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UNIVERSITY
NAVAL TRAINING DIVISIONS
FOR CADETS (R.C.N. RESERVE)

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THE UNIVERSITY NAVAL TRAINING DIVISIONS

The University Naval Training Divisions have been established to select and train suitable young university students for commissioned rank in all branches of the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve).

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY

Entry is open to all suitable male undergraduates attending Canadian Universities and Colleges who are over 17 years of age, medically fit, and have officer-like qualities and a sound academic record. They are entered as probationary cadets on the Active List, RCN(R), and undergo a 3-year course of training at naval divisions during the academic year and afloat and ashore during the summer months.

SPECIALIST BRANCHES

Undergraduates are entered in the specialist Branch of their allied academic field, but may be reallocated for medical reasons or personal preference. The normal classifications and their allied academic fields are as follows:

1. Executive Branch—students from all degree courses except Medicine or Dentistry provided they are medically fit.

2. Engineering, Ordnance and Constructor Branches—Mechanical, Civil, Chemical, Mining, Agricultural, Aeronautical and Petroleum Engineering, Mathematics and Physics, and Engineering Physics.

3. Electrical Branch—Electrical Engineering, Engineering Physics, Radio Physics, Mathematics and Physics.

4. Medical Branch—students accepted by a medical School (not normally pre-medical students).

5. Supply Branch—Commerce, Law, Business Administration, Arts and Science.

6. Instructor and Special Branches—Officers are selected from those with particular qualifications.

Note: Students in dentistry cannot be accepted for any branch.
SELECTION BOARDS

The Commanding Officer of the U.N.T.D. selects probationary cadets up to the quotas allotted for his University from those who applied during the first month of the University year.

During the first year of training, all U.N.T.D. probationary cadets appear before a selection board, to determine their suitability for commissioned rank. Successful candidates are promoted to the rank of cadet in the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve). Candidates who fail the board are given an opportunity to appear before the selection board again.

SELECTION RCN REGULAR FORCE

The Commanding Officer U.N.T.D. recommends applications for enrolment in the RCN Regular Force. The recommended applicants will be interviewed by a final Selection Board convened during the first week in November and the last week in January of each year.

All cadets wishing to enroll in the RCN Regular Force should apply in writing to the Commanding Officer U.N.T.D. giving their age and academic record.
REQUIRED TRAINING

To qualify for a commission, cadets must train during two summers of their service—each summer’s training being normally 14 weeks, ashore and afloat in ships and establishments of the Royal Canadian Navy.

The first summer is a general course for all personnel, closely integrated with first year divisional drills.

During the second summer, the training is specialized. Cadets of the Executive Branch learn celestial navigation, seamanship, communications and other subjects. Engineering cadets take a special course at Halifax or Esquimalt, or in one of the larger ships, and are granted an Intermediate Certificate of Competency (R) on successful completion. Electrical Branch cadets attend a course at Halifax, followed by practical work in the fleet. Medical cadets spend most of the summer training in one of the RCN Hospitals, or in the sick bay of a larger ship. Supply Branch cadets train at Esquimalt and are appointed to ships for practical training.

Cadets of any branch, after one year, may take specialized training with the Executive (Naval Aviation) Branch, becoming Cadets (Air). Cadets training for pilots will spend two additional summers with the RCAF, reaching wings standard while observers will spend the same time at HMCS Shearwater. Students enrolled in applied Science, Physics or Chemistry, Science or Arts (majoring in Mathematics), having completed one full summer of training may apply for transfer to the Ordnance Branch, attending a course and amplifying this with practical training at sea.
SPECIAL DUTY

To qualify for a commission, UNTD cadets must successfully complete two summers of Required Training. Training is optional during the third summer but the number of cadets accepted will be limited by the facilities and accommodation available. Cadets, however, who wish to train may do so under the Special Duty scheme. During this period, cadets receive advanced training in their specialist categories.

The Executive Branch offers courses in torpedo anti-submarine, communications and gunnery. Practical training is taken afloat. Engineering Branch cadets may obtain a Certificate of Competency (R), while Electrical Branch cadets take training as junior electrical officers. Medical Branch cadets continue training in hospitals and ships of the RCN, while Supply Branch cadets receive further training as junior supply officers. Cadets in other branches are appointed to ships and establishments where they may train in their respective branches.

TRAINING DURING THE ACADEMIC YEARS

The training program during each academic year consists of 60 hours of divisional drills carried out at the Naval division where the student attends. In certain cases, lectures are held at the university.

The first year training program emphasizes general organization and an introduction to seamanship, navigation, communications and gunnery, while the second year offers additional training in these subjects, including specialist training. The Executive Branch gives instruction in celestial navigation, while the other branches begin specialist training in their respective categories. The third year provides training in leadership and strategy and affords a wide variety of lectures.

The program is of a progressive nature, with training in the final academic year partly on a seminar basis allowing students to devote more time to their academic work.
UNIFORM

UNIFORM OF UNTD CADETS

On promotion to cadet, UNTD personnel become junior officers in the RCN (R) and wear their own distinctive uniform. The four different approved uniforms are: Blue, Khaki, White and Tropical. All articles of clothing are issued to cadets on loan. Probationary cadets wear the blues only. On obtaining Commission—all clothing becomes the property of the officer.

PAY

RATES OF PAY

Probationary cadets and cadets are paid for all training, i.e.—Divisional Drills, Required Training and Special Duty at a rate equivalent to that prescribed for Acting Sub-Lieutenants, $170.00 per month.

PAY FOR DIVISIONAL DRILL

Cadets receive up to 16 days pay for Divisional Drills attended during the academic months, six hours drill constituting one day’s pay. Additional pay may be earned by attending special parades or training exercises.

PAY FOR REQUIRED TRAINING AND SPECIAL DUTY

Payment for required Training and Special Duty during the summer is approved for the full time that a cadet trains. This includes vacation period. When travelling on duty from the parent naval division to Halifax or Esquimalt, cadets receive travelling expenses, and are paid for the days spent travelling.

In addition, UNTD cadets are provided with uniforms, lodging, and medical and dental care at public expense, while performing Required Training and Special Duty.
COMMISSIONS IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY (RESERVE)

Upon graduation and successful completion of the UNTD training program, cadets are promoted to the rank of sub-lieutenant and appointed to a naval division on either the Active or Retired list of the RCN (Reserve). Cadets who have not yet graduated but have completed, (a) three years of a degree course (b) first, second and third year winter training, (c) first and second summers required training, and who are recommended by a Selection Board, will be promoted to the acting rank of Sub-Lieutenant RCN (R).

Officers serving on the Active List of the RCN (R) are required to attend divisional drills and perform periodic training in ships and establishments at the east or west coasts. They may also serve on Special Duty or Continuous Naval Duty. Officers serving on the Retired List are not required to take periodic training, but may be permitted to perform Naval Training, Special Duty or Continuous Naval Duty, if circumstances allow.

In some cases, cadets complete the three year UNTD program before they graduate. Therefore, provision is made to grant a promotion to the acting rank of sub-lieutenant, with this rank being confirmed when the student obtains his degree. Medical students, for example, normally complete the UNTD training program when they are still two years from graduation. Surgeon Cadets are promoted to the acting rank of surgeon sub-lieutenant and are confirmed in rank upon graduation.
COMMISSIONS IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Cadets may transfer from the Reserve to the RCN Regular Force and train for a permanent commission. Application can be made at any time during their University training, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Under 21 years of age on the first of January of year of entry to University.
(b) Have reached an academic standing of Senior Matriculation or equivalent.
(c) Have successfully completed University courses and UNTD training to date of application.
(d) Are taking courses required for the branch for which application is made.
(e) Vacancies exist in the branch for which application is made.

TERMS OF SERVICE.

(a) Free tuition, books, instruments, uniforms.
(b) Free rations and quarters, or allowance in lieu.
(c) Obligation to remain in good standing academically, to carry out naval training successfully and to show promise of developing into a satisfactory officer.
(d) Obligation to serve in the Regular Force for at least 3 years after leaving University.
SCHOLARSHIPS

Twenty or more scholarships will be awarded annually to Sea Cadets or former Sea Cadets entering a Canadian University at which UNTD training is in effect. The value of the scholarship is $250.00 cash and successful candidates will be expected to enroll in the UNTD and remain until a commission is acquired.

DISTRIBUTION

These scholarships are distributed as follows:
Quebec, four; Ontario six; British Columbia, two.
If provincial quotas are not taken up; either through lack of candidates or failure to pass examinations, scholarships will be awarded to the next highest candidates, regardless of location.

ELIGIBILITY

(a) Open to Sea Cadets or ex-Sea Cadets acceptable to the Naval Service, who have served at least one year in a corps and are recommended by the Commanding Officer and Sea Cadet Chairman.
(b) Successful candidates are to undertake to pursue training to a commission.

PROCEDURE

(a) Candidates for UNTD scholarships must signify their intention of competing to the local branch of the Navy League who in turn will notify the Naval Service.
(b) The Naval Service will interview candidates wherever practical, and then grade them on their suitability for training.
(c) Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic standing and the result of the Naval interview. The decision of the Scholarship Committee will be final and binding in all matters pertaining to scholarship.