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The CNTHA's Document Library Continues to Grow

One of the more important initiatives of the Canadian Naval Technical History Association is the collection and cataloguing of Canadian naval technical papers covering a wide variety of subjects. In the 11 years since the Naval Technical History Project was first given the green light by DND's Directorate of History and Heritage, the document library has grown into a collection of 400 papers, articles, memoranda and notes documenting various aspects of the navy's post-1945 technical development.

A few of the more recent acquisitions, which have yet to be catalogued, offer a typical sampling of the wonderfully diverse nature of the material people think to send us:

- Staff Report E, Research, Engineering & Procurement (including the special problems in ship procurement), A Report to the Management Review Committee, May 1972.
- Technology and the Canadian Navy 1953-1984, Cdr Marc Garneau and Cmdre Ernest Ball, October 1985.
- Sonar Performance Figure Measurement, LCdr P.D.C. Barnhouse, Weapons System Engineering Officer, Ship Repair Unit (Atlantic), ca. 1971.
- The Naval Constructors Technical Bulletin, Vol.1, Nos. 8 and 9, undated.
- A Chapter in the History of Canadian Naval Sonar Development 1973-1995, F.A. Payne (Defence Scientist).

Responsibility for the collection now resides with me, having taken over the task from Phil Munro last year. Phil performed yeoman work in initiating the collection, setting up a cataloguing system, and persuading so many people to contribute a great number of very useful documents. The Directorate of History and Heritage supports this effort admirably by maintaining the collection at its facilities in Ottawa, and allowing researchers and other interested parties to access the papers for study.

As the curator of this growing, one-of-its-kind collection, I welcome all and sundry documentation on Canadian naval technical matters. Submissions may be mailed to me directly at 535 Kenwood Ave., Ottawa, K2A 0L7, or dropped off in the "NOAC" slot at HMCS Bytown Naval Officers Mess in Ottawa. I can also be reached by e-mail at: pat.barnhouse@sympatico.ca

— Pat Barnhouse



Tony Thatcher chairs CANDIB subcommittee

Retired navy engineering commander **Tony Thatcher** has taken over as chair of the Canadian Naval Defence Industrial Base (CANDIB) Project subcommittee following the death of Ron Rhodenizer last October. Tony, who is General Manager for the Minor Warships and Auxiliary Vessels Project at **SNC-Lavalin Defence Programs** in Ottawa, served 28 years as a combat systems engineer in the Canadian navy before joining SNC-Lavalin in 1992.



as Combat Systems Engineering Officer for Naval Engineering Unit Pacific.

Thanks to the sponsorship of Ron Rhodenizer, and now Tony Thatcher, SNC-Lavalin very kindly continues to support the efforts of CANDIB by providing “e-room” and meeting space to facilitate the committee’s work.



About the CNTHA

The Canadian Naval Technical History Association is a volunteer organization working in support of the Directorate of History and Heritage (DHH) to preserve our country’s naval technical history. Interested persons may become members of the CNTHA by contacting DHH.

A prime purpose of the CNTHA is to make its information available to researchers and others. The Collection may be viewed at the Directorate of History and Heritage, 2429 Holly Lane (near the intersection of Heron Road and Walkley Road) in Ottawa.

DHH is open to the public Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Staff are on hand to retrieve the information you request and to help in any way. Photocopy facilities are available on a self-serve basis. Copies of the index to the Collection may be obtained by writing to DHH.



Naval history project briefing, April, 15th

The Canadian Naval Defence Industrial Base Project is holding an information session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 15 in the Crowsnest of the HMCS Bytown Naval Officers Mess, 78 Lisgar St., Ottawa. Persons interested in learning more about CANDIB’s effort to document the development of the naval shipbuilding industry in Canada since 1950 are cordially invited. The organizers are hoping that people with

first-hand experience in Canada’s shipbuilding industry will be able to contribute to the project’s information base.

To register for this free event, please contact Lisa Dudzik, Office Manager for SNC-Lavalin, at (613) 567-7004, Ext. 224. We very much hope to see you there. — **Don Cruickshank**



New CNTHA/CANDIB website

At a recent meeting of the Canadian Naval Defence Industrial Base subcommittee it was agreed that **Don** and **Ian Wilson** will initiate action to develop a website for CNTHA and CANDIB use. The purpose of the website will be to provide an opportunity for the CNTHA and CANDIB teams to share project work in the form of documents, graphics and photos with a broader audience. It is hoped this will attract more support in the form of articles and/or interviews with people who have a background in naval programs. An image gallery will also be developed to share the growing collection of photos relating to shipbuilding and associated equipment/systems.

You can reach the website at <http://www.donwilson.ca/cntha/CNTHA.html> For further information, or to discuss any ideas for the development of the website, please contact either the webmaster: don@thewilsons.ca or our website developer: ian@thewilsons.ca — **Don Wilson**

