

Bergy

Bits



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"DON'T GET IT RIGHT - JUST GET IT WRITTEN"

First  
Edition

Thought for the Day

"Son tyme an ende ther is of evary dede." - Chaucer.

To the Editor:

As this is the last number of "BERGY BITS" to be published for 1954, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the people of H.M.C.S. LABRADOR for a job well done.

The fact that we had a new type of ship with gear many of us had not seen before; that we operated in an area about which little was known; on work which does not normally fall to the lot of the Navy - did not bother us unduly. While everyone in the ship deserves credit I would like to thank especially the Electrical Department - on whose shoulders fell so much of the extra work.

I would also like to thank the Commander and the Scientific Officers whose able assistance, sympathy and understanding could be counted on to add to the trials, tribulations and confusion of all of us.

signed C.C.S. Robertson,  
Captain, RCN.

May I congratulate the Editors of Bergy Bits on not splitting an infinitive throughout Volume 1. A notable achievement, surpassed only, if my memory serves me right, by the Times in 1936, which ran 300 editions between split infinitives. The Times however did have two spelling mistakes during that period. One in dear Lady Seazuin's obituary on March 4th, (such a tragedy) and the other in the account of the Gentlemen v. Players match at the M.C.G. on August 12th. This was, of course, a calamity.

I remain etc.,

Peter C. H. D. Snodgrass.

#### EDITORIALS

For fifty-seven issues of Bergy Bits we have had the pleasure of maligning and insulting you, our readers by means of poems, cartoons and spurious advertisements. It has been a greater pleasure to have these remarks received in the same spirit in which they were delivered.

Now in this last issue of volume one, we would like to express our thanks to contributors and readers alike and our hope that Bergy Bits has contributed something toward our mutual understanding of our work and worries.

May we add that now we are back to our home port, we can use the same understanding, patience and tolerance in our homes as was necessary in our ship.

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Home is where the people know all about us but love us just the same.

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Non Audiviste? Omnes Esse Mutatum. Haven't you heard? It's all been changed. This has been our unofficial and faithfully observed motto for most of the cruise up to and including our E.T.A., Halifax. It has taken precedence over Op. Orders, Commander's Temporary Memoranda and The Lord's Day Act. One thing only we thought to be exempt.....  
THE SHIP'S BADGE. This is a sealed pattern and we had always believed that it could not be changed. Apparently we were wrong. On the next page we reproduce a suggested new badge.

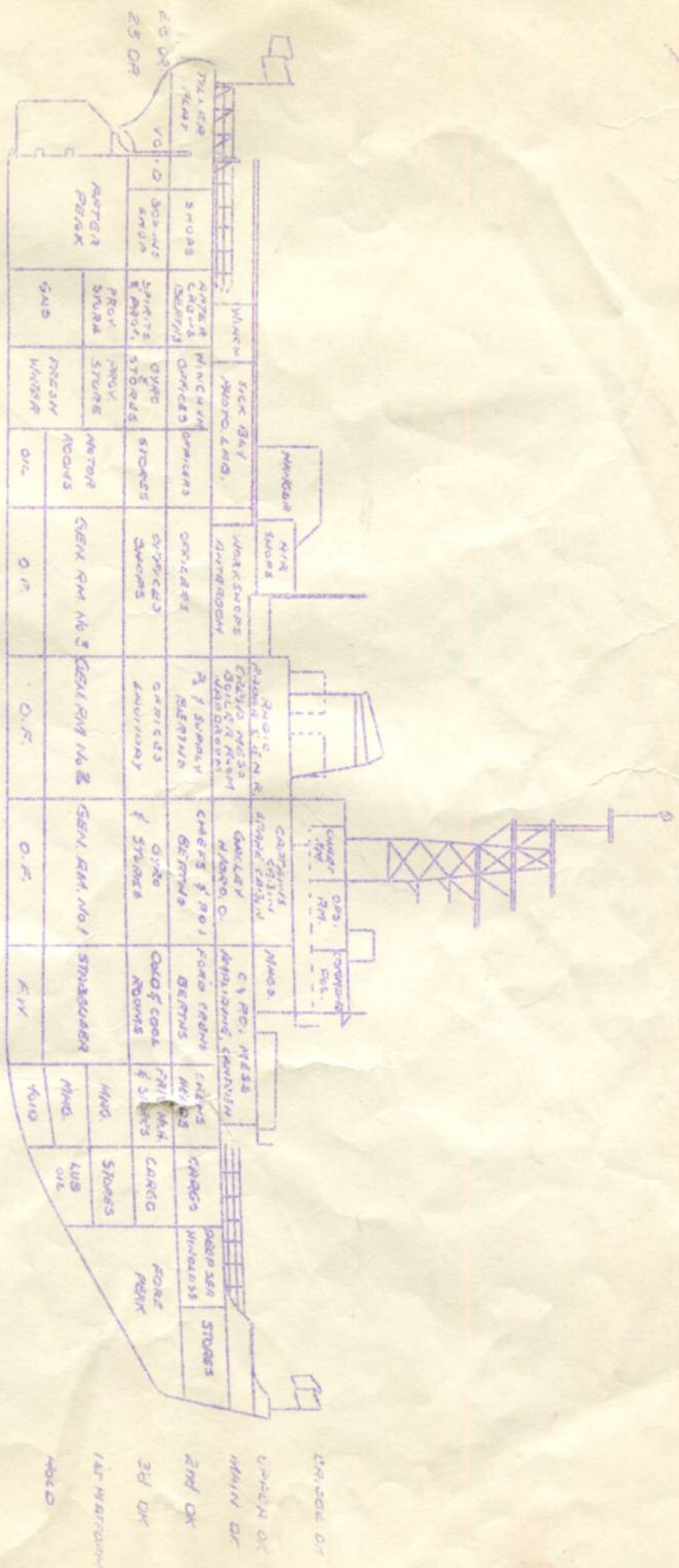
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*The Editors*



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H.M.C.S. LABRADOR  
ARCTIC PATROL VESSEL  
BUILDERS - MARINE INDUSTRIES LTD., SORREL.

LENGTH OVERALL - 269'  
 LENGTH BETWEEN PERPS - 250'  
 EXTREME BEAM - 65'-9 1/4"  
 DISPLACEMENT - 6040 TONS AT 27'-9" DRAUGHT  
 SHAFT HORSEPOWER - 10000  
 SPEED - 16 KTS  
 DIESEL - ELECTRIC MACHINERY  
 DENNY - BROWN FIN STABILISER

LAI'D DOWN - NOV. 1949  
 LAUNCHED - 10 DEC. 1951  
 CHRISTENED - 14 JUNE 1952 BY MDE ST LAURENT  
 COMMISSIONED - 8 JULY 1954  
 NORTHWEST PASSAGE - AUG-SEPT 1954

STATISTICAL DATA

OCEANOGRAPHY:

Stations occupied 96  
 Bathy. dips 370  
 Water samples taken 1050  
 Vertical plankton hauls 80  
 Micro plankton hauls 97  
 Horizontal plankton tows 5

HYDROGRAPHIC:

265 miles of sounding lines were run by the ship's boats in sounding Resolute Harbour and Alexandra Fiord. 7280 miles of sounding lines were run by the ship.

METEOROLOGY:

Ship was north of the Arctic Circle for 55 days, 28 July to 20 September. Average air temperature: 37.2 degrees F. Lowest temperature experienced 24F - off Point Barrow. Highest temperature experienced 56F - at Alexandra Fiord. Of the 55 days, 13 were sunny and 42 cloudy. Visibility was below one mile in fog for 231 hours, or 18% of the time. The ceiling was below 1000 feet 39% of the time. Average wind speed: 11.7 knots. Rain, snow or drizzle occurred on 30 out of the 55 days.

MAGNETIC:

10 magnetic observations were made, each observation taking anywhere from 12 to 30 hours to complete. 15 gyro-magnetic trials were carried out.

SHIP:

Left Halifax:	23 July	
Crossed Arctic Circle	28 July	
Arrived Resolute	31 July	
Arrived Craig Harbour	5 August	
Arrived Alexandra Fiord	8 August	Number of days at sea 68
Left Alexandra Fiord	11 August	Miles steamed over 10,000
Arrived Resolute	15 August	Miles steamed north
Arrived Dealy Island and met USS BURTON ISLAND	25 August	of Arctic Circle 6,100
Arrived entrance Prince of Wales St. Met USCGS NORTHWIND	29 August	
Arrived Point Barrow	20 September	
Crossed Arctic Circle	21 September	
Arrived Esquimalt	27 September	

Total distance steamed ..... 18,064 miles  
 Total days at sea ..... 97  
 Total days in ports ..... 25  
 Percentage seetime ..... 80%  
 Minimum temperature experienced ..... 24 degrees F. (at 74.5 North)  
 Maximum temperature experienced ..... 90 degrees F. (Panama Canal)

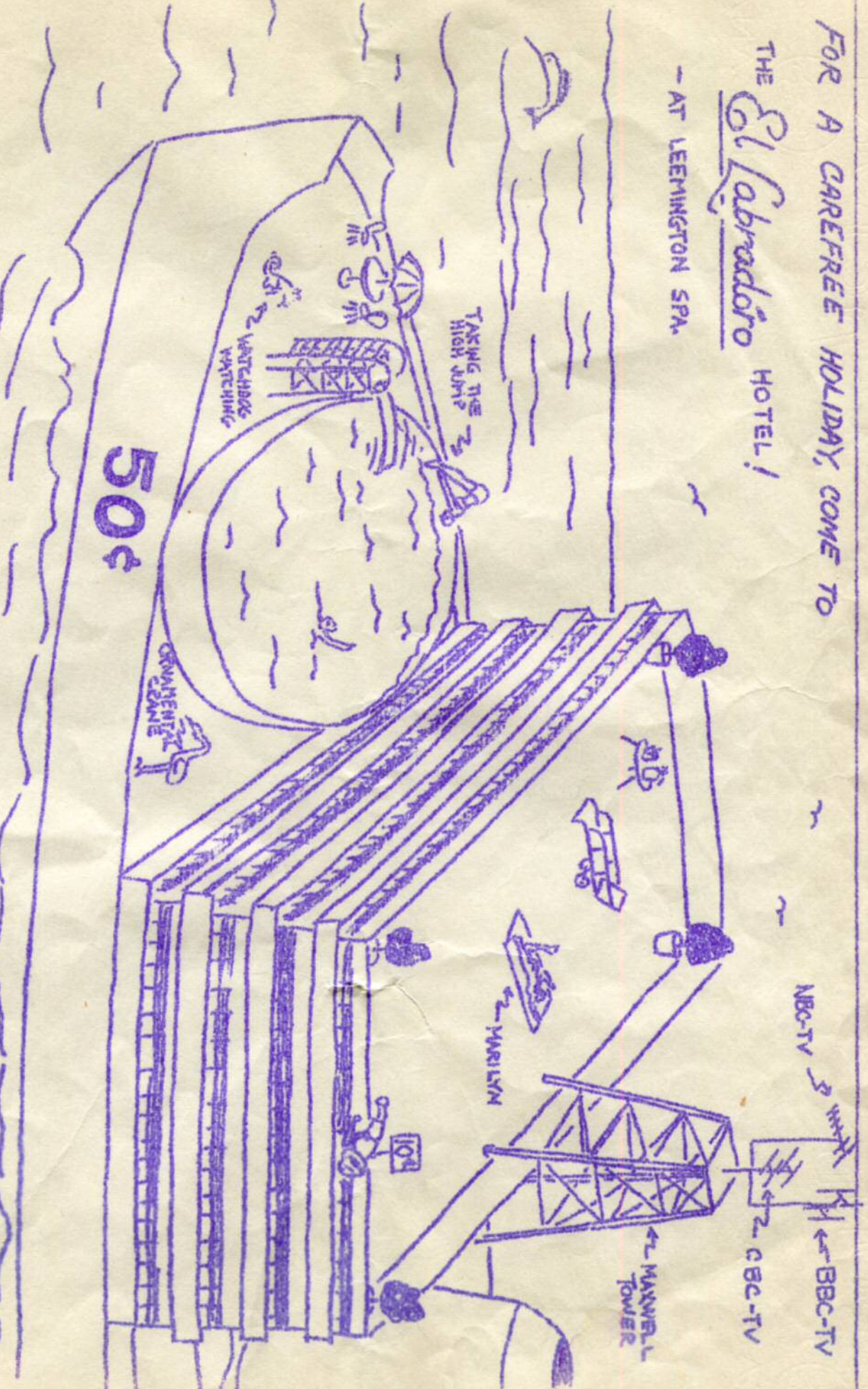
HELICOPTERS:

During the cruise the helicopters have flown 220 miles and have carried in excess of 300 passengers. Among the passengers carried were: Mounted Police, Eskimos, Venture Cadets, Captains, a Colonial Governor, Personnel of this ship, Hydrographers, the Loomer Expedition and the Commander. About 50% of the flying in the North was for Ice Reconnaissance; other operations included, guiding the landing craft into the beaches through heavy ice, flying the mail, VIP ferry, searching for Monte Carlo, transporting the Loomer expedition, giving assistance to North Wind, photographic work, and terrorizing the natives of Mexico. They also carried, beacons, a kyak, a sled, survivors, mail and the Commander.

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 WRITED TO C.M.P.O. 5073, MONTREAL \* MAKE THIS A YEAR YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!!

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WOT SAY NURSEY!!  
THINK WE SHOULD  
PERFORM AN OPERATION  
ON THIS MAN'S SEVERE  
CASE OF WALLETITUS  
OF THE HIP POCKET



THE MORAL OF THIS DRAWING IS ALL  
DOCTORS ARE ROBBERS ANYWAYS!!!

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Here's the latest entry to the Hit Parade.

Tune: Three Coins in the Fountain.

Three rates in the Arctic,  
Which one will the Buffer get?  
There they lay in their soft sacks-  
Haven't heard "wakey, wakey" yet.

Which one's gonna lose his card?  
Which one's gonna get the blast?

Three rates swearing softly,  
Each one says he's gonna go  
Back to being a civvy,  
Then all his friends will know:  
It's no good, it's no good,  
it's no good.



## SHOOTING A LINE

by our Social Correspondent.

Of all the diverse recreations enjoyed by the members of the Ship's company during our extended cruise, there was none which afforded more amusement than the LABRADOR Skeet Shoot. This differed from the normal land-bound sport both in the selection of targets, and in the variety of weapons employed, while the only rule enforced was that which stated that Section 118 would be invoked to deal with any competitor found shooting closer than one centimetre from his neighbours ears. Of the location, it can be said that the quarterdeck of a ship moving through the Tropics at ten knots, with a beam wind and sea, and bright sunlight provides an interestingly different gun-platform, involving a sense of balance and timing that would do credit to a high-wire walker. Again, no shooting man has ever been provided with a more skittish, unpredictable and capricious moving target than the Special Arctic Miniature Meteorological Survey Balloons, which have been used extensively during the latter stages of the voyage in Local Biological Research, and which on this occasion were released in large numbers in place of the usual clay pigeons. These bobbing, bouncing bladders proved to be quite difficult to hit, and only the surest of eyes, allied to the clearest of consciences was good enough to evoke the soul-satisfying sound of the sudden release of pressure from a bursting bladder.

The bark of a 45, the crack of a 38, and the pops from the 22's combined at times into a concerto of small-arms fire, and the ~~pa~~ prodigious expenditure of munitions was exceeded only by the obvious high hopes and expectations of marksmanship of the expenders. With background music by the assembled spectators, in the form of wisecracks and ironic cheers, scenario written by King Neptune, props by the R.C.N. Medical Society, written produced and directed by a noted seal hunter, the show was, we feel, a well-inflated success, deserving indeed an honoured place in the annals of Naval Sport.



1<sup>ST</sup> MONTH



2<sup>ND</sup> MONTH



3<sup>RD</sup> MONTH



4<sup>TH</sup> MONTH

SOME OF GODS LITTLE PEOPLE  
WE HAVE KNOWN



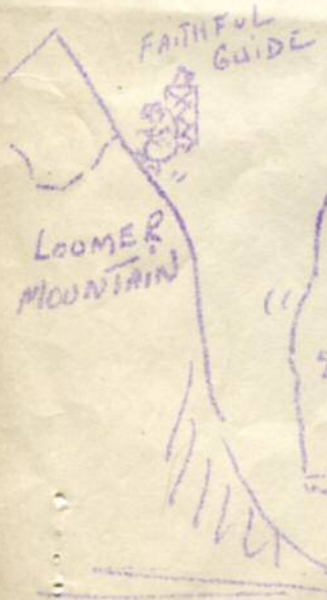
Let's



ANOTHER BIG DEAL!!

ISSIPPET  
TO OMARS

So, you vass Joes  
Looking at Swilars  
EH?



FAITHFUL  
GUIDE

LOOMER  
MOUNTAIN



WINNIPEG  
FLOUR Co.

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PAINTING. POST NO BILLS.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS



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ARE YOU FINANCIALLY EMBARRASSED?

Are your loved ones in dire  
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payment of rent?

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DON'T COMMIT SUICIDE!  
STAYOUT OF THAT CRAP GAME!  
STAY AWAY FROM LOAN SHARKS!

The solution of all your  
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in quintuplicate, no co-signers required except the Padre, your Divisional  
Officer, your Divisional Chief Petty Officer and five of your chums.  
All you have to do is to walk right in after an hour's wait and tell  
Mr. S. Mitty your needs, give your life history, bang your head on the  
deck and you will get five till payday.

DEAD BEATS! for a hard time and lots of abuse, the BLOOD TEARS AND SWEAT  
FINANCE COMPANY, is the place to go. Remember, our motto is NO.

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THE LAST WORD.

The well rounded life is always square.  
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