

**3rd Destroyer Escort Squadron
Royal Canadian Navy
St. John's Nfld Courtesy Call
September 12th to 17th September 1962**

Purpose of the visit was to par-take in the 67th Annual Meeting of the National Council of the Navy League of Canada

The squadron, under the command of Capt. Gordon Edwards, RCN, consisted of HMCS Iroquois DDE 217, HMCS Sioux 225 and HMCS Huron 216. Iroquois and Sioux tied up at pier #17, former U S Army Dock, St. John's, while Huron proceeded around to Placentia Bay to the Argentia Naval Air Station as guests of the U S Navy.



Harbour Pilot being taken on board Iroquois prior to entering St. John's harbour; Photo by Bud Rose

The visit did not get off to a good start however as no member of HMCS Cabot Ships Company, was on the jetty to receive Iroquois lines as requested, due to the squadron arriving earlier than scheduled. Capt Edwards thus carried out boarding party procedures, and put a boarding party on the jetty to take the lines from HMCS Iroquois.



HMCS Iroquois preparing to put a boarding party on pier 17; Photo by the late R.C. Rose
Royal Newfoundland Regiment (WWI)

With HMCS Iroquois secured along side, procedures commenced to tie HMCS Sioux outboard of Iroquois. HMCS Huron proceeded to the South Side refueling depot to refuel and then proceeded on to Argentia.



HMCS Sioux preparing to come alongside Iroquois; Photo by the late R. C. Rose

Having secured the ships from sea duty, prepared made to take on supplies and prepare ships to receive guests. HMCS Stadacona Band which had shipped onboard HMCS Sioux proceeded to Bannerman Park near Government House, to conduct a band concert for the general public.

On both Thursday 13th and Friday 14th September the Officers were engaged in the ongoing actives of the National Council, while the ships company entertained the general public and the press at an open – house onboard both the Iroquois and the Sioux. On Saturday 15th Sept. both vessels engaged in day cruises with invited guests onboard. This included local dignitaries, Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, Ships Company of HMCS Cabot and some crew members from HMCS Avalon.