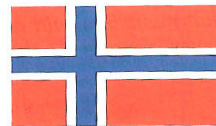




CANADIAN MERCHANT NAVY VETERANS

65TH ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC CEREMONY

10 A.M., SATURDAY, 3 MAY, 2008
MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC
HALIFAX, NOVASCOTIA



Hon. Greg Thompson

Rev. Allan Fry

Capt. Jim Calvesbert

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bids the mighty oceans deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
be thou our shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect us wheresoe'er we go;
and evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns from air and land and sea.



Rupert Park, at 10,000 tonnes was one of 358 Fort and Park ships built in Canada during the Second World War to support the Allied cause. Thirteen hundred and thirty four merchant ships proudly flew Canada's Red Ensign during the Battle of the Atlantic

In order to encourage the captains of the merchant ships of all countries which carry the lifeblood of the U.K., I made it a point to attend the briefing conference of all captains and chief engineers before their departure. During the winter of '42-'43, when sinkings were at their worst, I could see when I told them of the measures by escort and air cover that were being taken for their protection and safety; I could see that they knew very well and that they knew I knew in spite of my brave words, that anything up to 25 per cent of them would probably not arrive in the U.K. in their own ships, and that probably half of that number would not arrive in the U.K. at all. But there was never a waver in their resolve.

Admiral Leonard Murray, RCN



Hon. Greg Thompson
Minister of Veterans Affairs



James Burke
Act of Remembrance

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies
Captain James Calvesbert



Welcoming Remarks - *The Honourable Greg Thompson,*
Minister of Veterans Affairs

O Canada

Opening Prayer - *Rev. Allan Fry, Mission to Seafarers*

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Last Post

The Silence

The Act of Remembrance: *James Burke, CMNVA*
“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
And at the going down of the sun and in the morning;
we will remember them.”

Response: “We will remember them.”

Commitment to Remember:
Carly MacCuspik and David Potvin

The Reveille

Honour Roll: *Capt Earle Wagner, CMNVA*

**Wreath Laying at the Canadian
and Norwegian Memorials**

Closing Prayer - *Rev. Fry*

God Save the Queen



Preparing for the Ceremony



Norm Crewe leading the
Merchant Navy Veterans Association Colour Party

Between 1939 and 1945, over 1700 Merchant Navy personnel lost their lives due to enemy action. This figure includes Canadian seafarers who were lost while serving aboard 278 Canadian and Allied ships. Over 70 Canadian Merchant ships were sunk, most in the Battle of the Atlantic.

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| 1940 – 7 ships lost | 1943 – 2 ships lost |
| 1941 – 13 ships lost | 1944 – 8 ships lost |
| 1942 – 36 ships lost | 1945 – 7 ships lost |

**Canadian
Merchant Ships
Lost**

Erik Boye
Kenordoc
Magog
St. Malo
Thorold
Trevisa
Waterloo
A.D. Huff
Canadolite
Canadian Cruiser
Collingdoc
Europa
J.B. White
Maplecourt
Portadoc
Proteus
Shinai
Nereus
Vancouver Island
Bic Island
Calgarolite
Carolus
Rose Castle
Chr. J. Kampmann
Donald Stewart

Montrolite
Empress of Asia
Frank B. Baird
George L. Torian
Lady Nelson
James E. Newson
John A. Holloway
Lade Drake
Lady Hawkins
Lennox
Liverpool Packet
Lord Strathcona
Lucille
Mildred Pauline
Mona Marie
Mont Louis
Nipiwana Park
Norfolk
Oakton
Princess Marguerite
Robert W. Pomeroy
Sarniadoc
Soreldoc
Torondoc
Troisdock
Vineland
Victrolite
Angelus

Jasper Park
Fort Athabasca
Fort Bellingham
Fort Maisonneuve
Fort Missanabie
Fort Norfolk
Fort St. Nicholas
Albert C. Field
Cornwallis
Watuka
Point Pleasant Park
Taber Park
Silver Star Park
Greenhill Park
Prescodoc
Avondale Park

**Newfoundland
Vessels Lost**

Humber Arm
Geraldine Mary
Caribou
Helen Forsey
Rothermere



*Music by the band of RCSCC Nelson under the direction of
Lieutenant(N) Colleen Dewis*