



# The JTCer

V.C. for Valour

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## HMCS Chippawa's Naval Field Gun & Carriage JTC's Gun Crew

By John Jamieson

Hey JTCers' how many of you remember JTC's Gun Crew. Well the old gun and carriage are still at Chippawa. The 12 Pound Shell Quick Firing Gun was built in England in 1898. That's right, 1898! How many of you remember pulling, lifting, stomping, running, sweating, standing and kneeling proudly with that old naval piece of history? Do any of you remember smelling the smoke and watching the smoke rings soar when blanks were fired? I bet there are a few stories and pictures that many of you have relating to the JTC's Gun Crew.

The gun and carriage have many interesting nameplates and etchings. There is a huge piece of history sitting there to be remembered. When I was taking pictures of the nameplates,

Al Northam (a Cornwell Branch and Alumni member) was explaining the many acronyms and abbreviations; it is an amazing historic artifact.

I would like some historic information relating to JTC's Gun Crew for our 100th Anniversary History Project; examples of major events, annual inspections and parades that the gun was used in. When did JTC start to use the gun for our corps? Pictures with stories are welcome! Contact me at [johnjamieson@shaw.ca](mailto:johnjamieson@shaw.ca).

Sadly with the age and state of repair of the gun and carriage our corps can no longer use it as part of our training program. I hope that many of you will agree that this is a huge loss to our senior cadets and our program as a whole.

I would encourage you all to take a look at this amazing piece of history. We are organizing a gathering at H.M.C.S. Chippawa on Thursday October 23rd at 1845 for an Alumni march past with the corps during Colours. This is part of The Trafalgar Dinner Event occurring October 23 - 25, 2008.

Gun Crew members remember this? Here is an example of one of the famous JTC's Gun Crew T - Shirts. I would like to get pictures and stories of old memorabilia. Dig out your old t - shirts, jackets, badges, cap tallies etc.



# RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC's Ship's Bell



Corps Commanding  
Officers  
As listed on Bell:

LCDR H.B. Weston  
1920-1924  
LCDR R. Phillipson  
1924-1926  
LCDR J.R.K. Millen  
1926-1935  
LCDR A.E. Tamkin  
1926-1935  
LCDR W.J. Rooke  
1937-1938  
LCDR T.W. Baird  
1938-1943

LCDR J.D. Killey  
1943-1944  
LCDR J.R.K. Millen  
1944-1946  
LCDR R.Gilbart  
1946-1947  
LCDR T.W. Baird  
1947-1949  
LCDR J. Meder  
1949-1950  
LCDR G.D. Kuhn  
1950-1951  
LCDR A.E. Payne  
1951-1953  
LCDR T.R. Dancer  
1953-1954

LCDR S. Perkins  
1954-1955  
LCDR A. Hodgson  
1955-1961  
LCDR W.A. Sommerville  
1961-1964  
LCDR D. Wilkie  
1964-1967  
LCDR R. Graham  
1967-1970  
LCDR R. Weidenbacher  
1970-1973  
LCDR A.T. McInnes  
1973-1976  
LCDR J.L. Templeman 1976-  
1983  
LCDR L.M. Bilton  
1983-1987  
LCDR G.D. Bruce  
1987-1990  
Lt (N) D.G. Bullee  
1990-1994  
LCDR N.D. Johnston  
1994-

Hey Alumni remember our  
Ship's Bell? Did you know  
our bell has no more room  
to add any new Commanding  
Officers. How about as a 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary project that we  
fundraise to get a new ship's  
bell?



## Spare Time? Volunteer!

The Navy League of Canada is the sponsor of all sea cadet and navy league cadet corps in the country. They provide all the things not covered by the Department of National Defense for the sea cadet program. This entails everything from insurance coverage on the cadets for various activities, to raising funds for sports and other training equipment to running the canteen at stand-easy.

The Cornwell Branch of the Navy League of Canada is the sponsor for RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC. Members of the Branch help out the corps in a variety of ways, from staffing the canteen each week to assisting the corps at recruiting events or a tag day. The Branch is always looking for more members, even if you live far away from the Winnipeg location. You could volunteer at one event a year or help out on a more frequent basis. Financial donations are accepted and donations of \$10 or more are tax deductible.

If you wish to become a member of the Branch, the membership fee is only \$5. The membership year runs from Sept 1 to August 31.



## JTC Alumni Who Are We?

For the record the JTC Alumni is a committee of the Navy League of Canada's Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch (CWB). The Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch is the sponsor of Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell VC (JTCVC).

The CWB is a non - profit organization and is a registered charity. All monies, proceeds and profits made from all alumni activities goes directly to the branch and corps. The current chair of the JTC Alumni Committee is John Jamieson. The JTCer is our alumni newsletter.

### Departed Shipmates

With regret we pass on to the alumni the names of two departed shipmates. Our deepest sympathies are extended to their families and friends.

LCDR (Ret'd) Bert Payne - 3 Feb 08  
Commanding Officer of the corps in the 1950's

Micheal Pink - 25 Aug 08  
a member the corps in the late 1980's





## OLD SALTS TRAFALGAR DAY REUNION

Plans are nearing completion for the reunion of cadets, officers, NL branch members and other friends of JTC from 30 years ago and earlier, to be held in conjunction with the Trafalgar Day dinner sponsored by the NL branch. Only 100 tickets (at \$28.00 each) are being sold so get cracking if you haven't yet ordered them. The dinner will be at 1830 in the Masonic Hall, corner of Osborne and Corydon Oct 25th. Contact one of the following quickly to be counted and if you are out of town, send cheques made out to Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch to either:

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We hope a lot of you old salts will attend Divisions at JTC's regular Thursday night parade in the "new" Chippawa at 1830 October 23rd and retire to the wardroom for an evening of renewed friendships and memories. On Friday Oct 24th the Manitoba Naval Museum in Chippawa will be open for you at 1930 and again we will meet in the wardroom. For the dinner on Saturday, bring your spouse, wear your medals and if you have pictures or other articles of interest from the 40s, 50s, 60s that you can share it will add a lot to the occasion. Hope to see you there!

### Naval Terminology

Mind Your Ps and Qs – In the past, when sailors were paid and went ashore for liberty, the tavern keepers knew how much they were paid. They'd keep tally of a sailor's beer consumption by marking up 'P' for pints and 'Q' for quarts, then settling up with the sailor at the end of the evening. If a sailor failed to 'mind his Ps and Qs,' he'd come up short (or perhaps be cut off by the bartender).

Irish Pennant - (1) (RN) Loose mop strings left in the flat. May be seen as 'Irish Pendant.' (2) More generically, any dangling or loose thread on a uniform, or lines left adrift or dangling from the upper works or rigging of the ship.

Head – Marine toilet. In its original form, toilet facilities were found right forward in the bows, so that the smell would be blown downwind and away from the ship (since sailing ships could not lie directly into the wind when underway). The extreme fore part of a ship was known as the "beakhead," which may have been shortened to "head" over time.





## Trafalgar Dinner Event    October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

### Alumni spread the news!!!

JTC's Alumni Committee of The Navy League of Canada's Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch proudly presents our Trafalgar Dinner Event. This is a three day event. Please note that Thursday and Friday's events are free and tickets for Saturday's Prime Rib Dinner are **\$28.00 each**. Spouses, partners and friends are must welcome. Wear your Medals, Mess Kits are optional.

**There are only 100 tickets available.** Seating will be at round tables for eight.

On Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup> the Alumni will gather at H.M.C.S. Chippawa at 1845 hrs. We will have an alumni division march past during Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell Victoria Cross's Colours Ceremony. Afterwards we will have a tour of the ship and move to the wardroom for more festivities.

Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> the Alumni is welcomed to attend another evening at H.M.C.S. Chippawa where we will gather on the Quarterdeck, where we have arranged to have a tour of Chippawa's Naval Museum starting at 1930 hrs. (Please note that donations to the museum would be most welcome), afterwards we will gather in the wardroom for more festivities.

Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> the Trafalgar Dinner will be held at the Manitoba Masonic Centre, 420 Corydon Ave. Start time for cocktails is 1800 hrs., dinner at 1900 hrs. During the dinner we will be presenting three Navy League of Canada Honourary Life Membership Awards to Mr. Jack Templeman, Mr. Hugh Walker and Mr. Rick Hunt. The planning for the

evening continues with many more surprises. Get your tickets early to avoid the rush.

For tickets or more information please contact:

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Please make cheques payable to:  
**Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch.**

Tickets will also be available through JTC's canteen at Chippawa, Thursday nights between 2000 – 2100 hrs.

### Mark Your Calendars

October

Grey Cup Raffle tickets available. This is a major fundraiser for the corps. If you can sell some tickets to friends and family or purchase some yourself, it would greatly benefit the corps. Watch the corps page on Facebook for further details.

25<sup>th</sup> October

Trafalgar Dinner at the Masonic Memorial Temple. Open to all alumni, family members and friends of the corps. Seating is limited to be sure to purchase your ticket early.

11 November

Remembrance Day ceremony. HMCS Chippawa. All guests and visitors are asked to be seated by 10:00.