

"White Christmas" is No Dream for Canada's Navy Men on North Atlantic



War doesn't halt for yuletide and if the fires burn brightly at home this year it's thanks to such men as this sturdy sea-dog standing watch on Atlantic patrol.



These are the kind of Christmas crackers which will be exploded by the boys of the Canadian Navy if they happen to get scent of a German sub in the vicinity of their ship. In this photo, a corvette is shown as she blasts the Atlantic with powerful depth charges, dropped in a pattern to trap a prowling enemy U-boat.



Our men in the Air Force and army will have to spend another Christmas away from home this year but most will at least be more comfortable than this sailor.



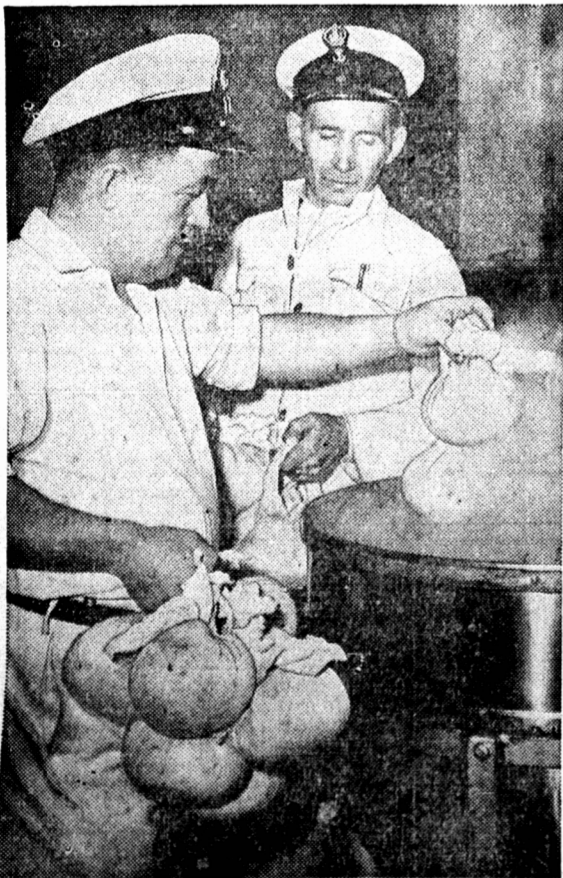
It's colder than using the wireless room for transmitting messages, but it's a lot safer. Once at sea, ships of the convoy silence wireless and communicate by means of blinkers such as the one shown here being operated by heavily-clad tars.



This isn't a freak picture. It's just the every-day accumulation of ice which builds up on a ship soon after she sets out on the North Atlantic in winter.



Only the game hunter knows the terror of an enraged bull moose — Little Adolf Shiklegruber is finding out for himself on the crest of the corvette Moose Jaw. He probably wishes he had stuck to paper hanging — Most ships have such crests.



There'll still be time for Christmas dinner even if there is a war on! Cooks are shown fixing up good old plum puddings "just like mother used to make."



Here's one of the "nerve centres" from which our naval activity in the Atlantic is directed. On this huge map is told the story of the convoy from beginning to the end of its perilous journey. United States and Canadian naval officers work side by side on important job because what happens on this map concerns both countries.



Speckled with frozen spray, a sailor wonders how the folk back home are spending Christmas season as his ship guards a convoy far out on the wind-swept ocean.