

"I'd been on the *St. Roch* during the first Passage in 1940-42 but I'd left her after that and was posted to the West. Well, one day in the winter of '44 I got a call from Larsen. 'Pat,' he said, 'we're going to take the ship back to Vancouver through the Passage and I'd like to have you on board.' Now I felt that I couldn't afford to waste the time sitting for years in the Arctic like I had before. I'd lost experience in active police work, and I'd seen fellows who I had gone through training with after they had had that experience and I hadn't. So I said I was sorry but I couldn't go back.

A little while later Henry wrote me a letter. He appreciated my feelings but he said he was awfully anxious to get me on the trip. Possibly there'd be a promotion if I did come back with him.

He called me again sometime later. Had I made up my mind? And I agreed to go.

Before we left in 1944 I was made acting Corporal.

And you know it's funny. I really wanted to go. Well, when I got to Halifax, Henry took me on board the ship and he pointed out the new deckhouse and the new engine and all that. He was really proud of the old ship. Then he took me into his cabin. For a drink. And it was quiet. And we looked at each other. And like two darn kids we started blubbering, we were so happy to see each other again. Grown men. Police officers. Tears."

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Pat Hunt

"Pat Hunt was a very sociable fellow, very easy to be friends with."

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Stan McKenzie

"Pat had an awful lot of work to do and it kept him busy. He was a capable man at anything."

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Jim Diplock

"Things didn't bother me ... nothing made me stew. I'm working here. You're the boss. If you want me to do something I'll do it. That was my attitude all the way through life. I was Larsen's kind of helper or adviser. Let's face it, Larsen was a seaman. O.K. He had to have somebody do the office work. I was it."

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Pat Hunt

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- born 17 March 1914 at Moosomin, Sask.
- remained as Clerk on board the SR after 1944 and spent his third winter in the Arctic on the ship in 1945-46.
- July 1947 - left the SR - posted by the RCMP to Sask. 10yrs. as a prairie policeman
- 1957 - transferred to Manitoba
- 1960 - resigned from RCMP - joined Planning Section of Manitoba Dept of Highways
- c. 1974 - Excc. Ass't to the Chief Engineer " " " "
- lives in Wpg.