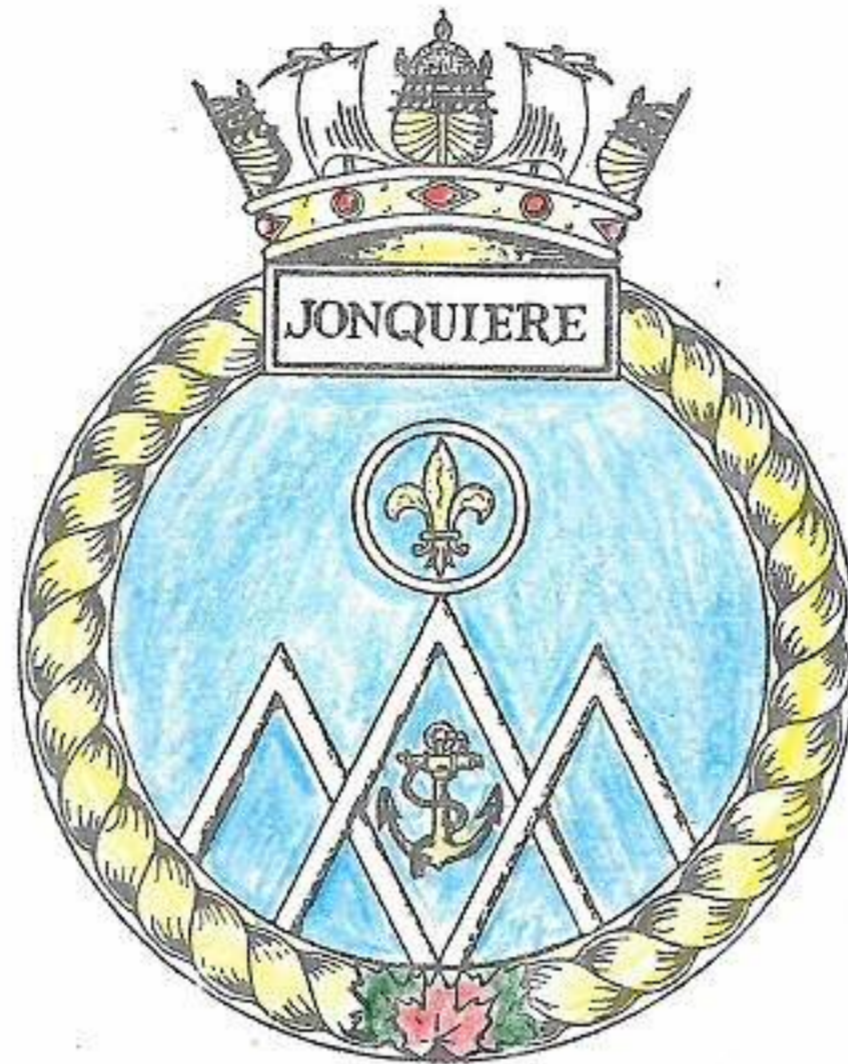


H.M.C.S. JONQUIERE



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The Ship's History

HMCS JONQUIERE was launched as the numbered hull CN-493 on 28 October, 1943, in the Davie Shipbuilding and Repair Yards in Lauzon, Quebec. With the hoisting of the White Ensign on 10 May, 1944, HMCS JONQUIERE became a member of the Royal Canadian Navy and served the remainder of the war in the North Atlantic.

On 4 December, 1945, JONQUIERE was paid off into dockyard hands and on 16 January, 1946, she was turned over to War Assets Corporation to be placed in "strategic reserve" at Sorel, Quebec.

Canadian NATO requirements drew her out of reserve in 1951 to commence an extensive conversion to become a frigate of the Prestonian Class. On 20 September, 1954, HMCS JONQUIERE was again accepted into the Royal Canadian Navy.

On 2 October, 1954, JONQUIERE sailed from Halifax in company with HMC Ships BROCKVILLE and DIGBY to join the Pacific Command one month later.

Since her arrival on the Pacific Coast, JONQUIERE has assisted with Cadet training, actively participated in numerous exercises and had the honour of transporting the Governor-General, the Right Honourable Vincent Massey from Prince Rupert to Masset - Queen Charlotte City to Prince Rupert - and from Squamish to Esquimalt.

On 18 December, 1957, JONQUIERE paid off to undergo a refit at Victoria Machinery Depot, Victoria, B.C. completing and returning to Esquimalt on 10 April, 1958.

The Ship's Name

HMCS JONQUIERE is named in honour of the town of Jonquiere, a town in Chicoutimi County, Quebec.

The land on which the town stands was first settled in 1848. It was incorporated as a town in 1912, and in 1951 had a population of 21,618.

The town derives its name from the Marquis de la Jonquiere, a French naval officer who, in 1749, assumed the duties of Governor of New France for a period of a little over two years. Before he could return to France, the Marquis fell ill and died shortly afterwards in Quebec, on 17 March, 1752.

The Ship's badge is founded on the Marquis' arms. Three small chevrons are arranged across and interlaced on an azure background. The three proceed from the base; the central one being higher than the other two. Within the central chevron there is a fouled or rope-entangled anchor and above it, an amulet or ring within which there is a fleur-de-lis. The chevrons represent the mountain peaks which are a feature of the Marquis' arms and the anchor relates to his achievements as a naval officer. The gold fleur-de-lis refers to his position as Governor of New France. The Ship's colours are white and blue.