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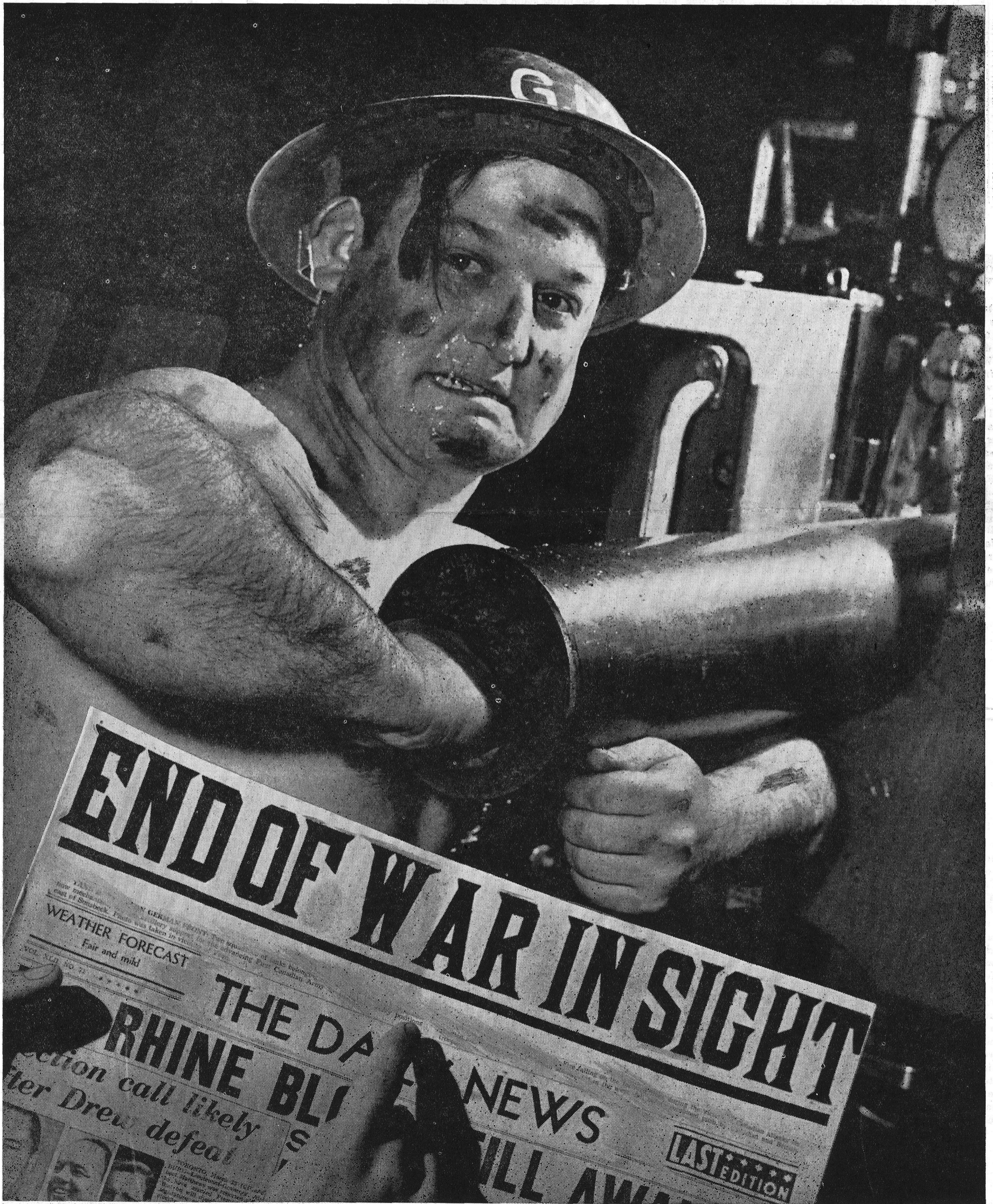
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"If Blood be the Price of Admiralty
Lord God we ha' paid in full."
—Kipling



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"THE DEBT WE OWE"

By L/Coder Alfred Walters

On the 12th day of April, 1945, Franklin Delano Roosevelt died
With his passing there came to mankind, the world over, a sense of personal
loss. Here was a man who had set aside personal gain in an effort to bring
ever-lasting peace to a war-torn world. Here was a man who gave his life to a
cause willingly, unstintingly and wholly. His physical handicap would have,
from the very beginning, completely defeated a man of lesser qualities but never
once did he falter in the upward climb to champion the cause of freedom.

We in Canada mourn with our "Good neighbors" this day, for he was a
true friend. We in the service of His Majesty feel the loss more so due to the fact
that we have played and are continuing to play, a great part in the ideals of this
great men.

The History of the United States of America records the words of "The
Gerea Emancipator," Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg when he said "That the
Government of the people, for the people and by the people shall not perish from
the earth." History shall also record the works of this, her greatest President,
the sacrifices he made and the faith he kept with "The Forgotten Man."

Franklyn Delano Roosevelt visioned a world of brotherhood among nations,
a world of peace and security where freedom from fear was an eternal rule.
It is, indeed, unfortunate that a Greater Power decided against his staying with
us in order that he might have seen his dream come true.

But let us not end with his passing. He has vaillantly laid the founda-
tion for an eternal peace. He has worked and suffered that others might reap
the fruits of his labours. He has taken as a personal loss the death of every
man of the Allied Nations. Surely, we who are left can carry on and make it
our duty to see that his efforts were not in vain.

"He held aloft a lighted torch,
And kept the flame so briggt
That all who strove for freedom's sake
Could see its glorious light,
So let us take from out the hand
This torch he kept aglow
And carry it to every land;
This is the debt we owe.

ACROSS OUR BOWS

Letters to the Editor

Well, Gee Whiz!!!

Dear Sir:

We think it is about time the readers
of The Crow's Nest were brought up to
date on the highly-touted athletes of
HMCS St. Boniface.

We would like to protest the fact
that they were chosen the best softball
team afloat last year, as the "Sault Ste.
Marie" team deated them in three
straight games. (Oh, yes, they tied
us once.) Added to this, our team was
undefeated in over 30 (yes, we say 30)
starts last season, so, when the laurels
are being handed out, how about a few
for our boys?

We also boast of having one of the
best hockey teams, winning five games
by overwhelming margins, and tying
one, in six games. Incidentally, we
defeated the St. Boniface team 12-3.

The die is cast and we hereby chal-
lenge any nine softballers from any ship
to break our undefeated string of last
year. We still have the same team.

Arch Forrest, Tel.,
Allan F. Duffus, Lieut.,
HMCS Sault Ste. Marie.

That is quite a record and we are
sorry if we have been creating any
wrong impressions—but you've got to
admit "St. Boniface" certainly looks

after her publicity pretty well by
sending the information to us—ahem!
—Ed.

Photographer, No Doubt

Dear Sir:

You're doing a top job. I like the
paper—especially the dope on Niobe.
It's good to see the names even if the
faces aren't hanging around!

My folks would like to read the real
stuff, cooked up by the boys in the bus-
iness, so here's still another subscrip-
tion.

R. E. Shaw, ERA,
HMCS Protector II,
Sydney, N.S.

How do you mean that—"faces aren't
hanging around!"?—Ed.

Navy—All the Way!

Dear Sir:

I enjoy reading the Crow's Nest very
much and now and then come across
a name I know. First things I look
for are the items about HMCS Queen,
Regina, and HMCS Tecumseh, in Cal-
gary, as the west is my home and I
am going back after this war is over.

I have my husband, two brothers,
and a cousin in the Navy and a brother
just waiting to join, so I guess we are
one of the strictly "Navy families."

Mrs. J. C. Russell
Stellarton, N.S.

Put Up Yer Dooks!

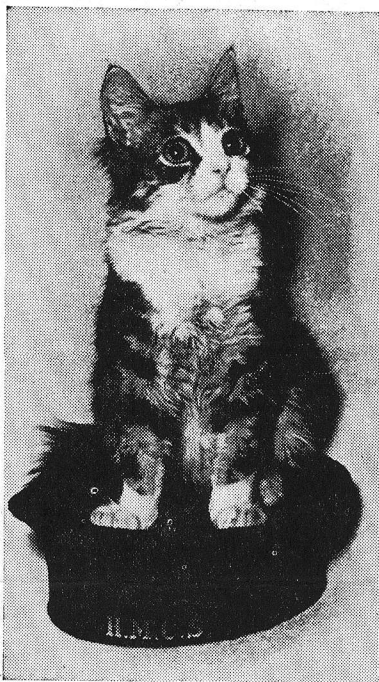
Dear Sir:

Recently we came across a clipping
from a Toronto paper, wherein a claim
was made by five ships to the basket-
ball title of the Royal Canadian Navy.
Never knowing that such a title ex-
isted we were a little late in staking
our claim. Although we do not boast
of any star senior Canadian athletes
that represent these other ships, we
feel that our team, with its little ex-
perience, but plenty of fight and coo-
peration, can stand up to anything that
any of these ships can put before us.
So, we hereby challenge any ship in
the Royal Canadian Navy and also
put in our claim among the first to the
basketball title of the Canadian Navy.
Our score at present is eleven wins and
no defeats including victories over two
of the afore-mentioned ships and one of
the best senior barracks teams. We
figure that there are only two ships
that can even give us any competition,
so let them come. We are ready.

C. J. Volcke,
for Ship's Company,
HMCS Joliette.

Hey, doesn't anyone ever lose a game
in this man's Navy?—Ed.

Mr. (or Miss) Timmy

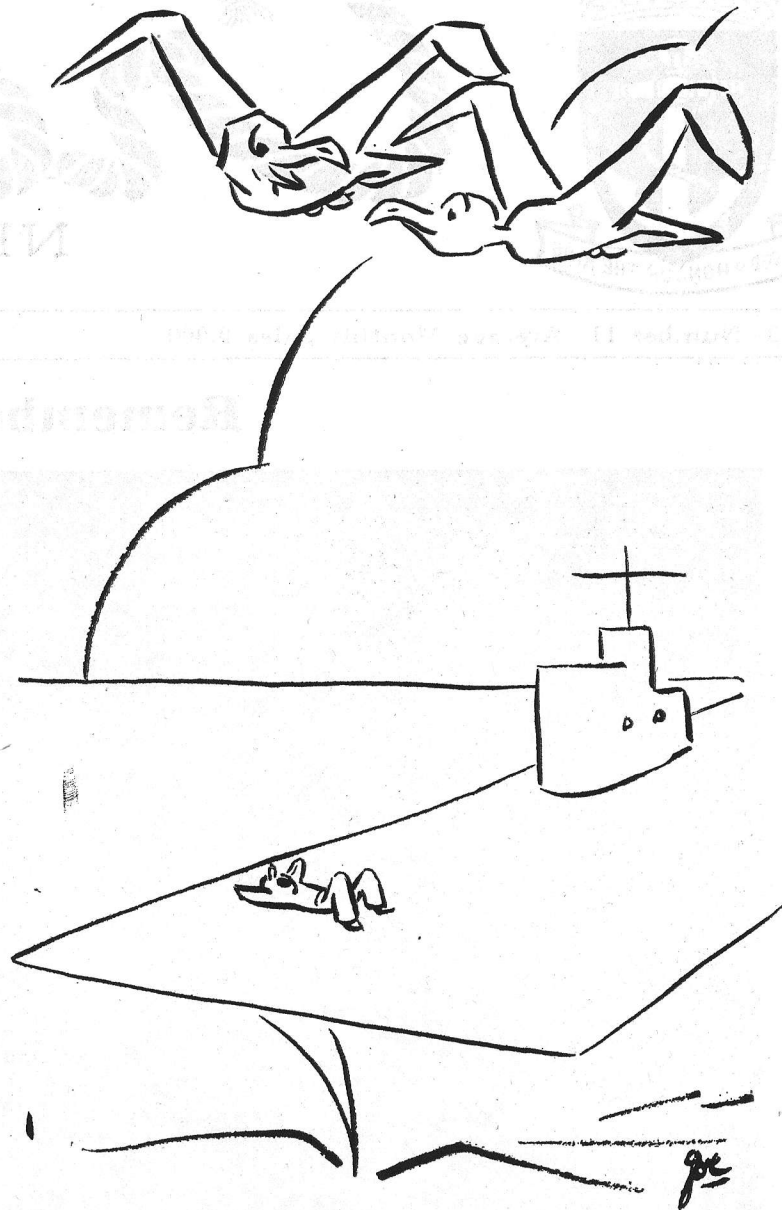


Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a picture of
"Timmy" (whatever that means) our
mascot. It's a cat. If you find him
(or her) photogenic, would you pub-
lish his (or her) cute little map in The
Crow's Nest. Thanking you for your
kind cooperaton and your good work.

L. Herbert, Lieut.
Canteen Secretary,
HMCS Goderich.

Yes, we agree with you. He (or she)
is definitely a cat (or catess).—Ed.



"Will Ya Gimme Odds?"

Used His Crane-ium

Dear Sir:

I've received a number of letters
from my girl-friend in which she en-
closed a poem composed by her girl-
friend Mary, and in one particular let-
ter, she enclosed a poem by Mary's
boy-friend, Don, who is, or was, at sea
in HMCS Swansea. In these letters
she asked if I would try to write a poem
which I did, and forwarded it to her.
After showing it to a few of the boys
here on the base, they told me I should
send it to you.

Ralph Mongeau, ERA 4,
Crane Operator,
HMCS Protector,
Sydney, N.S.

Well, here's the poem and we hope
the girl-friend likes it. We think it tells
a good story and if it gives her the lift
that your crane gives those guns aboard
ship you could be able to set her down
on your side of the jetty any day.—Ed.

THE CRANE

In nearly every letter
That I receive from you,
Enclosed I find a poem
By someone else, or you.

I've read the one from Mary's Don.
The one he wrote at sea,
And also one by Mary,
That sounded swell to me.

And every time you send one,
You never fail to ask,
"Why don't you write a poem, Ralph?"
So.....here it is at last.

Now I could write about myself
But that would be inane,
Who wants to hear of a Sailor
Who merely runs a Crane?

A Crane that stands above the dock
And there each day, has sat,
A Canadian Sailor in the cab—
Who ever heard of that?

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RESIGNS POST



The man who was the leader in the great effort which resulted in Canada achieving the Naval Power which she enjoys today, Hon. Angus L. Macdonald last month resigned his post as Minister of National Defence for Naval Services.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

THE FRONT PAGE

The end of the war in Europe doesn't mean that everything stops from that moment. Unless guns and shells and food, clothing and machinery and ships are supplied continuously, men in other parts of the world are going to lose the fight and die because the people at home thought "it was all over!"

That's the idea that Chief Petty Officer James L. Lawson, Gunner's Mate, of Peterborough, Ont., is trying to get across to you as he shoves a shell into the breech of the gun, as pictured on our cover this month.

CPO Lawson knows what it is like to have to fight against terrific odds. He knows what it is like to see ship-mates die and be unable to help them.

It was in "Skeena" during those first two long, lean years that CPO Lawson knew what lack of protection and fighting power meant.

He also knows what the North Atlantic can do to a ship and its crew when icy weather and mountainous waves try their hands against a warship.

He was a part, too, of that gallant group of men and ships that carried out the evacuation from Dunkirk when an army lacking in equipment and the means to fight was beaten back by an enemy with every known weapon and instrument of war at its command.

Being a member of the Royal Canadian Navy's permanent force, this Gunner's Mate will be playing his part, in the Pacific war. He and hundreds of other Canadians will know that it isn't "all over."

The cover photograph was composed and produced by Lieut. W. Halkett, Photographic Officer at HMCS Cornwallis.

LOOK! BANANAS!



HMCS Uganda en Route to the Pacific: Canadian sailors serving in the new cruiser HMCS Uganda found plenty of fresh fruit when they went ashore at the historic Saudi Arabia port of Aden, en route to the Far East.

Across Our Bows

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A sailor who musters every morn' And climbs a ladder high, To report for duty at his crane, His cabin in the sky.

Starts up his air compressor Sets all the friction valves, And opens up the windows To holler at his pals.

What guns are we to lift today, The four-inch on the bow? Or shall we get that Oerlikon, The one that's closest now?

He pulls on one control switch, The boom begins to rise, Then everyone below on deck Looks up with glowing eyes.

The cable blocks come hurtling down And stop above the gun The rigger hooks a cable sling Around an Oerlikon.

Then Granbois, gives the signal To lift the gun straight up And swing it to the jetty Then, on a waiting truck.

And every sailor in that ship This, you can believe, Knows his ship's in reef And he's going home on leave.

And while those sailors are at home Our boys, you can be sure, Will work all hours, night and day, To make that ship secure.

The famous "sailor" trademark is recognized as a guarantee of unflinching quality.



PLAYER'S NAVY CUT CIGARETTES

And e'er the ship is put to sea, We'll work, around the clock, Checking engines, valves, and such Before she leaves the dock.

That crane will lift a thousand things Before the job is done And when the boys are called from home She's ship-shape for her run.

Life is swell in the Navy But that thought will still remain, Who ever heard of a sailor, Trying to sail a Crane?

Enjoy Paper At Sea

Dear Sir I wish to inform you, on behalf of the Ship's Company of HMCS Ingonish that the paper has furnished us all with enjoyable reading and has been a source of relaxation for many of us during our non-working hours.

Commanding Officer, HMCS Ingonish.

FAST EYE SERVICE

A Newfoundland Port—Speed is the specialty of the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital's optical department here—the kind of speed that can give a sea-going sailor an eye-test right after breakfast and have him fitted with a

new pair of spectacles buy supertime. In that time, between the test and the final fitting, lenses are ground, framed and tested—probably one of the fastest optical services in the world.

Although the RCN optical department is strictly Navy, it is available to a all three armed services. The optical unit handles more than 200 a month,

APPLY FOR CHARTER

At a recent meeting of the White Ensign Association, it was decided to make application for a Dominion charter so that branches of the Association might be opened in cities and towns from coast to coast.

Since the commencement of hostilities branches have been formed at Shelburne, Cornwallis and St. John's, Newfoundland and these include personnel from every province in the Dominion. Since the majority of these men and women will be returning to the various parts of Canada upon demobilization, it is the hope of the group that branches can be begun to allow them to continue their Naval connections.

The program of the White Ensign Association gives a great deal of attention to demobilization and rehabilitation work.

The HARBOR VIEW

HOTEL and COTTAGES

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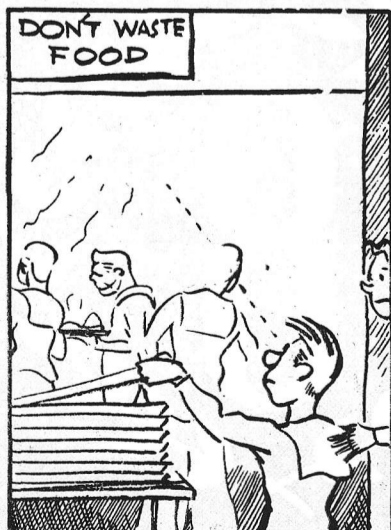
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KING NEPTUNE HOLDS COURT



HMCS "Uganda" Crosses Equator: When the new Canadian cruiser HMCS Uganda crossed the equator recently Neptune Rex rose out of the sea to initiate all "pollywogs" amongst the Canadian sailors into the ancient and traditional order of the "Shellbacks." All those who were crossing the line for the first time were rounded up by Neptune's police and brought before him for the time-honored and rather fearsome ceremonies.

High priority in the ceremonies was given to "Uganda's" senior officers. Here the Executive Officer, Cmdr. Hugh F. Pullen, OBE, resolutely prepares to receive an injection from Neptune's Court Doctor, Chief Stoker Thomas Stewart, of Victoria, B.C. In the foreground Neptune's Court Barber, PO "Sticks" Rutherford wields a mighty blade..... while S/Lt. Rowland, of Montreal, dressed as a water-sprite, looks on from behind. After thorough treatment the Commander's chair will be suddenly up-ended and he will be thoroughly baptised in the ship's tank. RCN Photo by Lieut. G. Moses.

King Arthur: "I hear you have been misbehaving?"
 Knight of the Round Table: "In what manor, sir?"

This week's definition: Marriage—A mutual partnership, with the husband as the mute.

"Now you mustn't let anything excite you," said the gorgeous Varga-type nurse as she leaned over and gently straightened the recruit's blankets.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Cannery Row. By John Steinbeck. In Cannery Row swelt Doc and Mack and the boys, to whom life is a glad sweet song. Doc is a clever scientist with humanitarian leanings and a passion for Gregorian music. The boys are ne'er-do-wells with a flair for getting the most out of their irresponsible existence. How their midnight frog-hunt precipitated a party in Doc's honor is a beautiful blend of pathos and humour guaranteed to captivate any reader. These are good Steinbeck characters with their feet firmly planted in the clouds, and their hearts very much in the right place.

Wife to Mr. Milton. By Robert Graves. Young Marie Powell was a dutiful daughter and so did not demur when her father's indebtedness to one, John Milton, resulted in her marriage to this man so many years her senior and almost unknown to her. In "Wife to Mr. Milton", Robert Graves not only brings to life the stern, bigoted selfish author of Paradise Lost and his tragic child-bride, but he also recreates in convincing style a colorful and caustic picture of Stuart England.

Young Man With A Horn. By Dorothy Baker. A story with a setting as new as the latest song on the Hit Parade. It's central figure, Rick Martin, absorbed in his passion for swing music, devotes himself to it entirely and by the time he is in his mid-twenties, is the best trumpeter in the topmost band in all the United States. He created music which "in a different kind of world in another time, everything changed, might have lasted with the music of the other devout ones, who put it down so that it's still good and always will be." If Rick found that this single-mindedness cost him the pleasures and affections of a more ordinary life, he knew what few people ever find, the intense joy and satisfaction of doing something supremely well. He could play a simple tune, one note after another, and make each single note a shining, fresh thing" and it was said of him that he could never play anything without

lighting it up a little on his own.

The Green Years. By A. J. Cronin. Here is a segment of life as rich as any Dr. Cronin has pictured. It is the story of Robert Shannon, striving against staggering odds to salvage his own soul.

Orphaned and compelled to live with his maternal grandparents, Robert finds himself in an unfriendly world, an object of ridicule. His name, his clothes, his religion, were all wrong in this provincial Scottish town. His relatives constitute an amazing family of contradictory and unpredictable personalities. Above them all, towers the irresponsible, amorous, boasting, penniless great-grandfather.

The story abounds with humor and excitement, bold characters and all the trials and crises which draw from us a smile and a recollection of personal experience.

Then there emerges the man, struggling with his faith and his dreams, reaching out to the greater destiny which must be his. The Green Years is a deeply moving novel. To read it will be a richly rewarding experience.

Storm Strings

There's a rustle in the rigging!
 An eerie gleaming compasses the sky,
 And tones of darkness prematurely fall
 Around the sun, whose sluggish path on high
 Plunges short-lived beneath the rim of all.

There's a whining in the rigging!
 With scarce a ripple spread across the sea
 Its viscous blackness heaves deep fathoms down.
 The ship in answer dips and lifts to lee
 Responsive always. Even the birds have flown.

There's a whistling in the rigging!
 Gust follows gust, presaging the full blast
 Which stirs the deep to hills of liquid might;
 On-rushing, rising, falling, racing past
 The tossing ship. Peace goes! Day yields to Night.

There's a screaming in the rigging!
 Wind fills the voiding blackness of the world
 And beats upon the brain with shattering force.
 Sleet follows rain, gives place to hail, all whirled
 With spume and spray. The storm now runs its course.

There's a screeching in the rigging!
 White crested waves roar madly overhead,
 Their tumult crashing round us, torn away
 By searing, soundless shafts of power that lead
 Demonic to their end nor note their stay.

There's a singing in the rigging!
 With spindrift streaked, the welter of the seas,
 In mad indiscipline, now breaks across
 Its ranks, pursued by Boreas' vain breeze
 Whose faltering gusts reveal his jealous loss.

There's a whisper in the rigging!
 Wave breaks on wave, nor leave unstirred the tide
 But, slowly heaving, spent in time, endure.
 Serene beneath the rising moon we ride,
 Unconquered yet, for home again. Secure!

A. M. Kirkpatrick.

Naden Pageant Features Wren Water Ballet

By Lt. John H. Pepper

Victoria's famous Crystal Garden was the scene of a most successful water pageant staged by West Coast Navy personnel. The big show sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Navy was under the patronage of the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and Mrs. W. G. Woodward and was directed by Lt.-Cmdr. Alex Park Sports Officer for Pacific Coast. Long lines formed outside the Gardens long before the gala event and a big crowd saw a well-rounded program that will set a mark for excellence for future Garden aquatic shows to aim at.

Water Ballet A Hit

The feature of the evening was the group swimming of 30 Wrens under the direction of Wren Hazel Smith former provincial swimming champion. Round after round of enthusiastic applause testified to the excellence of their performance. Shimmering circles of living water-daisies swimming in graceful precision through a wandering group of moonlit model sail boats and graceful floating swans provided a well-staged water ballet.

The men's events were featured by a 50 yard free-style race between AB George Fry, former B.C. champion, and AB H. Chase former Ontario champ. This was a neck and neck affair with George Fry coming in ahead by a hair's breadth. A diving exhibition staged by C.P.O. C. E. Adams, Port Arthur; Sto. C. M. Roberts, Calgary, and H. Chase, showed a wide diversification of springboard ability. Comic relief was supplied by Lt. A. B. Savage, Montreal, and AB Burgess, Vancouver, who acted as clowns doing stunts as the Dorothy Dix dive and "ye old swimming hole header." A demonstration

of deep sea diving using the Salvus breathing apparatus and the Davic submarine escape apparatus.

Goodly Sum Raised

Mrs. D. Ruttan acted as convener for the events on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary and PO M. Francis, London, Ontario, did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies. He was ably assisted by Don Haskell, who hails from Chatham, Ontario. A substantial sum was raised by the Auxiliary to be used for the purchase of comforts for the sea-farers of the RCN and the Merchant Navy.



BEAUTIFUL BARBARA



The demure little miss who poses this month as your pin-up girl is Barbara Hale, R. K. O. Pictures starlet. With that smile Barbara really brings the sunshine through, doesn't she, though?

SPORTSMEN AT "CAPTOR II" END RECORD SEASON

L/W Joan Campbell

From HMCS Captor II on Fundy's other shore comes an initial greeting to Crow's Nest fans. Numerous unrecorded items are called to mind with this salutation and a glimpse at the winter's activities would seem to be a good start.

An inter-departmental bowling league had a very successful season with the Signal office coming out on top. The highly prized trophy was thus removed from its place of adornment in the RPO's office.

Sigs Winners

The first section of the league was won by the Signal Office after a closely contested game with the Shore Patrol team, which proved to be the stiffest opposition. The second section started off with 4 teams almost dead-locked in the lead. The Signal office after a poor start managed to clinch the title without the necessity of a play-off. This victory brings to mind the realization of a promise made by the Captain of the Sig's team to the Captain of the RPO's team at the end of last year's bowling season—(Note RPO Wheeler). It is hoped that if RPO Wheeler is passing through Saint John he will have time to drop into the Regulating office and view his handiwork which deserves to be displayed.

The League originally consisted of 12 teams finally whittled down to 8 representing almost every Branch. The winning team was composed of the following people who bowled a majority of the games throughout the season: L/Coder C. Switzer, L/Coder H. Sanger, Signalman H. Moreau, L/Tel.

A. S. Parfitt, P.O. D. Frost, PO W. Pollard, L/Sea. Nickerson, CPO J. Taylor, Lieut G. Winters.

Although names of Wrens are missing from this list, WRCNS personnel did contribute a team with Lieut. E. M. Peacock as captain. Never a serious

threat it was consistent if not spectacular.

Won Puck Title

After a hectic season of puck-chasing the Captor II team wound up on top of the local Garrison League. This League consisted of 3 army and 2 Navy teams namely:—15th Coast RCA, Canadian Provost Corps, (including Shore Patrol), Q-Boats, No. 2 Port Co. RCASC, Captor II (Base).

Besides going through the season without losing a game it is gratifying to note that the Base furnished the players that formed the back-bone of the "All Star" team which consisted of Army, Air Force and Navy. Leading the pack was the star, Mike Demchuk, PTI Coaching was handled by Lieut. "Bob" Wyber.

A very attractive and spacious lounge for Chiefs and Petty officers was opened in the Barrack's Blocks during the winter. Sunday night shows with female company in attendance have become a very pleasant weekly custom. CPO Joe Smith its very energetic President, recently drafted to sea, has been replaced by CPO W. Nolan.

Run, Brother!

Canteen dances were held at intervals during the winter. "Sadie Hawkins" had her fling and inspired her devotees to rather weird and wonderful costumes. Bruce Holder's orchestra provided the music and prizes were given for the most original and grotesque creations.

The Wardroom also held 2 very successful dances at the Admiral Beatty Hotel. The first, in mid-winter, used "Davy Jones Locker" as theme. Lieut. Allen Black was responsible for the very authentic atmosphere created by the use of decoration and Lieut. Harry Smith was the "Punn-

DISCOVERIN' DISCOVERY

With Lieut. John H. Pepper

Just after last issue went to press, it was announced that our Commanding Officer Kenneth C. MacRae had been promoted to the rank of A/Com-mander. A well-known yachtsman before the war, he was wounded while serving on loan to the Royal Navy A/Cmdr. McRae the Mediterranean. On his return to HMCS Discovery he became executive officer and took over command in July, 1943.



Discovery's Soccer team has continued to hold second place in Vancouver and district Soccer League and has advanced to the semi-finals of the Imperial Cup emblematic of Vancouver and district championship. The last two weeks of March saw our battlin' pegskin booters victorious to the tune of 3-2 over Hastings' Bluebirds and a 2-0 win over Collingwood. Discovery's goal getters were O/Sea Joe Steele and Don Matheson, L/SA "Farmer" Vogeli, Bandsman Ed. Cowan, L/Sea. Len Coombes.

During April, the boys are scheduled to play East Indians in Imperial Cup Semi-Finals and if victory materializes, Discovery's lads will then tackle the famous Norvans. They are hoping to bring the Norvans 16-game winning streak to a conclusion. L/Wtr. Wilf Thompson is on the side lines recovering from a knee injury sustained in a game with Norvan. L/Sea. Len Coombes is missed by his former teammates. His Tecumseh draft was a big loss to the team but the arrival of L/SA Vogeli has partially off-set that loss.

Badminton

The shuttle cock game under the direction of L/Sea. Sid Greenwood has been undergoing a strong revival. Three courts on operation every noon-hour and some good players have been uncovered. L/SA G. Sluggett, CPO Wtr. Les Noon, and Bandsman Joe Pierkarz are numbered amongst our better players.

The officers have also been conducting a tournament. Our First Lieutenant Bill Underhill, a former champion, has left some of his fellow officers rather gasping and as a result he and Lt.-Cmdr. W. Garrard are leading.

Just in case you are wondering what the coloured patches on our army friends' shoulders mean, the other day

ing" Master of Ceremonies. A "Refit Dance" held in April to raise funds for a Wardroom refit provided another occasion for festivity. The highlight of the evening was a ballet performed by five graceful but preferably anonymous Wardroom members.

we found out that the First Canadian Division wear a red rectangle from which they get the name "Red Patch Devils." The Second Division wears a dark blue rectangle. A French gray rectangle identifies the Third Division. You can tell the Fourth Division by their green rectangles. A maroon rectangle identifies the Fifth Division. The Atlantic Command wears a light blue or French Gray diamond, while the Pacific Command sports a green diamond. From now on there should be no confusion amongst our navy friends as to the meaning of the little coloured patches, but please don't ask us to identify them unless we have this little note for handy reference.

Disa and Data

HMCS Discovery must claim some sort of record in the Canadian Navy for being one of the first establishments able to hold divisions and Captain's Inspection outdoors on Friday, 23rd March, 1945 with every one sans coats.

L/Sea. Wilf Carter claims that he has solved the mystery of our missing mascot "Rex." Carter says that the dog accompanied the band on the recent expedition to Victoria and forgot to return. Perhaps Rex prefers Victoria's sunny climate.

Our office staff bid a hasty farewell to Wren Writers Irene Lennox and Alva Gillespie who are going to HMCS Naden, Mary Brown to HMCS Givenchy, Wren SA Dorothy Murray and Kay Lobb to Peregrine, and Wren Jean Rodney to Bytown. They carry with them the best wishes of their friends here at Discovery.

We, too are scheduled to take flight and it is with regret that we leave Stanley Park's island establishment. Maybe Rex will turn up during our stay at "Naden."

Mamma Mosquito: 'If you children are good, I'll take you to a nudist camp to night.'

S.A. "Everything I touch today seems to go wrong."

Wren: "Don't touch me then!"

Imagination is something that sits up with the wife when her husband is out late.

Now I lay me down to snore, Insured for \$5,000 or more, If I should die before I wake My wife would get her first real break.

"How come," queries Salty Sam, "that gals with cotton stockings never see a mouse?"

"A model woman," observes Salty Sam "is a bare possibility, while a woman model is a naked fact."

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Famous Ship "Guysborough" Torpedoed In Atlantic

OTTAWA—Loss in the North Atlantic of the gallant Canadian minesweeper, HMCS Guysborough, with five officers and 48 men out of the 90 on board has been announced by Hon. Douglas C. Abbott, Minister of National Defence for Naval Services.

In making this announcement Mr. Abbott said: "It is a matter of deep regret to me that the first public announcement on naval operations which I have to make since assuming the office of Naval Minister is one which will bring sadness to so many hearts in Canada, and my deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved families."

Had Remarkable Record

The Guysborough, twice cited by the United States Government for her part in rescue work, and a participant in invasion minesweeping operations, was on detached duty in the North Atlantic when she was torpedoed by a submarine. She was the fourth Canadian minesweeper and 22nd RCN warship announced lost in this war.

Only one death occurred from the explosion but many died during the 19 hours the men who had survived the explosion spent in the water clinging to five Carley floats. Only six men of 42 on one over-crowded float lived until the rescue ship, a Royal Navy frigate arrived.

Lieut. Benjamin T. R. Russell, of Halifax, commanding officer of the Guysborough since she was commissioned in 1942 was a survivor.

Died Smiling

"Both the air and the water were cold," said one of the survivors, Stoker Petty Officer Denny Walker, RCN, of Victoria, B.C., "Most of the men who died, died smiling. If they suffered any you'd never have known it."

With the whaler over-turned and the ship's motor boat holed by the explosion, only the Carley floats remained for the survivors. Four of the five floats were lashed together and from these the majority of the survivors were picked up. Seven hours after the men abandoned ship only 10 men remained alive on the one over-crowded Carley float. Four others died before rescue came.

Through the long night the men bore their plight calmly. In the crowded float they took turns slipping over the

side and coats were removed from the dead to cover the helpless living. There was a moderate sea and swell running and no one could keep dry.

Exposure accounted for the largest number of deaths. Survivors were unanimous in saying that those who died did so quietly and with little apparent suffering. Two of those lost were taking passage—an officer and a rating of the Royal Navy.

Finally Rescued

At eight o'clock in the morning an aircraft was sighted but it failed to see the floats. It was afternoon before a British frigate arrived, first taking on board the men from the four floats which had been lashed together and later the six survivors in the fifth.

Men were so weak they could not climb up the scramble nets and had to be hauled on board by lines.

Once on board, they received every comfort the ship could provide.

Halifax Sea Cadets paid homage to the memory of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a memorial service in the Drill Shed of HMCS Stadacona on April 13. The cadets are shown here with their band at the service. The cadet flag was flown at the dip from the flag mast and a two-minute silence was observed. RCN Photo by L/Photog. H. Filiatraut.

WRENS PERMITTED TO CLEAR THROATS

Ottawa—Naval Service Headquarters has evolved a plan to keep Canadian Wrens looking trim in their white shirts and collars with blue uniforms this summer, and at the same time keep them cool and comfortable.

A memorandum issued here regarding summer uniforms and how they shall be worn gives official permission to WRCNS officers and ratings to wear open-necked shirts, with collars attached, when working indoors in naval establishments this summer, effective May 1. Ties just be worn outdoors at all times, as usual.

This ruling is being greeted with joy by the thousands of members of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service who have suffered gamely through the hot weather in immaculate white shirts with stiff attached collars—stiff when first put on, but wilted at the end of a hot day.

They were given hot baths, clothing, blankets, hot soup and other food. The Royal Navy officers and ratings gave over their bunks to them, some of them sleeping on the decks. The ship made a search for the German killed and then hastened to a British port where the wounded and weaker members of Guysborough were taken to hospital.

When the torpedo struck the Guysborough so much debris littered the decks that the captain, Lieut. Russell, at first glance thought his ship had been the victim of two simultaneous torpedoes.

Hoped to Save Ship

It looked at first as if the ship would survive. Guns crews were closed up, water-tight doors were closed bulkheads shored up and every effort made to save the little vessel.

There was just one reported fatality from the torpedoing, although some members of a gun's crew were injured and the gunnery officer, Sub. Lieut. C. L. Potter, of Hamilton, Ont., was blown to the top of the bridge, fell off again onto the deck, broke his thigh, but survived.

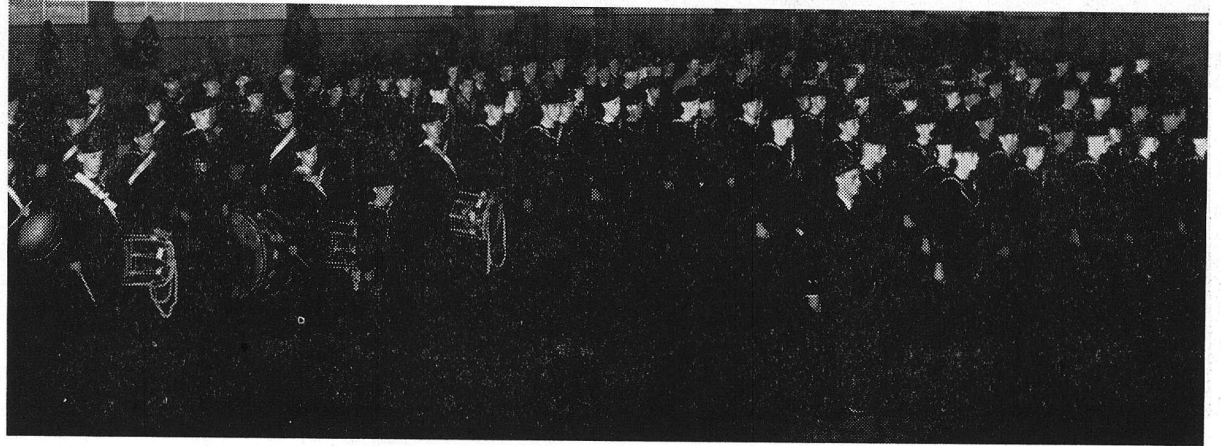
The captain was with the first lieutenant, Lieut. Oscar N. Rumpel, RCNVR, of Kitchener, Ont. Lieut. Rumpel was not seen again.

Stoker Petty Officer James Squibb, of Brockville, Ont., was the only survivor to get a glimpse of the submarine. He saw its periscope for a few brief seconds before the torpedo hit the ship. It was about a half mile off the port bow and submerged almost instantly.

Sympathy is what one girlie offers another in exchange for details.

"A woman is as old as she looks," observes Salty Sam, "but a man is old when he stops looking."

PAY TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MAN



Shelburne Fans Optimistic About Ball Prospects

By Wren Gwynne Williams

With the kind permission of Nature, HMCS Shelburne, will come out from under the blanket of fog that is so nicely supplied us every night, and report to the result of the world on the latest doin's. We're pleased to say that in spite of the negative appearance, in the mornings—that fog again, the sun does manage to fight its way through and supply us with some pretty nice weather and the local authorities say "summers acome!"

With it the inevitable sports fiends are already airing their muscles and from this point the activity holds promise of a good season ahead. All the open spaces around the base are taken up with ratings warming up for the coming baseball season, and the prospects of a good hardball team are very bright. With some top players on tap we have high hopes of entering a strong team in the local circuit, while the Base League softball schedule offers some keen competition with no less than 18 teams entered. The gals too are going to have two or three softball teams and from the appearance of their practices there'll be some mighty pretty playing—mighty pretty!

Calling All Dentists

Lacrosse also has many ardent enthusiasts who are rarin' to go while a boxing and wrestling team of five boxers and four wrestlers is all set to compete in Liverpool towards the end of the month—from the looks of them, they're a real menace. If you hear a "clang" or feel some object whizz past your ear anywhere on the base, don't worry—it's not the firehall exercising but probably only a vigorous game of horseshoe pitching, for pits have been placed between every two blocks and the boys really take advantage of them.

L/Sea. Ron Rutherglen, our PTI who has done such a swell job in the past, has plans for floats and diving boards to be erected, and now that Lieut. J. P. White, the new P&RT Officer has arrived from Cornwallis, it looks like good sporting ahead, folks!!

Of course, warm summer nights bring romance and the sailboats already out on the water promise lots of work for Dan Cupid—as a matter of fact it looks

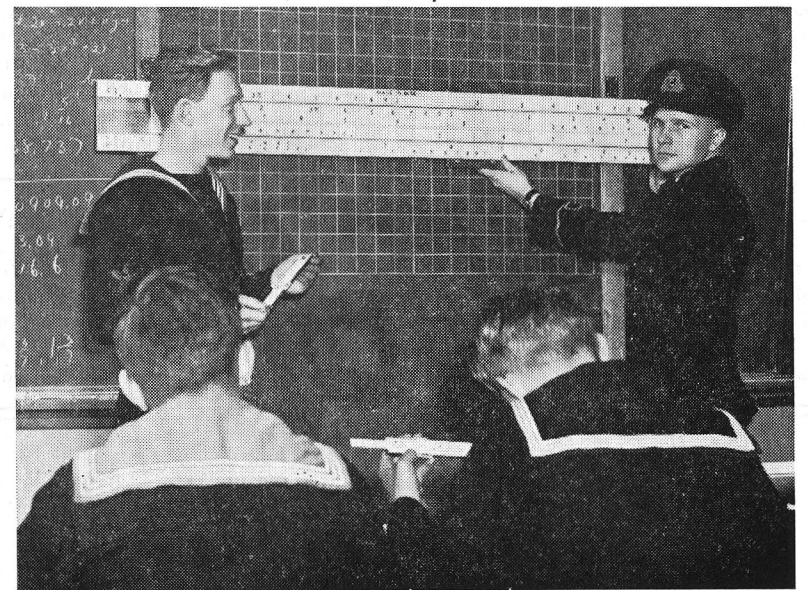
like Cupid has made his first call at the Wren Block for four happy Wrens will be tripping down the aisle in the next few weeks—and the lucky boys in question are all here at "Shelburne," too. While on leave Wren SA Winnie Gould recently became Mrs. Callas when her fiancée returned unexpectedly from overseas.

Not Too Big

When they give away things then you can be sure something's up, and sure enough the bonds that were given as prizes at the Ship's Company dance brought the 8th Vicotry Loan Drive into the light. It's a big quota, but with Lieut. J. Sweeney at the helm it looks like full speed ahead to a sure victory.

In closing we'd like to say a word about our choir on the base. We think it's pretty good and Bds. Fred (Mickey) Lodge does a grand job as director..... we're musically-minded alright! You'll be hearing from us.

LE'SEE, NOW, FIVE-EIGHTS OF ONE MILLION--



WO (SB) B. A. Mennie, of the Education Staff of "Naden" at Esquimalt is shown initiating Stokers l/c R. J. Cordiner, St. Vital, Man. (standing) and J. E. Cox, Calgary, and G. W. McLean, New Westminster, B.C. (left to right) into the mysteries of slide rule calculation. The rule was constructed by the "Naden" Photographic Section and Mechanical Training Establishment for the instruction of the Engine Room Artificer Apprentice classes. RCN Photo.

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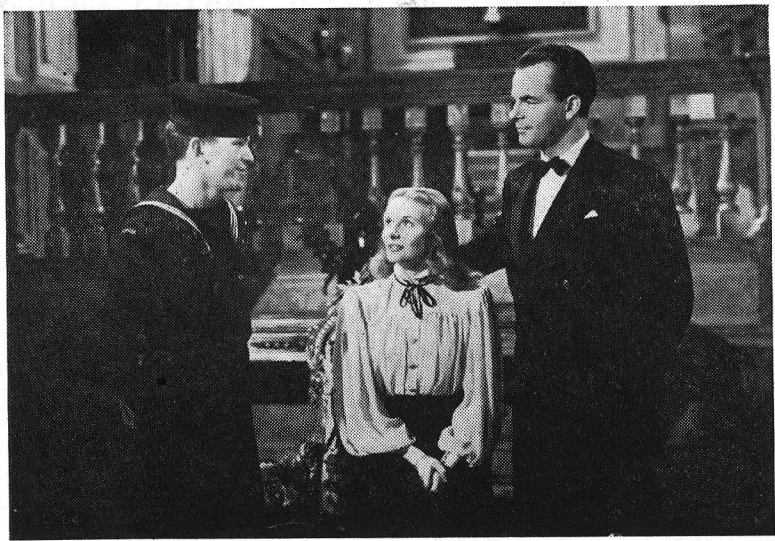
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ACTION — CAMERA!



We don't know whether he is taking part in the picture or not, because our overseas correspondent failed to say, but here is a shot of AB Newman Jones, of Port Hope, Ont., on the set of "The Seventh Veil", a British Production, with Miss Ann Todd and Hugh McDermott. AB Jones is on tour with "Meet The Navy", the Canadian Navy's popular stage production.

Sailors at West Coast Base Enjoy Cornwallis Radio Forum

Greetings to Cornwallis from the Esquimalt Forum Discussion Group! Your "Dominion Health Parade" was attentively listened to over the CBC Network on Monday, April 9 with mixed feelings of agreement and dissent. Congratulations on the success of your program and on the controversy stirred up in our group. We figured you and the other Crow's Nest readers would be interested in the reactions of a few of your unseen audience on the West Coast.

Sick Berth PO Stephenson of North Battleford, Sask., took over as discussion leader after the meeting was opened by Inst. Lieut. Ross, Victoria, B.C. While no blood was shed or eyes gouged out, considerable debate on the broadcast was stirred up by Librarian Wren Wilson, of Victoria, who claimed

that the fear of inoculation is vanishing through health education, Father Seward, of Vancouver, held the health centres would raise the problem of some provinces paying more taxes and getting less benefits; Wren Tel. Bradshaw of Yarmouth, N.S., felt that state control of health would do away with private enterprise and induce some doctors to lag behind professionally. Lieut.-Commander Dickinson, of Toronto, claimed that in their first years practice doctors should be under the supervision of expert practitioners; SBA Dodson, of Hamilton, Ont., asserted that with state control the individual without money would benefit through having better medical facilities available; Father Wood, Esquimalt, B.C. suggested that service hospitals be converted into health centres after the war; Wren Sig. Robilliard from Campbell's Bay, P.Q., objected to state control from the standpoint that the doctor would not have the some personal interest in his patients; A/B Sidmore, from Cape Breton, N.S., discussed the possibility of controlling disease without inoculation.

The "Naden"—"Givenchy" Forum and Discussion Group hopes that you will all be tuned in to our broadcast in June and would very much like to hear your reactions through these columns.

Economy is a way to spend money without getting any fun out of it.

QUIPS FROM "QUEEN"

Now that the winter is all over and the ice on the hockey rink is rapidly diminishing, some very spirited basketball games between officers and Leading Hands vs. the Ship's Company have echoed throughout the good ship "Queen," at Regina. Lieut. R. Croucher, Sub. Lieut. W. Davidson and Ldg. Smn. Cowburn, all being built on the telephone pole basis, proved a great asset on the Officers and Leading Hands team—so far so good, but the Ship's Company are in fine battling spirit and Victory may come their way soon.

Magician Entertains

During the week of March 19, Blackstone the Magician played Regina and came on board HMCS Queen to entertain the ship's Company with a small show. Padre Bergin (RC) and others were mystified by the smoothness and sleight of hand of Blackstone while acting as willing stooges for the tricks. Many of the Ship's Company could have sat there for hours but lack of space did not permit the full bag of tricks. However, we are deeply indebted to Blackstone the Magician for his grand spirit and time spent on board.

Once again the "Queen" has been afloat—recent snowstorms, thawing rapidly, brought all hands to man the pumps, sea-cocks, buckets and mops, accompanied by loud laments from the Wren's Mess—that room being slightly awash, and groans from the Sick Bay while mops mopped lustily. Wonderment was on the faces of the general newcomers to the ship after the first panic had subsided—with the deluge over, the good ship "Queen" was noticed to settle again on an even keel.

Wrens Leaving

The chatter of the Wrens will soon be absent from the decks of "Queen." Eastern establishments will benefit from our loss and as the Wrens go we wish them all the best in their journeys and new draftings. While here only for a short time they did a great job.

Cook (S) F. Zelinsky, who was mentioned in dispatches, was presented with the certificate and Oak Leaves by Lt. -Cmdr. F. C. Aggett, C.O. of the ship, at morning divisions, recently. Zelinsky rather quiet but with sparkling eyes was heartily applauded by the Ships Company and being very modest, wondered if it was for the decoration or his recent cooking endeavours.

Wedding bells recently pealed loudly for A/L/Sea. Booty and Ldg. Wren P. Garside. Those members of the

BUILDS SPANISH GALLEON



Drawing plans from memory as he went along and working for more than three months in his spare time, AB J. H. Shediak, of Yarmouth, N. S., stationed at HMCS Cornwallis, built this authentic Spanish galleon. Shady's hobby also includes putting ships in bottles, of which he has quite a collection—of ships, we mean. At present he is employed in the manual office with CPO Goodyear. He also operates a public address system daily and in the remainder of his leisure hours operates a canteen. Photo by L/Photog. J. Sparks.

ASHORE AND AFLOAT WITH THE O.A.'S

by C. E. McBurney, COA.



Mulling over bits of trivia found mostly around "home" here, things seem to be pointing towards bigger and better drafts for a number of jammy ratings.

"Optical George" Gatesh has copped a dandy to Toronto while Roger Descotes is likely doing the "parley-vo" in rapid succession at

Montreal. Then Ronald Mount and Tom Moore, now at HMCS Chaleur, will, no doubt, be cussing every hill

Ship's Company who are now serving in other ships and establishments will well remember the bridal couple and, we feel sure, will join with the present "Queen" Company in best wishes for a life of smooth sailing and happiness. L/Sea. (P) Gibney and A/L/Sea. Cowburn acting as ushers took their duties very seriously and marvelled at the jaunty manner of the groom.

they have to climb in Quebec City—but they'll have to do it in English.

The Philip Price—Junior Willis duo went scudding up to "Scotian" at Halifax, joined by Tom Treble on his way to SNAD at Dartmouth. We hear all three of them juggled some leave, lucky fellows.

Where's 'e To?

Martin Smeathers is now at Shelburne, while Bill Young is back in Sydney, N.S., and Ted Clarke, poor soul, drew the winning ticket to "Newfie."

Further postings among the older hands include Kenny Fell from Toronto and Arnold Pace from Halifax, both to "Cornwallis" to take part in a class qualifying WOO and now under way

Wilf Poirier, WOO is back at Halifax after doing a session in St. John's, Nfld. and Danny Hazelwood, OA4, after a year or so on board HMCS Annapolis has turned in his daily tot for a job at "Scotian."

Ike Townsend, who putters about on board HMCS Hamilton from year to year, took off on a 28-day "standeasy" not long ago. Then Harry Moore from "Saguenay" skipped down to Sydney or thereabouts for a few days to brush up on his auto repair business. Says he has to sharpen up so that he can go right back to the job when the war packs up "in a few days."

Easily Satisfied

It appears that, after many months duty at Armament Depot in St. Johns, Tommy Fry finally got his wish, and is now aboard a frigate, and quite content.

Bill (Uncle Elby) Mohring lately picked up three shiny buttons on the sleeves, so now goes around smoking expensive cigars instead. His pantograph reproductions have taken on new style too, and all figures on range and deflection dials will, no doubt, be amended to include that added flourish.

The "first" of OA's "Q" just completed their qualifying course a couple days ago, and now a Q.O. is detailed daily to sweep up the spilled salt in vicinity of the shop. But the grim results haven't been published as yet, so standings are not known.

Now we find the bucket empty for this month and I would ask all you guys in faraway places to make on paper with the ribbon of ink, and forward. Perhaps you've got a chum who'd appreciate knowing where you are or what you're up to these days. It'll make us happy to oblige

A FEW SHELLS FRITZIE COULDN'T FIRE



HMCS "Uganda" Officers Visit El Alamein: Eighteen officers of the new Canadian cruiser "Uganda" took advantage of a brief stopover recently to pay a visit to the historic El Alamein battlefield in North Africa.

A stack of Nazi ammunition found abandoned at El Alamein. Examining the shells are three of the officers of HMCS Uganda—Lieut. Eric Makovski, of Vancouver; Instr. Lieut. E. Smeathers, of Kingston, and Captain H. Hollister, Canadian Dental Corps, of Miami, Florida. RCN Photo by Lieut. G. Moses.

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INSIDE DOPE by an INSIDE DOPE

By Henry Sherman, A/B



Spring is in the air, the bird is on the wing and there are so many asdic leading hands eating in S mess these days, instead of showing your station card to the man at the door all you have to do is produce a nice, low "ping." The killicks are back for a refresher course but some of them don't seem to be particularly happy about it. Why, we cannot be sure, but Stanislaus thinks the following may shed some light on the matter.

One of the ping pixies approached us after a particularly heavy session at the A/S School and growled: "Got a perfect story for your column, brown eyes. Start scratching."

"We decided to humour him. "What is it?" we asked. "Man bites dog?"

"Better than that," he snarled. "Bull shoots P.O. instructor!" Now what could he mean by that?

When we were home on leave last month we decided to revisit some of the local scenes of our childhood. Good old P.S. No. 7. Many were the happy days we spent there in the long ago and far away. Never was another Police Station in town could touch the place! While we were chewing the fat with our old mentor a pick-pocket was brought in and charged with lifting \$38.00 from a sailor's pants pocket. We spoke up for him and got him off. That man is no pick-pocket. He's a magician.

Did we say pants pocket?????

One night recently a practice team of RPO's rolled them down at the bowling alleys in the Rec Hall. RPO Malcolm hit a mean 143, coaching MAA Bob Rogers 178, and pin setter Dave Foden 181. PO Bill Hitchin knocked off 10 straight strikes then blew on his last two balls to chalk up the meagre sum of 417; top score for these skitters stands unless we be sadly mistaken.

However, when we ran into the boys, the first-mentioned trio was discussing the wisdom of running Hitchin on the quarter deck for being guilty of an act to the prejudice of good order and naval discipline. This, for messing up his last two frames. Hitchin, the perfect picture of "whistling in the dark," was nervously humming something from a popular song. We thought we caught the words, "You get no cells with te-en sweet balls."

We hear on good authority that present supplies of opium, heroin, etc. are not all they're hopped up to be. European and Asiatic sources have been cut off due to the war, the cops are cracking down on Mexico's poppy patrons; all in all, it looks as if Inside Dope is due for some dainty adulteration. And, while we're at it (speaking of dope, we mean), has your cigarette been tasting different lately?"

Stanislaus was outside sentry near "Wolves' Corner" one night last week. He would now like to know if anyone remembers when the word neck was a noun.

The latest trade to be added to the long non-substantive list of the Royal Canadian Navy is that of "landscape artist." It embraces many fields of higher artistic endeavour such as the planning of grounds, the laying of walks, in short, the wholesale beautification of our local scene, in all of which activities the rake, shovel and dash of mother muscle have their place in the glorious scheme of things.

Consideration is being given to a non-sub badge for the many thousands on manual party now engaged in this noble work: crossed matelots supporting two tired-looking garden rakes, against a background of inverted wheelbarrows whitewashed with pusser milk.

Now what could be sweeter than that?

At approximately 00:30 (12:30 a. m. to you civilians) one night, a sleepy SA looked at his watch, jumped out of his cart, dashed to the heads for hasty shower and shave, slicked back his hair, started back to the dorm, looked at his watch, then hit the deck with a dull thump. Slowly he looked at his watch again, tore out barely enough hair from his head to fill a good sized pin cushion, threw his shaving gear on the floor and moodily stepped on the pieces.

"Damn these cuss cuss luminous dials?" he said. "Five to one! The dash dash hands must have said half-past cuss twelve and I thought it was six. Didn't want to be late for work. Now look what happens!"

As they led him away, we kept hearing these words, like the voice of doom; over and over again. "Early to bed, early to rise.....Early to bed, early to rise....."

Quietly, we set the alarm for ten.

We want to pay a tribute to the Wrens. What with one thing and another, at one time or another, somehow or other, we've taken the odd friendly swipe at our feathered friends and now some of them have come to the odd conclusion that we don't love them any more. Nothing could be further from the truth. We do love the Wrens.

We think they're the old salt of the earth, but in a brand new shaker.

If Wrens were made part of the permanent forces we might even join RCN.

We don't know what we'd do without them.

Now can we have that date Saturday night?

Seriously though, the Wrens are a grand bunch of girls and we do feel proud of working with them in the same service, of wearing the same uniform (well, almost), of sharing the same ultimate objective. Yes, we're all working on our discharge.

Therefore, we are very happy to air herein a little plaint which has come to our attention, untitled and unsigned, but which we have decided to call "Chanson de Glamour Boots" in B flat broke. (Now, let me see, when is pay day?)

A Wren stood at the Pearly Gates,
Her face was lined and old,
She stood and asked the man of fate
Admission to the fold.
"What have you done," St. Peter said,
"To gain admittance here?"
"Oh, I have been a Wren," she said,
"For many a wretched year."

The Pearly Gates swung open wide;
St. Peter touched the bell.
"Come, in," he said, "and choose your harp,
You've had your share of Hell."

GO WEST YOUNG MAN, GO WEST!



From Wetaskiwin, Alta., comes this photo of Wren Frances Vassar who serves at NSHQ and who enlisted at Edmonton, Alta. The people out west figure Frances is a pretty typical type of Western Wren and that she compares pretty well with anything the rest of Canada has to boast about. And we are inclined to agree. Frances will appear shortly as the "Cover Girl" on Navy Notes, a publication put out by a group of Navy-minded ladies at Edmonton.

Avalon Sports Shorts

By "Chuck" Vuohelainen

After 25 months of excellent service here, our good friend "Sully" has got himself a well-earned draft and we feel our loss will be someone else's gain. Sully has made himself a host of friends here in Newfoundland and will be missed by us all. We want to take this opportunity to wish him the best of luck in his new job. In asking me to take over his column I feel greatly flattered and hope I can do half the job he did, so from here in it will be yours truly trying his best to keep you folks on the mainland informed on sports activities here in Newfy.

With even the hint of spring in the air, our sports office becomes a regular mad-house. Everyone wants to know, all in the same breath when baseball softball, soccer, track and field etc., etc. will start. So I tell them, with a smirk on my kisser—"You've got me"—Cause little do they know, we haven't any such thing as spring weather here in Newfy and the first day we can go out on the ball diamond without contracting pneumonia—that's it!

Our soccer team met with such great success in last years competition that our new soccer manager PTI "Gillie" Gilmet is trying to steal a march on the local competition by starting his spring workouts in the drill shed (the only place where you won't get your feet wet). Judging by the enthusiasm shown in the first workout, we should have a team that will be in there fighting, come play-off time. To mention a few notables who were present at the initial effort—Kirk, McBurnie, Brown, Greene, James, Ross, Larsen, McKinnon, Letcher, Haas, Rowe, Hennings, Walton, Stuart, Fitzpatrick, and Jordan.

The Avalon Wrens basketball team climaxed a great season by copping the Women's Inter-Service Championship. They trimmed Torbay WD's, in 2 straight games 40-19 and 29-28. Take a bow—Laing, Wilkie, Morris Domsy, Entwhistle, Reeve, Marsh, Wilson, Little, Cannon, Anderson. These classy lasses were coached and managed by "Sully" Summerfield who evidently did a great job.

In progress at the present time is an inter-service deck hockey league, first of its kind in Newfy, and the boys in navy blue have come out with a rough and ready squad. At this writing they are undefeated and look like the ones to beat for the title. To mention a few of the stars, biggest percentage of whom shone for your great hockey team last winter—"Freckles Little, Ronnie Rowe, Billy Cluck, Lefty Jordan, Joey Peterson, "Killer" Galvin and "Gillie" Gilmet, playing coach and manager.

Al Sced's CVD basketball team won the inter-part basketball championship after a hectic season by ousting Bill Kirk's undefeated RCNH squad in two straight games. The CVD aggregation consisted of Sced, Brazier, Thompson, Heaslip, Brown, Rand and Potruff—Nice work fellas.

Our new sports officer Lt.-Cmdr. C. Brown and PTI Ned Larsen are in the midst of organizing the biggest Badminton tournament ever witnessed in St. John's. Civilians and Servicemen, both Canadian and American, are invited and it looks as if the tournament will be a humdinger.

Faces we will definitely miss around our sports office, who will have left by the time this goes to press—Andre Charles, Bill Henderson, Eddie Polowy and Sully Summerfield—A swell bunch and a credit to any staff that will have the good fortune to get them. Good luck fellas—but wish the bad comes the good with the arrival of our new chief of staff—Harold Bee and new sports officer Lt./Cmdr. Brown—Rolly Lewis this doing a swell job of organizing sports at RCNH No. 1. Our local grunt and groan champ Ernie Francklyn still claims it was by accident that he broke his ankle—yeah?

It is rumored that our popular little boxing expert Davey Brown is going back in the squared circle very shortly. Also, Phyllis Welis and Davey will be taking those sacred vows very soon—You lucky fella.

Well folks, as the man said as he got his legs cut off, I've stood enough!

THE SAILORS' LADIES

by M.F.R.



The warmer months bring storage problems to the ladies, who have got not sufficient space in their temporary homes for the large cedar boxes bags, etc. manufactured for the purpose. We have noticed that many of the Navy wives are simply storing heavy winter clothes in their suitcases and travelling bags, lined with several sheets of newspapers, with mothballs or flakes sprinkled in as an added precaution. They insist it is foolproof.

Bilingualism is wonderful. A small French boy while playing with an English girl in a naval settlement has completed his vocabulary for all occasions. He learned to say, "Come on out," and "Aw, go on home," and they got along beautifully.

Postwar plans definitely should include a manless wedding. The ladies could attend all such social functions and thoroughly enjoy themselves, without having to bother about whether or not their male escorts were staring rudely into space or were off behind a pillar, reading. And the men could congregate in a clubroom somewhere and enjoy their informal atmosphere. However, the only thing wrong with the this picture is that, "never underestimating the power of woman" as one magazine puts it, ten minutes after the ladies were deep in rosy surveillance of the new hats and the bride's table, the men would probably come trooping in, trying to look as though they had been there all the time, and anyway, "We just wondered what you were doing now."

At last we understand the secret of the latest bathing suits. Like the various food products, they too are simply wartime dehydrated models!

All the technical talk of cutbacks, priorities on essential raw products and go ahead signals for domestic production do not mean a thing if the customer isn't in the mood. One angle not heretofore discussed might be called the bread box illustration. This very scarce kitchen item is coming back on the market, and surprisingly enough the ladies seem to be saying, "Oh,? Well, I've gotten along fine without one so far....". We hope the housing czars realize that first things come first, and people with a few rooms are not going to load themselves down with gadgets and knickknacks no matter how many appear for sale, when they haven't any place to put them.

"I wish I were a river so I could follow my course and still lie in bed."

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"Stad" Lining Up Potent Diamond Crew

Fifty Ball Hopefuls Working Out Indoors

By Keith Matthews

In the not too distant future, baseball will again assume its rightful status in street corner conversations, fireside chats and reminiscences of feats gone by.

Officially the season gets under way in Halifax May 24 with the Halifax Navy nine making an auspicious debut with Shipyards. It promises to be a gruesome, maybe even awesome battle as last year the Shipbuilders ousted the Tars in the Maritime play-downs and to our knowledge the sailors' memories are not yet clogged with cobwebs. They remember the debacle very clearly and intend to erase this blotch on their record with gusto.

The brain-trust of the Halifax Navy team has been chosen with Lt. Clary Harris the new manager and popular Bud Morrison again returned as coach. For trainer the Navy has again selected Wilf Chisholm, who so ably soothed those sore torsos last season.

The initial turnout was, indeed, enlightening in that it showed a vast interest in the 1945 edition. Over 35 men of all shapes and forms attended the first workout and the count was upped to 50 sooner than a week had rolled by.

Workouts in Gym

Petty Officer (P & RTI) Bob Coe has handled the gym workouts to date, putting the potential diamond aces through a stiff course in calisthenics. His turn with the team will last about two weeks, and at the end of this time a well-conditioned squad is expected to take to the field for their first session in the outdoors.

Some of the players we will present to you at this writing, but not all, for they are too numerous to bring out. Returns from the season gone by include outfielders Danny Seaman and Roy Heximer, while pitcher Neil Staples is the lone holdover in the mound corps.

These three form a sufficient nucleus, though, and with a dash of newcomers added for seasoning, things are looking up to a successful season.

Infielders on the list include Wacky McMackon erstwhile Toledo semi-pro short patcher and chattel of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Doug Ball, once pitcher with Sea-titles' Class AA but now a catcher of some repute, Roger Merleude another shortstop who hails from Winni, peg, Ed Ryan, who is reported to have-

Hoop Crown To "Stad" Wrens

Witnessed by more than 1000 wildly cheering spectators, "Stad" Wrens won the Halifax women's inter-service basketball championship at "Stad's" new gym, beating Gorsebrook WD "Widgets" who went down fighting valiantly in two straight games.

Final score, 38-9, just about represents the play in all departments, as time after time "Stad's" lassies broke away to score at will. The first half finished with wrens atop by a score of 15-3, eleven of which were accounted for by towering Jeam Thompson of Vancouver. Miss Thompson was shadowed all too closely from there in and the top scorer was Marion Hough of Merriton, Ontario, who slipped away to garner thirteen valuable points for adopted Alma mater.

Ethel Boyce, another Vancouverite, and "Gorsie" star all season, was unable to break away due to the combined efforts of Jean Connolly, North Bay, and Freda Clare, Trail, B.C., who checked this dangerous WD to a standstill.

And he who horses around too much will some day find himself a groom.

a catcher's contract with the National League's Philadelphia Phillies, and many more.

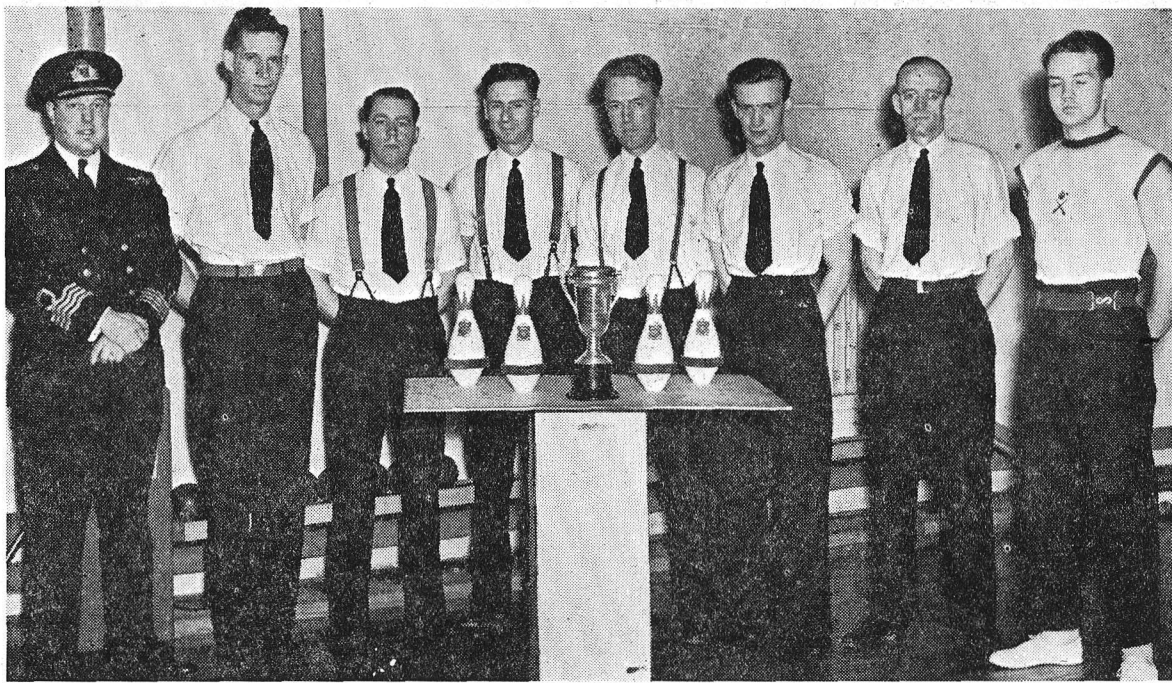
"Irish" Rumors Unfounded

Rumors, to date, about the re-appearance of Irish Miskimmons behind the log are unfounded but it would be a break for the Halifax Tars to have the ex-"Cornwallis" star in the fold.

Pitchers are many, but as yet unproven. Murray Hayes comes with an impressive record from Montreal, Andy Reid, once with Vancouver and Spokane's professionals may help out and Staples, the 1944 elboweer, needs little introduction to local fans.

The league will be composed of Navy, Army, Air Force and Shipyards with the inclusion of "Cornwallis" a remote possibility.

INTER-SERVICE FIVE PIN CHAMPS



Pictured above with the Commanding Officer of HMCS Stadacona, Captain H. Balfour, RCNVR, are members of "Stad's" victorious Five-Pin bowling team. This team recently won the Halifax inter-service bowling league with an exceptionally high percentage of points and wins. Left to right they include—Cap-

tain Balfour; S.A. Ivan Vernon, North Bay; Wtr. Ed Mercer, Hamilton; ERA 3/c Bob Carney, Toronto; Wtr. Joe Miller (Captain) New Toronto; S.P.O. Jim Oliver, Nelson, B.C.; L/Wtr. Eric Bace, Lachine, Que.; and L/Smn. Denny Ellerbeck, (manager) Winnipeg.

Stadacommments

by S/Lt. Vic Baldwin

Not going ashore tonite fella? Well that's fine, 'cause we'd like to escort you over to "A" Block and right through the door marked "HOBBY SHOPPE", and introduce you to the lassie in charge, Miss Ada Young of YMCA Special Services.

Garnering an interview with this energetic recreational therapist was indeed no chore at all—in fact it was easy to forget we were here on business. Hmm. Well anyhow, "Ada" gave us a thumbnail sketch of just what's been happening in this busy little hobby lobby of hers.

Since its inauguration a little more than a month ago, regular attendance has increased to well over a hundred boys and fifty girls busy on projects. Useful articles are materializing from leather, silver, felt, woodwork, parchment, cork, etc. Most noteworthy achievement to date is a model of a home that the designer hopes to construct and inhabit at the cessation of hostilities.

THOUGHTS WHILE STROLLING

Remember when—a few Victory Loans back, our quota and objective, after many tedious days of toil by the

tireless canvassers, barely showed a balance?? Well this time HMCS Stadacona's objective is almost double the quota, and from the latest reports we feel confident to predict: "over the top with flying colors!" How about it "Stad"?Our heartiest congratulations to CPO Vic Henderson, who has overcome almost insurmountable obstacles, and produced a monthly paper containing news and views of Torpedomen all over the Empire. This sheet known as WARHEAD, only two months off the press has already reached a high standard.Placed around this base in strategic positions are boxes clearly marked "Suggestions." From their sanctuary come ideas, constructive criticism, etc. These cubicles, proverbially, are bottomless and your suggestions will be appreciated.....Stadacommments' "Man-of-the-Month" goes hands down to Ldg. Smn. Denny Ellerbeck for his organization of "Stadacona's" mammoth bowling tourney at present in progress. This hard working P & RTI has succeeded in rounding up over eight hundred entries, which include singles, doubles, and team events for both sexes.....A copy of a weekly newscast published by the crew of that fighting ship HMCS Levis reached this office today. One of its many interesting articles, answers queries from their inquisitive personnel. Quote: "Show a Leg originated when women were carried aboard ship, and those who thrust out a leg or a pusser stocking were exempt from turning out until "Guard and Steerage".....No Comment!!

Ship's Company Track Champions

The explosive hoof-beats of participants in this month's indoor track and field meet have finally been neutralized, and out of the resultant cinders comes PO Dick Manderson's ship's company aggregation, who copped the big challenge cup and tucked it away on the shelves for the next month at least.

When the final scores were posted, Ship's Company had amassed a total of 99 points to take a close, but convincing lead over last month's winners, Torpedo School, who had to be content with 83½ points. Third place went to the "dustmen" from MTE with 73½ points, and all alone on consolation lane was the "Scotian" entry with 40 points.

To pull this one out of the bag, coach Manderson garnered the services of one Ted Haggis a newcomer to barracks of only a few hours standing. This former London, Ontario, track star fairly waltzed over the bar at 5'7" to set a new record for the high jump. He came roaring back a little later to set another mark of 19' 5/6" in the broad jump, and, to rub it in further, he showed a clean pair of heels with three other Ship's Company stalwarts as they cleaned house in the 880 yard relay.

SBA Johnny Dupont, Torpedo School, last month's 100 yard winner, repeated his spectacular performance and nicked a fifth of a second off his record to beat PO Cliff Preece in 13 flat.

The Wrens also squeezed in a couple of events with Neillie Holmes showing the correct procedure on banked turns to win the ladies' 100 yards hands down.

The Tug-of-War once again stole the show, and once again the iron-men of MTE, coached by PO Ted Hebditch, trampled all opposition.

Wren Ramblings

By Kit Todhunter

Spring is here, the grass is riz, the Wren Block is just coming out of refit and what with the sunbathing and shuffleboard on the roof, and the new furnishings in the upper and lower fo'c'sles, the old ship is rapidly taking on the appearance of a sleek liner. We are really proud of our new fittings and deeply appreciate the generosity of the YMCA War Service Committee who are redecorating and refurbishing the two fo'c'sles and our reception room. In the upper fo'c'sle we have five new chesterfield sets, so now we literally

sink into solid comfort. PO Marion Metcalfe, our authority on interior decorating, devised the maroon and turquoise color scheme, and we love it! Our new drapes enhance the beautiful view over the harbour and the whole room has a cosy yet dignified air. The lower fo'c'sle, adjacent our Mexican patio canteen, is being furnished a little more informally in Early American with maplewood and leather furnishings.

In redecorating the reception room, we have, of course, definitely catered to the masculine taste.

WEST COASTERS HOOPING FOR STAD



Coach "Buck" Berry, Victoria, is shown giving his charges "Stadacona Wrens" a last minute pep talk. The girls must have "given an ear" for they proceeded to win the Halifax women's inter-service title. Left to Right

they are, Verna Hewitt, Vancouver; Marion Hough, Merriton, Ont.; Norma Ford, Vancouver; Jean Thompson, Vancouver; Jean Connolly, North Bay, Ont.; Freda Claire, Trail, B.C.; and Marg. Stevens, Vancouver.

Effingham Lads Capture Pair of Pennants

POPULAR SPORTS PARTICIPANTS



Whitecaps Wind Up Busy Winter Card

New Entry Seamen at HMCS Cornwallis continued to be the busiest people on the Base sports front. They have had a six seven ring sports circus going all through the winter season and the month just completed was no exception.

Effingham Block which has come bouncing to the front lately, hoisted the hockey pennant after a thrilling series in which they eliminated Drake Block in the final series, three games to one. The new champs won the first game, 4-3, then suffered a reverse by the same score. The two final games were won 5-1 and 4-2.

Effingham now move into the playoffs for the Base championship against the champions of Ship's Company who are in the throes of their own rugged palayof series at press time.

Grenville Block successfully defended the basketball pennant they had won on two previous occasions during the winter season. After eliminating Frobisher Block for the New Entry title, however, the ran into a little tough going in their first game against the officers Under Training and dropped the first game of the Base champion-

ship series, 35 to 26.

Won Bowling, Too

Effingham Block was also declared winner of the New Entry bowling league after a ten weeks schedule which saw some of the best bowling on the Base played. Effingham and Grenville hooked up in the final for the title with Effingham winning 2200 pinfalls to 2045.

Final indoor track and field meet of the season was held recently in the Drill Shed, and it was one of the best ever staged at "Cornwallis." Many records went by the boards and again Effingham came charging from behind to nip Benbow Block in the final stages.

The wrestlers turned in another smashing show during the past month and packed another 30,000 into the drill shed for the drama. Stu Hart won the feature scramble from Killer Kovacs after the latter had landed out of the ring wrong side-up.

But the best show of the night was the Hangman Hunter-Spike Pirzek battle. Hunter got the nod after almost an hour of howling good fun which kept the customers in a panic all the way. Bill Humphries and Maxie Hurley put on a lively performance in the other match on the card before Hurley was hustled off to sick bay with a thick ear.

Hawke Block got in their licks for the month by taking the water polo tourney then knocking off a crew from HMCS Saguenay in a challenge match.

Splashy Sport

All five blocks jumped in with both feet for he new swimming pool recreational games. Each team got out a squad of 81 men which made a lot of people having fun at one time. But the pools are the largest in the Empire and they can take it.

Hawke also got credit for a win in the recent volleyball tourney. They beat Effingham for the pennant, 2 games to one.

The new Entires are getting set for their summer sports program now an PTI Chuck Millman, who lines up their schedules is listing a sixty-game softball schedule, a thirty-game baseball card, a ditty lacrosse schedule and a similar soccer program.

points on their total and making the final score 54-49.

Water sports have been attracting a lot of attention at the Base and it is expected their will be a large number of pool competitions throughout the spring and summer months.

Ship's Company Sport

All They Need Is a League

Ship's Company sports office at HMCS Cornwallis is busy these days looking for a baseball league or a reasonable facsimile. They have the Maritime title to defend this season and a good team to do it with. But so far they have no league to play in.

The Halifax League, at this writing, doesn't seem to be anxious to have the Cornwallis club in the league, chiefly because of the travel difficulties. Coach MacGillivray is continuing to line up material, however, in the hopes of finding somewhere to play them when the season gets under way.

Soccer has got going and, with the help of numerous players from the West Coast, the Cornwallis club will be a strong one in the Valley League. Track and field enthusiasts have begun to bloom also with the warmer weather and the first schedule meet of the season will be at Mount Allison University sometime this month.

At this writing Bosh's Party and AS School are battling it out in the Ship's Company hockey league semi-finals with the winners to meet MTE in the finals before moving into the base championship series.

Semi-finals of the base basketball playoffs, as this is written, has the Officers under Training beating the New Entry Seamen. Winners will meet New Entry Staff Instructors for the crown.

"Did you hear about the fellow who backed his jeep into a buzz saw?"
"No, did he ruin it?"
"Ruin it! Heck, no. Now we've got two motorcycles."



Attracting capacity houses to their games, Cornwallis girls' hockey and basketball teams played well and hard throughout the winter season and established quite a name for themselves among Service sportswomen. Some lively contests between Air Force and Navy teams from Halifax were engaged in and the lassies from the Annapolis Valley showed well against all opposition. They weren't hard to watch even if you weren't interested in hockey or basketball, either. RCN Photos.

The pullman porter had his regular trip cancelled. Returning home unexpectedly he took a look around, got out his razor and began to strop it.

"What you aimin' to do, Sam?" inquired his wife.

"Well," replied Sam, "if dem shoes stickin' out from under de bed ain't got no feet in 'em, I aims to shave."

Navy Wife: "I can't decide whether to go to a palmist or a mind reader."
Hubby: "Go to a palmist. You have a palm."

CMM: "Does your baby boy call you 'daddy' yet?"

Cox: "No, the doctor advised us not to tell him who I am until he gets a little stronger."

Tiffany Talk

Three Teams Enter Bowling Playoffs

By P. O. Bill Newman

To bring to a climax to a very enjoyable hockey season, the original SBA team captained by Gerry Patz, played a team of the old "Has Beens" captained by PO Johnny McCormick. What a real old-fashioned game of shinney it turned out to be. There was no referee, no scorekeeper and no one cared who was winning. A good time was had by all.

Linirg up for "Has Beens" were: Fred Eades; Chief Bob Johnson, John McCormick, Howie Ward, John MacDonald, L. Richer; For the originals:—John Fulton, C. Gardner, Gerry Patz, F. Rocheleau; Phil Reynolds, G. Bagno, Bill Newman.

After the game we all met at the "Wets" to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of the Tiffies at Cornwallis.

Three of our bowling teams won play-off positions. They included—SBA—"B"—J. McCormick, C. Meuluer, J. Low, Jean Horsefield, Fran Boswick; RCNH—"B"—Lawford, H. Manning, J. Sim, Sally Jerome, R. Overall, Elsie Coombe; RCNH—"C"—Bill Lloyd, Edisbury, Smitty, Fred Eades, Terry Collingwood, Kit Carson.

Last week we started tossing the old softball around and if the warm weather continues we hope to settle down to serious work-outs. Sid Wall is the only player missing from our last year's Base Champions. There appears to be some good prospects among the new boys.

George Hayward and T. Zernowsky are preparing for the elimination track meet to be held here May 10th. Georgie Hayward, our crooning track star, cleaned up in last year's events and is out to do so again this year.

Regarding social activities we held a dance at the YMCA Hostel April 23. It was a large success.

Good luck to the boys who have recently been drafted from our happy home. Hank Kennedy, J. Low, G. Hannah, A. Dallenger, D. Hobson, J. Parr, E. Edisbury, C. Dewar, R. Cable.

How about some of you boys who used to be with dropping us a few lines. W.O. (SB) Ellis Bob Ellis has returned to civvy street. PO Scotty Arnott will be the next one to forsake us.

Base Swimmers Lose To Stadacona

Competing before a large crowd in the Physical and Recreational Training School at Cornwallis, the training Base swimming team lost by the small margin of five points to an opposition team from Stadacona.

Standing at the conclusion of all races and diving events showed Cornwallis with 49 points and Stadacona with 47 points. The Cornwallis men's team had given the Base swimmers a comfortable lead but Stadacona Wren's proved too much for the girls of Cornwallis and they cut their hosts' lead down considerably.

Deciding factor in the competition was the water polo game, an exciting contest which brought the crowd to its feet time and again. Stadacona swamped Cornwallis in this event and took the match 8-1 to pile another seven

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Golden Gloves Postponed But Fight Card Goes On

By Dave Brown, P.T.I.

Friday, April 13th, saw the Navy Drill Hall packed to capacity as the Canadian Army, RCAF and RCN fighters squared off.

The Golden Gloves tournament set to open was postponed as the US Forces were recalled to their base on account of President Roosevelt's death.

Most spectacular bout of the evening saw Art Frayling, RCN 168 lbs. trade punches with Jack Brennan, RCAF. First round saw Brennan on the receiving end as Frayling scored with terrific left hooks to the mid-section, one of which sent Brennan to the deck as the bell rang ending the round.

Fight Stoppel

Second heat saw both boys mix it freely as the crowd roared their approval. Final round had the crowd on their feet from the bell as the Air Force lad tried to swing the tide of victory his way. However, with but a few seconds remaining the referee was forced to declare the bout "no contest" as both Frayling and Brennan were suffering from cuts over their eyes.

Irving Keenlyside RCN 142 lbs., made it five straight wins as he defeated Johnny Kos, 145 lbs. Can. Army, in a pier-six brawl. Both these boys were in great shape as they tore at each other from the bell. First round was fought on an even keel but the second saw Kos take an eight count as Keenlyside threw a flurry of punches along the ropes. Keenlyside was given a very popular decision.

Navy matched their heavyweights as Floyd Fairclough 202 lbs. met Laughlin McLachlin, 206 lbs., both hailing from Saskatoon. Heavyweights as a rule are inclined to be slow but these lads tore at each other like a pair of lightweights. Fairclough staggered McLachlin in the second with a stinging right-hand and appeared to have the edge, piling up points as he jabbed McLachlin with a snappy left. Final round saw McLachlin desperate as he threw numerous right-hand upper cuts that caught Fairclough in the middle and slowed him down to a walk to give McLachlin a split decision.

Game Scrapper

Feature bout of the evening saw Gussie McGibbon, 150½ lbs., pride of the Can. Army score over Joe Hinch, 153 lbs. veteran RCN scrapper. Mc-

Gibbon had the edge in every round as he stabbed Hinch with stinging left jabs. Hinch tired noticeably in the last round to give McGibbon a unanimous decision. Hinch received a great hand from the crowd as he left the ring.

The fights were broadcast by the Coca-Cola Company, Rolly Lewis handling the blow by blow and Don Jamieson the commentary between rounds. Gerry Geraci, U.S. Army once again did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies.

Results

Jerry O'Connor, 129 lbs. RCN, Montreal, won from Johnny Mentis, Can. Army—Decision.

Tommy Tomalack, 159 lbs. RCN., Oshawa, drew with Joe Kalinsky, 159 lbs., Can/Army.

Pete Massie, RCN Toronto—won from Frank Dube, RCN Verdun, P.Q.—Decision.

Laughlin McLachlin, RCN, 206 lbs scored over Floyd Fairclough, 202 lbs. RCN both from Saskatoon.

Chuck Vuohelainen, 153½ lbs. RCN, outpointed Mike Ziachowsky, 159 lbs. Can/Army, Woking, Alta.

Johnny Kos, 145 lbs. Can/Army, Greencourt, Alta. dropped a close one to Irving Keenlyside, 142 lbs. RCN, Ottawa

Art Frayling, 168 lbs. RCN, Saskatoon, Sask. vs. Jack Brennan, RCAF, 165 lbs. Halifax—no contest.

Gussie McGibbon, 150½ lbs. Can/Army, New Waterford, N.S., gained a decision over Joe Hinch, 153 lbs., RCN, Dartmouth, N.S.

--FOR P.T.'S SAKE--

By Tommy Graham

Now that the hockey season is over for another six months or so, sporting interest as far as navy men are concerned is focussed on sandlot activities and the two popular pastimes of the diamond, baseball and fastball, are due for no little amount of interest according to the latest "buzz" from the sports officers.

Every naval establishment from coast to coast has signified its intention to field teams in either of the diamond activities. Some are only concentrating on house leagues among their own personnel, others plan on entering in inter-service circuits but there are a good amount of naval teams interested in copping provincial ball crowns and indications are that several teams will be seeking these honors.

Seamen serving on ships at sea are being given an opportunity to partake in ball games arranged by sport officials while ships are in port and one ship—HMCS St. Boniface, has gone one step further by organizing its own fastball league aboardship. They have six teams in the loop representing the various rates and ranks and will be performing every time the ship is in port.

Baseball will likely get most of its attention from the three large navy bases, Naden, at Esquimalt, Stadacona, at Halifax, and Cornwallis, in the Annapolis Valley.

Chances of Cornwallis, last year Maritime Baseball champions retaining their title appear bright and jovial Red Gilbert, the boy who did such a nice job in the nets for their title-winning hockey team this winter and who will handle the coaching chores this summer, is quite keen on the talent available. Several of last year's club are still available and together with a number of former notables of the diamond who are stationed at Cornwallis they should field a mighty powerful club.

The "boys in the know" say that Stadacona, who had a pretty smart ball club last season, will come out with an even better edition this semester and following our peek at the Stadaconites in pre-season work-outs we kinda think they might have something there.

Back at the helm is that cagey diamond mentor Bud Morrison, who starred in fast ball company for several years before enlisting in the navy and whose performance on navy ball clubs needs no introduction. Plans are underway to bring his charges against Gilbert's Cornwallis aggregation in a two-game exhibition at the large training base sometime this month. and if the plans "click" navy men down in that country are going to see two nifty ball games.

News regarding the Naden nine and the plans for the season hadn't arrived at this writing but the west coast sailors can be counted on to field a contending team in whatever circuit they enter.

Fastball will undoubtedly get big play. At Cornwallis more than 100 teams are expected to tangle in sandlot battles while half that number are slated to compete in Stadacona's Inter Part Loop. Every division across Canada will field one or two teams in house leagues, some competing in organized leagues, The Wrens at Stadacona and Cornwallis will be back with strong clubs and Stadacona's fastball champs of last season are set to have another go at retaining the title. Peregrine is expected to provide plenty of softball activity for its personnel, as is Scotian.

WIN JUNIOR HOCKEY CROWN



Travel restrictions prevented HMCS Unicorn's classy junior hockey squad from proving just how good they actually were during this past season. They captured the title of their own league and won the Northern Saskatchewan Junior crown but that was as far as they were able to go. Their shipmates, nevertheless, are proud of their record. Pictured above are (front row)—Al Storey, Ron Barby and Gord Hogge; (middle) Jim Walby, Carl Kaiser, Alf Turner (captain) and Ron Crane; (back), Lt. T. R. Bothwell (manager), Pat Gair (coach) Don Stay, Gord Buttrey, Lt. Cmdr. C. A. E. White, CO, Eldy Kobussen, George Homenuke, Rob Reid (trainer) and Lt. G. McLaren, XO.

Naden Writers Win Hoop Crown

By "Lucky" Darbyson

The Inter-part basketball league here at Naden this season provided well-managed and thrilling entertainment for the boys during lunch hour for more than six months. The league consisted of six teams and even until the last game before the finals it was still doubtful which two branches would meet in the best-of-five play-downs.

Even amongst the losing teams there was no doubt that the Writers and the Signal School had earned the right to battle for the championship honors. Lasting over a period of two weeks the games were four in all, the Writers winning the first two by the closest of margins; one point and then two. The fact that the Sig School won the third

game quite handily came as a surprise both to the Writers and the spectators. The fourth and last game went to the Writers and was won by a large margin of points, the actual score being 29-13. In the last game the play was fast and furious the Writers taking the lead early in the first quarter and going on from there to build up a more than safe lead.

Just Not There

The Sig. School after the first quarter was never less than eight points behind. Although the Sigs went all out and used the best passing plays they had, they could not score more than three baskets in the last half of the game. The Writers had much better teamwork and their combination passing was a treat to watch.

During the latter part of the schedule the crowds began to attend the games in droves and it was estimated that the final game had an attendance of at least 275.

Harry: "Is the boss in?"
Phil: "No, he went out for lunch."
Harry: "Will he be in after lunch?"
Phil: "No, that's what he went out after."

"Mama, do angels have wings?"
"Yes, dear," replied mother.
"And can angels fly, mama?"
"Yes, dear."
"Daddy said nurse was an angel last night. When will she fly?"
"Tomorrow," replied mother.

A man wandered into a tennis tournament the other day and sat down on a bench near at hand.

"Whose game?" he asked.
A bright young freshette sitting next to him looked up hopefully and said:
"I am."

Heaven protects the working girl,
But heaven, we fear, is shirking:
For who protects, we'd like to know,
The sailor she is working.

The Unicorner

L/Wtr. Doug Drew

Jimmy Matson lost a tough one to Rudy Hanselman in the feature bout of the big boxing card here recently but in doing so he gained plenty of prestige round the barracks. Hanselman fought out of a shell and Matson was forced to throw caution to the winds in trying to make him open up.

Too, the Sea Cadets thrilled the big crowd with six torrid bouts. Kalpaca and Sippola, two local boys, waded into their opponents in a crowd-pleasing manner that would have made Mike Jacobs envious. Alf Skinner passed out four times during the nite from excitement.

Now we have another big show coming up early in May, headlined by a welterweight bout that already has tongues wagging. PO Wtr. Tommy Rayson versus Dave Arnovitch of the RCAF. Rayson, a Prince Albert product, hit his stride a few years ago on the West Coast when he copped a Golden Gloves crown. Arnovitch, an Eastern Canada welter champ, once lost a close one to "Sugar" Robinson.

Shuttle Favorite

Badminton. Our choice is "Rollo" Chamberlain or Al Storey to garner in the 1st prize moola in the big tournament now in progress.....A red-hot, four-team deck hockey league has taken the place of hockey and basketball. At the time of writing, Jimmy Fennel is making with cold compresses on "Big Joe" Brennan's shin bone on account of Gordie Hogge doing a little bushwacking. The winning team gets a week's engagement at the Daylight Theatre.

Breaks me heart to tell you this, but but "Peregrine" says, "We must have "Postal Packing" Mat Collier." Matt Collier was to Unicorn like Abbot is to Costello, like Velos is to Yolanda. Sure hope we ship with you again Matt.Here I sing the blues again; no longer will the lilting voice of "Dutch" Wyma echo thru the barracks corridors, nor will the happy face of "Mutt" Coble leer at us over a crib board, nor will we be able to split a hem sandwich with Willie Kutz after "lights out", in the wardroom pantry—all three received their discharge. Darn it. And I was all set to ask "Dutch" for a date! Oh well..

Al Bake and I went in the City Bowling Tournament and each of us walked off with a prize. Al got a cupie doll and I got a pound of peanut brittle. Not bad, eh?Ted Maynard, one of the greatest lovers ever to don Navy blue, will soon be making with romance in "Queen." Two of Ted's ardent admirers, Nellie Carpenter and "Satch" Howell, leave soon for a sojourn in "Bytown".....

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THROUGH A SCUTTLE

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



As a result of a slight error in printing in last month's issue, I have had some comments on the relationship between officers of the three services as they were listed. To clarify the matter, here is a list of officers between midshipmen and Sub-Lieutenants in the Navy, and including Army and Air Force officers, in the actual order in which they rank and command. Note: as mentioned last month, it is not intended to show any parallel.

- Midshipman —Navy
- Staff Sergeant Major —Army
- Master Gunner —Army
- 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

What's Your Monthly Scale?

I have heard of a great number of ratings who do not have much of an idea of what pay they should draw each month and herewith present a brief explanation:— Pay for the first two months of every quarter consists of 30 days' pay each; extra days in these months, as well as allowances paid quarterly, are included in the third month payment. The actual calculation is worked out at 30 times daily substantive, non-substantive and good conduct or good service badge pay, 30 times daily rate of lodging and or provision allowance (if payable) plus one-third of the quarterly kit upkeep allowance. (Note:—Grog Money to ratings over 20, not drawing spirit issue, is payable at the quarterly settlement.) Against these "credits" are placed "debits" such as allotments, any "casual payments", stoppages of pay as punishment, or adjustments of any overpayments made previously.

Included also in the monthly credits are: Leave allowance, where applicable, extra pay and allowances such as Butchers' Pay, Lamp Trimmer Allowance, Charge and Stores Allowance, etc. Other allowances such as Double Bottoms, Climate Pay, Tropical Pay, Grog Money, are credited and paid quarterly.

I would suggest that you jot down your credits and debits and arrive at the amount of money you should expect to receive monthly. If you run into a snag, seek assistance. (Duty Writers are generally found in the ship's office during non-working hours) and keep a record of what you receive so that you may query any differences at the end of the month.

Rig-of-The-Day

Now a word about a other naval expression and its meaning—"Rig of the Day." This expression is used as a preface in orders given by the Captain, Executive Officer, or the Officer of the Watch or Day, respecting the clothing to be worn on specified occasions. The proper uniforms of both officers and ratings are laid down in uniform regulations. It is clearly specified which items of clothing are to be worn to comprise a proper uniform. Each set of clothing is given a number. During wartime the numbers of "dress" are reduced and the more common, for ordinary wear, are:

- Officers —No. 5's
- Ratings —No. 3's

These uniforms are worn without prior orders and due to weather conditions, working conditions, or for ceremonial occasions, special or extra clothing is ordered such as great coats, oil skins, etc. These arrangements have been made to ensure not only uniformity of dress and the health of the ship's company, but are part and parcel of our pride in the Service, of its discipline and its morale. To these ends it should be our simple duty to follow the orders headed "Rig of the Day," and to wear such clothing as is prescribed in the proper manner.

The wearing of caps on the back of one's head, while it may be comfortable and intended to give a "salty" effect, is an improper dress which, apart from being punishable, is not the best advertisement for the Navy. Remember that the public is well aware that a man in navy blue belongs to the Service which is expected to be well and properly dressed and to uphold the

finer traditions of the Navy.

What is "Tiddley"?

Another naval expression which has been kicked around considerably is "Tiddley." When I first came in contact with it, the word meant "tidied up." In other words, a rating was

dressed properly in the proper rig, shaven and shorn, shoes polished, etc. This belief is shared, I am sure, by many of the older ratings. More recently, however, it has spread as a reference to a new uniform, a new hat, a new pair of shoes, as well as the name of a contemporary naval publication. As the expression never meant a new sailor I venture to suggest that the term, "Tiddley uniform" is not quite apt.

Another term which has been referred to this column for explanation is "wets". This is of so modern an origin that I have not been able to find the author. I do learn, however, that it means the wet canteen; i.e. that building or space set apart for the sale and consumption of such liquid refreshment (?) as beer.

Oh Happy Memory

There are a great many people serving today who use the expression "canwalla" or "tavern" in referring to such a social centre. Another term in use on the east coast was the "little red schoolhouse" referring to a red-brick building in the Dockyard, Halifax; the west coast equivalent being, I gather, "the coach and horses."

This could probably lead us to

Palsied Poetry

By Hermes

Grab Bag.

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet
Eating some corned beef and cabbage.
The beef had a spider
That slip'd down inside her
And made here decidedly savage!

Mary, Mary,
Quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
"I pay no attention to how it may fare.
I let it get sunshine and plenty of air.
And pay my kid brother a dime to pull
out the weeds.

I think that I shall never see
A killick lovely as a tree:
A tree that stands around all day
And never interferes my way.
A tree that never shouts, "Stand fast!"
Who never stops my ears to blast,
Or make inquiries of my past,

And thinks ten bits a day should last.
A tree that knows its bloomin' place,
And good enough to shut its face.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But if a certain party reads this I'll
wish to heck I'd been born a tree!

Hickory dickory dock
A mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck four—
Say, when's this party breaking up
anyway?

There was a crooked tramp
And he hiked a crooked mile
Found a crooked tube of toothpaste
To brush his crooked smile.
Had some crooked shoes to walk with
And a crooked hat for head.
Used a corkscrew for a razor
And a U bend for a bed.
Give up?

thoughts of the old gopher firms in which for a nickel or tuppence, one could get a mild glass of lemonade or other flavoured soda water. I remember hearing once a discussion as to whether a gopher would go for a gopher, but it was quite complicated so I will skir-

And now, before packing up, I would like to ask any of my readers—if there are any—to send me an explanation of the term "bos'n's pride," in order that I may check the answer to a question sent in by a friend in "civvy street."

CANADA'S VETERANS

Their Post-War Opportunities

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



How to Make Application For Re-establishment Credit—

The first two advertisements in this series have explained the principles of the re-establishment credit and have outlined the purposes for which it may be used. They have pointed out that the Credit is a non-repayable grant for which all veterans who have served without territorial limitations are eligible, but that it is an alternative to training, continuation of education and benefits under the Veterans' Land Act. It is the purpose of this final advertisement to clarify the method of making application.

APPLY FOR THE GRATUITY FIRST

In no case can the re-establishment credit be paid until the first payment on the War Service Gratuity has been received by the veteran. Application for the War Service Gratuity should be made to the branch of the armed forces with which the applicant served, on forms which can be secured at any armed forces depot or at any district office of the Department of Veterans Affairs. With the first war service gratuity check a statement will be furnished showing the amount of the re-establishment credit. This information is essential in applying for the credit.

MAKE DEFINITE PLANS BEFORE APPLYING

It is important that the veteran's re-establishment plans be clear-cut before making application as payment of the credit debars the veteran from training and education grants and from benefits under the Veterans' Land Act, and payments for training and education under the Veterans' Land Act already made are charged against the re-establishment credit. Ample time is given to reach a decision, as part or the whole of the credit may be applied for at any time within ten years of discharge.

APPLY ON THE PROPER FORM

Official forms for making application should be used. These may be secured at any district office of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

HOW THE CREDIT IS ADMINISTERED

The Re-establishment Credit—amounting to \$7.50 for each 30 days' service in the Western Hemisphere and \$15.00 for each 30 days' service overseas—is money which belongs to those who have served and who do not elect to take training or to take advantage of the land settlement opportunities under the Veterans' Land Act. The Department of Veterans Affairs is anxious to see that it is used by the veteran to assist his re-establishment.

Payment of the money generally will be made to vendors and agencies on request of the veteran and receipts for payments made

on behalf of the veteran may be secured from such recipients. It is available for use in Canada only.

In certain instances, such as the purchase or establishment of a business, the department will secure the advice of people with a specialized knowledge of the business in which the veteran is re-establishing himself. For this purpose local Re-establishment Credits Advisory Committees are being set up. These are composed of responsible citizens serving voluntarily. Applications from veterans in rural areas normally will be passed through committees administering the Veterans' Land Act. These steps are taken with the sole purpose of satisfying the Department that the purpose to which the credit is to be applied is a statutory one and has re-establishment merit.

While the principal function of the advisory committees will be to aid the Department in dealing with applications for purchase of businesses, veterans with larger credits may request that their applications for any purpose be referred to these committees so as to improve their proposals and make use of their credits to better advantage in their purchases.

PURPOSES FOR WHICH CREDIT MAY BE USED

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

- (a) To assist in purchase of a house;
- (b) To assist in building a house;
- (c) To assist in home repairing or modernization;
- (d) To buy household equipment and furniture;
- (e) To provide working capital for profession or business;
- (f) To buy tools, instruments, etc., for trade, profession, or business;
- (g) To buy a business;
- (h) To pay premiums on Dominion of Canada insurance;
- (i) To buy special equipment required for educational or vocational training.

In the case of (a) and (b) above, it is necessary for the Veteran to have an equity in his home. In the case of (d) and (g) the Veteran must put up one dollar for every two dollars used from the Re-establishment Credit. If experience shows broadening of these purposes is needed, provision has been made for it.

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