

The vessel has a beam of 19.7 m and draws 7.2 m.

An air bubbler system has been installed on the 8,200 tonne Henry Larsen to facilitate manoeuvrability and icebreaking. The ship will carry a complement of approximately 60. It will carry a helicopter and has a

cruising range of 15,000 nautical miles.

The \$92 million Henry Larsen will replace the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Labrador, the oldest Canadian icebreaker in operation. Captain Steve Gomes, of Dartmouth, is commanding officer designate. ■



Members and RCMP veterans participating at the launching of the Henry Larsen (L-R): Sgt. W. A. Van de Braak, Mr. Frank N. O'Brien, Vancouver Veterans' Association, Mr. Joe Olsen, former member St. Roch crew, Cst. A. Lamb.

THANKS DAD The following note was inserted into a Christmas card from a new constable to his NCO father.

"I begin by wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to you Dad, this year has been my best one by far. Your support helped me through Depot. You

also gave me the greatest joy of my life when you presented me with my badge. Nothing will surpass what I felt at that time. With your support, I have begun a new life and a beautiful career. Thank you so much!

If I haven't said before that you are the best father in the world now I am writing it. I love you."