

RCSCC #49
John Travers Cornwell
Victoria Cross



85th
Annual Inspection
and
Parade



1920 - 2005





Annual Inspection Order of the Evening

- 1845 Ship's Company Fall In
 - Officers Fall In
 - Colors
 - Reviewing Officer inspects Guard and Ships Company
 - March Past
- 1925 Ships Company doubles off
 - Band
 - Stand Easy
 - Guns Crew
- 2015 Ships Company marches on
- 2020 Awards and Presentations
- 2040 Speeches
- 2100 Sunset

CPO1 R. Palmquist Coxswain's remarks:

It's my honor and privilege to represent the cadets in this corps in it's 85th year of glory. I must admit, I had my doubts when I became coxswain and was nervous about living up to the reputation past Cox'ns have set, many of them members of my own family. These past five years have been incredible and I feel that sea cadets is among the best youth programs in Canada.

I hope every one of you enjoy the displays and ceremony this evening, put on by the best sea cadet corps in Canada; RCSCC #49 John Travers Cornwell Victoria Cross.





Commanding Officer LCdr S. Chadwick's remarks:

This corps has a long and storied past. From it's beginnings as the Boy's Naval Brigade in 1920 to it's current status as a co-ed youth organization, the corps has seen many changes. It remains a strong and vibrant organization by it's emphasis on drill and ceremonial traditions and on a strong training program with a variety of activities. The corps is led by an enthusiastic group of 18 officers and volunteers, each of whom is a former sea cadet, including 16 who are former cadets of this corps.

I wish to thank the officers and cadets for the opportunity to work with them and I look forward to continue to build on our strengths.

Reviewing Officer

Lieutenant-Commander W. Paul Stiff CD

Commanding Officer

Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Winnipeg

Lieutenant-Commander Stiff was born in North Battleford Saskatchewan and spent his school years in Kitimat, British Columbia. He started his naval career with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets in 1968 and enrolled in the Canadian Forces under the Officer Candidate Training Plan in 1977. Following Basic Officer Training and introductory navigation and ship-handling training, LCdr Stiff joined the destroyer HMCS RESTIGOUCHE at Esquimalt, BC. After earning his Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate, he attended Weapons and Electronic Warfare training in Halifax, returning to the RESTIGOUCHE as the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Deck Officer. Lieutenant-Commander Stiff served as an instructor at VENTURE, the Naval Officer's Training Centre in Esquimalt, BC and as the Navigating Officer of the training ship HMCS FUNDY. In 1986, LCdr Stiff joined the Tribal Class Destroyer HMCS HURON as Weapons Officer and then HMCS SAGUENAY in 1987 as Operations Officer, having completed the Combat Control Officer's Course in Halifax the year before. Lieutenant-Commander Stiff has participated in a wide variety of international and national operations and exercises at sea, and in a number of staff positions ashore. In 1988, he was posted to Montreal, as the Operational Requirements and Training officer in support of the Canadian Patrol Frigate project. Following French language training at BFC Valcartier in 1991, LCdr Stiff served two postings in Quebec City: first as Senior Staff Officer Training at the Naval Reserve Headquarters, and then as Commandant of the Canadian Forces Fleet School, Quebec. LCdr Stiff was posted to CFSAS, the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Studies, in Winnipeg in 1995 to instruct maritime warfare for the Aerospace Operations Course. He held a number of posts at CFSAS, including Flight Commander Officer Development, Flight Commander Language Training, Chief Standards Officer and Deputy Commandant. He assumed command of the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Winnipeg in July of 2002.



Divisions

VICTORY Division

HMS VICTORY is the oldest commissioned warship in the world, and lies in Dry Dock at Portsmouth Naval Base, Portsmouth, England. Her keel was laid down in Chatham on 23 July 1759 and she was launched on 7 May 1765 but was not commissioned until 1778. This long period of weathering meant that the hull timbers were well seasoned, which is probably the main reason why she has survived so long. Once commissioned she became the most successful First Rate ship ever built. The Society for Nautical Research agreed that HMS VICTORY should be saved and to be a lasting reminder to the Nation of Admiral Lord Nelson, The Battle of Trafalgar, and the Royal Navy's supremacy in the days of sail.

SACKVILLE Division

HMCS Sackville was one of more than 120 corvettes built in Canada during the Second World War. Corvettes soon became the workhorses of the North Atlantic, escorting convoys and attacking submarines. HMCS Sackville was built at Saint John, NB and commissioned on the 29 December 1941. "Sackville" escorted convoys from St. John's to Londonderry, Ireland from January 1942 to August 1944. "Sackville", was one of the original members of the famous "Barber Pole Group". This group with its red and white "Barber Pole Stripes" painted on the funnel is still represented in today's Navy.

WINNIPEG Division (band)

HMCS WINNIPEG is one of the new "City Class" Canadian frigates, considered to be one of the most advanced general-purpose frigates in the world. . The ship's sponsor is Her Worship, Mayor Susan Thompson, who officially christened the ship at the naming ceremony in June 1994. The ship's motto is "Unum cum virtute multorum," which translates to "One with the strength of many." This is the motto of the City of Winnipeg, and with the kind permission of Her Worship the Mayor, also became the ship's motto in November 1989.

CHESTER Division

John Travers Cornwell transferred to the H.M.S. Chester, a new light cruiser, on it's commissioning day. During World War I, on May 31, 1916, at 17:40 hrs, in the North Sea off Jutland, the cruiser Chester found herself in action against four German cruisers in a battle which would later be know as the "Battle of Jutland". The Chester's guns were no match for those of the German cruisers, and she was hit 17 times in just a few minutes. John Travers Cornwell was wounded and lived long enough to be taken ashore, but he died of his wounds in Grimsby Hospital on June 2, 1916. After his death he was awarded the Victoria Cross for his impressive behavior in the Battle of Jutland.

HOOD Division

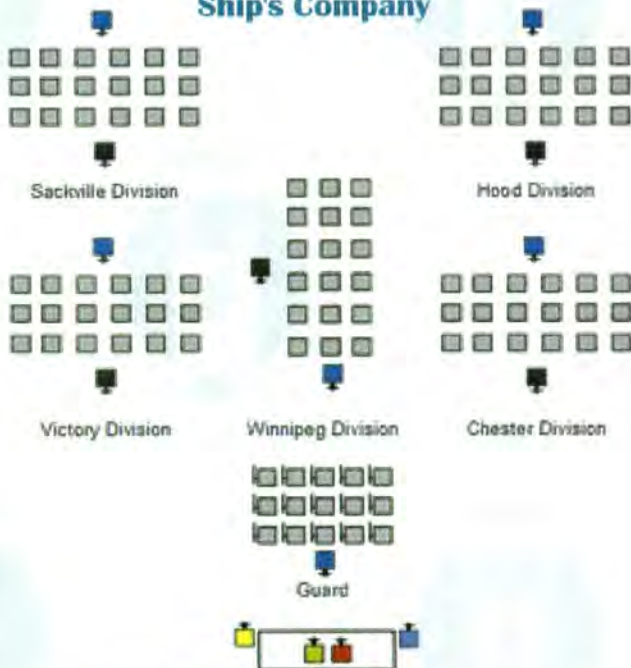
HMS Hood, a 42,100-ton battle cruiser built at Clydebank, Scotland, was completed in March 1920. For more than two decades, she was the World's largest warship. In May 1941, in company with the new battleship Prince of Wales, she was sent out to search for the German battleship Bismarck, which had left Norway for the Atlantic. On the morning of 24 May, the two British capital ships found the enemy to the west of Iceland. In the resulting Battle of the Denmark Strait, one or more of Bismarck's fifteen-inch shells got into Hood's after magazines. They erupted in a massive explosion. The great ship sank in moments with all but three of her large crew.

GUARD

The Honor Guard is the showpiece of the corps. They are the "Body Guard" for the Commanding Officer with the Guard Officer reporting directly to the C.O. Originally they were in place to thwart any attempt at mutiny, but over the years have taken on a more ceremonial role. The Guard is formed out of volunteers from Ship's Company, who come out each Sunday morning for additional drill training.



Ship's Company



On the Dias: Commanding Officer and Reviewing Officer

JTC Officers and Volunteers

Commanding Officer: LCdr S. Chadwick CD

Executive Officer: Lt(N) K. Daeninck

Administration Officer: Lt(N) G. Bruce CD (1)

Supply Officer: Lt(N) J. DiMartino

Training Officer: Slit. A. Edwards

New Entry Officer: ASlt. J. Bruce CD (1)

Band Officer: ASlt. D. McKay

Lt(N) L. Palmquist

Lt(N) G. Roddy

Slit. M. Gregoire

Slit. S. Pelland

Slit. S. Yaskiw

ASlt. T. Chase

Ncdt. B. Scott

Ms. S. Clairmont

Mr. E. Gordon

Mr. M. Reid

Mr. M. Wahl



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- 1920 Formed as the Boys' Naval Brigade
- 1923 The name was changed to Winnipeg Sea Cadets
- 1941 King George VI grants the Canadian Sea Cadets the use of the "Royal" designation.
- 1943 The name John Travers Cornwell, V.C. was officially adopted.
- 1952 HMCS Quadra is used as summer training establishment by cadets
- 1954 The Navy League was formed, and named J.K. Millen after the third Commanding Officer of RCSCC John Travers Cornwell Corps
- 1975 Integration of females into the cadet movement
- 1983 Freedom of the City of Winnipeg: RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC is one of the very few Sea Cadet Corps in Canada to have earned the Freedom of the City.
- 2005 85th anniversary of one of the finest and most recognizable Sea Cadet corps in Canada



H.M.C.S. Chippawa - 1972

John Travers Cornwell was born on January 8, 1900 at Clyde Cottage, Clyde Place, Leyton, Essex, England, the son of Eli and Lily King-Cornwell.

Cornwell had always been keen to join the Navy, but his parents refused to allow him to join at first. When he left school, he became a delivery van boy for Brooke, Bond and Company. The war persuaded his parent to let him sign up, and Cornwell joined the Navy at Davenport on July 27, 1915, becoming Boy Second Class J.T. Cornwell (official service number J/42653). He found seamanship to be fairly easy, but when he went to H.M.S. Vivid for gunnery training, the going was more difficult. He then transferred to the H.M.S. Chester, a new light cruiser, on it's commissioning day.

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After the shock of battle, only one figure was still standing by the turret. He was Boy First Class John Travers Cornwell, the sight setter, who took his orders from fire control and applied the necessary range corrections to the gun. He was, literally, a boy, not yet 16 1/2 years old, and had been in the Royal Navy for less then a year. But the short months of Naval discipline told. Though he was mortally wounded, Cornwell remained standing alone at a most exposed post, quietly awaiting orders, until the end of the action, with the gun's crew dead and wounded all around him.

Cornwell lived long enough to be taken ashore, but he died of his wounds in Grimsby Hospital on June 2, 1916. After his death he was awarded the Victoria Cross for his impressive behavior in the Battle of Jutland. Because of his youth, Boy Cornwell rapidly became one of the most famous of all Victoria Cross winners. His devotion to duty was an example to us all. The wounds which resulted in his death were received in the first few minutes of action, yet he remained at his most exposed post on the gun, waiting for orders. His gun would not bear on the enemy, all but two of the ten members of the gun's crew were killed or wounded, and he was alone in a very exposed position. But he felt he might be needed, and indeed he might have been, so he stayed, standing and waiting, under heavy fire.

John Travers Cornwell, Victoria Cross, leaves us all this message:

Obey your orders, Stay your post, Always be ready.

This provide us with our Corps' motto:

"Stand Your Station"



**Navy League of Canada
Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch
President's Message**

On behalf of the members of The Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch of the Navy League of Canada, I would like to welcome you to The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell Victoria Cross Annual Ceremonial Review. We are proud to be the civilian sponsors of one of Canada's oldest and finest Corps and would ask you to take note of the many new individuals who have chosen to become part of this Ship's Company in the current training year. They best represent the continuing spirit of all those who have joined the Corps over its eighty five year history and they are to be congratulated for their choice in the many options available for today's youth. A great deal of effort has been expended in the past nine months and now all get to show off a bit of what has been learned through their diligence and attention. The newest recruit on deck has the potential to earn the rating of our most senior cadet and in the process develop in a manner which will serve them throughout their lives in a most positive way. The Annual Ceremonial Review is a visual part of the many things which form the adventure of time spent as a cadet.

I trust you will have an opportunity to meet some of the officers and volunteers who are directly responsible for training, as well as those of us who actively support and sponsor the Corps. Please join us on the Quarterdeck for some refreshment after the ceremony is complete and take some time to learn more of the Corps' long history and how you may also be involved in its future.

Please sign our guest book while you are there.

Enjoy the evening

Norman D.L. Sparks
President

PARENTS and ALUMNI !!!

Everyone is ENCOURAGED to attend

The Navy League of Canada's
Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch

Annual General Meeting
Thursday May 26th 2005

1900 hours (7pm) in the H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA'S Officers Wardroom

Be part of this very important organization which is the proud sponsor of
R.C.S.C.C. John Travers Cornwell V.C.

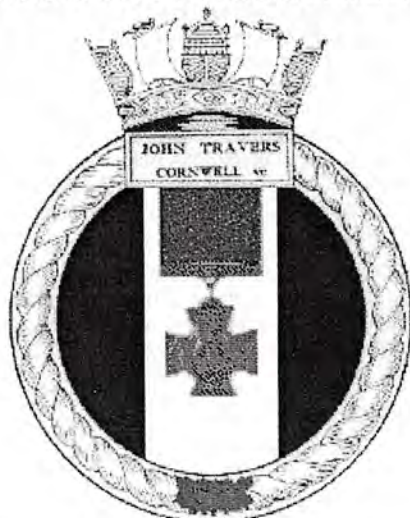
This organization and these Cadets
Need YOUR help
Be a part of their FUTURE.



ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENT

Former Cadets, Officers, Parents, Navy League Branch Members, and
Friends of:

R.C.S.C.C. John Travers Cornwell V.C.



Come out to the Inaugural Meeting of:

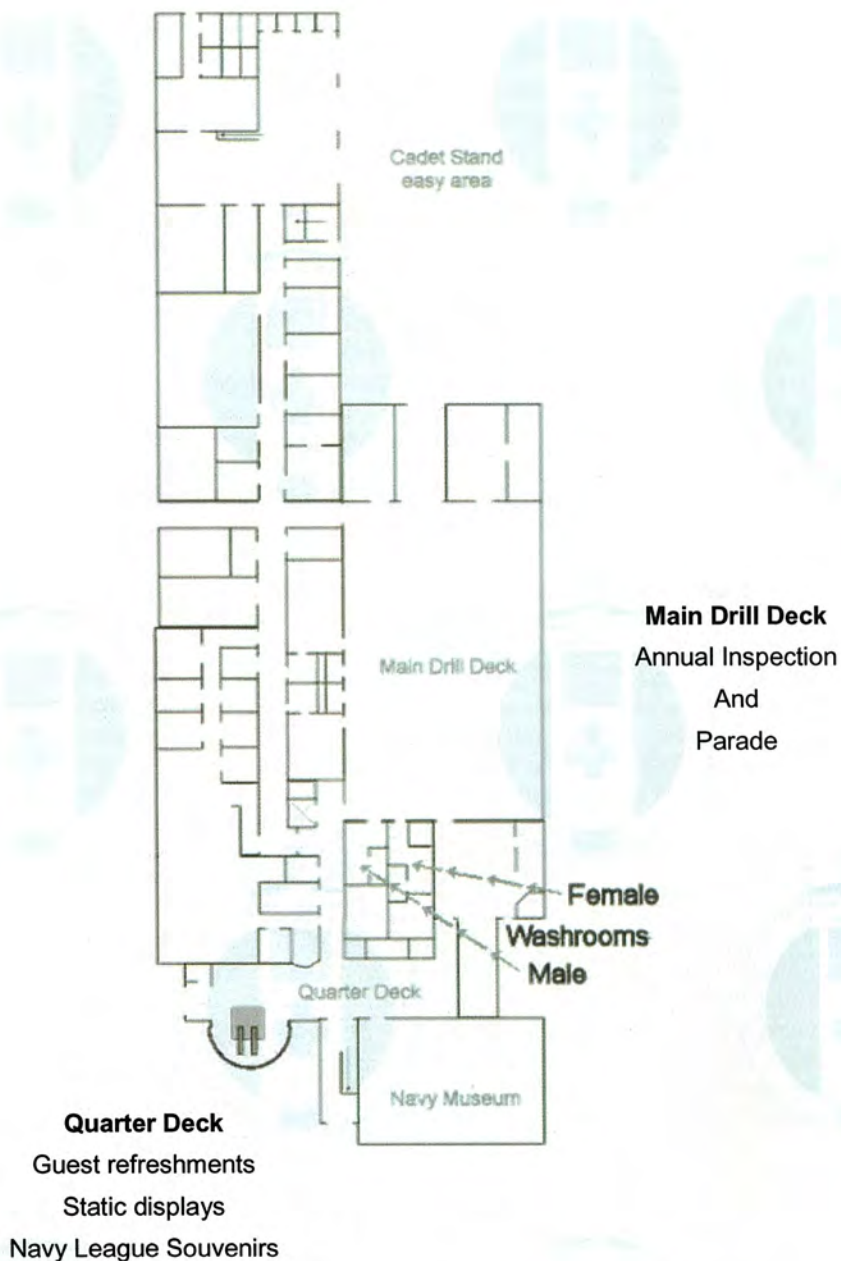
J.T.C.'S Alumni

Thursday September 15th 2005
1930 hours (7:30pm) in the
H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA'S Wardroom

Spread the word, come out and be a part of the 85 years of History
and have some FUN



NAVY LEAGUE
A New Wave Of Adventure!



Please restrict your movements to the Naval Museum, Quarter Deck area and Main Drill Deck. All other areas are restricted to JTC Officers and Cadets and H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA ships company.