

NEAR BUT FAR

This morning the whaler's tiller carried away again. A very fine effort by the shipwrights succeeded in getting a platoon of the assault party away in time, but the boat shipped so much water aft due to last weeks jury repairs that she had to turn back. Sorry chaps, we tried hard.

SUSPECTED SABOTEUR

All guns were trained on Gatineau this morning. Their dispatch boat (unoccupied) suddenly drifted down upon our CTU, Cap de la Madeleine. Since we know their seamanship is reasonably good, it was immediately apparent that this must be a floating mine announcing another defection.

Our whaler went away to salvage the boat and detonate it if necessary. One of the sweepers beat us to the prize and are reportedly claiming salvage dues of \$749.62. It is also reported that a task group general message will be out shortly indicating that spun yarn is inadequate for securing dispatch boats.

FLASH

The medical dept. have confirmed that a certain P.O. is not expecting. A complete examination, including two enemas, has revealed that it is just plain gut.

HEATING GREMLINS

Heating gremlins are again breeding rapidly in the ship. These are to be killed immediately. Suicide is recommended, however, any unauthorized person found in any A/C compartment will be put on charge. All Chief and Petty Officers have been issued special gremlins hunting licenses.

The fiddling of the steam heating valves at these A/C plants by unauthorized personnel not only causes discomfort to many people, but can also lead to freezing and splitting the steam coils and a consequent long period without any heat while repairs are made. ER's, only, are authorized to alter the settings of the A/C plant steam valves. Requests for altering temperatures are to be passed through DCHQ at sea or the duty ER in harbour.

SERVICE TELEGRAM

To my everloving wife,

During the past year I have attempted to seduce you 365 times. I have succeeded 36 times. This averages once every ten days. The following is a list of the reasons for which I did not succeed.

- (a) We will wake the children-----7
- (b) It's too hot-----14
- (c) It's too cold-----5
- (d) Too tired-----39
- (e) It's too late-----16
- (f) It's too early-----23
- (g) Pretending sleep-----60
- (h) Window open, neighbors may hear-----9
- (i) Headache-----16
- (j) Backache-----10
- (k) Toothache-----2
- (l) Giggles at how soft it is!-----4
- (n) I'm too full-----4
- (n) Not in the mood-----21

(o) Baby crying-----19
 (p) Watched late show-----7
 (q) Watched early show-----5
 (r) Mud pack-----5
 (s) Grease on face-----21
 (t) Reading sunday papers-----5
 (u) Company in the next room-----7
 (v) You're too drunk-----52
 (x) Recalled for operation "BOAT CLOAK"-----1

Do you think we can improve our record this coming year?

Your Everloving Husband.

LATE FLASH ----- INSURGENTS QUELLED - PEACE REIGNS ONCE MORE IN
LEMONLAND AFTER MAJOR ASSAULT BY RCN

The following is an eye witness account of a very small piece of the action:

At 1000Q today three sections and one HQ section comprising 40 of Chaudiere's finest mustered on the Q-patch to debark on a 1½ hour game of nautical ring around the rosy. (officially the pongos called it a waiting circle.) At the end of the game the winner is allowed to assault the beach and get shot at first.

Unfortunately the temperamental tiller on our whaler prevented poly-rockets Kerr and his dauntless 3 section from starting on schedule. He later tried again but was forced to abort the operation when he got his powder wet. This was caused by the whaler slowly filling with water(sea) through a hole. Officer Kerr is still investigating how the hole got there and it is rumored that Chief Streeter is desperately trying to round up a peace offering of tots.

Enroute to the waiting circle Bomber Merritt learned to his horror that it doesn't pay to carry hand grenades(cum thunderflashes) in your pocket with the pins out. Officer Henry said, "Is something burning?) At the same time he noticed a curl of smoke coming out of Merritt's pant leg. Before he could gettison Merritt she blew with a bang that rocked the boat. Merritt's wife will be very relieved to know that he still has two and that they are only slightly singed.

The rest of the operation was pretty dull. The company commander not being aware of the sterling fighting qualities of Chaudiere's jolly jacks made the supreme tactical blunder of making us the reserve platoon, thus more than the usual number of lemonlanders survived the initial result. He finally realized his mistake and called in the reserves and it didn't take the Chaudiere's long to "Take em out"

NEWS FROM THREE MESS

(Combat Kelly) Thompson of three mess was heard asking "Is there much recoil when you fire these things? How much noise do they make? Then, to show his battle experience, he mustered without a rifle. He showed his battle supericrityby falling over a fence, head first, into a swamp.

MR. ANNONYMOUS

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Anyone wishing lessons on how to use a "vacuum cleaner" is kindly recommended to contact Thompson of three mess. Rumour has it that he's using it to remove dandruff from his curly hair.

This is your final edition until another year rolls around. It is with great pleasure we state that your support has made the Chaudiere "Hot Pot" a success. With that support we have accomplished its fullest purpose and hope you have been entertained.

On behalf of the Press staff, I wish you, one and all, a Happy Season and the very best for 1964.

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