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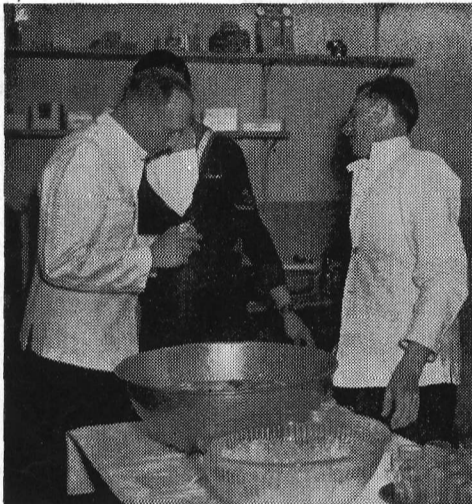
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## "Hookies" Opening Dance



Saturday, June 23 marked the official opening of the Leading Hands Lounge in H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe with their first dance. Located in the Old Chiefs and Petty Officers Mess, the new Killicks Lounge is comfortably furnished and has its own canteen. Wives and Lady Friends of the hookies attended the dance and may be seen below, making the best of a good evenings entertainment. Upper shot shows L/Coder J.C. Smilie, Canteen Mgr. mixing a potent brew aided by Ldg. Snn. J. A. Hartling standing at right.

R.C.N. Photo's — King



## "Redskins" from "Uganda" Place Second in Novel War Canoe Race

WITH THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET — The "Maoris" of New Zealand and the "Redskins" of Canada showed the way when ships of the British Pacific Fleet held a war canoe race during a lull in operations recently.

Men from the New Zealand-manned cruiser H.M.S. Gambia nosed out the Canucks by half a boat-length to place first in the race, which was witnessed by thousands of officers and men lining the decks of powerful carriers, battle-wagons and other ships. Sixteen other ships of the fleet were represented in the race.

Many of the crews showed up at the starting line in full war paint, headdress and regalia, complete with tom-toms to inspire the paddlers. Uganda arrived on the scene with a striking Totem Pole at the head of the boat, the work of Lieut. J.G. Mills, of Toronto. Whalers had to be used as "canoes".

## Regret Felt as "Yorker", Only Navy Weekly, Folds

We learn this month that one of our most popular contemporary Navy newspapers has just closed shop. The "Yorker", the only Naval weekly, went to press with the final issue on June 25, and we feel sure that all ex-York ratings will experience a pang of lament on learning that they will no longer be able to take a "flying trip" back to D.H.Q. via the entertaining pages of their favorite tabloid.

The Editor-in-chief, A/LS Annis Stukus of rugby fame has been responsible, together with his present staff and his predecessors, for a bang-up job in the history of Navy publications and it is with deep personal regret that we hear that the Yorker has "hit the streets" for the last time.

## Premature Depth Charge Explosion Fatal to 4 Comms. Injures 7 Others

### Only Two Members of Communications

### Mess Escape Uninjured

Shortly after a successful attack on an enemy submarine while in company with two other Canadian frigates, H.M.C.S. Strathadam experienced a premature explosion on board that cost the lives of six ratings and injured nine others. Four of the dead and seven of the injured were Communications ratings. Actual date of the occurrence has not been released.

"Strathadam" was investigating a submarine contact and Officers and men on watch had closed up in readiness for action. General action stations had not been sounded however and many of the crew were below decks when the accidental explosion occurred.

Flying metal perforated the fore-castle deck and punched holes in the upper deck equipment. The most severe damage was sustained in the deckhead above the communications mess and it was in this part of the ship that most of the casualties occurred.

Of 13 men in the mess at the time, four were killed and two were seriously wounded, three badly hurt and all but two of the others suffered minor hurts. One of the bridge lookouts was killed when a steel splinter hit him under the chin.

Yeoman of Signals Ian McKellar of Montreal was one of the two uninjured men in the comms. mess.

"I heard a big bang" he said, "and saw a flash of light. All our mess-traps were smashed."

Assisting Strathadam's doctor — Surgeon Lieutenant D.D. McKercher — in the treatment of the wounded men was Surgeon Lieutenant John Drummond of H.M.C.S. Thetford Mines, one of the other frigates. The third ship was H.M.C.S. La Hullose.

Following is a list of the casualties:

John Charles Griffin C. Telegraphist, New Westminster, B.C.

James Thorpe FRIEND, Telegraphist, New Westminster, B.C.

Dennis William Andrew McEWEN, Leading Tel., North Bend, B.C.

Clifford Irvin PURDY, Coder, Vancouver, B.C.

### INJURED

Thomas McLAY, O/Tel., Kimberley, B.C.

John Frank CULLEN, Telegraphist, Ottawa, Ont.

Charles Robert KENNEDY, Signalman, Calgary, Alta.

Harry Franklin STOLIKER, O/Signalman, Belleville, Ont.

Kenneth Carl COULTER, O/Tel., Moose Jaw, Sask.

Wilho Edward MAKI, Coder, Fort William, Ont.

Russell MALEWICH, Signalman, Edmonton, Alta.

## Was in School for First Wren Officer's "S" Course Now "Flag" to R-Admiral

Lieutenant Marion O'Toole, W.R.C.N.S., of Montreal, who in January 1943 successfully passed out with the first Wren Officer's "S" class from the Signal School, now has the distinction of being the first Flag Lieutenant in the Canadian Navy. She was recently appointed "Flag" to Rear-Admiral H. E. Reid, C.B., R.C.N., Naval Member of the Canadian Joint Staff in Washington.

Upon Completion of her course here, Lieut. O'Toole was appointed to Washington and has been a Communications Officer there ever since. Her present appointment combines the duties of Flag Lieutenant and Confidential Books Officer.

Second Officer Mareen Stuart-Clarke, flag Lieutenant to Sir James Somerville, Admiral of the Fleet, is the only woman to hold a similar position in the Royal Navy.

## Flag Hoisting Yank Victory by "FV"

The first American flag hoisting competition held in H.M.C. Signal School was nobly fought for and the opposition successfully routed, being ably deployed by Yeoman Ballinger, the coach, to whom a great deal of the credit is due. The spirit displayed by the winning team is to be commended. We are sure that this spirit will carry on to actual operations. Congratulations "FV"!

Following is the box score:

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts.
FX	4	0	4	0	0
FV	4	4	0	0	8
FW	4	2	2	0	4

## 4 Extra Claws for Added Protection!

An odd-looking creature has lately been seen in the environs of H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe. This freak of nature is that most popular of Sailors' pets, the ships' cat. While the freakishness of our particular hero is perhaps not too noticeable, it nevertheless does give one a bit of a shock to find a seven-toed forepaw gently playing with one's 32 inch bell-bottoms.

Another oddity that is also quite striking are the kitten's eyes. Instead of the usual detached, almost supercilious stare of the normal feline, our pet's eyes are soft and friendly, their colour having the gentle sheen of bronze velvet. But, through bitter experience, one soon learns that behind that velvet mask, there still lurks the lordly Jungle.

tease or individualist, those two for mere deco-

However, the proper amount of our famous young freak of the seashell coloring responds with all the kittenish pranks at his command. We are justly proud of our most recent addition to the Ship's Company—Long may he live!

## Pat Has Had It!

Chief Yeoman of Signals Pat O'Hare, well known to all "York" men, has finally called a halt to his Navy life. With a record such as his we feel that here is a man who really deserves a hand on civvy street.

Pat has fifty-two years service time behind him and his records will show that he has sailed with ships covering every part of the world. He was over age at the beginning of this war but still in all has had five and a half years of it.

Chief O'Hare is sixty-nine years of age and prior to this war he served eleven years with the army "just to keep his hand in".

We are sure that Pat will enjoy that spot of rest with "the missus" that he intends to take. Good luck Pat and happy sailing.

## "Matane" is Victim Glider Bomb; Signalman Missing

A BRITISH NAVAL BASE: While on anti-submarine patrol seven miles off Ushant in the approaches to the English Channel, the Canadian built Frigate H.M.C.S. Matane was struck by a glider bomb from a German Dornier some time before V-E day, it was announced recently in Ottawa. Among the casualties reported was Signalman Douglas Waterhouse of Brantford Ontario who was reported missing. Two other men are missing, one died of wounds and 11 others were seriously wounded.

Second Canadian fighting ship reported hit by a glider bomb, Matane was in company with three other Canadian frigates when the Lutwaffe struck—H.M.C.S. Swansea, H.M.C.S. Stormont and H.M.C.S. Meon.

Earlier in the day a German Junkers 188 had been observed shadowing the Canadian group, a report that created considerable surprise as practically no German planes had been operating above these waters since D-day. Mosquitoes were sent out to provide aerial cover but at 2000, without having seen any sign of enemy aerial activity, returned to their base.

One hour later the Dorniers struck.

Matane, the only ship fated to feel the Lutwaffe's sting, fell victim to the second bomb released. It glanced off her after gun deck, exploding alongside causing considerable damage. It has also been announced however, that she returned to operational services again before V-E day.

## Shipbuilding Town Last Port of Call for Many R.C.N. Ships

### CREWS FROM DECOMMISSIONED SHIPS PASS THROUGH SIGNAL SCHOOL

Canada's small ships have been built, has now become the port of Decommissioning for many corvettes, minesweepers and Fairmiles and has already received more than twenty ships.

Crews from these ships which are now "paying off" stop in the Signal School where their transportation is arranged back to the coast. In the majority of cases the crews arrive in the morning and go on draft again the same night.

Perhaps the most unusual event in the town's history was the arrival of some 300 Indian merchant seamen who have been billeted in an army camp near by. Some of them, it is learned, are exploring the intricacies of baseball—a game they have never seen played before — and are becoming quite expert. Although there are as many as 33 different languages spoken amongst them, they are enthusiastic to

learn French. Crews from the following ships have passed through the Signal School to date:

Edmunston — Agassiz — Arvida — Calgary — Buctouche — Mata-pedia — Cobalt — Longbranch — Dawson — Dauphin — Wetaskiwin — Chambly — Chicoutimi — Co-bourg — and also Fairmiles of the 72nd and 77th Fairmile Flotilla.

Some of the communications ratings were kept here in St. Hy. They are: L/Tel S. Taylor—L/Sig L. Mahoney L/Tel E.G. Harrison—L/Tel R. Coldwell — Sig. T/O L. Fierce—Tel. S. Moncrieff — L/Tel L. Rossiter— Sig. G. Cowie— L/Tel N. Buchan—L/Sig G. Dalgleish — Sig T/O L. Svinson—Tel R. Walton — Tel. G. Nachtical — Tel. E. Fogg — Tel. H. Wright — Sig. R. Hope—O/Sig. W. Johnstone—Sig. J. MacKenzie—Sig. D. Mersereau—Tel. M. Wright.

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# Another Success Recorded for "Tin Hats" in Second Performance Here

WAS 231st STAGING FOR VETERAN TROUPE SHOW

Stating their second performance here in the Signal School, the M.R.T. "Tin Hat Revue" was received with enthusiasm on June 13, by the personnel of this establishment and their wives and friends. It was the 231st performance for this veteran Montreal Troupe.

The acts were many and varied, displaying a vast array of talent. All the male members of the cast have seen service with one or another of the armed forces and have since continued to serve by entertaining in the various military camps.

The M.R.T. "Tin Hat Revue" comprises some 48 talented amateur entertainers, and is directed by Mr. Geoffrey Merrill. All troupers have regular jobs in offices and give their spare time to "Tin Hatting". Organized in October, 1939, the show has since staged almost one performance per week and has appeared in most Navy, Army and Airforce stations between Petawawa, Ontario and Charlestown, P.E.I.

The show, produced by Messrs. Fred Gross and Keith Handyside, is a self-contained unit... all skits dances, etc., being created and staged by the members, who also design the costumes and scenery.

One highlight of the show was a concentration of the Broadway hit "Oklahoma", which has just recently been added to the production, and was significant in that the time was cut from two and a half hours to fifteen minutes and still included the majority of the main songs. Outstanding members of the cast were the comedians Jimmy Coghill and Frank Herron, the lovely songstress Clara Allen and Violet Graham and Jack Cook who with Len Reuben played the two grand pianos which accompanied the entire show.

"The Signal Log" records a vote of appreciation for this fine performance and expresses the hope that the "Tin Hats" will favour us with yet another visit at some future date.

## Gala Evening Sponsored Here by "Thumbs Up" Girls

Romance stalked the Drill Shed once again on Friday, June 22, when the Thumbs Up Club of Montreal returned with 200 of that city's fairer citizens. By 2030 the Hall was a scene of Jive artists and gliding couples with music being provided once again by our

### THAT 5-WEEK SHADOW

New-York. — Capt. Ernest L. Wood, Co. I, 800th Sig. Tr. Regt. Camp Crowder, Mo., looked over the soldiers and sailors under his command. It was a class A inspection and his practiced eye spotted a very youthful sailor with a few wispy hairs protruding from his chin.

How often do you shave, sailor?" he inquired.

"Every five weeks, sir," was the reply.

"Well, from now on," said the captain, "you shave every three weeks."

own St. Hy. Band, an aggregation which was missed badly during the month of May.

Between the dances — skits and contests were conducted on the stage, and in addition to the regular dancing several special numbers were organized, such as a spot waltz and a conga line. The latter got slightly out of control at its climax, as one can well imagine with over 400 people intent on going latin.

The Grand March, one of the evening, terminated at the refreshment tables where everyone concentrated on diminishing the supply of sandwiches, pickles, doughnuts and Cokes. The depleted look of the tables afterwards spoke well for the quality of the food.

To conclude the evening, the Entertainment Chairman, Miss Margaret Peebles, said a few words and introduced the President of the Club, Miss Margaret Cleghorn, who thanked all the boys for the grand reception the girls received. Just as many thanks are due, however, to the swell crowd who came out here to entertain the Navy. It was the second time the Club has been to St. Hy. this year, and they can keep right on coming

## DOWN THE AISLE

### Byers-Cond

At St. Jude's Church, Oakville, on the 4th of June, Ruth Elizabeth Byers and Lieut. (S.B.) Angus Lawrence Cond, R.C.N.V.R. were married by the Rev. W. C. Eccleston. Both the bride and the groom were residents of Oakville, and Lieut. Cond is at present taking a Cypher course at St. Hyacinthe.

### Duncan-White

Of great interest to everyone at the Signal School, and especially to the Photographic branch, of which the bride is a member, was the marriage of Petty Officer Muriel Duncan, W.R.C.N.S. of Montreal to Petty Officer Telegraphist Robert White, R.C.N., of Winnipeg. The wedding took place quietly in Winnipeg, where the couple were visiting the mother of the groom, Mrs. C.E. White.

### Deacon-Cobon

Another Navy wedding took place in the Lachute United Church in Lachute, Quebec, when Wren Writer Caroline Deacon became the wife of Tel. Henry Cobon on the 26th of May. The couple honeymooned at Lake Louisa in the Laurentians, and in Quebec City. Tel. Cobon is working in the Drawing Office here, and Wren Cobon in the Wren Unit Office.

### Willis-McKim

The Marriage of Dorothy Willis to Lieut. Carmen Fulton McKim took place at St. Georges Church, Montreal, on the 2nd of June. Lieut. McKim, who is the Watch-keeping Officer, and his bride, are living in St. Hyacinthe.

### Calarco-Carruthers

On the 2nd of June, Marie Margaret Calarco, of Kitchener, and Lieut. James Alexander Carruthers, of Melbourne, Ontario, were married at St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener. Lieut. Carruthers is on M's Staff here.

### White-Watson

In Montreal, at St. Paul's United Church, on the 9th of June, Annie Pearl White was united in holy matrimony to Tel. Thomas Vernon Watson. Mrs. Watson, who was born in Lancaster, England, was living in Montreal, and Tel. Watson is on the W/T Maintenance Staff here at St. Hyacinthe.

### Mizgala-Jurkowski

The 16th of June was the date set for the marriage of Frances Mizgala to Petty Officer John Jurkowski. The ceremony took place at St. Mary's Polish Church in Montreal, which is the home of both the bride and the groom. Petty Officer Jurkowski, who was formerly a member of the crew of H.M.C.S. Skeena, is at present taking an R.P.1 course at St. Hyacinthe.

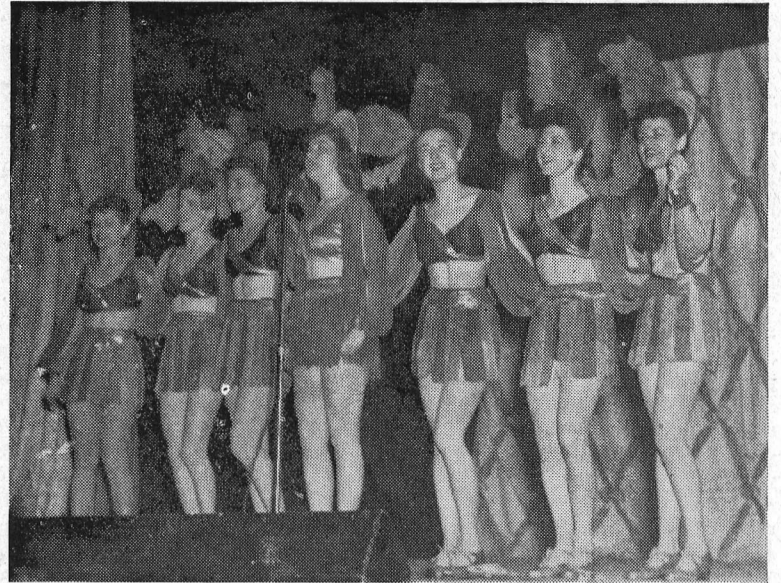
### MacDonald-Hillman

The Chapel of H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe was the setting of the wedding of Alma Grace MacDonald to Tel. Keith Frank Hillman, on Saturday, the 23rd of June. Padre Stone officiated at the ceremony which took place at 1100. The bride, who hails from Bedford, N.S., has been living in St. Hyacinthe, and the home of Tel. Hillman is Hamilton, Ontario.

### Bishop-Green

Another Chapel wedding was solemnized on the 2nd of June, when A.B. William Arthur Green took as his bride Miss Myrtle Bishop, daughter of C.P.O. Tel., and Mrs. Bishop, of St. Hyacinthe. Bill's home is in Montreal. After their wedding trip the couple will live in St. Hyacinthe.

## Seven Lovely "Tin Hats"



The girls of the Tin Hat Chorus Line, shown above during one of their dances, are a big factor in the success of the show. They all have several other parts to play and are kept hopping between acts changing costumes.

## NEW ENTRIES...

### ELLIOT

Ldg. Sig. Gerald Elliot was doing a lot of talking about Dennis Gerald Elliot around the first of this month. Dennis was ushered into the world on the 2nd of June at Toronto Western Hospital, Toronto. The proud pop was corporal of the guard here, and is now working in the Pacific Records Office.

### SHIRLEY

Chief Yeo. A.E. Shirley had an extra reason to celebrate the 24th of May this year, as that date marked the arrival of Michael James Shirley, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria. Chief Shirley has been instructing here for 14 months now, and Mrs. Shirley was staying here in St. Hyacinthe until a short while ago. Michael weighed in at 7 lbs, 7 oz., and shows signs of becoming a regular young Superman.

### ROGER

Any extra special touches which may have been introduced into the bugle calls here on the 1st of June were undoubtedly in celebration of the arrival of Diana Lina Jane, brand-new daughter of Bugler Andre Roger, who made her debut at St. Charles Hospital in St. Hyacinthe. Now we are wondering if the post-war lives of Diana and her mother, Therese, will be regulated by those same calls which seem to have quite an influence on our own lives here.

### ANDERSON

1195 De La Bruere St., St. Hyacinthe, will soon have a new resident when John Richard Anderson, son of Petty Officer Archibald Hugh Anderson and Marjorie Anderson, who was born at St. Charles Hospital, St. Hyacinthe, on the 16th of June, comes home. P.O. Anderson is doing Regulating duty in the Radar School at present.

### LAWLESS

Former Telegraphist Patrick Lawless, who achieved the rank of Civilian on the 25th of June, has

## Opening Dance is Highly Successful

"HOOKIES" OFFICIALLY OPEN NEW LOUNGE ON JUNE 23

Saturday evening, June 23, as well as being the close of the fourth day of the long-awaited summer, was also the time chosen for the first dance in the newly-opened Leading Hands Lounge.

Located in the former Chief's and P.O.'s Mess, the Lounge was decorated for the occasion with colorful flags and brightly colored streamers and tables were arranged in one section, while the other was left clear for dancing.

During the intermission refreshments were served by members of the committee, and a quiz, involving several of the dancing couples, was conducted on the stage by Alan Brewer. The majority of the questions asked were concerned mainly with the latest hit tunes and name bands. Both those who took part and those watching enjoyed the performance.

A great deal of credit goes to the Committee for making their first dance such a success and the hope they expressed that a dance would be held each month from now on is echoed by all those who attended.

been plunged into the mysteries of the Safety Pin, said mysteries being provided by Arthur Montague Lawless, who added himself to the population of Toronto on the 9th of June.

### LAFONTAINE

Stoker 1st Class David Lafontaine was beaming proudly on the 14th of June, and well he might, as that day marked the arrival of Joseph Denis Michel Lafontaine, at St. Charles Hospital St. Hyacinthe. Stoker Lafontaine, and his wife, Gilberte, have been living on St. Pierre St., St. Hyacinthe, and Dave was given his discharge on the 14th of June.

## "Something Different" Describes Russian Show

"A Show with a different angle" was the opinion of those who saw John Heft's Russian group perform here this month. In the main a musical show, the cast included talented musicians and singers and a number of Russian dancers. A 20 piece orchestra formed the background for all numbers.

Included in the itinerary were two accordeonists, each of whom had also spots and later played a

duet — a Russian Czardas. Two Cossack dancers swung through the familiar routine of the difficult Cossack dance and were followed by the "Gypsy Queen", one of the featured singers.

Both Classical and popular tunes had their place in the show, among them being "Accentuate the Positive", "Besame Mucho" and a medley consisting of "18th Century Drawing Room", "Careless", and "At the Bala Laika".



R.C.N. Photo's — Bell

Telegraphist and Mrs. Keith Hillman, left, stand at the altar in the Signal School Chapel after being united in marriage by C. of E. Padre Stone. Right: A/B and Mrs. Arthur Green about to descend the steps of the Chapel. They too were married by Padre Stone. Art Green, a well known figure in barracks, is in charge of canteens.

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# Newport News

By R.A.4/c Don Kelso.

Greetings again from the Newport Corner W/T Station. Members of our staff were delighted to see their names in print in the last issue of "THE SIGNAL LOG", and happy to know that they are not far enough back in the sticks to be forgotten entirely.

Two members of our staff have been drafted and are both back on civvy street as this issue goes to press. Tel. T.O. Alex. Mac Nabb and Cook (S) Bellefontaine are the two in question. Both have served in the VR for the past four years.

There is another gap in our ranks these days. C.P.O. Tel. (S) Allan W. Derry, known throughout the Navy as 01' Maltanlops Derry, has been drafted. Long a real bulwark at Newport, Al carries with him the best wishes of everyone here.

**DIP OF THE WEEK DEPT.** Warrant Tel. J. Wilkinson, our affable O.I.C., no longer wonders why Naval Officers bite finger nails, when exasperation sets in. This month he comes up with this one, and also swears to its veracity.

It seems that our telephone in the Windsor (N.S.) exchange has had a placard upon it forbidding personnel from making personal calls during working hours, lest they interfere with official business. Leaving the office for a brief period of time the other day, Mr. Wilkinson returned, only to encounter the astounding spectacle of Leonard (Shorty) Dixon, Tel., dungarees and all, seated in the swivel chair, feet up on the desk, and busily engaged in talking the ear off some sweet wee thing over the phone.

Naturally the storm clouds gathered and the tempest broke in nothing flat. After duly ordering the diminutive one away from the scene of the crime, Mr. W. said,

"Can't you read? It says NO calls are to be made during working hours."

Mustering his most angelic expression Shorty looked up into the O.I.C.'s face and said, "Yessir, but right now its Stand-Easy."

**STRAY MORSE...** Bob Speakman, our muscle bound A.B. has just returned from leave with the astounding news that there is now a Mrs. S., and thus congrats are in order... R.A. 3/c Horace Swonnell was fortunate enough to have Annual Leave coincide with V-E Day... Cook Russ Fiel likewise... Jimmy Smith, Tel. T.O., sends greetings to the Communications gang up in Gaspe... R.A. 4/c Gerry Johnston's new saw horse is the only one of its kind in the world! Every leg on it is of a different length... **POST WAR REHABILITATION PREVIEW,** Ross Barefoot selling jam turnovers and cokes to the ditch digging Daymen out in the cow pasture... If seismograph needles were shivering, the world over, during the month of June, it is probably due to Bob Hayes digging post holes out in the field... Herbert Schonhoffer, otherwise known as "Lightning", is probably the fastest man in the Navy when it comes to grabbing off "gash" duff at meal times... Wonder what happened to the Pickle Plan, along with the ten gallon crock... "Swede" Bjurman, (pronounced BEERman) is probably the only Finnlander in the world with a name like that one... Tel. Frank X. Phillips is back from his honeymoon and so far there is no reason to doubt his marital happiness... R.A. 4/c Jack Goodier, formerly of this Station, and now on a Frigate sends greetings to all former mates here and in St. Hyacinthe... Sgt. B. Taylor, R.C.C.S., is spending some time with us here at Newport... That's all, be seeing you.



C.P.O. Tel. E. R. Hartling

During the month of June six classes W/T 2's Q'O", W/T 2's (SO) "C", W/T 3's "ZG" SO "T", SO "U", and SO "W" have written their final exams which they passed successfully and are now enjoying "A Spot of the Besta" before proceeding to various ships. Here they are:—

W/T 2's Q "O"—Instructor P O Tel. Racine.—T. Clarkson, F. Britton, J. McFerran, J. Morrison, H. Christie, G. Pascoe, S. Nahern, S. Miller, C. Brown, W. Fletcher.

W/T 2's (SO) "C"—Instructor PO Tel. Kepner.—J. Bates, J. R. Lee, A. Hope, J. Purcell.

W/T 3's "ZG"—Instructor CPO Tel. Bishop.—L. Horley, L. Beatty, W. Cole, W. MacLean, D. Cromwell, G. Gordon, J. Ritchie, J. Manson, S. Schneider.

SO "T"—Instructor L/Tel. Spears.—R. Worden, J. McKenna, G. Bromley, J. Brown, J. Winmill, W. Bezpalko, A. Heinrichs, J. McDermott, E. Jensen, T. Maginley, H. MacGillivray, G. Jackson, R. English, R. Smith, D. George, G. Vallentyne.

SO "U"—Instructor L/Tel. MacLeod.—S. Anthony, L.B. Best, D. Eagleson, H. Gibson, G. Gilbert, G. Graham, C. Hagerman, H. Henshaw, D. Hood, E. Horlacher, A. Keane, L. Luanberg, H. Lyons, A. MacKenzie, H. Miller, L. Milner, J. Simpson, R. Slattery.

SO "W"—Instructor PO Tel Greenwood.—T.J. Egan, P. Joslyn, B. Kendrick, R. Lawrence, J. McBride, F. Perkins, E. Rutherford, J. Simmonds, L. Sundberg, W. Wier.

# Barracks Personalities



R.C.N. Photo — Brown

This month a real old timer in the R.C.N. comes to the fore as our Barracks Personality — Chief Yeoman of Signals Harry R. "Bonny" Bonthron of Halifax, who carries out the duties of Chief in the Divisional Office.

"Bonny" first joined the R.C.N. in Halifax in January 1929 and has been attached to the Signal Branch ever since. He took his initial Signalman's course in that city and then went overseas to spend 22 months with the British Home Fleet. During this time he sailed in H.M.S. Nelson, H.M.S. Campbell, a destroyer and H.M.S. Champion, a cruiser. The "Champion" was his last ship with the Home Fleet and from her he went to Commission H.M.C.S. Saguenay in May of 1931 at Portsmouth. After spending some time in the "Saguenay" and also the "Champion" he went back to Portsmouth to study and qualify for his V/S 3. Soon after completing this course, Bonny attended the unveiling of the Vimy memorial as a member of the Guard of Honor.

Chief Bonthron commissioned two other Canadian ships — H.M. C.S. St. Laurent, in January 1936 and H.M.C.S. Venture, a three masted Training Schooner in 1937, then, after spending some time aboard "St. Laurent", returned to Halifax in the summer of 1939. Shortly before the war, in August 1939, he opened the Port War Signal station at Camperdown near Halifax.

December 22, 1939 saw the Chief returning overseas on a Polish ship, the "Chrobry" to take his V/S 2 course at Portsmouth. His stay in England was not long lived this time however, and in May 1940 returned to Canada and was posted to N.S.H.Q., where he worked as a Yeoman in the S.D.O. under Commissioned Signal Bos'n Wiseman, then a Signal Bos'n. He remained there until September 1942 when he journeyed to Newfoundland to join, once again, the "St. Laurent". After a little more than a year aboard this ship he was drafted to H.M.C.S. Kings where he trained Sub. Lieutenants in Signals. The next move was the last for the Chief and brought him to the Signal School in August 1944, just about one year ago.

During the time he has spent here, both as an Instructor and in his present job, Bonny has become a very popular and important member of the Signal School both with his own mess mates and the ratings as a whole. Apart from his regular duties, he is the Caterer in the Chief and P.O.'s Mess. He was also a notorious member of the Chiefs and P.O.'s hockey team this past winter.

## "YOU TOO CAN BE A QUICK CHANGE ARTIST" — OR, WHY BE COMFORTABLE ??

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### BOOK SHELF GLANCES

by Sub. Lieut. B. W. Harmon  
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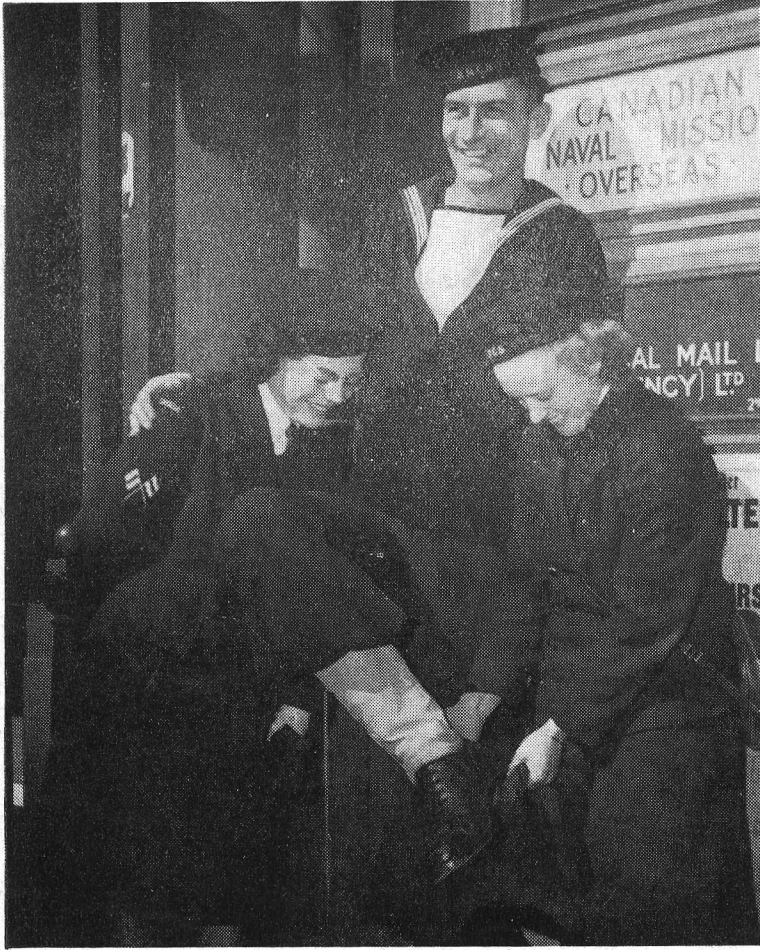
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Almost dwarfed by six-foot five-inch Leslie Lyon of Vancouver are these two Wren Signalwomen, shown examining his size 15 D boots. A Shore patrolman in London, Lyon waited six months before the special boots were made and sent to him, then found they were one size too large. Shown with Lyon are Wren Signalwoman Francis Williams of Winnipeg (left) and Wren Irene Turner of London, England.



C.Y.S. George Hurrel

Since the last issue of the "Log" two classes have completed their course after many weeks of hard work, and are now on leave or waiting to be drafted to sea.

C. Y. S. Earl Moist V/S 2 "U" Class were the first to come off the line on June 2nd, and of the fourteen men who sat to qualify, nine were successful. The top honors went to Yeoman Gordon "Texas" Lester, who pulled down a cool 91.5%, while second honours went to Ldg., Sig. George Gosling with 86%.

Next came C.Y.S. George McCue's combined "FR" "FS" class of flag hoisting fame, who fell in on the quarterdeck on June 5th to hear their results. The complete class of 19 men were successful. A new high was set with W. Leonard V-88112 attaining 95%, while J. Alton V-87015 was second with 93%. Chief Yeoman McCue is to be congratulated on the excellent showing of this class.

Dip-Chick Depth-Charged

Members of the crew of H.M.C.S. Belleville related a half-humorous story of intense frustration recently after one of their last overseas escort jobs on which a merchantman had been torpedoed.

It was just dusk and the "Belleville" was just about to put a tow on the injured merchant ship. She had experienced bad luck almost from the beginning of the trip. First her radar had broken down and a little while later other submarine detection gear had gone out of order. She had crossed the Atlantic with her entire detection apparatus supplied by the old-fashioned naked eye, aided by binoculars. Knowing that there was a submarine around, everyone was straining through the gathering darkness to try to spot something, when a lookout suddenly shouted: "Periscope on the port bow!"

They looked, and it looked like a periscope, all right. They had made three runs on it, and three depth-charge attacks, before they found it was a dip-chick, a bird often seen well out at sea. Tall and black, it travels with a gliding motion so close to the water that it easily—in that light—could be

"Chebogue" Crippled by Torpedo but Makes Port

ONE SIG. REPORTED KILLED

A BRITISH PORT (Delayed)—H.M.C.S. Chebogue was towed into a British Port, a crippled but gallant survivor of a torpedo fired from a Hun U-boat in mid-Atlantic, it was learned this month. Five ratings were killed, two are missing and ten were wounded. Among the five dead was Signalman Charles Gordon Carl of Meadow Lake, Sask.

"Chebogue", commanded by Lieut. Comdr. Maurice F. Oliver, was senior ship of her group and carried the senior officer of the escort, Comdr. George S. Hall. Earlier that day Chebogue had sighted the conning tower of the undersea raider. She then raced to the attack but the U-boat dived immediately and while depth charges were dropped, no results were obtained.

The ship remained at action stations throughout the day and that night another submarine bearing was obtained. Later as "Chebogue" was closing in at full speed to block the raider off, a torpedo burst through her port side, exploded into the tiller flat and sent a shower of metal over the ship. Severe as the punishment was however, she remained afloat.

Through the night the work of shoring up bulkhead and getting weight off the afterend went on and after a very tiring trip she was towed safely to port.

E. O. Picard is Elected Mayor of St. Hyacinthe

Mr. Earnest O. Picard of St. Hyacinthe, who is in charge of the C.N.R. ticket Office here and who is widely known amongst Communications personnel, was elected Mayor of this city at the recent elections on June 4.

Mr. Picard has gained much popularity in the Signal School through his keen interest in the personnel of the barracks. Each Friday at noon he may be seen in the 'Old Canteen' where he sells tickets to weekenders thus facilitating their speedy departure on the 1730 to Montreal.

The Signal School extends its wishes for every success in his new public role.

Another Use for Radar

WICHITA, Kan.—Lance D. Richards, part-time inventor, reports he has patented an invention designed for trove-hunting after locating hulks by radar.

A cable would be dropped when the approximate location is found. It would bear a steel plate carrying a number of prods.

High charges of electricity would be sent down the cable and plate welded to the hull under water by remote control. Other plates would be sent down and welded until enough were affixed to lift the ship to the surface.

mistaken for a submarine. "Belleville" then returned to the merchantman and after a very harrowing trip, deposited her safely in port.

Members of the crew decided that it had been quite a trip, in at least two aspects. In addition to beaching the merchantman and saving her cargo, they certainly had scared the daylight out of that dip-chick.

Society Notes

by Kaye Kneeshaw Kay

If you have been a reader of this column for any length of time you may have come to the conclusion that the writer is either a depressed dipsomaniac, a frustrated genius, or an unhappy combination of the two. It will therefore be of interest to learn that the writer has come to the same conclusion about you, dear reader, especially since my Editor (and yours) has recently informed me that the column is not only widely read but eagerly anticipated. This is heart-warming news indeed, and it becomes a pleasure to lie down each month in the same gutter in such excellent company. Greetings!

In reality, of course, I am neither depressed nor a drunkard, and neither are you. Nor have I experienced any form of frustration since the summer I was fourteen. — and here I can only hope that you have fared as well. A psychiatrist would probably analyze these paragraphs as being the work of an iconoclast, — an image-smasher, — a rebel who derives sadistic pleasure from poking fun at snobbery and foppiness and other established routines of the "cultured" life. Mebbe so, mebbe so. And if so, you are in the same boat or, as I have said, in the same gutter. Well, it's nice down here and from our perspective we can examine the frame-work and foibles of the intellectual brass-hats who pass overhead on the curb. Move over and make room for the Author. This month we'll dissect the Institution of the Society Column.

For sheer comedy, caper-cutting and bluff, the Social News column found in any paper is second only to the comic strips. Some of them, — those in the small town weeklies in particular, — are even funnier than Blondie and Dagwood Bumstead. And all of them regardless of the size of the paper and community, are headed in such broad terms as "SOCIETY NEWS", "SOCIETY NOTES", "IN SOCIETY", or just plain "SOCIETY". Although my dictionary defines Society as "people collectively who live in any region in any period", the general idea here seems to be to segregate and classify all citizens of any community so that those who do get a mention in these despatches must be considered as being distantly related to the Almighty, probably through the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, and all others as the sons and daughters of fish peddlers and char-women who pick their teeth at the table.

Not generally known is the fact that a social editor is usually paid by the paragraph, and that the further she is removed from pay-day the closer you are to breaking into the charmed circle. These scribblers are also governed to a great extent by the policies of the publishers. If your family happens to be "well-connected" with a firm that buys huge chunks of advertising space, or is on the "right" side of the political fence, you are practically a social celebrity without half trying. But, like vaudeville, there is still the business of getting top-billing, for the further you are away from the opening stanzas, the more distant your family connection with Plymouth Rock etc. You'll probably have to date the smart little tart who writes the stuff to find out how to rate a spot ahead of Mrs. Richbeetch, for instance, whose late husband was so successful in selling the mining stock issue to the Orphanage people...

The principle function of the social column seems to be the constant publicizing of those elements in the community who seem to require this form of publicity for business and/or egotistical reasons. It will therefore feature the departure and arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Whosit but not the fact that Uncle Theodore Whosit in Baltimore is paying all transportation charges. Mention is made of the engagement and top-hat marriage of Goldilocks Grahame-Smythe, but not a word of the loan on the life insurance policy which made the event possible nor the news that this is the same Blondie Smith who used to hide after school under the boxing ring in the High School gymnasium with the pitcher and most of the baseball infield and eventually became quite a catcher in her own right. It will require one hundred words to adequately describe a reception at the home of Alderman Axehandle, with exquisite narrative covering table arrangements and who poured tea. But does the story divulge which of the guests was discovered under the table arrangements with Mrs. Axehandle, or who was poured into a taxi at two A.M.? It does not!

If these half-truth commercials are designed to arouse envy among the "unmentionables", or to establish a credit rating at the corner bank, they seldom succeed. Too many of the solid citizenry are too busy leading normal lives, sleeping with their own wives and pouring their tea (and beer) to pay any serious attention to the cocktails they read in "Society Notes".

I happily think of one item which back-fired on a more or less innocent citizen who had never asked for a social plug in his career. This chap, a prominent Doctor and most eligible bachelor, made periodical "business trips" to New York. It is the routine duty of a certain Canadian correspondent in that city to cover hotel registrations for his Canadian paper, and he puts these on the wire along with his other copy. On one of these trips our visiting guest checked into a hotel with his guest and absent-mindedly used his family name. Imagine his blood-pressure when, in due time, his home town paper ran the item in its Social News!

The moral to this story is that all is not gold that titters or nobody has more fun in the papers than Mrs. Goldbucks.



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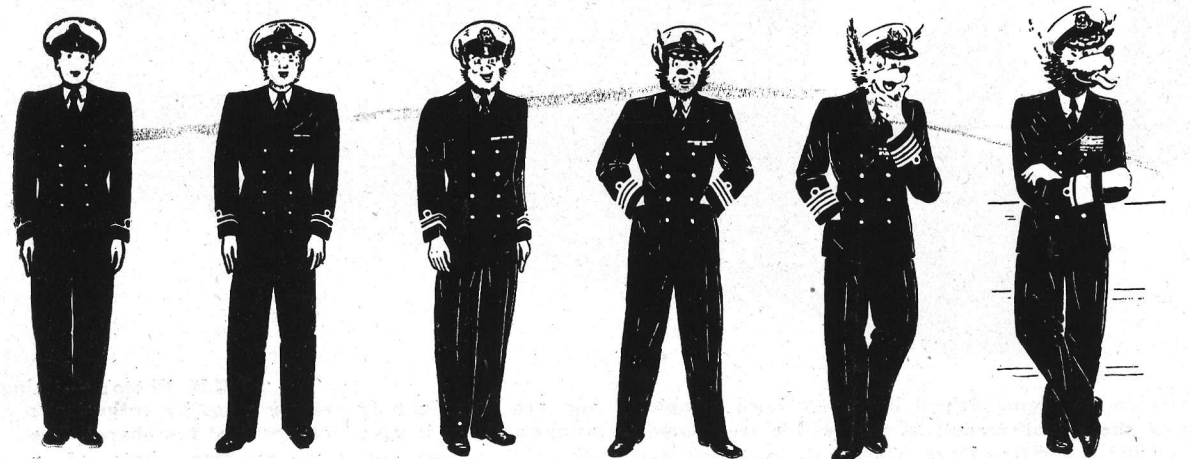
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## St.Hylights On Sport

by Bill Laing — Sport Editor

The weatherman, definitely not co-operative during May finally lashed out this month with a few of his finest, mid-summer days, enabling the Sports Office Staff to fire the opening gun on the various outdoor sport schedules.

The interpart softball games show promise of becoming the "apple" of the summer sports program... although the scores of the first few games were liable to be confused with basketball results, mid-season form is gradually coming to the fore.

Our senior fastball team, with the impressive record of 4 wins, 1 loss, is experiencing transportation difficulties which we trust will soon be squared away. Playing only exhibition games our boys have been dishing up a brand of ball that has shown steady improvement with every performance.

We have no intention of joining in a chorus or two of a swan song in memory of our soccer team's withdrawal from the Montreal & District Senior Soccer League. Several exhibition matches are being arranged and all soccer enthusiasts are assured of their fill of "footer" before the first frost rolls around.

Preparations for the Signal School's 1945 Track Meet are going ahead as rapidly as our cinder supply will permit. The messdeck buzz has it that the gala affair is scheduled for the middle of July. Several pavement pounders are already rounding into shape and the Sports Office is leaving no cinder unturned to ensure another great day.

And so we bid adieu to archery... regrettable, but necessary. When this ancient sport was introduced to St. Hy the hazard of ill-directed shafts was very prominent, consequently the danger in using baled hay as a target was overlooked but as the marksmanship of the potential Robin Hoods improved, the risk in storing this highly inflammable backstop in the drill shed stuck out like the proverbial sore thumb and it was found necessary to disband the archery classes. disband the archery classes.

Complexion, as well as the rig of the day, have turned to khaki Signal Schoolers have been taking advantage of Old Sol's beaming smile and are utilizing the tennis courts at every opportunity. Tennis addicts have been making up for lost time, caused through what in known in KR & AI as "inclement weather".

Lacrosse sticks, rugby balls, horseshoes and baseballs have also been prominent on the sports field and predictions made regarding a bangup summer sports program were not ill-founded.

The equipment is in the drill shed and it isn't of benefit to anyone when its lying on the shelves so name your sport, draw the gear, and away you go.

### Three Teams Tied for Top Spot in Inter-Part League

#### BRAND OF BALL IS GOOD AS TEAMS HIT THEIR STRIDE

As we go to press the inter-part teams have had three games to their credit and the rapid improvement in the brand of softball is gladdening to the hearts of the Sports Office Staff. With three teams deadlocked for the number one spot at the top of the league, many interesting games can be witnessed on our Sports Field any evening that Inter-Partners are out there displaying their best.

This league is catching on like a snowball at the beginning of an avalanche and the most popular predictions point to some bang-up softball come playoff time.

Weather conditions at the beginning of the spring season played havoc with the schedule but after two heart-breaking postponements, the Inter-Part Softball League has proven that a good thing is worth waiting for. The coming of good weather found the Sports Staff

ready, willing and able and the organizing and handling of these contents is very commendable. The first few games were somewhat spotty as the boys ironed out a few of the kinks accumulated during a long absence from this sport, but both fielding and hitting are showing a marked improvement and the games are now producing scores under the two figure mark.

Monday and Tuesday evenings are the big nights on the Sports Field and it's well worth your while to pay the Inter-Partners a visit if you are interested in seeing a closely contested softball game.

The teams away to a good start are the Officers, Ships's Company and Shore Patrol. These teams have the advantage of power in every department and it is telling in the league standings listed below:

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts
Officers	3	0	0	6
Ships Company	3	0	0	6
Shore Patrol	3	0	0	6
V/S	2	1	0	4
Chiefs & P.O's	2	1	0	4
Writers	1	1	1	3
S.B.A's	1	2	2	2
Radar Instructors	1	2	0	2
Radar School	1	2	0	2
R.A's	0	2	1	1
W/T	0	3	0	0
Supply & Dental	0	3	0	0

## SENIOR SOCCER ELEVEN FORCED TO DISBAND

### Pacific Leaves and Discharged Make It Impossible To Continue in League

#### EXPECTED EXHIBITION MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED

The Signal School's entry in the Montreal & District Senior Soccer League has found it necessary to toss in the sponge.

Hopes were high and prospects of a crack eleven very bright when difficulties began to set in. Trouble, in the form of spring rains, Pacific leaves and Discharges, began nibbling at our championship bubble and Coach Andy Dunlop's chores in fielding a team became greater as the season rolled along. The climax arrived on Saturday, June 25rd, the Tars being unable to field a team to play the classy Montreal Stelcos. Three members of the starting line up were discharged that same morning making it impossible to obtain replacements by game time.

It became quite obvious that, due to the Demobilization Plan, more disappointments lie ahead and so the powers-that-be, with a great deal of regret, decided to call it a day.

The soccer team had acquired a good supporting crowd, particularly in Montreal where the Signal Schoolers put their best foot forward to battle teams much superior in every department except good, old-fashioned heart.

On June 12th our lads journeyed to Montreal to engage the Carsteel and unfortunately came out on the short end of a 5-3 score. Winning the toss, Carsteel elected to begin with the wind and sun at their backs, and despite a stubborn naval eleven managed to dent the twine 3 times before the half-way mark. The second half presented a much different picture. With the weather elements in their favour St. Hy. turned on the pressure and the fifteen minute mark found Crothers blasting a beautiful score into the opposition's net on a pass from Dodds. Crothers gave a repeat performance two minutes later, this time from Pow to put our boys back in the ball game.

Five minutes later the scoreboard read 3-3 due to the efforts of Pow who deadlocked the count with the all-important tying goal. Minutes later Wakelyn grazed the goalpost from close but from then on the Carsteel changed the whole complexion of the game by running in two quick goals and protecting their lead until the final whistle. It was a thriller all the way and the Signal School line up, as listed below, did the Senior Service proud:—

Goal: Witherspoon.  
Backs: Ogden, Fordsham.  
Halves: McLellan, Pow and Coyle.  
Forwards: Dodds, Cooke, Crothers, Liddy, Wakelyn.

Several exhibition matches, however, are being arranged and it is expected that St-Hy's Ships Company will still be able to witness a good brand of the old country game during the summer months.

### Aquatic Instruction Is Resumed for P.T. Classes

With the opening of the swimming pool in the town of St. Hyacinthe, P.T. classes are one again receiving swimming instruction under the guidance of the Physical Training staff.

Each class has a one hour session in the pool and although no special arrangement has yet been made for ships's company, any person may, when off duty, go with the regular classes and benefit from the instruction. Trucks leave the barracks twice every Monday Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Here is an excellent opportunity to learn how to swim the right way and you are strongly urged to take advantage of this expert instruction.

ves took over lab duty for the Signal Schoolers as the fifth inning came up and the sailors sparked a sixth inning rally which threatened to make it a close contest for the initial engagement was

Taking on a team like All-Stars ing down and retired the side. test, however, Stewart began bearing perhaps biting off more than we could chew, however, it gave Eddie Runge & Co. an idea of just what was expected in senior fastball this season.

Jupiter Pluvius finally gave us an even break and with decent weather and field conditions the boss man had his proteges scampering over number one diamond like ants at a garden party, with the result that the Sailors have disposed of the opposition right and left to win four of the five games played. With a pitching staff composed of Gordon Hinves, Jimmy Ross and Tommy Kennedy the mentor's worries in this department are slight indeed and with a snappy infield backed up by some hard-hitting outfielders it appears that more victories are in the offing.

### Senior Fastballers Bow in Opener; Win All Other Fixtures

#### FIVE GAMES PLAYED, FOUR WON IS RECORD TO DATE

With our Senior team on the right side of a four win, one loss record, the boys are spoiling for some real opposition to battle on our Sports Field. The Sailors have shown that St. Hy is represented by a classy aggregation and Manager Eddie Runge is high in his praise of the ability and try of his Navy nine.

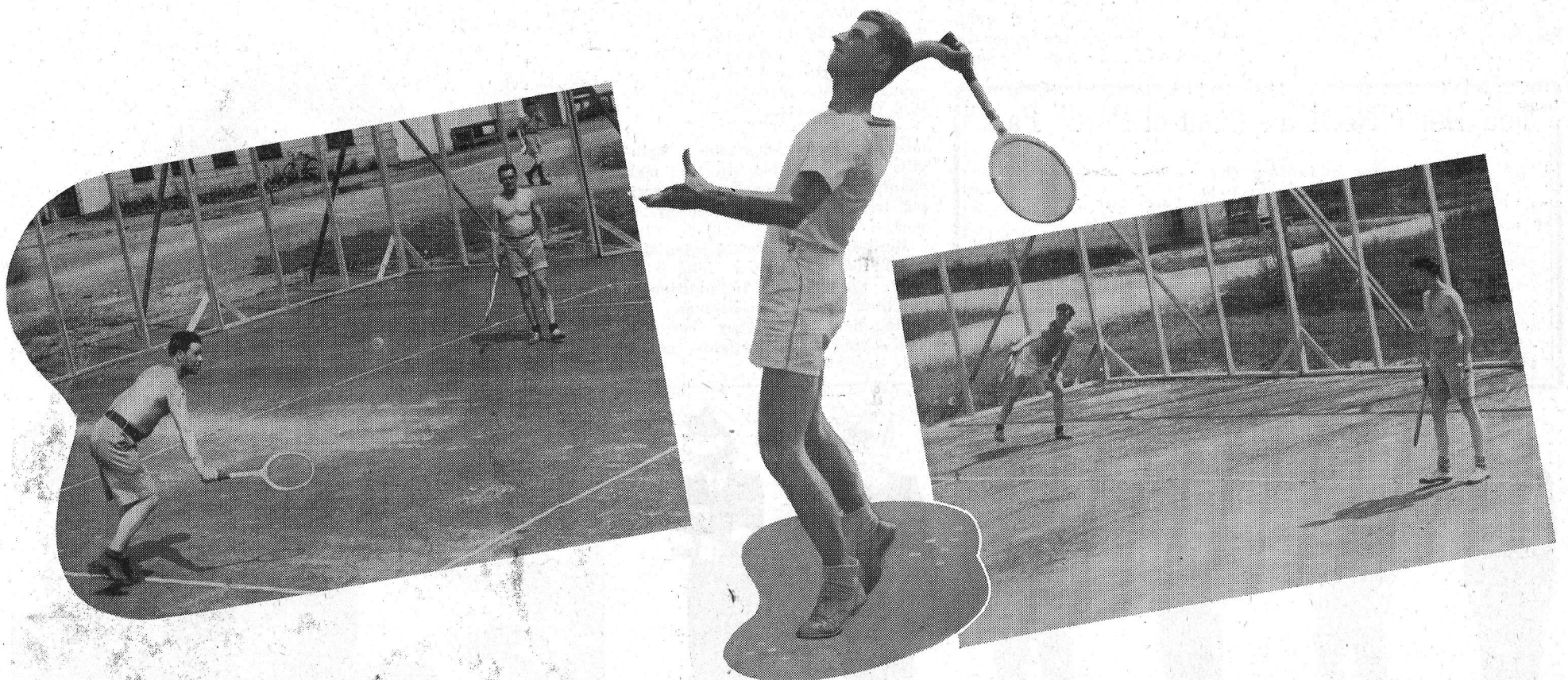
The first game, which was played against the starry Canad-Air All Stars, proved a little too much for the tars, who, due to lack of practice, displayed anything but senior league softball. The hurling of Stewart, on the mound for the All-Stars did not assist the Navy's plight as he mercilessly mowed down batter after batter. Jimmy Ross, our dental twirler, put up a gallant battle but it just wasn't a good day for our nine. Gordy Hin-

### Writers & Divvy Office Gang Battle out Challenge Match

Displaying some of the finest nattering yet to be witnessed on diamonds one, two, three or four this season, those friendly neighbours of the administration building, the writers and the Divisional Office Staff, talked through one of the weirdest softball games witnessed on the Sports Field to date.

With Charlie Laird rocketing them from the slab, the Writers compiled a 17-8 win over Chief Bonthron's tired staff, which brought about a quick halt to softball conversation in the Divvy Office. It has been reported that the Umpire found an extra five dollars in his pay envelope this month.

## Tennis Becomes Popular Sport for Signal Schoolers



With a change for the best in the weather, the Tennis courts in the Signal School have now been completed and are being put to extensive use by enthusiastic followers of this popular International sport. There are three courts in the establishment, two of which are allotted to ratings and are located just north of the chapel. The third is for the use of Wrens and Petty Officers and is located just behind the Wrens block. On the extreme left and right in the above layout we see two shots of a rousing doubles game on the mens courts. It's off shirts for a sun tan too. Centre is Coder Hugh Partridge who is just letting loose with one of his driving service shots. This is the first year for tennis in the Signal School.

R.C.N. Photo's — King

## 11 Comms. Receive Awards in King's Birthday Lists

**Matron A.C. Evans of R.C.N.H. awarded Associate of Royal Red Cross.**

Ottawa: Naval Service Headquarters released on June 13th, the names of 158 officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy who were recognized in His Majesty's Birthday Honors List. Of this number, 120 of the awards have been made for OPERATIONAL services; 38 for NON-OPERATIONAL.

Communications ratings included in this list were as follows:

**JAMIESON, Thomas**, Leading Sig; **AMES, Frederick Harold**, C. Y.S.; **CARTER, Irene Francis**, C. P.O. Tel. (WRCNS);

**FENN, George Patrick**, A/Yeo. Sigs.

"This rating, who has served in His Majesty's Canadian destroyers and minesweepers for over four years in escort work has carried out his duties with exceptional zeal, efficiency and cheerfulness, and by his unswerving loyalty and devotion to duty has been an example and inspiration to all those with who he has served."

**MOORE, Richard John**, Yeo. Sigs.

"Yeoman of Signals Moore has served with zeal and devotion to duty and by his own example has inspired a high degree of efficiency in his subordinates."

**BAYFORD, George C.**, L/Sig.

"Leading Signalman Bayford has served for a considerable period at sea, and during the past fourteen months in HMCS CHAUDIERE, has carried out his duties with great zeal and ability. In actions with U-Boats, E-Boats and aircraft, and whilst under fire from shore batteries, this rating always displayed exemplary coolness and efficiency."

**GILDER, William Arthur**, L/Sig.

"For zealous and enthusiastic leadership. This Leading Signalman is an example of cheerfulness and efficiency at all times, and during arduous operations at sea, has often worked for long periods without rest in order to maintain uninterrupted the long flow of signals."

**OBERSON, Donald Warner**, Tel.

"This rating, while in charge of special equipment, by his zeal and patience, was responsible for aiding in the fixing of positions of several U-Boats."

**MULVANEY, John Francis**, A/Ldg. Tel.

"For displaying cheerful and untiring zeal in performing the duties of Petty Officer Telegraphist. This rating has developed admirable qualities of leadership and patience with the inexperienced, and during arduous operations at sea, he has often worked for long periods without rest, in order to keep his men and equipment functioning."

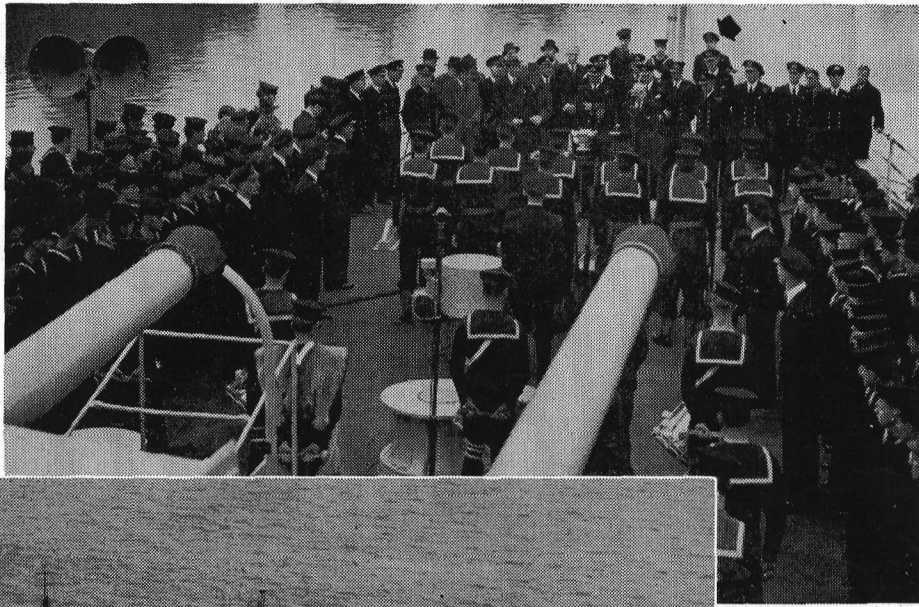
Also mentioned in His Majesty's Birthday List was Matron Catherine Adeline Jane EVANS, who has been the matron here at the Hospital for the past several months. She was mentioned as an Associate Of The Royal Red Cross.

Other awards, not mentioned in the King's Birthday List, made on the recommendation of Admiralty, were made to two communications ratings.

Distinguished Service Medal; P. O. Tel. Bernard Alfred BEST.

Mentioned In Despatches; L/Tel. William SIMMONS.

# QUEEN OF CANADA'S NAVY IS COMMISSIONED AT BELFAST



H.M.C.S. Ontario, the Canadian Navy's new 11,000 ton cruiser was recently commissioned at Belfast, Northern Ireland. Her Commanding Officer is Captain H.T.W. Grant, D.S.O., R.C.N., of Halifax and her Executive Officer is Commander E.P. Tiscall, R.C.N., of Duncan, B.C. "Ontario" carries nine six-inch guns in Triple turrets, ten four-inch guns, four four-barrelled pomps and much minor armament.

In the upper photo, framed by the deadly triple-turret six-inch guns, is a view of the Commissioning ceremonies on the quarter-deck. Black arrow points to Chief Yeoman Lang Lendrum who for many months was an instructor in Signals here. The Canadian High Commissioner, the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, is speaking to the assembled dignitaries and ship's company.

Lower left is a view of the "Ontario" from the air taken during her "trials" off the Coast of Ireland. She is now the most heavily armed ship in the Canadian Navy, her sister ship H.M.C.S. "Uganda" carrying one less four-inch mounting.

To the right Signalman Robert Campbell of Saint John, N.B. stands by while Leading Seaman Stuart Styan of Winnipeg (left) hoists the ensign on the quarterdeck during the commissioning ceremonies.

## New R.C.N. Hospital Offers Best in Up-to-date Medical Science

by S.B.A. D. W. Faulkner

Save for an occasional mention, R.C.N.H. has remained unheard of in the Signal Log. We write this in the hope that you may have a more comprehensive view as to the part the hospital and Sick Berth Staff play in Naval Life.

The new hospital was started early in the Spring of 1944, and was completed late in the fall. As soon as the construction was finished a draft of nineteen S.B.A.s from Cornwallis arrived, and promptly began to work setting up the equipment. Under their hands the corridors began to shine, beds were set up in the wards, furniture appeared in the offices, indeed the place looked as if it had possibilities. After a month's intensive work the hospital was opened to patients, and Medical Officers, Nursing Sisters, and S.B.A.s were arriving here almost daily. We were beginning to swing into action.

Now, we may point a finger of pride at this edifice. For a hospital of its size it has everything medical science can devise for the treatment of the sick.

The two large wards, (surgical and medical) contain thirty-nine beds each, and in times of epidemic or emergency are capable of holding more. We have a special Isolation Ward, where each patient has his own cubicle. Our Wren ward is beautiful, as you may well imagine — and in contrast to that

we have accommodation for officers.

A fully equipped galley, and well trained staff under the direction of an expert dietician supply the meals for the patients. Also, ratings not confined to hospital, but who are suffering from gastric disturbances etc. are fed here. The Sick Berth Staff has two dining rooms.

Through the use of our modern X-Ray equipment we have recently completed a survey throughout the Camp for the detection of Tuberculosis. This task was undertaken in addition to usual routine work in conjunction with the Sick Bay and the wards.

The operating rooms are our special pride. They are two in number, plus a fracture room. Dressing rooms for the surgical staff are here, and a sterilizing room housing the large "autoclave" or pressure sterilizer. Two nursing sisters, specialists in the methods of operating room procedure, and a skilled Sick Berth staff assist the surgeons in their work.

A new highlight to RCNH is the Occupational Therapy Room. Here patients may use their leisure hours under expert instruction making small articles in wood and leather-craft, etc. This provides an outlet to one of the most important

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## R. A. Condensations

by R.A. 4/c J. H. Williams

June has certainly been a month of renewed acquaintances around Building 37, for it has found returning to our midst, for Pre-Pacific Training, graduates from practically all of the early R.A. classes.

R.A. 4/c Bill Hewitt (H.M.C.S. Sherbrooke) breezed in and out again early in the month, stopping only long enough to talk himself into a nice slice of leave. He will be returning to take a refresher course before heading to-ward. The next couple of months will find him back in God's (and Mr. Coldwell's) country. Stopping with us for a while was R.A. 4/c Joe Goskie, survivor from H.M.C.S. Trentonian. Joe has now been posted to Sydney.

R.A. 4's R.G. Yates and D.R. Dunn docked in from Halifax along with R.A. 5's W.J. Mosley and C.H. Lusk, all of whom are Pacific probables. R.A. 4/c R.G. Prenovost has also joined us and June 11th was the arrival date for R.A. 4/c Jim Hinchey, R.A. 4/c Reg. Lewis and our renowned friend in the sports field R.A. 4/c "Dutch" Dodds.

Some of the most recent arrivals are R.A. 4/c Hurlenvost who has now proceeded on leave, R.A. 4's Stan Latham, Laurence Kirk, Jack Merrigan and Norm Smith.

During the month we have had visits from some of the lads on their way to or from leave. First on the list was R.A. 4/c Henry

Baker (H.M.C.S. Algonquin) who spent some time here as an instructor. "Hank" was on his way home with a Pacific Leave chit. R.A. 4/c Ross Young also gave us a look in and Hello! on his way back to the Halifax Base. R.A. 4/c Gerry Watson and R.A. 4/c Don Ireland were encountered in Montreal on their way back to their respective ships after enjoying a spot-a-the-bast-a.

Those who were amongst the throng at the University of Alberta will be interested to hear that Lieut. R. Snelgrove stopped here for a few days and is now based in Ottawa pending discharge.

A few letters have come our way lately. One from R.A. 4/c Bill Monkhouse (H.M.C.S. Kincardine) reports that he hopes to get some leave on the other side and visit R.A. 4/c Dick Wilkins while there. R.A. 4/c Harry Palmer relates that he spent a very pleasant four days leave in Belfast and was very favorably impressed by the Irish Colleens.

Our latest and final arrival for this month's listing is R.A. 4/c Grant Newman (H.M.C.S. Prestonian) who expects to remain here for awhile.

It would be much appreciated if a few more letters or items of interest about our mates were brought in to your scribe. Any contributions that could be published would certainly be welcomed.

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### 8 Radar P.O.'s First to Complete R.P. 1's Course

This month saw the first class of R.P. 1's to leave the Action Information School at St. Hyacinthe. It was a small class consisting of 8 P.O.'s and as there is a shortage of "1's" in the R.C.N., they will be drafted to ships as soon as they complete their leave.

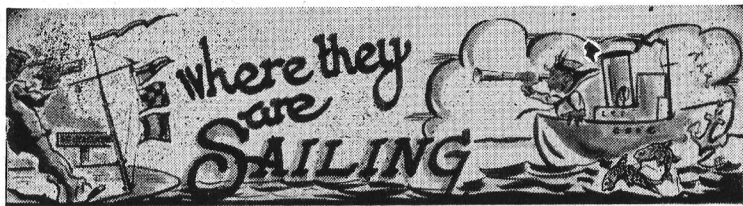
Members of the class were as follows, P.O. Mayhew, P.O. Black, P.O. McLeod, P.O. Webb, P.O. Cavanaugh, P.O. Vose, P.O. Restball, P.O. Boyle.

### NEW R.C.N. HOSPITAL

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problems of convalescence — escape from boredom.

In addition to our own base we are now receiving many patients from Montreal area, and also from ships which dock in that harbor. Such an assignment we feel is indicative of the Hospital's importance.

We believe you may be proud of your hospital, a far cry from the first day of the Signal School when patients were required to bring in their own hammocks, as mattresses had not then been obtained for the beds. We have advanced greatly, since those early days and hope to advance even further to serve the medical needs of the establishment.



by Tony Rheume

Starting off with a bit of news from our old stand by, Stan Glass, who tells us that Yeo. Jack Young is the proud father of an eight and half pound baby boy, christened John Frederick Gordon. This is Yeo. and Mrs. Young's second child. Nice goin' and congrats!

Stan mentions on his news page that when writing him, it is necessary to put down C.P.O., as they don't know what C.Y.S. stands for up there. Tough, Chief! (And for some of you, just in case this causes any undue embarrassment, C.Y.S. means, Chief Yeoman of Signals...)

L/Writer Terry Manuel, who was attached to ship's office here for many months, was hailed by many old friends, when he came through here, and had a meal with the boys. Terry, as was mentioned in last month's Log, is a survivor off the Esquimalt.

One person we wouldn't miss mentioning here is the former editor of W.A.T.S. (also former Sports Editor), Denny Adkin, who also came through on his way home for thirty days' Pacific Leave. We know, he's having a good time.

Denny's like that. C.P.O. Tel. S.G. Norman, in H. M.C.S. Chatham, up Prince Rupert way (B.C.) tells us he has good company up there in Warrant Tel. R.D. Wilson... Yeo. Sigs. F. C. Hepworth... Tel. G.W. Quin... Tel. W.B. Willis... Is it still raining up there chief?

Another familiar figure, Writer P. Rattray, who was advertising manager for the Log for over two years, whizzed in on leave here, visiting his wife and family who reside in St. Hyacinthe.

Tel. S.O. Al Stewart, in for a course, tells us that Sig Jack Tonkin has left the Wallaceburg for a probable discharge. Tel. T.O. Bob Kilgour, who was up here last year, is still reported on board. Rumours are that the Wallaceburg will be used for a training ship in Cornwallis.

### These Sail no More THE FOLLOWING RATINGS ARE COMMS WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR DISCHARGE

C. P. O. Tel. S. O. MORIARTY, William J.

P.O. Tels. FEARS, Lawrence; KAY, George M.

P. O. Tels. S. O. GREENWOOD, John E.; PERRY, William G.

L/Tels. FLETCHER, Wilfrid J.; NAHERNE, Stephen; ROBERTSON, John; ROBERTSON, Norman.

L/Tels. S. O. FORAND, Rene; LEAR, Walter; KENDY, Michael; HARRINGTON, Allen N.; STRONG, Jack A.; COLLIER, James;

Tel. W/T 3 LAKE, Charles S.

Tel. T/O's THORNE, Roy L.; HUHFDOR, Lawrence B.

Tels. BENNETT, David E.; DUFRESNE, Antoine J.C.

Tels. SO & O/Tels. S.O. SKINNER, Cyril A.; HILL, Reginald A.; HERRINGTON, Seward W.;

HAWKES, John; CHAPMAN, George W.; STRUTT, Fred W.;

GRANT, Robert W.; HART, Joseph A.; NEWMAN, Bancroft F.;

BLAKELY, Arthur W.; HANNAH, Robert L.; LONSDALE, Victor B.;

COOKE, Roy K.; WOODWARD, Gordon; LAWLESS, Patrick J.;

SHANNON, Gordon J.; MOORE, Arthur; DUFFIN, Peter R.

L/Wren Tels. S.O. COBBAN, Joyce; FRASER, Joan C.; BOASE, C. Anne;

Wren Tel. S.O. DINGMAN, Florence.

Yeo. Sigs. GRIFFITHS, C.;

JOHNSEN, Holger, V.; LAWS, Albert C.; PATTISON, Theodore H.

L/Sigs. HARDMAN, George W.;

BRACKETT, Donald; HARVEY, William E.; FLEMING, D.;

HUNT, Gerald W.; MATTHEWS, Norman; MONTLE, Charles Melvin;

MOON Alfred; MCKENZIE, Kenneth D.; PERDUE, George M.;

REATH, Harry; RIPPPELL, Ernest E.; SAXON, Bertram A.

Sig. T.O.'s ALLEN, Patrick M.;

DODDS, Ralph J.; BALL, William R.

Sigs. CHALKE, William R.;


JUDD, William F.; LAZARE, Abe;

MONEY, John A.; MUNCEY, Claude Richard.

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### "DOMINION DAY"

Dominion Day is a day of great significance to every Canadian. It seems most fitting that the Day should happen to be on a Sunday this year. Dominion Day is a day on which we may well return thanks to Almighty God for the great benefits which have come to us as a nation. After five years an eight months of war, with its attending anxiety and distress, we have been heartened by the proclamation of Victory in Europe, and at the same time, have the assurance that our prospects in the Pacific have brightened considerably. Canadians will unite therefore, in rendering heart-felt thanks to God for this great deliverance and promise for the future, and will ascribe the whole glory of it to Him.

There is an interesting story associated with the derivation of the word "Dominion" in the official title of our land. When the authors of the idea of the Confederation of the Province came to the stage of naming the fruit of their deliberations they were referred to verse 8 of Psalm 72: "He shall have Dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the end of the earth". The word, struck the as most appropriate and the title Dominion of Canada was given to the land During the visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1939, the King, whilst addressing a gathering of people at Winnipeg, quoted those words and went on to paraphrase them to read: "He shall have Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the St. Lawrence to the Arctic Pole".

From a territorial viewpoint, how completely has the prophetic naming of our land been fulfilled. Our temporal Sovereign, by the Grace of God, has dominion over this vast domain from sea to sea. It would seem, also, that the full intention of the Fathers of Confederation was that Christ the Lord, and, King of Kings should have dominion over all the tribes and races that dwell in this fair land".

But, if Christ is to have complete spiritual dominion in this land it can only be as we, who profess and call ourselves Christians, work with Him in all that belongs to the life of this country.

This Prayer, written for use on Dominion Day, has a meaning which is most pertinent in our time:

"O God, the fountain of wisdom, we bless and praise thy holy Name that thou didst move our rulers and statesmen to bring together under one government the scattered communities of our Empire on this continent, and to unite them into one Dominion from sea to sea; and we humbly beseech thee to give us grace to serve thee that the heritage received from our fathers may be preserved in our time, and handed down unimpaired to our children; and grant that from generation to generation we may remain a people united and loyal to the Throne and Empire; through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

### Thumbs-Up Dance



R.C.N. Photo — King

200 of Montreal's lovelies came, for the second time this year, on June 22nd to provide an evening of entertainment for Signal Schoolers. This shot shows some of the dancers enjoying a waltz beneath a decorative ceiling of Signal Flags.

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### COMING ATTRACTIONS FOR JUNE

Tues.-Wed.-Thurs. July 3-4-5	Tues.-Wed.-Thurs. July 17-18-19
"JANIE" Joyce Reynolds - Robert Hutton	"CAN'T HELP SINGING" Deanna Durbin - Robert Paige
"Conflict" Humphrey Bogart - Alexis Smith	"Our Hearts were Young" Diana Lynn - Gail Russell
Fri.-Sat. July 6-7	Fri.-Sat. July 20-21
"MAIN STREET AFTER DARK" Edward Arnold - Selena Royle	"TWO MAN SUBMARINE" Tom Neal - Ann Savage
"Outlaws of Santa Fe" Don Barry - Wally Vernon	"Light of Old Sante Fe" Roy Rogers - Dale Evans
Sun.-Mon. July 8-9	Sun.-Mon. July 22-23
"MURDER MY SWEET" Dick Powell - Claire Trevor	"PATRICK THE GREAT" Donald O'Connor - Peggy Ryan
"Rockin in the Rockies" Mary Beth Hughes - Jay Kirby	"Shadows of the Night" Warner Baxter - Nina Foch
Tues.-Wed.-Thurs. July 10-11-12	Tues.-Wed.-Thurs. July 24-25-26
"MRS PARKINGTON" Greer Garson - Walter Pidgeon	"PRACTICALLY YOURS" Claudette Colbert - Fred MacMurray
"Moonlight in Vermont" Gloria Jean - Faye Helm	"Dark Waters" Merle Oberon - Franchot Tone
Fri.-Sat. July 13-14	Fri.-Sat. July 27-28
"Man IN HALF MOON STREET" Nil Asther - Helen Walker	"MUMMY'S GHOST" John Carradine - Lon Chaney
"Sing Me a Song of Texas" Rosemary Lane - Tom Tyler	"Law of the Valley" Johnny Mack Brown
Sun.-Mon. July 15-16	Sun.-Mon. July 29-30
"CHINA SKY" Randolph Scott - Ruth Warrick	"SALTY O'BOURKE" Alan Ladd - Gail Russell
"Sing a Jingle" Allan Jones - June Vincent	"Nothing but Trouble" Laurel and Hardy

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### Sudden Illness Fatal to Mascot

A sudden illness which struck in the form of paralysis proved fatal to the Signal School's popular little canine mascot "Meatball" early this month when a Veterinarian announced that his condition was hopeless and that he must be done away with.

When he became ill, Meatball was taken to the Officer of the Watch's cabin and from there was rushed to Dr. Rainville, a St. Hyacinthe Veterinarian, by bugler Andre Rogers. After examining the dog however, the Doctor said that his paralyzed condition was partly due to overeating and also that he was ageing. An injection put the dog out of his misery.

Soon after joining the ship last February, Meatball became probably the most popular mascot the ship has had and was known by everyone in his favorite haunt — the messdeck.

The doctors fees for attention and burial were paid by the Ship's canteen.

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