

Ship's badge bold, strong

Demi-cat symbol of Erie

The ship's badge of the HMCS Fort Erie was a bold red and black, displaying a blazon of argent, out of a mural crown Sable, showing a demi cat rampant guardant Gules armed Azure, collared and chained Or, holding erect a trident Azure, with the base end resting on the mural crown.

According to the "Origin and Meaning of Place Names in Canada," by G.H. Armstrong, the word "Erie" is Iroquois in origin and means "cat." Other interpretations include a panther, long-tailed (like a cat's), and an eye swelled like a cat, so a demi cat is shown in red on the badge design in reference to the red-man of the Erie area.

The mural crown has long been associated with the forts, and fortified towns like Fort Erie often display a mural crown in their arms to show this. The trident is a symbol that refers to the sea, or a weapon used to catch things



living in the sea, appropriate for a ship in the navy.

This and other information

on the frigate was collected by Cpl. Roos while stationed in Halifax in the Canadian navy.

THE FORT ERIE::: Frigett

Commissioned at Quebec Oct. 27-1944. Ship did not reach Halifax till Dec.

Worked up in Bermuda in mid Jan. and on return to Halifax was assigned to E.G. 28 an R.C.N. support: Based in Halifax for duration of the European war. Tropicalization refit begun Jan. 2- 1945 at Pictou was cancelled and the Fort Erie paid off Nov. 22nd., to be laid up at Shelburne. Sold in 1946 to Marines Industries Ltd. Required by the navy and rebuilt 1954 and 1955 as Prestonian class ocean escort. Recommissioned Apr. 17, 1956 as training ship. Paid off Mar. 26- 1965 at Halifax. Broke up Italy: La Spezia 1966.