



HMCS **SASKATCHEWAN** **DDE 262**



REACTIVATION CEREMONY



**HMC Dockyard
Esquimalt, B.C.
25 February 1986**



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the occasion when the ship's company of HMCS SASKATCHEWAN officially remain their ship after a ten month DELEX refit.

It is particularly appropriate today that the Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, Rear-Admiral R.D. Yanow, a native of the province of Saskatchewan, is our inspecting officer and together with Mrs Yanow will be hosted as our guests of honour at a reception in the ship following ceremonial divisions.

I would like to extend a special welcome to the wives and families of the ship's company. For most of you this ceremony will be your first introduction to the ship and I hope that it will be a memorable one.

I would also like to welcome the representatives from Versatile Pacific Shipyards Inc., the Ship Repair Unit Pacific, the Naval Engineering Unit Pacific, and our supporting staffs from Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters, Training Group Pacific Headquarters and the 404 CF Technical Services Detachment. I am sure that todays ceremony means as much to those of you who worked so hard on the many repairs, modifications and additions to the ship as it does to the ship's company.

Finally, we in SASKATCHEWAN see that we have many challenges ahead. Our program for the remainder of the year is a busy one. To this end we are looking forward to taking our place in the Fleet and the Fourth Canadian Destroyer Squadron.



S.F. Verran
Commander
Commanding Officer



The Present HMCS SASKATCHEWAN

HMCS SASKATCHEWAN was launched 1 February, 1961 at Victoria Machinery Depot, Victoria, B.C. and was then fitted out and completed by Yarrows Ltd., Esquimalt, B.C. She was commissioned on 16 February, 1963. HMCS SASKATCHEWAN has an overall length of 366 feet, a beam of 42 feet and a displacement of 2900 tons. She will sail with a crew of 12 officers and 170 men. Propulsion is provided by two steam turbines geared to twin shafts, rated at 30,000 shaft horsepower which can propel the ship at speeds in excess of 28 knots.

Weapons include a twin 3 inch 70 calibre gun forward and a twin 3 inch 50 calibre gun aft. Both guns are radar controlled and are capable of high rates of fire. Primarily anti-aircraft weapons, they can also be used effectively in surface action and naval gunfire support. The anti-submarine weapons are two triple barrel MK 32 torpedo tubes which are capable of launching MK 44 or MK 46 torpedoes.

SASKATCHEWAN, along with 3 sister ships of the MACKENZIE class, belong to the Fourth Canadian Destroyer Squadron. One of the primary peacetime roles of this Squadron is to provide training for as many as 50 junior officers in a variety of specialties including shiphandling, navigation, seamanship, marine engineering and combat systems engineering.

The ship will steam an average of 30,000 nautical miles and will spend in excess of 6 months at sea each year. Common ports-of-call are along the west coast of Canada and the United States, Mexico, Central and South America as well as ports in the Far East and the South Pacific.



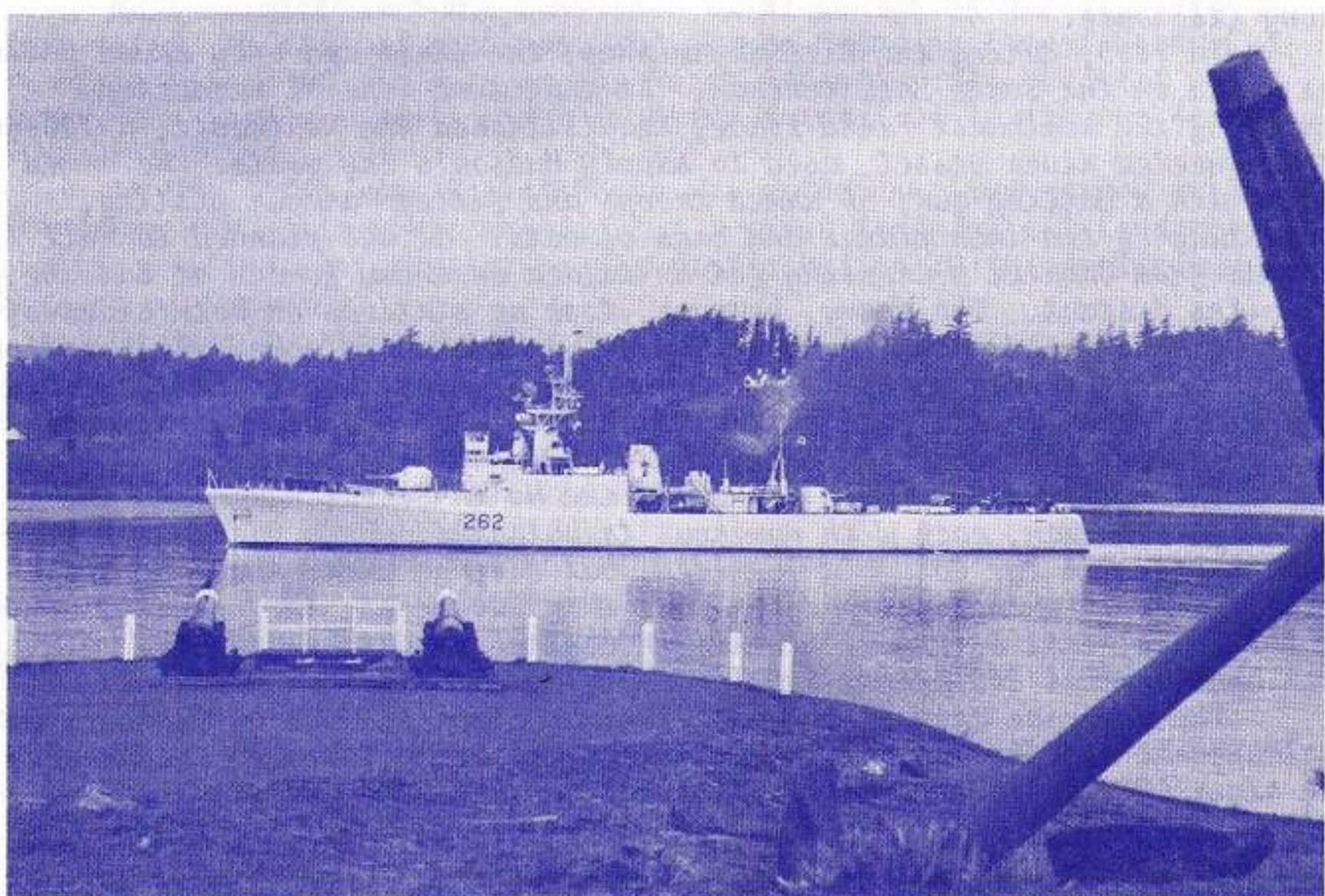
THE SHIP'S BADGE

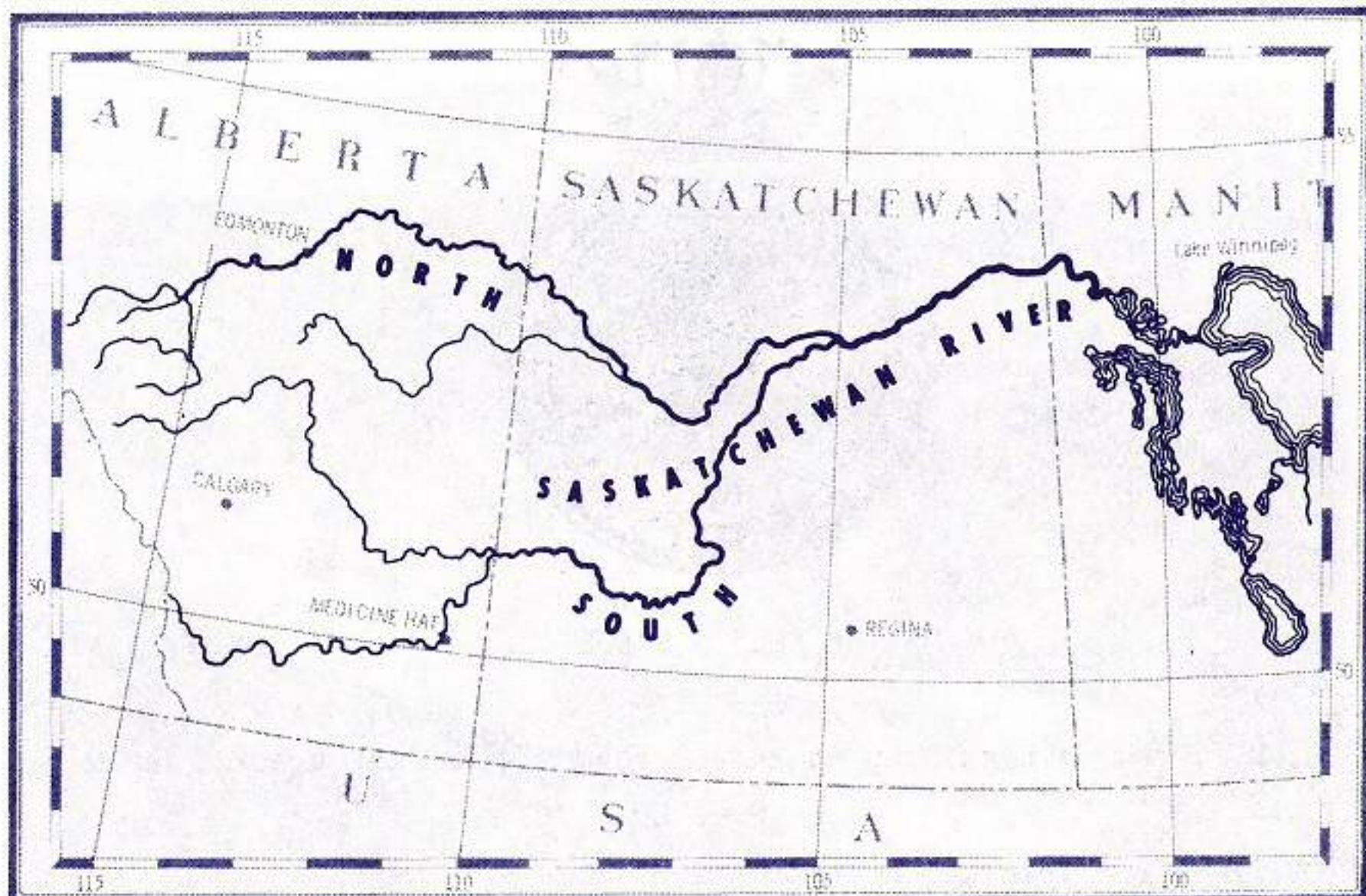
BLAZON: Vert, a bend wavy Argent charged with a like bendlet Gules, and over all Garb, Or.

SIGNIFICANCE: This design refers to the unofficial war-time badge of HMCS SASKATCHEWAN, which displayed a Wheat Sheaf or Garb and is derived from the devices and colours in the Arms of the Province of Saskatchewan, three wheat sheaves upon a green field.

The wavy white and red diagonal stripe, termed a 'bend' in heraldry, refers to the river.

SHIP'S COLOURS: Gold and Green





AN HISTORIC NAME

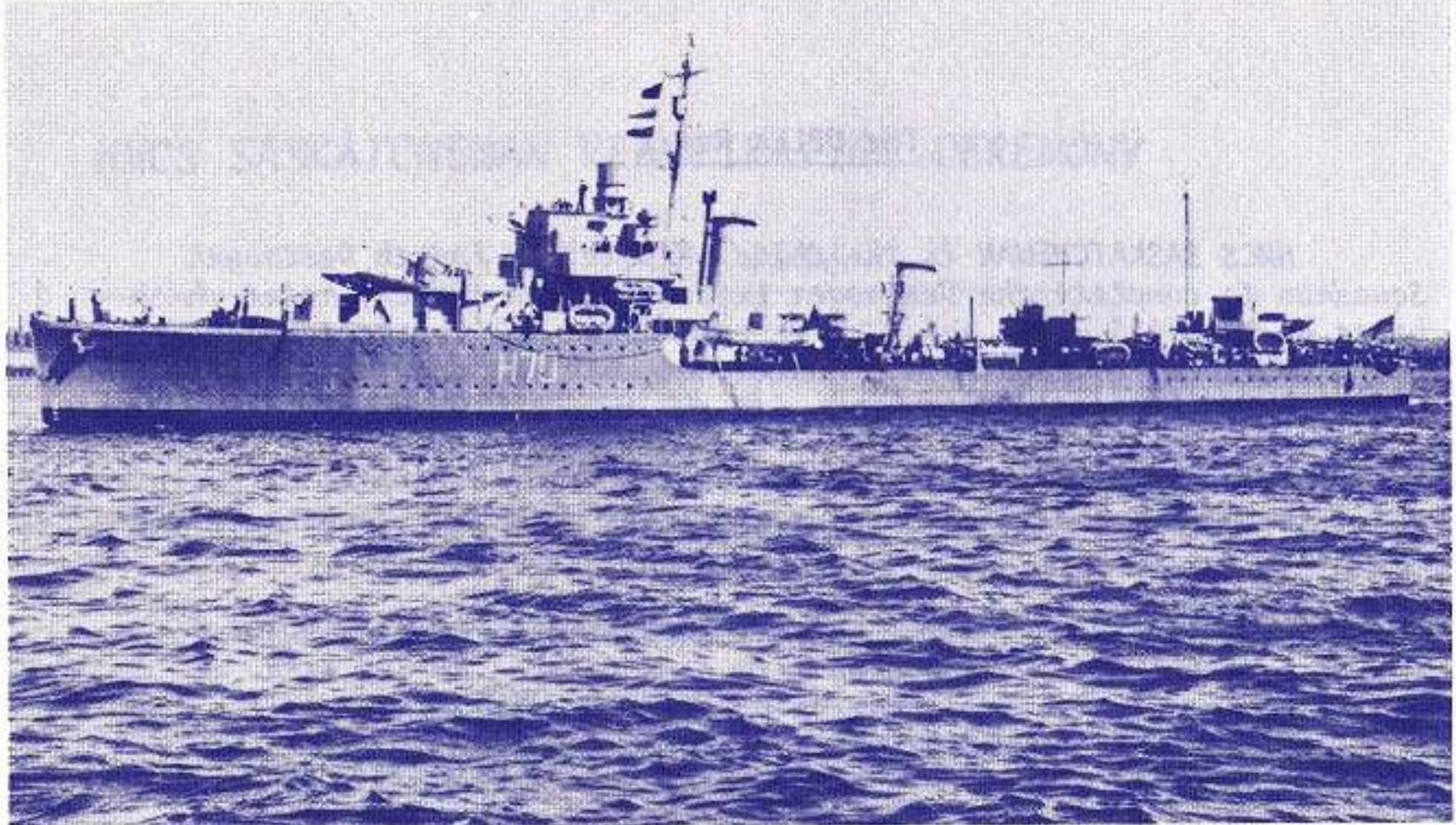
HMCS Saskatchewan takes her name from the Saskatchewan River, the great river of the western plains.

The name is derived from the Cree, KISIKATCHWIN, meaning "rapid river." In 1741, La Verendrye and his sons discovered the river and soon after it became a main route for fur traders and a pathway of settlement. Later, the Hudson's Bay and North West Companies established trading posts along its route.

In 1885, during the Riel skirmishes, the first and only naval action was waged on the South Saskatchewan. At that time General Middleton, leader of the Northwest Field Force, requisitioned the Northcote, a 100-foot stern-wheeled river vessel, used to supply Hudson's Bay posts. He armed the ferry with a Gatling gun, 50 armed troops and fitted "armour plating," consisting of two-inch planks and bags of oats. It was planned to sail the gunboat from Gabriel's Crossing for an attack on enemy forces at Batoche, six miles distant. The enemy, however, took up stations on both sides of the river and fired on the gunboat before it reached Batoche. This action, coupled with the uncanny strategy of the enemy in cutting loose the cables of a river ferry in the path of the Northcote, caused considerable damage to the gunboat and resulted in her withdrawal from the campaign.

The river has two main branches, the North Saskatchewan and the South Saskatchewan, each with numerous tributaries. Both branches have a common origin in the Columbia Icefield, but diverge until they are 300 miles apart. Flowing eastward for more than 800 miles, they finally converge at the Forks, east of Prince Albert, in central Saskatchewan. The main stem then runs another 340 miles, finally emptying into Lake Winnipeg.

The drainage area of the Saskatchewan comprises one of Canada's great agricultural regions and now further steps are being taken to ensure that the river will be able to meet future agricultural and industrial needs.



THE HERITAGE

The first Saskatchewan began her career as HMS Fortune, a "Fearless" class destroyer of the Royal Navy. The ship was laid down on July 28, 1933, at John Brown's Shipyard, Glasgow, was launched on August 29, 1934, and commissioned on May 8, 1935.

In the first three-and-one-half years of the Second World War, she steamed more than 200,000 miles, was credited with a U-boat "kill" and saw action in the North Sea and the Mediterranean.

On April 7, 1943, His Majesty, King George VI, gave approval to change her name from Fortune to Saskatchewan and to transfer the ship to the RCN.

HMCS Saskatchewan was commissioned at London on May 31, 1943. After refit, trials and work-ups, she joined Canadian Escort Group C-3 for close convoy escort duty on the North Atlantic. In the next nine months, the Saskatchewan's group escorted a total of 14 convoys from and to North America.

In May, 1944, the Saskatchewan was withdrawn from convoy work and, with other RCN destroyers, carried out special training off Londonderry, Northern Ireland, in preparation for participation in the forthcoming invasion of Normandy.

On June 4, 1944, the RCN destroyers began patrol between Land's End and the Lizard, as part of a barrier to prevent U-boats from attacking the invasion route to the Normandy beaches.

Later, the same ships engaged in an offensive patrol designed to destroy an enemy escort force off Brest, in the Bay of Biscay. Three enemy ships were destroyed.

Following further patrols, the Saskatchewan sailed for Canada and, on August 11, 1944, arrived at Shelburne, N.S., for refit.

On January 14, 1945, the Saskatchewan returned to British waters where she carried out escort and patrol duties until her final return to Canada in June, 1945.

On January 28, 1946, HMCS Saskatchewan was paid off for disposal at Sydney, N.S., and later that year sold and broken up for scrap.

To her successor she left the battle honours:

The DELEX Refit

HMCS SASKATCHEWAN is the third ship in the Fourth Destroyer Squadron to complete the Destroyer Life Extension (DELEX) refit which began in May 1985. The refit prime contractor was Versatile Pacific Shipyard, Inc., of Esquimalt. Additional work was done by the Ship Repair Unit (Pacific).

In addition to the thorough "overhaul" which is part of every refit, a number of alterations and additions were made to enhance the operational capability of the ship. These include:

- Installation of the Automated Data Link Plotting System (ADLIPS). Designed by Litton of Canada, ADLIPS is a computerized information processing system which will automatically plot combat information from a variety of sensors. ADLIPS is also capable of exchanging information with other ships and aircraft automatically.
- Removal of the Anti-Submarine Mortars.
- An update to the operations room including new solid state radar displays.
- A renovated communications control room with the installation of a computerized Message Handling System.
- A Habitability package which will make life onboard more comfortable for the ship's company.

Versatile Pacific Shipyards, Inc.

The Victoria Division of Versatile Pacific Shipyards was established in 1893 under the name of "The British Columbia Marine Railway Company". In 1914 it became known as Yarrows and operated under that name for 65 years. In 1979 Versatile Pacific Shipyards, Inc. was formed by the amalgamation of Burrard Dry Dock Company Ltd. (North Vancouver) and Yarrows Ltd. (Esquimalt) and was known as Burrard Yarrows Corporation. The name Versatile Pacific Shipyards, Inc. became effective on 24 June, 1985.

Over the years this shipyard has constructed many ships, including warships. In 1957 Yarrows built HMCS FRASER, a St-Laurent class destroyer presently serving on the east coast. As well, Yarrows built together with Victoria Machinery Depot, HMCS SASKATCHEWAN in 1963.

Versatile Pacific is a subsidiary of Versatile Corporation, one of Canada's leading diversified industrial manufacturers, which has its headquarters in Vancouver, B.C.

HMCS SASKATCHEWAN REACTIVATION CEREMONY

25 FEBRUARY 1986

- 1030 - Ship's company to Divisions
- 1050 - Guests to be seated
- 1100 - Arrival of the Commander,
Maritime Forces Pacific,
Rear-Admiral R.D. Yanow, CD
General salute
- 1105 - Inspection of ship's company
- 1120 - Admiral's remarks
- 1130 - Signing of turnover certificate
- 1140 - Prayers
- 1145 - Reactivation of HMCS SASKATCHEWAN
O Canada
- 1150 - Ship's company remains HMCS SASKATCHEWAN
- 1200 - Guests are invited to attend receptions
in all Messes

REACTIVATION SERVICE

CONDUCTED BY:

THE REVEREND J.C.A.G. VEILLEUX, CD
SENIOR CHAPLAIN (RC) MARITIME FORCES PACIFIC

AND

THE REVEREND T.A. MAINDONALD
SENIOR CHAPLAIN (P) MARITIME FORCES PACIFIC

25 FEBRUARY 1986

THE EXHORTATION

Brethren, seeing that in the course of our duty we are set in the midst of many and great dangers, and that we cannot be faithful to the high trust placed in us without the help of Almighty God, let us unite our prayer and praises in seeking God's blessing upon this ship and all who serve in her, that she may sail safely under God's good providence and protection.

NAVAL HYMN

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

PSALM 107 (Verses 23 to 32) To be said responsively.

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 raised the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves.
26. They mount to the heavens, 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.
28. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distress.
29. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.
30. Then are they glad because they are quiet, so he bringeth them under their desired haven.
31. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and his wonderful works for the children of men.
32. Who so is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord.

THE NAVAL PRAYER

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into Thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us Thy servants and the Fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most Gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth and her Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Commonwealth may in peace and quietness serve Thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies to praise and glorify Thy Holy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF REACTIVATION

Almighty and Eternal God, the strength and support of those who put their confidence in you, be pleased, we beseech you, to bless this ship which is being reactivated today; guard and protect her from all danger and from all adversity; protect her against the visible and invisible snares of the enemy that she may defend the paths of justice and overcome, with Your help, the powers of the enemy. Pour into this ship, the officer who commands her, and all her officers and men, the richness of your blessing, guidance and protection. May they ever be inspired by Your Holy Law. May they grasp with their minds, cherish in their hearts, and carry out in their actions the teachings that lead to the safe haven of eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render no man evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the Queen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee.
Glad hymns of praise from land
and sea. Amen.

THE SHIPS COMPANY

OFFICERS

Commanding Officer	Commander S.F. Verran
Executive Officer	Lieutenant-Commander D.S. Dewis
Combat Systems Engineering Officer	Lieutenant-Commander R.A. Marchand
Training Officer	Lieutenant H.T. Harsch
Combat Officer	Lieutenant K.E. Williams
Supply Officer	Lieutenant B.E. Nelson
Engineering Officer	Lieutenant D.A. Wilson
Assistant Combat Officer	Lieutenant D.F. Taylor
Deck Officer	Lieutenant G.R. Peskett
Navigation Officer	Lieutenant M.S. Moody
Assistant Engineering Officer	Sub-Lieutenant A.M. Zulps
Bridge Watchkeeper	Sub-Lieutenant S.C. Riedel, RAN
Bridge Watchkeeper	Sub-Lieutenant P. Spedding, RAN
Bridge Watchkeeper	Sub-Lieutenant P.K. Talbot, RAN

MEN

Coxswain	Chief Petty Officer First Class D. Lesiuk
Chief Engine Room Artificer	Chief Petty Officer First Class B.A. Ferrie
Chief Boatswain's Mate	Chief Petty Officer Second Class A.R. Hoskins

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Chief Petty Officer Second Class C.E. Ferguson Able Seaman I.R. Warner
Petty Officer First Class D.R. Bernardin Ordinary Seaman J.E. Clarke
Leading Seaman H.W. Soso

COMBAT DIVISION

Chief Petty Officer Second Class J. Skakun	Leading Seaman R.L. Fletcher
Petty Officer First Class D.H. Griffith	Leading Seaman M.S. Joblonkay
Petty Officer First Class L.G. Hamer	Leading Seaman A. Julien
Petty Officer First Class B. Jennings	Leading Seaman G.A. Smith
Petty Officer First Class B.J. Rempel	Leading Seaman J.G. St-Louis
Petty Officer First Class H.B. Walton	Leading Seaman R.J. Wadel
Petty Officer Second Class A.F. Barnsdale	Leading Seaman L.F. Watters
Petty Officer Second Class J.S. Bucknell	Able Seaman J.O.G. Boudreault
Petty Officer Second Class B.C. Duvall	Able Seaman K.L. Fisher
Petty Officer Second Class J. Hamill	Able Seaman S. Graefner
Petty Officer Second Class T.A. Malmhoff	Able Seaman R.J. Jackson
Petty Officer Second Class M.A. Meyers	Able Seaman R.A. MacMillan
Petty Officer Second Class B.H. Quigley	Able Seaman N. Olson
Master Seaman M.H. Billesberger	Able Seaman J.Y. Sasseville
Master Seaman D.C. Robertson	Able Seaman D.D. Steil
Master Seaman J.C. Sanschagrin	Ordinary Seaman M.F. Barney
Master Seaman P.G. Seebot	Ordinary Seaman J.J. Barrette
Master Seaman F.T. Singer	Ordinary Seaman D.M. Brown
Leading Seaman R.J. Blanchette	Ordinary Seaman C.M. Chapple
Leading Seaman J.B. Bouchard	Ordinary Seaman K.B. Clements
Leading Seaman C.E. Edminston	Ordinary Seaman R.A. Fisher

COMBAT DIVISION (Cont'd)

Ordinary Seaman G.T. Fontaine	Ordinary Seaman C.S. Parker
Ordinary Seaman J.L. Genest	Ordinary Seaman J.D. Perron
Ordinary Seaman V.E. Halliday	Ordinary Seaman J.G. Roy
Ordinary Seaman D.W. Harper	Ordinary Seaman B.C. Schwenker
Ordinary Seaman M.F. Herndorf	Ordinary Seaman R.D. Sipes
Ordinary Seaman M. Humphreys	Ordinary Seaman G. Vaillancourt
Ordinary Seaman S.G. Lee	Ordinary Seaman W.J. Vaillancourt
Ordinary Seaman J.C. Legault	Ordinary Seaman G.K. Vaughan
Ordinary Seaman J.R. Marchand	Ordinary Seaman T.A. Weber
Ordinary Seaman D.A. Martin	

COMBAT SYSTEMS ENGINEERING DIVISION

Chief Petty Officer Second Class W.D. Schwan	Leading Seaman W.J. Laliberty
Chief Petty Officer Second Class D.A. Windle	Leading Seaman M.R. Leblanc
Petty Officer First Class J. Krajnc	Leading Seaman G.M. Oram
Petty Officer Second Class J.S. Gallacher	Leading Seaman R.V. Ostapezuk
Petty Officer Second Class J.F. Laliberte	Leading Seaman K.A. Pepin
Petty Officer Second Class D.W. Relkov	Leading Seaman R.A. Starkey
Petty Officer Second Class J.G. Turcotte	Leading Seaman E.G. Stolee
Master Seaman R.J. Furry	Leading Seaman T.W. Triple
Master Seaman T.B. Kift	Ordinary Seaman R.W. Dafoe
Master Seaman B.E. Kimbers	Ordinary Seaman J.L. Dupuis
Master Seaman J.M. Yeomans	Ordinary Seaman C.R. Martin
Leading Seaman W.E. Breck	Ordinary Seaman J.A. Portelance
Leading Seaman D.A. Catton	Ordinary Seaman C.D. Whittaker

DECK DIVISION

Petty Officer Second Class J.J. Leblanc	Able Seaman J.A. Guerette
Master Seaman J.A. Buczkowski	Able Seaman J.R. Levesque
Master Seaman S.J. Dore	Able Seaman G.D. Owen
Master Seaman P.H. Spears	Ordinary Seaman J.P. Carre
Leading Seaman A.D. Langille	Ordinary Seaman K.H. Otto
Leading Seaman J.C. Lassailly	Ordinary Seaman V.M. Reckzin
Leading Seaman F.G. Morneau	Ordinary Seaman K.A. Varga
Able Seaman M.A. Aulhouse	Ordinary Seaman R.J. Wade
Able Seaman J.P. Giroux	Ordinary Seaman S.T. Walsh

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Chief Petty Officer Second Class E.L. Sullivan	Petty Officer Second Class J.W. MacDonald
Chief Petty Officer Second Class G.P. Turpin	Petty Officer Second Class E.D. Mazurick
Petty Officer First Class R.E. Boyle	Petty Officer Second Class C.J. Nesbitt
Petty Officer First Class G.W. Guenther	Petty Officer Second Class R.D. Pillon
Petty Officer First Class J.H. Latham	Petty Officer Second Class K.S. Stewart
Petty Officer First Class H.B. Locke	Master Seaman J.M. Damphousse
Petty Officer First Class M.Y. Noel	Master Seaman P. Divis
Petty Officer First Class B.L. Sinkinson	Master Seaman G.J. Fournier
Petty Officer First Class J.G. St-Louis	Master Seaman D. Fredette
Petty Officer Second Class J.M. Bolton	Master Seaman R.C. Godin
Petty Officer Second Class J.O. Brodrick	Master Seaman R.D. Newcombe
Petty Officer Second Class M.J. Bromley	Master Seaman M. Roy
Petty Officer Second Class R.J. Conway	Master Seaman A.D. Sharp
Petty Officer Second Class J.G. Ledoux	Master Seaman R.A. Smith

ENGINEERING DIVISION (Cont'd)

Leading Seaman B.G. Batson	Ordinary Seaman M.E. Harvey
Leading Seaman T.M. Dubois	Ordinary Seaman F.T. Healy
Leading Seaman P.H. Kure	Ordinary Seaman J.L. Jolicoeur
Leading Seaman S.G. Littlejohn	Ordinary Seaman P.W. Kayser
Leading Seaman D.G. McNeice	Ordinary Seaman R.R. Kelly
Leading Seaman C.D. Miller	Ordinary Seaman M.P. Liddy
Leading Seaman J.B. Moore	Ordinary Seaman J.A. Masson
Leading Seaman S.E. Parent	Ordinary Seaman G.V. McCarville
Leading Seaman J.A. Pearson	Ordinary Seaman D.J. O'Neil
Able Seaman P.M. Deevey	Ordinary Seaman G. Paranteau
Able Seaman R.M. Denis	Ordinary Seaman G.C. Quirk
Able Seaman D.G. Robichaud	Ordinary Seaman R.P. Ross
Ordinary Seaman R.G. Beaudette	Ordinary Seaman G.A. Ruttan
Ordinary Seaman K.L. Botsford	Ordinary Seaman J.D. Sinclair
Ordinary Seaman B.N. Burns	Ordinary Seaman E.F. Stonier
Ordinary Seaman P.A.J. Cameron	Ordinary Seaman R.D. Taylor
Ordinary Seaman P.J. Croft	Ordinary Seaman J.R. Trahan
Ordinary Seaman R.M. Erickson	Ordinary Seaman J.R. Tremblay
Ordinary Seaman A.A. Fialski	Ordinary Seaman D.L. Wagner
Ordinary Seaman J.J. Friolet	Ordinary Seaman K.M. Ward

SUPPLY DIVISION

Chief Petty Officer Second Class W.F. Woychuk	Leading Seaman J.G. Labrie
Petty Officer First Class J.G. Gaudet	Leading Seaman J.R. Lanteigne
Petty Officer Second Class G.P. Garrett	Leading Seaman D.L. McGraw
Petty Officer Second Class E.C. Kobialko	Leading Seaman J.W. Pelletier
Petty Officer Second Class L.W. Negraiff	Able Seaman D.E. Brien
Petty Officer Second Class C.A. Parkinson	Able Seaman T.J. Hilliard
Petty Officer Second Class R.W. Switzer	Able Seaman J.T. Leask
Master Seaman K.G. Ford	Ordinary Seaman D.F. Connors
Master Seaman M.R. Giebel	Ordinary Seaman R.F. Duffy
Master Seaman J.T. Ouimet	Ordinary Seaman J.B. Duncan
Master Seaman E.C. Roberts	Ordinary Seaman M.P. Duteau
Master Seaman L.A. Scott	Ordinary Seaman J.J. Maynard
Leading Seaman J.F. Browning	Ordinary Seaman J.A. Montgomery
Leading Seaman M.A. Jarrett	Ordinary Seaman J.C. Rouleau

PERSONNEL ATTACHED FROM HMCS GATINEAU

Able Seaman J.W. Higby
Able Seaman L.A. Lindahl
Able Seaman V.E. McIntosh
Ordinary Seaman P.A. Ayoub
Ordinary Seaman D.A. Budzak
Ordinary Seaman J.Y. Girard
Ordinary Seaman B.V. Harrison
Ordinary Seaman R.K. MacLean
Ordinary Seaman I. Patterson
Ordinary Seaman J.M. Simard
Ordinary Seaman R.F. Truscott

