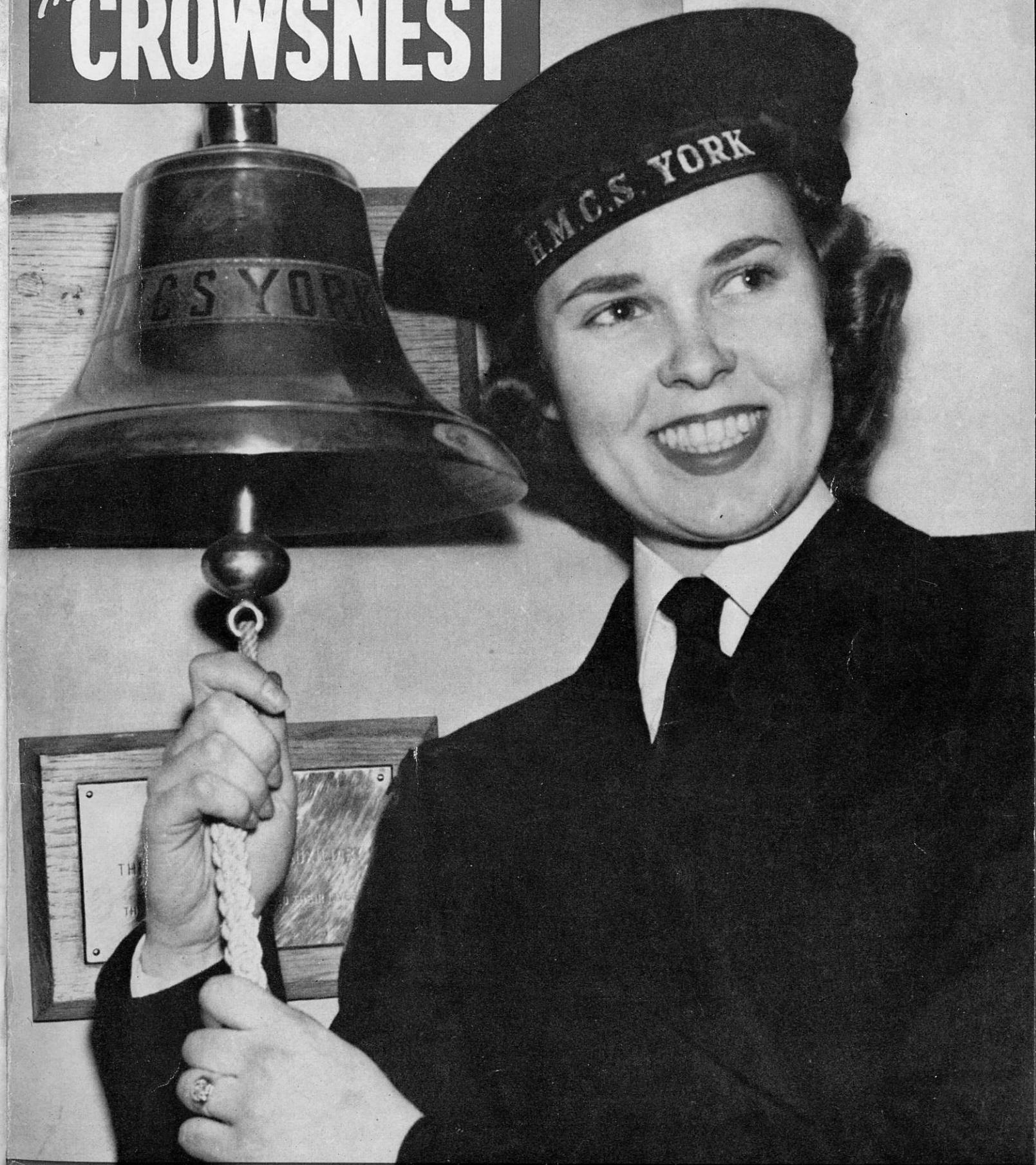


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**LADY OF THE MONTH**

*HMCS QUEBEC, first cruiser of the Royal Canadian Navy to be based on the East Coast in more than 30 years, arrived in her new home port of Halifax April 18. Ten days later the ship set sail for the West Indies on the first of a series of training cruises for new entry seamen that will keep her occupied throughout the summer.*

Formerly HMCS Uganda, the Quebec was given her new name and re-commissioned at Esquimalt in January. On March 11, following an extensive period of trials, she began the trip around to the East Coast and her future permanent station.

*The photograph on the opposite page was taken by Ldg. Sea. C. R. Yool during speed trials in the Straits of Juan de Fuca. (Negative number F-18122.)*

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*Cover Photo* — Wren Joan Catherine Magee, first Wren since the war to be entered on the strength of HMCS York, is pictured by the ship's bell in the Toronto naval division. In the six months or so in which they have been taking reserve training in the various divisions across Canada, the Wrens have distinguished themselves with their enthusiasm, smartness and regularity of attendance. (Photo by courtesy of the Star Newspaper Service, Toronto).



# R.C.N. News Review

## ***Destroyers Operating on Korea's West Coast***

In the Far East, the three Canadian destroyers continued to operate in the Yellow Sea, sometimes on carrier screening duties, sometimes on patrol and blockade assignment close inshore.

For most of the month of March the Cayuga was engaged in screening the USS Bairoko, whose aircraft, flown by pilots of the Marine Corps' "Checkerboard" Squadron, ranged far and wide in strikes against installations and troop concentrations behind enemy lines.

The end of the month brought a change of activity, the Cayuga joining the inshore blockade force and bombarding enemy defences on the west coast. This was the sort of work the Athabaskan and Nootka had been doing. Both destroyers were reported operating in the Chinnampo area, where, with other UN ships, they

shelled gun positions and strong points and generally made things uncomfortable for communist forces deployed along the coast.

## ***Cadets Begin Annual Training This Month***

The annual summer sea training program for cadets of the UNTD and Canadian Services Colleges gets under way this month on both coasts.

From Halifax, HMC Ships Crescent, Swansea and La Hullose will sail May 19 on the first of three cruises to Europe. On the same date, HMC Ships Sioux, Beacon Hill and Antigonish will leave Esquimalt on a cruise up the B.C. coast.

In the ships of each flotilla will be a total of approximately 150 cadets. Thus, by the end of the summer some 900 will have received training at sea.

A certain number of cadets will not go to sea but will take specialized courses in training schools ashore,

while another 40 who are specializing in naval aviation will take to the air. Half of these will receive pilot training with the RCAF and the others will train as air observers at HMCS Shearwater.

## ***CNS on Western Inspection Tour***

Vice-Admiral E. R. Mainguy left Ottawa April 21 on a two-and-a-half week inspection tour embracing eight Canadian cities and the Pacific Command of the RCN.

Admiral Mainguy began his tour in Montreal, went from there to Winnipeg, thence to the Pacific Coast. On his return journey he will stop at Calgary, Edmonton, Regina and Saskatoon. It will be his first inspection of naval establishments in Western Canada since becoming CNS last December.

Admiral Mainguy's schedule includes a number of addresses to United Services Institutes, service clubs and other organizations. At Saskatoon he will deliver the principal address at the University of Saskatchewan's Convocation Day banquet, May 8.

## ***Magnificent Completes Refit, Commences Trials***

HMCS Magnificent completed her annual refit and docking in April and commenced post-refit trials and deck landing refresher training for the 30th Carrier Air Group. For most of May the Magnificent will work up in the Bermuda area in preparation for her forthcoming exercise program, details of which are to be announced later.

HMCS Haida will work up in company with the Magnificent and will serve as plane guard during periods when flying is in progress.

## ***Iroquois Sets Sail for Far East Duty***

One week later than originally scheduled, HMCS Iroquois sailed from Halifax April 21 for the Far East. The seven-day setback in the Iroquois' departure time will not affect the arrival date in Esquimalt of HMCS Cayuga, the ship she is scheduled to relieve in the Korean theatre.



It's a great event when an outgoing vessel brings mail for the Canadian destroyers while on patrol off the coast of Korea. Happily reading newly delivered letters on board HMCS Nootka are, left to right, AB Bruce Hewitt, Lachute, Que.; AB Donald Ayers, Simcoe, Ont., and Ldg. Sea. Real Paquet, Quebec City. (NK-882).



### ***Crescent Makes Mercy Trip during Work-up***

HMCS Crescent passed with honors a practical test of efficiency which was unexpectedly added to her program during early April work-ups at Bermuda.

The Crescent was alongside at Bermuda on Sunday, April 6, when a message was received from HM Transport Empire Test requesting medical aid for a seriously ill crew member. Bound for Bermuda, the transport was about 400 miles east of the island.

The Canadian destroyer was the most readily available ship in port and she at once prepared to put to sea. Libertymen were recalled and a Royal Navy medical officer was embarked.

The ships made rendezvous at one o'clock in the morning and the patient was transferred in the Crescent's motor cutter. The destroyer then returned at full speed to Bermuda, where the seaman was landed and taken to hospital by ambulance.

### ***Rear-Admiral Bidwell NATO Sub-Commander***

Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, USN, formally took up his appointment and established his headquarters as Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, in a colorful and historic ceremony held at Norfolk, Va., April 10.

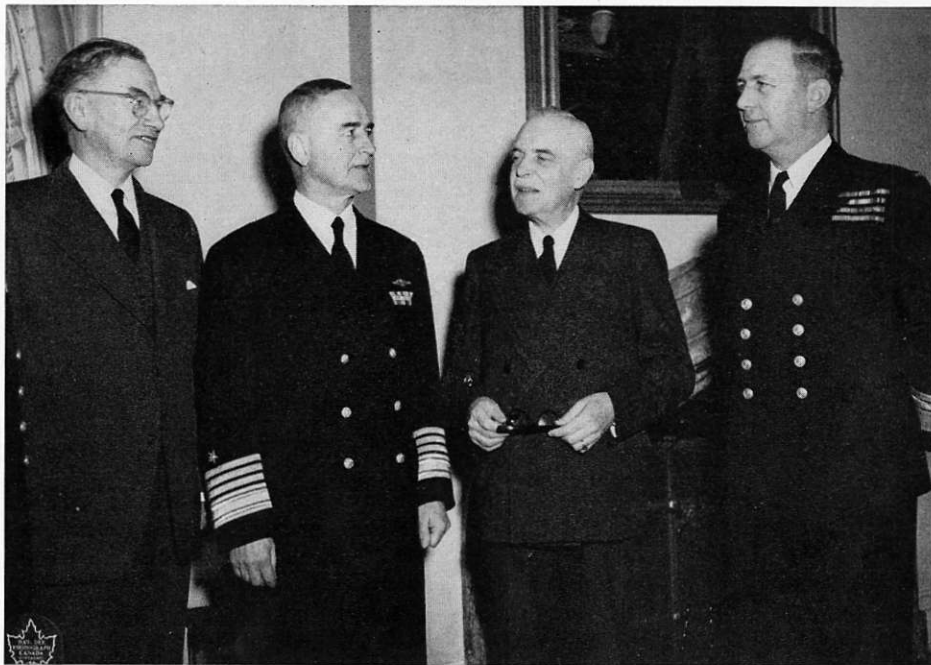
The ceremony was attended by high ranking officers from the various NATO countries involved in the North Atlantic naval command. Representing the RCN were Rear-Admiral H. G. DeWolf, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, and Rear-Admiral R. E. S. Bidwell, Flag Officer Atlantic Coast.

Announcing a break-down of area commands, Admiral McCormick named Rear-Admiral Bidwell as Commander, Canadian Atlantic Sub-Area, and Air Commodore A. D. Ross, RCAF, as Air Commander, Canadian Atlantic Sub-Area.

### ***New 'Sweeper Launched at Victoria Shipyard***

A 140-foot minesweeper, to be known as HMCS Comox, was launched at the Victoria Machinery Depot, Victoria, on April 24. The ship was sponsored by Mrs. C. I. Hinchcliffe, wife of Captain (E) C. I. Hinchcliffe, Principal Naval Overseer, West Coast.

This was the third minesweeper to be launched under the navy's new construction program. The first two,



Admiral L. D. McCormick, USN, Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, second from left, is pictured here with Defence Minister Brooke Claxton, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and Vice-Admiral E. R. Mainguy, Chief of the Naval Staff, during Admiral McCormick's visit to Ottawa in March. (O-2240-20).

the Gaspé and Cowichan, hit the water last November at the Davie Shipbuilding and Repairing Co. Ltd., Lauzon, Lévis, Que. Three others are expected to be launched within the next two months.

### ***Pearl, 'Frisco Visited by Training Cruiser***

HMCS Ontario returned to Esquimalt April 25 from her first cruise since completing annual refit. The three-and-a-half-week cruise took the Ontario to Pearl Harbor, where she spent six days, and to San Francisco for four.

While the Ontario was at Pearl Harbor the ship's band made a guest appearance on the radio program "Hawaii Calls". The program was recorded and later was broadcast throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

During May the Ontario will cruise in B.C. waters.

### ***Naval Aircraft Make Flight to Quebec City***

Naval aircraft made their appearance over Quebec City on the weekend of March 29 when ten Sea Furies and two Avengers flew there from HMCS Shearwater on a long-range exercise.

The aircraft attracted considerable attention, particularly when they parked with folded wings at Ancienne Lorette airfield. They spent two days at Quebec and during this period carried out reconnaissance and navi-

gation exercises over the St. Lawrence.

HMCS Montcalm, the Quebec City naval division, played host to the visiting airmen, who expressed their gratitude in the form of two barrels of oysters transported in the bomb compartments of the Avengers.

### ***April a Busy Month for HMCS Wallaceburg***

The month of April was a busy one for HMCS Wallaceburg. On Monday, the 7th, the minesweeper sailed from Halifax for a week of exercises in company with the La Hullose and HM Submarine Alcide.

The three ships visited Bermuda and there the Wallaceburg detached to proceed to Charleston, S.C., for exercises with U.S. Navy units. These kept the minesweeper occupied until the 28th.

The La Hullose and Alcide returned to Halifax on the 19th and the former spent the rest of the month working up in preparation for her summer training commitment.

### ***Quebec to Make West Indies Cruise***

HMCS Quebec was scheduled to arrive in Halifax April 18, completing a 38-day coast-to-coast voyage via the Panama Canal. The ship's program called for ten days in port, then departure for the West Indies on the first of a series of summer training cruises for new entry seamen.

# SNAM Shows Its Muscles

*Air Maintenance School  
Becomes Navy's  
Largest*

THE School of Naval Aircraft Maintenance at the RCN Air Station celebrated a proud anniversary in April. It was four years old and had grown into the largest school in the Royal Canadian Navy.

This post-war prodigy pushed its way past the Electrical "empire" in HMCS Stadacona when a recent count of heads showed it had 80 more men under instruction. The Electrical School, also a post-war development, formerly led all other training schools in complement.

SNAM promises to maintain this lead by an even greater margin. By November, 375 men will be enrolled, with a steady intake of 50 men each month after that, compared to 20 per month at the Electrical School.

A birthday present for the mushrooming school was a move into new quarters. Books and equipment were gathered from extremities of the air station and shifted to the new site in the middle of April. It is the self-

contained collection of buildings left when the RCAF Marine Section pulled out of Dartmouth last year.

A big three-storey structure contains offices, classrooms, auditorium and cinema. A hangar capable of housing all the instructional aircraft and shop gear is nearby. A magnificent parade square and rifle range take care of other aspects of training at SNAM.

But it was not always so.

The school set up shop in the spring of 1948, when the training of technicians for naval aviation, previously conducted by the Royal Navy, was taken over by the RCN. Its first class consisted of 15 men. Today the enrollment is over 350.

The training facilities were not the best. Two hangars, both somewhat the worse for wear, were made over into classrooms and workshops, and a nucleus of RCN officers and Royal Navy men on loan formed the first instructional staff. Studies often had

to be curtailed during the winter months, because classrooms were too cold.

In 1949 another building was added as a basic workshop and by the end of the year the school had a complement of six officers, 28 men on instructional and maintenance duties and about 100 more under training.

The next year the RCN acquired the Avenger as its prime air weapon against submarines, and the school was expanded to meet the new requirements imposed in teaching maintenance of this aircraft. A mobile USN unit provided assistance in getting courses under way.

But it still wasn't all smooth sailing. The school was literally gassed out one time when the heating system broke down. So a move was made to the old air gunnery building.

By the end of 1950 a living block on the station was converted into temporary quarters for the school. At that time strength totalled six officers and 24 instructors, 16 maintenance men and 140 trainees.

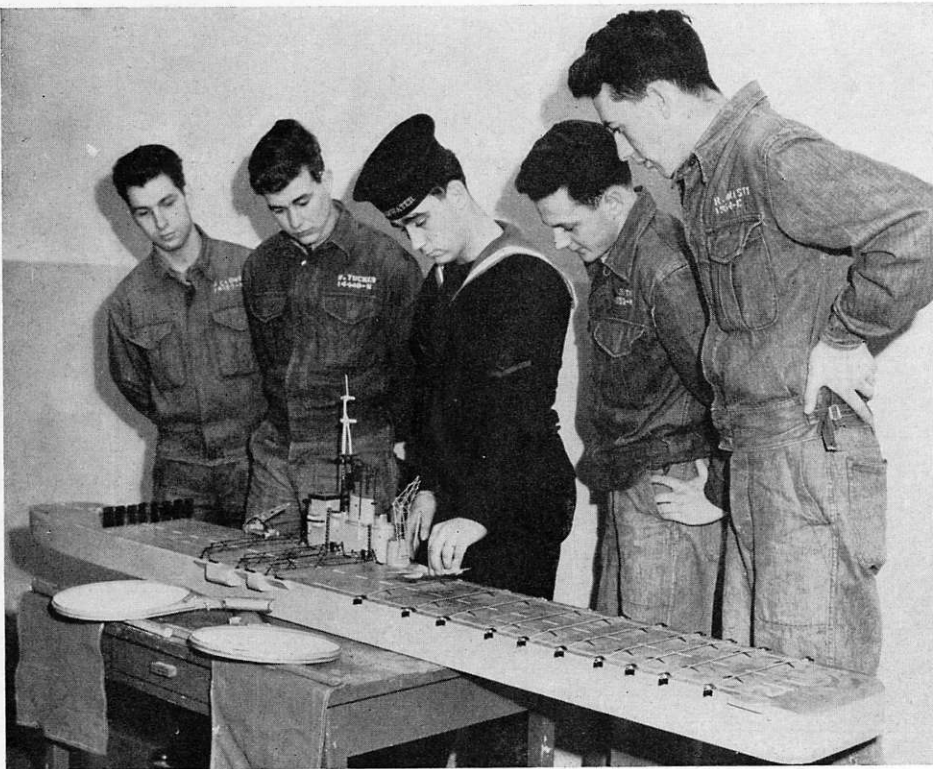
Today the school has, for the first time, a consolidated collection of structures in which its 350 students can be taught. No longer is valuable time lost in journeying from one end of the sprawling base to another for classes.

Traditionally, a training establishment has high standards of discipline, and SNAM is no exception. A strict routine divides the training school from the operational end of the air station. The new site, across the road from the main portion of Shearwater, helps this aim by physical isolation as well.

The staff induces the men to further this discipline of their own accord, a policy that pays off with high esprit de corps and keen study habits.

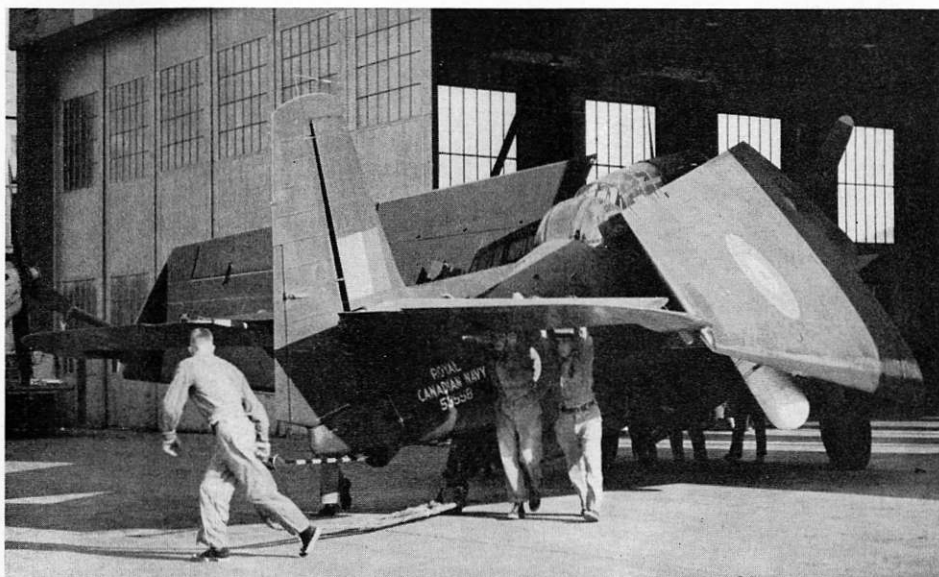
SNAM is to naval air what the gunnery branch is to the fleet. Students wear No. 3 uniforms and gaiters in classes, workshops excepted. They run their own divisions each morning.

These divisions are a "SNAM special". Only one staff officer and one CPO attend and they are merely observers. The show belongs to the men, who rotate as acting captain, commander, company and platoon officers. Thus everyone gets a chance to improve power of command.



Models of an aircraft and of the Magnificent's flight deck arrangements facilitate the training of aircraft controlmen who eventually will serve aboard the carrier. Instructor is Ldg. Sea. Ralph Woodland, of Perth, N.B., and students, left to right, are: Ordinary Seamen Jean Cloutier, Quebec City; William Tucker, St. Mary's, Ont.; Dennis Smith, Sudbury, and Roger Christy, Vancouver. (DNS-6250).





SNAM students get to know and work with the real thing during their training courses. Here a group of them wheel an Avenger out of a hangar at the air maintenance school. (DNS-6240).

Roads may be muddy, but boots must shine like burnished metal. In fact, throughout the whole school an atmosphere of smartness prevails. SNAM always forms Able Company at Shearwater divisions and guards for ceremonial and other occasions are invariably mounted from this source.

As in other branches, a man is a seaman first and a tradesman after that. So seamanship and sailing are taught after hours. More than 100 men under training sailed in the yacht Oriole IV last summer. In inter-part sailing and boating competition, SNAM students generally clean up. The same thing holds for station sports.

SNAM is responsible for all courses up to and including plane technicians. In all, 24 different courses are given. Air artificer training is carried out in United Kingdom naval air establishments. SNAM also has undertaken to convert men qualified under the old non-substantive rate structure. These men retain their old trade grouping, until brought up to par under the new air trade table.

For officers and men of other branches, there is a variety of courses, such as familiarization in engines and air-frames. In the electrical field, both airfield and aircraft aspects are taught. Members of each Junior Officers' Technical and Leadership Course go into the operation, capabilities and characteristics of naval aircraft.

A naval airman's career is covered in eight stages, over a minimum of 13 years, nine months, under the normal peacetime routine.

After four months of new entry training at Cornwallis, a naval airman is drafted to Shearwater and enrolled in the School of Naval Aircraft Maintenance. There he takes an aviation fundamentals course to determine which category he is best suited for. Here his own choice and aptitudes are taken into consideration before he

embarks on specialization.

He can take a 30-week course to qualify in engineering as an air rigger or air fitter, 19 weeks in air ordnance, or an eight-week course to qualify for aircraft controlman or the safety equipment technician trade.

Air fitters and riggers, after two stages of instruction and experience, come, as petty officers 2nd class, before a selection board for air artificer or plane technician courses. Ordnancemen, controlmen and safety equipment technicians take three phases of instruction to bring themselves to trade group three as petty officers 1st class. So do fitters and riggers if not converted.

At the CPO 2nd class level, fitters and riggers may be selected as Commissioned Aircraft Officer candidates. Ordnance, control and safety equipment men may become Commissioned Airman candidates at the same level. Otherwise they carry on to the rank of C1.

An artificer's conversion course of two years brings trades pay to group four for men of the Air Artificer branch. There are examinations after two years' seniority for C2 and then the same for C1, after which lies possible selections as a candidate for Commissioned Officer (AE).



While Ord. Sea. John Dormuth, of Regina, fastens on his gaiters, Ord. Sea. Alec Trigg, of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., runs quickly through his notes before divisions and another day of instruction in the School of Naval Aircraft Maintenance, now the largest training school in the RCN. (DNS-6248).

# HMCS HAIDA COMMISSIONS

## Well-Known Destroyer Resumes Career



Petty Officer William Shorten, of Calgary, an instructor in the School of Naval Aircraft Maintenance, points out some features of the Avenger engine to two students, AB Martin Legare, of Ottawa, left, and AB Donald Heartwell, of Parry Sound, Ont. (DNS-6245).

SNAM is also the power behind reserve training in the naval air branch. Courses and syllabi are drawn up by the school and sent to naval divisions, and courses of instructions for reserves are held in the school itself. Last summer UNTD cadets of the engineering branch took short courses at SNAM.

Officer in charge of the school is Lieut.-Cdr. (E) (A/E) L. D. Kniffen of Simcoe, Ont., and Eastern Passage, N.S. His senior engineer is Lieut. (E) (A/E) G. H. F. Poole-Warren of Otterbourne, Hants, England, and Mahone Bay, N.S. Training officer is Lieut. (E) Y. V. Maynard of Ottawa. Lieut. (E) (A/E) (P) G. M. Cummings of Toronto is examinations officer, Instructor Lieut. E. R. Weber of Wadena, Sask., is academic officer and Lieut. (P) D. C. Radford of Toronto is divisional officer.

### Ditty Bags Sent to Far East Ships

A request from the Navy for 850 ditty bags for distribution among Canadian naval personnel serving in the Korean theatre is expected to be exceeded by more than 100, officials of the Navy League of Canada report.

A total of 872 bags was shipped to Esquimalt for onward transmission to the Far East and it was anticipated another 80 bags would follow. The ditty bags were filled by citizens in various centres all across Canada and were gathered by the Navy League.

A wintry northeast wind blew across Halifax harbor as a new ship's company paraded to commission Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Haida on Saturday, March 15.

It was a simple ceremony, in keeping with service mourning for the late King. Rev. Horatio Todd, Protestant chaplain, and Rev. Joseph Whelly, Roman Catholic chaplain, said prayers and blessed the ship. At 0900 colors and the commissioning pendant were hoisted.

The Haida's new commanding officer, Commander J. Dunn Lantier, then addressed his ship's company. "While we serve in her we must be determined not only to uphold her fine record but to add to it," he said. "Remember that everyone expects nothing but the best from Haidans."

Messages of congratulation and best wishes were received from many senior officers and from other ships of the Atlantic Command. From Ottawa, where he was attending the annual conference of senior naval officers, Rear-Admiral R. E. S. Bidwell, Flag Officer Atlantic Coast, sent his regrets at not being able to attend.

He said: "I am extremely sorry that duty has prevented me from being on board Her Majesty's Canadian

Ship Haida today. Your ship already has a great name in Canadian naval history, one of the greatest. This will put all of you of this new commission on your mettle to see to it that Haida's great name and tradition are carried on and her fine reputation is not only maintained but enhanced. I wish you on this commissioning day good sailing and a long and prosperous period of activity."

Rear-Admiral H. G. DeWolf, the Haida's first commanding officer, sent his regrets that he was prevented by duty from being present. In his letter of good wishes he expressed his great affection for the Haida and his conviction that she was a truly lucky ship; so that when he wished those who would sail in her a happy and successful commission, he did so with great confidence.

Present for the commissioning ceremony were Commodore (E) W. W. Porteous, Superintendent of the Dockyard, and Commander R. P. Welland, who commanded the Haida from December 1944 until the end of the Second World War.

The Haida is credited with another "first." She is the first Canadian ship to commission under the sovereignty of a Queen.—G.E.



This is a gull's eye view from the crane on Jetty Four in HMC Dockyard, Halifax, of the ceremony in which HMCS Haida was commissioned. In the background, at Jetty Five, is HM Submarine Alcide (HS-18279).



## **HMCS NIOBE**

### ***RCN's U.K. Headquarters Performs Important Function***

*This is the first of a series of articles describing the make-up and functions of some of the Royal Canadian Navy's lesser-known shore establishments. The second of the series will appear in an early issue.*

THE increasing complexity of the operation of Canada's armed services is amply illustrated by the work of a little-known combined services unit in London, England.

The Canadian Joint Staff, under the chairmanship of Major-General Desmond Smith, is small in size but covers a wide range of duties. Many of these are in connection with NATO, others entail liaison with the British armed services on technical matters.

Each branch of the Canadian forces has its own organization. Captain O. C. S. Robertson\* is the senior naval officer, serves as Naval Member of the Joint Staff, Canadian naval member of the Military Standardization Agency — which is working toward standardized practices and equipment among the varied member nations — and also serves as commanding officer of HMCS Niobe, the official centre of all purely naval matters. The Army Member is Brigadier R. W. Moncel, the Air Member is Air Commodore Martin Costello and the Defence Research Board Member is Brigadier G. P. Morrison.

The Canadian Joint Staff was set up in its present form soon after the end of the Second World War. Its main responsibility was liaison with the British forces on equipment and techniques. It was not just a question of work on weapon developments or secret research, but covered all types of equipment that might conceivably be used.

In the naval field this liaison consists of contact both with the Royal Navy and with British industry. The RCN staff keeps a close tab on production developments, studying reports on work in such fields as radar and asdic and looking for sources of supply of materials that are not available in Canada. From

London, the reports and recommendations are sent back to Naval Headquarters in Canada for study and action by the appropriate authorities.

The staff in the London headquarters actually evolves into two groups: The branches concerned with the construction and maintenance of equipment, on the one side, and those who will use that equipment on the other.

In the first group are Commander (E) John Osborn, Vancouver; Commander (L) J. C. Gray, Ottawa; Ordnance Commander R. V. Henning, Edmonton; Lieut. (E) (AE) (P) W. J. Bryan, Toronto, and Lieut. (E) H. G. Gillis, Halifax, assistant to Commander Osborn.

In the other group are Commander (P) I. P. Godfrey, who is Staff Officer (Air) and is also chief staff officer; Lieut.-Cdr. (TAS) (T) A. R. Turnbull, who doubles as seaward defence and minesweeping officer and executive officer of Niobe; Lieut.-Cdr. (TAS) S. G. Moore, Vancouver, torpedo and anti-submarine; Lieut.-Cdr. (ND) D. L. Hanington, Saint John, N.B., navigation direction; Lieut.-Cdr. (G) W. P. Hayes, Swift Current, Sask., gunnery, and Lieut. (S) R. N. G. Smith, Winnipeg, secretary to the Naval Member, CJS.

Then there is that very important person, the paymaster, who at Niobe is Lieut.-Cdr. (S) D. C. McKinnon, of Victoria. Pay, however, is only a small part of his job. Lieut.-Cdr. McKinnon is also charged with the supervision of all contracts with suppliers of equipment ordered by the Department of Defence Production and also for supplies obtained from the Royal Navy for, say, our ships in the Korean theatre.

Assistant to the captain on the Military Standardisation Agency is Commander G. H. Davidson, who spends most of his time at the Military Standardisation Office in London.

In addition to their staff duties, all the naval officers serve in HMCS Niobe. Also on the books are Canadian naval personnel on course in the United Kingdom. There are rarely less than 100 of these and they are scattered throughout the U.K. — at

RN air stations, naval bases and training schools.

When RCN personnel are sent to the United Kingdom, they report to Niobe for travelling instruction and transportation and come under the administration of Niobe.

Also serving at Niobe are CPO Douglas Gillis, of Halifax, Master-at Arms; CPO W. C. Blathwayt, London, Ontario; PO T. W. Hume, Calgary; PO Jack White, Ottawa; PO Larry LeBlanc, Victoriaville; Ldg. Sea. A. R. Richardson, Galt; Ldg. Sea. Peter Cowper, Howick, Quebec; Ldg. Sea. Raymond M. Burke, Montreal, and Ldg. Sea. Alan Barry, Ottawa.

Most of the officers and men are married and have their wives and families with them, living in the London area. Because of the distances that they have to travel and also the varied duties of the officers, which frequently take them away on inspection trips or for conferences, there is little opportunity for social functions or sports in competition with the other services.

One break in the routine came recently when two of the RCN men, Leading Seamen Cowper and Richardson, appeared before the Lords of the Admiralty in the historic Admiralty Board Room. It was the first time a Canadian seaman had ever been in these hallowed quarters and indeed one of the few times that any rating had ever been there.

The reason for their visit was to display to the Lords of the Admiralty the new style Canadian uniform and badges.

The Canadian rig had been noticed by the Duke of Edinburgh when he was in Canada and he had reported on it to the late King George VI and the Fourth Sea Lord, Lord Louis Mountbatten. Lord Louis had inspected the uniforms as "modelled" by Niobe men earlier and he referred the matter to the Board of Admiralty.

Lieut. Smith paraded Cowper and Richardson. Before the meeting, and prior to the arrival of their Lordships, they were shown around the board room, where since 1722 the top

\*After two years in the appointment, Captain Robertson will be succeeded May 30 by Commander H. V. W. Groos.



# OFFICERS *and* MEN



## **Recent Appointment Changes Announced**

The following officer appointments of interest have taken place recently or will take place in the near future:

Commander P. E. Haddon, to HMCS Sioux in command. Formerly at HMCS Niagara as Executive Officer and Chief of Staff and Assistant Naval Attache, Washington.

Commander P. D. Taylor, to HMCS Niagara as Executive Officer and Chief of Staff and Assistant Naval Attache, Washington. Formerly in command of HMCS Sioux.

Instr. Commander C. H. Little, to HMCS Crescent temporarily as Staff Officer to the Senior Officer, Training Flotilla (East Coast). Formerly at Naval Headquarters as Assistant Director of Naval Training (Cadets).

Instr. Commander W. H. Fowler, Naval Headquarters as Assistant

Director of Naval Training (Cadets). Formerly on the staff of DNT.

Lieut.-Cdr. E. P. Shaw, HMCS Ontario as Training Officer. Formerly Gunnery Officer in HMCS Ontario.

Lieut.-Cdr. W. H. Willson, to HMCS Naden temporarily as Sea Training Commander (West Coast). At present at Royal Military College, Kingston, in immediate command of naval personnel.

Lieut.-Cdr. R. W. Timbrell, to Canadian Services College, Royal Roads, as Vice Commandant and Officer Commanding Cadet Wing. Formerly in HMCS Ontario as Training Officer.

Lieut.-Cdr. H. R. Beck, to HMCS Antigonish in command. Formerly at HMCS Naden as Manning Commander, West Coast.

Lieut.-Cdr. Raymond Phillips, to HMCS Niobe for RN Staff Course.

Formerly in command of HMCS Antigonish.

Lieut.-Cdr. J. E. Korning, to HMCS Stadacona temporarily as Sea Training Commander (East Coast) and subsequently as assistant to the Officer-in-Charge of the Junior Officers' Technical and Leadership Course. Formerly in command of HMCS Swansea.

## **Former CPO Becomes Commissioned Gunner**

Chief Petty Officer Ernest E. Moore, of Kamloops, B.C., and Victoria, has been promoted to the rank of acting commissioned gunner, following the successful completion of a qualifying course in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Moore began his naval career in January 1936, when he entered the RCN as a boy seaman. He took his early training at HMCS Naden and in the destroyers Skeena and Fraser. He went to the United Kingdom in May 1938 for a gunnery course at HMS Excellent, following which he was drafted to HMCS Ottawa, where he was serving at the outbreak of war.

He came ashore in January 1940 but two months later was drafted to the St. Laurent. In June 1940 he was promoted to leading seaman and the following April was made an acting petty officer.

Early in 1942 he returned to Excellent for another gunnery course, upon completion of which he was confirmed in the rate of petty officer. During the remainder of the war years he served at Cornwallis and Halifax and in HMCS Prince Robert.

He was promoted to CPO in July 1948, while serving in Naden.

## **Three Classes Finish Supply School Courses**

Three new entry technical classes completed ten-week courses in mid-March at the Supply School at HMCS Naden.

Ord. Sea. B. J. Carey headed Victualling Storesmen's Class 32, followed by AB Lawrence Miller. Other members of the class were Able



Rear-Admiral A. K. Scott-Moncrieff, Commander of Commonwealth naval forces in the Korean theatre, chats with CPO Clarence Lundgren, chief ERA in HMCS Athabaskan, during a trip aboard the Canadian destroyer to the west coast of Korea. In the background, centre, is Commander D. G. King, commanding officer of the Athabaskan. (SO-204).



Seamen J. L. Emsley, Donald J. Wulff, William D. Earley, V. J. Rieger and Rex Estabrooks and Ordinary Seamen F. M. Coady, J. E. Dinn, R. M. Tizzard, R. G. Reid, R. J. Taylor, William McDonald, William Brown and Rock Tardif.

PO Wesley Donison headed Naval Storesmen's Class 33, with AB A. F. McIntyre attaining second highest marks. Heading Naval Storesmen's Class 34 were Ord. Sea. Thomas McCarthy, in first place, and AB Pierre Roberge in second. Other members of the two classes were Ldg. Sea. Richard O'Brien, Able Seamen Byron Kindrid, Rene Moisan, Clifford Near, Clarence Ross and Ronald Cain and Ordinary Seamen Gerard Desjean, William Eddy, Ernest Lee, Stephen Salaga, Harold Styles, Richard Tutt, James Cunningham, M. J. Desrochers, Jack Gibson, William Vance, Achille Carpentier, Robert Benoit, Joseph MacDonald, Gordon Verrall, Ronald C. Dubrick, Robert Knox and James Baldwin.

### **Three Former ABs Now Midshipmen**

Three former able seamen have been promoted to the rank of midshipman and have begun training for future service in naval aviation.

They are Midshipmen Clyde E. Thompson, 24, of Mount View, N.B., a former observer's mate; Gordon L. Edwards, 21, of Medicine Hat, Alta., a former communicator, and Roy V. Sheppard, 21, of Toronto and Sutton West, Ont., a former electrician's mate.

They are now taking a six months' basic training course for junior aviation officers at HMCS Cornwallis. Following this they will go to sea for six months' practical experience prior to taking specialized aircrew training.

### **Canadians, Swedes Take Turns Playing Hosts**

On Saturday, March 8, the chief and petty officers of HMCS Stadacona held a smoker in honor of the chiefs and POs from the Swedish cruiser Gotland. Members of the Stadacona band were in attendance and provided some lively entertainment. Acquaintances were renewed by some of the mess members who were aboard the Magnificent, Huron and Micmac when those ships visited Gothenburg, Sweden, in 1950.

The following day 70 chiefs and POs from the Gotland were taken on a bus tour around Halifax and down the scenic south shore to



CPO Thomas Dicks, centre, president of the chief and petty officers' mess, HMCS Stadacona, is introduced to one of the several appetizing Swedish dishes served at an informal dinner aboard HSMS Gotland during the Swedish cruiser's visit to Halifax. On his right is Chief Photographer Curt-Arne Lindquist and on his left is CPO Knute Andersen, president of the chief petty officers' mess in the Gotland.

Lunenburg, where a delightful lunch was enjoyed before returning to Halifax.

Three days later the Gotland chiefs and POs entertained a number of their Stadacona hosts on board the cruiser.

A seven-course meal, featuring many Swedish delicacies, was served. In the course of the evening, a replica of the Gotland's badge was presented to CPO Thomas Dicks, president of the Stadacona mess, on behalf of the CPOs of the cruiser. A lapel pin bearing the ship's name and picture in miniature was presented to each member of the delegation. In return, CPO Dicks presented a replica of the Stadacona badge. After supper a tour was conducted throughout the ship.

### **Four RCN, USN Aviators Exchange Appointments**

Under a pilot exchange program announced recently, two RCN aviators have taken up appointments with jet fighter and anti-submarine squadrons of the United States Navy, while two USN officers have been appointed to the 30th Carrier Air Group for flying duties.

Lieut. Joseph J. MacBrien, RCN, of Toronto, formerly a pilot and air weapons officer in 871 Sea Fury squadron, has been appointed to the USN Air Station, San Diego, Calif.,

for assignment to a jet fighter squadron. Replacing him in 871 squadron is Lieut. (JG) N. T. Gower, Jr., USN, of Chicago.

A second RCN officer, Lieut. Douglas Ross, of Vancouver, who had been with 881 Avenger Squadron, proceeded to Norfolk, Virginia, for assignment to a carrier-based anti-submarine squadron. Lieut. Terry Hardenbergh, USN, of Phoenix, Arizona, has joined 881 Squadron for flying duties in Avenger aircraft.

### **Communicators Shift Posts on West Coast**

A number of shifts have taken place recently among communications personnel serving on the West Coast.

Among those drafted to HMCS Naden, either permanently or temporarily, have been: PO James Lawrence from the Antigonish, PO Thomas Fraser from Discovery, PO Douglas Ireland and Leading Seamen Eddie Pritchard and Robert McPherson, all from Aldergrove radio station, PO Ralph Heys and PO "Butch" Bouchard, both from the Athabaskan, and Able Seamen Lorne Saxon and Leo Benoit, both from the Crusader.

Those drafted from Naden include: CPO Donald Waring to HMCS Ontario, Ldg. Sea. Donald Crosby to the Crusader, Ldg. Sea. J. Stipkala to the Communications School, and Able



Shown above are members of the 27th leadership course for chief and petty officers to be held at HMCS Cornwallis. Front row, left to right: CPO P. Hope, POs E. H. Keil, George Foster, and Carl Graham; Lieut (S) Colin White, course officer; CPO Edward Rigby, instructor; PO B. F. Driscoll, CPO John H. Lawrence and PO George Noble. Centre row: PO William W. Prentice, PO William Jones, PO Robert R. Collyer, CPO Leslie Robertson, PO Gerald J. Dufour, CPO Lionel S. James, PO Clifford Stephenson, PO Ian C. Robertson, PO George Holenchuk, PO Arthur R. Kemp and CPO S. M. Duncan. Back row: CPO Harold P. Williams, CPO Carmen L. Benjamin, CPO Reginald C. Buck, PO Frank Boddy, PO David H. McAlpine, CPO Murray S. DeMone, CPO Ira Johnson and CPO Clifford P. McMullen. (DB-1214-1).

Seamen Stanley Miller to the Beacon Hill, David MacDonald and W. Krueger to the Crusader, and Mel Greer to Cornwallis.

Another draft took PO Ronald Bennett from the Crusader to Aldergrove.

### **CPO Fred W. Bryan Receives Commission**

Chief Petty Officer Fred W. Bryan, of Winnipeg and Victoria, who for the past ten-and-a-half years has served as a naval painter, has been promoted to the rank of acting commissioned officer (SB) and appointed to Naval Headquarters on the staff of the Naval Constructor-in-Chief.

In his new appointment, Mr. Bryan will carry out specialized duties in the field of paints and preservatives. He has been assigned the task of organizing schools for painting at the coasts and will look after paint requirements of the fleet.

He is the first member of the painter branch to be promoted to commissioned rank.

### **Annual Award Night Held Aboard Unicorn**

Trophies and other prizes were presented by Captain A. G. Boulton, Director of Naval Reserves, Ottawa, at the annual award night of HMCS Unicorn, Saskatoon, March 10.

The trophy for all-round proficiency went to Petty Officer L. A. Reid, while the best new entry awards were presented to Ord. Sea. Robert A. Ferguson and Wren Dorothy George.

Silver mugs for outstanding effort in the UNTD were presented by

Commander J. B. Mawdsley, commanding officer of the University of Saskatchewan UNTD, to Sub-Lieutenants R. F. J. Hickerty, Walter Tomaszewski and D. A. Mitchell.

Books were presented by Captain Boulton to the following cadets: First-year seamanship, Cadets Marvin A. Bisal and Robert J. Ledingham; first-year navigation, Cadet Donald G. Jackson; second-year supply, Cadet Michael Chupik, and second-year seamanship, Cadet C. J. Meagher.

Members of the Unicorn inter-service rifle team also received tro-

phies. They included Sub-Lieut. Charles D. McKenzie, Cadets A. B. Chanin, M. D. Cameron and G. R. Stewart, AB S. M. Maybin and Ord. Sea. Robert Ferguson.

### **Two Torpedo Detector Classes Finish Training**

The following men qualified as torpedo detectors 3rd class in two courses which completed in mid-February and the first week in March at the Torpedo Anti-Submarine School at Stadacona: Able Seamen Edward J. Greenland, Joseph B. Pinard, A. Donnachie, W. S. Campbell, William A. Lawrence, James C. Ashton, R. E. Cormier, Elmer J. McRae, Harry E. Doubleday, Charles M. Moore, Francis E. Hachey, Merle W. Evans, Robert E. Sanders, William L. Grant and Joseph E. Dube.

### **Commissioned Rank for CPO A. E. Saxby**

Chief Petty Officer Arthur E. Saxby, of HMCS Cornwallis, has been promoted to the rank of acting commissioned catering officer.

Mr. Saxby entered the RCN in August 1934 as an officers' steward. During the next five years he served at sea in the destroyers Saguenay, St. Laurent and Skeena and ashore in Stadacona. In September 1940 he was drafted to HMCS Columbia and three months later was promoted to petty officer steward. He became a chief petty officer in December 1941 and continued serving in the Columbia until May, 1942. During the remain-



Captain A. G. Boulton, Director of Naval Reserves, attended the annual award night of HMCS Unicorn and presented trophies and prizes won during the past training season by personnel of the Saskatoon naval division. Shown receiving an award is Cadet Marvin Bisal, while Cadet Robert Ledingham awaits his turn. At the far right is Commander J. B. Mawdsley, commanding officer of the University of Saskatchewan UNTD. (Photo courtesy the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix).



der of the war years Mr. Saxby served for varying lengths of time in naval establishments ashore.

After a brief stretch in the Uganda, he was drafted to Stadacona, where he served until joining the Warrior in January 1948. From the Warrior he went to HMCS Magnificent, where he served until April 1949. He returned to Stadacona in June 1949 and in January 1951 went to Cornwallis, where he was serving at the time of his promotion.

### **Two Radio Technicians Commended for Efforts**

Two radio technicians serving at the RCN Air Station, Dartmouth, have been commended for their work in keeping radio equipment tuned and serviceable under difficult conditions during a period in which exercising U.S. Navy aircraft used the station early this year.

The two technicians, Chief Petty Officers Richard Dupchak, of Arnaud, Man., and James Gower, of Vancouver, received the commendation from Rear-Admiral R. E. S. Bidwell, Flag Officer Atlantic Coast. The men were praised for "their untiring industry, technical skill and unflinching good humor."

The radio section at the RCN Air Station converted a building into an eight-channel radio station to handle the additional traffic for a squadron



CPO James Gower, standing, and CPO Richard Dupchak, radio technicians stationed at HMCS Shearwater, were commended by Rear-Admiral R. E. S. Bidwell, Flag Officer Atlantic Coast, for their work in keeping communications facilities in top-line order during exercises involving USN aircraft early this year. (DNS-6671).



A messdeck table was converted into a race course during a recreational evening aboard HMCS Iroquois while the destroyer was undergoing trials off Norfolk, Va. Honest Alexander (Ldg. Sea. Donald Barclay) shakes the dice in a slightly used seaboot. The animated fellow with the dark glasses is Lieut.-Cdr. H. E. Taylor.

of USN Neptune patrol aircraft which was based at the air station in late January and early February. The planes were part of a large air-sea force of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet taking part in cold weather exercises in the Atlantic.

During the operations, the radio station often received and transmitted messages round the clock and the task of keeping the equipment in top-line order was carried out by CPO Dupchak and CPO Gower. Some of the gear was not in first-class shape and the two technicians often worked until the small hours of the morning repairing and preparing it for the traffic.

The two worked together during the first part of the operation, then switched to a schedule of 24 hours on and 24 hours off duty. At the same time, they carried on with their normal duties in the radio department at the air station.

A joint staff of USN and RCN communicators kept the heavy flow of traffic moving to and from the planes of the squadron without a hitch, thanks largely to the skill and hard work of the two Canadian radio technicians.

### **UNTD Prizes Presented at Cataraqi Drill**

The final drill for the UNTD attached to HMCS Cataraqi was held on board the Kingston naval division March 12. The occasion was marked by the presentation of prizes

won during the winter training term. Those receiving awards were:

Best third-year cadet: Cadet G. C. Mills.

Best second-year cadet: Cadet H. H. Bostock.

Best first-year cadet: Cadet D. Coon.

### **AB William Symons Tops Comschool Class**

AB Robert William Symons, of Souris, Man., was top man in the final markings of Communications Visual Class 45, which completed 22 weeks of training in the Communications School March 15. Class instructor was CPO Earl Stong, who has since become morse instructor for Wrens under training in the school.

### **Further Honors Won by Officer-Artist**

A painting of a Rideau River scene by Lieut.-Cdr. Anthony Law, first lieutenant-commander of HMCS Magnificent, was selected as the outstanding painting submitted to the 1952 spring exhibition of the Nova Scotia Society of Artists.

Winning prizes is nothing new to Lieut.-Cdr. Law. He has twice been awarded the Jessie Dow prize for oils exhibited in the open show of the Montreal Art Association, the first time in 1939 and again in 1951. His landscapes have been exhibited with the Royal Academy and his paintings of English Channel actions during the Second World War won him recognition as an official war artist.

# LOWER DECK PROMOTIONS

Following is a further list of promotions of men on the lower deck. The list is arranged in alphabetical order, with each man's new rating, branch and trade group shown opposite his name.

## RCN

ALBRECHT, Ernest B. .... LSSM1  
ALLEN, Douglas R. .... C2AA2  
ANDERSON, Robert C. .... P1SM2  
APPLETON, William H. .... P2CK2  
APPS, George C. .... LSPH1  
ARSENYCH, Myron D. .... P1TD1  
AYOTTE, George E. .... LSTD1

BAKER, Donald C. .... LSSM1  
BALDWIN, Robert J. .... P1RC1  
BARON, Jack. .... LSAA1  
BEALES, Leonard A. .... P2RT3  
BEKE, Joseph P. .... P1ET4  
BELL, Sheldon H. .... LSLR1  
BENNETT, Hedley. .... C2SM3  
BESHELY, Paul A. .... LSSM1  
BINGHAM, Thomas C. .... C2AA2  
BODNARUK, Frank. .... C2ER4  
BOICEY, Orville. .... P1ET4  
BONE, Benvenuto R. .... P1ER4  
BOWEN, Rolland J. .... LSTD1  
BOYLE, Allan W. .... LSSM1  
BRADLEY, Thomas A. .... LSRPS  
BROSTER, Gordon A. .... LSRPS  
BROWN, George R. .... P1SM2  
BROWN, John. .... C1DV3  
BRYAN, John E. .... LSRCS  
BRYAN, Leslie. .... LSRPS  
BRUNNE, James R. .... LSSM1  
BUNGAY, Lynton. .... C2QM2  
BURCK, David. .... LSRPS  
BURNS, Leo J. .... LSAAS

CANUEL, Gabriel H. .... P1SM2  
CARISSE, Joseph J. .... C2PT2  
CHAPMAN, Hartin I. .... P2RP1  
CHARTER, James. .... LSSM1  
CHARTREN, Andrew J. .... C1PT2  
CHRISTIANSON, Russell J. .... P1ET4  
COKER, Bernard A. .... C1ER4  
COLE, Robert A. .... C2QR2  
COOK, Ernest R. .... C1ER4  
COOTE, Robert E. .... LSTD1  
CORBETT, John W. .... LSRCS

DAVIES, Alwyn J. .... LSSM1  
DAWE, Carlton R. .... LSEM1  
DELISLE, David J. .... LSSM1  
DONALDSON, Gordon D. .... LSSM1  
DUBE, Joseph L. .... P1ET4  
DUBOIS, Bernard W. .... LSAAS  
DUCKWORTH, Roy W. .... P2ED3

ECKSTEIN, Earl T. .... C1ER4  
ENGLAND, Charles A. .... P2SM2

FALARDEAU, David J. .... LSRPS  
FAULKNER, Richmond S. .... LSSM1  
FENWICK, Raymond E. .... LSLRS  
FISH, Charles G. .... P2ED3  
FORBES, Daniel W. .... LSSM1  
FULLARTON, Osborne R. .... LSCR1  
FRY, George F. .... P1ET4

GARDNER, Thomas W. .... P2RP1  
GILLOTT, John G. .... LSLRS  
GINGRAS, Yvon J. .... LSRPS  
GOLDING, Jack E. .... LSAAS  
GOOD, Raymond S. .... P2CK2  
GORDON, Earl. .... P2EG3  
GOULDIE, Gordon C. .... LSSM1  
GRACE, Harold J. .... P1SM2

GRAHAM, Percival R. .... LSSM1  
GRANT, Harold B. .... P2ET3  
GRANT, Richard E. .... LSTD1  
GREEN, David R. .... LSSM1  
GUTHRIE, Kenneth B. .... C2QM2(NQ)  
GUTHRIE, Maxwell C. .... C2CF2

HAINER, James S. .... LSRPS  
HANCOCK, Harold J. .... C1PT2  
HARDY, Donald H. .... P1ET4  
HARLING, William T. .... LSEM2  
HARVEY, Hugh T. .... P1ET4  
HAY, James R. .... P1SM2  
HAYCOCK, Kenneth J. .... LSN2  
HEATH, Robert M. .... C2AA2  
HENDERSON, Robert D. .... LSA1  
HENEBRY, Thomas F. .... LSK1  
HENRY, Clarence J. .... C2Q13  
HEPBURN, Donald H. .... LSSM1  
HILL, Arthur E. .... C1ER4  
HODGSON, Robert P. .... P2TD1  
HOOPER, Frederick R. .... LSRP1  
HOOSER, Douglas R. .... C2QR2  
HOPKINS, Donald R. .... LSTD5  
HORNETT, George R. .... C2TI3  
HOULE, Joseph R. .... P1ER4  
HUCKLE, James W. .... LSEM1  
HUDON, Joseph H. .... LSSM1  
HUGHES, Frederick G. .... LSLRS  
HUNTER, Edgar R. .... LSRPS

INNES, Gordon G. .... LSTD5  
INOUE, Yeiiji. .... LSQRS

JACKSON, Roy M. .... P2ED3  
JESSOP, Jack S. .... LSAAS  
JOHNSON, George W. .... C2RT4  
JOHNSON, Ira F. .... C1GI3  
JOHNSTON, Harvey N. .... P2RS3  
JONES, George H. .... P1RP2  
JONES, Harvey A. .... P2RP1  
JONES, Thomas M. .... P2RT3

KAZIMER, Daniel. .... LSSM1  
KEEN, Leonard P. .... P2ET3  
KELLINGTON, Ronald C. .... LSSM1  
KING, Robert. .... P2SM2  
KIRBY, Joseph J. .... P2RW3  
KLEYN, Norman A. .... C2RT4  
KNOWLES, Ralph E. .... P2RW3  
KREPPS, John R. .... LSSM1

LAMB, Donald G. .... LSSM1  
LANG, Keith A. .... LSRPS

LAWRENCE, Peter G. .... P2RS3  
LEHMAN, John. .... C1ER4  
LEGUE, Robert A. .... P2RW3  
LESAGE, Jean P. .... LSSM1  
LINCOLN, Joseph A. .... LSSM1  
LITTLE, Harry Seymour. .... LSTD5  
LOCKAW, Albert L. .... P1ET4  
LOGAN, John W. .... P2ET3  
LUMLEY, Alexander M. .... C2PT2

MANCOR, Claude A. .... C1SM3  
MAJEAU, Henri. .... P2RS3  
MANLY, Desmond G. .... LSEM1  
MATTATALL, Francis L. .... P2EA3  
MAZURKEWICH, Peter. .... LSSM1  
MERCER, John W. .... LSEM1  
MERSEREAU, LeBaron F. .... LSSM1  
MILLER, Robert C. .... P2ED3  
MILLER, William A. .... LSSM1  
MITCHELL, William. .... LSRP1  
MITTS, Norman H. .... P1DV2  
MOFFETT, William J. .... LSA1  
MOHNS, Boyd D. .... P2TD1  
MOTTERSHEAD, Thomas M. .... C2PT2  
MULOCK, Arthur F. .... C2SM3  
MURRAY, Gerald R. .... LSRCS  
McCANNY, John. .... LSAAS  
McCARTNEY, Mervin. .... LSSM1  
McINTOSH, Frederick M. .... LSRCS  
McINTYRE, Cecil H. .... LSSM1  
McMILLAN, Donald A. .... LSSM1  
McMILLAN, Ronald A. .... LSA1  
McPHERSON, Reuben J. .... C2QR2  
MacCORMACK, John B. .... LSEM1  
MacKAY, Kenneth J. .... LSTD5  
MacKAY, Robert W. .... P1BD2  
MacPHEE, Robert L. .... LSRCS

NAGEL, Richard A. .... LSRP1  
NANTAIS, Oscar J. .... LSRCS  
NELSON, Lawrence C. .... LSSM1  
NUTE, Darrel E. .... P1ET4

OLAN, Murray A. .... LSMO1  
ORTH, Roy O. .... LSSM1

PARISE, Edward J. .... P2RP1  
PATTERSON, Bruce B. .... LSSM1  
PIPE, Mervin L. .... P2EA3  
POLLOCK, Robert E. .... P1ET4  
PURNELL, Frederick H. .... C1TI3

RANDLE, Gideon D. .... P2SM2  
REED, Charles W. .... LSSM1  
REID, Andrew G. .... P1ET4  
RENNIE, Gerald C. .... P1ET4  
RICHARD, Joseph C. .... LSAAS  
RIGUSE, Russell M. .... P1RT4  
ROBERT, Lucien J. .... P2EA3  
ROBERTS, Lionel. .... C2RP2  
ROBERTSON, Ronald A. .... LSAAS  
ROBERTSON, Roy A. .... LSAAS  
ROBINSON, David F. .... LSRPS  
ROBITAILIE, George H. .... LSRPS  
ROBSON, Walter W. .... LSSM1  
ROGERS, Dallas B. .... C2PI3  
ROSS, Kenneth B. .... LSSM1  
RUSSELL, James A. .... P1ET4

SAVOY, Joseph R. .... LSPT1  
SCOTT, Donald F. .... LSRPS  
SHIELDS, Thomas. .... P1TD1  
SHORE, Hugo M. .... LSTD1  
SINGER, Glenn A. .... P2TD1  
SLATER, James P. .... P1ET4  
SLATOR, James P. .... LSLRS  
SLAVIN, Robert J. .... C1Q13  
SLOAN, James J. .... LSSM1  
SMITH, Harold R. .... LSRCS  
SMITH, James C. .... LSRCS  
SPENCE, Ross R. .... LSSM1  
SPENCER, Thomas E. .... LSA1

## Sea Cadet Courses at Cornwallis

Three courses for personnel of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets will be held this summer at HMCS Cornwallis.

A leadership course will be conducted July 7 to 18 for 150 sea cadets. Minimum requirements are: 16 years of age as of March 1, 1952; at least two years' service in the corps; qualified in the rate of leading cadet, and attendance at least one previous training camp or course. Applications for the leadership course must be submitted to the responsible area officer not later than May 15.

Two two-week courses will be held at Cornwallis for sea cadet officers, the first from July 21 to August 2 and the second from August 4 to 16. Each course will accommodate a maximum of 75 officers.



STARK, Stanley E.....P2RP1  
 STEPENS, Christian G.....LSSM1  
 STERLING, Clayton.....LSSM1  
 STEWART, Lea C.....P2RT3  
 STRACHAN, Jack H.....P1ET4  
 SUMMERFIELD, George R.....LSSM1

THOMPSON, Peter.....P2RP1  
 THOMPSON, Ross E.....C2QI3  
 THORNDICK, Donavon J.....C1PH3  
 TIZARD, John.....C1SM3  
 TOOKE, Thomas G.....P1EA4  
 TRETHERWEY, Ross E.....LSLRS  
 TURNER, Lloyd W.....C1QM3(NQ)

UMPLEBY, Dennis J.....LSSM1

VANDER-HOEK, Harry.....LSSM1  
 VOSS, John R.....P1ET4

WARNEFORD, Robert T.....LSSM1  
 WATSON, Ernest E.....PIRC2  
 WHYTE, Frederick C.....LSLRS  
 WILLIAMS, William R.....P1ET4  
 WILSON, John K.....P1RA4  
 WILSON, Robert J.....LSSM1  
 WINFIELD, Norman R.....LSLR1  
 WOOD, Frederick D.....C2ER4  
 WOOD, James E.....LSEM2  
 WOODS, William.....C2DV3  
 WOLF, Ronald.....P2RS3  
 WYATT, Ernest C.....LSTDS  
 WYTHE, Stanley J.....LSTDS

YOUNG, Merlin R.....LSSM1

#### RCN(R)

ATKINS, S. J.....LSPW1

BOBBIE, E.....C2SH4  
 BURGESS, F. R.....LSSM1  
 BURNETT, J.....C1QT3

CARRINGTON, J. H.....ABCR1  
 CHAPPIE, P. E.....P2MM2  
 CHARLES, E. W.....LSPH1  
 CHARSKI, M. S.....LSBD1  
 CHASE, J. F.....LSAAS

### WHY ARE WE HERE?

The new recruit or old hand is faced with the same problems which confront the whole nation today: namely, the motives which cause a man to join an active reserve and its necessary expansion during an allegedly peaceful era.

How much expansion in men and material will be successfully maintained under these conditions of peace with strife, few of us may foretell. However, the useful function of a reserve unit will not be served if those already on the active strength should fail to pull their weight by a moral and practical effort in attendance and training. These individuals delude only themselves, and consequently could be more gainfully employed outside the naval reserve.

The question of regular attendance by all, and the ensuing effort put forth during each drill night, may well parallel the interest of the nation in Canada's future.

A conscientious worker or designer on a project, be he using brawn or brain, gets the job finished much more quickly and with greater personal satisfaction than would a lackadaisical individual at half speed and with sporadic effort. The old adage, "Actions speak louder than words," could never apply more than to a volunteer unit. In fact the effort and integrity of everyone for the benefit of the whole *should* set the pace for progress in any branch.

*Lieut.-Cdr. W. J. M. Turner, RCN(R),  
 in The Yorker, magazine of HMCS York.*

DEARY, H. O.....LSAW1

FAIRFIELD, H. R.....LSSM1  
 FORD, H. A.....LSRP5

GILCHRIST, C. O.....P1(NQ)  
 GOODFELLOW, J. A.....LSAAS  
 GOTHARD, H.....C1QR2

HAVILLAND, D. L.....C2PB3  
 HILL, G.....P1VS2

JAMIESON, S. A.....C2QR1  
 JEFFERIES, S. H.....P1BD2  
 JONES, A. F.....P2PH2

LAIRD, C. S.....P1AW2  
 LASHBROOK, N. W.....LSMA1

MANDRYK.....LSCC1  
 McQUEEN, W. S.....C1CV3  
 McCARTNEY.....LSAW1  
 MERCIER, J. H.....P1SW1

MEREDITH, F. J.....P1ER4  
 MINELL, R. G.....LSQR1  
 MORRIS, R. W.....C2PN2  
 MORTEN, S. G.....LSSM1

OLSEN, J. J.....ABMNS

PEAR, L. J.....LS(NQ)S  
 PETROWICH, M.....LSAAS

QUIRBACK, C.....P2CK2

RICHARDS, C. L.....P1RPS

SAUNDERS, F. E.....LSNS1  
 SCHWARTZ, W. G.....P1PH2  
 ST. LAURENT, G. L.....C2TD2

TORNBLOM, R. E.....P2LRS

WALKER, R. B.....LS(NQ)  
 WATT, N. A.....C2SM2

YOUNG, R. J.....LSAAS



Fifty-three men can be accommodated at one time in the instructional receiving room, used for training basic classes in typing and morse at the Communications School in HMCS Cornwallis. It is planned to expand later to a morse pool, with all exercises run from a central control room. (DB-1201-1).

## A TRIBUTE TO STEADINESS

*Montcalm Shipmates Honor  
Chief Petty Officer  
Paul Lavertue*

CHIEF Petty Officer Paul Lavertue, recruiting "chief" at HMCS Montcalm and a veteran of 28 years in the naval reserve, has been chosen unanimously by the ship's company of the Quebec naval division as Man of the Month for May.

In spite of his many years in the reserve (seven of them on full-time duty), CPO Lavertue has had comparatively few adventures. His career has been one, rather, of steady, faithful, unspectacular service.

It was in recognition of this very fact — that the wheel-horses pull a full-sized share of the load, even though they may go unnoticed — that his shipmates seized on the opportunity to pay deserved tribute to the veteran "chief."

Paul Lavertue was born January 14, 1908, at Ste. Justine, Dorchester County, Quebec. On May 6, 1924, 28 years ago this month, he entered the fledgling RCNVR at Quebec City as an ordinary seaman and was assigned official number V-3085.

The reserve was a pretty small force in those days, with equally small facilities and even less public encouragement. None of these had the least effect, however, on the enthusiasm of Ord. Sea. Lavertue. He attended drills regularly and went to the East Coast annually for training.

He took his reserve new entry training in Stadacona and in January 1926 was rated acting able seaman. Later that year he transferred to signalman, thus beginning a specialized career he was to follow thereafter.

Signal training at that time was divided into three stages, each requiring a full year and considerable sea time. Lavertue fulfilled these requirements and in 1929 became an acting leading signalman.

He recalls that during those years he came under the charge of Ldg. Sea. Patrick Budge, whose job it was to see the training program for men of the reserve went according to plan. It did. That same Ldg. Sea. Budge is now a captain, RCN, and commanding officer of HMCS Quebec.

Lavertue had been in the reserve for nearly 15 years before he saw the West Coast for the first time. That

was in January 1939, when, as a confirmed leading sig., he was drafted to Naden for annual training.

In August 1939 he was promoted to acting yeoman of signals and it was in that rank that he was called to active service on the outbreak of war. After a short time in the Naval Control Service Office at Quebec City, he was drafted to Stadacona as an instructor in signals.

He remained in this job, meanwhile being confirmed in rank, until December, 1940, when he was drafted to HMCS Prince David (auxiliary cruiser). The David spent most of the ensuing year patrolling in the western Atlantic and the Caribbean, travelling between Halifax, Bermuda and Trinidad.

For the most part it was dull work, but there were two incidents, following close on one another, that Lavertue remembers well. On the morning of August 27, 1941, the Prince David — and Yeoman of Signals Lavertue — sighted a German heavy cruiser, believed to be the Hipper, at 14 miles distance.



CHIEF PETTY OFFICER  
PAUL LAVERTUE

It was a ticklish moment, for the Canadian ship, though no match for the heavily gunned and faster enemy, was bound to try and carry out shadowing procedure until stronger forces might be assembled to deal with the raider. However, the German captain evidently mistook the David for a capital ship and, surrounding himself with smoke, steamed at full speed over the horizon.

The very next day the Prince David took in tow a British merchant ship, the SS St. Margaret, which had an engine breakdown, and towed her to Bermuda, arriving September 3.

With the outbreak of war in the Pacific, the David was dispatched to the West Coast, and in February 1942 Lavertue left her at Esquimalt. After three months in Naden he was drafted to the signal school at St. Hyacinthe, where he was promoted to chief yeoman and served as an instructor for nearly two years.

He went to Stadacona in May 1944, then was drafted to HMCS Somers Isles, the Canadian sea training base at Bermuda. There he served under Captain (now Commodore) K. F. Adams, his former commanding officer in the Prince David.

Instructional duties took him late in 1944 to HMCS Kings, the reserve officers' training establishment at Halifax. Six months later he returned to St. Hyacinthe for conversion to USN methods of communications.

The war was over when he finished the course and so it was back to Montcalm, his home division, for discharge. CPO Lavertue was demobilized in January 1946; four months later he was back in the reserve, as a member of the newly-formed RCN(R). As his number, R-68, indicates, he was one of the first men to sign up.

For the next five-and-a-half years he instructed Montcalm's reserve men and UNTD cadets in communications. Then, in December 1951 he was taken on continuous naval duty and assigned his present recruiting duties.

CPO Lavertue is married to the former Eglantine Bruneau, of Quebec City. They have five children — two boys and three girls.

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## A TICKLISH JOB

*Explosive Disposal Team  
Praised for Work  
in USN Ship*

Four officers and two men of the Explosive Disposal Unit at HMC Dockyard, Halifax, have received a commendation from the commanding officer of the USS Vermilion (AKA-107) for "outstanding performance of duty" in connection with repair work on the damaged American Navy attack cargo ship.

The Vermilion's bow was damaged when she was in collision at sea with the USS Mellette during cold weather exercises with other units of the US Atlantic Fleet in late January.

In the collision, several hundred cases of ammunition in the Vermilion's forward magazines were bent or broken. Some ammunition spilled from the cases and became scattered throughout some 2,000 blocks of displaced ballast. The loose "ammo", mostly 20 and 40 mm. and .30 calibre, also sifted into the bilges and fuel tanks.

It took the Explosive Disposal Unit team ten days to remove all the cases and the loose and broken ammunition. Some of the cases were embedded in a bulkhead and an acetylene torch, a chain hoist and a

lot of energy and nerve were required to remove them.

Members of the Explosive Disposal Unit were Lieut.-Cdr. John Ruse, Grimsby, Ont., officer in charge; Lieut.-Cdr. Kenneth D. McAlpine, Saint John, N.B., Ordnance Lieut. Gordon Spergel, Toronto; Ordnance Lieut. Earl D. Thompson, Halifax and Victoria; CPO George Kilgour, Stratford, Ont., and CPO Joe Casey, Halifax.

The official letter of commendation, received from Captain E. S. Addison, USN, commanding officer of the Vermilion, said in part:

"These officers and men have labored for ten days, by night and by day, in a very unfavorable working area, surrounded by debris, oil, ice and every frustrating hindrance imaginable, to expedite completion of our task. Needless to say, considerable risk accompanied each step of their work.

"The admirable spirit of cheerfulness, co-operation and persistence displayed by these gentlemen reflects great credit on themselves and their command as well as presenting to the

undersigned a new concept of expertness in and devotion to duty."

The Explosive Disposal Unit removed most of the ammunition while the Vermilion was in drydock at Halifax Shipyards. Earlier, when the ship arrived in port, a diver, Lieut. Earl Thompson, went down to survey the damage.

When the Vermilion went into the floating drydock, "the real work began," according to Lieut.-Cdr. Ruse.

"One day we removed 385 cases of ammunition; on another we got only three."

Most of the cases of ammunition were in bad shape. Some were split wide open and loose shells littered the holds; others were ripped open and the heads of the shells were sticking out. Some of the loose shells were bent like pretzels.

"We had to move ballast blocks," added Lieut. Thompson, "and get into the oil fuel tanks and the bilges to get the loose stuff. It wasn't white collar work."

Two members of the unit, Lieut.-Cdr. McAlpine and CPO Casey, are reservists. The former is attached to HMCS Brunswick, Saint John, N.B., and the latter to HMCS Scotian, Halifax.



Five of the six members of the Explosive Disposal Unit at Halifax who were warmly commended by the commanding officer of USS Vermilion for their work in removing ammunition from the damaged ship are pictured above. Left to right are: CPO Joseph Casey, Halifax; CPO George Kilgour, Stratford, Ont.; Ordnance Lieut. Earl Thompson, Victoria and Halifax; Lieut.-Cdr. John C. Ruse, Grimsby, Ont., officer-in-charge of the unit, and Lieut.-Cdr. K. D. McAlpine, Saint John. On leave when the photo was taken was Ordnance Lieut. Gordon Spergel, Toronto. (HS-18257).

### Award Commemorates Naval Officer Brothers

Col. S. C. Oland, VRD, LLD, of Halifax, has presented for competition an award to be known as "The Captains J. E. W. and R. H. Oland Memorial Award," in memory of his two brothers who were, respectively, torpedo and gunnery specialists in the navy.

The award will be given each year, jointly, to the two officers who obtain the highest marks in the qualifying lieutenants' (G) and qualifying lieutenants' (TAS) courses in Canada.

Should either or both courses not be conducted in Canada in any one year, the award will be given to the Canadian officers who, successfully completing the equivalent courses in the Royal Navy, gain the highest marks.

The award consists of a master 14-inch sterling silver tray, suitably inscribed, which will be held in Stadacona and will have the names of the officers who win the award engraved on it. A duplicate 8½-inch tray, also suitably inscribed, will be given to each winner of the award for his personal retention.

# Afloat and Ashore

## PACIFIC COAST

### Supply School

March 21 saw the end of the supply phase of the tenth supply officers' technical course and on March 24 the class entered the cookery phase under Commissioned Cookery Officer H. Patterson.

This three-week course included all phases of naval cookery, both practical and theoretical. In the first two weeks the class was given lectures and demonstrations in cooking, baking and butchering, and in the third week all members of the class were placed in regular watches in the main galley of the school and required to prepare all the meals for the school's personnel.

A four-week administration course, under Commissioned Writer Officer Harold H. Smith, for short service officers, got under way on March 24.

The same day, the third senior storesmen's technical course started. This advanced course for senior men of the stores branch is of nine weeks' duration and covers all phases of supply. It also is the professional requirement for promotion to commissioned stores officer.

Lieut. (S) J. B. Tucker, who was recently appointed supply officer of the Beacon Hill, is to be replaced by Lieut. (S) Peter Bates, who will

remain in the capacity of senior divisional officer until July, when Lieut. (S) Charles Bicknell will join the school. Lieut. Bates formerly was supply officer of HMCS Bytown, Ottawa.

AB Ernest Mueller has left the records office of the Supply School to join HMCS Crusader. — *B.W.R.*

### HMCS Beacon Hill

Since returning from the cruise to South and Central America with her sister-ship, HMCS Antigonish, the Beacon Hill has led a relatively quiet life. The ship made a couple of short training cruises in local waters, then was taken in hand for annual refit. This month she begins her annual summer commitment of providing sea training for members of the University Naval Training Divisions and RCN(R) officers and men from the naval divisions in Western Canada.

### HMCS Antigonish

Almost immediately on her return from the southern cruise, the ship was taken over by the dockyard for a five-week refit, during which officers and men proceeded on annual leave. The refit was due to complete April 11, at which time the Antigonish resumed her duties in the Pacific Training Force.

### Ordnance School

Just prior to the departure of HMCS Quebec for the East Coast, the Pacific Command Ordnance Association held a get-together in the Naden chief petty officers' mess.

Guests included the foremen from the RCN Armament Depot and during the evening a few stories of the "old days" were told by Les Cole, who retired from the service in 1951.

The Command Ordnance Officer, Ordnance Commander H. M. Walker, addressed the group, said "goodbye and good luck" to ordnance personnel in the Quebec and also wished all success to CPO John Rimmer on his retirement.

CPO Arnold Parkinson, the Ordnance School's Man of the Month in the February issue of *The Crow's Nest*, was surprised and delighted to receive a letter from Captain Eric S. Brand, RN, Ret'd, of Ottawa, who was Commander in HMCS Courageous at the same time Parkinson was aboard. Captain Brand wrote to Parkinson after reading that they had been shipmates prior to the war.

Instr. Sub-Lieut. W. D. R. Whittemore, who has been attached to the school staff for several months, has been appointed to HMCS Ontario. PO Wilfred Still has returned from Korea and has joined Naden, while PO Edward Alexander has gone to the Ontario.

### Communications Training Centre

With a greater number of ships in harbor, daily exercises increased both in numbers and duration in March. These exercises included buzzer and voice manœuvring sessions, with as many communicators in each ship participating as possible. In addition, personnel from the ships attended daily classes at the training centre.

Other instruction was also carried out. Officers from the Ontario and Crusader received an introduction to new publications (tactics), and courses were conducted for two quartermaster courses, a class of reserves qualifying in cryptography and one of OSCVS(R) qualifying for ABCV1(R).

Wireless routines and transmitter tests have been carried out regularly



HMCS Athabaskan has three mascots — "Itchy", "Citation" and "Guns". They are pictured above, in that order, in the arms of Ord. Sea. Wayne Morgan, Montreal; AB Ronald Collins, Winnipeg, and Ldg. Sea. Bertram Mundell, Saskatoon. (SO-199).



on Monday and Wednesday evenings with naval divisions in cities in Western Canada. These practice sessions are helpful in the training of reserve communicators.

During the last week in February the training centre provided a communications link between the Gunner Training Centre and RCAF aircraft while the two were engaged in tracking exercises.

### Aldergrove Radio Station

The officer-in-charge and 20 men from Aldergrove attended a memorial service for His Late Majesty King George VI in the Langley High School auditorium.

During February there were a number of changes in the station's staff. Lieut. A. M. Cupples took over from Lieut. W. H. Waters February 19 as officer-in-charge. The latter was appointed to HMCS Cornwallis for a communications course. PO Lindsay Sheppard departed for HMCS Naden, while Ldg. Sea. John Rusnak and AB Daniel Kostuk joined HMCS Quebec. Their places have been taken by Able Seamen Melville Greer and Richard Lister, from Naden.

### HMCS Sioux

First Canadian warship to complete two tours of duty in the Korean war zone, the Sioux returned to her home port of Esquimalt on March 8 to a welcome no less enthusiastic,



"Miss Wren of 1952" won a lot of applause at a spring fashion show held by the IODE at Manchester Robertson and Allison's store in Saint John, N.B. Wren Jean Morgan, left, of HMCS Brunswick, modelled the "blues", while Miss Patricia Hollies, centre, and Mrs. Marion Armstrong displayed the office dress and summer walking-out uniforms.



Twelve Sea Cadets who travelled from Esquimalt to Halifax in HMCS Quebec are pictured on the cruiser's quarterdeck with Captain P. D. Budge, commanding officer of the Quebec; Captain F. G. Hart, RCN, Ret'd., of Victoria, representing the National Sea Cadet Committee of the Navy League of Canada; Lieut.-Cdr. D. L. Macknight, training officer in the Quebec, Instr. Lieut. T. J. R. Cole and Ldg. Sea. Bernard Hughes. (E-18180).

although somewhat smaller numerically, than that which greeted her a year ago when she completed her first tour.

As he did at the end of his first period in the Far East, Commander Paul D. Taylor, of Victoria, brought his ship alongside in HMC Dockyard, Esquimalt, to the joyous greetings of a large crowd of relatives and friends of his ship's company and the din of whistles, sirens and horns from other ships in harbor.

Since returning home, the Sioux has been undergoing an extensive refit while most of her crew enjoys a well-earned leave period.

## ATLANTIC COAST

### HMCS Wallaceburg

The Wallaceburg was the only major unit of the Atlantic Command in active operation during most of February and March, the other ships of the command being alongside for refit. As a result, the Wallaceburg was more than a little crowded at times as she took JOTLC officers and TAS and gunnery classes to sea for training. Although there are billets for only eight officers, the ship accommodated as many as 26 on one occasion. The same applied to the messdecks.

The Wallaceburg "graduated" her first class of ordinary seamen on March 21. The 14 men joined the ship in November and were marked trained following the completion of

the training period. High man of the course was Ord. Sea. William Jesney with 87.7 percent. He was also chosen as best all-round seaman.

The chief and petty officers' mess held a successful party in the Scotian mess on March 18.

The ship's team bowed out of the inter-ship hockey play-offs, losing to a combined Brockville-Whitethroat squad.

### Joint Maritime Warfare School

The month of March saw the completion of the 8th course from No. 2 (Maritime) Operational Training Unit. This RCAF course was composed of three Lancaster crews, totalling about 30 officers and men.

While in Stadacona, these crews received instruction and practical demonstrations in anti-submarine warfare in preparation for the type of operations they will be called upon to perform when they eventually join the operational maritime squadron.

The RCN Junior Officers' Technical and Leadership Course "F", consisting of 16 officers, received five days' instruction as a portion of the six-week torpedo and anti-submarine course.

The Junior Officers' Technical Course, open to officers of the RCAF and the RCN, which was to have started on March 17, had to be cancelled. The activity in both services in the Atlantic Command precluded sufficient applications to make the course practical. Advance notice of

courses to be held at the school will be made in future by general message to the Navy and Air Force. These messages will normally be originated about two weeks prior to the commencement of the course.

### Communications School

PO G. B. Nickerson has joined the school from the Magnificent and is instructing Communications Radio class 45. PO Roland A. Tucknott is in charge of the message centre while awaiting the commencement of a C2CV3 qualifying course in May.

CPO George Holt has been drafted to HMCS Discovery, Vancouver, and CPO James Mackie is due to go to Halifax as chief yeoman to the Flag Officer Atlantic Coast.

Lieut.-Cdr. A. W. Brown and CPO A. P. Howard have been making an extensive tour of naval divisions in Eastern Canada in connection with recruiting for the communications branch. — *D.A.P.*

### HMCS Brockville

A social gathering was held by the ship's company on St. Patrick's night in honor of the forthcoming marriage of Ldg. Sea. Allan Boyle, the chief and petty officers of HMCS "Scotian" graciously providing the use of their mess for the occasion. Entertainment in the form of sea songs and recitations

was ably presented by PO Leslie Carter, formerly of the Royal Navy.

The Brockville hockey team broke its losing streak, defeating the Wallaceburg and then ousting the Crescent in the semi-finals of the inter-ship playoffs. The team was matched against Magnificent in the final — one of the Navy's smallest ships vs. the largest — and came out second best, but not without putting up a brave struggle.

### HMCS Cornwallis

A guard was paraded Wednesday, March 19, for Commodore M. Ostberg, Swedish Naval Attache to Washington. Commodore Ostberg took the opportunity to visit the RCN's new entry training establishment while on the East Coast in connection with the visit to Halifax of the Swedish cruiser Gotland.

On Thursday, February 28, an inter-divisional talent show was held at Cornwallis. The show consisted of 11 different acts, with music provided by members of the Cornwallis band. Producer was PO W. V. Dougherty.

First prize for a group effort went to Annapolis Division's "Down Easterners", a cowboy trio made up of Ordinary Seamen George W. Bell, Bernard Whitty and James O'Callahan.

First prize for an individual effort went to Ord. Sea. Ricky Birch, of

Algonquin Division, for his fine tenor singing.

Special mention went to the Wrens for their song and dance routine, and especially for the work done on their costuming.

The talent show later travelled to Bridgetown, where it was well received. — *J.B.*

### HMCS Shearwater

The following letter was received by Captain D. L. Raymond, commanding officer of Shearwater, from Commander James C. Houghton, USN, commanding officer of Patrol Squadron Five, a squadron of U.S. Navy Neptune patrol bombers which was based at Shearwater during the course of Exercise Micowex early this year. The letter said:

"On behalf of all the officers and ratings of Patrol Squadron Five, I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks for the many expressions of hospitality and co-operation which you and the personnel of your command so generously bestowed upon the squadron while it was based at HMCS Shearwater during Operation Micowex 52. Your limitless co-operation contributed greatly to the success of the operation and your hospitality added much to the enjoyment of our visit.

"It may interest you to know that many complimentary remarks by personnel of the squadron are still being made with respect to the excellence of the food and quarters furnished us. In fact, appropriate comments on the subject were made in the official report of Micowex 52 which has been submitted by this command.

"I should very much appreciate it if you would convey to your Executive Officer, the Commander (Air), the Commander (Engineering), the Commander (Supply), and the Liaison Officer, Lieutenant R. J. S. Harrington, in particular, and to all hands in general, our most sincere gratitude for the treatment and services accorded.

"I am also informed that one of your ratings, C2AT4 Ronald P. Houston, RN, 8 Dahlia Street, Dartmouth, performed outstanding services in connection with the maintenance of aircraft, and is deserving of special commendation.

"To the officers and ratings of HMCS Shearwater, Patrol Squadron Five wishes continued success in every endeavour."

Since the installation of two arc projectors, a new sound system and a new screen, attendance at movies in



HMCS Carleton, the Ottawa naval division, provided the guard of honor for Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, on his arrival in Canada's capital March 18 for conferences. Officer of the guard is Lieut.-Cdr. Walter Dicks. (O-2240-1).



the Shearwater gymnasium has greatly increased.

Movies are held Sunday and Monday evenings and sports shorts are shown at noon on Wednesdays.

### Albro Lake Radio Station

The station was host to a group of Swedish naval communicators during the visit to Halifax of the light cruiser Gotland. The visitors were conducted on a tour of the station by CPO Douglas Chalmers and were visibly impressed with everything they saw. After the tour they were invited to the chief and petty officers' lounge where, over cups of coffee, views were exchanged on the various aspects of life in the two navies.

Earlier in the day, a number of Albro Lake personnel visited the Gotland and, of course, spent most of their time in the Swedish equivalent of "Radio One." Language difficulties presented no problem as many of the Gotland's ship's company spoke English well. All hands regretted the ship's visit could not have been longer.

"Sailing, Sailing *Under the Bound-ing Main,*" is the theme song of Albro's Petty Officer Leonard Murray, who volunteered for a temporary draft to HM Submarine Alcide. PO Murray is quite happy with his new job, which consists mainly of communicating with aircraft and surface vessels during exercises. He will probably have some interesting yarns to spin on his return to the station.

The thoughts of personnel these days are on their approaching annual leave. Organizing the leave was no simple task for the officer-in-charge, Lieut. George Hoyte, and CPO Harold Jacques, who supervises activities in the Receiving Room. They had to make it possible for each man to receive the leave due him, while at the same time preserving the station's efficiency. This job has now been completed and the first watch to go on leave will proceed May 1.

### Mechanical Training Establishment

CPOs Paul Young and Russel Cox joined the MTE instructional staff in March, replacing CPOs Edward Moore and Clarence Faulkner.

On the sports front the MTE hockey team was defeated in the semi-finals of the inter-part league playoffs. The "A" team in the inter-part bowling circuit was in second place, trailing the first place Clothing Store team. Since the basketball schedule was revised, the MTE has won three straight games. — E.R.G.C.



In Saint John, N.B., is a thriving corps of Wrenettes, feminine equivalent of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets. Here the Wrenettes are shown receiving instruction in the seamanship room of the Navy League's RSCC Rodney, in Saint John. Giving instruction are Lieut.-Cdr. E. Eleanor Dolan, commanding officer, at the right in the picture; Lieut. Katherine Campbell and Leading Wrenette McQueen.

### HMCS Iroquois

The Iroquois spent the month of February at Norfolk doing gunnery evaluation trials, and, incidentally, creating a few new RCN records for rate of gunfire and speed of ammunition.

Able Seaman Andrew Bonner, of Kingston, Ont., and Leading Seaman Gerald E. Jamieson, of Ottawa, were captains of the guns that did the firings and we feel safe in saying they watched their guns recoil more times in six weeks than Hornblower did in his whole career!

The period was not without thrills, e.g., when we watched a few Hellcats figuratively come blazing down to sea, having met our "bricks" head on.

We saw a good deal of the U.S. Navy and were usually berthed alongside American destroyers. Sometimes we were sixth out from the jetty, which made humping stores across the gangways quite an evolution. We got so Americanized that hands fell in on the "fantail."

The ship was honored to receive, on completion of the gunnery trial, the following signal from Commander Operational Development Force at the USN base:

*Congratulations on expeditious completion of trials. Your efficient execution of all tasks and hearty co-operation greatly admired. COMOPDEVFOR appreciates opportunity to be shipmates with such a fine command.*

On returning to Halifax, the Iroquois immediately plunged into prepara-

tions for her long voyage to the Far East.

Edith Elizabeth, two-month-old daughter of Lieut.-Cdr. H. E. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, became the first baby to be christened in this destroyer since recommissioning.

Chaplain (P) Horatio Todd conducted the christening. Godfathers were Commander William Landymore, commanding officer of the Iroquois, and Lieut. R. M. Greene; godmothers were Mrs. Landymore and Mrs. Greene. Lieut.-Cdr. Taylor is executive officer of the Iroquois.

### TAS School

The month of March saw a greater number of classes under instruction in the Torpedo Anti-Submarine School than there had been in a considerable period of time.

These included four officers' classes and six classes qualifying for various TAS rates. In addition, 50 ordinary seamen were given an interesting introduction to asdic pings, A/S weapons, torpedoes and the "nether regions" of mine warfare and seaward defence. This is a revival of an old scheme whereby ordinary seamen were given familiarization courses to help them select their future branches.

TAS school staff changes include the appointments of Lieut. G. R. MacFarlane to the Iroquois and Lieutenants T. J. Thomas, D. K. Gamblin, T. L. B. Hebbert and J. R. Addison, all to the school. CPO Tom

E. Elstone has joined from the La Hullose and CPO Harry E. Carson from the Haida.

Two sections have been formed in the school. Lieut. D. A. Cameron heads the new tactics section and Commissioned Gunner R. E. Middleton has been appointed as Instructional Gunner.

The school's team in the Stadacona inter-part volleyball league was tied for second place in late March. The school also entered the inter-part rifle league but was finding the competition fairly stiff, even though CPO Frank (Dead-eye) Rushton, who cleaned up in the Halifax Garrison League, is on the school team.

### HMCS La Hullose

The La Hullose sailed March 18 for Bermuda for work-ups following completion of her annual refit in Halifax. The ship's company welcomed the chance to get back to sea and away from the confusion that goes with refitting.

Ten busy days were spent in Bermuda. Besides the usual work-up evolutions, all hands turned to in spreading a respectable covering of gray paint over the red-lead superstructure.

Lieut. (E) James Millen, the engineer officer, missed the voyage, having taken some post-refit leave, and was replaced temporarily by Lieut. (E) William Jennings.

The commanding officer, Lieut.-Cdr. Arthur H. McDonald, of Saint John and Halifax, received his "half-stripe" March 16.

The faces come and go aboard this frigate. Lieut.-Cdr. McDonald and Lieut. Millen are the only wardroom officers who have been with the ship since she re-commissioned in 1950. Still on board and as busy as ever is the Buffer, CPO Lorenzo J. Le Fournier. — J.M.

### HMCS Portage

The ship's hockey team improved tremendously after a shaky start in the Atlantic Command inter-ship league and put up a stiff fight before being eliminated by the Magnificent in the semi-finals. In the inter-part league, the Stokers again won the Captain's Cup against stiff opposition from the Chiefs and POs, Seamen and Miscellaneous.

Basketball has been organized and the softball players have been warming up their flippers in preparation for the coming season.

## NAVAL DIVISIONS

### HMCS Star

(Hamilton)

A recruiting campaign, aimed at increasing the strength of the naval reserve in Hamilton, got under way March 4. Commander G. H. Parke, commanding officer of the division, launched the campaign with a talk to the ship's company in which he stressed the need for a virile reserve. Lieut.-Cdr. G. F. Sams spoke briefly, listing the prizes and incentives being offered those bringing in the greatest number of recruits.

Lieut.-Cdr. J. W. Swackhammer and Lieut.-Cdr. J. H. Curtis have taken up the appointments of executive officer and first lieutenant-commander, respectively. Lieut. Rod Lyons has succeeded Lieut. Donald Sheppard as staff officer of the division.

### HMCS York

(Toronto)

Four members of the federal parliament recently visited HMCS York and viewed reserve training at first hand as they accompanied Captain R. I. Hendy, the commanding officer, on rounds. They were A. J. P. Cameron, D. A. Croll, J. W. G. Hunter and D. M. Fleming.

A recruiting officers' conference and a supply officers' conference were held at York in February. Officers from naval headquarters and Ontario naval divisions attended the meetings,

discussed problems and exchanged ideas.

Captain A. G. Boulton, Director of Naval Reserves, paid an unofficial visit to the Toronto naval division in late February. He spoke to the ship's company at evening quarters and stressed the need for and value received from reserve training. — A.C.T.

### HMCS Catarauqui

(Kingston, Ont.)

Eight reserve men from Catarauqui joined HMCS Quebec for her cruise from Esquimalt to Halifax. They were Petty Officer D. W. Wareham, Leading Seamen W. S. Palmer, J. H. Picton and R. H. Farrell, Able Seamen W. W. Bellamy, W. J. Forsythe and C. H. Bissett and Ord. Sea. C. W. McRobie.

After more than two years on the staff of Catarauqui, PO Ross Brock left recently to join HMCS Iroquois. He was relieved by Ldg. Sea. W. Costello, formerly in the Wallaceburg.

An informal going-away party was held for PO Brock and Commissioned Bos'n S. C. Burton. The latter had been attached to Catarauqui since entering the service in 1941 as an able seaman in the physical and recreation training branch.

BET classes and damage control qualifying courses are in full swing. Ldg. Sea. J. Goodfellow and Able Seamen E. Wisker, R. Dingley and D. Farrington have passed QDC(A).

On the weekend of March 15-16,



Captain R. I. Hendy, commanding officer of HMCS York, explains the use of the ARL plot to four Members of Parliament on the occasion of their visit to the Toronto division on a reserve drill night. Left to right are A. J. P. Cameron, D. A. Croll, J. W. G. Hunter and D. M. Fleming.



eight officers, 17 men and eight Wrens proceeded to Ottawa for an inter-division sports meet with Carleton. An enjoyable time was had and, best of all, Cataraqui won.

The division was visited informally March 1 by Captain E. W. Finch-Noyes, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel, and Captain D. W. Piers. The former was in Kingston for the annual West Point RMC hockey match. The latter is attending the National Defence College.

#### **HMCS Montcalm** (Quebec City)

New entries attached to the Basic Training School at Montcalm have set up their own newspaper under the name of "La Vigie." The first edition was due to appear the end of March.

The editorial staff includes Ordinary Seamen G. J. Morin, Raymond Tremblay, Laurier J. Tremblay, Normand J. Anctil, Joseph A. Boulianne and Marcel J. Savard.

AB Gaston Lalonde, who served in the Korean theatre in HMCS Athabaskan during her first tour of duty, recently received a copy of the commendation awarded the ship by the President of South Korea.

Instr. Lieut. D. J. Hamilton joined the school staff in February as instructor in charge of St. Croix division.

Officers of Montcalm recently entertained naval personnel from the National Defence College at a reception in the wardroom.

The men's volleyball team was holding down second place in the inter-service volleyball league in Quebec City. Montcalm officers were tied for third position.

#### **HMCS Queen Charlotte** (Charlottetown)

The staff officer at HMCS Queen Charlotte, Lieut. J. M. Richards, has been conducting classes in seamanship and pilotage in his off hours for a group of Queen's Scouts.

Captain J. J. Connolly, former commanding officer of the Charlottetown naval division, is a patient in the Victoria General Hospital at Halifax. Former shipmates in HMCS Queen Charlotte wish him a speedy recovery.

The new cribbage champion around the division is the civilian engineer, Charlie Burke (an ex-stoker petty officer). The RCN staff is determined to take the champ down a few pegs (no pun intended).

In the January DCRA rifle matches, the chief and petty officers' team placed 43rd on the prize list with a team score of 471 points.



Lieut.-Cdr. B. T. R. Russell, commanding officer of HMCS Sault Ste. Marie, displays a wolf eel he caught during an oceanographic survey voyage carried out by the "Soo." (Photo by Commissioned Bos'n Gordon Healer).

#### **HMCS Malahat** (Victoria)

A group of Wrens from Malahat were given an introduction to life at sea March 20 when they spent the day on board HMCS Ontario while she carried out post-refit trials in the straits of Juan de Fuca.

Garbed in blue jeans, the Wrens started the day off by touring the cruiser from stem to stern. They then witnessed the dropping of depth charges, streaming of paravanes, firing of torpedoes and Bofors anti-aircraft guns.

Lieut.-Cdr. J. W. Shaw and Commissioned Electrical Officer H. G. Wood spent the first two weeks of March taking naval training in HMCS Sault Ste. Marie while she was engaged in oceanographic survey operations. The minesweeper was continuously buffeted by gales which at times reached force nine.

Malahat had its first christening March 16 when Calvin James Edmund Law, infant son of Ldg. Sea. J. A. Law and Mrs. Law, was christened by Chaplain (P) George Soutar. In mid-April Ldg. Sea. Law was drafted to HMCS Chippawa. He had served on the permanent staff of Malahat since last October after completing a tour of Korean duty in HMCS Sioux.

Two more Malahat Wrens are now on continuous naval duty at Cornwallis. They are Patricia Allen, training to be an administrative writer, and Valerie Griffiths, a communicator.

#### **HMCS Prevost** (London, Ont.)

Places on Prevost's team for the annual Great Lakes regatta, to be held at HMCS Star, Hamilton, on the Labor Day weekend, will be awarded on a basis of attendance and training progress, it was announced by Commander F. R. K. Naftel, commanding officer of the London naval division.

A new Wren officer, Lieut. Margaret Rolph, has been appointed to Prevost and will assist Lieut. Elizabeth MacKenzie.

Two Prevost men joined HMCS Quebec for her voyage from Esquimaux to Halifax. They were Ldg. Sea. Brian Goven, of London, and AB Stanley Paul, of St. Thomas.

A color guard has added ceremony to divisions and evening quarters. The first guard was made up of chief and petty officers and was commanded by Sub-Lieut. Arthur Collins.

AB L. F. W. Parkin, a member of the permanent staff, who served in the Athabaskan during her first tour of Far East duty, has received a copy of the citation awarded the destroyer by the President of South Korea.

CPO William Kelly, a communications instructor at Prevost, has transferred to HMCS Hunter, his civilian employment having taken him to Windsor.

Two Wrens and one able seaman were recently presented with certificates from the commanding officer as a memento of the part they played in memorial services for His Late Majesty King George VI. The three stood guard at the cenotaph in Victoria Park. They were AB C. R. Stewart and Wrens Margery Hall and Margaret Ferguson.

An officer of the Royal Danish Navy, Sub-Lieut. Wilhelm Gronback, was a recent visitor aboard Prevost. He is in Canada for a year-and-a-half of flying training with the RCAF.—N.L.C.

#### **HMCS Chippawa** (Winnipeg)

Chippawa's separate training program for new entries started paying off in March, when the first class, 14 strong, graduated and joined regular Monday drill nights. Most of the group went to the gunnery and communications divisions, with the balance

going to the supply and engineering branches and the band.

The UNTD suspended drill nights in March and began making plans for the summer training season. About 85 cadets are expected to spend the summer with the navy. Three of that number will take aircrew medical tests and, if successful, will take aviation training. — *T.W.C.*

### **HMCS Donnacona** (Montreal)

On March 12, Donnacona launched a full-scale recruiting drive for the RCN (Reserve). The drive is backed by intensive newspaper and radio advertising and display of posters throughout the city. In announcing the drive, Commander P. A. Langlois, commanding officer of Donnacona, emphasized the necessity for a strong, well-trained reserve, particularly in these times of international tension.

Donnacona was host to the Montreal United Services Institute February 21. The meeting was addressed by senior officers of the Navy, Army, Air Force and Defence Research Board, with Rear-Admiral H. G. DeWolf, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, representing the RCN.

Early in March an informal reception was held in the wardroom for

a group of 15 officers from the Swedish cruiser Gotland, who spent a day in Montreal on their way to Ottawa.

Wren Anne King was recently elected president of the Wrens' Mess.

The Donnacona band, under Lieut. Norman Mouland, took part in Montreal's St. Patrick's Day parade. "Ship Ahoy," Donnacona's weekly newspaper, has been revived under the editorship of PO Bill Walters. Sub-Lieut. Juan Sheridan is business manager.

Plans for the formation of a camera club in the division are in the initial stages but if dark room space can be made available it is expected the club will soon become a reality.

### **HMCS Hunter** (Windsor, Ont.)

Recruited only last fall, members of the Wren division at HMCS Hunter showed up their male counterparts in the January-February training period by capturing the divisional proficiency shield. This trophy is awarded every two months to the division at Hunter which piles up the highest number of points for attendance, smartness and drill. Until the Wrens stepped into the picture it had been held for more than a year by the gunnery division.



With an average of 83 per cent, the Wrens captured the divisional proficiency trophy for the January-February training period at HMCS Hunter. The shield is awarded on the basis of most points scored for attendance, drill and smartness. Lieut. P. J. Ryall, training officer, presents the award to Wren Grace Knapper, while Lieut. (W) Gladys Tunk, Wren divisional officer, looks on.

### **HMCS Discovery** (Vancouver)

Discovery now carries 525 reserve officers and men, according to the latest figures compiled by Lieut. (SB) Harold Irish, recruiting officer.

This figure includes 266 chief petty officers, petty officers and men, 35 recently attested Wrens and 105 UNTDs at the University of B.C. According to Lieut. Irish, an additional 22 men are now in process of completing their "in routine" prior to attestation.

On the eve of his departure for Ottawa and the start of a three-year short-service engagement, Commissioned Constructor James Cameron presented the wardroom with two framed pen and ink sketches of Westminster Palace and the British Houses of Parliament. Previously, Mr. Cameron had been presented with a silver mug to commemorate his many years of service with the division.

Lieut.-Cdr. (S) Mel Adamic made a flying visit to Victoria to lecture to the tenth supply officers technical course. That same night, after flying back to Vancouver, Lieut.-Cdr. Adamic had time only to nibble a quick sandwich before delivering a supply lecture to Discovery Wrens.

CPO R. A. (Doc) Myles has returned from leave which was spent in pruning trees and transplanting raspberries at his Lynn Valley home. CPO William Firman leaves his electrical branch job at Discovery to join Naden and become one of a team inspecting western divisional installations. Ord. Sea. Archie Prill has been drafted to Naden, while CPO George Holt, the communications wizard, is back on Discovery's staff. PO Reginald McLuskie has been assigned to Discovery as a member of the recently formed train patrol. He replaced PO Egnace Shushack, who has been drafted to Naden.

Commander Glen McDonald, commanding officer of Discovery, announced that all officers holding watch-keeping certificates will be required during the next few months to spend at least ten hours at sea in Discovery's tender, PTC 724, in order to qualify for command of the Fairmile.

Coincident with this announcement was a change in duties of several officers. Lieut. James Sproston, former assistant training officer, became executive officer of the ML, while Lieut. Glen Hyatt, former XO, was appointed assistant training officer. Midshipman Malcom Matheson, former navigator, will move into the



training department, with navigation duties in the ML being assumed by Midshipman J. D. Kyle.

CPO Sam Cosh and PO Clyde Coombs have won the applause of their shipmates for donating ten pints of blood each to the Red Cross. — *W.J.H.*

### **HMCS Brunswick**

(Saint John, N.B.)

Personnel changes at Brunswick recently include the addition of Lieut. (S) Alyre Cormier and Lieut. (SB) R. B. Macauley. The latter has been appointed personnel selection officer. PO Al Livingstone has been drafted to the West Coast and AB Phil McAllister has joined the permanent staff.

Sports are very much in the spotlight at Brunswick these days. Under the direction of PO Alan Riley, a badminton tournament was held recently, with 30 entrants competing for honors in men's and women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles. The second section of the volleyball league is now under way with three teams competing. In outside competition, the Brunswick volleyball team defeated the Saint John Garrison Army team 15-8, 22-20 and 22-17 on the Army floor.

### **HMCS Nonsuch**

(Edmonton)

Two seamen who served aboard HMCS Athabaskan in Korea waters and are now on the staff of Nonsuch recently were presented with copies of a certificate of commendation awarded the Athabaskan by Syngnam Rhee, president of the South Korean Republic.

The presentations were made to Ldg. Sea. B. J. Kostiuik and AB Harry Ackerman by Commander G. P. Manning, commanding officer of Nonsuch, at a brief ceremony aboard the Edmonton division. — *E.W.H.*

### **HMCS Unicorn**

(Saskatoon)

The necessity for a strong reserve force was stressed by Captain A. G. Boulton, Director of Naval Reserves, when he addressed the ship's company of Unicorn following his inspection of the division March 10.

Captain Boulton urged that each officer, cadet and man conduct his own personal recruiting campaign as a means of increasing the size of the division and thereby strengthening the navy's reserve.

He also outlined the training program planned for this summer and described some of the functions of his department. — *J.B.W.*

### **Obituary**

#### **CPO LESLIE ARTHUR COOPE PAIGE, BEM, RCN**

Chief Petty Officer Leslie Arthur Coope Paige, BEM, RCN, 40, a member of the permanent staff at HMCS Queen since May 1950, died suddenly in the General Hospital, Regina, March 30.

Born at New Westminster, B.C., CPO Paige received his schooling there and in Vancouver prior to joining the RCN as an ordinary seaman in February 1931.

He obtained his early training in HMCS Naden and at sea in HMCS Vancouver. Other ships in which he served before the war included the Armentieres, Skeena and Ottawa. He took a gunnery course in HMS Excellent in 1938 and at the outbreak of war was a leading seaman, serving at HMCS Stadacona, Halifax.

He went overseas in November 1939 to qualify as a gunner's mate and in January 1940 was promoted

to acting petty officer. He was confirmed in this rate a year later, while serving aboard HMCS Restigouche. He was promoted to chief petty officer in January 1943 and from then until the end of the war was employed in a training capacity at various shore establishments at both coasts.

For his "loyalty, efficiency and diligent co-operation in the training of gunnery personnel" during the war years, CPO Paige was awarded the British Empire Medal in January 1946. He also possessed the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

CPO Paige was attached to the Gunnery School at HMCS Stadacona from June 1946 until May 1950, when he was drafted to the Regina naval division. He qualified as a gunnery instructor in July 1948.

CPO Paige took part in numerous activities at HMCS Queen. He was president of the chief and petty officers' mess; was in charge of training the naval section of a composite Navy-Army guard for the Royal Visit to Regina last October, was organizer and instructor of rifle shooting classes and was involved in various other affairs at the division.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sarah J. Paige, two brothers and two sisters.

He was buried April 7 in the Victoria Naval Cemetery with full naval honors.

### **Two Countries' Services Aid Compassionate Case**

Some smooth and speedy international teamwork helped a young seaman in distress on Wednesday, March 26.

At ten o'clock in the morning a telegram for AB John B. Tilley, informing him of the death of his mother in St. John's, Nfld., was received at HMCS Shearwater. The information was quickly relayed to HMC High Speed Launch 233, of which Tilley was a crew member and which was on safety patrol at the Chezzetcook bombing and gunnery range. Orders were given to land Tilley at Gaetz Head and a naval helicopter, piloted by Lieut.-Cdr. J. D. Lowe, picked him up there and whisked him to Shearwater.

Meanwhile, at the air station, the administrative offices prepared a leave ticket and got his pay in order. The United States Air Force was contacted and arrangements were made for Tilley to take passage in a USAF aircraft leaving for St. John's at noon.

A staff car met the helicopter as it landed at Shearwater and Tilley was taken to the administrative offices and to his block to pack his bag.

Shortly before 11:30 Tilley reported to the USAF plane on the runway and a half hour later was on his way home, where he arrived at approximately three o'clock in the afternoon.

### **'HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT' HELD BY DISCOVERY**

To acquaint teen-age boys and girls of Vancouver with the job being done by the reserve force attached to Discovery, and also to stimulate interest in recruiting, officers and men of the division held a "High School Night" on Friday, April 25.

Letters requesting the co-operation and assistance of Vancouver high school principals went out under the signature of Commander Glen McDonald, commanding officer, inviting them to publicize the event in their respective schools.

The teachers were invited to tell all of their students—boys and girls alike—that the "High School Night" included demonstrations of asdic, radar and other electronic gear in action; sport displays; motion pictures; a tour of the communications department; inspection of naval supplies and stores; a "dummy" run on submarine detection and a tour of the base rifle range.

# The Thing

*On Board Quebec, They  
Bravely Opened  
the Box*

ON March 5, 1952, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Quebec lay at anchor in Parry Bay, about five miles from Esquimalt Harbor, quietly minding her own business as she carried out post-refit trials.

Few on board even bothered to give a second glance when the little wooden survey vessel Cedarwood hove in view and altered course toward the cruiser's berth. Eyes and ears perked up, however, when, as the Cedarwood drew closer, the swingy strains of "The Thing" blared from two loud hailers on her bridge and a large and interesting looking crate was sighted on her deck.

Through a megaphone, Lieut.-Cdr. J. E. Wolfenden, commanding officer of the Cedarwood, asked permission to proceed alongside the Quebec's quarter. Permission was granted and, when his ship was secured, he stepped across to present Captain P. D. Budge with a very official-looking sealed envelope.

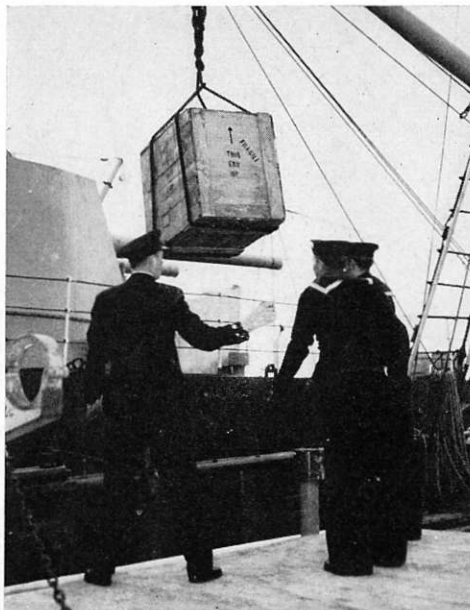
At a sign from the cruiser, the Cedarwood's winches whined and her cargo derricks lifted the heavy crate and set it down solidly on the Quebec's spotless quarterdeck.

There, under the direction of Commander Ralph Hennessy, executive officer of the cruiser, the lid was pried off, revealing an expanse of fine sawdust which the wind immediately whipped into a fog of flying wood chips. Digging into the remainder of the sawdust to uncover what had been so carefully packed, Commander Hennessy and his helpers came up with an astonishing variety of very obsolete articles — empty bottles, tin cans, pieces of wood, scraps of old metal, etc.

Several bucketfuls of sawdust and junk later, a second box came into view. This one also was securely nailed and bore a note suggesting it be opened in the ship's wardroom.

Practically half the ship's company was pressed into service to get this second box through the wardroom door, where the clearance on each side could be measured only with a micrometer (this as the result of some precision measuring and sawing on the part of the box's builders).

Captain Budge was now brought into the act. With a crowbar he pried off the lid: more sawdust. The



HMCS Cedarwood went to a lot of pains to make sure "The Case of the Disappearing Projectiles" was not forgotten. The upper left photo shows "The Thing" being hoisted across from the Cedarwood to HMCS Quebec. Upper right, Captain P. D. Budge, with the help of his executive officer, Commander Ralph Hennessy, unearths one of the two six-inch projectiles buried in the box. In the lower photo, Captain Budge holds "The Thing" itself. Flanking him are Lieut.-Cdr. J. E. Wolfenden, commanding officer of the Cedarwood, and Commander Hennessy. (E-18076, 18078 and 18081).

cry, "Buckets and brooms!" went up again.

Here we must digress briefly to explain that a week or so earlier the Quebec had carried out six-inch gun trials. A salvo was fired from "B" turret and the projectiles took off toward the distant horizon in approved fashion. However, after the prescribed interlude no splashes were observed to mark the spot where the shells entered the water. In fact, nothing

at all was observed. Hurried reference to the Gunnery Handbook, QRCN and, even in desperation, the Manual of Victualling, failed to produce any explanation for the strange behaviour of three apparently normal rounds of six-inch ammunition.

Many and varied were the explanations offered later in the wardroom and on the messdecks, with the prize for the most original going to the man who suggested that perhaps,



## Aircraft Demolition Odd Cayuga Job

Destruction of a friendly aircraft was the unusual and melancholy task performed by a demolition party from HMCS Cayuga during one of the destroyer's recent patrols.

The airplane, a Royal Navy Sea Fury, had been forced down by anti-aircraft fire on the beach of a disputed Korean island and was in danger of capture by the enemy. A British salvage team was hurried from Japan to strip it of all valuable gear and the Cayuga's party was set ashore to finish the job.

The demolition party placed 25-pound charges, rigged with a time fuse. The party retreated to a hill 300 yards away and, seven minutes later, the doomed fighter plane disintegrated with a resounding "Whoomp!" Bits of metal were strewn over a radius of 250 yards.

In the demolition party were Lieut.-Cdr. (E) R. J. Craig, Dartmouth, N.S.; Ordnance Lieut. F. J. Boyle, Ottawa; Lieut. E. A. Wiggs, Quebec City; CPO D. Nelson, Victoria; CPO R. Malin, Victoria; PO N. K. Jones, Swift Current, Sask.; PO L. D. Mohns, Esquimalt; Ldg. Sea. E. C. Wyatt, Winnipeg, and AB J. Casler, Claresholm, Alta.

like Paul Bunyan's "frozen" words, the shells had become suspended in mid-air and only the spring thaw would reveal their actual whereabouts. Others, obviously having read the local Chamber of Commerce literature on the subject of West Coast weather, preferred some other solution to the mystery. So far, none has been forthcoming.

Back to the box. In the second batch of sawdust, most of which by now had drifted to the remotest corners of the wardroom, Captain Budge's exploring hands encountered a large, extremely heavy object, neatly wrapped. With the help of his executive officer, the captain unearthed a black, six-inch projectile, highly polished and with a large white "8" painted on it. Further investigation produced another "proj", decorated the same as the first, and another box.

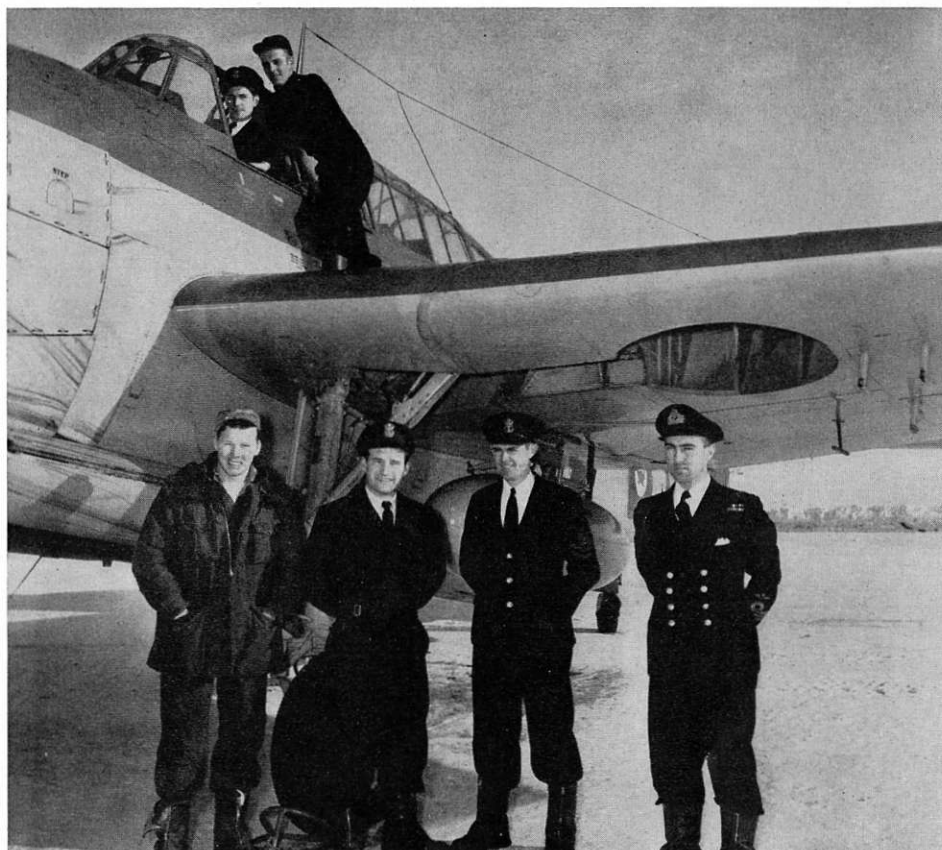
A screwdriver, suitably wrapped with pink and blue ribbon, was then presented to the captain and he attacked the numerous small brass screws holding the lid. Shortly thereafter he uncovered a gift-wrapped parcel, addressed to HMCS Quebec, which contained a large, shiny, black "8-ball", mounted on a mahogany base and bearing a plaque inscribed:

*"A Thing Not To Get Behind."*

*Presented to HMCS Quebec from HMCS Cedarwood. 14 January, 1952."* (January 14 was the day on which the Quebec commissioned).

While Captain Budge was digging in the box and reading the inscription to his grinning officers, Cedarwood personnel had managed to manoeuvre

themselves quietly to the wardroom door and thence back aboard their ship. By the time the Quebec's officers had gained the deck, the Cedarwood was heading at full speed toward Esquimalt, the raucous notes of "The Thing" drifting impudently back across the rapidly-widening gap.



Another season of cold weather aircraft trials has ended for RN and RCN personnel forming the naval section of the Central Experimental and Proving Establishment's Climatic Detachment, RCAF Station, Edmonton. During the past winter the airmen carried out trials of various types of aircraft at Edmonton and at Watson Lake, Yukon Territory. Their purpose was to determine how the aircraft reacted to sub-zero temperatures, and the colder the weather, the better it suited them.

The top photo shows six members of the seven-man naval section. Left to right on the ground are Ldg. Sea. L. H. McInnis, RCN, of Creston, B.C.; CPO Cooper, RN; PO Sparrow, RN, and Lieut.-Cdr. (E) (A/E) (P) F. J. Thornton, RN, commanding officer. In the cockpit of the RCN Avenger is CPO Golding, RN, while on the wing is PO M. C. Wood, RCN, of Toronto.

The photo on the right shows Lieut. (P) B. W. Mead, RCN, of Vermilion, Alta., entering the cockpit of a Vampire. Lieut. Mead is divisional officer and, as pilot, is capable of flying all the various aircraft at the detachment. These include the Vampire, Avenger, Bristol helicopter, Balliol, Mustang, Dakota, Mitchell and Harvard. Lieut.-Cdr. Thornton is also pilot and project engineer of both the Bristol helicopter and RCN Avenger.





# The Navy Plays



## Four Boxing Titles Go to Cornwallis

Boxers from HMCS Cornwallis won four of seven titles in the annual Atlantic Command boxing championships held in the Stadacona gymnasium March 20 and 21.

The new entry team was victorious in the bantam, light and welterweight events and won the light heavyweight championship without a fight. Stadacona took two titles and Magnificent the other.

More than 30 sailors from Cornwallis, Stadacona, Shearwater, Magnificent, Brunswick and Portage slugged it out in the preliminaries on the 20th, leaving ten bouts to be fought on the final night. The card lasted two hours and had never a dull moment.

One of the crowd pleasing scraps was the middleweight fixture between Ord. Sea. Matthew Killoran, Cornwallis, and AB Archy York, Shearwater. York fought well for two rounds but faltered in the third and Killoran got the nod from the officials.

In the middleweight final, Killoran ran into the hefty right swings of AB Vern Theoret, Stadacona, and the referee, CPO Johnnie Hancock, stopped the fight in the second to save Killoran from further punishment.

AB Ron Fallahay, Stadacona, kayoed Ord. Sea. Billy Trinder, Cornwallis, in the heavyweight final, knocking him to the canvas for counts of eight and nine before scoring a knockout in the second.

Ord. Sea. Karl Kowalsky, Shearwater, scored a unanimous decision over Ord. Sea. Pat Cripps, Cornwallis, in a fast welterweight bout which brought cheers from the crowd. However, in the finals Ord. Sea. Dick Greer, Cornwallis, scored a very close decision over Kowalsky.

Though he failed to win his weight, Kowalsky was judged the outstanding performer on the card, on the strength of his over-all showing.

At the close of the evening, individual trophies were presented to the winners and runners-up by Captain Kenneth L. Dyer, commanding officer of HMCS Magnificent, on behalf of

the Flag Officer Atlantic Coast, who was absent on duty.

Results of the finals were as follows:

**BANTAMWEIGHT** — Ord. Sea. Jim Hurley, 117, Cornwallis, outpointed Ord. Sea. Vern Frankton, 112, Brunswick.

**FEATHERWEIGHT** — AB Norm Leonard, 126, Magnificent, won by tko over Ord. Sea. Earl Philpott, 124, Stadacona, in second round.

**LIGHTWEIGHT** — Ord. Sea. Ed Roberts, 132, Cornwallis, won by tko over Ord. Sea. John A. Barley, 136, Magnificent, in second round.

**WELTERWEIGHT** — Ord. Sea. Dick Greer, 137, Cornwallis, outpointed Ord. Sea. Karl Kowalsky, 146, Shearwater.

**MIDDLEWEIGHT** — AB Vern Theoret, Stadacona, won by knockout over Ord. Sea. Matthew Killoran, in second round.

**HEAVYWEIGHT** — AB Ron Fallahay, 187, Stadacona, won by knockout over Ord. Sea. Billy Trinder, 188, Cornwallis.

## Inter-Ship Hockey Won by Magnificent

HMCS Magnificent scored a 7-1 victory over HMCS Brockville in a sudden-death final for the inter-ship hockey championship at Halifax. The game, played at the Dalhousie Memorial rink, saw the Magnificent score one goal in the first period, five in the second, and another in the

third. The lone Brockville tally came in the third.

The winners were sparked by Neve, who scored two goals and picked up three assists. Thompson also got a brace of goals while Murray, Watson and Sims scored singletons. Blackburn registered the Brockville's only goal.

## La Hulloise Hockey Team Misses Playoffs

The exigencies of the service brought the hockey season to a premature end for the team of HMCS La Hulloise. Unbeaten in 15 of 17 games played up to the end of February, the team had high hopes of winning the inter-ship hockey championship at Halifax.

However, hockey had to be set aside in the first two weeks of March, the completion of refit requiring all hands on the job. Then, just as the playoffs were about to start, the La Hulloise put to sea for work-ups at Bermuda.

It was an excellent season for the frigate's team, nevertheless, and, on the strength of their record, The Lady's pucksters were claiming unofficial title to the championship.

## Royal Roads Triumphs in Basketball Tourney

Royal Roads was triumphant in an inter-service double elimination basketball tournament held in the gym of HMCS Naden on February 29 and March 1. Other entries in the tourney were from Naden, Victoria Army and RCAF Sea Island.

In the final game, Royal Roads defeated Naden 47-22 to win the inter-service basketball trophy, which was presented by Lieut.-Cdr. J. D. McCormick, Pacific Command Sports Officer.

## Hunter Hockey Team Defeats York, Star

HMCS Hunter's hockey team, captained and coached by Lieut. W. J. Waldron, went undefeated in home-and-home series with HMCS York and HMCS Star.

The final game of the series was played at Chatham March 29, with



Ord. Sea. Karl Kowalsky, of HMCS Shearwater, receives from Captain K. L. Dyer his award for being chosen the outstanding performer in the Atlantic Command boxing championships. (HS-18459).



Hunter defeating Star 7-5. Earlier in the month, the Windsor division handed Star's team a similar 7-5 setback on Hamilton ice.

In the home-and-home series with York, Hunter won handily by scores of 10-1 and 9-1. The first game was played at Scarborough Arena in Toronto and the return match was played in Windsor.

Sportsmanship, competitive spirit and post-game social gatherings featured these inter-division matches. — R.M.P.

### **Stadacona Dominates Garrison Rifle League**

HMCS Stadacona made a clean sweep of the senior, intermediate and junior divisions in the Halifax garrison Indoor Rifle League this season. Figures released by Capt. D. C. Lawford, president of the league, after the 11-match season, also gave two of three individual honors to Stadacona sharpshooters.

The Stadacona seniors scored 4324 and averaged 480.44, while the intermediates had an aggregate of 4226 and averaged 469.55, enabling both teams to finish about 1.5 points ahead of their nearest rivals. The juniors finished well ahead in their division with 4217 and 466.33, averaging six points better than RCMP.

In the individual scoring, CPO Frank Rushton, of Stadacona, topped the seniors with a 97.44 average and Ldg. Sea. Robert McCallum was high man among the juniors with 96.33. All five regulars of the Stadacona seniors finished in the top ten in individual scorers, while four were in the high ten among the intermediates. The juniors also placed four in the top ten.

### **Queen Charlotte Ahead in P.E.I. Rifle League**

At the halfway mark in the Prince Edward Island Garrison Rifle League matches, the Navy's "A" team from HMCS Queen Charlotte was leading the senior division by a wide margin.

Members of the team include CPOs S. G. Bowles, L. A. Llewellyn, E. V. Pineau and A. Costello; PO E. W. Anderson and Ldg. Sea. J. E. MacKenzie.

### **Lieut.-Cdr. Larose Wins Squash Title**

Lieut.-Cdr. Henri C. Larose, of HMCS Stadacona, won the Maritime squash singles championship, defeating Commissioned Bos'n James Arnott in three straight sets in the final. The two players met earlier as

finalists in the Atlantic Command tourney, with Mr. Arnott the victor on that occasion.

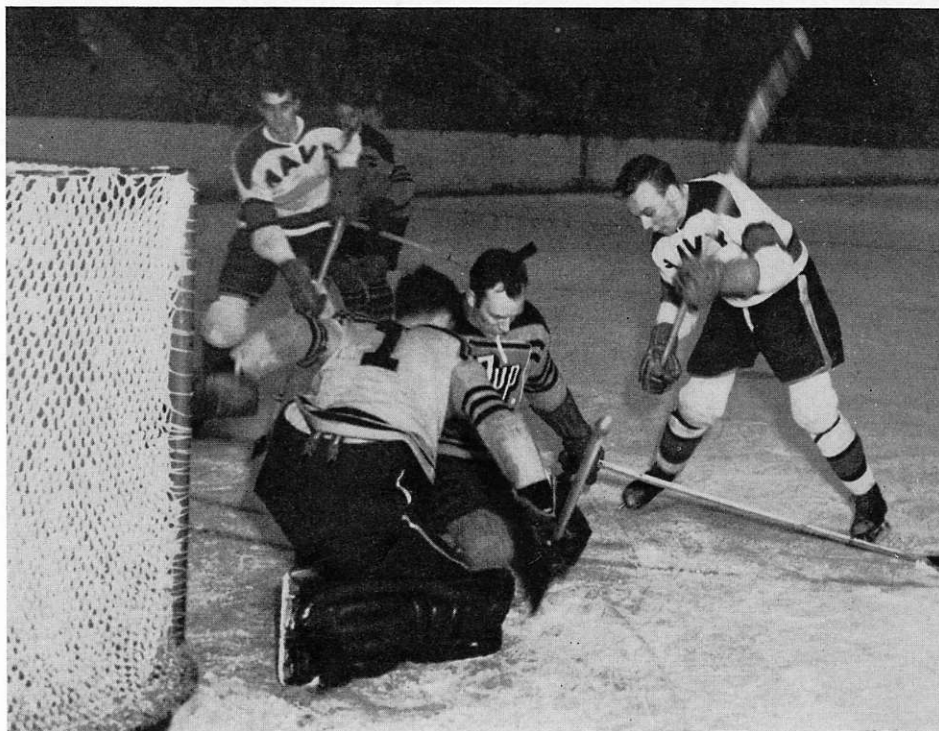
The Birks Trophy was presented to Lieut.-Cdr. Larose by Rear-Admiral Roger E. S. Bidwell, Flag Officer Atlantic Coast, following the final match.

More than 30 players from naval ships and establishments and from the city of Halifax were entered in the five-day tournament held at the Stadacona gymnasium.

### **Navy Upsets Leaders in Hockey Playoff**

After finishing third in the Victoria Commercial Hockey League, the RCN's Pacific Command team came up with an outstanding display to defeat the first-place Seven Ups in three straight games in the playoff semi-finals.

The first game was a nip and tuck thriller and it was not until ten minutes of overtime that Navy scored



Third-place Navy upset first-place Seven Ups in three straight games in the semi-finals of the Victoria Commercial Hockey League playoffs. This photo shows a scramble around the Seven Up goal during one of the games. (E-17789).

### **Chippawa Pairs Take Two Badminton Titles**

Navy players came out on top in the Manitoba Badminton Association's inter-club league. Miss M. Sinclair and Miss A. Freeman, of the Ex-Wrens' Association, took first place in the women's doubles, while Lieut.-Cdr. George Rooke, staff officer of Chippawa, and CPO Joseph Gallo, gunnery instructor, won the men's doubles.

CPO Gallo, incidentally, recently received a bar to his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. He possesses the longest record of service in Chippawa of anyone now attached to the division.

Chippawa's hockey team finished in second place in the Winnipeg inter-service league. Winnipeg Light Infantry took first place. RCAF and Fort Osborne Barracks were third and fourth.

the goal that brought a 6-5 victory.

In the second contest the sailors ran wild in racking up a 13-4 triumph. The third game was closer but the RCN was not to be denied and emerged on the long end of a 6-3 score.

### **Stadacona Hoop League Nears Playoff Stage**

Three playoff berths were decided as the Stadacona inter-part basketball league entered its final week. Leading the league was the JOTLC "E" class with an undefeated record in the six games played. MTE was in second spot with four wins and two losses, while Electrician's Mates held down third place.

There was a three-way battle for the fourth playoff post between Supply, Electrical Staff and P. and R.T.



Pictured above is the Supply team which won the Stadacona inter-part hockey championship. Kneeling, left to right, are: AB Richard Penwarn, PO Garfield Charles, PO Marcel Arbique, AB Rheel Begonesse and AB Howard Nuttall. Standing: PO James O'Gorman, coach, AB Viateur Gauthier, Ldg. Sea. Earl Whalen, AB Raymond Johnson, Ldg. Sea. Marcel Lavallee, AB Peter Baran, AB Roger Parent, PO Douglas Brown, CPO Ed McSweeney and Commander (S) Raymond Bowditch, supply officer of Stadacona. (HS-18516).

### **Supply Downs Electrical in Stad Hockey Final**

Supply won the Stadacona inter-part hockey championship by defeating Electrical Staff three games to one in a best-of-five final series.

The inter-part hockey trophy was presented to team captain AB Raymond Johnson by Commander A. B. Fraser-Harris, executive officer of Stadacona, following the final game.

Electrical Staff drew first blood in the final by scoring a 7-3 victory but Supply came back to win the next three games. The last one was a thriller for two periods, the score being tied 5-5 after 40 minutes, but a five-goal outburst by Supply put the game in the bag. CPO Ed McSweeney notched five goals in the finale.

Supply advanced to the final after a gruelling series with MTE. The semi-final, scheduled as a best-of-three round, went to four games before the Supply team eliminated the hard-driving engineers. Electrical staff had it much easier, turning aside ND school in two straight. Lineups in the final series were: Supply—goal, Arbique; defence, Lavallee, Gauthier, Parent, Brown; forwards, McSweeney, Charles, Johnson, Whalen, Penwarn, Nuttall, Baran and Begonesse.

Electrical Staff—goal, Hartnett; defence, Hayes, Heard, Bruce, McCrae, Munro, Kitchin; forwards, Haas, Crowley, Perron, Cox, Woods, Brouillard, Carroll and Mercer.

### **Supply Team Captures Naden Hockey Title**

The Naden Inter-Part Hockey League was completed in February with the Barracks Supply team in first place with nine wins, one tie and three losses. MTE "A" was a close second with nine wins and four losses.

With three quarters of the basketball and volleyball schedules completed, the Medical, Communications and ND entry was still undefeated and leading both leagues. The combines practically clinched the basketball championship by defeating their nearest rival, Supply School "A", by a 27-13 score.

### **Naden Boxers Prepare for Olympic Trials**

Organized last October, HMCS Naden's Boxing Club capped a busy season with vigorous training for this spring's Olympic trials.

Under the leadership of CPO Edward Graves, the club produced a stable of 13 fighters on which to draw for an RCN boxing team. The club made its public bow at a Victoria Boxing Association show last November, entering a team of three. AB David Martin and Ord. Sea. R. Blain won their fights and Ord. Sea. E. Ketcheson lost by a decision.

Another trio entered the all-Island boxing show at Chemainus, B.C., in December. AB D. Bruneau and Ord. Sea. Frank Deegan took the measure of their opponents, but Ord. Sea. D. Mott was on the short end of a decision.

The RCN team's lone representative at the Tacoma, Washington, Golden Gloves in January was Ord. Sea. Deegan. Pitted against a tough opponent in the person of the Canadian lightweight champion, Deegan lost in the second round of his match.

A team of five collected three titles at the Vancouver Island Golden Gloves at Victoria in February but the club drew a blank in the B.C. Golden Gloves at Vancouver in March. All five entries, up against extremely stiff competition, were ousted in the eliminations.

Active club members during the 1951-52 season were: CPO Graves, manager and coach; AB John Thurmier, assistant coach; Ord. Sea. J. Takoaha, trainer, and fighters AB Charles Simpson, Ord. Sea. Frank Deegan, Ord. Sea. D. Mott, AB D. Bruneau, AB David Martin, Ord. Sea. R. Blain, Ord. Sea. S. McNair, Ord. Sea. B. Aigneault, Ord. Sea. F. Doucette, Ord. Sea. M. Kelly, Ord. Sea. E. Ketcheson, Ord. Sea. William Campbell and Ord. Sea. Romeo Brun.

### **Weekly Sports Day Held by Comschool**

A sports program in which all hands take part is held each Wednesday afternoon by the Communications School at Cornwallis. Lieut. C. W. Fleming is in charge of arrangements and has encouraged a great deal of enthusiasm.

At the moment, variety is limited but when the new gymnasium is opened shortly it will be possible to add swimming, water polo and other water sports to the schedule.

In the inter-part bowling league, the Comschool continued to hold second place, hard on the heels of the Seamanship entry. A communicator, Ord. Sea. Donald J. Churchill, topped the individual averages with 216.

The school is laying plans for an active softball league this summer. Practices will start as soon as weather permits.

### **Active Hoop Season Closes at Shearwater**

The basketball season just past was one of the most active in the history of HMCS Shearwater, the air station being represented in city senior, intermediate, junior and ladies' leagues and having an inter-part league of its own.

The seniors finished third in the city league and then dropped two straight to Dalhousie University in the semi-finals. The intermediates were in fourth place in the seven-team



league as the schedule drew to a close. The juniors lost out in a sudden-death semi-final game to Halifax Wolverines, while the ladies' team sponsored by Shearwater was in third place in the seven-team league.

Four teams entered the inter-part play-offs, with CAG and Air Department qualifying to meet in a best-of-five final for the league championship.

### **Football Star Becomes Donnacona Sports Officer**

Sub-Lieut. Juan Sheridan, of Montreal Alouette football fame, has taken up the post of sports officer of HMCS Donnacona and has begun a drive for increased athletic activity. All hands are being urged to participate and it is hoped that the Montreal division will make an even greater name in the sports world than it has in the past.

Donnacona Wrens have surprised their instructors with their accurate marksmanship during Saturday afternoon classes on the rifle range. The Wrens also hold a sports night every Tuesday and lately have been playing badminton and basketball.

### **Shearwater Survives Hockey Semi-Final**

The Navy's two entries in the Halifax Metropolitan Hockey League both won playoff positions as the league completed its 12-game schedule. Stadacona tied for second place with RCMP-City Police, while Shearwater finished in fourth position.

Stadacona took on the league-leading Dartmouth Royals in one semi-final series and lost by a margin of two games to one, with the deciding contest going into overtime before the Royals eked out a 6-5 victory. In the other semi-final bracket, Shearwater defeated RCMP-City Police to advance into the best-of-five final.

### **Malahat's Marksmen in Two Competitions**

HMCS Malahat's rifle team, captained by CPO Walter Burch, was turning out on Wednesday evenings during March for Dominion of Canada Rifle Association matches and an inter-divisional shoot with other naval divisions across Canada. CPO Burch set a good example for his team by scoring a team high score of 98 on the indoor range at HMCS Naden.

Swimming sessions for Malahat personnel and guests are being held in the Naden pool, also on Wednesday nights.

### **Navy Team Retains N.S. Swimming Title**

A team of swimmers from ships and establishments of the Atlantic Command retained the men's division championship at the second annual Nova Scotia Swimming Meet held at the Stadacona pool on March 28. The Navy compiled 34 points, one more than Dalhousie University and two more than Acadia University.

In the ladies' division, Acadia U. finished with 48 points, 17 more than runner-up Dalhousie.

A total of 69 swimmers representing seven different organizations in the Maritimes, took part in the meet, which was sponsored by the RCN and sanctioned by the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association, Nova Scotia section.

The Navy team won only one event, the open 60-yard free style, but placed in six of the other eight to compile a winning total. In the ladies' division, the Acadia Axettes placed first in four of the eight events to win handily.

Four ladies' records and three men's were broken and five more were established for the first time. AB Roderick Petty, of the Explosive Disposal Unit, set a new 60-yard free-style mark in copping the navy's only individual championship.

The meet was held through the kind permission of Commodore Hugh F. Pullen, commanding officer of

Stadacona. Rear-Admiral Roger E. S. Bidwell acted as honorary referee, Commodore Pullen as honorary time-keeper.

In charge of the organization of the meet were PO Albert (Trip) Trepianier, president of the CASA, Nova Scotia section; Commissioned Bos'n James Arnott, Mrs. K. Roberts, Jim Gawley, Jr., and CPO J. Wardell.

The RCN swimming team included 14 members from Stadacona, Shearwater, Magnificent, Haida and the Explosive Disposal Unit.

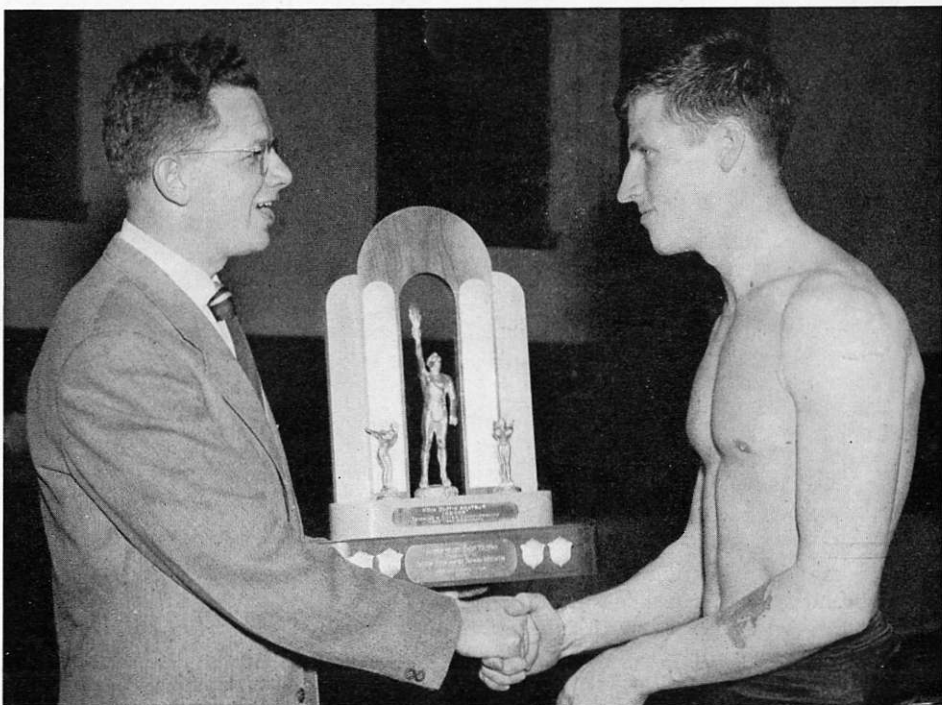
### **Navy Basketball Entries Eliminated**

Acadia University won the Ernest Glass Memorial Trophy in an invitation basketball tournament held at HMCS Stadacona on April 5. Thirteen teams from Halifax and District took part, with the Acadia Axemea coming through undefeated.

The collegians met runner-up HMCS Stadacona in the final game of the meet and scored a 64-50 victory. The sailors went into an early lead but tied in the last half as the Axemen came on to pile up a commanding lead and take the game.

Clarke and MacManus were high scorers for Acadia with 19 and 10 points, while Brown and Kitchin were Stadacona's best offensive duo with 18 and 13 points.

F. R. C. MacDonald, president of the City and District Basketball



Ldg. Sea. Don Champion, captain of the Halifax Navy team which won the men's division title in the Nova Scotia swimming meet at HMCS Stadacona, receives the team trophy from Hugh A. Noble, Director of Physical Fitness for the Nova Scotia government.

Association, presented the Ernest Glass Trophy to Scott Killam, captain of the Acadia team, and the runner-up trophy to AB James Kitchin, captain of the Stadacona quintet.

Stadacona and Shearwater teams earlier had bowed out in the City and District Senior Basketball League play-off semi-finals. Stadacona dropped two straight games to Acadia while Shearwater was defeated by Dalhousie University. Acadia went on to win the championship.

### **Volleyball Winners Decided at Shearwater**

Two successful volleyball leagues were in operation at HMCS Shearwater during the winter season. In the inter-part league, CAG scored three straight victories over SNAM in the best-of-five final series to win the championship. CAG had advanced to the final by defeating Air Stores in the semi-finals, while SNAM had triumphed over Supply-Miscellaneous.

In the officers' league, SAG defeated Supply in the best-of-three final and was due to take on the inter-part champion, CAG, for the station volleyball title. The SAG officers won the semi-final round from Executive-SNAM, while Supply Officers defeated TAG in the other bracket.

### **Medical, Ordnance Lead West Coast Bowling**

Medical and Ordnance were leading respectively the "A" and "B" sections of the Pacific Command Bowling League with only nine games left of a 60-game schedule.

In the "A" Section, Medical had a nine-point lead over Communications and ND. Regulating, Supply School, Damage Control and Nursing Sisters followed in that order.

The battle for first place was closer in the "B" section, with Royal Roads only two points back of Ordnance. Trailing them were Writers, MTE, Cooks and Civil Service.

### **Naval Swim Team Outscores Acadia U.**

The RCN swimming team from the Atlantic Command won both ends of home-and-home swimming meets with Acadia University, of Wolfville, N.S.

The Navy team, which consisted of officers and men from Stadacona, Shearwater, the Crescent and Magnificent, won the first meet, at Wolfville, 62-41, and then took the second at their home pool at Stadacona, 59-41.

For the sailors, AB Rod Petty and AB Robert Garrioch were high point scorers in the dual meets.

### **Storesmen's Class Cops Swimming Meet**

Naval Storesmen's Class 33 was victorious for the second time in a row in a monthly inter-class sports competition held by the Supply School, HMCS Naden.

The second competition took the form of a swimming meet, with teams from each of the classes under instruction in the school taking part.

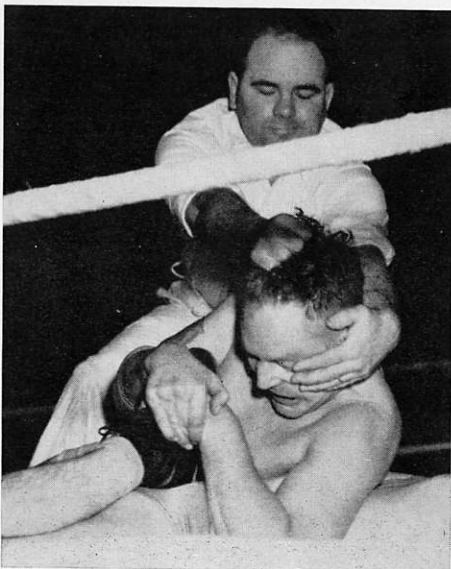
Individual winners were Ordinary Seamen William Eddy and Cliff Near, NS33; Laurent Olivier, SW38, and Jack Emslie and Douglas Macdonald, VS32. The medley relay was won by Pay Writer Class 22, team members being Ordinary Seamen Robert Ferguson, James Kemp, Donald Allen and Edward D'Acely.

Cakes were presented by Commander (S) D. T. R. Dawson, officer-in-charge of the school, to the winning NS33 team and to the second-place Administrative Writer Class 22.

### **Active Sailing Season Planned by Malahat**

Yachting enthusiasts at HMCS Malahat are looking forward to an active season with the West Coast Squadron of the RCN Sailing Association.

The Malahat group will sail snipes, lightnings, sailorettes, whalers and dinghies on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons throughout the season. The sports officer, Sub-Lieut. M. Powell, is instructing beginners in the art of sailing.



Petty Officer Jimmy (Sails) Goodman, who alternates as referee and performer at the wrestling shows held in the Naden gymnasium, finds the former job has its tribulations. In this case he is trying, with little success, to persuade Petty Officer Donald McCulloch to let go of Dave Patterson's foot. (E-17848).

Later in the season, Malahat yachtsmen plan on participating in several cup races between Esquimalt harbor and Cadboro Bay. Malahat Wrens are also displaying an interest in sailing.

### **Stadacona PT Staff Sets Volleyball Pace**

At the half-way mark in the schedule, the P. and R.T. staff was leading the Stadacona inter-part volleyball league with a record of five wins in as many starts. This gave the club-swingers a four-point edge over Electrical "A", Instructor Officers and TAS, who were tied for second place with six points a piece. Nine teams are competing in the league.

### **Clothing Store Leads Stad Bowling Loop**

Clothing Store was setting the pace in the 24-team inter-part bowling league at HMCS Stadacona at the end of March. Electrical "B" was in second place, three points back, and Medical Staff and TAS teams were tied for third. The top 12 teams were scheduled to commence the playoffs in April.

Stadacona's 18-team mixed bowling league commenced playoffs in mid-March.

### **Star Pucksters Ousted in Playoff Semi-Final**

HMCS Star was ousted from the Hamilton East End Industrial Hockey League playoffs, losing to a strong Stanley Works team in a semi-final series. That did not mean the end of the season for the Hamilton sailors, however. Desiring to show off new sweaters and stockings provided by the ship's fund, the Star team arranged additional exhibition games with other naval divisions and with the Hagersville Army squad.

### **Two Tie for Honors in Shearwater Hockey**

SNAM and Air Groups finished in a deadlock for first place in the Shearwater inter-part hockey league with 18 points, while Civilians and CAG tied for third with 14.

The final standings were decided on a goals-for and -against basis to determine playoff opponents. First-place SNAM was drawn against Civilians, while Air Groups played CAG.

Other teams in the league were Supply-Miscellaneous, Air Department and Albro Lake.



# DISCOVERY WRENS GO TO SEA

by Wren G. A.

Back in the days of long voyages and the dangers of piracy on the high seas, a belief arose among sailors that to have a woman on board ship was courting ill fortune. However, as we all know, during the Second World War women of the Royal Navy were given the command and entire control of harbor craft. Judging by a recent occurrence at HMCS Discovery, the old superstition has lost its meaning entirely.

The occasion was a special sea voyage arranged for the newly-formed Wren division at the Vancouver training establishment. As the division's training tender, PTC 724, was refitting at the time, Mr. Clarke Gibson, Commodore of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, made his twin-engine Diesel yacht, Norsal, available for the cruise.

The 30 Wrens and their divisional officers, Lieutenants (W) Carol Sellers and Lillian Tait, were taken on a six-hour tour of coastal waters in the vicinity of Vancouver. Accompanying them were Lieut.-Cdr. William Davidson, Lieut. (SB) Harold Irish and



Petty Officer William Stewart shows a group of Wrens the proper way to secure a hawser (top). The lecture took place during the five-hour sea cruise made by members of HMCS Discovery's Wren division aboard the yacht Norsal.

A change of course calls for concentration on the part of Wren Colleen Bliss during her trick at the Norsal's wheel. Lieut.-Cdr. William Davidson, executive officer of the Vancouver division, keeps an eye on the lubber's line.



out of order after touring with 32 "Jonahs" for a day.

## Swansea Travels Far, Sees Many Places

When HMCS Swansea went into refit early this year, the frigate wound up one of the busiest years of a busy career.

In the 11 months that had elapsed since completing her previous refit, the Swansea had logged 34,487 miles on nearly 20 different cruises of varying distance and duration.

During those 11 months, the Halifax-based frigate visited 27 different places, some of them several times. In detail, they were: Portsmouth, Gerrans Bay, Falmouth Bay and Tor Bay, England; Swansea, Wales; Invergordon, Rosyth, Lamlash and Ardrossan, Scotland; Belfast and Lisahally, Northern Ireland; Boston, Mass., Portland, Me., New London, Conn., and Washington, D.C.; St. John's, Nfld., and Saint John, N.B.; Bermuda (four times); Digby and St. Margaret's Bay, in Nova Scotia; Nassau, Bahamas, and Grand Manan, N.B.

The visit to Washington was the first ever made by a ship of the RCN to the United States capital.

The Swansea was employed on training duties throughout the year and to this end embarked UNTD cadets, seamen qualifying in specialized rates and classes from the junior officers' technical and leadership course.

Petty Officers William Stewart and A. W. Bragg.

They inspected the ship from stem to stern and from wheelhouse to engineroom, with POs Stewart and Bragg acting as guides and instructors. Actually seeing the co-ordination between wheelhouse and engineroom did much to give a greater understanding to the lectures the Wrens had been receiving during the regular Tuesday night sessions at Discovery.

A trick at the wheel for all Wrens was the order of the day and many an earnest eye was focussed on the lubber's line. The skipper of the Norsal, Captain G. Damgaur, explained the elements of pilotage and showed the Wrens how charts were used.

On deck an informal class in bends and hitches and a discussion of the Rule of the Road concluded as the Lions Gate bridge re-appeared and the captain took over the helm.

The Wrens were mustered and fallen in fore and aft as the Norsal steamed past Stanley Park and berthed safely at Discovery—with nothing amiss or

## PO's Painting Hung In Cabot Wardroom

A painting by Petty Officer A. S. Peet, formerly a member of the staff of HMCS Cabot, has been hung in the wardroom of the St. John's naval division. The painting depicts the crippled frigate HMS Amethyst aground on a mud bank in the Yangtse river, with her guns out of action and at the mercy of Chinese communists.

PO Peet, an ex-Royal Navy man, served on the permanent staff of Cabot until January of this year, when he left to join HMCS Quebec on her commissioning.

## "COMMISSIONING CEREMONY" HELD FOR FORMER CPO

When CPO Stanley L. Foreman received promotion to acting commissioned engineer officer, while serving aboard HMCS Sioux in the Far East, his fellow members of the engineroom staff made sure the event did not pass without due ceremony. A sword, complete with scabbard, was made with tender care by PO Harold L. Davies, and, at a formal "dubbing", the former chief ERA was declared an acting commissioned engineer officer by Lieut. (E) William Attwell.



The photo shows Mr. Foreman, wearing an air of dignity befitting the occasion, in the centre of a group of those who attended the affair. Lieut. Attwell is seated at his left and CPO Jack Nevison at his right. Standing, left to right, are PO Harold Davies, PO Joseph Ward and PO David Featherby. In front are CPO William Allan and PO Ronald Webster. (SO-188).

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

1330 Ouellette Ave.,  
Windsor, Ontario.

Sir:

I hope you will not take exception to criticism of one item in the historical sketch in the March issue of *The Crowsnest* entitled "Some Dates in Canadian Naval History" by one who had a very intimate knowledge of the Navy in its earliest stages.

The last sentence of the paragraph under the heading "1911 to 1914" is misleading.

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Had that sentence read, "As a result, no ships were built. HMCS Niobe in 1911 and Rainbow in 1913 became inactive," it would have been historically correct without overburdening what is intended, of course, as a mere outline of events, with unimportant and meticulous detail.

Probably the writer of the sketch was unaware that HMCS Rainbow was fully active through 1911 and 1912, proceeding on frequent cruises and carrying out all the prescribed drills and gunnery exercises, though with progressively dwindling manpower which it was not permitted to replenish.

The Rainbow's last sea-going operation prior to July 1914 was to take a party of Militia officers to Berkley Sound on a reconnaissance mission in the spring of 1913.

I think it would only have been what is due to the officers and ship's company who did everything in their power to maintain active life in the Navy, under conditions of great discouragement and difficulty, to differentiate, however briefly, between the enforced inactivity of the Rainbow for one year and that of the Niobe from the time of her grounding, in the summer of 1911, to 1915.

*Yours truly,  
Walter Hose,  
Rear Admiral,  
RCN, Ret'd.*

## Weddings

Able Seaman James Caldwell, HMCS Queen Charlotte, to Miss Lorraine Landry, of Georgetown, P.E.I.

Lieut. (S) Robert A. Darlington, HMCS Beacon Hill, to Miss Wendy Howard, of Victoria.

Ordinary Seaman George E. Johnson, HMCS Portage, to Miss Teresa Maisonneuve, of Ottawa.

Lieut. S. I. Ker, HMCS Antigonish, to Miss Diana MacPherson, of Victoria.

Commissioned Bos'n A. E. Leonard, HMCS Antigonish, to Miss Barbara P. Shaw, of Victoria.

Sub-Lieut. Alexander Rowney, HMCS Unicorn, to Miss Barbara Joan McLaren, of Saskatoon.

Lieut. W. F. Stephenson, HMCS Stadacona, to Miss Marjorie Frances Davies, of Toronto.

Able Seaman Peter J. Wilkins, HMCS Stadacona, to Miss Jean E. Crouse, of Upper LeHavé, Lunenburg County, N.S.

## Births

To Petty Officer Robert Barnes, HMCS Portage, and Mrs. Barnes, twin daughters.

To Petty Officer T. A. Bradfield, HMCS Discovery, and Mrs. Bradfield, a son.

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authorities of the Royal Navy have met. Then for 15 minutes the two Canadians underwent a close examination by the six admirals present and answered a barrage of questions. The board did not reach any decision but from the interest shown it was apparent that the Canadian designs will be fully considered for any changes made in the Royal Navy dress in the future.

## MAN OF THE MONTH

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The "chief" is one of those men in whom others naturally entrust responsibility, knowing he will get the job done and done well. He has been, for example, president of the chief and petty officers' mess at Montcalm since 1947, and on several occasions he has been district delegate for the Canadian Legion and the Civil Service Federation, with both of which organizations he has been closely associated.

## HALIFAX JILL TARS ELECT 1952 OFFICERS

Mrs. Edward Jackson was elected president of the Halifax Jill Tars at the annual meeting. Other officers are as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. William Norman; secretary, Mrs. Robert Herdman; treasurer, Mrs. George Pilkington; program convener, Mrs. David Webb; press, Mrs. Frank Walford; telephone convener, Mrs. Alex Colley; hospital convener, Mrs. Robert Hutchings, and social convener, Mrs. Harry Swanson.

To Petty Officer Ray Eastman, Gloucester Radio Station, and Mrs. Eastman, a daughter.

To Petty Officer Arthur Inglis, HMCS Iroquois, and Mrs. Inglis, a daughter.

To Leading Seaman Robert McCallum, HMCS Stadacona, and Mrs. McCallum, a son.

To Commander C. P. Nixon, Naval Headquarters, and Mrs. Nixon, a son.

To Petty Officer Edward Parise, HMCS Portage, and Mrs. Parise, a son.

To Lieut.-Cdr. Raymonds Phillips, HMCS Antigonish, and Mrs. Phillips, a daughter.

To Lieut.-Cdr. H. E. Taylor, HMCS Iroquois, and Mrs. Taylor, a daughter.

To Lieut. D. F. Tutte, HMCS Iroquois, and Mrs. Tutte, a daughter.

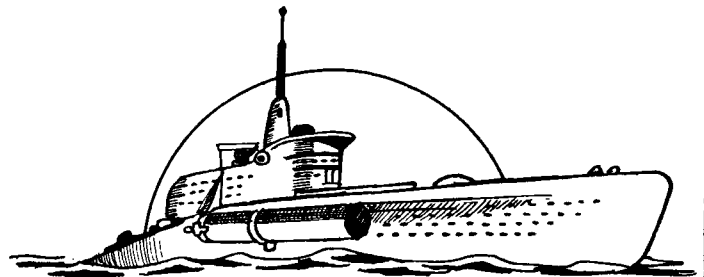
To Chief Petty Officer Alvin Underhill, HMCS Stadacona, and Mrs. Underhill, a daughter.

To Leading Seaman R. V. Valliere, HMCS Antigonish, and Mrs. Valliere, a son.

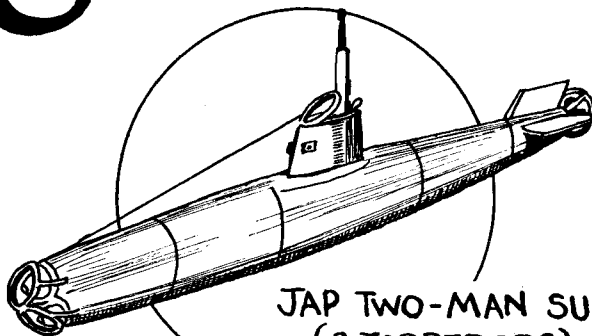


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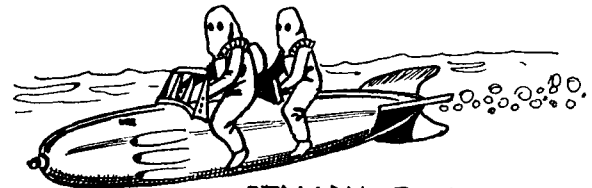
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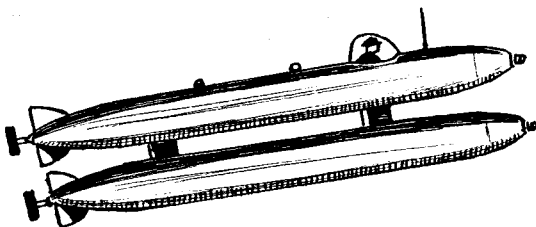
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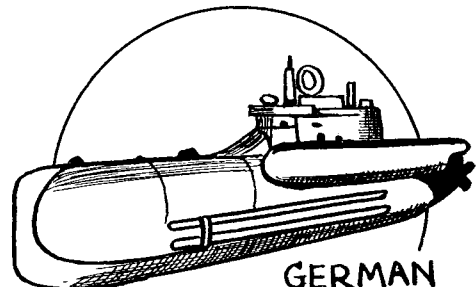
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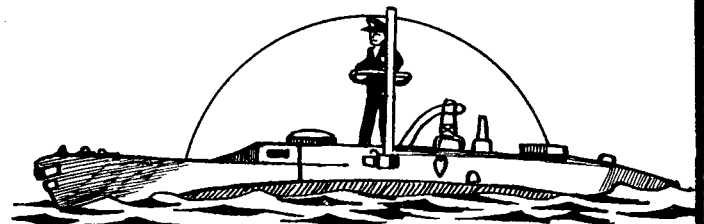
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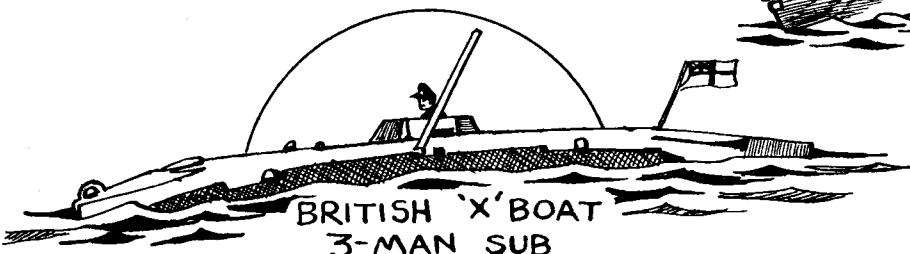
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GERMAN  
"SEEHUND"  
(2 TORPEDOES)



BRITISH 3-MAN SUB



BRITISH 'X' BOAT  
3-MAN SUB

