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CO'S COMMENTS

On SAGUENAY's last full day at sea we should note she is racing along and making good 22 knots against the sea and 25 knot winds. We can also remember how reliably she took us through the Great Lakes and every other deployment this year. we add this year to SAGUENAY's previous 33 years of loyal service we really have cause to say thanks to her. I am sure each of us will find some quiet moment to thank her today.

I, personally, wish to also thank you as a ship's company. You made this Great Lakes trip a major success. From the Admiral to every one of the guests I spoke with, all were extremely impressed with the job you did as hosts, guides and general representatives of the NAVY. It is also no surprise that the ship looked and performed smartly and that this was due entirely to your efforts. There is no doubt in my mind that while she may be the oldest destroyer in harbour, she is also the shiniest and cleanest. I am very proud of SAGUENAY.

Thank you and very well done for giving me my best years in the NAVY.

E.J. Lerhe Commanding Officer HMCS SAGUENAY



XO'S REFLECTIONS



Now we're down to the wire. The last day of this and that is upon us. Last middle watch, last movie at sea, last time as lookout, last battle problem... Everything's almost over except the crying. Boxes of kleenex will be passed around to all parts of ship just before we slip for the sailpast.

This final deployment was undoubtedly the way to go out. The fact that this was SAGUENAY's last deployment certainly put the spotlight on our activities.

I know that patience was becoming short and that some frustrations were building amongst many of us as the weeks of pleasant smiles to passing visitors, dragging their dirty feet through our flats, wore on. But we toughed it out exceptionally well.

It was easily recognized that an immeasurable amount of work and effort were needed and willingly carried out for each and every event on this trip. With it all behind us now, we can relax a little knowing we pulled off an "A-one" PR job even if we couldn't save Meach Lake.

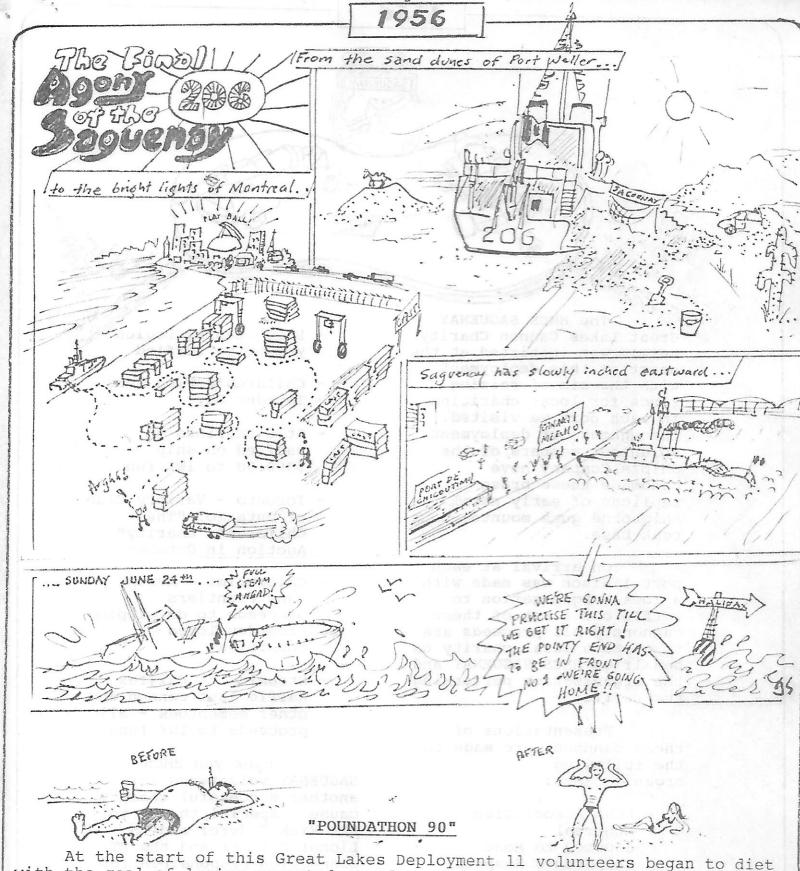
I've been with you in SAGUENAY now for one year and have long since realized my good fortune in coming here as XO. This ship's company has been second to none in every respect. The team spirit, cooperation and wholehearted willingness to get things done, with imagination and energy has made my time in SAGUENAY an XO's dream (You even sing well).

When you get sentimental about SAGUENAY paying off, remember it wasn't the steel in her that made her great. It was the people who made her work. You'll bring some of that with you to each of your new ships and units.

I take this opportunity in this final edition of "The Latest" to thank you all and wish you best in your next duty.

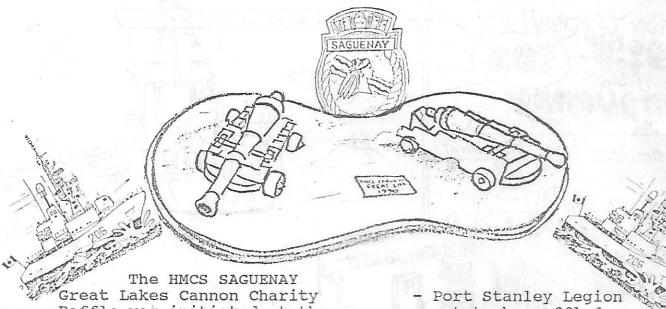


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At the start of this Great Lakes Deployment 11 volunteers began to diet with the goal of losing unwanted pounds and raise a few dollars for a very good cause the I.W.K. in Halifax. Well done to WO Justason for losing 13½ lbs The combined total poundage lost by the rest of the contestants is 55.8 lbs. Well done to PO Roach, WO Beauchamp, PO Sherrett, PO King, OS Batchilder, MS Burnett, PO Earles, OS Del'Eveille, LS Dostie, and LS Starrett.

The stunning total amount raised will be broadcast tomorrow evening after all pledges are collected. SO BZ again, gang.



Raffle was initiated at the start of this deployment with the aim of raising funds for local charities in each port we visited. Throughout our deployment volunteer members of the Ship's Company have handmade these brass replicas of early naval shipborne guns mounted on a teak base.

On arrival at each port liaison was made with a local organization to raffle off a set of these cannons. All proceeds are to go to a local charity on behalf of HMCS SAGUENAY and the organization performing the raffle.

Presentations of these cannons were made to the following organizations:

- RCNA Association Montreal \$600000 to Mont Children's Hospital
- Heaven Bound Ministries Oshawa \$500.00 guaranteed

- yet to be raffled
- Children's Wish Fund Thunder Bay
- St Catharines raffled on ship \$500.00 to IWK fund
- Toronto Variety Club of Ontario, "The Children's Charity" Auction in October
- Chicoutimi Avions sans Frontiers proceeds to developing underdeveloped countries
- Steaming to Halifax Raffle last cannon and other mementoes - all proceeds to IWK fund

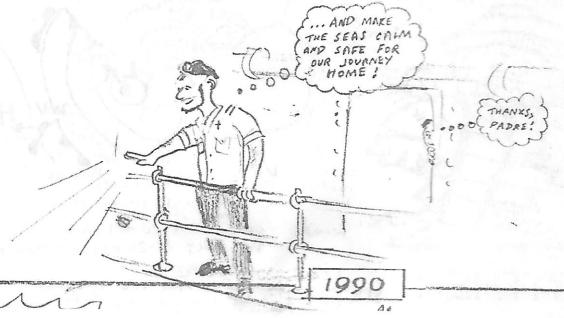
Thank you HMCS SAGUENAY volunteers for another successful charity cause. Special thanks to PO2 Rick Siderof and LS Lionel Cormier and the ET connection responsible for such professional craftsmanship.

THE SPIRIT LOCKER

Good day folks, its Padre Brown coming at you from the spirit locker! Just thought I'd drop you a few lines before we all head our separate ways.

Saying goodbye, its not always an easy thing to do and most of us tend to avoid it if at all possible. Well I've got some good news and some bad news. First the good news, many of us are going off to interesting new postings (like Winnipeg, better bring my longjohns!). And now the bad news, we are going to have many good byes to share. It is often very hard to bring closure to relationships and especially ones that we share with shipmates. We live, sleep, eat, work, laugh, play, cry and pray together. We live very intense and sometimes traumatic times as a 'family'. One of the interesting aspects of this family is it does not matter how much time you have spent here but how much you've put into becoming part of the family. And now that is quickly coming to an end.

I once had the wonderful pleasure of meeting the Chief ERA from the HMCS SWANSEA. On this particular day he felt the need to reminisce with someone who could appreciate what it meant to be a sailor. He started telling me stories about the people he had served with and the places and action the SWANSEA had seen. We were sitting in a small cafe in downtown Ottawa having a cup of coffee. As we were sitting there I got the sense that he might enjoy a little walk over to the War Museum because I knew there was a display there on the SWANSEA. He eagerly accepted the invitation and off we went. We spent a wonderful two hours or so meandering through the past. I heard stories that members of his own family had never heard. As it came time for us to go our separate ways he told me how sad it was that he had never shared some of these stories with the men he went through them with and what they meant to him. He said there were those whom he had never properly sat down with and thanked for their friendship, support and love. He said, "At that time men weren't supposed to show emotion, so we just slapped each other on the back and walked away." So before I left he said to me "You go through a hell of allot with your buddies on a ship, if you can, the least you can do is thank them for being your buddy and share a decent good-bye.



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HMCS SAGUENAY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHARITY VISITS

Members of the Ship's Company have donated to charity fund drives throughout the year.

On arrival at each port, whether it be local or foreign, volunteers from the Ship's Company try and visit a local children's hospital or paediatrics ward of a hospital and donate various toys, games, gifts and a specially baked cake by the galley staff.

These visits tend to give the children some extra joy and hope. This also enhances the crew members' morale by seeing these children happier.

During this deployment volunteers from Ship's Company visited the following establishments:

Montreal's Children's Hospital

Oshawa General Hospital

Elgin General Hospital, Port Stanley

George Jeffrey Treatment Center, Thunder Bay

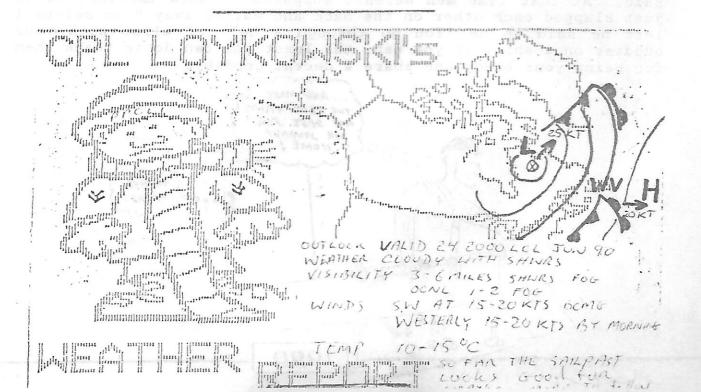
Rotary Children's Center, Sault Ste Marie

St. Catherine's General Hospital

Toronto Hospital For Sick Children

Chicoutimi General Hospital

A very well deserved THANK-YOU for the enthusiastic support Snown by the Ship's Company.





"GALLEY GROWLS"

Another trip is drawing to a close and the thought of going home is ever present in our thoughts. The cooks would like to thank the crew for all their support and help during this GLC Deployment. I would like to give a personal thanks to LS Berard and AB Mathieu for their excellent work this trip. A special thanks to the Bandsmen and Eight Mess for the excellent BBQ. Without their support these events would not of happened. In closing I would like to wish you all the best as we return to our loved ones and friends.



Don't mention it, lootenant. They mighta replaced ya wit' one of them salutin' demons."

Bon Appetit and a low BMI

Doe's
ARMY SPOT



". . . forever, Amen. Hit the dirt."



"Tell th' old man I'm sittin' up wit' two sick friends."



"Quit beefin' or I'll send ya back to th' infantry."



Great Lakes 90 has come and gone and Halifax looms over the horizon. It was not a long trip in the sense of time; however it was very tiring due to the intensity of our schedule. How many times did we all hear "specials" being closed up? Even the XO's normally witty pipes quickly lost their humour.

Who will ever forget all those exotic locations? It seemed as if a secret plot was a foot to see who could place the ship in the worst location.

Despite it all we still managed to have a good time. Banyans, baseball games, golf and even the occasional drink! The Doc turned 28 and PO Tremblay never got it up (the kite that is).



From The "LOONIE BIN"

Well that's about it for OUR Great Lakes trip. We would like to wish Those who are leaving wether POSTED or returning to other UNITS/SHIPS the BEST OF LUCK in the future and in ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS. We hope we have been able to provide you with the best service at ALL times. To Those of you who are staying, We will continue to provide the service You have always had. Again to ALL Good Luck. and HAVE A GOOD ONE.

On a more serious note, the Supply Branch really worked haid on this one. Even sailing couldn't provide a break due to the constant stream of passengers we hosted.

From a Logistic viewpoint, Lakes 90 was a major success. This was due mostly to the hard work and outstanding effort put forth by everyone in the branch. It was also in part due to the super cooperation we received from the Ship's Company. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a Bravo Zulu to everyone in the Supply Branch for making my job easier... I would also like to thank the rest of the ship. SAGUENAY is a very solid ship and it was never more evident than during these past six weeks.

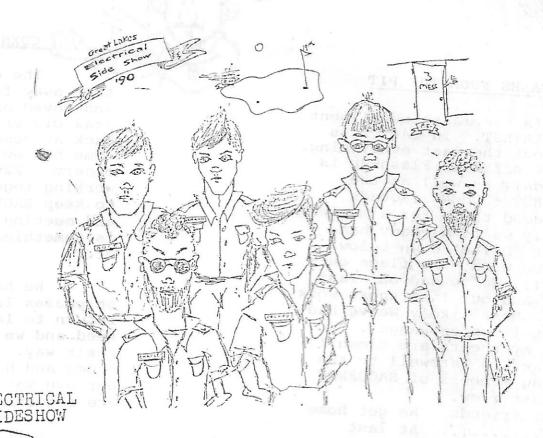
THERE'S A PARTY

There's a party on the lakes There's a party on the river There's a party on the Saguenay So bring an extra liver.

There's a party in the Main Cave
For the Master Seamen and Below
It cost nothing to get in
But you need a lawn mower to go.
There's a party in Three Mess
Where the music is much slower
And just like the Main Cave
You must bring your own lawn mower.

There's a party in the Wardroom Where you'll find a happy bunch But you won't find the Captain there Because the Captain is out to lunch.

C. Earles



FINAL NOTE FROM THE SIDE SHOW

A few more days to go! With specials comming to an end maybe we can now relax a bit! On the whole the trip hasn't been too bad. It will be a sad day to see this crew split-up, but eventually all good things must come to an end. Most of the postings have come in. Dave is not a happy camper! Not with his table dancing sidekick going subs. Well Dave, you've had enough lessons, now you'll just have to teach someone up at the school to table dance. Our newest member is having a crash course in french next. Bon voyage on the SKEENA Paul. Both OS Krahn and OS Wood have some coursing to look forward to before becoming part of VANCOUVER's crew. OS Locke will be returning to IROQUOIS's shore office. Latest rumour has PO2 Emond going to SML. As for our fearless leader, PO Murray, he's still wheeling and dealing for some nice spot to slip into. I truely hope you find one PO. Everyone in the shop will not forget father and the family.

For myself it looks like a NATO trip in the near future. I just hope that the crew of the GATINEAU is half as good as this one!

The last thing I wish to say is that I've been proud to serve on SAGUENAY for the last 2 years. We've had some real good times and some not so bad ones. To all aboard the best of luck in your new postings. We hope that you keep fond memories of the sometimes crazy SAGUENAY electrical side show.

AB Charles
Spokesman
SAGUENAY electrical side show

TALES FROM THE PIT

Well it's the last installment of THE LATEST. In fact it's just about the last everything. The last official Flash-up is on Tuesday, as well as the "LAST SHUT - DOWN" (sounds like a good title for a movie). Hopefully we've already had our last "DRILL" down below. (Knock on wood - No flame outs please!!). We've had our last fueling and our last short work period. Most likely We've had our last linen exchange . (Hey ! my sheets are clean!!) So now we bid farewell to the remaining members of SAGUENAY - the last crew. We get home ADIEU my friends. At last Monday.....

COXN'S CORNER

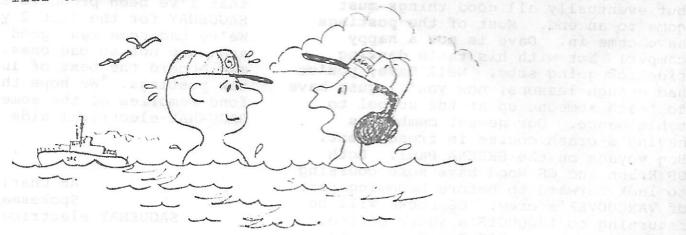
The end of another trip away from our families and loved ones. As homes draw closer we can look back at some good times and some not so good for others. 220 men living and working together as a team to keep SAGUENAY running and meeting her commitments is something to be proud of.

We have seen shipmates leave us to return to loved ones in need and we helped them on their way. Each of us faced and handled things our own way but together we are returning safe and well

Well done to everyone.



You're a liar Charlie Brown, I will not sink if you take it out !!!



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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This being the final edition of "The Latest" I would like to take this moment to say "Thank You Very Much" to the great crew of HMCS SAGUENAY. Your wonderful support of the paper and great articles have made this Newsletter!

Special thanks to the fantastic Artwork by Gary Steward, typing editorial skills of Cameron Hamilton, Joe Earles and Pete Robichaud, best of luck in the future.

Drop by and see me on HMCS PROTECTEUR and say hello. It's been a pleasure being your Doc and Shipmate.

