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## And So Farewell

To say goodbye for the last time is a hard thing to do and this farewell message is no exception. With this Issue "The Signal Log" breathes its last... it has "Hit the Street" for the last time.

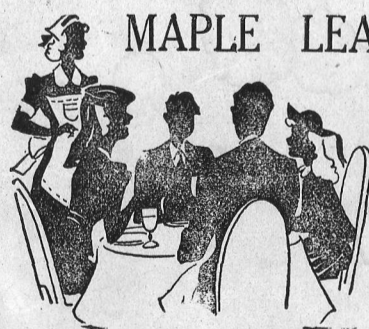
It has been no smooth golden highway that the "Log" has travelled since its inception in November 1942. There have been ruts and difficulties—tons of them, but that is of little interest to the average reader. The point is that the presses have rolled once a month since that date and the "Log" has gone on sale and into the mails each month in ever increasing quantities.

It would be impossible to "hand out Laurels" to everyone who deserves them in connection with this little paper. There are a lot of people who deserve a lot of credit, especially the members of its staff, past and present. A quick glance into its history reveal such names as Holmes, Carson, Piers, Labarge, Brunet, Adkin, Brownness, Rattray, Rayfield, Herd, McKeown. They're all gone now but these people gave a good percentage of their time and energy not only to keep it going, but to keep improving on it. The present staff are deserving of no less credit. If it hadn't been for people like this, needless to say, there would have been no "Signal Log".

As I look back over the two years of mingled anxiety and pride during which time I have been the Editor, I recall incidents, large and small, that will stay with me for a long time to come. Letters from the men at sea, encouraging... "We sure look forward to the 'Log'. Keep it coming." They were driving powers. They made one realize just how important was the job the "Log" faced. How it was helping to create a pride in the Signal School and how it was aiding to build up an "Esprit de corps" in Communications.

And now its job is finished—the "Log" is "folding". The stories and events that it has recorded will, no doubt, be read again and will bring to the mind of its reader many memories of, perhaps, the most eventful and important period in his life.

In all sincerity then, for "The Signal Log", voice of communications, I say, "Au revoir, the very best of luck."  
 Editor in Chief



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## TRIBUTE PAID AS WRENS MARK THIRD ANNIVERSARY

### Youngest Womens Service Highly Commended by Chief of Naval Staff and Director of W.R.C.N.S.

OTTAWA.—Three Years ago, on Aug. 29, 1942, 67 newly recruited members of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service stood at attention during their graduation ceremony at Kingsmill House here, and heard a Commodore of the R.C.N. tell them they were badly needed and very welcome.

On Aug. 29, 1945, as the Canadian Wrens observed their third anniversary, 45 of those originals are still in uniform, still needed and still welcome, together with 5,000 other members of the W.R.C.N.S.

Addressed to all members of the Women's Canadian Naval Service, on duty throughout Canada, in Washington, and New York, in Newfoundland and the United Kingdom, a message of congratulations was sent by the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral G. C. Jones, C.B.E., R.C.N.

His signal read as follows: "On the occasion of the third anniversary of the Women's Canadian Naval Service, may I record the Royal Canadian Navy's high appreciation of the part played by Canadian Wrens in support of our ships and in the work of the naval commands throughout the past three years. The loyalty, zeal and efficiency with which the Wren officers and ratings have shared the burdens and upheld the traditions of the navy have earned the gratitude of the entire service."

Captain Adelaide Sinclair, O.B.E., Director of the W.R.C.N.S. also sent a birthday message to the Wrens. In part, it read: "Thankfulness must be the keynote of the third birthday of the W.R.C.N.S. Predominantly there is thankfulness that the world has at last ceased its grim and terrible struggle on all fronts, but with the relief that this brings there is pride and gratitude that while it lasted we were permitted to share in bringing victory.

"For the rest of our lives we can treasure the experience which the Navy has given us of playing a vital part, however small, in bringing to an end a period of death and destruction which threatened the existence of what we believe is best in civilization.

"I can offer you no greater hope or challenge at this time than that the years of peace will find you serving Canada with the devotion and success that you have given her in time of war."

We of communications are proud too, of the part which our Wrens played in this conflict... in the manner in which they carried out their duties as Signalwomen, Telegraphists, and Coders. Their keen initiative and eagerness to learn, and the genuine interest they displayed in all phases of their work, have proven their ability to uphold the reputation for unflinching efficiency which is the watchword of the Communications Branch.

### Figures on Discharges Are Released by N.S.H.Q.

OTTAWA.—Canadian naval personnel discharged or in process of being discharged totalled 20,038 on August 18 under the Royal Canadian Navy's demobilization program which began June 2, it was announced recently by Naval Ser-

### Navy Wives Club is Disbanded

One more farewell was said this month... to the Navy Wives Club, which held its final meeting in August after some two and a half years of activities.

From the time the club was organized and the first meeting came to order on April 14th, 1943, the Navy Wives of St. Hyacinthe have continued to gather once a week in the Knights of Columbus Hut on Cascades Street. The primary concern of the club was to provide a means of acquainting new arrivals with the wives of other Navy men stationed in the Signal School, thus making their stay here much easier and brighter. They have, however, undertaken many responsibilities on behalf of the sailors...

### Post of C. in C. C.N.A. To Be Discontinued

OTTAWA — The appointment of Commander-in-Chief, Canadian North Atlantic, first held by Rear Admiral L. V. Murray, C.B.E., RCN, in over-all direction of anti-submarine warfare in the western half of the convoy routes to the United Kingdom, will lapse September 6, it was announced this month by Naval Service Headquarters.

Naval command for the east coast will be assumed by Commodore C. R. H. Taylor, RCN, who will take over as Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast on September 7. Commodore Taylor was until recently Flag Officer Newfoundland Force. He is a native of Weymouth, N.S., and enrolled in the Royal Canadian Navy as a naval cadet in 1912.

## Far-Famed Halifax "North End Canteen" Closes Doors for Good

### LETTER OF APPRECIATION SENT TO COMMITTEE BY CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF.

HALIFAX. — After five long years of war, during which more than a million and a half meals were served to servicemen who visited it's dining room, the far-famed North End Service Canteen in Halifax was closed after a farewell supper Tuesday evening, July 31st. It was the first time since the coming of war in September, 1939, that the doors had been closed to the boys.

Situated close to the dockyard and to H.M.C.S. Stadacona the canteen was probably the most famous establishment of its kind in the Dominion. It has been a home away from home, particularly to the seamen of the Allied Nations who visited Halifax through the grim years of war in the Atlantic. Its doors were always open. There was always a good meal to

vice Headquarters.

Since many of those undergoing discharge routine are entitled to both overseas leave and annual leave, the number actually discharged during the period amounted to 7,456 with another 12,573 in transit or on leave awaiting discharge.

Demobilization of naval personnel is proceeding at present at the rate of approximately 2,500 a week and it is anticipated that more than 20,000 will have received their final discharge by the end of September.

The number of ratings, both men and women, drafted to final discharge establishments between June 2 and August 18 totalled 17,357 while the number of officers of both sexes either demobilized or with demobilization approved totalled 2,681.

### "Klinker Knocker" Named As Admiralty Civil Lord

LONDON: Prime Minister Attlee appointed a former Royal Navy stoker, Walter James Edwards, as civil lord of the Admiralty recently, putting the 44-year-old veteran of two wars on the Admiralty Board beside Britain's senior admirals.

Mr. Edwards, often described as the "member of parliament for the lower deck," was one of 33 junior ministers named by Mr. Attlee.

Known affectionately as "Wally" to his fellow east enders in London, Mr. Edwards was elected to parliament in 1942. He is believed to be the first civil lord with wartime fleet service. The post usually is filled by a civilian. After serving in the first Great War, Mr. Edwards rejoined the navy in 1939 as a Leading Stoker and saw action off Dunkerque, in the Lofoten raid and with the Arctic convoys to Murmansk.

The civil lord is one of six civilian members of the board of admiralty which governs the Royal Navy. He must be a member of Parliament and his job is to deputize for and assist the First Lord of the Admiralty in his dealings with Parliament.)

be had. They could play billiards, read, listen to the radio, develop pictures, write letters and many more things. And there were show nights, classes for non-dancers who wanted to learn, regular stage shows, and dance nights. A man never need be lonely if he drifted around to the North End Canteen.

The doors were first opened to the men at the St. Mark's Hall, Russell Street. Immediately the canteen proved to be what the men wanted. They flocked to it in great numbers, particularly to get the home-cooked meals with very little strain on the pocket book. It soon became obvious that a larger site would afford more comforts and accommodate the ever-increasing patronage.

Whereupon the ladies of the canteen committee got busy making plans for the present building. With individual subscriptions across Canada amounting to \$56,000 and a \$20,000 contribution from the Red Cross the building was erected. Later, the Red Cross granted another \$6,000 to enlarge the now spacious and popular billiard room.

In September, 1941, the new building was opened officially by Vice-Admiral G.C. Jones, C.B., R.C.N., of Halifax.

In appreciation for the tireless services of these ladies and their committees, all of whom gave up much of their own time, and worked voluntarily to bring to the boys the many comforts the canteen afforded, a letter of commendation has been received by Mrs. Banyard from Vice-Admiral Jones express-

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The time has come to say goodbye to the 'Signal Log' and to say thank you for a job well done, to all those members of its staff, both past and present.

As this is the final issue of the "Log", I would like to take the opportunity of saying "au revoir" to all those of the Communication, and other branches, who have worked so hard to help bring the war to a successful conclusion.

From the highest to the lowest, without exception, all have given of their best and co-operated wholeheartedly and it is an honour to be able to say to all "Thank you".

## Hints for Rehabilitation

By LIEUT. MAX BRAITHWAITE

Reprinted from "The Yorker"

- 1. Know Your Rights.** Get hold of one of the many books kicking around and read the legislation. If you can't read, get your wife or girl friend (not both) to read it to you. If you don't understand what you read, ask one of the Schoolmasters or Personnel Selection Officers to explain it to you. That's what they are here for. Remember, you are the one who is concerned. You will lose money and benefits if you don't know what is available.
- 2. Find Out How to Get It.** When you have decided what is best for you, learn the actual steps required to get it. The Department of Veterans' Affairs is large and necessarily complicated. There are applications to be made, questionnaires to answer, references to get (just like the Navy). It is up to you to know just how it is done. Nobody else will do it for you.
- 3. Go After It.** Nobody will come up to you, tap you on the shoulder and say, "Look chum, wouldn't you

like a nice home with an acre of can't do anything unless you help yourself. It's up to you.

**4. Don't Take It Just Because It's Free.** Now is the time to start thinking of your own rehabilitation. Make a careful and wise choice of the benefits that will help you most to establish yourself in civilian life. There is no point for instance in taking a year's vocational training just for the sake of the seven hundred and twenty bucks that pays for it. Unless that training is going to actually help you, the time wasted will cost you more than the cash gained. Remember, the whole idea of the scheme is to help those who need ground?" Once again you must look out for yourself. And don't be backward. If you are entitled to it, go get it. The government is spending millions to help you but they it. The luckiest ones are those who need no help at all.

**5. Don't Let Red Tape Trip You Up.** Of course there is plenty of red tape. There has to be. Just because a man is a veteran doesn't mean he's a little tin god, and there are actually some men in Service who might try a little swindle of their own. Tax money—

## "Tin Hats" Return With a New Show

Good news to all who saw the shows presented here before, by the Tin Hats! The troupes is once again to visit the Signal School; this time with brand new acts, and some new talent added to the former cast.

The performance is slated for the 6th of September, and is certain to be a good one. As someone was heard to remark last time the show was here,—"I've seen it before, but, believe me, it's worth seeing again!", that person, and everyone else who has been entertained by the group, should look forward even more keenly to the coming of this new and different Variety show.

## One Show a Week is Aim of Special Services Officer

Inspired, perhaps, by the recent show put on by the boys and girls of the Signal School, a new idea has developed which should add greatly to our nightly jam-sessions. Starting in a week or so, one night each week, a skit or dance routine will be presented by a group of Wrens and Ratings, under the supervision of the Special Services officer, Lieut. McKeys.

The first display will be an Egyptian dance, and it is hoped that it will come along early in September. No special night of each week has been designated, so everyone is urged to keep an eye turned to the Special Services bulletins, and an ear tuned to the P.A. System, for further news.

yours and mine—must be protected against these. Also, some men think they want this or that benefit and may change their minds later. The department must be sure that our money is spent to best advantage. But veterans are inclined to be sensitive. When asked a few questions they are apt to say "To Hell with you! If you're so blamed fussy you can keep the darned stuff" or something like that. But where does it get you? Nowhere. Just remember red tape is a necessary evil. Develop a thick shin and don't let it hog tie you.

**SO:** Learn the story, find out how to get it, decide what is best for you, go after it for all you are worth and don't worry about a little red tape.

## Much Credit is Due Signal School Band For Heavy Schedule

### APPRECIATION IS FELT

Not for a long time has the need for very eloquent words of praise been felt as it is now, when we speak of our own Signal School Band. Ordinarily a hard-working and expert aggregation, since "VJ" Day the boys have redoubled their efforts, and spent twice as much time in the entertainment of the Ship's Company here.

As everyone knows, the band has been present both at Morning Divisions and Evening Quarters five days a week, as well as Sunday Divisions, for many months. Their schedule was rounded out by the Friday evening dances in the New Canteen, the special dances in the Drill Hall, and weed-end trips to Otterburn Park, where they catered to the terpsichorean efforts of the summer vacationists, and visitors from St. Hy and surrounding territory.

Each Sunday Evening band concert in the park downtown was a high spot of the week both for the townsfolk and for the Navy. It was indeed a familiar sight to see large numbers of the Signal Schoolers sitting on the grass in the park with the local citizenry,

## News of The Sydney Sigs and Sparkers

by Tel. C. E. Howard

Sidney N.S., August 7: Since we read of CZP officially packing up and finding CFH and CZE more or less holding the fort in the "Down East" commands, we send these few notes to express our appreciation to the staff of the "Signal Log" for constantly remembering us on their mailing list, to send our regards to all Comms, at St. Hy. and pass along a few words on who's who and what's what at Westmount Signal Station.

From our actual location atop Sydney's "Signal Hill" we now look down upon a harbour recently jammed with nearly eighty ships, which kept the R/T waves humming and the S.P.'s blinking when they spent their destoring period here prior to decommissioning at Sorel, Que. Now, all is quiet since the famous old corvettes received sailing orders for their last voyage and a general feeling of loneliness and inactivity prevails.

The accelerated demob. routing and the Pacific preparations have meant numerous changes in our staff during the past few months— personnel has been cut fifty-percent leaving, at present, the bare essentials to carry on a regular constant watchkeeping routine.

P.O. Tel. Walter Thorp, Robson, B.C., from H.M.C.S. Kootenay, left us the latter part of June for leave and Pacific duty. Succeeding him was A/P.O. Tel. Jack Mulvaney (Toronto) from H.M.C.S. Cape Breton, whose brief stay was terminated by his recent discharge. At present, pending the arrival of a new P.O.T. responsibilities are being handled by Leading Tel. Fred Wheelhouse of Vernon, B.C. who came to us from the "Wasaga". Fred's discharge is awaiting him as soon as a relief is available, meanwhile we believe we are the only shore station in the Dominion with a wheelhouse! NO?

Included among other recent staff members at present on Pacific leave are:

Ldg. Tel. Joe Valentine (Regina), from H.M.C.S. Ottawa I.

TELS: Chris McCafferty (New Westminster), from Louisburg W/T,

using their voices where the residents employed their automobile horns.

Since "VJ" Day the band, despite reduced complement, has held a well-attended jam-session each night in the Drill Hall, in addition to its other duties.

So, to a hard-working and well-appreciated outfit, from its grateful fans... many thanks, and may you all be as successful in the future as you have been here in the past.

Ralph Wallin (Radville, Sask.) from St. Hy. Bair McDougall (Charlottetown) from H.M.C.S. Noranda, Jimmy Caie (Brantford, Ont.) from H.M.C.S. Huron.

SIGS: Ken Walker (Montreal) from Sydney P.W.S.S., Harry White (Toronto) from St. Hy.

Recent recipient of "Tickets" have been:

TELS: Bert Williams (Toronto) from H.M.C.S. Moose, Willie Hawke (Sudbury) from H.M.C.S. Clayoquot, Les Grasdal (Edmonton) from H.M.C.S. Brockville, Cliff Brivin (Ottawa) from H.M.C.S. Regina.

SIGS: Stan Knight (Hamilton) from H.M.C.S. Orillia, Jack Britton (St. John N.B.) from H.M.C. L.C.I's, Pete Thiesen (Winnipeg) from N. C.S.O. Louisburg, Gordon Mugford (Toronto) from H.M.C.S. Saskatchewan.

And those of us who remain on the job for the time being are:

TELS: Johnny Jones (Calgary) from H.M.C.S. M.L.'s., Stewart Freeman (New York fro H.M.C.S. Transcona, Emerson Howard (Oxford, N.S.) from H.M.C.S. Restigouche, Ernie Barclay (Debert, N.S.) from H.M.C.S. Clayoquot, Ray McKay (Bras D'or, N.S.) from H.M. C.S. Magog, Bill McCarthy (Edmonton) from H.M.C.S. Gaspé, Gordon Taylor (Swigt Current) from St. Hy.

SIGS: Bob Turner (Montreal) from H.M.C.S. Levis, Stan Elke (Edmonton) from H.M.C.S. Assiniboine, Sid Longhurst (London Ont.) from Sydney P. W.S.S.

Our former cook Leo P. Baker (Stratford Ont.) from H.M.C.S. Arras, now on Pacific leave, has been replaced by Cook Bill Pickering formerly on the crew of the carrier Nabob.

ing the sentiments of all naval personnel. In part it reads: "Before the North End Service Canteen under its present organization is closed I wish to tell you, and through you, your committee and all the ladies who have so generously and kindly given their help in the canteen, that the Navy in Halifax sincerely appreciate the great work which you have all done, and the invaluable help that has been given."

After Tuesday's supper and the last ping-pong and billiard game had been played, the radio and the lights were switched off and, as one of the ladies of the committee put it, the key was left under the mat for the War Services Charities who are taking over the disposal of the building and its contents.

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# Your Slip is Showing

Kaye Kneeshaw Kay

Not many people can claim to have travelled through life without making at least the minimum number of social blunders. And indeed, I suspect that anyone who could truthfully do so would likely prove to be a thoroughly uninteresting citizen, hardly worth a small beer in a conversational sense.

For it is a paradox that what appears to be a drawing room tragedy of gigantic proportions at the moment of its occurrence invariably becomes a favorite anecdote, repeated countless mirthful times and adding fame, or infamy, to the personality of the blunderer who must suffer his shame in silence.

However, eventually he (or she) will become a celebrity of a sort, pointed out and talked about as the perpetrator of a whole series of social slips, until the thing has a marked effect on his personality, for better or worse, and his very future is in jeopardy. You, my friends, may be one of these. You may not only be a product of your heredity and environment and educational advantages or the lack of them; your current outlook on life may be the direct result of some slip in the dim and distant past. Let me explain:

At an early age I discovered that certain things were "not done", — even accidentally. While still in knee pants I hurried one night through a door marked LADIES into a room which proved to be exactly one half of an essential accomodation provided by the local movie house.

The spectacle that presented itself in that brightly lighted place, in contrast with the bow-legged, horsey atmosphere of the all-male Tom Mix Western which was playing outside, made an indelible impression on my youthful mind. I shall never forget the fixtures and non-fixtures with which the room was equipped at the moment, and to this day I cannot pass one of those doors without pondering the mysteries of the interior and quelling at the same time an overwhelming desire to become a plumber, after all.

Again in this connection I recall the sad case of one of our town's "bad boys". This lad, who must have been all of twelve when the following incident took place, had industriously built up throughout his public school years an enviable (to me) reputation for plain, unadulterated hellery. He was, among other things, a successful wooer of little women of his own age, and he smoked cigarettes whenever and wherever the desire came upon him. Some efforts were made towards his reformation, since he came from a good family, and the last of these resulted in his being persuaded to take up collection in one of the churches. I can't remember how this miracle was accomplished but it may have been that he was currently pursuing one of the younger choir girls. At any rate, he didn't hold the job for any length of time and never, to my knowledge, "got religion" at all. On his very first morning, half-way up the aisle with a well-filled plate and wearing new, slippery shoes, Fred Hill stumbled and tossed all of God's silver down the hot air register grating where it could be heard rattling around for fully a minute afterwards. (The church janitor was seen wearing a new hat the very next week.)

Of course, beyond all doubt it was an accident since not even Fred Hill would fly in the face of the Almighty. Yet to the townspeople this was final proof that the boy was beyond redemption, and Fred became the topic and the target of discussion at Sunday suppers everywhere. It was predicted at our own table that he "would come to no good end", and that "the State would eventually take him in charge".

Well, I am happy to report that eventually the State did. Hill grew to manhood remembered as the boy who tossed the church collection down the pipe and this legend, apparently indicative of a talent for freely dispensing the people's monies in public buildings, may have been the reason for his being elected to Parliament not many years later, where, under his real name, he carries on to this day.

Of course, there is not sufficient evidence at hand to prove that the mere act of stumbling into the fitting room of the local corset factory would result in a man becoming a polygamist in later life, or that an accidental entry into a lower berth occupied by a coloured lady would make a man allergic to trains forever after. But there is good reason to believe that man's inadvertent lapses will mar him for life. Look back upon your own early awkwardnesses. You'll see what I mean.

**EDITORS NOTE:** Each month since July 1944 "The Signal Log" has printed a feature article similar in nature to the one above and bearing the credit line — "Kaye Kneeshaw Kay". This regular feature article has gained such widespread and enthusiastic popularity that, with the consent of the author, we are going to answer the much asked question — "Who is Kaye Kneeshaw Kay?" He was, as a matter of fact, a popular member of H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe, Lieut. Ken K. King, head of the teletype school here until it was disbanded some months ago. Now Mr. Ken King of Toronto, he has continued to mail us his article each month since his discharge several months past. We are very grateful to Mr. King for his clever and humorous contribution which has been a highlight of every issue.

# Hail and Farewell

by W/Tel. G. A. Browness

Once upon a time a few tables were placed in the W/T Receiving Station in Halifax Dockyard. Clustered around these tables could be seen a few ratings all busily endeavouring to master the mysteries of Morse and Procedure. Sounds like the beginning of a fairy tale doesn't it. But its no fairy tale. Those tables — God Bless them — were the start of H. M. S. Signal School.

It's a far cry from that humble beginning to the present modern establishment in which we find the Signal School most fittingly housed.

Signal School's first rise in the

Social Scale was from "Tables" to a classroom—a whole classroom to itself mark you, also in the Dockyard. Shortly after this another classroom was obtained and on one memorable day in Nov. 1940, the school moved to the old Exhibition Grounds in Halifax and became known as "Stad. II" Life in Stad II was a happy affair but the cry was ever for more and more classroom space and equipment. Hitler's old war cry of "Lebensraum" had nothing on the Signal School in those days and before long, rumours were flying that we were about to move again.

October 1941 saw the commen-

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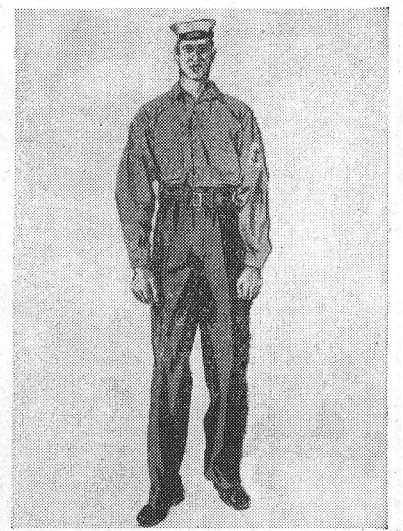
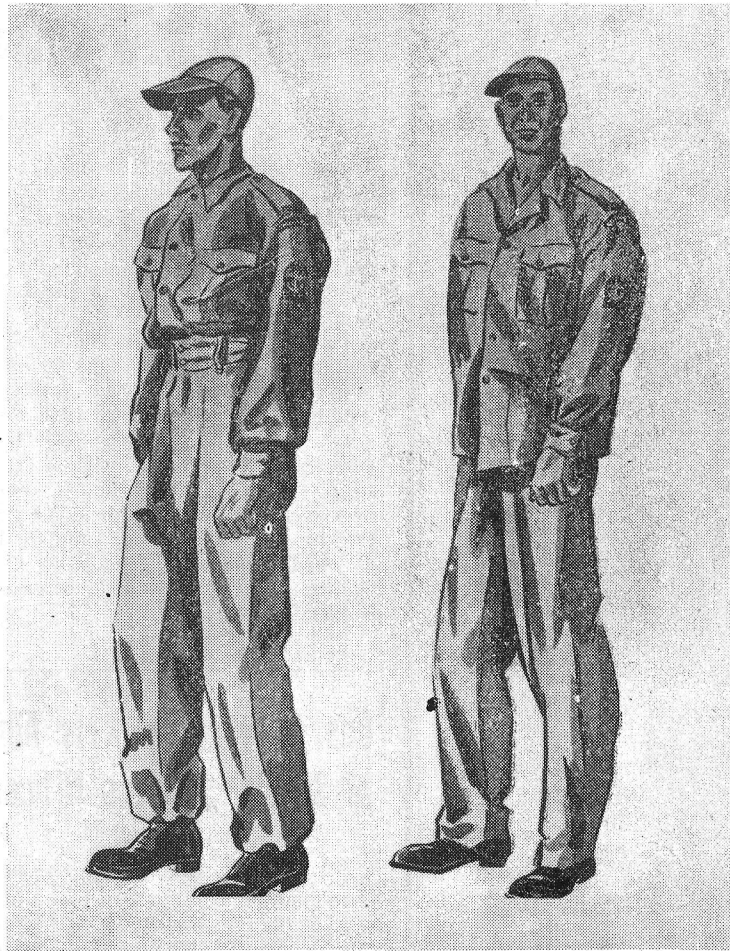
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# HERE'S THE NEW OUTFIT



New blue mosquito-resistant uniforms and working outfits have been designed for the Royal Canadian Navy. The mosquito-resistant uniforms, of tightly woven cloth, will be worn by both officers and ratings serving in tropical and subtropical areas, while the new working uniform will replace the familiar dungarees.

Left is shown the ratings' tropical gear, with base-ball cap and a shirt which can be worn inside the trousers as weather dictates or commanding officer sees fit.

Above is the new working outfit, with light blue shirt and dark blue pants. This shirt also may be worn outside the trouser on hot days.

# Newport News

By R.A.4/c Don Kelso.

Hello again from the backwoods. Now, when most VR's are in danger of losing their jobs, we find news a trifle scarce, and that should explain any drivel a la winchell you may encounter this month.

As you know, dear reader, the navy is steeped in tradition etc. etc. and so on into the night, and many ancient events and quotations are quite familiar to most of us. Vivid imagination also has created its share and we learned of an exceptionally salty one this month which we humbly submit to the "dip of the month" club for your collection.

As the story goes, army captain Grey of Ottawa, out here on temporary duty, heard the Q.M. pipe a "make and mend" one afternoon. Sometime afterwards he coralled Mr. Wilkinson, our genial O.I.C. and told him that the esteemed Q.M. had made a greivous error in making the pipe. Baffled, Mr. W. checked, and told the army cap. that the pipe was well in accordance with the regulations.

"But", the capt. said, "as I understand it, the pipe should have been "make ammends" and the Q.M. said "make and mend", or something just as silly."

Investigation into the matter revealed that the capain had met a really salty wren (we all know salty wrens) and she had told him that a half holiday in the navy was called "make ammends" because in days of yore when Nelson heid down the poop deck, sailors were badly overworked and mistreated, and conscience-stricken officers would "make ammends" by declaring an afternoon off. That gal should have been a novelist. We sure live and learn out here in the sticks.

Here are a few of the Tels. who have hit the jackpot in the great scramble for discharges in the last month or so. T.O.'s Gordon Mumford, Steve Seura, Red Taylor, Dennis Chevalier, Pokey Davidson, Bert Wheeler, "Cocoa" Coe, and there is rumor of more to come, very soon.

Meanwhile R.A.'s go on forever. Two new ones in Doug Delve and Glenn Armstrong arrived here in Aug. and so far there has been no word of shooting R.A.'s to civvy life as yet. Ross Barefoot was glad to see the above gentlemen, because it meant relief while he went on a spot of well earned leave and as this is written there are some other happy little "barefeet" out in Alta. because daddy is home again.

SHORT CIRCUIT DEPT.—Patsy, the station mascot, and "Buckshot" her husband, are happy to

announce the arrival of six little bits of "birdshot" out in Ken Davies' tent late in August. Dr. Tony Doolan reports that mother and perps are all doing fine... What Sergeant in the Signal corps. was confronted by his O.C. at a movie, here... heard at Gerry Johnston's miles away from his transmitter cottage at shady-rest not long ago, "he may be a P.O. at the station, but when he is home my husband is just an O.D."... Wonder why Bob Hayes can't let his lady love enjoy a bit of a vacation out of town without him trailing her over 100 miles... and while we're gossiping, what keeps Tel. Hill and M.M. Harry Fletcher out all night pounding the ten miles of pavement between here and Windsor... There are so many married matelots living in the cabins at shady-rest near here, that it is now being called "sailors-roost" and it is quite a common sight to see the navy wives inspecting liberty boats after supper, before their spouses get shore leave... Dogged determination and respect attendance at the "wets" have marked the recent promotion of "Lightning" Schonhoffer from O/Tel. to Tel... Bill Krogel is on leave... Arnold Boden's advice to VR's contemplating the R.C.N., "do it quickly"... Chief thell is getting worried over all the discharges that are coming thru. "Soon we won't have enough men to play volleyball without shutting down the transmitters", moans the "ethell-etic" chief (pardon the pun)... that's all, we'll be seeing you.

# Stand Fast R.A.'s

R.A. 4/c Jim Williams

The prime topic of interest among the Frozen Few at this time seems to be "When will we thaw out?" Each time the Loud Hailer blares forth with those tensely awaited messages. — "All those whose priority date is blank, blank report to the Divisional office for discharge, STAND FAST R.A.'s" Again there is that well known groan of despair. We are anxious to see what would happen if the unfortunate Pipe-master were to omit that last discouraging phrase. Swiiishhhh — No that isn't a storm cloud it's just the R.A.'s heading for the Div. office.

A few lucky lads with pre-42 priority have parted our ranks to run the gauntlet of Civvy street once more. Where they no longer have the loving care of their senior rates to do their thinking for them. No doubt they will miss that tender shake in the mornings from the gentle R.A.4 making rounds — "Out of it you guys you've had your time" — Another item lacking in their daily diet will be that happy little custom of Divisions and Quarters, where we all congregate so we will know what our divisional P.O.'s and group Officers look like. Of course the food will be a major item of difference. Mother never could cook like the "Chief" (Thank heavens) Despite all these little setbacks no doubt with some effort we will be able to re-organize our lives to conform with the somewhat unfamiliar customs of John Q. Citizen.

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# So It Began

## The First Managing Editor Reveals Stories Behind The News

by T. H. Carson

Attempting to write an article for the final edition of "The Signal Log" is indeed a most difficult task, brought about by the sudden realization that this is the last one to be submitted, and added to by the bewildering problem of what would be interesting and appropriate reading material; as if this latter point was not always a problem.

To a former Editor, and a person who has always had the interests of the "Log" foremost in mind, this is most certainly a moment of reminiscence. In particular, memories crowd the mind of the actual commencement of publication of "The Voice of the Communication Branch".

It was in the Fall of 1943, when Captain Musgrave conceived the idea of starting a newspaper for the Signal School. It was his thought and opinion such a paper should be controlled and managed by lower-deck personnel, written by such, concerning such, and for such members; and, financed in the majority by Canteen Funds.

Receiving enthusiastic response from his Staff Officers on this proposition, Chief Petty Officer Holmes, and the writer, were approached on the voluntary assumption of such a project; and, following several conferences, in which policies were established, the first issue of "The Signal Log" made its appearance in November, 1943.

Strange as it may seem, its foundation having been 'born and bred' by Staff Officers, the first edition of the "Log" severed its connection with these gentlemen; with the exception of the Managing Director, who, as an Officer, was necessary on the Editorial Staff, in an advisory capacity, and did render valuable service.

Thus, "The Signal Log" made its debut, and rolled off the presses—A picture of the Commanding Officer—Four pages of solid single column material—Headlines all the same type—Sub-headlines all the same type—Articles all the same type. Engineered, written and published by amateurs, it

looked it, although the gentlemen in question thought it was the last word in newspapers; but, in comparison to recent editions of the "Log", one can readily see the vast improvement which has been achieved.

In those issues, material was scarce, very scarce; and, interest in submitting material was very difficult to arouse, although reading enthusiasm was always high. Personal names were mentioned as often as possible, in an effort to promote sales; and several Barrack "characters" were regularly assailed, such as, Bugler John Thomas Francis Beechey following a hair-cut with "A spot of axle grease, a dash of Bear's Breatin, and three jiggers of Spring", according to Holme's prolific pen. Chief Buffer, C.Y.S. "Scotty" Curnow, and his original Bo's'n's Stores, to say nothing of his flower gardens, also took a literary trimming, as did Stoker "Andy" Dunlop, Coder Doug Murch in the V/S I.P.O., Leading Coder John Smillie, Tel. Bill Martin, and just about anybody else the staff could lay their hands on.

As time progressed, changes were noted in the staff of the "Log"—C.P.O. Holmes departed for Halifax, C.P.O. Brunet joined as Social Editor, Ldg. Wtr. Adkin joined as Sports Editor, Wtr. Len Rattray as Advertising Manager, Ldg. Sea. Russ Herd graced the paper with his cartoons as Staff Artist, Coder Al Rayfield joined, the writer departed, the present Editor-in-Chief "Rick" Young joined, and so the shifts came about every now and then; but, always, the "Log" came out, on the efforts of such men, and by such contributors as Yeoman Stan Glass, Wt. Tel. G.A. Brownness, Lieut. John S. Hall, C.P.O. Tel. Dominey, Bill Larmour, and many others, too numerous to mention.

"The Signal Log" is now in its final run. It has meant headaches, worry and hard work to its management, but, its results have always been most gratifying. The publication of each issue has been more enthusiastically received than the previous one. Truly, it has been "The Voice of the Communication

### HAIL AND FAREWELL

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ment of the march to St. Hyacinthe. Our first impressions of the town were good — of the barracks, not so good. However in good sailor fashion the place was promptly licked into shape and fenced in. This latter job saved the bugler the job of sounding "Hands carry on with their work" in the experimental farm which exercised a great attraction for the lads in those days during stand easy ice cream session. Classrooms were fixed up, equipment installed and a W/T station established. We started out in earnest. Our first "Cold" and I say again "Cold" shock was the sudden descent of the 1942 Winter. Our classrooms and huts in those days had no double windows and to see a class of Tels. reading buzzer in their greatcoats and wearing gloves was indeed a tribute to their determination to succeed — and succeed they did.

About 150 ratings formed the W/T complement of the barracks in those early days. A new Morse Pool and six new classrooms were built in the Old Drill Shed. On the day the new Morse Pool went into action the Drill Shed was burned to the ground and much valuable equipment, telephones, buzzers and records went west. By four o'clock in the afternoon of that day an extempore Morse Pool was functioning in one of the smaller huts requisitioned for that purpose.

The production curve which suffered a slight drop after our arrival began to rise at a rapidly accelerating rate.

In 1942 and 1943 the growing demand for more and more Sparkers and other communications rates became so imperative that it was decided to enlarge the Signal School and our present school slowly took shape. The Staff of

Branch of the Royal Canadian Navy".

While credit is due to every person who has been associated with the "Log", now is the time for the lower-deck personnel to hand it back to the "Brass Hats" with an orchid, and a 'thank you', for the privilege of being able to publish this their own newspaper, in the manner and style they chose, with thanks also, to the members of Communications for their invaluable interest and support.

"Per Signa Sapientia"

### FUGITIVE FROM A.. RAZOR!



R.C.N. Photo. No. he's not a fugitive from a U-boat. It's just Leading Stoker Bill Graydon of Lacombe, Alberta, clowning with a captured Nazi helmet. Holding their bearded shipmate are (left to right) Able Seaman Nick Puchalski of Fort Francis, Ontario, and Telegraphist Don Wilde of Salmo, B.C. All three sailors serve in H.M.C.S. "MATANE".

course was steadily enlarged as our commitments increased and it is worthy of note that in August last year the number of W/T ratings under instruction was close on the 1000 mark with a Morse Pool alone of almost 300.

Ours is a proud record and one established through the fine spirit of co-operation which has all along existed between the men and wo-

men under instruction and the Administrative and Instructional Staffs.

Most of us are going back now to civilian life wondering no doubt what the future holds in store for us. As our train pulls out, not a few of us will look back with pride at our wartime "Alma Mater" and express the hope that she "may live happily ever after".

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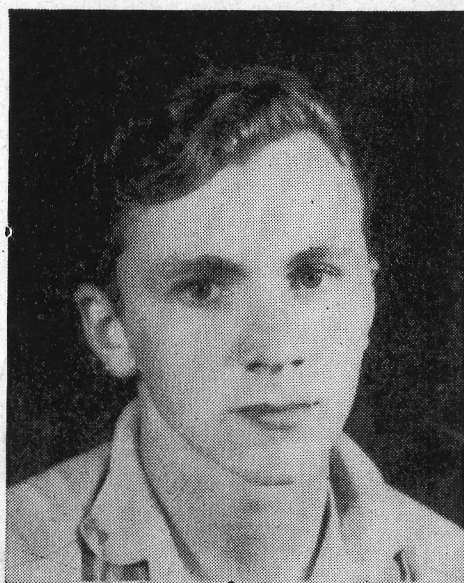
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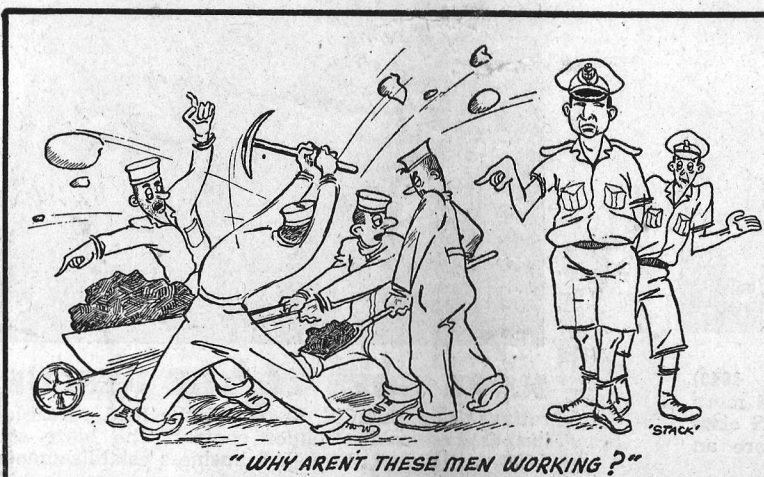
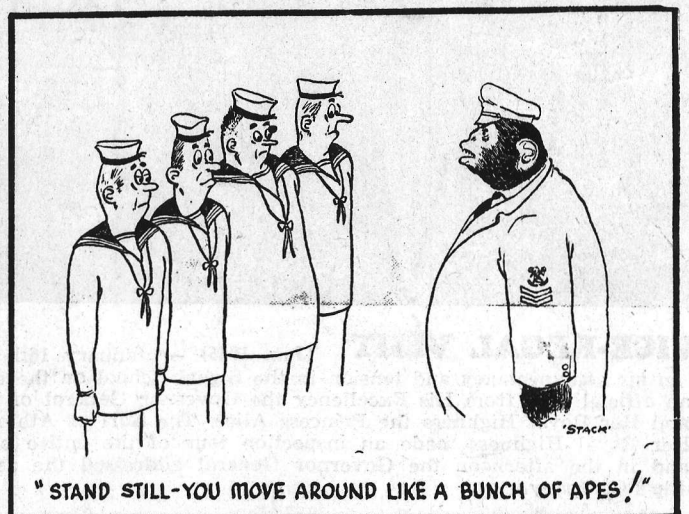
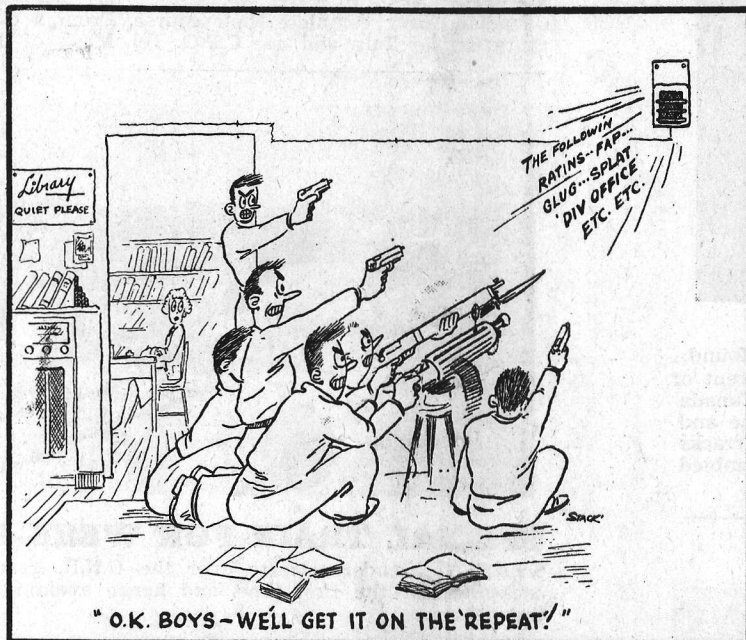
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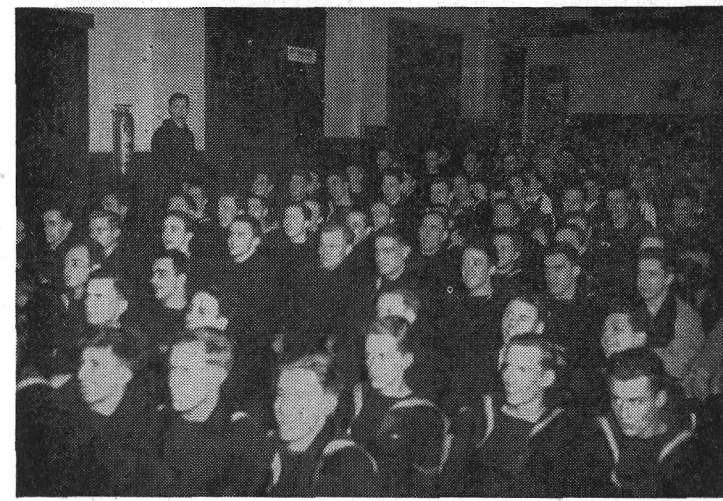


R.C.N. Photo. — Brown. Able Seaman Jim Stackhouse, perpetrator of Signal Log's cartoons since April 1944 has handed many a laugh to readers of the "Log". His keen sense of humour and characteristic style have won much praise from all circles. "Stack" as he is known in the Signal School and as he signs his cartoons, hopes to make a career of cartooning.

## Many a Laugh From "Log's" Cartoons



# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS DURING THREE YEARS OF PUBLICATION



**MOVIES COME** (March 1944) — Projection hall in Bldg. 9 is completed and nightly shows provide entertainment for troops. Two months later the Royal Canadian Naval Film Society arrives and two theatres are kept in operation, showing latest films.



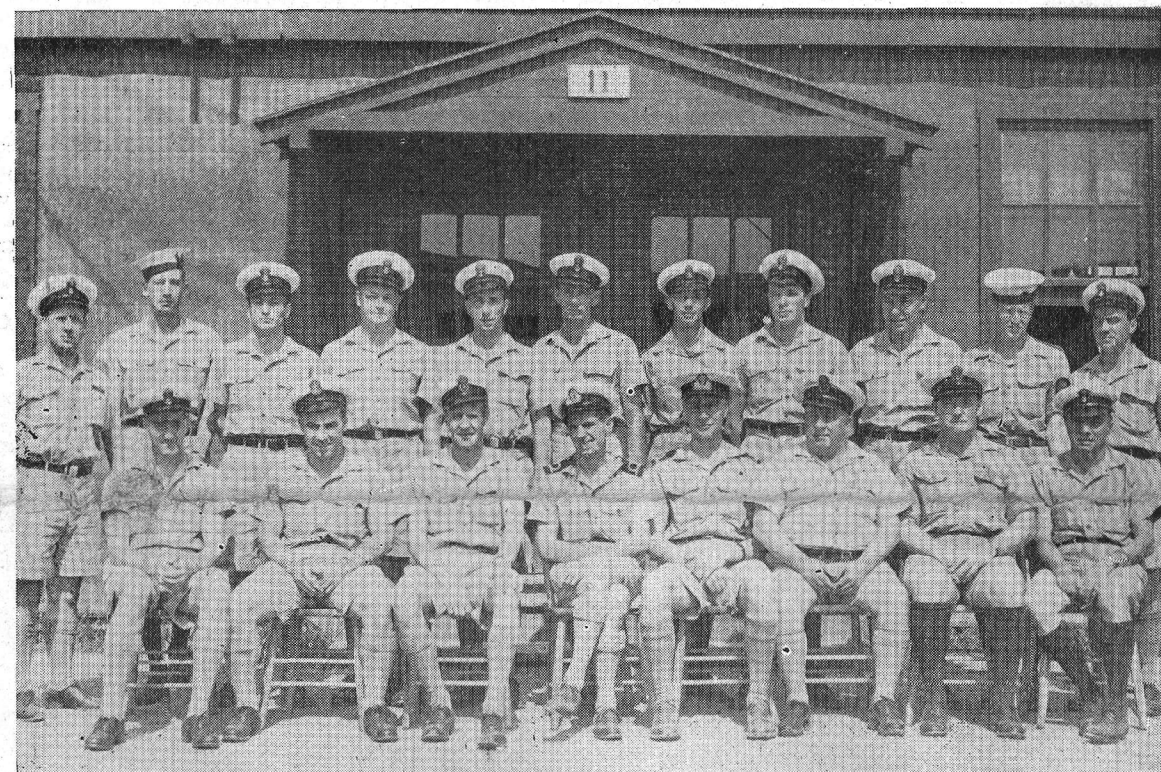
**K. OF C. HUT OPENS** (Jan. 1943) — Knights of Columbus War Services Committee provides new Hut for service personnel in St. Hyacinthe. Occupying some 6500 square feet, the Hut presented a homey atmosphere in which one could relax restfully or play any of the numerous games provided — table tennis, billiards, darts, checkers, cards, etc. The Hut has carried on its work ever since.



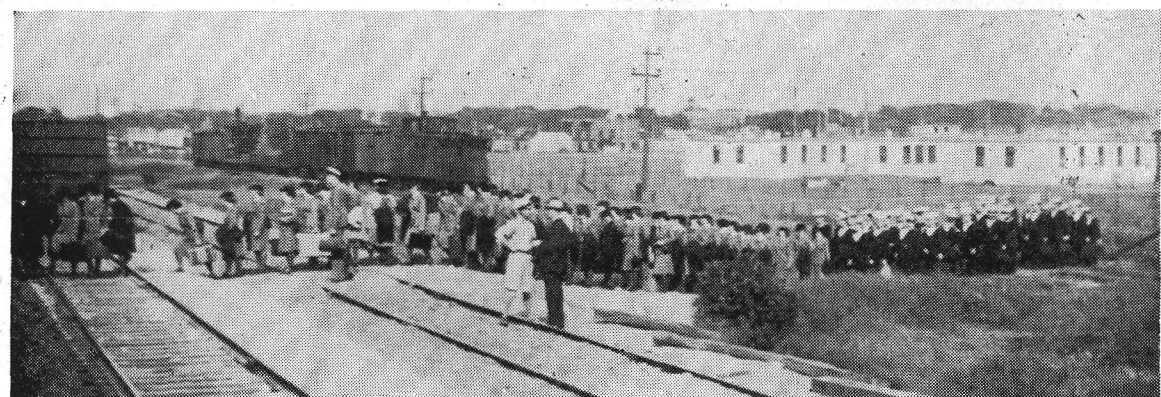
**FIRST WINTER WAS TOUGH** (January 1942) — A scene taken at the old gate of the Signal School shows the snow piled deep and the guard on duty shivering in the cold. Classrooms were unheated and the men attended classes with their greatcoats on. This gate is no longer in use.



**VICE-REGAL VISIT** (Jan. 1945) — January 18th found an air of expectancy and tension in the Signal School on the event of an official visit from His Excellency the Governor General of Canada and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. The Earl of Athlone and Her Royal Highness made an inspection tour of the entire barracks and in the afternoon the Governor General addressed the assembled ship's Company.



**FIRST W-T 1-s QUALIFY** (November 1943) — First W/T "Ones" class in the history of the Canadian Navy complete their course. From a class of fifteen candidates, seven were successful. — Six Petty Officer Tels. and one C.P.O. Tel. Many of these men are now Warrant Telegraphists.



**SPECIAL TRAIN FOR WEEK-ENDERS** (July 1944) — Westward-bound Signal School week-enders stream over the C.N.R. Tracks, boarding their special Friday night local via the jack-door for the first time, and hence avoiding the mad Dessaulles-Street dash by careening taxi to the station.



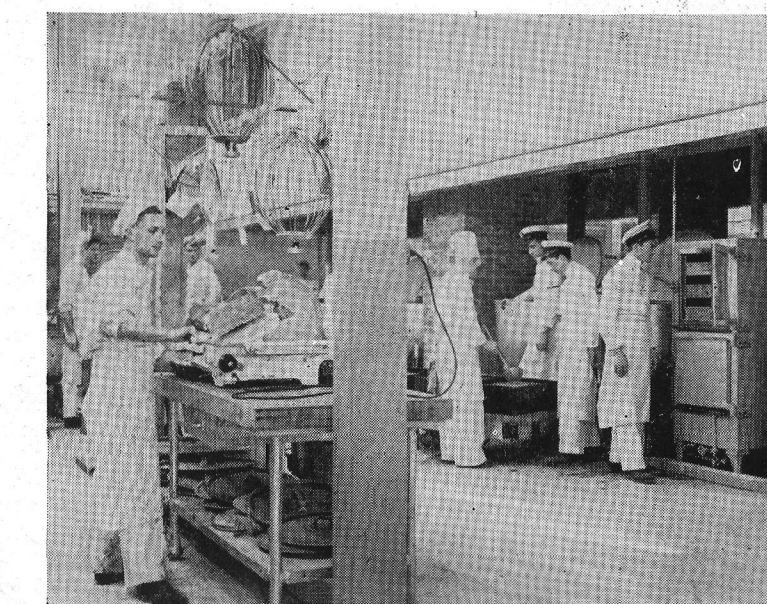
**WRENS INVADE SIGNAL SCHOOL** (Oct. 1943) — "The invasion of St. Hyacinthe" gets underway as Wrens and more Wrens appear. These Signalwomen are members of the first V/S class and were among the first to come to St. Hy. The Wrens were an oddity then, they are now a familiar sight in the Signal School.



**NAVY GOES TO THE RESCUE** (Feb. 1944) — 200 ratings from H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe lend valuable assistance in bringing dangerous fire under control. The blaze started shortly before 0830 and swept through 8 business establishments and 12 homes.



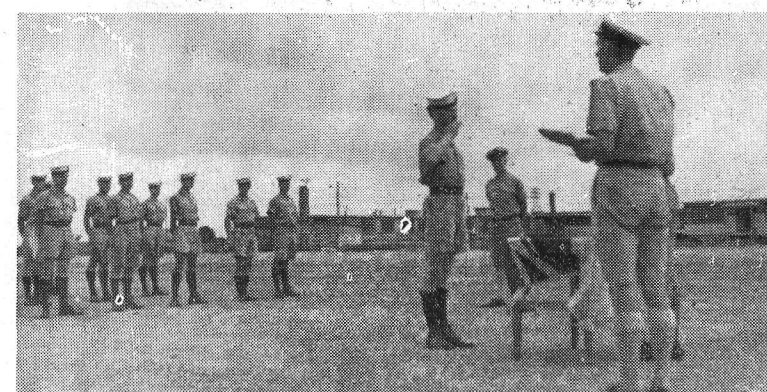
**V-E DAY** (May 1945) — Divisions from H.M.C. Signal School parade through the streets of St. Hyacinthe on V-E day. Germany is now beaten, Japan is left alone to face the allied forces.



**NEW MESSDECK OPENS** (Jan. 1944) — On January 12th, 1944, "St. Hyacinthe's" new messdeck was opened. The galley which is fully equipped with the most modern facilities and equipment, is one of the largest in Canada. Dish washing machines replace the old Hand method.



**CHAPEL OPENING** (July 1944) — In an impressive ceremony which marked the official opening of the new Catholic Chapel aboard H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe on Saturday June 24th, His Eminence Jean-Marie-Rodrigue Villeneuve, Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec, passed his blessing on the Chapel and delivered a short address to a congregation of Ratings, Officers and other guests.



**FIRST BADGE PRESENTATION** (August 1944) — Colorful Ceremony marks first W/T Badge Presentation. Hostility "VI" stand to attention to receive their "Sparks" badges in first ceremony of its kind in Signal School. Lieut. Charles made presentation.

LEFT:

**ADMIRAL MURRAY VISITS:**

Rear Admiral Murray, Commander in Chief, Canadian North-western Atlantic, visits Signal School and addresses the Ship's Company, assembled on the new parade square for the first time. This was his first and last official visit to Signal School.



**FIRST V-S 1's QUALIFY** (Sept. 1943) — The first V/S "One's" class in the history of the Canadian Navy complete their course and are graduated. The majority of these men are now Signal Bos'n's and were all, at one time, instructors in the Signal School.

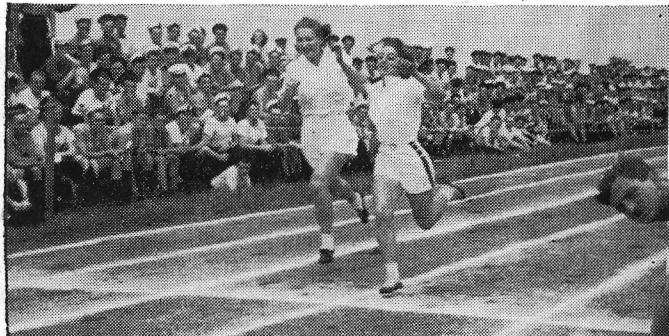


**OPENING DANCE** (August 1943) — New canteen is officially opened as the first dance, ever to be held onboard H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe gets underway. Organized by Sub. Lieut. R.C. Labarge, then Special Services officer, and P.O. Wren Barrington, it was the first of the Friday night dances which have been carrying on ever since.

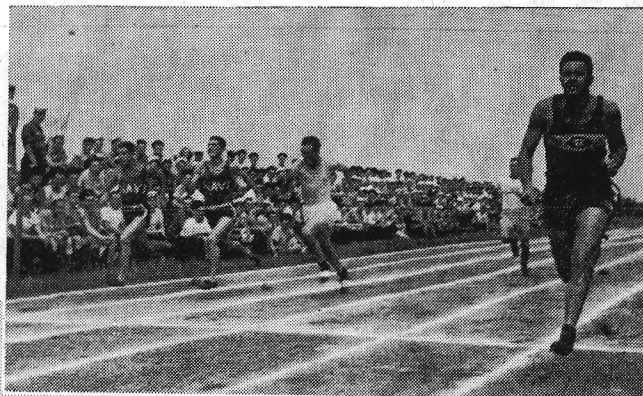


**EARLY MORNING ROUTE MARCH** (Sept. 1943) — Signal School band played a big part in the history of the School. Here they are seen leading the early morning route march in the days when the school was so crowded that not all hands could be used in early morning "Clean ship". Members of the W.R.C.N.S. are directly behind the band.

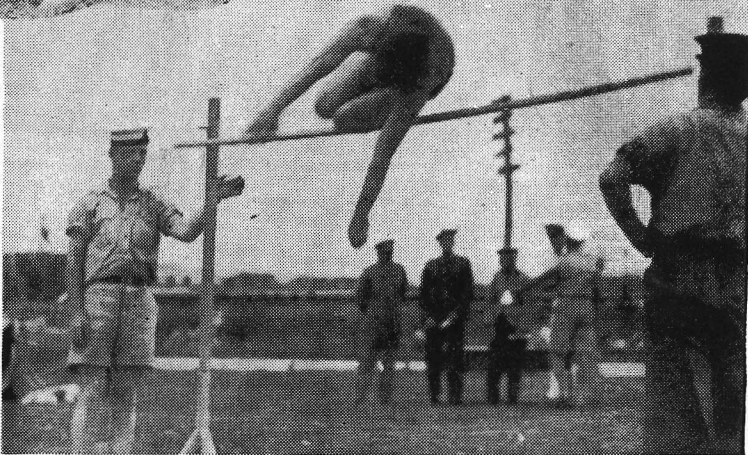
# ARMY DEFEATS NAVY BY FIVE POINTS IN INTER-SERVICE TRACK MEET



ABOVE: Private August of the C.W.A.C. crossing the tape ahead of Wren Stewart to win the 60 yard event. These two ladies repeated their performances in the 100 yard dash.



BELOW: Telegraphist Dorland is seen Boosting Navy's total as he leads the pack to the finishing line in the mile. His smooth strides also gave Navy a first in the 880.



CENTRE: Private Allard of army warming up in preparation for one of his mighty discus throws which gave the khaki-clad visitors another first in the field events.

Top right: Big factor in Army's victory was Private Simard who is seen nosing out Navy's Sub-Lieutenants Strothers and Devitt. Simard also placed first in the 220 yard event.

Lower right: The camera catches the rolling style of Sub-Lieutenant Hammond which carried this Naval participant to the number one spot in the high jump.

## St.Hylights On Sport

by Bill Laing — Sport Editor

The number of ratings passing through HMCS ST. HYACINTHE these days with broad, smiling faces, resulting from the word "DISCHARGE" printed across their Barracks Routine Chits, gives us just cause for speculation regarding the future of sports in the Signal School.

The arrival of long-awaited V-E-Day forced the Sports Committee to adopt a rather cautious attitude in their planning consequently football and hockey for 1945 were even then wrapped in a large question mark. V-J-Day completely dispelled any hopes for a football entry in the Q.R.F.U. or a first-class senior hockey squad to compete in the Montreal leagues. It is now quite apparent, and logically so, that sports will be mainly based on an inter-part system in order to provide physical and recreational training for those "pending discharge."

Perhaps the most outstanding accomplishment in our Sports Parade occurred on a dull, windy, Saturday afternoon last fall, at Scott Park Stadium in Hamilton. When the whistle blew to end the sudden-death final for the Grey Cup, our Naval Combines, who had battled the highly rated Hamilton Wildcats to a standstill, found themselves crowned Canadian Football Champs. This feat, long with the splendid achievements of our senior hockey squads, will give us our share of pleasant reminiscing in later years.

Many notable athletes have brought fame and honour to the Signal School. Several, such as: JOHN LOARING—member of Canada's Olympic Track & Field Team; AL HURLEY—football star, formerly with Western University. JACK WEDLEY—Mainstay of Toronto Argos football aggregations; LORNE ATKINSON—former British Columbia and now Dominion Bike Racing Champion. EDDIE RUNGE—well known first baseman in the Ontario Senior Baseball Loop, had all attained recognition in sporting circles prior to enlistment. The showing of the Navy Track and Field Team in the Inter-Service Meets uncovered many up and coming stars who seem destined for a colorful career in sports: TELEGRAPHIST DORLAND—smooth running miler; P/S/LT. DEVITT—pole vaulter and versatile tra and field competitor; A. B. BLACKBURN—pitched a no-hitter for the local S. Hyacinthe senior baseball nine; P/S/LT. HAMMOND—winner of the high jump in the inter-service track meet; WRITER ALF MCGOWAN—deceptive basketball forward; MARTY POW—main cog in Signal School's soccer and hockey teams.

Looking back, HMCS ST. HYACINTHE has compiled a very enviable record in the field of sports—looking ahead, we wish you the very best of luck in your post-war activities.

## Shorts on the Sports

by Dave Morgan

This being the last issue of this mighty little paper of ours I think credit should be given in several places where it is really due and where it has been neglected up till now.

One of the neglected items has been softball. We have, in our barracks one of the best softball teams that has ever hurled a pill around a diamond. They have taken on all comers and since last May, have never lost a game. They have had the usual difficulties too, the fact that no drafts can be

stopped for sports. The line-ups have been changed several times, but these boys have comprised the strongest nines.

CATCHER, Catherwood; FIRST, Blackburn; SHORT, Rochford, Morrison and Sub. Lt. Devitt; L. FIELD, McMullen; R. FIELD, Edwards; PITCHER, Kennedy and Ross; SECOND, Smith K; THIRD, Harvey; C. FIELD, Warner.

Other players who had active parts with the team were Stiebel, Conconi and Hunter.

The final game of the season was played in Farnham against the soldiers. The score was 5-4 in our favour. It was tough and go all the way and the Navy just kept in the lead by one point. There were two home runs knocked in the game, one by our second baseman Smith and the other by the Army.

We should like to salute them all now and also their coach who has been in there fighting with them all along, WARRANT TEL ARMSTRONG.

## Sig. Schooler Wins Dominion Bike Crown

by Dave Morgan

Anyone crossing the quarterdeck of HMCS ST. HYACINTHE on the morning of the 27th August was temporarily blinded by the glare of a sports trophy which reposes in the Signal School as a result of Lorne Atkinson's efforts in the 50 Mile Dominion Bike Racing Championship. The trophy, which is worth five hundred dollars, will be Lorne's own private property providing he can repeat his performance next year.



R.C.N. Photo — Duncan. Lorne Atkinson and trophy

In winning this title, bike-rider Atkinson established himself as Canada's top 50-mile amateur. Overcoming a trick knee, sustained in an automobile accident a few years ago, the former British Columbia champ finally reached his Pot of Gold which is a just reward for his faithfulness to a rigid training schedule over the past months.

Lorne is awaiting discharge at the present time and we will no doubt be hearing more about future successes under the nom de plume of Mr. Atkinson instead of

name, rating and official number.

Emile Tasse, another naval entrant in the 50 mile grind, was a victim of hard luck and synthetics. Tire trouble overcame Emile's untiring efforts and he was finally forced to retire, however, he fared much better on the 18th and the 19th of August while participating in the 200 mile race from Montreal to Shawinigan Falls. Tasse brought further honours to HMCS ST. HYACINTHE by coming in fourth in this gruelling marathon.

## Officers, Ships Co. Meet in Inter-Part Softball Finals

Climaxing the inter-part softball season, the officers and Ships Company are now battling it out for the championship.

Both teams have been tied for first place since the opening game. Neither has shown any let up during the season and each has reached top playing form as the play-offs beckon.

Managers Lt-Cdr MacLean and P.T.I. Johnnie Burt have their charges ready willing and able and

## Simard Paces Army Dorland and Devitt Boost Navy's Total

Compilation of the results of ST. HYACINTHE'S INTER-SERVICE TRACK MEET, held on Tuesday, 21st of August, found the khaki-clad visitors on the long end of a 55-50 total.

Due to flying conditions the RC AF and Fleet Air Arm contestants were unable to attend, relegating the meet to an ARMY-NAVY clash. Despite this disappointing setback the soldiers and sailors proceeded to give of their best and provided a track & field meet that was packed with excitement and competition as can be gathered from the closeness of the score.

Individual point winners of the day were Army's Simard and August and Navy's Dorland who contributed 10 points each toward their team totals. Wren Stewart followed closely with a 7 point total and this young lady forced Private August to extend herself in the 60 and 100 yard dashes.

The rain which had threatened all afternoon finally made its appearance late in the day, forcing the cancellation of the last two events.

Following is the list of events: 100 yards. First, Simard (A). Second, Strothers (N). Third, Devitt (N).

220 yards: First, Simard (A). Second, Landry (A); Third, Strothers (N).

440 yards: First, Roche (A); Second, Tardy (A); Third, Hammond (N).

880 yards: First, Dorland (N); Second, Barbeau (A); Third, Powell (N).

1 Mile: First, Dorland (N); Second, Ranaud (A); Third, Montpetit (A).

440 relay: Army. Shot-Put: First, Thibault (A); Second, Pfeiffer (A); Third, Ve-zina (A).

Discus: First, Allard (A); Second, McLeod (N); Third, Brennan (A).

Javelin: First, Pfeiffer (A); Second, Abbott (N); Third, McLeod (N).

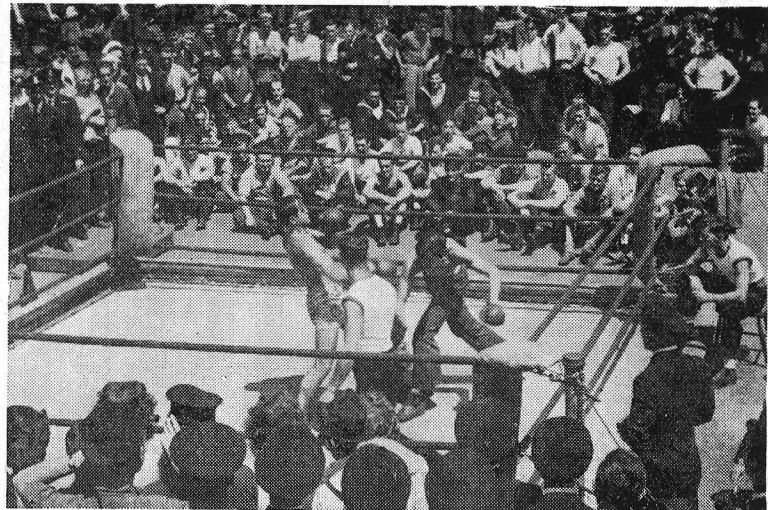
High Jump: First, Hammond (N); Second, Devitt (N); Third, Roche (A).

Pole Vault: First, Devitt (N); Second, Trigunno (N); Third, Smith (A).

each is confident that he is piloting a winner.

In reaching the finals these squads toppled formidable teams representing the Shore Patrol, Petty Officers and Radar Instructors. Always a threat, the three runners-up rounded out a very successful inter-part softball schedule and the winners of the championship will be deserving of the interpart Trophy.

## Tel. Wins C. N. A. Light Heavy Crown



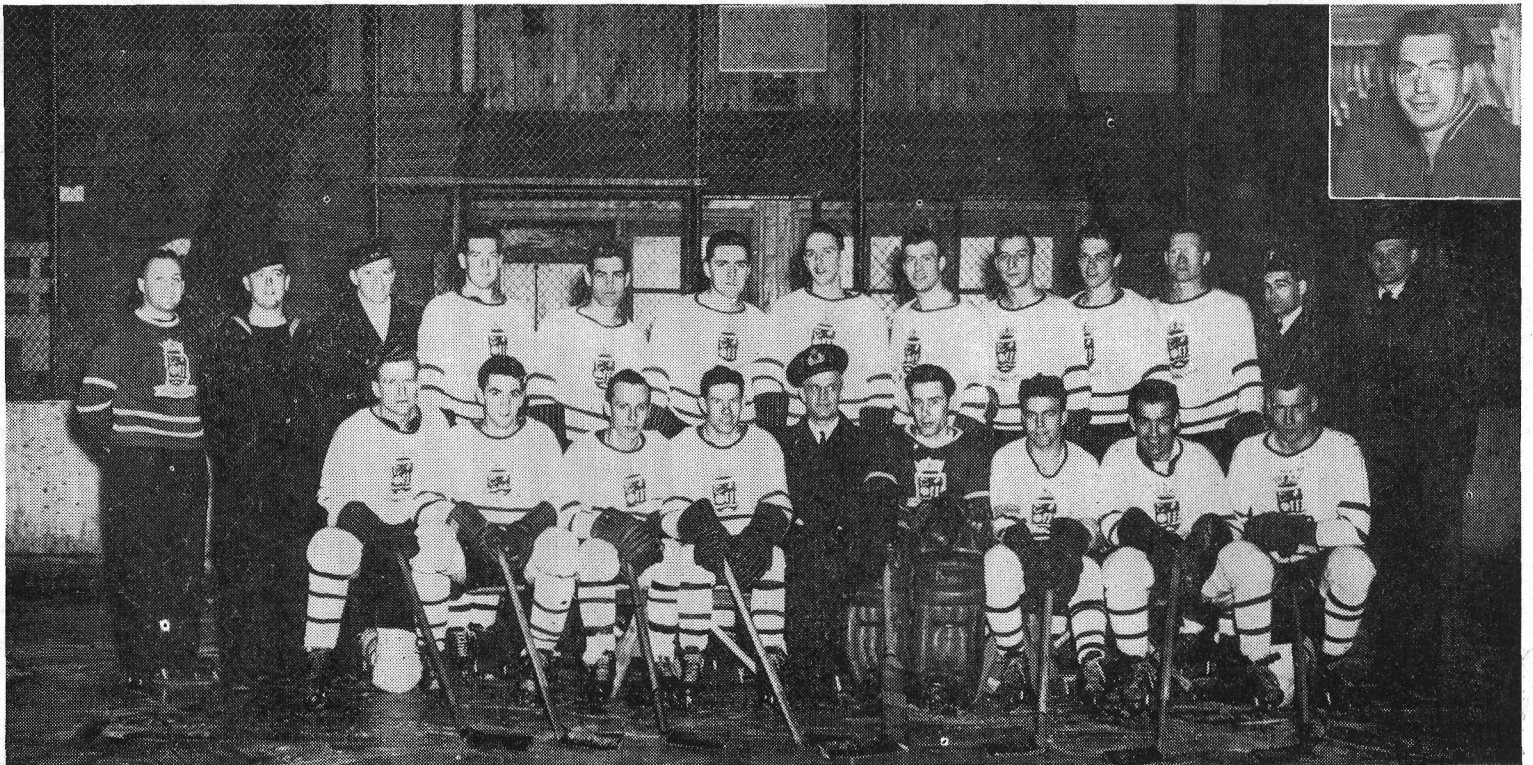
R.C.N. Photo. Light heavyweight boxing champion of Royal Canadian Navy ships of the Canadian Northwest Atlantic Command is Telegraphist Russell "Buzz" Jones, R.C.N.V.R., of Vancouver, who recently copped the title by scoring an unanimous decision over Able Seaman "Casey" Zabroc, RCNVR, of Port Arthur and Kenora, Ont., in the final event of the navy's boxing elimination tournament held weekly on the dockyard jetty in Halifax. In the above picture, Jones, (wearing the dungarees) is shown after rocking his opponent with a right cross. Zabroc, wearing the trunks, reels back on his heels, while the third man in the ring is Physical Training Instructor Stan Johnson, RNCVR, of Winnipeg. The bouts which are usually crowd pleasers attract a large number of sailor enthusiasts.

# Sports Played Big Part in Signal School



Above: Lieut. Samuel Abbott — Sports Officer.

Joined the Signal School in November 1944 as the first Sports Officer. Has since done a good job as head of the P. and R.T. Staff.

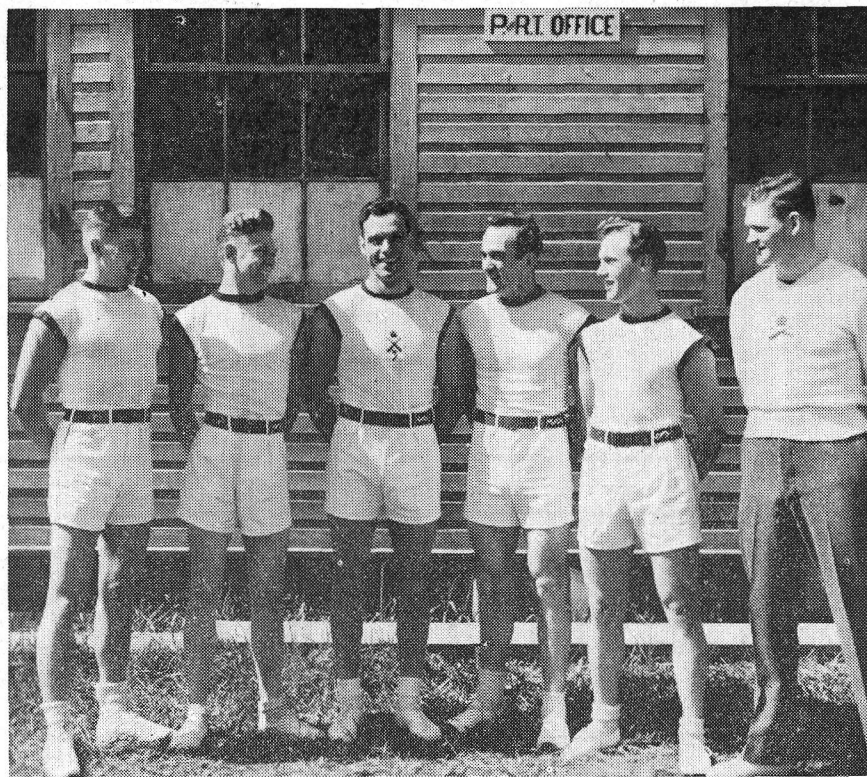


Above: H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe senior hockey team 1944-45.



LEFT: The senior softball team, summer of 1945. (They didn't lose a game).

Below: Signal School's senior basketball team. Coach Lieut. Cmdr. Hurley, at right, played with team until game leg forced him out of active participation.

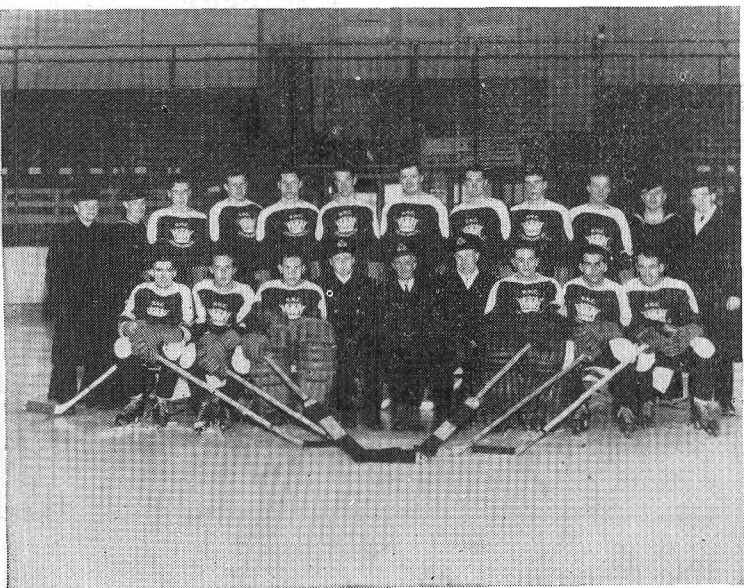


Above left: The P. and R.T. Staff. Left to right: "Bucko" McLeod, "Johnny" Burt, Chief "The Rocket" Rochette, Jack "Stoneface" Weddley, Tommy Kennedy and Lieut. "Sam" Abbott.



Left: Senior Hockey squad. Winter of 1943-44.

Right: Action rages around the Signal School net as goalie Pickell sprawls to foil Getliff's (no. 11) scoring attempt. Many memorable games were played with Montreal's "Habitants".

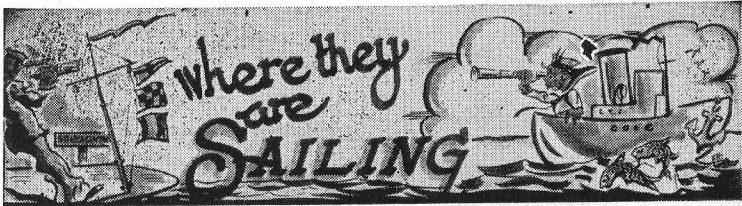




P. O. Tel. Edits Sea Going Sheet



The presses roll, and out comes the salty publication, "KOKANEWS" sea-going newspaper written by, for and about the crew of the frigate H.M.C.S. "KOKANEE". The ship recently on the West coast for refit. Editor of "KOKANEWS" is Petty Officer Telegraphist Frank Stevens of Winnipeg, (right). This was the last edition of "KOKANEWS" before the Pacific volunteers proceeded on 30 days' leave. Enjoying the ship's paper are, left to right: Telegraphist Al MacLeod, Edmonton; Able Seaman M. L. Bennett, Port Arthur; Coder Ed. Wheeler, Crystal City, Man.; L/Writer Bog Eccleston, Vancouver; Able Seaman Don Gray, Winnipeg; and Petty Officer Telegraphist Frank Stevens, Winnipeg. R.C.N. Photo.



by Jack Laforet

This column was instituted in order that men of the Communications Branch might maintain some measure of contact with each other. From its beginning, "Where They are Sailing" has been one of the most popular columns of the "Log". The last few months have been the most important in the history of the world. Even the "Signal Log" has felt the repercussions. Since the departure of P.O. Writer Dennis Adkin a different person has authored this column. Now that the boys are coming home to sail no more it is

only fitting that in this the last of the "Signal Logs" we should pay tribute to those who have sailed and will sail no more. To those who return to take up the torch of sailing in future years". And now to the business at hand, peace we say, "Here's to smooth Stan Glass, Ex-CYS, ever-faithful informant of ye olde column and now civilianized, reports that from his vantage point on the corner of St. Catherine and Peel Streets he has spotted ex-Sig. T.O. Fred McNeil and ex-Ldg. Convoy Sig. Jack Cadney, both radiant in civies. Sig. T.O. Maurice Chambers is on discharge leave and Al Levesque, himself a former bunting tosser has just accepted his discharge. Ex-Sig. T.O. Joe Cartwright has

begun working on Civvy St... Sports minded matelots will be interested to learn that Gord Mackie has signed with a well-known manager for a career in the squared circle and has picked Montreal for his debut... Yeo. Pat O'Reilly is home on leave and keeping a weather eye open for what everyone else is open... namely, a discharge... Yeo. Fred Holloway is now in St. Francis Sanatorium at Sherbrook, P.Q. and would appreciate hearing from his old shipmates... Lieut. John Brebner, one-time Ldg. Sig. and formerly Signal Officer on the "Athabaskan" and "Haida" is now at "Donnacona"... His brother, Lieutenant Walter Brebner, ex-Sig. T.O. is home from the South Pacific and is now discharged... Old time St. Hy-ers will recall the P.E. Islander who caused so much merriment about Central Stores awhile back. Well, "Spud" Crossman is handling Central Stores aboard the "Qu'Appelle".

P. O. Writer Denny Adkin, former perpetrator of this column, voyaged to "Niobe" on the above-mentioned vessel and has made a thorough report on the communication staff aboard. Ldg. Sig. Claude "Goldy" Mulholland is there as are Sig. V/S 3 Russell Moore, Sig. Lyall Bell and Sig. Arthur Johnstone. Doing the coding is Coder Albert Cockburn... Key pounders on the "Qu'Appelle" are Ldg. Tel. Bob Strong, Tel. T.O. Alvin MacDonald, Tel. T.O. Lloyd Root, Tels. Roy Forester and Lorne Harris. Maintenance man is R. A. 4/c Roy Young... Radar men aboard are Radar 2 Ron Lester who is top kick among Sam Lerner and George Ball, both Radar 3's... Signal Officer is Lieutenant W.C. McPhillips... From "Niobe" Dennis writes that Franky Boudreau, now a Stoker 1/c, will be returning to the land of the Maple Leaf shortly after a stretch with the R.N. Followers of the St. Hyacinthe hockey wars of 1943-44 will recall Franky for his performance as defenceman on St. Hy ice... Surg-Lieut. Stuart Busby, irrepresable hockey enthusiast and all-round athlete, formerly of the M.O. Staff at the Signal School is now in "Niobe" and seems to have taken to volley ball... Ex-Tel. T.O. Tony Rheume paid us a visit the other day and he was resplendent in gray tweeds and a rather repulsive-looking blue cravat. Tony is planning to complete his interrupted academic pursuits...

A late note from the ever faithful ex-sports editor, Denny Adkin, writing from "Niobe" goes as follows... "Quite a number of old St. Hy-ers arrived on the 'Ottawa' Aug. 17th, after spending eight days on the foam, most of it standing off some island up the coast, eight hundred miles off course, picking up some R.N. officer. They limped in at about fourteen knots, on one boiler, out of water, not to mention patience, and with just enough oil to see them to port. R.A. 4/c Doug Cosgrove was the first I spied. He was lately an instructor in the Signal School. Chas. Allen yet another 4/c R.A. arrived too, for Crescent Class Destroyer No 2. Doug by the way is nom in Glasgow standing by No 1. Harvey Dawkins, O-Smn. R.P. 3 appears to be the lone Radar rate, D. L. Peg and George Bayford, He's for Dest. No. 1.

That seems to spell "30 for "Where They are Sailing" so we'll say "Cheerio" and the best of luck. Ldg. Sig. V/S 2's here for the "Warrior", that's the first carrier. George was recently in St. Hy. for a course, and while there meet and married my little Ldg. Wren Dawn Braunwarth.

Edward Ward, Bruce Nault, Glen Orr, Joseph Muncey, Art Knight, James Boatman — all sigs for Warrior, as is John Ego, O/Sing. Ward and Nault have already left fo Belfast to stand by.

My biggest surprise was to meet P.O. Ck. Dick Laybolt and Len Philbrook St. P.O., both real old St. Hy. Boys of long standing. Dick is still around, but Len hardly saw the town before he was shunted off to Belfast. Both are for 'Warrior'.

Not off the 'Ottawa' but for the carrier I hope to get myself the 'Magnificent', is P.O. Bob Dustan, commonly known as 'Dusty' about the dorm"

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by Padre McLean

Re-Enlistment

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Certainly the world cannot go on in the belief that we are on the road of inevitable progress, or continue to believe that the discoveries of science can solve our many problems. We might continue to develop a standard of living with the aid of science and education, but we would eventually arrive at the same situation that confronted us prior to World War II. Our problem today as it always has been, lies far deeper than man alone can solve. We can continue to advance in the field of education and science and be the most Patriotic peo-

ple on earth, but unless the heart of man is changed, we will continue to have greater destruction than the world can stand. Every clear thinking individual must see the only hope of salvation before him is the acceptance of the truth of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. He alone is "The Way" to world peace, "for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it".

In this last edition of the "Signal Log" I trust that my words, written in all sincerity, will find their mark in the life of all who read. You are going back, or you are already back, to civilian life. There is, in your neighborhood, the Church — a God given institution, aware of its task and seeking your spiritual support. As you answered the call for enlistment in the service of your King and Country, answer the call for Re-Enlistment in the service of His Church. Give yourself a living sacrifice to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, for in Him is the hope of the world.

Good luck to all who have served aboard H.M.C.S.'s and God speed to you all in Civilian life.

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# St. Hy. Receives News of Final Victory



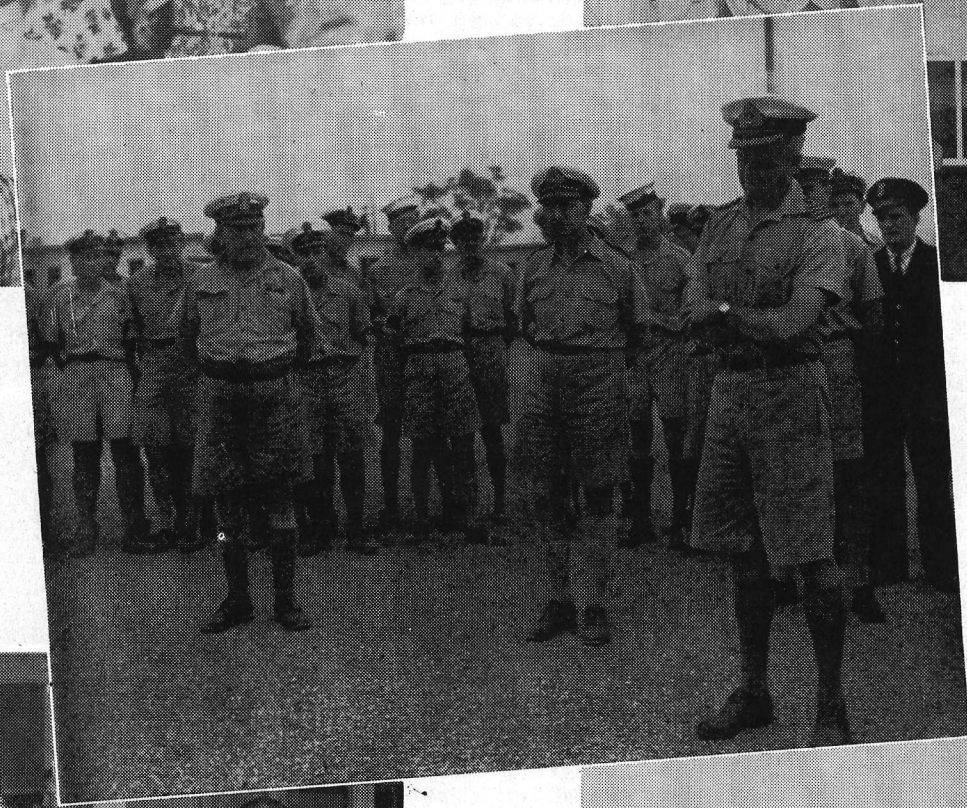
**CENTRE:** Captain Musgrave informally addresses Chief and Petty Officers on V-J day. At left in the foreground is Chief Yeoman "Cuts" Kennedy, President of the Chiefs and P.O.'s mess. Comdr Stanton stands in the centre.

**ABOVE:** On the evening the Japanese surrender was announced, a gala dance gets underway in the Drill Shed. Signal School Orchestra was on deck to supply the music.

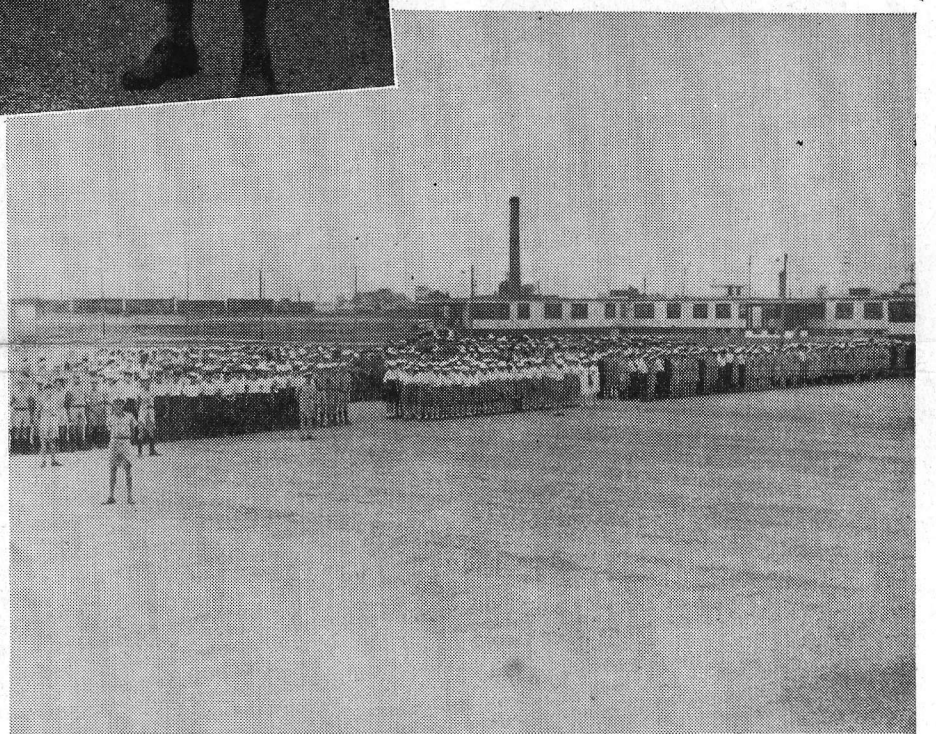
**BELOW:** Even the patients in the R.C.N.H. celebrate with a dance. Note the casual gear.



**R.C.N. Photo's — Duncan.**  
**ABOVE:** A scene in the R.C.N. Hospital V-J. eve. Pains and maladies were momentarily forgotten in the excitement of the victory announcement.



**BELOW:** A section of the ship's Company as, at "Clear lower decks", the Skipper makes the official announcement and, mid cheers, tells Signal Schoolers that they will have five days leave. When they were dismissed there was a wild dash for the drill shed where "casuals" were to be paid. Special trains took them to their homes.



## V-J Day In Retrospect

by Writer J. Laforet

Looking back on V-J. Day, and those hectic days immediately preceding it, we sometimes wonder how we stood up under the strain. Even the announcement of the terrific and widespread devastation wrought by the atomic bombs did not bring forth much speculation as to an early conclusion of hostilities with Japan. However, on the afternoon of Sunday, the 12th of August some indication was given that the already rickety supports of Nippon's empire were collapsing. On the evening of the same day the voice of the Prime Minister of Canada announced the end of the war. Those who listened and felt, as they listened, the hate and bloodshed of the last 5 years lift from their hearts were amazed and let down by the denial which followed. In an unbelievably short period of time a sizeable group of

sailors were lined up outside the Officer of the Watch's cabin waiting to telegraph greetings to the folks at home. When the news came of the denial they dispersed, in as short a time as they had gathered. Outside in the blackness of the night the whoops and shouts died away and "St. Hyacinthe" prepared to retire in a world still technically at war.

Monday dawned bright and clear and it seemed certain that this would be the day for the great announcement. But the sun set amid reports and denials, confirmations and communiques. Everyone knew that peace was near but it was a battle of the war of nerves and we almost lost it. At "Evening Quarters" Tuesday the 14th Captain Musgrave announced that if the armistice came that night there would be a "Clear Lower Decks" the next morning and as many as could possibly be spared would be

sent on leave until the following Monday.

Finally, after the days and nights of waiting the momentous announcement came. By this time it was no surprise but it was a day well worth celebrating. Minutes after the great news was heard the Signal School band was out in force and hundreds of matelots followed them around the barracks in a snake dance. They sang and the songs were those that spring to men's lips throughout the Anglo-Saxon world when a great trouble is ended.

They sang the songs their fathers sang at the close of another great war. "Tipperary", "Pack Up Your Troubles" — Men have walked into the hell of battle with those melodies on their lips.

All over the barracks informal and spontaneous celebrations were taking place. The Chiefs and Petty Officers carried on in their inimitable style and in the Wardroom similar doings were noted. Later on in the evening the Signal School orchestra presented a jam session in the drill hall. The program was M.C.'d by Lieutenant McKyes, popular Special Services Officer, who himself rendered a poignant ditty dealing with the vicissitudes of a certain Turkish gentleman who had difficulties with his harem. The band has played a great role in the struggle to keep up the spirits of St. Hyacinthe men and women every night since V-J. Day they have been in the drill shed enter-

tain. M. Ainlie and his crew of musicmakers are to be congratulated for their unselfish sacrifice of their leisure hours.

Thus was V-J Day in the Signal School. Since the great day, events have been happening with breathtaking rapidity. The communications branch is returning in great numbers for discharge. Old friendships are being renewed and many a salty dip is being retold. Every day truckloads of cheerful and sometimes cheering matelots leave through the Main Gate bound for Civvy Street. They're happy about it and they'll make no bones about telling you so but apart from the technical knowledge they have gained they have learned another thing. They have learned to live with and understand others. This lesson once learned is not soon forgotten and is the hope of mankind on earth.

Through the first few bitter, melancholy years of the war the school has developed from a squatty little former army camp to

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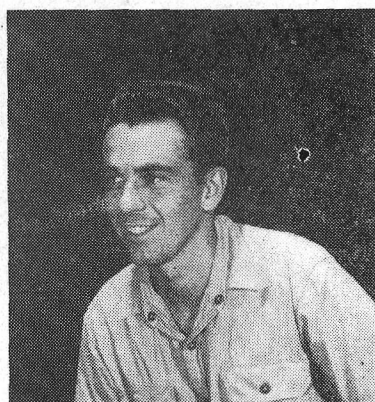
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With publishing of this, the last issue of the "Signal Log", three years of steady progress have been completed. In November 1942 the first "Log" rolled off the press. At that time it was a four page paper with a circulation of approximately six hundred and was written and edited entirely in the free time of its staff. Now, as publication is suspended, we can review the vast changes that have taken place — from four pages to eight, and sometimes more... the addition of interesting pictures... circulation of approximately 2500. The only thing that has remained unchanged is the fact that, with the exception of the Editor, the "Log" has always been written and worked up in the spare time of its staff.

The members of the staff, both past and present, who have given so unselfishly of their valuable time to keep it going, are pictured here on this page. These people worked hard to give the Communication Branch a representative paper, worthy of the very important position the branch fills in the Canadian Navy. The School, and the importance of the school has grown, and with it, as is only right, the "Signal Log" has grown, until now it is recognized and accepted as one of the top ranking service newspapers. This growth is attributable also, of course, to the all-out support which has been given the venture by the thousands of members of our branch. Had not the "Signal Log" gained the popularity among the men and women of communications, that it did, it certainly would not have met with success.

It is with this thought in mind that we bid you adieu on behalf of these people and all other associates of the "Signal Log". We may meet again, and until then, Good Luck and smooth sailing.

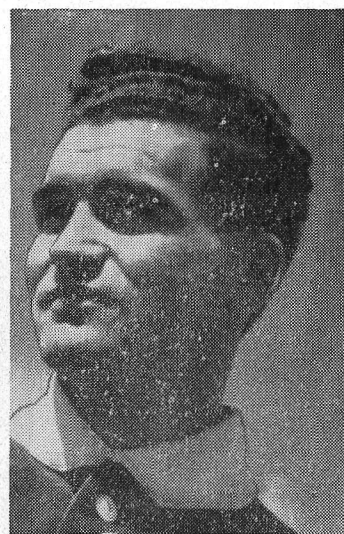
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