



COMMISSIONING OF
HER MAJESTY'S CANADIAN SHIP
H.M.C.S. CAPE SCOTT

at

HER MAJESTY'S CANADIAN DOCKYARD
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

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ADMIRAL'S MESSAGE

The greatest threat to the security of the free world today is the missile-equipped submarine.

To combat this menace the Royal Canadian Navy must have in readiness a fully modern and highly mobile fleet, maintained at all times at maximum efficiency.

The commissioning of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Cape Scott is an important step towards the achievement of this objective. As the RCN's first escort repair ship, the Cape Scott will carry the heavy responsibility of providing repair maintenance facilities for anti-submarine escort vessels away from home port.

The advantages to the Atlantic Command of these new facilities are obvious and should result in a significant increase in the operational mobility and flexibility of the fleet, so essential to modern anti-submarine warfare.

To the Captain, Officers and Men of the Cape Scott, I extend my best wishes for a happy and most successful commission.

H. B. Bullen.

FLAG OFFICER ATLANTIC COAST

HISTORY

HMCS CAPE SCOTT

(ex-Beachy Head, ex-Vulkaan)

The first maintenance ship to be built in Canada's West Coast shipyards, the "Cape Scott" was launched on September 27, 1944, at the yards of Burrard Drydock Company, North Vancouver.

She was commissioned into the Royal Navy as HMS Beachy Head on March 27, 1945, at Vancouver, under the command of Captain C.K. Adam, DSO, RN.

She left Esquimalt, B.C., on May 20, 1945, for San Francisco and on May 26 sailed from there for Pearl Harbor and the East Indies.

The Beachy Head served with the RN until April 15, 1947, when she was loaned to the Royal Netherlands Navy and re-named the Vulkaan.

She was returned to the RN in 1950, reverting to her name of Beachy Head. In 1952 she returned to Canada and the same year was renamed "Cape Scott".

On her arrival in Canada, the "Cape Scott" was placed in reserve at Halifax. In May, 1958, she was taken in hand for fitting out. She had been used to provide a limited amount of training of naval technical apprentices from HMCS "Cape Breton" a sister ship, which lay alongside her at Halifax and served as the technical apprentice training establishment.

Some statistics on the "Cape Scott" are:

Displacement:	10, 270 tons.
Speed:	10 knots
SHP:	2,500
Length:	441 feet 6 inches overall.
Beam:	57 feet.

SHIP'S BADGE

Blazon:

Argent, a cross Azure charged in the centre with a thistle or and interlaced with a gear-wheel Gules.

Significance:

Cape Scott on Vancouver Island was named by Captain Lowrie and Captain Guise in honour of David Scott a merchant of Bombay who



assisted in organizing in 1786, a trading expedition from that Port to Nootka Sound. These officers commanded the ships "Captain Cook" and "Experiment" respectively.

The blue cross in the badge is taken from the flag of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay; the gear-wheel refers to one of the functions of HMCS CAPE SCOTT as a maintenance Vessel, and the thistle of course, is in reference to the name "Scott".

Ship's Colours:

White and Blue.

ROLE OF THE SHIP

Her majesty's Canadian Ship "Cape Scott" is the first repair ship for fleet support to be commissioned into the Royal Canadian Navy.

The ship has well equipped Machine Shops, Electrical, Electronic and Sonar Repair Shops. Facilities are provided for Instrument and Teletype repair. A Helicopter Repair Shop, Ordnance Workshop, Shipwright Shop and Foundry are also fitted aboard.

The main functions of H.M.C.S. "Cape Scott" will be to provide repair facilities for escort vessels away from home and to provide limited logistic support for the fleet.

P R O G R A M M E

- 1100 - Flag Officer Atlantic Coast arrives
- 1101 - General Salute
- 1102 - Inspect Guard
- 1108 - "O Canada"
- 1109 - Address by Admiral
- 1115 - Religious Services

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY
CHAPLAIN B.A. PEGLAR, CD., RCN
COMMAND CHAPLAIN (P) ATLANTIC COAST

HYMN

O FATHER, King of Earth and Sea,
We dedicate this ship to Thee;
In faith we send her on her way,
In faith to Thee we humbly pray,
O hear from heaven our sailors cry,
And watch and guard her from on high.

And when at length her course is run,
Her work for home and country done;
Of all the souls that in her sailed,
Let not one life in Thee have failed,
But hear from heaven our sailors cry,
And grant eternal life on high.

Amen.

PSALM 107

- 23. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
- 24. These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.
- 25. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
- 26. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.
- 27. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

- 1130 - Commission of CAPE SCOTT - "National Anthem"
- 1132 - Address by Commanding Officer
- 1135 - Man CAPE SCOTT - "Heart of Oak"
- 1140 - Commanding Officer proceeds onboard
- 1141 - Commanding Officer receives Flag Officer Atlantic Coast.

28. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31. Oh that man would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

43. Who so is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

PRAYER

O THOU that sittest above the water floods, and stillest the raging of the sea, accept, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy servants for all who in this ship, now and hereafter, shall commit their lives unto the perils of the deep. In all their ways enable them truly and godly to serve thee, and by their Christian lives to set forth thy glory throughout the earth. Watch over them in their going forth and their coming in, that no evil befall them, nor mischief come nigh to hurt their souls. And so through the waves of their troublesome world, and through all the changes and chances of this mortal life, bring them of thy mercy to the sure haven of thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE SHIP

O ETERNAL LORD GOD, who hast united us as shipmates in the bond of fellowship; enable us to be worthy of those who have served before us; and grant us with a willing spirit to fulfil whatever duty may be laid upon us, that when our work on earth is over we may find our rest in thine eternal service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY
CHAPLAIN CHARLES B. MURPHY, RCN
COMMAND CHAPLAIN (RC) ATLANTIC COAST

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

- V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who made heaven and earth.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, strength and courage of the upright, and defender of thy people, who didst commit to thy holy servant Moses the mission of instructing and leading thy chosen people, grant we beseech thee, thy blessing and protection upon this ship. Pour upon this ship, the officer who commands her, his officers and men, the richness of thy blessing, guidance and protection. May they be ever inspired by the holy law. May they grasp with their minds, cherish in their hearts and carry out in deed all the teachings that lead to salvation, so that they may safely reach the haven of eternal life. Through Christ Our Lord. AMEN



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

On this day, the commissioning of our ship, I welcome the officers and men of HMCS CAPE SCOTT. Our Canadian built ship whilst having served under two other naval flags, the British and Netherlands, and being in the reserve fleet of Canada for the last five years is making her first appearance in the active fleet. Thus for the first time in the history of the Canadian Navy we have a mobile maintenance repair vessel. But our ship can serve no purpose without the high degree of technical skill of the men who will sail in her, working together as a team. We are the team which has the responsibility of bringing her to life as an efficient working unit of the fleet.

Individually, we bring a variety of experience and technical skills to the ship and our next task is to forge ourselves into members of this team. We must be able to function in peace as well as in war. Our purpose is to extend the operations and efficiency of the fleet. This is our immediate and continuing aim and will demand the utmost from each of us. Let us therefore take pride in our aim "Our Purpose is to Serve".

OFFICERS

CDR. F.J. JONES, CD., RCN
COMMANDING OFFICER

LCDR R.P. LEMAY, CD., RCN EXECUTIVE OFFICER	CDR (E) E.F. WILLIAMS, CD., RCN SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER
LCDR H.E. TAYLOR, CD., RCN SENIOR WATCHKEEPING OFFICER	LCDR (E) T. DOCKER, CD., RCN ENGINEER OFFICER & SENIOR REPAIR OFFICER
LT J. CLAPTON, RCN NAVIGATING OFFICER	 LT (L) R.A. PEARMAN, RCN ELECTRICAL OFFICER & ELECTRICAL REPAIR OFFICER
LT R.C. KNAPP-FISHER, RCN WATCH-KEEPING OFFICER	 CMD. ENG. E. NURSE, CD., RCN SENIOR ENGINEER
LT B.J. BROWN, CD., RCN COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	CMD. RAD. OFF. R. EMMERSON RCN ELECTRONIC REPAIR OFFICER
CMD BOS'N H.J. HANCOCK, RCN WATCH-KEEPING OFFICER	CMD. ENG. R. HERDMAN, CD., RCN WORKSHOP OFFICER
LCDR (S) D.B. DIXON, CD., RCN SUPPLY OFFICER	CMD. ENG. H. JENKINS, RCN SHIPS MACHINERY OFFICER
LT (S) J.M. ARMSTRONG, CD. RCN DEPUTY SUPPLY OFFICER	CMD. ORD. OFF. C. MACNEIL, CD., RCN ORDNANCE REPAIR OFFICER
LT (S) D.H. MACDONALD, CD., RCN STORES OFFICER	SURG. LT. T.B. KALL, RCN MEDICAL OFFICER
SUBLT (S) S J.J. CUSSON RCN CASH OFFICER	CONST. LT. A. SHOTT, CD., RCN SHIPWRIGHT OFFICER

SHIP'S COMPANY

ALLEN Frederick	C1ST4	SMITH Reginald	C2SH4
BELL Lester	C1SH4	STEVENS Bernard	C2CK4
GILLIS Douglas	C1MR4	TIPERT Bernard	C2TM4
LAWSON Lloyd	C1ER4	WEBBER Spurgeon	C2SH4
LESLIE Duncan	C1ET4	WILSON J.	C2CI4
STEVENSON Duncan	C1ET4		
UNDERDOWN John	C1OT4	BATEY William	P1EM2
WEAVER Ray	C1SH4	BURKE Wilford	P1SH4
		BROMLEY Raymond	P1VS3
BEKE Joseph	C2ET4	EMERSON Lylestog	P2SW3
BELL George	C2SH4	GEHAN Donald	P2VS3
BRIAND Francis	C2SH4	LYONS Terrance	P2SH3
BRUNET Arthur	C2SH4	MCCARTHY Joseph	P2NS2
CHAMPAGNE J.	C2PN3	MCLEOD William	P2GA3
COREY G.	C2EM4	Mac LAUGHLIN Russel	P2CK3
COX Gilbert	C2PB3	MCMILLAN Charles	P2RP3
DEAN James	C2ER4	PILOT David	P2CD3
GRIFFITHS Vivian	C2SW3	POLLOCK T.	P2EM3
JOHNSON M.	C2ER4	SALBERG M.	P2EM2
MCCULLOUGH Edward	C2EM4	SUTHERLAND Frank	P2QM2
McLean Carl	C2ER4	TRELEAVEN Fred	P2VS3
PROSSER Gilbert	C2EM4	MURCHY H.	P2EF3
ROE Douglas	C2SH4	ANDERSON Francis	LSNS2
SARANIC William	C2ER4	BAKER Frederick	LSQM2

BROWN John	LSEF2	McGILL John	PICK3
BUGG Charles	LSTA3	MORROW Joseph	PICR3
CHRISTMAS George	LSSW2	MURPHY William	PICV3
CORRIGAN Dauid	LSRW3	NICKERSON D.	PIER4
COTE Barry	LSEF3	PALMER Leonard	PIEM4
CROUSE L.	LSQM2	RATLSON A.	PICK3
D'ANDREA Duncan	LSEMI	REID C.	PISH4
DORION Reginald	LSEF3	ROGERS Robert	PITA4
EATON B.	LSAF2	SANILANDS Adam	PISH4
ECKHARDT Harold	LSAA1	SELF Robert	PIER4
FIRLOTTE David	LSQM2	SEYMOUR Gordon	PINS3
GAUDET Joseph	LSEM'	SQUIRE Robert	PIET4
GOBIEL J. Ludovic	LSCK2	TIVY Harry	PIRG3
CAVANAUGH James	PIGA4	WILLIAMSON Norman	PIER4
CURRIE William	PIEM4		
DUNBAR Grant	PIEC4	BEAUDRY Joseph	P2EM3
DUNCAN Robert	PIER4	BENTLEY D.	P2LR2
EDWARDS L.	PIEM2	BUTLER Russel	P2NS2
FULFORD Norman	PIEA4	CHARRIER Roland	P2NS2
FUREY George	PIQM3	CUNNINGHAM James	P2CK2
GREEN John	PIAW3	HAGGET Winston	LSQM2
HILL Ian	PIPC3	HALE Francis	LSEMI
HOLLAND W.	PIVS3	HARDY Marcel	LSEM2
HUTCHINSON Donald	PIRT4	HARRIS Donald	LSNS2
KRAMP Jacob	PIPW3	HUTCHINSON Lorne	LSEMI
LEGUE Robert	PIRT4	KEEPING Burton	LSCK2

KILMARTIN Albert	LSEMI	BAKER Robert	ABEM1
LAUZON Laurent	LSSW2	BARBIN Rodrigue	ABSW1
McINTOSH George	LSVS2	BARR Donald	ABCK1
McISAAC Harold	LSRP2	BLACK William	ABCD1
McDONALD Vincent	LSCK2	BLENKHORN Russel	ABNS1
McKAY C.	LSQM1	BOYLE Philip	ABEM1
MASON Stanley	LSQM2	BRAITHWAITE John	ABLM1
MILLER Pierre	LSNS2	BRETERON John	ABLM1
NOYES Pierre	LSNS2	BYRNE Bruce	ABCK1
O'QUINN S.	LSEMI	CARMAN John	ABCK1
ROBERTS R.	LSQM1	CARMICHAEL Clarence	ABVS1
ROSE Gordon	LSSW2	CHARBONNEAU Raymond	ABLM1
SCHOLFIELD Donald	LSQM2	CLARKE Howard	ABEM1
SHEPLEY Dexter	LSEMI	CLOUSTON Wilmer	ABQM1
SIMPSON David	LSNS1	COAKER David	ABEM1
SMITH Lester	LSEF3	DAGENAIS Brian	ABEM1
STEVENSON Robert	LSSW2	DUSSEAULT Remi	ABSW1
THOMAS Norman	LSAR2	FRASER Malcolm	ABEM1
TIMMS James	LSVS2	GAGNE Karl	ABEM1
WATTS John	LSCK2	GAGNE Meryle	ABNS1
WILLIAMS Leonard	LSAM2	GATER William	ABLM1
WILLIS Stanley	LSM02	GATZKE M.	ABEM1
		GAUTHIER C. J.	ABEM1
ADAMS Glen	ABTD1	GILBERT Ronald	ABQM1
ANDERSON Donald	ABSW1	JLLESPIE Richard	ABCV1
BAIRD John	ABEM1	GRIFFITH Murray	ABLM1

HEMING David	ABEM1	MUISE Peter	ABCK1
HILTON William	ABCD1	MUNDEN Hickman	ABEM1
HOGUE Ernest	ABVS2	MURPHY Harold	ABMA1
HORTON Stanley	ABEM1	NEWELL Denis	ABCR1
JACOBS Joseph	ABRP1	NICKERSON George	ABNS1
JONES Donald	ABCV1	O'LEARY Bernard	ABSW1
JOHNSON Robert	ABQ41	PHOFITCH Allan	ABCR1
KINGSBURY L.	ABQM2	PENNY Patrick	ABEM1
LALONDE John	ABQR1	PRIDHAM Alwin	ABEM1
LAPIERRE Ronald	ABCK2	RANDALL Robert	ABEM1
LAX M.	ABEM1	READY C.J.	ABEM1
LIPPERT James	ABPW2	ROGERS Russell	ABNS1
LONGLADE Joseph	ABEM1	ROOSSEN Henry	ABCK1
LORTIE Andre	ABSW1	SABOURIN Armand	ABCK1
MALO Kent	ABEM1	SANDERSON Hebert	ABLM1
MCGEE David	ABCK1	SHORT Gerald	ABVS1
MCDONALD Dean	ABEM1	SUTHERLAND Edwin	ABEM1
MCDONALD William	ABVS1	WENTZELL Vernon	ABSW1
MACKERETH E.	ABEM1	WOODHOUSE Joseph	ABMA1
MCLEAN Charles	ABEM1	YEARWOOD Stafford	ABEM1
MCLEOD Collis	ABEM1		
MARTIN Blair	ABVS2	CRACKNELL A.	OSLMS
MARTIN Russel	ABEM1	GIBBONS Gerald	OSSWS
MILLAR John	ABEM1	GROSSLEY G.	OSLMS
MILLER Burke	ABNS1	LINGLEY C.	OSLMS
MOORE William	ABAW2	MCCLENNAN W.	OSLMS

MCCONNELL Edward	OSNS1
MCKEOWAN R.	OSLMS
PATENAUE B.	OSLMS
PHENIX R.J.	OSLMS
REID Robert	OSVSS
ROBERTS E.R.	OSLMS
SCOTCHBURN W	OSLMS
WORTMAN Ross	OSQMS

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