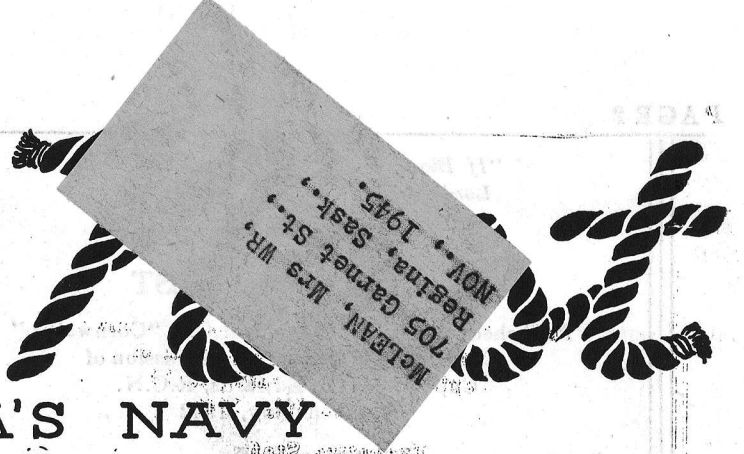




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"If Blood be the Price of Admiralty
Lord God we ha' paid in full."
—Kipling

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PROMISE OF OUR TIME

The world moves quickly today and the pace of the news is so rapid as to be breath-taking. For we, who back the Allied cause, the news is good. It is encouraging. It gives promise of peace and of better things to come.

Writers in every part of the world have likened this new day to that Easter Monday which dawned years ago when a new world looked forward with joy and confidence because the sacrifice of one man had purged the sins of humanity.

The world has hung, crucified, from a cross for almost six years now and the agonies of that struggle reach toward the bitter, bleeding, final hours. The struggle won't end right away and the pain and agony can continue long after the tortured body has ceased to writhe. And then will come the test.

Will national and personal ambition place a vinegar-soaked sponge to the lips of suffering humanity, prolonging the pain, the hurt of these soul-wracking years during which so much sacrifice was made, or will the leaders of men be grateful for all that has been given and put aside the pattern that will lead to another world crucifixion?

The decision must be made quickly. It must take into account every type of man in every race in every part of the world. It must be based on the theory that a little sacrifice on the part of all will guard against a lot of sacrifice on the part of a few. The decision must have as one of the largest stones in its foundation the pursuit of happiness—not by all men, but for all men.

The men and women of the Armed Services don't look for a world in which there will be total equality, nor do they want it. All we want is the provision that everyone will be able to have enough.

And what is enough? Enough is a sufficiency of this world's goods and privileges. Enough is the fulfilment of a promise made by the people of the world to themselves that they will so live that never, over the graves of another generation, will they haphazardly promise once a year—"We will remember them—the cause for which they died." "Enough" will mean the world has remembered—for all time.

ACROSS OUR BOWS

Letters to the Editor

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No Offence Meant

Dear Sir:

On receipt of the January issue of The Crow's Nest we read with indignation the humorous pun in the form of a poem entitled "The Hero."

We realize fully that this ditty should be taken as it was no doubt intended, but we feel justified in making the following comments: Could not your "With apologies to Norman R. Jaffray, of Saturday Evening Post," have included as well some reference to the Writers who have lost their lives fulfilling their efforts in the common cause, and the Writers who are still serving in ships of our Navies in enemy-infested waters? We, the authors, know from our own experiences that the majority of the members of "navy clerks" have, through no fault of their own, been required to serve their time ashore. However, has just consideration been given to the Accountant Branch ratings who have been, and still are, serving afloat side by side with the men of other branches of the Navy, enduring hardships and deprivations the same as they?

The paradox of it all is that this item was brought to our attention on

returning from an assault on the coast of Norway, serving as part of a task force of the British Home Fleet.

The Crow's Nest has been very favorably received on board the Canadian-manned Aircraft Carrier, HMS Puncher, and will continue so be, but naturally, such literary efforts go against the grain—at least, as far as some of us are concerned.

George Gemeray, PO Wtr.
Don. McLaughlin, CPO Wtr.
HMS Puncher

The poem "The Hero" was written by a Writer who has a great deal of sea-time and who took part in the Normandy invasion in one of Canada's minesweepers. It is more than certain that the author, whose sense of decorum as well as his sense of humour is respected by all who know him, was simply taking a friendly little punch at his particular branch of the Service. Indeed, he, himself, nattered for months during his early days in the Service over the fact that he was unable to get a draft to sea. Since the value of the poem was in its general humor and good-natured self-kidding, the editors felt that no eulogy of the

SWEET SUE MAD

An Eastern Canadian Port:—Sweet Sue of the Royal Canadian Navy today is "fighting mad" because she's failed to make a date with Jerry.

It's not because she is short of "beaus" for she's always accompanied by navymen—100 strong.

Sweet Sue is the trim little fighting ship, HMCS Sault Ste. Marie, first of the Algerine Minesweeper escort vessels commissioned in the Canadian Navy. She has steamed along the sea lanes of the North West Atlantic for 10 months and her "man" in the person of the once famous wolf of the Atlantic has failed to show up.

"We've covered thousands of sea miles out there on the convoy routes," said PO Arthur Neiman, of Calgary, "but the only excitement we've experienced was supplied by the weatherman."

Sign. Byron Bradley, of Ottawa, shares Sweet Sue's sentiment and is quite vexed about the lack of activity. "Apparently Jerry is getting very shy and knows Sweet Sue is after him," he piped up, "but we're all pretty fed up with these actionless runs."

"Maybe there aren't any more U boats out there" said AB Ken Pitchford, of Toronto, jokingly. L/Sig. Frank Bower, of Shelburne and Halifax, added: "If there are, they are keeping their distance."

splendid Service rendered both ashore and afloat by the Accountant branch was necessary. In fact, any serious article of that nature would have been quite out of place with the poem. This paper has at all times striven to give each branch of the Navy its just honors. Since self-directed humor is probably the most brilliant and most appreciated of all forms of humor in the world we considered the clever poem quite worthy of publication. The name of the author was omitted through a printing error at the time of publication but here it is now—L/Wtr. James M. Robbins, HMCS Bayfield.—Ed.

Speaking Of Records

Dear Sir:

My sister, (Wren A. Hinson, now discharged) was the 14th of our family to enlist for Service in this war and we are very proud of her. I am a veteran of the last war but did not get far this time. I expect to stay on the Headquarters (Veterans' Guard of Canada) here for a time.

In the Veterans' Guard of Canada there are many of us with members of our families in the Navy and we like The Crow's Nest.

W. Hinson, Pte.,
Hdqtrs. Camp 132,
Medicine Hat, Alta.

The Right Idea

Dear Sir:

Being a former member of the R.C.N. I would like to subscribe to

THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE



PROTECTOR CHIEFS' and P.O.'S CLUB

by H. T. Davis ERA



Quietly and unobtrusively in Building No. 5, here at Sydney, N.S., the Snack Bar opened, to serve a long-felt need. With no pomp or ceremony the staff went about the business of preparing for the initial opening. By 1245 the aroma of sizzling hamburgs was permeating throughout the building and at the designated hour the first hamburger crossed the counter of our new modern Horseshoe Bar.

Gradually news leaked out that at long last the Bar was open. It spread through the blocks like a bush fire before a strong wind. Before the poor bewildered staff members could regain their senses after the first surge of business, in came the crowd from the Wets. With the bar seating 32, every seat taken by a hungry rating, the bedlam began. "Two hamburgs and a cup of coffee!" "Make it six!" "Give me a Western!" "Make mine a chocolate malted,"—then casually, a new arrival, in a slow and somewhat drawing voice, "Uh, make mine 18, willya?" "Eighteen!" cried Martin, chief cook (at the Snack Bar) "Who do you think is running this grill? Superman?".....so went the first day. Each day following did nothing to help ease the situation.

Matelot's Monte Carlo

Friday, March 9 marked the gala opening of the much-publicized Monte

The Crow's Nest. I would like to keep up with the local news and hear of my old friends now and then. I was formerly with BNSO at "Avalon" and then in "Preserver" and later "Gatineau."

Dan Lang, SK3c
USS Chourre (ARV-1),
Fleet Post Office,
New York, N. Y., U.S.A.

PAYMASTER DROPPED AS OFFICIAL TITLE

Ottawa—The name "paymaster" as an official title has been dropped from the Royal Canadian Navy, in line with action taken by the Royal Navy last October and more recently by the Royal Australian Navy, Naval Headquarters announced recently.

The "accountant branch" for the navy now is known as the "supply and secretariat branch"—abbreviated to "supply branch", the announcement said. "Officers will no longer be known as "paymaster lieutenant" but as "lieutenant (S)".

Only 18 per cent of the work of the branch is that of paying the officers and ratings. The rest of the branch's duties include clothing and victualling of naval personnel, handling of naval stores in ships, operation of naval laundries in the fleet and canteens in ships, cyphering, secretarial duties and giving technical advice in naval law.

Because the symbol "(S)" has been used up to now to indicate that officers are signal specialists, the name changes have been extended to the signal branch, which has become the "communications branch." Signals officers now will be indicated by the symbol "(C)" immediately after their rank.

Carlo Night. Building No. 5 was decorated in true Monte Carlo fashion. Upon entering the main doorway, one was struck with the feeling that, here is something a little different in the way of a dance. Dancing was held in the south room as usual, to the rhythms of our own Protector Band and those boys are GOOD! The Wets and the lounge were converted for the night into regular games rooms. All kinds of games, from the wheel of fortune to horse racing, were in evidence.

Of course, due to good old K.R. and A.I., among other things, gambling is not permitted in a Naval establishment, so betting was all done with 'Phoney' money. The so-called 'Phoney' money was printed in denominations of \$1,000 and \$5,000 and distributed from a booth at the main entrance.

DISCOVERIN' DISCOVERY

With Lieut. John H. Pepper

The Follies

On Tuesday 5th March that hardy perennial of Canadian service show business the Lifebuoy Follies, played to a capacity house at HMCS Discovery. The following day our ordinary seaman critics said: "A completely enjoyable show with lots of Variety"....R. A. Gwyther. "Not a smell in the show—the sponsors saw to that"....David E. Rivers. "A fast, breezy variety show featuring Pat Rafferty and a fine supporting cast"....C. F. Chorley. "The show was a hit, filled with songs, dances and laughs. To be short it was full of life; boy!" A. J. Longmore.

To Beat The Band

We think our "Discovery" band is hard to beat, so the other day we dragged P.O. Asst. Bandmaster Casey Piekarz into our office to get all the facts. Our Bandmaster, CPO Mel

Watson, is a navy old-timer, hailing from away back in the '40's when the first band was formed in Stadacona. Mel's band is a triple treat organization whose 35 musicians are equally at home on the parade deck, in concert performance or in the sweet and hot rhythm of the dance band. The 16-piece dance band under the leadership of L/Bndsmn and arranger Bob Reid is one reason why our Ship's Company dances are always so successful. Some of the Bandsmen characters are: Scotty J. Donald famed Prairie drum-beater, who hails from Winnipeg; Jimmy Hunter, strictly a classicalist from Ottawa, who in addition to his flutes and tympani fork handles the band library; Julius Piekarz who arranges for the dance and concert bands; "Lance" Buccini who competently performs on four instruments and doubles on the clippers; we must not forget Marce Mc Taggart

who in addition to his duties as percussionist serves as confidential jeep-advisor.

Members of our ship's company sincerely appreciate the services of Discovery's Band. Their frequent noon-hour concerts, their toe-ticking dance rhythms and their assistance on long route marches do much to maintain our pride in HMCS Discovery.

Signals

Our Executive Officer, Lt. Commander W. Garrard wished to announce that cigars etc. would be distributed by a proud new father and so, on March 12, he issued the following inter-departmental memo:

"Lieut. A. B. Nash will be pleased to interview any prospective fathers in the Wardroom at 1700 today having successfully completed the launching of a daughter at 0500 today."

HAS ANYONE SEEN REX?

By S/A G. W. Wilson

A month ago when our draft arrived at HMCS Discovery, we were met at the depot by an RCN truck, a leading hand and a brown, lazy-looking police dog which, we were informed, was the ship's mascot.

The dog hopped up into the truck as though he not only owned it, but was giving us the privilege and honor of accompanying him and his chauffeur to his abode.

As we reached Stanley Park and the truck came to the usual unexpected halt, the dog stepped sedately to the sidewalk and walked nonchalantly onto the quarterdeck—WITHOUT SALUTING!!!!

"Now," I thought, "I've seen everything."

Days later, I noticed that at stand-easies, noon hours, after Evening Quarters, before Morning Divisions, and occasionally during a class in field training, (provided the instructor's back were turned), some rating would call "Here, Rex, come on old boy." And if Rex were in the mood, he would wag his tail and stroll over to be petted and have his head rubbed for probably the ninety-sixth time since his last meal—and those meals, incidentally, were remarkably frequent.

To be sure, no one, literally no one, at "Discovery" had quite as many friends as did old Rex. I guess it was just that he reminded most of the boys, like myself, far from home, of their own, or perhaps of the neighbor's pooch. Rex was of just the opposite environment to that which the Navy of necessity had to impose upon them. Soon, he became my friend, too. Nevertheless, it was almost two weeks before some of the remarkable stories became well-known throughout "Jervis" Division.

One day, I heard an old salt of three weeks' more training than myself, telling a new recruit an amazing fact. It was just this:

Invariably, Rex answers to no one in other than naval attire. Civilians are definitely on his blacklist. He shuns them as social outcasts.

Always on Hand

Furthermore, whenever a draft of seamen, or even lowly Supply Assistants like yours truly, leaves for the depot to head for points East, Rex is on that truck first, never second, but First! Failing that, such as on one occasion when an uninformed officer neglected to obtain Rex's approval of the posting, Rex heads for the street-car line, and, choosing a No. 10 street car (or tram, if you must,) goes directly to the railway station alone to see his boys off... Believe it or not!! I prefer to believe it having seen him do equally remarkable feats with my own eyes.

And if you wish more personal proof, I might tell you of the numerous evenings on which I caught the 1705 Liberty Boat (Bless it!) with some of the other unfortunates on Red Watch, when Rex, knowing as well as we did where we were going would hop aboard the barge, get off onto the mainland jetty with us, and run along ahead, all the way to the United Services Centre in eager anticipation of spending a quiet evening with persons naval. Of course, should it be raining so that he has to take a street car, and he finds only soldiers, airmen and civilians, off he gets until a car with sailors pulls up.

One more thing—our Rex is as acquainted with bugle calls as are most ratings. He will lie on the maindeck in the morning and after stand-easies, as still as a mouse, through the various bugle calls as the men are lined up ready to fall in. But once the final "Fall in"


CONCERTS SUCCESS

With the old Dockyard Gym all dolled up with a resplendent new "Scotian" stage, a high quality of entertainment has been lured in to provide this hard-working base with much needed recreation.

Both the Army show and Uncle Mel's Concert Parties Guild have displayed their wares to large and appreciative audiences during March and, as with sports, an extensive program of topline entertainment is being set up for the coming months under the able guidance of Lieut. Mackness and his hustling showman, P.O. Nichols. Departmental dances were run off in March and two more arranged for April.

HMCS Scotian views the P&RT future of its base with a sunny eye and the staff swears that this is just the beginning of a big year.

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is sounded, Rex makes the proverbial bee-line for the port bulkhead to clear the stampede that he knows will follow. Invariably, he jumps before the smartest sailor.

If you wonder why I have used the present tense throughout and say now that we mourn him deeply, it is, I am certain, because, though Rex has not been seen or heard of for three weeks, each and every rating and officer feels deep down inside him that some day Rex may return, and that during his absence he is well and happy in the company of a member of the Senior Service.

TIFFY TALKS

by L/SBA Bill Newman

Now that the "Cornwallis" senior hockey squad has the championship tucked away in the bag and my services are no longer required to patch up cuts and bruises, perhaps I can settle down to what's cooking with the SBA's at Cornwallis and elsewhere.

Regarding the SBA's sports activities we missed the boat narrowly in the hockey series, but had lots of fun. As for the basketball team, they squeezed into the playoffs but were nosed out by the New Entry Instructors.

However we haven't failed in the bowling (as yet). All of our five teams are well up in the standing, in fact, practically all have cinched playoff positions. Fred Eades, Toohey Patz, J. Meulleur, are up in the 200 average for the male SBA's and for the Wrens F. Boswick and M. Blake are among the top bowlers.

Softball Coming Up

With Spring just around the corner we are starting to think seriously of the ball team, and fortunately, we have most of our last years' champions.

'Nough said, about sports. We have had several successful dances during the past couple of months, and are planning another big do for the graduation of the probationary SBA's. According to President Jim Frid and his committee, B. Stansfield, Sandy Summerville, Johnny Simms and Pete Coley, this is going to outdo the other shindigs.

The SBA Bridge Club has been going in for duplicate bridge in a big way, thanks to Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. Walters who is an excellent authority on tournament bridge. "Chuck" Derynck and "Scotty" Arnott have been instrumental in forming this club.

Among the "Honorably Mentioned" this month we find Sid Walls who is enjoying the best of health in Niobe, and Rolly McDowell who has recently returned to "Civvie Street." We also hear that "Casonova" Jim Jackson is "out"—we wonder whether it's detention or the service. Johnny Bowra is now stationed at Shelburne and, like Sid Walls, would like to be back with us.

Congratulations are in order for

WAITING

Dedicated to a Naval Commando

The Navy keeps its secret hosts,
 In silent watch on foreign coasts;
 You are listed in that Legion,
 Now serving in some distant region.

Many months have come and gone,
 Since the day you went away;
 Can it be so very long
 Until you come again to stay?

There is no way to tell
 That you are safe and well;
 No word of how you fare,
 Or that you still may care.

Spring, Summer and Autumn passed,
 Then came Winter's stormy blast,
 Then when snow lies deep and white,
 Still the fire of faith burns bright.

Dawns another Easter Sunday Eve,
 Will you get that hard-earned leave?
 Or will again the Navy say
 We must once more be on our way.

You must come before another Spring,
 For love is such a fragile thing;
 Memory fades and romance dies,
 Like flowers denied the summer skies.

Perhaps my pride in future years,
 Will dim the present aching fears,
 When you tell how brave men fought,
 For a cherished freedom dearly bought.

By Pat Owden.

Haggis McSweeney who recently became the proud poppa of a bouncing baby boy and Cyril Powers who is now stationed in Halifax and is also boasting of a new ball player.



Player's Please
MEDIUM OR MILD

PLAYER'S NAVY CUT CIGARETTES

'Discovery' Continues On Soccer Beam

Vancouver—HMCS Discovery's team continued to be amongst the league leaders in the District Soccer League as of March 16 when they held second place, seven points behind the league-leading Norvans and two points ahead of the third-place Collingwoods.

The outstanding scorers for the month were PO Casey Piekarz and L/Sea. Len Coombes.

In a recent game an RN replacement goalkeeper named PO Nelson received and stopped so many shots he was heard to exclaim, "Eee! This is joost like a bloomin' Coop Tie!"

STAFF INSTRUCTORS WIN CAGE CROWN

Cornwallis:—New Entry Staff Instructors emerged basketball champions of the Ship's Company Interpart league during the past fortnight by knocking off the Chiefs and PO's in a two-game series.

The Instructors took a strangle hold on the total point series by running up a 33-14 count in the first game. The second game gave them the title after another whopping score of 32-13 had been chalked up.

The Baae championship is to be settled this month with a strong team from the New Entry Seamen's section taking part.



Canadian Corvette Sinks Sub: In a swift dramatic action the Canadian Castle Class Corvette HMCS St. Thomas recently sank a German U-Boat. Part of an all Canadian convoy escort, the "St. Thomas," assisted by HMCS Seacliff forced the U-Boat to surface and sank it with deadly accurate gunfire. The two ships then rescued the German crew including the Captain, four officers and 50 men.

In the top picture German U-boat survivors are shown on the quarter-deck of the sub-killing corvette "St. Thomas." In the lower picture the men may be seen a few minutes before they were picked up, clinging to rubber life boats while awaiting rescue by the men who had put them in this plight. RCN Photos.



THE UNICORNER

by L/Wtr. Doug. Drew

Greetings from the sportiest little ship in the Canadian Navy. A recent survey shows that not one of the ship's company fails to engage actively in at least one sport during the day—even Alf Skinner has taken up the aged game of battledore and shuttlecock (badminton to you) with great gusto.....Lieut. Tommy Bothwell has eased the hockey situation for this issue but we would like to say this: If Toronto sports scribes could get a load of Unicorn's Navy Juniors then I fear that St. Michaels Juniors would be forced to seek their publicity from another source.

Jimmy Matson's arrival from "Avalon" brought a revival of leather-tossing in the ship. Jimmy is being backed 100% by Lt.-Cmdr. Charles White. The Captain showed some of his old-time middleweight form by going a few rounds with husky "Gaff" Turner. Said Turner, after the bout, "OK, so I like to live dangerously." The boxing club is getting in trim for a big fight night at the end of March. The feature will be Jimmy Matson tangling with the clever Rudy Hanselman from the University of Saskatchewan. The club is bolstered by some of Unicorn's Sea Cadets, outstanding of whom are Walt Boshuck, Eddie Hall, Lou Swalm and Jackie Chrones—these kids don't know what "take it easy" means.

Sailor Sharpshooters

Pay. Loot. Doug Snair and his "Annie Oakley Club" were nosed out in a shooting tourney with the COTC. Sharpies on the club are Phil Tourner, Al Randall, Garge Hood, Red Walby, Bill Ackerman, Abe More and Pete Kaiser. The Pay is getting his boys primed for a match this month with the CNR "Hotshots" who used to be champs in these parts. Jerry Dobbin claims he could knock a calf's nose at 50 yards, once upon a time.....The fivepin boys have finally hit a winning combination. Since the injection of Lieut. "Big Joe" Brennan in their lineup they have climbed to a first place tie in the local city league. Al Bake has the best season's average but the boys say he throws such a slow ball that when his turn comes they have time to dash down to the poolroom, shoot a fast game of snooker and still get back in time to catch his last ball half way down the alley. Two curling teams were entered in the Saskatchewan bonspiel and they did themselves proud, only Pop Mackay got awfully tired of lending Dick Curry his glasses. Said Mackay, "That Curry couldn't hit the house even if he was using Radar".....Had a big dance, recently the main deck looked like a million, the music was good, specially with "Dutchy" Wyma making with vocals. What a set of pipes that kid has got. It's rumored that she is madly in love with me but I refuse to believe it..... Then the boys gave a "good luck, Buddy" party for Ivan Tregaskis and Al Watson when they got their tickets and no less than Commodore E. R. Brock, himself, came down and quaffed a coke with the lads, wished them "the best" and then he came offer to me, put his hand on my shoulder and said in true Churchill manner, "Never Was So Much Owed to so Many As By Drew." Glunk!!

Navy Chaplain: "I now pronounce you man and wife."

Halifax Hattie: "Fine, now where do we go to get the allotment?"

QUIPS from "QUEEN"

Even if on a depleted scale the sounds of drill still reverberate about the decks of the good ship "Queen" at Regina, Sask., on the Prairies.

—Throughout the past month a new group of Seamen arrived from Winnipeg's "Chippawa" and are now looking after the 'spit and polish' of the establishment. To prove that it does not take Jack Tar very long to become acquainted was proven when this new group arrived and was placed under the old taboo—"Confined to Barracks"—for the week-end. As usual our Sunday night film and Open House was on, and despite the 'confined to barracks' sign it was noticed that every man Jack of the new arrivals had a girl friend present for the Show—Marvelous Invention the telephone and the Black Book!

Among the Missing

To the old hands of "Queen"—We can report the absence of some leather-lunged instructors. A/L/Sea. Hains has recently returned to 'essential Industry' and Instructor McCutcheon now tries out his vocal cords while getting cranky tractors to perform their

tricks in our pleasant gumbo. L/Sea. Coyle is missing from the ranks and has returned to pre-hostilities occupation. When last heard from he was at Prince Edward Island after being honorably discharged.

New innovations at the Ship's dances have proved a success and while an added attraction was held recently in the way of a skating party the Wrens and ratings still like the old 'rug slashing'. The last dance saw Regina's prize hep-cat orchestra doing the honours well in the groove.

F'Heaven's Sake!

Food.....Food...Food—The Galley dishes up some tasty dishes these days and while we are at a loss to know whether the new Paymaster is chasing the cooks or not, we are all in accord that whatever it is, the Cooks are doing a grand job and we hope they will keep up the good work. Any additional added poundage will be quickly remedied by our early morning P.T.

Things to Look Forward To— With the advent of Spring the Sand Bag Brigade will be standing by the breach in the bank of the creek out aft of the Ship. From current signs

the snow, meagre as it is, may cause the Lake to do a bit of flooding, and as has been reported before, "Queen", even while a 'stone frigate' may be floating again shortly. From all indications before the next issue of the paper the tale will be told-moist, juicy, or otherwise!

Gaspe Gossip

By Norm Horn, SA

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at HMCS Fort Ramsay, Gaspé, in quite a regal fashion. A dance was held in the Canteen here on the base, with a very good crowd in attendance. The Master of Ceremonies, in other words, the guy who announced a tag dance just as Gerry Whittaker, of Regina, managed to get a dance with Cecille, was M/M Eddie Forrest, of Winnipeg. The YMCA hostess club was in attendance, and they, along with the wives of many of the boys here, made the evening just that much better. The Navy orchestra, led by Ptlnm Ernie Stockfish of Windsor, played for the dance. This was their third appearance of the season, and was very well applauded. Followed by Ernie at the piano, Dennis Gauthier of Ottawa, led

out with many a hot lick on the clarinet or sax. Eddie Sheculski of Timmins, Ont, and Mel. Peterson, of Vancouver, shone when it came to the square dance. Del Aitchin of Simcoe, Ont. and Rein Brown managed to get in their share of swing during the evening too, so no one was out in the cold. Throughout the evening, the dancers were entertained with vocals by Eddie Forrest, who formerly sang with the CBC in Winnipeg.

Successful Social

Another highlight of the month was the Motor Mees Social, which was held recently in one of the local hotels. A most entertaining program of contests and novelty features highlighted the event.

After lovely refreshments, which were made up my many of the M/M's wives, congratulations were offered by Lt. Howard Caine (SB), and then wishes of good luck and farewell were given to Lt.-Cmdr. Desbarets, who is taking up a new appointment in Newfoundland.

A popular pastime for many of the boys here is the discussion group which is held every Monday evening at the ship's chapel. Here the lads get together and discuss the present and future.

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Notice to Veterans Planning to Apply for Their Re-Establishment Credit

If you are planning to apply for your re-establishment credit, your first step should be to contact the Supervisor of Re-establishment Credits at the nearest office of the Department of Veterans Affairs. You should make no commitments until this has been done.

While this money is yours, and the Department is anxious that you use it, Parliament has laid down certain ways in which it may be spent. It is the responsibility of the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that you use the money for these purposes only.

However, cases have arisen where ex-service men and women have entered into agreements involving the use of their re-establishment credits for purposes other than those covered by the Act. As a result, it has not been possible to reimburse these veterans for the money which they have spent.

MAKE NO COMMITMENTS WITHOUT FULL INFORMATION

To avoid a situation such as that mentioned above, sign no agreements and pay out no money without consulting the Department of Veterans Affairs. This applies even though you are sure the way in which you plan to use your re-establishment credit is one covered by the Act. You can get complete information either through a personal interview with the Supervisor of Re-establishment Credits at the nearest office of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or by writing to him.

THIS WILL HELP YOU IN YOUR PLANNING

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CONSIDER YOUR PLANS CAREFULLY

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A Story Of Loyalists And The Navy

ANCIENT SEA-SIDE COMMUNITY NOW BUSY CENTRE FOR NAVY

By Wren Gwynne Williams

Introducing you to the only refit base in the British Empire manned entirely by Naval personnel—HMCS Shelburne. Situated on the south shore of Nova Scotia between Halifax and Yarmouth, Shelburne can boast of the second best natural harbour in Canada. The base and the town have an interesting story behind them, so let's delve into the past and find out what brought about its birth.

The town was started during the American Civil War when those who remained faithful to the British flag were forced to flee from the country and sought refuge along the south shore of Nova Scotia. Practically overnight 5,000 refugees arrived at Shelburne harbour and within the next few days 5,000 more arrived.

Bitter But Brave

They named the town after the Secretary of State in Great Britain, Lord Shelburne. With few material possessions, but with an intense pride in their heritage and an equally intense bitterness over their treatment, these people stoically set about to build homes for themselves; men who had been bishops, judges, professors and bankers, took to the earth about which they knew nothing and what they must have suffered can only be imagined.

Within a decade the town was built up, fashioned on the plan of a large American city, with buildings of graceful design—then a terrible storm hit it and caused complete desolation. Dejected, many returned to the United States, but those who remained rebuilt the town using the advantages of the excellent harbour and first-rate fishing conditions.

The population of Shelburne was then only a few hundred, but in the following years the wealth of the fishing and shipping brought in many people. This boom lasted until the late nineteenth century, then decline set in again. The people who stayed on were held by the same intense pride that had brought their families earlier, and that pride is said to be the greatest of all sins in Nova Scotia today. Shelburne remained at this low ebb in population until 1940, when as Dorothy Duncan so aptly writes in "Bluenose," "somebody in a Naval Control Room put a finger on this almost forgotten spot on the map, and with that single movement brought it to life again"—and so the idea for the base was born.

Then Came the Navy

In August 1941, the first gate vessel appeared and a gate was installed between the island at the mouth of the harbour and the mainland. The executive offices were a few rooms in the County Court House in the town, the barracks were in two old, remade houses—one an ex-funeral parlour. Yeoman Maurice Simon, who came at that time, said that when he moved into the barracks "parts of old coffins were still lying around."

The men who were stationed on the base worked and sweated to get things in order, then in June 1942, consisting of three buildings, HMCS Shelburne was commissioned.

The number of men on the base grew steadily, while the town with a population of 1,500 in 1940, swelled to over twice that size within two years. It was a red-letter day for "Shelburne" when the first Wren appeared in 1943. Today the complement of this landlocked ship is still increasing.

Here you will find some of the finest facilities for education and recreation of any Naval Base in Canada. Instr. Lieut. A. G. Wilcox has a record en-

rollment in his school of 436 officers and ratings registered between November 15, 1944 and March 1, 1945. The night school with 12 instructors offers courses in a large variety of academic, commercial and technical subjects. Bandmaster J. Cuthbert can boast of the finest military band on the East Coast, and the base is very proud of the dance band under PO Don Cowan. A new wing that is being added to RCNH Shelburne will put this hospital in a class by itself. Also a point of pride is the Y-Hobby Shop, which Supervisor George Barker, its able master, claims is the largest of its kind on any Canadian Naval Base.

Naval Night Club

The latest additions to the entertainment field are the Snack Bar—mighty fine eating, there!—and the Club 8 Ball, which is the only Naval night club in Canada. At this club there is dancing and a floor show nightly—It's as smart as can be, and with no cover charge.

The Shelburne Variety Review put on its first show in March and met with such approval that it will be another regular attraction of the base.

So you see, although the outside world knows very little about the bonny ship HMCS Shelburne, it really has a lot to be proud of—don't you agree? Well, at any rate you know more about it now and we'll see that you are kept informed in future.

He: "Do you smoke?"
 She: "No."
 He: "Drink?"
 She: "No."
 He: "Neck?"
 She: "Nope."
 He: "Well, do you eat hay?"
 She: "Of course not!"
 He: "Gad! You're not fit company for man nor beast!"

TONY SINGS FOR SAILORS



Chief Petty Officers aboard HMC Leaside had an unexpected treat when guitarist and Chief Shipwright Tony Stetchyson of Fort William, Ont., member of the "Meet the Navy" show, visited the Canadian corvette. Joining in the sing song are, from left to right: CERA Hugh Strackhan, Cumberland, B.C., Stetchyson, Ch/Sto. Paul Young, Halifax, Sto. PO Bill Brine, Springhill, N.S., and A/CPO Arthur Mitchell, Calgary Alta., AB Andre Galarneau of Montreal joins in from his hammock. —RCN Photo by S/Lt. Roy Kemp.

THE SAILORS' LADIES

by M.F.R.



Many men returning home after years spent overseas are going to find a changed country awaiting them. They will probably accustom themselves quickly to minor alterations such as women demanding silk stockings at gunpoint

from salesgirls, house-hunters giving diamond bracelets and mink coats to prospective landlords in true lease language, and so on, but how will they react to polls? Public opinion polls, or what the man in the street thinks about it.

We could imagine John Doe's first day in Canada some months from now, and his bewilderment by the time evening arrives. "I have been asked whether I think Webley's Wejgies are fine for walking, if I prefer riding backwards or forwards on trains, and should magazines be battle-baby size to fit the pocket or big square things to cover all the stains on the hall table," he'll admit. "Then a man interviewed me as to whether I wish to return to the prairies for wheat farming or do I think there is more future growing hothouse coconuts in a large city." What do I think about the Canadian girl now, and do I intend to eat Puffos every morning for breakfast. "Gosh, are you an easterner or a westerner," we will ask, and can imagine a fitting reply, "Neither—I'm an American just passing through!"

In centres where the local river freezes up all winter, there is invariably in spring the same argument as to how long one may safely traverse the frozen expanse, and at just what point prudence and other modes of transportation should intervene. The sexes are neatly divided in their approach to the subject, the men courageously insisting day after day that they can hop across the floes perfectly alright, and preferring to stretch the affair out as long as possible. The women, on the other hand, watch for the first ice cube to break away, immediately announce that spring has

arrived in its entirety, and has caught them with not one stitch of clothing fit to wear. They might just as well recognize the inevitable and start assembling their new season's outfit. One sailor we know argued (very foolishly) with his wife that just because the river got a bit shaky, she needn't rush right out to buy lighter clothes for spring, but she countered primly that she wanted to have her chief mourner's apparel all ready to use at a moment's notice as, if he continued to cross that river much longer, his next outfit would be six feet long in a nice oak shade.

There was some interesting publicity a while ago about the wartime surpluses commission's attempts to sell army helmets and training rifles to the public, and how a young boy finally solved the problem by purchasing a set, spreading the news to his friends, and the result was the government could not supply enough of these second-hand items. One sailor who has read all the servicemen's booklets has decided that if they really wish to help him after the war they should get the wartime surpluses boards to work gathering up some nice blonde Wrens, then allow him to use his war gratuity money in helping the government get rid of some of these surpluses. He would invest in one or two little items—something around his own age, say.

Mixing talk of paint and turpentine odors which induce hiccups in some people, and news about bridgeheads, is dangerous business. One story coming to us along these lines concerns a pink and blue bridge in a remote spot near New York, which got the hiccups after being painted and sank out of pure mortification.

It seems that the people on both sides of the river decided they needed a bridge, so they built one, but then they couldn't agree on what colour to paint it. One side said pink, the other side said blue, so finally in true compromise fashion they agreed to split the paint job in half and each side would paint out halfway across the river, but in the shade they preferred. When they were finished, the people on the pink side put up a toll gate and charged 10c to each motorist crossing, but the people on the blue side put up their gate and demanded 25c. As a result, people would pay 10c and drive across one way, but they'd never

come back on the blue side, but would prefer to go down around the Panama Canal, up and around and thus avoid paying the exorbitant 25c rate.

The blue side of the bridge felt very blue, but the people over there said they used high grade glossy enamel and were entitled to charge more, whereas the pink side just used flat paint and could afford to cut prices.

This went on for some weeks, with with the pink side getting all the business and the blue side just standing there watching the cars whizzing by without stopping, and never coming back. Then one day the bridge, both sides, developed very bad hiccups, a sort of delayed action from all the smell of paint and turpentine, and each time a shuddering hiccup went through its framework, it bent closer to the river below, until finally the blue side said to the pink side, "Why don't we just settle down into the water and give up this silly wrangling? Those people certainly put us in a fine position."

So they did, and when the people on both sides woke up next day to find no bridge, they were very much annoyed and each side accused the other of malpractice, until it was established that no one had anything to do with it. Then they were very conscience-stricken and felt very guilty that the lovely bridge had drowned, and decided it must have been the weight of the different paints which had done it.

Shortly afterwards they built another bridge, about the same spot, which lots of people have driven or ridden across, BUT they did not paint it the same way, but just an ordinary, uninteresting black. That is why probably, you have never seen the pink and blue bridge, but it is down there comfortably settled underwater, and many say that the Nazis will get a few surprises they never figured on if they try sending any of their submarines up there!

Short Short: Once upon a time the ferry service between heaven and hell broke down. St. Peter phoned Satan the news remarking, "If you don't provide more efficient service, I'll put my own men on the job."
 "You don't say," snickered the Devil, "and just where, may I ask, are you going to get a Bos'n?"

NAVY WOOL

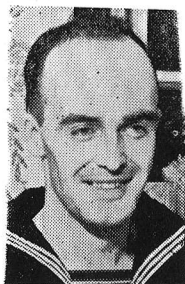
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FOOTLIGHT FANFARE

by Gib Potter, SA

HMCS St. Boniface rolls with rythm when 'Valleyfield Survivor' CPO Jim LaViolette, of Montreal, harmonica-niazing with saxaphoning Murray Hankin, of Calgary, mandolin strummer Victor Remada and violinist Fred Thompson, of Winnipeg, get together and spin a musical dip.....

Bill George ack-cent-uates the Yodel with a Tex Ritterish accent over the airwaves 15 minutes weekly, Veddy good, too.....

Lt. Clary Harris and staff of Stadacona Special Services are going all out these days with the multitudinous tasks in connection with casting, costuming, etc. for their Spring Revue "Sea Legs." To open in April, special features will include a roller skating act and a chorus line a-la Goldwyn.....

The Navy's Gift to Wrens-with-a-bobby-sox-complex sinatra-izing Bob Stanley, with Cora Campbell, Lelsey Hill, Louis Lecroux and June Near have been entertaining with the Stad concert groups at North End Canteen, Navy League Rec. Center and Windsor during the past month.....

Also featured were the "Syncopated Stokers of C Block" emceeing banjoist Paul Herrington, of Boston Bar, B.C.; guitaring Manitoban Roy McLellan; Montreale Stan Bull, imitations; Torontonians Jim Mathews and Frank (Pinkie) Taylor, guitar and mouth organ experts.....

Phil Nichols 'Baby' the Scotian Special Services entertainment activities in the dockyard Gym included the highly successful Administration dance, Percy Haines' Revuette and a return-by-request engagement of 'Uncle Mels' Concert Party.....

Bandsman Roy Owens' rendition of 'The White Cliffs of Dover' during intermission at the Forum hockey game rated an encore, which is a real tribute to his voice, considering the temperament of a typical playoff crowd, than which there is no tougher audience to please.....

Drumming Dan Sansom, of Saskatoon, well known to Western Canada orchestras is beating it out with Stadacona's Navy Band, while Drumheller's Bob Stevenson wields the educated sticks for the newly-formed Peregrine Band.....

The buzz is that Peregrine's entertainers are whipping up a sequel to the Smash Hit 'All for George,' appropriately labelled "My Shattered Nerves" Warning has been posted that a dim view will be taken of matelots and matelottes (Wrens to you) rudely elbowing into the coveted front pews, so come early and get in with the rush.....

Gone-with-the-draft is song and dance man, Thomas Julien, of Cornwall, Ontario; while Brantford's Ken Proude admits under pressure to being a handy man with a Hawaiian Guitar and mouth organ.....

HMCS Port Hope has its share of musically inclined tunesters, among whom are Bill Oliver, Vancouver pianist, and William (Biff) Gunderson, saxaphonetic sailor from Winnipeg.....

"Gals," observes Salty Sam, "begin life by resisting a man's advances and wind up by blocking his retreat."

Sto.1: "You say Alice has ears like a steam shovel?"

Sto.2: "Yeah, always picking up dirt."

AB: "What's this I hear about your new nickname 'Brown Sugar' for Helen?"
O/Sea.: "Yeah, she's so sweet and unrefined."

S/Lt. "You look sorta blue. How come?"

Lieut. "You know that dance I went to last night—well, when that hostess said she'd dig me up a date, brother!.....she wasn't kidding!"

Waitress: "We have practically everything on the menu today."

Sailor: "Yes, I see. How about a clean one?"

AMONG FRIENDS



The Canadian Warship, HMCS Prince Henry played an important part in the recent fighting in Greece by helping to evacuate men, women and children from the port of Preveza. A tiny Greek child, half-starved, is shown being fed by Canadian sailors from "Prince Henry."—RCN Photo by PO Photog. Sullivan.

Navy Show Shots

By Gersha

London: Well—f'goodness sake! Here it is only March—with June several months away, and we have five weddings to report! (British Aisles, indeed!)

Since December five of our girls have donned wedding rings, three marrying members of the cast. L/Wren Mary Judge, of Vancouver, is now the bride of F/O Raymond Leslie Nash, of London, England: L/Wren Billie Mae Dinsmore, of Toronto, and SBA William (Bill) Richards both of the "Show" were married at the New Year. A romance of long standing culminated in the marriage of L/Wren Barbara Sawers, of Montreal, and Captain Kenneth Robertson, of the Sixth Montreal Hussars, returned from duty "Overseas": while a few days earlier L/Wren Martha Jane Hackshaw, of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, and L/Bdsman George Arthur Moses, of Brantford, also both of the "Show" were married in London. The latest nuptials were those of L/Wren Helen Richardson, of Montreal, and L/Bdsman Herbert Keetch, of Woodstock, N.B.

"Dan Cupid hath a garden....."

And who was it who spoke of England as a "nest of singing birds!" "Marrie England," yea, verily!

Which reminds us that we've been very remiss in neglecting to wish "Happiness" to three former members: L/Wren Molly McCallum, of Victoria (now Mrs. John Bird); Wren Nancy Holmes, of Montreal, (Mrs. I. Riven,) and Wren Betty McLaughlan, of Montreal (Mrs. A. Bothwell.)

Who Wouldn't?

AB Wayne Sheridan, of Toronto, who has plans for a movie career, is enjoying the experience which he is gaining through "extra" work at the Denham Studios during the filming of Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra" with Vivien Leigh and Claude Rains. Training in voice production under the personal supervision of Noel Coward, Wayne is studying with a view to the future.

AB Newman-Jones, of Port Hope, is getting his first taste of the "flickers" during the production of "The Seventh Veil", with Ann Todd and Hugh McDermot.

Lieut. A. Cameron Grant, of Montreal, who was scheduled to report to Hollywood some time ago, has received notification of the Navy's request for an "extension of date," meaning that he will be with us awhile yet, continuing to "lay 'em in the aisles."

It is reported that one of The Show's erstwhile comediennesses has discontinued her "hare-raising" scenes. "Sic Transit Gloria!....."

Many of London's stage and screen celebrities have taken the traditional "busman's holiday" in coming to see the "Navy Show." Amongst those who have honoured the cast in this way, coming backstage to give the personal touch are Noel Coward, Ben Lyon, Lynn Fontaine and Alfred Lunt ("The Lunts"); Vivien Leigh and Anna Neagle, sister of our "C.O."—Lt.-Cdr. Stuart Robertson.

By far the greatest honor which has come to the "Navy Show" was the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen and Their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, accompanied by officials of State and Navy. It was a memorable occasion!

"Congratulation!" to RPO "Bill" Oliver who has received word that a newcomer, yecept Donald Edward, arrived at his Winnipeg home on January 12.

The Full Treatment

Something new in hospitalization can be claimed by our genial troubador, Shipwright "Tony" Stechysyn, when he took out "time out" in Watford Canadian Military Hospital recently. During convalescence "Tony" borrowed a guitar and proceeded to regale the patients with items from his inexhaustible repertoire. So successful was the treatment that the M.O. prescribed a continuation,—"Tony" stayed on for three days and a number of immediate cures have been reported! Speaking of

PALSIED POETRY

By Hernes

In Spring I find I'm over-powered
By the scent of grapes now soured.

I'm sure I've had my fill of talks
About the vernal equinox;
How spring a young man's fancies press
To thoughts of love and water cress.
How birds and bees and pining flowers
While away their shining hours.
Seed and sod, and soil and bud
Combine with rain, then equal mud.
And dogs will soon be on the street
With nothing on their minds but heat.
In fact in spring no one relaxes:
In come new laid income taxes.

Household cleaning, what a curse!
In all, than spring, what could be

worse?

For rabbits never beg your pardon
When they root your victory garden.
And the sparrows' constant cheeping
Does not help your Sunday sleeping.
Bills for wanton winter spending
Come in March in droves unending.
Vita-pills can hardly stifle.
Spring-time's sleazy cough and snuffle.
Fact the matter seems quite clear
That Julius Caesar's cause to fear
The Ides of March was mere dejection,
When compared with my objection:

Spring, to man, to bird, to bee,
Conveys new loves—but not to me.
It only serves me to remember
I was married last December!

Explains comedian Phil Baker:
"It's easy to kiss a girl in the dark if
she's been eating onions. All you have
to do is inhale and come in on the beam."

ERA: "We're coming to a tunnel.
Are you afraid?"
Wren: "No, but for gosh sakes take
that cigar out of your mouth."

"Importance to Morale—" well! Cheers for "Tony."

You never did see such busy people as certain members of the "Navy Show." Fired with enthusiasm and anxious to avail themselves of every opportunity in this great and gallant City, they scurry from hither to yon taking in everything from "handieraft" courses to classes in diction and music, in addition to the 12 regular shows per week,—and some extra.

By the way,—there was that occasion when various members of the Show were within Wales, Ireland, Scotland and England within 24 hours; to say, nothing (much) of 22 continuous hours of travel "sans practically everything." Well—it may not be fighting,—"but by the something-or other!—it's "ACTIVE"! (And how's the V-bomb situation down your way?)

PO Carl Tapscott has been adding to his laurels by playing the Church organs in various places, more recently that in St. George's Church, London, and the fine instrument in Albert Hall, Nottingham, "the best, to date," to quote the Maestro himself.

A group of musicians is being heard every Sunday on the AEF program with guest soloists. "Doug" Allan, of Calgary, and Val Kukuruza, of Toronto, have been honored in being guest artists on several important programmes. And Beverley ("Duke") Cross, of Calgary, has had the honor of having his picture on billboards of the Show all over London-town. Incidentally, "Duke" is a lad with several years, "sea-time" to his credit,—the "St. Croix" being one of his ships.

Murton Making Move

Wearing "that pleased look"—is S/Lt. Lionel Murton, of the comedy-team of Pratt, Goodier and Murton. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Murton, of South Montreal, "Murt" enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and was stationed in Montreal as a Writer. During his "spare" time he did voluntary entertainment with the Montreal Repertory theatre, later touring with the Montreal "Tin Hats." His experience included straight drama and considerable radio work (mainly "character") for Rupert Caplan, of the CBC. Up to 1939 he had done no "song-and-dance" work but he is a young man who evidently learns quickly, for so outstanding has his work been in the "Navy Show" that he has been selected by Herbert Wilcox,—England's Sam Goldwyn—for the movies. To quote Mr. Wilcox, he had "seen the Show and admired his work." Net result:—S/Lt. Murton will appear with film-star Anna Neagle and Rex Harrison in the picture "I Lived in Grosvenor Square," playing the supporting role of a Young American Squadron Leader.

Our most sincere apologies to the organist of York Minster! The name, of course, (February Crow's Nest,) should have read Sir Edward Bearistow.

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Lovely Ellen Drew, R K O Pictures star says she's glad to be your pin-up girl this month—Isn't it wonderful what Spring brings with it?

ASHORE AND AFLOAT WITH THE O.A.'S

by C. E. McBurney, COA.



The weather down east indicates lately that if this isn't spring, what is? And with spring comes light balmy breezes and blue skies. And with these, come a few balmy ratings whose belief it is that there are greener fields than what dear Old Cornwallis has to offer. So swish they go on draft.

Take Lou Harrod frin stance. After qualifying OA4 he one day put down his glass, nonchalantly snuffed out two and a half inches of expensive cigar, and stated that he had finally made up his mind in favor of the west coast. So you should find him at "Naden" now, out in the rain, no doubt and surely relenting. (What am I saying?) Then after much deliberation as to the necessity of one argumentative instructor more or less, Stan Silver COA, eventually won himself a turn aboard "Prince Robert", and has headed west.

S-w-i-s-h!

The most sudden assignment went to COA Stewart Mein, who one day sat doing a peaceful job of regulating, and next day found himself being hustled away, "drip-tin" in one hand, a chit reading "Niobe" in the other, and

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS SKILLFUL ASSAULT-AT-ARMS

One of the most unusual and equally pleasing programs on the lengthy entertainment list at HMCS Cornwallis during the past month was the "Assault-at-arms" which marked the official opening of His Majesty's Royal Canadian Naval School of Physical and Recreational Training.

The new School is one of the largest individual structures on the Base, which, in itself, is the largest in the Empire, and with its huge swimming baths and enormous gymnasium floor and various other departments is considered the finest of its type in the world.

The display, which drew a large audience, including Capt. J.C.I. Edwards' special guests, Senators Lambert and Campbell, was the culmination of two years of effort and the direct result of weeks of drilling by the staff of the P. and R. T. School.

It was fast-moving throughout and showed through the various drills on ropes, bars, mats, box-horses, etc., the high degree of agility and physical fitness required by these instructors whose job it is to care for the physical and recreational training of all personnel in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Topping off the fine display was a performance in the huge pools. Some expert diving, swimming displays by men who hold Canadian records and a thrilling series of turns on the twin-trapeze made a fitting finale.

Commander R. Redman, RN, in his opening remarks, introduced his senior staff officer, Lt. C. McDonald, MBE, RCN, and R. P. Mylrea, Bos'n RCN, who were largely responsible for the production of the display.

Staff instructors who coached the various teams and also took an active part included CPO Bob Dewhirst, chief of staff, CPOs John Rowland, Charlie Olford, Ivor Morgan, Bill Peakman, L/Sea Cockburn, AB Johnson and CPO Jack Simpson. AB Alex Reid played the piano for all the events. In the pool display the clever diving performance was put on by AB's Arm-itage, Johnson and Park. The trapeze work was done by CPO Morgan, PTIs Park, Johnson and Archambault.

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Kaybitzing In Movieland

By Kay Overton

Hollywood, April 1—Easter greetings to you guys and girls in navy blue and here's hoping the Easter Bunny brings you an abundance of good-ies. Well it's really Easter out this way and the glamorous gals and male paragons are strutting out in their best along the boulevards. To be truthful there are more stars about these days than I was aware were hereabouts.



And now to talk some more about their goings on.....Handsome John Payne, recently discharged from the Army Air Corps will soon be back in pictures and it is rumored he's just been tied down to a nice contract..... when it comes to fan letters from female admirers that attractive chap who is rapidly rising to fame—Turhan Bey—can rate with the top-notchers and he makes it his business so see that all are answered—nice fellow.

Figuratively Speaking

And speaking of pin-up girls the outstanding figure in Hollywood according to the "experts" belongs to Adele Jergens—once understudy of Gypsy Rose Lee, who is soon to star in her own movie "Tonight And Every Night"—take it from us he's lovely in every way.....and another beauty Jane Russell, movieland's most publicized star and pin-up girl will appear in "The Outlaw" soon to be released.....who's 6 ft. 2, with eyes of blue and 185 pounds of man on the hoof—yep you've guessed it he's Van Johnson, who affects girls by sight like Frankie Sinatra does when he croons and what's more Van unlike Frankie is a bachelor—yes Hollywood's prize singleman and how!.....Lt.-Cdmr. Douglas Fairbanks jr. who is in the navy now, recently took part in action in which two

NAVAL CADETS LOSE CUP IN B. C. RUGGER TILT

On Sat. Mar. 10 the largest crowd of the season at Brockton Oval saw Victoria's Naval Cadets, defending champions for the Rounsefell cup emblematic of the Senior English Rugby championship of B.C., go down to defeat against U. of B.C.'s English rugby 15 with a score of 24-11.

Down 19-3 at the half, the cadets made a gallant comeback to end the score at 24-11. The game was not as lopsided as the score would suggest and the Navy lads put a creditable struggle all the way. Led by a starry three-line, Varsity utilized every break while the Cadets breaks seemed to be few and far between.

The Naval Cadets lined up as follows: J. Nicholls (fullback); A. Wisener, H. Cocks, D. McCrimmon, B. Bell-Irving (three-quarters); W. Tetley (five eighths); J. Farquhar (half-back); Lt. F. Wade, G. McMorris, D. Slocomb, R. Peers, R. Carle, G. Hilliard, F. Fisher and G. M. DeRosenroll (forwards).

enemy subs were destroyed.....and Lt. Wayne Morris, blonde bomber, is also making war history having several jap plans to his credit while flying nap planes.....Another veteran and much-decorated airmen with 25 missions over Jap lines is Captain Bob Hartzell, recently honorably discharged, due to injuries, who will make his movie debut in the picture "Joe Comes Home."

Linda Darnell's and Marie MacDonald's recent photographs are much in demand by the pin-up boys and these two screen beauties are so sweet and charming it's little wonder their following is so great.....proud parents indeed are Michele Morgan and hubbie Bill Marshall of William jr.....rumors have it that John Garfield is off to New York where he is likely to appear in a stage show. His contracts permits him one footlight show a year.

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THROUGH A SCUTTLE

By Mr. H. McClymont, Cd. W. O.



On looking at our column on page 5 of last month's issue of The Crow's Nest I find that we shared the page with an advertisement of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The plans of this department of the Government for the welfare of service personnel on discharge are very good. I hope that everybody who intends to take advantage of the benefits provided for service veterans under the various Acts of Parliament, takes time out to read carefully all literature available, including the booklet "Back to Civil Life" and the public advertisements placed in newspapers and magazines. The different plans are clearly set out. These plans are Regulations which must be followed and make certain requirements of you who will benefit. Be sure to do your part.

A Word to The Wise.....!

My purpose in mentioning the Veterans Affairs is to suggest to naval ratings that payment of the War Service Gratuity, for instance, depends upon an "honorable discharge." A full Conduct Sheet may not support a claim for the Gratuity! As pointed out in a Notice Board copy of a Naval Order in October last, "those who attempt to hasten the return to civil life by deserting or committing other offences must realize that in addition to the normal penalties, their thoughtless action may cost them their entitlement to rehabilitation benefits."

A question has reached us this month "What is a Commissioned Warrant Officer?" The direct answer, I'm afraid, is that there is no such officer in the Naval Service. The subject, however, is an old one, and is confusing so we will attempt to straighten things out a little. The Navy obtains its Officer personnel chiefly from three sources. The first is by the "direct entry" or "Cadet Entry" system. A competitive examination is held, written by young gentlemen between the ages of 17 and 18 years, together with an interview by naval authorities. Successful candidates are then entered as Naval Cadets and receive training according to the duties required of them. Most of our Naval Cadets are entered from the Royal Canadian Naval College in Victoria, B.C., but provision is also made for the entry of Cadets from candidates who have written examinations of equal standard to Provincial matriculation on certain subjects.

These officers progress through the ranks of Midshipman, Sub-Lieutenant, Lieutenant, Lieutenant-Commander, Commander and so on. As Cadets and Midshipmen they are known as Subordinate Officers, and on promotion to Sub-Lieutenant receive a commission signed by His Majesty or by His Excellency, the Governor-General. These "commissions" are printed on parchment paper.

The second source is by the selection of suitable ratings already serving for training and possible promotion to the commissioned rank of Sub-Lieutenant. This system is popular during hostilities. These officers also receive the commission as mentioned before.

The third source is by the selection of suitable ratings, who by reason of time in the service, educational and professional examinations have qualified for the rank, under naval regulations. These ratings are promoted to Warrant Rank and are given titles which are as closely descriptive of their duties as is possible. For example, a Chief Engine Room Artificer becomes a Warrant Engineer, a seaman rating whose non-substantive rating was Gunnery, becomes a Gunner. You will note that there is no reference to warrant rank in the title of Gunner. Ratings promoted under this scheme receive a "warrant" under the hand of the Governor-General.

After a period of time (normally six years) Warrant Officers are eligible for promotion and are granted Commissions as referred to before. Thus they are "Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank". Their titles continue to be descriptive and are altered only by the substitution of "Commissioned" for "Warrant" and the addition "Commissioned" where "Warrant" previously did not appear e.g., Commissioned Engineer and Commissioned Gunner.

Warrant Officers and Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank are, by tradition, referred to as "Mister." Away back in Naval History some of the duties which are now performed by Warrant Officers were carried out by civilian gentlemen and when these

civilian phrase stuck.

Warrant and Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank are eligible for promotion to Lieutenant in due course and assume the titles of rank as for Cadet Entry officers.

It is not possible to show a parallel between officers entered under first and third systems I have mentioned. They rank and command in the following order: Cadet, Midshipman, Warrant Officer, Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank, Sub-Lieutenant, etc. The relative ranks as between Navy, Army and Air Force are:

Midshipman—Navy }
Staff Sergeant Major } Army
Master Gunner

Warrant Officer—Navy
Pilot Officer—Air Force
Second Lieutenant—Army

Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank—Navy.....
Flying Officer—Air Force
Lieutenant—Army
Sub-Lieutenant—Navy

Another Custom Started

I would like to mention the recent change in titles of officers and ratings in the former "Accountant Branch."

In this change, which has been published in the newspapers as well as Naval Orders, we note that "Accountant" does not describe the branch closely enough in the light of altered duties it performs, so it is now called the "Supply and Secretariat Branch"—short title "Supply Branch". The word "Paymaster" has been dropped from the titles of officers who previously held it and an "S" in brackets is now placed after the rank. Ratings who formerly had the word "supply" in their title are now called "stores" ratings. These are the major changes. In years to come questions will be asked as to the reason for the changes and the answer is simply that the old titles were not closely descriptive enough.

The Tables Are Turned

Questions directed to this column since it was started have not been as numerous as was expected. To vary things a bit, how about you giving me the answers to a couple of questions. Here they are: 1. Which of the branches of the armed forces of the Empire is permitted to march through the streets of London under arms without first obtaining permission—and why? 2. What was the reason for nick-naming a well known naval officer "Billie

Blue"? 3. What is the origin of the expression "Tell it to the Marines" 4. Why do you not direct more questions to the Crow's Nest?

Love story 1945: They were dancing at a swank hotel. He held her tightly, his eyes closed, and danced as though floating on air. The music stopped. "Let's go out on the patio," he asked.

Outside he took her in his arms and whispered in her ear, "Darling, I love you very much. I may not be rich and 4-F like Joe Doaks, I may not have a car and a C card like Joe Doaks, spend money like Joe Doaks, or own a chain of meat markets like Joe Doaks, but I love you so much I'd do anything in the world for you."

Tenderly, two soft, white arms reached around his neck and two ruby lips parted, whispering in the curve of his shoulder, "Darling, introduce me to Joe Doaks."

"Gals who win husbands," opines Jenny Wren, "either exhibit a generous nature, or how generous nature has been."

This month's definition: Blonde... an established bleach-head.

CANADA'S VETERANS Their Post-War Opportunities

The second of three advertisements explaining the re-establishment credit.



Homes, Businesses, Tools, etc.— USES OF THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT CREDIT

In the first advertisement in this series it was explained that the re-establishment credit is a grant to which veterans are eligible in an amount equal to the basic War Service Gratuity—that is \$7.50 for each thirty days' service in the Western Hemisphere and \$15.00 for each thirty days' service overseas. It was pointed out that it is an alternative to training and educational grants and to land settlement benefits under the Veterans' Land Act, and that it may be used at any time within ten years of discharge for certain purposes looking to re-establishment in Canada only. This advertisement is to explain these purposes.

TO PURCHASE A HOUSE

Ex-service men and women may use their re-establishment credit to assist in the purchase or building of a home. In these cases it is necessary for the veteran to have an equity in his home. Reduction of a mortgage on a home already owned is included under this heading. In making application to use the credit to purchase or build a house it is necessary to supply full information as to purchase price, appraisal value, mortgages or any other encumbrance.

TO REPAIR OR MODERNIZE HOMES

If the veteran already owns a home and repairs or modernization are necessary, the re-establishment credit may be used. In making application for use of the credit in this way, proof of ownership and details of the expenditure should accompany the application.

TO BUY FURNITURE

When the re-establishment credit is used for the purchase of furniture or other necessary household equipment for the veteran's home, the veteran must put up one dollar of his own money for each two dollars used from the re-establishment credit. Furniture must be clear of encumbrances or liens on delivery to the veteran.

TO BUY TOOLS, INSTRUMENTS, ETC.

Veterans returning to civilian life may find they need tools of their trade, instruments or equipment for the practice of their profession or equipment for their business. The re-establishment credit may be used to purchase these things.

FOR WORKING CAPITAL

If working capital is needed for a business or professional practice already owned, the re-establishment credit may be used. The purchase

of property or other physical assets necessary for the business is regarded as providing working capital.

TO BUY A BUSINESS

When the veteran makes application to use his re-establishment credit for the purchase or establishment of a business, the Department of Veterans Affairs will secure the advice of qualified persons in the community as to whether the proposed business offers sound possibilities of re-establishment. This step is not taken to hinder the veteran, but to avoid advancing his credit for a purpose prejudicial to his re-establishment. When the credit is used for the purchase of a business, the veteran must put up one dollar for every two drawn from the re-establishment credit on the down payment necessary to take over possession.

FOR LIFE INSURANCE

The re-establishment credit may be used to pay premiums on insurance issued by the Dominion of Canada. This insurance includes Returned Soldiers' Insurance, Veterans' Insurance, Civil Service Insurance and Civil Service Superannuation and R.C.M.P. and Militia Pensions.

FOR SPECIAL TRAINING

Veterans taking vocational training or educational courses may need special equipment and this may be purchased from the Re-establishment Credit. Similarly employed veterans wishing to take part time or night classes may apply to have the cost of these classes paid for them from their Re-establishment Credit.

In addition to the above, provision has been made to extend the uses if experience indicates this is necessary.

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Chess Champion Worried About Next Tournament

As A Natter Of Fact---

BY JACK PATTERSON

Jack Patterson,
Associate Editor,
The Crow's Nest.
Dear Sir:

Noticing that you sometimes refer to the "Wets" in your Natter-of-Fact column, it occurred to me that you might be interested in a "natter" of mine regarding the "Wets."

First of all, let's get it straight that the criticism I'm about to make is in a constructive spirit, without bitterness, rancour or class-consciousness, and intended to improve the morale of ratings like myself who pay an occasional visit to the wet canteen in search of a bit of relaxation, and NOT to get drunk.

The canteen, as it is now, is not a very pleasant place, to pass an evening at least, not in the side for leading rates and below. For one thing, there are not enough benches. It is no treat to have to stand in line for ten or fifteen minutes to obtain one or two glasses of beer, and then have to stand up to drink them. Couldn't more seats be provided?

Another matter is the tables. Couldn't they be covered with some sort of smooth surface, like the tables in the messhalls? The present rough surface cannot be kept clean, and any beer spilled on it soaks in and contributes to the unpleasant odour which is so noticeable on entering the building.

It would be helpful also if hooks were provided to enable the men to hang up their coats and hats.

I hope you will see fit to print this, accepting it in the spirit in which it is intended. I remain, yours in anticipation of some improvements at the "Wets,"

Sgd. L/Wtr. Earl C. Manners,
V-45485, HMCS Cornwallis.

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Jack Patterson

RPO Howard Plank is a fellow who is eyeing the West Coast when the discharges begin to bloom..... Sez he—"I might get into the real estate business out in Vancouver with a fellow named Jack Wood—'Wood and Plank, Realtors', not bad, eh.".....Keith Matthews, who used to write sports for the Vancouver Sun and who for the past year or so has been doing sports for the Signal Log at "St. Hi.," is now stationed at "Stadacona" and is keeping his writing arm in shape for the local naval publications.....Mrs. Martha Flynn of Moose Jaw, one of our readers, writes that she has five of her six children in the Navy. She lost her eldest son on the Margaree and her daughter, L/Wren Flo Flynn, is located at the Wrens' Post Office here at the Base.....A hearty round of applause goes out from this department to the choral group in CPO Pete Bates' SA class which serenaded us so sweetly the other stand easy.

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L/Smn. Sonny Morgan recently came back off leave to his home in Ottawa to find himself on draft to "Peregrine." "Morg" was an instructor at the Gun Battery and one of the more agile jitterbugs down this way..... Shag Park, and Bill Allum are the most recent new entries in the "Doughhead Club." During the recent hoop tournament at the Base the Shagger nipped smartly in to score a delightful two-points through his own hoop and for the opposition, while Winnipeg Willie, our senior hockey playing-coach, scored a smart goal against his own goalie, Red Gilbert, during one of the final playoffs at Halifax.....Lt. Ed Rorvig of the Cornwallis senior quintet is the same gentleman who played so much good football for Calgary a few seasons back.....

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Included among those caught in the draft lately are Sandy Milne, bouncer de luxe on the Halifax Navy puck machine, who is heading for the West Coast, the lucky stiff.....And CPO "Scoop" Blades, who organized so many of those hilarious wrestling cards at Cornwallis last fall, was lashing his mick with delight the other afternoon prior to heading West also.....RPO Alex Thompson has checked in here after a two-year stretch in Niobe.....RPO Johnny Hastings of the New Entry Reg has picked up a sea draft.....And MAA Cliff McNaught is marking um at "Peregrine" awaiting disposal.....CPOs Bill Mundie and LaFond are both heading for the West Coast.....CPO John D. McIntyre of the duty watch office, is also located at "Peregrine" for disposal.....Incidentally, don't confuse him with the CPO John J. McIntyre who is currently to be found at the Gunnery School on the Base.....A bit late, but on the theory that items are still news until they have been printed, we are reporting the arrival of a son, in January, at the home of RPO Herb Hackert of the New Entry Reg.....Speaking of the New Entry Reg, there is some added glamour down that way these days since the arrival of Wrens Wilma Mahoney of Edmonton, Lorraine Gillanders of Windsor, Ont., and Hazel Pierce of Coat-cook, Que.....

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SA Pete Sands who is afloat these days, was ashore long enough to take in one of the senior hockey playoffs in Halifax.....Pete is the well-known Calgary lad who is considered one of the best hockey referees in the country.....Also among the hockey gentry was AB Larry Desjardines, a Winnipegger known for his ball playing and boxing ability out there on the lone prairie.....Upholding the honor of The Crow's Nest in the Cornwallis bowling league are two young ladies on loan from the PIB, namely, Ev Patterson and Grace Burrows....."Pat," by the way, has a shiny new hook on her left arm.....CPO Gunner's Mate Davie Taylor, who spent some time on the "Huron," is on his way to the West Coast to pick up another sea assignment.....Lt. W. J. Eastwood has left for Halifax to take up duties at a later date as flotilla gunnery officer aboard a River Class destroyer.....

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CPO "Dicky" Bird who holds forth at the rifle range at the Drill Shed and who has touched all the bases in one war or another, observed the other day that for centuries it has been the custom in Arabia for the man to ride the donkey while the woman, carrying the household goods, walked behind. Now the woman is emancipated. She walks in front—there may be land mines.....



Dance in Navy's Show. Wrens Audrey and Shirley Taylor and Lieuts. Bill and Gordon German, all of Ottawa, who are taking part in the musical revue "Wakey-Wakey" currently being presented by HMCS "Bytown" for the war work of the Women's Naval Auxiliary. RCN Photo.

May Lose Canuck Title If Unable To Attend

It was at Hawke Block that, we asked for him after ascertaining his bed and dorm number from the New Entry Reg office.



"Do you know Dan Yanofsky?" we asked reclining jeep. It was during

a "stand easy", when the lads under training are permitted to fall flat on their faces or vica vercas for a few minutes of well earned siesta. "He is a chess champion."

"Yanofsky?" that stalwart muttered. Then as recognition flooded his features "Yanofsky! He don't look like no chess champion to me."

This was a new approach. "Don't look like no chess champion?" we repeated. "Wot do you mean?"

"Well, he's such a little guy!" We smiled in a superior sort of fashion. "And just what has that to do with chess?"

"Chess!" rejoined little blue eyes. "Chess?! I thought you said chess champion! Whyncha take the shoes outa your mouth!" And with that he turned a shoe in his mouth and went to sleep.

No Old Chessnut

We finally did locate Dan, however and we must admit that he does not even resemble a chess champion—whatever they may look like. He is a short, mild-mannered blonde, and you would never guess from his unpretentious bearing that he is one of the top chess men on the continent today.

Dan, who comes from Winnipeg, started playing chess at the hoary old age of ten. A chess set displayed in a store window caught his fancy and he browbeat his father into buying it for him and teaching him how to play the game. It was not long, however, before little Dan'l was beating the proverbial pants off his sire and, at the age of eleven, our hero became the Manitoba provincial champion, a title which he held for seven consecutive years until, after the 1943 contest, he was barred from competing further. "There was just no point in it," he said.

Meanwhile, Dan had played chess in all the major centres of the United States and Canada; had won and successfully defended the Canadian championship title in 1941 and 1943, and carried off the North American crown at Dallas, Texas, in 1942. At the age of 14 he went to Buenos Aires, a member of the team of four players that represented Canada at an International chess meet sponsored by the Argentine government. He was there for a month and received an invitation from the International Chess Federation to play in Paris the next year. That was in 1939.

Dan maintains that "the best chess players are usually a combination of mathematician and musician." This has absolutely nothing to do with the fact that Dan himself is no mean shakes at either of these pursuits. - He studied piano for a number of years, at one time taking instruction from Gordon Kushner, late of Cornwallis and at present ivory tickling down at York, and the mathematics are more than amply covered by his B.Sc. He also claims, that "war leaders, planners of strategy make good chess players", but we think he's just striking for a CW course. You gotta watch these people. You never know what they're thinking.

Nothin' Too Tough

The largest number of opponents he ever played simultaneously was thirty-five, in Quebec city. He won thirty-three, tied two. It was during

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BOOK REVIEWS

Boston Adventure, By Jean Stafford—This is by all odds the most cleverly conceived piece of fiction to be offered this season. Young Sonia Marburg's life is dominated by the bitter conflict of her parents and the ultimate madness of her mother, but Sonia's dream of a life in Boston with her idol, Miss Price, carries her over the grim years. As the dream materializes Miss Price and the society she represents are skillfully satirized by Jean Stafford and the result is a novel of wit and wisdom, much in the Jane Austen tradition.

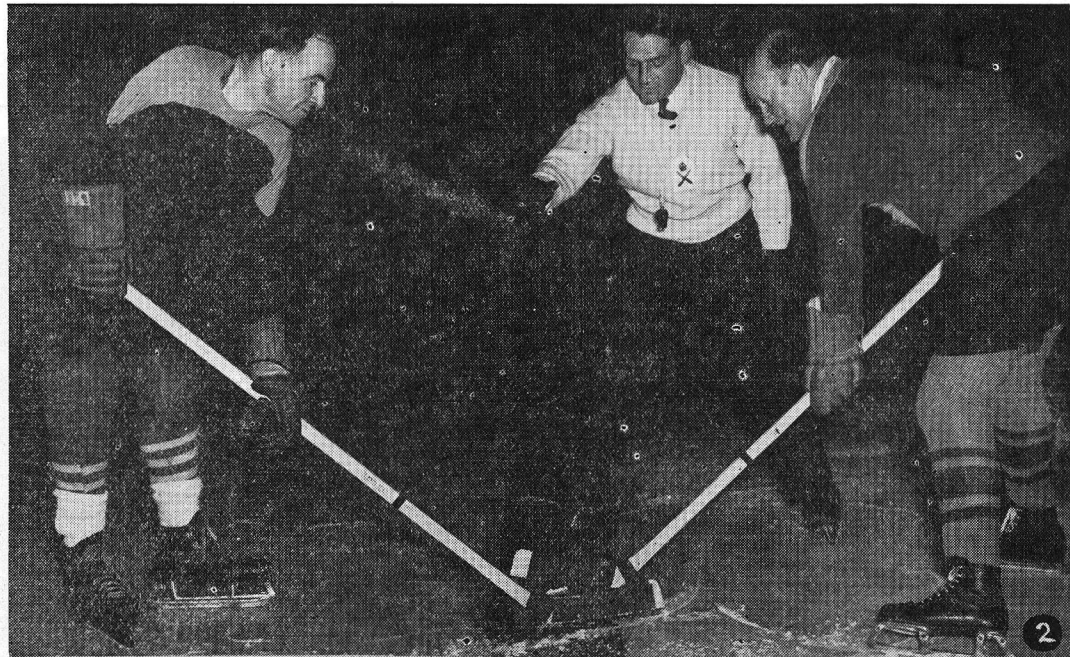
Anything Can Happen, By George and Helen Papashvily—This is the story of a Russian who came to the U.S. to make his home. It is written in terms of personal experience—each of which, viewed in retrospect, is filled with humour and enjoyment. George is filled with bewilderment at the land where anything can happen, but he tells of his efforts in a mood of resignation. He does not rebel at the exploitation

of immigrants, but becomes self-taught in how to out-smart the exploiters. His story of the loss of his Georgian hat by an unfair exchange for a striped blue and white railway cap is hilarious. The good humour of the writer is felt by the reader and leaves him smiling at the happy adventures of this new citizen.

The Sportsman's Anthology, Edited by Robert F. Kelley. "This book encompasses the writing in the field of sports which has interested and amused the editor and most of his friends who have spent a good part of their lives with sports. The collection does not pretend to be based on any standard of immortality; the selections have been made because the material has provided enjoyment for people who know the particular sport it covers; know that sport from the standpoint of participant and devotee." From the Foreword. Famous stories of hunting, mountaineering, fishing, golf, bobbed racing and the "sport of kings" are among those included in the pages of this new anthology.



Navy Wives Do Their Part: While their husbands are serving with the navy, navy wives are doing their part by keeping the boys in the Halifax Naval Hospital cheerful, through the very efficient and well equipped Navy Wives Library which is located in the Hospital. Books of all types are distributed through the wards by the women. Convener of the library is Mrs. D. H. Craighead, whose husband Lt.-Cmdr. D. H. Craighead, RCNVR, of Campbellford, Ont. is at HMCS Kings, Halifax.



'Cornwallis' Wins Sr. Puck Crown

Halifax Navy Beaten 3-Straight In Final

By Jack Patterson

As the experts had predicted back in November, the powerful Cornwallis Senior Hockey Club ran off with the silverware in the Halifax Senior Hockey League this season. In the recently completed final series they knocked off Halifax Navy in three straight victories.

But through the season, even though they had a wide margin in victories, they also had plenty of stiff opposition from Halifax Navy and Dartmouth Air Force with a result that almost every time they appeared on the ice of the Halifax Forum and the Base Arena there was a capacity crowd to see the fun.

After Halifax Navy and Dartmouth had played three games for the right to meet Cornwallis in the final for the silverware, Halifax Navy and the champions tangled.

The first game at Cornwallis went to the big Base team, 13 to 6, after a rugged match during which Bob Goldham, the former Toronto Leaf, suffered a concussion which kept him out of the second contest.

Final Was a Dilly

Down at Halifax for the second game the Halifax lads still couldn't hold the Cornwallis powerhouse and the score ended 6-4 for the champions.

The third and final game of the series, played back at Cornwallis, was just about everything a hockey fan could ask for in the way of thrilling playoff stuff.

For three periods of the regular time the teams hammered away at each other and the score read 6-all when the final bell sounded.

Into the first overtime ten minutes they buzzed and while both goalies had many a narrow scrape, the score still remained unaltered when that session was concluded.

The packed arena waited impatiently while the players rested for another spell of overtime. This time, after 7 minutes and 51 seconds of play, a couple of former National Leaguers snuck in to steal the show and all the marbles for Cornwallis.

The two lads, Bill Shill of the Bruins who got the goal by an adroit bit of stick handling, and Gaye Stewart the former Leaf, who sent along the pass

seen here gratefully accepting relief and a chance to catch his breath on the bench during the third period.

No. 4—During the big game which went two overtime periods it was decided in favor of Cornwallis, Bob Goldham and George Gee of the champions sat out a couple of minutes together in the penalty box during the first period. "Goldy" is wearing the helmet after a head injury which hospitalized him for the second game of the series.

from the corner, did the trick.

An Orchid to "Lodgo"

It was a fitting finale for a delightful hockey season. Just by way of making the season complete, Wally "Lodgo" Stefaniw, smart playmaker on one of the Cornwallis lines, took top scoring honors in the league and was the recipient of a presentation during the game in Halifax.

For Coach Bill Allum and Manager Art Monohan it had been a good season. Their one sorrow is that travel regulations still prevent them from going beyond the Maritimes for further hockey laurels. Cornwallis, they feel, has a club that would have gone a long way towards winning an Allan Cup competition.

ADMIRAL'S PUCKSTERS BOW TO EDWARD'S ACES

The fore-runner of the final game of the Halifax Defence Hockey Loop, the tilt between the Staff Officers of HMCS Stadacona and those of HMCS Cornwallis, played at Cornwallis late last month was one of those in-between types of games. The crowd went down to see the players stumble about on the ice but the brand of hockey played was much too good to be even mildly amusing. In fact, the spectators received quite a surprise when the gold-braiders began handing out body checks and putting on stick-handling displays that would have done credit to much more highly-touted squads.

In the first period Stad forged ahead 3-2 and at the end of the second period had upped the lead 6-4. The third frame saw the homesters break away on a scoring spree that left the visitors tagging on the end of a 9-6 count.

Cornwallis—Capt. J. C. I. Edwards, Lt. Cmdr. R. Base, Lts. Perowne, Sedgewick, Heintzman, Sheedy, Greene, Kennedy, Blair, Grant, Green and W/O Rhodes.

Stadacona—Vice-Admiral L. W. Murray, Cmdr. Johnson, Cmdr. Stanley, USN, Lt. Cmdr. O'Connell, Lt. Cmdr. Buntain, Lts. Porter and McDonald, ST/Lts. Joudry, Stoddart, Shephard and Turner.

Referee—W/O R. Mylrea.

First Draftee: "What did the little rabbit say as he ran out of the forest fire?"

Second draftee: "Hurray, I've been defurred."

Avalon Sports Shorts

by PTI Ed. Polowy

'Tis a very awkward spot I find myself in. Your regular sports writer is laid up in bed and has generously given me permission to "Carry On." I sincerely hope that Sully will be back on his feet for the next edition, so in the meantime, just "grin and bear it."

Old man winter has slapped us in the face before but never to the extent of these past few weeks. The worst sufferer of course, has been the outdoor skating rink. First came the thaw which gave indication of a premature spring. The sports staff got back to work nursing the remaining surface only to wake up next morning to find that the snow had drifted four feet high in spots. The rink has never been the same since, and ice sport has been at a standstill.

Basketball as far as the Seniors are concerned is over for another year. Hit by drafts so badly that many games had to be played with a mere five man team, they gave ground to the Airforce last week in the playoffs. Hats off to the following players: Sced, Letcher, Peffers, Brazier, Showell, Thompson, Reeve and their capable playing manager, P.T.I. Ned Larsen. They deserve a lot of credit, the spirit was never weak.

Interpart basketball is in its last stages before the playoffs. Under the management of Jack Statham, the league has had a very successful season, sometimes operating under adverse conditions. With only a few games to play RCNH have undisputed possession of top place. Shpwts will probably take second place with the PTI's following up. CVD will likely have the last playoff berth.

Our Wrens, in their snappy new uniforms, are as yet unbeaten. They tangled with Torbay and Group Airforce WD's to emerge with such impressive looking scores as 21-9 and 36-6. In two recent games against Torbay, they lacked the usual fire but came through in the dying moments of the game to win. Playoffs start around the middle of April and their coach is convinced of a successful outcome.

The RCN team has once more completed the season without a single loss registered against them. Consequently they have the honor of being titled the "All Newfoundland Inter-Service Hockey Champions." This outstanding team has chalked up fourteen straight wins against no losses. They have averaged 10 goals per game with less than 2 scored against them.

Our boxing team is not resting on its laurels as was sometimes rumored. Recently on a trip to the U. S. Army base, our boys came back with two KO's, one TKO and a decision to their credit out of four entries. The U. S. Naval base also felt the brunt of the RCN boxing teams punch when the Canadians won three out of four bouts. Last week in the RCN gym we packed the largest crowd recorded in our two years of boxing shows. RCN took three decisions, one draw and a loss out of five entered. Boxing coach "Davey" Brown, from latest reports is recovering rapidly from a minor nose operation.

Deck Hockey is once more being played in our gym and the boys of the senior hockey club have turned to this sport. PTI Gilmet arranged games with the Air Force, who boast a good team, and only two games have been played thus far with Navy taking them both by scores of 9-2 and 7-3.

Under the leadership of Ned Larsen, the RCN Badminton team engaged and whipped their Air Force opponents from Kenna's Hill in five straight games. This is the second time Air Force has suffered at our hands and little wonder when opposed by racquet handlers like Larsen, Eubank, Walters and Wrens Cannon, and McFarlen.

Skiing and tobogganing are still in full stride. Ships running in and out of here are given priority during week days and take advantage of it to the best of their abilities. Recently BNSO held a party with eight toboggans. Out of these, three were brought back in a hopeless mess due to accidents. They all had a wonderful time with the exception of those who ended up on a hospital cot with broken limbs. We hope that they are fully recovered at this writing.

Our sports office holds claim to having the best ships organization on any coast of this man's Navy. Early morning one of two PTI's on this job are aboard all ship's giving the days activities outline to Sports Officers of various ships. The afternoon is spent picking teams up as per schedule with a truck. Bowling, basketball, hockey, (when possible) skiing, swimming, badminton and apparatus work is theirs for the asking.



Highlights of "Cornwallis" double hockey victory this month, winning the Halifax Senior League crown and also the Staff Officers annual from "Stadacona," are pictured around this page. The shots were all made by Lt. Bill Hal-kett.

No. 1—Part of the "Cornwallis" club gives a cheer after Capt. Jack Fritz was presented with the cup by Vice-Admiral L. W. Murray, RCN, C-in-C, CNA. Left to right the boys include Scotty Mair, "Red" Gilbert, Bill Newman, Jack Fritz, Gaye Stewart, Wally Stefaniw, George Gee and Vice-Admiral Murray.

No. 2—Capt. J. C. I. Edwards of the victorious "Cornwallis" team faces off with Vice-Admiral Murray at the start of the Staff Officers tussle. The Referee is Commissioned Bos'n Reg Mylrea.

No. 3—Doing full time duty on one of the forward strings and having his share of the scoring, too, was strenuous work for Capt. Edwards who is

Newfy Hockeyists End Season Undefeated

Ten Goals Per Game For Starry Ice Crew

By L/Sea. PTI Chuck Vuohelainen

A Newfoundland Port—The Royal Canadian Navy's Newfoundland hockey team—unbeaten in all of its 16 games—was the class of the whole island this season, although the highest title formally falling to the Navy pucksters was the St. John's city championship.

New Entries

Benbow Wins Final Gala

Cornwallis:—There is no more Benbow Block as far as the New Entries are concerned here on the Base. The block is being utilized for another purpose now and the ratings who formerly made it their home have been distributed among the other New Entry blocks.

But Benbow went out of the sports picture in a blaze of glory last month by taking the Swim Gala, feature of the New Entry sports month. Given a rugged tussle all the way, Benbow squeezed out a victory that depended on the very last contest of the evening.

Then when the final result was announced the Benbow rooters picked up Gordie Hemming and Alec Strain for the customary dunking in the pool. These two PTI's had made an excellent job of keeping Benbow teams well to the front of inter-block competition.

Effingham Shows Way

Chuck Millman, in charge down at the New Entry sports office, had a busy month with his sports program. The New Entries had a fling at rifle shooting and water polo for the first time, and there was a floor hockey tourney played at the drill deck that created a lot of interest.

Effingham's sharps shooters won the rifle pennant and added the floor hockey prize to boot while at press time the water polo crown had yet to be settled.

Effingham is also having a good hockey season and the current New Entry League standings has them on top with Grenville and Drake in close attendance. The best of these clubs will enter in the playoff for the base crown against ship's company champs very shortly.

Grenville's athletes won the recently completed basketball league with flying colors and a new loop has been set in motion, the third league competition in the New Entry section this winter. The winners of this new league will also take part for the Base title later.

They Can Bowl, Too

Concluding the New Entries' sports program for the month is a rip snorting bowling league playoff which is currently under way. Effingham, Anson, Grenville and Drake are the four teams left in the running.

New Entry bowling is good, in fact, better than any on the Base. For instance, O/Sea. Heffernan of Drake Block has run up an average of 211 on the season's play.

PASS P.T.I. COURSE

Recently seven men successfully completed a course qualifying them as First Class P&RT Instructors. There are few sailors in the Navy who will not know at least one of these veterans of the body-building society—Lionel "Scoop" Blades, Red Deer, Alta.; Norm. Barton, Victoria; Johnny Altman, Toronto; W. Lindsay, Vancouver; Paul Rochette, Quebec; Stan. Burton, Montreal; Andy Chartren, Peterborough.

Oh, if a page from the Book of Time Fate would of me endow I'd ask for the chapter we lived, my dear And tear it up right now.

In that city final, Navy swamped St. Bonaventure's College of St. John's 10-2 in the first game of a series that ended right there. St. Bon's didn't ice a team for the second game.

That victory gave the Navy a just claim to at least unofficial recognition as Newfoundland champs, because in later competition St. Bon's won the civilian all-Island championship by bouncing Bell Island in two straight games.

Although they would have shown to better advantage on larger ice surfaces, the Navy lads had a remarkable scoring record for the season—an average of more than 10 goals a game, while the opposition scored an average of less than two a game against them.

PLENTY OF PRO TALENT

The Navy club, a starry array of "name" players, generally was considered the best ever assembled in Newfoundland. Phil Hergesheimer, now an RCN shore patrolman, probably was best-known of the team's several former professionals for his several seasons with Cleveland Barons and Chicago Black Hawks, but there were other ex-pros, too—AB Nelson ("Freckles") Little of Hamilton, once with Buffalo Bisons; Stoker Les Wade, of Peterborough, Ont., who played with Hershey and Boston; Stoker Clayton Laval, of Saskatoon, Sask., formerly with Cleveland, and AB Jimmy Adams, of New Toronto, Ont., whose experience in the moneyed ranks was with Baltimore.

In addition, there were many players well known in Canadian amateur circles. One of the fastest lines in Newfoundland hockey this year comprised AB Billy Gluck, of Hamilton; AB Ronny Rowe, of Toronto (formerly Marlboro Juniors); and AB Joe Peterson, of Selkirk, Man., who was with the Memorial Cup-winning Winnipeg Rangers a few seasons ago.

Wade, Hergesheimer and Edward ("Spike") Larabie of Ottawa formed another forward line, and the third string had Laval, Adams and Stoker Roger Giesecke, formerly of Toronto junior Marlboros.

Hergesheimer captained the team. Among best-liked players in Newfoundland, he was one of the most gentlemanly players in this year's competition, in addition to being high among the scorers.

HAD GOALIES GALORE

The Navy also was lucky in goal-tenders—three good ones. Little was first-string, with AB Joe Cleary, formerly of Toronto St. Michael's College and Marlboros, and AB Stan Pion, formerly of St. Boniface (Man.) Seals, as the other two. One defence duo had Stoker Remi Vandaele, of St. Boniface, onetime star with Sydney Millionaires who also had played with the 1935 Memorial Cup champions, Winnipeg Monarchs; and AB Dick Slifka, of Brandon, Man., who played much of his best hockey with Regina Rangers.

Stoker PO Ralph ("Buck") Croucher, of Halifax, and AB Vince Gallagher, of Kenora, Ont., formed the other defence combination. Gallagher, who started out with Kenora Thistles, later played with Verdun Maple Leafs and Glace Bay Miners. Chief Shipwright Jimmy Jempson, of Calgary, was the club's utility man.

Coach was Chief ERA Pat Harvey, of Verdun, Que., well known in North Ontario hockey circles. L/Sea. PTI Chuck Vuohelainen, of Toronto, was manager, with L/Sea. Roly Lewis of Toronto as trainer and ERA Lefty Jordan of Hamilton as his assistant.



The Royal Canadian Navy's Newfoundland hockey team didn't officially win the oldest colony's championship, but for all but the most stubborn sticklers for detail they proved themselves the best hockey team in Newfoundland. In a St. John's city final game against St. Bonaventure's College, the Navy won 12-2 and the second game was called off. As St. Bon's later won the all-Newfoundland title, the Navy thus became sort of unofficial champion. Here is the club. Back row, left to right L/Sea. Chuck Vuohelainen, Toronto, manager; ERA. Lefty Jordan, Hamilton, assistant trainer; Chief Shipwright Jimmy Jempson, Calgary; Stoker PO Ralph Croucher, Halifax;

AB Ron Rowe, Toronto; Patrolman Phil Hergesheimer, Winnipeg; AB Dick Slifka, Brandon, Man.; Chief ERA. Pat Harvey, coach, Verdun, Que.; L/Sea. Roly Lewis, trainer, Toronto. Front row, left to right: AB Nelson (Freckles) Little, Hamilton; AB Edward (Spike) Larabie, Ottawa; AB Vince Gallagher, Kenora, Ont.; AB Jim Adams, New Toronto, Ont.; Stoker Roger Giesecke, Toronto; AB Joe Peterson, Selkirk, Man.; AB Joe Cleary, Toronto. Missing from the picture are Stoker Remi Vandaele, St. Boniface, Man.; AB Bill Gluck, Hamilton; Stoker Les Wade, Peterborough, Ont.; Stoker Clayton Laval, Saskatoon; AB Stan Pion, St. Boniface.

He'll Be Missed

One of Canada's most proficient young boxers and the Navy's popular physical training instructors, at Sydney, N. S. Claude Warwick's passing as a result of a train-bus collision recently is deeply felt throughout his wide circle of friends.



Hockey Club.

Claude's home was in Regina where he was one of a family of athletes. His brother plays with the New York Rangers

"Cornwallis Puckettes" Can Really Pack 'em in

Cornwallis—Having practised them in secrecy for almost two months Coach Chuck Millman unveiled his Wrens hockey club during the past fortnight and at press time his charges were well on the way to a successful season in keeping with the well-known "Cornwallis" tradition.

With the windup of senior and intermediate hockey the gals have plenty of ice time now and they have been launched on a series of games which will involve conflicts with both "Stadacona's" Wrens and the WD's from Dartmouth.

In two games played so far the "Cornwallis" Wrens have broken even. They dropped their first game of the season to the Dartmouth crew but gained a great deal of prestige by shutting out the "Stad" lassies in Halifax, 4-0.

Against the Dartmouth team the Base puckettes drew one of the largest

crowds that has ever pack-jammed the Arena at "Cornwallis." Although they hung in there for two periods, they were unable to hold the last period rally of the WD's and lost 8-4.

In Halifax against the "Stad" club it was a different story. Accused of being "unladylike" and of using too much body-checking, the gals from the Base nevertheless slapped home four markers while Goalie Betty Berg and the redoubtable defense pair of Lt. "Shag" Shaughnessy and L/Wren Ev. Patterson kept the opposition from

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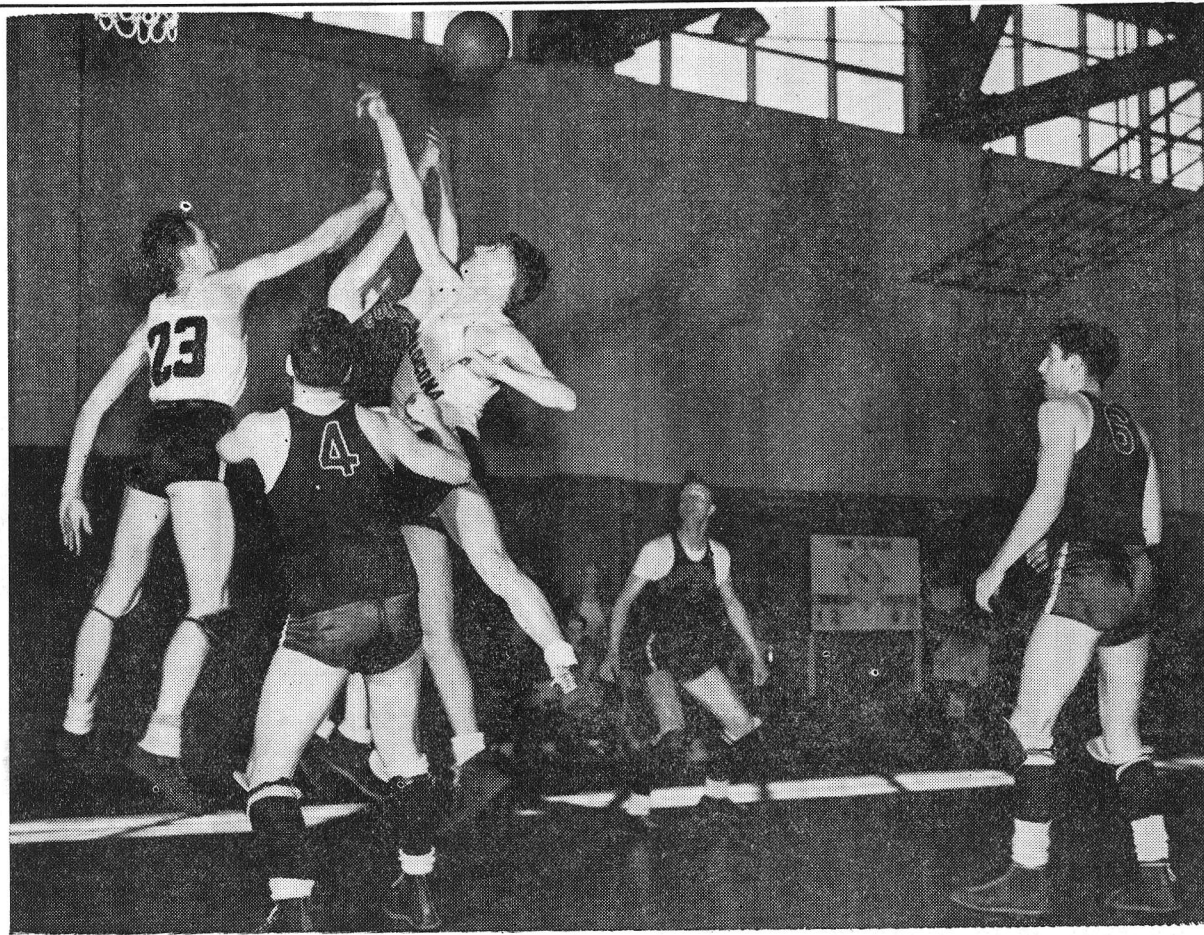
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Debert Airmen Surprise In Basket Tourney



Stokers At Gaspé Win Puck Title

With spring in the air in Gaspé, the fellows are sitting around reminiscing over the hockey season just finished. The Peninsula league consisted of Navy, Army, Gaspé, and a team made up of Seminary students. This year, as last, the Navy won the cup. In the playoffs with the Army, the Navy won by the score of 8-2.

The front line of Sto. 1 Murray Higgins, of Winnipeg, A/AB Bert Milne of Trail BC, and Sto. 1 Gordon (Ace) Hammond of Toronto led the team to many of their victories. The second line of CPO Wtr. Rollie English of Pictou, N. S., CPO Leonard White of Hamilton, Ont. MM "Pipe" Piper of Claresholme Alta., shone when it came to smooth passing plays, and teamwork.

Throughout the season the team was coached by CEA Jimmy Watson, of Calgary, and by L/SA Roy Armstrong, of Toronto. The team played one out-of-town game, winning against the Campbellton Hawks, by the score of 8-5.

Stokers Are Champs

Our inter-branch hockey league ended recently with the final playoff being won by the Stokers, over the Accountants. The first game was won by the Acets, 8-5, and the last two were taken by the Stokers, 7-1, 7-2.

Stars for the stokers were Gerry Furlong, of Stratford Ont., playing centre, Gordon Dodgson of Toronto, playing right defense, Norm Fordyce, of Hamilton, playing left wing, and AB Ches Bagnell playing goal.

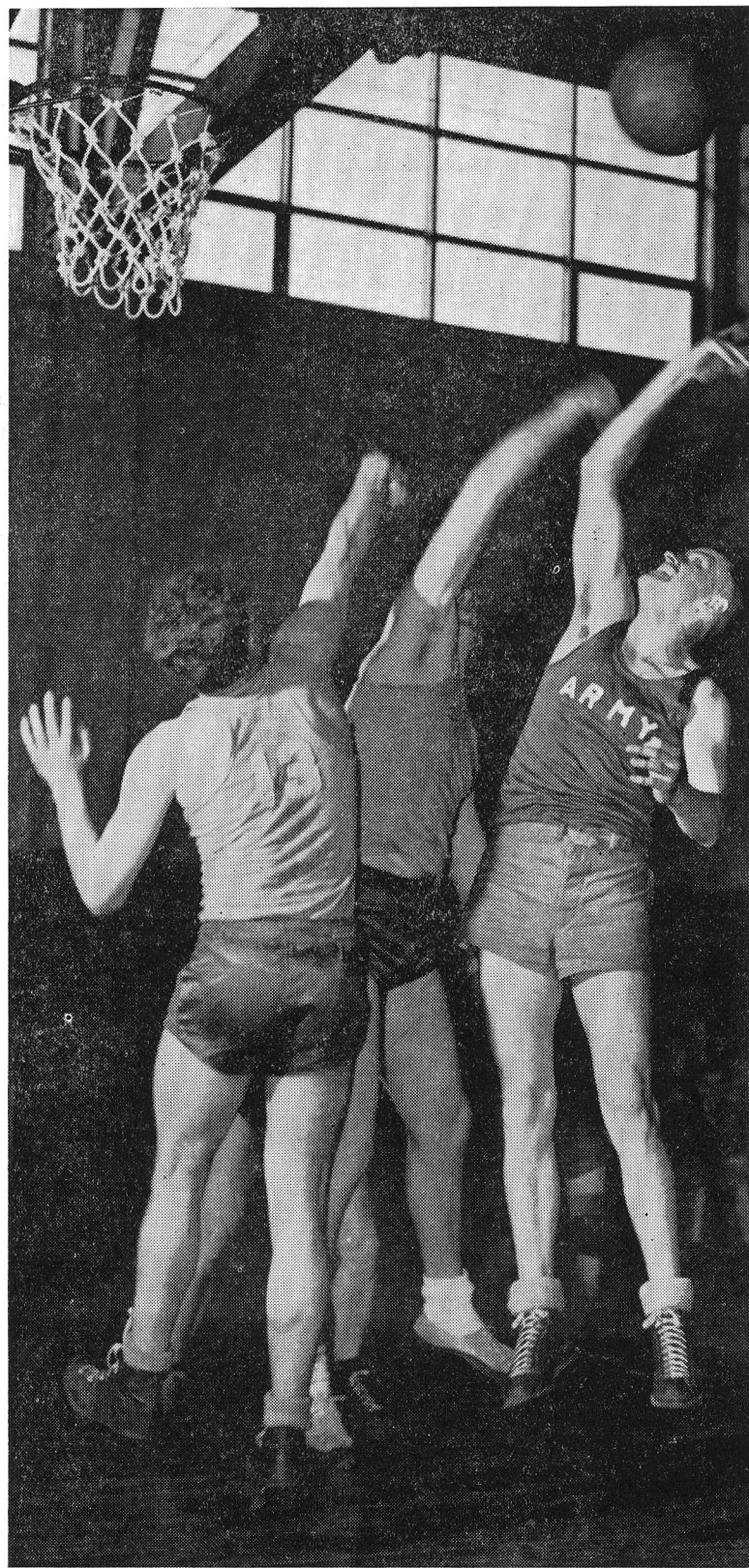
For the accountants A/AB Percy Fiddy of Brantford, and Ck (s) Frank "Shorty" Alward, of St. John NB, ranked as top men on their team. Stwd Ernie Goddard and Coder Bob "Johnno" Johnson, of Winnipeg were among the top scorers.

Annual Ski Race

Hockey played second place here a few weeks ago when the local "Y" held their annual ski race over a 6½ mile course.

Winner in the men's division was CPO Leonard White of Hamilton, Ont., with the time of 37 minutes, 58 secs. Runner up was AB George Rizneck in 39:27.

Miss Cecille Godfrey who made the course in 48 mins. topped the women entries. That night after a hot supper, the prizes, consisting of colorful blanket coats, were presented by Lt. (SB) H. B. Caine, and Roy Irlam, local YMCA supervisor.



There was plenty of action in the seventeen games played in the short space of two days at the Nova Scotia Service basketball tourney, held at HMCS Cornwallis, last month. Above are two pieces of action stopped by the camera of Lt. Bill Halkett. Top shows one of the crucial clashes in which "Stad" upset the powerful "Cornwallis 'A'" team. Left to right in the scramble are players Woody Woodhouse, Shag Park (4), Pete Bates, Mackness, Mac Morrison and Rip Seely (6). Lower photo shows six feet off the deck as three lads go up after a rebound. Facing the camera is Trudy of the Halifax Army. The other two players are members of the Greenwood RCAF club.

Strong 'Stad' Quintette Beaten In Final Round

By Jack Patterson

Leaving the big-name teams strewn along the wayside, Debert RCAF came sailing through with an unbeaten record of four games to capture the silverware in the first Nova Scotia Invitation Service Basketball tournament played at HMCS Cornwallis. They upset the strong squad from HMCS Stadacona in the finals, 27-21.

Eleven teams, representing the cream of the service squads in the Maritimes, played a series of 17 games which ran through Saturday and Sunday at almost hourly intervals. Before the show was over both players and spectators who crammed the gallery throughout the tourney, agreed that they'd had enough basketball for a while.

Little figured in the pre-tournament dope, the Debert Airmen didn't seem to have much chance with teams such as Lt. J. F. "Jake" Edwards' Cornwallis "A," or the tough HMCS Stadacona quintet, or Lt. Art Chapman's Aldershot Army five.

Charlie is a Sharpie

But F/Lt Charlie McLachlan, coach of the Debert crew, is no neophyte when it comes to using the right drill in basketball playoffs. As coach of the Pat Bay Gremlins out on Vancouver Island he groomed two championship teams and his record is an enviable one in Vancouver Senior Basketball from where more than a few Dominion champs have sprung during the past decade or so.

There was some highly interesting basketball played during the lengthy string of games, and more than a few upsets.

One of these surprises was the double-victory scored by "Stadacona" over the tournament favorites from Cornwallis. Saturday the "Stad" lads knocked off the sailors from the Base 33-30 and on Sunday they repeated the victory by a 37-27 count.

Aldershot Army, after dropping the first game of the tourney 23-22 to the strong Cornwallis crew, were figured to have a good chance but they, in turn, were upset on Sunday by the little-figured Halifax Army.

It was necessary for each team to lose two games before being out of the tournament through the elimination brackets. Both finalists, Debert RCAF and "Stadacona," came up through the tournament unbeaten until the finals. Each played four games.

After the tournament Capt. J.C.I. Edwards presented the winners with the handsome "Cornwallis Trophy" and each member of the winning team was presented with an equally handsome statuette.

The show was one of the largest undertakings of the P. and R.T. Staff at the Base and much credit for its success goes to Lt. Edwards and his lads who ran it off without a hitch.

Gaspé Sport Centres Around New Gym

Gaspé, Que.—As we have been having extremely mild weather here lately, hockey and skiing are at a definite standstill, but the fellows all say that their winter here in Gaspé has really been tops as far as outdoor sports are concerned.

Now that outdoor sports have packed up, a lot of the fellows are making use of the new gym which was recently opened. Here we have a little of everything, in the way of conditioning. There are speed bags, and heavy bags, for fellows who are keeping their punch in trim, skipping and shadow boxing for boxers.

Instructing in boxing is AB "Punchy" Jaremus of Vancouver, who really keeps the boys on their toes. For wrestling we have L/PTI Bill Biskop, amateur middle-weight cham-

pion of the Pacific coast.

Instructing in tumbling and box work is AB Treff Wright of Montreal.

KILICKS CAPTURE QUEEN'S PUCK CROWN

Regina—HMCS Queen's inter-departmental hockey crown was finally given to the Leading Hands after many a stiff, bruising game on the ship's ice. This year we were all tiddley with blue and red lines, goal creases and penalty spots and the ice was used to the full.

The odd challenge is being put forth and if the cold weather stays with us the Leading Hands may have a hard job in keeping their crown.

With warmer days in the offing thoughts are turning to the field across the road and softball. One way or the other, the sporting spirit still flares up and we look forward to some lively tussles on the diamond and some good water activities on Lake Wascana.

Chief Garside skipped a rink in the recent curling bonspiel held in Regina. L/Smn. Gibney, Koster and Burns swept hard to keep the rocks in line but went down to defeat. Better Luck next time Boys!

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Large Crowd Attends Stad. Boxing Show

Knockouts, Knockdowns Feature Bang-Up Card

By S/Lt. Vic Baldwin

No less than two knockouts and four knockdowns, featured the bang up boxing show held at HMCS Stadacona recently with 1400 fans on hand to witness the card.

Indoor Track

Torpedo School Torpedoes Ship's Co.

by Keith Matthews

This will cause Gunder Haegg and his fleet-footed cohorts little worry, but HMCS Stadacona's recent indoor track and field meet produced material par excellence for what promises to be one of this barracks most successful racing seasons.

Torpedo School, aided and abetted by the watchful coaching eye of Petty Officer (P&RTI) Art Bullock, came in for the lion's share of the honors, but only after a titanic tiff did they thwart a closing rush by Petty Officer (P&RTI) Dick Manderson's Ship's Company charges.

Warren George, a versatile young gentleman hailing from Victoria, B.C., was responsible in no small measure for the Torpedomen's coupe, as he produced valuable points in the high jump, 440 yard dash, shot put and two winning relays. His performance was by far the most scintillating among a bunch who fairly glittered in their every deed.

Close All the Way

The Torpedomen pulled into an early lead after taking the high jump and placing well in three other events, but the men of Manderson surged to the fore as Warrant Officer "Peggy" Evans lent his vociferousness and all-round sport knowledge to the Ship's Company tug-o-war team, which took runner-up honors and the five points that went with it.

The stage was then set for the final two events, and the meet was so close that it depended largely on the final as to which team would emerge victorious. The relay was first on deck, with the stalwarts of Torpedo School and Ship's Company both vying for that valuable eight points.

The former copped the nod, though, and the enviable challenge trophy was theirs for the nonce. Captain Balfour graciously presented the silverware to the winning Torpedoites, but in the background faint murmurs from Ship's Company crewmen claiming that their day will soon be at hand,

In the second bout, J. Churchill, Merriton, Ont., started fast from the opening gong and unleashed a barrage of lefts and rights, tagging his opponent, R. Bartlet, St. John, N.B., and putting him away in the first round.

The second knockout of the evening resulted from a body attack with a left hook finding the solar plexis of P. Wiznuik, Toronto, who was unable to continue. The winner, V. Brewer, Hamilton.

DEADLY LEFT HOOK

The main event between A. Theriault, Sudbury, Ont., and L. Bechard, Toronto, featured the smartest boxing of the evening. Theriault had a slight edge until the third round when Bechard opened up, driving his adversary against the ropes and with a beautiful left-hook to the jaw, put his man down for a nine count.

Theriault fought back gamely but it was too late and Bechard copped the "Duke."

The two Madden brothers, Pat, and Mike, both former "Golden Glovers," put on a pleasing exhibition going through a full repertoire of all types of punches.

All the bouts were refereed by CPO James Arnott, chief instructor at the Stadacona Gymnasium. Prizes were presented by the Chief Staff Officer of Reserves, Captain P. B. Cross.

OTHER RESULTS

D. Jones, Montreal, decisioned L. Soucey, Halifax.

T. Dyer, Portage La Prairie, decisioned F. Taylor, Calgary.

L. Martin, Charlottetown, decisioned I. Herwitz, Montreal.

F. Day, Hamilton, decisioned N. Novosel, Edmonton.

"Red" Powers, New Waterford, decisioned Ed. Miller, Vancouver.

brought us so believe that track and field is, indeed, here to stay.

The attending were few in number but loud in voice, and the successfulness of the meet brought an additional furrow to the brow of Chief Petty Officer Jim Arnott (P&RTI), organizer of the affair. He's wondering where he's going to put the crowd which will storm Stadacona's doors when the next one rolls around and rightly so.

Seaman Guard: "If I threw a kiss across the room, would you consider me bold?"

Wren: "No, just lazy."

PO Wtr.: "Where did you file those discharges; they're not under the D's."

Wtr.: "Under 'C' for congratulations."



Winners of 15 straight games and only tied in the final match of the season, by "Peregrine" in an exhibition game, the "Cornwallis" intermediates, pictured above, won the Inter-Service Valley League crown hands down this season. Coached by Warrant Officer Charlie Rhodes, the team has one of the most enviable records in the Maritimes this season. Left to right they are: (front) B. McCarthy, P. La Fave, J. Brennan R. Almas, E. Scilizzi, V. Gardiner, (back) C. Rhodes, W. Passmore, J. Stafford, W. Ritchie, N. Podolsky, J. Jeffrey, J. Stoddard, V. Shettler, G. Livingstone. Missing from picture are W. Thompson, H. Johnson and Manager R. Mylrea, Bos'n, RCN—RCN Photo by L/Photog Ken McRae.

"Scotian" Hits Sports Stride

HMCS Scotian is rapidly assuming its rightful sports and recreational position alongside its illustrious Halifax brother, "Stadacona." Lt. Mackness is particularly proud of his swimming club, which shattered seven inter-collegiate pool records in their first competition meet with Acadia College.

The weight lifting and boxing clubs are in full swing and eager for competition, too.

Scotian is represented by two teams: the E.A.'s Shop and C.R.E.O. in the interpart basketball playoffs, both confident of emerging victorious.

The hockey team after a successful year is driving hard for the local intermediate championship. Scotian can also boast of some crack keglers in the Inter-service Bowling League who are banking on capturing the silverware.

"Stad" Wrens In There Pitching

Sure we're morale builders—and proud of it, too. We form cheering sections and boost our matelot brothers to their victories, and that's not all. We get in there and do a little pitchin' ourselves—Wanna' listen awhile?—Gee, thanks!

You're a Wren! (period) you're stationed at Stad! (some say imprisoned). It's Monday nite. Well the answer, my friend, is obvious. Postpone that meeting with your "flea-sack," climb into a pair of shorts and head on over to "ye olde Gym-un-asium"—Buck Berry is there waiting. As a matter of fact that amiable CPO is coaching our seniors to a shot at the inter-service peuter mug—whatever that is. Yeah man, it's a beautiful team, literally, technically and er-ah-it's just a beautiful team.

You don't play basketball, eh chum? But you're the energetic type—hope "George" hears this. Well Eddie Bourque's tumblin' class will give you some real thrills and spills. Mat work, box horse, parallel bars, hand stands, hand springs—handouts (how did that get in there, the war isn't over yet)—Anyhow, thanks, Eddie.

Bowling them over? Over into the next alle, anyhow. We've just wound up (to a striking finish, too) a really successful inter-departmental bowling season. We're waiting anxiously for the top scorers to be announced.

One-two-three-kick-oops! Try it again, this time don't try to kick both legs off the deck at once. Yes sir, that's our little old tap and ballet class getting in some hot licks.

Mixed ventures—oh boy! That's our badminton club—gee it's sure swell of the men to spend so much individual attention giving us pointers—Smashing, old top!

But don't think we spend all our spare time "keeping fit" in the sports emporium. Not by a long shot. A large number of enterprising lassies with their good eye to the future are grinding away at legion classes and other courses made available in Halifax.

Sports, music, movies, not to mention the socials and dances which crop up weekly—the only thing we do lack in HMCS Stadacona is the old dimension known as "time."

Stadacommments

by S/Lt. Vic Baldwin

THOUGHTS WHILE STROLLING

Remember when—there was a huge hillock of terra firma where the parade ground is now and disgruntled instructors would double their seemingly non co-operative classes up and down (mostly up) the 45 degree slope???

Holding sessions every Thursday nite, in the "Stad." Gym is probably the most fraternal organization around these parts. The badminton club. All ranks, and rates of both sexes flick and smash the elusive bird, for three hours, followed by coffee, and sandwiches, where they really get to know one another—even to the extent of the odd romance.....



The award of the month goes to the MO's Nursing Sisters, and SBA's of RCNH for the manner in which they handle their ever increasing business—and at the same time, squeeze in a few moments of sports activity at the gymnasium.

Lets not forget the Dental Staff, although I'm still seeking an explanation for what these peepers beheld the other day—The door was slight ajar and the enthusiastic dentist was applying his drill with great gusto (routine of course)—but standing beside the unfortunate, with head bowed was an RCN PADRE.....Hmmm

IS THIS A CLIQUE?

Vancouver sports writers seem to have a monopoly in key positions in the navy. Stu Keate, former sports editor of Vancouver Province, is Press Relations Officer in the navy's new fighting cruiser "Uganda"..... Jack Patterson, sports editor of Vancouver Sun is associate editor of The "Crow's Nest,".....Benny Ford also with the "Sun," takes care of "Niobe" newscasts, while Fred Wood of Vancouver News Herald, is the key man down at Peregrine.....And now at "Stad." we have another "Sun" sports scribe, Keith Matthews by name..... Try and top this one.....A certain matelot home on leave wired his CO

in this manner. "Leave up tomorrow, liquor permit, good in 48 hours. Request three days extension....."

P.S. He received the extension!!!! P. S. S. Oh! Yeah!—Ed.

"W. D." Swimmers Nose Out Wrens

Teams from all the services met at HMCS "Stadacona's" new swimming pool, recently in the first Women's Inter-Service meet to be held in Halifax. The WD's from Gorsebrook splashed their way to a one-point win over "Stadacona" Wrens, who were followed closely by the CWAC's.

The only mishap of the evening came in the medley relay, when the winning wren team was disqualified, eventually costing them the meet. The final event of the evening, a novelty race featuring more than 20 contestants, proved the highlight of the evening. The girls had to swim across the pool, climb into tropical duck suits and swim back again.

During the intermission, an exhibition of diving was given by PO Steve Woodward, Vancouver, L/Sea Eddie Bourque, Ottawa, and Writer Bill White, Niagara Falls.

Credit for the organization of this highly successful gala goes to L/Wren Meredith Fraser, Shawinigan Falls, Que., and CPO James Arnott, Halifax. Judges were Flight Officer M. A. Ritcey, RCAF (WD), Lieut. Louise Leslie, CWAC and Lieut. C. Ogilvy, WRCNS. Master of Ceremonies was S/Lieut. V. H. Baldwin.

Prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer of HMCS Stadacona, Captain H. Balfour and Commanding Officer, WRCNS, Lieut/Commander H. MacDonald.

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NEWS FROM 'NADEN'

BY INSTR. LIEUT. G. F. AMYOT

In a thrilling meet held recently the Givenchy swimming squad nosed out the Naden team by a single point to take possession of the O'Neill Challenge Trophy. The final score was—Givenchy, 26—Naden, 25—with the issue in doubt till the last event.

A/B Don Burgess, Naden's "iron-man," scored well-earned "firsts" in the 50-yard backstroke and the plunge and then came back to help Naden win the 100 yard free-style relay. Burgess also took third place in the senior 100 yard free style and swam the back stroke on the medley relay team.

The 50 yard breast stroke was featured by a breath-taking finish in which L/Sea. Gordon Carpenter (Givenchy) barely managed to pull away from Sto. Chuck Roberts and L/Sto. Verne Murray, the two Naden entries.

Closing In

In the diving competition the judges awarded first place to A/B Jack Chase (Givenchy) with Roberts and Sto. Den Potter second and third, respectively. Potter had previously won the under water swim with a magnificent 191 foot effort.

The turning point of the meet was Chase's brilliant victory in the 100 yd. free style in 1 minute 3 seconds.

Naden took the novelty relay race in which each of the four men on the team successively swam 25 yards, fully clothed, in the same white duck uniform. The antics of the swimmers hurrying to change very wet jumpers and trousers from one man to the other had the crowd in stitches.

Officials were: Honorary Referees: Capt. B. German, Cmdr. T. G. Fuller; Referee: Lt/Cmdr. A. Park; Master of Ceremonies: Lt. C. L. Amyot; Starter: CPO R. Young; Judges: WRCNS—V. Sharp, 1st. M. Farquhar, 2nd, Weld, 3rd, Adamson; Timekeeper: L/Wren Circh; Recorder: L/Sea. H. Hill; Score Board: L/Wren Hazel Smith.

Pin-Spillers Tied

The noon hour Bowling league is rapidly nearing the play-off stage with the teams deadlocked in first place; SBA's, Writers No. 2; and the Captain's office. L/SBA Harry Jones is leading the individual averages and against the Signal School he recently rolled an 871 three-game string. Other high three-game scores are Wtr. Bob Sullivan 827, Wtr. Thurston Andres 827 and SBA Jack Le Barr 763.

There is a red-hot pennant race in the inter-part basketball loop. With 4 games to play, the rejuvenated Signal School quintette is one point ahead of the SBA's who in turn lead the Writers by a single point. The berths in the Shaughnessy play-off system will be decided in the last week of play. The league standing follows:

Team	P	L	W	T	Pts.	Total
Signal School	10	3	7	1	16	231
S.B.A.	10	3	7	1	13	240
Writers	9	4	5	2	12	173
Art. Apps.	9	4	5	2	6	150
Class 36	8	4	4	1	3	100

Everyone Plays

The P. and R. T. department is continuing its policy of conducting a tournament every Friday noon on the parade ground. Valuable prizes are provided through the generosity of the canteen committee and the number of teams entered is increasing every week. Despite the increased number of entries the SBA's are still dominating the field, having taken first place on three successive occasions. Late in February, they humbled the tough SPO's in the final of the Tug 'o war, one week later they came out on top of an 8-team volleyball tournament and then repeated their victory last week by downing the Art-Apps in the final bracket of another V-ball Tourney.

Early in March the Spring Table-Tennis championships were held in the lower deck of the men's canteen during the noon-hour break. A/B Jack Crevier won the tournament by downing Wtr. Thurston Andres in a hard-fought final 21-16, 16-21, 21-19. Among the casualties in the first round were Sto. Harold New and the hard-hitting Lieut.-Cmdr. Morton. However New rallied to win the consolation event.

RCN Braid Downs RN

The RN officers met the RCN officers in challenge table tennis match and with five men on each team playing a "round-robin" 25 hard-tought matches resulted. After the smoke of battle cleared the final score was RCN—14, RN—11.

Deck-hockey is becoming more popular, with the SBA's and the Seamen at the top of the heap. The Seamen's leading scorers are A/B Bill Ferguson who charges down the floor in lightning straight-line rushes and A/B Jack Crevier, who is a stick-handler de-luxe. The Givenchy stokers challenged the Naden Seamen and were trounced 13-2. Ferguson used his 200 lbs. with telling effect and Crevier and PTI Fred Schick combined beautifully. SBA Bill Pattmore was a tower of strength on the Naden "blue-line" using his long reach to the best advantage.

With the coming of spring plans are being made for a track-meet early this month. A Naden inter-part track meet will be held during the first week in April followed by a Naden—Givenchy meet two weeks later.

Gym At "Peregrine" Awhirl With Sports

by Harry Hine, PTI

In charge of Lieut. H C. Stevens, P&RT Officer from Regina and Victoria, "Peregrine" Drill Hall gymnasium is nothing short of a bee-hive of activity these days and if we may be permitted to do a little boasting we'd like to tell you of some of that activity.

Our basketball team was slated for the city championship of Halifax, according to Lieut. Stevens but the brilliant playing of the Stadacona cagers in mid-March changed the picture slightly by knocking our squad out of the play. However, the team, led by playing coach "Red" Martin of Victoria, gave the fans many a thrilling moment of basketball.

We are also proud of the fact that we were one of the first Naval establishments to have an inter-part basketball loop going. At the moment the Seamen are in the lead.

Future Champs?

Convinced that he is handling the future intermediate champions of Halifax, team manager PO Ferguson, of Calgary, is leaning heavily on such hockey players as "Buss" Benson, Harry Walker, Jimmy Creacham, Danny Horeck, Livingstone, Irvine and, if he recovers in time from an injured shoulder, Bill Balmer, all of whom are stalwarts on our shinny squad.

Leading our inter-part hockey squadron, another first in our sports activities, are the Accountant Personnel Office lads, followed closely by the Writers' team. The loop is handled by PTI Horeck and his boys are anxious to take on their boss' team in a challenge game.

The brain-wave of SPO Smith, the badminton club, which was formed last winter, meets every Wednesday and Sunday in the Drill Hall and the turnout of players certainly speaks for the popularity of the club and the game. Recently Peregrine took on the racquet artists from Dalhousie University and handed the college team a 6-3 beating—and an appetizing lunch.

Inter-Service Loop

The bowling alleys are in constant use since the Halifax inter-Service league was started in which the following teams compete: A23 Army, "Stadacona," No. 8 CMU, RCAF, No. 6 Depot Army, "Scotian," RCAF Dartmouth and "Peregrine."

The inter-part bowling league is carried on no less enthusiastically under the guidance of PO Doug. MacIntyre, of Sherbrooke, Que. The first part of the schedule was won by the Post Office staff and in the second section the Drill Hall squad has a promising lead at the moment.

Cupid would turn green with envy if he could visit our archery department, efficiently handled by Instructor Rene Gratton of North Bay, Ont., who has as his assistant and repair man W. Spillet, of Winnipeg.

In a recent contest with Dalhousie U archery team "Peregrine" won a closely played competition by a fair margin. Incidentally, we would welcome matches with any other teams interested in competing with us.

A newly-formed inter-part archery league promises to provide plenty of entertainment for many would-be nimrods around the base.

Well, whaddya think? Have we got a sports department at "Peregrine?"

ASHORE AND AFLOAT

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Canada after two years in and around England.

Wotta Job! Wotta Man!

Another welcome guest was "Buck" Berry, currently playing a good game of basketball for Halifax Seniors. What we would all like to know tho', is how he became coach—and so popular—of the Wren's team from "Slackers"? Did those concerned hold a vote, or was he, perchance, appointed? At any rate, it's a nice commission.

Latest class to complete the soggy

Where They Are Now

This department is getting as bad as the missing persons bureau judging by the number of requests from our readers to give them a line on the various navymen but we must admit it's fun tracking down the boys and telling you where you'll find them..... We had several folks ask us where three former seamen of the old Armentieres in peace time are now so to those of you who wanted to know, **Robert "Wings" Webber**, of Victoria is now CPO Coxswain of the Frigate "Swansea" and served aboard during all three of her successful forays with enemy subs..... **Don Calder**, also from the B.C. capital is Chief Gunner's Mate aboard HMCS Antigonish while "**Frenchy**" **Fest** is a coxswain, and only recently was drafted to Cornwallis..... **Gordie Hemming**, former Moose Jaw hockey ace is now at Cornwallis as a PTI after having a spell at Naden and Avalon..... **Jim McVean** of Wallaceburg and Windsor, Ont., is now Executive Officer aboard HMCS Battleford..... **Wally Duffield** holds a similar post aboard "Pictou"..... **Alex Watt** is a PTI at Captain D's gym Halifax while brother **Gordie** recently was drafted to Cornwallis..... **Jimmy Hicks**, of Toronto, is a Lieut. and serving aboard "St. Boniface"..... **Harry Patrick**, of Camrose, is now a Chief Stoker and employed at "Scotian"..... **Ted Morris** of Montreal and Halifax is now Chief Cook and after a term at Galt, Cornwallis and Peregrine he has been drafted aboard "Ontario"..... **PO Cook, Benny Humberstone** of Banff was aboard "Gatineau" for over a year and recently was drafted to Haida..... **Ralph Davies**, of Saskatoon is married to an Ottawa girl, is a PO Tel and serving aboard "Meon"..... **Bill Mundy** is a Lieutenant (S) and is aboard "Ste. Therese"..... **AB Bill Dinsmore** of Toronto is aboard "Galt" and brother **Edward** at Avalon..... yes **Jack Patterson** who does several articles for our paper is the same Patterson who was Sports Editor of Vancouver Sun..... **Jack Keating** of Halifax is now Chief Cook, he's been at Toronto recently but is presently taking a Warrant Cook's course at Cornwallis..... **Harry Marshall** of Montreal is a Lieut. (E) and serving aboard "Toronto," p.s. he recently married **Wren Jude Morrow**, of Winnipeg..... **Bill Wade** of Vancouver is a Warrant Officer and presently serving at Halifax..... **Wilf Tait** of Calgary is a Lieut. and torpedo officer of Fort William..... **Dick Tilcock** is a Ldg. Wtr. serving at NSHQ..... **Mike Band** of Toronto is now Lt. Cmdr. and CO of Swansea..... **Maurice Piche** is a L/Sea and is stationed at Ottawa..... **Joe Wells**, former Montreal policeman is also a L/Sea. serving at Ottawa..... **Ernie Tighe** is a CH/Sto. and is working as maintenance bos'n at NSHQ..... **Dick Beckett** is serving aboard HMCS Eastview..... **Al Olander** is a Yeo. of Sigs and is serving aboard HMCS St. Stephen..... **Norman McMillan** is pilot aboard HMCS Wallaceburg and is now a Lieut..... **Johnny Vincelle** is a sub. looie and is getting is seatime aboard HMCS Kenora..... **Tommy Leeming** the former writer at Naden early in the war is now torpedo officer aboard HMCS Meon and is a Lieut..... **Carl Severson** of Edmonton is a Lieut. and after a spell as gunnery officer at Halifax is now serving afloat in HMCS Napanee..... **Charlie Bicknell**, formerly of Calgary is now a Warrant Writer and stationed at Stadacona..... **Vic Henderson** another peace-time sailor is now CPO and is stationed at Stadacona's torpedo school..... **Eddie Pryor** recently picked up his PO in the photography branch and is working with PRO at Halifax..... **Douglas Abbott** who was decorated for his service in action while aboard HMCS Haida is now instructing at Cornwallis and is a CPO..... **Nick Eronie** is enroute to Canada after a spell as Wt. MAA at Niobe..... ye was formerly stationed in the same capacity at Stadacona and Newfie..... **Wilfred Pember** is Lieutenant-at-arms and is stationed at Halifax..... **Bob Sproule** is still bunting tossing and is aboard "Prince Henry"..... **Wellington Pringle**, his side-kick in peace-time navy, is serving aboard Waskesiu. He passed a Yeo of Sigs course at St. Hyacinthe recently..... **Ollie Simpkins** of Regina is now CPO Photog. and is stationed at Ottawa..... **Douglas Lowe** of Calgary is a Lieut. and after a year as CO of HMCS Kenora has been appointed to Toronto..... **Bill Isherwood** is Wt. MAA at Newfie...he was formerly stationed at Sydney..... **CPO Joe Jefferies** of Regina is gunner's mate aboard "Meon" and **Rafe Wallace** of Saskatoon is now Lieut.-Cmdr and CO of "Cobalt."

Unicorn Hockey Juniors Unbeaten

By Lt. T. R. Bothwell

Saskatoon—Well, here's a little more dope on HMCS Unicorn, the hottest Junior hockey club in Canada; and we would like to send along "congrats" to "Griffon" for taking the honors in the Thunder Bay Junior League. Might be something if Unicorn and Griffon could get together and hold their own Canadian Navy

road to success was the 13th of OA's with Martin Smeathers standing well out in front. Naturally, followed an evening of jollity, during which most everyone's Cross Levelling Gear went on the fritz. Either that or their gyros failed completely.

Hieroglyphics! Imagine!

Talking Shop now for a moment, let's consider the 4.7 inch Mk XII, twin guns. If, in the left gun, cocking of the striker is accomplished by the roller of cocking crank moving along an incline cut in the breech ring, how is the same operation performed in the right-hand breech where the block is inverted? You won't know unless you look?

CORNWALLIS PUCKETTES

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entering the scoring column.

Wren "Butch" Dupreau had her sights well-trained and came up with the first three goals at Halifax while Wren Lynne Lamb banged the fourth into the net to conclude the scoring.

According to Coach Millman the entire team played well and will improve before the season is finished.

Junior Finals.

The team lived up to its true form and swept through to the league title without a defeat. Brightest spot in our Northern Saskatchewan victories came when Ron Crone snatched off that all-important shutout, the only goose egg in the whole campaign.

"Unicorn" went on to take the two-out-of-three semi-final two straight from Falcons, and the final three-out-of-five series three straight from Prince Albert Black Hawks.

Eddy Kobussen the league's leading scorer (23 goals and 8 assists for nine league games) made some fine solo efforts but excellent work by his linemates Storey and Hogge made a lot of those goals possible. Our other line of Homenuke, Stay, and Buttrey was liable to break up any game from any one of the three positions.

Centre man, old (18 years) Don Stay has snake-hipped by a good many surprised defencemen as has Gord Hogge down the left side. Art Chapman, Eddie Shore's right hand man, has picked Al Storey as the most natural skating Junior he has ever seen. The most improved player on the club is Barby.

Our iron man rearguard of Carl Kaiser and captain Gaff Turner did yeoman service. The work of alternate goalkeeper Red Walby, too, has been nothing short of sensational.

At this point we (the entire team) would like to pass out a couple of bouquets to our aide-de-camp Pat Gair and our trainer Scottie Reid.

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For P. T.'s Sake

by Tommy Graham

Comes April and with it Spring and play-off time along the hockey front—but this year things are going to be different—there'll be no title hunt for the Allan Cup, emblematic of Senior Amateur Hockey supremacy in Canada. This news, which came as a sad blow to fans and players alike, who look forward all winter with great anticipation to playdown time was made recently by President Frank Sargent of the CAHA, and it will be the first time in history of Allan cup competition that the coveted silverware will not be at stake.

Just where the hockey trophy will remain for the ensuing year was not disclosed by the CAHA official but it is presumed it will remain in the grasp of Quebec Aces who copped the mug last season.

The Aces and their arch rivals Montreal Royals are presently battling it out for the Quebec Senior championship, with it being a toss up as to who will take the crown. In Ontario senior ice circles Hamilton's starry entry seems to be the club likely to take home the bacon, while in Manitoba Winnipeg's RCAF aggregation are favorites although at this writing they are tied at a game apiece in their playoff series with the navymen from HMCS Chippawa.

Saskatoon's Unicorns are considered the powerhouse of Saskatchewan circuits while Alberta's pride is the armymen from Currie Barracks. It's anybody's title at the west coast while down east in the Maritimes there isn't a club or hockey fan around that wouldn't concede all honors to HMCS Cornwallis, champions of the Maritimes last season and recently winners of the Halifax Senior Hockey League title—a circuit which was considered by the experts as the best in Canada.

During a recent cross-Canada jaunt your reporter took in games at Montreal, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver, being fortunate enough to arrive when the top clubs were performing. In making a decision as to the best hockey team in Canada today we firmly believe either Currie Barracks or our own Cornwallis club would have little difficulty in beating all to the finals and it would be a mighty close series between these two teams for the Dominion title.

Both clubs boast of several NHL performers on their roster and a galaxy of amateur stars who know their way around the ice lanes.

In a best of seven series we'd give the nod to Currie's armymen by one game with the series going the route and little to choose between either club in any game. We give the soldiers from the foothill city the edge because of their more seasoned professional players, for the team is any coach's "dream come true" from the goal out and here's how they look on paper.

Eddie McAneeley considered tops among amateur netminders out west, guards the pipes, Keeny Stewart, formerly Detroit Red Wings, Tommy Anderson, ex-Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Americans, Doug Lane, Saskatoon senior ace and "Dipsy" Dawes, another western ace in amateur circuits hold down defence positions.

Max Bently, Reg Bentley and Alex Kaleta all former Chicago Hawks, Tony Desmairs, Bunny Dame and Joe Benoit, all of whom were with Montreal Canadiens, Walter Whitey Rimstad, ex New York Rover, Doug Grant, Moose Jaw Millers star, Harry Black, considered one of the best hockeyists ever turned out of Edmonton ice rinks and on Chi-Hawks list, Les Christian, Calgary top-notch puck-chaser, and "Buzz" Bole, another localite, round out the attacking lines. Anyone who follows hockey and knows the ability of these men must agree that they rate high and believe me fellows they fly high too. Presently they are on a tour in British Columbia.

Our Cornwallis boys look good on paper too and they are good but just not quite to beat the western armymen and we've witnessed both in action more than once.

In the other two cup series we still think Irwin's Montreal Canadiens can comeback and it'll be a toss up between Moose Jaw Canucks and

Toronto St. Mikes for the Memorial silverware in the junior hunt, with maybe the collegians, rated best by many experts, finding themselves second best. We like Canucks.

Halifax Navy men are playing a series of exhibition games and it is rumored Cornwallis champion puckmen might make a short tour too. They deserve it and they'll give any

team a hockey battle to member.

First Wren: "I said some very foolish things to Tom last night."
Second Wren: "Yes?"
First Wren: "That was one of them."

"One man in New York dies every minute."
"Yeah, I'd like to see him."

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30	3.53	2.60	2.15	1.64	1.51
35	3.93	2.91	2.42	1.98	1.78
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INSIDE DOPE by an INSIDE DOPE

By Henry Sherman, A/B



Spring, spring, beautiful spring!
Seems to rhyme with any old thing.
And if this prose gives cause to curse,
Remember, it could still be **verse!**

Ah, yes, there is something about the spring.
What it is we don't know, but there is something.
Something gay! Something free! Something to
lift you far and beyond the sordid scenes of today
and into the mad, gay, brave, new world of
tomorrow. In short, a twenty-eight day leave
chit plus forty-six days' travelling time.

Nature puts on a new robe to welcome the
spring. Tiddley. The bark is blacker on the
trees and the sap is running to beat all heck. The

buds are breaking out like a rash and the birds are singing their darned fool
heads off. Somewhere the sun is smiling; the water is wetter, the sky is bluer
and if it would only stop snowing here at Cornwallis we would pack away our
longies. As it is, we're afraid of catching cold.

Out here, what with new regulations, correlations, promulgations and
dessertations appearing on the scene every hour on the hour, life has been ob-
served to be one fool thing after the other. But spring changes even that.
Drop around Wolf's Corner any night of the week and see what we mean:
Life is just two fool things after each other. Believe us.

Spring is truly a wonderful season. It makes the boys feel gallant and the
gals feel buoyant, and the editor good-natured enough to print this sort of stuff.
All in all it is a good thing.

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Actually, Spring is our most important season, for it is then that nature
sees fit to come renew her lease on life. This spring, however, may very well be
the most important in the human story, heralding as it does the final crushing
blows aimed at the destruction of Nazi Germany. But what is even more vital
to us than this beginning of the end of certain recognized forces of evil is the
beginnings of the beginning of a new understanding and confidence between
nations.

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We should like to recount the tale of a newly enlisted OD who was strolling
down one of the gangways of a stone frigate when he passed the Commander
with nothing more or less auspicious than a cheery smile. This was too much
for the brass who promptly blasted the man in no uncertain terms for his failure
to salute.

"Do you know who I am?" he thundered.

"Nope!" replied the rating, as affable as ever.

"I'm the CO in charge of this base, you idiot!"

"You are!" replied the OD, a smile of wonderment creasing his features.

"Say that's a good job. Don't do anything to louse it up!"

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The youth of this and every allied nation has done and is doing its share.
We have learned to say, "Yes, sir!" and "No, Sir," to fight and to die, and now
it is with mixed emotions we watch our leaders prepare for the World Security
Conference at San Francisco where they will draw up plans for the future
conduct of that world in which we and our children intend to spend this next
little while. To these leaders we can only say: "It is an important job, this
being in charge of an establishment whose boundaries are washed only by the
endless waves of boundless ether. It is a good job. Don't do anything to
louse it up!"

Yes the two of us went to the opera together: Inside Dope from a Dope
Inside and Stanislaus, the poor man's Phantom of the Opera. It was good.
The opera we mean. Or should we say "operetta," for it was "Trial by Jury" by
Gilbert and Sullivan, and a good job too.

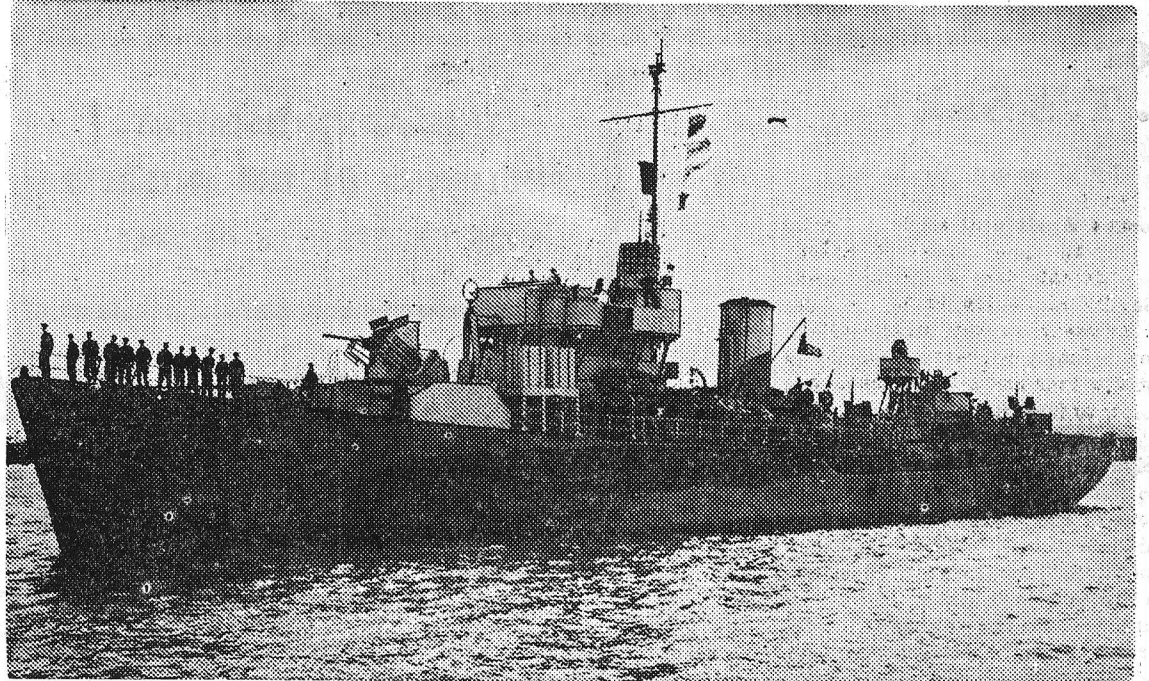
It was a very surprising performance. We knew that the Cornwallis Choir
had been rehearsing for weeks on end (which one they failed to specify) before
the performance; that musical director Clifford Clark's curly locks had become
prematurely streaked with grey; that production chief S/Lt. T Burnett's blood
pressure had risen three points and knocked the bottom out of wheat, but we
were not prepared for a performance that combined professional polish, colour-
ful costumes, spirited singing, and happy humour to such an excellent extent as
to make possible this awful alliteration. The production nicked five minutes
off the official three-quarter of an hour timing by the D'Osyle Carte people, and
presented 40 minutes of highly appreciated song and laughter to a packed house.

S/Lt. Henry Bialuski, of Winnipeg, stole the show as the judge. Where
he ever learned to interpret that lusty old reprobate so well we do not know,
and we're not asking. After all, he was married just last month and this is no
time to be digging up the past.

Wren Peg Armstrong and SBA Charles Monk were both very pleasant as
the plaintiff and the defendant, though from where we were sitting it looked as
if Charlie was turning down a good thing when he didn't take the girl. Peg,
who comes from Newfie John, has been working for the Staff Officer, Training,
since December, and one never knows.....

Lieut. Ivor Thomas, of Toronto and Vancouver, made a very impressive
usher. There's nothing like a parade square baritone to help put that "Silence
in court!" stuff over with a proper flourish.

The first part of the programme consisted of three groups of piano solos,
including such perennial favourites as Debussy's Clair de Lune, Lecuona's Mal-
aguena, The Waltz in E minor and Etude No. 3 by Chopin, and De Falla's
Ritual Fire Dance. The pianist was Lt.-Cmdr. Helen Ockenden, Wren Unit
officer at Cornwallis, and she gave a very enjoyable recital inasmuch as the
selections were carefully chosen, her playing was both vivid and delicate in
interpretation, and the boys had an opportunity to whistle at a Lt.-Cmdr.



HMCS Trentonian, one of the Royal Canadian Navy's corvettes was sunk recently by a torpedo from a German U-Boat. One officer was killed and five ratings are missing. "Trentonian" is shown here as she appeared last year while taking part in the invasion operations off the French coast.—R.C.N. Photo.

St. Boniface Cagers Best Team Afloat

by Tommy Graham

An Eastern Canadian Port: They're singing high praises these days for the sharp-shooting basketball team of the Royal Canadian Navy Algerine minesweeper HMCS St. Boniface, which holds the distinction of being the best cage team afloat. In 25 games they remain undefeated.

Not only have the St. Boniface blitz kids toppled every Canadian ship cage team they've met but they hold impressive wins over two top-notch hoop squads of United States Navy vessels.

The boys take their sport seriously, openly issue challenges to all comers and to belittle the team to any of the sailors aboard is as serious as palming an ace in the days when the west was wild.

'Nuff's' Nuff

Coached by SA Pete Sande, of Calgary, prominent in western Canada sporting circles before joining the navy, the club has only eight players and to quote Sande, "We don't need any more."

Lt.-Cmdr. Johnny Frewer, of Toronto, Commanding Officer of the ship and also an athlete of note is the team's manager. "We have some real athletes aboard," he said and points with pride to the ship's softball team of last season which also held the record of being the best softball team afloat.

The team recently accepted a two-game challenge from HMCS St. Catharines hoopsters, who up until the time they met St. Boniface held an undefeated record in games against basket-eteers of other sea-going ships and the "Bonnies" copped both tilts. They have drawn the line at no opposition and place their title at stake in every game

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an exhibition tour of Canada in 1942, when he played 440 people in approximately one month and walked clear across the country. At least that is his story. "The toughest thing about playing a large number of people is the walking," he said. "It really makes you tired. There should be a way you could do it sitting down."

One thing, however, does bother him, and that is the forthcoming bi-annual tournament for the Canadian chess championship which starts next June 5 in Saskatoon. If Dan cannot obtain the necessary leave to attend the tournament he will forfeit the title. And he would rather not do that. He has, therefore, asked us to state that although he celebrated his 20th birthday some time last week his gift from NSHQ is yet forthcoming, so would they mind postponing it until June. He says he can wait.

"That's the guy I'm laying for," muttered the hen as the farmer went by.

ALONG JETTY ROW

"So they gave you one of those things, too, eh?," remarked the casual visitor to the mess deck aboard one of those gray packets moored not far from the foot of grim-looking North Street.

He was referring to the gold "mentioned in dispatches" leaf which big and jovial Sammy Short was sporting next to his "lodge and comps."

"Oh, that", returned Sammy, "I guess they have to give them to some body."

But there was more to the big Gunner's Mate's story than that. Sam, who says he comes from Toronto and Halifax, has seen plenty in the last five years and he had just come back to Canada after serving a lengthy stretch in the "Algonquin" on the other side.

After he had off-handedly explained that he'd gone through most of the action while still in his cart, one of the other lads in the mess told the real story.

They had tangled with an enemy convoy last November off the Norwegian coast and during a running fight at close range had done considerable damage due to the excellent shooting of the gang in the "Algonquin."

Big Sam had been given special credit, but while the dip was being spun he made sure that his mates got their credit. There was PO Johnny Sandburn of Fort William, the director layer, PO George Cole of Halifax, a QR2 and captain of jone of the guns, and also PO Johnny Wood of East Couleo, Alta., an LTO. It was just routine work, they said. But it was another important nail in the Nazi coffin.



J. Wanless

Not far along the jetty we stumbled into a West Coaster, PO Wellington R. "Wimpy" Pringle, a yoeman sig on the "Wasquesui." "Wimp" had joined up back in 1938 in Esquimalt as a boy seaman and later had helped edit the "Bos'n's Call" with Warrant Officer Tommy Graham now of the Public Relations Office in Halifax.

Since joining up "Wimp" has seen service in the old "Ottawa," the minesweeper "Kelowna," the corvettes "New Westminster" and "Rosthern."

Either enjoying the stand-easy or going about some routine such as supplying a warming tot for their visitors were PO Art Wall of Middleton, Ont., who was aboard the "Wasquesui" when she got her sub in the North Atlantic, PO Stan Hardy of Montreal, PO Arnold Klays of Winnipeg, PO Jack Bunker of Calgary, PO Albert "Siggie" Siquoin of Edmonton, AB Harold Wheatley of Fort William, PO Frank Thomas of Montreal who at the time had his arm in a sling, having fallen from one of the upper bunks, CPO Hank Wolf of Victoria and CPO Alf Lapsley of Toronto.

Further along the jetty we encountered CPO Stoker Bob Kettlewell of Prince Albert, Sask., who remarked that we had just arrived in time for a little ceremony. Aboard the corvette St. Therese they were holding a "farewell" for Lt. R. A. Coombes, their engineer officer from North Devon, N. B. He was leaving them, after a happy term of service, for a new appointment.

Among those present were CPO (ERA) Jerry McGinnis of Vancouver, CPO Bill Cowan of Burlington, Ont., L/Sto. Gus May of Calgary, L/Sto Rus Holmes of Kingston, Ont., L/Sto. Jimmy Little and L/Sto. Johnny Rey, Vancouver, Stokers Bill Blaky, Peterboro, Ont., Ted Wiles, Windsor, Ont., Ross Hogg, Stratclair, Man., Alf Yuill, Brantford, Ont., Bill Smith of Simcoe, Ont., and Keith Smith of Victoria.

"And don't forget our expectant father, Jack Norton." someone called out. Jack is married to the former L/Wren Eileen Doyle of Charlottetown, P.E.I., and for all he knew he was a father right then and there. He was expect-

Also present was ERA Dave Bulmer of Victoria who says he intends to go poultry farming in Ontario when this is over, and that he is still single and eligible. And Sto. PO Jimmy Wanless of Ladysmith, B.C. whose record goes back to 1931 and who has only had 58 days home with his family since 1939.

During his lengthy stretch of service Jimmy has served in the "Restigouche," the "Skeena," the "Duckworth" and the "St. Therese," and has spent a while in Niobe. Before his navy service began he had a cool dozen years in the Merchant Navy. There, my friend, is a guy with a little salt on his color.

There were other, too, who had a hand in the celebration for it was a big day aboard the "St. Therese." PO Jack "Pop" O'Connor of Kingston, Ont., had dropped in and was chatting with another good Irisher, Sto. PO Barney O'Gorman of London, Ont.

O'Connor was ashore now after spending 4 1/2 out of his 5 1/2 years in the VR's at sea. O'Gorman, who talks from behind a bushy fringe of curly whiskers, was admiring a snapshot of his young son whom he would soon see back home. On the back of the snap was "To Daddy from Bobby."



Bobby

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