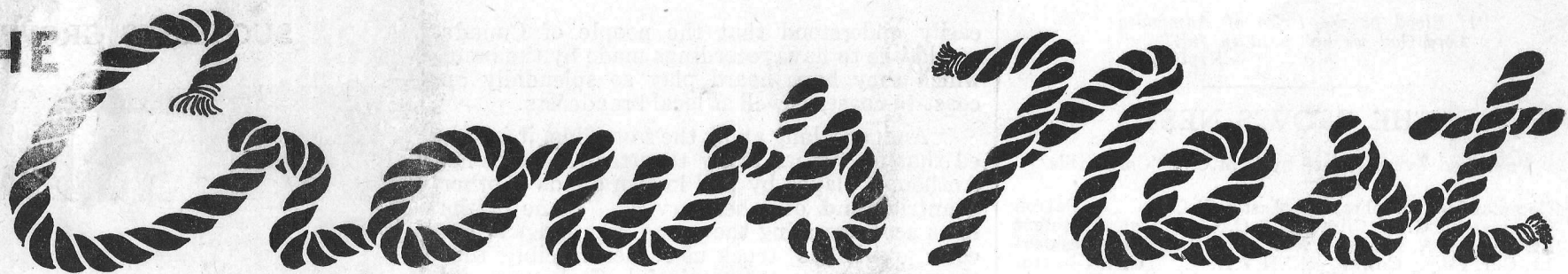




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They're In The Navy

Feminine Members Of Naval Service Proud And Happy About New Life

We don't know how to spell that two-note whistle, with the emphasis on the last note that is, we believe, the equivalent for "Not bad!", or "Woo-Woo!", but that's the one we almost gave a few moments ago. We just saw the trimmest little craft we've seen since coming to Navytown. Talk about lines—why she was sweeping along there with her sails trimmed and with her soft colors showing up against that blue background - just the loveliest sight a sailor would want to set eyes on.

Is she a schooner or a sloop? You got us all wrong, chum. Heck, no, she was a Wren!

And More to Come

There are a lot of attractive girls coming to Canada's ports these days, dressed in the smart Navy blue uniforms of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service. And better news, there are more to come - lots more.

In a recent interview at the Wrens' Recruiting Office a good deal of information regarding the opportunities for girls in the Naval Service was revealed. Now to strike a new note on the subject, let us go into the opportunities afforded the girl who decides to don a tall white hat and step into a modern galley to cook for seaboys.

Look Ahead

First of all, it is to be remembered, that following this war the restrictions of rationing will be lifted, eventually, and many a man is going to cry aloud for - well - say, a banana cream pie. Two or three years previous the girl he married wouldn't have known what to do besides calling up the nearest baker, but fortunately, she had been in the Wrens' Cooking branch and had learned from some of the finest instructors in the country how to make light, fleecy, delectable pastries. Now, had you ever thought of it from that angle, girls?

Plenty of Jobs

Of course, being a cook in the W.R.C.N.S. is just one of 22 departments into which a girl might enter the Naval Service. For instance, there is need for Stewards, Wardroom Attendants (officers' steward), Quarters Assistants, Mess Caterers, Supply Assistants, General Clerks, Stenographers, Confidential Book Correctors, Postal Clerks, Secretaries, Pay Writers, Coders, Telephonists, Telephone Switchboard Operators, Teletype Operators, Plotters, Wire-less Telegraphists, M-T. Driv-

ers, Despatch Riders, Messengers and Sick Berth Attendants.

Lighter "Work"

Unofficially, of course, the sailors consider there is need for dancing partners, theatre companions and lusty cheering squads for sports competitions.

Join the Wrens? Why any women between the ages of 18 and 45, with the exception of those who have young children or other dependents, provided she can pass the necessary examinations. As a matter-of-fact, we'll do better than that for you. In the cooking branch the age limit has been raised to 49 years.

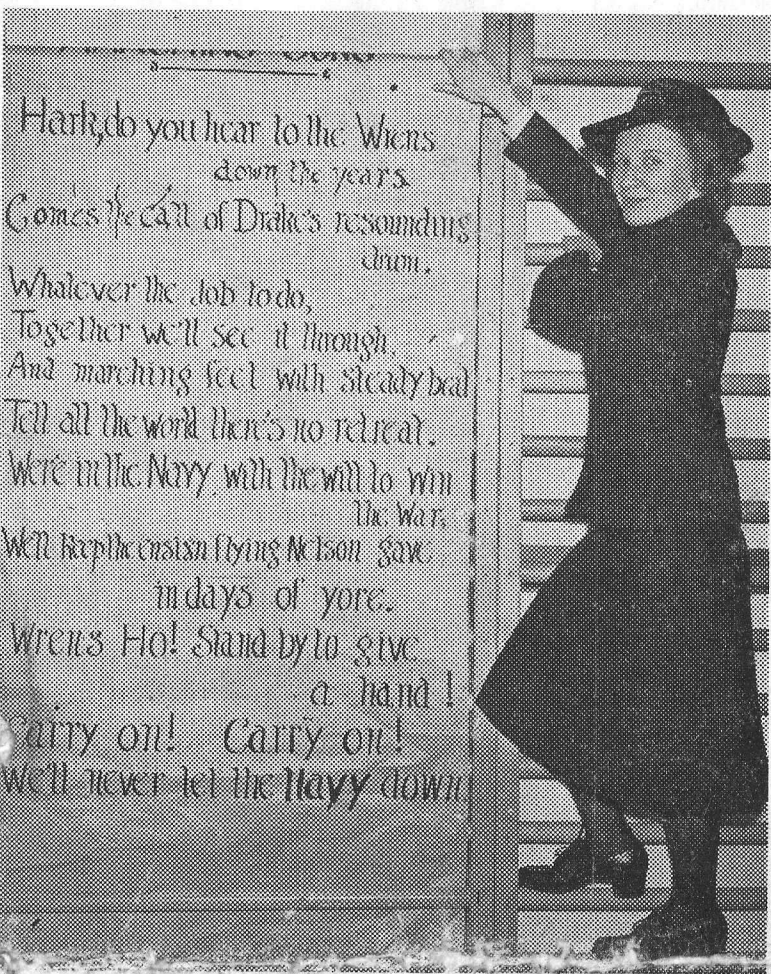
Now, About Clothes

The recruiting office reports that while uniforms of any of the services could never be considered in such frivolous terms as "too, too divine," the girls who join the Wrens are quite happy with the smart Navy blue suits and jaunty fedora snap-brim hats. They also appreciate the fact that they don't have to look like "ghosts" of their former selves. The use of cosmetics is allowed "with restraint." The Navy just doesn't want its girls to come in during inclement weather looking like the living example of that old song title, "The Wetting of the Painted Doll," or have we misquoted it?

Enter Training Centre

The training centre to which the girls are sent upon joining the Service is at Galt, Ont. Here they are given basic training and taught to march prop-

AH SPRING! AND WITH IT THE WRENS



Wren Curry, of Toronto, holds up the words of the Wren marching song. Both words and music were written by Wrens while at the W.R.C.N.S. training establishment at Galt, Ont. The Wrens have two drill periods a day and soon learn to march like veterans. Complicated turns and formations take longer to master but are great fun—so say the Wrens. R. C. N. Photo

erly. They become acquainted with the various customs of the Naval Service and later are sent to one of the Dominion's Naval establishments to complete training or to carry out the actual work for which they have been trained.

Apparently what is most appealing to the girls who have joined the Wrens is that they are members of the Senior Service, one that is backed up by the unforgettable and glorious accomplishments of Naval men throughout history.

Halifax Wrens Happy

The Wrens in Halifax today readily admit they are 'happy in the Service.' They are enjoying this new life which they have chosen and gain great satisfaction from the fact that through their efforts they are freeing men for more important duties. They admit, further, the work they are doing is interesting and fascinating.

In their new quarters they are comfortably accommodated and, through proper use of their womanly talents have managed to give their barracks a 'homey' atmosphere. Entering with enthusiasm into the social life provided for them they are making many friends in the city and, for those who have not been away from their homes before, the sharp pangs of homesickness have been more than a little softened. At almost all of the dances held by the Navy, whether in the barracks or at one of the other available places

or social functions of this kind, Wrens are present in goodly numbers.

Service Life O. K.

Summing everything up, one girl said, "Of course, there are some things about Service life that aren't as pleasant as they were when we were in civilian life, but then, we didn't join thinking things would be easy. Actually, I think most of the girls are somewhat surprised, though, at just how splendid everything has been made for us. A little bit of applied philosophy and we find that 'life can be beautiful.'"

THE SAILOR'S PSALM

(Contributed by H.M.C.S. "Griffon")

The Chief is my shepherd,
I shall not want another,
He maketh me scrub the deck beneath him
And destroyeth my hope.
He leadeth me in the path of ridicule
Of my shipmates.
Yea, tho I wax and polish all day long,
I fear much evil:
For he is with me,
And his critical stare discomforteth me.
He prepareth the rattles for me
In the presence of my friends.
He anointeth my knees with blisters
And I nearly falleth over.
Surely if this thing followeth me all
the days of my life,
I shall dwell in the bug-house forever.

It's Up To You

—AN EDITORIAL—

Some years ago we went into a store and said to the owner, "I'd like to buy a cheap sweater. Have you got one?"

Quickly and with a smile he replied, "No, but we have some that are low-priced. We have nothing cheap in the store."

We always remembered that. The storekeeper definitely had something there. That's the way we feel about your Crow's Nest. The mere fact that the paper only costs the reader five cents is certainly no indication that the paper is not worth more. Proof of that statement lies in the fact that, from its modest beginning, less than nine months ago, the publication has skyrocketed in circulation, stepped out from the status of a "camp" paper and has become a nationally known periodical with readers in every province in Canada, in Newfoundland, in Great Britain, and in the United States. The news carried by The Crow's Nest is just as national as is its circulation. Reading material and pictures come from all of the above-named fields. But

tended primarily for the benefit of the men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the cost to the reader has been kept down.

Now, however, The Crow's Nest finds itself in a difficult state, as do thousands of other publications on this continent. Rising costs of operating the paper have placed us in the position of giving you for five cents what it is costing us more than five cents to produce. No great business experience is necessary to tell anyone that to continue long under such conditions is an impossibility. The decision to continue publication at a higher price or to discontinue the paper had to be reached. We wanted to continue to bring The Crow's Nest to you. We felt certain that the response of service personnel and civilians alike was adequate proof that you wanted to know about your Navy through the medium of your newspaper. We felt that you would much prefer to spend a few cents extra once a month for that which we have all, (you and the management of the publication) worked so hard to make a success, rather than to see it disappear from the market. We felt that the men of the Royal Canadian Navy would not want their "voice" stifled because of the extra costs necessary to carry it on and make it strong and permanent! Therefore, the following price changes were decided upon:

1. Single copies of the paper will sell for 10c each, effective April 1.
2. Subscriptions will cost \$1.00 per year, a saving of 20c per year to the subscriber, effective as from the April issue.

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

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NO REDUCTION

In a story "Stadacona Celebrates Coming of Age," on page 9, of this edition, the following sentence will be found—"This establishment was discontinued in 1922 with the reduction of the Canadian Navy which then took place."

In that sentence lies the story of a national mistake and one whose gravity was not fully appreciated by many, until shortly before the outbreak of the present war. To reduce the size of a Navy, which it is no secret, was the butt of many a joke made about its size, by the people of our own country, was something that should have been given a great deal of thought. Canada is a big country and she has big obligations—the latter far in excess of those warranted by her population. This land of ours, with so many miles of coastline needs the protection of a Navy adequate to cope with the necessary patrol work.

Today Canada has a growing Navy of which she may well be proud. Everywhere in the world her sailors have distinguished themselves in battle and her craft have proven themselves worthy of their task. And when the war ends what will happen? Will the White Ensign continue to flutter above a large number of Canadian ships, or will it flutter over a mere "peace-time flotilla?"

The Minister of Defence for the Navy has stated that Canada is to maintain a Navy of considerable size at the conclusion of this war. This is the statement of a man who has had an important part in building up the present sea-power of this country during a period of war.

It is to be hoped that in the days that follow the war's end Canada will not be lulled into a feeling of false security and reductions be made to her Naval defences because they do not seem necessary at the moment. This war has prove that strong Naval power, given proper air support can hold the strongest enemy at bay, unless that enemy has equal or greater sea-power. The maintenance of a strong Navy in peace-time is simply insurance placed on all of that for which we are fighting today!

HOW ABOUT RECORDS?

"Where can I get a record made by the Royal Canadian Navy Band?", said the man on the street.

We couldn't tell him. Then we started to wonder about it and finally we made a check-up. As far as could be ascertained the only ones available were a few recordings made for broadcasting purposes. Which brings up an important question.

If we feel that the Royal Canadian Navy band is one of the finest bands in Canada, if thousands of persons turn out time and again throughout the year to hear concerts presented by this group of select musicians, why should the public not be able to procure recordings made by the band?

There is small doubt that the famous bands of England and the United States would be little known by persons in this country if it were not for the many recordings that have been made by them. The beauty and stirring qualities of band music are well known to everyone. It can be

easily understood that the people of Canada would like to have recordings made by the band which they have heard play so splendidly on coast-to-coast, as well as local broadcasts.

And, speaking along the same line, it is noted that in a great many theatres the National Anthem is played by well known bands of other countries and of other services. Some of the films accompanying the sound recordings are in color and it has struck us rather forcibly that there could be no more colorful effect nor could there be any better rendition of the National Anthem, than in a sound film made by the Band of The Royal Canadian Navy.

H.M.C.S. "LOUISBURG"

We feel that we speak on behalf of all members of the Royal Canadian Navy in expressing most sincere sympathy to the families and friends of our brave comrades who lost their lives in the sinking of H.M.C.S. "Louisburg" in the Mediterranean. The glory of the Service has been made greater by their sacrifice and the loss of these men indeed should strengthen the determination of every one of us to drive on to a completely successful victory.

SACRIFICE

By Rev. William Hills, R.C.N.

Elmer Davis, head of the U.S. Office of War Information, was probably the best known news commentator of the Columbia Broadcasting System. Speaking before the House Appropriations Subcommittee in Washington, he said:

"There are no privations which the people will not willingly endure, no sacrifices which will not be unflinchingly faced, as long as they are truthfully informed as to the reasons for making such demands upon them....."

Those words have given rise to this editorial. Nobody questions the sincere will of the Canadian people to give until it hurts in the prosecution of the war effort. And hurt it must, mind you. And yet, how often it appears that this person or that person desires to turn this time of mortal stress into a time of personal gain and advantage.

Take for example, one problem that assumes nightmarish proportions to the service man who is forced to seek lodging in a congested area. He receives compensation, but he discovers that in order to live within his allowance, an allowance, by the way, which is not protected by a cost of living bonus, and which under the impact of rising costs has dwindled in real dollar value, he must live under most trying circumstances. In some instances he discovers that some landlords have abandoned a weekly rate for lodging and have adopted a daily rate. This, of course, is perfectly legal under the terms of the rental control legislation, but it has the effect of doubling the rent for the room. If a man has a radio he may have to pay an extra dollar a month to compensate for the electricity used. And in one case, three men shivered in one room because they did not have the money to purchase coal to put in the stove. To this man, therefore, there is only one way to ensure fair-play, and that is to introduce billeting. But this in itself is an acknowledgement of the break down of the will to victory through an equality of sacrifice.

Is it because our people are not well informed as to the totality of the war effort? We well remember that until the Germans broke through the Maginot Line this war was called the "bore" war. It was not until the bitter-sweet of the evacuation at Dunkirk that the complacency of many was rudely shattered. Despite the various gains vouchsafed to our arms by land and sea and air (and by the sacrificial battle-flags of Russia) the crisis is still upon us.

Prime Minister MacKenzie King speaking in the House of Commons just recently warned the people that 1943 may bring ordeals and suffering to many.

"I doubt if any of us have begun to appreciate the ordeal that this country and our armed forces may have to pass before this year is out."

In the final analysis this is a moral problem for the ability to sacrifice and the capacity for sacrifice depends upon character. "Where there is no vision" says the Good Book, "the people perish." Let us see this struggle as it is. There is no room for partisan politics. There is no room for sectional interests. There is no room for selfishness. Let these things be sacrificed for the duration. Without an equality of Sacrifice there can be no union for Victory.

SUCCESSES GROWING FUERHER



Nazi Youth--- "What is more unbearable than Dis---Dis? Hitler---"Disappointment!"

COMMANDMENT VIII
BE INQUISITIVE

By Cdr. G. McClintock, R.C.N.

Many men are reluctant to ask questions through the fear of being thought "dumb" or even of having their "legs pulled."

Having your "leg pulled" doesn't hurt much, and in any case you'll some day be in a position to pull somebody else's leg. As regards being thought "dumb," this is not the case. On the contrary, the man who shows a genuine interest to garner knowledge flatters the vanity of the person asked (beware of windbags who welcome such opportunity) and shows that you are determined to get ahead.

There are many things in the Service which you no doubt don't understand and which, if you did, would make you a more useful member of the Service, so don't hesitate to ask questions—Be Inquisitive.

ERROR IN STORY

In a letter to The Crow's Nest, in which he expressed his pleasure on reading the article "Sir William Cornwallis" in the February issue of the paper, Captain W. H. Crichton, R.N., retired, of London, Ont., points out an error in the story.

"Will you please note that the statement that Capt. R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G., was in command of H.M.S. "Cornwallis" during the Dardenelles operation, is incorrect. Captain A. P. Davidson, D.S.O., was in command then and continued in command to the last, after which he was appointed to Experimental Station and later to Dover Dockyard. He was promoted to Rear-Admiral and died shortly after his retirement in 1924.

"I served under both when they were in H.M.S. "Cornwallis" Admiral R. H. Anstruther was captain of her in 1911 but got another appointment in 1912 and was later promoted.

"Owing to the outbreak of war I was retained in the ship to take her through extensive refit and that accounts for my long service in her."

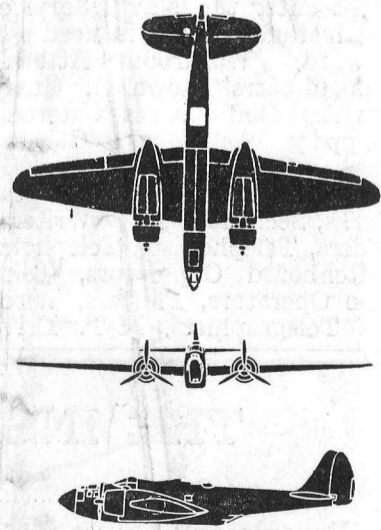
Develop New Bomber
With Many Fine Points

To those who have followed the North African campaign, the name "Maryland" will suggest a bomber and reconnaissance plane which has served the British very well. The Baltimore is its successor, designed to meet the specific needs of the Royal Air Force.

In addition to its primary function as a medium bomber, this brain-child of Glenn Martin is also designed to carry out long-range reconnaissance flights. Its defensive equipment, manoeuvrability and speed also enable it to deal with enemy fighter planes.

All-Plastic Nose

A notable feature is its all-plastic nose, even the ribs being of the same plastic material. Another increasing indication of its increasing utility is the bombload, which varies from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds, according to operational requirements. It has heavy defensive armament consisting of eight machine-guns, fired by the pilot, two in the dorsal turret and one, manually



Martin "Baltimore"

operated, firing through the entrance panels in the floor aft of the trailing edge.

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Note: The Crow's Nest is very grateful to Captain Crichton for bringing this error to our notice.—Ed.

INTERESTING STORY OF GUNNERY ONE OF BRAVERY AND INITIATIVE

In these days of accurate and hard hitting guns, with their ease of working, it is hard to realize that it is only a matter of 60 years since the breech-loading gun came into the service, and that the science of accurate gunnery is only some 30 odd years old.

Ancient "Gunnery"

Although, up to the middle of the 14th Century, ships were looked upon more as fighting platforms for soldiers, the advantage of being able to damage one's adversary at a distance was early realised. Thus, in the great sea battle of Salamis in 480 B.C., heavy slings were used on ships for firing stones at the enemy. In the engagement at Syracuse, 70 years later, when Greek sea-power was broken by the Romans, dolphins of lead were dropped from the yard-arms of ships. These, a crude form of the modern aerial bomb, were released when alongside, to smash through the opponent's deck and hull. Later in the history of the Roman Empire, ballistae, or huge crossbows were used to discharge stones or darts at the enemy ships. Fire balls of cotton dipped in oil, ignited before discharge, were also in use, and wrought havoc among the wooden vessels of that day.

About the middle of the 14th Century, the invention of cannon changed the whole aspect of sea warfare. From being floating platforms for hand to hand fighting, ships became more and more gun platforms, relying on sailpower to avoid being boarded. The battle of Sluys in 1340 was the first occasion in which guns were used in ships.

These early cannon must have been almost as dangerous to friend as foe, being made by hooping together bars of iron with iron rings, much as a barrel is constructed. As one writer of this age observed, they were more notable for their effect on the enemy's nerves than for their destructive powers. They were reckoned as supplemental to the hurling engines—the lineal descendants of the old Roman ballistae, which threw large stones, lead and bars of iron, and were of small bore.

Gradually the art of casting guns was acquired, and by Henry VIII's time we find them in the "Great Michael" catalogued under the quaint names of basils, mynards, hagers, culverins, slings, falcons, double-dogs and serpents.

By this time the hurling engines had gone out of fashion, and the Spanish Armada of one hundred and fifty ships carried no less than 2,600 pieces of artillery, and round shot and chain shot were being used. These latter were two hemispheres of iron with a link between them, being used against masts and rigging. At close range these guns would penetrate four feet of planking, and the flying wood splinters caused as many casualties as the shot itself.

As early as 1637, the "Sovereign of the Seas" carried 90 guns, and in Nelson's day, 120-gun ships were in existence,

"Victory" carrying 104 guns. Her broadside of 52 guns discharged 1,160 lbs. of shot, rather less than half of that from a single round from the modern "Rodney's" 16-inch guns.

The gun of Nelson's day was a muzzle loader, cast from either iron, brass or gunmetal. The largest piece was the 68-pounder, this being the limit to which guns of cast iron could be constructed. To load the gun, it had to be run inboard to get at the muzzle, and the charge of powder and shot was rammed home. A touch hole was provided at the breech end, which was primed with fine powder. The gun was then run out with the breeching tackles, and the priming ignited either with a slow match or redhot poker. The gun was mounted on a wooden carriage with four small wooden or iron wheels, and the recoil on firing was taken up by the breechlong tackles.

The laying of the gun on the target, judged by modern standards, was crude. The required elevation was obtained by inserting wedges, known as quoin, under the breech end, and no training horizontally was possible, it being a case of waiting for the target to cross the sights. In fact, to use a Navy expression, the art of gunlaying was very much "by guess and by God"! To fire the gun must have demanded great agility on

the part on the gunlayer, as he sighted along the barrel, and then had to step aside before he applied the match to the priming, as he could not stand to the rear of the gun as it fired.

Extreme range was about 800 yards, but the general practice was to get as close as possible to ensure hitting. Thus, in Lord Exmouth's action against the forts at Algiers, the ships were anchored only 50 yards from the batteries ashore. It is interesting to note that among his fleet were two bombards, firing an explosive shell with time fuse, with the extraordinary names for his Majesty's ships of "Beelzebub" and "Infernal!" Even as late as 1882 at the bombardment of Alexandria, ranges were under 2,000 yards for all the ships engaged, and at that, the general consensus of opinion was that remarkably little damage was done for the amount of powder and shot expended.

Up to 1854, little advance in the size of guns was made as the 68-pounder represented the limit in allowable stresses for cast iron. About this time, the practice of building steel guns by shrinking tubes upon one another was introduced, and the development of the breech-loading gun first started. However, the early breech-loaders

were unsatisfactory and it was not until 1880 that they became practical. This new method of construction gave a great boost to gun sizes, culminating in the "Elswick Infant," a muzzle-loader weighing 110 tons of 16 1/4 inch bore and firing a 1,800-pound projectile with 960 pounds of powder. Rifling first came in about 1858, and with it, the use of elongated shot with consequent increase in weight.

The introduction of breech-loading guns, improvement in gun construction, and development of slow-burning powder led to great reductions in weight. Thus, against the unwieldy "Elswick Infant," ten years later the 9.2 inch gun throwing a shell of 380 pounds to a range of 20,000 yards, weighed only 22 tons, and was the forerunner of guns as we know them today.

It was not until the early 1900's that any real efforts were made to improve the accuracy of firing. This was due to the efforts of Admiral Sir Percy Scott, then a Captain, as a result of his experiences with a naval gun battery ashore in the Boer War.

In the middle and late 1800's gunnery practice, in this era of "spit and polish," came a bad second. Admiral Lord Beresford, in his memoirs, recounts that gun practice in the Mediterranean consisted of firing at a convenient isolated rock near Malta at a range of about a thousand yards, and there were fairly well substantiated cases of the practice ammunition being "fired" down the ash chutes instead of the guns, to save the sacred paintwork! The old description of "Attitude is the art of gunnery and whiskers make the man" is very true of this period.

From earlier days, extracts

from "Colloquies on the Art of Shooting in Great and Small Pieces of Artillery" sound strange to our ears, with its quaint injunctions to the Gunner that—"it is a wholesome thing for him to eat and drink a little meat before he doth discharge any piece of artillery, because the fume of saltpetre and brimstone will otherwise be hurtful to his brains, so that it is very unwholesome to him to shoot any piece of ordnance while his stomach is full."

And in contra-distinction to the modern, lusty-lunged Gunner's Mate, we find the modest injunction that—"a Gunner in time of service ought to forbid with meek and courteous speeches all manner of persons to come near his pieces!"

It is a far cry from the crude stone-hurling ballistae of Roman days and the hooped cannon of the 14th century to the 16-inch guns of "Rodney," with their 2,460-pound shells propelled by 640 pounds of cordite to ranges up to 17 miles, but this gun is the true lineal descendant of these early pieces of ordnance.

DEVELOP NEW BOMBERS

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Special recognition points are the wings, tapered on both edges, engine nacelles integral with wings and extending beyond leading and trailing edges. Horizontal elements of the tail unit are tapered slightly on both edges to rounded tips. The tip of the fuselage extends farther back than the trailing edge of the elevators.

A mid-wing monoplane with moderate dihedral, note the tail-plane and elevators mounted forward of the rudder and also curved lines of the rudder and the bulge on the under side of the fuselage.

TORPEDOMEN AND LADIES DANCE IN NEW AUDITORIUM



One of the first entertainments to be held in the new auditorium in the Torpedo and Gunnery School in Halifax, the dance given by the Torpedo School Instructional staff in February, augured well for future functions. As shown by the picture, everyone seemed to have thoroughly enjoyable time and the success of the affair made it highly probable that more such dances will be held. Besides the dancing a cleverly arranged variety show was given for the entertainment of the torpedomen and their partners. R.C.N. Photo.

THERE'S A LOT OF SEA TIME REPRESENTED HERE



First of its kind, a dance and party for the men of the Mechanical and Diesel Training Establishments, was held at the North End Service Canteen in February. The entertainment was put on by kind permission of Commander (E) R.B. Spender and sponsored by Leading Stoker H. Bartlett, who was assisted by Leading Stoker F. Warner. A 12-piece R.C.N. band provided the music for the party and the Special Services department arranged a brief floor show. Novelties and refreshments were also provided. Most of the sailors at the dance had been at sea off and on since 1939. In the above picture Leading Stoker Bartlett, the sponsor, can be seen at the left front modestly looking at the floor. Not much doubt, from the many smiles on the faces shown above, that a good time was enjoyed. —Photo by Hayward, Halifax

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College For Canadian Naval Officers Answer To Future Of The Service

Many Of Highest Ranking Officers Graduates Of Former Naval College. Dominion Cadetships Offer Splendid Opportunity To Veterans' Sons

By A/Capt. J. M. Grant, R.C.N.

On a most fitting date, October 21, 1942, a Commissioning ceremony in the grounds of the property formerly known as H.M.C.S. "Royal Roads" marked the re-birth of a Royal Canadian Naval College.

One hundred Naval Cadets who had joined for training on the 1st of the month necessarily spent some rather strenuous hours on the parade ground, and in the short time available were able to present a very creditable appearance for their inspection by the Hon. Angus L. Macdonald and Vice Admiral P. W. Nelles, Chief of the Naval Staff.

Distinguished visitors for the commissioning ceremony included the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and Vice-Admiral C. S. Freeman, U.S.N.

Naval Minister Head

The College is administered by a Board of which the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services is chairman. It is commanded by a Naval Officer and cadets are subject to Naval law and discipline. During wartime, all graduates will be required in some capacity for the Naval Service, provided they are considered suitable in all respects. About 30 graduates will be selected each year for permanent commissions in the Royal Canadian Navy; they will proceed to sea, as Midshipmen, for a further period of training afloat, with corresponding graduates of the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, England, and special entry Midshipmen of the Royal Navy.

The remainder will, in wartime, be taken on active service in the R.C.N.V.R. for the duration of hostilities.

Permanent Commissions

Of 30 cadets selected annually for permanent commissions, 24 are required for the Executive Branch, 3 for the Engineering Branch and 3 for the Accountant Branch.

Candidates for a Cadetship must have attained the age of 15 years, 8 months, and not have reached the age of 17 years, 8 months, on the first day of July of the year in which entrance to the College is desired.

All candidates are required to write a competitive examination and to appear before a Naval Board for interview.

Dominion Cadetships

The Dominion Government offers annually a maximum of five Cadetships to defray the total cost of tuition, uniform,

board, full travelling expenses, for the College Course.

To be eligible for a Dominion Cadetship, a candidate must satisfy the regular requirements for entry and must be either:

(1) The son of a Commissioned Officer, Warrant Officer, or man of the R.C.N., R.C.N.R., R.C.N.V.R., or of an Officer or man of the Canadian Mercantile Marine who was killed, died, or is severely incapacitated as a result of service during hostilities.

(2) The son of a Commissioned or Warrant Officer, on the retired list or the son of a rating of the R.C.N. with not less than 15 years service who is serving or who has been honorably discharged.

Selected by Board

The selection of candidates for Dominion Cadetships will be made by the Board. Candi-

dates will, other things being equal, rank for selection in the order (1) or (2) above, but considerable weight will be given to personal suitability and financial circumstances.

Full particulars of entrance requirements may be obtained from the Secretary, Naval Board, Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa.

The College course of two years offers a broad basic education with considerable time devoted to professional subjects such as Seamanship, Gunnery, Torpedo, Navigation and Pilotage, Engineering and Signals.

Academic Subjects

Academic subjects taken are Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics, Chemistry, English, French and History.

The Certificate of Graduation from the College is considered to be the equivalent of at least Senior Matriculation in the academic subjects in the curriculum.

The College is situated in spacious grounds on the waterfront some miles from Victoria. Equipment includes service cutters, whalers and dinghys, as boatwork is an important part of Cadets' training and recreation. Cadets will be embarked for a training cruise in one of H.M.C. Ships during their final year at the College.

Three playing fields and a well equipped gymnasium provide facilities for recreational games and physical training.

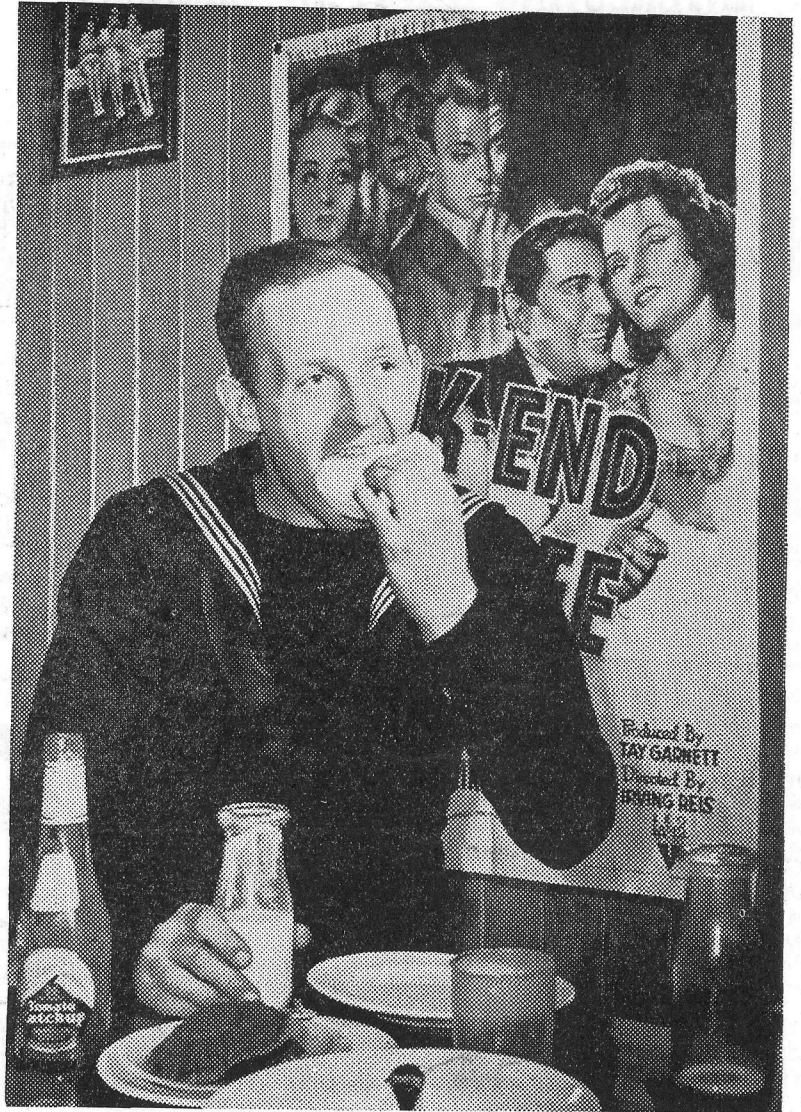
Great Satisfaction

The re-opening of a Royal Canadian Naval College is a source of great satisfaction to Canada's Senior Naval Officers; Canada's feet would now seem to be firmly set upon the paths of the sea on a scale worthy of her strength and her responsibilities.

The old "Royal Naval College of Canada" was opened in Halifax in January, 1911. Following the Halifax explosion in 1917, the College was transferred temporarily to Kingston, Ontario, and in the same year found its home in H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt.

That the old Naval College

WANNA BITE, CHUM?



Yeah, and we'll take relish and catsup on ours. This sailor enjoying a hamburger at the new sandwich bar at "Naden" is typical of the hundreds who visit the popular place of refreshment daily. Just look at the satisfaction showing on that lad's face. It's a swell ad for the cook. R.C.N. Photo.

more than justified its existence is now clearly evident, for it was there that the great majority of our Senior R.C.N. officers began their Naval careers. Government policy, which now seems unfortunate, closed the old Naval College in the year 1922.

Proven Worth

Graduates of the old College are now Rear-Admirals, Captains and Commanders; they are charged with the responsibilities of administration and command in Canada's rapidly growing Navy. The immensity of the task that our fighting Service has had to undertake needs no emphasis in this paper; had the old Naval College graduates not been available, Canada's war effort on the seas must have been on a greatly reduced scale, and our contribution to the defeat of the enemy correspondingly less.

The new College will launch forth its first graduates in the midst of war; it is to these graduates and their successors that the Country will look in future years to preserve and build up the fighting efficiency of the Royal Canadian Navy.

DEPARTURE OF KILICK REGRETTED AT 'GRIFFON'

It is with profound regret that we record the drafting of L/Sea. Ernie Bartley to Halifax. Ernie was to the "Griffon" what ham is to eggs. It won't be the same without him.

Many a new entry, with the sense of direction of an egg beater, withered under Ernie's scornful "Your other left." But it didn't take a psychoanalyst to know that under his parade ground hardness he was as soft as a cream puff and had a heart of gold- (pardon us) aluminum.

The best wishes of everyone in the "Griffon" go with him, to his new post and may we all meet again in the near future.

First Wren: I like Sullivan, he's very broad-minded.

Second Wren: I'll say he is, in fact they're all he ever talks about.

Naden Invaded By Girls At Monthly Ship Dance

More than 250 girls literally took over the R.C.N. Barracks, H.M.C.S. "Naden" on Friday, February 19. No, my lads, it wasn't our girls in blue, the "Wrens," but rather a mass migration of girls from the various business houses in Victoria, B.C. for the "Monthly Hop" held in the drill hall.

The Y.W.C.A. supplied 80 of those appealing creatures whom men can never quite understand. Spencer's sent 40 of their prettiest with Hudson's Bay "donating" some 35 bundles of sweetness. Woolworth's and Kresque's of five and dime fame, dispatched 25 and 20, respectively. Many bluejackets brought their own girls to be sure of a dance partner.

Smooth Music

Music for the popular affair was supplied by the smooth rhythm of the R.C.N. Orchestra with effervescent Doug. Allen on the vocals.

The orchestra really displayed some solid sending; the saxophone section giving forth with "Moonlight Becomes You," the trombones spotlighted the ever-popular "Getting Sentimental Over You" while the trumpet crew blew "Diana" all over the place. Almost a complete repertoire of popular numbers was displayed, with just enough old-timers to bring back fleeting memories to the boys of the cute kid back home clad in gingham and calico. Features of the dance program were the rhumbas, tangos, tags and ladies choice. One startling feature of the evening was a male "wall-flower" line numbering several hundreds.

Arrangements for the dance were handled by Mr. Frank Hardwick, Y.M.C.A. Director, Paymaster Lieut. Warren, R.C.N.R., and Petty Officers Dean and Way.

It is hoped to continue these dances indefinitely which have proved such a boon to the morale of Naval personnel.

SCRIBES AND GUESTS ENJOY FEBRUARY DANCE



Pictured here is one of the happy moments of dancing at the Writers' Club Ball held at the Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, last month. So successful and enjoyable have these dances proven that another one is being planned for the near future. They are sponsored by the Writers' Club, an organization formed this winter that has achieved a great deal in furthering sports and social activity among the members of the branch. R.C.N. Photo

CORN and CLASSICS

by Bandmaster R. W. McGall, C.P.O.

His lips trembled and there was perspiration on his fingertips. He thought he would have to cough, and fear tied a knot in his stomach. He glanced at the sea of blurred faces across the footlights then wished he hadn't. Perhaps his reed would squeak. He looked at it apprehensively. A second cornet looked over, encouragement in his eyes, and his stand mate whispered, "Give it hell, chum." The band slowed, softened. This was it.

The faces faded, the band was gone, even the music. The first long tone rose. He felt it alive beneath his fingers. His head was full with it and the clarinet lived, breathing his own warm breath. His fingers moved smoothly over the first long run with effortless ease, and his lips mothered every note. He was a spectator, he thought, and wondered vaguely why he had worried. The last note was just ahead. It was high, hard to get, but, delicately balanced between pushing diaphragm and controlling lips, it came out. The band eased in under that note and carried it away into the swelling theme. He stopped playing, wiped his fingertips on his trousers, then looked over at the second cornets and winked.

Difficult Job

This man has a highly important job in the band, and one of the hardest. To play with the unconscious ease of the soloist he has worked for perhaps fifteen years or more. His instrument is one of the most temperamental in the ensemble, and one of the most beautiful. It can be the hottest thing at a Saturday night dance, or the most reverent sound of a Sunday afternoon symphony. It is much of the color and light of the band and is responsible for its versatility. Let's take a look at his clarinet.

Tremendous Range

The best clarinets are, of course, made of very hard, seasoned wood. They have been made, with some success, of hard rubber and of metal to avoid cracking in cold weather. Wood clarinets crack easily in the cold, which is why you don't see much of the band these days. A standard clarinet has seven holes and seventeen keys and has a range of more than forty notes, a greater range than most wind instruments. It is capable of incredible speed and is adaptable to practically all forms of music. This speed, adaptability and its tonal color render the clarinet invaluable to the band.

Veratile Pipe

In the modern band, the clarinet sections is quite large, and like the cornets is complete with solo, first, second and third stands. They do in the band much of the work that is done by the violins of the symphony orchestra, and, because of their range, are able to take on some of the chores of the violas and cellos. In the dance orchestra the clarinet is used for a multitude of effects, the best known being improvisations or "hot choruses" such as dispensed by Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and their contemporaries. It may be interesting to note that as well as being jazz men, Goodman and Shaw are among the foremost legitimate clarinetists of our time.

Big Section

Taking a look at our own Cornwallis Band, we find eleven men in the clarinet section, headed by Don Buccini and Horace Russell, both of Winnipeg. They are the solo clarinets and carry a heavy load in the band. The first clarinets are Len Davis, from Toronto's Modernaires, and Chick Bombardieri who came to us from Calgary via the St. Laurent. The second stand is ably managed by Jack Bates of Hamilton, Jim Heron, Henry Zradicka and John French, all of Winnipeg. The thirds are Jack Riddell, famous, too, as an electric guitarist, and Charlie Faith, brother of the well known Canadian Conductor Percy Faith. Rising fast in the section is Charlie MacGregor from P.E.I. Working together, they are a highly important group of special-

SERENAID

by j. a. b.

From the amazing store of "different" sea-war incidents, j. a. b. draws another amusing and accredited yarn.

"Say, Bert, what do you suppose the old man's 'on to' now?" "Darned if I know, but we wouldn't be belting through the fog like this if we weren't after something. We're heading away from the convoy, too."

Bert spoke rapidly from excitement and there wasn't a man on board who wasn't keyed up at the sudden change of course and increased speed.

The 'old man,' on the bridge with his Officer-of-the-Watch, was puzzled. He was pretty sure, from the reports, that it wasn't a submarine he was after, but it was something unusual and anything unusual on convoy work will bear investigation.

Soupy Weather

The Officer-of-the-Watch shrugged his shoulders as he lowered his glasses, "Can't see a dashed thing through this soup and darned if I can figure out what to look for anyway." As if to disprove his words, after resting his eyes for a moment, he raised his glasses in a further attempt to pierce the heavy blanket of fog, but again without success.

The Captain shook his head. "I can't quite figure it out, either—two ships or what not, very close together and moving at exactly the same speed."

Subs Unlikely

"Not likely U-boats, at any rate," returned the O.O.W., "there would certainly be nothing to their advantage in proceeding in that formation." "We've had enough of those for one trip," said the Captain grimly, "and now this fog! What with one thing and another I don't think anything would surprise me now."

Even as he finished speaking a look of incredulous amazement passed across his face and he turned to stare at his Officer-of-the-Watch whose expression mirrored his own.

"What on earth—?" he exclaimed as he peered ahead in a vain attempt to confirm with his eyes the evidence of his ears.

Homer Was Right!

Nothing could be seen through the heavy murk, but every man on board could hear the strident notes of a jazz band, unconcernedly playing a popular tune—in the middle of the North Atlantic.

A babble of talk ran throughout the ship as officers and ratings at their Action Stations exclaimed at this extraordinary phenomenon, for they all knew they were miles from land. Look-outs needed no warning to be alert. Indeed, every man on deck had turned voluntary look-out as the first notes of the music reached them.

And now, materializing through the fog, two blurs gradually took on the shapes of a jaunty Corvette towing a clumsy tanker—the latter with a great gaping hole in her side where a torpedo had struck the night before; the former with her loud-speaker merrily broadcasting "Roll out the Barrel."

"Pardon me, Miss," said the sentry, "but it's against regulations to swim in this lake."

"Well, for heaven's sake!" exclaimed the maiden, "why didn't you tell me before I undressed?"

"It ain't against regulations to undress, lady."

RANDOLPH SCOTT GIVEN LEAD ROLE IN PICTURE "CORVETTES IN ACTION"

Special to the Crow's Nest

Hollywood, Mar. 1 —Filming on "Corvettes in Action," the Canadian naval epic being produced by Howard Hawks, got under way at Universal Studios in February, with twelve male featured players, all of equal importance.

Randolph Scott in Lead

Randolph Scott heads the imposing cast, portraying a corvette commander. Barry Fitzgerald, Andy Devine, Walter Sande, Noah Beery, Jr., Richard Lane, Thomas Gomez, James Brown, Murray Alper, James Flavin, David Bruce and Gene O'Donnell have the other top roles.



Richard Rosson, who is directing, spent three months aboard corvettes convoying freighters across the North Atlantic.

Rosson returned with 70,000 feet of sea warfare scenes. As a result three-fourths of the picture will be documentary, dealing with the experiences and emotions of the men who make up corvette crews, and will show the heroic part the Canadian Navy is playing in the war effort.

Roughest Craft

The corvettes are recognized as the world's roughest craft, and are comparable to a bucking bronco, continuously rolling and pitching. They have shallow bottoms.

The Universal production has been officially sanctioned by the Canadian government. Full cooperation in the obtaining of background scenes was given by the Royal Canadian Navy. The British Navy and the Netherlands Navy also cooperated.

The saga of the Canadian corvettes will have only one feminine player and she has not yet been chosen.

Chooses on Ability

Producer Hawks, as in his production of past super-pictures, such as "Air Force," "Sergeant York," "Ceiling Zero," "The Road to Glory," "Dawn Patrol" and "Barbary Coast," picked his cast on the basis of their talent and their ability to fit the roles. Of the male cast, but four are well known to movie-goers. Scott heads the list.

All of the roles are equal, in as much as any one of the players will have an opportunity to achieve greatness in filmdom and stardom as a result of their showing in the corvette picture.

Star's Howling Howler Used In Popular Film

One of Rosalind Russell's gags which made such a terrific hit with the soldiers that they insisted she do it every time she appeared on her recent army camp tour, is included in her Columbia picture, "My Sister Eileen," screen version of the stage success, coming to Stadacona Theatre this month with Brian Aherne and Janet Blair also starred.

The gag was born during an army camp show when Miss Russell happened to make some remark about Hollywood wolves. A soldier M.C. asked her to define the character.

Woof, Woof

"That's easy," the star replied. "A wolf is a man who, when he meets a pretty girl, says 'Hello-oo-ooooo'."

When Director Alexander Hall heard how well the gag went over with service men, he persuaded Miss Russell to introduce it on the screen in "My Sister Eileen."

Doctor: "How is the boy who swallowed the half dollar?"

Nurse: "No change yet, Doctor."

BOOK REVIEWS

The Strange Woman

By Ben Ames Williams

Setting—the town of Bangor, Maine at its roughest and toughest.

Time—The Civil War.

Principal character—a strange but attractive woman with the mind of a fiend.

Plot—This woman's life in a community where to many she seemed a model of perfection but to those seven men who really knew her, she was everything that was not.

These circumstances combine to tell a fascinating story which maintains your interest to the end.

Floods of Spring

By Henry Bellamann

Another story by the author of King's Row. This time it is the story of a cultured man who tried to build up a world of his own the way he thought it should be. Needless to say he "broke his family and anyone else who stood in his path" in the same ruthless way in which he broke the horses on his farm. At last, when he had lost practically everything which he held dear, he found himself again in the interests of his earlier life.

Headhunting in the Solomon Islands

By Caroline Mytinger

Here is a story that should appeal to everyone. It has adventure, humor and pathos. It is the story of two young women who go on an "expedition" to the Solomon Islands and New Guinea. These two girls hope to pay their way by painting portraits of the native head hunters. We hear a lot of Ra-baul and districts today but Miss Mytinger writes of them just prior to the present war. The book has some delightful portraits of the natives.

North Atlantic Patrol

By Lieut.-Commander G. B. Coule, U.S.N.R.

This log of a sea-going artist contains, besides his 'log,' some splendid drawings. The 'log' is unvarnished—it is fact, not fiction of men and ships doing their jobs and how the job is done. It is what is known as "A darn fine book."

Old Motley

By Audrey Lucas

A delightful novel about another era—one with which we have almost lost touch. The

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Picture 'Panama Hattie' Combines Music, Fun

A stage musical comedy photographed, "Panama Hattie," the M.G.M. picture which comes to Stadacona Theatre this month, reflects the limitations of the stage; the rigidity and cliches of theatre showmanship. Made on a few sets and liberally interspersed with song, dance and comedy routines it is a pleasant evening's entertainment.

Three Dumb Sailors

The superb comedy talents of Red Skelton seem here to have been subdued by the theme. As one of a trio of comedy sailors, and with an exceedingly stupid character to portray, Skelton gives no indication of that ability to hold a lead part for more than an hour, which he demonstrated in "Whistling In the Dark." His companions, Ben Blue and Rags Ragland give their best. Ann Sothern is pretty and convincing as Panama Hattie, a natural and sincere dance hall girl.

Good restrained comedy is as usual delivered by Alan Mowbray as a butler, this time. Lena Horne is appealing in dancing singing routines, by herself and with the Berry Brothers, super-tap-dancers. Virginia O'Brien, as the poker-faced and lonely one, hunting for a lover, and fixing upon Mowbray, is certain of laughs.

The Wooden Soldiers

"When I was a little child," the sergeant sweetly addressed his men after an exhaustive two hours of drilling, "I had a set of wooden soldiers. After I had been to Sunday School one day and listened to a stirring talk on the beauties of charity, I gave them to a poor boy in the neighborhood. Then I wanted them back and cried, but my mother said, 'Don't cry, Sonny, some day you'll get your wooden soldiers back.'"

"And believe me, you thick-headed bums, that day has come."

"It was terrible," said C.P.O. O'Reilly. "There were twenty Nazis and an Irishman killed in the wreck."

"Indeed!" said Mrs. O'Brien. "The poor man!"

ists, indispensable to the success of the band.

Next month we'll cover the trombones, and, if space permits, we may have a brief discussion on temperament, that much publicized, widely misunderstood and perfectly human malady which affects musicians, actors, street-car conductors and even politicians.

"STADACONA" CELEBRATES COMING-OF-AGE

Canada's Oldest Naval Base Has Grown Up In Few Years

By Wtr. G. H. Stout

This month one of Canada's biggest "ships," H.M.C.S. "Stadacona," will celebrate its coming-of-age. The naval base was established in the spring of 1922, and in the 21 years of its existence it has grown greatly from the one-building establishment it was in those days.

An Historic Name

The story of Stadacona, of course, extends back far beyond 1922. The name itself is one ancient in Canada's history, appearing in written records in 1608. When Champlain first sighted the little Indian village where the city of Quebec now stands he learned that its name, in the Indian tongue, was Stadacona. And the site of the present "Stadacona," the Halifax dockyard, has been for centuries one of the important naval bases of the world.

It was established as a naval base from which the British fleet sailed under Admiral Bauscawen for the capture of Louisburg in 1758, and under Admiral Saunders for the capture of Quebec in 1759. Subsequently, at the commencement of the 19th century, the port became the summer base of the North America and West Indies Squadron, the Admiral being established in the present Admiralty House, which was built in the early 1800's.

Became Naval Base

When the Royal Canadian Navy was established in 1910 the dockyard at Halifax was taken over as the naval base on the East Coast. The building subsequently named Stadacona Barracks, previously the naval hospital, was then renovated and used as a naval college, for which purpose it was used until the Halifax explosion in 1917.

In 1918 the base took the name H.M.C.S. "Niobe"—this ship being moored alongside at the present No. 5 Jetty, unfit for further sea service and used to accommodate naval personnel on the staff. When "Niobe" was paid off the base took the name H.M.C.S. "Guelph" for a short period until 1922.

Few "Originals" Left

Comparatively few officers and ratings who were in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1922, when H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" was established, are still in the Service. Those who were at the Dockyard then, and who have seen the development of the establishment from that time to this, can be counted on the fingers of one hand. One of them is Lieutenant D. Burton Angus, R.C.N.V.R., who is now Schoolmaster at H.M.C.S. "Cornwallis."

Lieut. Angus was a schoolmaster, in the civil service, at H.M.C.S. "Guelph" in 1922, when "Guelph" was paid off and H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" was established in the same building. Lieut. Angus, who has seen it grow, can tell the story of Stadacona's growth from the beginning.

Navy Reduced

H.M.C.S. "Guelph" had a brief life. It was set up as a Youth's Training Establishment, along the lines of training establishments in the Royal Navy, at the time of the revival programme for the R.C.N. which was introduced in 1920. This establishment was discontinued in 1922 with the reduction of the Canadian navy which then took place. About 60 Canadian lads were training in the "Guelph" when it was dissolved in the spring of 1922, to make way for the new naval establishment, "Stadacona."

The ancient building was taken over as a barracks, and apart from an old boathouse and a wash-house, it was the entire establishment at that time. The building, which stood in the Dockyard where the present "C" Block was erected in 1939, was about a century old, built by the British government as a naval hospital. It was taken over by the Canadian government when the Royal Canadian Navy was formed by the Naval Service Act of 4th May, 1910. Canada then, with her own, new Navy, took over the possession, control and management of the Imperial Dockyard at Halifax.

Solidly Built

That the building was solidly-constructed was shown in Dec-

ember of 1917, when the great explosion wrought such havoc to the port. The structure was damaged, but not seriously, and stood firm until it was torn down in 1939 to make way for the new "C" Block.

It was smaller than the present brick block which replaced it, but at the inception of "Stadacona" it housed all of the officers and ratings, and contained all the offices.

"The ship's company," Lieut. Angus declares, "was very small, for years and years and years."

Was First Captain

The first captain of the new establishment was a Royal Naval officer, Commander Robert Germaine. He was succeeded in 1923 by Commander Brabant, R.N., and Commander Goulden, also of the Royal Navy, became captain late in 1924 and served in the post until 1927.

That year, Commander Victor Brodeur became commanding officer of H.M.C.S. "Stadacona"—the first Royal Canadian Navy officer to take over the command. At present Rear-Admiral Brodeur is the Canadian Naval member of the joint defence board at Washington.

Many Improvements

As the first Canadian captain of "Stadacona," Commander Brodeur instituted a policy of continual improvements which has been carried through ever since. It was during his term as C.O. that the first separate mess for Chiefs P.O.'s and E.R. A.'s was provided. At about the same time the new drill hall was built, and one of the frame naval stores buildings south of the parade ground was taken over as a torpedo school, which remained in use until the school moved to its new quarters a few weeks ago.

The present wartime leaders of Canada's Navy served as captains of Stadacona. Commander G. C. Jones, now Rear-Admiral, and Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast until last fall when he was transferred to Headquarters at Ottawa, succeeded Commander Brodeur in 1930, and remained in charge of "Stadacona" until late in 1932. Then, for a brief term, the cap-

tain was Commander Percy W. Nelles, who now as Vice-Admiral, is Chief of Naval Staff.

Well Known Names

Commander Nelles was in turn succeeded by Commander H. E. Reid, the present Flag Officer, Newfoundland Force. Commander C.R.H. Taylor took over the post late in 1934. Captain Taylor is now N.O.I.C., Halifax. The next captain was Commander W. E. Creery, (now Captain) from December, 1935 to 1938.

Commodore Beech, at present the Commanding Officer, Pacific Coast, became the captain of Stadacona in 1938, with the rank of Commander, and held the post at the outbreak of war in September, 1939. He was succeeded by Commander J. C. I. Edwards in December 1939. Commander Edwards was commanding officer until De-

organized in 1923, with the intent that "Stadacona" should serve as headquarters for the training of the reserves. Until that time the only volunteer reserve organization in Canada had been the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve—R.N.C.V.R.

Had Two Ships

Moored alongside the damaged No. 5 Jetty when "Stadacona" was established was the also-damaged, Canadian cruiser "Niobe." "Niobe" was an old British cruiser obtained by the Canadian government in 1910, together with "Rainbow," as a nucleus for the new Canadian Navy. "Niobe" and the jetty had both suffered damage in the 1917 explosion. The jetty was rebuilt about 1930.

After the First Great War, "Aurora," a light cruiser, and two destroyers, "Patriot" and

the old "Patrician" on the West Coast. The two newer destroyers continued in commission until 1936, when they were placed out of commission, demilitarized, and sold for the United Kingdom.

Canadian-Built Ships

In the meantime, the first Naval ships built by Canada were completed and commissioned in 1931—the modern A-class destroyers, H.M.C.S. "Saguenay" and H.M.C.S. "Skeena." In 1936, when "Champlain" and "Vancouver" were sold, Canada bought two more destroyers from the British government and re-named them "St. Laurent" and "Fraser." Later purchases, prior to the outbreak of war in 1939, included the destroyers "Ottawa" and "Restigouche," and the flotilla-leader "Assiniboine."

Rounded Program

These ships, together with minesweepers, continued to operate in peacetime for training officers and ratings, operating both from H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" on the East Coast and H.M.C.S. "Naden" on the West Coast. Naval personnel were able to obtain extensive shore training, as well as a rounded program of sports and games at H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" and sea experience aboard the ships operating out of Halifax.

The outbreak of war brought mushrooming growth to H.M.C.S. "Stadacona," and a corresponding increase to its importance. Its operations are connected vitally with the work of the Navy in all parts of the world, though the details, of course, must remain untold until after the war is won.

Stadacona Writers' Club Successful Organization

Over the hurdles of organization, the Writers' Club of H.M.C.S. "Stadacona," under the chairmanship of Petty Officer Writer Gordon Robertson, has passed its first milestone with a wealth of achievement behind it.

Organized to bring together writers scattered throughout this eastern Canadian port for social and sporting activities, the club has met with even greater success than its most enthusiastic backers imagined. The club has three very successful dances to its credit, and has made a name for itself in sports.

Another Dance Planned

The dances were held in the ballroom of the Nova Scotian hotel, the third being helped considerably by a grant from the Canteen committee, found necessary because of the limited attendance allowed by the new fire regulations. Already plans are being made for another Writers' Ball, to be held before the winter social season is ended.

The club's hockey team, ably coached by genial Pay/Lt. G. Brent, is at the top rung of Stadacona's Interpart Hockey League and will be well into the play-downs as this goes to press. The speedy team is captained by Petty Officer Writer Eldon Dar-rach.

Lose to Supply

In the basketball field, the Writers' crew under the guiding hand of playing-coach Jack Sawyer, went through to the play-offs but lost out to the Supply branch. The Writers' club also operated the only basketball house league in barracks, Petty

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"MOVING DAY" AT STADACONA



ember, 1941. Since then he has served at sea, and is now the new Captain of H.M.C.S. "Cornwallis."

The next captain of H.M.C.S. "Stadacona," A/Captain K. F. Adams, assumed the position in December, 1941, and only recently relinquished the appointment to A/Captain A. C. Wurtele, formerly Executive Office of the Ship.

Naval College Moved

The story of Stadacona closely parallels the story of the Canadian Navy itself. As has been said, the original building in the Dockyard was used by the Royal Navy as a hospital, and when Canada took over the structure in 1910 it became the Dominion's first naval college. The Royal Naval College of Canada continued in operation throughout the war, though it was transferred to Esquimalt after the Halifax explosion of 1917. About 100 cadets were entered and trained in the establishment.

Following the establishing of H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" in 1922, the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve and the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve were

"Patrician" were commissioned on loan from the Royal Navy. They cruised together from December, 1920 until 1922, visiting Esquimalt in 1921. "Aurora" was paid off in 1922, "Patriot" was kept on the East Coast, and "Patrician" was sent to the Pacific.

Training Vessel

With the establishment of Stadacona, "Patriot" was used, for training purposes, for R.C.N. R.C.N.R. and R.C.N.V.R. officers and ratings. "Patriot" went south each winter on three-month cruises to Bermuda and Caribbean waters.

In those days of H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" and H.M.C.S. "Patriot"—the "lean days for the navy" in the 1920's, the Halifax folk used to joke fondly that "the Navy has two 'ships'—one goes south in the winter, and the other stays here."

"Patriot" continued to be the training ship operating in conjunction with H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" until 1928, when it was replaced by another destroyer obtained on loan from Admiralty—the "Champlain," ex "Torbay". At the same time, "Vancouver" ex "Toreador" replaced

MONTREAL AUXILIARY REAL NAVY FRIEND

Women's Naval Organization Assists Sailors In Many Ways

Like the Navy for which it works, the Women's Naval Auxiliary of Montreal has grown from a very small beginning. Up to the Autumn of 1939, there had only existed a small group of women and girls whose main work was arranging entertainment for the ratings, but, on the outbreak of war, a number of mothers, wives, and sisters of the officers then attached to the Naval Barracks, met and organized the first local Naval Auxiliary, beginning with five dollars donated by the previous group, and twenty-five dollars loaned by the officer then in command. By the time the first official meeting was held, in October 1939, the members, consisting of relatives of all ranks, had grown to 75, and work was well under way on the traditional knitting of comforts for the men. One rather unique task was undertaken by the first committee—the making of 185 signalling flags for the Navy Supplies. Official specifications for these had been sent from the Department of National Defence and, no factory being able at that moment to take on the order, the Women's Naval Auxiliary stepped into the breach and completed a most workman-like and correct job. From these small beginnings has grown an organization that, at the end of 1942, numbered 600 paid-up members.

Special Meetings

With such large numbers, different types of meetings have to be provided. Every second week an evening meeting for all ranks is held. At this meeting, which was held for some years in the Barracks and now at Navy House (thus enabling large numbers of women to "get together" and exchange news of their men in the Navy) wool is given out, knitted comforts are turned in, and the evening finishes with some form of entertainment and refreshments. Slightly smaller meetings for officers' families are held once a month, to hear reports from the chairmen of the various sub-committees and to help the committee both in financial undertakings and in the ever-growing work of the Auxiliary.

Ships Supplied

The work handled by the wool committee and the supplies committee has grown beyond all hopes. Out-going drafts from the Barracks are supplied with comforts to supplement the Government issue, large bales of knitted comforts are shipped to Halifax, Sydney, St. John and Gaspé upon call from individual ships, and out-going ships are supplied with any knitted clothing required by their crews. Recently, a generous donation from the "Nearly New Shop" has been put entirely into the purchase of badly needed turtle-neck sweaters. Large thermos jars have been supplied by the Auxiliary to many Corvettes, Minesweepers and Fairmiles.

Help Merchantmen

Of a somewhat different nature is the work done by the clothing committee. Merchant seamen are sent to the Auxiliary office with a requisition from their

officer or an officer at the Manning Pool, and are outfitted with clothing collected by the Auxiliary, underwear and dunnage bags being bought from funds donated by friends interested in this work. In the past eleven months, 262 seamen have been outfitted, most of them men from torpedoed ships, who have come to us practically destitute and who have been outfitted from head to foot. In addition, this committee distributed 200 knitted woollen articles to seamen as Christmas gifts.

Meet Urgent Need

The assembling, packing and shipping of "Survivors' Bundles" has been a part of our work which we feel has met an urgent need. Eight hundred of these have been sent off. Each dunnage bag contained some twelve articles, principally clothing but including soap and a towel for the welcome "good rub down." The knitted articles in the "Bundles" were supplied to us by the Red Cross. All Survivors' Bundles packed by us are sent to be placed on ships.

Books, magazines and playing-cards are collected, and some of our members work at the Montreal Book Room packing these for distribution to ships.

The Auxiliary tries to help the families of men in the Navy, whenever and however this may be necessary, this work being handled by a special Welfare Committee. As soon as a man joins the Navy this committee gets in touch with his family, who soon feel that in all their problems they have a friend, ever ready with advice and help, in the Women's Naval Auxiliary.

Sailors in hospital are visited regularly, gifts of cigarettes,

chocolate bars, fruit, marmalade and jam being taken to them at every visit.

Ambition Realized

In July 1942, the Women's Naval Auxiliary realized its greatest ambition with the opening of Navy House. It had long been felt that there was an urgent need for a place where naval ratings could have entertainment, hospitality and some of the comforts of home. With a certain amount of trepidation, the Auxiliary found suitable premises and furnished them through the generous donations of friends, undertaking, however, complete financial responsibility for its maintenance. On July 11 Navy House was officially opened by the Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, Minister of National Defence for Naval Services. Since that day 45,000 meals have been served and some 60,000 men have been entertained in some way in Navy House. There are two regulation bowling alleys and two ping-pong tables, and, in addition to the constant use of these, every Thursday night is "games night." The Saturday afternoon tea dances are exceedingly popular, and Saturday night is a "big night," with a regular attendance of about two hundred men. At both these dances good orchestras play, free refreshments are served and properly accredited dancing-partners are provided. In order that these parties may be fully enjoyed, there is a dancing class once a week with a professional teacher.

Information, please

Navy House has a very complete Information Desk, where theatre and movie passes are issued, rooms supplied, private hospitality arranged and innumerable questions answered. There is only sleeping accommodation for five men in the building, but suitable rooms in large numbers are found every week end. Over holidays Navy House presents a gay and festive scene, and, apart from the festivities in the building, many boys from far and near are entertained in private homes.

Gifts to Navy House have been wonderfully generous and diversified. Amongst other splendid contributions, grateful acknowledgment is made for a very substantial cheque from the Navy League of Canada.

Although full financial responsibility for Navy House was assumed by the Women's Naval Auxiliary, the Auxiliary wishes to pay tribute to the generous support of the many friends of the Navy who have helped to make this work possible.

STADACONA WRITERS

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Officer Writer Ken Doolittle's squad taking the honors.

With such a resounding victory over the trials of preliminary organization, the club looks forward to a summer season of intense activity. Plans are being laid by the club's committee to provide a varied program of activities, so that the interests of every member of the Writers' branch in the port will be satisfied.

Officials of the club are: President, P.O. Wtr. G. Robertson; vice-president, P.O. Wtr. F. Kempton; treasurer, L/Wtr. F. Youden; secretary, P.O. Wtr. D. Samson; sports director, L/Wtr. L. VanDusen; entertainment, P.O. Wtr. Matheson and P.O. Wtr. V. Smith.

A girl's face is her fortune if it runs into a good figure.

SWELL FUNDS FOR RUSSIAN ALLIES



Donation of a \$700 check to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund highlighted a recent draft dance at H.M.C.S. "Prevost," London. Lt.-Cdr. J. R. Hunter, "Prevost's" captain, second from the left, is shown here presenting a clock to G. A. Holmes, of the Sparton company, donor of a refrigerator which was raffled for \$700. At the right is R. E. Crouch, president of the fund in London, who received the cheque from Lt.-Cdr. Hunter. At the left is Mrs. Hunter.

Undeclared In London Group Prevost Bows To Windsorites

Lots of sports for the whole ship's company—that's the watchword these days at H.M.C.S. "Prevost" in London, Ontario.

First major athletic program providing recreation and fun for every man aboard the ship, a hockey-basketball routine was started last month and has been going great guns ever since. Right now a change of drafts has called a temporary halt in the series, but they are slated to continue as soon as the new entries get settled down.

In addition to the inter-ship competitions, a hockey team and a basketball team, representing the ship, are hard at it in games with other district service teams, and the hockey lads in particular are doing a remarkable job.

Undeclared at Home

At present the puck-chasers are undefeated after five games in the London Service League, but in a recent exhibition "grudge" game with the boys of H.M.C.S. "Hunter," at Windsor, they dropped a 9-4 decision.

The "first" basketball team has a record of two wins and three losses to date, with none of the losses being by more than five points.

Inter-ship games are between teams from the four training classes—Anson, Beatty, Collingwood and Drake—and Effingham, Frobisher and Hawkins, made up of men from the ship's staff and working party. Every man aboard must play either hockey or basketball for his "admiral," and the "first" team players cannot participate in the inter-ship contests.

Sparked Series

Anson was the class of the first hockey series, with three wins in four tries, while Collingwood paced the basketballers with a similar record. Fellows who said they "hardly ever played before" turned in many a smart exhibition and action was kept all the way.

One outstanding performance was that of O/Sea. John Fudge, of London, whose consistent high scoring paced the Collingwood division cage team to its success. He also lead his team in hockey. Other stars were: O/Sea. "Os" Buckborough and Howie Box, both of Brantford, and Archie Esseltine and Roland Hartung, of St. Thomas and Kitchener, respectively.

New Sports Officer

Inter-ship activity perked up to this new high soon after Lieut. D. G. McGill, former University of Western Ontario athlete, returned from Mediterranean service to become "Prevost's" sports officer. Lieut. McGill has since assumed the executive officer's duties formerly carried out by Lieut. O. O. Paddon. Lieut. Paddon was a member of the ship's basketball team.

Among the players on the ship's team, coached by S/Lt.

T. O. Gale are: O/Sea Lloyd (Pop) Hammer, Bill (Red) Waldron and Don Caddy, all formerly with the Brantford Junior O.H.A. Lions. Others are: O/Sea. Johnny Joyce, of Fort Erie; Len Williams and Ken. Yeandle, Stratford; Joe Caruso, Walkerton; Gene Kosuch, Kitchener; and Jack Evans and Bill Baker, London.

String of Victories

These lads boast the following victories: 2-0 and 12-5 over No. 1 District Depot; 7-1 over No. 4 Air Observers School, R.C. A.F., Crumlin; 4-1 over University of Western Ontario, C.O. T.C., and 3-0 over the local Army Mechanics Training School.

On the basketball outfit are: S/Lt. J. N. Small, O/Sea. Bill Carson, Len. Walzak, Jack Galbraith and Len. Howell-Harries, all of London, and O/Sea. Bob Berry of St. Thomas. Galbraith played last year with London 'Y' Aces, Canadian Intermediate "A" champions, and Berry was with the St. Thomas Shaitans, Junior "B" O.B.A. champs.

S/Lieut. Small, along with S/Lieut. G. R. Bieman, handled the inter-ship basketball refereeing. S/Lieut. H.F. Lorrimer was hockey referee.

New Explosive

"An inventor who made munitions for the Army used to have this room," said the landlady to the new boarder. "He invented a new kind of explosive."

"I suppose them spots on the ceiling are some of the explosive," said the guest.

"No," replied the landlady. "Them's the inventor."

ON THE LEeward SIDE--

by Chas E. Bell



"His ship came in with a bad list to starboard."

'Protector' Makes Strong Bid For Cape Breton Finals Berth

By L/Sea. J. Altman, P. T. I.

The Navy sr. hockey team is, at time of writing, engaged in the semi-final playoff series with the R.C.A.F. for the right to meet the League-leading Army team for the Cape Breton Championship. Although the series was originally slated to be best three out of five games, the teams have already played five fixtures, because of one tie game. The sixth and deciding game will be played to a finish.

Tight Games

The Tars took the first game in Sydney trouncing the Airmen 7-2, and two days later journeyed to Glace Bay, to defeat the Flyers 6-5 in 10 minutes over-time. The third game was played in Sydney, and after playing 10 minutes over-time both teams were deadlocked 3-3. Once again the Sailors took the ice in the Glace Bay Forum, trying hard for a win, which would declare them winners in the series, but unfortunately at the final whistle, the score was tied 4-4, which necessitated another over-time period. At two minutes to go the Air Force slipped in two goals to win the game.

More Overtime

The fifth game in Sydney saw a determined, at times brilliant, but good throughout, Navy squad lose out in the dying moments of a real 10-minute overtime game. The Forum was filled to capacity with members of the three Services and civilian population. After a scoreless first period, which drew applause for both goalkeepers, the Flyers drew first blood by slipping the rubber past Barclay, Navy goal tender, about midway in the second period. The Sailors tied up the game after nine minutes of the last period with Jessiman banging home the equalizer on a pass from Armstrong. At the final bell, the score was 1-1, and once again an additional 10 minutes overtime period proved fatal for the Tars, with the Airmen ganging up and pushing three goals in the twine with only two minutes left in the overtime.

Team Strengthened

The addition of Goodchild and Lukasik has strengthened the Navy team considerably. Barclay has been outstanding in the nets throughout the series and is one of the main reasons for the team's splendid showing. Ed Sorrel, hardest working member of the team, has won the plaudits of the rabid fans as one of the finest hockey players to make an appearance in Cape Breton. Pascoe, Jessiman, Hurst and McGee, fast skating wingmen, have more than held their own against opposing teams. Laak, Armstrong, Citulsky and Lukasik, hard-hitting defencemen, have also proved their hockey ability, by their clean body-checking and thrilling rushes. Navy personnel have enjoyed the hockey games, and supported their teams royally.

We thank the Canteen committee for providing free transportation for the game played in Glace Bay and for purchasing 200 free tickets for Naval ratings for the third game played in Sydney.

Seamen At Sydney Base Enjoy Social Functions

By A. B. Gordon

Entertainment for men based at H.M.C.S. "Protector" reached a new high this month. With skating parties, dances, and shows, old man winter is being escorted out with a rush.

One of the highlights of festivities was a dance held in the Y. M.C.A. at which a large number of R.C.N. personnel were the guests of the Phiat Girls. The boys immediately felt at home as hospitality prevailed. The evening got under way with a grand march which terminated

WAVY NAVY

A bit of "subversive" literature that has been going the rounds for several years now. It has been sent to The Crow's Nest by Commander E. T. C. Orde, Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. "Chippawa," at Winnipeg, who feels there are many who would like to see the song in print. The original was written by a former member of the crew of H.M.C.S. "Saguenay."

Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along!
Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along!
When they say "Oh there they are!"
It's the R. C. N. V. R.....
Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along!

Oh we joined for the chance to go to sea,
Yes, we joined for the chance to go to sea.

But the first two years or more
We spent marching round ashore—
Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along!

And when at last they sent us out to sea—
Yes, when at last they sent us out to sea,

There were several things we saw
That were not brought up before—
Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along!

Oh we joined for the payment and the fun,
Yes, we joined for the payment and the fun,

But of pay there has been none,
And the fun is yet to come,
Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along!

Oh we all joined up to shoot and to fight,
Yes, we all joined up to shoot and to fight.

How the heck can you fight,
At night without a light—
Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along!

Oh we joined for the clothing and the grub,
Yes, we joined for the clothing and the grub.

Now the soup's served in a tub,
And the coffee's just like mud.
Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along!

Oh we joined for the fresh air and the tea,
Yes, we joined for the fresh air and the tea.

If you get a draft to sea,
You'll be sick as you can be.
Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along!

Oh what we ever joined for we don't know,
Yes what we ever joined for we don't know.

Oh we joined for the glory of it all!
Yes, we joined for the glory of it all!
But the good old R.C.N.,
Made us change our minds again.....
Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along!

Now before we pull up hook and sail away—
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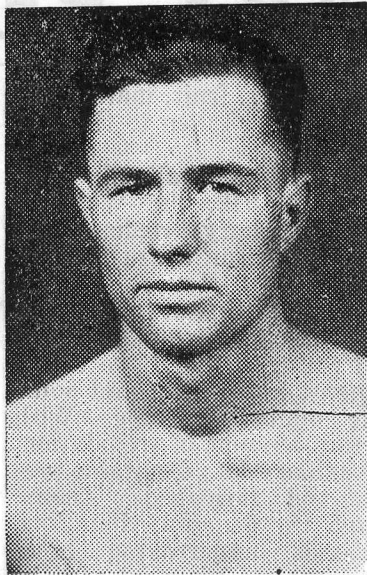
If you want some good advice,
Before you join think once or twice—
Roll along, Wavy Navy, roll along.

with all the couples marching up the floor arm in arm and stopping in front of the orchestra to raise their voices in community singing. Refreshments were served rounding out a grand evening of fun and dancing.

Dances Held

Three dances have been held
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HARD PUNCHER



Brian Lowrie, young navy boxer at H.M.C.S. "Nonsuch", at Edmonton, who scored the only knockout of the night at a recent boxing show in the Alberta city. Others on the card were Dave Castilloux and Al. Lust.

Young 'Nonsuch' Boxer Scores Only Knockout

By Richard Shockey

On a boxing card studded with outstanding performers and some of the most terrific punching seen in this Port town of H.M.C.S. "Nonsuch" recently, the Navy carried off the honor of having achieved the one "knockout" of the evening.

Not to be out-shone by such brilliant boxers known across the Dominion as Kenny Lindsay, Hugh Sloane, Dave Castilloux and Al Lust, young Brian Lowrie, a new-comer to the Navy's ranks, ploughed into his Airman opponent in three fast and furious rounds. The first two rounds displayed some solid technical fighting, if not spectacular, but it was not until late in the third round that the determined little Airman brought an audience of five thousand to their feet with a lightning blow to Lowrie's chin. It was a punch that sent our Navy hero staggering...but only for a second, a very brief second at that, for before the cheering crowd could catch their breath, Lowrie threw his 142 pounds of solid dynamite into the neatest, "one-two" ever witnessed in these parts...a climax which left the Air Force contender very horizontal indeed!

Lieutenant Arthur Donovan, the famous New York referee and visiting official, handled the semi-windup and the main event, which made the evening an especially important affair...and also, a very good reason why H.M.C.S. "Nonsuch" was so jubilant about having made such a good showing.

The anti-climax of this story finds birth in the fact that Brian Lowrie was taken to the local Hospital at 5 a.m. the next morning. It was an anxious ship's company that awaited the Medical Officer's verdict with bated breath...and a hushed silence fell on his words when he diagnosed the condition as "acute Coryza 0801" (which, by the way, is Medical terminology for a "bad cold").

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Edmonton's "Ma" Mortimer Spreads Smiles, Cheer To Tars

By Richard Shockey

The mercury in the thermometer throbs at a sub-zero temperature...a cold smudge of orange smeared across the western sky heralds the early dawn. The metallic clanging of engines fills the air on the station platform as friends and relatives bid farewell to another 'Nonsuch' draft. The wild wind lashes into the huddled groups as the swirling snow filters the early morning light. Then suddenly, into this desolate picture of gloom, bursts the warm, friendly personality of "Ma" Mortimer—Edmonton's Navy Sweetheart! It's almost as if the thermometer were to take an impulsive leap upwards...the cold seems less harsh...the wind mysteriously subsides and the snow settles quietly to earth.

All this may seem a picture painted with pretty bold strokes...but then, just how is one to describe a woman so charged with humanity that she meets two trains daily to greet Canadian sailors passing through Edmonton?

Mrs. Mortimer, since the outbreak of war, has become almost a tradition as far as Edmonton sailors are concerned. The day they leave on their first draft she's there at the station handing out cigarettes and smiles with equal generosity. She's there again when they return on leave...and then, again, when they depart. There isn't a merchant seaman or a sailor of any description who doesn't share in her good-natured friendliness, or who doesn't receive a substantial tribute of her devotion to 'her boys,' (as she affectionately calls all sailors), in the form of cigarettes, candy or some such gift.

Sometimes, some homesick lad, who, in an endeavour to forget his plight finds himself somewhat under the weather, ambles off the train during its stopover in Edmonton, only to find he has stumbled into the capable arms of "Ma" Mortimer. He certainly couldn't have done better. Likely as not she will guide him into the Station Coffee Counter and help him tuck away a good, steady meal of bacon and eggs and black coffee. If he doesn't leave Edmonton a much happier lad than when he entered it, it wouldn't be because of the lack of effort on "Ma's" part!

Last year alone, 'Ma' greeted approximately 7,266 sailors of all types and services. They received some little offering. True, sometimes it may have been only an apple or a chocolate bar, but it was something much deeper than that which the lads carried away with them. It was a "feeling" which only a sailor, miles from a home he hasn't seen in a long while perhaps, can know. It's the knowledge that someone cares...that someone is smiling a smile meant for him! The group of sailors from Halifax who recently sent Mrs. Mortimer the anonymous gift of a red leather purse, or the fellows who signed their gift of a Navy ring and brooch "from the sailors at Saskatoon," will probably know what we mean by the foregoing. She has been the recipient of many other such gifts from grateful sailors, eager to show their appreciation.

Mrs. Mortimer, for the information of those not fortunate enough to have met her, is a good-looking woman, no older

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SYDNEY SPORTS SLANTS

By L/Sea. J. Altman, P.T.I.

The "Protector" Inter-Part Hockey League schedule has been completed and while play-offs are being arranged, players will have a chance to nurse their bruises. Don't think these games aren't tough, watching players coming on the ice wearing all sorts of pads, you might think they were going to play a new game, called "Ice Rugby." However, two referees keep the games under control.

The Machine Shop team, boasting an average of 30 years, grabbed first place with the White Watch and Communications finishing second and third, respectively, and will play a two-out-of-three game series. The Winner meets "Machine Shop" for the League Championship, and the right to represent the Navy in the Sydney Defence Area championship playoffs against Army or R.C.A.F.

Approximately 200 ratings and officers have participated in this league and really liked the recreation, displaying enthusiasm and clean sportsmanship.

Organization is under way for a New Entry boxing tournament which will be held in the near future. Boxers are already training faithfully each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Although the facilities we have at our disposal are at a minimum, and a standard boxing ring not available, the improvised ring set up in the Training building will be used for the tournament. Winners in their respective weights receive bronze boxing figure medals and will represent the Navy in an Inter-Service boxing tournament to be held in Sydney at a later date.

Last week, the "Protector" Basketball team, after winning 14 straight games, dropped a close game to the R.C.A.F. in a regular League fixture. The Navy hoopsters were handicapped due to several players being on leave. However, we don't want to dish up any alibis, but the old saying "you can't win them all" runs true to form.

Lieut. Jack Guthrie, former Western University basketball player, has taken over the coaching duties, and under his guidance the team has out-shot two Army teams. Meanwhile, they are looking forward to a return engagement with the Flyers.

The Navy entry in the Intermediate Series of the Maritime Amateur Basketball Association, (as far as we know) will represent Cape Breton in the Provincial play-downs, providing travelling facilities are available.

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Mascot At "Discovery" Uses Sailor's Hammock

Skippy, mascot of Vancouver naval men, reached an important anniversary this week but probably forgot to observe it.

It's just three years since the rugged little terrier suddenly appeared at H.M.C.S. "Discovery," the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve barracks in Stanley Park, trotted "aboard" and became official mascot of "ship's company."

He was just a puppy then, about as old as the new war. Now he's much bigger and six times as sturdy, and the officers and ratings at "Discovery" consider him the finest navy mascot in the country.

They'll also offer you odds that Skippy is the only hammock-sleeping dog in Canada, perhaps in the world.

Uses Hammock

Most Canadian sailors in barracks and at sea use hammocks, instead of beds or bunks. So after Skippy had been at "Discovery" almost a year, two of his admirers—Leading Seaman Norville Rogers and Able Seaman Grant Goss, both of Vancouver, decided the little dog should have a hammock all his own.

A./B. Goss made an experimental hammock, and later L/S. Rogers fashioned a permanent one. It's been Skippy's snoozing-place for more than two years. Three feet long and two and a half feet wide, it's about half the size of standard naval hammocks.

Regular Hours

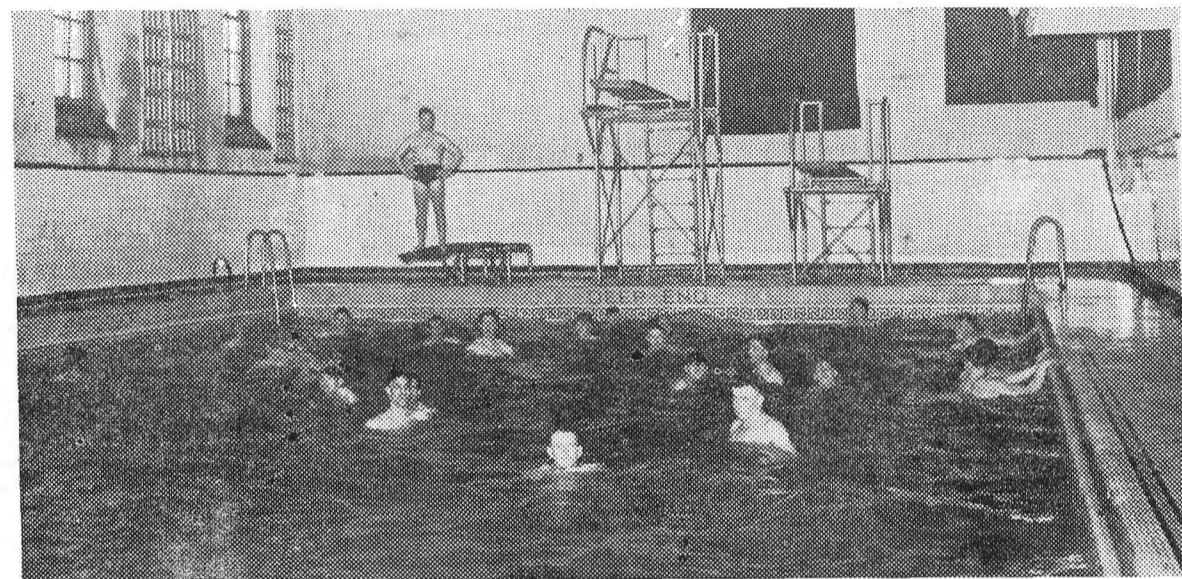
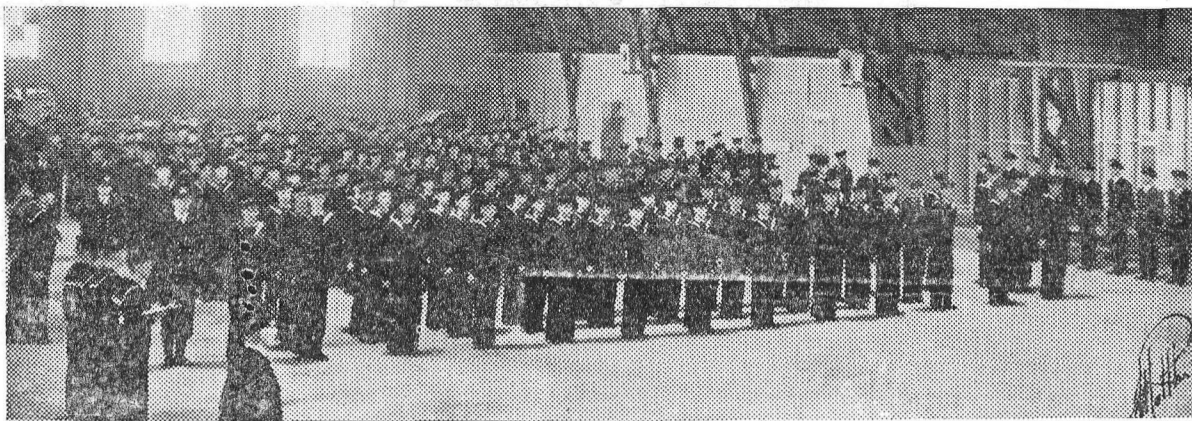
Each night, shortly before "pipe down" at 10.30 the duty leading hand slings Skippy's hammock at the ordinary height, six or seven feet above the deck, and lifts him into it. Skippy stays there until the quartermaster cries "wakey-wakey" at 6 a.m.

"Skippy is just like any other sailor", Rogers grinned. "He hates to go to bed and he hates to get up. We have to 'pipe' him two or three times and finally shake him to get him moving in the morning. And he's just as cranky as I am until he's had his breakfast."

No Favorites

The dog faithfully attends all navy parades, sports events, route marches. He likes navy men impartially and collectively, and never plays a favorite. Once one of the boys grew so fond of Skippy that he drove him home, five miles from Stanley Park, and tried to keep him there. Skippy returned to barracks on foot the following noon.

TOGETHER WE STAND, TOGETHER WE SWIM, OR SUMP'N



Top picture shows the Skip's Company of H.M.C.S. "Chippawa," at Winnipeg, at evening quarters. In the rear may be seen rooms being built up for stores, "Chippie-Chaps" and Sick Bay. The parade floor used to be a skating rink. The lower picture is of a class taking swimming instructions in "Chippawa's" swimming pool.

Photos by E. Matthews, Winnipeg

London Tars Hold Dance For 'Aid To Russia' Fund

"The best dance 'Prevost' has ever had." That's how the old hands are describing the draft dance held on the parade deck on Feb. 5, under auspices of the Men's Canteen Fund, of which L/Sea Ted Oakley is president.

And by no means the smallest reason for that "best" tag was the donation of \$700 to the Canadian Russian Relief Fund as the result of a draw also sponsored by the Canteen Fund.

Cheque Presented

The captain, Lt.-Cmdr. J. R. Hunter, presented the \$700 cheque to R. E. Crouch, of London, president of the Russian Aid fund in this city. A letter of congratulations to the captain and the ship's company has since been received from J. S. McLean, chairman of the national committee of the fund.

A clock set in a miniature ship's wheel was presented to George A. Holmes, manager of Sparton of Canada, Limited, whose company donated the refrigerator for which the draw was made.

The dance was really a big event—with more than 400 dancing to the music of Bob Wybrow and his 11-piece orchestra, in as attractive a setting as a sailor could hope for. A highlight of the evening was the grand march, conducted by C. P. O. Jack Montague. S. A. Jim Callister supervised plans for the dance, and S. A. Jack Coutts headed the draw arrangements.

A special visitor was Cdr. J. De Marbois, R.N.R., who spoke briefly to the ship's company and the guests.

tripping the light fantastic with the "greatest of ease." We wish to take the liberty in this column, on behalf of the boys, of thanking Miss Helen Murphy and the girls employed in the S.D.O., and other departments, for their kindly friendly effort in making the party a success.

Old Friend Of H.M.C.S. Queen Returns As Captain Of Ship's

Skippy has found himself a side-kick with a cast-iron stomach—a mongrel, in the best sense of the word, named Rex. Rex will eat anything from meat pies to shoe laces and at a recent examination by the vet it was found that the dog's stomach was definitely rusty.

Rex and Skippy are inseparable pals and the only difference between them is that Rex hates civilians, much to the disgust of the Naval Stores Examiners on their latest visit to "Discovery!"

Murphy—What's that in your pocket?

Kelly (in whisper)—Dynamite. I'm waiting for Pat. Every time he meets me, he slaps me on the chest and breaks my pipe. Next time he does it, he'll blow his hand off.

Joe—"A man picked my pocket."

Bill—"What did he get?"

Joe—"Practice."

"Home to roost" after two and a half years of seafaring, Lt.-Cdr. Norman L. Pickersgill, following a well-deserved rest, has assumed command of H.M.C.S. "Queen", Regina Division, R. C. N.V.R., his home "Port." He succeeds Lt.-Cdr. A. C. Ellison who has been appointed for duty at Naval Service Headquarters.

Smiles were in order upon his return, for waiting to greet him were Mrs. Pickersgill and his young son and daughter, together with a host of friends. A happy association with the Regina Division was also renewed. Having served in World War I as a boy signalman, he returned to join the local Division as an A. B. Signalman. However, in 1926 he transferred to Ordinary Seaman and after several years in this branch, including three years as Petty Officer, he was appointed A/Lieutenant in 1933.

At the outbreak of war he left Regina and after 10 months' service in Vancouver, crossed Canada with a draft to the Royal Navy. On January 1st, 1941, he received his appointment as A/Lieutenant-Commander, and upon taking his new command he brings a world of experience to benefit the men he will now be training.

Upon being interviewed his natural modesty prevented him from saying much about his experience at sea during his command of an anti-submarine trawler. He did, however, admit numerous skirmishes with enemy planes and submarines.

His many friends within the Service wish him good health and happy sailing with the "Queen."

M.O.: How did you lose your teeth?

Sailor: Shifting gears on the top of a beer bottle, Sir.

Were you afraid to ask the Paymaster for a casual?

Oh no, I was just calm—and collected.

SYDNEY SPORT SLANTS

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ployed in the Dockyard; all agree the party was a success; about 60 attended.

After the skating session, the party attended the R.C.N.S. Club, where the boys played hosts to the girls, enjoying refreshments and dancing. We noticed some of our more dignified ratings, namely, "Pretty Boy" Jessiman, "One-Arm" Hurst and "Busher" Barclay

Sailors' Team At Port Arthur Earns Playoff Schedule Berth

By L/Sea. E. Battaglia, P.T.I.

Hockey is the big sport right at the moment with playoffs between H.M.C.S. "Griffon" and the 102nd Basic Training Centre from Fort William. While the playoff series has been fairly definitely set as a best-of-three affair, the dates for the games have not yet been fixed. In the Service Hockey League the Navy team suffered only one defeat and that was by the Army in a fast and furious game which ended with a 6-3 score for the soldiers.

Following are the scores during the schedule:

Navy.....7	Air Force.....0
Navy.....2	Army.....0
Air Force.....2	Army.....9
Navy.....4	Army.....1
Army.....2	Air Force.....0
Navy.....5	Air Force.....1
Army.....6	Navy.....3
Navy.....5	Army.....3

Navy line-up: G. Harris, O/Sea., W. Lloyd, O/Sea., H. Hudd, P/Stwd., F. Ralph, Stol., G. Traer, O/Sea., P. Hardy, Writer, C. Kraiger, O/Sea., J. McLeod, O/Sea., A. MacDonald, O/Sea., L. Ricard, O/Sea., R. Hollstedt, O/Sea., H. Sandberg, O/Sea., A. Mork, O/Sea.

Sports Officer: Lieut. O'Neill

Manager: L/Sea. E. P. Battaglia.

Coach: R. T. Gibbons.

In our first efforts at Basketball the Griffonites fell down badly by losing to the Air Force by a score of 37-15, but it is nothing that we can't overcome. With a few more games under our belts and more practice we should be able to do more than hold our own with any team on the floor.

E. Kiniski shone for the Navy scoring 8 of their points. The play was fast and keen in spite of the lop-sided nature of the score. Flyers were perfect in their shooting while many a Navy try ringed the basket.

Line-ups and Summary:
R.C.A.F.: W.O.2 D. Pike, 4; LAC Ling, 11; LAC Johnson, 8; LAC Yanko, 6; F. Pichard, 1; Ken Duncan; P.O. Potter; P.O. Goodwin, 7; Total 37.

R.C.N.V.R.: L. Nalezty, O/Sea.; W. Neuert, O/Sea.; E. Kiniski, O/Sea., 8; J. Milne, O/Sea., 4; H. Efnert, Sto. I, 3; R. Sutherland, O/Sea.; N. Lourie, O/Sea.; H. Johnson, O/Sea.; M. M. Mat Watters, O/Sea.; A. Cawley, Sto. I.; Total 15.

Referee: A. McAuley.

To Have Boxing Show

The Ship's Company is whipping into fine shape having early morning P.T., basketball, hockey, volley ball, ping-pong, swim-

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AWAITING THE DOG-WATCH



Probably the only dog in Canada to sleep in a hammock, "Skippy," the mascot aboard H.M.C.S. "Discovery," R.C.N.V.R. headquarters at Vancouver, is a real sailor with regard to his sleeping habits. He "gets his head down" as soon as "out pipes" has gone and in the morning he is just as hard to make "show a leg" as any other sailor. He is devoted to his ship and impartially fond of all Naval men. Photo by Detloff, Vancouver Daily Province.

"York" Deck Sports

Table Tennis

That versatile Accountant Officer, Lieutenant Commander McClure, has proven himself to be a real paddle artist: because of his interest H.M.C.S. "York" has picked up four new table tennis tables and sets. The interest in this sport is on the up and up.

Badminton

The feather and gut artists have two new courts set up. Through the generosity of the Toronto Granite Club we have a grand collection of rackets. An Inter-Services tournament is in the offing. We are sure our entries can hold their own with other Services.

Basketball

The long rangy experts from Skeena II won the Inter-divisional Basketball Shield.

Volleyball

The pass, set and spike men, from Skeena I defeated all opposition and won the shield.

Deck Hockey

This shield was won by Frober.

The inter-Divisional Shield for the highest total score was won by Skeena II.

Boxing

Irvine Pease, our well-known boxing instructor is building up a reputation for mass production of boxing material. In case you have forgotten, Irvine has the following titles to his credit: Canadian Welterweight Title in 1934, represented Canada at British Empire Games in 1934, International Middleweight Championship in 1935. In the professional ranks he won the Middleweight title of Canada in 1937-38.

The following have competed for "York" in Inter-Service bouts:—Therriault, Campbell, Irving, Morten, Snowden, O'Neill, Ryan, Gow, Gunnell, Gauthier, Tucker, Blace, Laverty, Harrison, Keegan, Diakoneski, Longo.

New Entries Winners Inter-Part Cage Tittle

Unknown, probably, to most of the 'residents' of "Cornwallis" the New Entries basketball team has just completed a very successful season by copping the inter-part championship. They took the Supply team to town by a 62-37 score and the figures don't lie in this case.

The play in some cases was sparkling and proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the New Entries had everything required to make a championship team. Their team-work was 100 per cent and never once did they retreat.

Star Player

Connors, for the New Entries, was the star of the game and ran up a total of 30 points. This iron-man played all but the last five minutes of the game. Kennedy was also much in the lime-light and accounted for another 12 points.

For the Supply team it can only be said that they could have played a much better game. The spirit was there, as well as the players, but the team-play was lacking. With more of the latter they might have made the game a much different story. Their star player was Coster, who proved to be quite a trick-short artist and accounted for 16 of his team's 37 points. Killam also managed to ring the bell for 16 points.

Good Coaching

The New Entries team coach, S/Lt. Jake Edwards, who was

Strong "York" Hockey Team Aiming At Allan Cup Series

The term "Navy" is the pass word around Toronto for winning hockey. Yes, it may well extend beyond the bounds of Ontario. The team sailed through the schedule with top colours. In the first two games of the play-offs against the Hamilton Majors the Navy won 8 to 3, and 11 to 9. The Yorkites have their eyes glued on the Allan Cup Series. Meet the team:—Goal, Lamarche; Defense, Peer, Milne; Centre, Halder; Wings, McKeown, Wade; Subs, Wilson, Mair, Mara, Morris.

Eye on Cage Crown

H.M.C.S. "York" is leading all contenders for the Toronto Garrison Basketball Championship. O/Sea. Bill Breadon, team captain, is scoring baskets with regularity. "York's" latest victims were the Air Force quintette from No. 1 Manning Depot who gave the Tars a battle royal before going down to a 27-25 score. O*Sea. Herbert Rand turned in a strong defensive game. No. 6, I.T.S., No. 1, I.T.S., No. 2 District Depot, No. 1, Training Command and Dental Corps round out the league.

H.M.C.S. "York" enters teams in the Toronto Garrison league in the bi-weekly competitions in table tennis, badminton and volleyball. Cooks, Davies and Bakogee, are key men in badminton, while O/Sea Dick Robertssparks the volleyball squad.

Hither and York

Ordinary Seaman Bob Goldham, Doug. McLeod and Wilf Chisholm of the "York" hockey squad are now stationed at H.M.C.S. "Naden." S.B.A. Bill Devitt of softball, basketball, and track fame is now at H.M.C.S. "Cornwallis." Bill played short-stop for Toronto Navy last season and won the batting championship of the Davisville senior loop. O/Sea. Pat Reid and Jim Lawrie, members of the York Rugby Squad have joined their pals at "Naden." Few who saw the epic struggle between Navy and Air Force at Maple Leaf Stadium last autumn will ever forget the bruising tackles handed out by Pat. Another member of the Rugby team to go afield was the popular Padre, Ivan Edwards. Padre Edwards is now at Prince Rupert, B. C.

Lose Boxer

Another sport notable to head west recently was O/Sea. Harvey Dubs. Dubs was prominent in the Canadian Welterweight Division before enlisting and while stationed at "York" did much to bring along young novices in the manly art.

O/Sea. Bill Wilson finished second to Red Heron of the Research Colonels in the individual scoring race in the Toronto Senior, O.H.A. group. Heron went wild in the last game of the season to ease past Wilson. Heron formerly played with the Toronto Maple Leafs.



Wilson

New Band At H.M.C.S. York Delight Of Ship's Company

The band of the R.C.N. School of Music made its first appearance on morning Divisions at H.M.C.S. "York," February, 1943, much to the delight of the Commanding Officer and Ship's Company.

In just 30 days 50 musicians were examined and recruited by Lieut. A. E. Zealley, Director of

largely responsible for the brilliant playing of his team, and who coached them from the floor as well as from the side-lines, is to be highly complimented on the splendid result of his efforts.

Individual Scores

New Entries:—Connors 30; Kennedy 12; Craig 8; Edwards 6; Neilson 2, Seaman 4, Passerine and Bailey.

Supply—Killam 16; Coster 16; Burnie 3, Newsome 2, Bradford and Baker.

SAILORS AT "CHALEUR II" SAY PAPER IS SEPARATE

Word comes from H.M.C.S. "Chaleur II", at Quebec, that the boys there are both pleased and displeased with the February issue of The Crow's Nest. They were well pleased with the articles concerning their ship but the fact that the name of H. H. Wolfe, author of the poem, "A Matelot's Dream," was not given, displeased them. The omission is regretted and we extend our apologies to the author of the poem.

And Another Thing

The second thing that made the Chaleur boys unhappy was the fact that in reprinting an article we credited it to the "Alouette News" rather than to the publication, "The Quarter-Deck." However, The Crow's Nest doesn't feel it should take the rap on this count. "The Quarter-Deck" is a separate section within the "Alouette News," a paper published for the Army in that district. We did not understand that "The Quarter-Deck" was a publication in itself, rather than a section of the other paper. The Crow's Nest will be careful to credit stories properly in future.

WAKEY, WAKEY

The following song was written at H.M.C.S. "York," by Lieut. Philip Lee.

Have you heard the mocking bird of the Navy?
You can hear him chirping soon after dawn
He may have a voice that's rather wavy
Should we catch him we will end his song.

Wakey, wakey, wakey everyone
Wakey, wakey, here is the sun,
Wakey, wakey, wakey everyone
Wakey, wakey, all up as one.
Wakey, wakey, wakey, use your perfume and flowers
You have hours for shaves and showers.
Wakey, wakey, wakey, brushes out
Wakey, wakey, never a speck.
Shine your shoes all bright and clean
Dunk your teeth in Listerine,
and
Hit That—Hit That Deck!

Music and after one week of rehearsals were able to do duty at Morning Divisions and Evening Quarters.

"I envy the fat woman when she laughs."
"Why?"
'There seems to be so much of her having a good time."

Annual I.O.D.E. Rose Ball Is Held In Lakehead 'Ship'

Due to the inability of the I.O.D.E. to obtain adequate accommodation in which to hold the Annual Rose Ball, and in view of this organization's varied war work, special permission was granted by the Naval Service Headquarters, at Ottawa, to hold it aboard the H.M.C.S. "Griffon," at Port Arthur, Ont.

This has been an annual event at the Lakehead for several years and is eagerly looked forward to for months ahead. Young ladies are said to consider an invitation to the Rose Ball tantamount to a proposal of marriage. In spite of this seeming bar to its success, 150 couples spent a very enjoyable evening dancing to the strains of Ted Goodsell and his orchestra.

TORONTO NAVAL DIVISION LOSES POPULAR CAPTAIN

After two and one half years at H.M.C.S. "York", first as Executive Officer, then as Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander, G. C. Bernard has been transferred to an operational post. During his time at H.M.C.S. "York," Lt.-Cdr. Bernard watched a small peacetime Division grow into the largest Naval Recruiting and Training Establishment in Canada.

Won Respect

The intense earnestness and sincerity with which he applied himself to his task earned him the respect of those who worked under him; kindly humour and human thoughtfulness earned their regard.

The spontaneous yet dignified applause which greeted him as he stepped onto the stand to bid his adieu to Ship's Company let him know that he left them as a friend.

Toronto Maple-Spillers On Last Lap Of Schedule

Having completed a very successful first half, the H.M.C.S. "York" Five-Pin Bowling League swung into action early last month, on the second leg of their leg of their schedule. There was an exceptionally good turn out, and if the way the strikes and spares were being tossed about is any indication, we are in for some lively sessions before the season draws to a close.

Throughout the first half the rivalry was very keen and every point gained by team was well earned. Cooks 2 finished on top with 32 points out of a possible 44. The instructors ran them a close second with 27. Cooks 2 claim they are out to repeat, but time alone will tell. Several teams are after their blood, and if form means anything, the Cooks 2 will have to be right on to escape undue punishment.

High Scores

Top honors for the high average bowlers for the first half of the schedule are shared by the following:

Lewis of Drake with 244.
Judges of Instructors with 215.
Bakogee of Cooks 1 with 214.
Roworth of Maintenance with 212.

The high single igame is held by Strath Bakogee of Cooks 2 with 391 flat, and this whiz of the alleys also holds the high three with 861. Team records are held by Drake with a high single of 1193 and Officers 2 for the high three. All without handicap.

Chorine—The producer gave me a costume of just one feather, but I refuse to wear it.

Reporter—Oh, boy, will you be a sensation!

WELCOMED BACK HOME

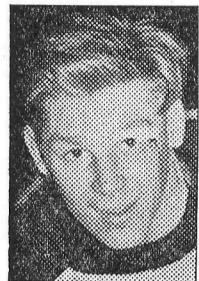


Glad to be home after many months spent at sea in various parts of the world, Lt.-Cdr. Norman L. Pickersgill has returned to his home "port", Regina, to take up his appointment as commanding officer of H.M.C.S. "Queen." He is shown here happily re-united with his two children.

SPORTS AFLOAT

By C.P.O. Jim Arnott, P.T.I.

The fast-skating and highly polished Air Force crew showed its wares to Navy in the first game of the Halifax Hockey League finals late last month, taking the tars 9-5 in a hard-fought, gruelling contest. The blue-boys still have a chance to wear the crown at the end of the season but its a lot tougher pull than it would have been had they been able to get that first game under their belts. However, strong opposition was expected from the powerful flyers' aggregation and the sailors are anything but down.



Spidell

Jackie Spidell, rightfully earned the Pivot position flanked by Bobby Bauer and Johnny Acheson, in the recent All-Star selection drawn up by Halifax sports editors. Jackie led the league in points for goals and assists and was considered the most aggressive and hardest worker on the ice. These feats were performed by a "Young fellow on our street" to quote Ace Foley of the Chronicle, and that's the sort of fellow Jackie Spidell is, just out there, playing hockey and giving everything. There's no time for temperamentalists where sport is concerned, least of all in hockey, a game that demands such tremendous energy, speed and skill.

The squad from Dartmouth, ready for the final series with the Seamen, are in no way underestimated. It will be a tough series with plenty of good hockey if the Navy continues to play smart hockey as was demonstrated by the recent Army defeats. The Airforce with Bauer, Acheson, Ripley and Grey will have a tough play-off—the outcome of which is slightly in favor of Airforce may be upset.

Bingo Kampman is still drawing loud boo's and equally loud cheers from local fans. The former Leaf star gives the game everything he has. According to the fans it's nothing short of murder when he lets go with a barrage of hips, shoulders, knees, arms, stick etc., but according to players, Bingo is highly regarded—even the ones that traded left hooks and right cross counters with him. In parting Bingo rates Billy Hannon the best on the navy team, although Hannon may draw the disapproval of the fans. There is a vast different between being foolhardy and heady.



Devitt

The Senior Cagers, now assured of a play-off billet and within easy reach of the R.C.A.F., league leaders, have added strength in Bill Devitt. Bill, a former Simpson Grad player from Toronto is a natural team man and has had little difficulty working in the senior squad. He has made quite an impression with his speed and smart ball handling, while Ron Rutherford, as deceptive and smooth a forward as has been witnessed in these parts is working with another smoothie in Jake Edwards. Doc. McCallum, holding down the pivot position is a dangerous man around the opponents net. Biggest threat in the senior loop for the Blue Jackets are the Airmen. The Y.M.C.A. during the course of the season has as powerful a squad as any team in the loop, but to date Monty Wren, the coach, hasn't floored his full squad. Army have been in the same boat owing to duty difficulties.

With the recent addition to the Intermediate Cage Team the League Championship looks very promising. Army Cagers are tough opposition and will be the main barrier for Navy.

Cage Leagues on the West Coast appear to be running in high order with Airforce and Army in top positions, and Navy working a strong bid for a lay-off berth. The teams competing are sporting some well known stars with Navy it's big Len O'Hara and Shag Parks from Toronto. Armies mainstays are Art Chapman and Doug Peden, former Victoria Domino stars.

New Entry "Salvos" handed "Supplies" two decisive set backs to cop the basketball trophy. The Victuallers who hail from the Central Victualling Depot in defeat, deserve a pat on the back, surviving as long as they did. A very small department, that had all the difficulties of duties and loss of payers to floor a team—were in there all the way. Time permitting, a Knockout Tournament will be held in the near future.

Honor Of A/S School S.D.I.'s Marred By Columnist's Slur

By L/Sea. C. J. Bell, H.S.D.

Mid-February saw the Ping boys take the New Entries 9-4 in a fast, clean game. Although outplayed in every department the New Entries, who looked more like pensioners, put up a great battle. Smart work on the part of the A/S defence and goalie kept the score from being a much closer one. Morrison, with three goals and one assist, lead the scorers.

SHOTS IN ALL DIRECTIONS

Lieut. Dean and Lieut. Gardiner made up the rooting section for the A/S School...We un-

derstand this was Lieut. Dean's first glimpse of ice hockey..... hope he liked it enough to come and give vocal support at future games.

The S.D.I.'s are after our hide because of last month's article about certain bowling games we mentioned....as S.D.I. Chapman says, "Our honor has been offended and we demand satisfaction."Come on, lads, they're not so hard to beat....Let's bring our kids along to knock down pins for us....the challenge is accepted.

Spring is definitely in the air judging by the agitation of the rug-cutters for another dance....

STOKERS SPORTS PATTERS

by Inkey

Taking everything into consideration the Stokers had a very successful month in the world of sport. The highlight, of course was the inter-class hockey league. With great interest being shown by each team, friendly rivalry and keen competition were present at every game.

With seven games played this month, the Stokers inter-class hockey league created great interest among the divisions. "Kent" division, with three wins and a tie are in first place, followed closely by M.T.E. "Tigers," with two wins, out of three starts.

Kent Division, one of the strongest teams to come out of S.T.E., was lead by Russ Edwards and Billy Smith, who sparked their team to two glorious wins.

Got Five Counters

The M.T.E. Tigers sure have to be counted in before the play-off time comes around. In their last appearance M.T.E. Tigers won easily over D.T.E. by a score of 8-1. Burville, former Calgary junior player stole the show by scoring five goals and assisting in the other two.

In the other games played to date, "Anson" skated "Howe" into the ice to win easily by the score of 8-3. For Anson, the line of McAvoy, Lavin and Rollin, played heads up hockey and scored all the points. Tushingham in the Anson Goal, was phenomenal.

"Venus" Division was lucky in winning over "Indus" Division. The big star of this game was Big Lou Ascot, whose bodybelting was the feature of the game. It was a typical finish with Indus leading all the way. With 3 minutes to go, Ballantyne, Doane and Baldwin put the pressure on and scored 4 goals to win. The final score was Venus 4 Indus 1.

"Kent won over "Broke" in what was classed as a thrilling battle between two great teams. It was a grudge battle with hard checking galore. It was a tough game on the referee, with no less than 15 penalties being handed out. When the final whistle blew it was "Kent" 7 "Broke" 3.

Standing of League

	P.	L.	W.	T.	Pt
Kent.....	4	3	0	1	7
M T E.....	3	2	1	0	4
Venus.....	3	2	1	0	4
Anson.....	2	1	1	0	2
Drake.....	2	0	1	1	1
M T E.....	1	0	0	0	0
D T E.....	2	0	2	0	0
Indus.....	2	0	2	0	0
Howe.....	2	0	2	0	0

Inter-Part Hockey

The Stokers inter-part hockey team is holding up the tradition of hockey champs, by not losing a game in the strong inter-part hockey league. Defeating New Entry Salvos 8-1 and the Torpedo School 8-1 the Stokers showed power offensively and defensive y by scoring 19 goals against 5 being scored on them. Players are made up from different branches of the Engineering Department, with such stars as Ballantyne, Doan, Dennis, Baldwin, Moore and Legere.

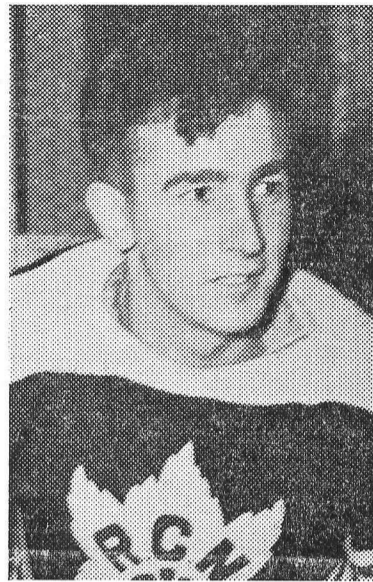
Basketball

The Inter-Class hoopla game is going over in a big way. Approximately 15 teams are taking part in this league which is made up of two sections. Games are played on Monday and Friday nights at 1830 in the Drill Hall.

Seeing as the how first 'brawl' was such a success it shouldn't be hard to get the right people interested....look to the notice boards for future informatin.

NAVY SENIORS REACH HALIFAX FINALS DROP FIRST ENCOUNTER TO AIR FORCE

NAVY STONEWALL



Goaler Hughes

To date 10 games have been played with Anson team whning over Kent 28-16. For "Anson" McAvoy was high scorer with 14 points, while Beer with 10 points was high for "Kent" Division. The following are the results of the remaining games:

Hawke.....29	vs Nelson.....10
Indus.....21	Venus.....18
Drake.....14	vs Broke.....10
Anson.....14	vs York.....16
Howe.....24	vs Orient.....28
Nelson.....28	vs Drake.....14
Broke.....16	vs York.....18
Indus.....30	vs Orient.....15

Inter-Part Basketball

The Inter-part basketball team has been playing exhibition games and the last win was over the well-balanced Ad-House team, which turned out to be a thriller. At the end of the first half the Stokers led 14-1. The next half saw Ad House make a comeback and lose by one point. The final score Stokers 25, Ad House 24. A return match is slated for the near future.

Bowling

Twenty teams are taking part in the newly-formed inter-class bowling league. With the Candle Pin Game new to the majority of ratings, great interest has been shown by each team. At present four teams are tied for first place. Sto. Lavin, tops the single with a score of 115, with Sto. J. Smith claiming the honor for two highest strings with a score of 214. The league is supervised by P.T.I. Red. Burchill, who has worked hard to make the league a success.

This column doffs its hat to two great hockey palyers, Sto. Ed. Sorel and Ralph Croucher. Sorel, who played for Halifax Senior Navy for the last two years, this year played for the Navy at Sydney, and led the scoring. Croucher played last season with the Maritime Intermediate Champs, and this year was picked on the Halifax Senior All-Star Team.

Entering the finals of the Halifax Senior Hockey League championships, the Navy suffered a defeat in the first game when the Air Force hammered a total of 9 shots past Hughes in the Navy nets while the sailors gathered in only 5 for themselves.

Flyers Good

The strong Air Force team moved against the sailors with all the speed, finish and scoring punch that has typified its playing throughout the season. Early in the game the flyers took a 5-0 lead and kept well out in front until the final bell.

In the fourth play-off game of the Army-Navy series, in which the Sailors earned the right to meet the Air Force in the finals of the Halifax Senior Hockey League championship series, the tars played a seemingly listless game and relied, far too much, on the strength of their goalie, Hughes.

Strong Man



Fritz

Jack Fritz was the strong man of the game as far as the tars were concerned and scored the last minute-goal that gave the sailors their fifth tally for the night, to make the final count 5-4

Time and again the soldiers rallied to disorganize the Navy squad. The soldiers followed up every advantage, "Shiek" Thomas leading nearly every threat.

Throughout the semi-final series Roach, improving steadily at centre, engineered some masterful plays. Patrolling left wing, Larabie, with his unleashed speed, made some of his rushes pay off, while Sawyer, over on the other wing, also played a stellar role.

Army-Navy Summary

1st Game - Army 5 Navy 4
2nd Game - Army 2 Navy 11
3rd Game - Army 4 Navy 9
4th Game - Army 4 Navy 5

NEW P.T.I. AT "GRIFFON" GAINS RAPID POPULARIT"

A clipping from the Port Arthur New Chronicle, sent to The Crow's Nest by its correspondent in H.M.C.S. "Griffon," deals at some length with the life and achievements of Leading Seaman Emmanuel Battaglia, P.T.I. L/Sea. Battaglia left "Cornwallis" last month to become sports instructor at "Griffon." The popular instructor has stepped right into the job at Port Arthur and has all departments actively engaged in sport.

L/Sea. Battaglia is a brother of Canada's one time middle-weight champion, Frankie Battaglia, and is a boxer of no mean ability, himself.

A lady and her little daughter were walking through a fashionable street when they came to a portion of the street strewn with straw, put there to deaden the noise of vehicles passing a certain house.

"What's that straw for, Mother?" asked the child.

"The lady who lives in that house," replied the mother, "has had a little baby girl sent her."

The child thought a moment, looked at the large amount of straw and said: "Awfully well packed, wasn't she?"

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Shavings From A Lathe In The Ordnance Shop

By Dick Donnithorne, O.A.

Many gnashings of teeth were heard around the O.A.'s shop at Halifax, recently, when the two bowling teams met in great combat. During the season neither team had been beaten and by the talk before the game commenced, we thought of calling in a few scientists who might be interested in knowing the answer to that old question of what would happen if an irresistible force met an immovable object.

However, after many snickers, and of course, lots of excuses, the "B" team emerged victorious. In any case, we are proud of both teams, even though they can't both win.

Pass Courses

A number of O.A.'s have recently qualified successfully in their courses and are eagerly awaiting draft chits to other romantic (?) ports. They are to be congratulated and we wish them all the best. Among the successful candidates were: A.K. Smith, T. Danfield, N. Eckford, T. Bowerman, M. McKenna, W. Bexton, M. Hall, J. Crombie, J. Parkins, C. Lewis, C. Oxenbury, A. Murray, E. Dallimore, W. Newport, F. Dalgie and R. Long.

A very proud man these days is Jim Lovell. Just the other day he had a telegram from Toronto saying, "both doing well." Yes, it was a fine, bouncing, baby boy. The cigars came thick and fast - so fast, in fact, that we missed out on them. We hope he will soon be able to see his family, so he can stand a "middle watch," pacing the bedroom floor, or should we say, deck?

Well, Sir?

We are very suspicious of the actions of an officer around these parts. Every time Lieut. Richardson comes in he very neatly vaults the half door into the office and we are inclined to think he is trying to impress the Warrant Ordnance Officer, Mr. Mayne so he can get on the basketball team.

Had a nice letter the other day from C.O.A. Fred Dennison who is doing well. There was also some news from our old friend "Happy" Hampson. Fred and "Happy" are both in one of our newest and finest ships and apart from doing a lot of hard work during shake-downs, are enjoying it all. During a visit to Scotland Fred took the marriage vows, and so, we'll take the opportunity of extending best wishes.

Changes Night Work

A large number of girls in the district will be sorry to hear that "Fearless" Foster is working nights. Talking to "Fearless" the other day, he said, "I try to kiss every girl I meet." We answered, "Boy, I'll bet you get lots of slaps." He came right back with, "Yeah, but I get a lotta kisses!"

Before closing the column we'd like to tell the boys in other ports not to be afraid to drop a line so we'll know how things are going or if there is anything they require with which we could possibly fix them up. Don't be bashful, boys. Anything up to a nickel!

Depressing Problem

And now—if we place 5,000 yards on the gun sights and bring the telescope horizontal, the shell will fall 5,000 yards away, but what happens if we place 10 yards on the gunsight and bring it horizontal? Oh Yeah!!!

Knots To You

By LOG-LINE

Try It

No matter how frigid you're feeling, You'll find a grin more or less healing. It grows in a wreath All around the front teeth Thus keeping the face from congealing.

Stoker 1—"Say, Jack, what's your idea of heaven?"
Stoker 11—"Methuselah's age and Solomon's wives."

Wrote Sad Stories

Ed. -in-Chief—' and I was also a contributor to the Atlantic Monthly."
Subbie—"So was I—until I got off that blasted minesweeper."

Pet Peeve

The bloke for whom my liking is most desperately lacking, Is the one whose favorite order is, "Come on, my son—get cracking!"
I fear that some day when my little chain of self-control wears thin, I'll take his order literally and "get cracking"—on his chin!

Keep It Clean

"Is Windy still captain of the heads?"
"Yeah, he's still the same old floor-flusher."

"She-Was-Only"

She was only a censor's daughter—but she knew when to cut it out.
She was only a printer's daughter—but I liked her type.
She was only a taxi-driver's daughter—but you auto meter.

Anonamiss

They tell a wild tale about Nona Who wore a black chiffon kimona. Don't think for a minute There's anything in it. That is, anything except Nona.

So what if your grandfather did laugh at these jokes? Just proves the old boy at least had a sense of humor.

Street-Car Conductor—"Can't you see that sign, 'No smoking'?"

Sailor—"Sure, chum, but there's so many wanky signs here—like that one, 'Wear No-bind Corsets'—that I ain't payin' no attention to any of 'em."

For Victory Parades

"And that, sonny, was how the Second Great War was won"
"Pop, why did they need all those other sailors?"

And then there was the old maid who wore short skirts so she could "Keep 'Em Eyeing!"

Vice-Versa

"Do you know why some girls are popular and others aren't?"
"Yes and no."

SAILORS' TEAM AT PORT

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ming and will take part in a boxing show in the near future. This is our introduction to the Crow's Nest and we hope to be in there punching every month. With a swell Ship's Company of Officers and men who are all good sports what is there to hold us back? Be seeing you next month.

"Ah," said the customs officer, finding a bottle of White Horse, "I thought you said there were only old clothes in that trunk."
"Yeah, that's my nightcap."

VALUE OF NEW ENTRIES' TOURNAMENTS STRESSED BY NAVY BOXING INSTRUCTOR

By Charles James, Chief Stoker
Navy Boxing Coach

The great event this month is the New Entries Boxing Tournament. The elimination began with nearly 300 entries from the various divisions, these having been whittled down to about 40 of the best fighters, who will battle it out for the honor of their particular division. A number of these boys are recent arrivals from the West Coast, and it appears they have these tournaments frequently there. There are quite a few likely fighters among these lads and they will certainly put up a real battle for the championship of their respective weights. Unfortunately this will be too late to report in this issue of the paper, but a full report will be in the next.

Develop Sportsmen

These New Entry tournaments are of great value to our young sailors, for after seeing them carried out, one is impressed very much with the real sportsmanship shown, each contestant giving his best to prove his division better than the next. Boxing is a fine sport and these contests, though perhaps not developing any champions, turn out good sportsmen, who make good sailors.

An inspiration to any young fighter has been shown by Barney Ross, the welterweight champion of the last decade, whose grand achievements at Guadalcanal, as a marine, have gained wide-spread recognition.

To Corporal Ross of the Marines, The Ring Magazine has presented a medal of the highest distinction. It was sent to him, and will be presented to him at Guadalcanal. The inscription on this medal reads:

Corporal Barney Ross
U. S. Marines
A Champion of the Ring, who became a Champion in the War for Freedom
Boxing's Most Valuable Man for 1942

Plucky Scrapper

One of the great fighters of the past died last month. I refer to Joe Choynski, who will be remembered for the great fights he put up with Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons and most of the big men of that era. Choynski weighed a mere 160 lbs., but met heavyweights of 200 lbs. and over.

Beau Jack, the new Lightweight king, was rather lucky to take a decision over the veteran Fritzie Zivic, a disputed low punch causing the loss of a round and a draw verdict. The sensational coloured welterweight, Ray Robinson, lost a decision to Jake La Motta after a bruising fight.

Robinson was outweighed by 16 lbs., and it fully demonstrated the folly of fight managers, asking their boys to fight out of their respective classes. A forthcoming fight will see Willie Pep, the sensational featherweight take on Lou Ambers, the lightweight title-holder. Ambers retired a few months ago owing to hand injuries, but is returning to seek further ring honours.

BOOK REVIEWS

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lives of the Bacon family are influenced by the fanatical Quaker father, John Bacon, who, after making them entirely miserable for years, is finally impressed by his cousin that he has a duty to his children which is as necessary to the life of a good man as his children's duty to him.

Charles Bacon's story, a son strong of character and will, adds a delightful touch to the book giving, in contrast to the portrait of John Bacon, the picture of a living and a very human man.

The Roman Hat Mystery

By Ellery Queen

A man is murdered in a crowded theatre and a silk top hat is missing. Inspector Queen, in charge of the case is, as usual, ably assisted by his son, Ellery. Ellery insists that the top hat is the important clue and he wants to know why it has disappeared

Strong 'Naden' Team Reaches Island Finals

Coming from behind with a four-goal power drive in the final period, the Victoria Royal Canadian Naval hockey team defeated the Nanaimo Clippers 4-1 to enter the finals of the Vancouver Island Senior Hockey League. They now meet Army in the best of five games for the Island championship.

From the goal outwards the Navy have a fine well balanced club. Charlie "Chuck" Raynor former Brooklyn Amerk backstopper puts up a veritable stone wall in front of the opposition.

On the defence is Chuck Millman, former Calgary Stampeder and Canadian griddler of merit. Big Chuck is teamed with Jack Thomson who formerly received his mail with the Brooklyn Americans.

Partners on the second defence line are George Drainville and Glenn Richardson. Drainville hails from Port Arthur while Richardson learned his hockey in Portage La Prairie. A new defenceman has recently been added to the roster. He is Al McFadzien a recruit from V. M. D. of the same league.

Hal Brown, a clever stickhandler centres the first string line with Bernie Strongman and Bill Petrie on the flanks.

This entire line last year played for the Winnipeg Navy after coming from the famed Flyn Flon Bombers.

Joe MacArthur, the veteran campaigner of the Port Arthur Bearcats centers the second line with Howie Hill ex-Calgary Stampeder and Murdo MacKay, former Buffalo Bison puckchaser on his left and right respectively.

Utility men are "Porky" Hulme who played for Saskatoon Quakers more years than he would like to remember and "Chuck" Taylor, both holdovers from last year's club. As insurance Gordon Hemming, last year with the Washington Eagles of the American Association, dons the pads in case Chuck Raynor is injured.

Hal Brown, second in the league scoring race and flashy centre, injured his shoulder in Nanaimo so will be lost to the club for weeks. This is a serious blow to the Navy Club as they have yet to overcome the fast Army sextette for the Island Championship in their first step in quest of the coveted Allan Cup.

This is without a doubt the best hockey seen on the West Coast in years with many former N. H. L. stars in the league. Joffre Desillets, seven years with the Montreal Canadians, Bill Carse of the Chicago Blackhawks, Joe Krol of the Brooklyn Americans, Paul Platz of the Chicago Blackhawks, Bobby Kirk, former New York Ranger, and Dave MacKay, ex-Chicago Blackhawk.

These men are in addition to Jack Thomson and Charlie Raynor, and all have performed brilliantly, showing their N. H. L. polish to good advantage.

Capacity houses have witnessed almost every game while the S. R. O. sign is expected to be out for the playoffs.

A cop was watching an old hayseed who stood gazing up and down the sleek lines of the Empire State Building. Finally the cop's curiosity got the better of him and he went to the farmer and asked him how he liked the structure.

"Fine," the old bird answered. "You sure could store a lot of hay in that there loft!"

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