



THE NEWSLETTER

OF THE UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the best traditions of the Navy, I

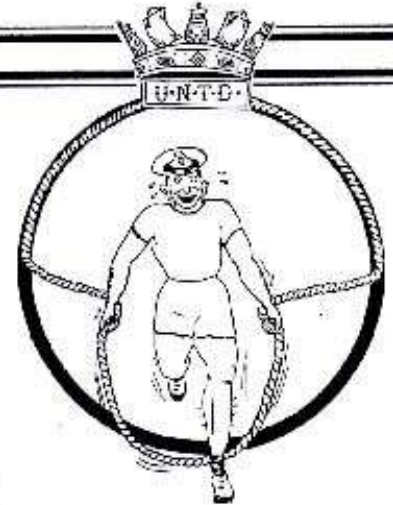
was asked to "volunteer" to be your President and in a weak moment, I agreed to do so.

It will be my aim to preserve the original intent of our organi-

how many are interested in coming. (2) We hope to produce a video of our training days. Reg Kowalchuk has loaned his excellent 8 mm movies. We are looking for additional footage, stills etc. More details in this Newsletter. We hope to have the finished product available for the Mess Dinner in the fall. (3) Bob Williamson is preparing a book with the somewhat unlikely title of "UNTDy Stories". More on this herein.

I look forward to seeing you at our events. Give me a call at (416) 966-3500 with any suggestions of comments.

CHARLES COPELIN
President



Our new Treasurer, Norm Balfour, has not had time to present a Report on our affairs. Instead, here is some of Norm's earlier work. Thank you Norm!



zation - ie. *Camaraderie*. It is this single-minded objective that makes us unique in the Service - a fun and sometimes irreverent group. In keeping with this objective, we had "Weepers" this spring at HMCS "STAR" and will be having more "Weepers" at HMCS "YORK" on April 24th. We also plan to have our traditional Mess Dinner in November at the Staff College. A dinner for the Kingston area is also in the planning stages.

We are starting three new projects this year. (1) We are planning a 1993 National Reunion in Halifax. Please see the attached sheet - fill in the details and return it to Ben Lamb (at the double), so that we may know

NOSTALGIA?

OK - What's so damned wrong with Nostalgia anyway? By this time in your life, you should be swimming in it. 1993 is the 50th Anniversary of the UNTD. It's the 83rd Birthday of the RCN and the 188th Anniversary of Trafalgar. All of which has inspired UNTD Association of Upper Canada Director Ben Lamb to suggest a monster U.N.T.D.

REUNION

To be held in that famous East Coast Port, Athens by the Atlantic, none other than

HALIFAX

Whereat a magnificent celebration will be planned, bearing some likeness to the Famous Never-to-be-forgotten 1985 Reunion of Happy memory and featuring:

- * WEEPERS AT THE NEW 'SCOTIAN' WARDROOM
 - * NOVA SCOTIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO
 - * TOUR HMCS 'SACKVILLE'
 - * RECEPTION AND DINNER DANCE AT 'STAD'
- All of which would be scheduled to take place on:

FRIDAY JULY 2 TO SUNDAY JULY 4, 1993

NOAC EVENTS

NEWS FROM GIL HUTTON AND OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE FOR APRIL AND MAY

Your Editor was drinking light beer (thinking of the QEW) at the "STAR" Weepers last week when Gil Hutton NOAC President and a Director of our august Association, thrust the February 1992 issue of BUMPH into his hands, grabbed it back, amended it and herewith the News.

By the way, Gil tells me that members of the UNTD Association are welcome at NOAC meetings. Arm twisting by the NOAC Membership Committee is negligible.

* "STAR" Annual Inspection and Battle of Atlantic Parade. This will be held on Sunday, April 26 next. Following inspection, the Ship's Company and Veterans will parade onto the Jetty for a dedication service followed by the Sunset Ceremony. All of which will be followed by a Reception in the Ward Room. (Call Gil Hutton at 416-634-3720 for reservations and times).

* NOAC Past Presidents' Night will be held in the Wardroom, HMCS "YORK" on Thursday, April 16, 1992 from 1830 to 2200. Cost of \$ 15 per person covers Georgie William's gourmet specials and (says BUMPF) music. (Call David Field 483-2226 or Gil Hutton 416-634-3720, if you wish to attend - I gather it is not necessary to be a Past President).

* Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner at HMCS "STAR". This event will take place Saturday April 25, 1900 for 1930. Rig of the Day, mess undress, black tie, blazer and flannels with Service tie (any Service methinks). Guest Speaker is CAPT(N) B.H. Bax-

ter CF(RTD), formerly with the Canadian Submarine Acquisition Program, the Canadian Patrol Frigate Program (that's a bit jollier) and the Tribal Class Update. (For reservations call: LCDR Neil Bell 416-765-6075, 416-524-8194 or Gil Hutton - as aforesaid)

* NOAC "YORK" Dine-in. This is scheduled for Wednesday April 29, 1992. Bar opens at 1730, dinner at 1830 and Hands Fall in for Divisions at 1930, awards and other matters from the last drill night of the season, followed by a reception on the drill deck and open messes. Obviously a chance to beat the Chiefs and POs at darts. CDRE Ken Summers, formerly of our far distant ships in the Persian Gulf is inspecting officer. (Advise David Field 483-2226 if you plan to attend)

* Battle of the Atlantic Mess Dinner at HMCS "YORK" will be held on Friday, May 1, 1992, 1900 for 2000, Rig of the Day, mess undress, black tie with miniatures, optional business suits and ladies are asked to attend in suitable equivalents. The damage is \$ 35 each. Speaker will be SURG. CAPT Eric Langford. (Derek Bate 481-1532 will take reservations and explain suitable equivalents) and finally

* The NOAC Toronto Branch Annual Meeting will be held at "YORK" on Monday May 11, 1992. Bar opens at 1800, the Meeting runs from 1900 to 2015 and LCDR Bob McRae (ex-CO of the "YORK" UNTDs will be the Guest Speaker. The theme of the Meeting is Dieppe and Bob McRae commanded a landing craft on that unfortunate day. He was wounded, captured and spent the balance of the War as an unwilling guest of A. Hitler. There will also be a showing of a 30 minute film "The Sea is at our Gates" - based we suppose on the admirable history of the RCN by CDR Tony German. (Please let David Field 483-2226 or Gil Hutton 416-634-3720 if you intend to attend).

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE NOVEMBER MESS DINNER

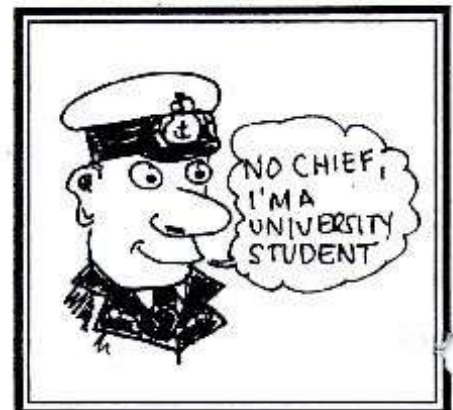
Director Bill Farrow has organised a hoard of photographs from last November's Mess Dinner. The young photographer who did the work for Bill was both skilled and discrete and the photos are definitely the sort that one can take home to Mother.

Nonetheless, you will want to have some (especially those in which you star) and Bill will have the photos at the April 24 Weepers for your edification and delictation. Copies will be \$ 2.00 each.

HMCS "STAR" HISTORICAL COLLECTION

HMCS "STAR" has a small-scale naval museum on board, displaying naval related artifacts and other naval items of Hamiltonian interest. They would like help in all sorts of directions, donations to tour guiding. This could be a wonderful opportunity to get rid of all those rabbits that you acquired in the Service.

Contact: The Historical Collection Committee,
HMCS "STAR",
Catherine Street North,
Hamilton, ON, L8L 572-2736





HMCS HALIFAX

ANOTHER HALIFAX REUNION

This time it's a Reunion of the Ship's Company of the Corvette HMCS "HALIFAX" and it will be held in Halifax on June 26 to 29, 1992 in conjunction with the commissioning of the new "HALIFAX".

HMCS "HALIFAX" was commissioned on November 26, 1941, served in the Western Escort Force, helped out the "sems" on the New York-Guantanamo route, and subsequently in the C1 and C3 Escort Groups. She was paid off July 12, 1945. Her CO from 1941 to 1943 was our President's father, LCDR C. Copelin OBE, RCNR.

If you know of any members of this Ship's Company, please call Charles Copelin at (416) 966-3500.

HONOURARY MEMBERS

Mark Llewellyn, your eminent Past President has found himself to be the Executive Director in Charge of Honourary Members. We now have two.

CAPT(N) Peter C. Newman, author, scholar and noted contributor to Volume IV of the UNTD Magazine (SLT(SB) Peter C. Newman RCN(R), Reading for Naval Officers), has volunteered to speak at one of our future events.

CDR C. Herbert Little CD, RCN, Rhodes Scholar, Hon. President of the Ottawa UNTD Association, Staff Officer UNTD from 1946 is the 1991 winner of the Admirals' Medal. developing the UNTD program.

Thanks to both gentlemen for honouring our Association.

UNTDy STORIES

CDR Bob Williamson is busy compiling a magnum opus of life in the UNTD - the unofficial side of course. You will be happy to know that your Executive spent valuable thinking time at its last Meeting wondering how a book of this sort might be put together and -lo and behold - somebody is actually doing it.

Bob wants you to send in your best and (possibly) spiciest recollections of funny or exciting adventures, unforgettable personalities and places far or near. Anything from a paragraph to a couple of pages will do. But, says CDR Bob, "Be a part of it. **Do it today before you forget**".

Send your entries to: CDR Robert Williamson,
1 Clonmore Avenue,
Hamilton, ON, L9A 4R2

CADETS AS MOVIE STARS

Among the many things that your Executive has sworn to do this 1992 year, the making of a UNTD Video is one of the more daring. It all started with Reg Kowalchuk's loan of an 8 mm movie on life amongst the UNTD's in the 60's. Our honoured President happens to have, shall we say "facilities", to transform this archival motion picture into modern video tape.

However, there must be a lot more material out there. Old movies, stills, whatever, and we would like to borrow some. Great care will be taken to return your treasures in their original pristine condition. We also believe that the Canadian Archives may have old DND or NFB footage and anybody who can remember film crews huddling on the bridge or leaning over the lee rail, please let us know where and when ("SWANSEA", August 1950?)

If we are successful, we hope to feature the video as a replacement for guest speakers at the UNTD Mess Dinner next November. And you will be able to buy your own copy to play on your very own VCR. Was nostalgia ever so appealing?

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**DON'T FORGET
UNTD ASSOCIATION
OF UPPER CANADA**

WEEPERS

AT "YORK"

FRIDAY APRIL 24

AT 1730

THIS IS YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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HMCS "SWANSEA"

