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NEW APPOINTMENTS
ONBOARD ARNPRIORCHEFS IN ALL OUT
EFFORT TO MAKE
XMAS DINNER HUGE
SUCCESS

PO Cook Jack Donelson and his Galley Staff Cook Bob Masters and Cook Tom Slade have been working their hearts out for the past week to ensure the best possible dinner for the ship's company who perforce find themselves so far from home.

Jack himself has been baking every night and last night he started at 2030 and has not been to bed yet.

Officers and men of HMCS "Arnprior" take this opportunity to say "Many Thanks" to the Galley Staff and also to Chief E.R.A. Clarence Roberts for his able assistance.

Successful operations were performed on the chickens last night by L/Stoker Walter Burkett and Stoker I Wilfred Digby.

SCUTTLEBUTT

A special good sighting award was made this morning for keen and alert work on the part of AB Charleng. Due to his quick reporting a serious collision was avoided when he sighted Santa Claus, sled and all, bearing Red 45, angle of sight 10. Our redoubtable Radar Joes are claiming half the prize as L/Smn Howe picked it up at a range of 127 feet and were still trying to find the buzzer to the bridge when the report came in. The A/S Department are claiming a foul as they claim in rough weather they too would have a chance. The last two claims have been disallowed and the whole prize 10,000 pesos, (23½ English equivalent) compliments of the PO's Mess has been awarded to Charleng (they owe us a buck English equivalent) has been awarded to the Cough Drop Boys (Smith and Smith) for having the phones in working order. Quite a change! It is rumoured that Charleng is going to put his money in the bank in Eire for safekeeping.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS
WERE MADE ON DEC 25/44
(NOT TO BE NOTED IN NAVY LIS)

AB Wendell Sunega was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant RCNVR (Temp) (Acting Captain for the day).

AB Keith Deakin was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant RCNVR (Temp) (Acting First Lieutenant for the day)

Officer Ronald McFaul was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant RCNVR (Temp) (Acting Communications Officer for the day)

Stoker I Robert Forbes was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant (E) RCNVR (Temp) (Acting Engineer Officer for the day)

These appointments became necessary when the following officers were disgraced for the day due to misconduct, (and Naval tradition).

Lieutenant Stuart Thom RCNVR disgraced to O/Seaman V999999.

Lieutenant Frank Van Every Macdonald RCNVR disgraced to Very Ordinary Seaman V1708300.

Lieutenant Charles Van Wyck Laughton RCNVR disgraced to Probationary Steward V846198.

Lieutenant (E) Edgar Lorimer Park disgraced to Stoker III V786987.

However since it was Christmas Day and the Yule spirit was in him A/Commanding Officer Sunega decided to re-instate the deposed Officers at 1030 (ship's time) to the delight of all concerned.

DEPOSED DICTATOR

DOES DOUBLE DUTY

Ex-Commanding Officer Thom was doing double duty this morning after being disgraced to an Ordinary Seaman.

However, he took it in good part and attacked the job with more vigour than a Chief Stoker.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE C.O. 88

BUY BONDS AND KEEP THE ARNPRIOR
IN THE FIGHT"

SPORTS

SPORTS EDITOR PO EDGAR CARTER

Athletic events were held namely of marathon events and cross deck races around the upper deck. The main participants were the three defaulters and one AB Hugh Warwick Gordon who had been impersonating an officer for the three complete round trips that we have completed so far to Newfoundland. As a result, the foc'sle was reported in a very dangerous condition due to the last mentioned "seaman officer" burning up the deck plates.

The upper deck, quarterdeck, PO's mess and especially the ERA's mess were in a spotless condition due to the untiring efforts of O/Smn Thom who took it upon himself to ensure the ship of having gleaming decks.

Seamen going on watch during the darkened hours were forced to wear night vision glasses from the time of completion of O/Smn Macdonald's task of scrubbing their deck. Energy never before equalled was shown. The excess elbow grease expended was being used to lubricate the ship's engines.

The colour of the ERA's mess deck rivalled the hair of its scrubber ERA Garant. New corticene is expected to be laid upon arrival in Newfoundland.

ACTION

Due to the unexpected appearance of a German submarine, a state of emergency was declared. However, owing to the remarkable sighting and firing efficiency of the 4" gun's crew consisting of O/S Thom, Macdonald, "Mitte" Medland L/Smn Burns under the expert guidance of QO McKnight, the enemy was disposed of in a few seconds. At the last report prior to this paper going to press our "A" gun's crew was still being manoeuvred in various directions to bear on the enemy. A HV/IF bearing intercepted from the enemy, stated they wished us a Merry Xmas and that they had been forced to dive due to their guns crews needing to go to the heads.

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RATTLEBOATS.

It was noted that there was a very distinct change in the behaviour of the ship's company. Ratings appeared to be free and easy going, with smiles on their faces for the first time since the commissioning. Scullers were in abundance throughout the day. Camera fiends appeared from various mess decks. Interesting subjects were numerous. The naval history and records of O/Smn Thom, Macdonald and Stoker III Park were brought to the attention of the ship's company when they appeared on the quarterdeck. Prior to their appearance before Commanding Officer Sunoga, all were under the impression that the defaulters were of the highest character and standards of the Naval Service. All that camouflage has now been dispelled. The old saying that "He's a wolf in ship's clothing" has been proved at last. The conduct sheets shown have never been equalled in the Naval Service.