

UNTD/NAC events, my visits to other sites of importance were expedited by David Cox, Bruce McKean, Rod McCloy and Dave Tildesley, who with their local knowledge helped fill my notebook in a most efficient manner. One of those stops was to "The Homecoming Statue" in the Inner Harbour. As can be seen in the photo below, the UNTD Badge engraved on the Service To Canada Cairn, reflects that the Association, and by extension, all UNTDs, were a substantial contributor to the project. Below the logos are the names of 39 individuals, many of whom are UNTDs or closely associated with the program.



Another highlight was a delightful dinner meeting with Rees Brock to review our information regarding his family's contribution to the military and commercial history of the country. The UNTD was co-founded by his father, and the Great-West Life was founded by his grandfather. Uncles and cousins have reached Flag Rank and have served in every major conflict since the days of Upper Canada.

A reminder that there is a **UNTD Motto Contest** ongoing. A link to the information on it can be found on the main page of www.UNTD.org or directly at: <http://www.angelfire.com/on2/UNTD/MottoC.pdf>

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EYES RIGHT! WATCH YOUR DRESSING!

At the recent **UNTD 70th Anniversary Reunion** in British Columbia, an alert attendee captured this one-of-a-kind photo in front of a posted sign at the Naden entrance to CFB Esquimalt. Your editor invites members to apply their creative interpretation to the marching in-step, gaggle, passing in review, reminiscent perhaps of our youth and the free spirit of UNTDs. For the full story about the nostalgia and gaiety of a most successful 70th Anniversary UNTD Reunion, turn to page 2. Photo by Bill Clearihue

WE ALSO SERVED

70TH UNTD REUNION - CFB ESQUIMALT – 2013

By Bob White U-1189, Discovery 1960

(Edited Version)

Our programme got underway on the 5th of June with drinks in the wardroom followed by an informal dinner at Spinnakers Brew Pub. Much to the proprietors delight and the event organizers relief, 80 guests showed up.

At 0900, on Thursday June 6, those of us attending the morning program mustered in the Wardroom and were organized into groups for either two hours at sea in the ORCAs or a tour of the dockyard and HMCS CALGARY (Canadian Patrol Frigate). I had opted for the CALGARY and dockyard tour organized by **Marie Ormiston** (Community Liaison Officer). A brief consultation with those who spent the morning in the ORCA's confirmed that the experience was a strong testimonial to the fact the world of sea training has moved forward a considerable distance. For those of us who spent time in the old YFPs with a magnetic compass that might not work properly, the Orcas are of a very different era. They are also a very significant advance on the gate vessels where many of us spent some time in the not too distant past. Many thanks are extended to Rear Admiral (Ret'd) **Ken Summers** (RMC 67), for his assistance in arranging the ORCA and CALGARY events.



Photo courtesy Roger Elmes

The tour of CALGARY was a similar experience. We were passed from one incredibly bright young officer or NCO to another as we explored the

operations room, bridge and various other spaces dedicated to the efficient operation of this very modern ship. The technical knowledge required to operate and manage the ship's systems is almost beyond comprehension, and this, in addition to basic seamanship makes for a very challenging world. **Paul Wagner** (Discovery 60) provided me with an interesting analogy when we were chatting in the wardroom. Over fifty years separates us from our year of entry in 1960. To gain a sense of the momentous changes which have taken place he suggested subtracting fifty years from 1960 which takes us back to 1910 – when coal was still in general use. CALGARY has just completed her twelve month mid-life refit at Seaspan Shipyards and is about as modern as things get. **David Cooper** (Discovery 62), who commanded HMCS TERRA NOVA, a Restigouche-class destroyer paid off in 1997, suggested to me that the advance of technology over the intervening 16 years compares to the changes from Nelson's days. I was, however, amused to note that they were having difficulty with their clocks which were not keeping pace with a master time piece somewhere in the ship. This I can understand.

The CALGARY visit was followed by an excellent walking tour of dockyard. This combined the very old with much that was quite new. Our guide had a good grasp of the early history of many of the buildings as well as more modern structures. The walk also provided a good opportunity to chat with many former shipmates. I was interested to discover at least three people I had served with in one of my cadet cruises but of whom I had no memory. In one case we were even in the same ship. This did not, however, prevent us from swapping yarns of mutual experiences probably much embellished by the passage of time.

Following lunch in the wardroom and a tour of the Naval Museum organized by **Dave Freeman** (Nonsuch 60), **Andy Shaw** (Cataraqui 61), vice-president of the UNTD Association, presented his latest findings on the Civilian Military Leadership Initiative (CMLI) pilot project scheduled to get underway this fall at the University of Alberta in

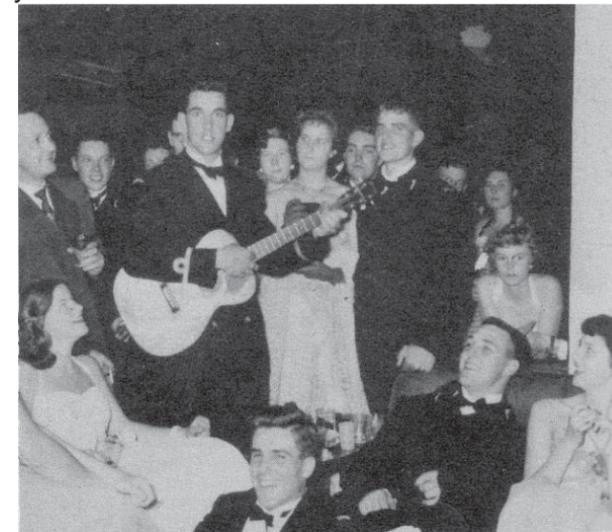
IN MEMORIAM

Regrettably this section of the newsletter has grown to the point that it will have to be limited in space to a few exceptional obituaries. For full listings with newspaper clippings, life summaries and photos, (when available), please refer to our website, UNTD.ORG, In Memoriam. Double click on the name in the recent alphabetical listing.

LANGSTROTH, William Maynard (Bill) UNTD SCOTIAN (Mt Allison) 1950 U-41421 (1932 - 2013)



Bill Langstroth died in Moncton, on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the age of 81. He was an award winning entertainer/producer with the Don Messer Sing Along Jubilee in his own right, but is inexorably linked to Anne Murray. He discovered her, managed her career, married her, fathered her 2 children (Will and Dawn) and divorced her. He tended to remain out of the spotlight and in recent years moved back to New Brunswick.



As a 3rd year cadet in 1951 he is well remembered on the training cruise to Azores,

Gibraltar and Marseilles, entertaining cadets musically all along the way. In 1954 as an SLT he entertained at the UNTD/US Midshipmen Ball in Halifax. In the gunroom at Stadacona he introduced cadets to Anne Murray. Both have made a tremendous contribution to Canadian music and entertainment history.

Bill was a very proud musician and UNTD. Graham Scott reports that in the summer of 1962 the whole Sing-a-Long Jubilee team came to Cornwallis and filmed a program in the Base Auditorium with all the cadets in attendance. It was a fun event. His classmates saw Bill in 2008 attending a Mount Allison Reunion. The following is a link to a video of him on stage in 2011, in Liverpool NS, having a good time:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GywqtSpppCg>

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CLEARIHUE'S CORNER

The UNTD Archives, continue to receive substantial information, artifacts and anecdotes from members enhancing the size and quality of our database. As of this writing we have over 5,900 UNTDs logged in, 290 on the "In Memoriam List" and 298 on the "VIP List"

Bob White's excellent report on the West Coast Reunion (p. 2) has captured its essence and well reflects the sentiments of attendees. The Navy could not have been more gracious and welcoming to us as we all travelled back in time. Recent news out of DND Ottawa can sometimes leave an impression of a Camp Run-amuck, but in Esquimalt the West Coast Navy clearly have their act together.

While in Vancouver I had a substantial tour of the very impressive Vancouver Naval Museum on the grounds of DISCOVERY, courtesy of Brooke Campbell, Ron Harrison and Rod McCloy, all of whom are principals in that organization. I also spent the better part of a day with John MacFarlane, the founder of the www.Nauticapedia.ca website, to review and enhance the already substantial cross-fertilization with the UNTD Archives. In Victoria/Esquimalt, besides the official

alive (at least he was twelve or so months ago). He worked in senior managerial positions for the CPR and then came to the UK in the 1980s to sort out, first, the shipbuilding industry and, second, the car industry (or at least British Leyland as it was then). Graham, who I got to know when he resided in the UK, resides in Halifax now and is/was a director/chairman of several Canadian companies. He actually uses his title in Canada. Another example is Terry Matthews, who was born in Wales (and hence has UK citizenship), but lived most of his adult life in Canada and has Canadian citizenship. He founded Newbridge Networks and made a fortune. He used much of it to sponsor highly worthwhile economic/social projects in his native Wales (hence his knighthood). He was knighted in the same honours list as I was. So, alas, I am not unique but I am unusual!

The Prime Minister of the day (Chretien) made a great fuss about Terry Matthews and me being knighted, but that was because it occurred at the time the PM's mortal enemy, Conrad Black, was being elevated to a peerage and the House of Lords, not because it was against Canadian policy.

Canadian policy on honours is set out in government documents. The first is the Nickle Resolution passed by the Canadian House of Commons in 1919. Interestingly, the Nickel Resolution arose out of pique: when the Conservative MP, Bolger Nickle, failed to obtain a peerage for his father-in law, Daniel Gordon, the Principal of Queen's University in Kingston. He responded by introducing his Resolution in Parliament requesting the British monarch refrain "from conferring any title of honour or titular distinction upon any subjects domiciled or ordinarily resident in Canada.

Later in 1968, when the Order of Canada was introduced, the Canadian government published "Regulations Respecting the Acceptance and Wearing by Canadians of Commonwealth and Foreign Orders, Decorations and Medals". Clause 5 states that "approval is generally given to accept orders and decorations conferred on Canadian citizens who have dual nationality, provided acceptable evidence is offered that the recipient is ordinarily resident in or has a closer actual connection with the donor country".

In contrast to Matthews and me, Conrad Black did not have UK citizenship. As we now know, he renounced his Canadian citizenship and took up UK citizenship (much to his later regret when he was convicted in the USA and had to serve his jail term there rather than in Canada).

As for me, I was born in Winnipeg in 1939 – the son of a Northern Irish mother and a Scottish father – have been resident in the UK since 1963 and a UK citizen since 1982 while still retaining my Canadian citizenship. I have pursued my entire career in the UK but still very much see myself primarily as a Canadian. I still sound like a Canadian (although I do not end every sentence with eh); and I will eventually return to Winnipeg as I have recently made plans to be buried in the family plot there (all in good time, of course).

Today, a UK knighthood is roughly equivalent to the highest level of the Order of Canada or the Legion d'honneur (which Mr Chretien is quite happy for Canadians to accept even if they do not have dual French/Canadian nationality and/or ordinarily resident in France).

Having opposed Black's, Matthew's, and my honours and perhaps others, Chretien accepted the Order of Merit from Queen Elizabeth II in 2009. Under Canada's existing honours policy: he is neither a dual Canadian/UK citizen; nor is he ordinarily resident in the UK; nor does he have a closer relationship with the UK than Canada. So it is very much a question of do as I say rather than do as I do!

In the UK, however, the Order of Merit would be seen as the highest honour, ahead of a knighthood because of the limited number and because of the stature of the people who usually receive it (e.g. Nelson Mandela, Winston Churchill, Mother Teresa, Eisenhower, T. S. Eliot). I believe that it would also rank above the Order of Canada in Canada.

The origin of the Nickle Resolution and Mr Chretien's irritation with Conrad Black suggests that controversy and pique are not a good basis upon which to try to form public policy.

George Bain U-204

Edmonton. Previously known as the Canadian National Leadership Program (CNLP), the CMLI pilot is a four-year joint effort by the Canadian Army and the U of A to test the appeal and effectiveness of reserve military and leadership training for university students.

Andy made it clear that while the Association's hopes are that the CMLI will catch on and blossom into something like the UNTD of old, there is no Navy participation in the Alberta pilot. Nonetheless, he added, seven other Canadian universities and, at least one naval reserve division has expressed interest in hosting similar pilots. You can reach Andy at andy@cancompete.com for more information or comment.

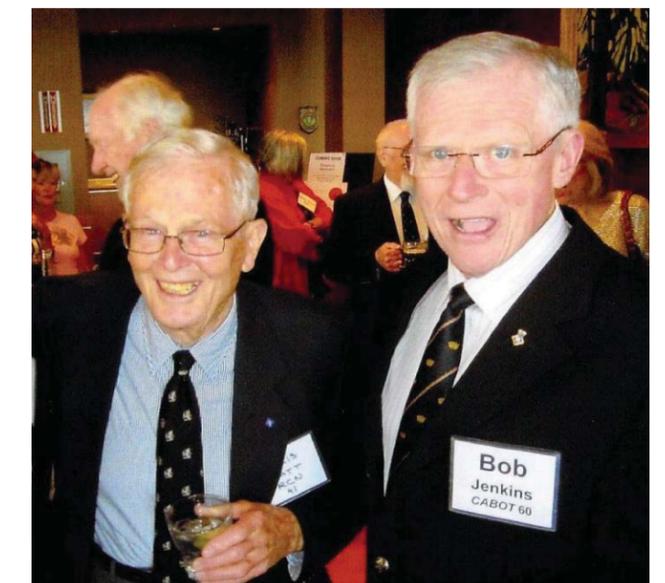
Weepers in the wardroom that evening was very well attended (190) and the buzz of conversation around the room was constant, as we spotted individuals we had missed earlier in the day. At 1900 we were piped into dinner by **Bob McIlwaine** (Discovery 59) and drummer **Don Thomson** (Venture 56 and SO UNTD, UBC 60-62). **Roger Elmes** (Star 60) took the helm at this point and ran a superb, informal, but well-paced dinner. BZ Roger for doing such an outstanding job with such an unruly crew. **Bill Thomas** (Prevost 59) brought us greetings from the national UNTD organization and **Ron Harrison** (Discovery 65) provided grace accompanied by a few words of encouragement. Special mention was made of **Bill Clearihue** (Donnacona 64) for his efforts to scan all of the existing copies of the *White Twist* and to establish a working list of the 5000 (plus) UNTDs who have served since the inception of the program in 1943 until its demise in 1968.

Various awards were presented by Roger including a most deserving "Sticky Award" to **Brooke Campbell** (Discovery 60) for stick handling yet another successful UNTD Reunion. Dinner, served buffet style, was excellent. A musical interlude was provided by **Peter Chipman** (Brunswicker 63), **Roger Tallentire** (Discovery ROTP 58), **Paul Wagner** (Discovery 60) and **Bob Jenkins** (Cabot 60). Many of us who could pretend to sing joined in some of the tunes of our lost youth. It was great! **Paul Wagner**

was held firmly in check by his fellow musicians to prevent wandering from the printed song sheet. He claims to know verses that are rarely printed or sung in polite company.

Lach Morrison (Discovery 58) rose to the occasion by entertaining us with a selection of excuses offered up by former cadets who were not in attendance at this important gathering. Lach has a role in his next life as a stand-up comedian, if maritime lawyers were to become unemployed.

At the conclusion of the dinner **Bob Jenkins** (Cabot 60) introduced a man very familiar to many of us who had served under his command. Captain (Ret) **Chris Pratt** (RCN Royal Roads 41) was the commanding officer of HMCS NEW WATERFORD during UNTD training in the early 1960s. He was fondly remembered for his habit of inviting cadets to join him at his table during UNTD sea training. Captain Pratt mentioned that it had taken the UNTD many years to return his dinner invitations, but very freely admitted that we gave the best parties. He later went on to be the Commanding Officer Naval Divisions or COND where he directed a major revision in all aspects of Naval Reserve training.



Captain Pratt RCN

Photo courtesy Brooke Campbell

At the end of the evening **Art May** (Cabot 54) indicated that the former UNTD cadets of Newfoundland might host the 75th anniversary reunion of the UNTD in 2018. This is five years

down the road and an excellent reason for us all to look after ourselves if we wish to make the trek across Canada to this event.

The following day many of us carried on to the Naval Association of Canada's Annual Conference. The topic of this daylong event was *Asia Pacific: Its Impact on Canada and the RCN*. NOAVI hosted this conference and it was chaired by Rear Admiral (Ret) **Ken Summers** the president of the Naval Association of Canada. I particularly enjoyed Vice Admiral **Paul Maddison's** speech on the state of the RCN in 2013, the year of his retirement. He was a compelling speaker and his enthusiasm was contagious. The message to NAC, and no less to UNTD, was to get out there and sell the RCN to the Canadian Public. A reception and formal NAC dinner followed the conference on Saturday evening.

The UNTD Chinese dinner at Don Mee's that evening was attended by about 60 former cadets and their guests. We occupied six tables and had a great evening. Thanks are extended to **David Winkler** (Discovery 62) for organizing this event as well as the dinner at Spinnakers.

It is of passing interest that the largest group of UNTDs in attendance at the 2013 June event came from the years 1957 through 1963. These were also years of large intake into the UNTD program. The termination of the UNTD training scheme coincided with the paying-off of the Prestonian Class Frigates which had provided sea training over the years for so many cadets.

Whether our direct association with the navy was long or short, we contributed to the defence of our country. We came from all parts of Canada and carried the naval message back to our homes. The fact that we can still come together in comradeship is really a celebration of our national pride and indicative of a very successful training plan that prepared us to be both naval officers and leaders in our various chosen professions and created a special bond that has survived the years.

In conclusion the 70th UNTD reunion was a great success with much credit, particularly, to **Brooke**

Campbell (Discovery 59) and **Roger Elmes** (Star 60), as the driving force behind all of the detailed planning required. They were supported by an organizing committee of the following former cadets: **Peter Chipman** (Brunswicker 63), **David Critoph** (Discovery UNTD and ROTP 60), **Larry Fournier** (UNTD 58), **Bob Mackay** (Discovery ROTP 59), **Bill McCreery** (Chippawa 61), **Bob McIlwaine** (Discovery 59), **Lach Morrison** (Discovery 57), **Bob White** (Discovery 60), **David Winkler** (Discovery 62)

A FORGOTTEN WEST COAST SKYLARK

David Stewart UNTD Scotian (1957)

During my 15 years (1952-1967) with the RCN(R), I was fortunate in being able to spend two summers on the West Coast, once as a second year cadet and again in 1957 as a lieutenant on the staff of the Reserve Training Commander, CDR Andy MacMillan.

On the occasion of the Admiral's Annual Parade in August 1957, I noted the sign on the front of the Gunnery Training Centre at Naden had been tampered with. The subtle change to the sign remained undetected for some time. The culprits were never found but suspicions weighed heavily on "UNTIDys".

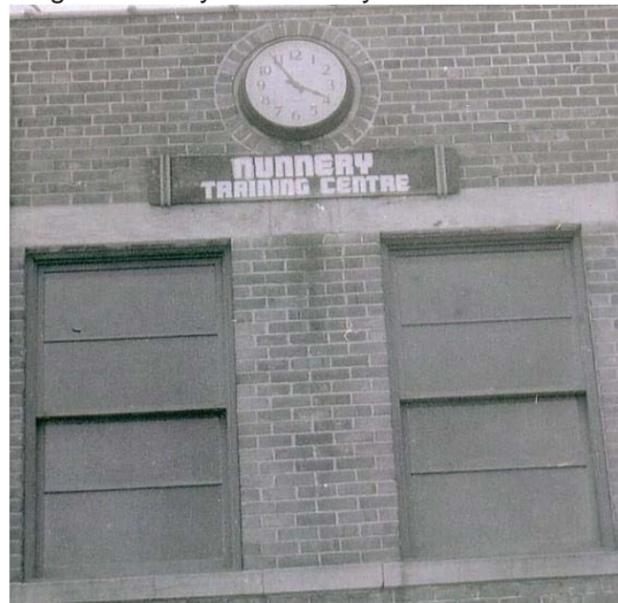


Photo by D. Stewart

The building still stands as a heritage-designated site and currently houses a Communication School, but the clock and the obtrusive sign are long gone and forgotten.

RESPONSE TO ADMIRAL'S NAVGEN RE: WEARING OF UNIFORMS BY RETIREES

TO: Vice-Admiral Mark Norman, CMM, CD, Commander RCN,
FM: SLT The Reverend Canon Wm. C. Thomas (Ret'd), President, UNTD Association of Canada

Sir:
Please be advised that our members have been notified via web page and newsletter of the NAVGEN regarding the wearing of uniforms, and of your clarification dated 22/06/2013, and I have no doubt that many will address you directly.

Our distinctive uniforms, rank and other badges, and even cap badges, immediately became historical artifacts with the cessation of the UNTD program in 1968, and consequently may be worn on special occasions, by those whose dimensions have remained unchanged since their service time.

I should add, however, that our members have raised a number of issues that are worthy of your consideration, particularly with respect to Mess Dress. For example, I note the following:

1. At a time when the RCN is greatly in need of higher visibility and support from the general population across the country, preventing former members from wearing their mess dress at appropriate social functions is at best contradictory to those objectives, and at worse destructive of good relationships.

2. For the great majority of officers, the Mess Kit is a considerable private expense, not an issued uniform which can rightly be returned upon retirement. Forcing the additional expense of a tuxedo upon retired persons in order to attend formal events hosted by their shipmates is, to use an old-fashioned term, not in good form.

3. And many of our members, enthusiastically celebrating the return of the designation "Royal Canadian Navy", and a distinct Naval Ensign, have also noted a need to recover the traditions which accompany that honour, not the least of which was the observation that receiving the Queen's Commission, was a hard-earned honour, and accepting it was a lifelong commitment that

became a central element of one's identity and deportment in all circumstances.

We appreciate that this matter surfaced at an awkward time, and unfortunately detracted from the fine publicity and positive image that has been building ever since the Naval Centennial.

As former reserve and regular force officers we continue to be strongly committed to supporting the navy, and wish to be considered a useful resource, particularly in overcoming "maritime blindness" which is more prevalent the further one gets from Halifax and Victoria. We currently represent a wide coast to coast spectrum of influential civilian leaders in just about every field of endeavor. In the Navy we learned to serve. By serving Canadian Society in a wide variety of ways, we continue to learn, and to pass on what we have learned. Please consider us as a helpful reference or sounding board whenever a similarly potentially controversial directive is being considered.

Yours aye,

SIR GEORGE BAIN ON KNIGHTHOOD

Editor's Note. In the last newsletter issue we recognized the knighthood for former UNTD George Bain (U-204 HMCS Chippawa 1957). We asked him for his personal insight on this rare honour in 2001. His response follows.

Although I am proud/grateful to have been knighted, I do not use my knighthood in Canada and, even in the UK, I use it sparingly. Contrary to popular rumours, even if you do use the title, it does not get you upgraded on flights (my gold Air Canada card sometimes does) or better tables in restaurants. What I find it most useful for is letters of complaint. The recipient thinks you might know his boss and sometimes responds more helpfully.

I am not the only living Canadian to be knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. Leaving aside the knighthoods awarded to Canadian citizens (e.g. Frederick Banting, the discoverer of insulin) in the distant past, there are several more recent examples: Graham Day in 1989, Neil Shaw and Conrad Swann in 1994. There are also a few UK/Canadian citizens resident in the UK (and perhaps resident in Canada) who also have knighthoods. Graham Day is still