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**RCN Leading Hand
David Stone
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DAVID STONE HOME AFTER TWO YEARS ON CORVETTE DUTY

Supply Assistant David Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Heath Stone, Thames street south, arrived home last week for a month's furlough. Enlisting on November 18th, 1942, he trained at Victoria, B.C., and was later posted to the Corvette "Chilliwack." This is his first furlough and he looks and feels fine after his experiences on the high seas.

S.A. Stone has made fourteen return trips over the Atlantic in the course of his service, and spent about seven months cruising near the British Isles. The "Chilliwack" has also passed the Azores, the coast of Spain and Gibraltar during his term of service.

While at sea S.A. Stone saw some action against the enemy and in the early part of this year the "Chilliwack" sank a submarine. The work of the Corvette is very important and takes the brunt of any action that might be aimed at a convoy. It was the "Chilliwack's" job to "spot" subs and give chase if necessary.

David Stone

David Stone was born and raised in Ingersoll. Dave was a Leading Hand (equivalent to an Army Sergeant) in the Royal Canadian Navy, in 1944, part of a depth charge team. Prior to June 6 he was based in Londonderry, Ireland with a group of corvettes called a 'Striking Force'. The corvettes would travel 100 miles ahead of convoys to get rid of any subs that posed a threat to them. They regularly patrolled the Bay of Biscay and the coasts of France and Ireland. Following his years of service in the Royal Canadian Navy, he and his wife Jean came back to Ingersoll to live.

In addition to his career with the family business (William Stone Sons Fertilizer), Dave became a diving expert and enjoyed his Long Point cottage.

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