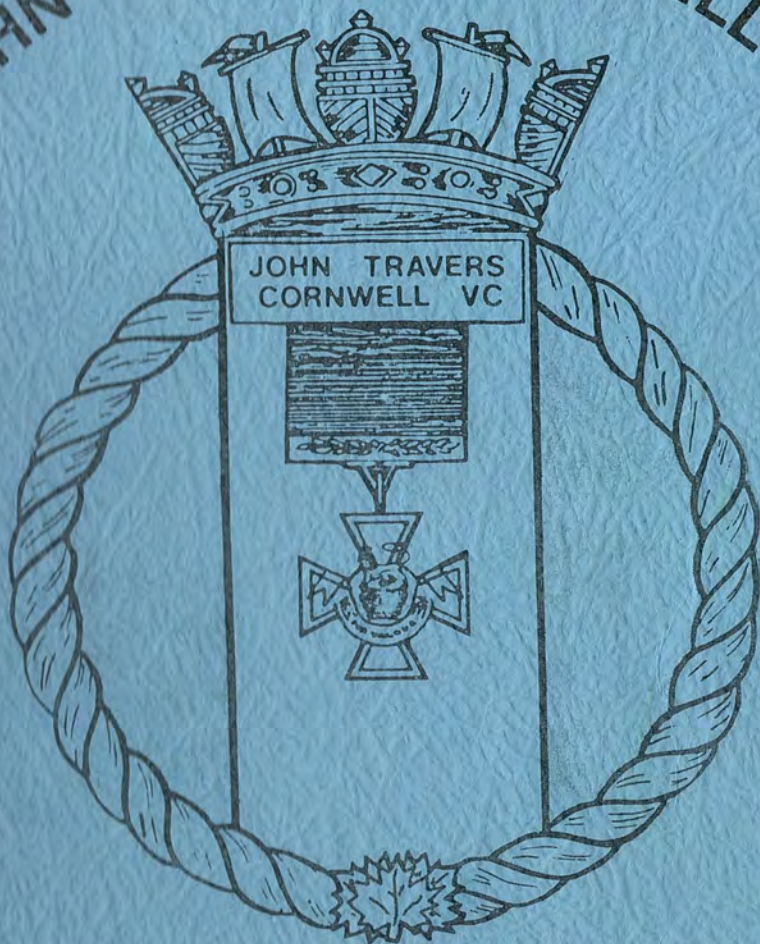


JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL V.C.



ANNUAL INSPECTION

25 MAY 1978

COMMANDING OFFICER'S ADDRESS

On behalf of the Officers and Cadets of RCSCC "JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL, V.C." I would like to extend a welcome to our Inspecting Officer, Captain (NR) Wally Fox-Decent, C.D., the Official Guests, the parents and the friends of the cadets, to this our 1978 Annual Inspection.

This evening is the highlight of the year for the cadets. It is an evening when parents and friends join them on board so that they can show what they have been doing with all the hours they spend at cadets. Of course, their Inspection really doesn't show it all because there are many hours devoted to other activities both in the barracks and away such as the parades and outdoor exercises.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to some of the people who provide various support and assistance to the Corps throughout the year. First, the Commanding Officer, Captain Fox-Decent, C.D. and the Staff Officer, LCDR J. Fyfe, C.D., H.M.C.S. Chippawa, for their assistance within the barracks. To the staff of Aircom Detachment under Lt. Col. J. P.R.E. Beauregard, C.D. and the very capable ACO, C.W.O. R. Todd, C.D. To the executives of both the Manitoba Division and the Greater Winnipeg Branch of the Navy League of Canada and most especially to our own Corps Chairman, Gil Levesque, who has worked with us and become one of us. To the Ladies Auxiliary to the Navy League of Canada for all their assistance on parade nights and anytime we ask throughout the year.

My greatest thanks go to my own officers of the Corps who devote endless hours to working with and for the cadets. It is only due to the calibre and dedication of these officers that the tradition of the Corps carries on.

I hope that you all enjoy the evening. I am sure you will feel that as long as there are cadets like this around, our city will be in good hands in the future. Please feel free to talk to any of the officers and ask any questions you wish.

LCDR J. L. Templeman C.D.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ADDRESS

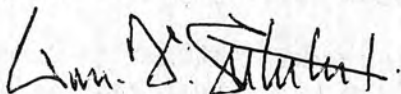
As Executive Officer of John Travers Cornwell V.C., may I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you the parents and guardians of these young men and women.

Your encouragement, understanding and patience is so vital in the Cadet program. The Thursday evenings from September to June, Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, the cleaning of uniforms, polishing of boots, and countless phone calls is now wrapped into one climatic evening.

Every activity the Cadets take part in is done with pride and self determination, which undoubtedly is the catalyst in making this Corps as proficient as it is.

I am confident that after viewing this evening's Inspection you too can be equally as proud of them as I am.

Lt(N) Wm. F. Sutherland C.D.





INSPECTING OFFICER

CAPTAIN (NR) W.N. FOX-DECENT, C.D.

Captain (NR) W.N. Fox-Decent, 40, was born and educated in Winnipeg.

He joined the Naval Reserve in 1954 as a University Naval Training Division Cadet at age 17 and was promoted to Sub-Lieutenant after completing three summers of training.

In 1961 he commanded the auxiliary minesweeper H.M.C.S. Scatarra. During the summers of 1962 and 1963, he commanded the minesweeper H.M.C.S. Porte St. Jean and was squadron commander of the Reserve Training Squadron in the Great Lakes. During the summer of 1970, he was the Senior Naval Reserve Officer Afloat on the West Coast. In H.M.C.S. Chippawa, he has held the appointments of Personnel Administration Officer and Executive Officer. In September 1973, he was appointed Commanding Officer of the unit. Captain Fox-Decent has the Canadian Forces Decoration with clasp and is Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General. He was promoted to his present rank on 1 January, 1976.

In civilian life, Captain Fox-Decent is a professor of political studies at the University of Manitoba and is involved with the Labour Relations Board in the Province of Manitoba.

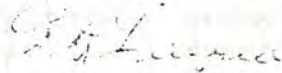
CORPS CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

It has been a great pleasure for me as Corps Chairman for the John Travers Cornwell V.C. Corps in the past year.

I would like to congratulate the commanding officer and his officers for a job well done in the past training year. Their dedication and willingness to serve are second to none.

I wish them all the best for the future.

Mr. G. A. Leveque



CORPS OFFICERS

LCDR	J. Templeman C.D.,	Commanding Officer
LT(N)	W. Sutherland C.D.,	Executive Officer
LT(N)	H. Walker	Training Officer
LT(N)	G. Miller	Supply Officer
LT(N)	G. Payne	Band Officer
S/LT	J. Palmquist	Parade Officer
S/LT	G. Bruce,	Seamanship & Boats Dept.
S/LT	L. Bilton,	New Entry Training Officer
S/LT	W. Ottenbreit,	Navigation Dept.
S/LT	L. Palmquist,	Gun Crew Officer
OCDT	J. Kirkcaldy,	Range
OCDT	D. Bullee,	New Entry Training
OCDT	P. Dorrins,	Hunter Safety & Sports
CI	D. Blain,	Band
CI	J. Jamieson,	Ships Office
CI	R. Hunt,	Guard

JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL VC

Many people may wonder why this corps has chosen such a long and unusual name when most other corps use short, recognizable, ship names or at least names more familiar with Canadian history.

JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL VC is not a familiar name in Canadian history but it is a famous name in history nevertheless. The name is associated with youth, devotion to duty and personal sacrifice. During the First World War this name probably stood out more than any other when there was mention of the Victoria Cross, the highest award for bravery in the face of the enemy.

When a name was needed for the sea cadet corps in Winnipeg, what could be more fitting than that of a young boy seaman who gave his life doing his duty for his country. Citizenship is the main aim of the cadet program.

JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL VC was born on January 8th, 1900. He was the second of four children, Ernest, Jack, George and Lily. During his short life he was always known as 'Jack Cornwell'. He grew up in Leyton and then East Ham Boroughs of London. In December of 1913 he left school to work for Brooke-Bond Company, tea merchants, although his interest was in going to sea. When war broke out in 1914, he continued to try joining the

navy, but had to wait until he was 15 1/2 years of age. He was accepted on July 24th, 1915 and sent to the Davenport Naval Training School, HMS Vivid. At Easter of 1916 he completed his training and was given three days leave before joining the fleet on board HMS Chester.

Within a couple of weeks of joining CHESTER, this cruiser formed part of the British Fleet that engaged the German Fleet in the Battle of Jutland which was the most important naval engagement in the war. The battle opened at 3:30 PM on May 31st but did not finish until the morning of June 1st. Both sides suffered considerable losses but the German Fleet never again attempted such a large scale battle.

CHESTER was in the advance squadron and was one of the first ships to engage the enemy. In turn she was to receive very heavy fire and was forced to withdraw within minutes after suffering much damage but still capable of sailing unaided. Jack Cornwell was a sight-setter on a forward gun and as such was in an exposed position and was the person wearing the telephone receiver through which the orders were passed to the captain of the gun. The enemy hits decimated the gun crew of ten until only two were not killed or wounded. The gun could not be brought to bear on the enemy but Jack Cornwell remained at his exposed post although seriously wounded.

Jack Cornwell was among the hundreds of wounded landed at Grimsby late on June 1st and it was obvious that his wounds would be

fatal. His family was notified but he died before his mother could reach there. Even by this time his heroism was well known in the area for the example he set as a young boy seaman.

When the events of the great battle were published and the list of awards were made the story of CORNWELL stood out. His devotion to duty was written by VAdmiral Sir David Beatty, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Fleet. Following his mention-in-dispatches, he was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

Jack Cornwell was first buried in a common grave in Manor Park Cemetery in East Ham, London, on June 8th. When his story spread around the country there was a great cry for a national funeral and his family consented to his body being moved but only within the same local cemetery near his home. On July 29th his body was reinterred following a funeral with full military honours to a site near the main gate where there is placed a large monument to his honour.

Two portraits were commissioned with the intention that copies should be distributed throughout the country and placed in every school as an example to youth. One was of Jack Cornwell, arms folded and standing on a quay, which was presented to Grimsby and District Hospital where he died. The second and most famous known as 'Cornwell at the Gun', was painted for the Admiralty and the original was presented to the Davenport Training School. Copies of this were distributed by the Navy League. In

1974 our Corps was presented with a copy of this portrait by the cadet corps in York England. This framed copy has a drawing of HMS Chester on the bottom along with the wording of Cornwell's award to the Victoria Cross. It is also signed by the artist Frank O. Salisbury, Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, Admiral Sir John Jellicoe and Admiral Sir David Beatty.

On November 16th, 1916 Mrs. Cornwell was presented with the Vistoria Cross at Buckingham Palace. This medal of honour now rests in the Imperial War Museum in London. The ribbon to this medal is royal blue because it was awarded before the change to maroon in 1917.

BOY, FIRST CLASS, JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL,
O.N. J42563

"MORTALLY WOUNDED EARLY IN THE ACTION, BOY, FIRST CLASS, JOHN TRAVERS CORNWELL REMAINED STANDING ALONE AT A MOST EXPOSED POST, QUIETLY WAITING ORDERS, UNTIL THE END OF THE ACTION, WITH THE GUN'S CREW DEAD AND WOUNDED ALL AROUND HIM. HIS AGE WAS UNDER SIXTEEN AND A HALF YEARS."



INSPECTION ROUTINE

Markers fallen in by CPO 1st class Bingham

March on the Band

March on the Guncrew

March on the Ship's Company

Officers Take Posts

March on Color Party and Guard

Colors and Prayers

Arrival of Inspection Party

General Salute

Inspection of Guard by Captain Fox-Decent

Inspection of Ship's Company by Inspecting Party

March Past

Gun Run

Band Display

Inspection of classes and displays

Band concert Sea Cadet Deck

Precision Drill Team

Sunset Ceremony

Presentations and Awards

March Past

Liberty Boats

ANNUAL INSPECTION CLASSES & DISPLAYS

CLASSES:

- First aid
- Communications
 - Semaphore
 - Morse Code
- Whaler rigging
- Survival swimming
- Rappelling
- Sheer legs - GYN
- Derrick
- Parade (rifle drill, instructional)
- Scuba diving

STATIC DISPLAYS

- New entry trg/Corps history
- Small arms safety
- Navigation
- Seamanship/boatwork
- Fire fighting & rescue
- Survival trg.
- Hunter safety (Man. Govt. program)
- Bends & hitches
- Gun Crew
- C.Y.A. program

Band

John Travers Cornwell, V.C. has had one of the largest cadet Band in Canada for decades. The cadets range in age from 13-18 and represent some of the finest young musicians in the province. This band typically comprises 1/3 to 1/2 of the entire H.M.C.S. Quadra Band during summer training, which is well known throughout British Columbia.

The majority of the members have been parading together for at least two years under the direct guidance of Lt(N) Payne, Mr. D.W. Blain, and CPO2 Hawkeye.

The cadets go through an extensive training program while at H.M.C.S. Quadra and as most parents are well aware, spend a great deal of time training here at Chippawa Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Once mastering the basic skills, they are awarded a bandsman's harp and encouraged to continue to develop their expertise and eventually become a group leader.

Being a band member is a challenging endeavor and those willing to accept it are well deserving of the praise for their effort.

Mr. D.W. Blain C.I.

Range

The cadets of John Travers Cornwell, V.C. use the 125 yard range located in the lower flats. The rifles used on this range are the .303 converted to .22 calibre Lee Enfields and the sporting rifle, the Anshutt also of the .22 calibre.

The cadet is first taught firearm safety and the basic parts of the rifle, in the classroom. Then its down to the range to learn proper positioning, and the points of marksmanship. From here on the cadet must practice, practice, practice.

As the cadet becomes more efficient with the varying points of marksmanship such as breathing, trigger control, line of sight, etc., the cadet will increase in accuracy. When the cadet is able to fire approximately 10 bullets into a small area (about the size of a dime) onto a target approximately 6 inches in diameter, the cadet will move onto a smaller target measuring 3 inches in diameter. If on this target the cadet is capable of hitting a score of 90 or better on three consecutive targets, the cadet is awarded the marksman badge (crossed rifles). At this point the cadet will have the privelege of joining the range team.

The Range Team consists of the top marksmen of the corps. They fire in both National and Provincial shoots. The team uses mainly the sporting rifle, the Anshutt for all their competitions.

The majority of the practical training the cadets receive occurs on Sunday morning from 0800 to 1200. This year the range received a large amount of new shooters. A few of whom have progressed onto the smaller targets and two new cadets, PO2 Ruel, and Cadet Frechette, have received their marksman badge and joined the ranks of the Range team.

The Range team shot in several competitions this year the major one was with the Manitoba Provincial Rifle Association on Monday evenings. The competition lasted for approximately 10 weeks and entailed 3 targets per week.

Any and all cadets are welcome to join the range.

Range Officer - OCdt Kirkcaldy
Range team Officer - Sub/Lt L. Palmquist
Optional Theory Class Instructor - CP02 Scarr

OCdt Kirkcaldy

Communications

Communications underwent a revival at John Travers Cornwell, V.C. in 1978. With Sub/Lt J. Palmquist, PO1 D. Walker and PO2 N. Hornsby as instructors the corps has again begun to produce cadets competent in the art of sending and receiving messages through semaphore (flags) or morse code (buzzer and lamp). Throughout the year we have run courses in all 3 methods of signalling with approximately 12 cadets, who have demonstrated a proficiency at sending and receiving messages at 8 W.P.M., receiving thier Communications 3rd Class badge and certificate. In addition all cadets in the corps have received a one night "Introduction to Communications" class which acquainted them with the world of international signalling.

Plans for next year are already being formulated and will include:

- 1) More clases on the week-end in order to give more cadets an opportunity to get involved.
- and
- 2) A revival of "VE4 JTC", the corps radio station. Interested cadets may receive their "Ham" licence.

The 1977 - 1978 training year has seen a solid foundation laid for the building of an even stronger and more vibrant Communications department in future years.

Sub/Lt J. Palmquist

GUARD

The Guard is formed early in the training year and is composed of cadets from all ranks, both male and female.

Practices are held Sunday mornings from 10 00 to 12 00, so cadets must rise early in order to be on time for guard practice.

The main objectives are to train cadets in Advanced Parade Drill and Rifle Drill.

During the first half of the year, second year cadets are instructed in Monkey Drill and Precision Drill. First year cadets are instructed in basic Parade Drill and Rifle Drill.

During the second half of the year, the guard works on preparation for the Annual Inspection Ceremony.

The Guard of Honor is mounted for all Ceremonial Divisions, A.C.O. Inspections, and visiting dignitaries.

During the training year the guard has participated in various activities including the Santa Claus Parade, Chippawa trophy presentation, Ceremonial Divisions, A.C.O. Inspections, The Navy League of Canada National Meeting, and of course tonight's Annual Inspection.

Mr. R. Hunt C.I.
Guard Officer

PO, D. Walker
Guard Petty Officer

GUNCREW

Naval Gun Crews date well back in history, but remain one of the traditions kept alive today in John Travers Cornwell V.C.

The Gun Crew is not open to everyone. A maximum of twenty cadets both male and female are accepted, and each of these must be in good physical condition. A mistake may be not only noticeable, but very dangerous to the rest of the members. It is for this reason that the Gun Crew consists mainly of senior cadets, with just a few junior cadets allowed in.

Practices begin early Sunday morning with a rigorous P & RT program, which has discouraged more than a few. After a brief work-out, practices begin. They consist of pulling the field gun, weighing more than a ton, around the deck, executing various actions. These actions were once done by Naval Gun Crews during battle. Speed was essential, as to prevent capture. The dismantling of the gun was done to prevent one shell from destroying the entire Gun-crew. The various actions were necessary, as many times the enemy was advancing from more than one side. Reversing the dragropes was for going downhill, and changing a wheel from the gun, to the lighter limber was another action.

Of course all actions are now strictly ceremonial. Besides the "gunrun", the field gun and limber are used for funerals, Change of Command, and the Ceremony of the Flags.

The cadets work hard and make sacrifices to belong to the Guncrew of RCSCC John Travers Cornwell V.C., and are justifiably proud of what they are doing.

S/LT L. Palmquist
Gun Crew Officer

CPO₁ Bingham
Gun Crew Captain

SUMMER CAMPS & COURSES

Tonight's Annual Inspection brings to an end another successful training year for RCSCC John Travers Cornwell, V.C. With the Annual Inspection and promotional exams complete, the cadets will now begin to prepare for summer training. Whether it be a two (2) week General Training Course or an eight (8) week Trades Training Course, the cadets will have an opportunity to learn and meet with sea cadets from all over Canada.

When asked, most people automatically associate summer training with H.M.C.S. Quadra on the West Coast or the Provincial Sailing camp at Gimli, Manitoba. It may be a fact that these two camps do indeed exist and that they have been responsible for training a good majority of our cadets over the years but at the same time, cadets from this area are now being accepted for training at various camps all across Canada. These camps, catering to both first year cadets as well as senior cadets are located as far north as the Northwest Territories, as close to home as C.F.B. Winnipeg, as far west as Vancouver Island or as far east as Quebec or Halifax.

In addition to the camps and courses, there are international exchanges to the U.S.A. and Europe that occur during the summer months. For the cadet that can spare the time from school various opportunities such as two and three week Outward Bound Courses and Cruises with the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Coast Guard for periods of four to eight weeks during the fall and winter months. The possibility exists that more and more training of this nature will be available in the not too distant future.

Further information regarding summer training can be found at the New Entry Training/Corps History display located on the Main Deck.

LT H. WALKER,
TRAINING OFFICER.

JOHN TRAVIS CORNWELL

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