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## GOVERNOR GENERAL AND PRINCESS ALICE VISIT SIGNAL SCHOOL

**Inspect Buildings, Technical Classrooms.  
H. R. H. Inspects Hospital, Wrens Living Quarters**

January 16th found an air of expectancy and tension in Signal School on the event of an official visit from His Excellency the Governor General of Canada and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. This was the first visit paid to H.M.C. Signal School by the Governor General and will be remembered as one of the highlights in the School's career. Accompanying the Earl of Athlone and Her Royal Highness to the school were Sir Arthur Shuldham Redfern, K.C.V.O., private secretary to the Governor General, Miss Vera Grenfell, lady in waiting and Capt. Neville Ussher, Aide de camp.

From the time the Governor General's car drove through the gates at 1115 and received the first salute from Patrolman George White until their Excellencies left, there was an atmosphere of alertness in the base. As the car drove into the Signal School the alert was sounded on the bugle and the Governor General's flag was broken from the truck of No. 1 mast. After taking coffee in the wardroom, the Vice-Regal party accompanied by Captain Musgrave, Commander Stanton, Commander Matheson, Commander Affleck-Graves and Commander Gorely then proceeded to Bldg. 53 where they were

met by Master at Arms Hilton who led an inspection tour of the base. Also assisting in the tour were R.P.O. Robert Crisp, R.P.O. John Neill and Chief Yeoman Curnow.

Both the Governor General, who wore the uniform of Major General, and the Princess Alice, wearing the uniform of a Rear Admiral W.R.C.N.S., showed a marked interest in everything they saw as they visited the men's living quarters, main messdeck and galley, Chapel, dental clinic, stores and the Library. On completion of their tour the party returned to the wardroom for luncheon.

Addressing the Ship's Company as they assembled in the drill hall in the afternoon the Governor General stressed the Importance of Communications in the Navy and conveyed to the assembled ship's Company the best wishes of himself and Princess Alice. Immediately following his address he made an inspection tour of the Instructional Bldgs. while Her Royal Highness visited the hospital, Wrens Quarters and Wrens Technical Instructional rooms.

At 1500 their Excellencies drove to the Knights of Columbus Hut in St. Hyacinthe and from there to the City Hall where they met the Mayor of St. Hyacinthe and visited the Red Cross Work Rooms in the hall.



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## Rehabilitation

### 2,355 Ex-Service Men and Women Receive Benefits

Figures released on November 28, 1944, by the Department of Veterans' Affairs showed that during the month of October 2,355 ex-service men and women of this war received benefits under the Post-Discharge Re-establishment order.

#### KEEPING PACE WITH DISCHARGES

During this period, 14,202 jobs were found for veterans of which 10,973 went to veterans of this war, and 3,229 to ex-service men of the last war. As the army discharged only 3,931 during October, this indicates that National Selective Service, in co-operation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, is more than keeping pace with discharges.

Of the 2,353 benefits paid during the month, only 301 of these were grants to unemployed veterans for whom no suitable work was available, and only 157 of these grants were still in effect at the end of the month.

Also in effect at the end of October were 259 grants for veterans waiting returns from farms or businesses, 53 for temporarily incapacitated, 1,458 for ex-service men and women taking vocational training, and 349 receiving maintenance grants while continuing higher education. A total of \$113,961.41 was paid in benefits to ex-service men and women, under the Post-Discharge Re-establishment order, during the month of October. Of this total \$83,609.20 was paid to veterans taking vocational training or higher education which will eventually re-establish them more firmly and on a higher plane in civil life.

#### VETS' LAND ACT IN OPERATION

According to a statement made by the Director of the Veterans' Land Act on November 8, 1944, a program calling for the construction in 1945 of 3,000 new homes on small holdings across Canada has been drawn up. 1,100 of these holdings will be located in Ontario. To date, approximately 100 returned men have been settled on farms and small holdings under the Act.

### Combined TA TB Classes Make Third Time Lucky

The winners of the January battle for the W/T Proficiency Cup were host. "TA" and "TB" classes which at one time were two separate classes but which have since been combined under one instructor, C.P.O. Tel. Banfield, due to a marked deletion in their numbers. With a top score of 92.3% the combined classes came through to win on the third occasion that they have competed for the trophy. They were conceded a very good chance of winning and came through with the goods. Runners up were "TC" class with 74.7%.

Enthusiasm ran high during the contest as breathless messengers dashed continuously between the I.R.O. and the various outlying positions. No upsets hampered the attempts of the competing classes. In the absence of Commander "S", the cup was presented to the winners by Lieut. J. Willett R.N., W1 in the school, who offered his congratulations to the winning team and their instructor.

### Tel. Coder Boast of Only Sea-Going Daily

A NEWFOUNDLAND PORT — Crew members of the Castle class corvette H.M.C.S. Orangeville have laid proud claim to publication of "the only sea-going daily in the North Atlantic". Their sheet is called "Etchings in Salt" and its breezy reports of messdeck doings have made it almost as popular as the daily issue of grog.

Coder Frank Galvon of Blairmore, Alta. and Surgeon-Lieut. Peter Playfair of Ottawa are the moving spirits of the paper. Each morning at sea, Galvon tunes into the B.B.C. news and makes a digest of world events for "Etchings". Then Tel. Chris McGregor of Vancouver and S. B. A. Ed Stiles of Toronto chip in with the latest buzzes and gossip from the mess-decks. Promptly at 1030 the paper is run off on a ditto machine and distributed throughout the ship.

None of the publishers has had professional experience, although Galvon worked on a club paper in Blairmore before joining the Navy.

## Several Comms, Local Officers Honored on King's New Years Lists

### Captain Musgrave Receives O.B.E. Accountant Officer B.F. Goreley promoted to Paymaster Commander

Included in His Majesty's New Years Honours lists which were released early in January were several Communications Ratings and Officers who have been connected with the Signal School.

Among the eight awards to the Communications branch was The Order of The British Empire received by Captain A.P. Musgrave, Commanding Officer of the Signal School.

Promotions were also received by eight officers well known to the Signal School, some of whom are at present in the School and some of whom are now carrying out duties elsewhere.

The Ship's Accountant Officer, Paymaster Commander B.F. Goreley R.C.N.R. was promoted to that rank from Paymaster Lieut. Comdr. He has been with the School now for one year. To be Acting Instructional Lieut. Commanders are R.N. Ripley who was at one time on the Headmaster's staff here and W.B. MacLean MI in the school now. Lt. Comdr. MacLean is also the coach of H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe's senior hockey team. Electrical Lieutenant Commandant J.W. Loaring, head of the Radar Section of the school was confirmed in that rank from Acting Lieut. Comdr.

Promotions to Lieut. Comdr. were also received by two Ex-St. Hyacinthe Officers. The recent P. M.O. Surgeon Lieut. Comdr. E.D. MacCharles and Lt. Comdr. (S.B.) R.C. Labarge who was the first Special Services Officer in the Signal School.

#### AWARDS:

##### O.B.E.

Acting Captain A. P. Musgrave R.C.N. (Temp)

R.E.M. (Military Division)

Leading Signalman William Hinshalwood R.C.N.V.R.

#### MENTION IN DESPACHES

Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist John Leslie Matthews R.C.N.

Petty Officer Telegraphist Rowel Joseph LaBelle R.C.N.V.R.

Petty Officer Telegraphist Lawrence Pentrieth Mann R.C.N.

Yeoman of Signals James Wesley Vincent R.C.N.V.R.

Yeoman of Signals George Ralph Milne R.C.N.

Leading Telegraphist Harold Clifford Moon R.C.N.

Able Seaman (Radar 1) George William Dann R.C.N.V.R.

#### PROMOTIONS

TO BE PAYMASTER COMMANDER:

B.F. Goreley R.C.N.R.

TO BE LIEUT. COMMANDER:

R.C. DeWinton R.C.N.V.R.

TO BE ACTING INSTRUCTOR

LIEUT. COMMANDER:

R.N. Ripley R.C.N.V.R.

W.B. MacLean R.C.N.V.R.

TO BE ELECTRICAL LIEUTENANT COMMANDER (Radar):

J.W. Loaring R.C.N.V.R.

TO BE SURGEON LIEUTENANT

COMMANDER:

E.D. MacCharles R.C.N.V.R.

TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER (SB):

R.C. Labarge R.C.N.V.R.

In a separate list of honours approved by the King on the recommendation of the British Admiralty, the names of forty two Royal Canadian Navy Personnel serving in Royal Navy ships were disclosed as having received awards.

Among them is Marcus Buller Fennell, Leading Signalman, R.C.N.V.R. who received a mention in despatches.

### Long With School R. P. O. Clare Leaves

Regulating Petty Officer Bernard Clare of London Ont., widely known member of the Signal School's crusher staff, left late this month for the east coast where he will receive a new posting.

With ample experience behind him, Bert transferred to Regulating duties in March 1943 and came to St. Hyacinthe the following month. He has since made many friends here and will be remembered for his jovial and pleasing personality.

Although it is not known yet where he will be going, his posting will in all probability be as Master At Arms since he passed for his "Jaunty" shortly before leaving the Signal School.

## Sig. Translates Message Reveals Vital Information

A BRITISH PORT — How it ever Selected the landing field it did, is something no one has been able to figure out, but the pigeon which dropped in on a tug forming part of a Normandy-bound convoy during the early days of the invasion, performed a meritorious service by doing so. The pigeon was bearing a message which appeared to the tug's captain to be sealed army orders.

Without loss of time the Pigeon was transferred to H.M.C.S. Mayflower and the contents of the message were electrifying after they had been translated by Signalman André Belland, R.C.N.V.R., of Montreal, serving in the "Mayflower".

Despatched by a French patriot behind the German lines, the message was written in French on two long thin sheets of paper and contained most secret and important information concerning positions of German anti-aircraft guns, flying bomb sites, fortresses, troop train and tank movements.

Many words had been omitted, sentences were incomplete and other words were abbreviated. Most of the places and technical words in the message were unfamiliar to Belland. However, such a good job of translation was done by the Signalman that he was recently commended by Admiralty or his work.

So vital was the information that wireless silence was broken to notify shore authorities of the discovery. The information was coded and sent on it's way, and it's safe to assume there were a few flying bomb platforms unoperational by the next night.

"Little fault was found with the translation," said Lieut. Martin, Skipper of the "Mayflower", "Due to Signalman Belland, otherwise unreadable portions of the text were translated intelligently with consequent saving of time and possible life."

### Once Signal Officer now Commander-Of-the-Port

A NEWFOUNDLAND PORT: — Commander H. Kingsley, R.C.N., of North Vancouver, veteran of 28 years' continuous service in the Navy, has taken over new duties as Commander-of-the-Port in this Atlantic base.

He succeeds Acting Captain H. W. Balfour, V.C., R.C.N.V.R., of Saskatoon, Sask., now Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Stadacona in Halifax.

As a midshipman and sub-lieutenant young Kingsley served in the British Battle ships Erin and Royal Sovereign and become a specialist in signals. His first appointment in the present war was as west-coast signal Officer at Esquimalt.

Also mentioned in despatches posthumously is Telegraphist Harry Norman, a Royal Navy rating who was taking passage in the ship.

#### FLAG HOISTING

### Matheson Trophy Goes to "FN" for January

In sub-zero weather with occasional snow flurries, the monthly Flag Hoisting Competition for the Matheson Trophy was again keenly contested. Interest still runs high among the V/S personnel and the Flag Signalling competition remains a closely contested feature of their month's studies. Six teams entered the first round which resulted as follows:

FL 19 V FP 3½  
 FQ 1½ V FN 20  
 FK 17½ V FM 11

#### SEMI-FINALS

FL 3½ V FN 24

Bye — FK

#### FINALS

FN 26½ V FK 12½

Able coached by Yeo. Lerner, "FN", who last month were badly outclassed in the first round, come back this month to turn in a performance which will be hard to equal. Comdr. Matheson in making the last presentation of the trophy before leaving to return to the Royal Navy, congratulated the winners and expressed his thanks to all for their whole hearted support during his appointment. In bidding him goodbye, the V/S department wishes him God Speed and success in his new appointment.

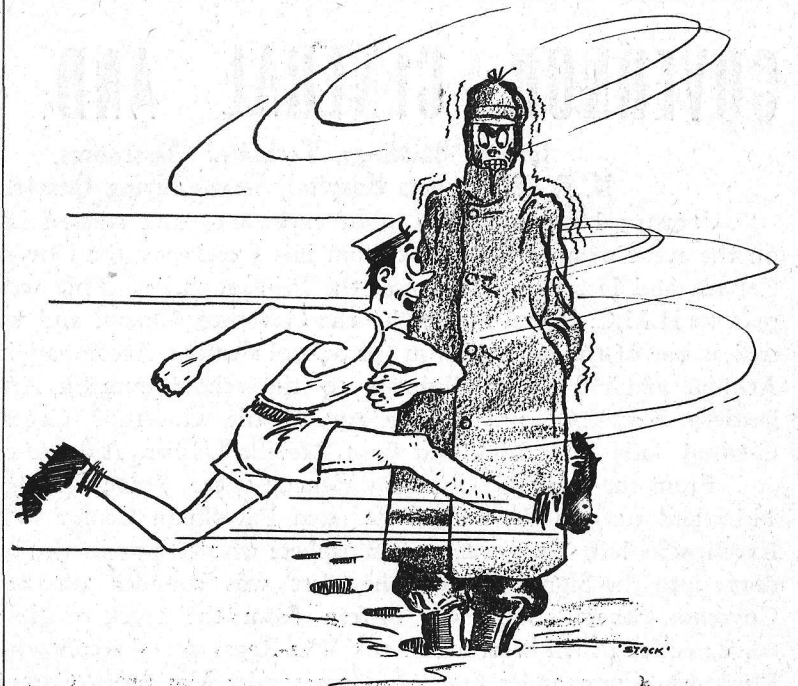
### Receives Award For Rescue Work

OTTAWA — Among several other Naval personnel who, it was announced by Angus L. MacDonald recently, had received awards in connection with the sinking of H.M.C.S. Valleyfield, is Yeoman of Signals Irving Jack Kaplan, R.C.N.V.R., a survivor of the "Valleyfield," who received a Mention in Despatches. Yeo. Kaplan's home is in Montreal.

This the second time he has been mentioned in despatches. The first was for "good service in attacks on enemy's sea communications."

The recent citation accompanying the group of awards simply states that they are "for brave rescue work when H.M.C.S. "Valleyfield" was sunk on May 6, 1944.

For services in Destroying an enemy submarine a Mention in Despatches was awarded to P.O. Tel. Jack A. Crossi, R.C.N.V.R. of Victoria B.C. P.O. Tel. Crossi is at present on the instructional staff in the Signal School.



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## Y.M.H.A. Minstrels Score Hit in Drill Hall

Thru two fun-packed hours of scintillating songs, skits, dances and ribaldry, the Y.M.H.A. "MINSTRELS", sponsored by the Young Men's Hebrew Association of Montreal, kept a huge wildly applauding Drill Hall audience on the edges of their seats the evening of 19th December, 1944.

Loud acclaim greeted the opening dance by the chorus-line — succulent specimens of pulchritude beautifully costumed, who remained on stage during the entire performance, and the applause increased as the show went on. It would be impossible in the space available to describe each individual skit, solo, or smart routine, but all agree that the combined efforts of these troupers provided an evening of entertainment which will not soon be forgotten.

The outstanding feature of this production was the speed and co-ordination with which the various acts and turns followed one another; excellent showmanship was apparent throughout the whole production.

After the performance, refreshments were served to the Troupe in the New Canteen, after which the "Minstrels" returned to Montreal.

## NEW ENTRIES...

The new year, we think, is an ideal time to take up the serious business of raising a family... perhaps you have recognized some of these self-satisfied, suspender-snapping proud fathers around your place of business...

### ANGUS

Young Terrence Byron, a seven-pound two-ounce morsel of potential manhood is Mrs. Jess Angus' gift to father L/Writer Byron Angus for the New Year. January 18th is the Li'l feller's birthday. Mrs. Angus and this young couple's "first" are whiling away the hours in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

### BAKER

Missing our pre-Christmas issue deadline by a hair, C.Y.S. Errol Barry Baker proudly presents his contribution to the perpetuation of the Baker line Errol Barry (jr.). Mrs. Baker and son spent a goodly portion of the Yuletide festival in Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal, since this youngster was born on 15th December.

### GEHL

A seasoned veteran in the fatherhood field, Patrolman John Henry Gehl went through the harrowing ordeal of the birth of his daughter, Diana Lynn, remarkably, and responded to the congratulatory words of his cohorts with a nonchalant "S nothing, really, fellas!" and a careless wave of the hand. To Mrs. Gehl, of Kitchener, Ontario, we hand the bouquets for this fine addition, on 10th January, to a keen, all Canadian family of four.

### McLEOD

From Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, we receive, via genial, easy-going Plumber 2/c Don McLeod, the news of the birth of a son on 11th January, 1945. Mrs. McLeod, who shares honours with Don on this success, advises that their first child will be christened "Donald Merrett."

### TURNER

Another Artisan achievement this month is Murray Frederick, who can boast, as proud parents/Joiner 4/c Fred Turner and Mrs. Turner, of Toronto. Numbering among January's firsts, this lusty lad had his initial eyeful of Cana-

## Comdr Matheson Returns to United Kingdom

Contributed much to increased efficiency of instructional training.

Tuesday, January 23rd, a typical Canadian winter day, provided excellent background for the departure of A/Commander P. H. Matheson, R.N., who left our shores to return to the United Kingdom for service with the Royal Navy.

This Royal Naval officer joined St. Hyacinthe on 3rd December, 1943, as a Lieut. Commander (S) and, over the period of a year, during which time he was in charge of all training in Signal School, he contributed much in the way of improvements which have increased efficiency and helped maintain a high standard of morale in the Communication Branch. In the summer of 1944 he inaugurated V/S Flag-Hoisting, and W/T Proficiency competitions, donating perpetual trophies to H.M.C. Signal School which are presented monthly to the most proficient Hostility V/S and W/T Classes.

In the Mid-Year Promotion List, 1944, this veteran Naval officer was named Acting Commander, and became the third "Brass-Hat" on the Signal School staff.

On the eve of his departure, Commander Matheson entertained Departmental Chief and Petty Officers and at that time, was presented with a shield of maple, bearing a maple-leaf of polished brass—a gift from the Chief and Petty Officers here. Later in the evening, he was the guest of honour at a dinner held in the Grand Hotel and at a dance in the Wardroom.

Filling the post vacated by A/Commander Matheson we have Commander G. Affleck-Graves, R.N., who joined Signal School during January. Commander Affleck-Graves is on loan from the Royal Navy.

The "Signal Log", voicing the sentiments of the personnel of H.M.C. Signal School, extends best wishes to A/Commander Matheson for a "bon voyage", and good sailing in future appointments, and proffers the hand of welcome to our new Commander (S), with the hope that he will enjoy his sojourn on Canadian soil.

## Entertainment Guide for Sailors

**CATHOLIC SAILORS CLUB**, 329 Common Street, 9 a. m. — 10 p. m. Naval and Merchant Seamen. Club facilities.

**K. OF C. ARMY HUT**, 1191 Mountain Street, 9 a. m. — midnight. Men and women of all services. Billiards, games canteen, club facilities.

**NAVY HOUSE**, 1177 Mountain Street, 9 a. m. — 11 p. m. Allied Naval ratings, Fleet Air Arm, W.R.C.N.S., D.E.M.S. Dancing, canteen, bowling, club facilities.

**RED TRIANGLE CLUB**, Phillips Square, 9 a. m. — 10 p. m. Men of all services and women from 1 p. m. to closing. Games, dancing, canteen, club facilities.

**UNITED SERVICES CLUB**, 1195 Sherbrooke Street. Till 11 p. m. Club privileges for all Officers.

**Y. M. C. A.**, 1441 Drummond Street. Open 24 hours. Residence, club facilities, restaurant, swimming pool.

**Y.M.H.A.**, 265 Mount Royal Avenue. Till 11 p. m. Club facilities, swimming, dancing, hostesses.

**INFORMATION BUREAU**, 1013 Dominion Square Building, 9 a. m. — 10 p. m. Men and women of all services. Special entertainment arranged.

**A.N.A. House**, 3456 Ontario Avenue. Women of all services. Residence and club facilities.

**KHAKI CLUB**, 1227 Osborne Street. Open 24 hours. Men of all services. Residence and club facilities. Canteen.

**MONTREAL ART GALLERY**, Sherbrooke Street. Members' room open to the services. Hospitality arranged.

**LA PALESTRE NATIONALE**, Cherrier Street. For men and women. Club facilities, swimming pool, cafeteria, gymnasium, sleeping quarters. Open 24 hours.

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dian winter in Toronto General Hospital, on the 9th of the month.

In addition to his regular duties of keeping the Ship ship-shape, Fred is the cheerful custodian of cash for the Ship's Company Bowling League.

## Making Debut on Screen



Barbara Bates, Denver, Colo., beauty, gets her first chance in films in Walter Wanger's "Salome—Where She Danced" at Universal.

## DOWN THE AISLE... Hamblin-Sexton

Love is not love  
Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the remover to remove:  
O, no! it is an ever-fixed mark,  
That looks on tempests and is never shaken...  
from Shakespeare's "Sonnet".

### Coropka-Raymond

The presbytery of Notre Dame de Rosaire Church, in St. Hyacinthe was the scene of the wedding of Tel. T.O. Bill Coropka and his bride, Miss Jeannine Raymond, of St. Hyacinthe, which took place on 5th January. Tel. Coropka who enlisted in the R.C.N. in Vancouver, B.C., is undergoing a W/T-3 Course here at the present time.

### Coutts-Kormie

When breezy, energetic Wm. Scott Coutts whipped into the office for a letter of permission to marry in Saskatchewan, he wasn't quite sure just when in January this happy event would occur... "I just leave all the details to that wonderful girl", he beams! The woman of his choice is Miss Allison Cormie, of Edmonton... R.A. 5/c Coutts completed the preliminary portion of the Radio Artificer course at the University of Alberta, Edmonton Alta.

### Gilmour-Baker

After having successfully completed, recently, a Radar III course, Able Seaman Tom Melville Gilmour, and his bride — the former Miss Violet May Baker, of Neepawa, Manitoba, are enjoying a long period of leave together. These young people were married in the United Church, Winnipeg, on 23rd December by Rev. W.E. McDonald.

### Johnston-Messier

Once in a while a former Signal Schooler returns to our fair city to exchange nuptial vows with a young lady whom he met whilst undergoing a course here. A case in point is that of L/Sig. Cliff Eugene Johnston, who travelled to St. Hyacinthe whilst on leave from H.M.C.S. "FOREST HILL" to marry Miss Marie Paule Messier, of La Providence, on 20th January.

Thirteenth January was certainly not an unlucky date for Wren S. A. Joan Sexton and Leading Tel. (S.O.) Jack Hamblin... The Rev. Northcott-Burke united this couple in marriage in St. John's Anglican Church, Ottawa at that time. Wren Hamblin is employed in Central Stores, while L/Tel. (S.O.) Hamblin, who recently qualified for P.O. Tel. (S.O.) here, is serving in "Stadacona".

### Thompson-Blackshaw

Nearby Otterburn Park provided the setting for the marriage of Miss Lorna Joyce Blackshaw and Leading Telegraphist Leonard F. Thompson, on 20th January, 1945. Miss Blackshaw is a resident of Otterburn Park. L/Tel. Thompson, presently employed as a Morse Pool Instructor here, enlisted in Regina, Sask. in August, 1941, and saw considerable sea-service in "La Malbaie" prior to being drafted to Signal School.

### Walker-Archibald

Second all-Naval union of the month was that of Wren Writer Evelyn Archibald, of Captain's Office, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. R. Archibald, of Kamloops, B.C., and Tel. T.O. Jack Walker, Morse Pool Instructor formerly of Toronto. The Rev. A. O. McLean officiated at the ceremony, which took place in the Naval Chapel, onboard, on 19th January, 1945. Wren June McRae attended the bride, and L/Wtr. Dennis Adkin performed the duties of groomsmen, while Commander Stanton gave the bride away. The newlyweds journeyed to the West Coast for their honeymoon, stopping off at Toronto enroute.

## Sig. School Chapel Scene of Wedding



The Signal School Chapel was the setting for the recent wedding of Wren Writer Evelyn Archibald, of Captain's Office and T/O Jack Walker, Morse Pool Instructor... Senior Chaplain (P) the Rev. A. O. McLean officiated at the ceremony.

## The Front Page

Leading Photographer Muriel Duncan of Signal School snapped this impressive shot of A/B R.P. Coady of Sheet Harbour N.S. (Up the mast) and O/Sig. Ray McInnes of Saskatoon (with the flags). Shot was taken at No. 1 mast Signal School.



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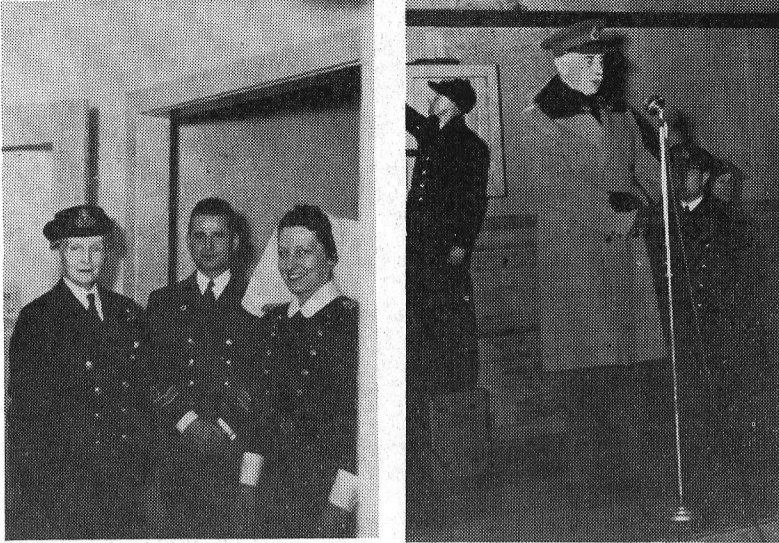
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## Vice-Regal Visit



These shots snapped during the visit of His Excellency the Governor General and Princess Alice show: Upper left: Princess Alice with Surgeon Lieut. Comdr. Smith, Principal Medical Officer and Mairon A. C. Evans. Right: His Excellency the Gov. Gen. addresses ship's Co. Below: Their Excellencies leave the car with Captain A. P. Musgrave at Bldg. 53. Driver Len MacKenzie holds the door.

R.C.N. Photo's — Brown.

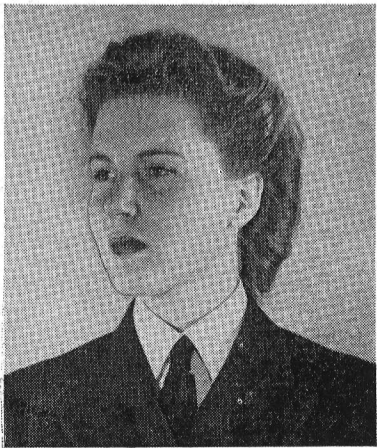
## Wren Editor Drafted

## Wren Tel. (S.O.) S. A. McKeown takes up Special Operator duties on West Coast.

Those readers of the "Signal Log" who, on exchanging their nickel for a current copy, turn eagerly to the "Wrens Only" column — and we are convinced that this popular column has as many secret male perusers as avid Wren fans — will thumb thru the February issue in vain...

Station platform departures are grim at the best of times... and mid-winter is not the best of times, as will be vouchsafed by Signal Log staff writers who shivered, blue with cold, waving at the departing 5:38 local on 29th December... as Wren Tel. (S.O.) Shirley McKeown commenced the first lap of the long journey to "Givenchy".

Shirley joined Signal School in April of last year, stepping, sans rubber boots, from the macadamized roads of "Conestoga" into the sea of Spring mud on



Wren S. McKeown

which the new section of "St. Hyacinthe" floated.

The June, 1944 issue publication block reveals that Wren McKeown joined the Signal Log staff at that time... flipping idly thru the back issues, up to January, 1945, we are pleased and charmed by the humorous anecdotes and articles which present in light vein the lot of the Wren in Signal School.

During the summer months, the WRCNS Editor, a track enthusiast, was a member of the Wren's Track and Field team, participating in numerous sorties against women's teams from other Services.

October, 1944, marked the birth of the "Wrens Only" column... valuable information for the Wren on what to do and where to go, presented in the delightful breezy style which characterizes Wren McKeown's literary efforts. A conscientious, hard-working journalist, the Wren Editor devoted much of her off-duty time to attending camp social events and browsing around the local country-side, gathering suitable material for her column.

Originally scheduled to leave the School in November, an injury to her right foot prevented Wren McKeown from completing the S.O. course with her class. Not in the least dismayed at the discomfort caused by the wearing of a huge case, this ingenious youngster turned misfortune into a profit-making enterprise — realizing the sum of \$20 from selling signature space on the cast. The proceeds from this venture were turned over to the Ship's Library for the purchase of new books.

Replacing Wren McKeown as W.R.C.N.S. Editor on the staff of the "Log" will be Wren J. Pollock, Assistant Librarian, who is at present convalescing in Montreal after a period of severe illness.

## Wrens Popular as Pin-Up Girls

HALIFAX. — Perhaps its the power of the press or the power of feminine charm, or a combination of the two, but three Wrens stationed at H.M.C.S. Stadacona, Halifax, have been receiving letters and requests for pictures ever since their photos appeared in various newspapers and magazines. The letters have come from all parts of Canada, from Australia, from Italy and Holland and prove that an attractive service girl can have her share of fan mail as well as any alluring movie actress.

A riding picture of Wren Coder Elizabeth Robinson, Toronto, brought a letter from an 18-year old boy in Nova Scotia, saying he too was fond of horses and would like Wren Robinson to visit his home and ride his pet horse. Wren Robinson also received mail from half-forgotten men she had met who wanted to brush up their friendships.

Pin up girl of seven Fairmiles and one minesweeper of the Royal Canadian Navy is Wren Lucy Plumley, Brantford, Ont. Her picture taken aboard a motor launch with Eskimo husky pups was in many Canadian papers and also in Australia. She immediately became a pin up girl on seven of the Fairmiles and was adopted pin up girl by a minesweeper which took an active part in the invasion activities.

Wren Plumley is married to a soldier in the Canadian Army.

Wren Denise Arnoldi, known to her cabin-mates affectionately as "Gubbie" also received many letters from the army after a picture of her on horseback appeared in Canadian papers and overseas publications.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

In order to provide a suitable means whereby the personnel of the Establishment may conveniently submit material for the benefit of this paper, a "Contribution Box" is located inside the Canteen Building.

While we do have our own Editorial Staff, and other regular contributors, to ensure each issue The Signal Log carrying its own weight; it is earnestly requested that ratings in the Signal School will also take a personal interest in their paper by offering write-ups on matters of interest around the Barracks; short stories, jokes, prose, or any other subjects which would be of interest to our readers. Also events or happenings taking place away from the barracks providing it is of interest to ratings of the communication branch. If you have a friend who is being married or if you are being married yourself, send us the particulars.

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## Chief and P. O.'s Mess Activities

D. C. Brunet

If the tempo and quality of the humour aired in the Lounge after 1700 has shown an up-trend during the past month or so, the blame for this happy state of affairs must be borne, in some degree, by cheerful, irrepressible C.Y.S. "Cuts" Kennedy, whose witticisms and banter are well-known in the Communications Branch of the Navy. "Cuts" joined Signal School recently from H.M.C.S. "KINGS".

Earnest, enthusiastic, and hard-working, with little of the austerity one generally associates with Mess Executives, C.Y.S. Bill London was recently nominated "confirmed" President of the Mess by the Captain.

Although the festive season has long been left behind, and onetwelfth of the New Year has slipped silently into the past, favourable comments apropos the New Year's Dance, held 6th January, are still to be heard round and about... we might mention here that the Entertainment Committee has ear-marked the first Saturday of each and every month for popular terpsichorial events... and is prepared to furnish partners for those members who "don't get around much anymore".

For courage and good service in actions at sea, states a recent press-release, P. O. Tel. Jack Crossi — here now, and C.P.O. Cook Fred Barrett, — long a member of the Mess, now in "York" — have been Mentioned in Despatches... plaudits are in order.

Revellers at the Mess Christmas Dance (remember? 16th December?) will recall the Curnow duo's Anniversary Waltz... Bos'r Bill and Mrs. Curnow checked off their 25th year of married life on 20th December, at which time felicitations were offered by all and sundry.

After hearing, over a long period, utterances such as "...wish I could speak French..." and "...can't understand a word they are saying..." we point out that this brand of talk is no longer necessary... merely way-lay the Pres. or the Sec. and natter for information re the evening French courses which are underway in the St. Hy. Technical School... in somewhat less than no time you will be parley-voing with confidence.

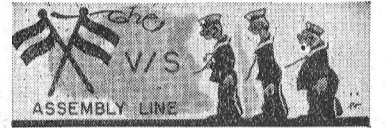
C.Y.S. Earl J. Moist, instructor of the H.O. Sigs. Class which walked off with the Flag-Hoisting trophy in two successive competitions last year, became engaged to Miss Winnifred Dunster, of Ottawa, Ontario, over the holiday season... no definite date has yet been set for the final act, Earl sez.

That new face behind the bar, pushing out Dawes' and Molson's after Secure, belongs to C.Y.S. Bonnie Bonthron, upon whose shoulders now falls the yoke of catering. Another new appointment is that of P.O. Writer Tom Buck, who officially takes up the duties of Mess Treasurer with the break-down of the Secretary-Treasurer post.



Chief Yeo. Dominey who left late this month with Mrs. Dominey, to return home to England.

R.C.N. Photo — Brown.



C.Y.S. B. F. Ainslie

With the termination of the Christmas leave period the Assembly Line has again gone into action with the following classes graduating on the following dates:

Dec. 15th — V/S 3 "AB" Instructed by C.Y.S. Howard. Ten candidates sat to write for their "threes", six being successful. Top marks were held by G. B. Hamilton 93%, followed by A. Noswad 90.8%.

Jan. 5th — V/S 3 "AC" with twelve candidates, three of whom failed to make the grade. D. Ford 90% was top scorer and A. McCurry 88.6% a close second. C.Y. S. Moist, the instructor, is to congratulate for guiding them to such a successful conclusion.

On the same day, R. S. 1 (Revision Course — Signalmen), instructed by C.Y.S. White wound up their course with examinations. Twenty one wrote the exams and one candidate gained high enough marks to be rated Trained Operator.

Jan. 12th — V/S 2 "R" entered their finals. Seven candidates were successful in a class of fourteen. W.R. Pringle with 91.9% gained honours by a very small margin over W. Howarth with 91.7%.

On the same date V/S 2 "S" graduated. Nine sat the exams and six were qualified. Marks again were close with J.A. MacDonald gaining a slight margin over T. Ferguson. Their marks were 92.6% and 92.2% respectively. Instructors C.Y.S. White and C.Y.S. Cavanagh who, by the way, have departed for a tour of operations with the Royal Navy.

Jan. 12th was also the final count for Host. "FH" with nineteen successful candidates emerging from a class of twenty seven. In the lead was C. Rust 94% and very close behind — J. Lonergan 93%. Instructor Yeoman Boover is to be recommended for his work with this class.

## Hold Flag Hoisting Trophy



Hostility "FN" class who walked away with the Matheson Trophy in the January contest are shown above with their instructor. They are, back row, left to right: L. Harris, G. Green, W. Scurr, J. Boatman, G. Crow, E. Corey, J. Vanbergen. Middle row, left to right: S. Lazier, F. O'Hara, J. Franklin, F. Sidwell, R. Bowie, E. Strague. Front row left to right: D. Reid, E. McAloney, J. Lacharité, Yeo. Lerner, standing behind cup. L. Loke, R. Cherry, H. Reum.

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# What Odours Do You Fall For?

OR

## There'll Always Be An Ad-man

by Kaye Kneeshaw Kay

For some years now I have been more or less aware that Nature has kindly endowed me with a set of five Senses so that, I suppose, I might partake of Life to the Full.

I do not remember in what sequence these senses first manifested themselves, nor do I know whether or not five is all I'm going to get. Of course, I could ask an intimate friend how many he or she has on hand at the moment but I'm afraid this query would be misunderstood. Or I could look up my volumes on Anatomy, except that this form of research usually ends abruptly when I find myself poring over the very interesting illustrations instead of reading the text for the answers. So I think I will simply list my little set of senses as I know them, and in the order that I judge them to be important. You may, if you want, compare them with yours and make an issue of it if you disagree.

There won't be any argument when I list the sense of sight as being Number One. Minus normal Sight you'd never know what you were sitting alongside in the cinema. A close second to Sight is the sense of Touch, or Feeling as it is sometimes called, for obvious reasons. I had a little trouble with Number Three but finally settled for Taste ahead of Hearing when I decided that I would rather drink Highland Mountain Mist than listen to the sound of the cork being drawn, however pleasant that can be. And, until recently, there wasn't any question about Smell rolling in a poor Fifth. Smell, I figured, doesn't play a very important role in a man's life in this age of deodorants and Government-fitted respirators.

It now seems that I was nearly 100% wrong. Indeed, looking back on a colourful career of love and laughter (and some of the early loving was no doubt laughable), and of soft lights and sweet hot music and heady wine, I can see where my lack of appreciation of the Fifth Sense got me behind in the Income Tax returns for 1929, '30, '31, '32, etc. It wasn't because I couldn't smell. It was because I didn't pay any attention to the cunning smells I was smelling!

This discovery of the duplicity of smells came to me this very week when, cut off by the librarian for a small matter of arrears and having nothing whatever to read except Forever Under, I picked up on a Pullman, a sophisticated woman's magazine, or maybe it was a woman's sophisticated magazine, — anyway I picked up only the magazine and commenced reading the glamour advertising copy. The thing came as a blow! I found I had likely been duped in my youth by my olfactory organs and I give you forthwith some bona fide examples of how we get trapped by our smellers:

The four colour spread on page 6 showed a bearded but otherwise sensible looking male in the act of sweeping a rather plump babe off a piano stool and giving her the old business right on her mouth while a violin dangled from his free hand. He had, I gathered, been playing the instrument as she accompanied him on the piano but the copy-writer suggested that she had been using COBRA, a perfume which "makes a woman stand alone in all her beauty like some divine instrument soloing to the gods." Apparently, one whiff of this stuff and to hell with a musical career.

And it doesn't matter what type you are, either; there's no escape. Another cute piece of copy leaning against another bottle on page 14 says, "Since men are not all alike, be two different women with Suzy's Golden Laughter. Is he light-hearted and debonair? Then wear direct, winning flower scents with more than a hint of tropic heat beneath." (Beneath what, I'd like to know?) The copy goes on, "Is he unpredictable, difficult? Then wear Escarlate de Suzy. Its dry winey sparkle seems to loosen some spring in the man of dark moods." (Keep your springs taut, men.)

These insidious tricks of the Romance Trade are marketed, I found, under a wonderful assortment of names. There's one just called "YU" — of all the damned nonsense, and it claims to be "as exciting as a locked door." Another, known as "ESCAPE" is, I read, "the perfume that unlocks the heart-strings." (Better keep your springs and your strings taut men, and your front door locked; this stuff probably uses cordite for a base.) Then there's "MENACE" and "DESIRE" and "INTOXICATION" and "SURRENDER". I don't remember what these promised to do for the nation's frustrated spinsters but I think by this time you must have the general idea.

However, the picture and copy that caught my eye and stayed with me was a plug for an innocent looking little bottle of TABU. There were two healthy youngster rolled up in a clinch that wouldn't be permitted on the heavyweight wrestling circuits and this came about, I was led to believe, after he had sniffed the aroma. (I don't know why this generation needs this kind of stimulating. In my day all we needed was some oatmeal porridge and a breath of fresh air.) The copy simply said, "Few women have ever worn it without discovering the full truth of its name"...

I'm wondering where those few poor women are tonight, and why TABU let them down. Maybe there was something wrong with their boy friend's Fifth Sense, like a cold in the head.

### BOOK SHELF GLANCES



Lt. F. N. Padgett W.R.C.N.S.

The Library shelves are crowded with new books, many of them purchased by fine-money and by Wren McKeown's generous donation. Over 260 new books have been added this month, which in-

clude books on such varied subjects as architecture, mysteries, peace plans, cartoons, mathematics, psychology, music, sports, etc.

Here are a few you will enjoy:

#### HUMOUR

TRY AND STOP ME—Cerf—a first-rate collection of anecdotes, comic incidents etc. with an index so that you can quote your favourite wit.

ASSISTANT HERO—Coughlin, G. I. Joe on the spot; one of the

# R. A. Night Barracks Personalities

## Life

by Ewart

Two weeks hence will see the first of the classes that have taken their entire R.A. course here, graduate as R.A.'s 5th class. They began their course back in March '44 taking Radio theory for 22 weeks, 14 days leave and then the remaining 20 weeks.

Previous classes that have graduated took the first half of their course at various Universities coming to St. Hy. for the last part.

With building thirty seven (R.A. Practical) working on a twenty four hour basis, many prospective R.A.'s spend the days sleeping and the nights — working?

Here is a typical story of an R.A. on night classes:

At seven thirty in the evening Joe straggles into Bldg. 37 in high spirits all set to work (it says here in small print). The instructor details him to the radio equipment that he will work on. Joe takes one look at the questions to be answered and his spirits go down to their usual level. Just to make things interesting, the clown that has worked on the same set before him, has forgotten to put a couple of much needed wires back in their proper places. Consequently Joe spends about an hour tearing his hair out finding the fault and then with a very satisfied look on his face begins to answer the questions. As he tangles with the first question, who should be standing behind him but his instructor. "Okay Joe, you've had your time, go on to the next set." Then they wonder why Joe goes around mumbling to himself with a glassy look in his eyes.

This goes on till eleven fifteen and they let Joe out of his cage for dinner. Nipping like a little beaver up to the galley, hoping to get at the front of the line, Joe finds that the Radar School got out first and so he takes his usual place in line (Just outside the mess hall door). After dinner we find Joe back at Bldg. 37 still trying hard to be a radio maniac. By the time 0415 rolls around, poor Joe can just about see his hand in front of his face and thus he gropes his way to be mess hall, puts salt in his coffee and sugar on his eggs, has breakfast. Literally crawling on hands and knees he manages to find his dorm and collapses on his bunk.

We leave Joe sleeping peacefully while the rest of the barracks hustles and bustles through it's daily routine, passing remarks — they see the sign — "Quiet night classes" such as, "Skuller boy how I'd love to crash the swede piece like that lazy lug."

more successful attempts to describe the "humour" of service life.

#### FICTION

THE BOLINVARS — Bayliss — horses, hunting and a good love interest set in New Jersey; will be a popular choice.

TIME MUST HAVE A STOP — Huxley's well-known wit penetrating human frailties with his usual caustic comment on the social scene done in clever conversation.

IMMORTAL WIFE — Stone — a first-rate biographical novel of President Fremont's wife with a background of early-American expansion.

THE TRANSPLANTED — Niven — you will enjoy this story of a Scotsman who comes to southern British Columbia to make his living and find happiness.

HARD FACTS — Spring — the rise of a newspaper-man told in the leisurely, masterly manner of the great novelists.

#### NON FICTION

CHINA TO ME — Hahn — life in China as described by this American contributor to "New Yorker" full of amusing incident but with a warm appreciation of the Chinese.

I WENT TO THE SOVIET ARCTIC — Gruber — reveals the U.S. S.R.'s extraordinary achievements in developing the land within the Arctic circle.

CANADA'S WAR AT SEA — Leacock & Roberts — the first attempt

# R. A. Night Barracks Personalities



R.C.N. Photo — Brown.

Stepping into the personality spotlight this month is Petty Officer R. D. Nicholl, Q. R. II, Signal School's first permanently stationed gunnery rating and instructor on the Pistol range.

P. O. Nicholl could unravel a yarn about his navy time that would stand up beside the Saltiest, but not being of that temperament, he simply chooses to give us the facts. The modest "Nick" joined the R.C.N. at Regina in 1937 and moved first to H.M.C.S. Naden where he underwent a grueling gunnery course and was rated "Seaman Gunner" which corresponds to the present rate of Q. R. III. From Naden he shipped aboard his first packet, H.M.C.S. Comox which was then on patrol duty off the west coast. After three months on the "Comox" and a spot-a-the-best-a P. O. Nicholl went to D.E.M.S. (defensively equipped Merchant ships) in January 1940. The S.S. "Ixion", 10,000 ton merchant ship in which he served made three successful trips to Hong Kong then went through the Panama and across to Liverpool where she went into dry dock for refit. Then, loaded to the gunwales with Whiskey, she started on her return trip to New York harbour. About five days out however, the "Ixion" was torpedoed and sank rapidly. "There was whiskey everywhere," said Nick, it was good stuff too. I took a couple of bottles of Vat 69 in the lifeboat with me — thought we might need it and it did come in pretty handy. That wasn't the end of the grog as a matter of fact," continued Nick, "We were picked up by the S.S. Cape Breton and we fished ten cases out of the sea. The skipper found out about it though and our goose was cooked."

After survivors leave, P. O. Nicholl went back on a merchant ship again which was also loaded with dynamite, this time in the form of ammunition. He made two successful trips in the "Bangou" and then to Halifax where he wrote for his Q. R. II. On completion of this course he was posted to H.M.C.S. Mahone where he spent twenty three months and rose from the rank of Able Seaman to Petty Officer. His time aboard the Mahone however, also ended in disaster when she was rammed in a heavy fog by the S.S. Fort Townsend. Three men were killed and two others injured. P. O. Nicholl was a member of the whaler crew that transported the wounded men to the "Fort Townsend".

From the "Mahone" via a spot of leave, Petty Officer Nicholl came to the Signal School to organize the pistol range that is now in full operation in the School. Not only did he do a first class job on this but he also became known as one of the most well known and liked members of the establishment. He expects soon to qualify for his Q.R. I.

## ADVANCEMENTS

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

### TO CHIEF YEOMAN

George A. McCUE, to Chief Yeoman of Signals.

### TO PETTY OFFICER RATE

William LEVERMAN, to Acting Petty Officer Telegraphist.

William E. SARGENT, to Acting Petty Officer Telegraphist.

Jos. A. DESCHESNES, to Acting Petty Officer Telegraphist.

Robert SMITH, to Acting Petty Officer.

### TO LEADING RATE

Arthur J. FORBES, to Acting Leading Seaman.

Sinclair MACDONALD, to Acting Leading Seaman.

William WEBSTER, to Acting Leading Seaman.

Allan D. HOBSON, to Acting Leading Seaman.

John T. DODMAN, to Acting Leading Stoker (M).

Charles CONRAD, to Leading Cook (s).

Roy E. WEBB, to Leading Sick Berth Attendant.

Harris S. McFAYDEN, to Acting Leading Seaman.

Lindsay BROWN, to Leading Cook (O).

### ARTIFICERS

Donald B. IRONS, to Acting Radio Artificers 4th class.

Harold GRUNDY, to Acting Radio Artificer 4th class.

Donald J. KELSON, to Radio Artificer 5th class.

Clyde MENCHIONS, to Plumber 1st class.

William E. CLARKE, to Painter 2nd class.

## Volunteers Serve Refreshments



These Wrens and ratings are the volunteers who served the refreshments at the Kiddies Christmas Party. Approximately 160 children and their mothers kept this group hopping, serving sandwiches, coffee, etc. R.C.N. Photo — Brown.

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## OTTAWA HOTEL

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# Views and Reviews on SPORT



By Dennis Adkin, Sports Editor

It was a forboding night. During the day the temperature had driven steadily downwards, and as we trudged shoreward billows of snow whirled hither and yon, propelled by an icy gale that induced thoughts of a warm hearthside, perhaps a toddy or two with a volume of Damon Runyon's latest.

The band of Wrens complete with skates, grouped in the gate-house seemed at first glance to be heading inwards after a rapid brush with the elements. Pausing to hoist the collar still higher and withdraw ears even further into its shelter, it became apparent that this fair assembly were but embarking upon their weekly skating excursion, for it was Wednesday nite.

The frigid blast struck with renewed vigor at the outer door, and quite unsuspected for came the realization that here was an example of the spirit and zeal which carries athletes to great heights, and also keeps them active in lowly planes.

One of these girls may have stamped your card on routine, or put the finishing touches to that Border Permit, but on Wednesdays nothing save a duty watch can retard the spark which flashes alike in your Elmer Lach's, Joe Louis', or in those senior hockey players player but the sport, is the thing.

Something of a bombshell was dropped upon the sporting world with the announcement from C.O.N.D. that the St. Hyacinthe-Donnacona footballers must hand back forthwith the lofty Grey Cup, their just reward for manhandling Hamilton Cats in the Dominion final last fall. It seems incredible that Authorities have just now become aware of the incident, in view of all the ballyhoo heralding the autumn classic, and more especially when reliable sources confirm that prior permission was obtained before the Q.R.F.U.'s titlists entered in the final. They would hardly have proceeded without it.

Reports have it that Toronto Navy has been refused permission to enter Allan Cup competition, as is to be expected. It seems feasible that to dispel any ill feelings arising out of this, when set against the concession granted Combines last fall, it was deemed advisable to also rescind that latter O. K.

Remembering the strident claims and criticisms of the Queen City Sailors not so long ago, opinion voicers here can hardly be blamed for taking a biased view, and feeling that a complaint has arisen somewhere, aimed at depriving Combines of their justified glory.

Tho it appears certain that our St. Hy-Donacs will have to relinquish the material evidence of their supremacy, the feeling is that true sportsmen everywhere will reflect what Bobby Hewitson of Toronto has stated, that so far as the C.R.U. is concerned Combines are Dominion champions.

Keith Matthews volunteers that now basketball is finally in gear Navy will have a quintet to threaten Montreal's loftiest. The tars are providing Saturday nite entertainment, along with the Wrens, who are coming on.

When chubby Payr. Lieut. Bob Wyber departed and thus handed down the managerial reins of St. Hy's hockey club, Lieut. Abbott took over the task of arranging games, while Payr. Lieut. Wait became heir to the purse strings. Both have their headaches in quantity.

Neil Andrews had no sooner rejoined his team-mates when Johnny Jackson hit the ailing list, a slight injury developing into something else that has kept him out for several games, dropping him back in the scoring race.

## Pack Bunches in Inter-Part Race

Arrested action in the Barracks' hockey league shows this to be a tough circuit, for in the first few games of the schedule there are no less than five squads deadlocked for top honors. The remaining four still pant hotly in close pursuit, and each contest takes the form of a play-off match as each team stives for a break that will give them the lead.

By virtue of two wins in as many outings, the Ships Co sextet under the ruddership of P.T.E. Johnny Burt currently hold most favorable position, having a game in hand over Acct. Branch, C. & P.O.'s, and W/T Destroyers, this trio standing high with a win and two draws apiece. Officers make the fifth four-pointer and are the only leading aggregation to have lost to date, tho they flaunt a brace of triumphs in other outings.

Radar Flashes and R.A. Fords with three points each, W/T Corvettes with two and V/S Wildcats with naught but three whippings at this writing are the rounderbuters of the loop, a keen affair, a moderate quantity of ability, heaps of good sportsmanship, and the occasional laugh.

Team	W	L	D	Pts
Ships Co	2	0	0	4
Acct. Branch	1	0	2	4
C. & P.O.'s	1	0	2	4
W/T Destroyers	1	0	2	4
Officers	2	1	0	4
Radar Flashes	1	2	1	3
R.A. Fords	1	2	1	3
W/T Corvettes	1	2	0	2
V/S Wildcats	0	3	0	0



A vacant cage and not a puck in sight, for Sherbrooke Army's starry cordage-keeper Saucy has slid far out to smother the biscuit on a Navy drive. A profile study of Art Hurst in left foreground depicts chagrin, but Martin Pow stands poised for a possible loose puck in front of referee Pean Bennett's upraised arm. That's Andy Hyrn in background at the right, and the occasion is Navy's hosting of the doughboys.

## Higher and Higher

While Johnny Jackson languishes abed, diminutive Mel Read takes advantage of the opportunity afforded to acquire a sizeable lead over his arch-rival for scoring honors, and Bill Campbell, soaring left-winger from Brantford, Ont., threatens to take over second place. No one nears "Gump" Gamble's misdemeanor total, and that rugged defenceman has spent half a game in the cooler.



# DEBUTING ST HY HOOPSTERS IMPRESSIVE

## Aldcrofts Have Punch In Opening Tilts

by Keith Matthews

A tried and true Air Force basketball quintet, a team with more bustle than your grandmother's Sunday best, took a slight puff out of Signal School's windy sails Jan. 20th when Alf Hurley's casaba cuties went under 40-37 in Montreal's McGill gymnasium.

Little prestige was lost in this game by the local five, however, as the Fliers presented a lineup which had seen action against the best of them for some time, whereas on the other side of the ledger St. Hyacinthe were engaging in but their second game.

The season's debut was rather an auspicious one and was performed before a hometown audience. The Army were the victims and the hollow triumph read 43-11 when Petty Officer 'Ginger' O'Brien (official scorer) tabulated the finals.

The locals have been practising faithfully every week. Theirs will be no padded path as their list of exhibition encounters include two of Montreal's finest outfits, Combines and McGill University. Just how classv our laddies will prove to be shall soon be in evidence.

George and Stu Aldcroft, a pair of Vancouver sharpshooters, have been the scoring greats to date, the former collecting an even dozen in each of two games and the latter picking up a total of 16 digits in the brace.

Defensively Alf Hurley, Jack Wedley and Steve Levantis have been standouts, scintillating with their par excellence blocking and quick rushing tactics.

The 40-37 dunking we absorbed was brought about mostly by the quick breaking type of play the Air Force modelled and it proved slightly too much for a travel weary bunch of tars. Echoes of there will be another day were very clear, however, and without too much rebuff on the Fliers' part.

The Army game was barely a contest from the start. Signal School displayed too much moxy and accurate passing ability for the aging Army knights of the court.

Following are the players and their scoring totals to date.

Name	F.	G.	F.T.	Fls.	Pts.
G. Aldcroft	10	4	0	0	24
S. Aldcroft	8	0	0	0	16
Galbraith	5	0	0	0	10
Levantis	4	1	0	0	9
Hurley	4	0	0	0	8
Wedley	2	0	0	0	4
Caldwell	1	0	0	0	2
Makinsok	1	0	0	0	2
Hall	0	1	1	1	1
White	0	1	2	1	1



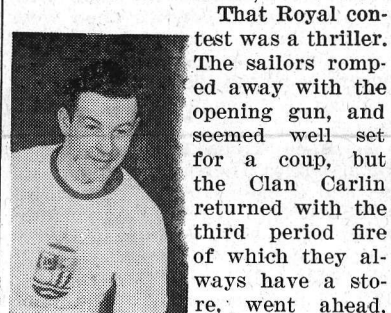
A scene from the Army-Signal School hoop tiff in H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe's new gymnasium shows high scoring George Aldcroft dropping a short one from inside the key. Brother Stu is seen off on the left with Galbraith waiting underneath the basket for a possible rebound. Referee Keith Matthews is between the two. The helplessness of the outclassed Army team can be clearly noted from this picture.

## Small Test for Tars Among Local Crop

### Unbeaten This Year, Trios Find Balance

There has been little in the way of opposition tossed at our senior hockiests this side of Christmas, they have devoured with relish all passed their way, and as a result may find the edge off the appetite when the next classy sextet bears down under full sail with hungry jaws agape.

Not since the Royals eked out an 8-7 waverer back on Dec. 20th have the middles known defeat, and Drummondville, Victoriaville, Cyclones, Army squads from Montreal and Sherbrooke have all fallen one by one, and Signal School can look back on a seven game streak with some satisfaction, for there were some stiff tiffs.

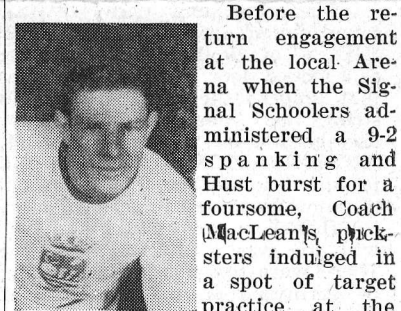


Alec Hyrn sed, with Pee Wee Read knocking on their doorstep in the final seconds.

Just so history can go on repeating itself, the tars pulled the same feat in Drummondville's home environs some time later. On this Saturday evening Johnny Jackson was the dark haired cherub. Exploding one of those flashes which make this great young player so outstanding, he pulled victory out of defeat with a three goal spurge in the third. All three were set up by line-mates Read and Samson, and came when Navy was trailing 4-2 to a fighting sextet of homesters who played as if inspired.

A state of complacency and a feeling of superiority had got the tars in the jam. Expecting little trouble from their hosts they loung-

ed thru the first, and were two tallies in the red before they could stem the drive. At that they were fortunate to eke out a 6-5 victory.



Before the return engagement at the local Arena when the Signal Schoolers administered a 9-2 spanking and Hust burst for a foursome, Coach MacLean's phcksters indulged in a spot of target practice at the expense of Montreal Cyclones, a much vaunted crew who for some time had been making passes at Bob Lebel's I.P.S.H.L. and its Valleyfield Braves. This bolstered bevy, the aforementioned Cyclones, were sent wafting back towards home as a gentle breeze, thoroughly winded and the recipients of a 7-3 drubbing in which each of Navy's attacking lines pumped home a couple, displaying fine balance, and featuring the forechecking of Jerry Bauer, a hard working, driving centre, and a tough luck player who has few goals for reward, yet who's value to the club is tremendous.

## Our Girls Slip in Starter

St. Hyacinthe's senior Wrens' basketball five debuted before about 700 rampant fans last week in an excitement-filled affair against Montreal's C.W.A.C. band, and the latter copped the nod by a 31-16 count.

The fevered and forgetful play of the local lassies cost them whatever chance they had of winning this important opening. That plus the momentous Captain Clements, Commanding Officer of the Cwacs' camp. The tall centre popped in 16 points, ninety percent of which were from'neath the basket off rebounds.

Sage Ley led the locals with eight points and with any kind of luck would have been in double figures. Marian Weaver, captain of the Wrens' quintette, turned in a sound game and collected 6 points to boot.

That the Wrens will improve is a certainty and two mythical champions could very easily be crowned in the camp this year.

Other tiffs of lesser note do not bear mention, but all along the way Ron Pickell has been guarantee against cordage corruption, relieved in measure by the presence of Williams and Ogston, Gamble and Samson out front. Sniping for goals at a merry clip the forward combos, Andrews, Read and Jackson, then later Donkin; Campbell-Bauer-Ganci, the heavy checking work-horse trio; and the two Hyrns, Hurst, with Pow, currently hitting a great pace.

So the boys in blue ride high. It will come tho, perhaps tomorrow, or next week, for fattened on weaker foe some of the edge is bound to go, until a tiff or two against the tougher company strung along the road ahead restores the stride. Then our sailors will continue apace, don't look for them to drop many as they go.

## STANDING

Player	G	A	Pts	Pen
Read	20	27	47	2
Jackson	21	15	36	4
Campbell	15	18	33	6
Ganci	13	15	28	4
Bauer	6	13	25	5
Hyrn, Andy	11	14	25	5
Andrews	9	11	20	2
Donkin	10	7	17	2
Hyrn, Alec	8	9	17	4
Hurst	10	6	16	6
Samson	4	11	15	12
Williams	2	11	13	8
Ogston	3	5	8	13x
Gamble	2	5	7	30
Pow	1	2	3	6

x one major — 5 minutes.



## Splurge in Third Swells Navy's Win, Doughboys Dunked

The local hockey faithful viewed the best display of puck-chasing in many weeks here on the evening of Jan. 18th., when Sherbrooke Army assailed Navy's home bailiwick only to be repulsed 8-4 tho hanging on and making it a fight for two frames. Throughout the fast encounter the tars carried a slight scoring edge, tho the plucky Army squad tied the tally twice in the second, after trailing 1-0 at the end of the first. The sailors' sights were trained in the final when they rang up their decisive win.

Navy's Neil Andrews and Art Hurst led their attack with two markers apiece, Samson, Read, Campbell and Bauer adding the others, while for the losers Plante and Paul Bergeron provided all the scoring, each firing a brace, the former also meriting an assist, and sparking Army throughout.

Appearing for the first time in the homesters' cage was tall, rangy Bill Sutherland from last year's west coast Navy six, debuting as a capable rubber-stopper on the occasions when the visitors threatened. While Bill was not too busy, his Army confrere was beset by a constant hail of shots, and the worthy Saucy came thru sensationally, only his glittering performance keeping the score on its low plane.

It developed into quite a contest later on. Art Hurst notched the lone tally of the first with Andy Hyrn drawing an assist on the play. The fighting doughboys came back to tie twice in the second, once on Paul Bergeron's first early in the frame, and again from Plante after Andrews had hoisted Read's pass into the mesh. With the knotting goal fourteen seconds old Manny Samson gave Navy a 3-2 lead on a backhand that was labled all the way.

Lashing out suddenly in the last the tars poured in four fast converts, Andrews, Read, Campbell and Hurst in succession, before the baffled soldiers recovered to poke their final two home. To no avail, it was too little too late, and Jerry Bauer flipped the tars' eighth and last from a face off.

The Hyrn, Hyrn, Hurst trio, interspersed by patches of Pow, was the only line that really hit its stride, and Arturo continued his terrific goal-getting pace. The rugged Hurst, into the game again after a long sea stint, has bulged the twine ten times in the last four games, and has been a great added power to the combo.

### BOOKSHELF GLANCES

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## Wedley's Wards Open Court Schedule

P.T.I. Jack Wedley, talented guard on the senior basket-ball team and head of the Inter-Part League, has slashed his loop to eleven squads to better the chances of a full schedule being completed.

The V/S, W/T, and R.A. branches have two teams each, with single entries from Radar, C. & P.O.'s, Officers, Ships Co and Acct. Branch rounding out the loop. Ten of these play once weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the odd quintet getting a bye. Monday evening is thus left free for practice sessions, and all in all things are looking up to a successful season.

NAVY: Goal: Sutherland; Defence: Williams, Ogston, Samson, Gamble; Forwards: Andrews, Read, Donkin, Campbell, Bauer, Ganci, Alec Hyrn, Andy Hyrn, Hurst, Pow.  
ARMY: Goal: Saucy; Defence: Leroux, Boisert, Bob Bergeron, Peloquin; Forwards: Latarte, Conrad Lavoie, Oscar Lavoie, Tremblay, Plante, Paul Bergeron, Couture.  
REFEREE: Pean Bennett.  
LINESMEN: Johnny Burt, Campbell.

## Maple Mashers Into Last Lap

### Chippies Take Early Advantage, Turner Sets Pace

The prexy Len MacKenzie lolls on leave his bowling league gathers momentum in the final half, the fierce struggle for a play-off berth goading all twelve teams to a trundling peak. Aided and abetted by a gift of three from the defaulting Chief Yeomen, Leslie's Chippies are carrying an eight point tally in their last nine starts, holding a margin of two over an even five teams tied for No 2 slot. At this early point in the race it's anyone's ball game, but the leaders realize that they're harder to get later on, so they're stacking up every one that comes their way via the flying hardwood.

Still hitting a 218 clip, the Shipwrights' Captain Fred Turner holds close to the average lead, and coasts with a comfortable margin over the nearest aspirants. Fred trundles a consistent ball and sparked his squad to a first place tie in the opening portion of the schedule.

The Wreckers' Tommy Buck continues to have the best single bid, while his team captain MacKenzie shares triple honors with the P.O. Tels' Hec Racine, but all know their glory is but brief and fleeting, for better efforts will appear ere cut-off time.

### TEAM STANDING

	W	L	Pts.
Chippies	8	1	8
Guards	6	3	6
R.A.B.P.	6	3	6
Sv. A's	6	3	6
P.O. Tels.	6	3	6
Gooks II	6	3	6
R.A.'s	4	5	4
Cooks	4	5	4
Shipwrights	4	5	4
Wreckers	3	6	3
Yeomen	1	8	1

### THE BIG TEN

Player	Team	Ave
Turner, Shipwrights		218
Adkin, Wreckers		211
Seager, Guards		206
Jenkins, R.A.'s		205
Shannon, Wreckers		202
Jones, Shipwrights		200
Racine, P.O. Tels		199
Smillie, Wreckers		199
Lerner, Yeomen		198
Politano, Shipwrights		191
High Triple — Racine, P.O. Tels and MacKenzie, Wreckers, 788.		
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### ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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RED SHIELD HOSTESS HOUSE, 640 Cathcart Street. Open 24 hours. Residence for men and women of the services and their families, while on leave.  
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## Victoriaville Drubbed at Home by Sailors

The home town Tigers iced a couple of ex-N. H. L.-ers and enough pucksters for a football squad, but all their efforts were of no avail against a high-riding skeleton Navy crew who journeyed down Saturday Jan. 20th and thoroughly drubbed the Bengals before a packed house that saw the bueshirts in full command after the hosts had taken a one goal opening lead. The tars were out front 2-1 and 4-2 in the first two, finally taking the bit in their teeth in the last to skate off with an 8-3 advantage.

Making last minute arrangements for the trip, Coach MacLean had along his top goalie Ron Pickell, guarded by a defence threesome of Williams, Gamble and Samson. The two attacking units had Andrews at left wing with the Hyrn boys, while Jerry Bauer centred Campbell and Ganci, this latter "Hitch" or in this case more aptly typed "Scoop", our informant on proceedings.

Former Canadian Red Goupille gave the homesters their only lead in the first, cancelled ere long by garrulous Ganci's initial bid, and once Andy Hyrn gave the flying sailors a head they never looked back. At least not more than a glance when the Tigers tallied once more in the second and again in the third, for Navy was busy adding to its own row of lights. Bill Campbell added number three in the second, and Joseph of Kitchener did it again as they ran a 4-2 lead. In the last, to quote that colorful collaborator, the rains came, and the sailors showered Johnny Marois, Toronto Leafs' part time net-minder of last year, netting four biscuits past him into the pay-off locker.

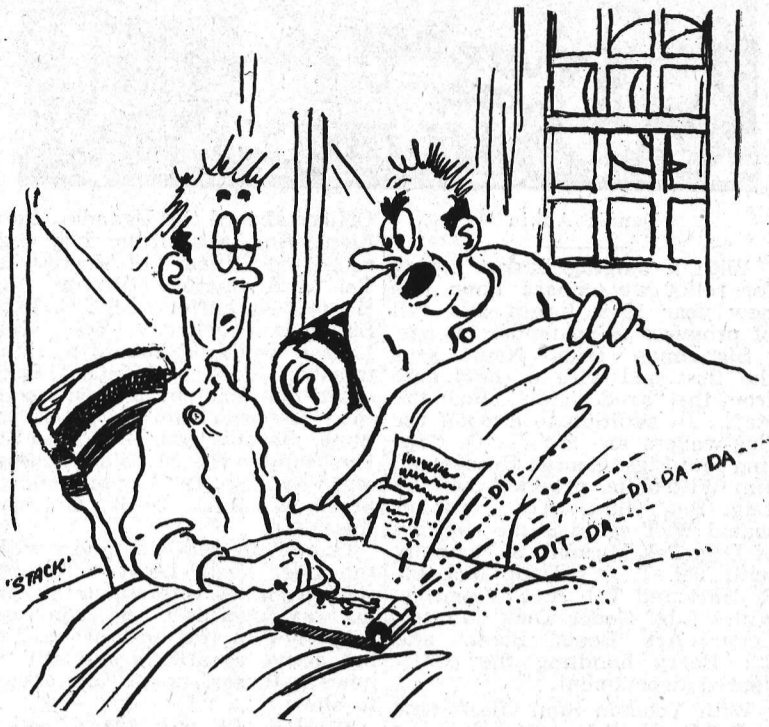
Victoriaville's weight of numbers was a constant threat to Navy's edge, but the boys in blue took advantage of all their opportunities, and the result was a fast top notch encounter from start to finish.

Sunday tours to places of interest in Montreal. Supper at six, followed by Evening Service in one of the city churches. Meet at Red Shield Hostess House, 640 Cathcart Street, Montreal, at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

## New Religious Services Inaugurated in School

Permission having been granted by N.S.H.Q. and Captain Signal School, Christian Science Church Services were held on Sunday January 7th and 21st in Building no. 39, Room 390 at 1030, conducted by Mr. Baikie and Mr. Thackeray. C. S. Welfare Workers from Montreal. Regular services, to which all are cordially invited, will be held on alternate Sundays, same place, same time, i.e., February 4th and 18th, at 1030, in Room 390.

inquiries to—  
R.A.S. Gordon Webster.  
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I don't give a damn how many S.B.X.'s you have to read tomorrow. — Go to sleep and SHUT UP!! SHUT UP!!

## R.C.N. and V.R. Long Service Medals Awarded

### SIX ARE PRESENTED WITH AWARDS

With the war edging well into its sixth year, more and more R.C.N. and peacetime R.C.N.V.R. veterans become eligible for the award of Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. During the past two months, presentations have been made to the following:

#### C.Y.S. Bonthron

Tunic displaying the blue-edged-with-white ribbon which distinguishes the long-service R.C.N. man we have Chief Yeoman of Signals Harry Bonthron, known to all and sundry as "Bonnie"... Earnest, sincere, and a keen sportsman, CYS Bonthron is a man of much service in many ships. Engaged now in teaching the ropes... and flags... to would-be bunting tossers. Bonnie was formerly on the V/S Instructional Staff in H.M.C.S. "KINGS". An active figure in Mess affairs, he is a hard-working member of the Chief & P.O.'s Mess Entertainment Committee, and an enthusiastic participant in most inter-part sports.

#### Yeoman Laws

Yeoman of Signals (S) Albert Laws, who sports the abbreviated cognomen of "Bert", is the man who picks up the phone at the other end when you ring V/S Stores. Bert has a long, interesting career in the R. N. behind him, and is an able raconteur of hair-raising stories of native uprisings in the East, and adventure in general. After much persuasion, he will sometimes come across with an abridged version of the story of how he was awarded the Indian Humane Society Medal. Yeoman Laws left the R.N. in '22, rejoined the R.C.N. (Temp) in May of 1940. A seasoned entertainer, his "lighted indian-club act" is well-known in troop concert and benefit entertainment circles.

#### Leading Telegraphist Fidler

While there isn't a great deal of data available on Leading Tel. Bill Fidler, our first VR awardee of the month, we do know that he has been plying the bounding main for more than a goodly portion of his five and a half years' Active Service, and oldsters in Signal School will remember seeing his familiar features around from time to time. L/Tel. Fisher was drafted to "Peregrine" recently for a return to sea-service.

#### C.P.O. Tel. Lang

A seasoned VR man, CPO Telegraphist John Lang can boast of over fourteen years' continuous service in the Wavy Navy. After a sojourn on the seas in the early years of the war, John joined Saint Hy. in October, 1941, for a W/T-2 course, and, upon being rated Act. P.O. Tel., was retained as an Instructor until November '42. After another spell of sea-time, this time to qualify for the Chief rate, this capable W/T man was wisked back to Signal School, and is again endocrinating ambitious youths in the mysteries of telegraphy. A keen student of contemporary politics, CPO. Tel. Lang is skilled in rhetoric and debate, and can be de-

pended upon to voice sane and clever opinions on any question of current interest.

#### P. O. Nichol

Carrying, until recently, the distinction of being the only gunnery Petty Officer in Saint Hyacinthe, Petty Officer (Q. R. II) Robert D. Nichol is another pre-war RCNVR man who now sports on his jacket the red and green ribbon of the Reserve Long Service Medal. Nick, as he is called by his mess-mates, is the expert who guides the shaky hand of the neophyte in the rather uncertain business of trying to hit a man-size moving target with a .455 pistol, down in the shanghai-pistol-range. P.O. Nichol, it may be told, can place six shots in a two-inch square at thirty feet — no mean feat, as anyone who has had to contend with a bounding .455 will freely admit!!

#### Leading Telegraphist Taylor

One of that group generally not in evidence when the plaudits are passed is Leading Tel. Sidney Taylor, a VR man from 'way back who has been plying the Atlantic and the Pacific since the outbreak of war. Sid, who but recently qualified for the award of the R.C.N.V.R. Long Service Medal, has seen sea-service in the "Malaspina", "Churchill", "Caracquet", and "Montreal". Leading Tel. Taylor underwent a W/T-2 course here about a month ago... is probably at sea agin at the present time.



Everyone must have heard the story of the keybird but few have seen him. Well, here he is. He's the fellow that sits on a huge piece of ice at the north pole and sings — "Key Key Key Key-ripes it's cold."

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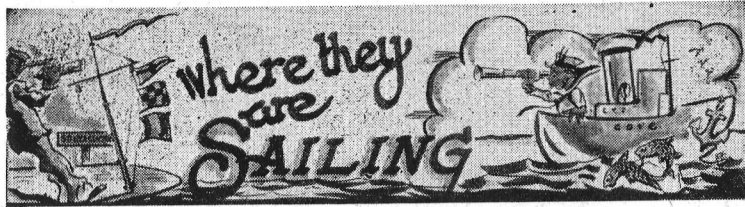
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Dennis Adkin

With a bulging basket crying for relief we embark upon this new year 1945, bright and full of promises at so tender an age. Signalman Bruce Nault gets the first nod with a short note from the "Fredericton" about the staff. In addition to himself the flag-wavers are Sig. T. O. Capling and Sigs. George Brodie and Jim Wittebolle, presided over by Ldg. Sig. Gale. The cushion seated W/T cabin is the station of Ldg. Tel. Muschik in company with Tel. T. O.'s Doug McLeod, R. Hart and Tel. A. Christensen. with Ldg. Coder Dick Tranter. Coders Art "Boots" Booth and Joe Barry handling the confidential department.

With Yeoman Stan Glass, now at S.T.C., Halifax, and brimming as ever with data... Chief Writer Harvey Holmes, pioneer of the St. Hy Ships Office, as well as instigator of this publication, now a Stad mainstay and angry at this column's culprit for lack of penned lines... Sig. V/S 3 Bill Irwin relieved our Yeoman on HMCS "Caracuet", and other newcomers arriving at the same time were Ldg. Tel. George McWeiney and Tel. T. O. Gord Bremner... A former Sig. and R.P.O. at St. Hyacinthe, Jacques Lacoursiere prows the Central Reg Office of "Peregrine"... not far off in the same establishment R.P.O. Fred McLachlan with Signal School in Stad II... Bill Cotter, M.A.A. now an R.P.O. at St. Hy, presently serving on the west coast... Many familiar faces in the S.T.C.... Sig. Bos'n Bill Wickens, ex-president of St. Hy's C. & P. O.'s Mess, C. Yeo. "Squeak" Benson, C. Yeo. Andy Greer, C.P.O. Tel (SO) George Holme, C.P.O. Tel. L. Stone, Yeo. Buddy Mathews, Jack Whitworth, Ken Jones, also P.O. Tel. G. Simpson and Ldg. Tel. Arthur Thorne... That renowned fisticuff Ldg. Sig. Harry Reath hiding out in the Drawing Office.

Still Glass... round and about... Yeo. Fred Holloway on the Haida, Yeo. Chadsey on the Sussexvale, Yeo. MacIntosh of the New Lis-kard, Convoy Yeo. "Spud" Murphy in Stad., Yeo. Bill McQueen now on a frigate, Lieut. John Brebner former Ldg. Sig. now Signal Officer on the Haida telling of his brother Lieut. Walter, ex Sig. T. O. senior W/T

Officer aboard the Uganda... Sub. Lieut. Jim Jack former Ldg. Sig. as Signal Officer of Vegreville, Tel. C. Arsenault still on the Haida... As buffer of S.T.C. Ldg. Sig. Don Brackett... Yeo. Jim Layton lording it aboard the Matapedia... C. Yeo. "Pritch" Pritchard handling the Reg Office in the Communication Block at Stad... Recent departures from St. Hy, Supply P.O.'s Fred Johnson and Fred "Scotty" Upton, both in Stad... C.E.R.A. Cecil Gorman there too.

One of the real old timers with the Log, Sub. Lieut. Tommy Carson passed thru but lately on his way towards a rest from sea duty, not in the best of health but active as always and still a news gatherer, as we are about to show.

Former St. Hy I.D.O. man Coder Doug Murch still holding down a job in the Office of Captain "D"'s Operations in Halifax... C.P.O. Tel. Peter Jackson seen behind the counter in W/T Stores, Dockyard... paying respects to the "Orillia" War. Tel. Wilkinson, on a trip in from Newport... Members of the branch getting a spot-a-the-besta... O. Tel. G. A. Callahan from Stad Sig. Ossie Black from Kings... Wren Tel. M. Webb... Ldg. Sig. Bobbie Crookall from the old "Merrittonia"... Sig. J. H. Urquhart of the "Nanose"... Fort Francis' Sig. Tommy Axford... Tels. E. Hard and W. Bruce from the Stratford.

In the way of news from Newfie... Older members of the department will be interested to hear of the recent promotion to Payr. Lieut. of "Buck" Killam. Stationed in St. John's Dockyard, "Buck" has just done an A-1 job of seeing to it that ships calling around about Christmas were stocked with good foods with which to enjoy the festive season... Warren L. Peppercorn heads the list of recent advancements, being rated Tel... Charlie St. Dennis is now A/Ldg. Coder. Ronnie Tucknott A/Yeo. and H. B. Lillwall, A. G. Smith, Eddie Arkinson, Bill McGinn and Bob Brooker have all been rated Tels. Around the S.T.C.... Sig. Bos'n Wolfe recently returned from the other side... Highlights of a Staff dance were vocal renditions by Wren Annabelle Stewart and piano numbers by Coder Jimmy Johnson... Ldg. Signalwomen Dot

Markham of Regina spotted about the Station... South Side S.D.O. runs smoothly under Sig. T. O. Paul Dallaire, flying both medal ribbons and the Leaves for being mentioned in Despatches... Paul has Sig. Muncey as his right bower... Drop-ins about the S. D. O. of late... Yeo. George Fenn. Ldg. Sig. Phil Vyner, Sigs. Norm Tyler, Doug Behan and Don Mitchell... In the vicinity of the jetty caught Ldg. Coder Bill McLaughlin, ex St. Hy M.C.O.-er, standing by for his O.T.C. at Cornwallis... P.O. Tel. McCormick, Ldg. Tel. Phil Lyons, Tels. Bill Gough and Stan Paul.

A last fling from Stan... Sig. Ken Bowles who played a couple of games of hardball in '43 at St. Hy, now on the Restigouche with Yeo. W. Grantham... A/Yeo. J. Bull on the Toronto, Yeo. Dunc Hutchinson in charge of P.W.S.S. at Camperdown... A/Yeo. Tommy Hume aboard St. Catherines... Yeo. Taffy Huges on Carplace... on the Etrick are P.O. Tel. Larry Mann and Yeo. Herby Jones... Not long ago reigning behind the St. Hy Mess Deck counter, P. O. Cook Gerry Meisner is on the Lethbridge... S.B.P.O. Jimmy Paige former toy hand in Sick Bay at Signal School, out and about... Amen.

Two Comms now Believe in Santa - and How!

A NEWFOUNDLAND PORT — When Signalman Keith C. Moore and Telegraphist Jack Coghill of H.M.C.S. Peterborough jokingly addressed a letter to "Santa Claus", Fleet Mail Office, Newfoundland, and asked for "125 pounds of the nicest female alive", they didn't expect their missive would do much except hand the censor a few laughs. But now they really believe in Santa Claus!

Said the letter, in part: "Being out here where the water's plenty and the company equally the opposite, it's not an easy job to think what we would like most of all. We think it would please any sailor's heart to find a nice big box on Christmas morning, filled with about 125 pounds of the nicest female alive."

Special Services, Lieut. Cdr. Whitehead and Public Relations huddled with this provocative request, consulting Lieut. Jack Raine, R.C.N.R., commanding officer of the Peterborough. "Give them the works," smiled Raine.

His signals officer, Lieut. Bob Gander, R.C.N.V.R., was dispatched with a mysterious order for Moore and Coghill to get into the rig of the day, the captain wanted to see them.

Then, at the gangway of the ship, in huge Fleet Mail Bags labelled "Special Delivery, F.M.O.," two attractive Wrens of the Newfoundland Command, Beth Prindeville of Ottawa (who weighs 124 just one pound under specifications) and Peg Sauriol of White River, Ont., were delivered to the astonished ratings. "Now we really believe in Santa Claus," chorused Moore and Coghill. And they didn't waste any time springing into action. That night they double-dated the Wrens.

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While this appeal is especially directed to those in the Signal School, we also welcome contributions from our 'outside' readers, who are invited to forward material to the Managing Editor.

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I know that the "Signal Log" is enjoyed by you, the mothers, fathers, wives and Sweethearts of our men and women in the senior service and I am going to pass a little suggestion on to you through this corner. How often have you heard and read what a letter does to the morale of those in the service! Every day at noon I see Naval personnel rushing from their classes. Do they go immediately to dinner? No, there is something far more important than food at this time. The Post Office is their first stop. I have seen lads go in for their mail with a smile on their face and come out sad and carrying that let down feeling because that expected letter was not there. Probably work in the classroom would hit a new low that afternoon because that letter was not received. We are not too far removed from the New Year to make resolutions. Sit down often and let your loved ones know you are always with them — let them know that you think they are — as I know they are — the finest group of men and women in the service. It is the best ammunition that you in your own home can manufacture for the final defeat of the enemy. Keep those letters coming often and keep your loved ones happy. The other side of the picture and just as important for those of you in uniform is to remember that a letter sent home OFTEN is just as important to the ones at home as a letter is to you. Perhaps I should say — "Keep them going and they will keep coming."

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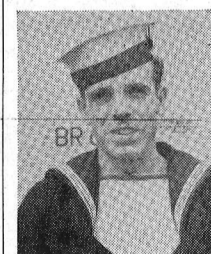
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