



THE NEWSLETTER

OF THE UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1992 was another successful year for our Association, which culminated in a very successful Mess Dinner at the Canadian Forces Staff College last November.

1993 will be a most ambitious year for the UNTD Association of Upper Canada. We are scheduling our usual events, weepers at "YORK" and "STAR" and another memorable Mess Dinner next November. We're also planning a spring Mess Dinner

at the new HMCS "CATARAQUI". This dinner will bring the Upper Canada and Ottawa groups together with ex-UNT D's in Kingston. This should be a great nostalgia event for Queen's graduates as well. More on this later.

Our most ambitious undertaking will be the UNTD REUNION '93, to be held in Halifax July 2 - 5, 1993. As you are aware (or damned well will be if you read the rest of the NEWSLETTER), it will also be the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the UNTD.

Our Reunion Committee is under the command of Ben Lamb support-

ted by a merry group of volunteers both in Toronto and in Halifax. The details are mostly in place and it promises to be a memorable event with ex-UNT D's appearing from all over the map. I would like to take this opportunity to invite all ex-UNT D's to attend.

I look forward to seeing you all in Halifax this summer. Return your Registration, write your cheque, book your accommodation and make your travel plans for Halifax. See you there

Charles Copelin. U-16852

UNT D REUNION '93

Your keen, efficient REUNION Committee, under the BENEvolent leadership of Hizzoner Judge Lamb, has finally got most of the bits and pieces together. Yes Virginia, there will be a spectacular REUNION in dear old Slackers on July 2 - 5, 1993. Inside the NEWSLETTER, you'll find all the details, all the options (there are a couple) and all the costs. Already the interest is building and ex-cadets from coast to coast have indicated their desire to bathe in happy nostalgia with their old buddies of many years past. Nostalgia you say? Well, your Committee will do its best. We can all visit the "SACKVILLE". But there will be plenty to see of the new navy. MARCOM has promised us a trip on one of the new Patrol Frigates or one of the renovated "IROQUOIS"-class Destroyers. Oland's Export has long since gone, but then, it is a new Navy. Anyhow, it will be great fun and it will probably also be the largest UNTD Reunion ever. Our Halifax friends are REALLY thinking big. Don't miss it!

REUNION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place in the lobby of the "STADACONA" wardroom from 1600 to 2000 on Thursday, July 1 and from 0900 to 1600 on July 2. The wardroom is on the south side of Lorne Street at North Street - more or less where the bridge starts. Modern types refer to "STADACONA" as CFB Halifax, but we know better.

THE BITE

All the Scots types on the Committee have managed to knock the price of the Reunion down to \$ 130 (\$ 120 for Sweethearts, Wives etc.). This includes everything except the Nova Scotia International Tattoo on Friday evening (\$ 15 or \$ 10 if you're over 60) and the trip to Chester NS on Monday (\$ 35 plus \$ 15 for the bus). The Dinner /Dance alone - \$ 50.

HOTELS

If you want to stay in a hotel, YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. However, we'll help you. We have arranged the following:

THE CAMBRIDGE SUITES,
1583 Brunswick St., Halifax NS, B3J 3P5

Deluxe suite accommodation with fully equipped kitchen etc., suitable for families, underground parking, Single or Double \$ 110/night. (902) 420-0555, (800) 565-1263 Fax: (902) 420-9379, located near Citadel.

THE CHATEAU HALIFAX,
1990 Barrington St. Halifax NS, B3J 1P2,

Very special rate of \$ 65/night single or double. Reserve early by phoning (800) 268-9411 (in Canada) or (800) 828-7447 (in USA). Mention

UNTD Reunion '93 and send deposit (or Credit Card number) 30 days in advance. Located downtown at the Lower Mall.

THE LORD NELSON, South Park and Springarden Road, Halifax NS, B3J 2T3

Now here's nostalgia for you at \$ 62/night. Reserve at least 45 days prior and deposit one night's fee or credit card number by phoning (902) 423-6331 or (800) 565-2020. Refer to UNTD Reunion '93. Everybody knows where the Lord Nelson is.

KING'S COLLEGE, 6350 Coburg Road, Halifax NS, B3H 2A1

You can also stay in the cloistered halls of the University of King's College for a mere \$ 25/night single occupancy or \$ 50/night double occupancy (kids 9 and under free, but in parent's room). Breakfast "All You Can Eat" included. You cannot, however, make your own reservations - see enclosed Reservation Form. No Credit Cards.

REUNION FEATURES

SHIP VISIT AND HARBOUR TOUR

By the kindness of MARCOM and staff, we are invited to visit one of HMC's new patrol Frigates or TRUMPed Destroyers on Friday. Before slipping and proceeding, we will be treated to a buffet luncheon in the helicopter hanger. There will be greetings from MARCOM or his deputy. This is a wonderful bonus that we didn't expect when we started to organize a Reunion.

NOVA SCOTIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

This is an extra, mainly because we think that some of our Maritime pals have already seen this wonderful show. But \$ 15 is a pretty good price for anything and \$ 10, oh what bliss to be thought a senior citizen. 2,000 performers from across Canada take part, dancers, singers, acrobats, dramatists, all contribute to your enter-

tainment. This year there'll be bands from Canada, Germany, the U.K. and the U.S.. Perhaps we'll see the Berlin Police Motorcycle Display Team and the "Flying Grandpa's" from Hamburg. And the semi-finals of the Canadian Navy Gun Run Championships. A unique experience, the Tattoo is not to be missed. Naturally, you will be too hopped up to turn in. Consequently you will be able to repair to the Officers' Mess at RA Park and there tell lies until 0100.

ALL THE SIGHTS OF HALIFAX

Saturday will be a quiet day, allowing you to rest for the evening's festivities. There'll be a buffet lunch at the "STADACONA" Wardroom. For the rest of the morning, you can improve your mind by visiting some of the many museums around the town. There's the Maritime Command Museum at what we would know as "Ad House". There's HMCS "SACKVILLE", the world's last Flower-class Corvette down at the Historic Properties. There's also the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on Lower Water Street. You've heard about re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. Here you can see an actual deck chair from the Titanic. Finally, you can wander up the Citadel and see the Museum of the Pongos. Well worth the climb.

THE GALA DINNER AND DANCE

Saturday evening at 1900 for 2000, we Dine the Ladies at the vast World Trade and Convention Centre. Your Committee has laid on a delicious meal and a modicum of fine wine (additional bottles will be available on the payment of a modest fee). We hope to have some distinguished guests, MARCOM and officers who suffered through the annual invasion of university students through their years in the Service. Speeches, if any, will be short and amply amplified. After dinner, you may dance to the dulcet strains of the "STADACONA"

THE PROGRAM

Thursday July 1, 1993

1600 - 2000 Registration "STADACONA" Wardroom Lobby

Friday July 2, 1993

0900 - 1600 Registration "STADACONA" Wardroom Lobby

1115 Muster "STADACONA" Wardroom Entrance for transport to Dockyard

1130 Arrive at designated Ship

1200 Buffet Lunch in Ship's Hanger

1315 Welcome by MARCOM

1330 Slip and proceed for harbour cruise

1600 Alongside - transport to hotels

1900 NOVA SCOTIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO at World Trade and Convention Centre.

2200 - 0100 Nightcap at R.A. Park Officers' Mess

Saturday July 3, 1993

0930 - 1130 Self-guided tours, HMCS "SACKVILLE" Ships at Dockyard (possibly),

1200 - 1330 Lunch "STADACONA" Wardroom

1330 - 1630 More self-guided touring, Maritime Command Museum (Ad House), Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

1900 Reception, Cornwallis Room, World Trade and Convention Centre, Cash Bar

2000 Dinner and Dance, Port Royal Room, World trade and Convention Centre, The "STADACONA" Dance Band

Sunday July 4, 1993 (Greetings to "sem-eye" friends)

1000 Church Parade - King's College Chapel

1045 Up Spirits - HMCS "KINGS" Wardroom (aka the Junior Common Room,

1130 - 1330 Brunch - King's College

Monday July 5, 1993

1000 Bus leaves hotels (as required)

1100 Visit Peggy's Cove, take photographs

1200 Arrive Chester, visit town, shop,

1300 Lunch at Captain's House. RADM Debby

Piers speaks on Naval History of Chester

1500 Depart Chester

1600 Arrive Halifax

BATTLE OF ATLANTIC 50TH ANNIVERSARY

1993 marks not only the 50th Anniversary of the UNTD but also the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic - a somewhat larger affair.

There will be a Canadian Programme on the weekend April 30 - May 2, in Halifax, culminating in a National Ceremony on Battle of Atlantic Sunday. Similar events will take place in naval cities across Canada.

The International Programme will take place in Liverpool May 26 to 30 complete with a Naval Review, Royal Visit and historic conference. For further information call CAPT (N) John Stuart at Maritime Command in Halifax - (902) 427-0433

TRAVEL INFORMATION

We had a look at appointing an official airline for UNTD Reunion '93, hoping to get good rates. Forget it. You will do much better by calling your travel agent well ahead of time and taking advantage of whatever price-cutting the airlines are doing at that time.

If you feel like combining UNTD Reunion '93 with a summer holiday, we suggest you contact the various provincial tourist departments. They will smother you with excellent and useful information:

Nova Scotia (800) 565-0000

New Brunswick (800) 561-0123

Prince Edward Is. (800) 565-0267

Newfoundland (800) 563-6353

Halifax (902) 421-8736

REUNION FEATURES

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Dance Band. (A rock version of Hearts of Oak?). Those with two left feet or without female company may circulate among the tables and sip beverages from the cash bar. Rig? Any naval uniform, Black Tie or navy blazer. Ladies whatever they like.

PUSSERS CHURCH SERVICE

As in 1985, a Naval Church Service is planned for Sunday morning at King's College Chapel. Norm Balfour is arranging dispensation for those who will be falling out. Heathens, non-believers and similar can turn up to "Up Spirits" early and avoid the line-up.

"UP SPIRITS"

Following Pussers Church, your Committee will pipe "Up Spirits" and hands can muster in the King's Junior Common Room, formerly the wartime wardroom of HMCS "KINGS", where most of the RCNVR officers were trained (or what passed for training in those times). "Up Spirits" will consist of

whatever we can find that approaches pussers rum mixed (possibly) with whatever we can find. Beware. There will also be a cash bar. Following the swilling, all hands will repair to the Great Hall of King's to partake of a fine buffet lunch.

WHAT NEXT

Following lunch, you will have a number of alternatives. You can say goodbye to your chums who are leaving for the airport. You can go to Hubbards and drink beer on the beach. You can see if the "Bluenose II" still floats and still does harbour cruises. You can stay around for an added feature on Monday.

THE CHESTER TRIP

For Monday, July 5, we have organized a trip to beautiful Chester, Nova Scotia. A bus will leave the Halifax hotels (as required), at 1000, will stop at Peggy's Cove for some brief sight-seeing and arrive in Chester at noon. There'll be an hour to wander round the town, shop and whatever and a seafood lunch will be served at the Captain's House, one of Nova Scotia's top restaurants. After lunch, RADM Debby Piers will speak to us about the naval history and associations of Chester, which has been his special area of research since retirement. Should be a great day in a beautiful part of the world.

HISTORY LESSON

"They will be known as UNIVERSITY NAVAL TRAINING DIVISIONS of the university to which attached, short title UNTD."
(Naval Order 2854 - 19 June 1943)

The idea of a UNTD stems from a chance meeting in Jamaica in the winter of 1938, between Professor A.W. Baker of the Ontario Agricultural College and CDR E. Reginald Brock, CO of the Montreal Division of the RCNVR. When war broke out, CDR Brock was appointed Director of Reserve Divisions, with the rank of Captain.

In August 1942, CAPT Brock and Professor Baker called on the President of OAC and persuaded him to permit the establishment of an unofficial scheme to provide naval training on a similar basis to the COTC and the RCAF equivalent. In January 1943, the Naval Secretary authorized CAPT Brock to offer Professor Baker a commission and charged him "to form Naval Training Units in Universities where there are RCNVR Divisions".

UNTD units were established in 16 universities. Officer-candidates trained evenings and university vacations, appeared before selection boards and were commissioned. Unfortunately, naval statistics do not differentiate between direct-entry officer candidates and UNTD candidates, so no accurate number of UNTD members exists for the 1943 - 1945 period.

In 1946, Professor Baker returned to OAC and CDR (SB) C. Herbert Little RCN(R) was appointed Staff Officer UNTDs. CDR Little thus became responsible for organizing the peacetime UNTD of which we are the main beneficiaries. 1993 marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the UNTD.

Source: Philip Chaplin, The University Naval Training Divisions,

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