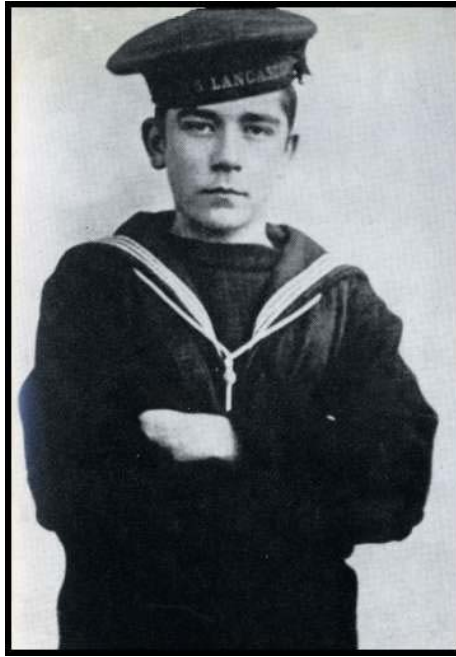


**Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps  
John Travers Cornwell Victoria Cross**



**89th  
Annual Ceremonial  
Review Parade  
May 14, 2009**

# Boy Seaman 1st Class John Travers Cornwell VC 1900 - 1916



**CORNWELL, JOHN TRAVERS**, Boy, First Class, Royal Navy, was born on 8 Jan. 1900, at Leyton, son of Eli and Alice Cornwell. He was educated at Walton Road School, Manor Park. He wished to be a sailor when he left school, but his parents could not bear the thought of losing him so soon so he bravely turned to the work that lay to his hand, and became a boy on a Brook Bond's tea van. He was also a keen Boy Scout, and held two certificates. When the European War broke out his father promptly joined the Army, and Jack Cornwell was given his chance to join the Navy. He went through preliminary training at Devonport from 27 July, 1915 and became a First Class Boy on HMS Chester for active service in Admiral Beatty's North Sea Squadron. A few months after Jack Cornwell joined his ship, Admiral Beatty came to grips with the German High Seas Fleet near Jutland 31st May 1916; he was mortally wounded in action, and died two days later in Grimsby hospital. He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross [London Gazette, 15 Sept. 1916] : "*John Travers Cornwell, Boy (First Class), O.N. J.42563: Mortally wounded early in the action, Boy, First Class, John Travers 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 around him. His age was under sixteen and half years.*"

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**1 Canadian Air Division  
1<sup>re</sup> Division aérienne du Canada**

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**Brigadier-General  
E. B. Thuen, CD**

*Deputy Commander Mission Support*

Brigadier-General Thuen was born in 1956 in Tisdale, Saskatchewan. Upon graduation from Rose Valley High School in 1974, he joined the Canadian Forces under the Regular Officer Training Plan. He attended both Royal Roads Military College in Victoria and Royal Military College in Kingston, graduating in 1978, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and English. He then attended the Basic Air Navigation Course, at Canadian Forces Air Navigation School (CFANS) in Winnipeg, which he successfully completed in April of 1979. He was subsequently posted to 407 Squadron in Comox, British Columbia, where he flew as a navigator and navigator-communicator on the Argus and Aurora. He was transferred to CFANS as an instructor in 1982, where he became an A1 Category Navigation Instructor and the Chief Officer Development Instructor. In 1985, he was selected as Executive Assistant to Chief of Staff Support at Air Command Headquarters.

In 1987, then Captain Thuen, was selected for a posting with the North American Air Defence (NORAD) Airborne Warning and Control (AWACS) program at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City. During his tenure in Oklahoma he achieved an "Exceptionally Qualified" instructor category and was promoted to major. He also received the Deputy Commander-in-Chief NORAD



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**Brigadier-général  
E. B. Thuen, CD**

*Commandant adjoint - Soutien de mission*

Le Brigadier-général Thuen est né en 1956, à Tisdale, en Saskatchewan. En 1974, après avoir obtenu son diplôme de l'école secondaire Rose Valley, il s'enrôle dans les Forces canadiennes, dans le cadre du Programme de formation des officiers de la Force régulière. Il étudie au Royal Roads Military College, à Victoria, et au Collège militaire royal, à Kingston, où il obtient son baccalauréat ès art en histoire et en anglais, en 1978. Il suit ensuite le cours élémentaire de navigation à l'École de navigation aérienne des Forces canadiennes (ENAFAC), à Winnipeg où il obtient son diplôme en avril 1979. Il est alors affecté au 407<sup>e</sup> Escadron, à Comox, en Colombie-Britannique, où il est navigateur et navigateur-communicateur à bord de l'Argus et de l'Aurora. En 1982, il est transféré à l'ENAFAC où il devient instructeur de navigation, de catégorie A1, et instructeur en chef chargé du perfectionnement des officiers. En 1985, il est nommé chef de cabinet du chef d'état-major chargé du soutien au quartier général du Commandement aérien.

En 1987, capitaine, il est affecté au programme du système aéroporté d'alerte et de contrôle (AWACS), au commandement de la Défense aérospatiale de l'Amérique du Nord (NORAD), à la base aérienne Tinker d'Oklahoma City. Pendant cette affectation, il obtient la catégorie d'instructeur « Qualification exceptionnelle » et

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Commendation for his outstanding support to the Canadian Component and to NORAD.

He returned to AIRCOM HQ, in 1991, as Staff Officer Personnel Relations and Acting Senior Staff Officer Personnel. In 1994 he attended Staff College in Toronto and was subsequently posted to 435 Squadron in Winnipeg. He served as the Navigator Leader and Aircrew Leader until his retirement from the Regular Force on 1 April 1997.

Major Thuen joined the Primary Reserve immediately and served as 17 Wing Heritage Officer and 17 Wing Air Reserve Flight Commander. He was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in January 1999 and was transferred to the position of A1 Reserve Coordinator for Training Wings. He then moved to 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters as A1 Reserve Coordinator responsible for Reserve Establishments and Policy and subsequently as A1 Reserve Personnel responsible for Air Reserve policy development and implementation. BGen Thuen was then promoted to Colonel on 15 August 2001. Upon promotion, he attended the Advanced Military Studies course (AMSC) at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto. Following completion of the AMSC, he took up the post of A1 Reserve at 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters in Winnipeg. In May 2004, he assumed the duties of A3 Aviation, Patrol and Transport Readiness.

BGen Thuen was promoted to his current rank on 26 May 2006 and assumed the duties of Deputy Commander Mission Support at 1 Canadian Air Division in Winnipeg. In addition, he has been appointed Director General Air Reserve.

BGen Thuen and his wife, Barbara, are the proud parents of two daughters Danielle and Karen (Lucas) who also reside in Winnipeg.

il est promu major. Par ailleurs, il reçoit une mention élogieuse de l'adjoint au commandant en chef du NORAD, pour le soutien remarquable qu'il apporte à l'élément canadien et au NORAD. En 1991, il revient au QG C Air à titre d'Officier d'état-major - Relations avec le personnel et d'Officier supérieur d'état-major-Personnel, par intérim. En 1994, il étudie au Collège d'état-major à Toronto et est ensuite affecté au 435 Esc, à Winnipeg. Il y est chef des navigateurs et chef du personnel navigant jusqu'à son départ en retraite, le 1<sup>er</sup> avril 1997.

Le Major Thuen s'engage immédiatement dans la Première réserve et devient officier du patrimoine à la 17<sup>e</sup> Escadre et commandant de l'Escadrille de la Réserve aérienne de la 17<sup>e</sup> Escadre. Il est promu lieutenant-colonel en janvier 1999 et est transféré au poste d'A1 Coordination de la Réserve pour les escadres d'instruction. Il devient ensuite A1 Coordination de la Réserve, chargé des effectifs et des politiques de la Réserve au quartier général de la 1<sup>re</sup> Division aérienne du Canada, puis A1 Personnel de la Réserve, chargé de l'élaboration et de la mise en œuvre de la politique de la Réserve aérienne. Il est promu colonel, le 15 août 2001, puis il suit le Cours supérieur des études militaires (CSEM) au Collège des Forces canadiennes à Toronto. Il est ensuite nommé au poste d'A1 Réserve au quartier général de la 1<sup>re</sup> Division aérienne du Canada, à Winnipeg. En mai 2004, il remplit les fonctions d'A3 Disponibilité opérationnelle - Transport, patrouille et aviation.

Promu brigadier-général le 26 mai 2006, il est commandant adjoint du soutien des missions à la 1<sup>re</sup> Division aérienne du Canada, à Winnipeg. Il est également Directeur général - Réserve aérienne.

Le Brigadier-général Thuen et sa femme, Barbara, ont deux filles, Danielle et Karen (Lucas) qui vivent aussi à Winnipeg.

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## Corps Officers and Volunteers

Commanding Officer	Lt(N) K. Daeninck CD
Executive Officer	Lt(N) L. Palmquist CD
Administration Officer	Lt(N) G. Bruce CD1
Supply Officer	SLt J. Bruce CD 1
Training Officers	SLt A. Bourre
New Entry Training Officer	SLt M. Gregoire
Music Instructor	Mr. D. McKenna

*The Cadets and Officers of RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to the members of the Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch for all of their time, effort and support of the Corps. We would also like to take this time to also acknowledge the support the Corps has received from the National and Provincial Divisions of the Navy League of Canada. Without your support, Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell VC would not be where it is today. Thank you and Bravo Zulu for all that you do for us.*

## Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 21st, 2009	Corps Photo and Promotional Parade
Thursday, May 28th, 2009	Corps BBQ
Thursday, June 4th, 2009	Cornwell Branch AGM
5 - 7 June 2009	2nd On the Water Weekend
12 - 14 June 2009	MB/NW Ontario Regatta
19 - 21 June 2009	Corps Sailing Weekend

**The Navy League of Canada**  
**Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch**  
**c/o HMCS Chippawa, 1 Navy Way, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4J7**

Welcome everyone to Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell Victoria Cross 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review.

I would like to congratulate the Corps Commanding Officer, Lt(N) Dae-ninck, his Officers and the Corps Coxswain CPO1 R. Brown, her Petty Officers Mess and the Cadets for achieving another successful cadet year. They have worked very hard to reach this point and continue to show the Cornwell pride.

The cadets parading before you tonight are part of the Canadian National Cadet Program. The partnership between the Navy League of Canada Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch and the Department of National Defense sponsor RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC. There are many people who work behind the scenes who support our program and I would like to acknowledge just a few here at our local level:

- The Regional Commanding Officer, LCol Milligan and his staff at the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Prairie);
- The Commanding Officer of HMCS Chippawa, LCdr Heather Heuthorst and her staff;
- Ms. Lynn Hawkeye, Director Special Projects - Prairie Region, National Office Navy League of Canada;
- Mr. Norm Sparks, President Manitoba & N/W Ontario Division, Navy League of Canada; and
- The Executive and members of the Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch, Navy League of Canada.

Most important, I would like to thank the parents and their families. Without your support and encouragement, our cadets would not be able to achieve the success they share with you tonight.

Stand Your Station!

Don Bullee  
President  
Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch