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Royal Canadian Navy Regulating Branch And Naval Police; Rating's Cap Ribbons

The cap ribbon or tally was worn on the headwear by all seamen in Class II Rig. According to the 1918 dress regulations it was to be: *"Of black silk, 1 3/16 inches broad and 45 inches long, the name of the ship, &c. being embroidered in gold letters 1/2 of an inch deep, according to sealed pattern. Tied in a bow over the left ear, the ends of the bow of equal length not more than two inches long"*.

By the 1950s, the pattern had changed slightly: *Bemberg yarn, plain weave, 1 1/8 inches wide by 40 inches long, woven letters 9/16 inch high.*

For security reasons during wartime, the ribbons bearing the ship's names were withdrawn and a simple HMCS was normally worn. In shore based training establishments or "Stone Frigates" other ribbons were sometimes permitted, according to local dress instructions.

Ordinary Seaman Ledwell Doyle of the R.C.N.V.R. at Halifax, November 1st., 1940. He is wearing an RCNVR TORONTO cap ribbon. Upon assignment to a ship or division, this ribbon would be replaced by the standard HMCS ribbon.



The next CMHS
meeting will be held on

**Tuesday,
September 17, 2013**

7:00 PM

At the Petty Officers' Mess
HCMS Tecumseh

Attention Members Tuesday September 17, 2013 will be our General Meeting. It is time to elect and re-elect the people who will lead the Calgary Military Historical Society in the coming year. Please attend and vote.

Its Membership Renewal Time September is the time to renew your membership. Please find enclosed a application form. Please fill it out even if you pay at the meeting. This will allow us to check out our information.

Calgary Military Historical Society
Minutes of month meeting held August 20th, 2013, HCMS Tecumseh , Calgary

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by Pres. David S.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted after discussion of dismal abilities of current secretary.

Treasures Report. Report given by Treasurer Brian H. Brian moved that the report be accepted. Unanimous consent.

Membership Report. Report given by the tall and wise Brian H.

Newsletter report.— Member Bob McP informed us that the double mustang aircraft was at one time tested here in Calgary and he actually got a chance to ride in it. A very scary event.

Old Business

David S. - Reports on MCC show in Edmonton and his misadventures. Discussion by a number of members who attended.

Gary S.— Reports on same show from the view of having a display. Show was ok the first day but attendance was down especially the second day. Unhappy with situation. Discussion of them having the show in Calgary in 2015

Mike C.—Comments and displays items in answer to a question posed last month by Member Marjorie. She had viewed items and papers that she was not sure of their authenticity. Mike showed items presented by War Museum as a instructional game etc and they had copied many wartime documents. Also produced like series on Boer War.

New Business

David S.—Donates several books to be purchased by club members with proceeds to the Society.

Barry E.—Announces Gun Show to be held 3rd Saturday in September. September 21st. At Thorncliff community centre.

Al D.—Talks about plans by Federal Gov't in regards to HMCS Tecumseh. If they will happen or will building be done somewhere else.

David S.—Reminds members that the meeting coming up in September will be the Annual General Meeting for the Society. This will include election of officials. Urges members to attend and vote.

Break followed by raffle

Show and Tell

Stuart E.—Hitler postcards of summer homes, eagles nest etc. Discussion by members

Elmer—Reminds members of Gun Show in Torrington

Gary S.—Replica swords of British Navy in the 1800's. Style of sword used by a relative in the Battle of the Nile. And Wilkinson sword (Spanish Style)

Mike C.—RCMP sword 75th Commemorative. Personal records and photos of WW2 German Pilot. Log books, licences and bank book.

Bob McP.—WW1 Aircraft Book, 1942 helmet with original gas cape on it. Northwest Medal 1885

David L.—Chaplain badges South African, RCAF prayer scarves and Chaplains uniform and hat. RC Navy chaplain uniform and hat.

Robert.—Commemorative plate by pilot artist.

Don S.—1912 picture of Lord Strathcona's Horse contingent sent to Coronation of the King.

Barry E.—Certificate of WWI, 1915 Translation Book

Floyd S.—Badge Pre unification

Marjory—WW1 letters from training base now donated to Imperial War Museum. Husbands WW2 records

James B.—Legion tour of Europe he took this summer. Visited sites in Belgium and France

David S.—Royal Regiment of Toronto Badge and cheap t shirt.

David G.—86th Machine Gun badges, 23 Alberta Rangers badges, 1915 training manual

David H.—Bomber Command in Nanton putting on show the following weekend.

Adjournment— Mike C and seconded by the ever alert Floyd S.

A few examples of Royal Canadian Navy Cap Ribbons 1910 - 1968. HMCS Rainbow was a light cruiser bought from the British in 1910. The RNCVR (Royal Navy Canadian Volunteer Reserve) ribbon was worn by Canadian volunteers serving in the Royal Navy during the First World War. In 1923 the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve was formed, and the RCNVR ribbon was worn by reservists. The HMCS ribbon was worn by both Regular and Reserve Royal Canadian Navy ratings during the Second World War for security reasons. The Royal Canadian Navy ribbon was worn after the Second World War, primarily by recruits and sailors not yet assigned to a ship or station. HMCS Bonaventure and HMCS Athabaskan are typical 1960's examples of the ship's name worn on the rating's cap by a member of her crew. The "Bonnie" was the last aircraft carrier to serve in the RCN.

H.M.C.S. RAINBOW

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ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

H.M.C.S. ATHABASKAN

H.M.C.S. BONAVENTURE

H.M.C.S. DOCKYARD

H.M.C. RADIO STATION

A variety of brassards were worn by Naval Patrol or Police on duty. They were issued on a temporary basis to dutymen assigned to Naval Patrols or on a permanent issue to Patrolmen of the Boatswains Branch. Early patterns were identical to those worn by the Royal Navy and many were likely obtained from Royal Navy stores. Canadian manufactured brassards usually have snap fasteners with the letters UCC CANADA or UNITED CARR (United Carr Company Canada) stamped on the back of the snap.

Naval Police and Regulating Branch duty brassards were worn on the left cuff of the jacket or greatcoat. In the tropics, when wearing short sleeve dress, the brassard was worn directly on the left wrist.

Deputy Naval Provost Marshal brassard worn by Officers assigned as Navy Provost Marshals. Gold thread embroidery on wool. This brassard is believed be of British origin, probably from the 1950s.



Naval Police Brassard. Embroidered on linen, with dome snap fasteners. Variations of this brassard were seen in wear by the RCN from the Second World War until the late 1950s.

Naval Police Brassards. Embroidered on wool, with dome snap fasteners. Brassards were issued in two sizes, the long ones for wear on the greatcoat, the short for wear on the jacket cuff or the wrist.



Naval Police Brassard circa 1944. Printed on painted canvas, buckle fastener. Manufacturer uncertain but has a definite Canadian provenance.

Canadian Naval Patrol Brassard worn by dutymen, Boatswains and Regulators, circa 1945 - 1955.



Canadian Naval Patrol Brassard worn by dutymen, Boatswains and Regulators, circa 1955 - 1968.