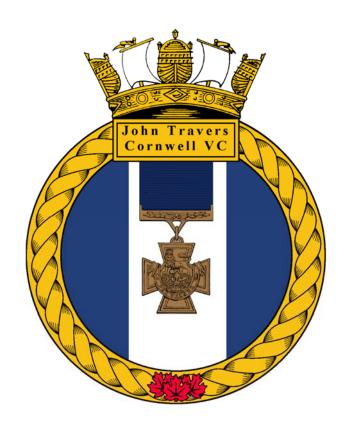
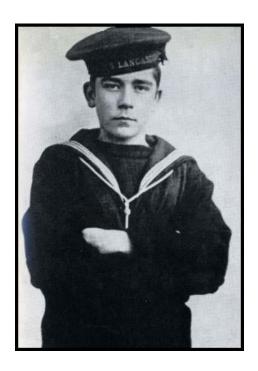
### Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell Victoria Cross



96th Annual Ceremonial Review Parade June 2, 2016

### Boy Seaman 1st Class John Travers Cornwell VC



CORNWELL, JOHN TRAVERS, Boy, First Class, Royal Navy, was born on 8 Jan. 1900, at Leyton, the 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. Jack 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. Jack Cornwell was mortally wounded in action, and died two days later in Grimsby hospital. He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

From the <u>London Gazette</u>, 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."

# Lieutenant-Commander D.M.C. Fitzpatrick (David), CD1 Officer In Charge Sea / Common Training Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northwest)

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

LCdr David Fitzpatrick is originally from Dublin, Ireland and moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba with his family in 1976. He first joined the Navy League Cadet Corps "J.R.K. Millen" as a cadet in 1977. He later joined the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps "Crusader" in 1979, finishing as a cadet Chief Petty Officer Second Class and joining the ranks of the Cadet Instructor Cadre in 1985.

LCdr Fitzpatrick commissioned in 1988, and has served with two sea cadet corps in Manitoba; RCSCC CRUSADER and RCSCC QU'APPELLE. He was the Executive Officer of RCSCC CRUSADER, and has held training and support positions at these corps, the Regional Cadet Instructor School (Northwest) and at Cadet Training Centre's.

Prior to commencing full-time employment with RCSU (Northwest) LCdr Fitzpatrick worked as an Office Manager for Law Reporting Transcription Services and previous to that as a Draftsman for a Mechanical Systems Manufacturer, CL Malach LTD upon completion of the Drafting Certificate Program at Red River Community College in 1988.

LCdr Fitzpatrick joined Region Cadet Staff Establishment (Prairie) in 1992 serving as the Staff Officer Cadet Boats until 2007, when he became the Regional Cadet Training Officer (Sea).

LCdr Fitzpatrick was appointed to the position Officer In Charge Sea Training on 1 April 2009 and Officer In Charge Sea/Common Training 1 April 2013.

#### **Commanding Officer's Message**

## Lieutenant (Navy) S.M. Pelland, CD Commanding Officer

Good evening all,

Welcome to the 96th Annual Ceremonial Review (ACR). As this Training Year comes to a close and Summer Camp preparation begins I would like to take the time to thank the Cadets and the Officers for another incredible year. The parade tonight is a demonstration of the hard work the cadets and officers have put forward throughout the year.

I would like to thank our Branch for all their support and fundraising for the corps. Thank you to the West Kildonan Legion for their support. The cadets on parade today would not be this successful.

This being my third year and final year as CO, I am very proud and happy to be apart of such an amazing and dedicated group. Without this team, the cadets would not be putting on this impressive Annual Ceremonial Review.

Have a great summer to all and we will see you in the new Training year 2016-17.

Lt(N) Sadie Pelland, CD
Commanding Officer
RCSCC John Travers Cornwell VC

Some up and coming dates to remember:

- -COprs Photo 9 June at HMCS Chippawa
- -Annual corps BBQ at the Lord Roberts Community Centre 16 June, Parents and families are invited to attend for fun and games and great food.
  - -Corps Sail weekend 17 to 19 June, please see the TrgO to Sign up
  - 8 September, Admin evening
  - -15 September, First parade

#### **Corps Officers and Volunteers**

Commanding Officer

Executive Officer

Supply Officer

Training Officer

Lt(N) S. Pelland CD

Lt(N) K. Daeninck CD

Lt(N) S. Chadwick CD

Lt(N) L. Palmquist CD

New Entry Training Officer
Guard Officer
Band Officer
Instructor

SLt C. Malone
Lt(N) A. Norquay
ASLt M. Charriere
SLt F. Chartier
SLt T. Lehtinen

Instructor Mr. S. Le

### **Senior Cadets**

Coxswain C1 S. Drake Regulating Petty Officer C2 M. Black

A-Company Gunner C2 R. Bittern-Stevenson

B-Company Gunner C2 I. Anderson

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, June 9, 2016 Corps Photo

Thursday, June 16, 2016 Corps BBQ

17 - 19 June 2016 Sail Weekend

Thursday, 26 June 2015 Last day for camp info/Supply

## The Navy League of Canada Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch

Welcome everyone to Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell Victoria Cross 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review.

I would like to congratulate the Corps Commanding Officer, Lt(N) Sadie Pelland, her Officers, the Chief's and Petty Officer's 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.

Tonight also marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of John Travers Cornwell's death on 2 June 1916. There are several events marking this milestone planned in England and tonight we will also commemorate this Anniversary by rededicating the Frank Salisbury print "Cornwell at the Gun" to the Corps. This picture was initially presented to the Corps in 1975 for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and has been recently restored for this evening's event and our up coming Corps 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020. Also released tonight is our CORNWELL CHALLENGE COIN, which is available for Cornwell Alumni and Branch Members.

The cadets parading before you tonight are part of the Canadian National Cadet Program. The partnership between the Navy League of Canada Cornwell Branch and the Department of National Defence 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 staff at the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Norhtwest);
- The Commanding Officer of HMCS Chippawa, LCdr I. Gillis;
- Mr. Brian Hawkeye, President Manitoba Division Navy League of Canada:
- The Executive and Members of the Cornwell Branch Navy League of Canada;
- Mr. John Chapman, President Manitoba Rifle Association; and
- Mr. Bob Watling, President West Kildonan Legion #30

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