

OH, HAPPY DAY!

14 Naval Families Move Into First Completed West Coast Homes

Moving day was a happy day for 14 members of the Royal Canadian Navy and their families, when they took over the first houses to be completed at the new Belmont Naval Married Quarters at Royal Roads, B.C. The development, when finished, will provide living quarters for 490 naval families.

In the course of the day moving vans converged on the Belmont project, some from as far afield as the emergency shelters at Patricia Bay, about 25 miles distant.

The new houses are built in four basic designs, with different color schemes giving each house a distinctive character. Single dwellings and duplex construction add to the variety.

Inside, the houses are completely modern and consist of living room, kitchen, bathroom, two or three bedrooms, and basement. Each is equipped with refrigerator, electric stove, automatic oil-burning furnace and air-conditioning unit. Kitchen and bathroom are tiled.

As new units are completed they will be occupied, first by families



A view of the first houses to be occupied at the new naval married quarters development at Belmont Park, near Royal Roads. (E-13744).

badly in need of adequate housing facilities, and later according to a roster system.

The naval married quarters are being administered by Lieut.-Cdr. I. H. MacDonald. Applications for quarters are reviewed by a board consisting of Captain (S) C. J. Dillon, Commander D. G. King, Chaplain (P) G. L. Gillard and Chaplain (RC) J. H. Laporte.

The first families to occupy the married quarters at Royal Roads were those of Petty Officer Carl H. Rogers, AB Raymond Gavin, Petty Officer Vernon E. Little, Petty Officer James A. Gibson, Ldg. Sea. C. Dibnah, PO John Campsall, PO G. A. Coghill, AB J. G. Bourque, CPO J. C. S. Fox, CPO W. A. Scudamore, CPO Stanley F. Pelan, PO John C. Little and Ldg. Sea. Stanley J. Maxted.



Just getting into practice, six-year-old Arthur Pelan and 20-months-old Patricia raid the still empty refrigerator in their new Belmont Park home. They are the children of CPO Stan Pelan. (E-13775).



Moving is often a depressing business, but the day he moved his family into their new home at the Belmont Park naval married quarters was a happy one for CPO Joe Fox, who takes a brief "stand easy" in the midst of the operation. CPO Fox served in HMCS Sioux during her first tour of duty in Korea and his family lived in an emergency shelter. Now he's in the Antigonish and has a brand new home ashore. (E-13773).