



ANNOUNCEMENT

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FIRST CLASS AMBASSADORS FOR THEIR CORPS

"I must compliment LT (SR) Fred Kingsford and all the Canadian Cadets. They were courteous and cheerful even after a long and full day out. They were first class ambassadors for their Corps. All concerned commented how delighted they were to meet and be associated with such a fine party of Cadets."

... Lieutenant Commander (SCC)
E.T. Beechener, RNR,
Cambridge Sea Cadet Corps Unit.

Last summer's Sea Cadet Exchange to England was a success from everyone's point of view. The London hosts did a great job of entertaining our boys and our Sea Cadets were a credit to their Corps, to The Navy League and to Canada.



Canadian Sea Cadets onboard Old Caledonia on the river Thames.

AUGUST 17 TO 20

London. Canadian Sea Cadets visited Windsor Castle. When they stopped in at the Tower of London it was arranged for them to see the Jewel House just before it opened to the public. As well, they were invited to return in the evening to witness the Ceremony of the Keys. They were taken on a fascinating tour of the Royal Mews and had the ceremony of the Changing of the Guard explained to them in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace. They were treated to a meal onboard Old Caledonia. While in London, the Canadians were guests of the Army at Cavalry Barracks, Hounslow.

AUGUST 20 TO 25

Plymouth. On the way to Plymouth, the British hosts stopped at Salisbury to

give the Canadians an opportunity of visiting the Cathedral and hearing the Cathedral Choir rehearsing. Organized activities in Plymouth included a short trip up the river Tamar, a visit to HMS Drake where they stayed while in Plymouth and a visit to Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton.

AUGUST 25 TO 29

Cambridge. The Canadian Cadets spent a day at Woburn Abbey and Zoo Park. They toured some of the Cambridge Colleges and the University Library where they were shown books that had been written as far back as the 12th century. They were also invited by the President of Cambridge Unit, Dr. Irwin Peck, to tour his home and farm at Dry Drayton. Mrs. Peck treated them to a wonderful meal afterwards. While in Cambridge they stayed at the home of Cadets of the Cambridge Unit.

"I shall always remember this tour with pleasure and was grateful for the opportunity to play host to our visitors, thus reversing the role when I was one of the lucky six Sea Cadet Officers to visit Canada for the Centenary Celebrations and Expo '67."

... LCDR E.T. Beechener.

CANADA-ENGLAND EXCHANGE ROLL CALL

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WE GET LETTERS

A number of letters regarding the proposed new uniform have passed into our hands. The opinion across the board has been a resounding NO to any Cadet uniform which is not in the traditional navy blue or is not associated with maritime concepts.

Naval and merchant navy personnel throughout the world have adopted blue as a standard uniform colour. Although Canada has not adopted this colour, a number of the letters received indicated that Cadets would like to be identified with the brotherhood of the sea.

If that gives you something to think about—pro or con—drop us a line and air your views.

WELCOME

The following is a list of Corps that either have been recently formed or have been given official names.

Navy League Cadets

NLCC # 110 **Abenaquis**, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

NLCC # 111 **Admiral Collier**, Cold Lake, Alta.

NLCC # 80 **M.G. Forand**, Dawson Creek, B.C.

NLCC # 108 **Legion**, Oshawa, Ont.

Navy League Wrenettes

NLWC # 109w **Conestoga**, Cold Lake, Alta.

Royal Canadian Sea Cadets

RCSCC **Huron**, Cold Lake, Alta.

RCSCC **Southern Cross**, Collier's, Nfld.

WHO'S BEEN DOING WHAT?

Niagara Falls, Ont. RCSCC **Niagara** had a successful 'chip drive'.

Windsor, Ont. A group of American Sea Cadets visited RCSCC **Agamemnon** on November 12.

Repentigny, Que. Le 19 décembre, CCMRC **Amiral Le Gardeur**, CWLN **Madame de Repentigny** et CCLN **Le Québec** étaient à un souper de Noël.

Kelowna, B.C. **Elizabeth Young Wrenettes** had a Christmas Party and Dance with the Army, Navy and Air Force Cadets and Wrenettes.

Montreal, Que. On December 8, the Royal Canadian Legion Rosemount Branch invited the officers, instructors and all Chaudière Cadets to a Christmas dinner complete with turkey and all the trimmings. It was their way of thanking NLCC Chaudière for its support on Poppy Day.

SYDNEY, N.S.

On January 10, ten Cadets from RCSCC **Sydney** toured Canadian Forces Station **Sydney**. The tour included a visit to radar operations, transportation and fire hall sections.



Fire Inspector Cecil MacLeod briefs interested Cadets on preventing fires in the home. Left to right—LC Darlene Hutchings, LC Shawn Sanson, LC Mary Ryan and PO 2 Reginald Hutchings.

WINDSOR, ONTARIO



For the second year in a row NLWC **Rear Admiral Hose** had the honour of being named the best Wrenette Corps in Ontario and Canada. Shown in this photo—CPO Pamela Smith, LT Roberta Dickson and CPO 2 Rita Eidukas. In 1975 they and the other Wrenettes became a part of RCSCC **Agamemnon**.

SHIP—QUIZ

Everyone knows that the names of Christopher Columbus' ships were the **Nina**, **Pinta** and **Santa Maria**. But do you know the name of John Cabot's vessel? Or Sir Humphrey Gilbert's?

We'll have the answers for you in the next issue of **ASTROLABE**.

STATION PAPA by Patricia Dufour

STATION PAPA is one of Canada's main contributions to the plotting of the world's weather. It's a cheerless 10 square mile stretch of sea 807 miles out in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of B.C. The Canadian Coast Guard weather ships **Vancouver** and **Quadra** man the station every day of the year.

Through the leadership of Gerry Bishop, President of the Vancouver Island Division of The Navy League of Canada, Sea Cadets from the western provinces regularly serve 7-week stints onboard the two ships. As a marine reporter I recently took a look at conditions at **STATION PAPA** as a guest aboard an Armed Forces' **Argus** long-range-patrol aircraft on a normal 14-hour flight.

A highlight of the flight was a mail drop to the men onboard the **Vancouver**. It was a grey day and the **Vancouver** bounced like a baby as 40-knot winds whipped white spumes off the angry seas. Circling low over the ship the crew of the **Argus** dropped two canisters filled with mail. We could see people lining the rails and waving. I wondered if one of them was PO 2 Duane Weekes of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan to whom I had sent a message from The Navy League through the courtesy of the **Argus'** Captain Major Fred Weir.

Someday, perhaps, Duane or some other Cadet who's served his time on **STATION PAPA** will share his experiences with **ASTROLABE** readers.



Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, presenting The Navy League's award for Ontario's top Navy League Cadet to NLCC Sudbury's CPO Marc Tetreault. Photo courtesy of the Sudbury Star.

SEA CADET INTERNATIONAL RIFLE COMPETITION 1975

1. Britain
2. New Zealand
3. Sweden
4. Canada—RCSCC **Crusader**, Winnipeg, Man.

NAVY LEAGUE WEEK

Navy League Week will run from April 26 to May 2, Battle of the Atlantic Sunday.

RCSCC SCARBOROUGH

Last October **Scarborough** Cadets and Officers successfully completed OPERATION NORTHUMBERLAND. Activities



OC Lorin Ledger on the rope bridge with LT Bob Qualtrough in the background.

included undertaking a 5-mile cross country orienteering route and the construction of a jackstay transfer and rope bridge.



PO 2 Scott McDonald crossing the pond in the boatswain's chair.

A NAME TO HANG YOUR HAT ON

Thirty-two years ago this month, the 28th of March to be exact, the world lost one of its greatest humourists. Stephen Butler Leacock, born in 1869, taught at McGill University in Montreal and vacationed at his summer home in Orillia, Ontario. Those of us who have read Leacock's works have been known to chuckle at the mere mention of 'Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town', 'My Financial Career' or 'How to Borrow Money'. Leacock once said that he would rather have written 'Alice in Wonderland' than the whole Encyclopedia Britannica.

In 'Humour As I See It', a chapter in the book 'Further Foolishness', Leacock defines his view of humour:

"You never knew McGann did you' a friend of mine asked me the other day. 'He used to put tar in the tomato soup and beeswax and tin-tacks on the chairs. He was full of ideas.' McGann I understand is dead. I am not sorry for it. Indeed I think the time has gone by when we can see the fun of putting tacks on chairs, or thistles in beds or live snakes in peoples' boots. To me it has always seemed that the very essence of good humour is that it must be without harm and without malice."

Stephen Leacock is a name that's associated with bringing sunshine into people's lives not only here in his native Canada but across the world. It's a name you might like to be associated with.

PEN PAL WANTED

A USN Sea Cadet who took part in the HMCS **Quadra** Exchange programme last summer is looking for a Canadian pen pal. He is 17 years old and lives in a suburb of Chicago. His hobby is studying about military matters. If you'd like to begin corresponding, write him at:

Mr. Jim B. Hansen,
8138 North Central Ave.,
Morton Grove,
Illinois, USA,
Zip Code 60053

BRANDON, MANITOBA

November 28 to 30, **Swiftsure** hosted 16 visitors from RCSCC **John Travers Cornwell V C**, Winnipeg. They spent time at CFB **Shilo** and toured the museum of the Royal Canadian Artillery. On Saturday night it was off to see the sights in Brandon. On Sunday they visited the RCMP Sub-Division office.

On a cool, clear Saturday last October, a flotilla of **Swiftsure** canoes went out on Oak Lake. From the first landing complete with open fire, through portages, reed channels and tiny swamp islands to a spectacular Prairie sunset finale a rewarding time was had by all.

YARMOUTH, N.S.



Boys and girls from RCSCC **Chebogue** went to the Yarmouth Regional Hospital Children's ward during the Christmas season to spread around a little Yule-time cheer. They presented the Head Nurse of the ward with a hockey game, a child's walker and chocolates for her hard-working nurses. Shown in this photo are S/LT **William MacKenzie**, CPO **Leon Saulnier**, PO **Mary White**, Mrs. **Simpson**, Head Nurse and children of the ward.

RECRUITING

National Council plaques were awarded to the following Corps for the best efforts and results in recruiting between September and December of 1975:

RCSCC **Jervis Bay**, Saskatoon, Sask.
NLCC **Northcrest**, Montreal, Que.

There was no award presented to a Wrenette Corps. In the process of re-organization no submissions were received.



About six years ago, Cadets of RCSCC **Lanark**, Almonte, Ontario began an International Navy Cap Collection. It's grown since that time to an impressive approximate number of 70 caps from over 30 countries. That's a lot of people who've 'taken off their hats' to RCSCC **Lanark**.

PORT ALBERNI, B.C.



Port Alberni Cadets **Danny Fraser** (left) and **Robert Allan** preparing to take off on a 6-week cruise onboard **HMCS Restigouche**.

The local Cable Station in Port Alberni was so impressed with the activities of RCSCC **Alberni** that it did a film on the group. That was just the beginning. Plans are now underway for the making of a second film on the Cadet movement.

COLD LAKE FIRST

NLWC **Conestoga**, Cold Lake, Alta. became the first Wrenette Corps to be chartered under the lower age level programme. **Conestoga** is made up of 40 eleven and twelve year old girls and it is the hope of everyone at **ASTROLABE** that we'll be hearing from them soon.

ASTROLABE would be very interested in hearing from Wrenettes who've joined the Sea Cadet organization. Please write a short note giving your impressions.

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