

PEARSON, John Edward Denison (Jack) [UNTD DISCOVERY '49 U-59300] (1921 - 2013) Age: 91



PEARSON, John (Jack) Edward D. November 9, 1921 - January 15, 2013

Died in his 92nd year from lung cancer and heart failure after a short illness. Born in Neepawa, Manitoba but grew up in Oak Bay, Victoria from the age of two. He lived in Vancouver for 46 years. Predeceased by three brothers, Robert, Lionel, Hugh and their sister Vi. He leaves a much loved wife Penny, son Ronald and daughters Wendy and Tanya, niece Gillian, nephew Robin. He also leaves 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren behind. He spent 25 years in the Canadian Navy leaving as LCMR. He graduated from UBC in 1952 with a Bachelors of Commerce. He also fought in the Second World War in the Atlantic and St. Lawrence River. In 1967 he became the administrator of the Physics department at UBC and remained there for 17 years. During retirement, he made many travels around the world on land and cruises. He followed politics closely and was an avid reader, retaining all his faculties. The memorial service will be held on January 23 at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver at 49th St and Oak St. Donations may be made to the Salvation Army, 103, 3833 Henning Dr. Building V5C 6N5. Published in Vancouver Sun and/or The Province from Jan. 18 to Jan. 19, 2013

He enlisted in the Victoria-based Canadian Scottish Regiment with seniority Sep 1, 1939. Transferred into the RCNVR on Mar 1, 1940. He served on PRINCE ROBERT, RACCOON, MEON and WARRIOR. Demobilized and possibly with a Veterans Education Grant, entered UBC in 1949 (or earlier), also joining the UNTD at that time. He graduated UBC in the Spring of 1952 with a BCom and was also Commissioned as a A/SLT(S), seniority 31 Aug 1951, O-58222. He immediately entered the Reg Force, with Ship and Shore Service which included NADEN, ONTARIO, VENTURE, CHIPPAWA, CAYUGA, STADACONA, retiring as a LCDR in 1966. At that time he returned to UBC, this time as an employee in the Physics Dept.

NB:

HMCS RACCOON was sunk by U-Boat torpedo, in the St Lawrence River in the early morning hours of Sep 7, 1942, with the loss of all hands; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMCS_Raccoon_%28S14%29

Had the order of Jack Pearson's postings been somewhat different, this message would not exist, nor would his 25 progeny. There but for the Grace of God etc.

The uniqueness of the St Lawrence campaign was recognized by Canada in the 1990's with the creation of the GULF OF ST LAWRENCE [1942, 1944] Battle Honour, which was awarded to RACCOON amongst others.

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