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R.N.B.C. "WILLIAM"

The all Canadian Unit which formed in November 1943. The ratings arrived some three weeks before the officers who did not take charge of their parties until both had returned from Christmas leave. During training and thereafter the men were led by British Sub.Lts. with S.Lt. R.C.N.V.R. acting as liaison officer with the Canadian shore depot H.M.C.S. NIOBE on whose books the personnel of 'W' were borne throughout the existence of the unit.

The first C.O. was Lt. Cdr. W.M. McDonald, R.C.N.V.R. who was superseded in January by Lt.Cdr. D.O'Hagan, G.M. R.C.N.V.R. The unit remained in Armadillo until 17th February 1944 when they proceeded to VECTIS to come under the orders of Force J. However owing to the fact that the three N.B.C's already attached to Force J had been working with the flotillas and the Army for at least six months, it was not practicable for the Canadian unit to proceed on operations with the assault troops of the 3rd Canadian Division as had been hoped. The unit proceeded to Normandy in July 1944 where it worked beaches in Juno area until 20th August. On its return to the United Kingdom, it was disbanded, the majority of the personnel returning immediately to Canada.

S.Lt. Angus, R.C.N.V.R.
 Lt. F. Bentley, R.C.N.V.R.
 Lt. L.O. Campbell, R.C.N.V.R.
 S.Lt. K. Crowhurst, R.C.N.V.R.
 Lt. G. Hampson, R.C.N.V.R.
 S.Lt. M^W. Hodges, R.C.N.V.R.
 Lt. R.J. Johnston, R.C.N.V.R.
 Lt. J. Macbeth, R.C.N.V.R.
 Lt.Cdr. D. O'Hagan, R.C.N.V.R.
 Lt. Rayburn, R.C.N.V.R.
 S.Lt. Shales, R.C.N.V.R.