



FORCE DAY. Saturday, June 14, the sixth such annual event held in Canada when RCAF stations across the country open house. This photo-montage with the F-86E Sabre jets (top left) and para-rescue crew (top right) illustrates in part the stepped up activity in the RCAF.

(National Defence Photo)

board Athabaskan

Operation Work Calls For Experts

By BILL BOSS
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SEA, ABOARD HMCS ABASKAN—(By Mail)—In compact community every-

man of the 270 aboard, matter how minor his rating, the satisfaction of seeing

work reflected in the per- of the whole.

don't seem so unimport- to the over-all task as you

times do in the Army.

Abaskan represents a \$15- investment, and keeping

functioning properly in all elements demands a highly-

ed and specialized crew.

er electronic aids to gunnery navigation—which appar-

have simplified seaman- beyond recognition—her

uses, which generate 44,000 power, her message centre

through a variety of ra- links her with far-flung

of the world simultaneous- call for special skills for

operation and mainten-

AND EXPERIENCE

almost any of the special- fields a Navy man gets

der experience than his part in civilian life.

ed unlike his Army counter- who is well behind the

the man who keeps the equipment going, and who

as it when it isn't, is right with it. Wherever a ship

in an operational zone is its "front." And everyone

ties first, then their qualifica-

tions."

LEADERSHIP FACTOR

With good leadership Hibberd feels that he can keep the right

men interested in Navy life and see that they get the courses for

which they are best suited.

Theoretically, Navy men are professionals, ready to go wher-

ever the country sends them. But almost every Athabaskaner

with two Far Eastern tours under his belt feels he has "done

my bit for Korea," and trusts he'll not be on the third next

autumn.

At heart, however, most of them love the life, every mo-

ment of it, from "wakey-wakey" at 6:30 a.m. to turning-in time,

whenever that comes.

Between work, meals, training classes and other activities,

some men get no more than four hours' sleep in a day. You

see them, sometimes, sleeping standing up.

Most human moment of the day is just before noon when

they muster on the quarterdeck for grog. Every sailor over 20

is entitled to 2½ ounces of rum a day. It's the time for relaxa-

tion and petty gossip.

Saddest moment comes half an hour later when the day's

unconsumed rum ration is dumped overboard.

Gazette Discounts Beaverbrook Blues

BLACKPOOL, England (CP)—Lord Beaverbrook's recent claim

that the future holds no place for him is taken with a grain

of salt by the Blackpool Gazette.



Royal Canadian Air Force

Bugs, fire and disease take more out of Canada's forests than the pulp and paper industry uses in full-scale production.

Compilation by the Newsprint Association of Canada show that during the 10-year period 1940-49 pulp and paper production accounted for consumption of an annual average of 703,750,000 cubic feet of wood. But fire, insects and disease destroyed 739,000,000 cubic feet.

Depletion through requirements of the pulp and paper industry is only one-fifth of total depletion, which averaged 3,500,000,000 cubic feet. Of this total, all commercial use amounted to 2,800,000,000 cubic feet.

The annual rate of regrowth, says the newsprint association, is not accurately known but is generally estimated to be at least equal to the average annual rate of depletion.

In total forest area, Canada ranks third of all countries in the world, exceeded only by Russia and Brazil. The Dominion Forest Service estimates the Canadian forest area as 1,300,000 square miles—about 37.1 per

cent of total land area—and classifies 712,000 square miles as being productive—that is, capable of yielding continuous wood crops.

Of this productive area, about 484,000 square miles—slightly more than two thirds—is classified at present as being economically accessible.

This classification is not a matter of geographical location alone. It depends on the estimated financial return in relation to such costs as transportation, fire protection and other items involved in opening forest areas.

Although Canada's newsprint capacity and production have expanded greatly, pulp and paper production has expanded more. Compared with pre-war figures, 1950 newsprint production is up 74 per cent. Production in other grades of paper and market pulps has increased 147 per cent and 154 per cent, respectively.

In 1950, Canadian pulp and paper production was valued at more than \$954,000,000, with the newsprint production alone valued at \$507,000,000.

Need Social Workers

MONTREAL (CP)—Current shortage of trained social workers may become even more acute in the near future as enrolments in Canadian schools of social work are dropping. Dr. J.

J. O'Moore of the McGill School of Social Work said fewer than half of the first-year students at the McGill class would finish their two-year course because of lack of financial support for such students.

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