

John Mason, Capt (N) – Naval Career Abstract

December, 1942: Enlisted RCNVR in December as Stoker II/C.

February, 1943: Entered Engine Room Artificer (ERA) apprenticeship, Galt Ontario.

December, 1943: Promoted Stoker I/C. ERA Mechanical Training HMCS Stadacona, Halifax.

July, 1944: HMCS Niagara (four stacker).

October, 1944: HMCS Fort Erie (Frigate).

April, 1945: Acting ERA 4/C. HMCS Antigonish (Frigate).

December, 1945: Discharged at HMCS York, Toronto.

January, 1946 to April, 1949: Mechanical Engineering degree at University of Toronto, BAsC .

May, 1949: Re-enlisted Sub/Lt (E) in RCN, attended Royal Naval Engineering college in Plymouth England.

September, 1950 - Aug 1951: Served in Korean War, HMS Kenya (Cruiser - Royal Navy).

July, 1951: Royal Navy Engineering College, Advanced Marine Engineering Training. Promoted to Lt.(E).

September, 1952: Engineering Officer, HMCS Quebec (Cruiser).

April, 1954: Engineering Officer, HMCS Buckingham (Frigate).

November, 1955 – July, 1957: Stood by HMCS Ottawa (Destroyer) during construction, Montreal. Promoted to LCDR(E). Qualified Clearance Diving Officer.

November, 1958 - November 1959: Stood by HMCS Chaudiere (Destroyer) during construction. Completed Bridge Watching Certificate and passed Command Exams/board. Became First engineering Officer in RCN to be Command Qualified.

March, 1962: Fifth Squadron, Cadet Midshipman Training Officer.

September, 1962: Watch Keeping Officer, HMCS St. Croix (Destroyer)

September, 1962: Promoted to Commander. Royal Research Establishment, Dartmouth.

July, 1964: Commanded HMCS Algonquin (destroyer), first officer of Engineering Specialization in history of RCN to Command a seagoing warship. Also Ships Diving Officer.

May, 1965: Executive Officer for HMCS Stadacona. Acting Commander (July – September).

October, 1965: Posted to Naval HQ, on the staff of Director of Ship Design and Construction.

September, 1967: Promoted to Captain, appointed as the director of intelligence production.

1972: Received MA in Public Administration at Carleton University.

August, 1972: Senior Maritime Liaison Officer, Canadian Defense Liaison Staff in London, England.

August, 1976: Naval Military and Air Attache for Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Canadian Embassy Oslo, Norway.

November, 1978: Retired 34 years of Service. Victoria BC. Continued to work 12 years for BC Government as Professional Engineer.