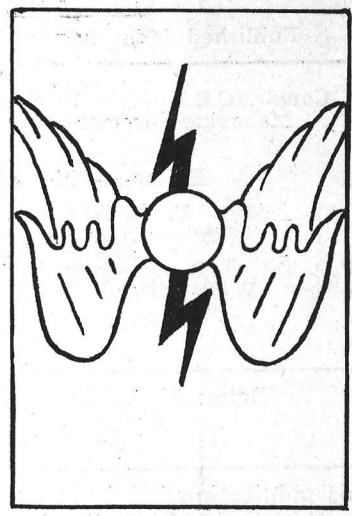


# The Signal Log



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## NAVY WIVES BAND TOGETHER

### WIVES OF PERSONNEL OF "ST. HYACINTHE" FORM NEW CLUB

#### Mending Service To Be Provided For Boys

Inaugurated through the joint efforts of Mrs A. P. Musgrave and Mrs. R. C. Labarge, the "St. Hyacinthe Navy Wives Club" held its first meeting on Wednesday, April 14th, in the K. of C. Navy Hut on Cascades Street, at which about twenty women were present.

Formed to bring amusement and assistance to the lady-folk of the officers and men of H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe", the Navy Wives Club will also render many services of benefit to the boys themselves.

Providing an opportunity for naval wives to meet each other and make new friends, the Club will also have a directory of rooms for rent, positions listed for those desiring to find employment in St. Hyacinthe, will provide service for mothers with children who desire to go shopping or attend the theatre, and will provide general information about the city.

Of special interest to the boys in Barracks is the Mending Service provided by

these ladies. Any ratings having articles to be darned or mended may take these to the K. of C. Canteen on Tuesday evenings, and the women will do the necessary at their weekly meetings on Wednesdays, the articles to be picked up during the latter part of each week.

An earnest and sincere welcome is extended to all wives of personnel of "St. Hyacinthe" to join this Club. Any ladies in town who would be interested, should visit the K. of C. Hut, on Cascades Street, below Auger's Bowling Alley, near the Police Station, any Wednesday afternoon between 2 and 5, when the facilities of the Hut are placed at the disposal of the Club.

## I.O.D.E. OFFERS HOME HOSPITALITY GRATIS

### "St. Hyacinthe" Boys May Spend Weekend Leave As Guests In Montreal.

Of interest to the personnel of H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" is the I.O.D.E. Wartime Home Hospitality Plan; by which members of the Independent Order of Daughters of the Empire, and their friends, extend the hospitality of their homes to men and women of the Armed Forces.

This Hospitality Plan applies to all types of leave, including Weekend, Convalescent and Annual Leaves, and even offers overnight accommodation, meals, theatre tickets, etc.

Any ratings desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity should contact the Special Services Officer in Building No. 4, near the Main Gate. At least seven days notice should be given prior to time hospitality is desired.

### "St. Hyacinthe" Changes to Whites

May 1st will see the advent of white caps around "St. Hyacinthe" once again, heralding the approach (we hope) of warmer weather.

In line with the discarding of blue caps is the discontinuance of wearing jerseys, which will be in effect soon, and the subsequent wearing of white suits ashore. Ratings are forewarned of these changes, to prepare themselves accordingly.

### EXAMINATION TO BE HELD

The Headmaster Lieutenant has issued notice that candidates for Educational Test, Part One, will write this examination on Tuesday, May 4th, 1943.

#### COURAGE DISPLAYED



— Photo by Simmons

### POSTAL CLERK PULLS LOCAL LAD OUT OF RIVER

#### Timely Arrival And Quick Thinking Of Sailor Saves Life Of Young Boy.

Resourcefulness and courage were displayed by Leading Seaman (Postal) John A. Garland, R.C.N.R., of "St. Hyacinthe", when he rescued young Roland Courchesne, of 1205 rue Desaulniers, from the Yamaska River on Saturday afternoon, April 3rd.

Garland was walking down Girouard Street on his way to the C.N.R. Station, when a lad ran up to him and excitedly told him that his friend had fallen through the ice into the Yamaska River. Running down to the river bank Leading Seaman Garland took in the situation at a glance — Courchesne was hanging over the edge of a hole in the ice, about twenty feet from the shore.

Looking around, Garland espied some boards lying on the ground, he seized them and laying them across the ice cautiously crept over them in an effort to get close to the immersed youngster. Making good use of a rope, which the other young boy secured, Garland soon had the frozen, soaked lad up on the back to safety.

Leading Seaman Garland, who has been employed in the Post Office in H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" since January last, was proceeding on weekend leave to his home in Westmount, P.Q., when the incident occurred.

### BELL TELEPHONE "BLUE BELL BULLETS" AND MONTREAL ROTARY CLUB "ROTA REVUE" PRESENT SHOWS

#### Montreal War Services Co-Ordinating Council Send Theatrical Groups To K. of C. Navy Hut

Nowadays, the K. of C. Hut downtown is the centre of entertainment for the sailors of St. Hyacinthe, their wives and girlfriends. During the month of April, two super troop shows made their appearance in the Hut — the "Blue Bell Bullets" on the night of the 2nd, and the "Rota Revue" on the 16th.

The "Blue Bell Bullets", sponsored by the Bell Telephone Company of Montreal, is comprised of regular employees of the Company. (After having seen the show, many a Navy man has vowed that the "Bell" is the place for him after the war).

Under the M. C.-ship of Art Gosselin, the show rolled smoothly from the opening chorus through the comedy songs of Mildred Julian, the dancing of M. Fletcher, songs by John Vrooland, Laura Mitchell and Simone Gagnon, magic by Dick Kugelman, skits by comedians Jack Vincent and Dick Matthews.

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### ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

#### Sailors' Club 50 Years Old

Half a century of service to seafaring men from all over the world will be celebrated by the Montreal Catholic Sailors' Club for a week, commencing May 2nd, when the club hold its 51st annual opening.

Several functions will mark the club's re-opening, including Mass on Sunday, May 2nd, a concert on Wednesday evening, May 5th, and a bridge party at the Ritz Carlton Hotel on Saturday, May 8th, at 3 p.m. to raise funds for the club's operations this year.

Dr. W. H. Atherton, author of the "History of the Harbour Front of Montreal" is publishing a booklet reviewing the history of the club.

"The Man of Destiny", Courtland MacNeil, versatile singer, etc., etc., kept the audience suspended between astonishment and hilarity with his songs, his ability to trumpet, clarinet, etc., with his mouth, and his great store of humorous narratives and wisecracks, and made the show a complete success.

"The Rota Revue", organized by the Montreal Rotary Club, appeared in the Hut on the night of the 16th April. Its performers are drawn from both amateur and professional ranks of entertainers in Montreal, and the troupe presented an entertaining and well-diversified programme.

In contrast to other troop shows which have appeared here in St. Hyacinthe (which usually had Master of Ceremonies) the Rota Revue sported a Mistress of Ceremonies — charming Bernice Masse, of Montreal. The show opened with an Overture by Cole Lewis, followed by Community Singing led by Ed

### "ST. HYACINTHE" BAND BROADCASTS

#### Weekly Broadcast Feature Inaugurated

Through the kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Commander A. P. Musgrave, R.C.N. (T), the Naval Band of H. M. C. S. "St. Hyacinthe" commenced a weekly broadcasting programme this past month.

Designed to extend through the month of May, the Band played its first performance on Wednesday, April 21st, and followed a week later with its second presentation on April 28th, during which a great variety of musical numbers were rendered for its air audience.

Carried, exclusively, over Radio Station C.K.A.C., Montreal, on a frequency of 730 kilocycles, or 410.7 megacycles, this fine body of musicians will be heard every Wednesday evening, between 2130 and 2200 (9.30 to 10.00 p.m.).

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No man can foresee when the last hour of this war will arrive, but we know it will come sooner through our own hard work and persistent striving. If not, then all 'pep talk propaganda' by our Government, Department, Captain and Officers is useless. Ending hostilities in quick order may be all 'very nice' for those at home, but is can also mean life or death to thousands of others in field of action.

What happened in the last hour of World War I no one can exactly say; but, throughout the final morning, hundreds of servicemen were either killed in action or seriously wounded. Comparing our fast actions with the slow tempo of the 1914-18 struggle is like matching a tropical hurricane against a March wind.

Every hour of the war is important, and all of us want to see it end as soon as possible; BUT, ending it even one hour earlier can be your goal, and mine.

Tonight, tomorrow, or the day after, the hours we labour are the most important hours in our service to our King and Country. They may be the most important hours in our own personal lives. Perhaps someone you know, and love, will remain alive in the last hour of this fight because you did what you could, to the best of your ability, right NOW!

The Editor-in-Chief

## SALES OF VICTORY BONDS SOAR

### "St. Hyacinthe" On Its Way To Surpassing Its Previous War Loan Drives

With an objective of \$40,000.00, H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" opened its Fourth Victory Loan Campaign on April 26th, under the direction of Paymaster Lieut. Comdr. W. J. Marshall.

Originally announced in the middle of April, through an introductory letter from the Commanding Officer, the official opening was preceded by a contest for a Victory Loan Slogan; and, from hundreds submitted, "Give 'Till It Hurts Hitler" by O. Sea. (W/T) Stewart Buntain was adjudged the most appropriate.

The main campaign feature, among other incentives, to get the personnel 'Victory Bond Conscious' is a large water-colour painting depicting a Canadian Corvette dropping depth charges on an Axis Submarine. In this mural, to stimulate interest in the Drive, each depth charge shows just what day-by-day progress is being made in the purchase of Bonds.

While it is too early in the Drive to quote figures accurately, in that they are rising so rapidly; it is hoped "St.

Hyacinthe" will, once again, show its true colors by an overwhelming majority.

Following the last Drive, The Signal Log was proud to flourish a front-page-banner "Third Victory Loan Drive Huge Success", with over half the page devoted to the story of how less than a thousand officers and men contributed over 600% beyond their original objective, and the majority of this subscribed by men earning around \$1.25 a day.

We, who are here because every man should "do his bit", now have the opportunity once again to join our fellow countrymen who will never see their land "sold short". Step up, "St. Hyacinthe"; here's our chance once more. Pull in those belts, and let Canada know again just what His Majesty's Canadian Naval Signal School can really do.

"The Signal Log", on behalf of the Officers and men of H.M.C.S. "ST. HYACINTHE", extends a vote of thanks to the "Blue Bell Bullets" and the "Rota Revue" for the fine performances which they gave in our Canteen here, and expresses the hope that they may visit St. Hyacinthe again soon.

## RETURNS TO "ST. HYACINTHE"



— Photo by Ldg. Tel. Simmons

Ord. Sea. Russel E. Herd, Staff Artist of The Signal Log, who has returned to "St. Hyacinthe" after a short spell at sea and subsequently transferring from the Communications Branch to Draftsman.

Russ has contributed much time and effort on our behalf, and his tricky laugh producing cartoons which have graced this paper since last December are known from coast to coast and below the border. Of special interest for Herd fans is Russ' re-appointment as Staff Artist, so we will be assured his regular column, "It Always Happens!", and other artistic efforts will continue for some time.

## SHOWS PRESENTED

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Whiting, a smooth number by the snappy Rota-Revue Chorus (home was never like this!) imitations by James Healey, a three-part skit by Eileen Martineau (who sings in a 'little-girl' voice), superb dancing by Jaakko and Kilkka, gypsy dance by Dorothy Masse and songs by Ernest Michaud, French-Canadian tenor. Emilia, singer and accordianist, well-known radio performer, brought down the house with her songs, and came back on-stage time and again in response to the demands of the audience. The show continued through several more songs, and turns by other talented troupers, and was well rounded off with music and dancing by the Ukrainian Mandolin Band.

As a result of the swell performances of the above and other troupes which have visited St. Hyacinthe, everybody in Barracks is asking the same question. "When's the next Troop Show coming to town?"

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## THE W/T ASSEMBLY LINE

This month has seen three more classes slide down the ways — "XC" "XD" and "XE", and another sixty Qualified Telegraphists off to join their first ship.

"XC" was the first to complete. Instructors — S/Lt. McLean, P. O. Tel. Tomlinson and C. P. O. Tel. Carrington. Heading the class list was L. B. Laybourne of Beverley, Sask. followed by E. M. Blue, Edmonton. D. M. Campbell, Calgary. W. H. Elliott, Vancouver. J. V. Grady, Edmonton. R. A. Heaton, Windsor. L. S. Jepson, Nanaimo, B. C. A. Liebner, Rodney, Ont. S. McKenzie, Toronto. E. Olsen, Edmonton. F. X. Xavier, Calgary. G. H. Strang, Trafford, N. B. G. G. Traub, Vancouver. R. J. Watson, New York. J. L. Willis, Hamilton, Ont. J. L. Yome, Peterboro, Ont.

"XD" class, following "XC" by two weeks, turned in very good results, and their instructors, Lieut. Ripley, P. O. Tel. Simpson and C. P. O. Tel. Stone had every reason to feel highly satisfied with the result of their good labours. Top man in this class was J. J. Spies of Toronto. The remainder of his successful classmates included A. H. Ballinger of Greenfield Park, P. Q., R. H. Bell, Calgary. C. R. Bishop, Moncton, N. B. A. F. Carlson, Upsala, Ont. H. H. Cobon, Toronto. K. Fleming, Toronto. J. R. Gill, Montreal. S. G. Hendren, Creston, B. C. R. F. Jones, Fingal, Ont. G. A. McKay, Kitchener. A. E. McLeod, Edmonton. P. A. Payne, Lakefield, Ont. E. E. Rain, Moosejaw, Sask. E. Saddington, Kenora, Ont. C. Shoemaker, Handsworth, Sask. E. Skinner, Toronto, R. Ward, Toronto, D. Warne, Hesper, Ont. J. N. Winlaw, Nelson, B. C.

Last class for publication this month is "XE", who also reflected great credit on their instructors — S/Lt. McLean, P. O. Tel. Tomlinson and P. O. Tel. Fincham. No. 1 place was shared by A.G.S. Liddell of Winnipeg and D. S. Smith of Toronto. The other members of this class who made the grade were G. Alexandruik, Andrew, Alta. N. Barrie, Camrose, Alta. K. Barry, Montreal. F. Bryan, Toronto. D. Ferguson, Toronto. W. F. Gilbert, Napanee, Ont. J. Good, Raith, Ont. N. Habing, Pilot Mound, Man. S. Hargreaves, Toronto. E. Heeschen, Kensington, P. E.I. D. Lindbergh, Port Arthur, Ont. R. McAlinden, Toronto. W. Morrison, Sutton West, Ont. A. Noubarian, Bradford, Ont. P. Petznick, Waterloo, Ont. M. Pow, Verdun, P.Q. W. Roast, Winnipeg. H. Verry, Winnipeg.

## THE LETTER BOX

"I would like to thank you for the copy of The Signal Log that you forwarded. I think it is a grand effort on the part of the boys in H.M.C. Signal School, and while I do not know many of the boys there now, at the same time it helps me to keep track of what is happening beneath those three lofty masts. I offer my sincere congratulations on a job well done." — Coder Charles Bone, H.M.C.S. "Port Hope".

"The news of, and about, some of the folks we don't see any more gives us quite a boost." — The Communication Staff, H.M.C.S. "Port Arthur".

"Thanks for the editions of The Signal Log. We all enjoy it immensely. Why wasn't it printed years ago? Being up in the wilds of N. S. as we are, it is our only contact with the outside, insofar as hearing about our chums. Keep up the good work!" — The Staff at East Quoddy W/T — Ldg. Tel. George Davies, Telegraphists M. Utley, S. Cranfield, I. Rennie and L. Soucie.

Thanks very much for your nice letters, boys, they are deeply appreciated. I hope you will take advantage of our subscription offer, and ensure your own copy of The Signal Log arriving each month. Ed.

"Many thanks for The Signal Log, which reached me after travelling half way around the world. It carries with it reminiscences of countless happy days in "St. Hyacinthe". Please convey my regards to all the gang whose names appear throughout the paper." — Sub. Lieut. A. Hurray Wetgate, R.C.N.V.R.

It was nice hearing from you, Murray, and your letter has been passed around to all concerned. Your best wishes are heartily reciprocated. Ed.

"Thank you for The Signal Log. We thoroughly enjoyed it. We're all W/T Wrens, and take a personal interest in the paper — the articles and cartoons are swell." — Wren Kay Samuels, W/T Training Establishment, W.R.C.N.S., Scarborough, Ontario.

Yours, our first communication from the W.R.C.N.S. is much appreciated. While our list of complimentary copies is by necessity very small, I do hope you young ladies will avail yourselves the opportunity of receiving The Signal Log every month by subscribing. Ed.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Any classes wishing to have group pictures taken, or individuals desiring single photographs should contact Ldg. Tel. Simmons at the W/T Station — located adjacent to No. 2 Mast, at the North East corner of the Parade Ground.

The majority of the fine photographs which appear in this and other issues of The Signal Log are the products of our Photographer — Leading Telegraphist Bert Simons, who has intimated that he is now in the market to take class or group pictures and individual photographs.



## REPORTS ON NAVY HOUSE

"Weekender" reports On  
Montreal's Navy House

It was brought to our attention not very long ago that the official Montreal Navy Hostel, "NAVY HOUSE", hasn't been very much in the news lately. A short while after that, probably in an effort to alleviate the situation, we received a communication from one of our Barracks correspondents, Ordinary Coder H. H. Knight, describing a week-end which he and some friends had spent, in Montreal, with entertainment, and accommodation provided by Navy House.

He says, in part:

"We rolled into Navy House in the afternoon, and ran smack into a Tea Dance. Naturally, we immediately joined in the fun, and became acquainted with the very charming red-smocked hostesses who are there as partners for the lads. The music, we learned, was supplied by an Army band, from M. D. No. 4. It was a smooth outfit, and those boys could toot mean flutes all the way from sweet waltzes to real hot congas. During the intermission, the ladies of Navy House served delicious refreshments, which were cleaned up in pretty short order."

More dancing in the evening — this time the regular Saturday Night Dance, with a band from M. D. 4, under Sgt. Major Black. There were a lot of St. Hyacinthe fellows there, including Hampel, Ross, Forrest, W. E. Brown, Genoy, W. E. Koast, H. Brown, Prievada, Collette, Darroch, Linton and Warner. We had a swell time.

Accommodation over Saturday night was provided for us through Navy House, and we stayed at the home of Mrs. D. Tunney, on Sherbrooke Street. It was certainly great to sleep-in on Sunday morning for a change, knowing that there was no R. P. O. coming around to wake us up. Sunday afternoon, we went down to Navy House again....

We are certainly glad to hear that you chaps take advantage of the benefits Navy House has to offer. We would like to point out that the good people who devote their time and energy to providing entertainment and recreation for you lads want no greater reward than to feel that their efforts are being appreciated.

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## SIGNAL LOG LOSES BOOK REVIEWER



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### PETTY OFFICER D. G. SMITH DRAFTED TO HALIFAX

#### \* \* \* Members Of Accountant Branch Drafted

The Signal School Writer Staff regretfully bade adieu to Petty Officer Writer Donald G. Smith, R.C.N.V.R., who left for Halifax on 9th April, 1943.

P. O. Smith, compiler of the column "Book Shelf Glances", contributed extensively to the "Signal Log". Well-read, and a good authority on contemporary authors, Smith was just the man for the job of book reviewer.

Don enlisted in the RCNVR back in August, '40, in his home-town — Ottawa, Ontario when things were really just getting under-way, being drafted to Halifax early in September. In H.M.C.S. "STADACONA" he was employed in Records Office until June, 1941, when he was moved to "STADACONA II". He remained with the Signal School on its removal to St. Hyacinthe, P. Q. In December, 1941, the then Writer Smith was rated Leading Writer, and one year afterwards, Petty Officer Writer. Throughout his short career in the war-time Navy, Don has made repeated attempts to get overseas, or to sea, and his greatest disappointment was when he was moved inland. However, with his draft to the Coast, his hopes have sprung up anew, and he is eagerly looking forward to see a little "active service".

Other Accountant Branch "draftees" are Leading Writers H. D. Dickie, and H. A. Maitland, and Leading Supply Assistant Len Philbrook. Dickie holds the distinction of having been with the Signal School for over two years, while Maitland, who joined the staff in October, '41, is well-known among the fairer sex in town. Len "Butcher-boy" Philbrook, jovial purveyor of supplies, is one of the top-notch bowlers in the Account League.

"The Signal Log" wishes good luck, and "bon voyage" to these popular members of the Staff, and hopes that they will keep in touch with us here by making use of the "The Letter Box".

## LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS AWARDED

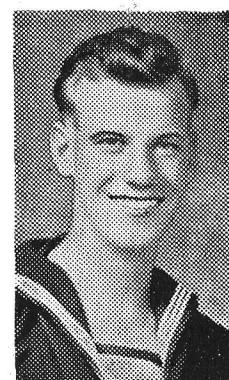
### Service Of Two Members Of Personnel Recognized

Congratulations are in order for Yeoman of Signals Benjamin Ainslie, R.C.N. (T), and C.P.O. Cook (O) Gordon J. Caithness, R.C.N. Both these men were awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medals during the month of April.

An old Royal Navy man, Yeoman Ben Ainslie joined in 1917, as a Boy Seaman. In due course, he became a Signal Boy, an Ordinary Signalman, just like our lads here in Signal School (although not quite so rapidly, says Ben), and so on, to Leading Signalman. Of his Royal Navy career, Ben proudly states that he has served under every "Flag" in the Fleet, and certainly can claim to having been around considerably. Leading Signalman Ainslie left the R. N. in '31, came over to Canada, and went into business in Toronto. At the outbreak of the present war, he again volunteered for service, and came into the R.C.N. in early '40, serving as V/S Instructor in Halifax and St. Hyacinthe.

Another '43 Medallist is Chief Petty Officer Cook (O) Gordon S. Caithness, now in charge of the Wardroom Gallery here. C. P. O. Caithness joined the R.C.N. in 1928, in Halifax, as Assistant Cook. After a varied career, during which he served afloat in the "Champlain", "Skeena", "Saguenay" and "Assiniboine", in shore establishments, this C. P. O. Cook landed in St. Hyacinthe in March, 1943, relieving P. O. Cook (O) T. Ridings, who was drafted to Halifax.

C. P. O. Caithness is a native of Halifax, N. S., and Mrs. Caithness and family still reside in that city.



Toronto "Evening Telegram"

## THIRTEEN MONTHS AFLOAT

Signalman (T/O) Sam Wilson has been serving in H.M.C.S. "Port Arthur" since April, 1942.

Joining the Navy in the Summer of 1941, Wilson was drafted to "St. Hyacinthe" the latter part of that year for a V/S Course. Qualifying for Ordinary Signalman in January of '42, he passed his Signalman's examination with flying colours on completion of "BN" V/S Class and was subsequently drafted to "Venture" for disposal, from which Depot he was sent to the "Port Arthur".

## THE SIGNAL LOG — STAFF



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Seated, left to right:— Sub. Lieut. (S.B.) R. C. Labarge, RCNVR, Special Services Officer; Signalman (T/O) T. H. Carson, RCN(T), Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor; Lieut. Comdr. C. R. F. Piers, RCNVR, Managing Director. Standing, left to right:— Petty Officer Writer D. C. Brunet, RCNVR, Advertising Manager and Social Editor; Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist G. A. Browness, RN, W/T Editor; Writer Dennis W. Adkin, RCNVR, Sports Editor. Absent:— Ord. Sea. Russel E. Herd, Staff Artist.

## THE V/S ASSEMBLY LINE

## CHANGES IN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

### Doctors and Nurses Transferred

The R.C.N. Hospital was the scene of many staff changes during the month of April, and the opportunity now presents itself for "The Signal Log" to bid farewell to those who have left the establishment, and to welcome the newcomers to St. Hyacinthe.

Dr. Gagnon, RCNVR whose home is in Outremont, P. Q., joined the Signal School on 12th April, from H.M.C.S. "STADACONA".

Nursing Sister Margaret N. Dolan, R.C.N. (T), who joined Signal School in January, 1942, was, prior to her re-apPOINTMENT, the only remaining member of the original Nursing Staff here. With Nursing Sister Grace Banting, R.C.N. (T), she was appointed to H.M.C.S. "STADACONA". To fill the vacancies created by the departure of the Misses Dolan and Banting, we have Nursing Sisters F. K. Ward and G. M. Reeves, who recently arrived from the East Coast.

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# Bunting's Birthright

Sig. Lieut. John S. Hall, R.C.N.

It might be of some interest for members of the V/S Department to know some early history of the Department in which they are now serving — its origin and development. As, no doubt, by now, several readers of this article will agree, it is a vast subject, and space in this paper does not afford the fullest possibilities to put it all into detail; however, every endeavor will be made to pick out the more salient features of progress up to the present day standards.

It is common knowledge that natives of the Dark Continent, and also North America, used drums and smoke to great advantage when calling tribes together, or when going on the war-path, also in the language of other signs; but, as we are most concerned with Naval Signalling, it is towards this we will now proceed.

It was probably in the Eleventh Century that signalling by flags was introduced, when a flag was used to denote the leader of all ships in an expedition. This flag was known as the "Flag of Command" and denoted the rallying point of all ships in battle.

Little further information of development is known, and no codes had been brought out until 1337. Between that time and 1351, a very limited code was established and consisted of a flag shown in different parts of a ship to indicate various happenings, such as "Enemy In Sight", and "Flag Of Council", the latter indicating a conference of all captains. As you well can see, these were very rudimentary, and there is no authority on anything more complicated being brought into force by British ships for a period of some three hundred years, and word of mouth in councils was the only sure method of passing information; although it is known that the Venetian Navy in 1420, and the Spanish Navy in the early fifteen hundreds, had developed flag signalling to considerable proportions.

As an example of the council method of passing information, it might be of some interest to print an extract of an old manuscript, written by James Humphreys, anno 1568, which is in the Admiralty Library:—

"Whosoever, and at all times, the Admiral do shoot off a piece of Ordinance, and set up his banner of council on Starboard Buttcock of his ship, every Captain shall with speed go aboard the admiral and know his will."

"When, and at all times, the Admiral will anchor or disanchor, he must shoot off a piece, thereby the rest may know to do the same."

"The Admiral ought to have a swift pinnace aboard to ascribe so far off that he may see the fleet out of the top, and if he seeth any enemy, or any other sails, give knowledge to the Admiral. If they be any enemy's, let him shoot two pieces, or three, off; in the meantime, the fleet may put themselves in order and Counsel beforehand. Always forseen the pinnace press not too near the enemy, that by night he be apprehended, for by that the secrets might be known to the enemy and every night he comes to the fleet again."

In or around the early part of the sixteen hundreds, the Royal Navy concentrated on signals and drew up on a level with the Navies of France and Spain. Signals of distress were introduced, and a much greater variety of action signals, possibly due to their meeting in action with Van Trop and his Dutch Fleet who appears to have been ahead of the British in this line at that time.

It was in 1673 that the first "Signal Book" proper appeared and contained plates of the flags used, its meaning and position hoisted in respective columns. This was a section included in a general book of Fleet Instructions, but it was a distinct advantage, and was

the real ground work for all signal books to follow. This was gradually improved upon, and the year 1714 saw the issue of the first printed Signal Book; which, curiously enough, was a private venture of one Jonathan Greenwood. The code of flags was greatly supplemented and flags of many new colour combinations appeared, and articles were set aside for all signals dealing with "sailing", "fighting" and "additional".

We are now approaching the Nelson era of the Royal Navy, when signals, among a number of other things, were revolutionised and gained great prominence. In passing, however,

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## THE SIGNAL LOG

### POSTAL NOTES

By I. STAMP

What with Leading Seaman Johnny Garland scoring the headlines this month, once again our column is concerned mostly with changes in the Staff.

This past month we welcomed Petty Officer Joseph Demers to our Staff. P. O. Demers was drafted here from "Avalon, and having his home in Ville de Quebec, he is now very conveniently located and is right in the swing of "St. Hyacinthe's" routine.

To offset P. O. Demers arrival, the Establishment lost one of its most popular postal clerks with the departure of Leading Seaman Howard McPhail, better known throughout the Camp as "Red", or "Hard". Howard has been with the Signal School for many a moon now, coming here when the School moved from Halifax in 1941. Drafted to augment the new "Cornwallis" Staff, Howard's bright smile and bashful manner will be greatly missed around the old camping grounds, and on behalf of the boys he left behind, we wish him the very best of luck.

While we thought another member of the Postal Staff had left us, in the person of popular Petty Officer Charlie Graham, we find that it was merely a spot-a seven days of the best-a, and it didn't seem to do him any harm.

### GOBS GAB

**Adrift** — Absent without leave, or late in arriving. An article is adrift when it is absent from its proper place and its whereabouts is unknown.

**Batted** — Missed one's chance, or, out of luck; also, "Been", or, "Scrubbed".

**Chief Buffer** — Chief Boatswain's Mate — The man in charge of the cleanliness of the ship. Referred to as "The Buffer".

**Dhobeying** — Washing. Pronounced doe-bee-ing. From Hindustani.

**Flaked Out** — Lost consciousness; also, Flakers.

**Gash** — Extra. When referring to food, "Gash duff", etc.

**In The Rattle** — A Defaulter in the Report and awaiting investigation; also, "In the jug", "Run in", etc.

**Jaunty** — The Master-at-Arms; also, "Joss-man", "Master", etc. The head of the Regulating Staff.

**Kie** — A hot drink similar to hot chocolate or cocoa, served before breakfast.

**Libertymen** — Ratings off watch and allowed ashore.

**Mick** — Hammock.

**Number One** — The First Lieutenant (Executive Officer); also, "Luff", "First Louie", "First Luff", "Jimmy The One", etc.

**Old Man** — The Captain.

**Pay-Bob** — The Paymaster (Accountant Officer).

**Rajah** — One who keeps company with many of the opposite sex.

**Scran Bag** — A bag or locker in which articles which have been left lying or sculling about are put until claimed. A penalty fine of a bar of soap is usual demand ed for reclaimed articles.

**Tally** — Hat Tally. Cap ribbon.

**Urk** — A witless individual; also, "Ullage", though former is more forcible and is a more modern term.

### YOUR INSTRUCTOR



Photo by Simmons

All-round good fellow, and a friend of everyone, is Yeoman of Signals, Petty Officer Patrick Palmer, Instructor of V/S "CW" (Caldwell) Class.

"Paddy's" Irish personality, and genuine smile has undoubtedly won him a great number of friends in many places.

Serving two years as a Sea Cadet, followed by five years with the R.C.N.V.R., Paddy joined the Permanent Force in 1937, on the West Coast. His naval life has not been without action, but otherwise — He has served in H.M. "Restigouche", and the noble

"Vancouver", "Skeena", "Ottawa". In addition to this, he also spent ten months with the First Minesweeping Flotilla and a six-month period at Naval Service Headquarters.

For some time now, Paddy has been working at the great and toiling task of producing Signalman for our Navy. His unfaltering devotion to duty leads him to wend his way back to Barracks several nights a week, where he expounds V/S theory to his boys.

Football and basketball are numbered amongst Patrick's sports accomplishments, at which he is quite proficient in the former.

In closing, it would seem inadequate not to mention Paddy's charming wife. Doubtless, Mrs. Palmer has been an inspiration to this Instructor's untiring work at the Signal School and throughout his career.

### NEWS FROM NEWFY

Sig. W. T. Larmour

"Come on, then! Off coats 'n' 'ats! Out board 'n' forms! Shake it up! Get ready for practical! Come on, then! Chop Chop!"

This is the voice of Yeoman of Signals T. E. "Knobby" Clarke, alias "Pendants One", greeting Signalmen on course as they arrive at the Signal Training Centre from Avalon Barracks, St. John's, Newfoundland, every morning.

Cheerful, alert, efficient, "Pendants One" is a first class instructor. In a recent class turned out, Signalman F. Mitchell, R.N., smashed the S.T.C. class record by drawing down a cool "98" in his examinations.

"Now," say "Pendants One", "I dream of turning out a Signalman with 101 percent.

Yeoman Clarke began his naval career in 1932, spending two years training in H.M.S. "Ganges", under Chief Yeoman of Signals George "Blood" Reed, now in charge of the Divisional Office in "St. Hyacinthe".

As a Boy Signalman, he served in H.M.S. "Orion", and after much batting and slugging became a Trained Operator in '36. A taste of life in the Mediterranean came while serving in H. M. S. "Hostile" of the Second Destroyer Flotilla Command.

After spending the first four days of a 57-day-leave stretch, war broke out and Knobby was recalled; however, he has managed to survive thus far, though his leave is doubtless still frequently uppermost in his mind. From leave, he went aboard the "Vesper" on the "May West Patrol", where he was engaged in many a brisk E-Boat engagement.

Following Dunkirk, at which Yeoman Clarke saw more than a little and perhaps enough to fill a book, he was sent to Canada to begin life anew on a "tin can" — one of those good old Town Class Destroyers.

In 1941, Knobby went to St. John's to take up instruction-

al duties at the new Signal Training Centre, and grew to be an expert on discipline and streamlined signalling instructions.

Also on the S.T.C. Staff is Leading Signalman Gordon Noseworthy, R.C.N. (Temporary). Gord is a Newfoundlander of great promise, fiery temper, quick tongue, and beautiful blonde hair, who joined the Service in 1940.

Getting his initial training at Devonport, Gord, too, has also seen something of the activities in the Med, having spent more than 18 months there in destroyers, corvettes and battleships.

Eds. Note — We regret our inability to print Bill's complete first-class contribution to the Log in this issue; however, next month will see his story on Yeoman Roy "Pendants Two" Clarke and Leading Signalman Len Clendon under this title heading.

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Much has been written of the "Corvettes", "Destroyers" and the "Fairmiles" of the Royal Canadian Navy, with the result that the impression has been created that the Canadian Navy is, and must forever remain, a 'small ship' Navy. Publicity that tends to concentrate on a particular type, or types, of vessel, while neglecting to a certain extent the Navy as a composite fighting unit, can prove very misleading.

The small ships which the R.C.N. has at the present time undoubtedly have done, and are doing a grand job — more power to them, but the erroneous idea is apparently abroad in the Service in general, and amongst the public in particular, that the terms 'small ship' Navy and 'small Navy' are synonymous. The very use of the word 'small' has a bad psychological effect, with the result that many have wrongly concluded that a certain relationship exists between the terms 'small ship', 'small Navy' and 'small effort'. A more gross misrepresentation of the truth than that last named could scarcely be found, and yet, paradoxically enough, the very instruments used to publicize and promote the growth of the Navy have themselves strengthened this impression.

In the newspapers, on the screen and over the radio, the work of the small ships is constantly being portrayed; while, to my mind, the most important fact of all has been neglected — that the men, the Canadian men, who are doing a very good and necessary job in our small ships, are quite capable of doing an equally good job in 'big ships'. In fact, they might even do a better one, since any sailor knows that it is easier for a 'small ship' man to adjust himself to the routine of a 'big ship' than it is to effect the opposite. Moreover — believe it or not — WE HAVE THE MEN TO DO IT.

As a Communication School, of course, we can only speak for Communication Ratings, but there is every reason to suppose, from reports appearing in the press from time to time, that the expansion has been a proportionate one.

Let us examine ourselves—the "Sparkers" and "Flagwavers", and see how far we have progressed since those early War days in our One Room Signal School in Halifax Dockyard.

You will be surprised — perhaps very surprised. More than 70% of the numbers on the W/T side have passed through my hands, and even I was surprised.

I do not propose to quote actual figures — these have lost their meaning nowadays unless they be in the billions. Instead, let us see what could be done, at very short notice, with the W/T and V/S Ratings we have so far produced since Hostilities began.

The total numbers produced so far — and remember we are only just getting into our stride — is sufficient to man a Fleet composed, say, of the following units:

- 1 Flagship — Battleship
- 6 Battleships
- 2 Aircraft Carriers
- 20 Cruisers
- 4 A. A. Cruisers
- 5 Flotillas of Destroyers
- 8 Corvettes
- 6 Submarines

In other words, the number of Communication Ratings produced in the Royal Canadian Navy since the commencement of this war would be sufficient to man the British Home or Mediterranean Fleets of the Royal Navy, each of which, you will agree, is a pretty powerful striking force. Surprising isn't it?

Take another illustration. The same number of men, given the ships, could replace a very substantial part of the

**Book Shelf Glances**

Lester Lewis

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**FRENCHMAN'S CREEK — Daphne du Maurier.**

The story of the adventures of a pirate on the English Coast. A romantic tale of love and high escapades to give it life and spice. The story centres around a woman who leaves her husband to join a pirate who is raiding coastal towns.

**SHOWBOAT — Edna Ferber.**

To get away from the thoughts of war, suggest you read this book. Setting of this novel is the Mississippi River, with its old stern-wheel showboats. It is a story of pleasures and hardships of these travelling players. Very interesting and vivid.

**OTHER RECOMMENDED READING:**

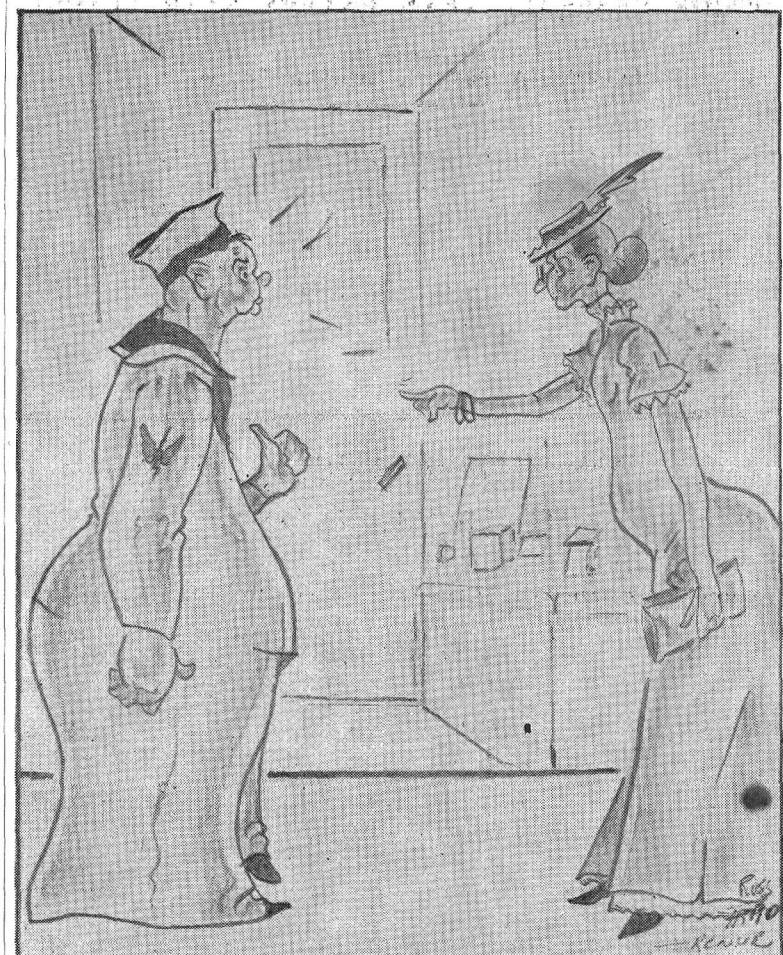
- The Spiders Touch — Valentine Williams.
- Out Of The Night — J. Valentine.
- The Rains Came — L. Bromfield.
- Rogue Male — G. Household.
- The Sea Hawk — Raphael Sabatini.

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in which I had the honour to serve, had the following words, framed, on his cabin desk and I think they aptly illustrate my preceding paragraph — "You are NOT indispensable. If you were to die tonight, the ship would go along tomorrow just the same — perhaps a damned sight better."

Let's get wise to ourselves, Canada — We have a Navy that is Second to None.

**IF ANYTHING HAPPENS / RUSS ERD.**

Young man — Why aren't YOU in the Army!

**CHIEF CHARLEY'S ANSWERS TO MUDDLED MATELOTS**

**Chief Buffer** — We're glad to note you're so happy the snow has finally cleared away. You've made a good job of it this past winter, but is it because you want to get your working party to rake the stones and search for the nickel you lost at Christmas time?

**"On Lodge"** — So, you like to hear the birds twittering in the mornings when you return to Camp, and you say you get a thrill with their trill. Well, you can also hear them twittering at night, and get a thrill at the grill — but, somehow it costs more. Better to hear them in the mornings.

**"Hopeful"** — Will it benefit you to top your class in weight-lifting? Yes. Most certainly. You'll be able to 'carry the can back' much easier.

**J. K.**, and others — So you think the grub here is much better than at Halifax. Whatcher mean?... Surely not what you get ashore?

**W/T 2 "Q"** — The answer to your question is quite elementary. Metaphorically speaking, the atomic bombardment balances the corresponding coulombs. Parasitic gremmies grab alternate oscillations, causing condensation of supersonic saturation.



by "Crankcase Thomo"

Many shifts have occurred in this section of our Camp since we were last with you, what with new drivers having arrived and a general re-assignment of the older hands.

**Driver Perreault**, hailing from this Province, first came to "St. Hyacinthe" as a Stoker last Autumn but with the arrival of new equipment he transferred his activities from clinker-knocking to wheel twisting. Amongst other things, he scores our number one position for having taken the matrimonial plunge on April 3rd.

At the present time, Maurice Desparois is wheeling the red right-hand-drive truck around, and he says he's getting in good practice for fire trucking after hostilities are over. Handling the green truck is our old correspondent Bert Thompson, and Bert seems to be perched right up there as though he had the right

of way over everything and everybody.

The old "Station Wagon King", Len MacKenzie, is still with the Captain's Coxswain position in the right-hand Mercury, and his old faithful chariot is being taken care of now by our good friend Napoleon Lamontagne (George to you). Backing these two drivers up are our old reliables Jimmy Hartlan and Ray Dunning, while Leading Seaman Cherry who has been Acting R.P.O. in the Guard House for the past three or four weeks is once again behind the wheel.

A word of warning to those concerned — It is strictly against the Executive Officer's Orders for ratings to hang over the sides or backs of the trucks, or to stand on the running boards, whether in Barracks or elsewhere. Please co-operate with us in observing this regulation.

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# LEAGUE ENTRY HERALDS HARDBALL SEASON

## SENIOR BASEBALL TEAM ENTERS STAR LEAGUE

### Hostilities Open In Middle Of May

What the senior hockey squad was unable to do, the senior baseball team has accomplished. H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe" is an entry in the Star League, a circuit commencing operations the middle of May. "B" Section, in which we are, comprises four clubs, and a schedule will be announced as soon as possible.

Games will be played in the local park, and a good deal of civilian interest should be forth-coming, for they are avid ball fans.

This may be hailed as a step forward in the right direction. Will softball be next?

## BRUISED, BATTERED PINS SIGH, AS TRUNDLING CEASES

### League Ends Successful Season, Afire Till The Final Ball

Last half of the Artacount Bowling League playing schedule ended in a whirl-wind, three-way fight for honors. Fairmiles, like the trim, speedy little craft they symbolize, nosed out in front by virtue of a win over their hard-hitting rivals, M.T.B.'s, and Harbour Craft swept their last six games to reach the second rung.

Being victors of the first half also, Fairmiles automatically occupy number one position. Play for second place continues between Tribals and Harbour Craft, runners-up of both rounds. Final results of the match are not available for this issue.

Outstanding player for the season has been Ldg. S. A. Len Philbrook of the M.T.B.'s, a chap who previously had not bowled at all, but who stepped in at the bottom, at one time held four individual records, held three of them at the finish, and wound up with an average of 195, no mean feat for even a veteran.

Ordinary Coder Lewis broke into the league late in the season, but in time to roll the high triple 802, and maintain an average of 231.

Trophy for obtaining high single most often glows from a bench in the Electricians' Shop, where Plumber Tommy Simpson polishes it carefully each morning with a bit of sleeve from a greasy coverall. Tommy has thrown a steady ball all season, a strong arm to the Harbour Craft.

The six teams comprising the league are made up roughly as follows: Fairmiles and Tribals, Writers; M.T.B.'s and Corvettes, Supply Branch; Harbour Craft, Electricians, Plumbers, and Shipwrights; and Destroyers a miscellaneous aggregation, to wit:—A. P. O. and Ldg. Writer, one Coder, a Sick Bay P. O., and finally

a Sgt. and L/Cpl. from the Dental Corps.

Despite numerous drafts, a very successful year has been completed, attributable to the fine spirit and keen interest among the players. With that same zeal, everyone now awaits the culmination, the climax of any active bowling league — the Banquet... as it is fondly called.

### Complete Team Standings and Final Individual Averages

	Won	Lost
Fairmiles	29	16
Adkin	212	
Buck	192	
Claireoux	184	
Rattray	181	
Filman	173	
Smith	151	

	Won	Lost
Harbour Craft	28	17
Simpson	200	
Nickerson	189	
Tudor	189	
Chenier	174	
Rosen	163	
Masters	152	

	Won	Lost
M. T. B. 's	26	19
Wittup	201	
Philbrook	195	
Emmerson	185	
Perrin	182	
Thompson	179	
Johnson	150	

	Won	Lost
Tribals	21	24
Lewis	231	
Graham	190	
Dumoulin	185	
Williams	185	
Simzer	175	
Maitland	161	
McKenzie	160	

	Won	Lost
Destroyers	17	28
Smillie	190	
Brunet	185	
Davies	178	
Loney	171	
Dickie	166	
Paige	166	

	Won	Lost
Corvettes	14	31
Hughes	184	
Stuart	179	
McKeown	171	
Prendergast	159	
Taylor	154	
Preston	150	

	High Single	High Single with Handicap	High Triple	High Triple with Handicap
Philbrook	370			
Philbrook	385			
Lewis	802			
Philbrook & Godkin	824			

## FIRST HOME OF MASKA TROPHY

Today, the mantle of the Artacount Bowling League is graced with the trophy emblematic of team supremacy in H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe". Final round matched them with the W/T quintet, a hard fighting squad, who just didn't get the breaks. The "Oscar" will come up for further competition later on.

Permanent award for individual effort goes to Ordinary Coder Lewis, whose high triple in the opening play copped the mug. Here's a boy that really gets around, his name may be found elsewhere with Artacount news.

As everyone should by now know, these cups are a Maska Theatre contribution to camp sports, and appropriately, the presentation was made on Thurs. April 29th, from the stage of the Theatre itself.

## MY VIEWS ON JAPAN

Jack Robinson

One beautiful, hot, summer day in 1939, the Empress of Japan eased slowly out of her berth in Yokohama. On her after deck I stood looking back at the country that had been my home for as long as I could remember. That land, already receding in the distance, had been my home, and I had lived and mingled with a people whom I was to fight some years later. The reason for the change in events since then has been a problem to me, and my best remedy is not to think of it.

However, many a time I have been asked about the people of Japan, their general attitude towards whites, their ideas about the war, and what will be the outcome of this present struggle with them.

Beginning at the end, I will say that Japan will be defeated, without a doubt, but this will depend wholly on the subjugation of the Nazis. The main fact about Japan is that the Japanese people are not wholeheartedly in this war. They are unhappy and are slaves of their government.

There was a time when imported British and American goods were abundant in Japan, and could be purchased at a reasonable price. During the last five or six years imports have been cut off and poor Japanese substitutes have been taking their place. For instance at one time, high class imported cotton clothes were available and the Japanese styles were gradually becoming Westernized. Then these imported cottons were cut out and wood fibre clothes introduced. I remember buying a pair of socks for which I paid a good price. Having worn them a while I attempted to wash them. Result — they fell apart (and not because I wore them too long, either). Japan has always had to import much needed rice from China and

## VIEWS & REVIEWS ON SPORT

Sports in the Signal School, as everyone here knows full well, are practically nil. Old man weather has not been kind. Playing fields abound in mud, and with the baseball season only days away, no semblance of a diamond is yet to be seen. A real cause of concern for the senior nine who have a league schedule to meet. In the meantime though, a few more names on the pre-season roster would not do any harm.

"Fastball" is a word that will become familiar to sports fans this year. For the uninformed, this is a new name for Softball being adopted in many parts of the country. Officials have finally realized what players have known for a long time, that the old moniker is not descriptive of a hard, fast sport.

The Inter-Part Basketball League has been abandoned. Playing conditions were found to be impossible. This is a disappointment, for a great amount of interest was shown, and innumerable squads turned out.

India to feed her immense population. Of course, this supply is no longer available and rice has had to be rationed. Each man gets only a fraction of his previous quota. This, and other similar reductions in supplies, has led to discontent among the people.

The Japanese are a very hospitable people. The peasants and poorer folk away from the big cities always gave a warm welcome to foreigners. A white man could not go into a village without being invited in for a cup of tea.

Government officials in Japan, aided by the Nazis, are masters of lying propaganda. The Japanese know little of the atrocities performed in the China war, and now in the Pacific war. A great number of the illiterate farmers are suckers for this rot, but many guess the truth from the ridiculousness of the articles, though they remain silent through fear. Most of these

sooner to come into its own aboard "St. Hyacinthe", is the old and honourable art of pugilism, a form of athletics for which the Navy is renowned. A promising group of tars have been whipping themselves into shape, drilling strenuously several nights a week. Work-outs are held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings at the local Armories, then the boys have a real session Saturday afternoons at the Central Y.M.C.A., Montreal.

Outside bouts have been arranged for the future, and hints from our training camp promise that our blue-jackets will give a good account of themselves.

A Volley Ball knock-out series will be started presently. The game can be played at "mid-day Secure", and a short schedule should be quite easily run off. Further developments will appear on the Sports Notice Board.

Any day now may see Horseshoe Champ, "Bugler" Beechey, taking over the pitches, and schooling his men for the summer meets.

wiser ones are older people who have witnessed the good influence of the western powers in years gone by. The "insane" Japs are those who have been educated in "New Order" schools of the Nazi type and have been brought up to believe that the "sons of heaven" are a master race and should commit suicide rather than be captured by the enemy.

The present state of the Japanese people can be attributed to the way they have let the government be overrun by the army, which, aided by infiltrating Nazi teachings and its own lust for power and glory, has done the damages. This military rule has now turned into direct dictatorship.

Japanese men are good fighters when they are winning, but when one defeat follows another they run. Thus, with repeated setbacks ahead and their homeland damaged by air attacks, the Japs will ultimately fall, and fall hard and fast.



## Divine Service

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**BUNTING'S BIRTHRIGHT**

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it would not be fair if we failed to note such men as Howe, Kempenfelt and Popham, each of whom added considerable to the development of signalling before and after this great advance. Some of the things brought forward by these great men may still be found in the present day plate of Naval Flags, and their codes were adequate for the duties that ships were called upon to do at that time.

Due to the development of tactics and organization, and the consequent increase of signals in order to enable the former to be carried out, the Signal Books up to this time were found inadequate and so new publications were drawn up. To give an example of the increase, in 1746 there were only 16 flags in use to express 144 signals, while by 1780 there were about 50 flags providing in all their combinations some 330 signals.

This shows a very rapid advance in all forms of organization, but this was not sufficient, for twenty-five years later the Trafalgar Signal Book, or, Admiralty Signal Book, held some 400 groups, not including Popham's Code which was also in use and which contained the first vocabulary.

Even at that time, the books failed to have sufficient words, as is evidenced in Nelson's famous signal. These circumstances are best related in the Flag Lieutenant's own words, taken from his book which was written many years later when he had then become an Admiral:

"His Lordship came to me on the Poop, and after ordering certain signals to be made about a quarter to noon, he said, 'Mr. Pasco, I wish to say to the Fleet, 'England confides that every man will do his duty,' and he added, 'You must be quick for I have one more to make which is for Close Action.' I replied, 'If your Lordship will permit me to substitute expects for confides, the signal will soon be completed, because the word expects is in the vocabulary and confides must be spelt.' His Lordship replied in haste and with seeming satisfaction, 'That will do, Pasco, make it directly.'"

At this time, methods of addressing ships by signal numbers, or pendants, also came into being and meant that signals could be addressed between individual ships, where formerly they could only be used by the Admiral as a general signal or to give an order to the whole fleet collectively. This was a forerunner to our present Pendant List, and must have been a great convenience to all concerned. Since then, circumstances have changed considerably, and signals in keeping abreast of the times have had to change too. Many things have contributed to this, among them, of course, being from sail to steam, the introduction of electric and arc lights, and, semaphore and W/T — which is another vast

department, or the other half of what is now known as the Communication Branch.

At the beginning of the first Great War, 1914-18, the Signal Department really came into its own and, no doubt, contributed greatly to the efficient handling of British Fleets in all their major actions.

Books could be written on this subject alone. Signals which manoeuvred giant steel hulls were made and carried out faultlessly, using groups from codes which had shown vast improvement over others referred to previously in this article. Speed and accuracy became the password of all forms of signalling, and groups intended to meet nearly every situation could be found in a book no larger than a normal sized dictionary and twice as handily used by a trained man.

It is remarkable when you think that Jellicoe's signal to deploy at Jutland consisted of only three flags, and that this signal placed the whole of Britain's mighty battlefleet into position to fight a great victory of the war. This famous signal, amongst signalmen, is just as well known today as it was then, as it forms a part of the crest of the Signal School itself—where all members of this important Branch do their training, from Boy Signalman to Flag Lieutenant.

Signals of today have advanced with the years, and with the coming of new and intricate equipment, and, of course, the aircraft, it has now reached the point of being one of the more important Branches of the Service.

Whether in the Eleventh Century, or the Twentieth, the message of Nelson at Trafalgar is still the inspiration of every youth who goes down to the sea in ships, whether serving in H.M.S. "Victory" at Trafalgar or in a Corvette on Convoy Duty in the North Atlantic.

Quoting from "The Evolution of Signal Flags"—"There can be no new signal for men of British race; all that can be said on such an occasion has already received utterance from the hero of Trafalgar. Can an Admiral do more than copy Nelson's words?"

**"Per Signa Sapientia"****GETTING OUT A PAPER  
IS NO PICNIC**

If we print jokes, people say we are silly; if we don't we're too serious.

If we clip from other papers we're lazy; if not, we're conceited.

If we stick close to the job, we should be out hunting news.

If we go out and try to hustle some items, we should be at work.

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate their genius.

If we do print them, the paper is filled with junk.

If we make changes in other fellows' write-ups, we're too critical.

If we don't, we're asleep at the switch and poor newspapermen.

Now, like as not, some fellow will say we swiped this from some magazine!

We did!

**WHAT'S DOIN'**

Well, frankly, men, there isn't a devil of a lot doing right now, but I think we can attribute this to the rather unsettled weather, and general bad ground conditions, as far as outdoor activities are concerned. However, Summer is just around the corner, so things should be opening up very shortly.

While it isn't warm enough to rush into the river for a swim, you can do the next best thing — to wit, rent a row-boat, and get in a little sea-time. Naturally, we won't guarantee that conditions are like those you are likely to encounter when you strike a corvette, even if the Yamaska does get a little ruffled sometimes. Rowboats can be rented from a chap who hangs out just off the river-bank, a little way up the highway from the barracks.

If being on water makes you sort of groggy, you can get your quota of fresh Spring air by doing a little cycling out along the highway. St. Amand, down on Cascades Street, just opposite the local Police Station, will rent you a bicycle on practically any basis — for an hour, an afternoon, a week, or even over the Summer period, at very reasonable rates. Good bikes, too!

Keep a weather-eye peeled for the opening of the Municipal Swimming Pool here in town, which should start operating sometime in June.

During April, we had a fine varied programme down at the K. of C. Hut, including movies, troop shows, an Amateur Night, and social evenings, at which everyone had tons of fun. The good work is being carried on in May, so look out for announcements of concerts, etc., on your local notice boards.

Two theatrical groups are scheduled for the K. of C. Hut in May. The 14th will see the "Canadian Legion All Stars" on the stage, followed on the 28th by the famous "T.N.T. Revue".

To take the strain off the notice boards, here's a list of the movies which will be shown in the Men's Canteen in camp here, during the month of May:

"Ball of Fire" — Barbara Stanwyck, Gary Cooper.

"Bachelor Mother" — Ginger Rogers, David Niven.

"The Little Foxes" — Bette Davis, Herbert Marshall.

"Bringing Up Baby" — Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant.

What with Spring in the air, the birds in the trees, love in bloom, et al, many of our sturdiest bachelors are either on the verge of, or have taken, the tumble. While some of these stricken ones shy away from publicity, we list here a few of those who have reached, or are reaching for, the exalted heights of matrimonial bliss.

The engagement of Cook Erik Peter Edward Bourne, RCNVR, of 244½ James St., North, Hamilton, to Miss Huguette Barré, 907 Marguerite Bourgeois St., St. Hyacinthe, was announced Saturday, 24th April, 1943.

**Long Course Lament**

by Lt. Cdr. R. J. Williams, R.C.N.V.R.

Down at St. Hy. they deal in rough stuff,  
With books by the score and that sort of guff;  
The questions they ask fair make you wilt,  
And the spikes that are driven are up to the hilt.

Full of hope and innocence you enter this lair,  
And the wolves who await you their fangs do bare;  
They assure it's easy and everything's jake,  
But, if you believe them; Boy!, what a mistake.

Night after night your brains you are battering,  
While the rest of the gang are the beefing and nattering,  
And your eyes swell out to the size of a goiter,  
'Till you scream in despair, "By Godfrey — it's moider!"

Of Saturday mornings we take a dim view,  
Guides of Divisions, Canteen ships too;  
The questions are many, at all we would scream,  
And the guy in the front says, "See what I mean?"

For an idyllic scene see the classroom at nights,  
As the students prepare their opium pipes;  
While aloft in a corner, his heels swinging fine  
Hangs a poor wretch — He used a tackline.

Now just take the pendants, they're spelled with a "D",  
And instead of "pass to", they use letter "T";  
Definitions by thousands, you wish you could die,  
And you probably will — With the V. S. I.

No matter what happens, you just can't win,  
In fact, just try to, it's worse than a sin,  
And someone's feelings you're bound to irk,  
See where it gets you, don't be a dumb jerk.

The flashing is sent at about forty per,  
The semaphore flags just make a blur,  
The buzzer is like a mosquito in flight,  
And then comes study — for hours every night.

Comes the final exam and you feel pretty proud,  
But take advice and don't say so out loud;  
There's many a man who swears he's not slipped  
Until the results show his pendants have dipped.

But when it's all over you heave a big sigh,  
And say, "Great stuff, good old St. Hy.";  
And leaving the School there's a real pang of pain  
But there's one born every minute — you'll be back again.

**REMEMBER THE****FOURTH VICTORY LOAN DRIVE****THIS MONTH****THE MALE SITUATION**

**Off the record advice on  
what should go in those letters  
to the little one back home.**

Don't make those letters too 'sticky'. Can't you hear her little bug-eyed brother reading to the family the part about... your adorable little lips, and those two itsy-bitsy ears?" Then wouldn't your itsy-bitsy lugs be redsy-wedsy?

**HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED TO THE LOG?****ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH**

1295 Girouard  
St. Hyacinthe, Que.

Rev. Jacques Beaudon, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.  
Pastor

Paymaster Lieutenant M. E. Palmer, RCNVR  
Guest Organist

**CALENDAR OF SERVICES**

Sunday: 10 A. M. Sunday School  
11 A. M. Worship in French  
7 P. M. Worship in English  
8 P. M. Social Hour in Church Hall

All Naval Personnel from HMCS "St. Hyacinthe" cordially invited to attend these Services.

**"LE CLAIRON" ROLLER SKATING RINK**  
ROLLER SKATING and DANCING EVERY NIGHT  
Mondor Street, just off Cascades Street

# ACCOUNTANT BRANCH Qotlings

J. F. L. Smith

We are all liable to have colds this summer, with all the drafts popping around. Who was it once said we're here in St. Hyacinthe for the duration? They certainly made a mistake, what with Petty Officers Harvey Holmes and Don Smith away, and "Blue-nose" Hugh Dickie and "The Great Lover" Alvin Maitland joinin' Art Godkin in taking their departure.

The Victualling Staff are also losing an old hand. Len Philbrook, the man with the little poodle, is on his way to the Coast. No. 1 man in the bowing world of "St. Hyacinthe", Len will be greatly missed around these parts.

Who was it wanted to know, when the liberty-boat failed to leave on time, if it had been torpedoed. Silly Fellow!

We see that "Rowboat" Taylor, Wardroom Staff, is still fallin' in the river. What's up —

### No running water at home?

Charlie Connelly, cook extraordinary of delicious pastries, struggling to find a seat in the local screen house asked for "Two seats in the bow". A little bit far fetched. No wonder the usherette was dumfounded.

Congratulations are extended to Paymaster Lieutenant Bauer, Cash Officer, on "shipping his second stripe".

One of the most popular ratings of the Supply Branch Staff, Larry Ashe, is now recuperating in a Montreal Hospital. We all wish Larry a speedy come-back.

It seems we should have a letter from Petty Officer Harry Holmes, former Editor of the LOG, with some news of "Newfiejohn".

Back-patting is in order for Petty Officer Hughes on his recent promotion, and transfer from the Clothing to the Victualling Stores.

### OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Congratulations were extended this past month to Chief Yeoman of Signals Curnow, R.C.N. (T), when he observed his 47th Birthday Anniversary on April 16th.

One of the most familiar figures in the Signal School, and one who is well known throughout the Department, "Chief Buffer" Curnow was remembered by everyone but his own family; however, as he states, "the kids came through in fine style, though they were a little late".

### KNOW NOTHING

The men in blue know how to button the lip. At an Eastern Canadian Port a nice old lady leaning over the balcony of an esplanade. "What's the name of that ship down there?", she inquired of a "Sparker" standing near her.

"I don't know," said the matelot.

"That's too bad," came back the lady, "What ship are you in?"

"That one", answered the bloke, and sauntered away dreaming.

Matinees : WED. and SAT. at 2.00 p.m.  
Evenings : EVERY DAY at 7.00 p.m.  
Sundays : Continuous from 1.00 till closing.



**Special :**  
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT IS  
**"NAVY NIGHT"**  
GENERAL ADMISSION: 25c

### Coming Attractions

Sun.-Mon.	May 2-3	
		"ICELAND" Sonja Henie - John Payne
		"AIR RAID WARDEN" Laurel and Hardy
		"FLYING WITH MUSIC" Marjorie Woodworth
Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.	May 4-5-6	"REUNION IN FRANCE" Joan Crawford - John Wayne
		"THE HARD WAY" Ida Lupino - Dennis Morgan
Fri.-Sat.	May 7-8	"FALCON STRIKES BACK" Tom Conway - Harriet Hillard
		"OMAHA TRAIL" James Craig - Dean Jagger
Sun.-Mon.	May 9-10	"THUNDER BIRDS" (Color) John Sutton - Gene Tierney
		"MUCH TOO SHY" George Formby
Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.	May 11-12-13	"LOST HORIZON" Ronald Colman - Margo
		"Mexican Spitfire's Elephant" Lupe Velez - Leon Errol
Fri.-Sat.	May 14-15	"EYES OF THE UNDERWORLD" Richard Dix - Lon Chaney
		"STAGE COACH EXPRESS" Don "Red" Barry - Lynn Merrick
		Revival "VIRGINIA CITY" Errol Flynn

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