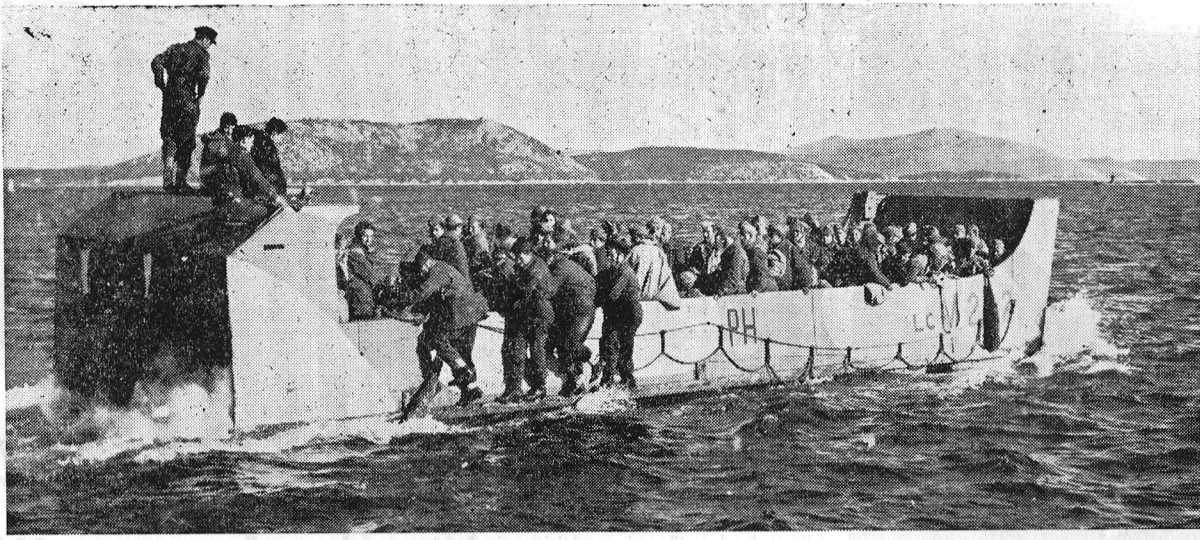
Master-at-arms Ralph Robers started off as mine host, the emcee, but RPO Howie Plank dusted off his shoulder during a tag dance then waltzed off with the microphone, firm possession of which he retained for the remainder of the evening.

Modest Bunch

There were four spot dances with a total of eight prizes, but the only two prize winners who stuck around long enough to have their names duly recorded for posterity were L/SA Jack Smallwood from Charlottetown, PEI, and Lois Johnson of Digby, N.S., (fifth door on your left off the Gay White Way). The others, desirous of utilizing every available downbeat, bobbed up from the crown of dancers only long enough to put the hooks into their trophies then disappeared in a cloud of brown wrapping paper. Jack works for MDRO, a particularly tenacious tribe, and that may explain any number of things.

The dance committee, Wt. MAA G. Little, MAA Rogers, RPO's Howie Plank, Johnny Hastings and Dave Foden, and Smn. PO Syd Moyle (don't ask us how he got in) were all tickled vermilion with the results of their hard labours. The dance went off without a hitch. Well, almost without a hitch. There was that small matter of the buses. Due to some misunderstanding, the extra buses that should have been there for the early conveyance of our feathered friends back to the wrennery failed to put in an appearance, and some of the girls were just a wee bit adrift. However, that was all patched up with unusual alacrity, and there has been a solemn promise extended that it shall not happen again. All the committee wants is a chance to prove this last, so don't fail to turn out at their next station card shindig. It is a lovely sight to see a dozen odd RPO's letting their back hair down, and don't be too sur-

CANADIANS HELP GREEK EVACUEES



The Canadian Warship, HMCS Prince Henry played an important part in the recent civil war in Greece. The above picture shows a landing craft from "Prince Henry" helping to evacuate Greek army men from the port of Preveza. The evacuees were unable to halt the onrush of the ELAS due to lack of ammunition and were evacuated by "Prince Henry" to the port of Korfu. —RCN Photo by PO Photog. Sullivan.

Newly Formed Discussion Club Popular With Sailors At 'Naden'

Friday, February 2, "Naden" Canteen committee was host at a well attended Ships' Company dance in the drill hall. The music and the floor show were furnished by the Naden band assisted by Yeoman Cole, who officiated at the microphone as master of ceremonies. Lieut. Hardwick, Special Services officer, sprang a pleasant surprise by arranging for the attendance of four bus loads of comely hostesses from the City. Palatable refreshments were served and Lt. Hardwick and the Canteen Committee deserve a hearty vote of thanks for staging a first-class party. Smooth music, beautiful hostesses, a sparkling floor show and top-hole refreshments, and all for free!!!!

The dance floor was not a safe place for slow and stately couples when the band began to beat it out and the jitterbugs started cutting rugs. This party was voted the best ever—the "jitterbugs" had a real workout.

Cmdr. Thos. G. Fuller, D.S.C. and two bars, Ottawa, is the new Commanding Officer, HMCS Naden. He succeeds Cmdr. Gordon F. McCrimmon, undoubtedly one of the most popular C.O.'s in the history of Naden, who leaves to take command of HMCS "York". Cmdr. Fuller after four

years of action with the RN takes up his first Canadian appointment in Naden.

prised if you get to like the little rascals. (There was a clause in small print on the back of our complimentary tickets. What can we do?)

The Esquimalt Area, Naval Discussion group held its initial meeting in the Education Office, Naden, on February 12. These weekly meetings provide an opportunity for officers and ratings to express their views and exchange opinions on topics of current interest, principally questions of rehabilitation and Canadian citizenship. The topic for the first evening "So You want to be a Farmer" was introduced by hearing the panel discussion of this subject broadcast from HMCS St. Hyacinthe. During the general discussion some interesting sidelights on the problems faced by farmers in the Niagara Peninsula were developed by E.R.A Horton, who owns a large farm in this area. S/A Moore presented some very informative facts regarding the farmer's selling problems. S/A Moore was formerly a grain and feed buyer in Western Canada. The conclusion reached by this group was that farming is a highly specialized field of endeavour and that an ex-serviceman should undergo a period of training in modern farming methods before selecting and purchasing a farm under the Veteran's Land Act.

This discussion group, sponsored by the Education Branch in the Esquimalt Area, will meet every Monday evening. It is hoped that through frank discussion and a healthy clash of opinions the members of this group

will become better informed Canadian citizens.

Just before going to press we hear that both Cmdr. (E) "Tommy" Fife, Engineer Officer-in-charge of the MTE and his executive Officer, Lt.-Cmdr. E. K. MacKenzie are leaving us for the "frozen" East.

THE THANKLESS WE

by J. E. Turner, A. B. (Postal)

We work all day and half the night,
We miss our meals and beer,
To get you Boys your ruddy mail
And bring you sweets and cheer.

There are twenty bags for just one ship
That's out—We won't say where.
But when they hit their home port
Their mail is always there.

We'll send your mail to Scapa Flow
Or off to Normandy
And trace you half around the world
But what thanks is there for "We"?

Now, "WE" are just some guys and gals
Who are holding up your mail,
And gashing all your parcels—
At least that is your tale.

But just drop around some sunny day
When you have nothing else to do
And We'll show you all the heartaches
that
We go through just for you.

When your girl friend sends a letter
And addresses it "Dear Bill,"
We'll show you how we find your ship
Just to give your heart a thrill.

Or when your Mother sends a box
(Like Mothers always do)
And instead of using string or rope
She goes and uses "glue."

Now glue's all right for envelopes
In fact, its very sticky,
But to use it on your parcels
Boy! the stuff gets very tricky.

You say your sweetheart sends you
"Fags"
Upon a certain date,
And that you want to know
Just why those fags are always late?

Now, a million dozen other guys
Are having fags sent too.
So if yours are a few months late
Cheer up; there's hope for you.

We know you moan and shout for mail
And even when you get it,
You go right on and shout for more—
So I guess 'WE'll just forget it.

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It is a known fact that a percentage of our boys spend time in the hospital recovering from wounds received while on active duty, also a percentage of accident cases and ailments from natural causes. Very little is known, however, about just what happens to those lads from the time the crisis is passed until they are pronounced fit, once again to return to their normal duties. So, if you'll hear with us for a few minutes, we'll give you a brief

Kaybitzing In Movieland

By Kay Overton

Hollywood —
March 1—It's hello again from Hollywood, land of the sunny skies and shining stars that twinkle night and day—Pretty Sonja Henie, wife of Dan Topping of one of the new owners of the New York



Yankees, but better known for her skating ability and movie career, is really at her best in her latest picture—"It's a Pleasure", in which she dances a samba on ice to the accompaniment of a 45-piece orchestra..... Sweet sixteen and still soaring to greater heights Shirley Temple will appear in her latest picture to be released shortly under the title of "Kiss and Tell"..... Betty Grable and Harry James are quite proud of their daughter Victoria who is now 11 months old and according to the proud parents Vickie has beautiful legs—but why wouldn't she have..... They say Dana Andrews who has been around movie lots for 16 years, the first nine of which it took him to break into pictures, will be in the army shortly—he and producer Sammy Goldwyn it is rumored had a few words recently in regards to a new contract with the Andrews boy declaring he'd rather freelance for the time being..... and speaking of rumors the columnists say John Garfield—usually hard-boiled in his pictures, is scared to play opposite demure Judy Garland and recently put thumbs down on the offer to co-star with her in the "Harvey Girls"..... Willard Parker, John Loder and Edgar Buchanan will appear shortly in their latest "The Fighting Guardsmen" based on the 18th century French courtiers and produced by Columbia... Jennifer Jones will co-star with Gregory Peck in her latest "Duel in The Sun".... Glenn Ford is back after a spell of two and a half years with the Marine corps and has re-signed with Columbia. He and wife Eleanor Powell are expecting shortly..... "Shadow of A Woman" is Helmut Dantie's latest picture..... Rita Hayworth is quite elated over winning "Look's" award for achievement in 1944. Rita won the award for her only picture of the year "Cover Girl"..... winsome Margaret O'Brien was given the child actress award by the same mag..... Gloria Grahame, 21-year-old Los Angeles girl, is the latest star to hit the heavens of Hollywood and will appear this spring in M.G.M.'s "Blonde Fever"..... she was plucked from Broadway by a talent scout and film critics are high on her chances of achieving movie fame. And as this is the time when there is little news along the boulevards—all the girls are seeking Easter bonnets and the male paragons just aren't about—we'll have to pull into port and tie up until next month—so long for now.

outline of this period known as convalescence.

When the patient reaches this stage, he is turned over to the Therapy department, where he receives treatments in occupational and physio therapy, which includes work done by a competent masseur. When these treatments are completed, he still has a final and very important step to negotiate, that being the rehabilitation of his physical and mental self to remove the horrors of war and allow him to meet the world once again as a normal human being.

The physical and recreational staff now takes his welfare in hand with a well organized programme that has already proven itself. The convalescent follows a syllabus designed to show him and prove to him that he is definitely making progress. The syllabus include organized games, medicine-ball, handball, mat work, weights, swimming etc.—of course a patient is not sent to join these classes unless he is O.K.'d by the medical officer in charge of his case. The two P&RTI's responsible for this programme are L/Sea "Ed" Bourque, gymnasium, and P.O. Steve Woodward, Swimming.

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THROUGH A SCUTTLE

By Mr. H. McClymont, Com. Wtr.

When we packed up last month we left no loose ends, which is the smart and seamanlike thing to do, so we are able to get on with some new matters right away.

The first question put to us concerns the origin of the expression "To let the cat out of the bag." I think it quite possible that as this term is in common use ashore, there is another story behind it, but as the expression is navaleese and we have a story, we can lay partial claim to it. The naval origin dates back to the days when flogging was a popular punishment; many people are happy that it has long gone out of practice. The cat-o-nine-tails was kept in a red baize bag and was taken out by a bosun's mate just before the punishment was inflicted. The cat was for trivial offences against discipline, as well as serious ones, and so for one in to say or do anything wrong in those far gone days, was to let the cat out of the bag—but good!

Some Changes Made

I've been reading numerous articles lately on the care that is given to wounded and injured service men during battle and action as well as on their return to rest homes and the like. It is simply marvelous what modern science can do, and is doing. I cannot help but compare these facts with those found in a book which I read several years ago by Tobias Smollett entitled "Roderick Random." Mr. Smollett was a medical student in England in the 18th century and had the misfortune to be wandering around the streets of London, near the docks when he heard the dreaded words of the press gang "Yo ho, brother



you must come along with me." With his medical knowledge he was made a "loblolly boy" or sick bay attendant—nowadays called a Sick Berth Attendant. His descriptions of conditions aboard ship from a medical and sanitary point of view as well as methods of performing operations in action are so lucid as to make us very glad that we happened to join up when we did.

We Often Wondered

Another question this month has to do with saluting "colours" and "sunset" when sounded off by bugle, the doubtful point being whether or not a salute should be made if the ensign cannot be seen. This problem frequently presents itself ashore, as normally in a ship the ensign can be seen from all parts. After some reading I find that when the ensign is raised and lowered, all personnel within sight of it are to salute—organized parties being brought to attention and the senior officer or rating saluting. If the National Anthem is played at occurs, all within sound of the band will salute. When Colours and Sunset are sounded by bugle the same applies, personnel hearing the bugle and recognizing the tune as that accompanying these ceremonies should face in the direction of the ensign staff and salute.

To many people a Tom Collins is an alcoholic drink, but in the Navy to be Tom Collins or to do something for him, is to be detailed for a job whether or not it is a particularly agreeable one. Tom Collins was a Naval Man many many years ago, a peculiar sort of a chap who apparently liked to do tasks shunned by his shipmates, such as Mess Deck Dodger, Captain of the head, etc. It would be natural, for his chums who had to do this work, and disliking it, to refer to themselves as "Tom Collins" and in time the name was used to cover any unwanted or disliked job of work.

Well, Whaddya Know?

If you are ever tempted to call your chum names for doing something awkward or to accuse him of acting like a "bull in a China Shop," use the naval term "Handy as a Cow in a Spitkid." This term explains itself to service personnel but for the benefits of other readers, I'll just mention that a spitkid is a small wooden tub, usually no more than 2 feet in diameter, placed on the deck and in these modern days used for waste-paper, cigarette butts, etc.

Another question on saluting has come to hand. This time it is whether or not Sea Cadet Officers should be paid naval marks of respect. It is almost two years since His Majesty the King approved the title "Royal Canadian Sea Cadets." Officers of this arm of the Service wear regulation cap badges buttons and uniforms, retaining their distinctive braid and are entitled to usual naval marks of respect.

Our chat last month on saluting is responsible for still another question. "Should naval personnel salute civilians? I presume the correspondent refers to the paying of marks of respect to civilian ladies and gentlemen by use of the

salute. There is no law against it; indeed the naval salute when given to ladies and gentlemen, is comparable to raising one's cap or fedora, which we did in "Civvy street." A gentleman in civilian clothes on meeting a lady accompanied by a gentleman will raise his hat; the lady's escort will return the compliment; thus in effect, two gentlemen exchange salutes! A naval rating meeting a lady accompanied by another naval rating is in exactly the same position and should pay his mark of respect by a salute. I recall that prior to the war when naval personnel were permitted to wear "civvies" (plain clothes) during off-duty hours ashore it was usual to see a gentleman in civvies "saluting" and a naval rating in uniform clutching vainly at a crown or brim of a felt hat that wasn't there.

"What degree of authority does an Artificer or Artisan rating hold?" This is our last question for this month and may I remind you that questions or comment regarding this column are welcome and if addressed to the Editor, The Crow's Nest, HMCS "Cornwallis," Cornwallis, N.S., will find their way through the Scuttle.

So There!

The pattern of Naval Discipline involves a frame work of ranks and ratings who rank and command according to regulations. Each has its responsibilities and duties to perform to promote the efficiency of the Service. The ratings are, excluding Boys who are not usually entered during hostilities, Ordinary, Able, Leading, Petty Officer and Chief Petty Officer. Each of these ratings is paid, trained, clothed, messed, given responsibility and work according to these rates. To give a man the duties of a Chief Petty Officer and pay him an ordinary rate of \$1.50 a day would not be right. All the items which are mentioned above pertaining to each rating must be consistent.

Artificers and Artisans are men who by reason of pre-naval training and experience, and their technical employment in the service require to be paid a certain daily rate. At the same time it is necessary that they assume all responsibilities and duties with regard to discipline as do all other ratings. For this purpose Artificers and Artisans are given "ratings" in addition to distinguishing titles in their branch, and

the ratings are as closely consistent as possible with the general policy mentioned before.

Excluding apprentices who are paid according to age and time in the service and who approximate the Boy, Ordinary and Able rates, Artisans and Artificers are given classes according to their pay, duties, etc. and these classes with their equivalent ratings are 5th class—leading rating, Acting 4th class—Acting Petty Officer rating, 4th Class—Petty Officer rating, 3rd, 2nd, 1st class Chief Petty Officer rating. Chief Petty Officer Artificer or Artisan is, of course, a Chief Petty Officer rating.

All these ratings rank and command according to their seniority with other ratings of their branch and with ratings of other branches. They do not assume military command without superior authority but in general disciplinary matters an E.R.A. 3rd. Class (Chief Petty Officer rating) of 2 years' seniority, would be held responsible for keeping order in a canteen, for example, as opposed to a Chief Petty Officer (Seaman) of 1 year's seniority.

Two pints make one cavort.

CANADA'S VETERANS Their Post-War Opportunities

An advertisement explaining to the people of Canada the re-establishment credit available to men and women of the Armed Forces.



The Re-establishment Credit— AN EXPLANATION OF THE GRANT

In planning the return to civilian life of men and women in the armed forces, Canada's parliament realized that assistance in re-establishment must cover a wide variety of fields. For many—particularly younger members of the forces—the best method of effecting permanent re-establishment will be through training or through an opportunity to continue an interrupted education. Others can be assisted through land settlement—either on full time farms or on small holdings operated with some regular form of employment. In many cases a combination of these two things—training and land settlement—will be the solution. Legislation for this type of re-establishment was provided early in the war.

ANOTHER LARGE GROUP

There is, however, another very large group who do not need training and who are not suited for land settlement as provided under the Veterans' Land Act. After long months or years in uniform, these veterans will need assistance also. There will be those who normally would have owned their own homes had it not been for their service. There will be those who own homes but who have been unable to carry out needed repairs and alterations. There will be veterans who sold businesses to enlist and who want to resume them, and others who are fitted for a business of their own but who need assistance in financing. The Re-establishment Credit is designed for this latter group, and primarily is an alternative to training and land settlement benefits.

PAID UNDER WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT

The Re-establishment Credit is made available under the same Act of Parliament which provides War Service Gratuities. It is not a loan but an outright grant, paid to an eligible veteran to aid in re-establishment if the veteran decides not to use land settlement or training benefits. It may be used in Canada only at any time in the ten years following discharge for certain specified purposes as outlined in this advertisement. The grant is called a "credit" because it is an amount carried on the ledger to the credit of the veteran for ten years until used by him for a re-establishment purpose.

HOW TO APPLY FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT CREDIT

The re-establishment credit is an amount equal to the basic War Service Gratuity—that is \$7.50 for each 30 days' service in the Western Hemisphere and \$15.00 for each 30 days' service overseas. The amount is computed by the branch of the armed forces with which the veteran served, and for that reason application first must be made for the War Service Gratuity. When a statement showing the amount of the basic gratuity has been received by the veteran, application for the re-establishment credit may be made to the Department of Veterans Affairs on a form which may be secured from

any district office of the department. Application for the war service gratuity is made to the branch of the armed forces with which the veteran served and forms may be secured at any armed forces depot or at any office of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

STUDY ALL MEASURES BEFORE APPLYING

It is important that every veteran shall have made a definite decision as to future plans before applying for the re-establishment credit. Payment of the re-establishment credit debars the veteran from educational and training grants and benefits under the Veterans' Land Act, since on application for the credit the veteran elects not to take advantage of these other benefits. Any benefits under the Veterans' Land Act and payments to, or on behalf of the veteran for training or continuation of education already granted are charged against the credit. Do not apply for your re-establishment credit until you have studied all other rehabilitation measures. Advice of department officials is available to assist you.

PURPOSES FOR WHICH CREDIT MAY BE USED

Grant of the credit may be authorized for the following purposes:

- To assist in home owning;
- To assist in building a home;
- To assist in home repairing or modernization;
- To buy household equipment and furniture;
- To buy tools, instruments, etc., for trade, profession, or business;
- To provide working capital for profession or business;
- To buy a business;
- To pay premiums on Dominion of Canada insurance;
- To buy special equipment required for educational or vocational training.

In the case of (a), (b), (d) and (g) above, the veteran must put up one dollar for every two dollars used from the re-establishment credit. If experience shows a broadening of these purposes is needed, provision has been made for it.

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ASHORE AND AFLOAT WITH THE O.A.'S

by C. E. McBurney, COA.



Comes another month and a wee drop of news around and about. And before going further I must rectify an inexcusable boner. A most indignant chum has said, in his most indignant manner, quote, "Wyantcha tell da people that da 2nd of Chief Oa's wuz rated, huh?" unquote. So let's do that right now. Those

of that class rated COA and now widely dispersed, include Carl Routly, Bill Graham, Bob Wight, Maurice Carroll, Harv. Rutley, and Bill Johnson. By the way, we all hope that Rutley has nicely recovered from a bout with the pneumonia germ, and that Johnson is still talking about what a wonderful leave he had.

The latest class to qualify here at Cornwallis was the 12th of OA's now seen wearing expressions of joy and gladness instead of the pained and down cast "front porch" so prevalent during instruction. In celebration of the event they conducted a successful party at which their principal instructor and guiding light, COA Stan Silver, was for some obscure reason, presented with an incidental or two of no mean value. The Go-Getter" of the class proved to be Cy Chevers, formerly a Stoker I who racked up a nice average in the 80's somewhere.

The comings and goings have been many of late around here. Dropping in temporarily for whatever current knowledge is being passed around, we've seen Alf Lapsley, now in his second frigate, Bill Iles, C. Chapman and J. Tarbutt, also from Frigates.

Another visitor, from SNAD, was "Rod" Humber who appears to be doing a very efficient job along the line of official Ordnance Inspections.

On the outgoing side of the ledger, a group of lately qualified blokes have boarded the "Bullet" for Halifax, and thence, ports unknown. They are J. Wiles, and S. Farrant OA's 4, S. Anderson and M. Nelson, ex-Stokers I, and W. Brown, ex. A. /AB.

Several people here will be pleased to see Wally Cunningham, just arrived to qualify COA RCN, after serving a year and half on board HMCS Huron.

Earlier this month Mr. H. W. Mayne our COO, Ernie Edmonds, COA, and Norm Williams, OA3 returned from a short but interesting study at Trenton, N.S, which seemed to deal with the magic of sizeable guns that move up and down and round and round negative manual effort and resultant puffings. Whilst there, acquaintances were renewed with Mr. "Dick" Donni-thorne and Mr. "Brigham" Young, WOO's both, and also participating in the course.

Down around Shelburne way word comes to us that "Zack" Smith is enjoying a spot of leave after spending some time in hospital. It seems that, on first arriving there, he took one look at the establishment and gasped: "Call the ambulance."

To Bill Taylor, also of that venerable outpost, the advice seems to be to try pushing something smaller than full grown automobiles as a preventive against broken right clavicles. However, we all hope it mends nicely and that leave was enjoyed regardless.

Two more to take up stations there are Guy Gravel and George Hamilton.

Bending an ear now towards Halifax, Buzz No. 1 seems to have it that L. W. Daws, Vic Creighton and R. F. Bertrand have been extravagantly using up some leave prior to posting to a Canadian cruiser. Buzz No. 2 whispers that Burgess Berry, COA, after several months aboard the battleship King George V, is soon to lead the duties on a new Tribal class destroyer, followed smartly by OA's V.P. Turner and E. J. Brennan.

The "Combined Ops" trio of Bill

BLONDE—BEAUTIFUL AND BROTHER!



There's just nothing we can say about Veronica Lake that will make any more impression on you guys than the picture itself does and so, we'll just let it go at that and hope you're happy with your new pin-up girl this month. She wishes you alla the besta, anyhow.

FOOTLIGHT FANFARE

by Gib Potter, S.A.

Voted by his class as "The Man Most Likely To Go To Sea" Ralph Grey intersperses his HMCS Chicoutimi culinary duties with expert tonsorial services and Bob Burns Impersonations.....

Ex-Navy Show singer James Hawthorne, guitarist E. Harms and violinist Fred Stone performed at HMCS Scotian Gym Concert with 'Uncle Mel's Troupe'.....

Guest starring on RCN Radio Show, "Hearts of Oak" recently, were songsters Lesley Hill, Louis Lecours, Bill Theroux and concert pianist Bob Kerr. Emceed by Francis Johns, it features the Stadacona Navy Band under the direction of Com. W O. Downie,

It was a lend-lease-hands-across-the-border Beau Geste when an American sailor won the All-expense-paid-and-glamour-girl-date at HMCS Peregrine presentation of Stadacona's Special Service's Silhouette Revue.

One-man show Captain Frank Guy Armitage's magic turns and Dickens characterizations are excellently done and well received at Stadacona and Peregrine Concerts.....

The Floor Show at Peregrine's highly successful RCN Depot Valentine Dance featured Skip Letcher's impersonations, with How-many-hearts-have-you-broken Ruth Seeton piano-vocalizing and that geetar strumming Son of the Sagebrush 'Roy' Roger Greig, sing-

Carnegie, Pete Robertson and Jack Wells have just arrived in Halifax to resume duties there.

Another, now preoccupied with a spot of leave is Lloyd Young from HMCS St. Francis. Lloyd has just changed from drab black to shiny brass buttons too.

In closing, let me put on guard, all of you at Cornwallis. It, when strolling aimlessly along, you come upon a forlorn figure, curly of hair, stubbornly Irish of Jowl, and filling the roadway with tears, don't be alarmed or too willing to proffer condolences. Because before you can say, "I'm sorry my son," the tear-stained countenance will fold open and make with the words as follows:

"With patience, comes the day that I will hotgtie and brand with a hot rabbit; the unpredictable sate that has again given my beloved Co-operative Commonwealth Federation the brush-off, or my name isn't Pat Connolly, Q.F. breech, and bar, A.F.C.C. MkI, C.C.F, CIO. "

croonizing "Don't Fence Me In."....

Arnprior's Fred Scott bottled his way to a milky victory in Tot's to contest.....and the jitterbug devotees had a goonistic field day with cash prizes for the calisthenic couple.....

Boogie Woogie Percy Haines scored a big hit with his very entertaining All Sepia Revue at North End Canteen and Stadacona Auditorium.....

WRCNS preferred stock jumped another 100 points on the Matelot Market when "Gay Paree" and "Something for the Boys" ensembles hit the deck in Peregrine's Own Talent "All for George"; showing at Peregrine and Stadacona Auditoriums.....

Specialities included Fire-eating Ventriloquist Stan Florkow, Pianist Lola Maye and Loyd MacDonald, 'Atlas' Lucky Binnie, Tapster Beth Neale, Soloist R. Greig, Tarzan Dowie and xylophoning Eddie Dowie.....

Skits by Fred Martin, Willie O'Dell, Lloyd MacDonald, Taller Dowie, Eric Finch, and Kit Jordan ranged from ghosts to dohbra boys.....

Edith Reeve and Ruth Ambrust duetted 'Dreamboy' Harris with Esquirish gawjugsals hovering bedside..... Wotta Dream!!! Wake! Wake!.....

Phil Nichols infos that Scotian Gym Stage has been renovated for bigger and better shows, first of which was Army Unit No. B.....

Our RPO

By G.M.

We have the grandest R.P.O.
He really is a dilly,
You ask a question—straight and plain,
And then he gets so silly.

You ask him where your clothes are washed,
He gives a smirk and then,
"You press a buzzer on your bed,
In trots a little wren."

At night when you are in your bunk,
And give out with a burp,
A braying voi e your bound to hear,
"Give me your card—you twerp!"

And when its after "All Lights Out,"
When into bed you hop,
You'll hear that raspy voice emit,
"Your card, my son, chop, chop!"

PALSIED POETRY

By Hermes

No. There's nothing like Personnel Relations. Absolutely nothing.

When I was a child
I was taught many things:
Mother taught me to curtsy and sew;
Auntie taught me to treasure
Each stately old measure
She stepped to when she had a beau.
Long ago.

I was fathered and mothered
And petticoat smothered
And trained in accordance with plan.
And they taught me all things
That a lady should know
Except how I could catch me a man.
With élan.

So I practised my singing
And ballet russe flinging
And served all my cocktails with ice.
But, try I the harder,
The boys cooled my ardor;
Their answer was always, "No dice!"

The same thing with cooking.
When no one was looking
I boned up on Emily Post.
But the way I'd address them
Just failed to impress them,
And they'd pack up and leave for the coast.

Then, one day: a sensation!
I read with elation
The navy was forming the Wren.
And I joined that grand corpus
With noblest of Porpus
At last I'd release me some men.

Well, it was not that easy.
I joined at "Stand Easy,"
When ratings are having their tea.
And they set me "releasing,"
A work that's most pleasing,
But would not release one for me!

For two years and a day,
On a Leading Wren's pay,
I "released" in a diligent fashion.
It required little craft;
They would ask for a draft
Just as soon as I registered passion.

But the war tides have turned;
I no longer am spurned
For I work for naval rehabilitation.
And if a rating claims seniority,
My name has top priority
For making him a personnel relation!

THE SAILORS' LADIES

by M.F.R.



Latest postwar dreams now include stockings for the ladies made of steel—fine, flexible threads, admittedly cold in winter until body heat is transferred to them, and then they retain this warmth for a long time. It isn't too far-

fetched to the next step to imagine winter coats made of sheet metal and hats of chain mail. The only drawback would seem to be theatre night. The ladies when entering would make any dignified concert series sound like plain, ordinary pie tin night. And then what lady would exchange a Schiaroarelli label for a calmly efficient sticker announcing, "Product of Bethlehem Steel Corporation"?

After a while house plants begin to resemble the slot machine—only about one pot in ten gives any results. There should be some way of X-raying a tulip bulb in the store to get a good look at its potentialities. Three or four months after the plant has sat around in a tin getting nowhere, it is usually too late for the owner to throw it out as it has worn its own particular spot on the ledge where the water seeped over, and then the room would look bare without it.

England has coined a word for the many wartime models of consumer goods, it has produced, such as wedding rings, furniture, and so on. Now we hear from one soldier, the recipient of many boxes of chewing gum, that if any one intends sending him any more in the near future they had better pack in a pair of "utility jaws" along with the spearmint. He's all worn out.

No bands, wild radio announcements or flying ticker tape will be needed by the average person to indicate V E-Day. The most positive proof will be the sight of a cheerful, smiling landlord and the words he produces, "Why, hello, Mrs. Jones. How are you today. I think we'll paint and decorate your apartment this week. And while we're at it, we might as well lower your rent a wee bit!"

Breakfast in bed is like strict budgeting—marvelous to contemplate, but awfully hard to achieve.

One of the most common war casualties will spring from a type of marriage about which we were told recently. A seventeen-year old girl insisted on

marrying a slightly older boy in the services, and her reason was, "We have known each other for two weeks, and he will be gone overseas in two more, so we will have to hurry or we will be too late." One minister told us to story of the Couple who dashed in to him to be married, and then stopped, embarrassed, at his questioning—the girl did not know the boy's last name.

Even the Navy's wonderful Well Baby clinics have their lighter side. Where else could a mother dress her child in her best Sunday outfit, and then prove in black and white on a medical chart that young Sally is far taller and heavier than Mrs. Thompson's Junior?

March will have a hard time going out like a lamb this year unless it wears snowshoes, and three heavy sweaters

VETERANS AT WINDSOR TO HAVE NEW QUARTERS

Windsor, Ontario, Unit No. 30 of the Army and Navy Veterans at a recent special meeting, advocated the necessity of erecting a new club house. The Unit's membership has grown steadily, and many new members are being initiated who are veterans of the Royal Canadian Navy.

The old clubhouse, on Techumseh Road, though imposing in appearance, lacks the space inside to seat more than 100 members at general meetings. To remedy this lack of space, a building committee was formed. Plans are now underway that will ensure members of this branch one of the finest, most modern clubhouses in this part of the Province. It will embrace many new facilities for recreation, with an assembly hall that will seat at least 300 members and will provide ample space for banquets and other social functions. Spacious game rooms and reading rooms, lounge rooms, where members can truly relax are also provided. All returning veterans of the Royal Canadian Navy, whether on leave or discharged are cordially invited when visiting Windsor, or who intend to reside in this vicinity, to drop in and say hello. New members will receive a warm and cordial welcome.

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INSIDE DOPE by an INSIDE DOPE

By Henry Sherman, A/B



The saga of the Ship Show at Cornwallis grew another leg last month with the presentation of the first of these scintillating spectacles in the Rec Hall Theatre. It had been a long climb from our original starting point: the mess deck of "N" Galley. In those days we were the middle course between the soup and fish; a sort of Thesopian bicarbonate of soda, and it is still a fine point for debate just *who* was suffering from gas and were.

At that time "N" Galley was the only rec hall and motion picture palace on the base. They used to pack that place so tightly, and the playing space was so small that every time the MPO's showed a newsreel the Red Army captured the first five rows. But that is changed now. The performers have their new stage, their lights, their scenery, and the audience has their theatre, their seats and, at long last, a fairly decent place to park them. Not many weeks ago the long wooden benches were hauled away and real theatre chairs installed to the relief of more than one set of sagging upholstery. Hell hath no fury like a wooden bench—especially during a double feature. Now, if they were only curved to fit the wrist!

The revue revolved around such old Cornwallis favorites as L/Wren Lila Armstrong, Wrens Frances Kissack and Muriel Lewis and SBA George Hayward. Lila, who has been here so long they are thinking of making her a part of Barracks Routine, comes from Winnipeg as does George, "The Voice" Hayward. George is really a model sailor. He doesn't drink. He doesn't smoke. He doesn't gamble. He just leads a nice, clean, monotonous life.

Frances Kissack, from Toronto and Wallaceburg, had her own 15 minute radio spot before joining the Navy—and with a sponsor, too. Muriel Lewis, claims Cornwallis is just like a second home to her. She comes from Kingston, Ontario; though how she learned to tap dance in those long and dismal corridors is beyond our comprehension. Our M.C., who prefers to remain anonymous for reasons best known to himself, wearing civilian clothes for the first time in a long time, remarked, "At last I can sit down! These navy pants are strictly a standing proposition."

The show played to a packed house and was a great success, one of the highlights of the evening's entertainment being a newcomer to Cornwallis theatre goers: L/Wren Bunny Marsh who had the audience roaring with her side (and ear) splitting rendition of "Cain't Say No" and "Don't Play Bingo Tonight, Mother." Caruso still lives in the memory of many admirers as the man who could shatter a wine glass with his high "C". Well our Bunny brought one of the colored overhead spots crashing down at the close of her number and with no more than an A flat. At least we think it was an A. There is no doubt attached to the "flat."

Unfortunately, Bunny, a Wren PTI no less, is leaving for Newfie and shall grace these boards no more. We'll miss her, no doubt, but if there are any budding comedienngs buried in Wren blocks one, two or three why not hop down to Special Services. There is to be a new ship show every two weeks and we can use all the new talent we can get. For some strange reason our mortality rate is high.

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Stanislaus, our undercover man, tells us that Parisian perfumeries are once more on the go. With an eye to our petticoat patriots they have slanted many of their products at the various women's auxiliary corps. Their tribute to the Wrens: *Eau de Pusser Milk* ("It Takes Your Breath Away") and *Chanel Number Eileen* ("For Those Who Dare").

We wonder how long it will be before *Escape* ("For Those Who Know How") will be putting itn its appearance on the market. We can hardly wait.

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It was just one year ago this month that attention started being paid to the literary needs of the lads on tenders here in the Annapolis Basin, and a small offshoot of the Base Library began to stir mysteriously and to show other signs of a sluggish but determined life. In the period of time between those fatal Ides of March and last Autumn the Ship's Library operated in a sporadic fashion, delivering cartons of books, usually base Library discards, to the tenders whenever the spirit (officially designated as "harbour craft") moved them.

However, with the coming of age of our own main library, the Base Librarian turned a slightly bookish eye towards Digby Gut. Wren Evelyn MacQueen of Victoria, B.C. was appointed (browned off) Ship's Librarian and the lugger library proceeded to wax exceedingly until, today, it contains roughly 3,000 volumes: 2,000 fiction and 1,000 non-fiction. The bulk of the books were donated by the IODE and the Canadian Legion, both of whom have been extremely generous in their gifts of new and current books to the Naval Library Service throughout the Dominion.

During the last two months of the past year every tender in the Annapolis Basin was serviced, making a total of some 800 books issued. Each ship has one crew member appointed to boss the book bin aboard and plans for sending them 50 new volumes each month, to be exchanged for 50 already on deck, have been drawn up. To date, the chief obstacle is the instigating of a proper harbour craft service to convey the books and allow Wren MacQueen sufficient time on board to consult with the crew members on their book selections. And what selections they were!

From one tender came requests for "Economics—Corporation finance," "Industrial Psychology," "Mother Russia," Ibsen, Sinclair Lewis, Natural History, Russian translations, Conrad and Dorothy Thompson. Scattered among them, of course, were the inevitable Zane Grey's and Edgar Rice Burroughs' but it looks as if the pulp magazines and Thorne Smith are rapidly losing their grip. On the surface, this would seem to be all for the best, but when one bright eyed O.D requests Sir William Dawson's "Handbook of the Geography and Natural History of the Province of Nova Scotia: for the use of schools, families and travellers, (3rd ed., revised and enlarged)", frankly, we don't like it. It makes one wonder how long it will be before he starts seeing the little men.

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The main library, too, has grown apace since its humble origin under the direction of S/Lieut. Margaret Hughes and L/Wren Joan Pollock. Miss Hughes, now on the West coast and Joan Pollock, at St. Hyacinthe after a lengthy sojourn in Newfie John, maybe pleased to hear that we now carry some 8,000 volumes: 60% fiction, 40% non-fiction. Mary Francis, at Prince Rupert and Wren Mary Savage in Slackers (separated by a mere eight provinces) also served their first library stints at Cornwallis, and Wren Lieut. Padgett, now stationed at St. Hy did much to speed our library's amazing development.

With an average monthly circulation of 6,000 volumes (including hospital and ships) Cornwallis boasts the largest total circulation of any library in the Canadian Naval Library Service. And we are still growing! Wren Sub/Lieut. M. J. McCannel, our present Base Librarian, is not quite sure just where we

Solving The Shortage

A system has been devised to provide an avenue by which men may purchase Canadian cigarettes in the United Kingdom.

This is a boon to Canadians serving overseas whose chief bone of contention has always been, "Why can't we buy our own cigarettes over here?"

The Cigarette Pool works like this; a man buys a British Postal Order to the amount of 4/6 for 300 cigarettes. (In HMCS Niobe the British Postal Orders can be purchased at the Mail Office.) The postal orders are at present good on a large number of well known brands. It is hoped later to expand the variety of cigarettes and add smoking tobaccos and cigars to the list.

This system is foolproof as the man retains a stub or counterfoil. The mail offices or those in charge forward the orders daily to the No. 2 Canadian Tobacco Depot where the orders are filled. The filled orders are then dispatched to the Canadian Fleet Mail Office, Great Britain, and from here they are dispatched to the men throughout the United Kingdom.

A man may purchase up to 900 cigarettes per month under this new system. It is important that each man have his correct official number and two initials besides his surname to prevent men claiming cigarettes other than their own.

The general consensus of opinion is that it is an excellent idea

are going to stop, if at all, and Wrens Margery Carter and Eva Webb, who may be found at any hour of the day and night pasting blurb on the inside covers of the new books, have not been able to desert the paste pot long enough to give the matter their mature and studied consideration.

A/B Frank Eidt, of London, Ontario, may know but he refuses to discuss the matter. Frank has been working in the library for some time now, whilst awaiting an honourable discharge, and has succeeded in making himself almost indispensable in the readin' and ritin' room. All insinuations that he is being recommended for his "Leading Wren" fail to meet with anything save a stony silence from our literary savant, and only once did he unbend sufficiently to comment on the succulent offer. "I'd look silly in a pusser pochette," he said. "And you know what I mean."

We wonder.

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And from Clothing Stores come some new additions to the scale of punishments as listed in K.R. and A.I. Number 87: "Kicked in the Pochette." Number 103: "Squashed in the Bus." We like Punishment Number 217: "Sloshed in the chop with a pusser mop."

The specifications do not indicate whether the mop is to be dry or soggy, but we presume the latter. That is if you want to get a proper slosh.

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This one actually happened!

One afternoon an RPO sat in the reading and writing room which adjoins the base library on the upper deck of the Rec Hall. His eyes, which had been studying some particularly interesting topography in a profusely illustrated photo mag, sparkled with an unholy light as he saw a lanky figure stroll nonchalantly across the deck, an oiling mop in one hand, an oil pail dangling a trifle self-consciously from the other. The figure presented an interesting naval study inasmuch as it was clad in a red shirt and faded blue jeans.

Now, the working party had been doing some free and fancy dressing in recent months, but up to this time they had limited themselves to a fairly modest range of blue coveralls. This was too much.

The crusher let his eyes rest reflectively on the slow-moving object before him then opened up with a true naval blast in the best RPO fashion. "What do you mean by coming in here dressed like that? Do you think you're on a picnic? Or at a fancy dress ball?" And so on for two full minutes.

The object of this withering broadside looked at his tormentor with tired, sad-looking eyes. "I'm allowed to dress that way," he said. "I'm a civilian." The RPO apologized and has taken to drink. The tired-looking civilian—so far as we know—is still oiling the deck of the reading and writing room.

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Music Makers Of Overseas Base Broadcast In Heart Of Empire

By Ben Ford

After an uneventful hour and a quarter's train ride from Greenock to Glasgow we hurriedly walked the entire length of the huge enclosure which is Central Station and queued up for the London train. Cussing softly I saw that the length of the queue stretched a few city blocks inside the station. At that point I I wished we had left with the RCN Band the night before. Here it was an hour before train time and already the line stretched a quarter of a good country mile. Having nothing better to do we downed our gear and listened quite nonchalantly to the scraps of conversation. Immediately in front were some Polish troops and immediately behind us the men wore Netherlands on their marine uniforms. By the chattering I judged the crowd to be Scottish, English, Polish, Dutch and American. Someone in front bemoaned the long queue to which a Cockney replied, "If you think this is long you should have been down here last night. The line stretched outside and around the corner all the way to the corner of Hope and Argyle Street." My thoughts did an about face and I was glad I hadn't travelled the night before, for the prospect of standing all the way to London was excellent with a queue that long.

Comfy Coaches

Finally the queue shuffled forward. It was a slow process with momentary stops. At last we were at the train. While walking through about the seventh coach I spotted an empty seat and we piled into it. The coaches have tiny compartments with dusty plush seats on each side. The compartment seats six comfortably and eight not so comfortably; we made the eighth.

The train pulled away from the station. What a strange collection we had in our compartment. The chap on my right next to the window was English, physician from Brighton, I learned

and one which will be appreciated by all.

later. On our left were two Polish Navy chaps who were conversing in their own tongue. Occupying a seat across the compartment and opposite the Brighton physician was an American top sergeant. Next to him sat a cockney soldier and on his right sat a-broad Scottish airman who had Highlander written all over him. Next to the Scotsman sat an R.C.A.F corporal, a recent arrival in this country. That completed the complement of our compartment. The train was late, quite the routine thing. It took us over 12 hours to get to Euston Station. Outside, London was enshrouded in a soft blanket of snow. Wearingly making our way to Cartwright Gardens to join the RCN Band we were lucky enough to get a room.

Delightful Diggin's

Now, Cartwright Gardens, operated by Canadian Legion War Services is what might be termed a "posh" place. Here you are bound to meet someone from the hometown. The cost is very reasonable and the service excellent in this spotlessly clean Canadian leave-centre which embodies all the smart cuisine of a first-rate hotel.

The Monday morning train had been late as per usual so the band breakfasted and then proceeded to bathe the train trip out of their skin. Don't ever kick about chlorination in Canada as it is nothing compared to London.

Tuesday the band had a rehearsal in the morning and a rehearsal and recording session in the afternoon. The band makes six AEF broadcasts in a week in London, one of which is released each week, on Sunday mornings over the BBC. This means the programs run out every sixth week which necessitates the band going to London for a week every sixth week. Follow me?

Wednesday the band was on the job by 0800 in the morning and didn't leave the Maida Vale Studios of the BBC until after 1830. Two recording sessions and rehearsals kept the band and choir occupied. After "honking" all day the boys felt more like going back to Cartwright and relaxing rather than viewing London's night life.

Quiet! Youse Guys

The boys did a "live broadcast" or a direct broadcast Thursday morning and another recording session in the afternoon. While a live broadcast does not allow for even one slip of the band would rather do them as one does not have to be quite so pain stakingly quiet as with the recordings, whose sound track has the habit of picking up even the slightest sound. The floor of the Maida Vale Studios is very loud and the slightest sound is audible.

On Friday the band had another all-day session with two broadcasts recorded. Saturday morning it was a tired bunch of bandmen, indeed, who packed their instruments aboard the train from London to Glasgow.

The trip north in a wartime third-class coach was uneventful except for five minute stops at Rugby, Crewe and Carlisle where the boys managed to buy quantities of English pork pies and tea.

In Glasgow the troupe stopped long enough to "coke up" and devour spam buns at the Overseas Club beefeef climbing aboard the Greenock train and hence to HMCS Niobe., their home base.

Benny In Britain

By Ben Ford

Ah! me when I look back upon the festive season we experienced in Niobe I cannot thank the good people of Scotland enough for their hospitality. All those Scottish jokes one hears about the Scottish people being "tight" are just jokes and nothing more. Over the Christmas and New Years' holidays the lads from HMCS Niobe enjoyed the full warm-hearted hospitality that makes Scotland famous.

All this was enjoyed at private informal parties to which the men were invited. Actually there was no need to go out of barracks owing to the stepped up entertainment schedule.

WHAT? NO BIRDS?

Christmas Day the mess decks were treated to roast turkey and all the trimmings. Chief Cook Pinky Stevens and his staff worked three nights to prepare the delectable repast. As Niobe had sent almost all its' turkey to Canadian ships in the U.K. there was a shortage of the festive fowl. The officers and the Chiefs and P.O.'s mess gave up their share so the mess decks would have enough and ate roast beef themselves for Christmas dinner.

PASS THE BROMO, JEEVES

After dinner many of the barracks personnel including the band went aboard a ship which is manned almost entirely by Canadians. The band played a concert aboard the ship and there were tears in the eyes of many a tough old sea dog as the band struck up "White Christmas". It was a real old Canadian Christmas aboard the ship.

The Scottish people have very little extra celebration for Christmas. New Year's or "hogmanay" (New Year's Eve) is their dish when all Scotland breaks loose.

Later the Wrens from the Wrens Establishments, Lindores and Lang House, came aboard and added another distinct Canadian touch to the proceedings.

From 1630 to 2400 the dance band under L/Bdmsmn. Keith Heselton played a dance at the YMCA Overseas Club. It was by far the most successful dance held there to date. In all the Niobe Band played 14 hours Christmas Day.

HAGGIS: Captain Eustace Brock has left us for Canada. The former Executive Officer, Cmdr. J. Hunter RCNVR has stepped up to the Commanding Officer's position. The former First Lieutenant, Lt. Cdr. Detchon RCNVR is now in the Executive officer's chair.....**Matron Deck of RCNH** has departed for Canada and in her stead is **Matron Wilson** from Naden RCNH.....The fast travelling Niobe hockey sextette lost a good defenceman in **Writer Oscar Carriere** former **Hull Volant** via the draft route.... It picked up a good replacement in **Herb Rouse** ex **Winnipeg Ranger** rear-guardman, also a smart forward in **Tommy Jessiman** from the same club..... **Lt. (SB) R. J. Shuttleworth** (Toronto) the **Niobe Special Services Officer** has left us for Plymouth.....He has been replaced by **Sub. Lt. (SB) Herb Linder**, Toronto who had previously replaced **Lt. Shuttleworth** at **H.M.C.S. York**.....**Co-editor of "The Hailer"**, **Padre Carl Swan** (Toronto) has left for Plymouth and has been replaced by **Padre Ivan Edwards** (Toronto) former McGill gridiron star.....The ditty bags for the U.K. have finally arrived..... The stage in the Drill Hall looks plenty tiddley these days with its new curtains.....A £50 gift from the **Ladies Auxillary of HMCS Naden** helped purchase them.....**Chief Blacksmith Bill "Blackie" Garner** was in barracks for a few days but has left for Canada. **Bill** was a boxing coach in **Naden** and aboard the **Prince Robert** and a good one.....**Tex Shea** says the **West** won the rubber game of the all Niobe East-West hockey fixtures because his recent marriage to **ATS Margaret Wallace** has steadied both himself and his goal-tending down.....**Tex**, a well known personage in the Navy could have played for both squads hailing jointly from **Dundalk Ontario** and **Mossbank Saskatchewan**.....**Padre Carl Swan** has tied two knots in barracks recently, **SBA Albert E. McGuigan** took the nuptial vows with **Mary Wright of Greenock** in the **Niobe Chapel** on the 8th December.....In January **Nursing Sister Eleanor Alford** became the Bride of **Lieutenant Howard Teeter USNR**. **Cmdr. Hunter** gave the bride away in the **Niobe Chapel**..... We are in the throes of a series of smokers for the various branches.....so far they are very popular with Niobe's own artists entertaining.....With **S/Lt. Herb Linder** I went into Glasgow on duty, re-tickets for the **EnglandScotland International Football Match** to be played at **Hampden Park** in April.....Here is some data which may be of interest.....The park holds 135,000.....Over here the majority stand during football matches, **Hampden Park** for example seats but 14,500, the remaining 120,500 stand.....**Mr. Graham**, the **Secretary of the Scottish Football Association** already has over 200,000 requests. However, **S/Lt. Linder** used his persuasive powers to good advantage.....result more than 125 men from Niobe will attend the match.....Your correspondent will be on hand to give a first-hand report of the game and the colourful Hampden roar
After the **Niobe Hockey Club** had disposed of the **Schmidt-Dumart RCAF** club four games to three in a swing around the **Scottish** circuit the members of the famed **Kraut line of Boston** claimed the **Navy** has the best hockey team in the **United Kingdom**.....A hockey trip is in the wind which may include **Liverpool**, **London** and **Brighton** against the **RCAF** and **Army**.
.....Said to be on the **Army** team are **Turk Broda**, **Red Hamill** and **Polly**



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Drouin.....The **Niobe soccer team** have been operating with varied success of late.....reason, they have been playing clubs with good reps and **English** and **Scottish** league players.....**PO Hughie Millen**, the former 190-pound defenceman for **Winnipeg** and **Captain** of the 1941-42 **Victoria Navy Hockey Club** was up from the south recently visiting old friend's **Chief PTI John Hancock** and **PO Clifford "Porky" Hulme** of the **Glasgow CFMO**.....Ex Toronto sports scribe **S/Lt. Gordon Walker** reports seeing **Lt. Billy Benson** former **New York Amerk** and **Lt. Johnny Devlin**, Trenton, ex-trainer of swimming champions, while on a stint of duty in **Londonderry** recently.....I was rounding the corner off **Picadilly Circus** onto the **Haymarket** on January 12 while in **London** with the **RCN Band** when I walked into **Bill Andrews** a **Victoria lacrosse** goalie and now with the **Navy** in **London**.....

Asked how business was, the press agent answered: "Colossal! But it's improving."
"Darling," he cried in tender terms, "I have never loved but thee."
"Then we must part," the maiden said;
"No amateurs for me."
Doctor—Have you any physical defects?
Draftee—Yes, sir—no guts.

ROCKY BOTTOM

by SHERMAN CHISLET

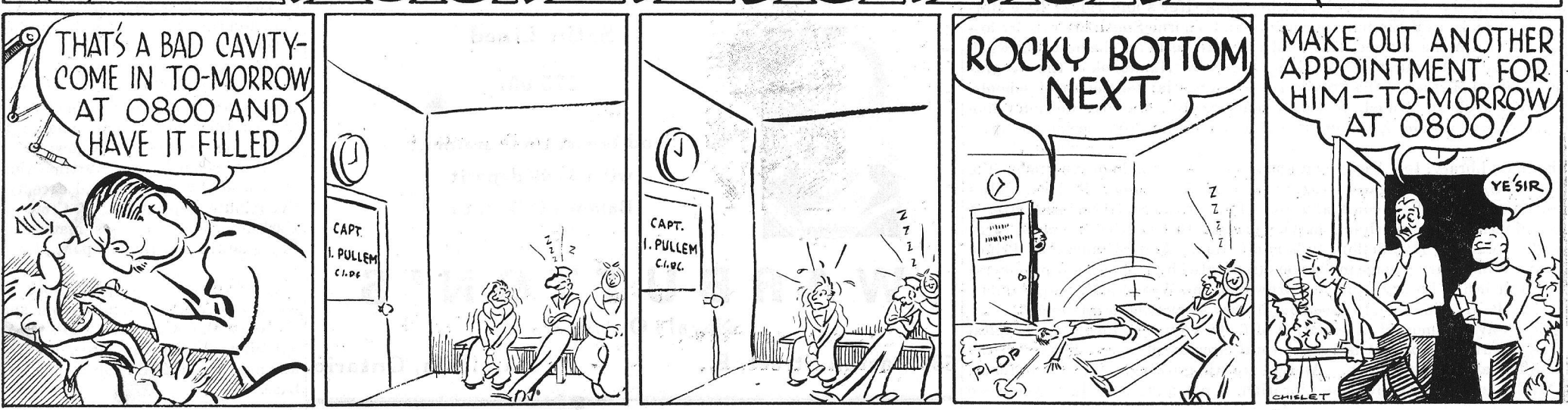
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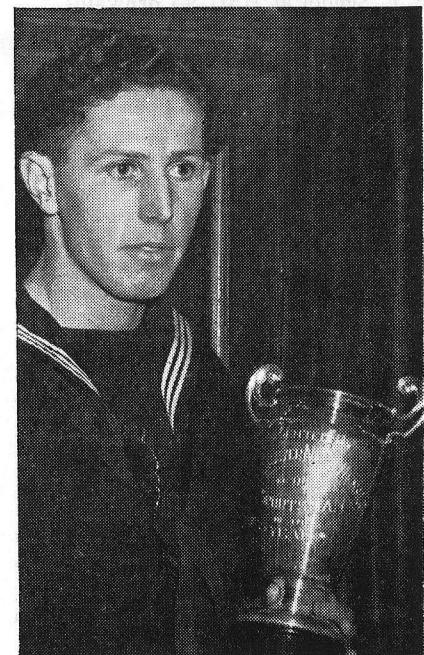


New Entry Boxers Again Win Jackman Silverware

Heavy Sports Card For 'Cornwallis' Whitecaps

For the third time running the New Entry Seamen at HMCS Cornwallis whipped their training mates from the Mechanical Training Establishment in a boxing tournament for the handsome Jackman Trophy.

The most recent clash of these two whitecap departments featured six bouts of highly entertaining and lively fisticuffing in which the seamen captured no less than five victories.



Don Matheson

Vancouver Honors "Discovery's Matty"

By John H. Pepper

The Ship's Company at HMCS Discovery was indeed proud and pleased when one of their shipmates, Ord./Smn. Don Matheson, was honoured by the Vancouver News-Herald as Vancouver's outstanding sports figure of 1944.

Nominated by the ballots of fans and selected by a board of judges, Don was honoured by the presentation of a handsome Sportsman-of-the-Year Trophy and a wrist watch at a dinner-dance in the Commodore Cafe.

Ord./Smn. Matheson is well-known and well-liked around "Discovery." Don has played a lot of soccer football prior to his stellar performance this winter with the Navy team. For three years he played for Boeings. One season was spent with St. Andrews and for three years he was with North Shore Uniteds who were Dominion champs in 1939. All these clubs are in the Pacific Coast Soccer Football Club which is equivalent to Hockey's Senior "A's".

All-round Performer

But football is only one part of the sports picture as Don Matheson plays it. In Canada's own national game of lacrosse, where the going is really rugged, he had also been a star performer. In 1940 he played Senior lacrosse with Vancouver Burrards who were Dominion runners-up.

Last season in the Intercity Lacrosse League he was the mainstay of the "Discovery" team. His ability as a player and sportsman was recognized by the Boxla League when he was awarded the trophy as the most popular player in the league and another trophy as the most valuable man to his team in the league.

All this success and popularity on the sports field have not affected Don Matheson in the least. Interviewing him the other day we found him to be a most pleasant and affable chap. He said that his biggest sports thrill had been the Dominion championship series against St. Catharines in Toronto Maple Leaf Gardens.

Before he joined the navy Matheson's qualities had boosted him to the position of Assistant to the Superintendent at Boeings. All in all, the chaps at "Discovery" think that Don Matheson's a fine ship mate.

The result sheet showed Stoker C McNeil, a classy little leatherpusher, defeating Ord./Smn C. Irvine for the lone stoker victory. Seamen wins were credited as follows:—Ord./Smn Sutton defeated Sto. J. Tyner; Ord./Smn Walton defeated Sto. J. Turner; Ord./Smn F. Fyke defeated Sto. C. Sidebottom; Ord./Smn S. Munro defeated Sto. E. Mitchell; Ord./Smn S. Wright defeated Sto. G. Bougasso.

Various other competitions are either in full swing or have been decided during the past month in the New Entry training section which gives them the distinction of having one of the busiest sports programs at the Base.

Track and Field Feature

Grenville Block recently won the volleyball tourney by defeating Benbow in the finals after a very exciting competition in which all six blocks participated.

Another entertaining feature for the entire Base was the indoor track and field meet staged on the Drill Deck by the New Entries. A long list of events were run off in fine style and the final standings in points found Benbow on top of the heap with 63½, Grenville second with 57 and Anson third with 52.

One of the feature events was the high jump final in which Dumphy of Anson nosed out Cohn of Drake at the 5 ft. 8 in. mark.

Benbow added more sports laurels to the collection by tying with Anson in the recent inter-block boxing tourney.

In the current New Entry hockey league Effingham, Benbow and Grenville are showing the way with three victories against one loss apiece.

The regular monthly basketball competition (30 games each month) is winding up with Drake and Grenville leading with four victories each. A playoff, embracing the first four teams, will decide the pennant for the month.

Heffernan Tops Bowlers

The bowling league which holds forth at the Rec Hall alleys each Tuesday night is in full swing. The league is broken into two divisions, Grenville leading "A" division and Effingham heading "B" division.

Ord./Smn Heffernan who bowls for Drake Block in the "B" division of the league is setting the loop on fire. He has an average of 234 for 12 strings.

A table tennis knockout tourney currently being played at the Sally Ann Hut about winds up the New Entry sports picture for the month.

Inter-part Basketball Booming At 'Stadacona'

The Stadacona Inter-part Basketball League is a fine example of real organization and tone of enthusiasm. The league is divided into 2 sections, port and starboard, and embraces a player personnel of approximately 125.

There is a keen competition in both leagues as well as for the individual scoring honours. The three top players to date are Chalmers, FMO, with 51 points, Smith, Torpedo School, with 45 points, and Spoffard, E.A. Gyro with 40 points.

Standings to Date

PORT	W	L	D	Pts.
M.T.E.	5	0	0	10
Writers	3	1	1	6
C.V.D.	2	1	1	5
Shpts.	2	2	0	4
Torpedo School	2	3	0	4
Shore Patrol	1	4	0	2

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TO THE VICTORS, THE SPOILS



Topping their opposition from the Army and Air Force women's divisions, the Wrens swimming team at HMCS Naden recently won a swimming gala in the new pool at "Naden". After the meet the Inter-Service Trophy was presented by Brigadier J. P. Preston, MC. O.C. Esquimalt Fortress, to L/Wren Hazel Smith, Captain of the "Naden" team. Lt. Cmdr. Alex Park, sports officer on the West Coast looks on. R.C.N. Photo

Stadacomment

by S/Lieut. Vic Baldwin

"Some of the people all the time, All of the people some of the time."



IN PRAISE OF P.T.I.'S

When teams or individuals make outstanding achievements in sport, they usually receive full credit for their efforts—and rightly so, too. Now, howabout a feather or three to those versatile "club swingers" who teach train, coach and take care of numerous other headaches that arise in the process of staging an athletic event.

CPO James Arnott and his competent staff of P & RTI's are ready, willing and able to substantiate all these claims—so why not come out and give these lads a chance to take over your physical welfare. They don't give away muscles, but they'll certainly give you that certain something to make you jump right out of bed these cold mornings—see what I mean?

DISA AND DATA

They met nearly ten years ago in the final of the Canadian Lightweight Championships and have met many times since in and around the "Y" at Toronto. Now they're both here at Stadacona and both working together—for a change—at the ERA shop. Who are they? Why, Wally Meyers and Garfield Fuller, of course.....

P.O. Steve Woodward instructor in charge of Stad swimming pool reports that nearly 2000 natators use the pool each week (and not 1 casualty to date).

Lieut. Ron Wilson, star basketball

Gunners Mates Smother S.D.I.'s

One of the best challenge hockey games of the Season took place in the Cornwallis arena, Tuesday, February 20, when Gunners Mates and S.D.I.'s played their yearly game. The G.M.'s won 10 to 4.

Creaking bones and wobbly knees were forgotten for the evening and both teams gave their all regardless of the consequences. The Submarine Detectors thought they were the submarines as they took dive after dive aided by the Big Guns of the G.M.'s defence.

The first line of the G.M.'s Bill Mundie, Bert Booth, and Doug Abbot, showed good team work to score seven of ten goals with Tait Clark of the second line showing good form and scoring two goals.

The first line of the S.D.I.'s Perrault, Dorkin and Bradley were a going concern for their team.

At the final bell the two teams stowed away the skates for another year and headed for the Wintergreen bottle and ordered new crutches.

A great victory and a great game, but oh brother, how they suffer!

SUMMARY

- 1st Period**
- G.M.'s Booth (Mundie)
 - S.D.I.'s Perrault
 - S.D.I.'s McMillan (Dorkin)
 - G.M.'s Mundie
- No Penalties

- 2nd Period**
- G.M.'s Mundie
 - G.M.'s Booth (Mundie)
 - G.M.'s Mundie (Booth)
 - G.M.'s D. T. Clarke (Sealy)
- No Penalties

- 3rd Period**
- G.M.'s Mundie
 - S.D.I.'s Bradley (Perrault)
 - G.M.'s Booth (Robbins)
 - S.D.I.'s Bradley (Dorkin)
 - G.M.'s D. T. Clarke (Sealy)
 - G.M.'s Nelson
- Penalties—Corp.

Teams:
G.M.'s Goal—Lawson, Defence—Robbins, Short, Corp, Nelson; Forwards—Abbot, Mundie, Booth, Sealy, D.T. Clarke, Ansoe, Potter, D.R. Clarke, Catley.
S.D.I.'s Goal—McGovern, Defence—Perrault, Anderson, Forwards—Dorkin, Bigg, Bradley, Henlay, Chapman, McMillan.

west coast instructor has been laying low in RCN Hospital for the last three months—What say, Cece, "How's about coming out of hibernation?".....

We whipped over to the bowling alley just in time to catch a glimpse of L/Sea. Ray Lundberg roll up a phenomenal score of 399 in the inter-part bowling league—Guess he'll be in the "400" club ere long.....

Orchids to L/Wren Hazel Needham and Wren "Merry" Fraser for the efficient way they are conducting routine business in "Ye olde Sports Shoppe"—Yes, and at the same time, keeping all the boys drooling—

The grapevine tells us that P.O. Joe Sklar, Toronto, who has been attending Walt Ludolph's Body Building club was mentioned in "Strength and Health Magazine" as being the top middle-weight weightlifter in the Empire.

Halifax, N.S.
Feb. 9th, 1945

The Advertising Manager,
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News From Naden

By Instructor Lt. G. L. Amyot
As a result of the opening of the new swimming pool, the ratings in "Naden" are now definitely "Swim conscious." The two outstanding sport shows of the past month were swimming galas, the first the "Naden" MTE inter-class swim meet and the second the Wo Inter-Service swim gala.

Three well-matched teams competed for the trophy in the MTE show. The winners were the "Art Apps" who nosed out the Stoker P.O.'s and L/-Stokers. Stoker Chuck Roberts and Stoker Grummett were outstanding for the "Art Apps" while P.O. Stan Ewbank from Winnipeg was the high point scorer for the P.O.'s. The highlight of the evening was the performance of Stoker Den Potter who won the underwater swim by travelling over two and three-quarter lengths (70 yards) under water. Prizes were presented by Cmdr. (E) T. Fife, Engineer officer in Charge of the M.T.E.

Teams from the W.R.C.N.S., C.W.A.C., and R.C.A.F. (W.D.), competed in the Inter-Service Meet before a packed house of 500 Service personnel recently. Lt. Cmdr. Alex Park, Sports Officer West Coast, handled this meet in his usual capable manner and the long program was run off in record time. The Wrens, led by tall dark L/Wren Hazel Smith, a well-known Victoria swimstar, took first place by nosing out the Army gals in the free style relay.

During March the "Naden" and "Givenchy" P.& R.T. staffs will combine to give swimming classes for all Naval personnel below the age of 35 who have not passed the provinsioal swimming test. These will be compulsory classes and in this way, all ratings in the Esquimalt area will become "swimmers" within the next few weeks.

An eight team 5-pin bowling league is playing during the noon hour on the new "Naden" alleys. Each team plays twice a week and at present the Writers are on top of the heap. The individual averages are headed by L/Wtr. Haverstock and S.B.A. Jones with Wtr. Sullivan in 3rd place.

The Inter-part Basketball league also operates during the noon hour and seems to draw bigger crowds every day. The writers won the first half of the schedule. The writers and the S.B.A.'s are tied in top place in the second half. The Signal School hard hit by drafts team has been replaced by an Officers' squad. The Officers won their first start by nosing out the Art Apps 27-25 in a thriller with Surg.-Lieut. McLure leading the attack. The Writers squad is another dangerous contender in this loop. L/Wtr. Smithers is the leading marksman in the league with S.B.A. second in the individual scoring race.

During the past month the Sports Department has been staging a tabloid sports meet on the main parade ground during the lunch hour every Friday. Prizes are generously furnished by the canteen. Recently the S.B.A.'s won the honors in a tug-of-war tournament. The E.R.A. candidates and L/Stokers teams were eliminated in the semi-finals. Then the "Art Apps" finally bowed to the superior weight and strength of the Sick Bay "Tiffy's" in the final.

The Art Apps' were also the winners in a 5-man shuttle relay race on the parade ground. The S.B.A.'s placed second and the plucky Seamen quintette took third place. The Chiefs and P.O.'s squad, led by Chief Young, won the volley ball tourney by eking out a very close win over Class C in a well-contested final. Another tug-of-war tourney was won by the S.B.A.'s with Chief Ford cracking the whip. Again they defeated the "Art Apps" in a 3 out 5 pull duel.

Padre Wareham, the genial "Newfie" won the Officer's Table Tennis tourna-

Big Hoop Tourney Set For March 17-18

"BYTOWN'S" BASKETBALL BEAUTIES



THREE TEAMS DEADLOCKED AT TOP OF "CORNWALLIS" BASKETBALL LOOPS

For the various departments which come under the heading of Ship's company there is plenty of activity on a three sport front these days at HMCS Cornwallis.

At this writing the basketball schedule which has been in full swing since the beginning of December has been completed and four teams are chafing at the bit to get into the playoff series.

Ship's Cagers Near Record

Contrary to popular opinion, sea-going athletes do more than develop an uncanny skill playing cribbage, poker, and black-jack. For as often as a ship secures to a jetty, energetic and interested lads pull out trunks and gym shoes to spend a few fun-filled hours on the basketball courts.

Led by Lieut. A. H. Walkley, manager, basketballers of HMCS St. Catharines have shown a keen interest in the game, and definitely show promising signs of maturing into a smooth, co-ordinated club. In judging the merits of any team, it must be appreciated that practice sessions are far and few between. Drafting is a constant threat to a group of enthusiastic shipmates who played together for any length of time. But in spite of certain unavoidable difficulties which attend a ship trying to organize and train any sports team, the Frigate "St. Catharines" has produced a squad of no small value. Playing six games since the middle of January, without the benefit of practices, the club has two wins and one tie to its credit.

The St. Kitts is further handicapped through the lack of an experienced coach. In the past year, however, many games have been played on both sides of the Atlantic—against ships and shore establishments, Canadians and Americans. Few defeats have been recorded, and so today, to the best of our knowledge, there is but one RCN ship afloat which can best the St. Kitts.

High-light of the season to date, was the thrilling battle against the HMCS St. Boniface entry. With the outcome of the game in question up to the last 5 seconds of play, St. Boniface took advantage of a "free throw" to win the game by the very narrow margin of a single point.

Petty Officer Bob Haller sparks the first string of attackers with Jim Bavester and Mike Bula as wing-mates. All

ment by downing Surg. Lieut. Whitehead, the hard-hitting Winnipegger, in a well-played final.

Three teams wound up in a heap in first place. The New Entry staff Instructors, the Chiefs and P.O.'s and the Writers all finished with eight points on the front end. The SBA's were slightly off the pace with four points but still had enough on the ball to make the playoffs.

Three nights each week nine teams of the large ship's company inter-part bowling league swing into action at the alleys at the Rec Hall. The league is broken into three divisions and competition for the top spots in all three sections is keenly contested.

The Arena is the centre of the other ship's company sports front. Four times a week teams from the 16-team league tangle in grim combat. The schedule is almost completed for the season and the playoffs will soon be around.

AS School Leading

The AS School head the first division with a string of seven victories to no defeats. Bosn's Party and the Artisans are locked in a tie for second place at present with eight points each.

In the second division the Mechanical Training Establishment lads are showing the way having won six out of seven games.

The Stokers, however, are far in front in the scoring standings with a total of 82 goals. This margin is probably largely due to the wicked scoring eye of Stoker Everett who leads the league by a wide margin. Of that total Everett has no less than 31 goals.

Add ten assists to Everett's point total and you have him far in front of any of the others in the league. And he hasn't spent a minute in the sin-bin yet this season.

Numerous postponed games remain to be played before the league can be brought to a stage where the playoffs can be played.

over the six-foot mark, the trio forms a powerful, fast high-scoring line. Haller hails from Sandwich, Ont., "Bav" Bavester from Vancouver and Bula from Windsor.

Backing up this fast-moving threesome, is Ed "Red" Newton from West Summerland, BC, and PO Jim "Pots" Labelle, PO "Sparker" of the Comm. branch. Newton has astounded team members with his scores from long

Pictured here is HMCS Bytown's basketball Wrens. Playing in the Ottawa Inter-Service loop they have lost only two games in ten so far this season. Reading from left to right they are Barbara Walker, Montreal, J. Grant, Moose Jaw, W. J. Whiting, Bellevue, Ont., M. Neilson, Fredericton, N.B., M. Storey, Edmonton, B. E. Holmes, Winnipeg, R. Jackson, Medicine Hat, D. Elder, Edmonton, D. Sullivan, Regina, J. Langtree, Windsor, Ont., The club is coached by Paymaster S/Lt. "Tip" Bertram from Nanaimo, B.C.—RCN Photo by PO Photog. C. King.

Jericho Wrens In Third Slot

Wrens at Jericho out in Vancouver are making a good showing in the Vancouver and District Inter-service basketball league, winning five of their seven games to date, and sitting firmly in third place of the league's ten teams. The team has progressed very satisfactorily considering the lack of a good practise floor and proper playing facilities.

The team members include the following:—L/Wren D. Bragur, L/Wren A. Wilmot, L/Wren D. Hutton, L/Wren K. Kinnaird, L/Wren J. Cuff, L/Wren Henry (Captain), L/Wren M. Tedley, Wren N. Short, Wren B. Short.

Victories to date have been over DD No. 11 (Army), Boundary Bay (RCAF), RD No. 3 (Army), ED No. 2 (RCAF), and Vancouver Barracks (Army)....

The two setbacks were at the hands of W.A.C. (RCAF) and Sea Island (RCAF).

The forward line of Bragur and Hutton, centred by Wilmot, has been very effective, accounting for the majority of the team's total points. Bragur is topping the scoring list for the entire league.

The team is making no advance predictions about heading the league when playoff time rolls around but the gals will be in there fighting, to say the least.

L—/Writer D. Carlisle of Toronto is manager and coach of the club.

shots originating around the centre area. Labelle is a veritable tower of strength on the back-line, smothering enemy "Lay-ups" and snaring tricky rebounds.

Another aggressive player is Johnny Rennie, a product of the Edmonton "Y" leagues.

Fifteen Clubs To Compete

The stage is being set, and March 17 and 18 are the dates set for the big Maritimes Inter-Service Basketball Tournament to be held in the P. and R.T. School at HMCS Cornwallis.

Lt. "Jake" Edwards and his staff of New Entry P. and R.T. instructors at the naval Base are preparing the big tourney and invitations have gone out to thirteen service bases throughout the Maritimes.

It is planned to run the basketball show in two divisions, each divisions to have a double elimination arrangement so that each team must be beaten twice before being out of play. The winners of each division will meet in the final game for the championship of the tournament.

The Cornwallis Trophy will be up for competition and suitable individual awards will be made to the members of the winning team.

Entries Close March 7

Entries for the tourney will close on March 7. Each team is limited to twelve playing members.

It is planned to start competition on Saturday afternoon and play through the lengthy tournament at the rate of a game an hour until the competition is concluded and a winner declared on Sunday afternoon or evening.


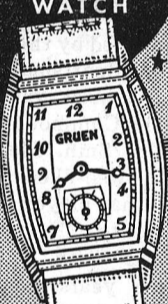
The two "Cornwallis" senior teams will bring the list of competing aggregations to fifteen.

It will be the first time such a tournament has ever been attempted in the Maritimes, and possibly all of Canada.

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Avalon Sports Shorts

by SULLY



Altho' I shouldn't make mention of an out-of-date celebration, perhaps it would interest you to know that I'm writing this column on Valentine's day. Who knows but that I'm inspired by the athletic antics of old Dan Cupid. Or should I say "young Dan Cupid?" It's marvelous how service personnel get such a kick out of these special days, even tho' most of us are apart from our real Valentines. Don't worry kids, the news is good.

Old Man winter has finally decided to cooperate to some extent, with the Sports Staff in Avalon, and the past month has seen some furious activity in "Newfy." All sports equipment has received unparalleled use, and Wrens, ratings, officers (in fact everyone) have been having a great time.

Every day of the week finds many off-duty personnel out on skis and toboggans, whisking around on the multitude of hills which this country is amply provided with. Men from ships have been given priority in most activities, and some of the lads are quite surprised to find a PTI, a pair of skis, and a truck just waiting to haul him out into the wide open spaces. Naturally the week-ends are really busy, and if you've ever seen a busy sports office, you can easily picture our own little mad-house.

The outdoor rink has been kept in splendid condition by the PTI's and general skating periods (skates provided by the sports office) have enjoyed wonderful popularity. Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays are open nights, on which naval personnel are allowed to bring guests into barracks, to enjoy a few hours skating pleasure. Lovely waltz music is played continuously and dressing rooms are available. Our "Roving Reporter," Lt. McCormick, can often be found, rambing around the rink, taking action shots for future reference. In the day-time, the ice surface is thrown open to ships, so that they may enjoy a game of hockey. Do those guys ever rough it up!

In hockey circles, the RCN Seniors are having a wonderful season. As yet undefeated, it rather looks as tho' an N.H.L. team will have to be imported, in order to get some opposition. That of course, sounds like some awfully big talk, but it isn't as big as you think. Undoubtedly RCN can boast of one of the finest teams ever to play in Newfoundland, and altho' stern competition is lacking, the games show a lot of spirit. All league games are played in the Forum, and are broadcast for the enjoyment of people unable to attend. Much of the success of the RCN is due to the unstinted efforts of the manager "Chuck" Vuohelainen, and his able side-kick "Rolly" Lewis.

Rather obscure at the beginning, the Wren's basketball team has emerged into the limelight, simply by proving that they were good enough for recognition. As yet undefeated, they have won all their games by excellent scores against Air Force HQ, they rolled up 24-9 and 26-9 scores, and against Air Force Group emerged on the long end of 12-5 and 33-6 tallies. These scores have shown gradual improvement in the Wrens play, and yours truly has no doubt that this team will swamp this league. New uniforms have just arrived for the lassies, and are amply filled by Baily, Morris, Laing, Reeve, Wilson, Cannon, Entwistle, Anderson and Wilkie.

The addition of Wilkie to our forward line boosted the team immensely. At this time, it certainly looks as tho' the girls will put a basket ball trophy next to the softball cup which they won last summer.

The latest additions to our impressive list of equipment, have been a couple of solarium showers. Valuable in any base, they are especially useful here in Newfy. Many of you will perhaps recall, that the sun is conspicuous by its absence, in these parts, and artificial sunlight comes in mighty handy. All arrangements are nearly complete to handle Wrens and ratings alike and we are sure that many benefits will be derived from the Ultra-

violet. Our new slogan is—"Peel with the P.TI's."

'Avalon' Boxers Hold U.S. Army

By Newfie John

Before more than 4000 screaming fans Avalon's crack boxing team held a determined American Army effort to a three all draw in excitement packed 7-bout card at the R.C.N. Barracks. Norman Clarke, R.C.N., classy young puncher from Windsor Ont. pulled the tars even in a terrific finale that had the fans wild with excitement.

For Davey Brown, Avalon's boxing expert and coach it was tough going all the way as he was forced to keep on the sidelines such stars as Bernie Cormier and Al Alfred due to the American team having no opponents.

Navy lost the first one on a close decision when Dinty "Seabiscuits" Moore, 146 from Verdun, Que. fought the rubber match against Jimmy Caslin, Washington, D.C., 156. The Army lad in the pink of condition uncorked a series of rights that in the 2nd round paid off when Moore dropped for a 7 count.

Second bout brought together two U.S. lads—Brown for Atlantia, Ga. and Boone from Annapolis. Brown scored a decisive K.O.

RCN came up with a lad showing for the first time, Irving Keenleyside, 144 from Ottawa. His opponent was Billie McBurnett, 148 from Georgia. The Ottawa boy was all over the American boy and continued the attack well into the 2nd round. Though McBurnett fought effectively in the 3rd it wasn't enough to offset the lead established by Keenleyside.

Army in Lead

The next bout was a slam bang struggle between Frank Ripley of Bloomfield N.J. and Frank Dube RCN of Montreal, both at 146. Ripley got the decision to put Army into a 2-1 lead.

Mickey Cox, 131, for Liverpool, England, fighting under RCN colours put on a wonderful display of boxing that had Claude Pulliam from Louisiana retreating before a trip hammer left it was Cox by a unanimous decision.

Billy Evans, 135 from Montreal carried the Navy colours in a gallant but futile effort against Denny Burman, 129 from New York City. Evans took count in both the 1st and 2nd.

The Clarke-Gerloff was one of the best matches ever seen in Avalon. There was plenty of action before Clarke was given the nod by the judges.

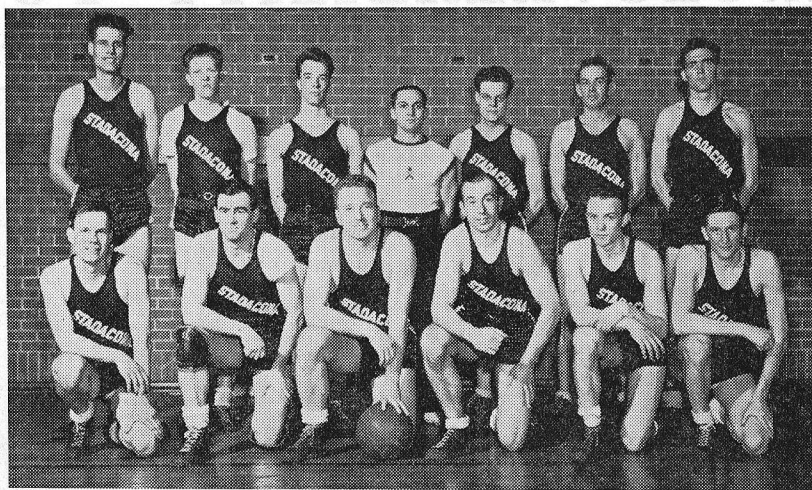
Lt. J. McCormick, P.&R.T. Officer and his staff ran the show off in the usual precision style. In addition the R.C.N. Band under the direction of W.O. Broadbent rendered appropriate numbers.

INTERPART BASKETBALL

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STARBOARD				
F.M.O.....	5	1	0	10
E.A.'s.....	4	1	0	8
M.T.E.....	4	2	0	8
Supply.....	2	2	0	4
Halgonian.....	2	2	0	4
Radio.....	2	3	0	4
Band.....	2	3	0	4

LEADING HOOP LOOP



Cutting plenty of ice in the Halifax Senior Basketball League which they are currently leading, "Stadacona" cagers, pictured above, are also hopeful of having a successful crack at the Maritime title before the season is out. Front row (l. to r.) Art Baker, Toronto; Jim Arnott, Montreal, Frank Dempster (coach) Toronto; "Buck" Berry, Victoria, Sam Mackness, Vancouver, Dave Machlem, Hamilton. Back row, (l. to r.) Wilf Smith, Victoria, Ron Wilson, Montreal, Vic Truman, Toronto; Danny Seaman (Mgr.) Liverpool, N.S., Hardy Cambray, St. Catharines, Bill Johnson, St. Catharines, Bill Briggs, Toronto.

As A Natter Of Fact---

BY JACK PATTERSON



Soon to go on leave from Cornwallis is Chief PO Walter Brockwell, one of the mainstays down at the AA school.....After three and a half years in Canada he is going home to England on 28 days leave plus..... Walter is a Royal Navy man on loan to the R.C.N.While serving in the RN's cruiser "Calcutta" in 1940 he was awarded the D.S.M. during an action in the Channel area.....And another Chief to leave this base recently is Ernie Mulcaster, former boss of "G" galley.....Ernie's headed for his home on the west coast for a spell before picking up his draft to NewfieErnie's spot is being currently filled by Chief "Ginger" Newton, a Montrealer well-known out at "Naden"....."Ginger" hopes to pick up his warrant soon.....Lt. Frank Turner is now located at Newfy after a lengthy spell in the Gunnery School here.....Frank is the former sports scribe for the Vancouver News-Herald.....

Nick Serada, one of the combined ops boys back here for a course, is not only an accomplished boxer, but also a fair hand at reciting Robert Service.....He stood the boys on their collective ears the other night at the Wets with his rendition of "The Cremation of Sam McGee"..... L/Cook Bill Harper who slung hash in the "Sag" for more than 14 months, recently got a draft close to home.....Toronto, which isn't far from Bill's home fires in Port Credit.....L/Smn. Sonny Morgan speaks with authority when he says that a wolf is a guy who gives the best leers of his life to a woman.New goalie of the Bosn's Party hockey club at the Base is Master-at-Arms Bob Rogers.....

One of the most pleasant conversationalists any evening at the Wets is Bungy Williams, the bos'n at the Gun Battery.....Bungy says he commissioned the Wets and is applying for his "brewer's mate's" badge soon.Squee Allen who played hockey for the Cornwallis senior hockey club early in the season and who formerly belonged to the New York Americans got his discharge this month and by now is back on his farm in the Mid-WestTwo of the sports officers at "Cornwallis" were handing out cigars during the past fortnight.....At the Lt. Jake Edwards' house it was a girl while at the Lt. Art Monohan's they hoisted the blue quilt.....And it was a Wren recruit for the Cmdr. Gordon F. McCrimmons.....The commander was formerly at "Naden" and recently moved to "York".....Lt. Clyde Gilmour who edits the Avalon News, recently visited Ottawa and spent most of his visit in bed with the flu.....

Warrant Master-at-Arms George Little has left "Cornwallis" and is now situated at Shelburne..... PO Gordon Cameron observes that money doesn't always guarantee happiness. For example, he says, a man with a million dollars is no happier than a man with nine million.....PTI Mickey McDonald has started his CW course and is putting in a bit of sea time..... Wren Mary Langtry, who stopped briefly at Shelburne and RCN Depot after leaving the AS School here, is back in civvies again and located in Montreal.....L/Smn. Ralph Bowser of our Crow's Nest bowling team, claims some sort of record for his recent accomplishment of six straight blowsHoward "Cookie" Ryan, coach of the "Discovery" lacrosse club last season and well-known sprinter on the West Coast some seasons ago, successfully completed his PTI course.....Jim Miller and Ken Webb, two stars on Ryan's club at "Discovery," are recent arrivals from the West and will be followed soon by Don Matheson who was recently awarded the "Sportsman-of-the-year" trophy by Vancouver sports fans.

One of the most ardent cowboy music fans on the Base is Bill Dix of the New Entry instructional staff.....And one of the most lonesome guys on the Base is PTI Chuck Millman.....the light of his life to whom he recently became engaged, Wren Grace Spargo, has been drafted to "Burrard" out in Vancouver.....Millie Linforth of the photographic section is wearing a new hook on her left arm.....RPO Bob Steel has departed from our midst to parts undivulged.....Also sporting hooks are the following gals; Bessie Carter, Jackie Matheson, Mary Lacroix, Connie Clarke, Katey Dallmoore, Audrey Hill, Anna Torrie,And L/Wren Audrey Miller has recently picked up her chief's rate..... Congratulations, gals.....

In the wedding bells league news of three of those happy events has been forwarded to this department.....Wren Marion Johnson became the Mrs. of Tel. Bill Paton of Newfy recently in Windsor, Ont..... Wren Kath McDonald is now Mrs. Chief PO Ponalty after a visit to Montreal..... And Wren Isobel McDonald said the required "I do" with A/PO Eugene Flanky in Digby during the last fortnight.....

"Stad" Fisticuffers Defeat 'Cornwallis'

Revenge! ah sweet revenge! Before a crowd of 1300 wildly cheering boxing fans, Halifax Navy gained revenge over their perennial rivals from the apple country, i.e. Cornwallis, by taking 5 of the 7 boxing bouts held at "Stadacona" gym recently.

The best contest of the evening was th welterweight scrap between L/Ste. Hardy and A.B. H Irvine. Hardy, former runner-up in the Maritimee championships made use of well placed overhand rights to gain a clean cut decision over his less experienced adgersary from Cornwallis.

The main event between CH. Ck. Henri Pare, Cornwallis, and Stoker Pat Madden, Halifax Navy, featured the smartest boxing of the evening. Both boys are former Golden Gloves winners, and put on a smooth show with Madden gaining the nod in the final round.

In an exhibition match, two-fisted Oliver Geldart, "Peregrine," landed harder and more often than Barry Cook, "Stadacona", an exponent of right uppercuts.

All the bouts were referred by W/O "Peggy" Evans former R.N. heavy-weight champ. Prizes were presented by Rear Admiral L.W.Murray.

Results

- G. Munroe, 147, Toronto decidedon Churchill, 145 Merriton, Ont.
- J. Lachouski 149, Edmonton, Alta. decidedon G. Birch 147 Peterborough, Ont.
- Fulton, 134, Oshawa, Ont. decidedon F. Fyke 135 Calgary, Alta.
- Hardy, 146, Toronto, Ont. decidedon H. Irvine 145, Toronto, Ont.
- Martin, 118 Charlottetown, P.E.I. decidedon P. Sutton 124 Toronto, Ont.
- B. Richardson, 163, Toronto decidedon Campbell 164 Lethbridge, Alta.
- P. Madden 120 Montreal, decidedon H. Pare 118 Montreal.
- D. Geldart 137, New Waterford, N.S. decidedon B. Cook 138 Montreal.

Drafts Torpedo "Discovery" Eleven

The other day at stand easy we were chewing the fat with a number of the characters who had assembed in the sports locker. P.O. M. Pollock was a sad man. As coach and manager of "Discovery's" soccer football team he had had fine hopes that his soccer hopefuls would be tops of the eleven team Vancouver and District Soccer League; but "Discovery's" defeat by their old rivals North Shore, the league leaders, had popped our team back into second place. But P.O. Pollock still has good reason to be mighty proud of his team's record.

Since the league opened in early November they have played 13 games having won 10, lost 2 and drawn 1. They also reached the semi-finals of the Mainland Cup which brought them up against one of the west coast's most highly rated soccer aggregations, the St. Saviours team.

PO Pollock then started singing that old refrain so familiar to coaches of navy teams, "Those drafting notes are breaking up that old team of mine."

He told us the melancholy news that Goalkeeper Jim Miller, Left half Kenny Webb, right wing Alex Turkington and left-wing Jimmy Sim had left for points east.

"Not only does that knock my team for a goal but the boys will have a tough time playing soccer on snowshoes down east," he said.

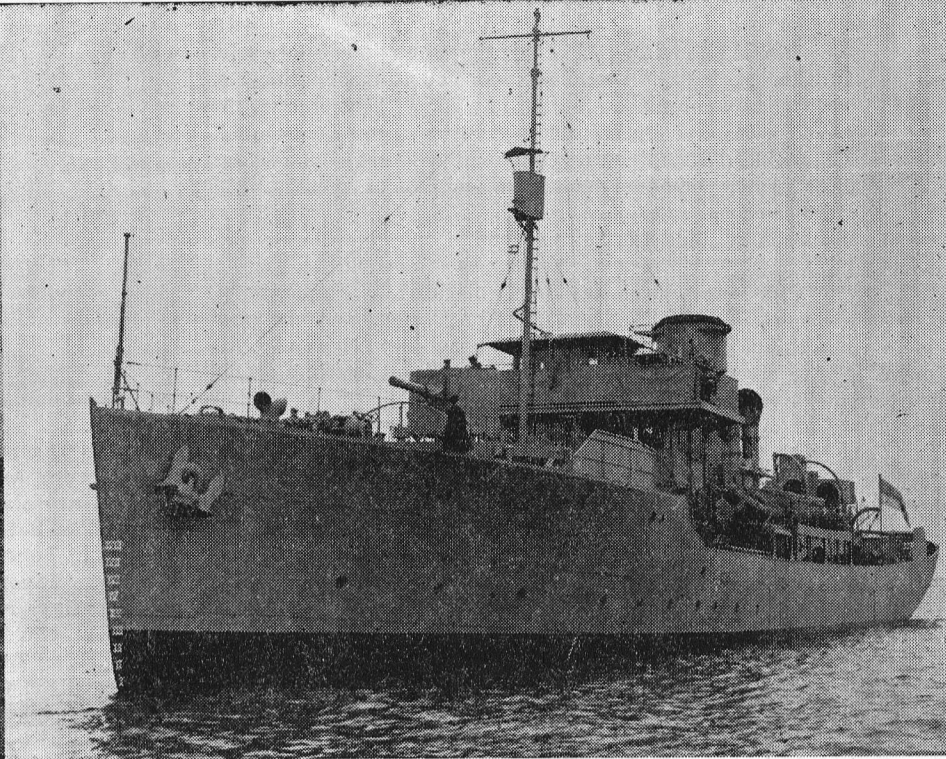
DISCOVERIN' DISCOVERY

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Quickly despatching Ells to call our landing barge operators, P/O Smith and Ldg/M Taylor, he and Ridge and Ells removed th fire fighting pump and loaded it aboard the landing craft. Upon the arrival of our landing craft operators, the energetic fire-fighters boarded the burning power boat, unfastened it from its mooring and towed it to mid-stream. Despite dense clouds of smoke they were able to bring the potentially destructive fire under control. It was a good job quickly done.

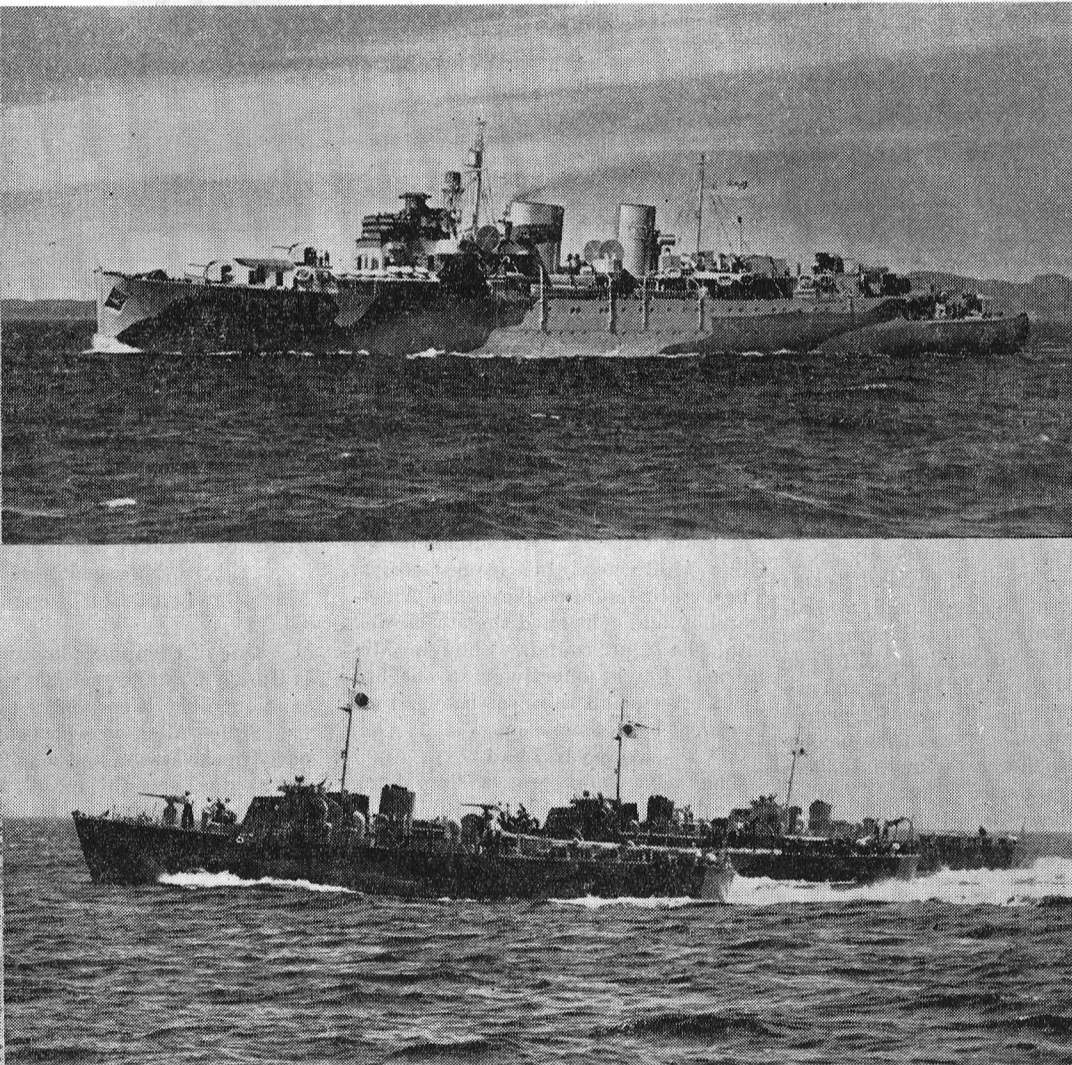
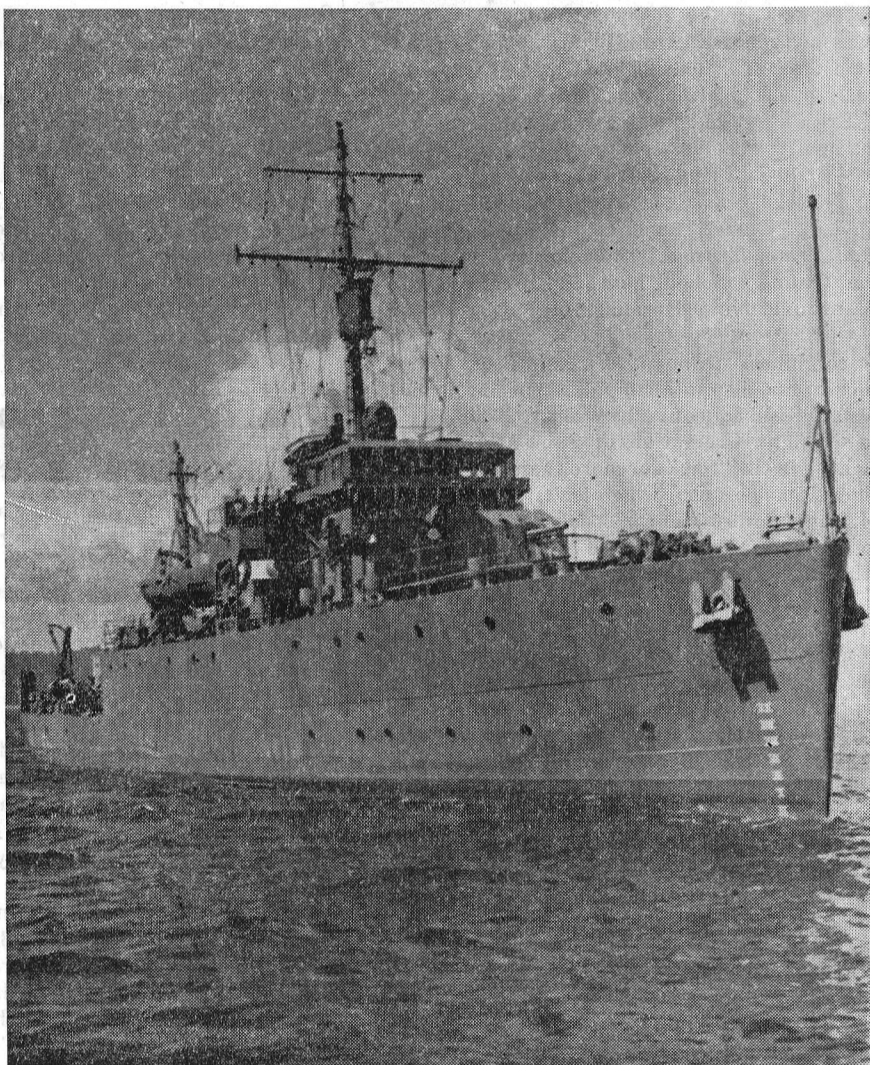
SPEED--MANOEUVREABILITY--POWER--DEPENDABILITY

This is the second page of pictures of types of vessels used by the Royal Canadian Navy. The first group appeared in the February edition, a few copies of which are still available.



RIVER CLASS DESTROYERS: At the outbreak of war the River Class destroyers were Canada's largest warships. They still bear a heavy share of the navy's work. Built in Great Britain, they are 325 feet long, 1,400 tons and carry a crew of 175, including about 10 officers. Their 4.7 inch guns can toss a 50 pound shell eight miles and they can put on a burst of speed to exceed 35 knots. They are faster and more powerful than the "Town Class" destroyers taken over from the U.S. in 1940.

CORVETTES: Not very large but extremely useful, the corvettes still form the bulk of the Royal Canadian Navy. Nine hundred tons and 200 feet long, they carry a crew upwards of 60, including four or five officers. In their four inch guns, Oerlikons, including depth charges and secret antisubmarine devices they carry a potent "sting" for U-boats and their long range and manoeuvrability has made them invaluable as convoy escort craft.



BANGOR MINESWEEPER: Hardly distinguishable—to the uninitiated—from corvettes, the Bangor Minesweepers are useful either to sweep enemy mines or battle with U-boats on the convoy routes. Armed with a gun forward, anti-submarine gear and depth charges, they are 200 feet long, of 750 tons and carry a crew of 55, including four or five officers.

THE FAIRMILE: Not unlike the famous English M.L., or motor launch in appearance, the Fairmiles are called "Holy Rollers" by the Crews who undergo their violent pitching and tossing. Used mainly for coastal anti-submarine patrol, they carry a forward gun and depth charges. About 100 feet long and with a tonnage of about 80, they carry a complement of 16, including two officers.

AUXILIARY CRUISERS: Converted from luxury liners to hard-striking warships, the Auxiliary Cruisers were the first units in the "big ship" class to see service in the Royal Canadian

Navy. With a length of 400 feet, their tonnage is 7,000 and they carry about 300 men, including 25 officers. Their six-inch guns are the largest in use in the R.C.N.

So That's What "Scotian" Is!

by S/Lieut. Vic. Baldwin

After wandering around for days asking for information as to what type of ship HMCS Scotian is, how many "stacks" it carries, etc., our efforts were finally rewarded.

Lieut. Mackness, officer in charge of Physical and Recreation there, enlightened us to the extent that "Scotian" was formerly known as the Halifax Dockyard, and embraces all departments in the dockyard with the exception of sea going ships.

Scotian has now formed a long needed physical and recreational training department. The staff is composed of Lieut. Sam Mackness, officer in charge

and PO Bob Parks, P & RTI, loaned from Stadacona to assist, in sports organization.

PO Phil Nichols, popular MC for Special Services arranges shows, dances, and parties for Scotian personnel. Sto. 1 Ed Harkot, commonly known as that man "Friday" does the contacts which entails plenty of footwork. As yet there are no wrens in the office (that is, officially, there aren't) so A.B Allison acts in capacity of writer for the office.

Recreation Moving Ahead
In a little over a month, a wealth of

sport enthusiasts has been uncovered from the complement of 4000, and over 50% have participated in some form of activity. Three excellent shows have been held along with two departmental dances.

An outdoor hockey rink, right in the centre of this base, has attracted a large number of skaters.

Scotian really pulled one out of the hat when they were able to obtain the services of that great overseas army show, "Tin Hat". The building was jammed and the entertainment was colossal.

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