

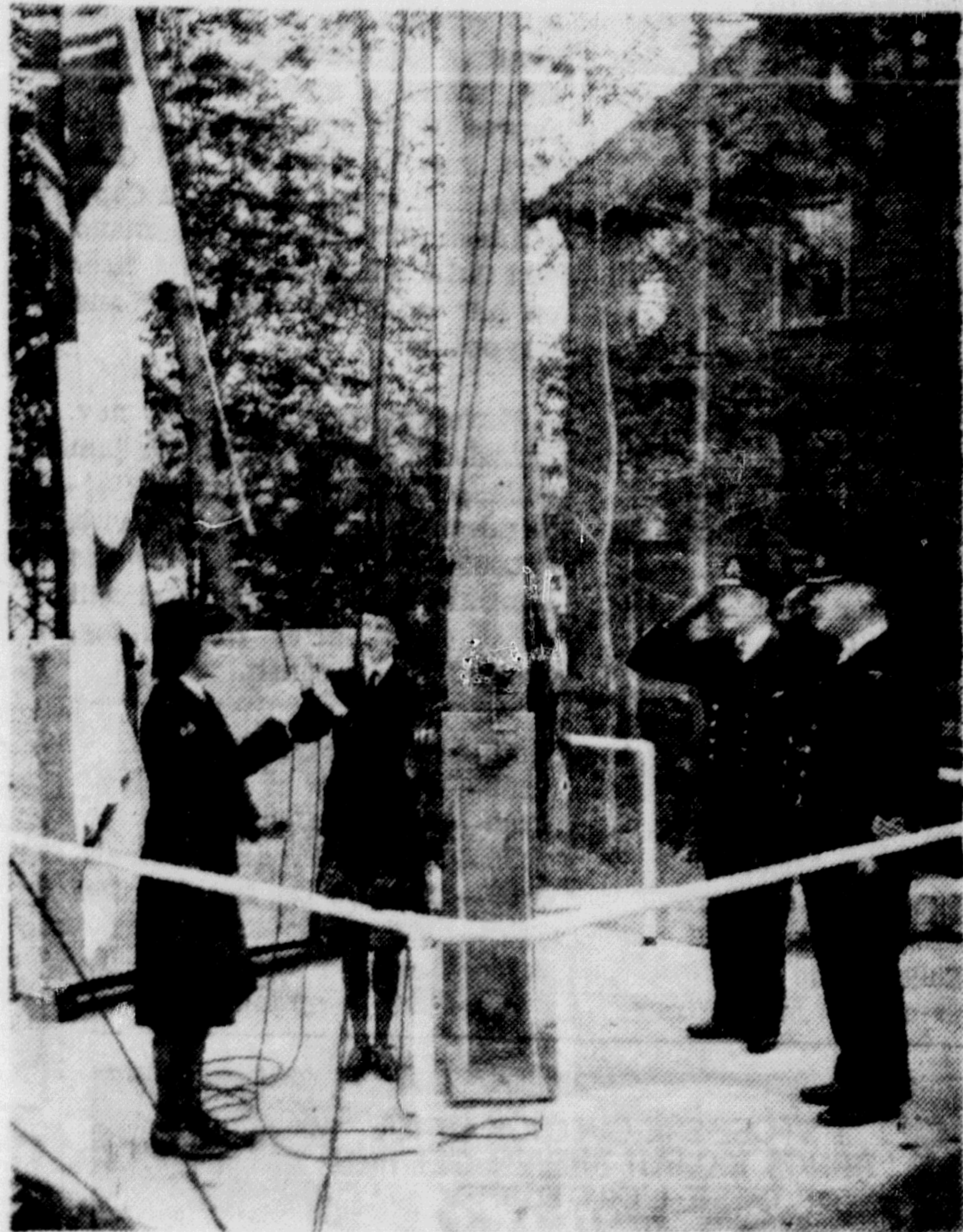
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ALONGSIDE"**

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H.M.C.S. CHATHAM

*What does your Local
Naval Reserve do?*

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE COMMANDING
OFFICER, SEE DEMONSTRATIONS OF

- ★ Radar
- ★ "IFF"
- ★ Seamanship
- ★ Gunnery
- ★ Loran
- ★ Asdic, Etc.

You Are Invited to

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

2:30 to 6 p.m.

FREE PUBLIC DANCE

9:30 to Midnight

CHATHAM NATION - WIDE NAVAL LINK

Welcome From C.O.

It is with pleasure that Prince Rupert's naval division accepts the opportunity to invite and welcome the public to W.B.C. (come alongside) H.M.C.S. Chatham Saturday afternoon, says Lt. Cdr. J. D. McRae, commanding officer. "In extending this invitation to attend the Division's 'open house,' it is our intention to acquaint the public with what goes on behind the scenes at the local Naval unit," he said.

The Division is an integral part of your community and as such feels that it has the support and interest of the general public.

"For the young man who wishes to become a part of the active group that makes up the Naval Reserve of Canada, there are many openings. Those enlisting in the Naval Reserve are required to take two hours' instruction each week which consists mainly of being taught to use naval equipment, rifle shooting and viewing instructional films. Recreation in the form of basketball and badminton is also a part of this two hour period. During free time the facilities of the Division are available to the personnel.

"As further training, Naval Service Headquarters desires that each officer and rating takes at least two weeks additional training and this to date has consisted in most cases, of a sea cruise. During the past year 12 local boys were able to take one of these trips which included visits to California ports, the Panama Zone and Eastern seaports. The Department of National Defence pays all expenses in connection with naval service activities and provides remuneration for all drills attended.

"This summer the naval tug and cutters which are at the disposition of H.M.C.S. Chatham



Lieut-Commander J. D. McRae,
R.C.N. (R), commanding officer.

will be used to provide considerable training for the local reserves. The craft will also be used to carry organized swimming and picnic parties during the summer period."

In order to further publicize H.M.C.S. Chatham, a dance is being held in the Naval Drill hall Saturday night.

Ship's Officers

LIEUT. CDR. J. D. McRAE
Commanding Officer

LIEUT. THOMAS JOHNSTON
First Lieutenant

LIEUT. WALTER SMITH
Recruiting and Seamanship
Officer

LIEUT. CARL SMITH
Paymaster

SURGEON LIEUT. R. M. LANE

LIEUT. J. L. QUINN
Staff Officer

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Chatham on Page 6

Western Anchor of 20 Reserve Divisions

H.M.C.S. Chatham, which will hold "Open House" Saturday from 2:30 to 6 p.m., is one of the 20 naval divisions which today span the Dominion from Prince Edward Island to Prince Rupert, and which are in direct touch with an urban population of nearly four and a half million Canadians. Though unaffected by the rise and fall of any tide, it is organized and operated in the sea-going tradition. A "quartermaster" greets the visitor as he comes "over the gangway" on to the "quarter deck" and directs him to the "ship's office," "the purser's store," the captain's "cabin," or wherever his business calls him.

Members of the "ship's company" have their hours of training or recreation timed by the "bells" struck each half hour by the quartermaster, or respond to the shrill strains of the bos'n's pipe. At the end of their evening's activities they return "ashore." All this is thoroughly natural and commonplace to the seaman, but to the newcomer it possesses an atmosphere and color that leaves him with his ear cocked for the sound of salt swells beating against the walls of the "ship."

The establishments of the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve) are modern training centres erected specially for the purpose in recent years or, in a few cases, accommodation that was specifically adapted. They are the funnels through which came the 100,000 men who made up the bulk of the Royal Canadian Navy of World War II. They are the splendidly equipped centres of training where today Canada's naval reservists are being brought to a steadily improving standard of efficiency. They are also the recruiting offices through which come the new entries for the R.C.N.

There is both romance and significance in the background of the reserves. In World War I it was the volunteer, non-professional seamen who made up the greater part of the expanded R.

C.N. that reached a strength of about 6,000, but no attempt was made to continue the then R.C. N.V.R. when the war concluded. By 1922 the permanent force, too, was within an ace of extinction in the wake of post-war economy, at one time its total strength sinking to 366 officers and men.

COMMODORE ROSE CONCEIVED PROGRAM

The following year the naval chief of that period, Commodore Walter Rose, had an inspiration. The Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve was formed on a coast-to-coast basis at first drawing largely on Canadian ex-navy men whose love of the service was as keen as ever. The spirit of the 600 men who comprised the early reserve made possible a network of training centres that gradually injected the navy into the national consciousness.

For many years the divisions were simply identified by the names of the cities in which they were located but during the past war they received their "H.M.C.S." titles. The names were well chosen. Most have a strong local significance and between them they provide a sweep of Canadian history, and geography that is almost as broad as the Dominion they cover.

It's Open House!

SAT. AFTERNOON MARCH 20th

At your Nearest Naval Division

H.M.C.S. CHATHAM

Prince Rupert, B.C.

Commanding Officer
Lt.-Cdr. J. D. McRae
R.C.N. (R)

Staff Officer
Lt. J. L. Quinn
R.C.N.

You are cordially invited to come aboard this Saturday afternoon and inspect the splendid equipment with which this city's "Reserve" sailors are being trained. See how the Navy looks after its men . . . how they are being equipped to study such one-time "top secret" subjects as Radar, Asdic and Loran . . . how they are trained in such skills as seamanship, naval gunnery, and radio-telegraphy.

The signal hoisted on the left means, in our language, "Come Along Side". Accept our invitation this Saturday and we're sure you'll understand a little more what so many young Canadians mean when they say "The Navy's the life for me!"

There's room for young men today in Canada's Navy, both Permanent and Reserve.




H.M.C.S. CHATHAM
YOUR NAVAL RECRUITING STATION
YOUR NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING STATION
YOUR NAVAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Royal Canadian Navy