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THEY HAVE UNSELFISHLY INVESTED THEIR ALL IN VICTORY

AN APPROPRIATE CITATION TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF SIGNAL SCHOOL

There may have been some doubting Thomases who had ideas about young fighting Canada's response to the Seventh Victory Loan. Ideas that because our Armies are reeling back the foe on all fronts, our Airmen rain tons of bombs uncontested upon resisting bastions, our merchantmen ply once more in comparative safety, and our Navy lays extensive plans for a shift to the Pacific area, our service sons and daughters think the show is ready to pay off the cast and pack up the props.

If any of the aforementioned doubters cruise within eyeshot, let them view a test case at His Majesty's Canadian Signal School, where subscriptions to Canada's Seventh War Loan surpassed all others, in volume, in amount per individual investor, in percentage of personnel lending, and in the spirit which prompted 2,002 men and women in navy blue to purchase bonds to the amount of \$157,450, an average of \$78.65 each.

When the final count was made, and the earnest effort of Civilian employees chalked up, 102 subscribed \$6,500, an individual ratio of \$63.73, HMCS "St Hyacinthe" was able to make a final return of \$163,950, or 149 per cent of the \$110,000 quota, and more than a jingle for Mr. Ilsley's coffers.

The added burden on Chairman Payr. Lieut. Commander B.F. Gorely's staff was eased by the eagerness to lend, evinced weeks before the opening, and continued throughout the period of the drive.

It may have been the thought of a rainy day not too far off, a war-weary people giving their all for a quick finish, or a clear-thinking nation of tomorrow realizing that every available dollar must still be poured into the cavernous jaws of a war machine.

Whatever the worthy goal striven for, it was attained, the response tremendous, and the result magnificent.

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During the past week — Nov. 20th, to 26th, the Navy League of Canada has been conducting its "Navy Week", soliciting funds and new memberships necessary for the continued successful prosecution of its invaluable activities and generally publicizing Canada's Merchant service and its Navy.

To mention but a few of the more important activities carried on by the Navy League during the past year, they have: Cared for more than 1,775,000 Allied Merchant Seamen and men of the Active forces in its twenty three clubs and Recreation centres; supplied 120,000 Ditty bags to Merchant seamen and Naval Ratings at sea or in isolated posts, at an expense of approximately four dollars per bag; collected, sorted and distributed well over 2,000,000 magazines and games to Navy personnel, in Canada and overseas; purchased and provided many thousands of Survivors Bundles containing complete kits and placed them aboard rescue ships for the use of survivors; operated twelve Navy League Sea Cadet Camps attended by 6,815 cadets, each having a two week camp period and awarded five Navy League Scholarships to sea cadets for the Canadian Naval College at Royal Roads, B.C. Although these things are only a few of the benefits provided by the League, they give some idea of the work being carried on by it. Theirs is a proud record.

As the recipients of these comforts and benefits, each man and woman in our Navy should be appreciative and should try to show this appreciation in every way they can. There is nothing more disheartening than an evident lack of appreciation for a voluntary effort of this type. On the other hand there is nothing more heartening than a word of thanks. When we visit these clubs for servicemen—any club for servicemen, let's try and get in this word of thanks. Write a letter or make a personal call but above all acknowledge the efforts of others that are directed toward us. Don't take anything for granted.

The Navy League and countless other groups and organizations who give unselfishly of their valuable time, ask for no return or reward, but an acknowledgment of their efforts must make their work seem worthwhile. It is not enough that we should feel appreciative, we must show it, for until we show it, it is not evident.

WINNER DECIDED IN SHIP'S BADGE CONTEST

Entry by Coder Hugh Partridge is adopted as new Signal School Badge

A badge entered by Coder Hugh Partridge of H.M.C. Signal School has been chosen as the winner in the 'ship's Badge Contest' which was announced in the September Issue of the "Signal Log" and has duly been adopted, pending approval from Ottawa, as the representative badge of H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe. A prize of \$35 was offered for the most suitable crest submitted.

Many promising entries were received in the "Signal Log" office and it was only after great deliberation on the part of the judging committee that the winner was decided upon. The judging committee was comprised of Captain A. P. Musgrave, Commander P. H. Matheson, Chief Writer D. C. Brunet, Chief Yeoman of Signals W.H.J. Curnow and Coder E. B. Young. It is expected that before long cloth crests will be available in the Canteen.

A full colour plate of the winning badge, suitable for framing, will be found inserted within the pages of this paper.

GIFT BOXES ARRIVE FROM EDMONTON NAVY MOTHERS

A large and mysterious looking carton arrived this week addressed to "Edmonton Sailors", and on being opened disclosed about twenty-five carefully wrapped Christmas boxes, each one addressed to an ex-Edmontonian.

This is the second year that such a carton has arrived from the Edmonton Navy Mothers at Christmas time and although a report received last year disclosed that the parcels contained such welcome things as cookies, candy, Spork, stationery, soup, handkerchiefs, etc., it is still a secret what will be found in these boxes.

Edmonton sailors are high in their praise for the Navy Mothers club of Edmonton and the work that they have done.

NAVAL REALLOCATION PLANS FOR JAP WAR ANNOUNCED AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA — The following announcement regarding demobilization plans of the Royal Canadian Navy and the reallocation of personnel for the Japanese war was issued today by Captain H. McMaster, R.C.N., Director of Naval Personnel:

The Naval Authorities have been giving considerable thought to the reallocation of forces which will be necessary when Germany is defeated and Canada's effort is anticipated that during this transition period it will be possible for the Canadian Naval Service to release some personnel for civil employment. It must be remembered, however, that none can be released until the defeat of Germany has been definitely established unless there are strong compassionate grounds to support their discharge or industrial or agricultural requirements which make the discharge desirable. Even after Germany has been defeated, it will take some time before the full effect of Canada's reduced Naval commitment is felt. It is obviously impossible to release large numbers immediately Germany surrenders as ships and personnel will have to be brought back, some from foreign theatres of war, destored and paid off — all of which takes time.

At the moment the Navy is endeavouring to formulate a plan for the interim release of personnel which will be fair to all and will give some recognition to the Officer or rating who volunteered early in the war as opposed to one who was slower in coming forward. It is thought that as a general principle the "first in, first out", scheme will be applied within the various categories and Branches to those who want to get their release and whose services can be spared. Of course exceptions will have to be made in the case of certain key personnel who cannot be relieved, but every endeavour will be made to operate the scheme in fairness to all.

The proposed plan will work something like this. Detailed personnel requirements for the war against Japan will be worked out. An announcement will then be made that personnel who request to do so will be considered for service in the Japanese campaign. It is hoped that sufficient numbers with the required qualifications will ask to stay in the Service. It will be made abundantly clear, however, that the purpose of the announcement will be merely to ensure that the keenest men are given an opportunity to serve. Where a man's services are required he may be retained regardless of his wishes. In this connection it should be remembered that all persons who volunteered for the Naval Service did so for the duration of hostilities which includes the war against Japan. When it has been ascertained what categories and what numbers of personnel are required, the balance of the present Navy who want to go and can be spared will be given a priority listing according to their length of Active Service. They will then be gradually returned to civil life.

Naval Service Headquarters is stressing the advantages which will accrue to those who serve in the Japanese campaign. In the first place, as their length of service increase, so do their war gratuities, bonuses and rehabilitation grants. Furthermore, those who are proceeding into the actual theatre of war in the Far East will be granted leave before they go.

It is hoped that the Naval Service plan, when it is finally crystallized and put into practice, will provide for smooth and equitable reallocation of personnel, due consideration being given to the interests of the individual and of the Nation as a whole both from the military and economic points of view.

LARGEST COMM. STAFF MAKES RUN IN DAVID

When Prime Minister Papandreou of Greece, accompanied by the official Greek party and dozens of High service and diplomatic representatives, was carried back to his homeland recently on this Canadian warship, the largest communications staff ever carried by a warship—more than 60 officers and men, were taken on board because of the important nature of the mission. The 60 officers and men worked under the David's Signal Officer, Lieut. G. C. Jerry Stewart of Regina.

The David's wardroom, which normally accommodates about 35 officers, had its complement swelled to more than 100 by its distinguished passengers for the approximately four days they were on board.

CHANGES OCCUR W/T INST. STAFF

Two well known Officers Go, New Ones Come

This month witnessed two important changes in the W/T Instructional Staff with the departure of Lieut. Cmdr. A. R. Nolan R. N., and Commissioned Telegraphist J. F. Taylor, O.B.E., R.C.N.

Lieut. Cmdr. Nolan came from England to join the Signal School in October 1943, and has since, in his capacity as W1, head of the W/T department guided the destiny of this branch of the Canadian Navy. He brought with him to the School many new ideas which have been successfully applied here and which have helped to raise the standard of W/T Training and have "Kept 'em rolling". He will also be remembered as the inaugurator of the W/T Proficiency Competition and in the capacity of Chief Referee of this contest has previously appeared in our columns. Lieut. Comdr. Nolan, who is returning to the Royal Navy, is succeeded by Lieut. W. B. Willett R. N.

Mr. J. F. Taylor joined the Signal School in December 1942 and working under Lt. J. B. Wadsworth and Lieut. Comdr. Nolan, has supervised the training and examining of all senior W/T classes. He will be remembered by many senior graduates of '43 and '44 for his patience, good advice and sense of fairplay. Mr. Taylor has left us for Newfoundland and is being relieved by Mr. R. Dunbar, Warrant Telegraphist, R.C.N.

The loss of these two officers who have contributed in no small way to the training programme is felt keenly throughout the W/T staff who now take the opportunity through the Signal Log columns of wishing them the very best of luck in their new appointments. To their successors we say, "Welcome. Keep up the good work".

W-T PROFICIENCY COMPETITION

"UV" CLASS WINS BY NARROW MARGIN IN CLOSEST CONTEST YET.

The third battle in the W/T Proficiency Competition was fought on Tuesday 22nd Nov. The growing popularity of this competition was clearly evident. "UV", the winners, making First Place by 1 point. Individual scores were as follows. UV, the winner, 614.5, UW, runner-up, 613.5, UT, 539.5, UX, 530.5, TA and TB, 459.5, UY, 412.

Many weary leg muscles resulted from attempts to answer question Number Four. "What was the total amount subscribed by Signal School in the 7th Victory Loan?" Many ardent runners realized for the first time that the distance between the I.R.O. and the Main Gate is quite appreciable. Station Cards make convenient Memo Pads. We wonder if the R.P.O. is as puzzled as we are over the remarkable number of W/T ratings who have recently acquired the same official number, namely 163950.

The Communications "Bad Writing" Gremlin was very much in evidence during the contest and both Coders and Judges had a tough time undoing his nasty work. In congratulating the winners and presenting the cup to their instructor, P. O. Tel. Bon Bernard, Comdr. "S" reminded his listeners of the seriousness of bad handwriting and stressed the point that no matter how speedily and correctly a message was read, valuable time would always be lost if the handwriting of the reader or coder was difficult to read.

Once again the "Log" congratulates the winners and looks forward to next month's contest.

HOST. "FF" NOV FLAG SIGNALLING VICTORS

To remind us all that even with all our new methods of communication, the Flag Signalling method is by far the safest and quickest when ships of the Fleet are in close company, the Flag signalling competition was again keenly contested by the Hostility classes. With splendid weather aiding the contest, ten classes entered the first round which resulted as follows:

FJ 16½ V Wrens E 14½
FH 30 V FN 2½
FE 29 V FI 7
FM 15 V FK 14
FF 27 V FL 1

SECOND ROUND

FF 23 V FE 15
FJ 18½ V FH 16

SEMI FINALS

FF 30½ V FM 1½
FJ a bye

FINALS

FF 24 V FJ 8

We congratulate Host. "FF" on their splendid performance throughout the competition. They were really outstanding. Their instructor Yeoman Liddy has just cause to be very proud of them.

SKETCHING CLUB IS ORGANIZED

At last after a lot of hard work on the part of Wren Frances Gage, whose sparkling enthusiasm has spread like wildfire, a sketching club has been organized. About twenty Wrens are busy making Christmas Cards and the first results look more than promising and quite professional. On Tuesdays and Thursdays all those interested in the Fo'c'sle; look in sometime and observe the cutting, painting, drawing and tooling in progress. You don't have to be an artist to enjoy this work and you may discover hidden talents, after a few helpful hints from Wren Gage.

Although plans are still in the initial stage, the Club has hopes of branching out into leather work, outdoor sketching and murals for the walls of the fo'c'sles. Also Wrens in the hospital will be given a chance to dabble.

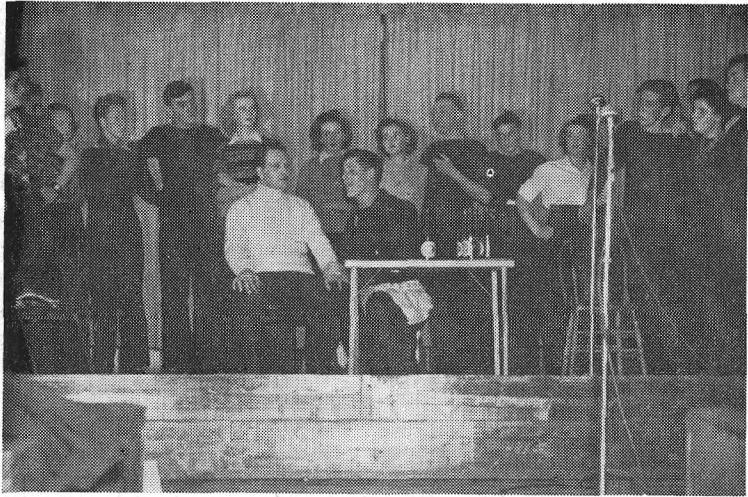
The first supplies have been bought with money from the Canteen Fund, but the Club hope to be self-sufficient from now on by collecting a small fee from each member.

MANY EX-SERVICEMEN RECEIVE GRANTS

Statistics released on November 2nd by the Department of Veterans Affairs show the progress of the rehabilitation of service personnel for September. During that month, 1,810 ex-service personnel of this war received benefits and grants under the Post-Discharge Re-establishment Order.

During the same month, 9,741 veterans of this war were placed in employment through National Selective Service acting in cooperation with the Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition, jobs were found for 3,143 veterans of the first World War. To date, a grand total of 257,004 veterans of both World Wars have been placed in this manner.

It was pointed out however, that many discharged ex-service men believe that the gratuities will be paid as a normal course of events and that no application need be made by the individual. This is not the case. Official application forms are already available from the paymaster general's branch for ex-service personnel on application in writing.



Above—

"Long Green Bottles" provide a realistic touch in this Tavern scene from the "Yardarm Follies" show, as Vic White and Morley Margolis lead the Sea Shanty group in "Billy Boy."



Right—

"Please, please, Frankie, give me your autograph", implores bobble-socked Judy Russell, while "John Barrymore Sinatra" (Jim Kirkconnell) portrays extreme perturbation, in a scene from the original "Shakespeare vs. Sinatra" skit from the "Yardarm Follies".

(R.C.N. Photo's — Duncan)

GLEE CLUB TURNS IN FINE PERFORMANCE

Ship's Company "YARDARM FOLLIES" show presented in K. of C. Hut

The Ship's Company is justly proud of its very own show, "The Yardman Follies", which was presented in the down-town Knights' of Columbus Hut on Thursday evening, 26th October, before an audience of about one hundred and fifty people. The presentation of this show marked the initial public appearance of the Signal School Glee Club.

Under the capable M. C. ship of Grant Taylor, a well-rounded programme opened with excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. PINAFORE", with renditions by a male chorus, and tap-dancing by Wrens Olive and Hustler.

The most popular skit of the evening was "Heaven Can Wait", — Wren Vicky Hardy, "blonde bombshell from Winnipeg" stealing this number with her interpretation of Mea West in a bathing suit. Grant Taylor portrayed a Chief wishing to enter Heaven, Jim Kirkconnell and Bruce Raymond being the skeptical Gabriel and St. Peter, respectively. Another novel, original skit was "Shakespeare vs. Sinatra" (see cut), in which Jim Kirkconnell and Judy Russell satirized the juvenile trend towards Sinatra idolization.

As "Mert", in an individual turn which adequately demonstrated her versatility, Wren Vicky Hardy again kept the boys happy with comic dialogue and songs. The full Glee Club chorus, led by Morley Margolis and Vic White, then joined in fine renditions of Sea Shanties — such pieces as "Way Down Rio", "Shenandoah", "Billy Boy", and others. (See cut).

The Follies, directed by Bruce Raymond, and produced by E. Penney, for Special Services, have been the cause of much favourable comment, and have brought to light a portion of the unlimited talent to be found in Signal School

KIDDIES CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Advance notice on Third Annual Children's Christmas Party.

That highlight of the Yuletide Season, the Kiddies' Christmas Party, promises to be bigger and better than ever this year, what with an anticipated attendance of approximately 200 children of Naval personnel, accompanied for the most part by both parents. All Navy children in Saint-Hyacinthe are invited, including those whose daddies are serving in other ships and establishments.

While the actual date upon which the event will take place has not yet officially been promulgated, we learn that Santa Claus will be in the vicinity between the 15th and 20th of the month. It is expected that the party will commence at 1630, and continue until 2000.

While the main feature of the event will, of course, be the appearance of Old Saint-Nick, who is expected to drop in with his bag jam-packed with gifts and candy for every child, other entertainments calculated to amuse the little ones will be organized. The Signal School Glee Club will render Christmas Carols.

Devoted parents are reminded that names of children who will attend the festivals are to be given to the Special Services Officer as soon as possible, and it is suggested that fathers keep their eyes on local bulletin boards for news of final developments.

DOWN THE AISLE...

A highly-successful Seventh Victory Loan, and encouraging news from War Fronts is no doubt influencing the trend towards matrimony. Here are a number of recent Signal School events: —

Atkins-Strain

Nearby Montreal is a popular setting for weddings. Tel. T.O. Charles Atkins, who joined Signal School recently after a spell in the "FREDERICTON", and Miss Winifred Mary Strain, of the big city, exchanged nuptial vows before Rev. Norman E. Peterson, in St. Columbia Church there, on the 21st of last month. Tel. Atkins is undergoing a W/T-3 course at present.

Christie-Flavell

Originally hailing from Windsor, Ontario, Tel. T.O. Harvey Christie and Miss Jessie Elaine Flavell were the principals in a marriage ceremony conducted by Rev. J. Beaudon in St. John's United Church, St. Hyacinthe, on 28th October. These young newly-weds are now on their honeymoon. Tel. Christie recently successfully completed his W/T-3 Course.

Clarke-Lee

Painter 3/c Bill Clarke slipped off to London, Ontario, a couple of week-ends ago, and caused quite a stir among his friends in the Paint Department by returning on the Monday with a bride. Bill and Miss Shirley Lee vowed to be true "till death us do part" in the United Church, London, on 18th November, and are now residing in the city.

Cond-Sim

A glance into the Supply Store reveals Acting Able Seaman Milford G. Cond working very conscientiously, and one reason for this effort, we feel, is the new Mrs. M. G. Cond, formerly Miss Cora Lorraine Sim. Miss Sim adopted her new title on 2nd November, when she and A.B. Cond were united as man and wife in Manitoba.

Howard-MacPherson

The first all-Naval event for this month's column is the wedding of Chief Yeoman Art Howard, and Wren Joan MacPherson, both of Signal School. St. David's Presbyterian Church, Springhill, N. S., provided a fitting background for the ceremony, at which Rev. D.A. MacKinnon officiated, on 8th November, 1944. Chief Yeoman Howard is back in Signal School carrying out V/S Instructional duties, and Wren Howard has resumed her duties in the Clothing Store.

Collings-Jamieson

An inter-office union of great interest to the Writer and Divisional Office staffs is that of Leading Wren Writer (P) Eleanor Mae Jamieson, of Ship's Office, and Sig. T.O. George Collings, well-known Divvy Office man. Eleanor and George exchanged "I do's" in the United Church, South Porcupine, Ontario, at a candlelight ceremony conducted by the Rev. J.C. Thompson, on 11th November. Wrens Betty Curbooy and Geraldine Labbe, both of Signal School, were bridesmaids. Sig. T.O. and Wren Collings are residing in St. Hyacinthe.

"Above the clouds the sun is shining." "That is all very well," said the victim of misfortune. "Somewhere below the ocean there's solid bottom, but that is no use to a man who falls overboard."

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TROOP SHOW ACTIVITIES IN SIGNAL SCHOOL

Kiwanis Club Troupe and Dixie Minstrels Stage Shows Here

More and more troop shows are wending their ways out to this port on the Yamaska to brighten the off-duty hours of our boys and girls under training.

The Kiwanis Show, from Montreal, which appeared here on 22nd October, featured a number of talented performers, and made a great hit with a critical audience of sailors and wrens. From the dancing of the Gagne Sisters and Gloria Valentina, thru the smooth rendering of melodies by baritone Stan Tressider, Paula Valentine, and the Vocal Trio, to the rhythmic chorus numbers by the graceful, beautifully-costumed Kiwanettes, the Show proved to be a fine success. The Kiwanis Troop Show is organized and administered by the Kiwanis Club of Montreal.

November seventh brought with it the second visit of the Dixie Minstrels, of Drummondville (See Signal Log — Dec. '43), a group of forty amateur musicians and comedians who demonstrated versatility and talent in the "black-face" art... Their programme of well-adapted songs, dancing, and repartee was enthusiastically-received by the audience. Very impressive were the Minstrels' costumes, colourful and unique, which drew murmurs of appreciation from those present. We learn that all these costumes are designed and made by members of the cast, the materials being supplied by the Show's sponsors.

The Dixie Minstrels, sponsored by seven of the leading manufacturing concerns of Drummondville, is under the direction of Mr. Gault Parker. In four years of war service, these troupers have performed in naval, military and air-force barracks and at Red Cross and other War Service Group Benefits all over Quebec, and have raised over \$10,000 for various societies.

A vote of thanks is due these fine organizations for the manner in which they have so generously donated time and energy to entertain our troops. On behalf of the men and women of Signal School we say, "Come back again soon!"

NEW ENTRIES

Ol' Captain Stork made his usual rounds this month, and came thru with a number of entries for our vital statistics column.

BAWN

Stoker 1/c Walter Bawn makes a fine initial contribution in the form of a fine baby boy, born on 2nd November, in Montreal. Conferred with Mrs. Bawn, Walter announces that they have decided to call their first youngster "Walter Kent".

BROWNING

Considerable excitement and commotion upset the usual smooth-functioning routine of the I.P.O. on 24th November, when Sig. Doug Browning announced that he had just received news from St. Joseph's Hospital Toronto to the effect that he was the father of a four-and-a-half pound baby girl. This little ray of sunshine, Doug confides, will be named "Joan Patricia".

LONDON

Maintaining the worthy record of the V/S Department, Chief Yeoman Bill London released the news that there had been a new addition to the London clan. "Yup, he's a stalwart little feller-nine pounds", exclaims Bill, proudly. After careful consideration, Chief Yeoman and Mrs. London decided to call their first son "Danny William".

PARKER

Able Seaman Joseph Parker, and Mrs. Parker are the proud parents of a daughter—their first, born in Saint-Hyacinthe on 8th November. "Elizabeth Marie" are the names chosen for this recent addition to their small family.



"No, no, Patsy you're not glamorous", decides singer Barrie Wood, during a slap-happy repartee session with comedienne Patsy Kelly ...a scene from the Victory Loan Concert held 6th November.

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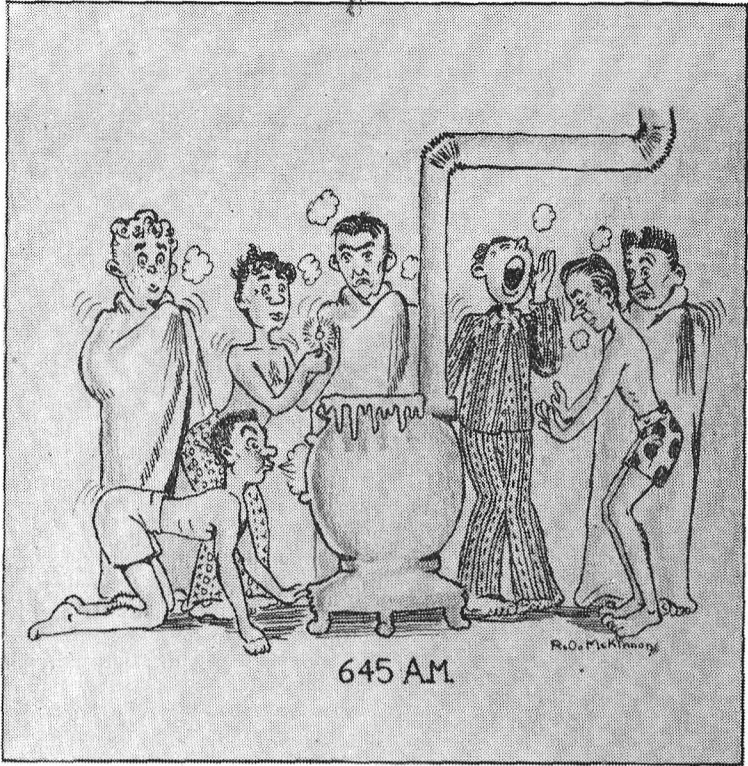
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WRENS SAY GOODBYE TO LIEUT. DUNLOP

On Nov. 16th all Wrens gathered in Building No. 9 to say good-bye to Lieut. Jeannie Dunlop, though to quote the former unit officer, "it is not good-bye but... 'til we meet again".

Lieut. Dunlop reminded the wrens of the high standard set by all those who have taken and are taking courses at H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe and expressed the hope that they would maintain it always. At the conclusion of her short talk, Lieut. Dunlop introduced Lieut. Margaret Jess who is taking over the duties of Unit Officer here. Lieut. Jess comes to us from Prince Rupert, where she was in charge of the Wrens.

C. & P.O.'s MESS ACTIVITIES

CPO Writer D.C. Brunet

The Mess this month extended a well-deserved vote of thanks to President Chief Yeoman "Tiny" Small for his conscientious efforts on behalf of the Mess. C.Y.S. Small will leave the Mess shortly to return to the United Kingdom.

"This is a most melancholy task, saying good-bye to people I have lived with, agreed with, and on rare occasions—usually just before the bar closed—disagreed with, for the past three years..." This excerpt from a note penned by Chief Yeoman John Restrict is typical of this witty, companionable Chief Yeoman, whose departure is felt keenly. Chief Yeoman Reuben "Jack" Fisher, cheerful custodian of confidential books who accompanies C.Y. Restrict on his trip back to rejoin the R.N., leaves with a sincere: "Thank you, everyone, for a very pleasant stay in Canada—I will always have pleasant recollections of St. Hyacinthe and the grand bunch of fellows there". Au revoir, chaps, we'll miss you both, too.

Peppery Paul Vezina, like Chief Yeoman Scotty Curnow, almost a Signal School institution, relinquished his quarterback post in the Shipwright Shop this month, and made ready to head for "Avalon". Taciturn, practical R.P.O. Ted Izzard, of the Entertainment Committee, leaves shortly for the West Coast, R.P.O. John Neale, who ar-

rived recently from the West Coast, fills the vacancy created in the M.A.A.'s staff by the departure of Ted Izzard.

Seen in the Lounge: CPO Cook Freddie Barrett, cuisiniere extraordinaire, back in Signal School after a run or two in the "Nabob"; Not overly-tanned after a sojourn in "Somers Isles", Bermuda, R.A. 4th Class Al Searles, back for a higher course.

Much has been said about the "Hard-Times & Masquerade Dance" held in the Mess Lounge on the 4th. All agree that this was the most colorful and carefree event of the season, and many a bouquet has been tossed in the general direction of Holly Shepherd, Vic White, and other members of the Entertainment Committee for their efforts. The "Navy Five", Collins, and M. Ceeling by Vic White are reliable constants, of course, in Mess Entertainments. Mrs. Fears, wife of P.O. Tel. Lawrence Fears, garbed in an exceptionally ingenious costume—which appeared to the writer to be a wireless station, Wilf Hutchinson, startlingly realistic as the typical "gay blade of the nineties" in brown derby, check trousers, green shirt and close-fitting coat, and R.A. Jack Watkins, who looked so genuinely "hard-times" that it was difficult to restrain the impulse to offer him a dime for a cup of coffee were the uncontested winners of prizes offered for the best costumes.

Conscientious hard-working Pat Johnson, Mess Caterer, tendered his resignation this month, and will be succeeded in this important position by R.A. 3rd Class Frank Johnson. New Mess Committee representatives for the W/T and Artisan-Artificer elements are CPO Tel. Banfield, and C.E.R.A. Kingsep, who replaces Painter 3rd Class Harold Wilson who is now probably coaching the senior hockey team in "Cornwallis".

If the Main Lounge looks rather deserted this month, it's because everyone is over at the new Recreation Room, eagerly awaiting his turn at the smart full-size billiard table recently donated to the Mess. Drop in there with the rest of the lads, member, and line up a cue for when your turn comes!

Should you suddenly be seized with an inspiration for a different type of week-end social event in the Mess, please corner the nearest Entertainment Committeeman and tell him the story. We're looking for new ideas for Saturday Nite Specials.



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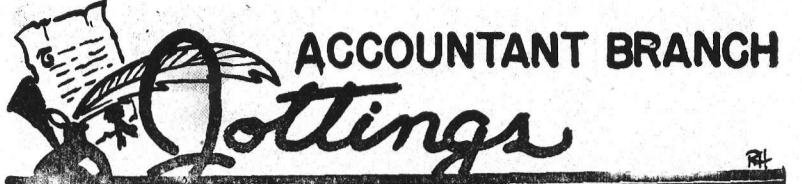
This month your dental clinic has taken unto itself a lot of changes. During the early part of the month we were favoured with a visit from our new commanding officer, Lt.-Col. H. A. MacLean. He was returning from temporary duty at H.M.C.S. "Somers Isles" where a clinic will be opened soon for the Navy. All ranks were personally interviewed. Another very important item and a matter of great loss to the ship's company, is the drafting to H.M.C.S. "Stad." of Major H. M. Lampa. To replace him we welcome to St. Hy an officer who has had a great deal of experience in the Dental Corps, Major R. H. Stanford. Major Stanford comes to us from H.M.C.S. "Kings", and has also been in charge of the big clinic at "Cornwallis". Our good wishes go with Maj. Lampa on this new posting, and we sincerely hope that our new "boss" likes St. Hy.

We must bid farewell too to Capt. R. "Freddie" Shuttleworth, who has gone to set up shop at "Stad."

Another new officer on our staff is Capt. W. H. Bryant who comes here from the East Coast. Being a Montrealer, we know he is glad to be in St. Hy.

Among the other ranks, new arrivals are Sgt. Brown, a specialist (Technician to you) in "removable china", after a prolonged stay on the coast. With him came L/Cpl. Zimmerman and Pte. Berg, thus bringing our staff up to what it should be for a clinic of this size. A hearty welcome to you chaps on joining the ship's company.

The "Toothies" bowling team has officially dropped out of the league. Whether through lack of co-operation on our part or lack of interest it is hard to say. Maybe they don't believe in the handicap system. We were replaced by the S/A's who seem to be doing a better job than we were.



L/Wtr. B. V. Angus.

Word has been received that former "St. HYACINTHE" Wrens Shirley McIntyre and Anne Colley have arrived in Newfoundland. Our informant, Writer John Spurway, himself a "ST. HYACINTHE" alumnus, hinted that "Mac" and Anne had suffered somewhat from "mal-de-mer"!

Wren Wtr. Adeline Love is "NIOBE" bound, and, needless to say, much envied by her colleagues.

We were glad to welcome back Ldg. Wtr. Jim Dick from "CORNWALLIS". Also returning to the fold was P. O. Wtr. Joseph Godin. Ldg. Wren Wtr. Connie Lindner is now back after a prolonged absence, feeling much better.

The Central Registry staff now includes Ldg. Wren Jessie Brodie from "CORNWALLIS". Another new arrival in Ship's Office includes P. O. Wtr. Lloyd Mergeson, formerly from "CORNWALLIS".

Arriving from "BYTOWN" Wren Wtr. Dorothy Pepper has arrived to take up duties in Ship's Office. We might mention, in passing, that evidently "Pepper" has been added to the "Salts" in Ship's Office!

Ldg. Wren Writer Eleanor Jamieson and Sig. (T.O.) George Collings of the Divisional office, were married recently. Wren Sy. Asst. Joan McPherson and Ch. Yeo. of Sigs. Howard were also married recently. We all wish these young people smooth sailing on the sea of matrimony.

Several familiar faces in the Galley have departed of late. To "PEREGRINE" have gone the following — Cooks J. Shaughnessy, and T. Labrash, Ldg. Cooks J. Kenny, Salmon, Gracey and Aikens. Ldg. Cook Turriff has gone to "STADACONA" and P.O. Cook G. Boudreau is now at "YORK".

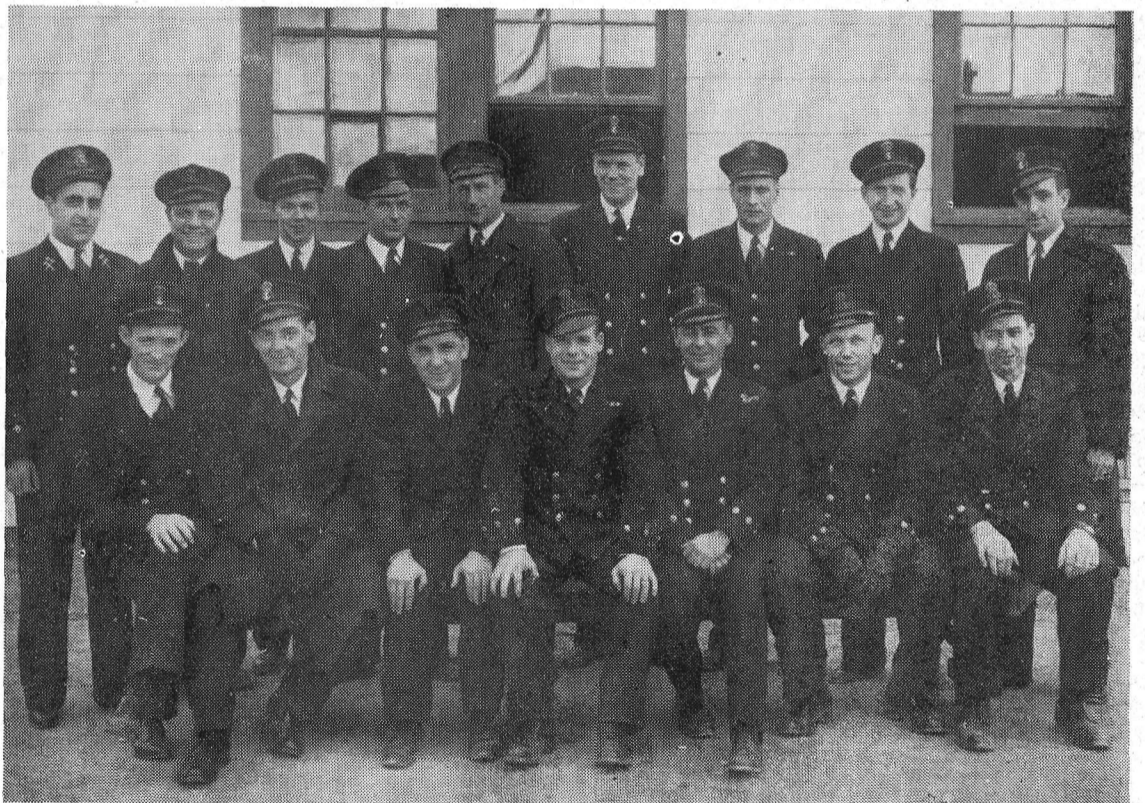
New arrivals in the Galley are Cooks George Steel, Lindsay Brown, both from "STADACONA", and Ldg. Cook G. Gilbert from "YORK". From "PEREGRINE" came Cook L. MacPherson.

ADVANCEMENTS

The following advancements have been promulgated during the month of November:

- TO PETTY OFFICER**
RICHARD CAVANAGH, to Acting Petty Officer.
J. A. WILLIAMS, to Acting P.O. Telegraphist.
A. W. RIMMER, to Acting Petty Officer (Postal).
- TO THE LEADING RATE.**
R. SYLVESTER, to Acting Leading Seaman.
G. BAKER, to Acting Leading Seaman.
S. CHABOREK, to Acting Leading Seaman.
A. BROWNING, to Acting Leading Signalman.
L. WILLIAMS, to leading Cook (S).
J. A. NELSON, to Leading Cook (S).
R. F. MASON, to Leading Cook (S).
C. A. LYGO, to Leading Cook (S).
J. HOLLAND, to Leading Cook (S).
J. GANCI, to Leading Cook (S).
J. J. CABANA, to Leading Cook (S).
- ARTISANS — ARTIFICERS**
DAVID W. COLE, to Joiner Third Class.
To Acting R.A. 4th Class: R. L. AIRTH, H. O. BAKER, J. D. BURNS, S. BOWLES, D. COSGROVE, F. EDWARDS, B. J. GREEN, C. GUNNING, J. J. GRAY, R. J. MORRIS, L. NALEZYTY, W. PAUL, W. G. WILSON.
To Radio Artificers 5th Class: W. COOMBS, M. C. GERRY, E. KOSONIC, D. E. MOORE, M. MOORE, W. NASH, J. POLIKOFF, E. SAMSON, R. D. TURNER, C. B. WARNER, A. C. KEARNEY.

ARTISAN MAINTENANCE CREW



(R.C.N. Photo — Brown)

Pictured above are the members of the Artisan Maintenance staff whose job it is to keep the Barracks in good repair. They are, Front Row, left to right: Shipright 4/c A. Leslie, Joiner 4/c F. Turner, E. A. 4/c P. Millet, Plumber 3/c M. Gauthier, Shipright in charge 2/c P. Vezina, who, incidentally, will be leaving us soon for Newfoundland, Painter 3/c W. Clarke, in charge of the Paint Shop and Plumber 1/c D. McLeod.

Back Row, Left to right: Joiner 3/c A. Politano, Joiner 4/c L. Conti, Joiner 5/c W. Basford, Plumber 1/c C. Nickerson, in charge of Plumbers, Joiner 3/c D. Cole, Joiner 4/c Brakstad, Painter 3/c E. Duckett, Joiner 4/c J. Mons, Joiner 4c V. Crowe, also on draft to Newfie with Chief Vezina.

Absent from this picture are Lieut. C. A. Watman, Care & Maintenance Officer, E. A. 4/c C. Gribons, E. A. 4/c H. Husband and Shipright 4/c F. Staples. Relieving Chief Vezina as Shipright in charge is Shipright 2/c Scotty Dowden.

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Coder Ritchie O. Seath, previously reported missing, is now reported to have drowned at sea on October 25th, according to information received by his parents in St. Lambert. He was buried on October 28 at Fossvogur Cemetery, Reykjavik, Iceland, with full naval honors.

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WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED LOVE?

Kaye Kneeshaw Kay

No matter what the scientists say to the contrary, the stuff that makes the world go 'round is nothing more complicated than Love, Love, Love.

Love has a by-product called Romance, which provides a nice living for book publishers and movie-producers, and another known as Marriage which keeps the Association of United Perambulator Manufacturers in a perennial state of solvency.

Love is something like electricity: it comes in different voltages, meets with varying amounts of resistance and has an absolutely numbing effect on contact with the human anatomy. Male resistance during early manhood is extremely low, usually about one ohm, and increases in direct ratio with age as any middle-aged bachelor can testify. Resistance in the female of the species is low throughout her life and can be said to be one home. At one time it was believed by research men that the highest voltages were supplied by Red Heads, with Brunettes second and Blondes trailing a poor third. These statistics were found to be worthless to Man-kind when it was discovered that the Beauty Shoppes were retailing a henna rinse at ten dollars per blonde head and twenty-five for a brunette.

But whether you call it Love or Amour, our four letter noun gets plenty of use in any language. It rhymes nicely with "moon above" and this happily makes it a favorite with song writers everywhere. And many a commercial telegraph operator has inadvertently added LOVE as the tenth word in a full-rate telegram simply because the thing has become a habit. This leads to embarrassing complications as for instance when a nearly insolvent merchant was astonished to receive a telegram reading "IF CERTIFIED CHECK IS NOT RECEIVED TOMORROW LEGAL ACTION WILL RESULT LOVE." Land-line operators have to continually fight against the use of this common message ending.

Practically everyone falls in love at one time or another. I particularly like the phrase "falling in love." One does not jump; neither is one pushed. One falls. Gravity may have something to do with this spirited bit of action, but I prefer to believe it is the result of the applied voltage emanating from Red Heads, Brunettes or Blondes, as mentioned in another paragraph.

I distinctly remember the first time the Great Emotion caught up with me. I had led a rather sheltered existence up to this point and must have been all of five when it happened. I had been given fifty cents for Japanese Missions, Sunday School Division, and had somehow neglected to put it on the passing collection plate believing, no doubt, that charity begins at home, — a fact which Pearl Harbour subsequently proved some years later. The very next day, being a Monday, I ran away from home to the nearest toy store, still secreting my ill-gotten wealth and intent on buying a new hoop. About two blocks from our street I saw Her for the first time. She was standing in a pool of melted ice cream and tears, clutching an empty cone, and my stout boyish heart softened at the sight of her moist, baby-blue eyes. Quickly did I go to her rescue. Indeed, I went further than that. I escorted her to an ice-cream parlour and bought us two strawberry sodas each, four chocolate bars and two packages of chewing gum. The net result of this gallantry was a violent attack of nausea at the supper table that evening, a full confession of guilt, a sound whipping and no new hoop. But I had Fallen in Love, and what did these other things matter? Similar incidents somewhat more exciting and expensive, have persuaded me in the intervening years....

Love, it seems, is not limited to humans. Birds and bees and fishes of the sea and no doubt the famous St. Hyacinthe house-fly get "that way" over each other, too. (No, Junior, I'm not kidding. How else could there be so many million of the damned pests?) I'll admit that its rather hard to imagine this sort of thing going on in a tree, or on the floor of the ocean, but neither would you expect to see a bird or a whale pitching woo and experiencing this thing called Love in a pent-house on Park Avenue, with soft lights and Xavier Cugat's orchestra for a background. Even after all these years, I'm not quite sure what Love really is. I only know that its the most fun I ever had without laughing.

He Drew Winning Badge



(Photo by Copeland)

Coder Hugh Partridge of the Signal School counts out his prize money carefully — \$35. right. Coder Partridge drew the new ship's badge that was chosen by the judges as the winner. A clearly defined drawing including all branches and yet suitable in its simplicity for the many uses that the badge will be put to.

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(by G. E. Thompson)

Johnny Costie's Cantine Cats, consisting of a few of the local Navy Dance Band men have again continued their dances in La Cantine. These dances are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights commencing at 1900. To help fill in Saturday afternoons in La Cantine, and as an added item of entertainment prizes will be given to the best Jitterbugs.

During the recent Victory Loan the band played at the Canada Car Plants in Montreal, and also journeyed to Three Rivers where they played for the Victory Loan at that point.

The Sunday evening Band concerts in the drill shed will commence soon and we are informed that a special item of entertainment might be added to this evening of music for the ratings and wrens of this barracks.

CROWNS and LAUREL

R.P.O. Clare

This month we are all so busy thinking of Christmas leave that we are letting the everyday events of life pass us by. For instance, one of the personages that we all have known for the last year or so in the school is packing his bag and saying adieu to us all. The man in question is R.P.O. Edwin "Ted" Izzard. Yes, the drafting office finally caught up to him and he is now going to H.M.C.S. Naden.

Stepping in and taking over the leave office is R.P.O. John Neil who has home in Montreal. John is from the old country and has been in the service since 1906, serving his time in the Royal Navy. On expiration of his term he came to Canada for a holiday, landing here in 1929. John was so well pleased with Canadian people that he has been here ever since. He joined the R.C.N.V.R. in 1939 and since then has served in Gate Vessels as Cox'n, then to Harbour craft and had a term in "Naden", then to St. Hyacinthe. So far he says he likes it.

R.P.O. Robert "Bob" Crisp must have been feeling lonely lately. He walked into the office the other morning and with a beaming smile on his face announced that his wife had arrived for a short visit. We hope she like St. Hy. Bob.

Public apologies from R.P.O. Seager who, last month, asked me to inform anyone with ambition, that he would accept all comers in a game of crib. This month he retracts "them words" claiming that he "got his grammar twisted up".

Well I guess that's all for this month gang. Don't get over excited about the coming holidays.

COMPLETES COURSE

News has been received here that Probationary Sub-Lieut. Madge Beeley, W.R.C.N.S. of Montreal, formerly a Signalwoman, has completed her Officer's Training course at Ottawa.

P/Sub-Lieut. Beeley was a member of the first Wrens V/S class here and is well known to many Signal Schoolers. Since leaving St. Hyacinthe, she has been stationed at No 1. Station Ottawa and Halifax.

Barracks Personalities



(R.C.N. Photo — Brown)

As our personality for the December Issue we introduce a member of the "Crusher" staff. R.P.O. Bernard O'Rourke Clare, "Bert" for short, hardly needs an introduction as a matter of fact, there are few who do not know him.

Bert first joined the R.C.N.V.R. in London Ontario, his home town, on January 14th 1940 and on June 24th was drafted to Stadacona for his basic training. On completion of this training it was right out to sea with first a short spell on H.M.C.S. Venture and then to H.M.C.S. Sankaty, "with the accent on the San," says Bert. He is justly proud of the time he spent on the "Sankaty" for she was then the only minelayer in the Canadian Navy, laying mines along the east coast of Newfoundland and Canada. "We made Halifax harbour plenty safe," mused Bert.

In August 1941 our R.P.O. was rated Able Seaman and in June 1942 put up the Hook,—still on the "Sankaty". Everything happens at once however, and on the first day of January 1943, he was rated Acting Petty Officer and drafted to Stadacona II where he was detailed to clothing class, mustering kits of "Birds" and men in for disciplinary courses. "I was a hard man on that job", he recalled. It is believed that Bert was the first man to be rated Petty Officer in 1943.

Finally, in March 1943 he turned over to Regulating Duties and the following month came to St. Hyacinthe, adding strength to the sorely tried Crusher staff. In October of the same year Bert was at last rated Regulating Petty Officer, and was at that time believed to be the youngest R.P.O. in the Navy. He has since proven himself more than capable and is liked even by the troops, which is nothing short of a feat for an R.P.O. He recently took over the duties of the Police Office. "Enforcing of the Law is now my job," he says. Bert hopes to qualify for Jaunty early in the new year.

Wrens Only

Shirley McKeown

It is amazing what you discover when you aren't really looking for miracles. The ever-longed for Chen Yu nail polish can be bought in Montreal in the most glamorous box with a tiny bottle of Lacquerol. 'Twould make a lovely gift and can be found at the "New York Hairdressing" on Drummond St. just above St. Catherine a few doors from the Y. M.C.A. They are fresh out of lipstick but will have it in a month or so.

If it is mid-afternoon, continue on up to the "Y" and join the Tea Party in their Service Corner. It's nice because everyone talks to everyone else and after all that's how you get to know people. We have often cursed Montreal for not having a place to dance on a Saturday afternoon but in uniform it's a better story. The Red Triangle on Phillips Square has a Tea Dance and you can go with or without escort.

Getting back to gift hunting which is loads of fun especially if you have an ace or two up your sleeve, here is your first

ace. Heaney's, corner of Peel St. and Sherbrooke have lovely handkerchiefs and just a little different line of ties and scarves and linen. Also Saks in the Mount Royal Hotel have things that even we can afford to buy and, fair warning, you will spend hours merely looking.

For a quick lunch and something a little different, especially the soft ice cream sundies, try the Epicurean Shop in Morgan's Department store on St. Catherine St. On your list of novel places to eat check the Salad Bar, which is on Sherbrooke St. Between the Ritz Carlton Hotel and Holt Renfrew's. You mix your own salad figuratively speaking, on a slip of paper, and when it arrives it looks like a Christmas parcel you hate to spoil by opening.

Here is really a gem for you to remember. If you ever want to know where anything is and we do mean exactly how to get there, phone PL 4561, which is the Montreal Tramways information. They are awfully obliging and patient and it is their job so you can't miss. If you forget the number look it up in the telephone book, but here and now might we suggest that if your memory is as vague as ours, clip this column out and file it away

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TAR GRIDDERS WREST COVERED GREY CUP FROM WILDCATS

Views and Reviews on SPORT



by Dennis Adkin, Sports Editor

Service teams are built upon a love of the game which passeth all duty watches, loss of week-ends, and often discomfort in transit—

The senior hockey six appears once more on the march, recovering from a dismal dip into the depths causing much consternation to many people. The slump was not relieved when Melvin "Pee Wee" Read went out with a charley horse, not for days, but for weeks. Even yet the speedy little centre

has not shaken the "misery".

As a result of the Donnacona match when he took a skate thru' boot and all into his heel, Jerry Bauer has also been sitting them out, with slow improvement on the incision.

The resultant loss of two stellar pivot men must needs curtail attacking force.

The wins still have been coming in, Valleyfield, Donnacona, and Sherbrooke recent victims. First major venture of the season will be the jaunt to Lake Placid for a two game exhibition series against Montreal Royals Dec. 2nd and 3rd. Future tilts will depend largely upon the results of this session.

Arena attendance figures are most gratifying, the spinkling of uniforms increase. Still there are hundreds of seats for improvement, especially for Thursday nite tilts when no week-end leave alibis. If 2300 leave causes hesitation... try it soon... there is possibility of an extension... has been known to happen.

Something that would not be missed... an anti-Navy tone that permeates a certain portion of the stands... from a distance would appear to be senior ratings... not a good show for the many civilian fans who are staunch supporters of the team whether they be up or down, to say nothing of junior members of Signal School.

Something else... The haze of exhaled nicotine... smoke to be blunter... settling heavily to the ice, cluttering the much-needed lungs of hockiests with impediment... Have you tried it?

The old tale with Inter-Part hockey. Empty seats. Strictly a matter of loyalty here, coupled with a little appreciation for the splendid job done by managers who give freely of their time and energies.

P. & R.T.I. Bucko MacYeod tells that the Class bowling continues apace, just lots of people bash the maples weekly, while plans are simmering for an after Christmas league with set squads.

A few days ago we shook hands and bade farewell to a well known member of the C. & P.O.'s Mess, an active organizer in their athletic aspirations, and a grand fellow. Yeo. Gord Caldwell was heading towards Halifax and the Atlantic. For as long as we remember Gord has managed their softball and hockey teams, and this year laced them up again, to take a turn at defence. His sterling sportsmanship is legend, his example will be missed.

Followers of the autumn pastime have seen a Navy football squad veritably rise out of the gridiron, and come thundering into the headlines to down vaunted Hamilton Wildcats for the coveted Grey Cup. Laughing in the face of 4-1 odds, a result of their 12-1 debacle to the opportunistic tars of York, Glen Brown's Combines of St Hy-Donnacona bottled famed Joe Krol, and reversed the 1943 tally on the Cats, holding a 7-6 edge made good with three minutes left in the game.

Cruising into the Q.R.F.U. leadership, first time in history that a Navy team has had the honor, our fighting crew annexed the Eastern Canada Navy title, taking a two game series with Halifax galls. A sudden death contest for Dominion honors went to York to the tune of a dozen fumbles. Keith Matthews has dressed it up pretty-like elsewhere.

SAILORS SMOOTHIES BRAVES DIP AT HOME

Duo Tilts Display Navy Power, Scoring Close

The Braves were not to be denied a tie at St Hyacinthe, but the middies outplayed and outscored them in a return match at Valleyfield. In the first, Bastien came along with 57 seconds left on the clock and knotted the count at 3-3, putting the capper on a wide open contest, full of up and go if somewhat lacking in good passing play. Jerry Bauer gave Navy a 6-5 verdict in the other, in the dying minutes of a hipper dipper display which saw the Braves leading 5-3 at the end of two periods, only to give way before a last inning drive that carried the tars out in front.

Red Williams sparked the Navy squad, on attack as well as defence, his rink long rushes keeping the stands in an uproar. The whole team dug in and showed the spirit that spiced opening games.

The contest was less than a minute old when Williams went roaring down, slid a pass across the goal mouth, and Valleyfield's Poissant cleared into his own bastion, a feat which Gamble duplicated sometime later in the canto to even the score. When Al Donkin divested a Brave in their own zone and unloaded to

Joe Ganci Bauer, Jerry picked the far side and fired true, giving Navy an edge they held till the final, when Vinet scored from a scramble. Andy Hyrn was back in less time

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Davey Blazes Backfield Path To Glory, Hamilton Gets Daisies Back Plus Sting.

by Keith Matthews

Hamilton Wildcats, 1943 Canadian rugby champions, learned on Saturday and right in their own baliwack, that football is not all rah-rah, but is much more like "raw-raw", cooked on a cold gridiron and seasoned with a dash of cauliflower ears.

For on Saturday, the Donnacona-St. Hyacinthe Combines electrified a throng of cocky Hamiltonians with their savage tackling, deceptive field generalship and just plain stubbornness, and walked off the field with the Grey Cup, emblematic of Canadian football supremacy, tucked safely away for at least one season. The score was 7-6, the man behind the gun was bohemoth Dutch Davey, the hard-hitting St. Hyacinthe halfback, and famed Joe Krol and Co. are still wondering if and why not Davey's middle name is 'Merriwell', for that's the type of finish it was.

Get the picture. The stands were jammed to the roof and everyone was out to see a Hamilton victory but apparently the Tars hadn't been reading all these press clippings about the established Cat supremacy and they started right in on the eventual losers with a lust for the kill.

First quarter play raged around midfield with the kicking of Davey holding the foe well in check. Then the first break of the day came when the Cats received two fifteen yard setbacks for rough play. From the Hamilton 40 yard line Davey slipped a momentous kick into the Cat end zone and Jack Wedley knocked Krol down for a single point. St. Hyacinthe's lone touchdown play was just as electrifying as the final result itself. With Al Hurley calling his shots with much finesse, the locals moved down to the Hamilton 25 yard line. Davey faded quickly for a forward pass and spot-heaved the oval into the waiting arms of youthful Jack Taylor who had but to travel another five yards unmolested for the major. Davey's attempted convert was blocked, but there it stood at the half, 6-0 for the gang that just wasn't supposed to get a look-in.

The Cats had much the better of the play in the third quarter but Messrs. Wedley, Levantis, Brown and Davey, who all played phenomenal defensive games, just wouldn't give an inch without a terrific argument.

Krol set up Hamilton's touchdown in the fourth quarter when he unleashed a long pass to Mel Lawson for twenty yards and then took to the ground for 33 more yards down to the locals' 3. From there Paul Mileosivich cracked off tackle for the five points. Krol's convert was perfect and the ball game was tied up, 6-6.

It was nip and tuck from there-in, but it was the Navy's day and the big break in the battle was

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NAVY NATATORS SCORE DOUBLE TANK TRIUMPH

Lt. Comdr. Loaring, Wren Dorothy Morrison Garner Points Aplenty

Once more Navy displayed its aquatic supremacy, not this time in staunch fighting ships, but a hand to hand tussle in the Central Y Pool of Montreal against aspirants of the Army and RAF Transport Command. The men of the Signal School combined with Donnacona to dominate their division, but the sailorettes of St Hy did it alone, despite the entry of ex-Dominion champ Eleanor Roche for the Transport Command.

In tying up the meet Navy men racked up 29 points, a vast margin over Army 4 and the T.C. boys 1. Their sisters in uniform found the going tougher, but ran up a 12 point tally to down T. C. with 9 and Army with 7.

Lt. Comdr. Johnny Loaring once more came to the fore with triumphs in the 50 yards Free Style and Breast Stroke, also paddling the anchor lap of the winning relay squad.

Another St Hy lad George Preston finished behind the ex-Olympian in the Free Style sprint, and took a lap each of the Men's and Mixed relays. Charlie Callighen

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Buddy O'Connor (10) and Fernand Majeau (17) turn away with drooping shoulders as Pickell saves. Ron is on the ice between Navy men Red Williams (3) and Marty Pow (15), as they successfully ward off a Canadian attack. Bobby Barrette of the J.A.H.A. is the official getting a clear view of the play. Pic was taken when Canucks came again to St. Hyacinthe. (R.C.N. Photo — Duncan)

QUEBEC-MEN GAIN EDGE IN HOME AND HOME TILTS

Ganci Guides Sight-Seers; Pickell, Jackson Go Well At Montcalm

Bolstered by four ex-Acemen of Allan Cup prestige, Montcalm pucksters displayed enough scoring punch to down St Hy tars twice in as many starts, first a verdict before local fans Oct. 29th and again in the Quint city a week later.

Both contests were gruelling all out exhibitions featuring two evenly matched sextets, the Signal School icemen lacking a little finesse about the nets, but giving nothing on territorial play to their brothers in blue.

Coach MacLean was in fine fettle at Quebec, even tho' his charges dropped a tough one to the pucksters of HMCS "Montcalm". The 4-2 tally veils a fast battle in which the St Hy mate-lots had if anything, the most pay-off chances, and could hang upon no one but themselves the onus for the lacking converts.

The hosting Montcalmers lost little time in commencing the wearing down process. After a brief supper of hot beef sandwich with plenty of string, one cup of milk, and a baked potato, a pay-bob advised of blankets for issue, unmarked, and only \$12.00 per pair if lost, strayed or stolen. At this everyone thanked him heartily for the delicious repast, said what a wonderful time they had had and how sorry they were so soon to leave, which they did, after some hasty words re divisional regulations, 0200 leave, etc. "Big Time" Joe, Mrs. Ganci's boy, endeared himself to several

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TRUNDLING RACE CLOSE

Len MacKenzie's Bowling League has topped the half-way point of the first schedule, and current results intimate a tight battle. No less than three teams share the first place bracket, and most of the rest are within striking distance.

P. O. Tel Racine leads the triple-ites with a 788 pin-fall, Yeo. Duddles topped Les Shannon's single by scattering the shivering timbers for 321.

A goodly array of averages waver above the 200 class, and boss-man of this division is that diminutive Guardsman Bob Seager, who trundles a rather consistent ball.

At times the alleys look like the Navy Wives' Club, but otherwise the league moves smoothly.

| Team | W | L |
|---------------|----|----|
| R. A. | 15 | 6 |
| Guards | 15 | 6 |
| Shipwrights | 15 | 6 |
| Cooks | 14 | 7 |
| Yeomen | 10 | 11 |
| Wreckers | 10 | 11 |
| R. A. P. P. | 9 | 12 |
| C. Y. S. | 9 | 12 |
| Chippies | 9 | 12 |
| P. O. Tels. | 8 | 13 |
| SY. A. | 7 | 14 |
| Pinch Hitters | 5 | 16 |

| Player | Score |
|-------------|-------|
| Seager | 218 |
| Adkin | 212 |
| Turner | 212 |
| Williams | 211 |
| Prendergast | 204 |
| Smiley | 204 |
| Racine | 202 |
| Jenkins | 202 |
| Izzard | 202 |
| Lerner | 202 |
| Shannon | 200 |
| Guards | 218 |
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| R. A. P. P. | 204 |
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| P. O. Tels. | 202 |
| R. A. | 202 |
| Guards | 202 |
| Yeomen | 202 |
| Wreckers | 200 |

| PLAYERS | Pen. | G. | A. | Pts |
|------------|------|----|----|-----|
| Jackson | 2 | 8 | 8 | 16 |
| Read | 0 | 7 | 8 | 15 |
| Lyons | 2 | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| Ganci | 0 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| Bauer | 2 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Campbell | 6 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Donkin | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Hyrn, Andy | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Hyrn, Alec | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Williams | 6 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Samson | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Andrews | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Gamble | 10 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Pow | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



(R.C.N. Photo — Brown)
JOHN WEDLEY
ATHLETE OF NOTE

As if football was the only thought in mind, bang, bang, bang, and three worthy pigskin toters are perched on the doorstep. Lieut. Abbott, Don "Bucko" MacLeod, and lastly and lately Able Seaman John Wedley, an additional helper for the overworked sports crew.

Jack arrived and quietly slipped into an outside slot on the St Hy-Donnacona squad, very nearly copying a place on the All Stars on the strength of his one league game. When the Combines downed the vaunted Halifax troupe 13-0, Wedley was Johnny on the spot to pounce on the oval behind Stad's goal line for the first major tally, giving the local tars the bit.

An impressive football career began at Northern Vocational in Jack's home town Toronto, and led to a 1937 season with Balmy Beach, 1938 to 1941 with Argos, thence into the Navy for the '42 session with "York", and that

vincible Halifax team in '43. On other fronts P. & R.T.I. Wedley can hold his own at most sports from basketball to hockey. In baseball he covers the keystone, second base to the uninitiated, was with Maher's Shoes when they took the 1941 Toronto City title.

There is Sparkle in 2nd Visit of Flying Frenchmen

Navy Men Star But Canucks Win Out 12-6

Thomas Williams is somewhat of a hockey player. The fans packed into standing room only this Nov. 16th shared that opinion in no subdued fashion.

There was fanfare for Ron Pickell, a cool customer. To be touched for six by the Blake-Lach-Richard combo is little to bemoan. At times there was scant protection.

Jovial Navy Manager Wyber very nearly stopped the show. He stopped little else after emerging for the last frame garbed in Duran's togs. Not to be derogatory. There were two or three that Big Bill would have had difficulty with. The tubby Paymaster shut out a gang of Accountant pucksters who fired an avalanche of rubber at him a few days ago.

The Hiller-Chamberlain-Rossignol trio wore blue and white, did little against their league-mates. Sailors scored four of the six goals. Chamberlain and Rossignol got the others.

Kitchener Joe Ganci shot a brace. One an easy into the open cage, the other a flip in front. Bill Campbell aided in both. Joseph claimed a cut on Donkin's single, Read and Jackson supported the Andrew's convert. Six in all, in the third.

Canadiens had two in the first, five more in the second. At least two were deflected.

Sharpshooter Elmer Lach got a triple; Richard, O'Connor, and Gauthier a couple; Blake, Majeau, and Tremblay one each.

It was a good scrappy show, plenty of hockey with a few laughs thrown in for the well satisfied customer. Perhaps next time it will be all-Navy versus Les Habitants.

NAVY NATATORS TRIUMPH

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with 15 feet to spare. She swam the opening lap of the 200 yard mixed relay which Navy won.

Three other girls in blue hit the pay-off bracket. Jane Weld understudied Eleanor Roche in the 50 free style, Jean Tilley dittoed in the 50 yard back stroke, and Sage Ley was third placer in the breast stroke event.

Winning men's relay was made up of Knox and Spearman, Donacona, and Preston and Loaring of St Hyacinthe, in that order. Preston was the lone Signalite in the mixed event, but Wrens Morrison, Weld, Tilley and Ley were all of the School.

Results:

MEN

50 yds free style: 1. Loaring, Navy (St Hy); 2. Preston, Navy (St Hy); 3. Bill Spearman, Navy (Don). Time 26.6

50 yds back stroke: 1. Don Knox, Navy (Don); 2. Callighen, Navy (St Hy); 3. Aranoff, Army. Time 33.8

50 yds breast stroke: 1. Loaring, Navy (St Hy); 2. Philip Layton, Navy (Don); 3. Astin, RAF. Time 31.8

100 yds free style: 1. Mike Leles, Army; 2. Bill Spearman, Navy (Don); 3. Bill Hunter, Navy (Don). Time 1:06.9

100 yds relay: 1. Navy; 2. Navy; 3. Navy. Time 52.4

WOMEN

50 yds free style: 1. Eleanor Roche, RAF; 2. Jane Weld, (Navy St Hy); 3. Jackie Gilbert, Army. Time 32.5

50 yds breast stroke: 1. Eleanor Roche, RAF; 2. Betty Armstrong, Army; 3. Sage Ley, Navy (St Hy). Time 39.5

100 yds free style: 1. Dorothy Morrison, Navy (St Hy); 2. Jackie Gilbert, Army; 3. Chick Wheeler, Army. Time 1:35.4

50 yds backstroke: 1. Eleanor Roche, RAF; 2. Jean Tilley, Navy (St Hy); 3. Jackie Gilbert, Army. Time 39 flat Mixed relay: 1. Navy; 2. Army. Time 2:03.7

QUEBEC MEN GAIN EDGE

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by taking them on a sight-seeing tour via taxi, he having perused some guide to Old French Canada on the train. The story goes that sundry of the players stayed the night at a spot called Governor's House, just around the corner from Hotel St Louis, but they had dogged it all the way down town ere "Big Time" sprung his idea. "To the board walk", he orated, herding the eight gullibles into a cab for a quick trip back past their domicile, and onward two short blocks, where they alighted upon a lengthy succession of uneven planks, o'ershadowed on one side by the Plains of Abraham and o'erlooking the St Lawrence, with nought of mention save a piercing winter wind.

The game was something else again. Experiencing their old trouble at parking the rubber, our Signalites commanded a fair share of the action, battled hard, and were never two to one underdogs on the play. Imonti was the king-pin of the Quebec tars, notching two counters and constantly boring in, with plenty of assistance from messrs Reay, Dartnell and Robinson. In the dying minutes the score might easily have run up but for the sterling work of Ron Pickell, again a standout in the nets. Johnny Jackson deserves an all-star rating for his aggressive, dogged effort when St Hy was battling to come from behind.

Imonti flashed the red at the twelve and thirteen minute marks, Donkin partially recovered less than a minute later to make the first a 2-1 tally on an exciting frame. Jerry Bauer came along and tied it in the second, but with St Hy a man short the Montcalmers stormed down and Dartnell finally poked it in. Only goal of the third came from Quebec's Kelly, and gave them a two point margin.

Dartnell Big Gun

An uncredited goal could have made the difference in the first joust at St Hyacinthe, for Lyons knotting shot which bounded out of the high twine behind goalie Hall was not called, and as the homsters continued wide open tactics in an effort to tie, Billy Reay slipped away for an extra, ensuring victory on a 5-3 count.

The visitors took the lead in the second on singles by Kelly and Graham, after a fast first had produced two goals for each side. Our tars came within one of tying it in the last, and did everything about the Quebec goal but net the rubber. Dartnell was the offensive power for the winners, getting two goals, two assists, and being a constant threat.

Pee Wee Read opened scoring from Jackson and Campbell, but the lead was shortlived as Dartnell came fast for two in as many minutes. Alec Hryn completed scoring for the period with the equalizer in the last minute. A second period spurt for Montcalm paid off with the Kelly-Graham counts that proved the margin for victory, and tho' Jackson poked a Read pass behind Hall in the last, Reay cancelled it with his one and only.

NAVY SMOOTH BRAVES DIP

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than it takes to tell, parking in the slot for a Brave pass and poking it home. Victory seemed secure, when visitor Bastien made it even—Stephen with a few seconds to go.

Ganci Flies At Valleyfield

Joe Ganci flashed some of his old time form on a line with Jackson and Lyons, picked up a couple of points and was foiled on several breakaways by a doubtful whistle. The Campbell-Bauer-Donkin trio took care of most of the scoring and Samson was a bulwark on defence.

Valleyfield's opener was a Gibbon shot that slid off Pickell's pads and Donkin's answer was the same type late in the first. A Bauer to Campbell play gave Navy the lead in less than a minute of the second, countered by Gibbon's second from a scramble. Eddie Cadieu and Bert Connolly gave the Braves a two point lead, Ganci got away to close up, but Joannette fired a long one to increase the margin at time out. On an uphill fight the tars tied it up, Campbell's second from Donkin and Jackson a well earned marker with he, Ganci and Lyons battling at Lascelles.

The pay-off came at 18:33. Red Williams whipped a pass to Bauer's ready stick, Jerry waited Lascelles out, and flipped a shot high into the mesh.

SIMON PURES PREP FOR REAL THING

Out of P. & R. T. I. Johnny Burt's book containing myriad data comes the current standing of Inter-Part hockey. In order that everyone will have a fair share of ice time to tune up for the league commencing after Christmas, a temporary schedule is being run off, and there is all kinds of excitement and interest.

Squads are divided into two groups, a four team Ships Staff loop and an eight team Class circuit. W/T Destroyers currently top the latter with CPO Tel. Shepherd at the helm, and C. Yeo. Earl Moist's crew of Wildcats snarling at their heels. In the former race Officers hold a slight edge over Ships Co.

Counteracting player loss thru' duty watches, and dressing a team in ten minutes, are something in the way of accomplishments. Managers are deserving of a kindly nod for the job they are doing.

Inter-Part League Standing

| Section A | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Team | W | L | T | Pts |
| Officers | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Ships Co | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| C. & P. O's | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Acct. | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Section B | | | | |
| Team & Mgr | W | L | T | Pts |
| W/T Destroyers | 5 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| CPO Tel. H. Shepherd | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| V/S Wildcats | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| C.Yeo. Earl Moist | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| W/T Corvettes | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| P.O. Tel. Jack Sinclair | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| V/S Tigers | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Yeo. Geo. Milne | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| R.A. Fargos | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Tel. Ewart Penney | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| R. A. Fords | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Tel. Chas. Callighen | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| W/T Tribals | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| P. O. Tel Dick Stroud | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Radar Flashes | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| P.O. Jack Boyle | | | | |

TARS COP GREY CUP

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theirs, Davey booted from Hamilton's 25 yard marker and the Cat quarter-back returned the boot to the waiting "Dutch". Davey ran the kick back to the eleven yard line and two plays later laid the pigskin deep in the end zone where Jack Wedley made the all-important tackle on Mileosivich. Four plays later the ball game was over and just about now they'll be hanging the black drapes in the Hamilton City Hall.

For the Tars it was sweet revenge, for there's an interesting fable that lies behind every savage tackle made by the Navy, Saturday.

Just one week ago when the Combines paired off with Toronto Navy for the Canadian Tar title, Hamilton sent down a bouquet of daisies with their compliments to the locals' dressing room. It arrived three minutes before game time and ever since the Combines have been going about their practice sessions and waiting for Saturday's game with a glowing, now satisfied vengeance.

The Combines lost that ball game to Toronto 12-1, but they won the tiff when the blue chips were laid on the line. Davey's effort in the Toronto game was the lone single point, and many said he was the "goat" of the affair with his many fumbles. All is now forgiven and forgotten.

Prior to this, tilt the Combines won the Eastern Canada Navy crown by defeating a potent Halifax outfit 13-0 in Montreal.

It's been a good year, could never have been much better and the band of warriors from St. Hyacinthe—Dutch Davey, Steve Levantis, Jack Wedley, Bucko McLeod, Sam

What Price Friendship?

Have you ever seen the Wrens play hockey? Then, let us warn you before you go. First of all, try and get it firmly fixed in your mind who plays on which team. We say this so that when No. 5 breaks away, streaming down the ice with that "they'll never catch me and the goalie will look better with a black eye anyway" look in her eye, you won't be as startled as she, when she discovers no one is following. Naturally, she is headed for her own goal. It happened!

Once again there is a break and we frantically wonder if she will make it. She's almost there...almost there...oops, a header right in front of the net. What's the matter with the goalie? Stick poised but no action? It's a goal! A goal by Wren Smith with an assist from her nose! That's what was wrong with the goalie. After all she couldn't be expected to break her best friend's nose. That happened too.

Frequently several of the players go into a routine which resembles a club swinging act but is merely a change of sticks — if you don't like yours, try my idea.

Now, weak with laughter, we had to leave but even if we had not been there, next day we would have known there had been a game by the many black eyes, limps and sore midriiffs displayed by the Wrens.

Abbott, Al Hurley, Jack Taylor, Tommy Bainbridge, Curly Hiltz, Ginger O'Brien, John Shworak, Jack Leonard, Dave Webb, Mikey McFall, Moe Segal, Harold Chard —we extend a big bouquet, this one not of daisies.



Just back from a tour of the Camps in England and the South Pacific is the Service-man's sweetheart "Frances Langford", Hollywood's lovely lady of song, and female singing star of the Bob Hope radio show. Soon to greet the men and women of Canada's Armed Forces in a coast to coast tour, Miss Langford says "Hello" to the personnel of H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe through the "Signal Log".

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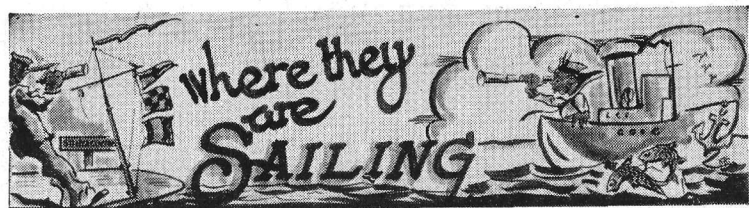
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by Dennis Adkin

Nothing gives us a greater boost than to receive a visit from one who has contributed news for the column at one time or another.

Stan has with him in the branch, "such fellas as" Norm Bonsor Sig T.O., Wes Ashwin and Gord Ford Sigs...

We were chatting about this and that when Yeo. Leo Dorion's arm injury came up. This reminded Stan of the time Spud turned cowboy, but briefly.

A bit from a letter of Stan's which arrived just before the body and written aboard the "Caracuet" very much in the "theatre".

"Folks I have seen... long ago I met Al Bonner, Chief Yeo. now... not so long ago Yeo. Doug Durocher, Matty Matthews, Alf Andrews and George McCue...

Lloyd Koskie who I am told is doing a swell job on another of the M/S in our group... Young Chet Nicolls of Damnation class (DM) to you, is with Doug Durocher...

A voice from HMCS "Baddeck", one of the lesser knowns, hounded by mishaps during her early history, but Sig. T. O. J. H. Morice proudly writes that now they have made more trips to France than any other RCN ship.

In addition to himself, the V/S staff are Yeo. E.A. Stong, Sig. T.O.'s L.B. Short and W.P. Patterson. Other members of the Mess include the Sparkers, Ldg. Tel. J. D. Howe, Tel. T.O.'s C.E. Falkner and T.H. Boyce, Tels. L.C. White and W.L. Stubbs; Ldg. Coder K.R. Vicary, A/Ldg. Coder P.L. Snallenburg, Coders C.E. Mullins and W. A. Shillington are the decyphering crew.

One of the old mainstays of the R.A. staff here, Al Jebb R.A. 4/c pens a newsy note from the "New Glasgow". Despite the vast amount of work to be done, in their spare time the boys have inaugurated the New Glasgow Broadcasting Corporation, and present nightly programs embodying quizz contests, swing sessions, etc.

Sig. T.O. R.G. East has words of praise for his friends Sigs. Bob Gilson and Jack Rutherford, and Coders Jim M'Atter, Norm Hargroves, and Jerry McDonough of HMCS "Edmunston".

All of the men out there are doing a great job, and no praise is too high for their unsung achievements.



W/Tel. G. A. Brownness

Production slowed a trifle this month with the lengthening of the Hostility Course. This means however that the opening months of 1945 should show a really big assembly line.

The November graduates were S.O. "T", UQ, UR, US, Wren "J" and W. T. 2 J. Here they are.

S. O. "T" Class. Instructor P.O. Tel. Shepherd. R. C. Kerman, Winnipeg, J. Glover, Winnipeg, L. Bookbinder, Winnipeg, P. Hollahan, Sydney, N.S. L. Allison, Halifax, N.S. P. Bailey, Calgary, Alta. E. Zavitz, Wallaceburg, Ont. D. Thebodeau, Halifax, N.S. R. Nicholson, Hamilton, Ont. M. Gordon, Winnipeg. M. Hatfield, Fredericton, N.B. C. Gee, Parry Sound, Alta. M. Browning, N. Wright, Hantsport, N.S. E. Anderson, Tilley, Alta. J. Farmer, Manitow, Man. G. Dobson, Dundas, Ont. W. Bowerman, Winnipeg. W. Thom, Russell, Man. J. Graham, Windsor, Ont. K. Ellis, St. George, Ont. J. Strachan, Kaslo, B.C. R. G. Young, Calgary, Alta.

Hostility "UQ". Instructor P. O. Tel. Racine. A. Manahan, Winnipeg. G. Douglas, Vancouver. J. Dooley, Montreal. R.K. Masson, Belize, British Honduras, C.A. A. Maruca, Winnipeg, Man. E. Dale, East York, Toronto. D. Chapman, Windsor, Ont. P. Catania, Forest Hill, Toronto. R. Degagne, Kenora, Ont. L. Widdifield, Watson, Sask. E. Smith, Truro, N.S. V. Dexter, St. John, N.B. K. Muisiner, Niagara Falls, Ont. J. Ayers, Wellington, P.E.I. E. Van Buskirk, Charlottetown, P.E.I. M. Kurak, Windsor, Ont. G. Streets, Fort Erie, Ont. S. Kingston, Schreiber, Ont. D. Martin, Kamsack, Sask.

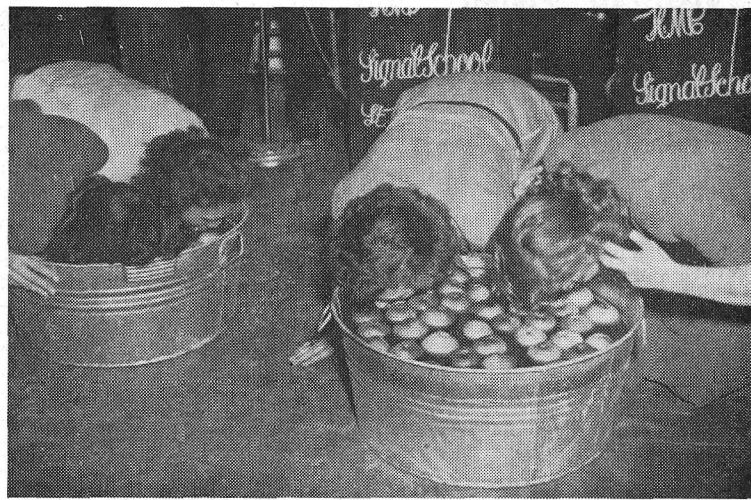
W. T. 2 "J". Instructor C.P.O. Tel. Hutchinson. W. Koellmel, C. Bradley, H. Cooper, E. Johnston, W. Leverman, J. Siddons.

Hostility "UR" Class. Instructor P. O. Tel. Smith. C. Anderson, Calgary, Alta. L. Appell, Stratford, Ont. G. Gallahan, Toronto. B. Cook, Foxboro, Ont. D. Giles, Edmonton, Alta. R. Holman, Winnipeg. B. Horne, Keewatin. B. Lewis, Ottawa.

Hostility US Class. Instructor C. P. O. Tel. Gatenby. A. McLeod, Charlottetown, R. Friesen, Winnipeg. J. Armstrong, Carleton Place, Ont. J. Brush, Windsor, Ont. F. Hill, Vancouver. S. Scott, Kingston, Ont. R. Weeks, S.S. Marie. A. Howard, Chatham, Ont. C. Thring, Vancouver, B.C. C. Lemay, S.S. Marie, H. Southcott, London, Ont. G. McKinnon, Port Arthur. W. McLean, Keewatin, Ont. J. Sisk, Bathurst. J. McDonald, Montreal. R. Jamieson, Hamilton, Ont. I. Boyce, Winnipeg. H. Wilson, Ottawa. W. Desmarche, Montreal. K. Fraser, Winnipeg. G. Campbell, Brandon, Man. J. Kay, Montreal.

Wren "J" Class. Instructor S/Lt. Cartwright. J. Arnold, Ottawa, M. Ashton, Somme, Sask. A. Bull, Winnipeg, Man. M. Carr, Toronto. M. Cruikshank, Wingham, Ont. J. Bradshaw, Yarmouth. A. Foster, Toronto. F. Gale, Vancouver, B.C. A. Geddes, Hamilton, Ont. N. Kingston, Quebec City. M. Kellka, Vancouver, B. C. D. Morrison, Montreal. J. Ramsden, Ottawa. M. Webb, Toronto. J. Wels, Toronto. M. Smith, Toronto, Ont.

"Watch the Coiffure"



On receiving the "Go" signal from the S.S.O., four Wrens in muffin whip into action in the "Apple-Ducking Contest", a feature of the annual Hallowe'en Dance held in the Canteen. The winner, Wren Hermonson, is the third young lady from the left.(R.C.N. Photo - Duncan)



C.Y.S. B. F. Ainslie

During the month of November the following classes reached the end of their instructional grind and are now off to sea, some of them for the first time. The lucky ones are V/S 3 Q "X", V/S 3 Q "Y", L/Wrens V/S, Hostility "FB", "FC" and Coders "BU".

The first class to graduate on the line was Coders "BU", piloted by P. O. Coder Vineberg, which completed their exams on Oct. 26th. Fifteen in the class of Twenty made the grade with top score going to G. R. Davies 90% and C. Marshall second with 89.3%.

Nov. 2nd was graduation day for V/S 3 Q "X" with but two failures in a class of sixteen. At the top came H. Dickens with 92.5% and a close second in H. C. Duidiqu with 91.6%. This being instructor C.Y.S. Moist's first class, we congratulate him on a fine show.

On the same date, Host. "FB" completed their exams. Twenty sat with seventeen being successful and three "hold overs" for practical. In the lead came J. Lowrie with 87.1%. J. A. Stewart gained a very close second with 86.7%. Instructor Yeo, Caldwell who, incidentally, will be leaving for sea duty shortly deserves much credit for the fine work he has done during his stay here.

Nov. 10th was the qualifying date for the first Wrens V/S class to sit for leading Wren Signalwomen. Out of a class of eleven, ten made the grade. Top score goes to M. Campbell 93.2%. Second honours go to M. Roger with 92.8%. Yeoman Johnsen guided this class to its successful conclusion. A splendid show.

Nov. 16th V/S 3 Q "Y" lined up to hear their results. Of eighteen who attempted the exams, eight were successful, top honours going to R. Manzer 93% who was followed closely by A. P. Christie with 91.7%. Instruction of this class was divided between C.Y.S. Ainslie and C.Y.S. Bonthron.

On this same date Yeoman Ballingers "FC" class graduated. Fifteen sat, eleven were successful, with three reclassified and one hold over for practical. G. Orr took the lead position with an average of 92.5%. L. Harrison right behind with 89.3%.

THE PADRE'S CORNER

Padre MacLean

Christmas 1944

The first Christmas message proclaimed to the world was, "Peace on Earth to men of Goodwill". This year, Christmas will come again to a world locked in bloody conflict - a long way from the fulfilment of what yet will be. As we come to another Christmas season it is only natural that people will ask the eternal question - why? Perhaps the answer is not so difficult or far removed from the understanding of anyone. The answer is this: Man has tried to promote and find peace and happiness through the medium of Science, Education and Patriotism and he still finds himself with the age-old problem of greed, selfishness and war. Today, from the highest to the lowest, people are being convinced that the hope of the world lies along the same road that the Magi of old took. They see that the only hope of the world lies in the cradle of Bethlehem.

Many, as yet, have never dared let that hope be born in them, for fear that they might become men, and fulfil their destiny as God planned them to be. Yes, there are even many Herods in the land who do not want the child of Bethlehem to grow up - in them. They must kill the child while it is very young. The child has too many possibilities - in them, if he were allowed to grow. Hate would have to disappear. Selfishness and strife would find no room in the same inn. The final result would be "Peace on Earth".

Let the message of Christmas be re-born in us all as we approach the Holy Season, let it grow until the vision of the Prophet is fulfilled, "Their sword shall be beat into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: Nation shall not lift up a sword against Nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Then the Kingdoms of this world will have become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

Advertisement for 'The Most Popular Place in town to spend a swell evening' at the MASKA Theatre, Saint-Hyacinthe. Includes show schedule for Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Table listing various theatrical productions and their dates, including 'A GUY NAMED JOE', 'THIS IS THE ARMY', 'SUBMARINE BASE', 'WHERE ARE YOUR CHILDREN', 'SHOW BUSINESS', 'TALL IN A SADDLE', 'ABOVE SUSPICION', 'WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER', 'RAINBOW ISLAND', 'PORT OF 40 THIEVES', 'WING AND A PRAYER', and 'GIPSY WILDCAT'.

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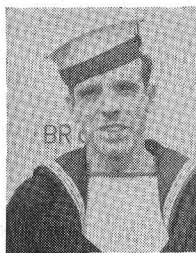
Life is no bed of roses for a newspaper editor trying to launch a new publication under wartime difficulties. Consider the case of the "Rocky Mountain Cyclone," which recently carried this announcement:

"We begin publication of the Roccay Mountain Cyclone with some phew diphpiculties in the way. The type phounder phrom whom we bought our outphit phor this printing ophphice phailed to supply us with any 'eph's' or 'cays,' and it will be phour or phive weex bephore we can get any. The mistaque was not phoundout till a day or two ago. We have ordered the missing letters and will have to get along without them until they come. We don't lique the loox ov this variety ov spelling any better than our readers, but mistax will happen in the best-regulated phamilies and iph the ph's and c's and x's and q's hold out we shall ceep (sound the c hard) the Cyclone whirling aphter a phasion till the other letters arrive. It is no joque to us-it's a serious aphair."

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