



COMMISSIONING CEREMONY PROGRAMME

FOR

H.M.C.S. ANTIGONISH

AT

VICTORIA MACHINERY DEPOT

AT

1500

ON

SATURDAY THE TWELFTH OF OCTOBER, 1957.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Guest of Honour to inspect the Guard.

Introduction by Captain(E) E. Revfem, CD, RCN, Principal
Naval Overseer, West Coast.

Address by Mr. G. Husband, President of Victoria Machinery
Depot.

Address by the Guest of Honour, Rear Admiral H.S. Rayner,
DSC*, CD, RCN, Flag Officer Pacific Coast.

Acceptance of the Ship by Captain(E) N.E. Winnett, CD, RCN.

Signing of the Acceptance Forms by Mr. Husband, Captain(E)
N.E. Winnett, and the Commanding Officer.

Commissioning Service conducted by Chaplain(P) I.R. Edwards,
CD, RCN, Command Chaplain(P) Pacific Coast.

Hymn: Tune "Eternal Father Strong to Save"

O Father, King of Earth and Sea,
We dedicate this ship to Thee;
In faith we send her on her way,
O Hear from Heaven our sailors cry,
And watch and guard her from on high.

And when at length her course is run,
Her work for home and country done,
Of all the souls that in her sailed
Let not on life in Thee have fail,
But hear from Heaven our sailors cry,
And grant eternal life on high.

Psalm 107 (Verses 23 to 31, 43) to be said responsively

23. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business
in great waters.
24. These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the
deep.

25. For He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26. They mount up to the Heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.
27. They reel to and fro; and stagger like a drunken man and are at their wit's end.
28. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses.
29. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.
30. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto their desired haven.
31. On that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for His wonderous works for the childern of men!
43. Who is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Prayer

O Thou, that sittest above the water floods, and stillest the raging of the sea, accept, we beseech Thee, supplications of Thy servants for all who in this ship, now and hereafter, shall commit their lives unto the perils of the deep. In all their ways enable them truly and godly to serve Thee, and by their Christian lives to set forth Thy glory throughout the earth, Watch over them in their going forth and their coming in, that no evil befall them nor mischief come nigh to hurt their souls. And so through the waves of this troublesome world, and through all the changes and chances of this normal life, bring them Thy mercy to the sure haven of Thine everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

AMEN.

The Naval Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Commissioning Service conducted by Chaplain(RC) J.P. Farrell, RCN, Command Chaplain(RC) Pacific Coast.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made Heaven and Earth.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and bless this ship with Thy right hand as Thou didst bless Noah and the ark on the waters of the flood. Send Thy Holy Angels from Heaven to guard, assist, strengthen and encourage those who will serve therein. Preserve and deliver them from all weakness of mind and body. Endow her officers with the spirit of wisdom, knowledge and fear of Thee, inspire her men with the spirit of truth, courage and loyalty. Strengthen and increase their admiration for honest dealing, so that they may hate that which is evil and love that which is good; and through them the tradition of the Navy of Her Majesty the Queen may be maintained, to ensure the freedom of the seas to all who have the right to use them. And under the patronage of the Blessed Mother of God, Mary, Star of the sea, of St. George, Thy Martyr, and all Thy Saints, may their words and works be such as to bring them the honour due to faithful servants in this life, and an eternal reward in the life to come, Thou who livest and reignest world without end. AMEN.

Her Majesty's Canadian Ship "ANTIGONISH" commissions.

Address to the Ship's Company by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander R.W.J. COCKS, CD, RCN.

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Tour of the Ship.

Reception in Victoria Machinery Depot offices.