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Cadet and Mrs. Ted Hutchings.

SUMMER WEDDING UNT D STYLE

One of the great features of UNTD training was the social events that were arranged in the Gunroom, the Crystal Gardens in Victoria or the Quarterdeck at Royal Roads. The young women that attended these affairs were usually the cream of society. Frequently some short term and occasionally a few lasting relationships developed. The latter is the subject of this edition's cover story. The photo was discovered in a McMaster UNTD scrap book in the archives of HMCS STAR when former UNTD cadet Jim Forrester requested photo material for a 50th Reunion of the Class of 1952. The story appeared in the Victoria Daily Times on Saturday, August 23, 1952 and can be found on page one of this newsletter.

Photo by Joncas.

SUMMER WEDDING UNTD STYLE

The cover photo shows "a Guard of Honour formed by fellow UNTD cadets at Reserve Training Establishment (R.T.E.), Esquimalt, for Thomas Homer Hutchings and his bride, the former Doris Lillian Marie Collings. The couple descended the steps of St. John's Anglican Church through an arch of drawn swords following their marriage. Canon George Biddle officiated at the service. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Collings, Government Street, Victoria, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hutchings of RR 1 Hamilton. The newlyweds motored to New Orleans on their honeymoon and then returned to Hamilton where they made their home".

Victoria Daily Times

Currently there is no listing for the Hutchings in the Hamilton area but fellow cadet Jim Forrester says that Tom was a chemistry student at McMaster University when he joined the UNTD in 1950. After graduation he had a career in industry in Hamilton. Jim says that Tom met Doris, a nursing student, at a Royal Roads dance in 1950. Romance bloomed and was conveniently facilitated because Tom spent all three of his summer training periods on the West Coast.

Thanks to Conyers Baker who made available his 1951-53 White Twist Yearbooks, we have pieced together more information about the groom. The 1952 White Twist shows him as a Supply cadet in "E" Company undergoing a six-week course at R.T.E. He was also the Associate Editor of the White Twist that year. According to a gunroom activity report, Tom served as the wine caterer for the mess and received a wedding present from the Gunroom.

The "Summer of '52" had a few other interesting highlights. CDR Little sailed with the East Coast cruise in HMCS CRESCENT, SWANSEA and LA HULLOISE to Dieppe for the tenth anniversary of the ill-fated Canadian attack of Aug 19, 1942. The memorial service left a deep and lasting impression on the UNTD cadets. That year also established a training precedent when the American Naval Authorities invited a group of 26 UNTD cadets to take part in a three-week amphibious training course entitled "CAMID" near Norfolk, Virginia. Four hundred U.S. Midshipmen from Annapolis were invited to the UNTD Command Ball in Halifax that summer. Dance music was provided by a United States Navy Band from U.S.S. MIDWAY.

On the West Coast, cadet cruises in HMCS SIOUX, BEACON HILL, and ANTIGONISH went to Alaska, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Three hundred cadets also got a forty-minute hop over Victoria in a Harvard Trainer flying out of Patricia Bay. This was part of the navy's program to interest university students in Canada's naval air arm. The UNTD Ball took place in Victoria's Crystal Gardens. At intermission, guests gathered around the swimming pool for both a serious and comic aquatic display by Neil Boivin of North Bay and Barny Hughes of Calgary.

In his introductory remarks to the 1952 White Twist, the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral E. R. Mainguy, OBE, CD, invited UNTD cadets to join the Permanent Force. In his Foreword, Editor-in-Chief, Cadet C.D. Sinclair, said, "For all of us, the summer of '52 will be a most pleasant memory in the years to come. We have gathered strength from the Naval Service and Canada has gathered strength from us."

How appropriate are these words! Fifty years have passed and we are featuring: a UNTD marriage of two young people from opposite sides of the country and on page four, a new book, "The UNTIDIES, Bonding A Nation". The author, Jim Speight, completed his UNTD training in 1951. In the "Summer of '52", as a Sub-Lieutenant, he was working on his Watch Keeping Certificate while undergoing training in "CEDARWOOD", a Survey Vessel on the West Coast. For both Tom and Jim, and I am sure all the rest of us, the UNTD program changed our lives and strengthened us. Each in his own way we have become better Canadian citizens.

Editor



Tom Hutchings, Associate Editor White Twist 1952

UNTD SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2003

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 24, 2003 – Staff College Dining Room
Bar opens 1630. 1800 hours for Dinner, 1915 for AGM
Meal Cost @ \$12.50 per person. (An Excellent Value)
Dress Jacket and Tie. Wives & Friends Welcome

Question and Answer period for the Halifax 2004 Reunion

GUEST SPEAKER (following the AGM)
CDR Bob Willson of Friends of HMCS Haida
A STATUS REPORT ON HAIDA & PARKS CANADA

For Information & Reservations Contact

Gil Hutton (905) 523-9151 or Tom Ferens (416) 299-7285 or <evetomfere@rogers.com>

ANNUAL REUNION MESS DINNER

DINE THE LADIES FORMAT

Staff College Dining Room Saturday, November 08, 2003
Reception in the Lounge 1830 / Roast Beef Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding 1930
Dinner Wines & Port, Tariff \$60.00 per person

There will be NO Guest Speaker

Guests will be invited to provide their own entertainment
Come prepared to relate personal naval anecdotes, songs and poems

For more information contact Bob Willson (416) 927-1486 or <bwillson@rogers.com>

2004 HALIFAX REUNION

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

A REGISTRATION PACKAGE WILL BE MAILED TO EVERYONE IN EARLY OCTOBER. A DEPOSIT OF \$75.00 WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE JAN. 01, 2004.

Come to the AGM to discuss details in advance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 20, 2003

Dear Editor,

The Cover Photo of the 1960 Alaska Cruise in the Spring Edition of the Newsletter caught my eye immediately. I knew what it was even before I read the caption or found myself in the photo. You might check with others but I believe the person between Mike O'Dwyer and myself is Bruce Henderson, not Fred McCutcheon. The person beside Bob Williamson is not Bob Kerr but rather John McElwain.

Warren Allin warrenallin@hotmail.com

Editor's Note. Thanks to Warren Allin for his help in correcting the caption. Apologies for the mis-identification, especially to John McElwain, Q.C., johndmcelwainlaw@on.aibn.com, who is a member of our association. With the help of Bruce Hayes behaves@rogers.com we have identified the LCDR in the front row of the photo as John Till. The officer holding the dog is probably Lt. Gotthard.

March 31, 2003

Dear Editor,

I am interested in becoming an associate member of the UNTD Association of Canada. The ex-cadet club on the West Coast is much less formal than the UNTD Association. In Vancouver, Brooke Campbell convenes ad hoc events and in Victoria, Duncan MacCrae tries to arrange a similar group. Although the NOAC is interested in accommodating a sub cell, there has been relatively little enthusiasm from ex-cadets. After the West Coast Reunion, we had a few mess dinners and weepers at Malahat, but this has fallen by the wayside and is confined to an occasional lunch. Nonetheless, I have continued a long-standing book prize initiative to accompany the Commodore Michaud Trophy for the best MARS IV Venture Cadet.

Recently, Phil Neroutsos mentioned that for a small sum he gets a newsletter and information package from the Association. Although the distance is such that it would be unlikely that I could attend any of your functions, it would be nice to be informed of activities and reunions in the East in case an opportunity presents itself to attend.

Dr. W. A. Griswold MD
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May 10, 2003

Dear Editor,

I found the UNTD Web Site. I was CC at Cornwallis in 1961 and CCC at Naden, 1962 where I attended Navigation & Diving School and received the Gov. General's Sword. I am now the Associate Prof. of

Clinical Medicine/Cardiology at Northwestern University Medical School in Illinois. Please send me copies of your newsletter.

Ted Winslow MD, ewinslow@northwestern.edu

June 11, 2003

Dear Editor,

I am a friend of Jim Speight and he suggested that I email you. I would like to obtain a UNTD lapel pin. I joined the navy from UBC in early 1943 and was in the first class designated "Ordinary Seamen Officer Candidates". I believe previous new entries were Probationary Sub Lieutenants. When I went before a selection board, I was not accepted and joined the RCAF where I became a bomb aimer. I am an associate member of NOAC and a volunteer with the Vancouver Naval Museum.

Bob Banks CD, robertbanks@mac.com

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NEW BOOK

Jim Speight, UNTD 1948-51, was featured in the 2001 Spring Edition of this Newsletter. At that time he was collecting information to write a book about the UNTD. The task has been completed and the book is now available. Bob Willson, Vice President of our Association, has a copy and will be preparing a Book Review for the next UNTD Newsletter.

THE UNTIDIES

**Bonding A Nation
By Jim Speight**

Foreword by Peter C. Newman

As a "citizen sailor" Jim Speight was moved to document this story when he traced the careers of his classmates and their contributions to a better Canada. The importance of UNTD leadership training that produced Canadian naval officers is meticulously reviewed along with a number of biographies.

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