



HMCS FRASER

Final Sailpast

05 October 1994



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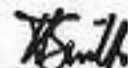
WELCOME ABOARD HMCS FRASER

On behalf of the Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship FRASER, I welcome you aboard for our final day at sea as the ship concludes her service to Canada and to our Navy.

FRASER is a ship with a proud history of service in the Canadian Navy. The first HMCS FRASER was one of the Royal Navy's "C" class destroyers, HMS CRESCENT, purchased by the Canadian government in late 1936. The ship was named after the turbulent British Columbia River and in conjunction with her sisters, she formed the backbone of the pre-war Royal Canadian Navy. She served with distinction during the war until 25 June 1940 when she was sunk following a serious collision with the HMS CALCUTTA.

The current FRASER, one of seven of the ST. LAURENT-class destroyers was laid down in December 1951 at Burrard Dry Dock Company in Vancouver and completed at Yarrows in Esquimalt in June 1956. Commissioned on 28 June 1957, FRASER has served throughout the world during her more than thirty-seven years of service, steaming over 900,000 nautical miles and visiting dozens of different countries. She has seen service in the Standing Naval Force Atlantic on a number of occasions, conducted two Canadian Arctic patrols, participated in a host of national and international exercises and most recently served two tours off the coast of Haiti enforcing United Nations resolutions. FRASER has proudly participated in Naval Reviews by the Governor-General at English Bay, Vancouver in 1958, for Canada's Centennial in 1967, for the NATO Naval Review at Spithead, Portsmouth in 1969 and for the seventy-fifth anniversary of Canada's Navy. She has also served in Royal Escort duties during the Royal Visit of 1959 and in a security assignment for the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.

All who have sailed in FRASER, past and present, are proud of her and her record. She is truly one of the grand old ladies of the Canadian Fleet. Named in honour of the 160 men of her company who gave their lives, a courageous explorer, a mighty river and a proud clan, she has proven in her service the truth of her motto, "Je suis Prêt." I hope you enjoy your day in the ship and thank you for being a part of FRASER's final sailpast.

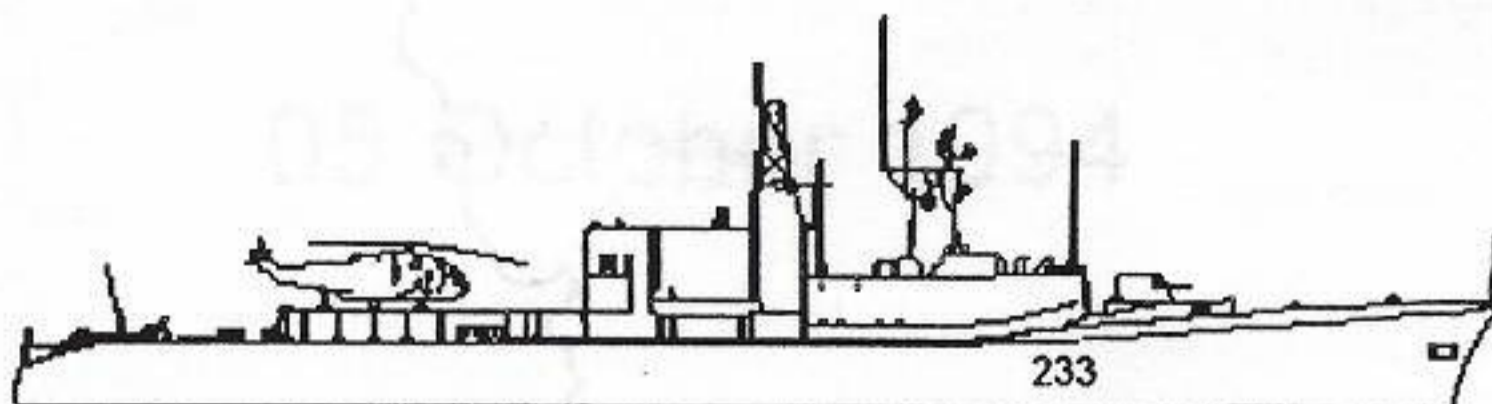


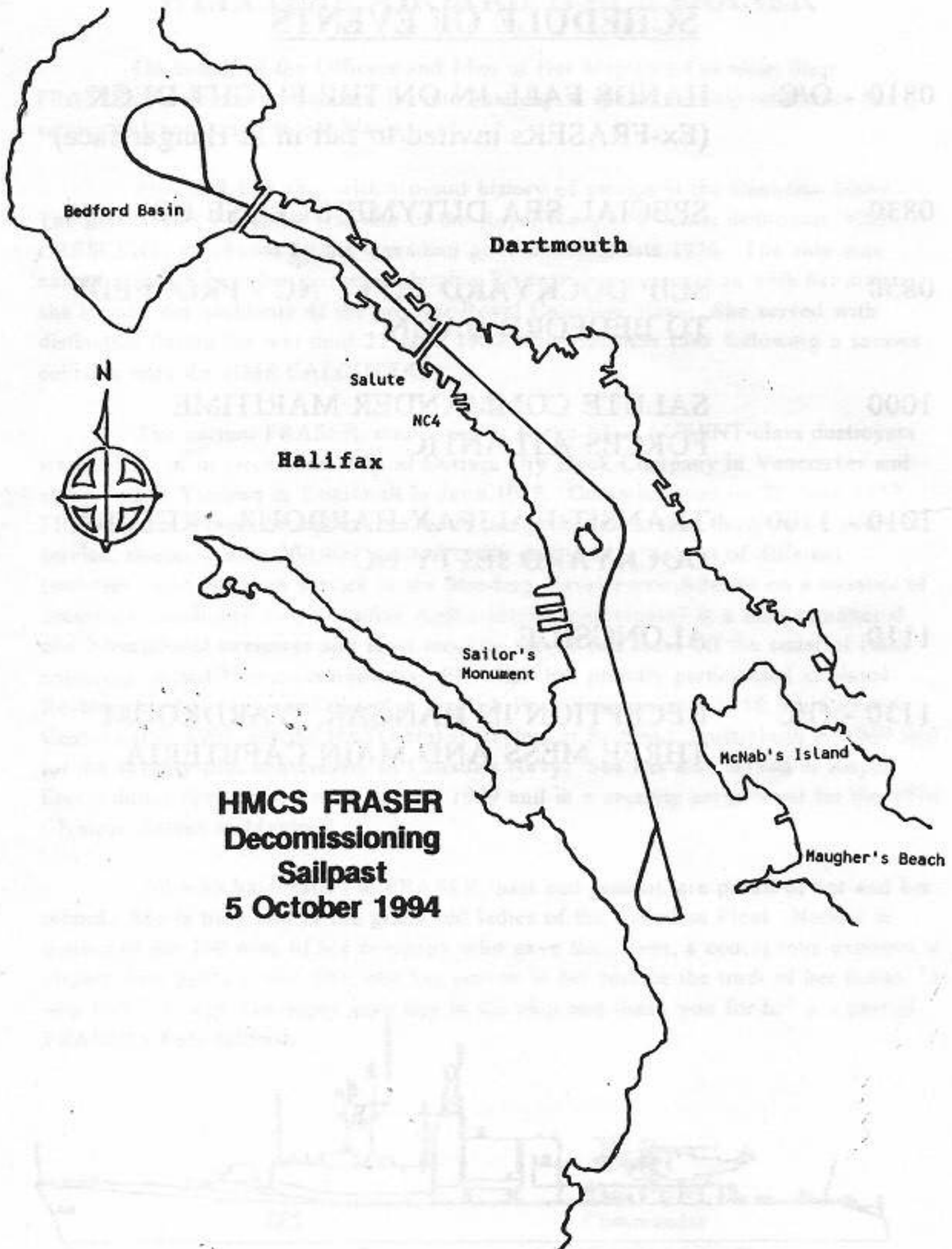
H.R. Smith
Commander
Commanding Officer

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 0810 - O/C HANDS FALL IN ON THE FLIGHT DECK
(Ex-FRASERS invited to fall in at Hangar face)
- 0830 SPECIAL SEA DUTYMEN CLOSE UP
- 0850 SLIP DOCKYARD JETTY NC - PROCEED
TO BEDFORD BASIN
- 1000 SALUTE COMMANDER MARITIME
FORCES ATLANTIC
- 1010 - 1100 TRANSIT HALIFAX HARBOUR - RETURN
DOCKYARD JETTY NC
- 1110 ALONGSIDE
- 1130 - O/C RECEPTION IN HANGAR, WARDROOM
THREE MESS AND MAIN CAFETERIA





Bedford Basin

Dartmouth

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Salute

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Halifax

Sailor's Monument

McNab's Island

Haugher's Beach

**HMCS FRASER
Decommissioning
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