



Paying Off  
of  
**HMCS YUKON**

HMC Dockyard  
Esquimalt, British Columbia  
03 December 1993



# HMCS YUKON

Commissioned 25 May 1963  
Burrard Dry Dock Co. Ltd.  
Vancouver, BC

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Esquimalt, BC

*"Only The Fit Survive"*

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# HMCS YUKON

DDE 263

## PLATFORM CLASS

MacKenzie Class Destroyer Escort

## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

<i>Displacement (M Tons):</i>	2890 Full 2476 Standard
<i>Dimension (Feet/Metres):</i>	Length: 366/111.6 Beam: 42/ 12.8 Draft: 23.8/ 7.2
<i>Machinery:</i>	Geared Turbines, 2 Shafts, 30,000 SHP
<i>Boilers:</i>	2 Water Tube
<i>Fuel Capacity:</i>	Distillate - 545.1 CUMS
<i>Fresh Water Capacity:</i>	51.7 tons
<i>Complement:</i>	Officers - 12 (19 Training) CPO & PO - 47 CREW - <u>126</u> 185 (204)

## OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

### SPEED (KTS):

*Maximum:* 29+

*Economical:* 12

*Range:* 4750 NM AT 14 kts

### COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT:

6 HF Transmitters

1 VHF Transmitter

9 UHF Transmitters

9 LF/MF/HF Receivers

### RADARS:

SPS 12 Air Search

SPS 502 Surface Search

2 SPG 48 Fire Control

Sperry MK 127E Navigation Radar

### SONARS:

Marconi Seahorse

SQS 505      AQA 5

WQC 501      MK 8 Bathythermograph

**UNDERWATER WEAPONS:**

2 MK 32 MOD  
5 Torpedo Tubes (3 Barrel)

**ABOVE WATER WEAPONS:**

3"70 Gun (Forward)  
3"50 Gun (Aft)

**EW EQUIPMENT:**

WLR 1C	UPD 501
WLA 3A	DPTSA
SRD 501	Collins MF 2050
SLA 10A	

**TACTICAL DATA SYSTEM:**

Adlips (Link 11 & 14 RX/TX)

**NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT:**

EM Log  
Loran "C"  
MF/DF  
Magnavox 1105 Satnav/Omega  
MK 23 Gyro Compass  
Wind Speed and Direction

**HEIGHT ABOVE THE WATER LINE:**

	FEET	METRES
Overtaking Light	24	7.3
Side Lights	30	9.1
Funnel	46	14.0
Sperry Antenna Platform	50.9	15.5
SPS 12 Platform	50.9	15.5
SPS 502 Platform	70.3	21.4
Mainmast	72	21.9
Senior Officers Top Light	80	24.4
Foremast	114.5	34.9

**ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT:**

(1) Motor Workboat, (1) Sea Boat, (2) Zodiacs, (2) Anchors



## The Ship's Badge

**BLAZON:** Gules, a bend wavy Or charged with a like bendlet Azure, and all over all a Malamute Sled Dog, proper.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** The Malamute Sled Dog is derived from the Crest in the Arms of the Yukon Territory. The Wavy diagonal in blue and gold is a reference to the River Yukon along the borders of which great gold deposits once existed.

**SHIP'S COLOURS:** White and Red

### SHIP'S MOTTO

*– Only the Fit Survive –*

This very fitting motto was taken from Robert Service's poem "*The Law of the Yukon.*"  
The last stanza from which this line was taken is:

*This is the Law of the Yukon  
that only the Strong  
shall thrive;  
That surely the Weak shall  
perish,  
and only the Fit Survive.*

*Dissolute, damned and despairful,  
crippled and palsied  
and slain,  
This is the Will of the Yukon,-  
Lo! how she makes it  
plain!*



*Under Vancouver's famous Lions Gate Bridge, destroyer escort hull 263 proceeds to the Strait of Georgia for last minute trials prior to joining the Canadian Anti Submarine fleet. This photo taken prior to HMCS YUKON being commissioned on 25 May 1963.*



*HMCS YUKON arrives in Esquimalt for the first time, Friday, 29 May 1963 at 1540. YUKON sailed from Vancouver immediately after the commissioning ceremony stopping for ammunition prior to entering Esquimalt harbour. YUKON remained in Esquimalt, conducting post-commissioning trials until July 16 whereupon she sailed for her new home port of Halifax, NS.*

# The Ship – HMCS YUKON

In October of 1959, a new Canadian warship was laid down in Burrard Dry Dock Company Ship Yard in North Vancouver, BC. The ship was the third of her class, a new and modern warship that was to lead Canada's Navy into the 21st Century. She was one of the ships referred to as the "Cadillac". The name of this ship, HMCS YUKON third of the Mackenzie class and the first of her name. On Saturday 25 May 1963 she was commissioned into the Royal Canadian Navy and manned with an East Coast crew. The Commanding officer, Cdr. R.W.J.Cocks CD and ships company departed the West Coast on the 16 of July 1963 and YUKON headed for her east coast home Halifax, NS.

Yukon spent the remainder of 1963 and all of 1964 sailing the usual east coast haunts, from St. John's Newfoundland and Quebec City to the United Kingdom and Europe. In 1965 Yukon once again made her way through the Panama Canal and returned to Esquimalt where she would remain until early 1972. YUKON again travelled eastward to Halifax, and it would not be until 1975 that she would finally return to Esquimalt. Then she would become part of the Fourth Canadian Destroyer Squadron and take up duties as a training ship.

HMCS YUKON has been a member of every squadron from the First, Third and Fifth destroyer squadrons of the east coast to the Second and Fourth Destroyer Squadrons of the west coast. Originally designed as an ASW platform she was fitted with the most modern equipment of her day; mortars fitted aft, several advanced sonar sets with Canadian modifications and two gun mounts, 3 inch 70 forward and 3 inch 50 aft, both were designed primarily for Anti Air defense but could also be used for surface engagements.

A time must come however when age must give way to youth. This has never been truer than with warships. Their duty is an arduous one and one that is often unforgiving. HMCS YUKON travelled a total distance of almost 800,000 nautical miles with nary a whimper in thirty years and seven months. YUKON served her country and the men and women that sailed in her with distinction. Whether on operational deployment or carrying out duties as a training ship, HMCS YUKON has always lived up to her motto: "only the fit survive". It is now time for YUKON to be relieved and for another to take the watch. HMCS CALGARY will replace YUKON, coming to the fore as YUKON once did in 1963. YUKON will not be forgotten as she will become the new harbour training ship, training a new breed of sailors for their new and modern warships.

On 3 December 1993 at 1200 HMCS YUKON sailed for the last time from Esquimalt Harbour. The winds were calm and the skies overcast as she made her way from the harbour mouth and across the Victoria waterfront. YUKON sailed past Duntze head for the last time receiving Rear Admiral Wallers final salute. Once alongside a brief ceremony was held and at 1445 HMCS YUKON's Naval Jack and Ensign were hauled down and turned over to the Commissioner of the Yukon for safekeeping until the next YUKON is commissioned in the Canadian Navy.



# The First Ship's Company

May 25, 1963

## OFFICERS

R.W.J. Cocks	Commanding Officer
LCdr H.H.W.Plant	Executive Officer
Lt(N)R.D.Speed	Operations officer
LT(N) J.Allan	Weapons Officer
Lt(N) J.W.Alexander	Ass't Weapons Officer
Lt(N) D.G.Paltridge	Navigating Officer
Lt(N) H.C.Ashcroft	Engineering Officer
Lt(N) K.R.Campbell	Supply Officer
Sblt H.L.Richardson	Training Duties
Sblt L.M.Michaud	Training Duties
Sblt J.V.E.Gauthier	Training Duties
Sblt J.L.Bent	Training Duties

## MEN

Chief Petty Officer C.R.Cruikshank

Coxswain

## DECK DEPARTMENT

Petty Officer	J.Saunderson	Able Seaman	R.Brooks
Petty Officer	W.Wright	Ordinary Seaman	E.Kenny
Leading Seaman	G.Murphy	Ordinary Seaman	P.Young
Leading Seaman	R.Bragg	Ordinary Seaman	E.McNeil
Leading Seaman	D.Allan	Ordinary Seaman	King
Able Seaman	J.Carroll	Ordinary Seaman	G.Laur
Able Seaman	D.Begon	Ordinary Seaman	K.Park

## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Petty Officer	G.Andrews	Able Seaman	D.Rochford
Petty Officer	J.Milligan	Able Seaman	D.Demmon
Petty Officer	J.Schimmel	Able Seaman	W.Blanche
Leading Seaman	L.Freeborn	Ordinary Seaman	D.Senholt
Leading Seaman	V.Manning	Ordinary Seaman	P.Goegeon
Able Seaman	J.Savage	Ordinary Seaman	Montgomery
Able Seaman	H.Bordages	Ordinary Seaman	D.Howick
Able Seaman	A.Cox	Ordinary Seaman	D.Peterson
Able Seaman	J.McNeil	Ordinary Seaman	J.Wind
Ordinary Seaman	K.Seib		
Ordinary Seaman	C.Lemieux	Chief Petty Officer	J.Fehr
Ordinary Seaman	McLaughlin	Leading Seaman	D.Stewart
Ordinary Seaman	P.Coleman	Leading Seaman	W.Martel

Ordinary Seaman  
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Ordinary Seaman

Petty Officer  
Petty Officer  
Leading Seaman  
Able Seaman  
Able Seaman

R.Beyette  
W.Taylor  
L.Chapman  
W.Caldwell

A.Griffith  
C.Fitt  
G.Stafford  
M.Moore  
J.Oliver

Able Seaman  
Able Seaman  
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Ordinary Seaman  
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Ordinary Seaman

R.Stevens  
D.Nolan  
V.Sideroff  
R.King  
W.Yanda  
B.Millar  
D.McGregor  
W.McKenna  
J.Low  
G.Lafleur

## WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

Chief Petty Officer  
Petty Officer  
Petty Officer  
Petty Officer  
Leading Seaman  
Able Seaman

Ordinary Seaman  
Ordinary Seaman  
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Ordinary Seaman

Chief Petty Officer  
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Leading Seaman

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W.Crammer  
P.Pichette  
B.Smith  
J.Glover  
G.Belanger  
G.Lavigne

W.Uhrig  
H.Allan  
W.McLaren  
P.Lafleur

J.Callighen  
C.Downey  
J.Guay  
C.Donner  
D.Spence  
M.Kilby  
K.Jennings  
D.Davies  
P.McPhail  
G.Dingley  
T.Mitchell  
W.Rochlow  
L.Solomon  
W.Factor  
A.Bostrom  
D.Price  
G.Moleman  
Everingham  
W.Lagadyn  
R.Amos

G.Singer  
J.Anderson  
D.Vansickle  
J.Lawrence

D.Lamb  
T.Bonney  
J.Boyle  
R.Geitzer  
S.Gauthier  
K.Andrés  
R.Howes  
W.McLeod

Able Seaman  
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Ordinary Seaman

Chief Petty Officer  
Petty Officer  
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Petty Officer  
Leading Seaman

J.Underhill  
H.Dewell  
B.Crum  
E.Ashton  
D.Crouse  
D.Lanham

E.Green  
J.Sidey  
N.Kimber  
M.Coulombe  
D.Murray  
H.Thorton  
D.Moyer  
G.Emond  
W.MacDonald  
W.Pakenham

J.Yorko  
R.Shoveller  
Bramwell  
G.Vipond  
J.Strachen  
J.Feener  
A.Reynolds  
J.Price  
W.Harris  
G.Laidlaw  
A.Young  
J.Grady  
J.Tait  
M.Palframan  
M.Cashback  
J.Bryson  
D.Lewis  
D.Cowling  
G.Baily

W.Young  
R.Brett  
F.Gowanlock  
C.Titus  
H.Legh

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Chief Petty Officer  
 Chief Petty Officer  
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 Chief Petty Officer  
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 Petty Officer  
 Petty Officer

E.Grant  
 T.Davies  
 L.Garagan  
 A.White  
 A.Ferguson  
 G.McPhadein  
 D.Sherlock  
 C.Hawkins  
 W.Currie

Petty Officer  
 Petty Officer  
 Petty Officer  
 Petty Officer  
 Petty Officer  
 Petty Officer  
 Leading Seaman  
 Leading Seaman

B.Henry  
 J.MacKinnon  
 E.Hillier  
 R.Beckett  
 H.Skirten  
 W.Chervak  
 E.Kohls  
 P.Irwin  
 E.Brisseau

Leading Seaman  
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R.Randall  
 W.Haviland  
 R.Crockett  
 D.Peterson  
 H.Willan  
 L.Anderson  
 F.Rostek  
 G.Murray  
 W.Hoover  
 W.Dyer  
 J.Nickels  
 V.Seefeldt  
 D.Basset  
 L.Monroe  
 J.Goyer  
 D.Calvert  
 E.Gerrard  
 R.Hayes  
 L.Keeping  
 J.Stratton  
 P.Stevens  
 R.Wigle  
 J.Poirier  
 E.Shaw

Ordinary Seaman  
 Ordinary Seaman  
 Ordinary Seaman  
 Ordinary Seaman

H.Collins  
 R.Plourde  
 G.Locas  
 G.Schendel

Chief Petty Officer  
 Petty Officer  
 Petty Officer  
 Leading Seaman  
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 Able Seaman  
 Able Seaman  
 Able Seaman  
 Ordinary Seaman  
 Ordinary Seaman

R.Hawkins  
 G.Dunbar  
 J.Foster  
 E.Ritchie  
 K.Spriggs  
 K.Tay  
 R.Moodie  
 G.Serres  
 P.Martin  
 W.Machin  
 W.Pesch

Chief Petty Officer  
 Petty Officer  
 Able Seaman  
 Able Seaman  
 Ordinary Seaman  
 Ordinary Seaman  
 Ordinary Seaman

R.Weaver  
 H.Millman  
 J.Martin  
 R.Spink ble  
 M.Howe  
 R.Pearson  
 H.Innes

## SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

Chief Petty Officer  
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 Petty Officer  
 Petty Officer  
 Leading Seaman  
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 Leading Seaman  
 Able Seaman  
 Able Seaman

G.Soucy  
 M.Gerrior  
 A.Goodwin  
 A.Watson  
 J.Niblett  
 D.Baker  
 C.Carrie  
 J.Doherty  
 J.Kearney  
 H.Tessier  
 S.Dumas  
 T.Ryan  
 R.Barbin  
 H.Mierau  
 G.Bass

Able Seaman  
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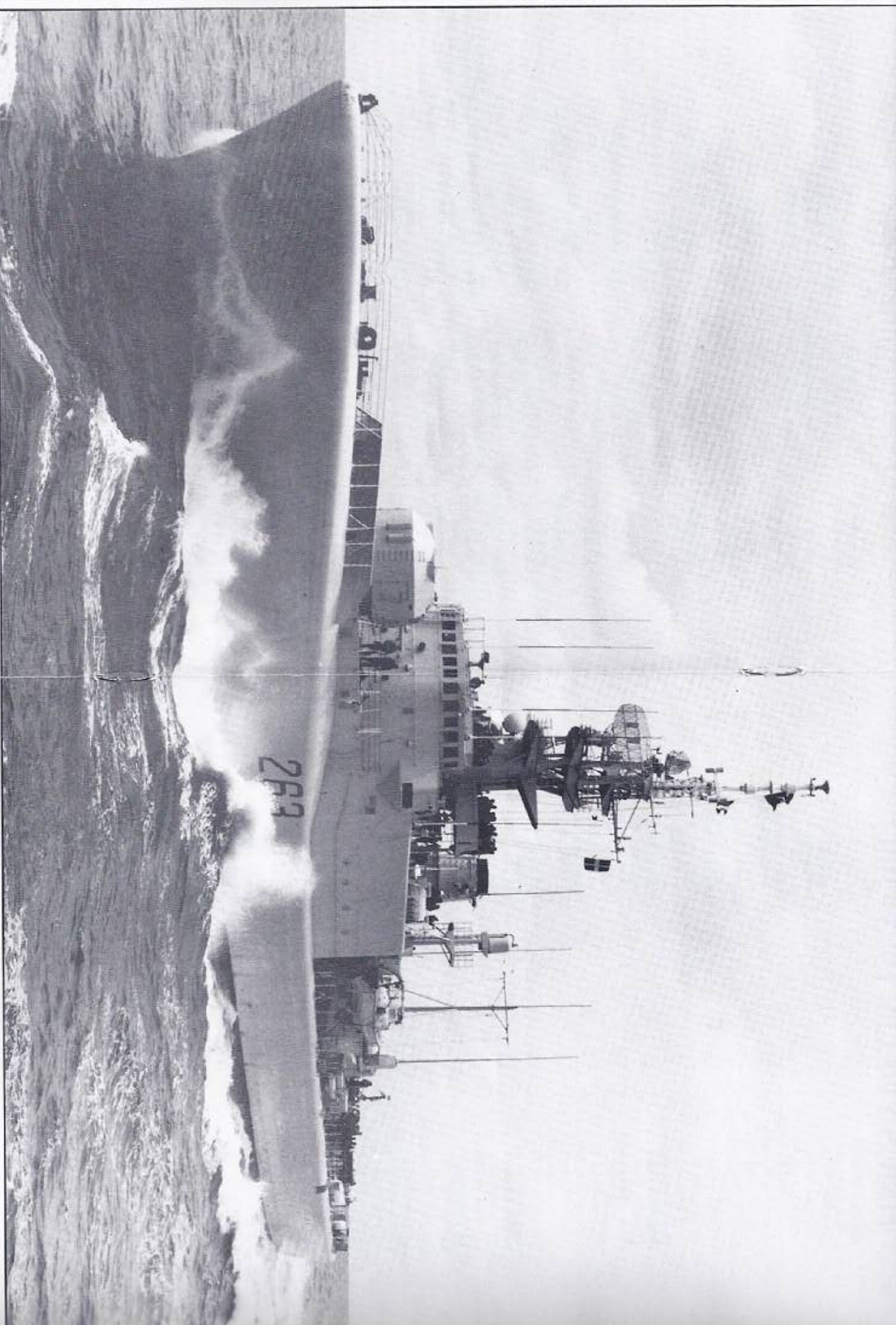
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 M.Johnston  
 F.Labonte  
 R.Roberge  
 R.Lasko  
 W.Grant  
 W.Murray

# Commanding Officers

## HMCS YUKON

May 25, 1963 - November 23, 1993

Commander R.J.W.Cocks	25 May 1963 - 25 May 1965
Commander R.Carle	25 May 1965 - 01 Sep 1966
Commander S.I.Ker	01 Sep 1966 - 15 Jan 1968
Commander P.G.May	15 Jan 1968 - 12 Sep 1969
Commander C.H.P.Shaw	12 Sep 1969 - 28 Jun 1971
Commander J.D.Large	28 Jun 1971 - 09 Aug 1971
Commander T.C.Cotarus	09 Aug 1971 - 09 Aug 1973
Commander M.F.MacIntosh	09 Aug 1973 - 01 Oct 1976
Commander H.B.Kieran	01 Oct 1976 - 15 May 1978
Commander N.R.Boivin	15 May 1978 - 19 May 1981
Commander D.J.Crow	19 May 1981 - 28 Jul 1983
Commander J.K.Steele	28 Jul 1983 - 04 May 1984
Lieutenant Commander A.T.Pinnel	04 May 1984 - 16 Nov 1984
Commander M.F.Morres	16 Nov 1984 - 02 May 1986
Commander K.A.Nason	02 May 1986 - 21 Jul 1987
Commander K.V.Watson	21 Jul 1987 - 09 Sep 1989
Commander D.W.Fitzgerald	09 Sep 1989 - 26 Jul 1991
Commander J.G.V.Tremblay	26 Jul 1991 - 30 Jul 1992
Commander B.F.Lofthouse	30 Jul 1992 - 19 Aug 1993
Commander J.A.H.P.Lebel	19 Aug 1993 - 03 Dec 1993



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Aberdeen, Washington	Mazatlan, Mexico
Acajutla, Mexico	Melbourne, Australia
Acapulco, Mexico	Nanaimo, BC
Adak, Alaska	Nanoose Bay, BC
Adelaide, Australia	Napier, New Zealand
Alert Bay, BC	Nassau, Bahamas
Amsterdam, Holland	New Westminster, BC
Argentia, NFLD	New Orleans,
Auckland, New Zealand	Newport, Rhode Island
Balboa	Norfolk, Virginia
Belfast, Ireland	Nuku Alofa, Tonga
Bella Bella, BC	Ocean Falls, BC
Bermuda	Osaka, Japan
Boston, Massachusetts	Pago Pago, BC
Bridgetown, Barbadoes	Papeete, Tahiti
Brisbane, Australia	Patricia Bay, BC
Burgeo, Newfoundland	Pearl Harbour, Hawaii
Callao, Peru	Pedder Bay, BC
Campbell River, BC	Port Hardy, BC
Campbellton, NB	Port Albernie, BC
Captain Cove, BC	Port Alice, BC
Cartegna, Colombia	Port Simpson, BC
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Port Hardy, BC
Colombia	Port Au Basques, NFLD
Colon, Panama	Port San Juan, BC
Comox, BC	Port Alice, BC
Corinto, Nicaragua	Portland, Oregon
Dalhousie, NB	Portsmouth, UK
Esquimalt, BC	Prince Rupert, BC
Everet, WA	Puerto La Luz, Gtan Canaria
Fagaloa Bay, Western Samoa	Punta Arenas, Costa Rica
Falmouth, UK	Quebec City, Quebec
Fort Rodman, Panama	Queen Charlotte City, BC
Friendly Cove, BC	Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
Galapagos Islands	Sacramento, California
Gibsons Landing, BC	Salina Cruz
Glacier Bay, Alaska	San Diego CA
Godthaab, Greenland	San Francisco, California
Gold River, BC	Sasebo, Japan
Guayaquil, Ecuador	Seattle, WA
Hakodate, Japan	Skagway, Alaska
Iceburg Bay, BC	Skidegate, BC
Inchon, Korea	St. Johns, NFLD
Juneau Alaska	St. Georges, NFLD
Kahului, Hawaii	St. Croix
Ketchikan, Alaska	Stephenville, NFLD
Kingstone, Jamaica	Suva, Fiji
Kitimat, BC	Sydney, Australia
Kobe, Japan	Sydney, NS
Kodiak, Alaska	Sylvester Bay, BC Tahsis, BC
Lautoka, Fiji	Tasu Sound, BC
Lisbon, Portugal	Tokyo, Japan
Londonderry, Northern Ireland	Vancouver, BC
Long Beach, California	Victoria, BC
Lowe Inlet, BC	Wellington, New Zealand
Lyttleton, New Zealand	Willemstad, Curacao
Manzanillo, Mexico	Winter Harbour, BC
Masset, BC	Zeballos, BC

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SUBJ: HMCS YUKON FAREWELL

1. FRIDAY 3 DEC IS INDEED A VERY NOSTALGIC DAY AS WE SAY FAREWELL TO ONE OF OUR FEW REMAINING CADILLACS. YUKON YOU HAVE ACQUITTED YOURSELF WITH DISTINCTION THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER AND NOW AS YOU PROCEED TO YOUR WELL DESERVED REST YOU GO WITH THE GRATITUDE AND THANKS OF THE NATION. YOU HAVE ALWAYS REPRESENTED CANADA WELL IN YOUR MANY FOREIGN DEPLOYMENTS AND YOUR SAILORS HAVE PROVED TO BE EXCELLENT AMBASSADORS REPRESENTING THE FINEST OF CANADIAN TRADITIONS

2. THIS SHOULD NOT BE A DAY OF SADNESS BUT ONE OF REVERENCE AS WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE EFFORTS OVER SO MANY YEARS OF SHIPS LIKE YUKON AND THE EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE GAINED BY HER SHIPS COMPANIES HAVE

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ALLOWED US TO TRANSITION TO THE NEW FLEET IN A SEAMAN-LIKE MANNER

3. THE FITTEST HAS SURVIVED WELL. THE WATCH HAS BEEN TURNED OVER.

BRAVO ZULU

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HMCS YUKON

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CBO		NACOPS	
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HMCS YUKON

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SUBJ: LAST DAY AT SEA/FINAL SAIL PAST - HMCS YUKON

1. IT IS AN HONOUR TO TAKE HMCS YUKON S FINAL SAIL PAST SALUTE. ON THE 25TH OF MAY 63 HMCS YUKON WAS COMMISSIONED AND HAS SINCE DONE THE NAVY PROUD CARRYING OUT DUTIES OF SOVEREIGNTY, DIPLOMACY, SECURITY AND TRAINING. SHE HAS LOGGED MORE THAN 850,000 NM VISITING APPROX 25 COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HMCS YUKON ALSO HOLDS THE DISTINCTION OF HAVING REPRESENTED THE CANADIAN NAVY AT THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RCN, THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAN, AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF RNZN. SHE LEAVES BEHIND A STRONG HERITAGE FOR ALL TO LOOK BACK ON

2. QUOTE ONLY THE FIT SURVIVE UNQUOTE IS A FITTING MOTTO FOR THIS GRAND LADY OF THE SEA AS SHE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE NAVY AS A HARBOUR TRAINING VESSEL, THUS SEEING MANY MORE SAILORS TRAIN IN HER

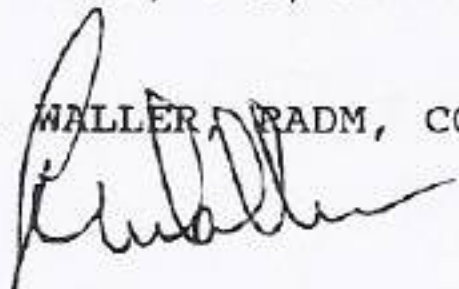
3. AS HMCS YUKON GETS READY TO EMBARK IN HER NEW ROLE SHE WILL LEAVE BEHIND MANY FOND MEMORIES AND A LEGACY OF PROUD, PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS AND MEN. SINCE AUG OF 74 WHEN HMCS YUKON JOINED TRAINING GROUP PACIFIC SHE HAS BEEN A VITAL LINK IN CANADA S ABILITY TO PRODUCE SAILORS WHO ARE SECOND TO NONE. THE CONSISTENT TEAM WORK, PRIDE AND DEDICATION OF THE SHIP S COMPANY HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ACHIEVING THE HIGH STANDARDS WE HAVE COME TO EXPECT AND RELY ON

4. BRAVO ZULU. PROVERBS 4-8

*D.*

W.J. THOM, PO1, N00-4, 5053

R.C. WALLER, RADM, COMD, 2800



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SUBJ: THE END OF THE GOLD RUSH

1. IT IS MY SAD DUTY TO INFORM YOU OF THE PAYING OFF OF HER MAJESTYS CANADIAN SHIP YUKON, NAMESAKE OF THE MIGHTY RIVER OF THE NORTH, WHOSE WATERS CARRIED THE ADVENTURERS TO THE LAST GREAT CANADIAN GOLD RUSH. THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE WAS PASSED ON TO THOSE WHO WENT DOWN TO THE SEA IN THE GOOD SHIP YUKON

2. THIS FINE SHIP WILL NO MORE CARRY THE NAME OF YUKON TO THE FAR DISTANT SHORES OF EXOTIC LANDS, FOR FOREIGN YOUNGSTERS TO DREAM OF ONE DAY SEEING THE FINEST LAND IN THE WORLD, CANADA. YOUNG CANADIANS IN THEIR THOUSANDS LEARNED TO SPLICE AND REEF PUNCH FIRES AND WATCHKEEP IN THIS SHIP, TO BECOME THE ENVY OF THE WORLDS NAVIES FOR THEIR FINE SEAMEN SKILLS AND SEA OFFICERS SENSE OF DUTY

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3. HER LAST DAYS IN KING NEPTUNES DOMAIN WERE SPENT, AS HER FIRST, ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF THE SEA, TRAINING CANADAS BEST TO BECOME TRUE ADVENTURERS, TO EXPLORE AND DISCOVER THE LIMITS OF THEIR ABILITIES, TO DEVELOP PROPER RESPECT FOR THE SEA AND ASPIRE TO JOIN THAT VERY SELECT GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN THAT IS THE CANADIAN NAVY

4. SHE HAS DONE HER DUTY FOR THIRTY YEARS. IT IS TIME TO REST, FOR OLD SAILORS TO ENJOY THE BLESSING OF THE LAND, FOR YOUNG SAILORS TO GO ON TO NEW SHIPS. THEY TOO WILL SAY QUOTE WHEN I WAS IN THE OLD YUKON UNQUOTE

5. ONLY THE FIT SURVIVE

*Jay*  
*Al Shaw*

*W. D. Harge*  
*Howard (captain)*  
*Bill [unclear]*

*Henry [unclear]*  
*Steele (captain)*

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# The Last Ship's Company

December 3, 1993

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Lt(N) I.S. Crawshaw	Training Officer
Lt(N) S.C. Gregg	Assistant CSE
Lt(N) W.P.P. Gunning	Weapons Officer
Lieut S.J. Hughes	Austo
Lt(N) P.J. Lafontaine	Combat Systems Engineer
Lt(N) D.J. McOnie	Engineering Officer
Lt(N) D.C. Munro	Communications Officer
Lt(N) A.A. Thys	Supply Officer
Lt(N) R.A. Walker	Navigating Officer
Lt(N) M.P. Wigle	MARE/CS PH VI

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A/SLt G.M. Klein	MARS IV
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A/SLt A.J. Porteous	MARS IV
A/SLt A.L. Robertson	MARS IV
A/SLt R.R. Van Humbeck	MARS IV

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Coxswain

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LS	D.C.Holland		

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# HMCS Yukon DDOE 263



HMCS Yukon was laid down at Burnard Dry Dock in October 1959, and was commissioned in North Vancouver B.C. 25 May 1963. After sailing over 800,000 nautical miles and in all five Canadian Destroyer Squadrons during her 30 year life, the last operational West Coast Coast built warship was paid off in Esquimalt B.C. 03 December 1993.

*Proudly served in her final ship's company*

Cdr J.A.H.P. Lebel  
Commanding Officer

CPO1 S.K. Norman  
Coxswain

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*HMCS YUKON enters Esquimalt harbour for the last time on 03 December 1993 at 1400.*

*The following Original Commissioning Crew were Embarked*

Canadian Forces Chief J. Carrol  
Lieutenant Commander M. Coulombe  
Petty Officer First Class D. Cowling  
Mr. R.A. Roberge  
Mr. Reginald Todd