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A composite illustration featuring a central portrait of a woman in an H.M.C.S. (Hospital Matron's Corps of the Royal Canadian Navy) uniform. She wears a dark beret with 'H.M.C.S.' in white letters and a dark jacket over a white shirt and tie. Surrounding her are several line drawings depicting her various duties: a nurse at a desk with a chart, a nurse attending to a patient in a bed, a nurse holding a tray, a nurse standing by a table, a nurse sitting at a desk with a typewriter, and a nurse standing next to a table with a red cross symbol. The background is a dark, textured blue.

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PORTRAIT OF A WREN: Chosen by Marion Long, R.C.A., as typifying the W.R.C.N.S., Wren Hazel Boyce, Saskatoon, posed for this portrait just completed by the famous Toronto artist. Wren Boyce, Writer, whose husband is with the R.C.A.F. Overseas, is stationed at H.M.C.S. "PEREGRINE", Halifax.



EDITORIAL

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

We write these words on Remembrance Day, November 11, 1944, the twenty-sixth anniversary of the signing of the 1st Great War Armistice.

In our service are Wrens who served, in various capacities, in England and France between the years of 1914-1918 though, naturally, the majority have had no actual experience in the first Great War. They were then very young, or not yet born.

To-day, many young Canadian Wrens will be attending the great Remembrance Day Service in London. We are certain it will be an experience none of them will forget. For those who served in the first Great War, Armistice Day became a sacred thing, a Day set apart from all other days. As time went by, these women grew to know that their comrades who had paid the supreme sacrifice, had not died. Instead, they had become a vital part of their own very being, to be remembered for as long as they themselves should live.

Now, more than ever, we know how true it is that no man lives unto himself alone. As an integral part of the Royal Canadian Navy, every Wren may rightly share in the proud tradition of that service. The standard of courage our Navy has set is second to none. The miracle of its growth is our great pride.

We doubt if there is one Wren among us who fails to remember the thrill she experienced the day she became a part of Canada's Navy. When she took her oath of allegiance, when she made her proud promise "to serve as may be directed, according to where my services are required". To be allowed to serve, in any capacity, anywhere, was all that mattered.

Perhaps this is a good time to remember these things, to think back. Let us think on the promise we volunteered when we find ourselves fretfully complaining that we are due for a "change", and querying what discrimination prevents our being drafted to some more exciting port. We freely gave our promise to serve where required. Let us stand by it.

London



Some of us are still sleeping in shelters. All the Wrens with the exception of the St. Agnes Court Wrens, however, are back in bed. There are still alerts, and still flying bombs although we had a rest for a couple of weeks. So what you lose on the swings, you make up on the roundabouts, as they say. The girls who sleep in bed must arise and go to shelters for an alert. The little ladies on the basement floor, however, can sleep blissfully through everything.

We are now pretty well spread around the city. The watchkeepers are still at England's Lane, but the rest are pretty evenly distributed between St. Agnes Court, Princess Gardens in Kensington; the Boltons, in South Kensington; and Swan Walk, Chelsea Embankment. This arrangement has been in effect since the hectic days of the doodle blitz.

The Fleet Mail Office has moved to Glasgow, where WRCNS personnel are turning out to be the little pioneers of the service. They are situated during office hours in a colourful if shabby district of Glasgow....but their living quarters, according to Lieut. Mackie, who has just returned from a visit, are beautifully located with a fine view of the Clyde ship-building yards. Of course, after the highlights of London, and the comforts of the W.R.N.S. Number One quarters, England's Lane, it's a bit of an anti-climax. Glasgow with its constant rain, its lack of sunshine, is in striking contrast.

Sub. Lieut. Ruth Sprenger is the Divisional Officer at Glasgow, and Wrens Ellen Cadda and Hilda Hatfield have recently been advanced to Leading Wrens.

A Selection Board was held recently in London. Successful candidates were P.O. Helen Booth of Vancouver, Wren Margaret Robertson of Montreal, Wren Doreen Davie of Vancouver, B.C. and Leading Wren Betty McGillicuddy of Toronto.

Leading Wren McGillicuddy, Lorna Elizabeth---deserves a special note. She came to the United Kingdom in 1942, to join her husband who has since been lost in action. Complying with the law of the land, she joined the W.R.N.S. and eventually was taken on loan to the R.C.N. on 1st April, 1944. She has since joined the W.R.C.N.S. L/W McGillicuddy has her M.A. in English from Smith College, part of Ph. D. and is doing historical research for C.N.M.O. She is also trained in documentary research. We're glad to welcome her home, as it were.

Canadian Wrens in the U.K. are reaching the outposts... Wren Marion McDonald is now with C.N.A.A. Plymouth; Leading Wren Kathleen Barclay is on duty with the Senior Officer, 65 MTB Flotilla, on the East Coast.



Lieut. Edna M. Whinney, who arrived with the last draft, is handling what will probably materialize into a position of large proportions: the repatriation of dependents of Canadian Naval personnel. Her office is in C.N.M.O. and she works in close co-operation with representatives of the other two services. Recently, she spent the week-end with a friend of pre-war Ottawa days, Lady Tweedsmuir, who is now in residence at Elsfield Manor, Oxford.

Wrens at Londonderry are all on the staff of Commodore D/WA. Divisional Officer at this point is Lieut. Kay Baker. Sub. Lieut. Margaret Creelman, however, brings you up-to-date on fascinating 'Derry elsewhere in this edition.

Because of conditions prevailing in London at the time, there was no Second Anniversary celebration. But a little later, we plan a really smashing (get that, Canada) party which will miss nothing by its delayed action. Possible a Canadian Wrens' Dance.

And oh joy! leaves are starting...just within the past couple of weeks. This means furloughs for Wrens, the first time the ban has been lifted since early in the spring. For many this is a first leave. For Wrens who arrived with the first draft in September, 1943, this will be a second.

Latest engagement announced in the United Kingdom is that of L/W Hilda J. Hatfield to Lieut. (SB) O.F. Carter, RCNVR, of Montreal. L/W Hatfield is on the staff of C.F.M.O. now situated in Glasgow. Lieut. Carter is in charge of the C.D.A. office on this side.

Superintendent Joan Carpenter, C.F.B., W.R.N.S., has gone to a new post -- that of Deputy Director of Welfare, at W.R.N.S. Headquarters in London. One of her regrets at leaving D/Western Approaches is that she will not be on hand to welcome the Canadian Wrens slated for Niobe. So says Lt. Margaret Mackie who lunched with the Superintendent in London.



Londonderry



dozen Wrens and two officers celebrated the second birthday of the W.R.C.N.S. at Londonderry with the biggest cake and two candles - pardon me - tapers - that we've seen since we left Canada. Since then another Wren has arrived, making a baker's dozen. We feel as if we were living in ancient history as well as modern, because the city is so old and quaint. It reminds us of Quebec City because of its narrow steep streets where you can almost look down the chimneys below you....to say nothing of the City Wall where you can always find someone ready to recount the story of the famous siege.

We live in three different quarters with English Wrens, follow their regulations as far as possible and are extremely interested in each other's customs and costumes.

The Irish are the most hospitable people imaginable and continually stop us on the street to ask, "What part of Canada are you from, Lass?". They usually ask us to call...and its no mean figure of speech either. They prove that they really do mean it when you step in the door. They light the fire in the fire-place, make tea and butter scones and endure Frank Sinatra on the wireless to make you feel at home.

The countryside is indescribably beautiful with the colours on the patch-work hills changing continually, and the K. of C. are wonderful at arranging trips on week-ends. We've found lovely homes to visit, and beaches where it has been warm enough to swim...and places like the Giant's Causeway to explore.

The food is different. I think we miss Canadian breakfasts and fruit more than anything. And we are chilly. Not accustomed to so many little fire places used to warm a whole house---but cups of tea every few hours help that. And the



At the birthday party in Londonderry
Fourteen colleens did make right merry.
We haven't got room for all their names,
But we're happy that they had fun 'n' games!

kindness of the Irish, the interesting surroundings make up for everything. At present our ambition is to cross the border and have a ride in a jaunting car. The streets are full of these quaint little vehicles, and the traffic is complicated by herds of cattle continually being transferred through the main thoroughfares, not to mention the men who exercise their greyhounds therein, and the little grey donkeys pulling carts around, manned by small boys-----and the huge buses some of which bear signs like this: "Passengers are warned not to alight or aught until the vehicle has come to a stop".

Among the last Wrens to arrive overseas were Wren librarians who have helped to establish 13 naval libraries in Canada, and who came over to establish a similar service for Canadian shore and ship personnel. Books and magazines have been distributed by special services, and educational officers in London, 'Derry and Niobe but its a full time job in itself. So separate libraries are being established at 'Derry and Niobe and are being manned by two Wrens in each place. Books are obtained from Canada and London, catalogued and placed on ships, each collection being changed when the ship returns. Frequently the ship changes its books at another port and a shore library will have books with Givenchy Avalon or Stadacona stamps. The men on ships ask for current books, war news, all the latest fiction, current events--not just, as lots of people think, western and detective stories. They also want Canadian magazines and newspapers as up to date as possible.

First Wren librarians to arrive have been Sub. Lieut. M. Creelman, L/W Ruth Church, L/W Patricia Walsh and Wren Monica Hodges.

*Greetings from
Glasgow*



Hello Shipmates:

We are writing this from Glasgow. Twenty-three of us moved bag and baggage --- along with the Fleet Mail Office.

While we miss dear old London a lot, Glasgow in September is very beautiful. We are learning to discover places we have heard about all our lives. Edinburgh is wonderful and we have been told that Loch Lomond is as lovely, as beautiful as the song. A Glasgow organization has arranged a tour of the Loch for us and we are all looking forward to it.

Most of us are living with the W.R.N.S. in their Quarters, though four of us stay at a Y.W.C.A. club. Present arrangements are temporary and we hope to be moving into new quarters very soon. We four figure it's going to be a big treat to be able to unpack once more after having lived out of a suitcase for so long.

The people here couldn't be kinder to us. All kinds of dances are arranged for us and invitations come in thick and fast. A great many Wrens have found a home away from home with Scottish families. They have been made to feel that they can come and go just as they would in their own Canadian homes.

You should just see the exquisite tweeds and Scotch plaids in the store windows. They are the greatest temptation to all of us but, alas, no sale, on account of we have no coupons!



We don't get as many letters as we were promised! If we didn't get the Tiddley goodness knows what we'd do, so keep them coming, we need them.

Well, we've broken the ice and, from now on, we shall keep sending something to the Tiddley. Next time we'll be able to tell you much more about Bonnie Scotland. Cheerio, till then.



o quote the well known Newfoundland phrase "How'er ya gettin' an?" We are gettin on fine.

In the last issue of "notes" we told of a visit from the Director and once again we are lucky enough to have similar news to report. Commander Sinclair has just spent 3 days in Avalon. Things are very different from her last visit; instead of meeting fifteen Wrens, the Director inspected four whole divisions.

Those of us who have been in Newfyjohn from "way back" welcomed the first large draft just in time for them to see

the summer, and enjoy the many activities arranged in the warm weather. R.P.O. Phyllis Bailey played a large part in this. Phyl organized a baseball team which defeated the city All Stars and eventually claimed the championship from the W.D.'s.

Basketball practices have begun and is hoped that we will be able to enter at least one, and possibly two, teams



in the Inter-service and City Leagues and also find sufficient players to have an inter-dorm league. With such outstanding players as Donsky Laing, Phyl Bailey, Joyce Harris and Quinlan and a few others it should be a foregone conclusion that the Wrens will be a tough match

for any team. We also have a bowling league and there is enthusiastic competition amongst all eight teams.

Drafts into the Wrennery have been too numerous to relate but those going back to Canada are fewer. Wren Betty Beaumont has gone to Cornwallis after serving fourteen months here. Ldg. Wren Tulk has also left us for Cornwallis. Ldg. Wren Marg Currie, the first Wren to be posted to Newfoundland in June 1943, is now at Stadacona. Ldg. Wren Marg Crosbie, who came here with the original library staff last March has gone to H.M.C.S. Givenchy III. They'll all be missed in Avalon. Hail and Farewell.

There are new arrivals in the Wren Officers' quarters too, among them Lieut. Phoebe Morris of Winnipeg, who has come from the West Coast to take up duties as assistant Unit Officer. S/Lts. Margaret Hamm, Betty McLeod, Irene Pirie, Kathleen Strickland, Mary Gillean are all with us as well as Lieut. Betty Fess.

Several Wrens have joined the newly formed Barrack Variety Concert and Dramatic group and are now to be seen three nights a week rehearsing in the Annex. The first effort of the group is to be a variety show opening on Nov. 16th and from what we've seen at rehearsals so far, we feel it is going to be a first rate show.



We were delighted to have the chance of listening to the Editor of our own "Tiddley", and Lieutenant Nancy Pyper did us proud. She opened her talk by telling us news that lifted us right out of our chairs, to wit, the engagement of our Unit Officer, Lieut. Marion Kerr!



Right after she told us she called for Lieut. Kerr and Lieut. Lorne Clark - the very lucky bridegroom to be --- to come and say a word. First thing Lieut. Kerr did was to apologize to Lieut. Clark for giving him practically three hundred daughters off the bat. He got right up and said that he was delighted to have 300 Wren daughters (the men in Newfie call us all "daughters" and we like it) and that his sister was a Wren writer at "Protector". It was a wonderful evening and we loved every minute of it.



Early in October, we were honoured by a visit from our Director. - First Officer Alden and Second Officer Bell, W.R.N.S., invited all the Canadian Wrens in Washington to a party to meet Commander Sinclair. There were about twenty-five of us and a grand time was had by all. We were very pleased to meet several new Canadian Wrens who had just arrived in Washington for duty with the W.R.N.S. It was fun chatting about "Wren doings" north of the Border.

While in Washington, Cdr. Sinclair visited Wave quarters "D" where over three thousand Waves are quartered. She visited Spar Headquarters and inspected the new Spar barracks also Marine Headquarters and barracks.

Congratulations to Prob. Sub. Lieut. Frances Alley - one of the first Wrens on our staff, who has come through O.T.C. with flying colours. The very best of luck and smooth sailing -- we're all proud of you.

We recently said "Adieu" to L/Wren Frances Trees. Although we were all sorry to see "Treesy" leave, we couldn't dare be sad because she was so thrilled about her posting -- imagine -- the U.K.! Judging from a letter from Trees, she is still as thrilled as ever with almost too much to occupy her time. We all miss you here, Trees, but are so very happy for you.

One evening recently, First Officer Alden, W.R.N.S., invited us to hear a talk on "Combined Operations" given by Captain Tollemanche of the Royal Navy. It was all intensely interesting and many questions were asked at the close of the talk. We were especially proud of the fine tribute Capt. Tollemanche paid to Canadians for their magnificent part in the Invasion.

Recently, some of the W.D.'s and Wrens were guests of the American Red Cross at a dinner and social evening for some American Army boys just out of hospital. Being there, talking



with fellows back from all the battle fronts, brought the tragedies of war very close to us. We were all immensely proud of the way they "can take it", and still wear a smile.



We are proud to extend congratulations to Ldg. Wrens Jean Woods and Gisele LeMay who recently were successful in writing their P.O. Exams.

It was thrilling to have our Director, Commander Sinclair visit us the 2nd of October, first at our various jobs and in the evening at our club rooms. You can just imagine the questions we had to fire too---uniforms, service-ribbons, foreign service and all the rest. Then with a very coy expression, Commander Sinclair said "Who said you could wear silk stockings?" I'm sure a photographer would have had plenty of scope for reaction shots at that moment. When we got our breath back an indignant chorus said "Not cotten in NEW YORK?"!!!! Why the people would certainly feel sorry for us then!! But like a staunch sailor, no amount of pleading broke down the defences and upon leaving, our

Director laughingly remarked "I could give a word for word dialogue of what will be said when I leave." She was right, but just imagine wearing cotton stockings in New York and trying to be glamorous!

Through an unfortunate slip-up the report of our birthday celebrations were not in the last Tiddley Times, but we enjoyed immensely reading about the rest and not to be outdone, wish to pass on a belated but none the less hearty 'Happy Birthday to you all'.

Stadacona



COME WIND, COME WINTER

Stad Wrens have a busy wintertime lined up for them and even before Thanksgiving Stad was a-hum with many activities. Many Wrens are taking the courses at Dalhousie University night sessions, languages, psychology and economics being the most popular subjects. Some are taking piano, organ, singing or ballet lessons. At present, plans are being made for a mixed choral group to present Christmas music, Gilbert and Sullivan favourites and concert pieces under the direction of a local eminent musician. A handicraft club has been formed and the girls are using a cabin in the Wren block as a work shop for leather work and sketching.


SPORTS OFFICER

Behind all the hustle and bustle of the Wren activities is Sub. Lieut. Joan McMaster, sports officer for Stadacona, who manages Wren activities from her office in the new gym. (Yes! it has finally been opened). Sub. Lieut. McMaster, who was at Conestoga almost a year before taking O.T.C. is continually running into Wrens here she knew at Galt. She is being assisted in her work by Wren Mary Fraser, well known swimmer.

The females of the naval species take over the gym Monday and Wednesday nights and for half hour they do rhythmic gymnastics...that is what they're called, but the rhythm will come later. At present it is mostly supplied by Wren Evelyn Hicks at the piano and instructor McMaster. After that the gals do as they please, practise tumbling, play badminton,

volleyball, swim or go below and bowl in the alleys with other Wrens or sailors. Plans are being made to form divisional basketball teams and also a league team to play Kings, and other service establishments. Five members are still with us from last year's hockey team and they're bringing out their knee pads and exhorting other Wrens to join the hockey team. Bowling teams comprising Wrens from various offices and departments are taking part in the bowling league tournament. They play from 5 to 7 each day during the week. Wrens are being selected for the R.C.N. aquatic meet in December.

BOND BUYERS

 Wrens proudly read in the Stadacona Daily Memorandum and Halifax papers that their's was the first department in Stadacona to go over the Victory Loan quota. Salesmen say it wasn't a question of selling the gals, they just came up and bought what they could afford. A number of Wrens made up the bond sales staff throughout Stad and in charge of sales in the Wren block were L/Wrens Sue Dimock, Evelyn Abbott, and Wren Jean Aird.

ROYALTY

Her Royal Highness, Princess Alice, Honorary Commandant of the W.R.C.N.S., paid her first visit to her Stadacona Wrens in September. She made a thorough inspection of the Wren block and the Annex, talked to Wrens in Sick Bay, was charmed by the new do-nut machine in the galley and made the same remarks any Wren would make over our unbeautiful, cramped lockers. She inspected the Wren guard of honour which looked very trim and smart, even after standing in the noon-day sun over an hour. For the occasion, the Wrens and their quarters never looked tidlier.

WRITER

A Wren in the Unit Office was able to spread her wings a bit during the Vice-Regal visit when Writer Kay Genois was on loan to the Vice-Regal party. During the week, Genois worked in the office of the Vice-Regal train and at the end of the week was presented with a crested gold eversharp pencil by her Royal Highness as a memento of the visit.



THE DIRECTOR

On the commencement of a Maritime tour, Commander Sinclair visited Stad for the second time this year. A novel feature of her visit was the fumigation party in honour of our little friends, the cockroaches. With much dexterity on the part of the quarters office Wrens were billeted in the Annex and at Peregrine and others stayed at hotels or with friends in the city. Wrens welcomed the upset with mixed feelings.. for many it was an unexpected and welcome opportunity for extra sleeping out passes that week. By Sunday they had recovered from the upset to appear at divisions Sunday morning to be inspected by the Director. At the march past, Commander Sinclair took the salute, with Captain Armstrong and Lieut. Cdr. Alvey at the saluting base.

ADD VISITORS

Lieut. Nancy Pyper, editor of Tiddley Times, further endeared herself to Wrens when she spoke informally in the upper fo'c'sle during her visit to Stad. She trailed joy and sunshine in her wake with her lively interest in everything, from the collar presser at the naval laundry to the delectable do-muts turned out in the galley.

Sheila Macdonald, daughter of the late Right Hon. Ramsay Macdonald, spoke to the Wrens in the Torpedo School Auditorium Nov. 1st. The occasion also marked the first anniversary of Lieut. Commander Alvey as Unit Officer at Stad and Wrens happily applauded the announcement.

THERE SHALL BE MUSIC

Open every night and day during the week-ends is the new attractive Music Room in the Torpedo School for all naval



personnel. Operated by the Schoolmasters, it has been furnished by the Y.M.C.A. and has a wonderful selection of symphonic, operatic, classical and semi-classical recordings. Many Wrens are spending the odd evening there, reading, writing letters and talking over favorite records with other music lovers.

UP HOOKS

Latest Wrens to be rated Leading hands are the following to whom we offer congratulations: M.E. Belliveau, L.A. Powers, D.R. Rodewolt, K. Simenuick, M.L. Wayne, E.M. Brown, V. M. Chambers, K.F. Mann, K. Kolenich, E.O. Robertson, K.E. Fraser, E. Lamb, M.S. McRoberts, J.A. Marscotte, R.A. Mills, C. Stokes, D.M. Sweeney, M.W. Trevor, F.A. Roycroft, E.O. Robertson, Teddy Longpre, A. Sekela, G.E. Agla, A.M. Brawley, C.M. Campbell, D.M. Comben, C.M. Creagh, N.J. Forrest, W.J. Fritz, J.E. Grant, J.S. Harrison, Dorothy Haywood, A.W. Hurley, Louise Knox, Grace McKinnon, D.I. Peck, J.G. Ross, M.I. Robert, J.D. Switzer, E.J. Thomas, M.M. Crouse, G.A. Quinn, E.H. Mitchell, M.J. Riggs, R.D. Egan, Betty Fulton, Nancye Lane, J.E. Near, I.O. Morse, A.R. Robertson, A.E. Rolland, M.A. Gaydon, M. G. Ross, D.M. Smith, D.J. Thompson, Ruth Tomlinson, V.M. Campbell, D.H. O'Dwyer, M. Clements, E.D. Massey, A.L. Turner, J. H. Wragge, E.B. Vaughn, I.M. Cronin, M.L. Conrad, B.J. McLean, E.R. Degegard, C. Sinclair, Dorothy Berry, Florence Griffin, Helen Holmes, Eleanor Kent, Eleanor Nesbitt, E.L. Stainton, Mabel Davies and E.M. Torrie.

BRASS BUTTONS

Seven more Wrens have put up their crossed hooks, their cap badges, their brass buttons and received their new brown leather gloves from kitting. The new additions to the P/O's mess are: Charlotte Ferguson, C.H. Boulton, S. B. Cottrell, B.M. Peat, Marion Metcalfe and Gwen Walkem.

A SAD FAREWELL

Wrens were sorry to bid farewell to two of their divisional officers, Sub. Lieut. Curtis, who left for Prince Rupert as Unit Officer and Sub. Lieut. Berry who is now Unit Officer at H.M.C.S. Protector, Sydney. New additions to the Unit Office as assistant unit officers are Lieut. M.M. Johnson, formerly unit officer at Kings, and Sub. Lieut. M. G. I. Farmer.

GREETINGS



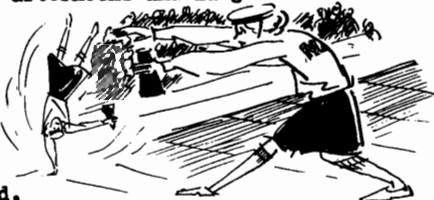
And a pusser salute to new additions to the W.R.C.N.S. wardrooms, among them being namely, Sub. Lieut. Ina G. Acton, Sub. Lieut. H.E. Arnold, Sub. Lieut. Dorothy Duncan, Sub. Lt. M.A. Riddell and Sub. Lieut. D.S. Thomson.

PIGSKINS

Naval football players have provided Wrens with something to do these November afternoons and large numbers of Wrens make up the fans.

Cheering the Stad players on to bigger efforts are Wren cheerleaders, dressed in their navy skirts, knee high hose, white running shoes and smart white and blue sweat shirts. They are headed by E.A. Rennie

and her rooters are D. Land, Hazel Scott, M. Deschamps, M.E. Campbell, D.A. Rowland, J. Cornell and Evelyn Fulcher.



SHOW GIRLS

Tribute is due the Wrens who have taken part in the Special Service shows. In addition to their regular jobs and the usual Wren after-hour compulsory activities they are included in the casts of shows and concerts presented by the Special Services. They are usually in at least one show a night and some nights they take part in several entertainments. The old standbys, Cora Campbell, June Near, Vicki Drummond and Beth Chayko will be in the newest Special Services Musical, "Cafe Royale". Cora Campbell holds the record of appearing in over 200 shows and taking part in entertainments during three Victory loans.

GREENOCK GALS

Now settled in Greenock are Stad Wrens who went over with the last draft. They all reported a good trip across and with the cast of the Navy Show along, the trip was short and merry. Stad Wrens in the draft were Leading Wren Doreen Hampton, Wren Nora Hatchford, and Wren Winnifred McKenna.

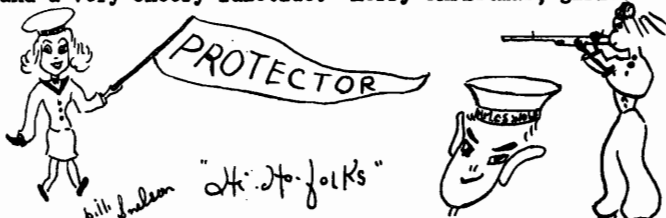
RE-ORGANIZATION

The Unit Office has expanded and now assistant unit officers have their own special offices and can hear privately the tales of Wrens who want a draft overseas, want to change their category or want permission to be married, the three most avid wants among Wrens. Lieut. Commander Alvey is being assisted in carrying out the work of Unit Officer by Lieut. C. Ogilvy. Wrens will now be divided into six divisions with Lieut. M. Moore, Lieut. M.M. Johnson, Sub. Lieut. Stansfeld, Sub. Lieut. Stratton, Sub. Lieut. Lyons and Sub. Lieut. M. Farmer as divisional officers. Recreation, drill, sports, and education will be looked after by Sub. Lieut. McMaster.

Lieut. Belyea and Sub. Lieut. Oates will continue to look after quarters problems. Wrens are now being issued with new station cards, according to their divisions and later will be allocated to cabins according to divisions.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Even at this early November deadline, Stad Wrens are very Xmas-conscious and have been packing parcels and mailing cards for overseas and already the F.M.O. girls are talking about all the parcels and mail they're handling. We'll tell you later of all the decorated cabins, Christmas trees, the Christmas dinner and the bountiful Santa Clauses and in the meantime Stad Wrens send all their Wren friends across Canada, the U.K. and the U.S. merriest wishes for a happy Christmas and a very Cheery Yuletide. Merry Christmas, girls.



and the latest bit of news is the arrival of our new Unit Officer - Sub-Lieut. Berry, a very charming person who came to us from "Stadacona". Welcome to our family, Ma'am, we hope you'll like it here.

She is replacing Lieutenant Brodie, who, for the past year has been listening to our little tales of woe, and now has been posted to Montreal as Unit Officer there. "Good Luck, 'Skipper', and smooth sailing - it's been swell knowing you."

Hallowe'en was celebrated with a dance in the Recreation Hall, bats flew around the canteen, jack'o'lanterns peeked from everywhere and overhead lingered a typical October moon. We cannot speak of that party without giving credit to the Committee in charge - they made it Hallowe'en. Supper was served in the Wren Mess, which was cleverly decorated under the direction of Leading Wren Billi Snelson.

The Wrens gathered recently to meet Commander Sinclair, the Director, who once more paid us a very welcome visit. We spent considerable time chatting with her informally and asking the oft-repeated question of, "When are we going overseas?" Come again, Ma'am - we've thought up a lot more to ask you.

While on the subject of visits, we naturally think of the pleasant, but much too short, evening spent listening to Lieut. Nancy Pyper. Her description of 'Probie' days at HMCS "Conestoga" brought back our own happy time there. If, before, we had entertained any doubts as to our use in the Navy, she dispelled them by her encouragement and complete sincerity. We knew that when she told us of her enthusiasm for our work in the service, she really meant it and it heartened us each and every one. Come again, soon, and please stay longer.

We have lost an old friend, but have gained a new one. R.P.O. Rose Johnson to "Bytown" - and A/R.P.O. Joy Riddel to "Protector". So long, Johnnie - and Welcome, Joy!

Drafts still are coming our way: Marjorie Beaton and Kay Beeby to O.T.C. - Congratulations! Kitson, MacNeil, Hubie, Dawson, Bodrug, McKillop, Lapington, Dowd, and McBurney to Avalon. Mary Hulin to Chippawa. Phyllis Turninga to Nonsuch. Bert Ogden and Margaret Vose to York. And Blanche Kowen to Bytown. Good luck, girls, and don't forget us.

Speaking of drafts, Leading Wren Fox would like to know when one of her's will materialize?

Advancements? - Of course, we have some. Sitting at the P.O.'s table now is Jean Irving, and if we were to list all the new Leading Wrens, we would use reams of paper.

P.O. Rocke has been added to our F.M.O. staff, temporarily only, we are sorry to say - please won't somebody coax her to stay?

The Wrens have reason to pat themselves on the back these days - they were the first group on the base to reach their objective in the recent Victory Loan Drive. With effort like that, we'll have this war finished in short order.

Shelburne



Shelburne! H'mmm - some may ask where that place is -- but we don't mind, because way down here, quartered in a beautiful little nest called the Wrennery, in a part of nowhere in Nova Scotia, we find ourselves, ninety-two in number, a most happy group and loving every minute of this life.

On a recent Sports Day held here we found we have a number of athletes amongst us with Betty Rothnie, Ruth Clare, Lila Brown, Olive Cousins, Tommey Tomlinson and Doris Olliff walking away with top honors for the events of the day. The Winners! Those, my friends, are the members of the Wrens' softball team, having won the Softball League from the Town girls.

At this opportune moment we wish to welcome Sub-Lieut. Betty Crowther, who arrived in September to take up her appointment as Unit Officer, and to thank Lieutenant Allison Hardy for all she has done in the organizing and smooth running of the Unit and to congratulate her on her promotion to Lieutenant.

The 29th September, 1944, was a Red Letter Day for the Wrens here. We were honored by a visit from H.R.H. Princess Alice who inspected a Guard of Honor, also the Wrens quarters with every Wren having the privilege of talking with her. Upon leaving she graciously gave the Unit an autographed picture of herself.

Advancements! Advanced to Leading Wrens we have Isabel Irwin, Shirley Romp, Helen Zack, Mary Lingley, Clarine Jackman, and K. Kolnich.

Big news of the month at Shelburne - four lucky Wrens received drafts for "Onward Passage". Our best wishes for luck and happiness in a new job to them. We know we will hear good reports of L/W Louise McGregor, Alisin Andrew, Ruth Brown and DeLois Nielson.

Our Director, Commander Sinclair, honored us with a visit on the 16th to the 18th of October, when we had the pleasure of meeting her informally. A platoon of Wrens marched past and gave her a salute during evening quarters.

Saturday, 14th October, the Wrens entertained in their own recreation hall with an invitation dance, which was most successful--food was grand, the floor smooth, good music and your own partner. What more could you ask?

The Wren softball team won the Shelburne County league this year and are the proud possessors of a smart hammered pewter plate to say so.

Several old timers have been drafted away, leaving with regrets but anxious to try new jobs. Wren Writer Isabel Symons has gone to Peregrine, B.M. Aitchison to Kings, Wren Messenger Webb to Protector, and Wren A. Johnson to Hunter.

Kings



we won't let it happen again! A wonderful Anniversary Issue of "Tiddley Times" - but minus a report on the crew at Kings. Truth was - we lost the services of our correspondent - L/W Rose Boots - who has taken her cheery presence to the galley at "Peregrine".

Former Kings' Wrens would scarcely recognize their old home these days. Drafts have taken their toll. To "Bytown" - W.R.A.'s Grant (A.P. McD) and Peggy Chandler, and Paywriter Vida Bentley....to "Givenchy" W.R.A.'s Vernice Raygor, Claire Ruchart, Mary Darechuk, Pat Neilsen, Phyllis Burnett, Norma Healey, Anne Walkow and L/W May Sharples, paywriter. Edna Allan now heads her letters "York", while L/W Janet Milne, popular Ship's Cook, has returned to "Conestoga". The ranks at "Avalon" have been increased by L/S.B.A. Doreen McVittie, S.B.O. Ida Billingham, L/W Mary Fagan (thrilled because friend husband is there), L/W Gladys Worthen, L/W Delphine Savoy, Frances Hinchera, Annie Gill, and Yvonne Lalonde.

Happiest girls on board, of course, are those whose drafts read "overseas". To join L/W Muriel Perry, L/W Dorothy Martin, L/W (S.B.O.) Frances Williams, and Jean Sharpe, who have been "over there" for some time now - went W.R.A.'s Marjorie Rooker, Anne Oskres, and Lois Meigh, Ship's Cook Marion Marshall, and Captain's Writer Frances Prescott.

We miss each and every one of the "old girls" - but we hope they are enjoying life in their new Navy homes.



Changes have taken place in our Unit Office too. Lieut. Mary Johnson, in charge of us for the past year, recently was appointed to Stadacona. As a parting gift the Wrens presented her with an engraved silver serviette ring. S/Lieut. Mary Duffus, a former officer in the W.R.N.S., arrived from "Conestoga" to take over the duties of Unit Officer, and in the short time she has been here has endeared herself to all the Wrens.

A well-deserved hook was picked up by our librarian, Caroline Grant. Grant transformed a couple of unadorned rooms into what we think is one of the finest libraries in the Navy. Congratulations, too, are in order for L/W Bernice Aitchison,

S.B.O., who recently received her advancement. There has been such a flurry of exams for W.R.A.'s and Cooks that we may have news of more advancements shortly.

The Wrens staged an impromptu get-together in the Rec. Room for a presentation to R/P/O Elspeth Smith, who left for Ottawa to attend O.T.C. Her duties are now being undertaken by R/P/O Allison Swift, who just recently got her buttons.

On October 15, we were honored by a visit from the Director, who inspected the quarters and later addressed the Wrens.

The Wrens have done it again - topped all miscellaneous divisions at Kings by being first to achieve their quota in the Victory Loan drive. The Victory Loan pennant proudly floats at our front entrance - for with a quota of \$2,110, at this writing we've collected \$6,350, with more to come. A bang-up dance wound up the Loan Drive..and lucky winners of \$50.00 bonds given away during the evening were Stella MacKenzie and Jennie Zyma.

HALLOWE'EN: "The best dance ever" - was the verdict on Kings Hallowe'en frolic. We've had good dances before - but nothing like that! The Signal School was completely camouflaged - to become the haunt of witches, owls and perky looking pussies.

(A bouquet here for the boys of Ship's Co., who did noble work with the decorations and lighting.) Ruth Phaneuf convened the committee in charge - and a grand job they did. Ruth, incidentally, made

quite a day of it, for the morning mail brought her a sparkling diamond ring, the gift, we hear, of one Bob Chedister! The dance was a costume affair - and there were some tricky ones! First prize was captured by Louise Parlowe - and Madeline "Ozzie" Osborne took first in - you guessed it - the jitterbug contest!





he Sports fans among us have had a place well to the fore this summer, and our thanks go out to Sub. Lieut. Buck for her efforts along these lines. Three of the five Wren entries in the Provincial Track and Field Meet were Cornwallis girls - Anne Schreiber, Florence Flynn and Anna May Campbell. The Navy won the cup for the first time and the girls brought in a full quota of points to help.

We were ever so sorry to lose two of our Leading Regulating Wrens -- Daidy Alcorn to Hochelaga and Irene Stephen back to Conestoga; and soon after their departure, nearly all our messengers were rushed off to Ottawa. They have left



quite a hole in our midst and we wish them all the best of luck in their new homes. The roads look quite bare now without Joycie Graham zooming down on her bicycle, Secret and Confidential envelopes clutched perilously in one hand.

The last week of September, 90 of us were groomed to perfection to form a Royal Guard of Honour for the visit of the Governor General and Her Royal Highness Princess Alice. It was bright and clear but bitterly cold, so the girls turned up in all their warm clothes, including those long, black "closed-at-the-knees", and in spite of the stiff wind blowing, we must have looked very smart, for Princess Alice was heard to remark on our admirable steadiness.

Another big occasion was the Director's visit a few days later, although we do wish that she could have stayed longer! However, she spoke to us all one evening in "W" mess and gave us some encouraging facts about those longed-for overseas drafts, as well as some information about the future plans

of the WRCNS as a whole. Now we are far more reconciled to the fact that there are many of us wanting the same thing - so I'll settle for Londonderry if you want Niobe.

While Commander Sinclair was here Lieut. Pyper, our revered editor of the Tiddley, blew in for a quick look-see on her way to Newfie and points East. She was full of enthusiasm and it was such fun to hear her effervesce over the wonders of Cornwallis. It made us appreciate many of the things we had been taking pretty much for granted as we became veterans down here. Thanks, Ma'am.

With October came three drafts for three more old-timers and we were desolate to see them go - Frances Allen to Chatham, P/O Laroche to Givenchy and Claire Kilgour to York. Mary Francis also went off to Chatham, leaving us readers to play around among the books with long faces - she always knew so exactly what we were looking for. And then, of all things, they drafted Scotty Bayne, Katie Freeman, and Muriel Dennett to Stad.

Hardly had November whistled into the valley when we all trooped down to the station again to see the Newfie draft off to win the

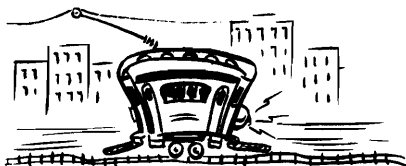
Maple Leaf for their E.G.O. It was a bitter blow to lose P.O. Hadley, Bunny Hogg, the Keehn-Kid, Peggy Chesney, Ibbie Grieg, Kathleen Cochran, Irene King, Gladys McBay, Joan McKinnel, Mary Totten, Ruby Kammermans, Marie Kowalchuk, Margaret Henderson, Ann Leggett, A.S. Chambers, and Elizabeth Chisholm.



The Wren Hostel - our "second home", which actually was one of the old homes of Digby and now has been turned into one of the most comfortable girls' leave centres in Canada, was exactly a year old the other day, and to celebrate the occasion Mrs. Taylor, the "Y" Superintendent, gave a tea for as many of us as could get off. She and the ladies of the Navy League worked very hard, and I think we all felt that it was one of the nicest Birthday Parties we had ever gone to as we sat there sipping coffee out of dainty fragile cups and listening to Frances Kissak's delightful songs.

Ambitious plans for winter sports already are in the making and a couple of them actually are under way. Every Tuesday and Thursday night a dozen girls take possession of

the gym and learn to thrust and parry under the able direction of their fencing tutor, Chief Olford. Another innovation is the P.T. Class which meets twice a week. Everyone goes, and it's lots of fun. Yes, you're right, that is Lt. Shaughnessy over there in a wheelbarrow race with P.O. Adair.



Captor II



complement of four Wren officers and four ratings makes for an informal, friendly atmosphere among the Wrens stationed at Captor II, Saint John, N.B.

The officers include three watchkeepers in operations and one C.B.C. Two of the ratings are CBC's, one is a librarian and one is a writer in the Accountant's office. Stand Easies are spent in the CBC officer's office. Birthdays are celebrated there, complete with cake and candles.

Entertainment runs the gamut from the usual walking, swimming or riding for summer and skating for winter to an occasional party aboard one of the ships, dancing every Saturday night and a movie on the base every Sunday night.

There have been Wrens at Captor II only since May. Since then Wren Lillian MacDonald has become engaged to, and married West Sells, one of the men on the base.

When the Governor-General and H.R.H. Princess Alice visited Captor II this fall there were so few Wrens they could not form a platoon to be inspected so the officers lined up with the men and the ratings entertained Her Royal Highness, at the Leave Centre.

N.O.I.C. granted little Wren Blewitt her hook the other day.

We may be few in number here in Saint John but we enjoy life and do our best to live up to the spirit of the W.R.C.N.S.

Coverdale



reetings, everyone.

The big news from Coverdale is that we have a new Officer-in-Charge, Lieut. Margaret Stinson. Just a week ago, 29th October, our greatly loved Lieutenant Evelyn Cross left us for duty at H.M.C.S. "YORK", Toronto. Our very first class have had her with them ever since they completed their training, and it was she who brought us up from a baby to our present thriving adolescent stage.

We decided on a Carnival for our Hail and Farewell party. Lieut. Stinson made her debut in one of our carnival booths and aided by Wren Eileen Goddard stunned us by her uncanny knowledge of our past, present and future. P.O. Carter, on behalf of all of us, presented Lieut. Cross with a silver cigarette case and lighter combined, a brown leather brief case, with her initials in gold, and a really beautiful illuminated scroll, the work of clever P/O Fred Braithewaite.

There have also been several other new arrivals and departures in these last few weeks. Sub. Lieut. Joan Cowie came here, from Ottawa, in early September. Having known her well before, we hope she felt she was coming back to old friends. Polly Brown, our popular S.B.A., is now taking a course at H.M.C.S. "CORNWALLIS", being replaced by L/Wren McKinnon. S.A. Mary McLelland has gone to Ottawa. S.A. Elsie Henderson has arrived from "STADACONA" to open our new clothing stores. We also have a new cook, Grace Hyde -- she's doing us proud, by the way -- a new W.R.A., Marion Embree and two Messwomen, Jennie Botterill and Alice Bloodsworth.

We now have five new Leading Wrens, members of the third class at St. Hyacinthe, Joyce Cobban, Joan Fraser, Pat Meredith, Sheila Milson and Kay Samuels, also L/W Stillingfleet, Writer, who has worked untiringly since Coverdale first opened. Hearty congratulations, too, for Joan and Anne Dobson and Louise Cheshire who have just left for O.T.C.

Had a big party last week when some of our really "old salts" celebrated the putting up of those two coveted chevrons.

Right after it came the news that an envied few of the famous first class here would soon be dashing off on Embarkation Leave! Names are: L/W Clarke, Wren Fournier, L/W Samuels and Wren Leadbetter. Good luck, girls! Remember your sacred promises to write and tell us all about it!

Our little friend Cupid continues to take a heavy toll. L/W Houlding is sporting a beautiful emerald. Sally Lawson returned from leave with a sparkling diamond, and Edna Coty is proudly displaying the contents of a small registered parcel. Very best wishes, gals.

Goodbye for now, from Coverdale.

*Montcalm
Chaleur II*



With the eyes of the world focussed on Quebec City for the second time, Wrens stationed here were most fortunate in being able to see the Honorable Winston Churchill, President Roosevelt, the Governor General and their ladies. We also saw Anthony Eden, who, by the way, gave the Wrens one of his most charming smiles. The R.C.M.P. added a bit of colour and looked very stunning in their red jackets. It was exciting and gay, the highlight of the month.

Lieut. Fess of H.M.C.S. "CHALEUR II" has left us to take up new duties at H.M.C.S. "AVALON"; replacing her is Sub.Lieut. MacMurchy.

Wren Emily Gagne of H.M.C.S. "CHALEUR II" is now in Cornwallis as Cadet Wren taking the accounting course. We wish you the best of everything Emily, we miss you very much.

Wren Phyllis Cameron was drafted to H.M.C.S. "CHALEUR II" from Cornwallis. Leading Wren exams were successfully passed by the following Wrens: M. Dorion, Kay Turner to Writer (P); Supply Wrens G. Sleigh and M. Denny. Wren Adrienne Sullivan of H.M.C.S. "CHALEUR II" has been drafted H.M.C.S. "NIOBE". We think you are very lucky Adrienne and wish you all the luck in the world.

A dance was held recently at H.M.C.S. "MONTCALM" with Mart Kenny's orchestra in attendance. The drill hall was arranged with signal flags and coloured lights reflecting on

the gay dancing couples. Leading Wrens Matte and Dorion with the help of Sub. Lieuts. Atkinson and Guest, RCNVR, took tickets at the door for one of the biggest crowds at any dance in Quebec City.

H.M.C.S. "MONTCALM" was recently honoured by the visits of The Honourable Angus L. Macdonald, Vice-Admiral G.C. Jones and Commodore Brock. The ship was ship-shape, the Wrens were tiddley and everybody was happy.

St. Hy. Scoops



ello again from H.M.C.S. ST. HYACINTHE -- the largest and best equipped Signal School in the British Empire. If you've noticed all the publicity we have been getting perhaps you will excuse us if we pop a few buttons! Newspapers all over the country have been telling Canada what we have all been proud to know, that here, in this little corner of Quebec, we have something unique in the Communications World.

It was a thrill to see our V/S girls, amidst the flags, climbing high up the main masts, while the newsreel men photographed them, and how tiddley everyone looked marching around the parade grounds. Yes, Ma'am, we're in the movies too. "Hi ya, Mom, did you see me - fifteenth from the end in the back row?"

We are glad to have with us from Prince Rupert, Lt. Jess as our new Unit Officer and about whom we have heard a lot of nice things.

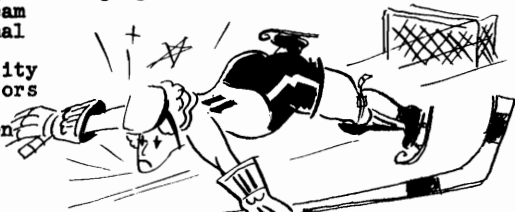
At the time of writing this, it's a beautiful sight to see from my window, more flags fluttering in the breeze, this time indicating that St. Hy has once more gone over the top in the Victory Loan, with the Wrens well over their quota.

Life here at the moment is anything but monotonous. Our entertainment committee is seeing to that. The drill shed has been crowded recently to see the Tin Hat Revue and a top notch show put on by the Montreal Kiwanis, while our own troupe of Wrens and ratings put on a smart little show at the K of C hut: The "Yardarm Follies" no less!

Wrens are finding all kinds of things to do with those precious off-duty hours. The Glee Club being an outlet not only for those "Shower" Sopranos but the "Bathroom" Baritones as well, and no one gets hit with a cake of soap just as they reach for the high notes!

The swimming team dashes off to Montreal to practice for future competitions, our bowling team is well under way and the badminton finals are already being keenly contested.

We're thinking of charging admission to our hockey practices. What the team lacks in professional skill is more than made up by its ability to keep the spectators "in the aisles". Especially when Wren Gauvreau under at least three layers, goes down the ice!



Promotions this time were for L/W Peggy Davis, who left us just long enough to acquire that stripe and join the Officers' ranks; while the following new hooks have appeared on the arms of L/W Adeline Love, Enid Clarke, Dawn Braunworth, Betty Hodson, and Eleanor Jamieson, all of the permanent staff. Nice work, girls, both in acquiring them and in keeping up Naval tradition by "wetting them".

Also a Killick is L/W Muriel Duncan, in charge of the Photography aboard, the only Photographic Department incidentally run entirely by Wrens. Pauline Lavoie and Winnifred Brown have been added to the staff.

Everyone sends greetings to L/W Marion Robb, now in Niobe, and our only representative overseas as yet. However, she soon will be seeing our former unit officer, Lt. Jeannie Dunlop, to whom we wished a "Bon Voyage" recently, and sent on her way with all our good wishes.

After almost a year in St. Hy, P.O. Gertrude Jardine has left us for the West Coast taking with her L/W Alice Russell and many of our familiar faces. Good luck to you all, and don't forget we want a rose in December just to prove that all those stories are correct. More people going out on draft from permanent staff are Wrens Frances Storey who has gone to Bytown, and Shirley McIntyre and Ann Colley, who are our first representatives to Avalon.

Despite all the beautiful sunshine, there's a definite tang in the air, and any day now we will have to get those "long-johns"

out of mothballs, and by the time this goes to press there will be only a few more shopping days till Christmas, so may we take this opportunity to wish the Wrens everywhere our heartiest Greetings. Especially to the Wrens overseas, and our English cousins we send warm and friendly wishes and hope that before another Christmas comes around there will really be "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men".

Iberville House



These seem to be the days of comings and goings at Iberville House in Montreal. Lieut. Hazlewood, who has been with us from the first in Montreal, has left for Chippawa, taking with her the sincere good wishes of the Iberville House Wrens in whose interests she "went to bat" so often. We are very happy to welcome Lt. Brodie - and Nobby - from Protector. The latter has adopted the Reg office as her own particular quarters and sleeps there contentedly while her mistress dashes about the city becoming acquainted with the Wrens and the places they work.

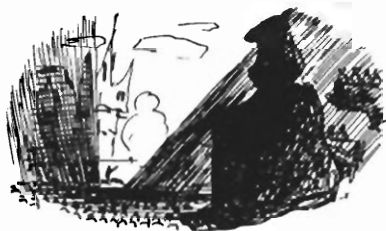
On Trafalgar Day the Wrens took part in a parade from Donnacona to Trafalgar Square and back. We enjoyed it immensely and were commended for the smart showing we made by Commander McPetrick, V.R. of H.M.C.S. Donnacona. (Lieut. Kent wants to know WHY all parades in Montreal move up Beaver Hall hill!)

Hallowe'en was celebrated in our recreation hall with a dance. The famous Donnacona band provided the music and prizes for novelty numbers were donated by the "Y" War Services. Among those who should receive credit for the success of the affair are L/W's Alcorn, Randell, Stanlick, and Wrens Gamble, Walsh and Bussey.

Two new officers beside the Unit Officer have recently been added to our strength. Lieut. Kidder has come to us from H.M.C.S. Queen to be Recruiting Officer and Sub. Lieut. Peltier is working with Box 9000 on Merchant Seamen's mail. Two of our number were accepted by the O.S.B. L/W's Reid and Dombroski. The former is at O.T.C. now and we hope to have her back with us soon.

We are eating on board now, and our cooks, L/W Randell, Wrens Andrews and Buckles, serve us meals "like Mother used to make".

Recent arrivals among the Wrens are S. Martin, M. Connelly, F. Thompson, J. Fry, D. Oldershaw, R. Chisnall, Chassie, Hoskin, Hoffer, Lennox and Zacharias. Newly made Leading Wrens are P. Goodwins and I. Dombroski.



METROPOLITAN OPERA

In tune with the exciting Autumn atmosphere one hundred Wrens were invited to the opera! First, the Barber of Seville and, following evening, Lucia di Lammermoor with Lily Pons in the title role.

This thrill was followed by an equally exciting visit to the Don Cossacks some weeks later. All unforgettable events.

TRIP IT LIGHTLY AS YOU GO

And we did, at the L/Wrens' Dance. Actually, there were enough men to go around, in fact, there was a surplus. All went merry as a marriage bell. L/Wren Marsh, who has since left us for Cornwallis, was a gay and spirited M.C., the men were gallant and the Leading Wrens excelled themselves in charm and friendliness. No partners were permitted at this dance -- all came "stag" -- and its success was so marked that it is proposed to make the L/Wrens' Dance a monthly event! Cheers!

HALLOWE'EN HI-JINKS

In an eerie atmosphere of swinging lanterns, be-whiskered pussy-cats, and orange coloured streamers, pulsating with the rhythm of the band of H.M.C.S. "YORK", the entire ship's company made merry at H.M.C.S. "CARLETON".

ALL JOY BE THINE

Showers were arranged in the week prior to the weddings of L/W Jean Williams (to P.O. Smith) and Wren Janey Martin (to Lieut. Tottenham). The Wrens at Wolseley House, where Jean lived, presented her with a Sillex coffee pot. Our good

wishes go with them for continued happiness in the days to come.

ART

The sketching class was a success right from the word "go". To combine art with picnics and excursions made it fun for everyone. The artists drank in the landscape (figuratively) and transferred what they could of it to sketch pad. Lieut. Beddoe, RCNVR, is the guiding spirit and high hopes are entertained for the success of the exhibition to be held soon at Wallis House! Some of our artists are now overseas. It is hoped the "lone shieling and the misty moorland" will inspire them to bring some of it back, captured in water colours.

ALOHA!

Breathes there the Wren on these shores bred,
Who never a salt tear has shed,
When other Wrens go overseas
And none will harken to her pleas,
To send her also, if you please?

In the Wolseley fo'c'sle with music and song the Wrens sped the parting guests, Wrens Cuddon-Woodthorpe, Holunga, Kern, Murray, McCallum, and Robinson. A note of melancholy was struck when L/W MacCallum "obliged" with the Song of the Burberry -- hitherto rendered by a foursome now scattered to the four winds. However, though suffering from a cold, or something, L/Wren MacCallum tried hard. The contribution from Wren Cuddon-Woodthorpe, though hardly in the classic tradition, was well received, as were the other efforts. A cake inscribed "BON VOYAGE" was stabbed to the heart by the voyageurs with knives tied with pink bows, and having laid the foundation for a thoroughly dyspeptic tomorrow, the company retired, some to wrestle with sea bags, others to wrestle with tears!

HANDICRAFTS

The season is well under way..billfolds, key cases, felt



slippers, knitting bags, and sheepskin mocassins are piling up under busy fingers.

FRENCH, SPANISH, DISCUSSION GROUP, ETC...

An international atmosphere is being developed in our midst. The sound of foreign languages falls on our ear at the weekly classes, while the discussion group builds a brave new world with all the zest of Columbus discovering America.

CONGRATULATIONS

A loud Hurrah! for the success of Leading Wren Rita Moran in the Essay Competition. She won the third prize of Fifty Dollars. She also leads the Discussion Group so all interested in the Post War world (which was the subject of the essay) might well consider attending the meetings and benefiting richly thereby.

PETTY OFFICERS

It is a matter of complete satisfaction to their friends that L/Wrens Margaret MacCallum, Irene Smith, Mary Cooke, and Rita Moran passed the examination successfully. It goes without saying that we expected nothing less and we shall watch their future careers with great interest.

Carleton



The Carleton drill shed bustles with activity several nights a week, as Wrens from Ottawa and No. 1 Wireless Station heave a basket-ball around, swat badminton birds, and give the ping pong ball a beating. Inter-divisional and inter-service basketball games are in the offing, and the line-up so far consists of Rose Steffler, Mary Nielson, Doreen Elder, Ruth Jackson, Jessie Watt, Margaret MacCallum, Barbara Walker, Marine Lesser, Janet Grant, Diana Sullivan, Betty Homes, and H.J. Whiting.

Recently a squad went off to march at Renfrew. It's a great feeling to swing along behind "Anchors Aweigh" and to hear of words of praise from Vice Admiral G.C. Jones afterwards!

Here is our list of advancements: (Gold hooks, crossed or single, seem to be all the rage!) A/P/O's Barbara Jones, (NO. 1 Station), M.I. Wood, E.M. August, and D.E. Grant; A/L/W's R.A. Paxton, N.K. Jackson, C.M. Farquhar, A.D. Wilkinson,

L.E. Hartlin, D.J. Thomson, J.W. List, J. Dale, E.D.L. Paddon, E.H. Booth, E.M. Smart, M. Magro, Q.M. Lee, D.E. Armstrong, J.E. Williamson, C.L. Church, E.D. Miller, K.O. Botley, M.R. Malcolm, M.L. Proctor, I.L. LeBlau, J.E. Tottenham and S. Gracey.



No. 1 Station



Sub. Lieut. Crowther, who had been Officer-in-Charge at No. 1 Station since December '43, left our domain to report to Shelburne in September. We were all very sorry indeed to see her go, but wish her every success in her new appointment. Sub. Lieut. Norma Hall is now skipper here and we extend her a very cordial welcome.

Several drafts have taken place in the last month or two with L/W Muriel Ramsay, L/W Cecilia Weiser and Wren Fraser going to Coverdale; Wren Mary Fyfe to Conestoga. Three new teletypists arrived from St. Hyacinthe, Audrey Griffin, Maisie Morse and Loretta Matherie, while Grace Baker, and Rosemary Stevens, who have been permanent fixtures at No. 1 for about fourteen months, finally up and left us, much to our dismay. However, they have successfully passed their T. course at St. Hyacinthe along with 'Biddy' Boal, and are now stationed at Gordon Head, B.C.

Congratulations are extended to Pat Dustan, "Mac" McCallum, Dorothy Proctor, and Marg McKelvey, who have successfully completed their Leading Hands course at St. Hyacinthe. Congratulations also to Barbara Jones who has now become a P.O., and Irene Richards who is now sporting a hook.

A very nice supper party was held for our three brides, Vivian De Luca, Rebecca White and Ruth Fleming. Sub. Lieut. Hall presented each with a gift on behalf of the Wrens from this station.

"THE IDEA" was born in the panel truck coming from Ottawa to No. 1. A ski shack near Ottawa where we could spend our 48's skiing and getting exercise, much needed to counteract the "W.T. Spread".

All the Wrens here were enthusiastic about the idea and Sub. Lieut. Hall, our officer-in-charge, and R.P.O. Jones, went to a great deal of trouble telephoning and seeing people to fulfill our fondest wish. We were lucky enough to get a house in the Gatineau Hills between Old Chelsea and Fortune.

The ski trails at Fortune are really marvelous. The front door of our house had been nailed shut, so our first entry was made through the front window after un-nailing the shutter.

The outside of the house had never been painted and the inside had its drawbacks, but a few enthusiastic working parties have changed it immensely. With not too many mishaps the house, which we have named "ESCAPE", is becoming habitable and soon we'll be able to spend more than a few hours at a time there. The day we put the stove pipes up, we'll welcome snow and visitors.

Another person whom we hated to see go, was Leading Wren Audrey Leatherbarrow, who has been our M.T. Driver for over a year, and is now in Niobe. Zee Caudwell has been drafted to Burrard. We miss you both very much and often think of the good old times when you used to sling up your 'mic' and

climb up to them in an ladder and set your alarm clock for the morn. We often wished you could have got tires for your 'tandem' so we would see you ride along on the old fashioned bike.



17th O.T.C.

More cadet Wrens passed through the portals of Hardy House in October, having successfully completed the Officers' Training Course. The following Probationary Sub. Lieutenants have taken up new duties at their respective posts:

Armstrong, M.O.	to	Shelburne	Irons, G.I.	to	Bytown
Arnold, H.E.		Stadacona	Laidlaw, J.M.		Peregrine
Ashley, M.E.		Stadacona	Magee, C.E.O.		Cornwallis
Braithwaite, J.M.		Bytown	McAuley, F.L.		Bytown
Broad, E.M.		Bytown	McMaster, E.J.		Stadacona
Bull, M.W.		Bytown	Riddell, M.A.		Bytown
Davis, I.M.		St. Hy	Stevens, M.L.		Protector
Duncan, D.J.		Stadacona	Thomson, D.S.		Bytown
Ham, E.M.V.		Avalon	Worsley, B.H.		Stadacona
Higgins, C.H.		Avalon	Zegil, F.O.		Bytown

18th O.T.C.

Acton, Ina	to	Stadacona	Hewatson, R.E.	to	Bytown
Alley, F.M.M.		Bytown	MacKenzie, E.A.		Bytown
Beeley, M.		St. Hy	McGarry, A.T.		Avalon
Brandon, E.J.		Protector	Peltier, R.M.		Montreal
Buckley, E.M.		St. Hy	Schwieder, M.H.		Peregrine
Denison, D.I.V.		"	Sharpe, S.M.		Avalon
Foster, M.E.		"	Smith, D.H.		St. Hy
Gairdner, M.A.		"	Trevor, M.W.		St. Hy
Green, M.M.		"	Wishart, H.M.		St. Hy
Harris, M.G.		Stadacona			

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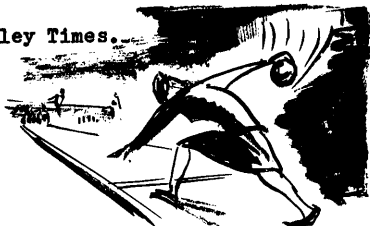


Our life in this ship is smooth sailing most of the time. However, just to prove we are not entirely land-locked, we would like to report that an invitation was extended to us to go aboard a brand-new-live Corvette - the H.M.C.S. "BELLEVILLE". Through the keen interest of the Commanding Officer, Lieut. Korning, our tour of inspection took us from the bridge to the stokehold with nary a detail left out --- even the canteen was shown to our canteen-conscious Wren. And an Army Sergeant Photographer was on hand, who followed us around and took pictures of us in various positions and angles. It was all most exciting and our enthusiasm was so great our visit was prolonged into the lunch hour. But --- after we had seen about a dozen sailors dashing from the galley to the mess with plates of piping hot food, our tummies won out and we regretfully went ashore. All of which made us more proud than ever to be a part of the Canadian Navy.

After enjoying the presence of "Probie" Wrens for several months last summer, we miss their beaming faces and bright smiles. Constance Mulholland, postal clerk, has joined us to swell our numbers to five Wrens and our one and only Wren Officer, Lieut. Jean Eades, whom we are now sharing with H.M.C.S. "Carleton". Lieut. Eades recently received her second ring - congratulations, Ma'am.

Keep up the good work, Tiddley Times.

C.O.N.D.



here are many new faces 'round the table at C.O.N.D. and many new correspondents (we hope) in the Wrens who have recently left us. Leading Wrens Mollison and Constable and Wren Perry have left for overseas with great enthusiasm and an eye to new adventure. Good luck Wrens and we do hope to hear lots from you about your new ships. And - closer to home drafts -

Wren Betty Hylton is off to Washington, Wren Margaret Davis, who has been with us for a long time, has gone further east and Leading Wrens Miller and Merrel have gone with anticipation to Cornwallis and Halifax, respectively.

We are getting off to a great start in the way of sports activities for this fall and coming winter. An inter-COND bowling league has already started and it has been arranged for us to use the Memorial Hall attached to St. Paul's Anglican Church, nearby, one night a week for volleyball, basketball, badminton, ping-pong and bowling! All this and maybe a P.F. class too! There should be no letting out of seams this winter at Westphal House.

By the way, Westphal House is our new name, officially for '146 Crescent Road'. Together with Holwood House, we are planning and have started rehearsals for a Navy show, under the able and energetic organization of Wren Betty Potter. She thinks there is lots of latent talent around and is out to find it!

One of the little 'big' things that happen so often in the Navy occurred this summer when Admiral of the Fleet, Baron Keyes, visited C.O.N.D. One of our cooks, Wren Isobel Sommerville, now in "Conestoga", mentioned that she would just love to see an Admiral of the Fleet! Imagine her surprise

and delight when the Baroh Keyes, having heard of her wish walked out into the galley and spoke to her for a few minutes.

Holwood



Wedding bells are ringing briskly at Holwood House this month. A few weeks before Lieutenant Sheila Florance and L/Wren Greta Woods married their respective Navy men, the Wrens had a shower and mock wedding in their honour. In the wedding Lieutenant Languedoc was a very officious and capable minister, if a bit on the "weighty" side. P/O Olavson looked charming with several front teeth missing; St. Doyle was a cute kid as the flower girl, and distributed her bouquet of onions and carrots with zest and enthusiasm. L/Wren Alice Darling was a huge success as the blushing groom, and Wren Pretty did a "pretty good" job in her winsome way as bride. Dovey will be remembered for her method of raising and lowering the ensign. L/Wren Russell and Wren Breedon were also in fine feathers for this performance.

ON PARADE

Drafts sometimes bothers officers too, occasionally one breezes through the gates of "York" and takes away our blue-braided Wrens. Lieutenant Jeanne Languedoc left for the east coast recently, and takes up her new duties in H. M. C. S. "Peregrine". We do not say "We're sorry to see her go" because it is a custom to say such things, we say this because Lieut. Longuedoc has won the respect and deep admiration of every Wren aboard "York".

Lieut. Cross is our new Unit Officer and we extend to her a very warm greeting.

Wren drafts were: Maureen Marshall to "Queen"; Muriel Carpenter to "Unicorn"; Pamela Phipps to "Nonsuch"; Hazel Evans to "Queen"; Wynne Taylor and Margaret (Puss) Hyslop to "Kings"; Joan Shannon and Gwen Bill to "Avalon"; Eve Echert to B.A.D. Washington and Anne Jones to "Givenchy".

Since the drafts left, word has come back that Wren Muriel Carpenter has arrived safely at H.M.C.S. "UNICORN". It was a hectic departure when Carpie left Holwood. Kay Weiss was driven to distraction attempting to pack Carpie's belongings. If you've missed a greatcoat, or the odd pair of shoes, girls, they probably will turn up in Carpie's dunnage bag.

Open House comes on Friday evening when we dance to records in the solarium, play ping-pong, and serve light refreshments. The girls all chip in with the work, and so far we have had fun. To illustrate the success of these evenings we should mention that on the first evening an airman from Camp Borden appeared; he was a New Zealander. On the second evening a half dozen New Zealanders arrived.....

Up Hooks. Congratulations are in order for Helen Chrysler, Kay Weiss, Kay Williscroft, Hazel Hawke, and Thelma Watters, who have been busy sewing hooks to their left sleeves.

In a recent examination for Supply Assistants, Cora Oliver wrote such a splendid paper that she now is eligible for her Chief Petty Officer badge. Good show, Cora!

Discharge. It was not easy to say "goodbye" to Wren Agnes Udall this month. Agnes was discharged on medical grounds, and hated to leave the Navy. We'll miss you, and wish you the best of luck in civilian life.

New York. Stalwart citizens received a surprise on the Thanksgiving week-end, when so many Wrens took the night train to New York. Wrens Mardee Morrison and Cora Oliver had a marvelous time in the big city and returned aglow with exciting news of their doings there. Mardee relates that a romantic American soldier proposed to her, and on refusal, he soulfully asked her to wait for him. Cora has been in Sick Bay for days --- recuperating?



Selection Board. The drastic and awe-striking board met recently in Toronto, and our own Hilda Dove ("Dovey") was very successful. She takes large quantities of ribbing, but, joking aside, we're very proud of her.

Twinkles from Star



Greetings from H.M.C.S. "STAR"! As this is our first appearance in the "Tiddley Times", we would like to say "Hello" to all our friends from Coast to Coast, and assure you that we enjoy following your activities through the pages of the "Tiddley Times".

Our light is somewhat dimmer this month since our Wrens who have been with us the last three months left us to finish up their basic training at Galt, and proceeded from there to their new stations. These girls, numbering seventeen, came straight from shore to "STAR" and took two weeks basic training here before settling down to their work as Cooks, Stewards and Writers. The place is very deserted now without them, but we hope that they will like their new stations just as well as they liked "STAR".

Congratulations are due our Leading Wren Rosemary Bazell, Vernon, B.C. - she looks very pusser these days with her new gold hook on her sleeve, along with a bright red chevron for one year's service. Wren Shirley Rowe, Brantford, Ontario, has also a new flash of red on her sleeve, and we are very proud of our two "bldies".

Wren Katherine Brown, St. Lambert, P.Q., who was the second Wren to report to "STAR" for duty, has changed her category to Regulator after eight months "Active Service" as Recruiting Writer. She is now stationed at Conestoga and is thoroughly enjoying her new duties. Wren Betty Wilson, Winnipeg, is fulfilling her duties now as Recruiting Writer in the W.R.C.N.S. Division.

Lieutenant Grant spent a pleasant furlough in Winnipeg and is now back on the job again. Upon her return she found a new Wren in the recruiting office - Joan Sponagle from Truro, Nova Scotia, bringing the total number of Wrens up to four!! We are busy planning a programme for the winter months, so by next issue, we hope to have more social notes for you.



Conestoga Letter

In the short time that the new Beaver Club has been open there have been two dances, one for the ship's company and also one for the November class of probies. Both were very enjoyable affairs.

Two very great achievements have taken place at Conestoga this fall: the paving of the parade square and the new tennis court. Both of these add greatly to the ship. One can see Wrens or officers having a set of tennis almost any time of the day.

Due to the evacuation of the ship in Preston, Jellicoe by name, the home of the staff of ship's company, the Wrens service centre, "The Hub", has been closed. It was a very lovely homey place and was much appreciated by the Wrens of ship's company as we didn't have to go far when we were off for a few hours.

Since moving over here, Ship's Company have taken over the Drake Block as their own quarters. The library and beauty parlor are both in this block and on the way to be made beautiful you stop for a minute and pick out the book you've always promised yourself you would read and there you are ready for whatever Leading Wrens Sage and Moulds, yes did you notice that, want to do to you.

Since L/W MacMaster, now Prob. Sub. Lieut. MacMaster, left Wren Tibbs has taken over the choir, bringing things to a delightful climax for each graduating class by singing a special anthem that they have been working on during their probie days.

Of interest to many across Canada who have at one time or another been at Conestoga, L/W Stephens has departed for O.T.C. Wren McGarry is now a Probationary Sub. Lieut. at St. HY. Several have been drafted back including Spence, S.B.A., from Newfie; L/W Baker, Pay Writer from Givenchy, and Currie, S.B.A. from Cornwallis; Wren Brown, C.A., has recently left for Perigrine.

There is a constant change of officers. Those who have left recently include: Lieut. Fensom and Sub. Lieutenants Duffus, Briscoe, Stratton and Hummell. Surgeon Lieut. Alexander has taken over for Surgeon Lieut. Holden.

Visiting officials have been Lieut. Commander Mills, Commodore Brock, and Capt. MacMaster, Commander Jackson and Lieut. Russell and Rev. Mr. Ingles, Principal Padre. C.O.N.D. was a more recent visitor and Commander MacDonald and Lieut. Rich were aboard at the time of going to press.

One item of interest to everyone aboard H.M.C.S. CONESTOGA



is a very lovable little black pup. L/W Skipper to be exact. She is the A.O.'s dog and certainly a darling. The leading rate was conferred upon her as is always done by request. One morning at divisions in the gardens at Jellicoe she stood very attentively by. After prayers the

officers were told to fall out. They did. Then the Leading Hands were told to fall out. Skipper turned and walked off very smartly. Hence the rating up of Skipper!

WORKING PARTIES.



I joined the Wrens!.....
(Travel was in my blood,
And ships and sailors
Were a daily sight
Within a Western ocean-port
Whose docks and wharves
Were ever my delight.).....

And thus I went to Galt -
To "CONESTOGA",
Frigate all of stone.
- I learned the language
That the Navy spoke;
We drilled, saluted, marched
And marched again
Without a groan.
But all at once
The magic bubble broke -

I was a Wren
 So men
 Could go to sea;
 But working-parties
 On the garbage dump
 Completely baffled me,
 Until I realized: "Of course -
 I joined the Navy
 To replace
 Man's faithful friend -
 The horse!"

Patricia Allan

Poem No. 5 in Wren Poetry Series.

Chippawa



our "Chippawa" correspondent is an ex-"Yorker" who is taking the place of Wren Doreen Patrick who left us for Conestoga a short time ago.

We were honoured by the presence of Commodore Brock who inspected the Wren Division and spoke to us of the accomplishments of our Service since its inauguration two years ago. For the information of all other Wrens, our Commodore is proud of us. That should keep us happy in the Service for the duration and six.

We have a sad note to add to this month's doings. We lost our favorite R.P.O. Petty Officer Ridout got that dream draft that the rest of us just sit and hope for. She had only been with us a short time, but we shan't forget her. Good luck to you P.O., and remember us to all our friends "on Active Service".

We welcome Leading Wren Farlinger who arrived here from Stadacona to assume the duties of R.P.O. We hope she'll like us and we know we'll like her.

The "Chippawa" Wrens have their own whaler crews now, and it is almost impossible to find a Wren, negative blisters, from the oars. These galley slaves are whipped into activity by the somewhat penetrating voice of one P.O. Gallo who used to be known for his expression "Wrens, Bah!", but who will now explain to all and sundry just how good his Wren Whaler Crews are.

The Whaler Regatta took place 29th September and 'twas quite an affair. The location was the Red River, and to anyone who knows the mud content of that river - we need say no more! Towards the end of the meet it became increasingly difficult to distinguish between Wrens, Seamen, Sub-Lieutenants, and mud-puppies. Our X.O. had expressed a desire to be Cox'n of the Wren crew until he saw P.O. Gallo tossed into the above-mentioned mud by the winning crew. The Winnipeg dry cleaning establishments are looking forward to our next regatta and, incidentally, so are the Wrens.



We have the honour of having a Glee Club that is heard over the air every second Sunday afternoon. The Glee Club is something of a mixed affair, and we are wondering how the citizens of this metropolis felt last week to hear about six female voices blending with six male voices in a spirited rendition of "Blow the Man Down". They are aided and abetted by the "Chippawa" band, which is quite a band by all and any standards -- fresh from Newfoundland, but their music bears no trace of the rigorous life in that outpost.

That's all for now - the paper shortage you know.



he "NONSUCH" Wrens have lately taken an increased interest in sports. The football team, "The Navy Tars" had the support of the Wrens at every game. Our cheer leaders include Barbara Laurie, Myrtle Phillips and Ruth Kidd.

The tennis tournament was a success from all stand-points but especially for Bella Ross who captured the honours. The Wrens who participated in the "battle" were Audrey Hening, Pamela Phipps and Ruth Kidd. It was unanimously decided that Wren Ross knows her game.

Three of the braver Wrens, Myrtle Phillips, Bella Ross, and Barbara Laurie tackled the horseflesh last week and, to the surprise of the others, are little the worse for wear. The non-riders are thinking of a bicycle hike some week-end in the near future.

Since our last report, our number has again been increased. Our new arrivals are Betty Rowley of Edmonton, Betty Brown and Pamela Phipps, both of Toronto. After receiving the welcome news that Wren Phipps had qualified for Leading Wren Writer, we were sorry to hear that she had been drafted to "CHIPPAWA". Last week Audrey Hening left for "PEREGRINE". At a dinner held in her honour at the Corona Hotel, Wren Hening was presented with a Ronson lighter by the Wrens' Mess. A similar presentation will be made Wren Phipps on her departure.



Until now, the Wrens at H.M.C.S. "TECUMSEH" have maintained a discreet silence, in accordance with the Navy's tradition as the Silent Service. However, now, with your permission, we would like to break into print.

The girls at "TECUMSEH" have been very busy during the last few months - especially from a marrying point of view. Betty Allen started off by marrying Lieutenant A.J. MacIntosh, R.C.N.V.R. Betty Webb went a little farther afield with former Army Officer Bill Sexsmith. And a couple of weeks ago Dorothy Donald made it the traditional three, when she married Ken Gillette of the Air Force. Rumour has it that Irene Brown will also be taking the fatal step before very long. All of which makes our batting average fairly high.

Of course, we have been doing other things, too. The Calgary Stampede is ancient history by now. But the W.R.C.N.S. was represented in the famous Stampede Parade by four Wrens, carrying flags of the various United Nations. Being an innovation in Calgary, we created quite a stir.

Not long ago, four Wrens from "TECUMSEH" went out to Turner Valley, in the oilfields, to sell tickets at a picnic,

for the Navy League Treasure Chest. It was raining furiously, but that didn't seem to dampen the ardour of our customers, and we managed to make our quota, although our uniforms, when we were finished, were not quite the thing for Sunday Divisions.



Hooks are now being sported by four of our Wrens, Betty MacIntosh, Betty Sexsmith, Lillian Snazell and June Wanden.



dinner was given the Wrens of H.M.C.S. "UNICORN" by Lieut. Kidder prior to her departure for HMCS "DONNACONA". At this dinner Lieut. Kidder was presented with an identification bracelet. We were very sorry to see her go as we had enjoyed many good times together.

Lieut. McQueen, from H.M.C.S. "PREVOST", is with us now and it is our sincere hope that she finds "Unicorn" as fine a ship as we know it to be.

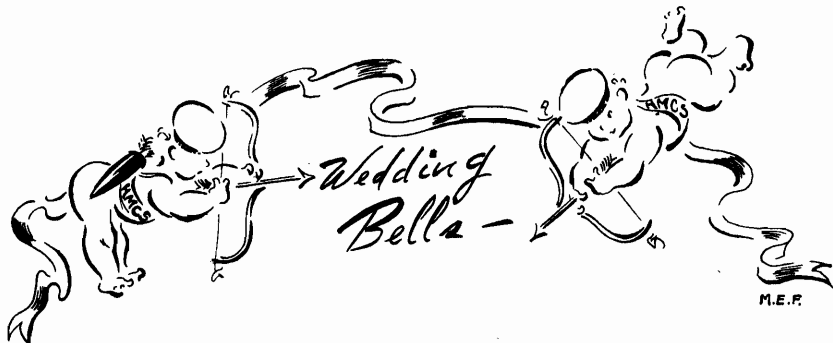
There have been quite a few changes in the Wren personnel, Muriel Carpenter from "York" and Hazel Evans from "Queen". We have lost Gwen Packer to "Peregrine", Jean Rodney to "Discovery" and Pat Richards to "Queen".

We thought, to brighten this up a bit, we would tell you about the mascots at "Unicorn". We now boast three mascots. Billy the Goat, Polly the Parrot, and a third and unofficial mascot has been added or should one say, added herself. She is three-year-old Marilyn Mae Dicken. "Unicorn" is situated in a residential district and little Marilyn, whose daddy is in the army overseas, is a constant visitor. She salutes when the Captain is piped aboard, has a set of flags for practicing semaphore (or is it waving) and really puts on an individual



navy show when she marches up and down outside the barracks with legs and arms moving in true navy precision. Sometimes she wearies of navy routine and she walks her doll carriage over as she watches the ratings training. Marilyn has endeared

herself to us all -- what a bet for the future Wrens!



PECK-STUHR: Wren Bernice M. Stuhr to Supply Assistant W.R. Peck in Ganonoque, Ont. 22nd July

WESTSELLS-MacDONALD: Wren Ida L. MacDonald to Gunner C.R. Westsells, R.C.A. in St. John, N.B. 28th July

BREMNER-WORDEN: Pay Lieut. M.J. Worden to Elect. Lt. James S. Bremner, RCNVR, in Washington, D.C. 31st July.

BOUGHNER-MEIERS: Wren A.J. Meiers to Corp. James M. Boughner, RCAF, in Paris, Ont. 16th August.

COOMBS-GIBBS: Wren Sheila M. Gibbs to Pte. James W. Coombs, RCASC, in Toronto, Ont. 12th August.

DeLUCA-HAYES: Wren Vivian Hayes to Dr. H.A. DeLuca in Ottawa, Ont. 19th August.

BANWELL-THORPE: Wren Winnifred Thorpe to Wm. C. Banwell in Windsor, Ont. 19th August.

POWCHUK-ST. LOUIS: Wren V.M. St. Louis to Peter Powchuk in Moose Jaw, Sask. 15th August.

McCARTHY-HART: Wren Margaret Hart to Sgt. D.S. McCarthy, U.S. Army, in St. John, N.B. 26th August.

BUNT - CARMICHAEL: Pay Lieut.
Irene V. Carmichael to F/O
S.F. Bunt, RCAF, at Ottawa,
1st August.

EGAN-BEEVERS: Wren Rodine D.
Beevers to Pte. Willis J.
Egan, RCASC, at Halifax, N.S.
18th August, 1944

BIRD-McCALLUM: Wren S.B. Mary
McCallum to Lieut. John I.
Bird, RCNVR, at Victoria, B.C.
26th August.

TAYLOR-BONNAR: Wren S.A. A.
Bonnar to Pte. Alfred Taylor,
#45 Provost Corps, at Sydney
Mines, N.S., 27th August.

YARDLEY-WOODS: P/O Wren Edna
B. Woods to Stg. P.O. Harold
C.L. Yardley, RCNVR, at Van-
couver, B.C., 26th August.

HANSEN-GEORGE: Wren Mildred
George to P/O Harry I. Hansen,
Royal Norwegian Navy, in
Sydney, N.S. 31st August.

ELLISON-HARTREE: L/Wren N.M.
Hartree to V.D.C. Ellison,
Merchant Navy, in Dartmouth,
N.S. 1st September.

MILLS-BELDAM: Wren Josephine
Beldam to Signalman F.W. Mills,
RCNVR, in Halifax, N.S., 2nd
September.

BOTHWELL-MacLAUCHLAN: Wren
E.C. MacLauchlan to F/O
Arthur Bothwell in Montreal
on 13th Sept.

PERDUE-WEBSTER: Wren Jean E.
Webster to Stg. John J.
Perdue, RCNVR, at Stadacona,
18th September.

SOLES-JONES: Wren Edna M.
Jones to Ldg. Smn. K.R.B.
Soles, RCN, at Halifax, N.S.
16th September.

CURRY-SALKELD: Sub. Lieut. S.
E.R. Salkeld to Lieut. Wm.
G. Curry, RCNVR, at Halifax,
N.S., 4th September.

LEACH-SHENNAN: Wren Ruth M.
Shennan to Stg. Percy N.
Leach, RCNVR, at Cornwallis,
22nd September.

KNISELY-PARK: Wren Marion
Park to A/B Donald L. Knisely,
RCNVR, at Wilkie, Sask.,
2nd September.

CARRIGAN-CAMPBELL: Wren T.
Campbell to Sgt. John Wm.
Carrigan, RCA, at Sydney,
N.S., 5th September.

WORTHING-SEARS: Ldg. Wren
Greta J. Sears to Ldg. Cook
L.A. Worthing, RCNVR, at
Middle Sackville, N.B., 15th
September.

LOUCKS-MacAULAY: Wren Helen
L. MacAulay to Lieut. Wm. W.
Loucks, RCNVR, at St. Hya-
cinthe, Que., 1st September.

LANE-BROUGH: Wren Mary L.
Brough to Lieut. (E) Robert
L. Lane, RCN, at Shawville,
Que., 16th September.

CAMERON-CAMPBELL: Wren M.U.
Campbell to John Cameron at
Vancouver, B.C.

NEWMAN-POST: Wren M.E. Post
to Ldg. Seaman S.E. Newman at
Digby, N.S.

COOPER-POST: Wren A.E. Post
to Able Seaman W. Cooper at
Annapolis Royal, N.S.

LEACH-SHENNAN: Wren Ruth Shennan to Sto. Percy Leach at Cornwallis, 22nd Sept.

JOHNSON-RICHARDS: Wren Marg. Richards to Oscar Johnson, at Newfie.

INKPEN-SPARKES: Wren Kit Sparkes to Geo. Inkpen at Newfie, 11th October.

GORDON-SEMIENIUK: Wren Olga C. Semeniuk to Pte. A. Gordon, RCASC, in Peterborough, on 25th September.

SAUER-GOUDEY: P/O Eleanor Goudey to S.B.A. Rudy Sauer at Protector.

BARNES-KING: Wren Mary King to Able Seaman Alfred Barnes at Protector.

HOWARD-MACPHERSON: Wren Joan MacPherson to Chief Yeoman Arthur Howard, November.

ELLIS-MAXWELL-SMITH: Wren Joan Maxwell-Smith to Petty Officer Norman Ellis, RCNVR, in Toronto 22nd September.

MACDONALD-FORANCE: Lieut. S. Florance to S/Lt. MacDonald in Winnipeg, Man. 7th October.

MATTHEWS-WOODS: L/Wren Greta Woods to Ldg. Writer D. Matthews at Toronto, 7th October.

PENDERGAST-DENTON: L/Wren M. Denton to Lieut. Pendergast at Ottawa.

TOTTENHAM-MARTIN: Ldg. Wren Jane E. Martin to Lieut. (SB) Geo. R. Tottenham, at Windsor, Ont., 7th October.

SMITH-WILLIAMS: Ldg. Wren J. Williams to P/O Wm. Smith at Hamilton, Ont. 7th October.

WAINMAN-WOOD-WRIGHT: Ldg. Wren Shelagh W. Wright to Lieut. T. Wainman-Wood, RCNVR, at Newfoundland in October.

MARETT-CREED: Wren Eileen V. Creed to Ldg. Smn. G. R. Marett, in Toronto, 26th October.

MATTHEWS-JARVIS: Lieut. J. Jarvis to Pay Lieut. R. Matthews, RCNVR, at Vancouver, B.C.

BAXTER-AYLWARD: Wren M. Aylward to Mr. James Baxter in Digby, N.S. on 14th Oct.

O'CONNOR-RANKIN: Wren W. Rankin to John D. O'Connor in Annapolis, N.S. 28th Oct.

CAMPBELL-COOK: Wren P.M. Cook to Sgt. G. T. Campbell in Port Alberni, B.C. on 21st May.



Royal Roads



With the Fall came drafts and advancements. Elsie Beck has left us and has gone to "Bytown". Eileen Gell has pushed further north to "Chatham", at Prince Rupert, carrying a nice shining new hook along with her. Congratulations "Bunny", and welcome to the Leading Wrens Sitting Room to Pauline Archibald. Nice going, "Archie"!

New arrivals are Wren Barbara Hunt, from "Conestoga", and Wren Sheila Sinclair, from Halifax.

Four of our Wrens are sporting diamonds this season. "Bert" Colman, Grace Stewart, Cathey Litt and Bunny Gell. Who said there was a shortage on man power!

Mrs. Fraser Mitchell -- nee S/Lieut. Sally Farlinger -- already has a family of three. A black persian kitten, a red cocker spaniel and a perfectly beautiful pink and white baby girl. The latter is the latest addition and is simply adorable. Unless we miss our guess, little Marcia Mitchell is slated to be Number One deb of 1962.

Lieut. Torrance and Sub. Lieut. Whyard came aboard to lecture to us on the subject of rehabilitation. One of these days some of us will be returning to the old life and carrying on where we left off. Many of us will be trying to make a go of some dream we have had for a very long time, others will become efficient little housekeepers. Glad though we will be to see the end of this world war, we feel sure that our months and years we have shared together in the W.R.C.N.S. will be of tremendous benefit to us in every way. Too, as long as we live, we shall have very happy memories of these days.

Came October the 26th, we had a double celebration. We celebrated good old Hallowe'en itself and our first birthday at Royal Roads. You should have seen the black cats, witches, pumpkins, sailors and their long haired chums, prancing about the floor of our fo'c'sle.

It is hard to believe that most of us have been here for a whole year and that more than half of us have celebrated our second Wren Birthday. Goodbye now, and if you don't hear from us before Christmas, we'd like to wish you all "A very Merry Christmas and Peace in the New Year".

Pacific Patter

More blue braid at Jericho. Best wishes are due to Lieut. Peg Gisborne and Lieut. Sue O'Reilly, who have now a second stripe.

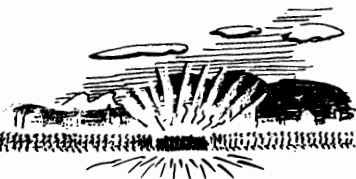
Speaking of Signals, Lieut. Daphne Christie paid a visit to the mess at C.O.P.C. on the last day of October en route from Prince Rupert to "Stad". Jericho Wren officers gave her a hearty welcome and sent messages over the mountains to their friends in the east. We hope Lieut. Christie will be happy at "Stad", but it's just too bad she's going to miss the western winter.

Regarding nautical knots, Lieut. Helen McInnis, attached to the Fleet Mail Office, Vancouver, and Lieut. Bob Wylie, RCNVR, on Pacific Patrol, arranged their knot the nautical way. The lady received her beautiful diamond and sapphire engagement ring as they stood on the bridge of his ship "Loyal I". And the crew had a mug-up to them in the galley.



More Western wedding bells! With the help of Santa Claus the navy is going to make a present to the army along about Christmas. The prize is Wren Jane Gairdner (plotter) now stationed at C.O.P.C. Vancouver, and the lucky winner is Captain Jack Cantelon of Vancouver, stationed at Halifax.

Jericho Seniors



ew arrivals at Jericho Beach are: L/W Mary Allison from Moresby House, which marks the exodus of the last of the seven pioneers to the island; M.T.'s Val MacLeod and Zee Caudwell from Ottawa; M.T.'s Jo Skull and Agnes Wilmot from Peregrine.

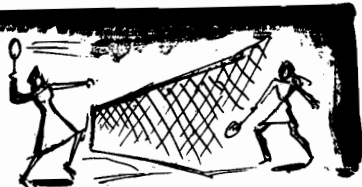
Those who have torn themselves away from us are: L/Wren Margo Dall to Iverville House; L/Wren Neil to the arms of her spouse in Halifax; L/Wren Babs McGibbon to the arms of her husband on civvie street, her campaigning days at an end; L/Wren Joan Wilkie to Washington, duly parted at the Hotel Vancouver by the M.T.'s before embarking.

We began the Christmas season by packing parcels for our Jericho Wrens who are serving overseas. Each of us added a small gift of our own to the things purchased by the Canteen Fund. Wren Sykes gave a pep talk to a few of the downtown department stores which elicited from them a generous gift of cosmetics for the boxes.

This past week just before despatching this to Headquarters, we've been on the march. We even rehearsed one evening, and the Naval Officer inspecting us said we looked splendid in the fog! Trafalgar Day was also the official opening of H.M.C.S. Discovery. Vancouver saw the largest parade in its history. Hundreds of CWAC's, hundreds of WD's, and in their midst, 30 (thirty) little Wrens. But the gallant public applauded us heartily as we swung along with our heads high and our left feet in the oil between the rails. Believe us, it was a feat of balance worth of the ovation! Added to this, we were squarely between two bands. Our own Navy Band ahead of us with its familiar slow tempo, and behind us the quick rhythm of the Army band. As we paced off the twenty-second block, we were a bit groggy, torn between two beats. Some of us marched raising the arm and the leg on one side at the same time. We changed step constantly, probably that is what warmed the heart of the public, we looked so happy in the Service as we skipped down the main street. The following Thursday was better, we were the only Service participating that day in the Victory Loan Parade. We marched to the Bond Shell like veterans, and none of us fell flat on our faces as we stood for an hour during the program.

A new consideration is the recent signal about two more weeks a year. Most of us have been to see the family, now we're leafing through resort folders and planning to see a bit of the west before a sudden draft catches us having seen nuttin'.

Discovery



t present our crew consists of our Unit Officer, Lieut. M.E. Fisher, Toronto; Wrens Mary Brown, Regina; Louise Gallagher, Winnipeg; Genevieve Hughes, Vancouver; Kay Lobb, Winnipeg; Helen Low, Niagara Falls; Joy Whitney, Orillia; Hilda Fletcher, Gananoque; Jean Rodney, Ottawa; Vivian Crist, Mission City, B.C.; our leading hand is Margaret O'Neill from Victoria, B.C.

Four of our Wrens have recently departed from our midst by reason of draft for overseas duties: Wrens Joyce Doull, Irene Clarke, Olive Runyon and Dorrie Sugden. Best of luck, girls.....

Leading Wren S.B.A. Violet Field visited her home ship "DISCOVERY" a short while ago after taking and passing an X-ray course in Montreal. She is now stationed at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Discovery personnel were all agog for weeks preceding the official opening of the Division, which took place Saturday, 21st October, 1944, the day of the commissioning. Among the many notables present were Vice-Admiral G.C. Jones, C.B., R.C.N., Rear Admiral Brodeur, C.B.E., R.C.N. and Commodore E.R. Brock, C.B.E., R.C.N.V.R.

The official opening day also saw the opening of the Wrens' Mess. Our lounge is complete with gay coloured drapes, slip covers, attractive walnut coffee tables and writing desks.

Games of badminton are to be arranged for the Wrens during the colder winter months, badminton courts being completed on the Main Deck.

Pecks at Prince Rupert



Monday, October 16th, found all those not on duty gathered in the mess for a farewell banquet in honour of our Captain, Commander C.M. Cree; our Unit Officer, Lieut. E.M. Jess, and two of our Signals Officers, Lieut. D.E. Christie, and Lieut. W. R. Chivers. We were particularly sorry to see them leave, for all of these officers are "oldsters" to us. Commander Cree was NOIC Prince Rupert when the Wrens took over (?) Chatham and has since been retired. Lieuts. Jess, Christie, Chivers and Stinson (now at Coverdale) were the original officers up here, and made Muskeg Manor the happy place it is to-day. We thank them for everything they have done for us and wish them every happiness and success in their new appointments.

We welcome our new Unit Officer, Lieut. H. Curts, most heartily to Chatham, we hope she will like both the ship and its crew.

Niobe-bound (and very jubilant about it) are Wren SBA Ruby Shea, Ldg. Wren Coder Gladys Gunn, Ldg. Wren SBO Ivy Newman, and Wren Marguerite McDonald. To Chatham from Stad came Wren Coder Peggy Coyston and Ldg. Wren Librarian Mary Francis from Cornwallis. Welcome to our rainy season, kids, hope you like P.R.

Another new appointment is Lieut. D.E. Tottenham's to Ottawa. Lieut. Tottenham's been our censor officer for a long time now and we are going to miss her a great deal. Our new censor officer is to be Sub. Lieut. Margaret (Bunty) Dawson. Sub. Lieut. Dawson has had a taste of Prince Rupert before and we know and like her. Welcome back, Ma'am.

We have a brand new diamond at the Wrennery! Wren Messenger Judy Cartier is sporting it, and the cause of all the trouble is Tel. T.O. Frank "Bugs" Davis -- congratulations to you both.

'Till the next time, Tiddley, so long from Chatham, and if our heads are still above water, we'll see you next issue



"Though wintry winds blow from Scotch shores

Our Wrens are snug, here at "Lindores"!"

Left to right: Wren Nona Hatchford, Toronto; Wren Norma Perry, Montreal; L/Wren Patricia Walsh, Toronto; Wren Audrey Robinson, Winnipeg and Wren Joyce Cudden-Woodthorpe, Toronto.

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