

**UNIT NUMBER: T9**

**NORTHLAND ECHO**

**AREA OF SERVICE: MACKENZIE RIVER (Upper Route) (1928-1945)**

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Sternwheel tug.

Construction: B.C. fir and cedar.  
Designer and builder: Northern Boat Bldg. Co., Edmonton, Alberta; built 1923 at Fort McMurray, Alberta.  
Dimensions: Length - 137.6'; breadth - 24.3'; depth - 5.78'.  
Draft: Light - fore: 1'10", aft: 2'; loaded - fore: 4'5"; aft: 3'6".  
Number of passengers: 60 Number of crew: 26.  
Plans:  
Power: Horizontal twin cylinder simple non-condensing steam engine;  
built 1900 by Vulcan Iron Works, Vancouver, and installed in 1929.  
Boilers hand fired by cordwood with consumption of 1/2 to 3/4 cord per hour.  
Registered:  
Speed: Light - 8 mph; loaded - 6 mph.  
Tonnage: Gross - 532.11 tons; net - 335.23 tons; deadweight - 75 tons.

**HISTORY:**

1923 Built at Fort McMurray, second vessel of the same name built for J.K. Cornwall  
(Harold Fryer, *Alberta: The Pioneer Years*, Stagecoach, 1977, pp. 85-90).  
1928 Acquired by the Hudson's Bay Company with other assets of J.K. Cornwall's Athabasca Shipping Company  
1928-1945 Employed, though probably not in commission every season.  
1946, 18 June Described as "totally scrapped" (RG2/7/file 5-3-9, 1945-1947).

**MASTERS:**

None identified.



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**PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:**

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**MICROFILM REELS:**

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