

Welcome aboard



HMCS MACKENZIE



HMCS SASKATCHEWAN



HMCS YUKON



HMCS DUAPPELLE



THE FUTURE WE HOLD

**FOURTH CANADIAN DESTROYER
SQUADRON**



The MacKenzie River is named after Sir Alexander MacKenzie, a famous early Canadian explorer of the northern regions. A vast area of Canada's northland is drained by this, her longest river. The gold lion rampant upon a red field is the reverse colouring of the royal arms of Scotland, Sir Alexander's native land. The compass rose on the lion's shoulder, a symbol of travel and exploration is used in reference to MacKenzie's great feats in these fields.



The Saskatchewan River is the great river of the western plains and drains an area of one of Canada's great agricultural regions. The name comes from the Cree work KISIKATCHEWIN, meaning "rapid river". The crest is derived from the coat of arms of the Province of Saskatchewan which depicts wheat sheaves upon a green field.



The YUKON river is another of Canada's great Northland rivers located in the Yukon Territory. This area of Canada was opened in the time of the gold rushes of the last century with the aid of the famous Malamute sled dogs. These animals rendered invaluable service to the early explorers. The crest depicts a large Malamute dog superimposed upon a field of red and the waved river symbol.



The Qu'Appelle River received its name from Indian legend. This relates how a brave was paddling his canoe when he heard a voice calling. Upon going ashore, he found not a trace of anyone and because of the mystery surrounding this incident, the Indians later referred to the river as "who calls" which French explorers translated into "QU'APPELLE". To suggest an attitude of listening and watching, the face of a white fox is shown with large erect ears and keen eyes.

THE SHIPS ARE CANADIAN DESIGNED AND BUILT



HMCS MACKENZIE COMMISSIONED 6 OCT 1962



HMCS SASKATCHEWAN COMMISSIONED 16 FEB 1963



HMCS YUKON COMMISSIONED 25 MAY 1963



HMCS QUAPPELLE COMMISSIONED 14 SEPT 1963

Priorities for the Canadian Forces are:

- a. protection of Canadian sovereignty;
- b. the defence of North America;
- c. the fulfillment of NATO commitments; and
- d. international peace keeping.

In order to meet these priorities, Maritime Command of the Canadian Forces requires highly skilled officers and men to complement its warships. The Fourth Squadron is tasked with this training. Each Destroyer carries a complement of 9 Officers and 152 men plus up to 24 Officer Trainees. The ships have a length overall of 366 feet, a beam of 42 feet and a displacement of 2900 tons. Twin screws powered by geared steam turbines can drive the ships at speeds in excess of 28 knots. Twin rudders provide a high degree of manoeuvrability.

Anti-submarine weapons are the principle armament. These include two omni-directional three-barrel mortars capable of firing high explosive depth charges with great accuracy. Other weapons include twin 3 inch 70 calibre guns forward (HMCS QU'APPELLE excepted) and twin 3 inch 50 calibre guns aft. These are used primarily for anti-aircraft protection.



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The crest of the Fourth Destroyer Squadron is comprised of a numeral Four designating the Squadron Number, superimposed on the waves which are stylized on the white background.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SQUADRON COMMANDER

It is my privilege as Squadron Commander of the Fourth Canadian Destroyer Squadron, on behalf of the Officers and men under my command, to welcome you aboard. As you read this pamphlet, you will see we have good reason to be proud of our ships and have much to show you.

The Fourth Canadian Destroyer Squadron is comprised of four MacKenzie class destroyers.

The role of the squadron is to provide professional sea training for Naval Officers and men of the Canadian Forces. The squadron has 550 Officers and men embarked, which includes 72 junior officers undergoing final stages of training to enable them to take their place in the fleet as Bridge Officers, Marine and Combat systems Engineers.

It is indeed a great pleasure and privilege to be able to combine our training function with the opportunity to visit your City.

I hope you will find your visit to our ships enjoyable and interesting.