

Typical Canadian town along the way



Dela Torre sight seeing as we pass Quebec City

HALIFAX, HALIFAX!

Everybody likes it — Russians, Japanese, and Coastguardsmen. Halifax, a bustling maritime city on the Southeast Coast of Nova Scotia is the primary Atlantic base for the Canadian Navy. It was also a logical place for the SOUTHWIND to go for fuel.

Liberty was great — what there was of it. The SOUTHWIND arrived on the 10th of July and left on the 12th. The first 24 hours were spent in the boon-docks (Imperial Oil #3 on the outskirts of Dartmouth, a city across the river.)

Officers were invited over to the Canadian destroyer, Annapolis, for a noon-time drink and a sandwich. The destroyer had been designated our host ship and helped us in every way.

Liberty was granted to all but the engineers who stuffed more than 400,000

gallons of fuel into the old girl in what they claim to be a record breaking 14 hours.

The following morning we groped through the fog to find a mooring alongside the Annapolis close to downtown Halifax. The Coast Guard cutters EVERGREEN and ACTIVE were also there. Coast Guardsmen ashore mingled with Russians from a missile tracking ship and Japanese from two trawlers. A SOUTHWIND team beat the ANNAPOLIS 11 to 3 in a softball game. For others there was shopping, sight-seeing, and doing their laundry. That night there was action to be found at the Captain's Table; Arrows; and, among others, the Lobster Trap where Tasha took it off.

Unfortunately, the visit ended all too soon — the next morning when the SOUTHWIND resumed her journey northward in a dense fog.