



HMNZS CANTERBURY - L421

PROTECTOR-CLASS AMPHIBIOUS AND MILITARY SEALIFT VESSEL



CANTERBURY SPECIFICATIONS

STANDARD DISPLACEMENT



BEAM



LENGTH OVERALL



SPEED



RANGE



MAX. COMPLEMENT



HMNZS CANTERBURY was named by Launch Lady, The Right Honourable Helen Clark and is affiliated to the Lyttelton (Canterbury) region.

HMNZS CANTERBURY is named to honour our connection to the Canterbury region and her homeport Lyttelton.

CANTERBURY SPECIFICATIONS



MAIN GUN:

25mm Bushmaster naval gun

SMALL ARMS:

Numerous small arms ranging from 50 calibre machine guns to 9 mm pistols.



Two helicopter spots and hangar storage for four helicopters

SUPPORT FORCE:

HMNZS CANTERBURY is a Protector-class amphibious and military sealift vessel of the Royal New Zealand Navy. **CANTERBURY** provides the New Zealand Defence force with the ability to transport and deploy personnel, vehicles, and supplies around New Zealand's 15,000-kilometre coast and overseas.

CANTERBURY is a multi-role vessel (MRV) her primary mission is to deploy personnel, vehicles and cargo using conventional port infrastructure or directly ship-to-shore using Landing Craft, boats or helicopter airlift.

Conceived as part of Project Protector, the ship was built in the Netherlands by Merewede Shipyards and fitted out by Tenix Shipbuilding (now BAE Systems Australia) in Williamstown.

CANTERBURY was delivered to the Ministry of Defence and commissioned into the Royal New Zealand Navy on 12 June 2007. **Canterbury** is the second ship of this name to serve in the Royal New Zealand Navy.

CANTERBURY provides the sealift capability for the NZ Defence Force Joint Amphibious Task Force. She is adapted from a commercial roll on/roll off vessel design and has been outstandingly successful in service. She has demonstrated the ability to support and deploy land forces and has performed extremely well during a number of disaster relief operations, notably the 2011 Christchurch earthquake and three major cyclone relief operations in the Pacific.

CANTERBURY has facilities for accommodating up to 250 personnel and can transport and deploy supporting military vehicles and equipment by Landing Craft, helicopter or ramps. The ship regularly exercises with units of the New Zealand Army and Air Force, and with forces from Australia and other friendly nations. Among her capabilities are:

The ability to deploy personnel, vehicles and cargo using conventional port infrastructure or directly ship-to-shore using Landing Craft, boats or helicopter airlift

The ability to provide medical support to military or civilian operations from a self-contained hospital with surgical capability

The ability to manage military or civilian operations from an onboard command and control facility

CANTERBURY is regularly deployed to the Pacific where she has provided sealift support for military exercises and operations including humanitarian aid and disaster relief.

CANTERBURY regularly support the operations of other government agencies.

OPERATIONS

- Embark military forces or civilian personnel over long-distances
- Search and Rescue
- Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief
- Support for other government agencies, including Foreign Affairs and Trade, Primary Industries, Customs and Department of Conservation
- Helicopter operations
- Sea training for the Navy

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