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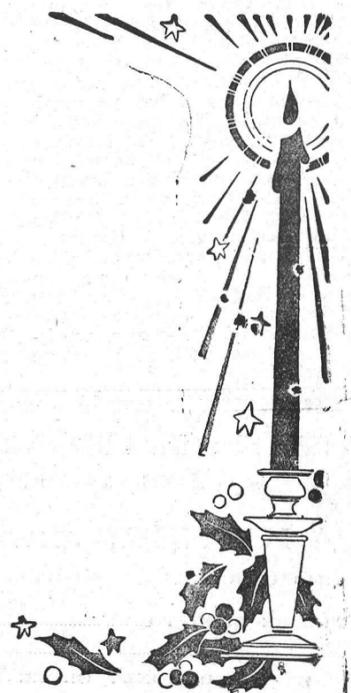
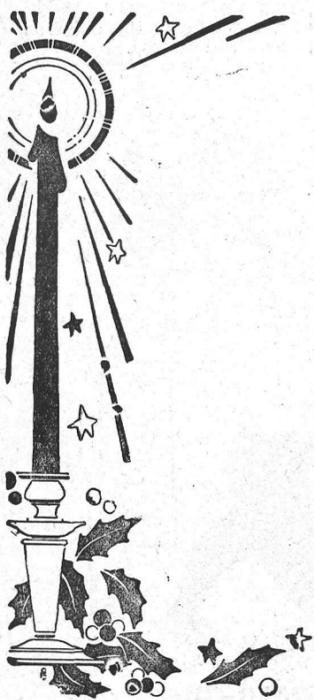
Copeland

THAT THERE MAY BE PEACE ON EARTH

Once again Christmas has come to a warring world, — the Sixth wartime Christmas, and, like the little group of Wrens and Ratings pictured here entering the Signal School Chapel on Christmas Eve, the people of many nations will flock to their places of worship — magnificent Cathedrals and modest little Chapels alike, to offer homage to their Lord who was born in a manger and to pray — perhaps vainly, but none the less sincerely, that another Christmas will find "Peace on Earth".

Many of us will be home for Christmas. Many will spend a happy Christmas with friends or relatives. To those who are this lucky we wish all the joys of the Christmas Season. Many however, will be unable to get home or spend Christmas in the comfort of a friends home. There will be ships at sea with a grim task to perform and to wish those who must man these ships a Merry Christmas would be somewhat ironic. They, above all, will be in our thoughts on Christmas Eve as we visit the Chapel and we sincerely hope that the Christmas spirit will find a place in their hearts.

Although the song of the Angels—"Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward men", may be unheard this Christmas because of the clamour of battle, it will rise above the tumult once again to spread joy throughout the world. God grant that it be within the coming year.



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With the publishing of this, the third Christmas Issue of the Signal Log, another milestone in the life of the Signal School is marked. Another year of war has been unravelled and another wartime Christmas is at hand. The past year has seen many victories for the Allies in all of which the Signal School has played its part. Months of sacrifice have been rewarded by success, but only by continued work and sacrifice can we hope to achieve Victory soon. With this thought in mind we look forward to another year of victories and hope that next Christmas will find a world at peace.

I extend to the entire Ship's Company and all readers a most sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and a New Year of Success and Happiness.

Captain A.P. Musgrave,
 Commanding Officer

12 COMMS MISSING IN SHAWINIGAN SINKING

Bodies of Tel., Coder Recovered, Coder Art Kemp, Long With Signal School is Missing

Ottawa — December, 7th. — Loss of the Royal Canadian Navy corvette, H.M.C.S. Shawinigan while on operational duty in the North Atlantic was announced with regret today by Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, Minister of National Defence of Naval Services. The ship's complement was seven officers and 83 ratings and, these unfortunately only five bodies have been recovered and identified. The remainder, including her captain, Lieut. W. J. Jones, R.C.N.R. whose wife lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., are reported missing.

Shawinigan is the ninth corvette and the nineteenth warship whose loss has been announced by the R.C.N. in this war.

Shawinigan was one of the "work horses" of the Navy's convoy escort and patrol fleet. Her sea miles totalled well over 150,000 and since commissioning on the 19th of September, 1941 at Levis, Quebec, she had been one of the busiest vessels of her class afloat. Men who served aboard her have been acclaimed for fighting efficiency for rescue work and attacks on enemy U-boats.

In more than three years she had escorted hundreds of thousands of tons of vital war supplies and shipping to allied ports. Few ships of her class spent more time at sea during the period when Hitler's undersea raiders were most active in the North Atlantic. During the past two years she did not lose a ship under her charge.

Complete list of Communications Casualties follows:

DEAD

Killed on Active Service (Bodies Recovered) Homard Cliffe Barlow — Telegraphist, Verdun, Que. Maurice Walter Johnson, Coder, Wainwright, Alta.

MISSING

William John Anderson—Leading Coder, Sarnia, Ont. Robert Oliver Armstrong—Telegraphist, Montreal, Que. George Anderson Chalmers—Leading Signalman, Victoria, B.C. Robert Grierson Grant—Signalman, Toronto, Ont. Roy Scott Hunter—Ord. Telegraphist, Orangeville, Ont. Arthur Eugene Kemp—Coder, Toronto, Ont. Willette Roy Kennah—Signalman, Sioux Lookout, Ont. Donald Thompson McDougall—Signalman, Lindsay, Ont. Roger Charles Thomas—Telegraphist, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Harold George Woods. — Telegraphist, Outremount, Que.

ADVANCEMENTS

The following advancements have been promulgated during the month of December:

TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
 Joseph GODIN, to Chief Petty Officer Writer.

TO LEADING RATE
 Edward LEPPAGE, to Acting Leading Signalman.

Raymond TOTTLE, to Acting Leading Seaman (Postal).

Eugene MORIN, to Leading Writer.

J.F.L. SMITH, to Leading Writer.

Albert ROBINSON, to Leading Writer.

Ernest CASEY, to Leading Cook (s).

John COYLE, to Leading Cook (s).

Andrew YURKE, to Acting Leading Patrolman.

ARTIFICERS

To Radio Artificer 3/c: Wm. CRANTON, Jos. STEVENS, Rowland WATSON.

To Acting Radio Artificer 4/c: K. WILKINSON, C. PECK, Chas. WRIGHT, L. NETTLETON, G. WEBSTER, Alex SMITH.

To Radio Artificer 5/c: D. DELVE, Wm. GRAHAM, David ROXBURGH, D. UNDERHILL, Thos. YOUNGSON, Ross BAREFOOT and J. MERRIGAN.

"SUN LIFE REVUE" TO BE PRESENTED EARLY IN JANUARY

Widely acclaimed Troop Show to appear here

Outstanding among the many "to be looked forward to" events which will be presented early in the New Year is the "Sun Life Revue", sponsored by the employees of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, in Montreal.

This organization, highly commended in newspaper reviews, features highly-trained amateur talent, moulded into a fast-moving entertainment group by showmen of wide experience.

"A rich production, with a wealth of talent, and presented in a smart, polished, manner... a first-class performance" is the opinion of Montreal "Star" critics.

Be sure to keep a close watch on the Special Services Notice Board for further news of the appearance of this popular Troop Show.

R.C.N. TO RESUME RECRUITING

EARLY IN 1945

OTTAWA — The Royal Canadian Navy will resume recruiting early in 1945 on a scale calling for an anticipated average of 300 male ratings a month, Naval Service Headquarters announced today. This is at a rate calculated to meet replacement requirements.

Branches of the service in which recruits will be accepted are expected to be seamen for general service and communication training, cooks, supply assistants and stewards.

Male naval recruiting has been virtually suspended since October 1, and will so remain until the end of this year, officials revealed.

Applications for enlistment in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service are still being accepted at the rate of 150 a month, with a particular need reported for Mess Women and Wardroom attendants. It is expected that this rate of entry will be maintained until February, 1945, when Wren recruiting will be suspended until further notice.

Navy personnel officers appear highly satisfied with progress made in recruiting. They point out in an official statement that the wartime expansion of the service is virtually complete, and that the supply of men in both numbers and quality has been adequate at all times — a most gratifying feature of the Navy's war record. They emphasize that when new applications for enlistment are deferred or rejected it is because a limit has been set beyond which Canadian Naval expansion cannot go, a limit Naval officials are determined to respect "in the interests of efficiency and economy."



From an old friend and well-membered instructor of the Signal School comes the following telegram of congratulations to the members of the Football team who recently won the Grey Cup, symbol of Canadian Rugby supremacy:

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONCERNED WITH ST. HYACINTHE'S CONTRIBUTION IN TODAY'S FINE VICTORY STOP AM DOUBLY PROUD DUE TO MY CONNECTION WITH BOTH SHIPS STOP ONLY WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE AND TAKEN PART IN THE VICTORY CELEBRATION REGARDS.

STAN GLASS.

Big Turkey Dinner with "All the Trimmings" Planned for Xmas Day

For approximately 200 Wrens and ratings who will be staying aboard for Christmas, the big turkey dinner in Signal School will be a highlight for their Christmas day. All the trimmings that usually go with Christmas dinner will be in abundant evidence. A glance at the menu discloses that there will be a Fruit Cocktail, Olives, celery, pickles, Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Plum pudding with butterscotch sauce, Christmas Cake, Mixed Hard Candy, nuts, apples, grapes, oranges, tea, coffee or milk and — of course no one is interested in this last item — BEER! Anything missing?

The dietitian in charge, Lieut. Helen M. McKeercher and Chief Cook Barrett, together have supervised the baking of all the cakes and puddings, even to "Spiking" the plum pudding with Rum. All ratings are hereby warned that stomach aches will not be treated in the Sick Bay.

Andy Makes a Boner

"Bos'n's Stores, Dunlop here," said congenial Andy Dunlop, right hand man of Chief Buffer Curnow, as he picked the receiver from the hook.

"Dunlop, this is the Old Man", came the voice.

"Who?"

"The Skipper."

"Yea," said Andy, thinking it was just another gag from his good friend "Pop" Shannon, "and this is Andrew H. Brown and your tea — So and so that would not grant me my hook, furthermore — By this time, from the sound of the laughs that were issuing forth from the receiver, Andy began to realize what he had done. It was really the Captain, but he couldn't explain, the skipper, who, appreciates a joke, was laughing too hard. Andy handed the phone to the chief as if it was a red hot coal.



"LIBERTY MEN ARE WARNED—THAT WHILE ON CHRISTMAS LEAVE....."

Monow's Weekly paper Meets with Enthusiasm

By Sub-Lieut. Gordon Walker, R.C.N.V.R.

The type of whom they used to say "There's one in every crowd" has developed into the Naval type of whom they say "There's one in every ship — if the ship's lucky."

Like Chief Petty Officer Ross Thompson, Lethbridge, Alta., member of H.M.C.S. Monnow's crew, for instance.

Among his leading achievements are the birth of a ship's paper — the MONNOWLOG — and the introduction of a recreative hobby — string tying. It doesn't sound like much, but the proof of his good work lies in the enthusiasm which his shipmates devoted to both enterprises.

The MONNOWLOG, for instance, could not operate without the co-operation of all aboard. Its circulation is confined to the ship, inasmuch as most of the news items are rather personal. It is edited by Thompson and L/Smn. George Furness of Toronto. Entirely typewritten, the burden of keyboard punching is handled by L/Wtr. John Sawyer, Toronto and Eng. Wtr. George Zimich of Port Arthur and Vancouver.

Contributions are dropped into a sealed box over which is a sign "Scandal Box". Very little of the offered material is rejected and publication of the paper, weekly, is awaited with considerable interest.

FLAG. SIGNALLING

TROPHY GOES TO "FJ" FOR DEC.

With the object of evading inclement weather, the monthly Flag Signalling competition got off to an early start with Hostility "FJ" walking off with the honours in a keenly contested competition and gaining possession of the Matheson Trophy for the month of December. Nine classes entered the first round which resulted as follows:

FK	12	V	FJ	21
FI	27	V	FP	2
FN	8½	V	FH	17½
FQ	1½	V	FL	19½

FM a bye

SECOND ROUND

FL	10	V	FJ	18
FM	16½	V	FI	15
			FH a bye	
			SEMI FINAL	
FM	11½	V	FH	27½
			FJ a bye	
			FINAL	
FH	16½	V	FJ	30

Coached by Yeoman Fenn, "FJ" left no doubt as to their ability as may be seen by the margin of their win over their opponents throughout the competition. We congratulate them as worthy winners, their performance was exceptional.

Solid silver Naval Rings with crest for Wrens and Men

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PLEASE SEND TO.....
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Montreal Hostels Organize Yuletide Entertainment

Navy House, North Branch "Y", and Central Y.M.C.A. come to the fore in holiday activities.

Even with the provision of five days' leave for Signal School personnel, there will still be a number of sailors and sailorettes who, due to lack of time, or holiday train schedules, won't be able to enjoy the warm blessing of their own homes at Christmas. With the welfare of these people in mind, we are happy to present information regarding the steps taken by Services groups in Montreal to provide Christmas cheer for Servicemen and women away from home:

NAVY HOUSE

With typical Naval informality, this popular Montreal hostel will again feature "Open House" on Christmas Day, which means that any sailor or wren may drop in during the afternoon of the 25th and enjoy "Christmas dinner with all the trimmings". Charming Navy House hostesses will be on hand,

of course, to provide the necessary diversion, and entertainment continues all afternoon. Those of you who attended the Navy House Christmas Party last year will recall the breezy charm which made this event so enjoyable.

Remember, too, all you late shoppers who will be hopping madly into Montreal late on the 21st with dozens of gifts to buy... members of the Women's Naval Auxilliary and hostesses in Navy House are standing-by, eager to help you wrap those deadline gifts... they'll supply the necessary paper, string, seals, etc., too, if you haven't had time to get your own!

NORTH BRANCH "Y"

Special pre-Christmas event in this popular Branch of the Y.M.C.A. is the Friday Nite Club Christmas Dance, which takes place Friday eve, 22nd December, with Santa Claus, music by Eddie Blair & Orchestra, pretty hostesses, and gifts for all. Invitees are, of course, all Service men and women... and if North Branch "Y's" Dance of last year was any criterion, we'll say that you're sure of a swell time!

North Branch "Y" is located on the west side of Park Avenue, near St. Viateur Street. To get there from Central Station, merely walk up to St. Catherine St., board an east-bound tram, and go as far as Bleury-Park Avenue, (a few short blocks). From there, take a north-bound car, and ask the conductor to drop you at St. Viateur.

CENTRAL Y.M.C.A.

For the type of informal, congenial entertainment so much in demand at this time of year, we suggest the Central "Y" Christmas Night Dance, specially arranged to ward off the anti-climax which always threatens to manifest itself after a successful Christmas dinner. Drop into the Central "Y", on Drummond Street, at eight p.m., and enjoy an evening of sparkling entertainment.

We learn from Miss Duncan, of Women's War Services—the organization sponsoring this effort—that there will be door prizes, dance prizes, delicious refreshments, and that dozens of those delightful "Y" dancing partners will be on hand to assist. Many will recall the keen success which attended this "Y" event last Christmas.

For those who yearn for the home atmosphere on Christmas Day, the above organizations have many invitations for Service men and women to spend the day with Montreal families... so, if you think you'd rather have Christmas dinner in a private home, leave your name, etc., at one of these places, and they will do the rest. Remember, too, that a great many of these families who throw open their homes to Servicemen and women at this time have lads and girls in the Services who won't be home for Christmas, and will greatly appreciate having you with them...

The people who devote time and energy to organizing these services measure the success of their efforts by the numbers of persons who make use of them, so let us take advantage of all this hospitality.

DOWN THE AISLE...

It is truly said that real love knows no barriers... war or no war, young people in love are still EX-CHANGING VOWS of eternal devotion. Here we note the nomes of Signal Schoolers who have taken the irrevocable step during the past month:

Adams-Fairbairn

The Naval Chapel, St-Hyacinthe, considered the essential environment for a Naval wedding these days... Steward John Wesley Adams, of Gilbert Plains, Man. and Miss Beulah Ruth Fairbairn, of Port Arthur, Ontario were united in marriage here on 17th November, 1944.

Johnson-McKechnie

On 22nd November, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Ernest J. H. Johnson, Ordinary Seaman, and Miss Mary Ellinor McKechnie, both formerly of Saskatchewan, walked to the strains of Lohengrin. Ord. Seaman Johnson is undergoing a course in Signal School.

C.P.O. Tel. Bob Simpson came thru with the news that his bid for fame... a 7 and a half pound baby girl, was born in St. Charles Hospital on 6th December. "Lorraine Anne" are the names...

WARBY

While we wonder just how L/Smn. Geo. Warby managed to take time off from that gruelling Radar I course to congratulate Mrs. Warby upon her success, we are happy to record the birth of George Michael, who uttered his first cry in St. Charles Hospital on 6th November. This is L/Smn & Mrs. Warby's primary effort in the establishment of a family.

WHITE

A/B and Mrs. Edwin M. White announced the birth of a baby girl on Saturday December 9th in St. Charles Hospital and also in the case of this happy couple, it is their first child. Karen Lynn is the attractive name chosen by A/B and Mrs. White. "Murray" White is at present undergoing an R.A. course here in barracks.

NEW ENTRIES...

Let us be thankful, at Christmas time, that our children are being born in an atmosphere of freedom and security... and let us, too, resolve to bear our full share of the burden of protecting and perpetuating this atmosphere... the very essence of democracy.

EVANS

First among the 'firsts' in this issue is "Linda May", daughter of Ordinary Seaman Gordon Douglas Evans, and Mrs. Evans. This "Class of '62" glamour girl first saw the light of day in Toronto, Ontario, on the 22nd November.

GILL

From Signalman V/S-3 Clarence Ed. Gill, we receive the glad news that he is the proud poppa of a daughter, born in Saskatoon, Sask. on 17th November. Upon this first addition to their happy family, Sig. & Mrs. Gill have bestowed the charming names "Gloria Dawn".

HOGAN

No novice in the realm of parenthood, L/Tel. Leo J. Hogan imperceptibly received the news, on 3rd November, that he was the father of a son, born in Grace Hospital, Vancouver. "Walter Alan" are the names selected by L/Tel. & Mrs. Hogan for their third child.

IZZARD

A far cry from that generally placid, immoveable individual, Ted Izzard, was the back-thumping, animated R.P.O. who was wildly proclaiming the birth of an 8 lb. 2 oz. bundle of bouncing boyhood in the silent corridors of St. Charles Hospital at 6 ayem on 25th November. Their second such success in this line, we learn from R.P.O. and Mrs. Izzard, is to be named "Geoffrey Bruce".

McDONALD

Our first Engine-Room Branch contribution since September comes from Stoker 1/c and Mrs. Geo. Alex. McDonald, who announce the birth of "Florence Elenore", their second child. This very recent addition to the McDonald menage was born in Saint-Hyacinthe on 3rd December.

SCHARFE

From Windsor, Ontario, Mrs. W. E.H. Scharfe sends to her husband, O/Sig. Wardley E.H. Scharfe news of the birth of a rollicking lad... their first, born in that city on 8th November; "Danny Ward"... we're calling the 'jeep', states O/Sig. Scharfe.

SIMPSON

Wearing that satisfied, "I dood it" look which is to be detected in the expression of any new father,



One look at Susanna Foster, Universal's Star of "The Climax" tells you why she is headed for even bigger things. Too bad the Navy League can't send her out in Christmas ditty bags.

TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY BIGGEST IN HISTORY OF SIGNAL SCHOOL

More than 180 children, parents and friends gather to see Santa Claus

The atmosphere of the Drill Hall was one of suppressed excitement on Monday, 18th December, as scores of happy children, accompanied by parents and friends, poured in, to be greeted by their beaming, genial host,

The first thing to catch the kiddies' eager eyes upon entering the huge hall was the tremendous Christmas Tree, dazzlingly decorated with gleaming ornaments, and sparkling artificial snow and icicles. The walls of the hall were covered with nursery rhyme flags, Naval flags, bunting, and other decorations befitting the occasion.

Carols by the Signal School Glee Club, and appropriate music by the entire St. Hyacinthe Band did much to promote an atmosphere of Christmas. Kibitzing by clowns Moe Berry and Ewart Penney kept the youngsters in hysterics, while animated coloured cartoons — "Midnight in a Toy Shop", "Molly Moo Cow and the Indians", and other juvenile movies, and rides in pony buggies drawn by lads costumed to suit the part, and complete with bells, made time pass quickly for the many children present.

In anticipation of the promised visit of Old Saint Nick, the youngsters cast many an anxious glance towards the large fireplace and chimney dominating the drill hall stage. At last, a jingling of bells was heard, and from the

centre of a great cloud of smoke which emanated from the fireplace, a jolly, rollicking laugh announced the arrival of Santa, who, with white hair and beard flying, ran across the stage with roars of "Merry Christmas to all". He then proceeded to distribute to the thrilled kiddies the gifts and candy he had brought for them.

Appetizing refreshments, highlighted by huge helpings of ice-cream, were served by members of the Canteen Committee, and a group of volunteer Wrens, who also proved of great assistance to the parents by relieving them of their children from time to time.

The success of this exciting event in mainly attributable to the efforts of the Canteen Committee and Special Services Officers, who did a fine job of organization. Much praise is due, too, to the Band, the Glee Club, to C.Y.S. Vic White, who so ably interpreted "the jolly old man", and to all others who gave so generously of their time and talent. All refreshments were provided by the Wardroom.

Maskell-Busby

Nearby Montreal was the setting for the matrimonial union of Miss Phyllis Hazel Busby, of that city, and Signalman (T.O.) Albert Frederick Maskell, of Toronto. This young couple pledged their troths on 18th November, 1944.

Roxburgh-Graham

From the R.A. Department comes news of the marriage of R.A. 5/c David Wyatt Roxburgh, and Miss Annabella Graham, on 16th November. This happy event took place in

Vancouver, B.C., while R.A. Roxburgh was on leave in that city.

Wicks-Beggs

Noteworthy among recent nuptial events is the marriage of Wren S.A. Elizabeth Beggs, of Central Stores Here, to Tel. T.O. John W. Wicks, in the Protestant Chapel in Signal School. Rev. MacLean officiated at the ceremony, which took place on 1st December. Tel. Wicks, formerly a Morse Pool Instructor here, is now undergoing the Radio Artificer course.

Our Best Wishes

Tel. 310

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ACCOUNTANT BRANCH

Notings

Ldg. Wtr. B. V. Angus

A welcome addition to the Captain's Office staff is P. O. Wtr. Vern Delancey from "CORNWALLIS", and well known to the writer from associations in "NADEN". Beware girls!

Departing from "ST. HYACINTHE" for "PEREGRINE" and long a well known member of the Clothing Store staff, we wish Supply P. O. Fred Johnson the best of luck.

The second Ship's Office marriage to take place within the past month is that of Ldg. Wren Wtr. Margaret Campbell. The lucky man is Gordon Meston, an ERA onboard the "KENORA". Margaret is also well known as vocalist with the band on numerous occasions. Congratulations and the best to you both.

The Writer branch is due for a "Wetting of Hooks" again with the advancement to Ldg. Wtr. of J. Smith, E. Morin, A. Robinson and J. Boyne. We hear "Jake" Smith's wife allows him 2200 leave now and an extra. 25c a month spending money!

Joining the Supply Staff we welcome Supply P. O. F. Gray, S. A. P. Cook, from "PEREGRINE", Ldg. S.A. N. Milne from "STADACONA" and Wren S.A.'s E. B. Sparling and D. Edwards from "CORNWALLIS". Supply Assistant Jim Crossman recently left for "STADACONA".

Incoming drafts from "STADACONA" for the Cookery Branch have included Chief Cook Fred Barrett, Ldg. Cook D. McBride and Cooks Wm. Burrill, Geo. Couk, E. Klaus, R. Miller and R. Wilton.

Out going drafts included Ldg. Cooks L. Williams and C. Anderson, to "PEREGRINE" and J. Craig to "STADACONA".

From "PEREGRINE" we have Ldg. Stwd. Jas. Halliwell, Stwds. J. Bourque and W. McDonald, and G. Black and A. Black from "STADACONA".

As shiny as an Xmas tree (and with good cause to be lit) is J. Godin, glittering with more brass, having been rated Chief Writer. Congrats. "Chief".

STAD GETS NEW C.O.

A NEWFOUNDLAND PORT—Commander Harold W. Balfour, Volunteer Decoration, RCNVR, of Saskatoon, has been promoted to Acting Captain of H.M.C.S. Stadacona, the big R.C.N. barracks in Halifax, the Navy has announced. He leaves shortly to take up his new duties.

Capt. Balfour has been serving in Newfoundland since April, 1942, and has held a number of important posts, among them

THE VOICE £/&!%!

P.O. Jack Delaine

"Do you hear there, Do you hear there". My my, what a familiar call. It makes you at the crack of dawn (a point which few appreciate) it pipes you to dinner and supper (no complaints there) and it also tells you when to turn the lights out at night. In most cases, you have already turned the lights out and are just nicely asleep so—it wakes you up again. See what we mean?

If you wish to hear the loud hailer at it's best however, drop into the projection hall in Bldg. 34 some evening. The more serious and dramatic the scene on the screen, the better your chances are of hearing this very versatile bit of equipment.

Picture if you can, the tender meeting of a husband and wife, separated for two long years by the whims of war. He gazes into her eyes, she returns the compliment and gazes right back at him. He moves a step closer, she does the same. He holds out his arms. She does the same. It's all very touching and entertaining. Just at the critical moment, just as he is about to speak, what happens? Loud and clear comes the pipe, "There will be confessions in the chapel at 2030." This pipe is followed by a long list of names of those who have received telegrams and those who are required on the quarter deck. Naturally these people are always seated in the extreme centre of the rear aisle but then we all enjoy having some one crawl over us in the midst of the proceedings. There's nothing quite like a great muddy sea boot in ones burberry pocket now is there?

Its true that Radio City has its "Rockettes". Shea's have Quentin McLean at the organ and Graumann's Chinese has its slab of concrete covered with foot marks of the stars BUT, do they have the loud hailer? No! Sometimes we wish they did.

Executive Officer of H.M.C.S. Avalon and latterly as King's Harbormaster and Commander of the Port of St. John's.

He is well known for the many good works he has supported in the Navy. He has been one of the prime movers in the St. John's Naval Canteen and the Canadian Benevolent Fund, an organization formed to assist naval veterans and their families in post-war days.

Wrens Only

by Shirley McKeown

Let's hope a sailor or three will peek over a wren's shoulder at the column this month and share some wonderful news. If you are in Montreal and would like all or some of your Christmas presents beautifully and professionally wrapped, take them to the Red Triangle on Phillips Square and prepare to gasp in delight at the results. They will be additionally parceled for mailing if you so desire and all for free. If you are not a shopper, someone will come with you to help or merely to show you the best stores. Then if you haven't the time she will also buy your gifts for you. We did this shopping last year and adored picking out things for unknown recipients.

If you are away from home, let's not be shy about Christmas dinner, give someone the thrill of entertaining you. You never know your luck and won't your family be doing as much? Whip into Navy House or the Red Triangle to make enquiries and cross your fingers, it helps. Definitely keep Navy House in mind, they are planning a tremendous Open House for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, dinner at noon with all the trimmings. We think they are well aware of the Navy's inclination to stick together and have expressed the desire to have more wrens and make the parties more exciting. That's what they said!

In a word to the wise re Christmas shopping, may we suggest that if you have a moment left before tackling the big city you give the stores in St. Hy the once over. You are sure to find many gifts which mad shoppers have been in search of for weeks in Montreal. Don't forget that the stepping-stone to any lady's heart this year will be silk stockings which cannot be bought for love or money in most cities.

If you are still at a loss, and who isn't, for an idea concerning the men in your life, the "Woolcraft" on Drummond above St. Catherine have lovely all wool diamond socks which you won't find elsewhere. Are any of your friends "in the family way"? If so they will more than appreciate the baby wool you can buy here in St. Hy and once again not in the cities. Send your friends in Ontario safety pins to ensure everlasting friendship.

Naturally you will want to sing Carols on Christmas Eve if you get the starry feeling that we always do. Christ Church Cathedral on St. Catherine between Morgan's and Eaton's have services at 1900, 2000 and 2115. Does not the idea of a midnite service appeal to you? There will be one at this church commencing at 2330.

And so let's hope you will have an extremely happy holiday and don't forget the New Year's resolutions!

Chiefs' & P. O.'s Mess Activities

C.P.O. Wtr. D. C. Brunet

After a series of false starts, and much confusion as to when he really would be leaving, our erstwhile President, C.Y.S. "Tiny" Small, up-anchored and sailed for Merrie England on the 4th—he'll be home for Christmas...

The eve of his departure found the popular R. N. Chief behind the bar in the Mess, 'standing the round' for all his Mess-Mates. In a short address, delivered in his own inimitable fashion, "Tiny" expressed his appreciation of the grand times he had had whilst in the Mess, and extended to all an invitation to visit him in his home in Britain.

Doing a good job of filling the vacancy in the executive created by the departure of C.Y.S. Small, we have conscientious C.Y.S. Bill London,.... President protem.

Pursuing their "never a dull moment" policy that energetic and enthusiastic body, the Entertainment Committee made Saturday evenings, 9th and 16th December nights to be remembered.

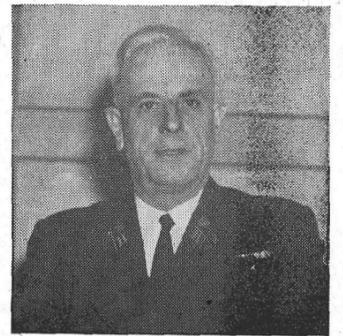
With the assistance of the Special Services, Officer, arrangements were made to have a concert party from Montreal present a show in the Lounge on the 9th. The Party arrived, despite snow-flurries and north-wind, and, in the words of Hap Hayward, "...notwithstanding the many inconveniences and difficulties due to lack of accommodation, presented a super show!" The trouper then joined the guests in tasty refreshments, and... again quoting Hay... "rounded off a swell evening by joining Mess members and friends in a sing-song around the piano." "Whiskers" White, the year's stand-in for Santa, rendered a few solos in his fine tenor voice.

In keeping with the Yuletide trend, the Committee presented the Mess Christmas Dance on the 16th. This was the typical Mess Dance, lavish... every moment packed with ennui-dispelling fun and non-sense... the Navy "Five" was, of course, in attendance and refreshments were appetizing and plentiful.

Via the "buzz" system, word reaches us the effect that extravagant preparations are being made by the entertainment committee for the traditional welcoming in of the New Year...

Since it's quite apparent that we're going to have lots of snow for a long time to come, your scribe suggests, Entertainment Committee, an old-fashioned sleigh-ride, followed by a Dance in the Mess, sometime after the Christmas Season.

We leave you with sincere wishes to all for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Victorious New Year.



C.Y.S. "Tiny" Small. R.C.N. Photo — Brown.

They Drive by Night

by Tim

Now that the Radar forces have appreciably increased around these parts we feel that, although we are still in the minority, we should have our own Branch column.

As you all know, the movements in our Branch are shrouded in secrecy... in fact, we don't know what the score is ourselves... and we often wonder if news of some of our nocturnal activities ever reaches the eye and ear of the public.

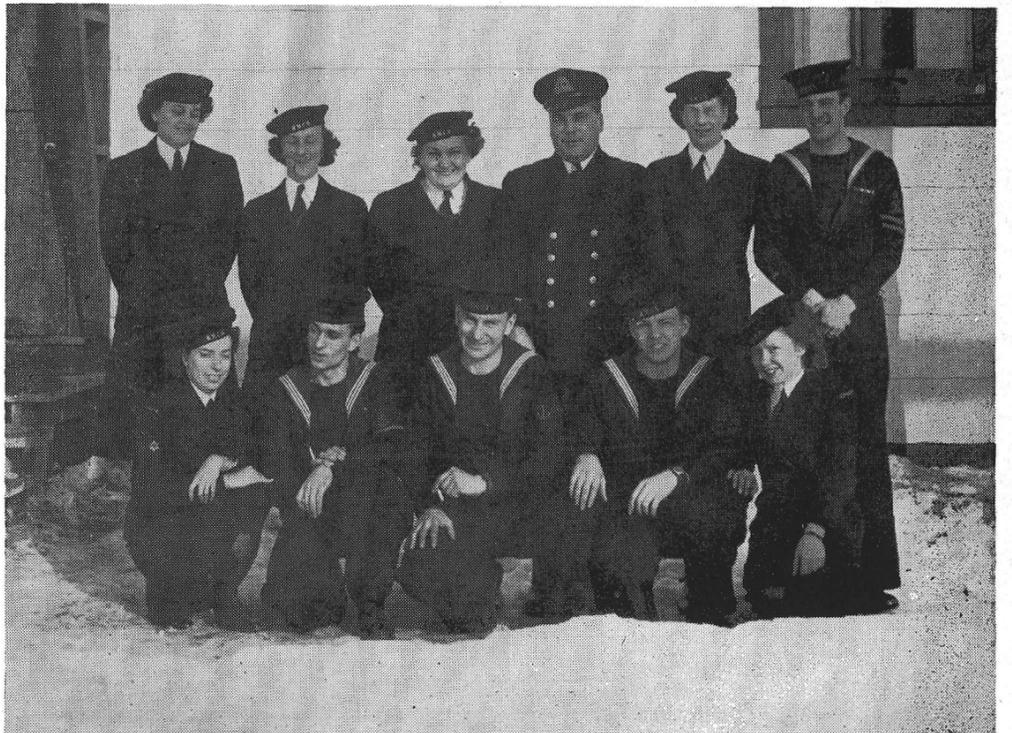
It seems that every time some one says "He's a Radar rating", everybody puts his hand over his beer. We feel this is very unjust, and want everyone to know that we have quite a few teetotalers in the School. Why, there's "Dutch" Davey, and Lloyd Davey, and also the guy who gets all the points for the Rugby Team. Just ask anyone who the best-behaved troops ashore are—and you'll get the same answer every time... the Wrens.

At this writing, we are grieving over the loss of one of the members of our Staff—L/Smn Neving... we are told that the wimmin in town will miss him too! Our popular "Dutch" has picked up his draft too.

Now that the Radar Hockey and Bowling Teams are hitting their stride, everything looks good. Our Hockey team has already challenged the Canadiens to a match... but the gas shortage is terrible.

There is a story circulating right now about the Radar P.O. who lives with an unusually large French family. Seems that this chap's appetite is so prodigious that the papa has found it necessary to count the children before and after each meal. He's eating better now, though... he found out the combination to the refrigerator.

Bearing the Brunt of Christmas



Above are the Postal Staff who are kept plenty busy just about this time of year. They are, front row left to right: Wren E. Bell, L/Postal Clerk H. Vandal, L/Postal Clerk, R. Tottle, A/B Postal R. W. Hanahan and Wren D. Eve. Top row left to right: Wren B. A. Bouchby, Wren B. H. Minett L/Wren E. Floyd, Warrant Officer in Charge (S.B.) A. L. Demers, Wren M. H. Anderson, and P.O. Postal A. Rimmer. R.C.N. Photo — Brown.

Season's Greetings

Compliments of
E. O. PICARD
C. N. R. AGENT

Fun in a Snowbank

by Kaye Kneeshaw Kay

You might just as well know now that I'm no Winter sport. As a matter of record, I hate Winter. I even hate people who don't hate Winter. I wouldn't go so far as to say that I also hate people who don't hate people who don't hate Winter, but I'll bet I could if I tried.

In spite of my strong sentiments on the frosty subject, the Editor wants a piece written about "The Glories of Canadian Winters," with a tie-in on the Joyous Yuletide Season. This is very similar to asking the President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union to knock out a new recipe for an Old Fashioned: the cocktail wouldn't be very uplifting and I'm afraid this tale won't be, either. Moreover, have you ever tried typing on a portable while wearing woolen mittens?

As a matter of policy and personal comfort I long ago decided to ignore Winter; I would let Winter go its way and I would go mine. This works out very well most of the time and when we do happen to meet face to face I simply step into the nearest warm telephone booth and call a taxi. Once home, I can forget the whole unpleasant incident while I curdle up in a corner of the Chesterfield with a bottle of Rhum and a quart of hot milk.

The origin of Winter is rather obscure. It is my personal theory that Providence promulgated the whole nasty business as a means of punishing North American Indians who went around scalping each other alive, years ago. Somehow or other the thing got out of hand, or Providence forgot about it, and now we find Winter carrying on, keenly scalping the whites who, for some reason or other, have taken over from the Indians. The overshoe is on another foot, so to speak. I'm all for giving the whole thing back to the Red-men.

Nearly every living thing is smarter than we dumb whites who pioneer here from October through to March. For instance, bears hole up in caves, toads bury themselves in some nice, warm mud, wise birds fly to Florida and the trees take off all their clothes and stand around in a huddle, knocked pleasantly unconscious by the very first frost. The tree technique doesn't seem to be very damned interesting in cold weather, but as long as I have to live here I'm willing to try a hill-side cave or some nice warm mud in mid-September. Anybody want to come along?

However, it isn't so much the cold that makes me kick Winter around; I wear two or three of everything and stay indoors. It's just the fact that nobody and nothing looks or acts the same as in Summer. The white stuff covers all the country and everybody in it, and sooner or later turns to water, and I hate water. The nice young things who looked so gorgeous on last Summer's beaches now go zooming over the hills on bent pieces of wood, their eyes hidden by ski-spectacles and their chassis encased in voluminous woollens. The tennis court crowd, with whom I've enjoyed many zestful doubles and even triples on the side verandah and were my fair-weather friends, now play a Commando-like game called hockey and are, I'm sorry to say, disgustingly healthy. The entire landscape takes on the appearance of a huge morgue draped in white where-in ghosts of former friends shuffle around, wrapped up beyond all human recognition. Even that backyard institution, the Monday morning clothesline, is now a frozen gallows from which swings a row of long underwear with rear doors agape, swaying stiffly in the wind like victims of a Nazi purge, and bearing terrible testimony as to the intimate living habits of our citizens.

However for my money, the worst feature of Winter is a perfectly mad scheme, promoted by retailers and bearing no resemblance to the original Theme whatever but called "Christmas" never-the-less. This consists in the main of a wild spending spree with money you haven't got to buy something that doesn't fit for some people you hardly know. It's really a form of inflation, with the deflation coming in early January when you have to chop up the furniture for fuel. Might as well burn the presents, too.

Of course, Christmas isn't all bad. Its nice to play with Junior's new train and there are a number of middle aged spinsters who hang mistle toe over doorways and then invite you over for dinner and drinks. But if Christmas could be put back to July 25th you could take your mistle-toe to a tree limb in the park, and everything else would be easier in production.

There are probably only two goods features about Winter: it makes you appreciate summer and (2) you can't take it with you. Anyway, those are my sentiments and here are a few more: to my three constant readers, all of them relatives, and to the other illiterates in our midst: A Very Merry Christmas and for the New Year, — a Bromo Seltzer!



C.Y.C. B.F. Ainsley

Since the publication of the assembly line for November's "Signal Log", the following classes have completed their courses and have now left for their respective duties at sea and elsewhere. Wrens V/S "D", Wrens V/S "E", V/S 2 Q "Z", Hostility classes "FE" and "FF", Coders "BV" and "BW" and Wren Coders "E".

The first class on the schedule, Wrens V/S "D" was 100% success-

ful. Nineteen writing and nineteen passing. At the top came M. Mapp 96.6% closely followed by G. Murphy with 96%. The graduation day for this class was Oct 26th and we deeply regret that it was omitted from the November issue of this paper in error. Instructor yeoman Hurrell is to be congratulated for guiding them to a very successful conclusion.

The next class to qualify for Wren Signalwomen was Wrens "J" who wrote out on 29th. Only one failure was recorded from this class of twenty five. Top score went to A.C. Entwistle 96.7% with Comming and Englis tied for second place with 94.7% apiece. Instructor Yeoman Stephenson



by G.E. Thompson

The band will enjoy leave together with the Ship's Company and will be aboard for a Sunday evening concert in the Drill Shed on Sunday, December 31st at 8.30 p.m. Bandmaster Ainley states that a programme of well known musical numbers have been chosen for the music lovers who wish to attend.

The dance band had a full schedule during the past month. In addition to the weekly dances held in the ship's canteen, they have also played for numerous other dances in and around St. Hy. On Dec. 18th they played for the Annual Christmas Tree Party for the children of Naval personnel stationed in the Signal School. On the evening of the same day they played for the Ship's Company dance, supplying the music for about 3000 people.

While awaiting my turn in the Dentists chair the other day and, entertaining horrible visions of the drill which I knew was bound to come, four of the boys next to me were arguing about the best bands in Canada. "Mart Kenny!" says one, "Naw, Bert Niosi," argued another, but my morale, which was hitting a new low, was shot to soaring heights when one of them said, "Well, for my dough, this band right here is one of the best bands in Canada." Then the Corp. called Thompson, and with a kindly feeling towards my shipmate I walked to the chair with confidence — until I saw the drill, Ow!

The latest report on the Saturday afternoon swing sessions in La Canteen claim that they are proving a great success and are fast becoming popular with those who like swing. The civilians seem to like it too.

The members of the band take this opportunity of expressing to their shipmates of H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe A Merry Christmas and a Victorious New Year.

who, by the way, is about to leave us for sea duty, did a fine job. In saying goodbye we wish to thank him for the splendid job he has done during his stay here.

November 2nd saw coders "BV" come off the line with two failures out of a class of 22. T.E. Rogers topped the score sheet with 92.6%. J. Lecompte trailing close behind with 91.3%. To be congratulated on a fine show here is C.Y.S. Victor White, the Instructor.

On Nov. 30th C.Y.S. Shirley's V/S 3 Q "Z" class wrote the last of their finals. Eight of the thirteen who sat were successful, first place going to E. Glencross 93.9% with J.C. Wood a close second with 91.5%.

On the same day Host. "FF" consisting of twenty two ordinary seamen instructed by Yeoman Small lined up to hear their results. Twelve were successful in qualifying. C. L. Steele with 93% gained high man honours by only a small margin over J. Roddis who knocked down 92.3%.

December 8th was the final day for Host. "FF" instructed by Yeo. Liddy. Twenty two candidates sat to qualify and sixteen came through with flying colours. Heading the list was A. Lutz with 92.6% and following up very closely was N.O. Hache who scored 92.1%.

December 8th also found coders "BW" complete their course under Yeoman Hill. Nineteen made the grade out of a class of twenty seven. Highest marks in this class were held by D. Rintoul 89% and A. Epp 88%.

NOT SO DULL

A Naval recruiting officer was trying to convince a half-wit he wasn't mentally suited for the Navy. He asked him: "What would happen if I should cut off one of your ears?"
The fellow said, "I could hear just half as well."
"Well, what would happen if I cut off both your ears?"
"I couldn't see."
The Officer said: "Well, why wouldn't you be able to see if I cut off both ears?"
"Because my hat would fall down over my eyes."

Barracks Personalities



R.C.N. Photo — Brown.

Introducing, to those who do not already know him and perhaps disclosing a few more interesting facts to the many who do, Leading Signalman Leslie John Shannon, R.C.N.V.R. better known in Signal circles as "Jack" or "Pop".

Jack is a veteran of both wars, joining the R.C.N. first in the fall of 1916 at Winnipeg, his home town. Upon becoming a "sailor" Jack was drafted direct to the training ship H.M.C.S. Niobe, where after receiving six months instruction in every phase of seamanship, he transferred to Signal boy. The Ship's bell from this same training ship is the same one that now rings out over the loud speaker system from its perch on the quarter deck of the Signal School.

His next ship, and the one in which he spent most of his time during the last war, was H.M.C.S. "Cartier". He was on the Cartier when the "Montbank", a merchant ship loaded with ammunition, blew up in Halifax harbour not more than 150 yards from where the Cartier lay at anchor. "The only thing that saved us that day," said Jack, "was the fact that there was another ship anchored between us and the Montbank, which shielded us to a certain extent." The "Cartier" is now known as H.M.C.S. Charny and serves as a training ship for both Officers and ratings.

For the next eighteen months Ldg. Sig Shannon went back and forth between the "Cartier", "Canada", a sweeper-TR 25 and the "Armetiers" spending only a short time on each. Finally however, he ended up on the Cartier which "paid off" shortly before Christmas 1918. His remaining time in the R.C.N., until his discharge in March 1919, was spent on watchkeeping duties in the "Niobe".

Upon returning to Winnipeg as a "Civvy", Jack worked with the T. Eaton Company and later with the Manitoba Liquor Commission. He was still with the Liquor Commission when he rejoined in December 1941 at the Winnipeg Divisional Headquarters — H.M.C.S. Chippawa: "It wasn't long before the Signal School got hold of me," claimed Shannon, "and after accepting a blast from the Captain and the Signal Officer for not coming sooner, I took my course over again for Signalman."

During the present war, Ldg Sig. Shannon has served in the S.D.O. at H.M.C.S. Naden, the S.T.C. Halifax, and the Signal School. On one occasion he had his gear packed all ready to go back to sea on the Suderoy VI but was called back to the Sick Bay for an X-Ray. "The result was that I never got to sea and was soon transferred to Shore Branch", said Jack. In September 1943 he came to St. Hyacinthe for his "Three's" course and has been here since, working as Leading Hand in the V/S Stores, where his work consists mainly of keeping all Signal Instructional gear in first class repair. Apart from his regular duties he is a member of the Canteen committee and takes a keen interest in all the School's activities.

Christmas Church Services

SUNDAY DEC. 24th (Christmas Eve)

1915 Holy Communion

2030 Holy Communion

DEC. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

0930 Holy Communion

For the benefit of those living out of barracks there will be a Service of Holy Communion in Christ Church (Anglican) in St. Hyacinthe at 1100 on Christmas Eve. Naval personnel are cordially invited to make their Christmas Communion.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

OTTAWA HOTEL

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Winter Comes to St. Hy.



Winter in Signal School, and how she blows! Here's a scene taken down the old main road and believe us, the snow was really flying. This was the first appreciable snow storm of the year.

R.C.N. Photo — Brown.

Views and Reviews on SPORT



By Dennis Adkin, Sports Editor

The last sticky seal has been affixed, the final ribbon tied, and the rest is up to the burdened postie. Hope that Margie and Buddy will be happy, and the cherished lady with the silvery hair.

Christmas time instils into even the most hardened a feeling of benevolence towards mankind, the kinship yen that has been promised to become universal for each one of every year's 365 1/4 days.

One fan opines that a body has a right to cheer for whomever he pleases, and that being in the service should make no difference. He is quite correct in stating that there is no priority on free thinking, but we do like to see the Navy hockey team win, and dislike to hear them heckled by men in similar blue, in favor of some civilian outfit.

Many do not seem aware of the new rule change adopted this season to re-introduce stick-work and eliminate insistent ganging. The puck must be carried over the centre ice red line before being shot across the defending blue line, unless a definite pass is evident, in which case no off-side will be called.

At a recent meeting the N.H.L. decided to drop the regulation calling for a penalty if a player breaking a stick fails to carry the piece remaining in his hands to the side.

Halifax Navy pusksters are this year under the guidance of Payr. Lieut. John Wallace, well known and liked in these parts, and Manager of Signal School ice-men for the past two seasons. He must have had quite a thrill when Jack Irvine turned up for practice the other day. The gruff ex-Winnipeg Ranger was one of our last year's stars. Stalwart Moe Becker is already on the roster.

We have it that the team is hot and cold. Irvine is a clutch player and should bolster the squad a great deal.

Upon the desk' tother morn appeared a note from last season's burly defenceman Joe Kavanagh, penned on HMCS "Red Deer" letterhead. Joseph found the time in Newfoundland, and just about brought us L/P. to date on his team-mates of yesteryear.

Doug Jackson and Ernie Page are at the W/T Station in Newfie. Flashy Bill Crowley, of Calgary is on the Runnymede, while ex-lineman Freddie Snitten ships aboard the Sackville. High scoring rearguard Clare Martin cools his heels on the Provider.

An air mail envelope contains greetings from Frank "Frisky" Boudreau, and the classy crest has H.M.S. "Devonshire" embossed. Hi ya Matey!

The "girl in hockey pants" laughingly referred to in the story of the Wrens' hockey game somewhere between these pages, was Wren Hermanson, who is something of a player, did score a lovely goal, stick-handling thru' the entire opposition and firing a high shot that would have given Ron trouble "Hermie" sought considerable council of P.T.I. Johnny Burt as to the most profitable mode of attack. "Shall I stick-handle, pass a lot, or just shoot," she queried. Whatever the advise was she did all three, and looked like the real goods.

Johnny Jackson Runs Wild as Local Tars Swamp Visiting Donnacona's

St Hy, Dec. 10th—V/S man Johnny Jackson may just have been catching up on his night flashing, but if a four goal scoring spree merits star rating, then he gets the nod on his out-standing performance this aft, the big right winger also copping assists on linemates Samson and Read's singles, as the trio finally clicked after a long slump to lead the St Hy sailors' 9-3 rout of the visiting mddies from Donnacona.



The locals hoisted full sail in the final stanza after leading 2-1 and 4-2 in the first and second, and were in command all the way. At no time did the Montreal squad threaten, and their potent Paulson, Gibbon, Myers combo were

Andy Hyrn held scoreless, tho' they dished up some fancy puck-work.

There was no stopping the up and coming Johnny, ranting in and out, clipping goal-posts between mesh-bulgers, fore-checking, and altogether just about a one man team. With less than two minutes of play ticked away he checked a Donac in Montreal's zone and poked the biscuit home. Number two came from a Read pass top of the second, three and four were third period converts with Samson figuring in the pass-work.

A fast, clean encounter the entire distance, St Hy held a one goal edge in the first by virtue of Andy Hyrn's back-hand with Bauer in the cooler, Chenier had cancelled Jackson's opener with a slapped rebound. The husky centre of the homesters out-skated the field for a loose puck, and slammed it home.

Early in the middle canto Jackson registered, followed by a Samson to Gamble to Jackson to Read pass-pattern, and Mel blasted the convert from well in. Eadie a double marksman for the visitors kept them in at the twelve minute point.

As if propelled from a V-3 emplacement the Signal School ice men lashed out with a five goal attack in the third, Donnacona's Eadie alone scoring at the half-way point while having a man advantage. Alec Hyrn converted from brother Andy, and the latter spotted a similar set-up to his

Inter-Part Hockiests Mingle for Warm-Ups

C. P. O. Tel. Holly Shepherd's Destroyers nudged their way into first place in the Inter-Part League for men under Instruction, and the Officers' sextet snaffled similar honors in the division for permanent staffers.

This state of affairs appertains to the first round of competition, really a work-out period for the league proper which swings into action in the new year.

So that no one will lose the old urge, and to safeguard against rheumatism or possibly stiffitis, another temporary schedule has the squads from one section taking on each outfit from the other, in a program designed to keep everyone in top peak over the holidays. Such encounters to date indicate that there isn't much to choose between the two, and bode well for the play-offs, come spring.

first period tally, man short, loose puck,—so he duplicated. Meanwhile "Johnny Come Often" Jackson notched a couple and Elmer Samson scooped in the rubber to ring down the curtain.

The Hyrn brother act did yeoman duty working off penalties, got two goals doing such.

Montreal's chief weakness was a defensive one, and Donachey was none too steady in goal.

Referee—Pean Bennett.

Linesmen—Burt, Abbott.

ST HY NAVY: Goal—Pickell; Defence—Williams, Ogston, Gamble, Caldwell; Forwards—Samson, Read, Jackson, Ganci, Bauer, Hurst, Alec Hyrn, Andy Hyrn, Pow.

MONTREAL NAVY: Goal—Donachey; Defence—Madson, Bathgate, Boyer, Kiovula; Forwards—Paulson, Gibbon, Myers, Eadie, Allan, Chenier, Charlabois, Fabe.

Tars Maintain Unbeaten Streak over Civvies

Last Period Splurge Gives 5-2 Win In Third Meeting

St Hy, Dec. 8th. — Little Irish wore number eight for St Hyacinthe tonite. The diminutive fifteen year old Master Knox has been a pal of the Navy hockey players for three seasons back. Strange to see him out there, showing plenty of promise, tho' wary of the husky blue defence.

Navy finally broke it up in the third, a four goal splurge with but one in answer. They had taken a 1-0 lead in the first, cancelled by St Hy in the middle frame, and the last was as you see, the tars finally taking command after showing nothing to cheer about in the first forty.



Jerry Bauer

Cliff Gamble came thru with another top effort. Jerry Bauer was the best two way man on the ice, and with line-mates Ganci and Hurst dominated Navy's attack in the first period.

Lone marksman for the locals was top J.A.H.A. scorer Ferne Gladu, who got two clean break-aways and made them both good, was a driving force. Mario Blanchard the steady man out front of Leclerc, and Coupal, Archambault were dangerous.

A ganging play with Bauer and Hurst set the stage for Joe Ganci's tally mid-way thru the first. Gladu tied early in the second, then repeated the feat in the third after Jackson had given Navy the lead for the second time. Suddenly springing to life the tar's Read, Jackson, Samson trio poured in the winner, Pee Wee the marksman. Jerry Bauer checked in the civvie zone and went in to score, then Jackson finished it off clipping the long side from Read's pass.

R.A.'s, Shipwrights, Vie for Trundling Upper Berth

By the time this appears in print the final ball will have been trundled in the first section of the Five Pin Bowling League, yet with but a week to go play-off spots are unpredictable, tho' the R.A.'s and Shipwrights will almost inevitably hit the first and second slots from their favored positions at present.

This maple mashing twosome have been neck and neck all season, and to date the R.A.'s have a one point edge over their wood-shop adversaries, who in turn are three markers up on the closest.

President Len MacKenzie drew abreast of P.O. Tel. Racine's triple the other eve, rapping the hardwoods for a 788 count. Fred Turner, high average holder and league Secretary, is current leader of the single section, his .339 being threatened by each passing game.

Team Standing

Team	W	L
R.A.'s	23	7
Shipwrights	22	8
Cooks	19	11
Guards	19	11
Wreckers	17	13
Chief Yeomen Sigs.	15	15
Yeomen	14	16
Chippies	14	16
P.O. Tels.	14	16
R.A.B.P.	10	20
Sy. A.'s	7	23
Pinch Hitters	6	24

Individual Averages

Player	Team	Average
Turner	Shipwrights	215
Seager	Guards	212
Racine	P.O. Tels.	212
Adkin	Wreckers	210
Stallis	Shipwrights	206
Lerner	Yeomen	204
Jenkins	R.A.'s	204
Smiley	Wreckers	204
Shannon	Wreckers	199

Royals Cop Double Verdict in Lake Placid Series

Al Donkin Carries Navy Torch, Amercks Enjoy Week-end Show

Down below the border they have little conception of Canada's national winter pastime. The U. S. Army Sergeant on the business end of the mike asked if the red lines did not have a special significance. The air was rife with such.

Lake Placid was inhaling its first healthy gulps of winter air, and the ski trails bore a lush carpet.

Tho' the finer points of the game were lost to the fans they understood when Butch Stahan was the core of a melee in which all players of both teams participated. Up here it would pass as an added attraction, but the band's National Anthem soon dispersed this one, and the management suffered mental anguish lest someone be hurt.

Formidable Frank soon became "Ox-head" to the Amercks, their evinced dislike was his cue to start the act, for the ex-pugilist dearly loves a show.

Gus Ogilvie entrained a rugged troupe for the series. The classy Royals took a decisive edge in both of these week-end encounters, played for the entertainment of the United States Army in the winter playground of the



Tom Williams

Adirondacks. The first was their's by merit, for they were the stronger thruout, but the Sunday fixture showed a Navy nod for two frames, 'til Neil Andrews, one of the sailors' best of the series retired with a fractured wrist. The Royals poured in from there and rocketed the score into the higher digits.

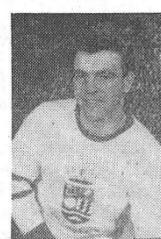
Saturday night's game on the 2nd took rousing form in the final period, when Stahan took exception to a Donkin check and the fur flew, the rugged defenceman getting a five minute respite to cool his' ire. The tars then rapped in three rapid late period tallies to give the 8-5 score-board a better appearance.

Al Donkin shone brightly for La

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CLIMBING UPWARD

PLAYERS	PEN	G	A	PTS
Jackson	2	16	11	27
Read	2	13	14	27
Campbell	6	5	8	13
Bauer	6	5	8	13
Lycns	2	6	6	12
Donkin	4	5	6	11
Ganci	2	4	7	11
Hyrn, Andy	4	6	3	9
Hyrn, Alec	2	4	4	8
Andrews	2	3	5	8
Samson	8	2	5	7
Williams	6	2	5	7
Gamble	20	2	3	5
Ogston	8	0	1	1
Hurst	0	0	1	1
Caldwell	2	0	0	0



From left to right it's Johnny Jackson, Pee Wee Read and Manny Samson, high scoring Signal School trio who were riding high when the local tars routed Donnacona. R.C.N. Photo — Brown.

Home Life Interwoven with Interesting Career of Signal School Net Minder

by Keith Matthews

We have never heard a real heart warming story yet that we haven't had the urge to pass on to our fans, both of them, and without further dressing we mean to present the tale of one Ronnie Pickell, the sturdy puckblocking notable whom all and sundry know by reputation, might like to know even better.

The story was passed on to this department by a person who has not too remote an acquaintance with our Ron — his wife, Jean, a hockey fan of the first order. She, naturally, is hubby's most ardent fan, yet his sternest critic.

taking in the Radio Artificer' Pickell, Jean to the intimates, of

It seems Jean and Ron celebrated an anniversary not long ago, their fifth to be exact. The day sort of hit us as being a special one, both for them and the hockey team, for the Signal Schoolers turned in a scintillating performance in dunking Sherbrooke in their own back yard 6-1, and Ron's deeds were far the most derring-do. It has been hinted both far and wide that the lone goal against "Pick" was pure out and out robbery and it cheated him of an intended shutout gift to Jean.

Ronnie's career started in hometown Saskatoon, where they don the blades at birth and skate a la

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Middies Barely Bar Royal Threat

St Hy, Nov. 26th — The sailors from the banks of the Yamaska were just able to withstand a threatening assault launched by Junior Royals in the late stages of a hockey fixture here this afternoon, to skate off 5-4 victors in a close encounter. The visitors final push did cut a two goal advantage in half with thirty seconds to go. Navy were never the masters they should have been but had a fight on their hands all the way. There was no scoring in the opener, the tars held a 3-2 edge in the second, and each added a couple in the last.

Donkin, Andrews and Campbell carried the mail for the middies to garner three of the much-needed tallies.

Royals were sparked by Chenier's double killing, and the line of O'Connor, Cadieu and Wiseman. Goalie Harvey the boy wonder stood out as he has always done in his appearances here.

Neil Andrews tallied early in the second his line-mates Campbell and Donkin drawing assists, and Lyons fired a long one that caromed off visitor Chenier. The speedy left-winger of the Royals was soon back to erase the ignominy, and gave the board an extra scrub by cancelling Andrews' second effort with fifteen seconds left in the period.

Royals tied mid-way thru the final, Jimmy O'Connor converting as Cadieu waltzed around Samson and slipped it over, giving Pickell no chance. Tom Williams set up Campbell perfectly and Alec Hyrn back-handed another, as the tars rolled briefly to take the longest lead of the affair. With a half minute remaining Cadieu slapped a single past the surprised Pick.

ROYALS WIN DOUBLE

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Marine, a trio of goals his glittering effort, and the right winger was flying, aided immeasurably by line-mates Andrews and Campbell, the former himself flashing the light for a single, and the three being the best combo for the tars. Cliff Gamble got the other marker in this battle, a long blue-line shot that drifted past McNeil into the mesh.

The Montreals were deserving of their win, tho' Navy passed up several scoring chances, the fast breaking Johnny Jackson going in alone on sundry occasions and failing to convert. Stahan, Laforce and McMahon formed an almost impregnable defence, and their front line of Meronek, Smart, and O'Connor worked well to pile up the victory.

Royals took a 3-2 lead in the first, Alex Smart notching two from Meronek and McMahon getting his only. Neil Andrews fired the initial Navy tally and Donkin picked his first. Ogilvie's crew added two more in the second when they strengthened their lead, and scoring was even in the last, each side seeing the red flicker thrice.

TARS OPEN WITH BOTH BARRELS

Quite a reversal greeted the crowd of the Sunday session, expectant from the color of the Saturday-nighter. The tars opened fast and effectively, rapping in two early goals that left the Montreal crew lagging 2-0 when the frame closed, and added another as the second began. Then the Q.S.H.L. leaders loosened their big, potent guns, tying the tally by the end of the second, and potting six more in the last, when the crippled Navy squad could not stem the onslaught.

Navy showed a decided edge in the first, never letting the Royals get away, and making use of all the breaks themselves. In the second the tars were out-scored three

to one, play was even, and it shaped up a close affair. It was the last play of this period that Andrews went off, and the result was obvious immediately the last opened. Donkin, Andrews, and Campbell had been the big three of the series, and the sailors' attack was minimized, while the Royals poured in from all sides and drove huge hunks of rubber at goalie Ron Pickell, who was a stand-out. The result was the six tallies making a one-sided verdict, yet for two periods it was a battle, and a good game from the rink-side.

Two defencemen stood out for Navy on Sunday. One was the old reliable who is always a star, Red Williams, breaking up scoring threats in quantity, the other Cliff Gamble, a lad showing plenty of improvement as the season progresses, and always playing his heart out.

At forty-five seconds from the gun Mel Read notched his first, they slid another in at the nine minute mark, fed in each case by center Jerry Bauer, as they pierced the Royal defence and went right in on McNeil. With this 2-0 lead the tars copped their third and last early in the second, Mike McMahon deflecting the puck into his own net, and Jackson getting credit for the tally. Then it was all Royals as the lights ran up, battling uphill during the second and pulling away in the last, flipping the light button nine times in a row without an answer from Navy.

Butch Stahan fired the evener in the dying seconds of the middle stanza, lifting one from the blue line thru a maze of players that Pickell had no chance on. Gignac had started them at 5.10, and Malone tallied near half time. Jean Paul was in for the one that gave Montreal an edge, and the game was decided then and there, for the weakened sailor sextet could not boost their early count.

NAVY: Goal—Pickell; Defence—Williams, Gamble, Samson; Forwards—Read, Bauer, Jackson, Campbell, Andrews, Donkin, Pow, Andy Hyrn, Alec Hyrn.

ROYALS: Goal—McNeil; Defence—McMahon, Laforce, Stahan; Forwards—Meronek, O'Connor, Smart, Gignac, Hayes, Porteous, Malone, Carthy.

Referee—Leo Heffernan.

INTERESTING CAREER OF SIG SCHOOL NET MINDER

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Sonja Henie well ere it's time for grade school.

Pick was a Quaker before long, the Quakers being the hottest thing in the amateur ranks Saskatoon boasts. To make the Quakers in Saskatoon runs a close parallel to being the only barber in Timbuctoo.

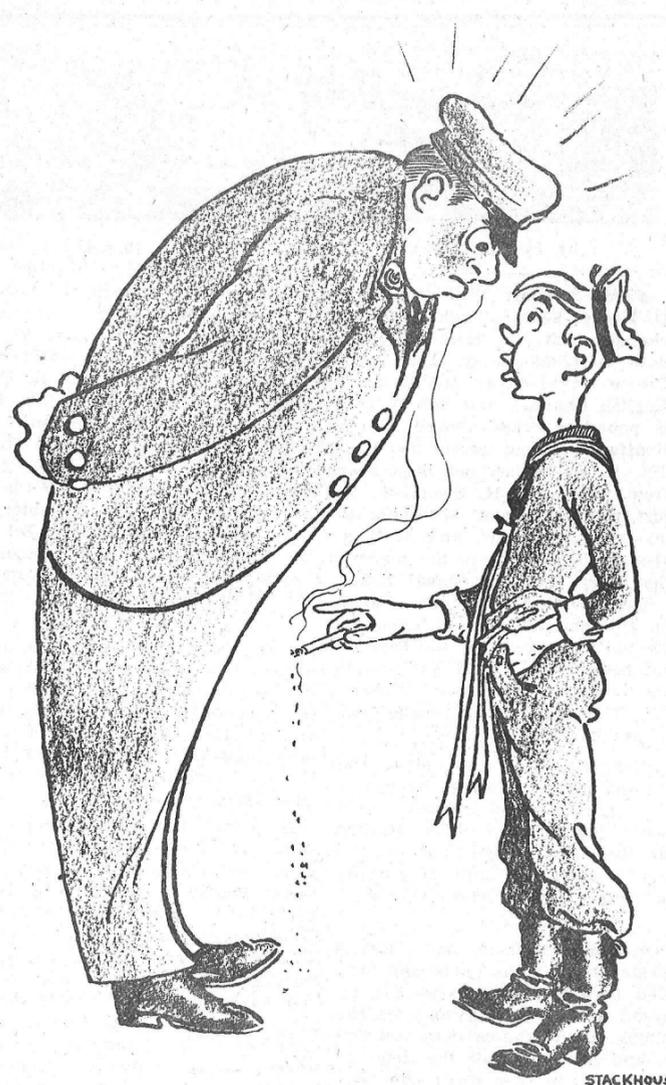
Ron's playmates have since made themselves known as accomplished puck chasers, several of them performing in the N.H.L. this year. Now we aren't predicting Ron will be in the N.H.L. soon, but we certainly aren't saying he won't. It's like that in this game. Predictions come a dime a dozen, and they are usually all incorrect. To mention a few who have made the grade neath the big tent, take for instance the famed Bentley brothers, Max, Doug and Reg of the Chicago Black Hawks, deformed muchly since the departure of Doug.

Then there are such as Harvey Fraser, Bus Brayshaw, Alex Kaleita and a host of others. In his last year in the Saskatchewan Amateur loop Ron stole all-star rating from Ken McAuley, this year with the New York Rangers, and Jesse Seaby, destined for a spot with Montreal Canadiens before hostilities interrupted.

Pick is the chattel of Cleveland Barons, a fair-to-middlin offspring of the parent Chihawks, and recieved able coaching from Bill Cook, the same laddie who used to sit the grandstand groaners on their ears when he was the ace of the Cook-Boucher-Cook line.

But the feats of the tale's hero have been witnessed before by those in the Signal School. He was here back in '42 when he graduated as a Telegraphist. He is now back again, apparently for quite a spell, taking sin the Radio Artificer' course.

Take a good look at him at the next hockey game, and if you want to glimpse the key to his success—she sits on the west side, three



ANYTHING WRONG?

CROWNS AND LAURELS

R.P.O. Clare

Well, seeing that everyone is gathered together and the topic seems to be about the Yule Tide season, lets just stop and think for awhile and see if we have caused any bad feeling or disquietude to those we think most of (This will have to exclude the Crushers, here is a thought that may put us on the right track, the title is:

LORD MAKE A REGULAR MAN OUT OF ME

This I would like to be braver and bolder,
Just a bit wiser because I am older,
Just a bit kinder to those I may meet,
Just a bit manlier taking defeat;
This for the New Year my wish and my plea,
Lord make a regular man out of me.

This I would like to be — just a bit finer;
More of a smiler and less of a whiner,
Just a bit quicker to stretch out my hand
Helping another who's struggling to stand;
This is my prayer for the New Year to be
Lord make a regular man out of me.

This I would like to be — Just a bit fairer,
Just a bit better, and just a bit squarer,
Not quite so ready to censure and blame,
Quicker to help every man in the game;
Not quite so eager mans failings to see
Lord make a regular man out of me.

This I would like to be — just a bit truer
Less of the wisher and more of the doer,
Broader and bigger, more willing to give;
Living and helping my neighbour to live.
This for the New Year my prayer and my plea;
Lord make a regular man out of me.

Now that everybody has made themselves pure, lets look into the bowling. It is probably of interest to all to know that again this month R.P.O. Seager has with-drawn a statement that he can keep up to the best of them on the alley. Remember last month gang, Robert made a challenge on the crib board, he also with-drew that (Remember Bobby Boy?)

Well gang, I guess I shouldn't linger on this month everyone is anxious to get there last minute shopping done, so for this time and also to close the book on the old year on behalf of the Regulating Staff as a whole I say to the men and women of H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

P.S. Have just as good a time as you possibly can on your Christmas leave my little lambs but remember that it's best that you all get back on time, and when I say have a good time, you know what I mean.

rows back of the foe's players bench. Answers to the name of Mrs. Pickell, Jean for the intimates, of whom we are proud to be one.

Are you Sending
"THE LOG,
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the Season

L. BELANGER
DRY CLEANER AND DYER

If women Must Fight for Men - Why Hockey?

For weeks there were ominous rumors around about the Wrens settling a score with the civvie girls down the street, who were getting the best of the battle for matelots. It was to be crossed hockeys at eventide, the undertoned gossip-mongers purveyed. Off course no one thought for a minute.

It was a dampish night and the scribe un-cab-ed himself at the Arena for the usual Thursday tilt, only to beat an embarrassed retreat from a dressing room where the feminine Bauer's and Gamble's encased themselves in hockey gear. A quick check confirmed the fear. Heads to be brave — and stay... tails to be sensible... ..heads! Oh well...

Out trip the civvies, numbers on the back, handy for those with a pencil... what's that on the front... now we... ..now we see... R-U... Rough Riders, that's is. Brown and white sweaters match that trim little green skating skirt out there. Now who's that with them in white? Why it's Carmen Driscoll the P.O. Stwd., stick-handling and showing great form, he just threw out a hip and caught one little mademoiselle off balance.

And here comes the Navy — we think — they're wearing red and white, with lip stick to match, and blue accessories. Why does that one Wren have to spoil the show by wearing hockey pants, the ugly things... They're pushing a small bundle out on the ice now... it's the goalie, the Navy goal keeper, padded to the gills, and the strangest thing is happening — she is being pushed down the ice and placed in position in front of the

net. Let's hope the goal doesn't move.

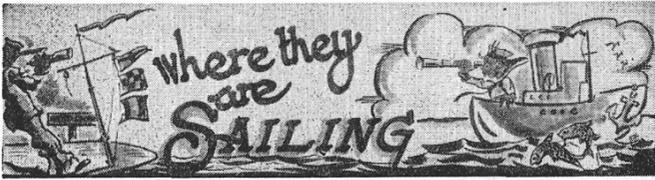
The whistle goes and the game is on. The mademoiselle in the green skating skirt centres with the sailorette in blue slacks... there was tripping there... delayed action here... oops... hope it's cushioned. Now we see a scramble around the civvies' goal, a loose-puck-yes it is the puck that's loose. "Elbows" has it, (you'll have to pardon the nicknames, the Navy girls have no numbers on their uniforms) now "Legs" gets a slap. They scored — "Hips" tallied for Navy, poking the puck thru' a maze of arms and legs to give the sailorettes a 1-0 half-time lead.

The tar cordage keeper is aided down the ice as they change ends, now she's in place. The play roughens up, for the Wrens think the Rough Riders are peevd about that one goal advantage. Besides, now's the chance to get rid of those creatures who have been luring the men away, A sailor doesn't want even a civvie girl with no near — perhaps without eyes too... Here's a flash going down the ice, that Wren in hockey pants again, weaving... she's thru' the defence into the clear — the shot — it's in the net — And the game is over, with the girls of H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" downing the girls of the City of St. Hyacinthe by a score of 2-0.

NAVY: Goal: Sheila Gauvreau; Defence: Mary Magwood, Nora Farina, Irene Gwilliam, Ella Nugent; Forwards: Jocelyn Alexander, Winifred Hermanson, Mary Dion, Marian Weaver, Betty Mace, Marjorie Driscoll.

Best Wishes
for a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year

St - Hyacinthe
Steam Laundry



by Dennis Adkin

From Newport W/T Station P. O. Krogel keeps abreast with staff changes. R.A. 4/c Earl Johnson is now in Londonderry, Tel. T. O. J. Picore serves on an M.T.B. in the English Channel, and Tel. D. Dunn is pounding brass aboard the "St Boniface". Most recent departure Tel. V. Holob has not been heard from. R.A. 4/c H. Swonnell has just returned from absorbing the mysteries of Radar, and A. Boden also an R.A. 4/c is in the midst of that very thing in Signal School. The Social Ed may have at us for this one, but he's on leave, and 'twould be a shame if the boys did not hear of Tel. A. McNab's hitching to Miss G. Hughes of Windsor, Ont. The couple will make their abode that very city.

Diversion was provided during the summer at Newport by parties of Communication Wrens who would journey up from Halifax for the day. Sports and dancing soon brought the hour of parting, and left everyone wanting more.

Our noble Yeoman pal Thomas Stanley Glass has kept the desk piled high with data since he returned to refit port. Stan uses the column as a whereabouts reference, and shoves in all the dope he can gather in case others do likewise. For this we bless him.

Yeo. Glass has picked up the dope on Communications aboard two other refitters, and passes said along. The Brockville crew has Ldg. Sig. Bolt in charge of flag waving, bolstered by Sig. T.O.J. Wood, and Sigs. J. Shuttleworth and J.P. Dickson. Ldg. Tel. C. Lamb heads the key-pounders, with T.O. B. Rorke and Tels T. Trasadal and J.H. Dicks in tow. Decyphering duties are carried out by Ldg. Coder R. Ferguson, assisted by D. Stapleton, D. Knowles, and J. P. Villemaire.

H.M.C.S. "Noranda" has a Dit Dah staff composed of Ldg. Tel. Walter Compton, Tels. Rex Thorpe and G.R. Lancaster, and O. Tel. D. MacInnis. Coder A. Greenhalgh

was for long a familiar figure in the I.P.O. at St Hy, slipped out quietly not so far back. Ldg. Coder R. Morton and Coder M.L. Beatty complete the group. Ldg. Sig. J. Schacter has with him for hoisting duties Sigs. G. Wagg and R. Freeman, as well as O. Sig. A. Clark. Sig. George Allen hove in sight for the "Caraquet", which is Stan's ship. George is from the "Port Hope" and an alumni of DF Class... Jimmy Belcher, ace portside of the 1943 ball team here, a Tel. on the Newfie run... Bob Fenwicke (sometimes called Gus) is still on the "Milltown" over there.

"We are now completing a hard earned refit after many wearisome days of minesweeping et cetera off the coast of ye merrie olde England and Le Belle France, also having taken part in the operation on "D" Day in company with other Canadian Minesweepers."

So writes Tel. T.O. Dennis Chevalier of Montreal, from the Wasaga. In addition to himself the Brass Pounders consist of Ldg. Tel. Lloyd Coates, Tel To's Fred Wheelhouse, Vancouver, Gord Lee of Kingston, and Tel. Bert Niller from Saskatoon. On the coding end they have John "Red" Lee of Highgate, Ont. and George Lafond, Joliette, Que. Chev. reports the flag wavers have Howard "Bungy" Williams as Ldg. Sig., supported by Sigs. Bill Burns, Hamilton, Dick Johnson from Kamloops, B. C., Dalton "Whitey" Waite of Winnipeg, and Art Strong of Toronto.

A festive card from Writer Adrien Dumoulin who is way over in Niobe, brings realization that the festive season is here. This will be our last belt at you all this year, so best we send something in the way of best regards and such. In a heavier vein, it is our sincere hope that Christmas-tide will not be too dreary out there, that Cookie dishes up an extra issue of duff, and for a few hours at least you will be able to think of next year, when please God, you will be home again.

Merry Christmas!



From left to right the irresistible bits of canine peeping forth so benevolently are "Buckshot" and "Cordite," mascots of Newport W/T Station, as snapped by P.O. Bill Krogel.



W/Tel. G.A. Brownness

December's early closing date precludes mention of all classes qualifying in that month. These will appear in our January issue. To date, eight classes have completed. They are, W/T 2 K, W/T 3 W, W/T 3 X, T.A.G.3, S.O. "J", UT and UV. Here are their results.

W/T 2 K Class. Instructor C.P. O. Tel. Hutchinson. Successful candidates. J. Mooney, A. Deschênes, A. Reilly, J. Allen, D. Cushing, J. English, C. Gemeroy, N. Hannan, J. Jewres, K. McGuire, N. Moore, D. McCormick, L. Roberts and W. Sargent.

W/T 3 W. Instructor C.P.O. Tel. Bishop. Successful candidates. A. Dorman, W. Glencross, J. Hems-worth, R. Howell, K. Leatham, J. McCann, J. Ross, W. Rose, A. Ford (R.N.).

W/T 3 X. Instructor C.P.O. Tel. Hartling. Successful candidates. P. Burns, M. Cullen, J. Habbishaw, W. Laidlaw, H. Walker and A. Eastwood (R.N.).

T.A.G. 3 class. Instructor L. Tel. Thompson. Successful candidates. W. Shorten, Calgary, M. Vernier, Bellevue, Alta. A.J. Taylor, Vancouver, D. Bouckley, Oshawa, Ont. G. Fedorko, Caledonia, Ont. G. Tutt, Swallow, Alta. W. Barnes, Toronto. L. Saunders, North Vancouver, B.C. W. Calder, Montmartre, Sask. F. McLean, North Vancouver. J. Theroux, St. Paul, Alta. M. Menu, Winnipeg, Man.

S.O. "J" Class. Instructor P. O. Tel. Hope. Successful candidates. C. Dean, Montreal, R. Waller, London, D. McDougal, Calgary, Alta, W. Algeo, Edmonton, R. Brown, Welland, Ont. L. Fisher, Toronto, R. Nadeau, Calgary, W. Bubb, Winnipeg, R. Armstrong, Victoria, B.C. E. Goosen, Steinback, Man. J. Thompson, Kenora, Ont. H. Strang, Dauphin, Man. R. Pettis, Port Grenville, N.S. R. Turner, Winnipeg.

"UV" Class. Instructor P.O. Tel. Bon Bernard. Successful candidates. T. Bannister, Oakland, Ont. J. Angus, Victoria, B.C. G. Dillon, Ottawa. W. McKenzie, Toronto. D. Veitch, Toronto. G. Evans, Niagara Falls, Ont. D. Rozel, Niagara Falls, Ont. W. Winter, Winnipeg. L. Williams, Vermilion, Alta. W. Whiteford, Esquimalt, M. Kurak, Windsor, Ont. D. Van Maanen, Victoria, B.C. C.A. Moore, Winnipeg, Man. C.S. Saunders, Port Arthur, Ont. J. Wood, Vancouver, B.C. D. Steward, Niagara Falls, Ont. D. McIver, Edmonton, Alta. J. Stitt, Fort William, Ont.



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Do you hear there? Do you hear there? The money you have paid in fines on overdue books is now paying dividend — in the form of 40 new titles just lately added to your library. There are books to read just for fun, like *Suds in your eye*. There are books to read for fun and profit, such as *Some of my best friends are soldiers*. There are stories of this war, and other wars; of these days and days long gone-by. I wish we could tell you about every single one. Here goes for a few!

High time, by Lasswell.

What happened next to the irrepressible and irresistible trio of *Suds in your eye*.

Chicken every Sunday, by Taylor. Life with mother's borders, who had chicken every Sunday. Homely, warm and amusing.

Some of my best friends are soldiers, by Halsey.

Calculated to leave black and blue marks on the tough hide of bigotry. Unique and delightful. Don't read this in public if you're the self-conscious type, for you're going to chuckle right out loud. *So thick the fog*, by Stewart.

Adventures of a French family during the early days of the German occupation.

A walk in the sun, by Brown.

Woefully exposed to tanks and dive-bombers, a broken platoon straggles on towards its objective — a farm six milles distant.

"UT" Class. Instructor P.O. Tel. Sinclair. Successful candidates. D. Barker, London, Ont. L. Boles, Toronto. J. Lambert, Toronto. M. Howe, Foam Lake, Sask. R. McDonald, East Point, Sask. L. Campbell, Edmonton. K. Palmer, Sarnia, Ont. L. Smith, Niagara Falls, Ont. R. Fair, St. Catharines, Ont. D. Beattie, Guelph, Ont. W. Boyce, Toronto. W. Cunningham, Victoria, B.C. R. Bailey, Saskatoon, J. McGill, St. Thomas, Ont. H. Belanger, Rimouski, P.Q. A. Carpenter, Lethbridge, Alta. F. Element, London, Ont. F. Complin, Toronto, L. Sandhoff, Vancouver, B.C. C. Atcheson, Kenora, Ont. J. Thompson, London, Ont. H. Madden, Winnipeg, Man. J. Harvey, Toronto.

THE PADRE'S CORNER

Padre Stone

"PEACE ON EARTH"

Once again we prepare to celebrate the Festival of Christmas — The Nativity of our Lord — and again it is a Christmas in a world of hate, conflict and strife.

In times of war Christmas may evoke the cynical query: "Of what use is the Christmas message 'Peace on Earth' when after twenty centuries we find the world in the throes of a devastating conflict which threatens to

When you survey the facts of current history — that millions of men are engaged in mortal combat; that persecution threatens numbers of innocent people with violent death; that races are being annihilated, or, to give it the modern expression "liquidated" — you may have doubts as to the efficacy of the Christmas message and you may be fearful of the value of the Christian Religion.

In proclaiming the Glad Tidings of the Child Jesus, the language used by the Angelic Host was arresting language. It said to the fearful Shepherds, "Fear not!" They were bidden to lift up their eyes from the scenes of conflict, persecution and oppression to observe with thankful hearts the birth of the Saviour of the World. With millions everywhere, let us pause, let us "be still" — this Christmas and meditate upon the Christmas message.

"Peace on Earth to men of Good Will" That is the message even in the midst of the turmoil of our days. The message strikes a hopeful chord for these days and provides an inspiration for the days that are to come. It is a worth while message, but like everything else that is worthwhile, the gift of "Peace on Earth" is conditioned by the requirement "To men of Good-Will". Perhaps that may be why men know so little of the Christmas message. They have not fulfilled the requirement of receiving the gift of peace.

The Senior Chaplain and myself take this opportunity of expressing this wish to every member of the Ship's Company: May you enjoy the blessing of a Joyous Christmas with your relatives and friends in the peaceful environment of your home. There you will find the full meaning of the Christmas message "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will".

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The management and staff wish to extend "Their Season's Greetings" to the Naval Personnel, with sincere wishes for final Victory in the coming year.

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