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Son, \* E. H. Winslaw-Spragge

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real lesser I'm wirther in ages. I towner of it to myself. november 25 I'm now wedged in my upper ar Sea. bunk with one food braced against a tranverse beam overhead may right thigh hard against the bulkhead. behind. Spread-lagled, as it were, with a pile of esquire magaziner on what remains of my lap for a dlob. It is one of those days when the safest + most comfertable place to be is in your bunk. Fortunately we have forced - draft ventilation so the air remains fairly cool + fresh below - even with all doors, scuttles (portholes) etc. closed up tight. The deek below is a mass of socks, sea works; vil shim, lefe juickers exc. intertwined Raphaguedly with averturned chairs a waste reper hasket. I'm feeling quite cozy + contented up here so If I begin to talk & drivel don't blame me. I find when one self gers intermingled with ones over turned chairs etc. ones temper is inclined to become short. as I have had to handle a lot of books + papers + do considerable writing while at sea, my temper suffers greatly when everything goes slittering off the deak one way & comes slithering back twice as fast the other and when you eventually grab the piece of paper you're trying to write on the ship takes a violent lung aprovad and a combination of gravity to decreasing air pressure causes a large blurb of into to decrease on your otherway pressure causes a large blurb of into to decrease on your otherway vergin paper. So you see my bunk is my refuge-my likely bunks is my refuge-my likely as I stook heaven on the ocean. 20076 and I said unto myself as I stook at the fast of my hunk. It herefore stand ye amazed amid

tangled slife jackers and waste-paper? go ye up into yer bunk and find peace amid turmoil. And so I betook me up into my chez lounge and did drag mightely on a fag and up into my chez lounge and did drag mightely on a fag and did forger the sorbid sight below and everything was as a deep surple, yea verily, quite rooy. END QUETE but don't There converses are mighty fine lixtle ships. They take a bit of getting used to but after a time one puts one's entire confidence in them. I have felt quite comfortable ever since setting for aboard to be mad as more if non existent as far as I am concerned. Appetites was a his thin at the guste me. Concerned. appetites was a bis thin as times though at present I'm supposed to be learning the in's routs of quarter deak routen that in hos supervising the gerring out , becuring of lines aft. fenders exc. when coming alongside. I'm a bake in almo to dite but one leaves. This this has been a likele larier for me as I. am standing a better watch 8-12 at night + 8-12 in the morning before, I had the 8-12 at night + 4-8 in the morning which made the question of sleeping difficult. I was very fortunate in seeing alice. He had a very sleason't day together. I toweren she will tell you more about it. she is blooking very well. She "Louise Cooked us up a very fine breakfast in their apartiment. It all went out " lunched at moon (alice, Renies, my pal a friend of his). In the svening alice broke your the larder of produced some delicious steaks. (Find I'd tasted in months.) In the evening al + I spent a short time celebrating on gin , tonics in the local put. Ithen she said goodle next morning she appeared in her uniform which is very small chipper. The will probably write you shouly. I sent

The coax looks very well indeed and I'm certainly glad to have Vix!! of jain's Signal's and gunnery officer but I don't have to do the hook suping for the gunnery part Stell me loves D'& better close now so that I'll be sure to get this into an envelope. very Merry Christman tor you all and loads of love. a card this is a special greeking for them. Hi Rush thrank. Lave John (Edward) evinslaw-Spragge Remarks of Amas merrettonia Can navy. Om. O. Sylms 1942 Prob. Den Mather And: I just pulled a good joke on myself ha. ha. and you are the lucky winders? Ite set au clocks back one hour yesterday and I in my would Careful way, didn's bother to change mine. So having got all dolled up in my fur books. Indian seveater, blue parka jacket sheepskur etc. and ready to go on watch at 1150 P.M. I now find it is only 1000; so rather than try to go to sleep again in this lassing sea I shall endeavour to do what seems for more importand and - write to lifam. rolling and getching of one of these tubs is like. Chairs flows by and the glass in the racks & cuttery in the drawers crash endlessly back , forth as the slip swarps to for Occasionly as you are walking as sedately as passible across the wardroom you are forced to leap into the air and land with your feet against the back of the settle as the deck drops craying away. Doing up steps also has its problems - one moment you feel like superman-light as a feather - and go dashing madly expensed with mo effort at all and the next an geant hand forces you down musible

so that you just don't do anything until once again the hows drop away into the only the humping of waves against the side and the continuous up & down & corpscrew movement of the ship as weather indications so it generally comes as a surprise when you find the companionway door practically toin from your grasp as your step our into the might. Where are the stars and milky way and the beauties of a night on the ocean! If you're interested they've all gone to hed like every other sensible being) nathing remains lind a hawling blinking gale, houring through the rigging like a Thouse of Solowood dearnon wolves and all the time bucketfulls of spray smach against the shatter- Ground glass of the Gridge. Thee enough balt. I have got so used to it that I don't even feel slightly nanistated any more. In fact nener fett better in my life. I have even developed an appetite for the first time in about 3 years. Most of this I attribute to the fact that I'm getting more time out to sleep. Thanks for all your letter x cule Easter could.

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#### THE CLOTHING OF A NOVICE

Like the parents of a bride after the wedding, we found many reminders at Faraway Farm that Sister Mary Auousta had lived here — the Norwegian sweater in the hall closet, the Bicentennial picture of her in colonial costume in the living room, the amethyst paper weight she had given me on my desk, the leaf panel she made for Gus in the study. She was with us for thirteen years and left us nine months ago.

It was Saturday, November 27th, that we left Connecticut to attend her Clothing at St. Margaret's Convent in Boston. We parked by Boston Commons and walked in the gathering dusk to Beacon Hill. We went up narrow, gas lit streets to touisburg Square where the Convent rose straight up from the pavement, four or five stories of red brick, with a large door recessed into the wall.

A white haired lady in lay clothes admitted us to a wide hall with polished floors. A small table had an exotic long stemmed bulb on it, blooming full open in flamboyant pink. A vase of rosebuds stood by a statue of the Virgin on a gilt mall shelf. We passed into a comfortable parlor to mait.

We were not to talk to Mary until after the service.

but thoughts about her filled my mind. Mary bringing in the first wild flowers in spring. Mary teasing Muffin the cat. Mary asking.

"May I have a little hay for the Creche?" Mary at Christmas remembering everyone from her baskets filled with brightly wrapped gifts. The adventures Mary and I had with our pet field mice, and her note, "Do not disturb. Notturnal animals." Mary and Brook and

the raccoon that joined them one evening on the porch to their wild consternation. Mary valiantly digging her car out of the snow to get to work.

Thirteen years of memories sharing our family life. No one can remember when Mary wasn't here. She came to help with Grandpa when he lived with us. When he died no one even thought of her leaving. This was her home where she returned after her busy days as secretary of St. Paul's Church in Norwalk. But Mary did what so few dare to do. She got off the beaten path to start something radically new.

Still waiting, we watched TV for a while, and then I went upstairs to brush my hair, ruffled from the walk across the Commons. There was no mirror in the bathroom, which reminded me that in the Convent the inner life was more valued than the outer appearance.

At a quarter to six we went into the Chapel. We were given seats in the Choir Stalls opposite Mary. She was kneeling there in prayer, her eyes closed, her face serene. We could look to the back of the Chapel, beyond a screen of arches to Mary's friends who had come from St. Paul's. The Sisters filed in quietly around us.

Reverend Mother Margery Raphael, the Mother Superior.

took her place. She was a tall, slight woman, in black robes and

veil, her eyes lively, and observant. The service began.

A Sister lit six candles on the altar. Delicate hangino lights twinkled. Flowers on either side of the Altar crucifix were a bright medly of yellow, bronze and ruby. The Bishop in lavendar cope and mitre, accompanied by Father Jones, Chaplain of

the Convent, processed up the aidle, preceded by a Sister swinging a censer and filling the air with incense. The Litany of Reception began with the lovely clear chanting of the Sisters. Mary rose and left the Chapel to change from her Postulant's blue dress to the new robes of her Novitiate. When she returned she was in gray with a deep rounded white collar, and still in the same white veil. She knelt at the altar steps before the Chaplain and answered his questions.

"You have been elected by the Mother and Sisters, a Novice of this Convent of the Society of St. Margaret. Do you wish to be received as such?"

"I do."

Other questions she answered, "I promise, God being my helper." Her voice had new tones, slow, melodious. A sister arranged her skirts to hang more gracefully behind her. The same Sister placed a new veil on her head. She received her new name, Sister Mary Augusta, as the priest took her cross from the Altar and hung it around her neck.

"Lord biess this cross. May Sister Mary Augusta persevere in your service, and by the cross attain to the crown..."

The Sisters chanted the psalm that has the words, "may your sons grow as the young plants and your daughters as the polished corner stones of the temple."

Father Jones delivered a short sermon, though his young daughter said later, "Daddy, it was too long." He described the difference between "novelty" and "Newness", the first being passing fads and the second "the new things of God" that all could partake 6f

by being open and ready for new relationships, new opportunities, new kinds of awareness, a glance, a touch, a smile, or even something big and frightening. He said we are far too prone to mant to control God with our own limiting concepts instead of listening, being aware, and making ourselves available for God's purposes.

The Bishop closed the service with a benediction, and me made our way with the Sisters and the guests to the halls and sitting rooms to greet each other and wait for Mary before going in to supper.

In the Refectory there were four long tables and a buffet set out with cheese, bean salad, chicken salad, pumpkin and other pies. We helped ourselves to food and sat down side by side. Mary came in with a cluster of Sisters greeting her with handshakes and kisses. The yall sat together, about forty of them. Father Timothy, Rector of St. Paul's sat opposite me with an Indian priest, and my husband had the Bishop on his right who told us about the work of the Sisters in Haiti.

After supper, we finally got an opportunity to greet Sister Mary Augusta. "It was the closest name to Gus I could find," she said. This was a beautiful surprise for us. While going on to the "new things" she did not forget the old. We chatted a few moments and gave her the greetings from the family and hugged and kissed her.

Shortly thereafter we took our leave and made our way from old Beacon Hill, still softly gas lit, passing the gracious facades of old houses lining the small steep streets.

A Recollection of the occasion by Alice W. Simons, Nov 27, 1976

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## Countess Visits Blood Service Clinic



The Countess of Limerick, special British Red Cross representative on a "thank you" tour of Canada inspects the Montreal clinic of the Red Cross Voluntary Blood Service, through which many lives are being saved overseas. Picture

shows the Countess, second from left, with Miss Edith Nicolson, Montreal commandant of office administration of the Red Cross Corps; Miss Jane Urquhart, chief technician for the clinic and Mrs. R. Palmer Howard, secretary of the blood centre.

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Dearest Daddy: -

Hank you from the bottom of my heart for your wonderne letter to me of 27 Sept. that arrived today.

I feel disperately sorry that you are unable to resume work, but at the same time feel that you may grow wen beller + brigger tail feathers in the days to come. we always did think your phimage was pretty fine, and your strength and your courage remarkable, so I think it wie be nice for other people as were as the Kand to see your performance. I hope the Ottawa idea works out. Daddy. I honestly feel very proud to know you are a fighter through through. As I said to them it does me good to Know you are both patting your best foot forward. Every one that does were these days in good cheer, patience ternage helps some one else who way he feeling a bit weary sted- up. her re all so very much more dependent or each other most people I see twork with have nothing of value but their friends, old + heur. I

will certainly look forward to reading the letters of have received from members of the Staff. Mr. wood very kindly forwarded me the copy of your letter to him, which I throught very fine. I made capies for Palmer & Donald which they now have. I think the explanation there is a good one for me to use. I also funched with the art the Junior Carlton blub last week. I do feel that it was kind of him. I think he is a dear to very interesting.

I didn't gwe Molter, but which up doubt you will passon. First I have Very much enjoyed my sojourn at whitelands House. Not only are the two girls most conquiae, but the flat is extremel comfortable. BUTin spile of all that I am moving ont. I think the Hat is too Expensive for the amount of time I'm an it. I would much ratter source a little + hijory good "leaves" eind have more spending money. So I have been most fortunate in getting into

an attractive large house that has been converted into one room flats with bath room & telephone. The rooms are bed-Sitting rooms. The room has a balconing overlooking a square with nice trees. Breakfast is terright up to each room on a tray of there is a small restaurant downstairs where one may have dinner at 2/6 a night. There are about twenty people in the building - mostly service people. But I'll tell you about that next week. There is central heating of my room has a small electric fire place. The house is quite close to Hyde Park which will be lovely for Sunday walks. The Manager is a Very nice man who is the husband of one of the people in the office with me - so I Im quite sure the residents are hice people. The Home Keepen is very sweet of the cook is said to be good - That also remains to be seen. I hu looking forward to having my

meals prepared for me, as I find it a little much to work all day & get my meals as well. Particularly as I don't get home till 6 or 7. Well - its an experiment. I also jell it will be easier for Palmer if he wants to come to town - there won't always be extra prople about as it is at present. I hu moving in on Saturday of Sunday the 14th of 15 Nov. touse is working at M.T.C. Headquarters in the petrol department & types with one juiges or is renowned for her heat jigures in the book. She is were & cheerfue in spile of the Strain of Jum up in the our most of the Time. He is Said to be an excellent pilot. Ho Jun When he comes in & talks about Swelps over here there slowerywhere. I to am interested to been you are competing with the squirrels in the roof, but I wonder how they leke the taste of moulation. 9'm sure it must beep to keep you cosy. I had fun yester day. I am very sond of the paintings of Peter Scott who

does pictures of wild fords so well - you know, flights of duck over marshes - one in parheuler I adore of three small swans flying across a great green wave curling over in white Joan. It is exquisite. So I set off to find a print of it on Brond Street. The first shop I tried had a dear old boy in it we had a long conversation. Most of his paintings were in the country of his Shop had a bad blitzing once I still looked pretty shaky. As we chalted a most distinguished looking the British general came in. I was looking at an Elkin hunting scenet was told it was & 500 - My man told me to take a good look at him because be was the Jamons tonk man, general horrie, who was brought back from Libya last year. He must have seen me staring ar him because on the way out he said to us all in general " Isn't the hews good! - Poor man I bet he'd give his eye teeth to be in Libya right been listening to the 9 o'clock

news about the capitulation of Morrocco of Algeria of the Nazis marchipints unoccupied thance. Stirring days, these last Jew! After bisiting several other slops I finally found my swaw picture which will look lovely in my new flat. The address: 44 Queens qardens Jondon, w. 2.

Telephone for John: Paddington 1880.

This write get to you just about the Christmas season so I hope its a lovely one for you in spite of everything. I'll miss you are terribly. Nothing could be as much fun as some of the Christmas's at 55 Aberdeen. But its no good felling sorry - the one thing this was has taught us see is haugh and the world laughts with you - "

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world go with you.

Blood down Olivier 4780 VICTORIA AVENUE MONTREAL March 14, 1942 Dearest Mum and Daddy:-Anne and I loved your letter which we got yesterday. It is most satisfactory to all of us that you both are having such a splendid holiday. You've made us all very happy by going away, which seems strange on the face of it! We miss you of course terrifically, but can hardly wait to hear your Southern drawl when you return. I am sitting in ski pants about to depart for the North--me and the pants. George and Mary Montgomery are going with me, and we are going to spend the week-end with my mother-inlaw. This is her last week-end with her house. I was up last week too, and had a marvellous long ski-about 12 miles-with Nina and Per Hall and Bob and Jack Cundill, also Barbara Whitley, who was staying at the Brown Shingles with me. I have had a very active week. On Wednesday I had to read my Blood Donor Report at the big Annual Red Cross Meeting. Had to stand up in front 5% of the Head Table and speak into a microphone. I really enjoyed it. Am dying to someday be a good public speaker. The next night I had to give a one minute recruiting speech for our three Red Cross Units, and also slipped in a few seconds about the Blood Donor Clinic. This was in the Rose Room of the Windsor Hotel, and I was one of three speakers on a programme starring Dr. Anna Louise Strong, a great feminist and authority on Russia and China. She certainly gave a very strong appeal for civilians to get busy with their initiative. We are operating three weekly Clinics now, which keeps us busier than ever. I have Ruth's friend, Barbara Emmans, helping me as secretary. She is perfectly sweet. Poor child, has just broken off her second engagement. So is glad to have lots to do. Everyone is fine. Aunt Clare is coming to spend next week-end with us. Mary is well. Barbara is more adorable than ever. Anne has had another cold, but looks very able bodied to day. She has been deluged with letters from Donald all week, which has helped her keep cheery through her cold. I have had two wonderful letters recently from Palmer. There is a chance in a million that he may get a Research job out here sometime soon, so I am holding up my plans for going over there for a little while longer. However I have my name in, but if I find he is coming over here, I can withdraw it. Much love and hugs and kisses to you both,

Como 1939. Aug 30 Dealest Daddy My conscience certainly gave me a kick to-day when I realized that this is the first time I have written you, since you went away to other lands! A great deal has been happening since then. Mother and I had a wonderful trup to Saranac + New York etc

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3 certainly liked my first Toup to New York Though I don't think I slept once while there-it was so noisy. We went to many different places on our travels which we will have to tell you about when you leach home. We Took some very good films - 4 to UE correct - We actually were "dudo" so we were presented with two tran new colour films Next week the younger crowd here are hulting on a play colled "You Never Know" I' was writer by Joy Thomson -daughter of P. A. Thomson and 6 most

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having a monderful time - It has turned quite cold and is really rather nice. Iffice and Palmer left at about 6 o'clock this morning for Ballimore after having spent two days at Mrs. Howards new ap artement - They both looked very well after their sojourn in Murray Say -Donald played in a very eliting vriket game which went on for jour days - He was batting for two days on end + no one could put him out. This week end he goes up for the Labor day holiday to Toronto toplay. 9 am going up to St. Agathe to stay with Ite Hastings for a most exciting event. Hazel + Eric Harrington are announcing their engagement so my brideom aids are following in my excellent: foot steps very foot

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In this atmosphere we are comfortably settled for the next 10 days. Food and accomposation are very good, which is of course unusual to find hereabouts. The house is heated by a coal stove in the front hall supplemented by open fireplaces, of which we have one in our bedroom making it very cosy.

Paul enjoys the farm animals, horses, cows, pigs, poultry and finds ample scope to amuse himself, though there are no children here, which condition, however, is strictly localized at the farm. The primitive willage and ancient fishing port of Brigus, one mile from here is alive with them as Mary and I found out yesterday when we skied in.

It seems that skis are an unusual means of locomotion here. When we reached the outskirts of the village I noticed one or two youngsters who gazed at us for a moment, and then turned tail running as if for dear life into the narrow alley-ways which serve for streets. Within about a minute afterwards curious little figures began appearing like magic from everywhere, and before we had traversed a hundred yards further our progress was almost completely blocked by about 40 children pressing in on us from all sides.

Whether the excitement was caused entirely by the skis, or by Mary's trousers, or just by the fact of the arrival of two strangers I do not know. At any rate we hastily shed our skis and took refuge in the post office from which vantage point I counted the throng of children up to about forty. I had a feeling amounting to a a certainty that if we had remained outside exposed publicly to view for another couple of minutes more the count would have mounted to eighty easily.

And having told of the children I must tell you that our troops in Nfld. are even more impressed by the number and characteristics of the dogs. Our camp "somewhere in Newfoundland" has attracted a canine population wonderful to see. To whom did these creatures belong? What is their breed? Why do they love us so? These are questions to which no one can give a satisfactory answer.

Most of the dogs are very large with heavy wooly coats apt to be black in colour. Day and night they remain on guard (always outdoors) with our sentries, sometimes exposed to the most foul weather conditions imaginable. When the unit, or some part of it moves, the dogs come too, and if the movement is done by mechanical transport, perhaps twenty miles out and twenty miles homm, they run tirelessly beside or ahead of the column. Meedless to say the men are touched by this faithfulness, and so many stories are told extolling virtues

endurance and sagacity of our four-footed friends.

Life in this part of the world is enlivened by many quaint and amusing incidents which provide entertainment for anyone who can readily enjoy a quiet chuckle. I wish I could pass them on to you, but the humour usually depends upon some little turn of speech or circumstance which is too elusive for written repetition. Being easily amused myself by trifles, I take great pleasure in these people and their ways.

Tomorrow we plan to go "trouting" and for this project today acquired a bit o'loine (line) and three hooks. In due course we shall sally forth to do what the others do, chop a hole in the ice in a nearby brook and try our luck in hopes of a speckled trout for dinmer.

Mew that I have some leisure for the first time since coming to Mfld I must tell you how well all my gears and equipment has turned out. The greatcoat is a beauty, probably the best in the regmt. Sleeping bag, not in use at present, very good. My portable radio a success, particularly useful to keep Paul entertained. It brings in both short and long wave from overseas. Skis with new steel edges are excellent. Also tell Dad the squash racquet is in perfect order, but I have been only able to use it once so far. Similarly for skates. I have played just one game of bockey (part time) on them.

In addition to these incidental sporting activities I have introduced snowshoes to the Regmt just lately in a manner which I shall describe. One of our outliving posts is exceedingly difficult of access due to snow drifts and difficult terrain, so a few days age I persuaded Ordnance to authorize me to purchase for the Regmt at Govt expense two pairs of snowshoes and mocassins. In place of ordinary mocassins, which are not available here, I got eskime skin boots. These are soft leather, water-tight knee boots made by the labrador natives from sealskin. When I trotted up to the Officer's Mess one evening in this outfit the sensation created was considerable. The general effect was enhanced by the fearful smell - like dead fish - given off by the boots, and the circumstance that noone had ever before been known to have obtained such favours from Ordnance. Apart from the smell the skin boots are quite useful as well as being somewhat unique, and by now a fair proportion of the officers have equipped themselves privately at their own expense.

Since starting this letter your telegram has arrived in answer to mine with the most welcome news that you all are well, and I look forward to receiving the two letters forwarded on here in due course.

Letters from Sub. St. & Winslaw-Spragge (John) R.C.N' 1042-1945 Lois Winslow-Springer Edward Winslaw-Spragge

Canadian Navy Dearest Town Mad: leder) I hope so- as I fell it was the first to real leder I've written in ages. I towever 6412/42 maybe I'm just puinting at rosy picture of hovember 25 bunk with one food braced against a transverse beam overhead may right thigh hard against the wooden guard hail & my head against the bulkhead. behind. Spread-eagled, as it were, with a pile of esquire magaziner on what remains of my lap for a dlok. It is one of those days when the safest + most comfortable place to be is in your bunk. Fortunately we have forced-draft ventilation so the air remains fairly cool - fresh below - even with all doors, scuttles (portholes) etc. closed up tight. The deek below is a mass of socks, sea voses; vil. shim life jackers exc. intertwined happhayandly with averturned chairs a waste paper baskets. I'm feeling quite cozy + contented up here so If I begin to talk & drivel don't blame me. I find when one self gets intermingled with ones over turned chairs exc. ones temper is inclined to become show. as I have had to handle a lost of hoops & papers & do considerable writing while at sla, my temper suffers greatly when everything goes slithering off the disk one way & comes slithering back twice as fast the other and when you eventually grab the piece of paper you're trying to write on the ship takes a violent lunge approach and a combination of gravity & decreasing air presure causes a large blurb of inp to decreasing air presure causes a large blurb of inp to decreasing air vergin paper. De you see my bunk is my refuge-my likele heaven on the ocean. 20075 and I said unto myself as I stood at the fast of my trunk. It herefore stand use amaged amed

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tanglia elife. jackers and waste-paper? go ye up into yer bunk and find peace amid turmoil. And so I betook me up into my chez lounge and did drag mightely on a fag and are forger the sorded sights below and energthing was as a deep purple, yea verily, quite rosy. END QUOTE but don't These converses are mighty fine lixtle ships. They take a bit of getting used to but after a time one puts one's entire Confidence in them. I have felt quite Comfortable Ever since setting for aboard & be mad at mer is non existent as for as I am Concerned appetites was a bis thin as times though at present I'm supposed to be learning the in's + suts of quarter- deck routing - that is how supervising the getting out , Securing of lines aft fenders exc. when coming alongside. I'm a bake in almo to date but one leaves. This thip has been a likele lasier for me as I. am standing a between watch 8-12 at night + 8-12 in the morning. before, I had the 8-1 vas night - 4-8 in the morning which made the question of sleeping difficult. I was very fortunate in seeing alice. He had a very sleasant day together. I towever she will tell you more about it. she is clooking very welf. She Louise cooked us up a very fine breakfast in their apartement. It earl went out " lunched at moon (alice, Lewis, my pal a friend of his). In the svening alice broke pen the larder of produced some delicious steaks. (First )'d tastes in months.) In the evening al + I spent a short time celebrating on gin , tonics in the local put. Ithen she said goodly e next morning she appeared in her uniform which is very smark chipper. She will provadly write you shortly. I sent you a money order to apply on I sowarsho Bell.



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Well thank you for all the fine parcels when I open them on the I cleased on one and made some panckes Thanks Pap. the candy was very good ( also the pan-cakes.

Re sente of Amles merrettonia Can navy. J.m. O. Sylohus We Sent mather And: Prob. 1942 on myself ha. ha. and you are the lucky winners? The set aux clocks back one hour yesterday and I in my usual careful way, didn't hather to change mine. So having got all dolled up in my fur books, Indian siveater, blue parka jacket sheepsken etc. and ready to go on watch at 1150 P.M. I now find it is only 1000; so rather than try to go to sleep again in this lassing sea I shall endeavour to do what seems for more important and - write to you. you have no idea what the rolling and getching of one of these tubs is like. Chairs flows by and the glass in the racks & cutlery in the drawers crash endlessly back of folth as the ship sways to ofro. Occasionly as you are walking as sedately as passible across the wardroom you are forced to leap into the air and land with your feet against the back of the settle as the deck drops crayily away. Doing up steps also has its problems - one moment you feel like superman-light as a feather - and go dashing madly experted with mo effort at all and the next an muschle grant hand forces you down

so that you just don't do anything until once again the hows drop away into the only the humping of waves against the side and the continuous up & down & corkscrew movement of the ship as weather indications; so it generally comes as a surprise when you find the companionway door practically toin from your grasp as you step our into the might. Where are the stars and mulky way and the beauties of a night on the ocean? (If you're interested they've all gone to hed like every other sensible being) nothing remains lear a hawling blinking gale, houring through the rigging like a Thouse of Salara deamon wolves and all the time bucketfulls of spray smash against the shaller- Groof glass of the Gridge. Still enough balt. I have got so used to it that I don't even feel slightly mandated any more. In fact never felt hetter in my life. I have even developed an appetite for the first time in about 3 years. Those of this I attribute to the fact that I'm getting more time out to sleep. Thanks for all your letters x cute Easter card.

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fellir pine of to about 3 hour Itmles. Sx Gierre. 24 aug 1945. Dear Mother word: Our course ended rather abruptly on V. J. day & so I returned to Montreal & packed up and then went to bound for a cample of days where I was looked after in Royal style by. anne & Buth when magnificently by old annie who gractically worked herself to a fraggle producing cakes realkies ele for me. David & Barbara I were my hoon-companions following me about like a couple of puppies. However on Sunday the Mercus arrived and and Mick took over as local

hero. So the gather of little feet subsided for me for la inhile del de la The previous weekend I was in Como and Jack heask came and He had a little get together on the Saturday night and Hugh Stallace dropped in you will be glad to hear that after laxing around most of Sunday Jack and excavated mass of the weeds from the driveway Probably all grown in again by now! Barbara working right along with us endeavouring to rake up the weeds as we scattered them bother and you. I explained

to Anne Puth all the virtues of grass Cutting - good for the figure etc - but don't khisw whether I was paing in fertile soil or not. Strangely enough this is the ship that Dick Sleikman is in. Ite leve a sort of day to day existance agraid to send laundry out ete not knowing how long we will be here Hoone sums to be verywell informed on the subject. Mo daulet, when I dawa gets over it's V- Titus we I shall hear. One night when

I was in Montreal I was wandering along It Certherine Street wondering whether I would drap into a movie or go home of pack. However, I spied Tres McCallum & Barbara in one of the line ups so wondered one to say kello. Barbora said Isuppose you'd like to be taken to the show" + I said Ivell I supposed I would: So I saw a fee show + gat a lift back as for as their place. Vely pleasant indeed! I hear that you're having quite a gay old time at Toute. You tops are the limit!

after the suburb st Viene. This ship is quite a bit larger than a cornede. Im still trying to find out where everything is located. The have been so crowded that my calin is the C.O.'s sea calin which consists of a bunk. The set up is even smaller than what I had in anherst. If you should pass through here you could find and if we are here from the Maral officer in Charge. In the meantine my address is Jamels So Pierre 1/0 N.O.I.C Quelec. much hove John. City

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24 P. S. please send me a couple of the small. photographs. Dear Mother Mad: Very glad to receive your letter to day. Mell I hava fine trip and on the train although the crowd was rather quier. One night I gad strick in the diner with a gal of about 382 + whose fingers \* neck were adorned with the mad amazing collection of aranond & plants . She was from the U.S.a. ahem and as far as & carla figure had tried every train run on the Continent. apparantly She was delermented that

met me as the station as Vonconner and I troka room in the seorgean I Katel. which was very nice. Friday efter non after I arrived blropped into the Gand office \* For m Gellivray invited me to lunch the following day, he also Invited my Milliams. Tunch fine, x after wend back to Williams House house & spent the afternoon Isi's rather ground of the house + of his ment Car - the Car has a gear shift. Had the there & med his daughter I also a man try the name of Melson (I think) who said they

I was to by her dinner porhor all tight fisted Johnnie and-sat , andfumbles her & finally she divied up! The run along lake Superior and later throng the mountain was gill on hvard asked me to take some Kada Chrome movie gran store so going through the mountain I' had this d. movie Comera in one hand and my dwn in the other I orearly pound a couple of times wohing from one side of the hain to the other. Dearge manson

he had med you at Kimberly. Kontiner will send you schologiageho they are developped, Trak the boat oner monday morning and arrived at Rayal Roads about 4:30 Sunday afternoon! The Castle as it is termed is silvaked. in the midst of a 600 acre property which is reached by almost a mile drive through almost a forest of hees, ferms & flowers. as you round the curve of the driveway and stop beneagh the archivay at the front door you are dwarfed by the massine stone ing covered building with it great

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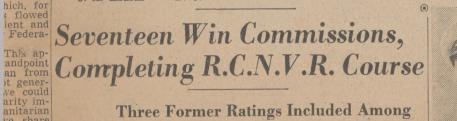
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# Units to Hold



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Seventeen Montrealers have received their commissions as sublieutenants in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve,
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McGill University and three are
sailors who served as long as two
years on the lower deck. The new officers are:
Stockton, L. S., is a graduate of
McGill in metallurgical engineering.
His wife lives at 3798 Ethel avenue,
Verdure His wife lives at 3798 Ethel avenue, Verdun.

Ted with tan of the Montreal Gazette, fraduction of McGill and of Columbia Unit of McGill when he joined up. He at McGill when he joined up. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Stronach, 5635 Dunmore avenue.

Lefebvre, P. A., was also a student at McGill when he enlisted. He is the son of Major and Mrs. Useret west.

For the u, it is the son of Major and Mrs. O. A. Lefebvre, 4143 Dorchester of McGill in commerce. He won the highest awards in the chartered accountants' examinations of the class of 1940. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fitzpatrick, 144 Percival avenue, Montreal West.

MacTier, Anthony L., is a son of Col. and Mrs. W. S. M. MacTier, and Mrs. J. O. Hastings, 3510 Reday and Mrs. J. O. Hastings, 3510 Reda

Hastings, T. Roy, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hastings, 3510 Redpath street.

Hearn, George F., was a draftsman before joining the Navy. He served on the lower deck for two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hearn, 4810 Grosvenor avenue.

Winslow-Spragge, Edward, was for two years a student at McGill. He was a teller in the Bank of Montreal before joining the Navy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Winslow-Spragge, 55 Aberdeen avenue.

Former McGill Student

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Gravel, Louis J. M., was a student at McGill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gravel, 3570
McTavish street.

Laurin, J. A (Bob), before enlisting was secretary-treasurer of the Dominion Insurance Agencies. Ltd. His wife lives at 2054 Claremont avenue.

Van Bommell, D.J., was a sound technician with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation before enlisting. He is a graduate of McGill, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Van Bommell, 415 Grosvenor avenue, Westmount.

Barrett, H. R., was a cashier of the Royal Bank of Canada in civil life. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barrett, 3444 Marlowe avenue.

Noble, W. R., is a graduate of McGill. He is the son of S. R. Noble, 4463 Montrose avenue, Westmount.

Hallman, D. S., was a high school student before joining the Navy in which he served as an able seaman for 18 months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hallman, 19 Fifty-third avenue, Lachine.

Bachand, B. J., is a graduate of the University of Montreal. In civil life he was planning manager of the Abbott Laboratories, Montreal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bachand, Three Rivers.

Cameron, M. L., was a clerk with Simmons Limited, in civil life. He served two years as an able seaman on the Lower Deck. He is the son of T. L. Cameron, 11 St. John boulevard, Chateauguay Basin.

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#### Moving Letter of Thanks Sent League

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Announcing at the convention of the Navy League of Canada that 100,000 Christmas ditty bags must be raised this year for merchant seamen and men in the Canadian Navy, David Gibson, national president, read the following excerpts from a letter received from a 19-year-old sailor after he got a ditty bag last year:

"I am the sailor who received your parcel, and I want to thank you and tell you how much it meant to me, especially this year, for I looked forward to a Christmas without even a letter, and away down deep, I admit, I was just a bit sad. This life on the sea takes you away from home and family, and sometimes Christmas doesn't mean much to a sailor. It is all in a day's work and one day is the same as the next. When I got your ditty bag, it made me feel different and it was the only parcel I received, but it was a grand one.

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"I won't give you a life history of myself, but perhaps you would like to know a little about me. My father was a sea captain, but he died when I was 10 years old. My home was in Coventry and I worked and lived with my mother and little sister until I was 18 years old, when I joined the Navy. Life at sea is not an easy one, but I like it. It has been bitterly cold and we have run into bad storms. For days we don't know what it is to have dry clothes on, and they almost freeze on you, but I want to do my bit to win this war — for even we must and will.

"I said our home was in Coventry, but it is no more. Nor have I a mother and sister, Both were killed in that brutal bombing. The day they were bombed I received a parcel from mother containing two pairs of socks, a picture of herself and Mary and a Bible of my father's. Those socks seemed too sacred to wear."

Mentioning that the league had supplied 30,000 ditty bags last year, Mr. Gibson said that the 1.0.D.E. has guaranteed to supply 20,000 and the Red Cross 30,000 this year. He said it is fully expected the league will succeed in raising the remaining 50,000 bags.

## Allies Smash Huns in Raids

es Yule Ditty Bag Work Reported Writer Gets Cheers Sailor By Navy League Strafe-ing

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ment then approved provision of \$265,307 for the league.

The league then went ahead, according to details furnished at the meeting, and obtained the difference between this amount and \$1,000,000 to provide services, mainly comforts and welfare, not only at the clubs and hostels but at the large recreational centre opened in Halifax, and for other activities.

### Work for Merchant Navy

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Mr. Randles reported that, although much still remains to be done, great progress has been made toward having the Merchant Navy officially recognized as the "fourth arm of the fighting forces." He also said he is endeavoring to have the Selective Service Board recognize the merchant navy as the fourth arm and give the merchant seamen equal privilegs as the three other arms.

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He reported that merchant seamen manning pools in Halifax, Montreal and Vancouver are in full and active operation handling large numbers of men continuously, and that two schools have been opened for the training of merchant seamen to fill the rapidly dwindling ranks. The schools are the Marine Engineering Instructional School at Prescott, Ont., and the St. Margaret's Sea Training School at Hubbards, N.S.

Between the two day sessions the delegates attended a lunch at the Mount Royal Hotel where they heard Capt. E. R. Brock, in charge of R.C.N.V.R. divisions in Canada, clarify the situation regarding the activity of the R.C.N.V.R. in connection with the Sea Cadets corps now sponsored by the league.

Won't Take Over Cadets

#### Won't Take Over Cadets

Captain Brock declared there had apparently been some misunderstanding as the R.C.N.V.R. had no intention of taking over the administration of the Sea Cadets. He said the R.C.N.V.R. will merely assist in the training of the cadets, providing one or two officers for each of the 20 cadet division to assist in formulating training syllabus and in the actual training. He declared that the league was performing a national service in sponsoring the corps. He was thanked by L. T. Spalding, of Hamilton, Ont., national director of Sea Cadet Corps. Captain Brock declared there had

Corps.

At the same lunch Sir Montagu
Allan was offered and accepted the
honorary presidency of the league.
It was reported that the membership of the Sea Cadet Corps was
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8,000.
Pictures taken at Queen Elizabeth Sea Cadet camp on Georgian
Bay and the Victoria Cadet Camp
at Collingwood, Ont., and at the
various navy men's clubs and hostels were on display. Delegates
also saw a film depicting activities
at the camps, clubs and hostels.
Last night delegates listened to
the weekly broadcast of the "Merchant Navy Show" over the CBC
network from 8 to 8:30 p.m., and
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practical purposes the same, for the Mustang is faster than thought; it must be operated and combatted by reflexes - the reflexes of young minds, which are instantaneous.

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If I, at my age, were set to machine gun a Mustang at this distance. I would start shooting 100 yards behind him, and would probably be given permanent kitchen fatigue where I couldn't waste valuable ammunition.

After we had been ground-strafed several times and had a sufficient dose of Mustang-shock, we were loaded onto wheels again and whizzed to the airport whence the Mustangs had come. The pictures of our position were printed and ready for us—pictures that had been taken minutes before by our friend Cliff.

Cliff.

I wanted to meet some of these fellows who took such glee in ruffling our editorial calm on the field of battle. I shook hands with Flying Officer Hollis Hills of Los Angeles; with Pilot Officer Charles "Smoky" Stover, Sarnia, Ont.; with Pilot Officer Don Sherk, Grimsby, Ont., and with Pilot Officer Champlin of Long Island, N.Y.—all R.C.A.F. aces.

### Sweep Veteran

Hills had recently been over the French coast on a sweep and had shot down a crack Focke-Wulf 190 fighter with his reconnaissance plane (and if these Mustangs are mere, tame reconnaissance I'll take a horse and buggy). "Smoky" Stover had been ground-strating when German fighters dived on him. He got out, but he slapped off some of his wing on a high concrete post. "Baiting," I think he called it.

of his wing post. "Baiting," I think he it.

"How did you like the beatup?" they asked me.

"We L-loved it." I gasped.
Hills took off shortly for a reconnaissance over the coast,
probably 30 miles away, and in
minutes we heard his voice coming in from over the Channel,
headquarters what he had

They live a fast life when in the air, these Mustang boys. And the first thing they talked about when we broke off was a cup of tea.

I felt that I could have handled a little aspirin.

### Willkie Calls For Action

#### Tells Chungking Of People's Demand

CHUNGKING, Oct. 3 — (A. P.) — Wendell Willkie pressed tonight for immediate aggressive action, declaring that the war cannot be won by timid souls.

"I view this war as a great world struggle for freedom," Willkie said at a banquet given in his honor by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

"It won't be won by timid souls. It will he won only by bold, courageous men who inspire their peoples to undertake and carry through bold plans. Timid souls can always find reasons for delay in aggressively pushing through to victory."

Willhie told the audions tirrepresentatives of the Allied Nations, that the "common man" everywhere among the enemies of the Axis wants action now.

"I have learned that the ordinary citizen, from Cairo, to Moscow to Chungking, is a lover of liberty and wants action, action now," he said. "He feels the time has come for the United Nations, in a great unison of effort, to take the offensive everywhere.

"He is ahead of his leaders—this polain citizen of Africa, or Europe, or Asia, or America. He wants to get on with the war. He wants the job done.

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or Asia, or America. He wants to get on with the war. He wants the job done.

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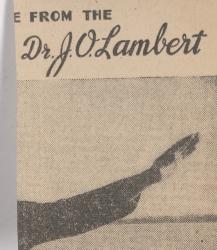
"This ordinary citizen is ready now. He is the strength of the United Nations. His faith in the justice of our cause makes him a stuper-man. We must all catch his infectious spirit of enthusiasm for immediate, slashing, courageous attack to enable us to sweep over aggressor nations, and on to a new world of victory with justice, freedom, equality and opportunity for all nations."

Willkie told of his visits to the Mediterranean area, the Middle toured the battle fronts of Egypt and Russia talking with military and Government officials, "but above all," he said, "with scores and scores of people, regular, simple people, and what did I learn from them, particularly from the ordinary citizen in whose intuitive judgment lies wisdom which even the caten how."

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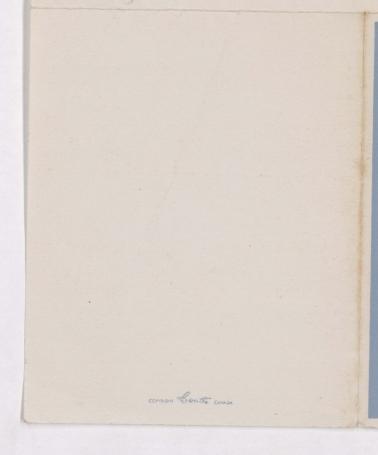
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33-year-ed was [aj. Bob d RSM.

To Dear Mum and Daddy, (1951) of their 39 th Anniversary-May there be many goods trappy hours ahead - goods with love from each Aniagy. October 12 dy Hold 1951. Ruthank. Donald.





APPY HER'S DAY FROM Daughter



A lite late I'm opiaid but it still comes with lots of love

Mary

HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY
FROM

Your Daughter

You're just the dearest Dad on earth

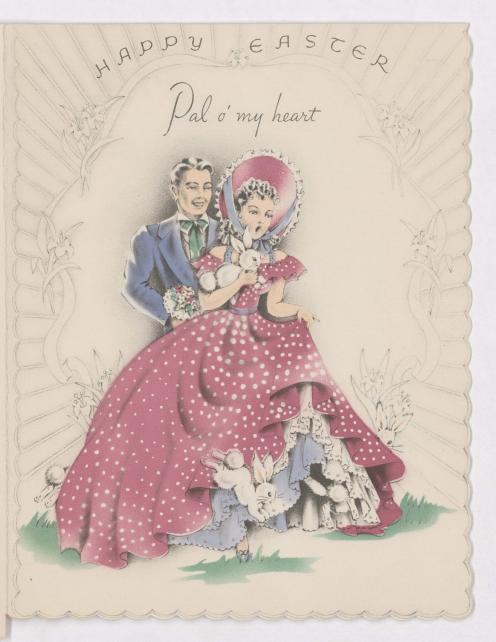
And guess I ought to know it,

And this has come with love today

To sorta help me show it.

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A little Easter Chought for you with lon Pal o' my heart

so steadfast and true,

Courageous and helpful

in all that you do;

Cheering, endearing

sharing a part

Of each Gladness, each Sadness

That lives in my heart: That lives in my heart; Sympathetic and tender, the truest, best part Of all that is Wonderful Pal o'my heart and the best of wishes Easter 1941. (Lois)







Vaddy, this greeting has come to bring A hug O and a kiss X your way But it 'specially brings a great big wish For a HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. Loto of love Alie

