

# Welcome aboard



HMCS MACKENZIE



HMCS QU'APPELLE



HMCS SASKATCHEWAN



HMCS YUKON



## FIRST DIVISION CANADIAN TRAINING SQUADRON

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SQUADRON COMMANDER

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## THE SHIPS Canadian designed and built



### MACKENZIE

Launched 25 May 1961  
Commissioned 6 Oct 1962



### QU'APPELLE

Launched 2 May 1962  
Commissioned 14 Sep 1963



### SASKATCHEWAN

Launched 1 Feb 1961  
Commissioned 16 Feb 1963



### YUKON

Launched 27 Jul 1961  
Commissioned 25 May 1963

Priorities for the Canadian Forces are:

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

In order to meet these priorities, the Maritime Element of the Canadian Forces requires highly skilled officers and men to complement its warships. The Training 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 maneuverability.

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.



The crest of TRAINING GROUP PACIFIC is comprised of a trident symbolizing the wisdom of the god Neptune, superimposed on the waves which are stylized on the white background. In addition to the sea-going squadron, TRAINING GROUP PACIFIC also includes an officer training centre in Esquimalt, which is dedicated to ashore training.

## THE SHIPS NAMES & BADGES

Each ship of this class bears the name of a famous Canadian river



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 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 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 word 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.

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