

ALLAN, John (Jock) [UNTD CATARAQUI '50 U-1557] (1928 - 2014) Age: 86



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Vice-Admiral (Retired), CMM, OStJ, CD(3), BSc (Eng)

Passed away peacefully with family at his side at the Glebe Centre in Ottawa on May 1, 2014 at the age of 86. Predeceased by his beloved wife Isabel Anne (nee Jamieson) in 2009; his father William Allan (d. 1967); mother Isabella Allan (nee McInnes) (d. 1996) and brother Robert McInnes Allan (d. 1998). Jock is survived by his brother William Allan (sister-in-law Barbara) of Toronto, and sister Mary McCrank (brother-in-law Douglas) of Wawa. Much loved father of Sandy Dunn (Paul), Kathy MacEachern (Shaun), James Allan (Carroll Roblin) and Bill Allan (Mary Gracie). Beloved 'Bampi' to John, Katie, Ewan, John Campbell, Scott, Christopher, Robynn, Annie, Stuart and Cameron. Jock will also be greatly missed by many nieces and nephews. Jock was born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, and joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1946 as an Ordinary Seaman. For the next five years, he served in the Fleet before attending Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, from which he graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1955. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as an acting Sub-Lieutenant. Over the next 13 years he served on HMCS Nootka, Columbia, Yukon and Bras D'Or before assuming command of HMCS Qu'Appelle in 1968. He was subsequently promoted to Captain and became the Project Manager of the DDH-280 Program at National Defence Headquarters in 1970. He then became Commander First Canadian Destroyer Squadron in 1973. The following year Jock was appointed Chief of Staff in Maritime Command Headquarters. In 1975 he became Director General Maritime Engineering and Maintenance, which led to his promotion to Associate Assistant Deputy Minister Materiel in 1977. His last operational postings were as Commander Maritime Command in 1979 and then Deputy Chief of Defence Staff in 1980 before his retirement in 1982. He enjoyed a rare and unique career path in the history of Canada's Navy. Friends and family are invited to gather and celebrate Jock's amazing Life on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the Beechwood National Memorial Centre, 280 Beechwood Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario. Visitation will be held in the Hall of Colours from 12-1:45 p.m. with a Memorial Service to follow at 2 p.m. and Burial at 3 p.m. in the National Military Cemetery of the Canadian Armed Forces. A Reception will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Borden and Fleming Suites at Beechwood. A very special thank you is extended to the staff at the Glebe Centre for their excellent care and support during the past three years. Donations in Jock's memory to the Alzheimer Society, The Glebe Centre or Soldier On - Canada would be appreciated. Published in The Ottawa Citizen from May 6 to May 7, 2014

He was appointed as an Ordinary Seaman (UNTD) (Queens) RCN(R) 1946. He served in HMCS Cataraqi for UNTD 1946. He served in HMCS Shearwater. (CFR). He was appointed as an Officer Cadet (L) (Queen's) RCN (With seniority dated 01/06/1953). He served in HMCS Cataraqi 1953. He was appointed as an A/Sub-Lieutenant (L) RCN (With seniority dated 01/06/1954). He was appointed as a Sub-Lieutenant (L) RCN (With seniority dated 01/06/1955). He served in HMCS Stadacona for RCN Barracks Halifax for Electrical Course 1955 and then to the Electrical School as Instructor in 1956. He was appointed as a Lieutenant (L) RCN (With seniority dated 01/03/1957). He served in HMCS Nootka as Electrical Officer 1958. He served in HMCS Stadacona on Staff of Commander Operational Evaluation Organization 1960. He served in HMCS Stadacona for Long Weapons Course 1961. He served in HMCS Yukon as Weapons Officer 1963. He was appointed as a Lieutenant-Commander RCN (With seniority dated 01/01/1964). He served in CFHQ as Staff Officer Directorate of Systems Engineering 1964. He was appointed as a Commander RCN (With seniority dated 01/08/1966). He served as Hydrofoil Project

Fighting Equipment Officer 1966. He served as Head Action Information Section in Directorate of Combat Systems 1967. He served in HMCS Qu'Appelle (II) (In command) 1968. He was appointed as a Captain (MARE) (With seniority dated 01/07/1970). He served in NDHQ as Project Manager DDH-280 Program 1970. He served as Commander First Canadian Destroyer Squadron 1973. He was appointed as a Commodore (With seniority dated 15/07/1974). He served as Chief of Staff (Sea) Maritime Command HQ 1974. He served in NDHQ as Director General Maritime Engineering and Maintenance 1975. He was appointed as a Rear-Admiral (With seniority dated 15/08/1977). He served in DND as Associate Assistant Deputy Minister Materiel 1977. He was appointed as a Vice-Admiral (With seniority dated 01/07/1979). He served as Commander Maritime Command 1979. He served as Deputy Chief of Defence Staff 1980. (He was retired.)

He was living in Kirkland Lake ON at the time of his recruitment. After his naval service he was the Executive VP Aviation Electric Ltd. 1984, Marine Administrator Transport Canada 1983, President MIL Systems Engineering Inc. 1985. He was the Senior Partner in CFN Consultants, Ottawa after retirement. He was the President of the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering in 1987.

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The excerpt below appeared both in the UNTD Newsletter and UNTiDy Tales;

Vice-Admiral Allan is the most senior ranking graduate of the UNTD. He has had a distinguished career in the RCN including the following appointments; Project Manager for the DDH 280 Program, Commander of the First Destroyer Squadron, Commander of Maritime command and Deputy Chief of Defence Staff.

On November 18, 1995 at the Annual UNTD Mess Dinner at HMCS York, VAdm Allan told the dinner guests how he joined the naval service through the UNTD program and made it his life's career. Inspired by the effort put forth by the Canadian Navy during World War II, young John Allan left northern Ontario to join the navy in 1946. He began as an ordinary seaman with the naval air squadron VC 920 at Downsview in Toronto. His career in the navy almost came to a quick end when he went flying with one of the pilots in a Harvard Trainer. Exhilarated by the excitement of flying, he would cadge a ride whenever he could and try his hand at the controls. On one occasion he got more of a thrill than he had bargained for. While demonstrating a spin, the pilot found that he was unable to recover from the manoeuvre. The aircraft would not respond to the controls. Young John was ordered to bail out. This much adventure was more than this young recruit could process. He had never used a parachute before and didn't even know if the thing would work. Nevertheless, struggling against the centrifugal force of the spin, he rolled over the side of the aircraft, only to find that part of his equipment was hung-up inside the cockpit. Flopping and twisting helplessly over the side of the aircraft in the slip stream, his alarm turned to panic. No matter how he struggled, he could not extricate himself from his plight. As he resolved to meet his fate, a moment of quiet inner peace set in. It was then that he realized the aircraft had stopped spinning and he thankfully clambered back into the back seat of the aircraft. It was there that the surprised pilot found a pale and shaken OS Allan after they had landed.

It was later established that the unusual behaviour of the aircraft was due to the fact that it had been fitted with wing rails for rocket

launching at the firing range. In this configuration, the Harvard was not to be used for acrobatics. Shortly after this, OS Allan applied for a university education. Since there was no ROTP in those days he was appointed to HMCS Cataraqui additional for Queen's University UNTD in September of 1950. The training that he received at Cataraqui and at the coast in the summers with the UNTD, became the foundation of his career in the navy.

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Jock Allan also wrote the Foreword to UNTiDy Tales, in 2012, below;

After a trial program at Guelph's Ontario Agricultural College seventy years ago in conjunction with HMCS Star in 1942, the integration of the University Naval Training Divisions (UNTD) into suitably located Naval Reserve Establishments was put into effect in June of 1943. The objective during World War II was to provide an entry opportunity for students of all faculties at major universities, to become commissioned officers in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR).

The UNTD program successfully met the objective of the Navy until the end of the war. In 1946 Commander Herbert Little became the Staff Officer UNTDs. In large measure, it was due to his dedication and effort in support of the plan, during massive post war cuts to personnel and training systems, that the priority for resources for the UNTD was retained. It is timely, in the seventieth year of the founding of the UNTD that Commander Robert Williamson has revised and updated his original historical and anecdote-filled account of that successful endeavour. It is my belief that all of those who have been associated, in any way, with the UNTD know how important the organization has been to them and to the Navy. I also know they will cherish Bob's book.

I became a Cadet RCN in September of 1950 when I was appointed to Cataraqui additional for Queens University UNTD. The training I received at Cataraqui and on the coast in the summer was the foundation of my naval career. There is no doubt that the training and the friendships have lasted long and strong as has the ethic and pride of being a naval person.