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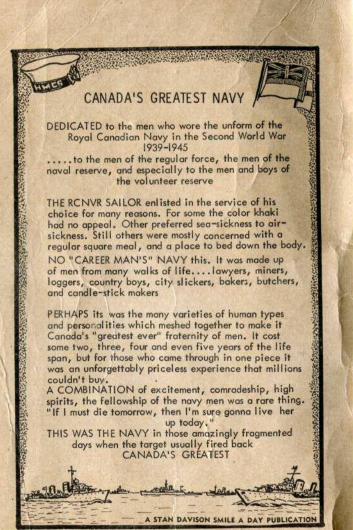
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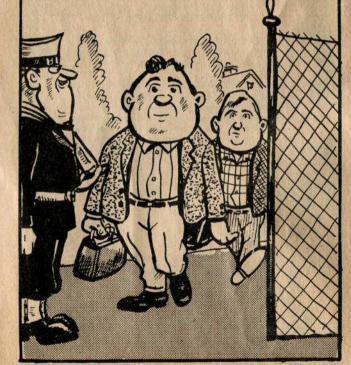
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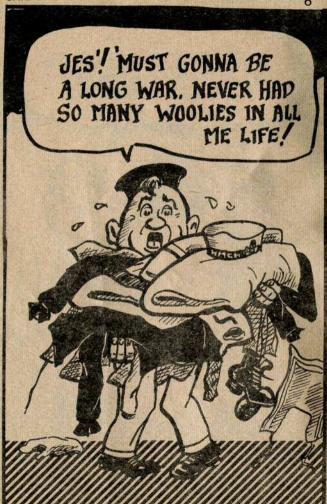
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SO YOU GOT IT ON! ... WAIT TIL YOU TRY TO TAKE IT OFF!...



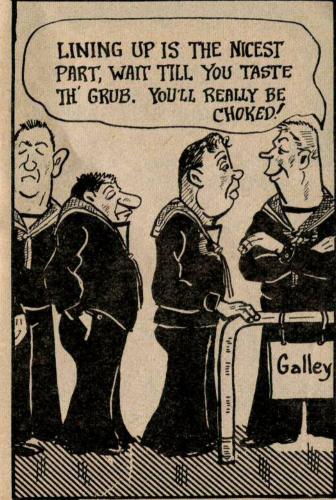
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CANADA'S GREATEST NAVY As was the first MORNING! WAKEY! WAKEY! TO COME AWAY MY SONS! LET GO OF THE DOCK AND GRAB YOUR SOCKS! A STAN DAVISON SMILE A DAY PUBLICATION

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DOUBLE MARCH!

CHAPTER TWO

BASIC TRAINING

Civilian to sailor with a few hard learned lessons in between!

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CANADA'S GREATEST NAVY For openers a couple of miles on the trot before breakfast was enjoyed daily. A MOST SADISTIC WAY TO START TH' DAY! ....

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WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THE NAVY .... UNSELFISH TERMWORK EVERYBODY GETS IN TH'LINE-UP. FOR TH' HEADS, MEALS, PAY....

COME ON YOU GUYS!...

SHAKE IT UP IN THERE!

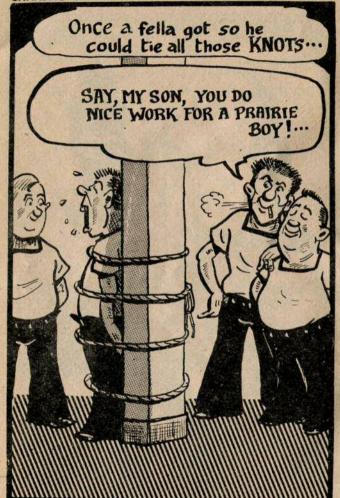
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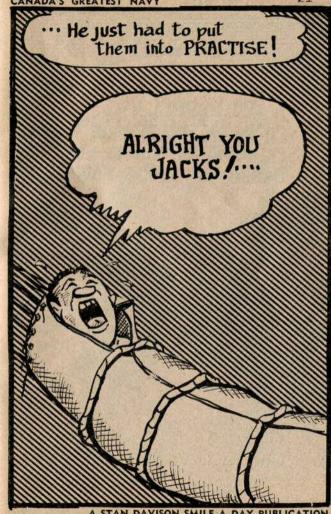
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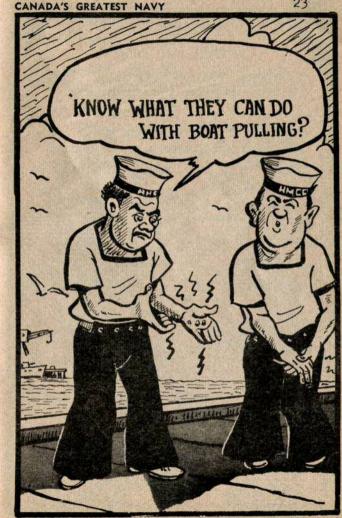


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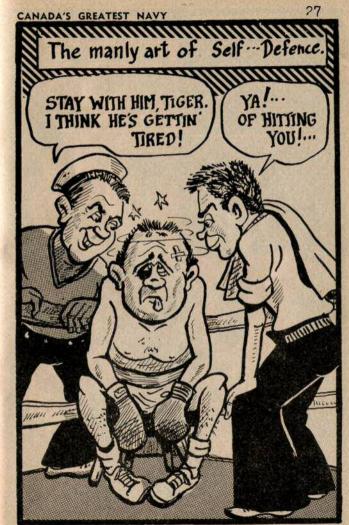
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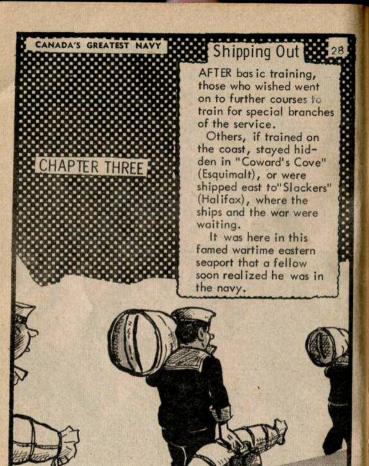
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Physical Training 101-102 Now you're gettin' The Idea, Wise-Guy!

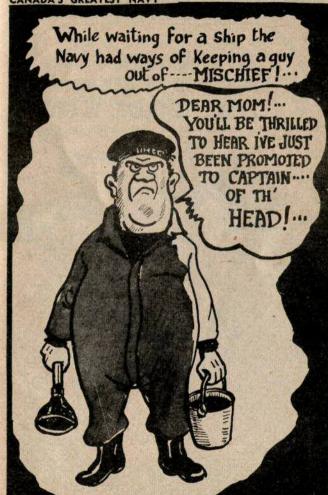
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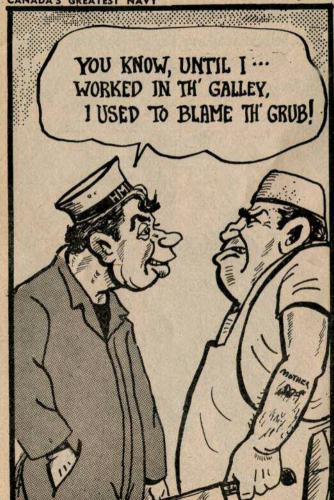
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one of the few bright times in barracks was Pay Day!

However sometimes the joy was short lived...."WHAT CRAP and POKER sessions they were!"

SAY, WINGS OLD BUDDY? HAYENT GOT A GASH FIN, UNTIL TH' PAYBOB SHOWS UP AGAIN, NEXT MONTH?



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## The R.P.O.'s For those who chose to go against regulations, these Charmers had but four words before OFF-CAPS...



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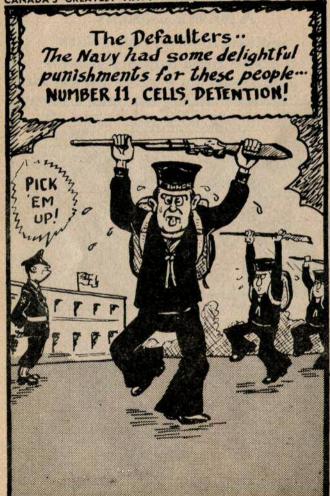
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Spotting a young rating with a broom hung over his shoulder and slouching across the parade square in a very un-naval manner, the angry R.P.O. cut loose with a blast!...

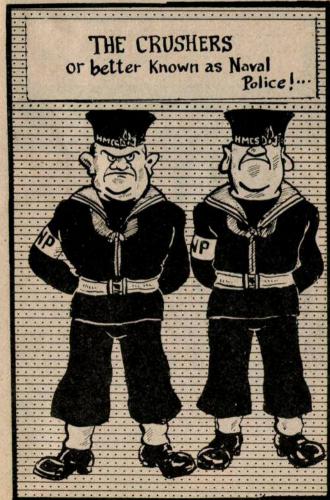




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The Padre What tales of woe he heard, this gentleman of God! H'mm, I THINK EVEN TH' LORD, WOULD DOUBT THIS LADS SAD TALE!

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On Sundays he beamed!...
Compulsory church services
always assured a full house,
to hear his message from
HEAVEN!...



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-And then off to the
PUSER WETS to drown
the sorrows and cuss th' NAVY!

AB's, ST's and WD's
ONE'S, TWO'S, THREE'S and DUNGAREES
JACKS, TARS AND OLD V.R'S
PUT ME!!! A ---- OFF! ---



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CANADA'S GREATEST NAVY CHAPTER FOUR First Ship To the young seaman, getting that first ship had to be his greatest moment to that time. It didn't seem to matter if she was just a tiny sweeper, a cranky corvette or a larger destroyer. He was going to sea! That was all that counted.



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FIRST ONE EH? LUCKY GUY! ... YOU GOT TH' FIGHTINGEST SHIP IN TH' NAVY. AIN'T A GUY WHO AIN'T FIGHTIN' TO GET OFF! OLD MAN'S APE! THE JIMMY IS SICK! TH' RAT'S HAVE SABRE TEETH! COCKROACHES ARE PUSER SIZE. AND TH' CHOW ...

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YOU'D BEST REPORT TO THE SWAIN, YOU'LL FIND HIM UP IN TH' FOG LOCKER!... HEY, BETTER SQUARE OFF TH' LID OR HELL HAVE YOU. WITH COCKROACH SALAD!

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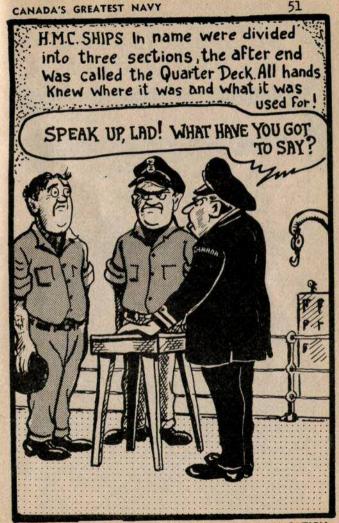
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The central or Midship section oddly enough was called the Top!

TH' HELL IN THIS OUTFIT DOES MAKE SENSE?



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The forward or sharp end was known as the Forecastle.

Many things were settled here, after secure!...

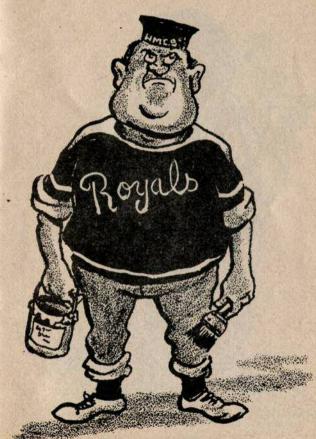


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No matter what, there was always time-out for a SKYLARK! ... WHAT WOULD THE COOKS OF TH' MESS DO IF TH' BUFFER KICKED TH' BUCKET? DROP THEIR

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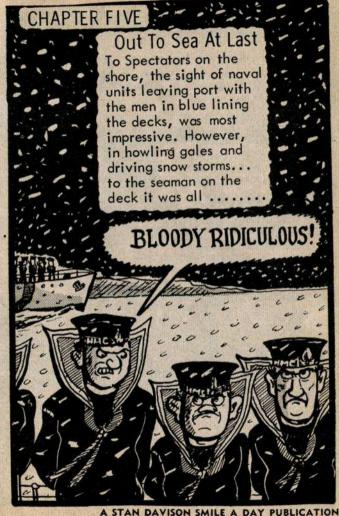
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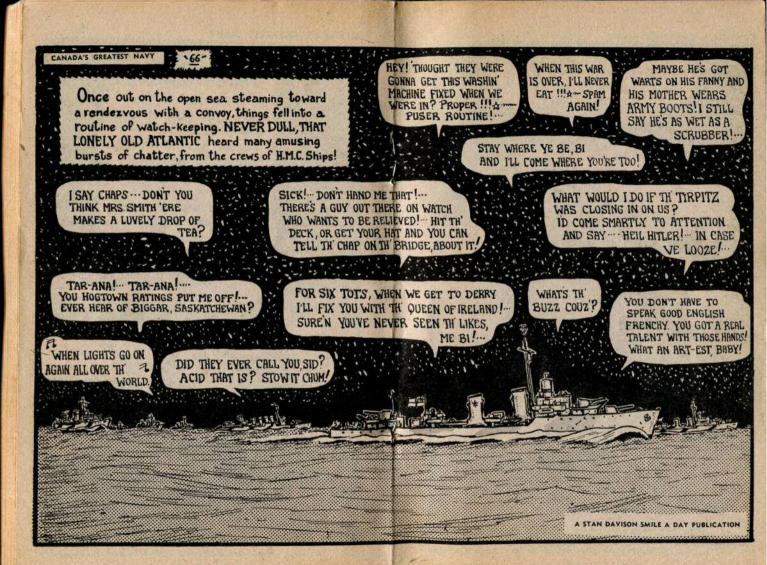


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How could a guy become a sailor if he didn't catch the odd green one or two?



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Most ships were over crowded. Billets for slinging the hammock were at a premium. It was either flake out on the lockers or hit the deck!

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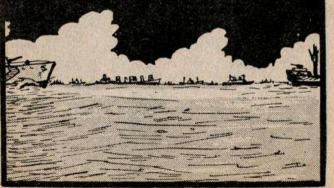
Just when a guy was begining to get the hang of things and feeling more like a salt. Lo and behold, bi .... Off the Grand BANKS of NEWFOUND-LAND in a tiny thing, they call a DORY! OH-H WE'LL RANT AND WE'LL ROAR LIKE TRUE NEWFOUNDLANDERS.

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#### CHAPTER SIX

#### The Convoy

The main role played by the RCN in the Second World War was that of shephering convoys across the North Atlantic to the British Isles. This was known to sailors as the Newfie-Derry run. Terminal ports of call for the naval vessels were St. John's, Newfoundland, and Londonderry, Ireland.



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At sea there was always plenty of ways to keep a seaman busy!...

ALL THOSE MONTHS OF TRAINING, JUST TO BECOME A !!! A -- SEA GOING, NIGHTSHIFT GARBAGEMAN! ....



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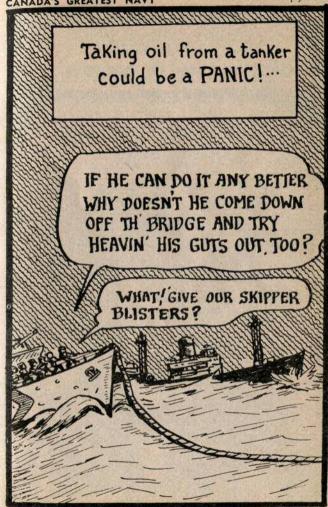
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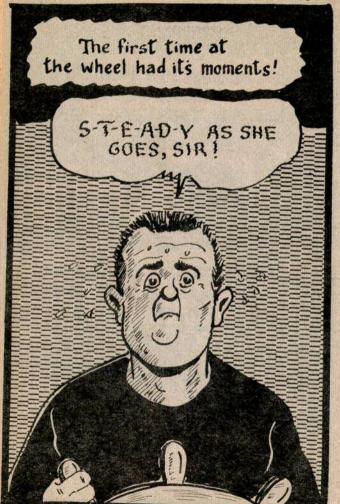
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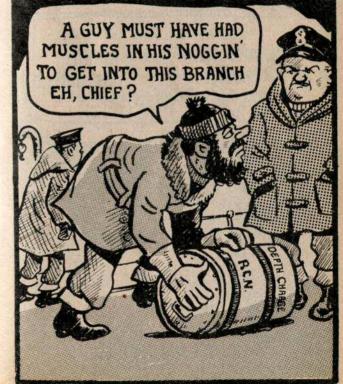
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How about the other branches of the crew, and what were they up to ? SON, TO A GUNNERS-NON-COMBATANT! MATE, YOU'RE EITHER GUNS OR A ....

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Seaman Torpedomen
The heavy gang! It was their job to
See that those mighty drums filled with
TNT called Depth Charges were in
position ready to fire!...



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Spark's the Wireless Operator
These guys were usually at the
bottom of some of the biggest
out-house buzzes of the War!...
The new O.D. was a natural target.

DON'T NOISE THIS AROUND BUT THERE'S FIFTY SUBS WAITIN' FOR US, UP AHEAD!...



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The Signalman, the fellow with the squinty eyes!....

REPEAT! REPEAT!

JEZ! THAT'S ALL THEY CAN SEND!

BOY, COULD SOME OF YOU

MERCHANT CLOWNS USE A

REFRESHER COURSE IN THIS

RACKET!



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## A NAVAL CLASSIC

Sighting an unidentified aircraft the young Sub-Lt. became very, very excited and flustered ....



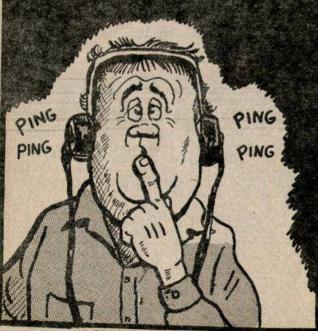
The RADAR OPERATOR Thinking the officer is Skylarking, thought he'd go along with it and replied...



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#### The Asdic Operator

These poor chaps were always catching it especially when the contact turned out to be just another school of



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The Upper Deck Stoker Only fellow in his branch with rosey cheeks!



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# ··· ACPON SPAPIONS!

There have been many books well - written on the subject of Canadian Naval Actions in the second World War....

Every sailor that saw action has his own Version of what actually took place in his own mind and needs no refresher on the subject!...

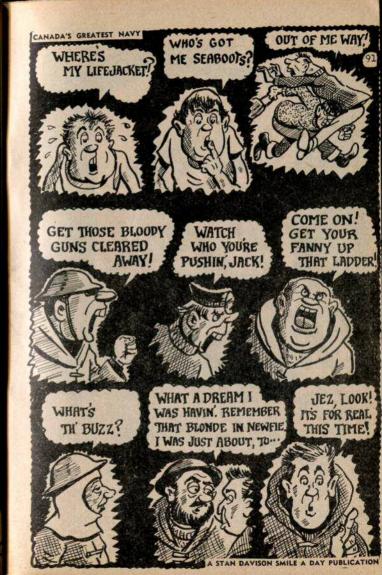
However - When the action bell rang out the scene, the emotions, the sayings and movements were much the same on all

R.C.N. Ships!

EXCITING! FEARFUL! PANIC! CONFUSION!



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### CHAPTER SEVEN

#### Jack Shore

No matter what, to a sailor, his times ashore will always live longer in his memory, especially the sessions in the pubs and the wet canteens with his buddies, the brawls, the dancing.. and...most of all—those wonderful creatures of the opposite sex—Girls!



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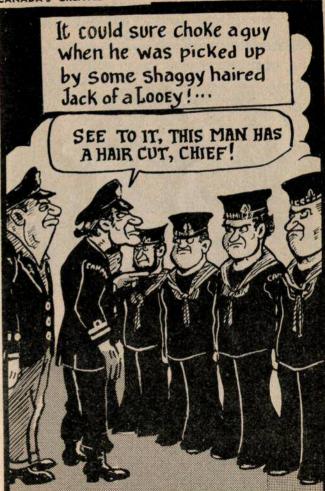


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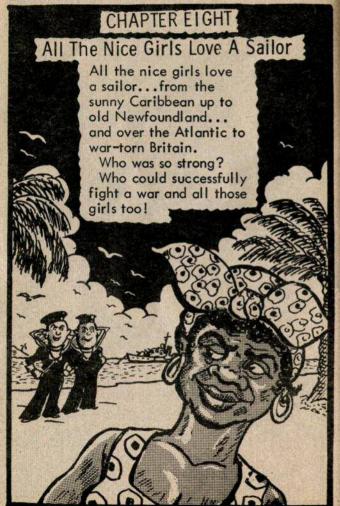


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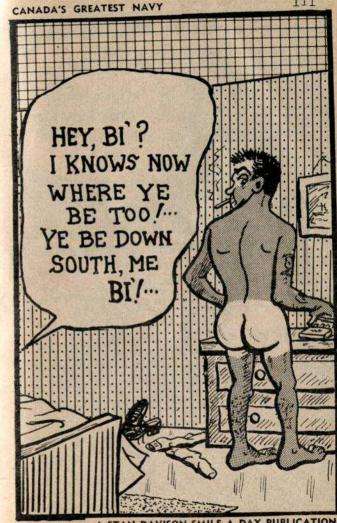




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YOU'RE DAFT LADDIE!...
HOW CAN I GO WITH YOU TO
YOU'RE BONNIE RANCH ON
PORTAGE AND MAIN, WHEN MA
MON'S IN THE MIDDLE EAST?



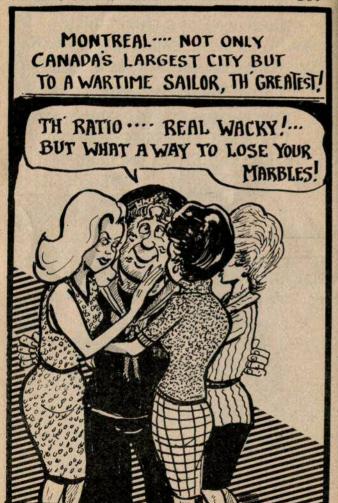
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However in Reyhjavik Iceland it seems they never quite enjoyed the Allies setting up camp in their.... backyard! HEY, HONEY! HONEST, WE HAVEN'T GOT LEPROSY!...

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The Navy had a sweet little gal of it's own ... called JENNY WREN! NAYY! NAVY! NAVY! HEY, LET'S NOT TALK SHOP TONIGHT. I THOUGHT WE MIGHT CHAT ABOUT TH' BIRD AND BEE! ANYTHING, THAT AIN'T PUSER!...

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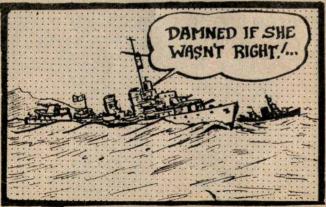
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There was always a big deal made over security as to ship and convoy Sailings. However it was amazing the way those gals in Newfoundland could tell you when Bur you'll be at Sea. and what time! BI! DAY AFTER TOMORROW!



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# CHAPTER NINE EVERY INCH A SAILOR!

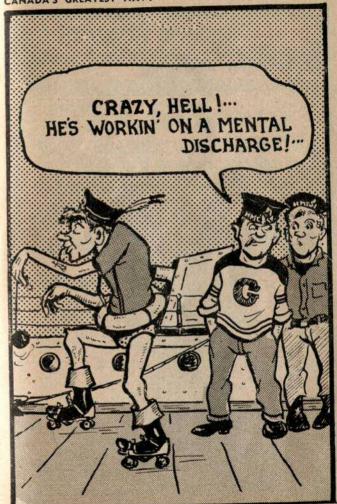
As the weeks became months and the months grew into years the floor was now the deck. The walls had become bulkheads and the Ordinary Seaman very wise and ABLE



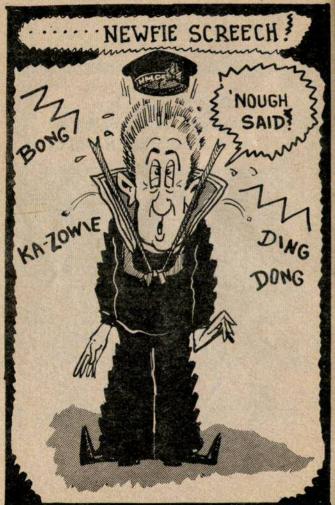
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Dear John.
Aguy had to know just how to handle these cases! AW' COME ON! ... YOU HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN KNITTIN FOR BRITIAN. HEY, REMEMBER THAT ONE IN BELFAST AN' HOW ABOUT THAT GAL

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Clipped by the Censors Sharpe Scissors!

We have a new Captain. Bure miss the old one. I'm begining to understand what Lord Haw Haw meant when he said "Isive the Canadian havy enough room and space and they'll sink themselves."

This new skipper has inflicted more damage to the other ships in the group than the enemy could ever do.

He is a career man so maybe some day he'll learn how to bring a ship along-side. P.S. If we don't run out of ships.

Most of the other officers are pretty good heads. There are a couple though DAVISON SMILE.

On our last trip we found out it's all a pile of propaganda they have been stringing us. Their not supermen after all. You should have heard 'em squeal like pigo back on the farm, when we fished them out of the drink. Just the same him just as glad it was them and not us.

They have taken us off ocean excort, think we're getting ready to invade Curopal. Had a Commodore Come about to tell us what we are in for. "Unaccustomed as I am to coming on board these small ships," he said. Who the hell was he trying to hid? Who the hell was he trying to hid?

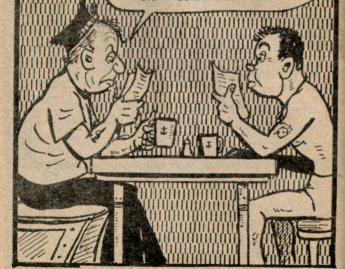
Sot to sel Nelson's old ship the Victory. Think maybe lid rather hea wooden man on an iron ship. Betty still I wish the war was over and the only waves were the one's in our bath tub.

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IT was always a lark when a guy had a letter from home lamenting the war and those awful rations!...

AW', TH' POOR DARLINS ... I MUST SEND THEM SOME OF OUR LUVELY KIPPER RATIONS! ESPECIALLY SOME DUCK EGGS WITH TH' BUILT-IN HEARTBURN! ...



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When a guy got home on LEAVE he just couldn't wait to get into those good old CIVIE'S!...



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Being drafted ashore presented a fearful problem ... a puser Kit Muster!

HAVE A HEART, CHIEF! IF I HAVE TO MAKE UP WHAT I'M MISSING ... IT'LL BE A YEAR BEFORE I'LL HAVE SCRATCH



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Getting a draft to one the newer ladies of the fleet with all the latest modern conveniences, was enough to make a guy feel giddy!"





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Before the war came to an end the British had given the R.C.N. atitle. Canada's sailors were known as the Coco Cola Navy. However When the Q.M. PIPED, it wasn't Cola that made those spirits And when the GROG had been issued ... MY! HOW THOSE SPIRITS WENT DOWN! THE RESERVE THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE AH-H- NELSONS F NECTAR UR-UP! BLOOD! A OF DA GODS! EXCUSE

Came D-DAY and the invasion of France anyone after witnessing this awesome sight of power and might, new the end was near. His days with the R.C.N. were numbered!







HEY! THOSE GUYS ARE IMPROVING!







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#### Navy, Farewell

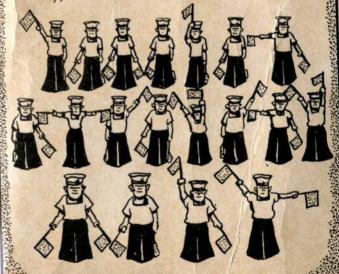
AND SO they dropped their scrubbers and over the side flung the buckets; Said "To Hell with the skipper... and his pal the Jimmy too".

Locked the gunner and his mate in an ammo locker and said "projectiles to you two."

Shouted goodbye to the "Swain and the Buffer,
"Don't forget, you clowns, stay true blue."

Deliberately forgot to salute the quarter deck
Strolled up the jetty, and looked back but once

"Hey, weren't we one helluva crew!"



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#### SMILE A DAY

TODAY he may be a little grey, or even chromedome bald....

BUT, before you put him down and shove him aside because he looks so obsolete

HEAR THIS, you swingers, you young ones of the jet set, you of the bold new breed

OLD DADDY-O has no envy for your lot in the bright new future...

FEEDING COMPUTERS, or oiling robots he would find hard to dig, even on the moon...

THESE OLD CATS, you see, made their trips before LSD and were where the action was

..... before you were born.

