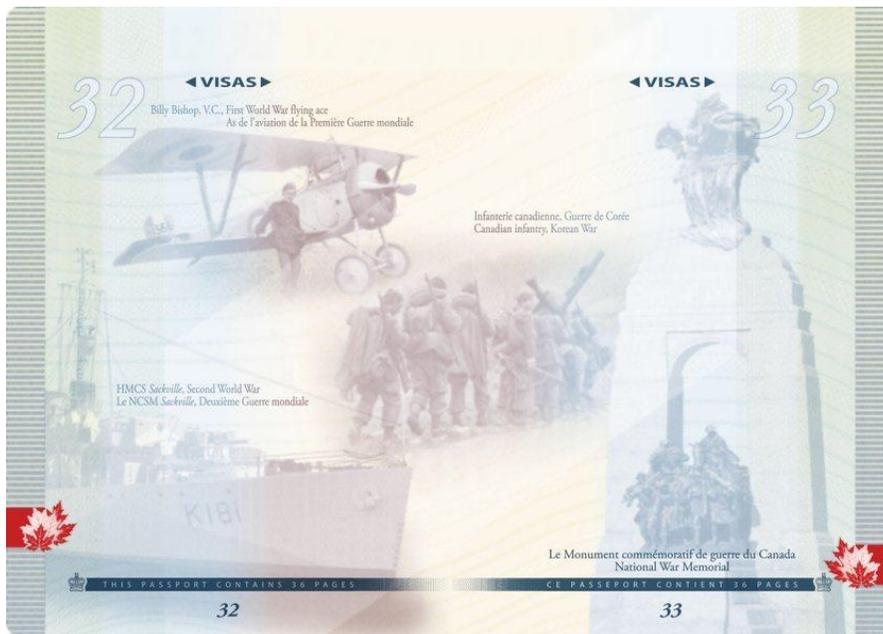


HMCS Sackville included in new ePassport

HMCS Sackville, Canada's Naval Memorial is included in a selection of iconic Canadian images for the new ePassport that will be introduced in 2013.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, in unveiling the electronic passport Oct 26 at the newly renamed Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, QC said, "these images showcase Canada's history and the building of our great nation while adding essential new (passport) security features for the 21st century...we urge all Canadians to learn more about the events and people that shaped Canada and the

great sacrifices made to secure our freedom."



HMCS Sackville is part of a photo montage in the 'Canadians in War' section in the 36 page passport, along with Billy Bishop, VC, First World War; Canadian infantry in the Korean War and the National War Memorial, Ottawa. Ship photographer Ian Urquhart provided the photo of Sackville.

Background information in the 'Canadians in War' section refers to "Canada's long and proud military tradition...and these images

depict some of the epic contributions that continue to define our country and Canadians." Sackville is described as the last remaining Flower Class corvette of 122 built in Canada; by war's end the Royal Canadian Navy was one of the largest Allied navies.

Vice Admiral Hugh MacNeil (ret'd), Past Chair of the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust commented: "HMCS Sackville, commissioned in 1941, has honourably served Canada in war and peace: as an ocean escort during the Battle of the Atlantic and an oceanographic research vessel until retirement in 1982. Officially designated Canada's Naval Memorial in 1985, Sackville honours all those who have served in our Naval Service since 1910, including those who made the supreme sacrifice. This venerable ship represents the achievements of all the Canadians who created the RCN, who served in both world wars, the Korean War, during the Cold War and who continue to serve Canada's maritime interests. Trustees of the volunteer Canadian Naval Memorial Trust, which owns and operates the ship, commend the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Department for selecting Sackville for this significant recognition."

During the summer Sackville welcomes thousands of visitors at her berth next to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Halifax. In the winter she is berthed in Her Majesty's Canadian Dockyard alongside ships of the Royal Canadian Navy.