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"ST. HYACINTHE" HITS HITLER HARD

INVITATION EXTENDED

Wives of "St. Hyacinthe" Personnel Invited to Join New Club

An earnest and sincere welcome is extended to all wives of personnel of H.M.C. Signal School to join the St. Hyacinthe Navy Wives Club.

Any ladies in the city who would be interested should visit the K. of C. Hut on Cascades Street, below Auger's Bowling Alley, near the Police Station, any Wednesday afternoon between 2.00 and 5.00 p. m., when the facilities of the Hut are placed at the disposal of the Club.

Formed to provide an opportunity for naval wives to meet each other and make new friends, the Club also has a directory of rooms for rent, positions listed for those desiring to find employment in St. Hyacinthe, will provide a service for mothers with children who desire to go shopping or attend the theatre, and will provide general information concerning activities in the city itself.

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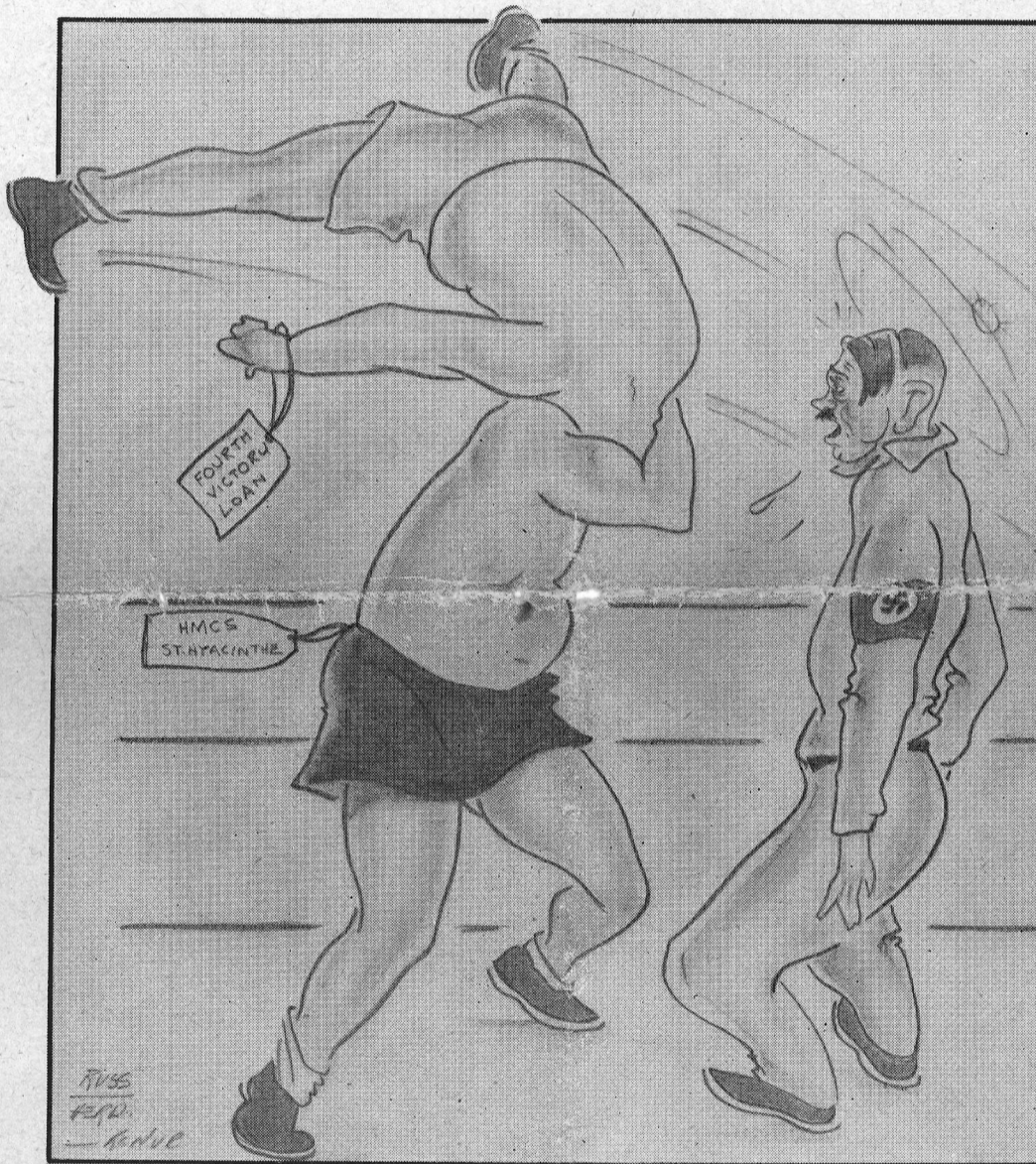
EATON'S PROVIDE FREE SERVICE

"St. Hyacinthe" personnel, on weekend leave in Montreal, will benefit from the Writing Service provided for the Armed Forces by the T. Eaton Co. Ltd. of Montreal.

Located at the Company's War Services Depot, on the Main Floor, center, West side (Victoria Street), one complete side of this Depot has been set aside for Members of the Armed Forces to write a note home.

This is not a feature where one has to sit down and write a lengthy epistle; but, rather, a "stand-up affair" — just the thing to jot down a few lines to the folks back home.

Everything is provided — tiddley writing paper, envelopes, pens, ink, blotters and even a wide variety of postal cards.



SIGNAL SCHOOL REACHES NEW HEIGHTS IN FOURTH VICTORY LOAN DRIVE

Officers and Men Overscribe Original Objective by more than 100 Per Cent

With the closing of the Fourth Victory War Loan Drive, Saturday, May 15th, it was announced that the Officers and Personnel of H.M.C. S. "St. Hyacinthe" had subscribed \$57,750.00.

Starting out with an original objective of \$28,000.00, "St. Hyacinthe" raised this amount to \$40,000.00, which was more than was raised during the Third Victory Loan when the

Signal School contributed more than \$34,000.00; however, under the capable direction of Paymaster Lieutenant Commander W. J. Marshall, Writers in the Ship's Office buckled down to a three week period of day and night work, and the final results were most gratifying.

Once again, our artist, Russ Herd, has pictorially described our results; but, again, we'd

like to add another "well done" to all officers and men in the School for the magnificent results they achieved in subscribing the largest amount of money which has ever been raised in one single Drive in the history of H.M.C. Signal School. It was nip and tuck, and required a lot of belt pulling to do it, but once more "St. Hyacinthe" can say "We've done better than ever".

NEW W.R.C.N.S. IN OFFICERS' "S" COURSE

While the ratings in the School are more or less resigned, by now, to the fact that last refuge of man — the Navy — has been invaded by the other sex, many will no doubt be quite surprised to note that the number of female sailors in this establishment has increased from four to eight.

In order to continue its policy of enlightenment, the "Signal Log" releases the information that the eight W.F. C.N.S. Officers now in Barracks are scheduled for the Long "S" Class. "The Signal Log" welcomes the new arrivals — Third Officer Bruce, and Probationary Third Officers Small, Bassingthwaite, Buckley, Dixon, McConnan, Merrill, and Townley.

The original four W.R.C.N. S. Officers, Probationary Third Officers Crozier, Lawson, Madgwick, and Rutherford, who joined the Signal School at the end of January, have successfully completed their Long "S" Course, and have departed, with the best wishes of the Staff, to Naval Service Headquarters, to await reappointment to other establishments.

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MONTREAL OFFICER IN NUPTIAL NEWS

Readers of the Signal Log who have passed through H. M.C.S. "Montreal" will be interested in the announced engagement of the Executive Officer of that Establishment, which was made on May 18th.

The engagement was announced of Miss Norma Elliott Emblem to Lieutenant David Roland Dattels, R.C.N. V.R.; their marriage to take place on June 19th.

Miss Emblem is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Emblem of Hampstead, Montreal. Lieutenant Dattels is the son of Mr. Dattels and the late Mrs. H. C. Dattels, of Kitchener, Ontario.

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Some startling facts, of a matter in which we are vitally interested, were revealed last year by Captain Elmore Philpott, the well-known Canadian writer, in the editorial pages of a West Coast newspaper.

Captain Philpott proclaimed that the greatest story of what Britain has done in this war has never yet been told, and that British sailors are surely in the 'Silent Service', so that the world does not even dimly realize what has happened in this fracas.

He went on to say that the Royal Navies have won, in this, a far greater victory than Nelson ever won at Trafalgar. That is, in escorting, in spite of all possible hindrances, no less than ninety-nine and one-half per cent of all Allied ships which sail the seas carrying men and equipment to any and every front. This means that one hundred and ninety-nine of every two hundred ships are safely convoyed and brought to port.

The object in bringing this to the attention of our readers is not with the sense of creating a feeling of false security. On the contrary, it should help to explain the reason for the increased taxes and the Government's purpose in encouraging the purchase of Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates.

Destroyers, Corvettes, Minesweepers, and all the equipment in these and many other types of boats are only possible if great sums of money are made available for our Allied Governments to supervise and construct huge quantities of wartime equipment.

While we are among those many thousands of men who have already gone to war, set aside our hopes and dreams, left comfortable homes and postponed careers, to do a job as men of a free nation, there is still one job we can do side by side with our brothers and sisters who are left behind — we can still join our fellow countrymen in financing this war.

After all is said and done, this is just like being in business for ourselves — the more we put into it, the more we're going to get out of it; and, surely it is better to live 'over here' and be asked to only loan our money, than to be 'over there' and have it taken from us forever.

While people, in general, associate Victory Loan Drives with sums of money in the higher brackets, there is still one method of financially contributing to this war that remains very much in the lower brackets. This lower bracket system is by the purchase of War Savings Stamps and Certificates, which are available to one and all at any and all times.

Our Fourth Victory Loan Drive was a success, as we all know, but the sales of War Savings Stamps and Certificates still go on.

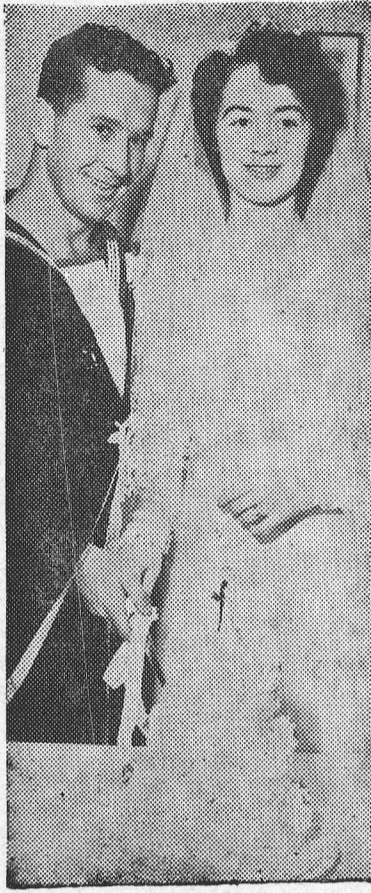
True, a single War Saving Stamp, representing a mere twenty-five cents, doesn't seem a great deal all by itself; but, put them all together and they soon rise into the so-called higher bracket stage.

Are you doing 'your bit' by regular purchases of War Savings Stamps and Certificates? Try it. It will pay you in the long run.

The Editor-in-Chief

THE BRIDAL PATH

APRIL MARRIAGE



[Photo-Halifax Mail]

A former member of the Divisional Office Staff, and well known throughout the Communication Department, Leading Telegraphist Wilfred John Whelan, R.C.N.V.R., is shown in the above photograph, with Mrs. Whelan, at the reception following their recent marriage in St. Joseph's Church, Halifax, N.S.

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POPULAR INSTRUCTOR MARRIES

In a quiet ceremony, on May 8th, at St. Luke's United Church, Montreal, Petty Officer Arthur Lang Lendrum tied the nuptial knot with Miss Grace Muir of Leduc, Alberta.

Following the service, which Yeoman of Signals "Paddy" Palmer attended as best man, the couple departed by train to Grey Rocks Inn, in the Laurentian Mountains, where they spent a week's honeymoon.

Yeoman of Signals Lendrum, who has been on the V/S Instructional Staff in H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" for almost a year, joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1937, and comes from Edmonton, Alberta. Mrs. Lendrum was, up to the time of her marriage, a Staff Nurse at the Montreal Neurological Institute. The couple will take up residence in St. Hyacinthe.

On behalf of all Yeoman Lendrum's friends, messmates and students, The Signal Log wishes these newly-weds a long and happy married life together.

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Acquainted:

There's the story of Ken Smith ("DB" V/S Class) who, when asked if he could read the fourth line on the eye chart by S.B.A. Webb, replied, "Read it! Why, I know him personally. He played rugby for Queens last Fall."

THE W/T ASSEMBLY LINE

The month of May indeed proved a busy one for the W/T I.P.O. Staff, having seen the W/T 3's "Q" and Hostility "XF", "XG", "XH" and "XI" Classes all roll off the W/T Assembly Line.

The W/T 3's "Q" were led by S. Romanchuk, of Calgary, while the other future Leading Telegraphists included D. Nelson and E. G. Meade, Winnipeg; G. W. Baines and R. M. Charlton, Montreal; W. B. Anderson, Medicine Hat; K. Potter, Nanaimo, B.C.; J. S. Portsmouth, Mission City, B. C.; H. A. Doupe, Port Credit, Ontario; J. B. Cain and K. R. Perry, Victoria; Stan Waddington, Dartmouth, N. S.; P. Vaughan, Parry Sound, Ont.; and H. Sullivan, from Dominion City. The Royal Navy was again represented in this class, in the persons of P. Bennett and H. James, both of whom qualified.

Heading the list of Hostilities "XF" W/T Class was J. H. Bennion of Wyard, Sask. The remainder of this Class was made up by A. G. Baird and A. B. Rajotte of Winnipeg; H. E. Fielding, Hanna, Alta.; A. Goldberg, Montreal; J. A. Hannah, Springfield, N. S.; J. E. Hassal, Vancouver; G. C. Johnston, Edmonton; D. W. McCallum, Melville, Sask.; C. H. McDougall, Hazel Hill, N.S.; A. G. McGill, Toronto; C. Rankin, Dryden, Ont.; L. G. Reid, Chatham, Ont.; H. B. Sabeau, Windsor, N. S.; and W. G. H. Tanner from Verdun, P. Q. The Instructors of this Class were Lieutenant Ripley, and Petty Officer Telegraphists Simpson and McNamara.

Following "XF" by one week was "XG" Class — instructors, S/Lt. McLean, P. O. Tel. Tomlinson and P. O. Tel. Huston. Number One man in his class was R. Cleary of Montreal, who was followed by D. Adams, Ely, Cambridgeshire, England; R. Adamson, Fredericton, N. B.; A. I. Berthelsen, Grand Falls, N. B.; H. Greenberg, Ottawa; H. O. Hazzard, Brantford, Ont.; R. S. Holmes, Moosejaw, Sask.; W. R. Hunter, Meyronne, Sask.; D. E. May, Cultus Lake, B. C.; D. D. McLeod, Guelph, Ont.; R. C. Pottle, Moosejaw, Sask.; B. Renault and W. C. Rines of New Westminster B. C.

Number Three on the Hostility Line this month was "XH" Class headed by another Montrealer, K. J. F. Jones. The others who fully justified the efforts of their instructors, S/Lt. St. Aubin, P. O. Tel. Simpson and P. O. Tel. Watt, were L. Atkins, Kitchener, Ont.; L. Cairns, Winnipeg; E. Campbell, Mimico, Ont.; A. L. Corrigan, Billingsbridge, Ont.; K. E. Cox, Vancouver; W. G. Cranston, Calgary; A. Forrest, Saskatoon; G. A. Gerwing, Winnipeg; R. F. Lillyman,

THE LETTER BOX

"I was most interested in The Signal Log's latest Issue (May). On the front page, right hand column, at the foot, 700 odd kilocycles is equal to 400 odd megacycles. I haven't figures in front of me, but this seems an unusual statement; but, who knows what strides have been made in radio since I have had my head buried in a filing basket." — "Serious Reader"

We stand corrected. This should have read "730 kcs., or 410.7 meters". Ed.

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"I was very fortunate in being able to obtain the May Issue; and in reading through The Log, I came upon several articles of particular interest to me. Congratulations to Ord. Sig. Paul Morand on his marriage — if it had not been for The Signal Log, I wouldn't have known about it at all.

"Met P. O. Writer Don Smith and Ldg. Writer Hugh Dickie while in Halifax, then later met Hugh's father at Digby, N. S.

"I have typed and posted, for those Communication Ratings interested, the poem 'The Long Course Lament', which appeared in the May Issue, and I believe it should be taken to heart." — H. H. Knight, V-44595, "Deep Brook"

It was nice hearing from you again, H. H., and perhaps you'll find several sections of your interesting letter scattered throughout this issue of the paper. Would be very glad indeed to have a monthly news letter from you. What about it? Ed.

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"Subscriptions for your paper are coming in quite well, canvassing being under way. We Wrens are always more than interested in the doings of our fellow Telegraphists, and look forward to reach the Log each month." — Wren Norma J. Taylor, W-189, Station No. 1, H.M.C.S. "Bytown", Ottawa, Ont.

Winnipeg; W. M. Martin and R. C. Purdy, Vancouver; A. W. Ruymar, Minnedosa, Man.; H. M. Skidmore, Maymont, Sask.; E. Sykee, Verdun; and M. Watson, Edmonton.

The last class to qualify before going to press this month was Hostility "XI". First place in this class was held by T. H. Milne of Nipigon, Ont. His other successful classmates were H. Acornley and R. Blakely, Toronto; J. Finlan, East Kildonan, Man.; P. A. Firlotte, Nashes Creek, N. B.; V. Fyon, Outremont, P. Q.; A. Holiday and H. Long, Toronto; J. Mole and K. Ogden, Montreal; W. Piziski, Fort William, Ont.; H. G. Rand and J. R. Ross, Toronto; V. Scherban, Port Arthur, Ont.; W. H. Sharp, Midland, Ont.; L. Vanderlip, Toronto; E. Walker, Hamilton, Mass.; B. Webb, Toronto; D. F. Woodman, Saskatoon; and W. M. Wright, Perth, N. S. The instructors of this class were S/Lt. Oates, P. O. Tel. Tomlinson and C. P. O. Tel. Laurens.



"THUMBS UP REVUE" PRESENTED AT K. OF C. HUT

Entertainers From Montreal North Branch Y.M.C.A. Stage Spectacle For Naval Personnel

Friday, April 30th, saw another evening of grand entertainment provided at the local K. of C. Hut, when "The Thumbs Up Revue", from Montreal, staged a show that compared with the best that have been put on in St. Hyacinthe to date.

Before a crowd of over three hundred Naval Ratings and their friends, the Revue ran the gamut of everything that could be desired in a featured Service entertainment. Under the capable management of their versatile Directress, Miss Eleanor Moore, there was all from comedy, drama, songs and dances, right down to skits and featured spots.

With Bill Roberts doing an A-1 job as M.C., the show headlined special numbers by both the Senior and Junior Chorus, who were right on top with a baton twirling routine, spot-a rifle drill, a special chopstick dance number, and burlesque spot that really topped them off.

Rolling through a Texas Hoedown with Harry Moore doing the hoeing, the Revue presented a South Sea setting for a Sailors Dream; a special setting for a Pan American presentation; a tribute to the Chinese, and a closing number which featured the unity between Canada and the United States.

While a great deal of credit is due to everyone in this Revue for the wonderful show they staged, special mention is made in one or two instances of remarkable performances — To Miss Chris Galloway, an

orchid, for her vocal numbers throughout the entire show, in a voice which just sent the boys around in great big lusciously wide circles. To the show's three pianists, the Misses Marion Velders and Rita Ebner, and Mr. Len Jefferies, a great big pat on the back — the way these three can manoeuvre thirty fingers over one solitary piano is something worth seeing. Finally, another orchid to the Findlay Sisters, Margaret and Helen, for their all-round performances — 12-year old Margaret, with three years experience behind her, captured the boys' hearts, and was the recipient of the Captain's personal congratulations on the stage in the closing finale.

A fitting climax to this fine performance was the granting of extra leave, by Commander A. P. Musgrave, to boys whose leave expired early, in order that they could stay to the finish of the show.

On behalf of the Personnel of H.M.C. Signal School, The Signal Log takes this opportunity of thanking these kind folks for devoting their spare time in the presentation of such fine entertainment, and it is hoped we shall have the pleasure of seeing them again in the not too distant future.



Montreal "Gazette" Photo

BOND GOES TO HEAVEN

Signalman George Heaven, V-33092, R.C.N.V.R., left, is about to make a sale of a Victory Bond to his friend, Bert Flynn, right, a fellow survivor of H.M.C.S. "Weyburn".

George, who helped sell over two million dollars in Bonds during the last campaign of the Fourth Victory Loan, when appearing at various mass rallies, quietly walked into his own bank and bought a bond himself; then he started out as a sailor-salesman to line up his own messmates as Victory Loan buyers, and Bert was his first sale.

Coming to "St. Hyacinthe" over a year ago, George Heaven successfully qualified for Ordinary Signalman on April 3rd, and for Signalman on May 29th, 1942, on completion of Hostilities "BV" V/S Class.

CANADIAN LEGION TROOP SHOW

Adjudged by all to be just about one of the best Troop Shows yet to appear in St. Hyacinthe — and we have had quite a number of really top-notchers — is the Canadian Legion War Services troupe which performed at the K. of C. Hut on Friday night, 14th May. Under the inspiring M. C.-ship of Sergeant Rene Normandin, of C. A. (B) T. C., No. 47, Valleyfield, Quebec, the troupers put on a show which held the interest of the audience from beginning to end.

Organized under the direction of Miss Armitage Layton, the show contained both amateur and professional talent.

Sergeant Normandin started the ball rolling with wisecracks and whistling, after which followed songs by Lorraine McAllister, Mary Wood (the boys couldn't get enough of her), Private Lacroix, the ponderous lad who, amazingly, was a really smooth tap-dancer, and Lucille and Agnes, whose songs, while they might have encountered difficulty getting past the board of censors, certainly brought wild applause from the audience. The programme went smoothly on to glamorous rhythm by the Legionettes Chorus, in numbers such as "Jersey Bounce", "Three Little Sisters", and others, and to dancing by Dawn, Menon, Susie and Terry Landry. Accordion renditions by Susie Costello, magic by Tom Auburn, and other miscellaneous turns rounded off a well-varied programme.

Everyone here is looking forward to the next appearance of this troop show, and

NEARBY NAVAL BASE TOPS LOAN QUOTA

237 Per Cent Of Objective Obtained

Captain J. E. W. Oland, D. S.C., R.C.N., Naval Officer in Charge, Montreal, announced recently that the Montreal Naval Base had wound up its Fourth Victory Loan Campaign with the final total standing at 237 per cent of its objective.

The results from the Manning Pool at Montreal South ("Hochelaga"), reported by Lieut. Comdr. E. E. Cope, R.C. N.V.R., were very good. Outstanding subscriptions were also received from the Naval Stores and Shed 25.

on behalf of the officers and men of H.M.C.S. "ST. HYACINTHE", "The Signal Log" wishes to express sincere appreciation to the performers and all the "behind-the-scene" workers of this troupe who helped to put on such a fine show.

DEPARTMENTAL HEADS PROMOTED

Official recognition of the two topmost men of the Communication Department was made in April, when the Director of Signal Division and Deputy Director of Signal Division (Y) were promoted from Commanders to Acting Captains.

Receiving this well earned promotion was Acting Captain George A. Worth, Royal Canadian Navy (Temp.), Director of Signal Division, Ottawa, who has been guiding the destinies of the Communication Department for some time now. Having spent a considerable period in H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax, as Staff Signal Officer, Captain Worth is well known to a great many officers and older ratings in the Branch. Since his appointment as Director of the Signal Division, over a year ago, he has been at Naval Service Headquarters, during which time he has also made several trips of inspection to St. Hyacinthe.

The other recipient of this award was Acting Captain Jean M. B. P. de Marbois, O. B. E., R. C. N. (Temp.), Deputy Director of Signal Division (Y). Hailing from Scotland, and spending the past twenty odd years in the Royal Navy, Captain De Marbois transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy, and is perhaps better known as the head of the Foreign Intelligence Section at Naval Service Headquarters.

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MENDING AND DARNING SERVICE PROVIDED

Navy Wives Club Looks After Boy's Clothes

Of special interest to the personnel of H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" is the Mending Service which is being provided by the ladies of the Navy Wives Club.

Any ratings having articles of clothing which require darning or mending may take these to the K. of C. Hut by Tuesday evening of any week, and the women will do the necessary at their weekly meetings on Wednesdays, the articles to be picked up during the latter part of each week.

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GOLD LACE DISAPPEARS

A Naval Order, made public in the Canada Gazette on May 7th, stated it would be compulsory, in future, for Naval Officers acquiring new uniforms, to have the sleeve distinction lace — indicating rank — sewn to the outer side of the sleeves only. The underside of the sleeves are to be unlaced.

Previously, the gold lace went right around the sleeve, but the Order was necessary as it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain supplies of gold lace for uniforms.

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"Montreal Star" Photo

FROM TWO GENERATIONS OF FIGHTING MEN

Four Crawshaw brothers fought in the last war and tried to get back in uniform for this conflict. Just one of them succeeded, but sons of all are carrying on the family tradition.

George A. (Bud) Crawshaw, V-38002, R.C.N.V.R., Ordinary Coder, is the son of Thomas Crawshaw who served in the Third Battalion, and briefly in this war. Joining "St. Hyacinthe" on July 22nd, 1942, George qualified for Ordinary Coder on completion of Coders "AH" Class in September '42 and was subsequently drafted to H.M.C.S. "Stadacona", from which Depot he went to H.M.C.S. "Algonia".

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NEWS FROM NEWFY

Sig. W. T. Larmour

Most difficult of all members of the Signal Training Centre Staff to interview (having dodged your reporter for over a week) is Yeoman of Signals Roy Clarke, alias "Knobby", alias "Pendants Two", who hails from Vancouver.

Joining the Royal Canadian Navy in 1937, "to see the world", and after training at Esquimalt, Yeoman Clark went to sea as an Ordinary Signalman in H.M.C.S. "Fraser", in which ship he took a number of south sea cruises.

The "Fraser" was in the Panama Canal when Canada declared war, in 1939, and Yeoman Clarke remained on-board her until the following March, when he was drafted to the "Assiniboine". It was at this time that this latter ship acted as tender to the aircraft carrier which was in the escort of battle-wagons and destroyers conveying the invasion troops to Crete. In this manoeuvre, Knobby went as far as Gibraltar with the convoy.

After leaving "The Rock", Knobby was still in the "Assiniboine" when she was in a collision in the North sea; and, from this escapade, the entire crew were granted twenty-eight days leave — all except Pendants Two, who received a 'quickie' draft to H.M.S. "Drake".

Undergoing his Leading Signalman's course in Devonport, in 1941, Knobby had an extra two weeks of study as a result of the demolishing effects of the German Luftwaffe. Classes were carried on, in spite of the most intensive aerial bombardment at this time, and at nights the prospective Killicks worked as demolition squads and fire parties. During that period, hundreds of communication ratings lost their lives; and the entire city, street by street and house by house, was levelled with the dust.

From Devonport, Knobby was finally drafted back to Canada, making the trip in the Troop Ship S. S. "Northumberland"; which, at that time, was one of the largest cargo vessels afloat.

On arrival back home, Pendants Two was drafted to H.M.C.S. "Ottawa", and shortly before her loss in the North Atlantic, he was sent to "St. Hyacinthe" at which time he qualified for Yeoman of Signals and was drafted to Newfoundland, and his present post, in 1942.

Leading Signalman Len Clendon, coming from Calgary, Alberta, is another recent addition to the S.T.C. Staff, after having spent some time on the N.O.I.C. Staff at Halifax under Signal Boatswain J. Betts.

THE V/S ASSEMBLY LINE

V/S 3's "Q", under Yeoman of Signals MacFarlane, lead off this month's column, with fourteen Signalman qualifying for Leading Signalman. Top in this class were two boys from Hamilton, Ontario — Signalmen R. L. Johnson and P. G. McIntosh.

Three Hostility Signalman Classes completed during the month — "CY" Chesley V/S Class under Yeoman of Signals Ainslie; "CX" Colfax V/S Class, under Chief Yeoman of Signals Saul; and, "CW" Caldwell V/S Class, under Yeoman of Signals Palmer. All three of these classes passed their examinations 100%.

Leading "CY" Class were two boys from the West — B. S. Aitken of Lethbridge and H. Brown from Calgary; while two Easterners took top honours in "CX" Class — B. Robertson from Chatham and R. L. Sommerville from Hamilton; "CW" Class was lead by W. D. Ashwin of Prince Albert, while J. M. Smith from Goderich was runner-up.

"AV" and "AW" Coders Classes completed during the month of May, the former under Chief Yeoman of Signals Lavertue and the latter under Yeoman of Signals Creasey.

"AV" Class was topped by H. R. Colgan from The Pas, while G. N. Scott, another boy from Prince Albert came in second place. W. A. Kerr, Vancouver, led "AW" Class to the finish, with H. C. McIntosh of Eden Mills, Ontario, backing him up.

Here is a lad who, also, has had his lungs filled with salt-sea air, in his Naval career; and, unlike other members of the S.T.C. Staff who "live out" on "lounge and scrounge", Len has his abode in the Barracks. Residing in the igloo reserved for bunting-tossers, Len acts as a sort of informal information bureau to the flustered and bewildered ratings arriving at the Base for the first time.

Eds. Note — Next month will see still another article from Bill Larmour, under this title heading, dealing with Yeoman Roy Care,

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Duty Regulating Petty Officer to man in Libertyboat: "Wipe that opinion off your face."

Gobs Gab

After. — Dessert at mealtimes.

Andrew Miller. — Slang term for the Navy as a whole. It is believed that one, Andrew Miller, was a particularly zealous officer who worked the Press Gang at one time.

Been. — Missed one's chance, or, out of luck; also, "Batted", or, "Scrubbed".

Bergoo. — Porridge.

Charley Noble. — The Galley funnel.

Crusher. — A Regulating Petty Officer.

Drink. — A verbal reprimand, as in "to serve out a drink", or, "dish out a blast".

Dekkho. — Show, as in "let's see". From Hindustani.

Fanny. — A small mess kettle. Derived from days when the term "Fanny Adams" applied to corned beef, and the men used the tins to wash dishes in.

Frothy One. — A terrible "drink", as in "He dished out a frothy one", meaning a scathing reprimand.

Get the head down. — Go to sleep, or, to "crash the swede piece".

Grub. — Good looking person, generally used when referring to the female sex. Anything very pleasing is "lovely grub", which term is also used along the same lines as "fine and dandy".

Hookey. — Nickname applied to anyone with the name of Walker.

Heads. — Bathroom.

Idlers. — Old term applied to "Daymen". — men who keep no night watches, such as Coopers, Painters, Plumbers, etc. The term has been discarded as being a very inapt appellation for a highly skilled body of craftsmen.

Jeep. — A New Entry.

Jimmy the One. — The First Lieutenant (Executive Officer); also, "Number One", "First Louie", "First Luff", etc.

Killick. — A man with a Leading Rate, Leading Seaman, Leading Stoker, etc., so known because of the anchor worn as the badge of rank, which is the oldest type of anchor known.

Kitty. — Nickname applied to anyone with the name of Wells.

Liberty-boat. — Name given the boat detailed to take libertymen (men with leave) ashore. In cases of Barracks Liberty-boats, it refers to the party of libertymen proceeding ashore.

Limeys. — Members of the Royal Navy, also, "Juicers"; both terms used because the R. N. was the first to introduce lime juice rations as a preventative for scurvy.

Moan. — To complain; also, "Bleat", or, "Drip".

Matelots. — Seamen.

Nipper. — Nowadays means a boy with his wits about him, but this term comes from the time when an anchor was weighed by means of a messenger which was nipped to the cable. It was the duty of the boys to pass and cast off the nippers as necessary. Thus the term "A smart nipper".

Pack it up. — Stop, as in "Pack up working".

Plue. — Tea.

Rattle. — A rating is "In the rattle" when he is awaiting investigation as a defaulter; also, "In the jug".

Red lead. — Two definitions (1) red lead paint (2) tomatoes, as in "Red lead and bacon" for tomatoes and bacon.

Seen Off. — Swindled, gypped, or stolen from; as in "Somebody saw me off for my new shoes".

Skylark. — Horseplay.

Tin fish. — Torpedo.

Tiddley. — Extra smart, or, referring to articles of clothing which have been purchased ashore.

Ullage. — Residue remaining in a box or cask whose contents have been taken into service. Also an expression of contempt for a person who is slow witted and of little use, though the more modern term "Urk" is generally applied nowadays.

Wiggy. — Nickname applied to anyone with the name of Bennett.

YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Presenting Wilfrid Hutchinson, Petty Officer Telegraphist, Royal Navy, better known to all his associates as "Hutch" — the "Grand Old Man" on the W/T Instructional Staff of H. M. C. Signal School.

Hutch first donned the Blue Collar in February, 1918, doing his basic training in the old wooden "Impregnable". December of that year saw him joining his first ship, H.M.S. "Renown"; which later, with the Prince of Wales aboard, sailed on one of her famous world cruises. This trip took our hero to Canada, the West Indies, Brazil, Hawaii and Australia.

Leaving the "Renown", in 1921, Hutch, after a spell aboard the destroyer "Westminster", arrived in China and joined the staff of the Yangtse River Flagship, the Gunboat "Bee". Like many, Hutch for the next three years "did his China's"; but, of course, "we don't talk about that".

It is sufficient to say that after his first China commission, Hutch promptly volunteered for another — China seems to get one like that. After finally leaving that part of the globe, he again landed another "spot of foreign", this time going to the Mediterranean in the Battleship H.M.S. "Revenge". The end of this third commission brings us to 1935, when our world wanderer first arrived in Canada, on loan to the Royal Canadian Navy.

Hutch's R.C.N. assignments included Halifax and Ottawa Naval W/T. Stations, and, H. M. C. Ships "Champlain" and "Skeena". In the last named ship he spent the first six months of the war, after which he returned to England and qualified for W/T 2. Returning to Halifax once more, in July, 1940, Hutch joined the Staff of the Signal School, as a Coding Instructor — his first class being Hostilities W/T Class "B".

From that day to this, Hutch has laboured diligently and well, on the ever growing Assembly Line of Hostility Telegraphists, all of whom have had the highest of praise for their Instructor.

We wish him well in his instructional work, and in his pursuit of "Second Class Stokers" through the confines of "Annie's Room".



— Photo by Simmons

DIT'S AND DAH'S FROM STAGNATION No. 1

by W/T Wren Norma J. Taylor

Hi! there!; here we are at last;
From Scarborough to Ottawa
They've moved our Class.
The Dit's and Dah's are now O. K.,
We sailorettes are here to stay.

With Basic and Wireless Telegraphy training behind them, girls who came from across the Dominion to don the blue of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service are now taking over duties at Station No. 1, Ottawa, Ontario.

Under the supervision of Chief Petty Officer Gordon Barrie, R.C.N.R., and W.R.C. N.S. Petty Officers Carter and Jardine, the first class of W/T Wrens received specialized training at Scarborough, Ontario.

Our long-to-be-remembered arrival was greeted by the sight of our trim little ship floundering in the wake of the first spring thaw. Loud were the moans and groans of the British Columbians, just back from their annual leave, with the beauties of the West Coast still fresh in their minds.

The Watch Bill, of twenty-four hours, is a new experience for most of us. Not all have seen the sun come up before, nor heard the roosters crow at 0500 in the morning.

"D" Watch is quite mechanically inclined. Once off duty, feather beds are ignored, and a mad scramble is made for the garage where bicycles are kept. The local roads were never busier.

On the whole, we are a comparatively happy crew here,

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V ... — V

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NAVY HOLDS AMATEUR NIGHT

A surprising quantity of local talent has been unearthed in the last couple of months with the organization of Amateur Nights by the Special Services Officer. These Amateur Nights are held in the downtown K. of C. Hut.

As a sort of climax to previous amateur nights, a "Grande Soiree d'Amateurs" was held on Friday night, 7th May, in the Hut, and many promising artists, from both the Camp and the town, put on a really fine show for an audience of Servicemen and townspeople. Cash prizes for contestants were provided by contributions from the people in the audience.

A short Sing Song started things going, and this was followed by some pretty snappy guitar numbers by Don and Charlie Davidson of the barracks. This turn was followed by Harry Nelson, with his electric guitar, who has become quite an old favourite with the boys. Other well-known performers, all of whom drew much applause from the audience, included Bialuski, the baritone, singing fine old songs, reminiscent of homes and sweethearts, and Sig. T. H. Carson and Shipwright Ted McKeown, who rendered harmonica solos.

Chief Petty Officer Fozzard, also well-known here for his feats of magic, presented his Houdini escape trick, amazing the closely-watching audience, who just couldn't figure out how Foz got out of handcuffs while tied up in a sack, which in turn was placed into a padlocked box, in such a short time. However, like a true magician, Foz never satisfies the curiosity of the crowd.

Several excellent side-splitting skits were put on during the evening, including a Recruiting Skit — a real expose on Naval methods — "Liberty Boat", an eye-opener on life in "St. Hyacinthe", with true-to-life characterizations.

Miss Fernande Beauregard, of the City, made a fine job of singing, and received much well-deserved applause, and a prize, for her efforts.

Other turns included L. Hoard, with his mandolin, Woods, singing, and Gannon and Thompson, at the piano. Thrown in for good measure was a pie eating contest, in which three ratings, ably assisted by three ladies from the audience, attempted to devour whole lemon-meringue pies in next to no time. Naturally, the resultant mess had the audience in stitches, and the three contestants looked like the losers in a lemon-pie battle.

At the end of the evening, Sub-Lieutenant Labarge presented prizes to the amateurs, bringing a grand evening's entertainment to a close.

V ... — V

"BILLPAYER"

The Bet: That you can balance a wine glass on its bottom edge.

The Payoff: Before making the bet, plant a packet of matches under the tablecloth; then balance the glass against it, which will make it lean on its edge.

SPRING DANCE

Friday, 21st May, p. m., brought with it the Chiefs' & Petty Officers' Spring Dance, with all the fun and high-quality entertainment which has made Chiefs' & Petty Officers' Dances so popular in the past.

In accordance with what is, by now, almost tradition, music was supplied by Warrant Officer E. Ainley, RCNVR, and his satin-smooth "St. Hyacinthe Serenaders". The orchestra was in top-notch form, and the dance-floor was crowded all evening.

The music started at 2130, and fun and frolic was hitting a new-high about an hour afterwards. Commander and Mrs. A. P. Musgrave and some of the Ship's Officers attended, in addition to Colonel Payan, of the Regiment de St. Hyacinthe, and, of course, most of the members of the Chiefs' & Petty Officers' Mess in H. M.C.S. "ST. HYACINTHE".

P. O. Tel. Cliff Watt must certainly have been lugging a long a rabbit's foot that night, as he and Mrs. Watt stopped right in the Spotlight, and nabbed the Spot Dance prize, consisting of eighteen delicious and delectable quarts of Molson's for Cliff, and three pairs of rare, precious silk stockings for Mrs. Watt. Needless to say, all his chums are wondering when Cliff is going to suggest a poker game, stag party, or some other celebration, in order to keep the beer from getting too old.

Door prizes, one for the ladies and one for the gentlemen were snagged Chippy Ted McKeown's lady friend, and Supply Petty Officer Taff Hughes. The prizes were generously donated by Mr. Louis Morin and Mr. J. J. Egan, of the City.

A delicious buffet supper was served at about 11.30, and everybody took time out from dancing to polish off celery, olives, sandwiches, cakes, coffee, etc., and generally get acquainted. After supper, the dancing continued until about 2.30, when everybody reluctantly left the floor after the Band played "God Save the King".

V ... — V

Y.M.C.A. ATTENDANCE

More than 17,000 troops attended events staged by the War Services (Overseas) Department of the Y.M.C.A., it was revealed during the past month on receipt of a report from the Senior Canadian Y.M.C.A. Officer overseas with the Canadian Forces.

Book Shelf Glances

Lester Lewis

Quite a number of late "best sellers" have been added to our Ship's Library recently, and it would be worth your while to glance through the catalogue. Here are our recommendations for this month:

RANDOM HARVEST — James Hilton.

Many consider this James Hilton's best work. As far as we are concerned, Hilton has not made an error yet. Random Harvest is really a love-story masterpiece — The yarn of a man who tries to remember the several years of his life following the First Great War, which, due to a war injury, had become an almost unfathomable memory. The woman in the story plays an important role in both the forgotten and the present life. This shouldn't be passed by.

THE MOON IS DOWN — John Steinbeck.

Selected as the outstanding of 1942, by the Book of the Month Club's Third Annual Poll. The story of a small town in an invaded country. The grim determination of the citizens to harass the enemy by the destruction of their own roads, bridges, etc. The plot centers around the family of the Mayor of the Town, who sets an example to his people by his own bravery and self sacrifice. This could be your own home town...

ASSIGNMENT IN BRITANNY — Helen MacInnis.

A dramatic and swift moving plot. A tale of adventure in occupied France, of a young man who takes the place of a son in his mother's home and plays a dangerous game of impersonation. The plot thickens when he is discovered. A stirring novel of present day conflict.

WE TOOK TO THE WOODS — Louise Dickinson Rich.

A very well written novel by a resourceful woman. How she and her husband left city like behind them and made themselves a home in the heart of the Maine woods. This is the story of two people who fought hardships and came out on top. An enjoyable book filled with high-hearted adventures.

HATTER'S CASTLE — A. J. Cronin.

A strange and deep-moving story. Hard reaching, but very interesting. The gripping story of James Brodie, a hatter in a small Scottish town; a man whose overpowering vanity ruined himself, killed his wife and one of his daughters, and almost ruined the life of the other. A tale which further illustrates the versatility of the author.

OTHER RECOMMENDED

READING:—

The Rains Came — L. Bromfield.

The Bridge of San Luis Rey — Thornton Wilder.

Last Train from Berlin — H. K. Smith.

Kitty Foyle — Christopher Morley.

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HALIFAX S.T.C.

P. O. Tel. H. H. Shepherd

Little appears to be known about the Halifax Signal Training Centre, what it is trying to do, what it is doing, and other (what-should-be) general information concerning it.

Located in 'Old C Block' in H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax, where it occupies the whole top floor, the S.T.C. is conveniently situated for ratings from ships to attend classes, as well as instructing those ratings awaiting ships.

Under the capable direction of Signal Boatswain Mr. George Lipscombe, R.C.N., the S.T.C. is staffed on the V/S side by C.Y.S. Pritchard in the Regulating Office, C.Y.S. Benson, C.Y.S. Robertson, Yeoman Campbell, Leading Coder Vineberg and Coder Wheeler; while, on the W/T side is your correspondent, Leading Telegraphist Walton and Furey, Telegraphist Ballance and Ord. Tel. A. Seward who is doing a good job in the W/T Office.

In conjunction with, and included in, the S.T.C. is the Communication Drafting Office, presided over by a man a lot of the older chaps will remember — Commissioned Signal Boatswain Cecil Wiseman, R.C.N., and his Staff, some of the hardest working members of the Branch.

What with a lot of wangling to obtain the necessary books and spare classrooms, examinations are held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, for Telegraphist, Signalman, Trained Operator and Leading Coder. At time of writing, Telegraphists Sergeant, Davis, Lussier, Wilson, Lane, Clegg, Milne and McGuire were taking a 'Refresher Course' prior to leaving for "St. Hyacinthe", where they are now.

Among others in the S.T.C., are Yeoman of Signals Bill Kelly who arrived from Newfy, P. O. Tel. "Slim" Marlin, P. O. Tel. F. Gregory and Yeoman

of Signals A. Andrews. Outside the Centre, Leading Tel. G. Smyrl holds down a desk at one of Capt. (D's) 'Teachers', under the watchful eye of one of "Stadacona II's" original instructors — Yeoman of Signals McNutt; while Ldg. Tel. "Cal" Callender, late of the Remote Control Office, is on his way to sampling some of the salt water surrounding our fair land.

Last, though far from least — The Halifax Signal Training Centre, after one week, soared over the top in its drive to "Back The Attack" with its purchases of the Fourth War Loan Victory Bonds.

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SCRAPPY PLAY OPENS ST. HYACINTHE BASEBALL SEASON

Ninth Inning Rally Produces Winning Run In Hard-fought Contest

A perfect Sunday afternoon brought 1037 paid customers out to see Navy ring up an 8-7 victory over St. Jerome Army, in the Starr League opener at St. Hyacinthe, May 23rd.

To officially open the season, Mayor T. D. Bouchard topped the mound, and lobbed one in the direction of the plate, where Commander Musgrave took a terrific cut — and the game was on.

Old Sol poured sunshine down upon the field, and Jack Galbraith pounded a drive into the hole between centre and right field, to bring runners scampering in from second and third with the winning run. It was his only hit of the game, and came in last of the ninth with two away.

Army opened scoring in the second frame with two tallies, and this looked like a long lead till Navy came up to hit in the fifth. Chartrand, starting pitcher for St. Jerome, went out after walking in the sailor's first run. He struck out nine, gave up one hit, and issued seven free passes during his five innings on the mound. Seguin went in to relieve, and passed the first man facing him for Navy's tying score. Clark singled into right to bring two more home before the side was retired.

St. Jerome came from behind in the sixth, crossed the plate three times, to once more go into the lead. Big third baseman Heroux of the visitors really got hold of one in the eighth, when he poled a solid triple into extreme right, for the only long hit of the game. Both teams scored twice in this canto, and Army went into the last frame one up.

An error and a hit put men on second and third for Coach McKeever's squad, then Galbraith came up with his priceless drive, to send the navy blue ahead and end the ball game.

Jack Giffin hurled a fine game for the winners, going the full distance. He issued seven passes, the same as Chartrand, struck out ten, and gave up five hits. Seguin, in his four innings out there, was hit six times, walked two, and struck out four. He was anything but steady.

Navy is weak on hitting and slow on the bases. A few games should show a great improvement. The Army are lacking in mound staff, unless they are holding something back. These clubs clash again May 30th at St. Jerome.

Score By Innings

St. Jerome	020	003	020
Navy	000	040	022

Umpires: At the plate Fournier; on the bases: McGregor.

V ... — V

POPULAR SPORTS FIGURE MADE LEADING HAND

There's an added flash of color about the Divisional Office these days, for Martin the hockey player, the oarsman, the all-round athlete, is now A/Leading Telegraphist William Patrick Martin, RCN VR. Sport fans and former members of the School will be pleased to hear this, for during last winter's hockey season Bill was continually in the news, whether it was for scoring goals or breaking heads. This latter he denies.

A brief glimpse into the past shows that our new killick joined the service a week after war was declared in 1939, in his home town, Halifax, taking his basic training in the old Signal School, H.M.C. Dockyard. Here he qualified for Telegraphist in the first Hostilities W/T Class. From there to here stretches three years of action in many waters. H. M. S. "Asturias" to H. M. S. "Maidstone" from Scotland to Africa, then on Convoy duty back to Canada. With H.M.S. "Alaunia" for four months, and H.M.C.S. "Restigouche" for a year and a half. A well-deserved breather brought Bill into the Signal School for his W/T 3, and the hook which followed on May 17th, 1943.

In case by now some of the fairer sex have designs on a salty tar, be advised that since January, 1941, Leading Telegraphist Martin has had thought for but one, — his very charming wife.

V ... — V

HOW TO GET OUT OF "THAT DATE"

Do you tell her about her bad points and offer advice on how to improve them?

Boy, this is bad. If you must tell her you don't like the tiger's breath she uses for perfume, or how she wraps the 'swede piece' up, do it in heavy sugar coating.

STARR BASEBALL LEAGUE

INTERMEDIATE A

23 May

Army (St. Jer.) vs Navy
Tetreauville vs Granby
Marieville vs Farnham
St. Damase vs Chambly
Seven Up vs Kik.

30 May

Navy vs Army
Seven-Up vs Granby
Chambly vs Marieville
Farnham vs St. Damase
Tetreauville vs Kik

6 June

Seven-Up vs Farnham
Tetreauville vs Chambly
Granby vs Marieville
Marieville vs Granby (night)
St. Damase vs Navy
Navy vs St. Damase (night)
Army vs Kik
Kik vs Army (night)

13 June

Kik vs Chambly
Seven-Up vs Army
Marieville vs Navy
Tetreauville vs Farnham
Granby vs St. Damase

20 June

Farnham vs Kik
Farnham vs Army
Tetreauville vs St. Damase
Seven-Up vs Marieville
Seven-Up vs Chambly
Navy vs Granby

27 June

Seven-Up vs Navy
Granby vs Army
Chambly vs Farnham
Tetreauville vs Marieville
St. Damase vs Kik

4 July

Farnham vs Navy
Marieville vs Chambly
Seven-Up vs St. Damase
Army vs Granby
Tetreauville vs Kik

11 July

Tetreauville vs Navy
St. Damase vs Chambly
Granby vs Farnham
Tetreauville vs Marieville
Seven-Up vs Kik

18 July

Chambly vs Kik
Chambly vs Army
St. Damase vs Farnham
Navy vs Marieville
Seven-Up vs Granby

25 July

Tetreauville vs Army

V ... — V

ADMISSION TO HOME BASEBALL GAMES

Sailors Admitted Free

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BOXING MEET CONTINUES OLD ARMY NAVY RIVALRY

Sherbrooke Camp Hosts to the Signal School in Ringfest

Dennis Adkin

The friendly rivalry between H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" and Sherbrooke Army was further evidenced on May 4th, when a team of eager matelots journeyed to the camp of the doughboys, to participate in a boxing meet arranged by Company Sergeant Major Polidoro. The match was very much of a success, and a return engagement has been arranged for the 5th of June.

Army took top honours through triumphs in five out of eight bouts, one drawn. Best match of the evening was a five rounder between O. Seaman Thomas Campbell and Private R. Leclerc, the former getting a well earned decision. These lads put up a fast, clean duel, showing plenty of clever boxing. Campbell, in the 170 pound class, has plenty on the punch, and adds considerable weight to the Navy team.

A couple of hefty sluggers at about 183 pounds battled a close three bells, Private J. Nicholson copping the decision over O. Seaman Hoard. First round went to the colored boxer by virtue of his hammering body attack, but Hoard came back in the second with a barrage of his own to even the count. At the final bell our Navy hope had the Army lad — back pedalling and bleeding about the mouth, but Nicholson got the nod on points scored.

Leading Seaman Roy Anger rang up a clear-cut victory over Private J. G. Robinson in a fine boxing display. Both men were in good condition, Roy had a slight advantage in reach and weight, and experienced no difficulty, in taking all three rounds.

All in all it was a good show. The Navy team could stand more conditioning, and it is hoped this will be remedied with increasing facilities. P. T. I. Anger has shown a worthy effort in coaching the team with the aid of O. Seaman Russell Wall, who was unable to take part in the match due to illness. In addition we now have Petty Officer Cook Henry Paré, whose prowess is well known.

The forthcoming return match in H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" should be a real treat for fight fans.

The Tally

Pte A. Visocchio vs O. Smn.	R. B. Berry, Draw.
Pte A. Joyal vs O. Smn.	M. Pow, Army.
O. Smn. V. Holob vs O. Smn.	R. J. McDonald, Exhibition.
L/Cpl. R. Gravel vs O. Smn.	A. R. Muir, Army.
Sgt. M. Roussi vs Tel. E. J.	Douglas, Army.
Pte. J. G. Robinson vs L/	Smn. V. R. Anger, Navy.
L/Cpl. M. Guerin vs O. Smn.	J. B. Snowdon, Army.
Pte. J. Nicholson vs O. Smn.	G. L. Hoard, Army.
Pte. R. Leclerc vs O. Smn.	T. Campbell, Navy.

CYCLISTS OUT FOR TWO MILE DASH

On Saturday, May 22nd, a group of ten would-be "Torchy Peders" raced their wheels down a one mile stretch and back, for the championship of the Signal School. A strong head wind slowed the pace considerably on the return lap, but the boys averaged a fairly good time for the trip.

First to cross the finish line was Ord. Sea. John Gardiner, followed by Ord. Sea. Gerald Livingstone, and Ord. Sea. Stewart Buntain, in that order. Other riders competing, as they finished, O. Smn. Gilbert Westerman, Robert Ogilvie, William Rechkun, Earl Player, Arthur Taleski, P/S. B.A. Lloyd McLeod, and O. Smn. Terrence Nelson.

V ... — V

THE VICTORIA CROSS

Every Victoria Cross that has ever been awarded comes from a quiet little jeweller's shop in the West End of London, relates The London Listener. You'd hardly notice it in the ordinary way, unless you called at the bookseller's next door or walked out of the old "pub" just over the road. But, it's to that little shop that the postman every now and again brings a letter marked O.H.M.S. — just the sort of letter you'd write to your tailor and say you wanted a suit.

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IEWS & REVIEWS ON SPORT

Of course the big sports spotlight in H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" right now is that the Senior Hardball team made their entry into the Starr league an auspicious one, by out-hitting and out-pointing St. Jerome Army. Indications are that some fine ball will be seen throughout the season. Games are played every Sunday, with a total of ten teams making up the schedule.

"Fastball" is under way in the form of an Inter-Hut competition, in which all branches will soon be participating. This is a sport taking in everyone, and past experience finds the Chiefs & Petty Officers usually the squad to beat. The Senior team is working out nightly, with a weather eye peeled for likely combat.

Boxing has definitely been revived in the Signal School. Our men have the very successful Sherbrooke tournament behind them, and are undergoing continued, intensive training for the match here, slated for the 5th of June. Though hampered by lack of facilities at the present time, conditions are improving, to the extent that the boys have a new ring for their workouts.

The odd matelot is daring a chilly dip in the Yamaska, and to meet this early challenge, the Sports Department has already contacted several organizations, to arrange a swimming meet for the near future, in the local pool. We have a goodly number of stellar aquatic performers aboard, who, unless they are dashed over Penman's Dam beforehand, should keep our colors flying high.

On Saturday, June 5th, a Track and Field meet is taking place, organized by P. T. I., Leading Seaman Walter Ludolph. In line with this type of sport, a bike race was staged May 22nd. One of the local femmes spied the white shorted lads tearing down the highway, gave chase, and won the race. But a great deal of interest has been aroused in this brand of recreation. For anyone uninformed who wishes to participate, full details may be obtained at the Sports Office.

H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" is at long last on the move in the sporting world. The lethargy that seemed to surround the very word "sport" has been thrown off. The boundless energy of Lieutenant Dery, Sports Officer, plus the application and plain hard work of the P. T. I.'s, Petty Officer McKeever, Leading Seamen Anger and Ludolph, are showing endless results. One thing is needed to make the transition complete — That everyone take full advantage of the recreational facilities available, even if it is only to the extent of supporting the ball club, or counting for the knock-downs at the next boxing tourney.

MORE JEEPS ARRIVE

Stork Continues Rounds At Home Of Signal School Personnel

Cigar smoking, hand-shaking, and general congratulations were extended this month past to two more Signal School "first time" fathers, and one "sixth timer".

At the beginning of May, Chief Cook Fred Barrett announced that Mrs. Barrett had presented him with a fine baby girl. This event took place in St. Charles Hospital, here in the city, and Linda Mae Barrett made her appearance, tipping the scales at six pounds, ten ounces, on Monday afternoon, May 3rd.

Chief Cook Barrett, one of the better-known figures in the Barracks, has been with the Signal School for over a year and a half now. Proudly boasting of Victoria as his home town, the Chief took onto himself Mrs. B., the former Marion Smith of Vancouver, two years ago, and Linda Mae is their first child.

History was again made on Friday, May 7th, at 0700, when Mrs. Mary Rayfield presented Signalman Al Rayfield with a nine pound bouncing baby boy, at the Women's College Hospital, Toronto.

Attached to the V/S Instructional Productions Office, Al Rayfield married Mary Margaret Milne, of Barrie, Ontario, last year, and again it is a case of a "first".

Special mention is now made of the "Sixth Timer" referred to in our opening paragraph. This is Petty Officer "Nick" C. W. Nickerson, who passed the word along that Mrs. N. had presented him with another heir and offspring, at 0130 on Friday, May 14th, which tipped the scales at over eight pounds.

Their fourth daughter, this new addition to the family brings the score up four to two, in favour of the weaker sex.

Stationed at "St. Hyacinthe" since its commissioning in 1941, Nick is known to most everyone who has been in the Signal School. A keen participant in the Bowling League, Nick has been referred to in previous issues of The Signal Log as "Chief Sanitary Engineer". In company with several others of our personnel, both Mr. and Mrs. Nick hail from Halifax, in which city Nick joined the Navy in 1940.

Rear Gate Sentry Post:
Sentry: "Halt! Who goes there?"
Voice: "Officer of the Watch."
Sentry: "Give the password, Sir."
O. O. W.: "Drat it, man, I've forgotten it. You know me well enough."
Sentry: "Must have the password, Sir."
Voice from Sentry Box: "Don't stand there arguing all bloomin' night; shoot 'im."



[C. N. R. Photo]

SERVING IN H.M.C.S. "ST. FRANCIS"

Acting Leading Signalman Ronald John Parks, RCNVR, has been serving afloat in the "St. Francis" since the Fall of 1941.

Ronald J., V-23759, claiming our neighboring metropolis, Montreal, as his home town, joined H.M.C.S. Signal School as H.M.C.S. "Stadacona II" in Halifax. Successfully qualifying for Signalman on completion of "Victoria" V/S Class, Ron was drafted out, and since that time has traversed many a sea mile.

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"S" COURSE OFFICERS COMPLETE

One Class Finishes — Another Starts.

It doesn't seem so long ago that the last class of "S" Course Officers rolled off the production line! However, Friday, 21st May, brought, with successful completion, sighs of relief from the officers who commenced the Long "S" Course grind at the beginning of February.

Lieut.-Commander (SB) R. L. Williams, and Lieutenants Crockett, Fraser, Fox, Fenwick, Disher, DeWinton, Harrison and James came through the course with flying colours.

All these Officers, with the exception of Lieutenant DeWinton, have gone to "Stadacona" for an additional week's training, after which they will be appointed as Specialist "S" Officers.

In addition to the W.R.C.N.S. Officers mentioned elsewhere in this issue, the following Officers will form the R. C.N.V.R. "S" Officers' Class: Lieutenants W. A. McDonald, D. H. McPhee, I. R. Frost, P. R.L. Charles, G. W. Haslam, J.H.C. Wilson, D. C. Miller, R. G. Stapley, and Sub-Lieutenants F. N. Wilson and G. W. Fitchett. The majority of these officers have joined "St. Hyacinthe" from sea-going appointments.

We extend a hearty welcome to these officers, and wish the best of luck and good fortune to those who are leaving H.M.C.S. "ST. HYACINTHE" to take up new appointments.

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The Padre preached a forceful sermon on the Ten Commandments, after which one man went away in a serious mood, but eventually brightened up. "Any way," he muttered, "I've never made a graven image."

The Lads of the Royal Canadian Navy

Original Poem
Dedicated to the Officers and Men of the R. C. N.

by Samuel Blumenthal

When tyrants covet our fair land
And kindle fires of war,
The Navy's first to take a hand
To drive them from our shore.

They are the first to meet the foe,
The first line in the fight;
The 'Silent Service', well we know,
Will guard us, day and night.

From fields and factories, banks and shops,
Sons of this Nation free,
A vigil keep that never stops
'Till the day of victory.

Storm and sleet, shot and shell
These lads of ours can brave;
They go through battle, fight like hell,
True masters of the wave.

POET HAS WARTIME HOBBY

Author of monthly poem is Engineer, Poet, and creator of handmade insignia

One Montrealer who has an added interest in the war, and the Navy in particular, is the author of the poem "The Lads of the Royal Canadian Navy" — Mr. Samuel Blumenthal, 63 Strathearn Avenue, Montreal West, P. Q.

In addition to composing this poem, which is printed, for the first time, in The Signal Log, Mr. Blumenthal also creates such insignia as the 'V' pin worn by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt at the Casablanca Conference.

The making of these little symbols is Mr. Blumenthal's wartime hobby. He has turned them out and sent them to many important figures in the world today. Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Premier Josef Stalin are among those who have received these 'V' pins.

Assistant Engineer in the Bridge Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Blumenthal has been at his hobby over two years. Starting with a minimum of tools, he has gradually built up his equipment until now he is prepared to try engraving. His creations, all carefully and precisely handmade, vary from the simple 'V' pin in gold or silver to more elaborate designs involving the insignia of the various United Nations, the hammer and sickle for Russia and the maple leaf for Canada.

UNIFORM HISTORY

The Silk

The sailor's handkerchief, popularly supposed to be a sign of mourning for Lord Nelson, is of a very much earlier date than this, and history tells us that such a handkerchief was worn in action either around the head to prevent perspiration running into a man's eyes; round the waist, or as a pad over a man's knee if he was a handspike number at a heavy gun.

When ashore, the silk handkerchief's colour varied, according to individual taste. The "Fancy Man" had a strong preference for what is known as "Bird's eye"; or, if he was really particular in his appearance, he would wear one of the colour of "Blood and broken eggs". These handkerchiefs were worn knotted loosely around the throat.

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Divisional Office Worall (registering rage): "Who told you to put flowers on the Chief's desk?"
Stew Mair: "The Chief."
S. A. W.: "Pretty, aren't they?"

CHIEF CHARLEY'S ANSWERS TO MUDDLED MATELOTS

Prairie Lad — No wonder the class laughed when the Instructor asked you to explain "Manoeuvre", and you told him it was something they put on gardens to make the bloomin' stuff grow. Perhaps you've got some in your boots.

"Bandy" — You wish to know how the tune "Anchors Aweigh" originated. Well, once upon a time, so the story goes, when a Leading Hand dipped his hook, the Captain with a flare for effect, ordered the Band to play "Anchors Away".

C. Y. S. Restrict — Sorry you can't find your favourite cat. I saw Chief Buffer Cur-now with a sack, going northwards, and it wasn't a rabbit that made the snarl that came out of that bag.

B. O. and others — Glad to know you've bought the maximum number of Victory Bonds, but sorry to hear you haven't enough money to write home. Why not send The Signal Log? It only costs one cent, and there's more in it than you can scribe.

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Bruce Williams

What with "Jake" J. F. L. Smith, columnist for this section of the Log, away on some well deserved leave, we can at last get a crack in at him... Hailing from the "Injun Country", and how he hates anyone calling the Golden West by that term, Jake, you know, is the bloke who proudly holds the record of being the last white man to be scalped by the Indians; but, after all, we can't take advantage of him when he's not here to protect his name from slander, so perhaps we'll just let it go at that.

It looks like our own pal "Rowboat" Buck Taylor has let us down — He hasn't been in the river for a dip for a long while now. Come on, there, Bucko — What about falling through the bottom of the boat some morning when you are coming to Barracks?

The boys in the Writer and Supply Branches have been walking around with sour looks lately — Examinations!

It's rumoured those Ship's Office Casanovas, Barney Clairoux, Dennis Adkin and Lester Lewis are out rowboating their fair ones on the Yamaska River these days. Or is it just Barney? Seems it was reported in the April Issue of the Log he was having trouble with her "hat". Wonder what it'll be this time?

Our good friend Len Philbrook passed through town t'other day. He says Hugh Dickie, late of St. Hy. is joining the ranks of the Benedicts early in June. It looks as though Tommy Buck started

something when he took upon himself a bride not so long ago.

After serving in H.M.C.S. "St-Hyacinthe" since its commissioning in 1941, and previously being with the Signal School in Halifax, Chief Petty Officer Cook Bill Nuttall has departed for the West Coast, his native land, and his post in the W/T Galley is being ably filled by Petty Officer Cook Henry Pare—skillful squared-ring-strategist, late of "Stadacona".

Talking of drafts — We also said adieu this month to four Officers Stewards when Messrs. Auffrey, Hewitson, Kennedy and Parkin were drafted to H.M.C.S. "Fort Ramsay". Good luck, boys!

It was meant to be funny, but we can't see it — Lester Lewis was asked how he found the meat, one dinner-time. Said Les, "under the potatoes". We knew that stuff was rationed, but didn't think the situation was that serious.

Keeping on the so-called witty side brings to light the incident which came up last week when Paymaster Lieutenant Bauer was supervising a Leading Writers Examination. Said Lieut. Bauer to Writer Dumoulin, "I hope I didn't see you looking at a book?" Old "Dum" was right in the groove, though, coming back with "I hope not, Sir."

We notice Al "Mister Five by Five" Perrin is taking in the old belt these days. It must be the bicycling in the evenings.

WED RECENTLY



[Toronto Evening Telegram Photo]

Telegraphist and Mrs. Walter R. Thomas, whose marriage was solemnized in Earls-court United Church, Toronto. The bride was Miss Martha (Matty) Leeder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Leeder, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Thomas.

Joining the Signal School in 1941, Telegraphist Thomas was in "ZJ" Hostilities W/T Class, and qualified for Trained Operator on July 16th, 1942.

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POSTAL NOTES

Once again, this column is concerned with drafts of the Post Office Staff, only this time it centers around the originator of this particular monthly yarn.

With Draft Order Number 837, "I. Stamp", in the person of Acting Petty Officer (Postal) Charles A. M. Graham, Official Number A-4416, was transferred from H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" to H.M.C.S. "Royal Roads", as from April 27th, 1943, and now we hear he has been transferred to the Money Order Department at H.M.C.S. "Naden".

Another popular member of the Postal Branch, and a regular contributor to The Signal Log, Charlie spent quite some time in "St. Hyacinthe", and also had a short time in H.M.C.S. "Bytown II" — the W.R.C.N.S. Training Establishment at Galt, Ontario.

To offset Charlie Graham's departure, this month we welcomed Leading Seaman (Postal) "Mat" Collier, who joined "St. Hyacinthe" in the middle of May coming up from Halifax Fleet Mail Office.

Mat, a native born Haligonian, joined the Service in 1939, as a Seaman, and transferred to the Postal Branch the following year. Joining forces with Petty Officer Joe Demers and Leading Seaman Del Ewing, Mat is looking after the "A" to "G" Wicket while our old friend Johnny "Yamaska" Garland is away in New York City having a spot-a the best-a.

PATTER ABOUT PATIENTS

S. B. A. Roy Webb

The Sick Bay and R.C.N. Hospital have been quite busy of late, and a lot of our old friends have come back to visit us again.

Bruce Nault doesn't seem to want to sleep in the living huts anymore. What with a nice bed in the hospital, Bruce is on his third or fourth session between the white sheets within the last two months. Along with Bruce are Ed. Sevigny and Don Pankovitch. We like to see these boys back — it makes us think that we're their "mothers away from home" (?).

Another repeater is friend Bill Hendricks. It's only a cold this time, nothing fancy like his visit six months ago. Surgeon Lieutenant Woolhouse did some wonderful carving on his abdomen at that time. We still hear talk of it up in Montreal. Get him to show it to you. It's really a beaut.

We also have Don Smith and Bill Acheson recovering from Scarlet Fever, and they have really had a trying time of it all; yet, they still keep a smile and spirit that is worth mentioning in despatches almost. Don is usually kept well supplied with Laura Secord chocolates, which, he says, are sent by his Mother — We're just wondering, though, if this so-called "Mother" isn't but 18 or 19 years old. Then, Bill also is in the running on postal matters, and seems to do very well breaking the Sick Bay Messenger's backs with parcels coming from home.

Among our midst, and in long standing, is Frank Scroggs. Frank was admitted to Sick Bay with a minor operation and liked it so well he stretched out, nice and comfortable in a soft bed, and now he's picked up nearly our whole stock of complaints and managed to keep anyone from taking away his nice soft bunk.

We hear, by the grapevine method, that our good friend, former Editor-in-Chief of The Signal Log, Petty Officer Writer Harvey Holmes has been transferred from Newfoundland to Camp Hill Hospital in Halifax. We wish Harv all the best for a very speedy recovery.

Ramblings — Our former President of the Ward, Carl Schenn, has been spending the past few weeks up at St. Charles Hospital, where he has been visited by his very pretty and charming wife... Ex-President John Shuttleworth still browsing around, and we hear he has qualified for Ordinary Signalman (as of the middle of May)... "Diamond Lil" still being passed around the place... Doctor (Surgeon Lieutenant) Smith back from a spot-a the best-a... Billy McClay still flashing his famous Londonderry smile with those new nearly choppers... Walter Metcalf handing out those dainty and appetising meals to our sick patients... Len Carter still wondering when mention is going to be made (Cigars ???).

BAND NOTES

Hoots and toots from the Bandroom this past month are led off by Bandsman Harry Ainsworth who was at home in Woodstock, Ontario, with his sick wife. Gas fumes one night turned the tables on Harry and his daughter, so he spent a few days in bed, too.

Highlights from the Ottawa "Victory Loan Trip" — The Band opened the Drive in Ottawa, and marched each day for the Victory Loan. While playing at an Ottawa War Plant in the first week, movie actor Edward Arnold swung the baton for our piece, "Anchors Aweigh". The Dance Band played for a large dance for Naval Personnel in Ottawa, and a good time was reported. Bandsmen Cameron and Ralston are high in their praise for the service rendered by the Ottawa Taxi Drivers — at all hours. The Band was quartered in the R.C.A.F. Barracks at Rockcliffe, at which spot they were made more than welcome by the Air Force Personnel. Heading one of the largest parades ever held in the City of Hull, the Band also made a side trip to the Town of Oxberry for another parade.

It was recently learned that Leading Bandsman Herb Jeffreys will soon be journeying to the West Coast, where he will be stationed with the Navy Band. In line for Petty Officer, Herb has made many friends in "St. Hyacinthe" who will be sorry to see him leave, but who all wish him luck on his new posting.

PICTURES OF CREST

The Signal Log's Photographer, Leading Telegraphist Bert Simmons, has informed us he now has a small quantity of photographs of the Signal School Crest, in three different sizes, which are excellent for placing in photograph albums.

These are very reasonable, and any ratings desiring to secure same should apply to Ldg. Tel. Simmons in the W/T Station, at the North East corner of the Parade Ground.

Ldg. Tel. Simmons also takes individual and group photographs, and ratings interested in this feature should contact him for appointments.

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THE MALE SITUATION

Off the record advice on what should go in those letters to the little one back home.

Don't forget to translate the Navy slang... she's no jeep you know! Better still, send her a copy of The Signal Log so she'll learn.

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"AMAZING MRS. HOLLIDAY"	" D. Durbin - E. O'Brien
"LUCKY JORDAN"	" A. Ladd - H. Walker
"FLIGHT FOR FREEDOM"	" R. Russell - F. MacMurray
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"Border Patrol"	" Wm. Boyd
"Fall In"	" Wm. Tracy
"Gentleman At Heart"	" C. Romero - C. Landis
"Girl Trouble"	" D. Ameche - J. Bennett
"Idaho"	" Roy Rogers

(SEE POSTER OUTSIDE GUARD HOUSE FOR DATES)