

# The Tiddler Times



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NEW YORK Wrens send you EASTER GREETINGS with this picture -- They are:  
 Top row, left to right: L/Wren F. Booth, Wren E. Scott; I. Murdoch; L/W M. Gnad; Wrens A. Ambrosie; A. Himmelman; L/Wrens B. Wimperley; and G. Nunn. Second row: L/W C. LeMay; Wren E. Brooks; E. Reid; L/Wren R. Langstaff. Front row: L/Wrens S. King; M. Mollard; and Wren Mary Buttress.



here have been special days in this war which will live in our minds for a long time to come. Historical dates even the most forgetful among us will remember. The greater number of these will be shared by all, but there will be certain very special days, known to ourselves alone, that will remain forever green in our memory.

Many a Wren, among our six thousand strong, will recall the day when she was advised that she could now consider herself "a Probationary Wren on leave without pay". After weeks, sometimes months, of uncertainty, she was "in"! That was a great day.

Others will remember the day when, amid the last fond farewells of relatives and friends, they set forth in civilian clothes -- but feeling oh so different inside -- for the unknown Training Establishment situated in Galt, Ontario, called H.M.C.S. "Conestoga".

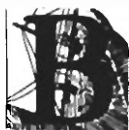
There will be few who will fail to remember the homesickness and the bewilderment of the poor landswoman that went with those first "Probie" days on board and, with this memory, will rise another, that of the heartwarming camaraderie found among those who had reached the rank of ratings. It was from them that the newcomer learned the beginnings of the pride that went to make up an accredited member of the W.R.C.N.S.

Then there would be the day when she became a confirmed rating herself. The day when she took her proud Oath of Allegiance. On that day she became one of the Ship's Company in sober earnest. From then on, there was never a doubt in her mind. This was her service, and this her ship.

And, perhaps, however happy her first draft from her parent ship may have been, she would remember the pang with which she said good-bye to the red brick frigate on the green hill. The beloved ship where she had learned the ways of the Navy, where her understanding of its noble traditions had been born.

Now, that ship is no more. At sundown on the thirty-first day of March, 1945, her ensign was lowered for the last time. Across Canada, from coast to coast, in England and in America, Wrens will mark the day. They will remember their first Captain, Commander Isabel Macneill, O.B.E., with love and gratitude. The ship that never saw the sea, will remain the dearest of all in their hearts.

# London Calling



y the time you read this--round the first of May--we Wrens over here will still be basking in the reflected glory of the widely acclaimed and most excellent Navy Show. Right after the opening every seat was sold till the last day of March. The general feeling is that a more popular show has never been shown on the London stage.

The Navy Show people became practically professional actors in their first months over here. Prettier than ever, gayer than ever, it would surprise you that in such an advertising-less world as we have over here, word about the show could get around so quickly. And the rest of us garden-variety wrens and ratings seem only to serve as a reminder to the great unwashed. Almost everywhere you go--in undergrounds, or buses, or hotel lounges, or restaurants.....someone is bound to notice your Canada badges and say to someone else, "I say, Old Boy, this Canadian Navy show.....hurrrrrump.....". The seats are costing from 18/6 on down to 8/6, which means to you roughly between two dollars and four dollars each. The Hippodrome is a famous theatre, as you know. After the last war Canadian Music companies often had sheet music which advertised on the cover that somebody or other made "Roses of Picardy" a hit by singing it at "The Hippodrome".

## PARCELS -- PARCELS -- PARCELS

Many many thanks to:

"Conestoga" for the wonderful parcels containing such items as tooth-brushes with nylon bristles, face cloths, bobby pins, kleenex, powder puffs--all grand things for anyone in the United Kingdom.

The Canadian Red Cross, who contributed beautifully packed parcels including mending kits, face cream, tooth paste.....we are very grateful.

Kingsmill House, Ottawa, for their gifts of cigarettes, candy and so on, which arrive in the U.K. from time to time.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Navy for the cosmetic kits--a welcome addition to many a Wren dressing table.

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The resignation of Pay-Lt. Mary G. Varvill (nee Dawson) **WRENS**, has been accepted. She has seen duty at the London Headquarters of the R.C.N. since early in 1944 and will be missed at C.N.M.O.

We get quite a few visiting Canuck Wrens from Scotland, who bounce in on sightseeing tours frequently. In about two days they manage to take in all the places we haven't quite got around to yet, such as St. James Park, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Madame Toussaud's waxworks, the Tower and London Bridge----generally, the whole show. The weather is usually perfect for them, no London fog, no rain, just sunshine. Occasionally they hear what they think is a car back-firing and we don't tell them about bombs.



They are highly amused--as we were--by being charged tuppence to sit in the park. "Tuppence today to sit in any park in London, same ticket for them all," as the funny little ticket seller always says. And the first thing these visitors ask for is a copy of The Tiddley.

As for Scotland, they tell us Langhouse is THE place to be, situated right out in the country so that the Wrens are able to go for lovely walks and bike rides without wandering far from their own back door. There's the Roman Road, for instance, to Niobe, with a real Roman bridge.

Everyone at Langhouse seems to be going on leave, or returning from same, if not on 36's to Sterling, Edinburgh, Ayr and Glasgow, then on long leaves to London and points south.

Life in Greenock is not nearly so rushing and gay as that in London but there are still the dances twice a week at the "Y". The Wren bicycles are quite a help and they often go out on them after supper for an hour's run. There is badminton at Niobe on Friday nights, too.

And there'll be real celebrating by this group of Wrens on V-E day. Don't you wish you were here?

# David "Sing" Niven



Everyone being very theatah minded, here in London, you might like to hear of a little incident that happened to some Wrens from the Signal Office of C.N.M.O. Lieut. Margaret Buckley, in company with Wrens Muriel Sinclair, Michele Lavergne, and Jean Conlin, attended a meeting at the Churchill Club. The big attraction was the speeches being given by several well-known theatrical people. Among these were two prime favorites, Lt.-Col. David Niven and Valerie Hobson.

As (sigh) David (they call him "David" now) was leaving, he bade them a pleasant and amiable bon-soir and "whistled off" to his car. As the shadowing Wrens sauntered by HIS car, HE made a remarkable move -- He rolled down the window and asked these unsuspecting WRENS would they care for a lift. In less time than you could wink, Lt.-Col. D. Niven was almost completely obliterated by a whirl of Navy Blue. You would better understand this if you saw the minute affairs that masquerade as automobiles! Definitely utility size, as we would say.

Anyhow, our heroines descended with great alacrity onto the owner of this midget-sized source of locomotion and gave "10 Haymarket" as their destination. That ride up Whitehall, along Pall Mall, up Lower Regent Street, and down to Haymarket, was THE event of the year for these four S.D.O. fortunates. They will tell you, with the benign smile of a Mona Liss, that that ride was worth all the Staff Parties and such, missed out due to the interference of that Duty Gremlin who had haunted these particular Signal Wrens ever since their arrival in England.

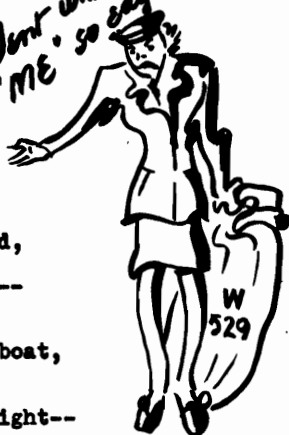
About the conversation which took place in David Niven's Austin, they remain maddeningly silent. In the meantime, watch out David!





"WILL BE 21 IN JUNE"

"They Went without me,  
and 'ME' so eager!"



I do some beefing, yes indeed,  
Upon my miseries I do feed  
For I am just the type they need,  
Across the deep blue sea.  
Unless one's old enough to vote--  
And this I'm sure will get your  
goat--  
You're almost sure to miss the boat,  
AWFUL, YES INDEEDY!  
Old enough to work all night,  
Why, practically I've lost my sight--  
But can I go across and fight?  
I CERTAINLY CANNOT!  
To get the Zombies overseas  
Ralston went down on his knees,  
But they ignore my frantic pleas  
AND LEAVE ME HERE TO ROT!  
Some Wrens say they just do not care  
If they're here or if they're there--  
And here's the truth, 'twill curl your  
hair,  
"THEM'S THE BABES THAT'S GOT!"  
Now it's truly undeniable,  
They need us young and pliable,  
Yep, strong and quite reliable--  
AND ME "AWAISTIN'" HERE!  
Two chevrons I do proudly show,  
I joined quite awhile ago--  
Long for overseas--AND LO!!  
U.K.'s WHERE THE PROBIES GO!!!!!!



L/W Barberis, J.P. W-529  
Commander-in-Chief Night Watches.

# NOTES FROM "NEWFIE"



he Wrens here are tying down their sou'westers, pulling up their rubber boots and starting to talk about "Topsail" -- a sure sign that summer's on the way, for that's the Wrens' "holiday spot by the sea" in warm weather--and the honeymoon spot the year round in this cupid-infested port.

## CANTEEN

In January the St. John's Naval Canteen donated to the Wrens their first canteen--for Wrens only. A committee was elected to plan what would be done with the canteen: RPO Phyllis Bayley (now RPO Lillian Sellars), L/Wren Nancy McClarty; L/Wren Audrey Purdy, L/Wren Evelyn Knox and Wren Verna Lock.

First move of the committee was to obtain permission for the Wrens to entertain their masculine friends in the canteen. That was followed by a highly-successful Valentine dance and another Bowling League dance in March. Latest development on the canteen front is the St. John's Naval Canteen's contribution of \$500 for the Wrens to fix the canteen to suit their fancy.

The committee appointed a sub-committee to plan the decorations: L/Wren Francis Bromley, Wren Eileen Snow and L/Wren Jean Cameron.

Softer lighting is the first project.



Another sub-committee appointed to see that Avalon Wrens sojourning in the hospital will get a little added attention--visitors, and something to keep them amused, includes: L/W Anne Ireland, Wren Margaret Currie, L/W Hazel Friend, Wren Marion Wingate, and Wren Margaret Little.

Their first move was to instigate a weekly Wren gossip sheet giving all the latest barracks "dirt" so the Wrens wouldn't get out of touch while they were in the hospital.



The sheet contains such tid-bits as all Wrens being C-B'd till 1430 one Saturday because the blocks weren't as tiddley as they should have been for Captain's rounds. At 1430 you could have eaten off any floor.

## SPORTS

Sports and recreation are gaining new importance in Avalon. We now have a sports officer and a Wren physical training instructor for the first time in our history--Lieut. Winifred Kennedy (formerly McEvoy) and L/Wren "Bunny" Marsh. Visions of rising at 0630 for a bit of road work before breakfast were banished when the new sports officer assured us that, though she hoped to see 90 per cent of us indulging in sports of some kind--there would be nothing compulsory about it.

The two of them started right in to encourage more of the girls to attend organized parties on board ship or for ships' crews. They have worked out schedules for Wrens to learn basketball or badminton, or to play a real fast game of basketball without actually being on a team.

The Wrens elected a sports committee to work with the canteen committee and help the new sports officer: Wrens Gerrie Hutchison, Lynn Johnson, Alice Entwistle, Doreen Laing, and Margery Hatchell, and L/Wren Hazel Friend.

## BASKETBALL

We already have an up-and-coming basketball team with a record of six games--six victories. Coach Sully Somerfield already has announced that they will take the next two games leading up to the play-offs as well and that mathematically they're champions right now. This all-victorious team is: Lieut. Phoebe Morris, Wrens Joan Cannon, Alice Entwistle, Eleanor Wilson, Jackie Reeves, Doreen Laing, Bernice Anderson, Irene Domsy, and L/Wrens Bunny Marsh and Irene Wilkie.

RPO Phyllis Bayley left quite a hole in that guard line when she was drafted to Galt for a Master-at-Arms course in March, but the girls seem to be doing a good job of covering up.

HMS "Avalon" is coming up in the world as far as the Wren complement is concerned. We now have nearly 500 Wrens and already have oozed out of blocks 26 and 27 and into block 28. And the more Wrens we get--the more privileges we get.



## DRAFTS

The increasing number of Wrens has brought still another change to "Avalon" -- our first tailoress. Wren Katherine Barton arrived in March to keep us tiddley.



Other new arrivals were: L/Wren Isobel Bain, Wren Marion Barber, Wren K.E. Barton, L/Wren Jean Burnstad, L/Wren Rina Fulton, Wren Arlene Hales, Wren Norma MacDonald, Wren Andrine MacFarlane, Wren Anne Paskaruk, Wren Margaret Simpson, Wren Mary Sivecki, Wren H.J. Stearne, Wren D.M. Sullivan, Wren Lillian Thomas, Wren M. Wilkins, Wren Betty Harris, and L/W Margaret Currie--who was the first Wren in Newfoundland and has been drafted back after being away for eight months.

And we're sorry to lose L/Wrens Jo Allison and Nola Cameron who were drafted and Wren Amy Jonason, who received her discharge.

## PROMOTIONS AND ADVANCEMENTS

Our Unit Officer, Lieut. Marion Clarke now has a shiny new half stripe. Pardon me, Ma'am--Lt.-Cmdr. Clarke!

Sub-Lt. Agnes Derby, Quarters Officer, and Pay Sub-Lt. Alice F. Moore also have put up an extra stripe, making them lieutenants.

Among the ratings--Audrey Purdy, Agnes Robertson, and Marianne Wood all have been advanced to P.O. and most recent killicks on the base are Eleanor M. Reed, M. McEwen, Annette Fryer and Fern LeBuef.

## WRENS GO TO SEA

We can't leave without telling you about the day Wrens really went to sea--right out in the "sub area" too. The Bangor Minesweeper, HMCS Burlington, took 11 signals and operations Wrens some distance out to sea for a day and gave them a chance to flash signals, oil engines, and test their sea legs. Only two of them were sea-sick.

The lucky sea-going Wrens were: Lynn Johnson, Frances Dougherty, Nina Marshall, Fish Manley, Geraldine Hutchison, Bernice Anderson and Jessie Burnett and L/Wrens Bess Slater, Fae (Cavanagh) Smith, Priska Slenko, and Jean Cameron.

Parties with the American Coast Guard, the Canadian Army and Air Force, and the Navy have been plentiful, and there has been good skiing and skating all winter. Next time we write--we'll tell you about the swimming. So long.....



# WASHINGTON NEWS



Changes in our "lucky Thirteen" complement have occurred in the past couple of months. One of the old originals, L/W Helen Burns, has departed for Britain's shores, and L/W May Cook has returned to Canada to learn the art of regulating. The best of luck to both of you. -- Newcomers to Washington are Bobbie Driver and Helen Gilbert, from Royal Roads and Cornwallis respectively. Welcome kids, we hope you

will like it here.

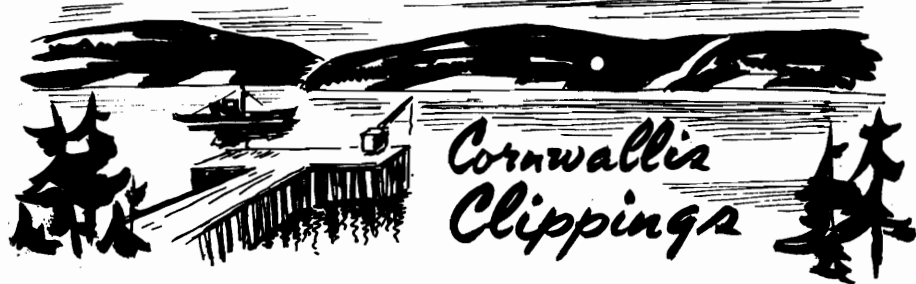
Late in February Lieut. MacEwen suggested a trip to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. We arrived in time for the Chapel service and watched the Midshipmen forming up for their divisions. In the afternoon a few of the "middies" showed us the academy's points of interest. We were told rather an interesting tale of the "Votive Ship" which was suspended from the ceiling at the back of the chapel. Apparently the only other votive ships in the Western Hemisphere are to be found in a few quaint old churches in Quebec, but their history dates back to the days when French sailors began to explore the world. When a ship set sail for parts unknown, the people of the town placed a model of their vessel in the church and there they prayed for the safe return of the crew. The votive ship at Annapolis is a symbol for safety of the Midshipmen when they graduate and sail the seven seas.

Another trip taken by our Unit Officer and some of the Wrens was to see the Luray Caverns, about ninety miles away in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. These caves are unlike anything any of us had seen before and are famous for their stalactites and stalagmites.

Our Wrens certainly travel far and wide on their leaves. The latest traveller is L/W Dorothy Webb who, as we go to press, is probably basking on the sands of sunny California.

The highlight of the month is the honour bestowed upon Lt. MacEwen. She sponsored and sent on its merry way one of the latest additions to the R.C.N., built by the U.S.N. - H.M.C.S. "Claymore". We are all very proud of our Unit Officer -- the first Canadian Wren to christen a ship in the United States.





## Cornwallis Clippings



he most note-worthy item of news, we think, is the fact that our Wren's Basketball Team, coached by Payr. Lieut. D. Sedgewick, and captained by Wren Dorothy Dales, have played eleven games during the last two months, winning all but two, and one of these - the game with Stadacona - was a tie. We have won all our games with Peregrine and all but one with Halifax Air Force. This splendid record means that our team will be entered in the Women's Services Play Downs. The girls have given up a great deal of time practicing for these games and we are very proud of them. The members of the team are: Dorothy Dales, Audrey Snyder, Joan Macdonald, Florence Flynn, Bunny Marsh, Helen Rathwell, Kay Hopkins, Wynn Mathews, Kay Pamplin, Mary Blake, Moira McKinnley, and Frances McIntyre.

A lot of enthusiasm and interest has also been shown in the Wrens Hockey Team which P.T.I. "Chuck" Millman, husky defenceman on the Cornwallis Senior Team, has been coaching so ably. The team consists of Lieut. Shaughnessy, Lieut. Lytle, L/Wren Pearl Milne, L/Wren Bunny Marsh, Betty Berg, Peg Armstrong, Eileen Davey, Joan Fieldgate, Ruth Ried, and Marguerite Dupras.

Our Wrens seem to have been taking a most active part in all that has been going on in Cornwallis lately. At the first of the Ship's Shows which are slated to become a bi-weekly affair, Frances Kissack, Lila Armstrong, Bunny Marsh and Muriel Lewis were definitely the stars of the performance. If all the shows prove as entertaining as this first one the plan for having them every other week would seem to be an excellent idea.

March saw the opening of the long-awaited production of "Trial by Jury". We have all been very excited and interested in this and the Wren Blocks have moved to the strains of "For I a Judge and a good Judge too", etc. for several weeks. Peg Armstrong, who came down to us from Newfoundland was the broken-hearted Angelina, with Helene Smith, Trudy Reeves, Audrey Hill, Frances Oldham, Irene Aplin, Lillian Taylor, Gladys Leatherdale and Eileen Davey, as her fair bridesmaids. Leading Bandsman Clifford Clark and Lieut. Brunett of Special Services, have done a marvellous job in directing the operetta and because of their efforts rehearsals have been a lot of fun

as well as a lot of work. Besides taking part in "The Trial", Elizabeth Munroe, Myrna Clark, Gwen Burge, and Lila Armstrong have given up most of their free evenings making the costumes and stage decorations, which were most colourful and have meant a great deal of effort on their part.

Early in the year a Cornwallis Ship's Company Bowling League was formed, and ever so many Wrens have been bowling with their Departmental teams. In two or three cases, where Departments are manned entirely by Wrens, All-Wren Teams have been entered and the girls have proven themselves just as capable of attaining the coveted strikes and spares, and even of walking off with the "high singles" for the evening, much to the boys' chagrin and amazement.

We were all so sorry to lose R.P.O. Esther Pratt who was drafted while on leave to H.M.C.S. "Conestoga" to take up her duties as Master-at-Arms, but congratulate her on her high standing in the course there.

Sporting a new uniform the last few days is little Petty Officer



(C.B.C.) Audrey Miller, who was rated on the 16th of February. Puzzle ----- find Audrey behind all her rows of brass buttons. Petty Officer Adair, herself no six-footer, tells a funny story about how the other day she was stopped by an inquisitive male officer who, having noticed little Petty Officer Grundy, then Petty Officer Adair, and finally Petty Officer Miller, wanted to know if they took out a measuring tape every time they rated a Wren Petty Officer. We must admit, that at least in Cornwallis, it rather looks that way.

Leading Wrens who have been rated since the first of the year are: -

Louise Bisailon, Edith G. Taylor, Christian ("Neen") Falconer, Mildred Linforth, Therese Coutu, Constance Clarke, Laverna Dollimore, Audrey Hill, Dorothy Torrie, Mary Lacroix, Dorothy Hay, Mary ("Jackie") Mathieson, and Bessie Carter.

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# Just between Ourselves



**J**ust back from New York, two bright young Wren officers were telling us about the wonderful time they'd had. Suddenly they both said: "Do you remember the Marine See-bee?" and burst out laughing. We asked them to tell us that story, too. Here it is.

"We were going along Fifth Avenue one evening when a boisterous figure in khaki decided to get in step with us. "Hello", he said, "I'm a Marine Seebee. What are you?" We told him we were Canadian Wrens, the equivalent of the U.S. Waves. He nodded and then said: "What rank are you--an Ensign?" We said we didn't know what the equivalent in our service was to an Ensign, but we were Sub-Lieutenants. "Hey", he said, "Who do you think you're kidding? You haven't got any sub-marines in your outfit!" and he stamped off, very much annoyed.



AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!



**O**n a Sunday afternoon when the same girls were going along the same Avenue looking at shop windows, a dear little old lady trotted up to them and said: "Good afternoon, Canada!" She stayed and chatted with them for a few moments. She was anxious to know that the girls were being well looked after. They assured her that they were.

She then spent about fifteen minutes advising them where to go and how to get there. She gave them a complete list of the historical places in New York, then she said: "Of course, being a New Yorker, I haven't seen any of these places myself, but I am assured they are all well worth visiting."



# "STADACONA" NEWS



## SPRINGTIME FANCIES

Hello again from Stadacona. With the first faint scent of spring in the air, optimistic Wrens are waiting eagerly to hear soon, "Muster for Divisions--negative greatcoats." Of course we may be rushing things a little, it being only the middle of March, but although "In spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, for a Wren's part, hers turn to the day when greatcoat, glamour boots, and mitts can be returned to the moth balls from whence they came. And surely these light, balmy days and the green shoots we see along the roadside mean something.



## REGULAR FELLOWS

Greetings to the latest Wren regulators to join the staff of Wren Regulating, Stadacona. They are: A. Woods, M. Spratt, R. Livingston, A. Paddison, Edna Bain, J. Ferguson and L. Schroeder.

Would the fact that we were working party pals at Conestoga be of any aid when we come in five minutes adrift?

## COURSES OF COURSE

Quite an event at Stad was the departure of four P.O.'s and Leading Wrens to take the Master-at-Arms Course at H.M.C.S. "Conestoga". Those who went were: P.O. Phyllis Huffman, P.O. M. Peacock, and Leading Wrens Jean Thomson and E. Tanner.

Another departure for Conestoga was Wren C.K.M.H. Mackenzie to take a Wren Regulator's Course.

## TEA TIME

Stadacona Wrens entertained Halifax Hostesses of various church and women's organizations and Halifax and Dartmouth hostel committees at a Valentine Tea on February 21, in the upper fo'c'sle of the Wren Block. The fo'c'sle was



lovely with its decorations of spring flowers and Valentine motifs. In charge were Petty Officer Beth Jackson, Leading Wrens C.M. Kepkay, Gladys Edwards, Tim McKay, Marjory Rinehard, Jean Pearson, Judy Whittaker, and Wrens Meredith Fraser and Betty Henry.

## SENIOR RATINGS' LECTURES

Of special notice and great interest are the Senior Ratings' lectures that are being given once a week in the fo'c'sle, Wren Block. They are on a variety of subjects and among the well-known speakers have been Dr. Harvey of Dalhousie University who spoke on "The History of Halifax", and Mr. William Bird, noted author, who has written a number of books and innumerable short stories, who spoke on "You Can Be An Author". Speaking on a very timely subject and of special interest to Wrens, was Mrs. Lane, Women's Editor of the Halifax Chronicle. Her subject was "Women's Place in the Post War World".

## A SPORTING TIME

Although the weather was cold and stormy outside, thoughts of this did not cramp the style of the participants in the first women's inter-service swim meet in Halifax, held in Stadacona pool February 28th. Gorsebrook W.D.'s swam their way to a one point victory over the Stadacona Wrens. One point behind them came the C.W.A.C. in third place. Followed closely by Dartmouth W.D.'s and Peregrine Wrens. The meet was organized by Leading Wren Meredith Fraser and Chief Petty Officer Jim Arnott was in charge of the events. Good going girls! We might never have the chance to sail the sea, but there are no rules or regulations that say we can't swim it.

Congratulations to the Stad Senior Basketball team, which up to this date has not lost a game. The girls will soon be entering the semi-finals.

Congratulations also to the Junior Basketball team which although it cannot boast a record of not having been beaten, has shown some very good sportsmanship and spectacular playing.



Having both a senior and junior basketball team, Stad can also boast an intermediate team, which was formed recently.

The Inter Department Bowling League has finished, but up to now we have nothing on how the teams came out.

### RADIO FORUM

Leading Wren Helen Merrel represented the Wrens in a Radio Forum broadcasted from the Torpedo School, H.M.C.S. "Stadacona", on Thursday March 22. The topic discussed was "Women's Place in the Post War World".

The Ballet Class held in Stad every Wednesday evening and conducted by Captain Mosher of the CWAC for all the women's services in Halifax, has proven very popular and has been well attended.



### BLUE BRAID

New Divisional Officer at Stadacona is Sub. Lieut. Joy Riddell.

The new temporary Divisional Officer of Division VI is Sub. Lieut. Joan McMaster, substituting for Sub. Lieut. M. Farmer, who, we hope, is making a speedy recovery in RCNH.

### CROSSED HOOKS

Newest additions to the Order of Crossed Hooks and Brass Buttons are B. McKay, Beth Jackson, L. Walker, Jean Pearson, K. Townsend, E. Mickle and Catherine Kepkay. Congratulations to all and especially to Beth Jackson, who is the only P.O. Photographer in the W.R.C.N.S.

### NEW KILLICKS

Although Wrens can't enter the Easter parade with a brand new Easter outfit, thirty-three Stadacona Wrens will have bright gold hooks to display for that day. The new killicks are: E. Mawford, D. Allen, C. Davis, V. Smith, E. Eagers, H. Barnett, B. Even, K. Glover, M. Kighley, D. Bangham, I. Cairns, A. Kennedy, A. Fischer, G. Fike, J. MacKinnon, M. Wright, G. Schilling, Doris Stutt, G. Tingey, M. Hishon, J. Mulderig, M. Williamson, Meredith Fraser, M. Coulter, F. Robertson, E. Anderson, M. Bowker, D. Baillie, W. MacLean, M. Webster H. Beer, Marion Giesbrecht.

Heartiest congratulations to Lieut. Fay Stansfeld who is the latest to put up her second stripe.

Lieut. B. Small is the first from Stad to go to the Women's Service Centre, Oakville, Ontario. Lieut. Small is spending convalescent leave there.

Captain Balfour's wife entertained Halifax Wren Officers at a St. Patrick's Day Tea on Saturday, March 17.

Welcome to Sub.-Lieut. Charlotte E. Emery, who has recently arrived in Halifax as Command Welfare Officer. Her work is to advise and assist dependents of naval ratings in personal problems or difficulties.

The Whist Drive Sponsored last week by Sub.-Lieut. Farmer, for all Wrens of Division VI and their friends, was quite a success judging by the comments heard from those who attended it.

Sub.-Lieut. F. L. McAuley is the new Wrens Sports and Recreational Officer.



#### ANGELS OF MERCY

Sincerest thanks go to those Wrens who volunteered their services to help in the recent Red Cross Drive. The Wrens went aboard ships in harbor tagging to boost the funds. Good work, girls! You couldn't have done it for a worthier cause.

#### WREN BLOOD DONORS

Special Wren day at the Blood Donors Clinic -- Many thanks also to those 76 Wrens who donated their pint of blood to help our brothers in arms on the Allied Battlefronts.

#### SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS

The Wren's Mess Committee arranged a House Party on March 20th for the boys of ships who had been so good in inviting Wrens to their parties. We hope in this small way we have registered our thanks to the boys for the many swell times they have given us.

# Peregrine



**G**reetings from the Wrens of the universally known "Pretty Grim" base of the East Coast---but wait---hold on just a few minutes---we must set you right on the score here----- "Are we happy girls?" -- and from the look on the faces of the Wrens in our Unit here I would reply "Why I should say".

In the past few months a new base raised its ensign and ratings from all parts of Canada were gradually drawn together to form a staff for the R.C.N. Drafting Depot and the work it entails and of course Wrens were included. During the passing of months of organization the Wren division was built up and with Lieut. J. Languedoc as our Unit Officer and a complement of some two hundred Wrens, we now have a unit of which to be proud.

Any rumors to the effect that the Wrens at "Peregrine" are issued with a "date book" and "run" for not keeping their appointments is purely coincidental and a -- rumour, but we are kept busy due to the variety of entertainment and sports facilities available here. To begin with there are three weekly dances held in the spacious Drill Hall---and the orchestra (Navy--of course) certainly gives the jitter-bugs every opportunity when they give out with the latest "boogy" and swing. In addition the Chief's and P.O's have a "hop" every so often of which we hear good reports from those attending, and then just for a change of scenery, mind you, the dances at the R.C.A.F. Release Centre hold an attraction for our "Grable-bodied Seamen".



Apart from the dances, "Peregrine" offers a wide variety of sports facilities. The Wrens Basketball team, though crippled due to drafts injuries and that wonderful privilege called "leave", has managed to keep its head above water and sparked by Wrens Miller and Cullen gave keen competition in the Halifax Women's Service League.

Leap Year might have slipped into the past, but the Wrens who did not take advantage of its tradition are not undaunted. The current trend at Peregrine seems to be archery and whether trying to inspire the "Cupid" angle or not, they are putting on a good show in the Inter-League Archery Tournament and the expression "Jenny Wren" is being replaced by "Robin Hood". Bowling and Badminton also rate high in popularity among the girls here.

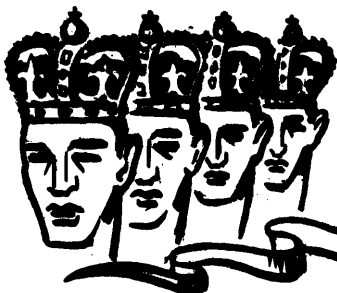


"All for George", (no comments please) the all Peregrine Stage Show was a huge success--the Wrens taking leading parts in musicals and dance routines and under the supervision of Wren Lola May gave a splendid performance which certainly added attraction to the show. Keep posted for the new show "My Shattered Nerves"--your expressions will, no doubt, be of a baser nature if you miss it.

Our favorite "St. Patrick" was not overlooked by this Unit. Through the combined efforts of the Mess Committee Dietitian Lt. Sinclair and our friends, the cooks, a delightful buffet supper was held in the Mess Hall for WRCNS personnel and guests. The decorations and display of food were definitely equal to a Waldorf Supper and the only complaints were to the effect "Why did I eat so much?"--and "Why don't we have them more often?"

Referring to "Cupid", above--watch the Wedding Bells column --- yes, the Wrens at Peregrine have kept them ringing the last few months and "sparklers" on third finger left hand and that gleam in the eye have become quite common--but then they say--"In Spring a young Wren's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of what her man has been doing all winter....."

I believe we have given you a general idea of the situation here--could go on for pages---but there is a ditty that starts -----  
 "Poor Pen-----No Ink-----Brain dumb----Can't think" --- so, "Bye",  
 for now-----but don't forget -- "Peregrine" ends with a "G R I N".



# KINGS

**K**INGS loss is NIOBE's gain--for R.P.O. Betty Lewis had only time to dust her new buttons and crossed hooks and off she sailed to brave the salty brine. More have departed from "Kings" to "Givenchy" and "Naden" -- plus Petty Officer Jean Smith to "Royal Roads".

Our new Librarian, L/Wren Doris Gladman hails from "St. Hy." Also to join us, Wren Irma Hilton for Regulating Duties, down from "Conestoga" and Captain's Writer Mary Scott from "Nonsuch".

R.P.O. Allison Swift is back from her M.A.A. course at Galt to keep the girls' seams straight once more.

Baseball and sun-bathing are being enjoyed at the present time. Yes! The sun actually does shine in Halifax. It's just the "Upper Canadians" who think it doesn't. Back to the baseball. Liniment is again being administered by our Sick Bay Tiffies, Joan Stirling and 'Pepper' Spiece, to all baseball fiends. Rumour has it that our Tiffies like the job, especially if the patients are from the Sig. School. Tsk! Tsk!



"Kings" Amateur Show was a smashing success. Sub-Lieut. Peter Gellatly and Wren Verna Parkinson duets and solos topped the show. Other hits were Ship's Company Hillbilly Band, Navigating Lieutenants' Barber Shop Quartette, Wren Jenny Zyma's acrobatics, Iris Bradley's recitations and Anne Wood's and Marion Russell's singing. The Honourable Judges were our Commanding Officer Lieutenant Commander B.G. Sivertz, Lieutenant Commander M. Belyea and our guest of honour, Lieutenant Commander Helen MacDonald.

Our new mixed committee of Wrens and Ship's Company have kept us in a gay whirl this month. Our dances have become an event to look forward to. Among our rug-cutting experts C.P.O. Gilchrist and L/W Anne Stewart rate pretty high. During March the Wrens and the Ship's Company had one of the most enjoyable dances in many months. The added attraction of Petty Officer Percy Hayes at the piano, ably assisted by the orchestra and a hot saxophonist, kept everybody on the dance floor throughout the evening. Later on refreshments were served in the Recreation Room.

Wren P.O.'s held a social evening for Chiefs and Petty Officers. Music was provided by Percy Hayes and his coloured orchestra. This was returned by the male half of the Chiefs' and P.O.'s population at "Kings" a week later. Everything went off beautifully and it looks as if there will be more like successful parties.

Probationary Sub-Lieut. Gregory will be missed by all participants of our usual Sunday morning Sing Song when Wrens, Ship's Company and O.U.T.'s gather for a half hour of musical varieties.

Each Tuesday evening brings us a half hour of well-known classical selections before educational films are shown.

During March, we enjoyed a visit from Sub-Lieut. Helen Parsons who interviewed several Wrens and spoke to all whom she remembered from her short stay at "Kings".



Just because we are away down here in Nova Scotia, don't think that we aren't busy. There is more going here than at almost any other place you can mention. Wrens can and do attend Sewing Classes, Educational Classes, Music Appreciation Classes, Discussion groups, French Clubs, besides the regular sports program. Our Choir was complimented the other Sunday by the Command Chaplain as being the only one on the East Coast and nearly half the membership is composed of Wrens.

An innovation here is the Snack Bar in which quite a group of Wrens work in the evenings as counter girls and sandwich makers, doling out a smile with each Sundae and Coke they serve. Another attraction is the "Club Eight Ball" where dancing takes place five nights a week. Square dancing is featured one night and some of the girls can certainly step out. Although our numbers have been greatly increased lately there are still far too few dancing partners for the men on the base, and we all feel like raving beauties when we are

constantly tagged at the dances....(Frankly, we know it's our scarcity rather than our beauty. All the same it's very good for the ego)

"Jackie" otherwise known as Leading Wren Clarine Jackman, was our last overseas Draftee...the lucky thing. An old timer on the base who went to Bytown was L/Wren SBA Ann Longworth. To both of them "good luck, and we'll be seeing you". Doreen Woodford left us after a short stay to go to St. Hyacinthe.

Eva Tomlinson became our second Wren P/O and she looks very tidy in her brass buttons and crossed hooks--Congratulations Tommie!!

The Wrens here are particularly fortunate in being able to attend parties aboard the ships in refit on special occasions. The sailors give us a marvellous time and we feel we really are in the Navy when we are aboard one of H.M. Ships.

Talent is sprouting all over the place these days with our Wrens appearing in shows in town. L/Wrens Jean Tweed, Jean Logan and Wrens Mollie Brady, Pat Skinner, Gwen Williams, Jeanne Murray, and Pat Fitzsimmons bringing game to the service by their performances. These shows and others brought here from other cities have added greatly to our entertainment. Generally the casts of visiting shows are feted at a party in our Wren "Rec" Hall after their last show and we thoroughly enjoy meeting the artists who often put on an impromptu concert for us.



Welcome additions to the group of Wren Officers serving in Shelburne are Sub-Lieut. Alice MacLean from Cornwallis, and Sub-Lieut. Arabel Peirson. It was with regret that we said "Goodbye" to Sub-Lt. Kay Fairney who is now at Protector. We know you'll like it there, Ma'am. During recent weeks we've had the privilege of showing off our base to Lt.Cdr. Helen Macdonald, and Sub-Lt. Parsons. Come again.

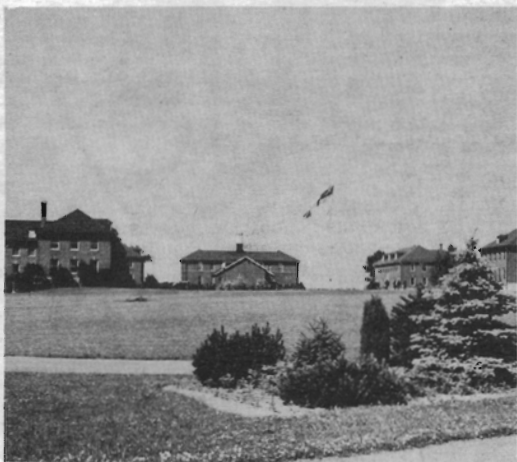
Recent additions to our family include Doreen Bell SBO from Conestoga; Margaret Stephenson, Pay Writer from York; Doris Anderson, Leading Wren S.A., Elizabeth Gillis SBA, Annette Bellerose SBA, Leading Wren June Forgie, all from Protector; Madeline Helmer, Writer, Irene Armitage, Writer, Janet Wood SBA and May MacEachern SBA, from Cornwallis. Former Stad Wrens....Ceder M. Belliveau, Molly Robinson SBA, while from Bytown came Marguerite Tanguay, Jessie Inglis, and Phyllis Shanahan all SBA's. With the closing of Conestoga we have a new group of Messwomen: Marie Parks, Ina White, Mary L. Gilchrist, Dorothy F. Glober, Barbara Kelsall, Marguerite Rennie, Grace MacLaren, Cecilia Colley, Norma McCaw, Hazel McKee, Reta McRae, Jean Murphy, .. ....Welcome to "Shelburne" -----and, goodbye all, till next time.

# FAREWELL

*to the*

## **W. R. C. N. S.**

**at H.M.C.S. Conestoga**



*We have been proud to have  
the W.R.C.N.S. Stationed at Galt*

Today H.M.C.S. Conestoga, the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service establishment at Galt was decommissioned with traditional ceremony. Since 1942 when the navy was brought to Galt thousands of "Wrens" have received training at the Conestoga. And it is with regret that the citizens of Galt see the end of this fine organization in our midst. However, it is another indication that Victory will soon crown the efforts of all our fighting forces.

## **THE CITY OF GALT**

**R. K. SERVISS, Mayor**



# Conestoga Letter



his is the last round-up---the last call from "Conestoga". And our final ceremony took place in the traditional down-pour of rain, just to complete the record. But we of the ship's company felt that was the most suitable atmosphere for our farewells to the Ship.

One of the nicest things about leaving a place is the knowledge that one will be missed, and the people of Galt made us all very proud when they said good-bye to us in a large advertisement in the Galt "Reporter" on our last day here. We thought you would be interested, so we're reprinting it here.

Before the final lowering of our ensign, "Conestoga" finished an important training assignment, when nine R.P.O.'s and two Leading Wrens successfully completed their courses as Masters-at-Arms. Four were rated-up to that exalted degree by our Commanding Officer after they had qualified. They were Esther Pratt, who has gone to Stadacona, Phyllis Huffman, formerly of "Stad", now at Bytown; Laurel Bayley who went to Cornwallis and Rose Johnson, now at Avalon. The heartiest congratulations for a fine effort.

Seven others have qualified professionally as M.A.A.'s: They are P.O.'s Louise Byam, Gladys Hodgson, Elsie Peacock, Allison Swift and Vivian Moore, and Leading Wrens Jean Thomson and Anna Lyons.

Our Captain has a new appointment--Staff Officer, W.R.C.N.S., to C.inC., C.N.A. at Halifax, and most of the rest of our officers have headed for the east coast with her. Lieut. Mary Hilborn, our X.O., is now Assistant Unit Officer at Stad; Lieut. Benson, our Training Officer, goes to Bytown as Assistant Unit Officer; Lieut. Bacon, who looked after our comfort so well, goes to Stad as Quarters Officer.

Lieut.-Cdr. (S) Walmsley who was in charge of our accountant office goes to St. Hyacinthe; Lieut. (S) Keightley goes to the drafting depot, Peregrine, at Halifax as Assistant Supply Drafting Officer, and Sub-Lieut. (S) Snider is appointed to Stadacona. Sub-Lieut. Norma Christie got one of those "dream-drafts" to Niobe.

So the rest of us are scattered, and we've packed it up. But it was a wonderful job, well done, and we're proud to have had a small part in it.

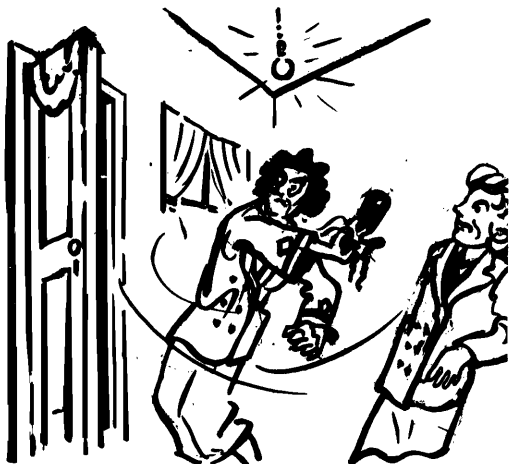
# CAPTOR II



ur numbers are small--we sometimes refer to ourselves as the 'forgotten few'. At times, such as with the arrival of the Tiddley Times, we remember we are part of the 6000 strong, and also when old Wren friends stay with us overnight at the Y.W.C.A. Leave Centre in Saint John, N.B. How we try to catch up on news in the short time they are with us--news from Stadacona, Cornwallis, Protector and Coverdale.

Two of the Wrens live at home and the rest of us share a "cabin" at the Y which we call "Nautanatter"--the christening of which gave us an excuse for a party at which we entertained Lieut. Peacock, who "mothers" us, and several civilian friends with whom we work.

With the drafting of the Wrens from Brunswicker we wish good luck to Lieut. Eades, who has received her discharge, and her group of girls--Wrens Marjorie Lee to Peregrine, Jeanette Przybylski to Donnacona, and Mary Roach to Stadacona. The remaining six Officers and six Wrens will do their best to "carry on".



A visit from Commander Sinclair was a highlight in our Wren life. The Director was entertained at dinner in the Blue Room of H.M.C.S. Captor II by the Wren Officers and later visited the Wrens at the Leave Centre where she chatted informally with us and answered our many and varied questions.

The Wrens have a team entered in the Captor II bowling league--the only girls team. Needless to say we take a beating both literally and figuratively but we manage to stand up under the teasing.

A flurry of excitement was caused when Sub.Lt. Janet Osborne announced her engagement to Lt. R.D. Hayes, RCNVR, and again when Sub.Lt. Marion Redfern became engaged to Lt. N. Cogdon, RCN.

"Coverdale" calling!



coverdale was snowed under at the time of the Tiddley's last deadline, - now we greet the Spring - and all Wrens everywhere!

The highlight of our news, is still the recent visit of Commander Adelaide Sinclair O.B.E., W.R.C.N.S. Our Director brought us a fresh picture of Wrens at work and we felt afresh, that we were one little link in the chain of our Service that stretches half way round the world.

March was a happy, merry month for us here. We had as our guests the lads from R.C.A.F. Scoudouc and we hope they enjoyed the evening as much as we did. On a return invitation, 50 Wrens attended their Irishmen's Ball. 'Midst shamrocks, green hats and ribbons, we danced to smooth music of an Air Force band from Dartmouth, N.S.

Shennannigans afoot -- when to the delight of the Ship's Company the C.O. (Lieut. Stinson) impersonates a L/Wren regulator, and takes orders over the P.A. system from another officer; when Irish Tommy Hayes, our popular R.A., dons complete Wren uniform and make-up, and prances around the station for an evening; when eery shrieks fill darkened gangways and everyone wakens to see Wrens like Galway witches with brooms, shoes and lanterns, chasing mice through a cabin! The little rodents have been chewing up our lockers and lately we have been having "mouse-mares"! Traps are working, and recommended bait is Crispy Crunch and cheese. We're casting baleful glances at the cat we befriended when she was a cold hungry stray;--now well-fed and well-furred, comfortably settled in the stokehold, she will soon raise a family--instead of waging war on mice!



Regulating Office had its face lifted recently in a Spring paint job instigated by L/Wren "Willy" Willis. For a few days, there was little to be seen of regulators for overalls,

pails and brushes. The colour scheme of the office has been changed from a grim chocolate brown to a salty deep blue and is now christened "the Blue Bonnet" -- after a Moncton restaurant. With flowered drapes at the windows and Willy's pet turtles, "Pusser and Tiddley", in a bright yellow bowl on the desk, the place lives up to its name.

Basketball reached its climax for us when our fighting team made up mainly of watchkeepers was ousted from the league by the W.D.'s of #5 Equipment Depot, Moncton. We lost by one basket! We "made" Moncton papers recently in a game against our own ratings. The boys won 'mid much laughter! Their attire was, to put it mildly, unusual, --one tar sported a knee length white shirt with polka dot swim trunks. Since leaving the league we have enjoyed two such games. For both, the cheering section was large and enthusiastic. Our matelots also organized a weekly bowling session for wrens and ratings. Badminton and discussion groups and lately cycling and handicrafts have kept us busy and happy.

Since the Service Girls' Leave Centre opened in Moncton last Fall Wrens have been attending a tea and Music Appreciation hour held there every Sunday afternoon. A sing-song ends the day after lasses and lads have enjoyed delicious refreshments (all home-made) contributed and served by Moncton ladies of various organizations.

For next issue, we hope, -- "News from the "Sugar-Bush"!

Drafts: - R.P.O. A. Johnson from "Avalon" has joined our mad crew. R.P.O. Vivian Moore has gone from the Master-at-Arms course at H.M.C.S. "Conestoga" to H.M.C.S. "Protector" -- we wish them both all the best.

"Jonesie" -- L/Wren V. Jones, popular cook and L/Wren S.A. Elsie Henderson have left us for "Stadacora".

L/Wren Writer Isabel Stillingfleet has departed for the sunshine of the West Coast, to H.M.C.S. "Naden".

Congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. P. Campbell (nee Phyllis Cook) of Port Albernie, B.C., on 2nd March, a daughter, Alix Paula Bernadette.



# St. Hy. Scoops



Signs of spade work are evident in the organizing of a Girls' Soft Ball or Fast-Ball League this season and enthusiasm runs high. There are a few details to iron out yet, but L/W Carmichael has hopes of showing the countryside something big. We're making use of what we've got---which is really good.

Plans for a sugaring-party are under way and all we need now is the final word and off we'll go, to watch the bubbling vats and listen to the strains of music as the fiddler plies out his jaunty airs and the reelers square off.

Our Girls' Basketball Team has been operating on wartime rationing due to the fact that our best players were Night-class owls. We had great hopes of making an impressionable dint in hooper-history this year but the devotees to the game give even chances for better success next season. Good passes to those girls now posted at operative bases.

Latest reports from the Drill Shed have it, that Archery and Tennis will get under way fairly soon conditioning exercise for our "spare tire" hoarders!

Leading SBA Ethel Jaggard heads the scoring Wednesday night at the TEN/PIN League. The Ship's Office girls are well on her heels.

Response has been excellent to the plea for Red Cross Funds and in some Dorms the girls dropped their spare pennies into the good cause box every time they looked at the Notice Board.

We achieve the ideal state when we relax to familiar musical works played at our Sunday Night Band Concerts on board. The Monday Night Musical hour sponsored by Sub-Lt. Vivian Dennison, held in the library has proven its worth in the appreciative audience--the avid interest of our girls has made the evening really worth while. Barbara Woodcock and Elizabeth Garside are two of the more active members.



L/W Muriel Duncan has been simply dazzling in her new Spring suit fashioned with gold buttons and the nattiest cap badge. Congratulations on a well-earned P/O rating. We wonder if Muriel will be able to take pictures through rose-coloured glasses!

P/O Gwen Healey, after a year's successful work at this base is now settled once more back in that "Eastern Canadian Port". L/W J. Calvert is off to lighten the traffic load for the girls at Gordon Head. A rollicking good berth be yours Gwen and Joey, and if we are in sight and notice your flag flying upside down, we'll come a-running.

Phyllis Hinkson has joined our Regulating Staff since P/O Hodgson journeyed back to Galt for the envied Chief's course---welcome and hope you like us. The died-in-the-wool theatre-goers will be interested in the reversion of No.9 Projection Hall formerly the "old Projection Hall", and the acquisition of new operators from Halifax and Givenchy, L/W MPO Oliver Cornwell and MPO Kathleen Freeman. With a new coat of paint, new screen and new machines everything is running smoothly since the girls came. There's a small fee of five cents now, so, gone are the free-show days--new order reigneth.

L/W WRA Ella Nugent has exchanged places with Ruth Phaneuf formerly stationed in Montreal--P/O Tony Beckler is now well settled in Halifax again. Good luck to you both. WRA Claudine Sequin and Lilian Fiore have made a niche for themselves in our midst--Cornwallis' loss is definitely our gain.

L/W Doreen Woodford came from Shelburne to take over Library duties while P/O Joan Pollock proceeded to Givenchy. Sub-Lt. Harmon and Lieut. Padgett exchanged places or at least extremities of the continent when the former came here to carry on Library work--and the latter to Discovery. L/W Doris Gladman returned to Kings, taking

with her the bit of sunshine that came our way for a short while. L/W Margaret Meston, Joan Parker, Joyce McRae, Evelyn Walker, Connie Bird and Bernice Booth were all seen successfully through their medicals prior to being drafted to Peregrine by one of our most efficient and sympathetic WRA's--Mavis Campbell, while Irene Boisvert left us to join the HMCS Protector staff. L/W Anne Rolland from Stad has joined our ship, also Shirley Reid from "Queen". Our Photographic section has gained Ruth Bell from Stad and "Ronny" King from Avalon. One of the newer members is Margaret Walker from Stad, to handle the intricacies of the switchboard.



# Gloucester W/T Station



isitors, VISITORS, V I S I T O R S! and, believe you us, Gloucester Naval Station is the establishment that really appreciates same.

The first to arrive was a real live Admiral! The news that he was coming arrived via the Regulating Office:

"Admiral Somerville is coming to pay a visit to your station, he is leaving in a few minutes."

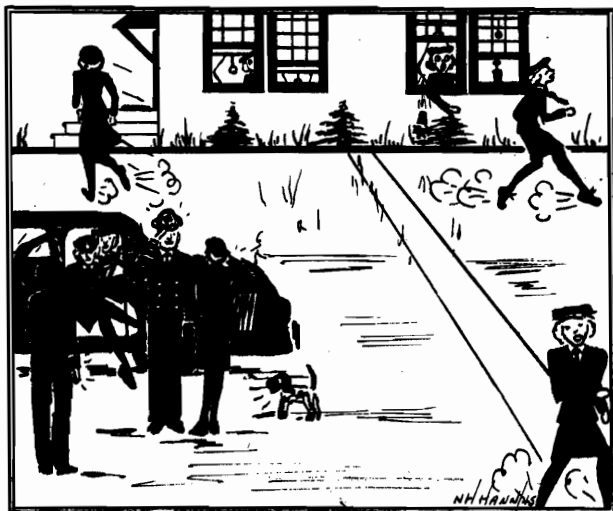
Terrific consternation for, as luck would have it, our Lieut. Merrill was at N.S.H.Q., blissfully ignorant of what was about to happen at her Station. Fortunately, the buzz reached her ears and, true to form, she dived for the street and grabbed the nearest vehicle in sight. Luck was with her -- it was a Staff car!

"Drive like-----anything!" she said and, entering into the spirit of the thing, that's what the driver did. The race was on! Would they make it in time? Turning a bend in the road they passed --- you guessed it---the official party. Arriving exactly five minutes ahead of time, Lieut.

Merrill was on hand to greet the Admiral, Capt. DeMarbois, O.I.C., and the Admiral's Flag Lieut., Third Officer Stewart-Clarke, W.R.N.S.

THE ADMIRAL'S VISIT

After making an unofficial tour of the Station, they were entertained to tea in the wardroom. Before leaving the Admiral expressed his pleasure at all he had seen and left us with a warm glow of satisfaction in our hearts.



Next, we had a delightful visit from two officers of the United States Navy and, last but not least, we had the great pleasure and privilege of a visit from Commander Isabel Macneill, O.B.E. She arrived on board on April third and spoke to the assembled ship's company.

She told us of the sad day of the de-commissioning of H.M.C.S. "Conestoga", and of how the very heavens wept in sympathy. She spoke of the British Wrens at Scapa, Dover and Portsmouth, and how they were working at men's jobs right through the blitz. She reminded us of our own W.R.C.N.S. and of the importance of the work being done by the women in our service.

Speaking of drafts, we have now lost our Number One human morale builder, Wren Jessie Watt. After a year spent at our Gloucester, she got her draft and is now stationed in Newfie. We have also lost Wrens Boyko and Bohach to Avalon and Protector. Our three new Wrens are: McNeill, from Bytown, and Walker and Rusatinsky, both from Conestoga.

We all love the Tiddley's new cover. The drawings are grand and encouraged our very own artist, Wren Nancy H. Hann, to picture the never-to-be-forgotten visit of Admiral Somerville.

Till next time, this is Gloucester signing off.

# "Sadie" WAS A LADY

This is the tale of Captain Trimm,  
Who, for a sailor, was awfully prim.  
To him his ship was always a lady,  
A thing to be loved was H.M.S. "SADIE".  
He never referred to the waist of his ship,  
And blushed like a boy if he mentioned her slip.  
But delay as he might, the Lords had him taped,  
When they said Sadie's bottom had to be scraped.  
Captain Trimm hid his face in a cabin from shame,  
And decided some coarse, common brute was to blame.  
Vulgar sailors he would on no account ask  
To go and perform such an intimate task.  
After 'phoning Whitehall, where he had mighty friends,  
Sadie's bottom was entrusted to a bevy of Wrens.





# Bytown Bylines



e're in the movies! Not only that, they're going to the troops overseas in an Army news reel, so everybody watch for us! It happened this way: One of our recent Monday night lectures took an interesting detour and ended up as a fashion show, when six of our Wrens, L/W Dorothy McMaster, L/W Molly Bird, and Wrens Georgina Hall, Nancy Harold, Mary Joan MacDonald and Lillian Messenger, became models for the evening and walked the runway like real mannequins.

They were modelling the clothes purchased with the \$100 Clothing Allowance we'll be getting some fine day, and Mrs. Eve Trill of Freiman's store here, who selected the clothes and supervised the show also gave us a very informative and practical talk on the subject of making the most out of the least. The highlight of the display was the beautiful navy blue suit and smart beret to match which were made-over from a Wren uniform and round rig. You should see them! And you probably will, because cameramen were on hand to "shoot" them for magazines and newspapers across Canada. The show was given at Carleton Wren block the same week for the Wrens out there and will probably be starting something in other Wren establishments.



This was the sixth in a series of lectures; the first was on "Health and How to Preserve it" by the Medical Officer, Surgeon-Lieut. Alexander, followed by Lieut. McCallum's talk on "Diet" and then Helena Rubinstein's representative told us about "Good Grooming",

and the Ogilvy Sisters contributed a talk on the "Care of the Hair". Lieut. Thornton, Clothing Officer for the WRCNS, in her talk on "Our Uniform", pointed out that the government had roughly speaking, spent about \$250 on our kit, which naturally led to talk of the \$100 clothing allowance when we return to "plain clothes" and that brought us Mrs. Trill. Our own Mrs. Stavert of the "Y" will follow that up with a demonstration of make-over styles for our uniforms and the attractive handicraft items which can add so much to our civilian costumes.

A.J.Freiman's Limited are getting out a little booklet of advice on how to spend that clothing allowance and will be giving them to servicewomen free of charge at their store.

In the sports realm-----Barbara Walker and P.O. Chase-Casgrain captured prizes at the Inter-Service ski meet at Petawawa and later at Camp Fortune, before our popular M/T P.O. was drafted this month. Our bowling team walked off with a prize and our Wren basketball players narrowly missed out in the play-offs of the Inter-Service Basketball League in Ottawa, being edged out by the W.D.'s from Rockcliffe. Badminton devotees started late in the season and had little opportunity to practice, but enjoyed games among themselves.



Bicycles are swarming out again and softball teams are being lined up, but the real news in this department is that Bytown Wrens are taking jiu-jitsu classes on Friday evenings! Don't ask us why; we prefer the good old hat-pin method of protection. No broken collar-bones to report yet, but anytime now.

The Active Service Canteen has been the scene of several Wren parties lately; with three divisions combining for one of the most successful dances so far. Organized by Sub-Lieut. McAuley, our sports officer (who has now been succeeded by Lieut. Youle) the three Divisional Officers, Lieut. Clarke, Lieut. Peacock and Lieut. McClelland acted as hostesses.

Commander Sinclair honored the party accompanied by Lieut-Commander K. Fensom, who has now left the Service, and our Director presented prizes for some of the dances. RPO Rose Johnston and her partner, CPO Gordon McIlhinny were the best waltzers, and Wrens J. Paruch and Norah Walker were prize jitterbugs. The RCMP dance band provided wonderful music.

Divisions Four and Five had no funds for a "do" so they held a Bingo at the Service Club and rummaged around in dresser drawers for prizes--which resulted in weird and wonderful items coming to light. Laughter and high spirits dominated the evening which, after coffee and doughnuts, was rounded off by an exhibition of folk-dancing by several of the Wrens.

The Leading Wrens have had two or three parties--a dance at Wallis House, and a dinner at the Belle Claire Hotel.

Bytown is the proud possessor of one of our new M.A.A.'s---graduate of the recent special course at "Conestoga". We welcome and congratulate RPO Phyllis Huffman, formerly of "Stad".

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### DID YOU HEAR?

About the messwoman who got tired standing in the canteen t'other night and used the gash bucket to rest her weary limbs. -- The gash bucket fitted too snugly and in her excitement to get up when an officer entered. the bucket turned over-----and so did the Wren.

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Said the Wren to the D.O. (Dentist) "This is the first time I haven't pulled out my own tooth by the string and door process.

Said the D.O. "Go ahead with the Pliers." -- And the Wren did.

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T'other night t'was reported--a noise out in the laundry, so the Officer of the Day and "Blonde Regulator" went to investigate the open window. With the key in the lock and the door partially opened a sudden cracking and the trickling of water stopped all further action. Armed with a long pole, the brave two contemplated another attempt at opening the door.....same noise.... same fright.....so-o-o the stoker was called for and the gruesome threesome went in, armed to the teeth, expecting ???????? -- they got it.....0000000000! Nothing except the traditional Wallis House pipes, which perform at the most inconvenient times.





LOOK IT OVER, GALSI! Wrens at Wallis House are getting ideas in this picture, as they take a good look at the model from A.J. Freiman's store in Ottawa, showing them how a Wren uniform can be made over for civilian wear when the Great Day comes. Yes, that IS the round rig, tiddlied up with some bright checked taffeta ribbon to match the dickie front of the re-made suit.

# Holwood Happenings



aster greetings, fellow Wrens! We hope everybody enjoyed the long week-end. Not many of us stayed at home, but travelled to Chicago, New York, Buffalo or Detroit, and from the glowing accounts these trips were record ones. We can't speak highly enough of American hospitality, their generosity and friendliness.

Drafts have taken away Wren Paywriters Dorothy Sullivan, Lil Thomas, Margaret Stephenson, and Effie McGregor. They've packed kit bags and are now admiring the wonders of the east. And with them goes a large percentage of the athletic ability of Holwood. We'll miss you gals not only at work but also on the badminton courts, bowling alleys and basketball floors.

The second Sunday routine fell on 12th March, and this date, too marked a change in the Commanding Officers at H.M.C.S. "York". Commander J.J. Connolly introduced his successor, Commander Gordon F. McCrimmon, and gave his farewell address to ship's company. Ratings and officers alike were deeply impressed by his words: "We've got a big job to do yet, we've done a big job. The war is far from over, but every day we are getting closer to our goal, and our last big job. You are the people who are about to do it." Our best wishes go with Cdr. Connolly to H.M.C.S. "Avalon", and a warm welcome is extended to Cdr. McCrimmon.

With feelings of shock and sadness we learned of Wren Dorothy Britton's sudden death in Toronto on 28th March. We remember how proud Dorothy was to be a Wren, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

Holwood might well be called "Hollywood" now. Yes, the topic of the hour is "beauty", and it's beautiful...We've acquired a hairdresser, Wren Rita Kew came to us from the East Coast, and she is the sister of our own Bette Ferris. Watch out, Kew, you'll be bombarded with business!





# "JERICHO-JENNIES"

**S**pring is the time of change in any part of the country but on the west coast where flowers begin to bloom very early in the year, changes seem all the more inevitable. L/Wrens Joan Hopgood and Dorothy Sykes have both left for Bytown and Wren A.L. McMaster has gone to Givenchy. Arriving for duty recently were P/Pay Sub-Lieut. E. McLoughlin from Givenchy, P/O Dorothy Grant, L/Wren Blanche Hayes and Wren Margaret Hague, all from Bytown; L/Wren Margaret Wood and Wrens Vera Apps and Patricia Nielsen, all from Givenchy; Wren Doris Guse from St. Hyacinthe and Wren Marion Gerrard from Conestoga. Buzzes of more Wrens to leave and more to come may mean greater changes for Jericho. Outgoing Wrens must dislike to leave the west coast with Spring so near, while the new arrivals from eastern Canada marvel at the balmy days. Although we still have rain and fog to contend with, the sun is worth waiting for in Vancouver. The panorama of mountains and water and the green of the trees and grass take on a brilliant color note to provide just about everything that makes for scenic beauty.



Spring is the time for romance in the Navy as everywhere else. Wren June Black exchanged solemn vows of matrimony this month with a member of the U.S. Navy.

A large bevy of Wrens were on hand when L/Wren Gwen Middleton exchanged vows with P/O Douglas Chadwick. The Lovely red-head made a beautiful bride and received a rousing send-off by her Wren friends.

When L/Wren Blanche Hayes married Ldg. Sto. James R. Brindle, Wren June Cuff, who hails from Blanche's home town of Port Arthur, made the trip to Victoria with the radiant bride to attend as her bridesmaid.

March came in with a blast for Wrens at this coast, but not the kind one sometimes expects. A ship exploding at a Vancouver dock gave many a Wren a nasty jolt. Several in the vicinity of the dock at the time of the blast returned to Jericho with dramatic stories of narrow escapes from flying glass. Another cause for excitement is the definite news that Jericho Jennies will soon move to H.M.C.S. Discovery. The Wrens are all agog over the change and eagerly await announcement of "when" we are to make the move. Life has been pleasant at Jericho, but getting back to a real naval establishment will have its advantages too.

March was a month of dull and dismal rain mingled with days of brilliant sunshine. Similarly, events of joy and sadness have come our way. We were delighted to welcome back our Unit Officer, Lieut. Matthews from a session in the hospital and sick leave, but sorry to lose our R.P.O., Margo Whalen, who has left Jericho and the W.R.C.N.S., and we welcome P/O Sylvia Simon from Cornwallis who has come to take her place. We also bid farewell to Wrens Boyden, Berry and McDonald, who have gone to Peregrine and Protector.

Dances at H.M.C.S. Discovery and in the Joint Service Canteen provided fun and games for the Jericho Wrens--athletic types enjoyed bowling and badminton, also a skating party sponsored by the canteen committee at headquarters. Wren Osborne took a dim view of the skating party which left her with a gash in her leg requiring three stitches and has kept her off those jiving feet for over a week. At a dance at the Navy League Seamen's Club, Wrens had the opportunity of meeting the cast of the U.S. Coast Guard show "Tars and Spars", which featured Victor Mature of cinema fame. Our new entertainment committee consists of L/Wrens Catherine Kinnaird, Mary Allison, Katie Gillies, Francoise Turcotte and Wren Wilma Short. Plans are in the air for a gala Wren dance in the nearby Yacht Club during April, which promises to be an event worth reporting. This will be the first real effort of the entertainment committee for the present year and will be our farewell to our old home at Jericho.

With the arrival of fine weather Sunday Divisions and Inspection are held out of doors and the Wrens march to the Navy Headquarters buildings once again for prayers in front of the white ensign.

Many of the Wrens are visiting our good neighbours to the south on leave or 48's. Seattle, a popular spot for 48's, takes about five hours by train or bus. We would like to know the route selected by L/Wrens Pug Hunter and Mary Allison, who took 13 hours to make the jaunt!



# WRENS AT THE WHITE HOUSE



Our Canadian Wrens on a whirlwind tour of New York and Washington broke all records for sightseeing when they were lucky enough to include the White House in their itinerary recently. The one brief week of leave was a highlight in the lives of the four who are stationed at HMCS Cornwallis, Nova Scotia.

Leading Wren Lelia Scott of Edmonton headed the group which made their headquarters at the Women's Military Services Club in New York; the other three were Wrens Jean Underwood of Victoria, B.C., Mary Ripley of Amherst, N.S., and Florence Conlin of Winnipeg.

After seeing the sights of New York, the girls decided that a visit to the U.S.A. wasn't complete without a trip to the nation's capital, and they set out for Washington D.C. where the Traveler's Aid kindly found accommodation for them in a private home. Within twenty-four hours the foursome had been invited to tour the White House!

Thrilled by the personally-guided visit to the President's home, the girls saw every nook and cranny of each wing. During the tour, they had an opportunity to meet and chat with Mrs. Roosevelt, who noted her delight in meeting them when she wrote her column for that day.

L/Wren Scott and her friends noted with interest the cigarette-scarred atmosphere of the press room, which though empty at the time of their visit, contained all the tense excitement of such an important room. Even the bicycles of the Roosevelt grandchildren and the dogs and the theater were viewed during the tour.

The four Wrens have returned to Canada with bright memories of their visit and recommending furloughs in the U.S. to their pals--though they can't promise personal visits to the White House for any more of them.







# "A Peek at Prince Rupert"



if you can see the mountains it is going to rain and if you can't see them it is raining---so goes the saying in P.R. and the truth speaks for itself, for, we are still pouring the water out of our boots.

Chatham was honoured by a visit from Captain Hart, the Chief of Staff, Pacific Command, during March. In real Naval style our "salty" Wrens went on parade, for the first time in the history of Prince Rupert. Our rusty limbs must have performed tolerably, though, for the Wrens received congratulations from the Captain.

Four new "hookeys" have been rated since you last heard from us: L/W Coders T/P Jennie Bjerke, Marie Winlaw, Betty Hart and Margaret "Penny" Brooke are the people with the extra gold.

We are feeling sorry for "York" and happy for ourselves lately. They sent us someone, who has become our pride and joy. Leading Wren Cook Ellen McCall has been "dolling" up our rations to such an extent, ever since she arrived, that we hardly recognize them.

Other new arrivals are: L/Wren Regulator Shirley Timmins and Wren Regulator Helen Ecclestone, both of whom are from Galt. Royal Roads sent us Wren Cook M. Tooke and Stadacona, Jane Woodruff.

Our loss and Donnacona's gain is Leading Wren Cook Claire Gingras. We miss our "Ginger" even though we do have such a capable relief for her. Also among our losses is Wren Coder Wilda "Becky" Beckett, who left for Stadacona.

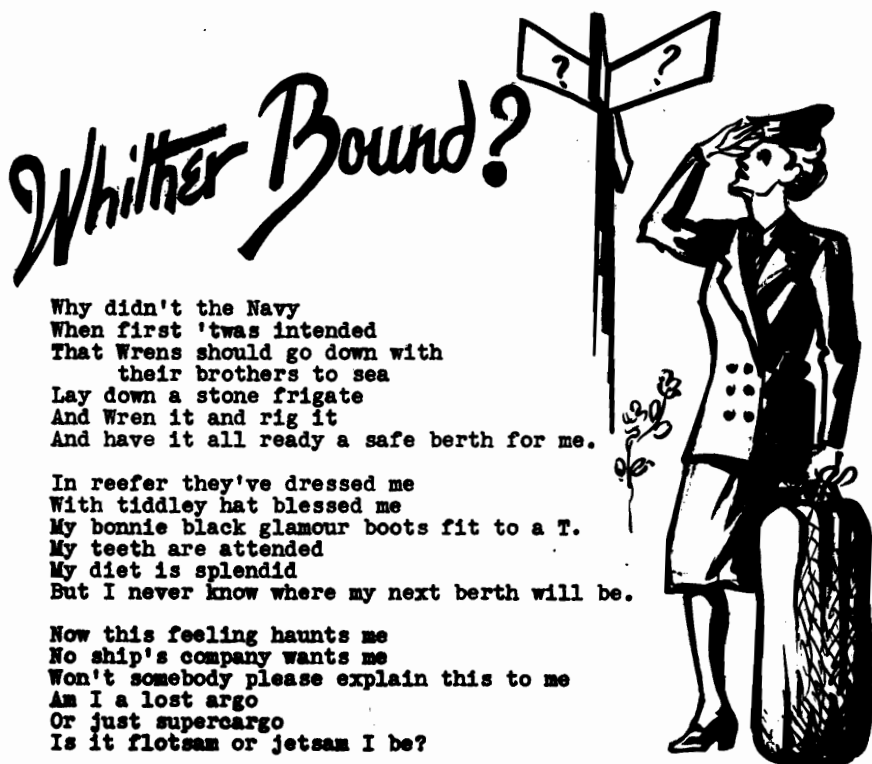
Together with our grand cheque from the Conestoga Canteen Fund we have a brand new YMCA to boost our morale. The "Y" has everything from a laundry to an Auditorium, but what pleases us most is the part set aside especially for the girls, with its own little kitchenette, too.



For excitement during the past month we have had two large Red Cross dances of our own; a carnival dance at the RCAF station and the quarterly U.S. Army dinner and dance.

Exciting too, is our new musical revue, which is to be presented in the early part of April. It's amazing the talent which has been unearthed from the Muskeg. More talent is to be found in the other half of the Dramatic Club, which is really deep in "Dramah" in preparation for their forthcoming production "Quiet Wedding".

From Chatham to the Wrens everywhere--we hope you had a very happy Easter season and wore new Tallies on your bonnets for the Sunday promenade--till next time Tiddley--fair weather!



Why didn't the Navy  
When first 'twas intended  
That Wrens should go down with  
their brothers to sea  
Lay down a stone frigate  
And Wren it and rig it  
And have it all ready a safe berth for me.

In reefer they've dressed me  
With tiddley hat blessed me  
My bonnie black glamour boots fit to a T.  
My teeth are attended  
My diet is splendid  
But I never know where my next berth will be.

Now this feeling haunts me  
No ship's company wants me  
Won't somebody please explain this to me  
Am I a lost argo  
Or just supercargo  
Is it flotsam or jetsam I be?

L/Wren Elizabeth Campbell



**KIRBY - MORTENSON:** Wren Florence E. Mortenson to A/B L.H.J. Kirby RCNVR at Halifax, Feb. 10, 1945.

**LILES - RUCART:** Wren Claire Rucart to Mr. Wright Liles at Tiajuana, Lower California, Mexico, February 19, 1945.

**MOORCRAFT - O'NEIL:** Wren Elizabeth O'Neil to P/O Thomas E. Moorcraft RCN at Vancouver, B.C. January 3, 1945.

**DeSCHUTTER - LaTOUR:** Wren Helen M. LaTour to A/B Emil DeSchutter RCNVR at Halifax, Feb. 10, 1945.

**CURRIER - STUART:** P/O Amy E. Stuart to Ldg. Smn. Kenneth C. Currier RCNVR at St. John's Nfld. February 15, 1945.

**FARRELL - MCKENZIE:** Wren Ruth C. McKenzie to L.A.C. Ronald Farrell R.A.F., at Moncton N.B. December 22, 1944.

**CULLEN - BESSETTE:** Wren Joyce M. Bessette to Ldg. Smn. Henry J. Cullen RCNVR at Charlottetown, P.E.I., February 5, 1945.

**GROVER - NUTTALL:** L/Wren Florence Nuttall to A/B Leonard B. Grover RCNVR at London, Ont., February 21, 1945.

**GREEN - RAWSON:** Wren Margaret Rawson to A/P.O. Frank L. Green RCNVR at Belleville, Ontario, February 3, 1945.

**STRIKER - LUNAM:** Wren Elizabeth K. Lunam to Chas. Allan Striker at Dartmouth N.S., Nov. 11, 1944.

**ORSER - PARKIN:** Wren Catherine E. Parkin to F/Lt. Stuart T. Orser RCAF at Greenock, Scotland December 19, 1944.

**RICHARDS - MacDUNSMORE:** L/Wren Billie MacDunsmore to SBA Wm. F. C. Richards RCNVR at Leeds, York (Niobe) January 3, 1945.

**RICHARD - MAZIER:** P/O Frances Mazier to Cpl. Joseph R. Richard RCAF at Dauphin Man., Jan. 11, '45.

**JOHNSON - OZMENT:** Wren Margaret Ozment to A/B Frank Johnson RCNVR at Kentville N.S., Nov. 24, 1944.

**ALLEN - STEAD:** Wren Mary A. Stead to P/O George E. Allen RCNVR on HMCS "Sanspeur", Nov. 11, 1944.

**ARKWRIGHT - BELL:** Wren Doris G. Bell to Rev. Ronald W. Arkwright at Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 1, 1945.

**HADLER - BOYD:** L/W Janet S. Boyd to P/O James S. Hadler RCNVR at Cornwallis, N.S., Nov. 17, 1944.

FLANK - MacDONALD: L/Wren I.A.  
MacDonald to P/O E.A. Flank  
RCNVR at Digby N.S. Feb.9, '45.

POTTRUFF - BURTON: L/Wren  
Elsie Burton to P/O W.R. Pott-  
ruff RCNVR at St. John's, Nfld.  
January 16, 1945.

WOLFE - COUSINS: Wren Stella  
Cousins to L/Wtr. W.A. Wolfe,  
R.C.N. at St. John's, Nfld.,  
February 7, 1945.

WALTENBURG - ALLAN: Wren Edna  
R. Allan to Mr. F.L. Waltenburg  
at Sarnia, Ont., Feb. 23, 1945.

THOMAS - SMITH: Wren Helen L.  
Smith to A/B Morris R. Thomas  
RCNVR at Halifax, Mar. 3, 1945.

GESSELL - DOERKSON: Wren Opal  
Doerkson to P/O Wm. E. Gessell  
RCNVR at Shelburne, N.S., on  
March 24, 1945.

MARSHALL - MORROW: Wren E. M.  
(Judie) Morrow to Lieut. Harry  
S. Marshall RCNVR, Halifax N.S.  
March 24, 1945.

CHAPLEAU - MOYES: Wren Lillian  
M. Moyes to Joseph R. Chapleau  
at Toronto, February 27, 1945.

WARNE - GIBSON: L/W Josephine  
M. Gibson to A/B G. L. Warne  
RCNVR at London, Ontario,  
January 26, 1945.

KENNEDY - SMITH: Wren Audrey  
C. Smith to Ptlm. Ernest J.  
Kennedy RCNVR at Halifax, N.S.  
March 2, 1945.

BRINDLE - HAYES: L/Wren Blanche  
Hayes to L/Sto. James Brindle  
at Victoria B.C. March 16, 1945.

DOW - NURSE: Wren Audrey Nurse  
to Pay-Lieut. Peter Dow, RCNVR,  
London, England. March 10, 1945.

FINNEN - REMPLE: L/Wren Elfrieda  
J. Remple to L/Wtr. Lloyd C.  
Finnen RCNVR at Digby, N. S.,  
February, 1945.

JOYES - MARSHALL: Wren M. E.  
Marshall to A/B W.F. Joyes RCNVR  
at Digby N.S., March 10, 1945.

KILLEEN - HALEY: Wren Lorna G.  
Haley to A/A/B Maurice A. Killeen  
RCNVR at Montreal, Feb. 12, 1945.

LYLE - GAGNON: L/Wren Cecilia  
Gagnon to Mr. Donald Lyle at  
Clyde River, N.S., Feb. 3, 1945.

BLAIR - BURNS: Wren Christina  
M. Burns to Lieut. Wm. H. Blair  
at Hampstead, England, Feb. 7, '45.

MARTIN - CLARK: Wren Allison  
Clark to Capt. Robt. C. Martin at  
Hampstead, England, Feb. 10, 1945.

BEGLEY - THOMPSETT: Wren Helen  
M. Thompson to C.P.O. Charles  
D. Begley at Toronto, Ont.,  
January 15, 1945.

BUSH - HARROLD: L/W Evangeline  
Harrold to Mr. Robert A. Bush,  
at Toronto, February 8, 1945.

JACKSON - NEWELL: Wren Jean A.  
Newell to F/O John O. Jackson  
RCAF, at Saskatoon, Sask.,  
December 23, 1944.

THOMPSON - ROOKER: L/Wren  
Marjorie Rooker to A/B John W.  
Thompson, RCNVR, at Chapel,  
HMCS "Niobe", January 20, 1945.

BOTT - JENNER: Wren M.G. Jenner  
to Sig. Robert P. Bott at  
Kitchener Ont., Oct. 5, 1944.  
(Only Now received by us).

MACFARLANE - CAUDWELL: Wren  
Zillah Margaret Caudwell to Lt.  
David A. Macfarlane at Toronto,  
Ont., March 10, 1945.

MOIR - GOODMANSON: Wren Doreen D. Goodmanson to Sto. I Allan J. Moir at Radville, Sask., on February 15, 1945.

PARM - JOHNSON: Wren Annie M. Johnson to Sto. P/O Chas. O. Parm, RCNVR, at Halifax, N.S., December 29, 1944.

GALBRAITH - BASSETT: L/Wren Elizabeth Bassett to Tel. S.O. Jack Galbraith at Woodstock, Ont., February 21, 1945.

MINES - BALDWIN: Wren Dorothy Baldwin to L.A.C. Jack Mines RCAF at Calgary, Alberta, on March 10, 1945.

BURTON - OSBORNE: Wren Winnifred Osborne to P/O H.C.F. Burton, RCNVR, at Lunenburg, N.S., recently.

STEVENSON - NELSON: Wren Pearl Edna Nelson to Ldg. Smn. Russell A. Stevenson RCNVR at Halifax, N.S., January 13, 1945.

DIEBOLD - CHRISTENSEN: Wren Gloria K. Christensen to A/B Servin M. Diebold, RCNVR, at Halifax, N.S., February 2, 1945.

SMITH - CAVANAGH: L/Wren Muriel Fae Cavanagh to Lieut. E. G. Smith, R.N., at St. John's, Nfld. March 10, 1945.

HARTWELL - PETERSON: Wren L.O. Peterson to A/B Wm. James Hartwell RCNVR at Halifax, N.S., on November 25, 1944.

CHADWICK - MIDDLETON: L/Wren Gwen Middleton to P/O Photog. Douglas Chadwick RCNVR, at Vancouver, March 10, 1945.

WALKER - ARCHIBALD: Wren E.P. Archibald to T/O Tel. John S. Walker RCNVR, Navy Chapel, St. Hyacinthe, January 19, 1945.

KELLY - MACAUSLAND: Wren Ethel M. Macausland to P/O Joseph F. Kelly RCNVR, at Cornwallis N.S., January 19, 1945.

BILL - CARR: Wren Winnifred E. Carr to Pte. Richard H. Bill at Heath Street Chapel, Hampstead, (Miobe) January 12, 1945.

PEACOCK - THWAITES: Pay Lt. E. M. Thwaites to Major R. F. Peacock, in Ottawa, at the new year.

AINSLEY - LAWSON: Wren S. Lawson to A.B. Ainsley R.C.N.V.R. at Shawinigan Falls, P.Q., on March 13, 1945.

HUNGAR - MCKINNON: Wren Constance McKinnon to P/O Frederick Hungar RCNVR at London, England, on January 27, 1945.

MOSES - HACKSHAW: L/Wren Martha J. Hackshaw (Navy Show) to Ldg. Bandsman Geo. A. Moses RCNVR in London, England, February 5, 1945.

WATT - POUND: Wren Opal J. Pound to A/B Arthur F. Watt, RCNVR, at Cornwallis, N. S., December 27, 1944.

DIXON - MATHIESON: Pay-Lieut. Lorna M. Mathieson to Pay-Lieut. Garfield Dixon, RCNVR, at Ottawa February 24, 1945.

FREDERICK - MURRAY: Wren Shirley A. Murray to A/B George Lloyd Frederick RCNVR, at Halifax, on November 3, 1944.

PATERSON - JOHNSON: Wren Vivian L. Johnson to A/B Ronald J. Paterson, RCNVR, at Digby, N.S., December, 4, 1944.

CURTIS - MORIN: Wren Katrine M. Morin to Lieut. John Henry Curtis at St. Joseph's Church, Halifax, recently.

**BENNETT - WILLIAMS:** Wren Marion Maud Williams to A/B Albert Bruce Bennett, at Halifax, N.S., on March 26, 1945.

**TURNER - BUCKINGHAM:** Wren Edith Buckingham to Sub-Lt. Edward Turner, RCNVR, at Toronto, Ont., April 5, 1945.

**MORRISON - REID:** L/Wren Jean G. Reid to C.P.O. John Duncan McF. Morrison, RCNVR, at Halifax, on March 15, 1945.

**DILLON - DEMPSEY:** Sub-Lt. Mary Elizabeth Dempsey to Capt. Richard Dillon M.C., Royal Canadian Regt. at Stratford, Ont., April 21, 1945.

# The Sentinel

**"SOUND STILL, QUARTERMASTER!"**

The shrill blast dared  
Cutting the stillness  
Shivering the air;  
Halyards flapped and the high blocks whirr'd.  
A gusty breeze  
Caught the Ensign high  
Lifted clear  
And spread her free,  
Billowing gently 'gainst the morning sky.  
(Horrible that men must die  
Within her sight.)  
Higher and higher  
As they played "The King",  
She, the only moving thing;  
Slowly, majestically reached the peak;  
There, surveying all, she stands her watch  
For yet another day .....  
**"CARRY ON, QUARTERMASTER!"**



R.P.O. Barbara S. Jones,  
Gloucester Naval W/T Station.



"READY, AYE READY"

This excellent lino-cut and print by Wren Frankie Gage (Tel.S.O.) of St. Hyacinthe, delights our heart. Away back in the June-July issue, we asked for sketches and cartoons. A few trickled in but, unfortunately, the greater number were done in pencil, on cheap paper. Here, now, is a really worthwhile bit of work. We feel there must be many more artists in the WRCNS. How about it, Wrens? In the meantime, thank you, Frankie, and please come again. (Ed.)

# MASTHEAD

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