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**CAIRNS, Robert, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: Quebec, P.Q.**

**CAIRNS, Robert**, 0-11160,

Cd(E)(Temp) [29.9.41] RCNR,

HMCS WESTMOUNT(J318) m/s, stand by, (2.9.42-14.9.42)

HMCS WESTMOUNT(J318) m/s, (15.9.42-?) Lt(E)(Temp) [1.7.43]

Lt(E)(Temp) [1.7.42] HMCS OUTREMONT(K322) Fr, (6.10.43-?)

A/LCdr(E)(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized [28.12.45]

**MID~[5.1.46]**

"For devotion to duty under trying conditions. This Officer, who served in His Majesty's battleships, cruisers and submarines during the last war, has served at sea throughout the war as Engineer-in-Charge of machinery in corvettes, minesweepers and frigates. He has at all times been an example to those serving under him and at no time has his ship been delayed because of engine defects."

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**CALDICOTT, Douglas Harold, Acting Chief Petty Officer (DEMS) (X-41098) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / Empress Asia - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.**

**CALDICOTT, Douglas Harold**, X-41098, A/CPO,(DEMS) RCN, **MID~[5.1.46]**

"For cheerfulness and devotion to duty. This rating has served in Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships since January 1941. He serves as Gunlayer in the troop-ship **Empress of Asia** during which time he saw service in the North and South Atlantic, Red Sea, Indian Ocean and the Pacific. He carried out his duties at all times with competency and cheerfulness."

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**CALDWELL, John Birch, Lieutenant (E) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Athabaskan - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 29 April 1944 and London Gazette of 11 January 1944.**

Born: Amherst, Nova Scotia on 7 November 1913.

Naval Cadet RCN 31 August 1933. To HMS Frobisher for Training as Special Entry No. 34.

To Royal Navy for training in 1934. Lieutenant (E) in 1938 and to **HMS Resolution**.

Served in **HMCS Saguenay**. Then Engineering Officer in **HMCS Athabaskan** in 1943.

To **HMS Sheffield** in 1944 and to **HMCS Uganda** in 1944.

Staff of Captain Superintendent HMC Dockyard Halifax as Senior Engineer Officer in 1945.

To Scotian on Staff of Commodore Superintendent Halifax as Manager Engineering Department 1945.

Manager Engineering Department HMC Dockyard Halifax in 1946.

Promoted Commander and went to Royal Navy Air Engineering course in 1947.

To Naval HQ as Assistant Chief of Naval Technical Services (Air) in 1948.

Promoted to Captain(E) 01 January 1950

Naval HQ as Assistant Chief Naval Technical Services (New Construction Ships) in 1950

Naval HQ as Assistant Chief Naval Technical Services (Ships) in 1951.

National Defence College of Canada Course No. 8 in 1954.

Promoted to Commodore and made Commodore Superintendent HMC Dockyard Esquimalt in 1955.

To Naval HQ as Engineer-in-Chief in 1958.

Deputy Chief of Naval Technical Services in 1961.

Promoted Rear-Admiral in 1961 and made Chief of Naval Technical Services at Naval HQ.

To Canadian Forces HQ as Chief of Logistics Engineering and Development in 1961.

He died on 20 September 1973.

**CALDWELL, John Birch**, 0-11220, (b: Amherst, NS, 7 Nov 1913) (d:20 Sep 73)

(Special Entry No.34) Cdt [31.8.33] RCN,

RN Engineer College (1.9.34-?) Mid(E) 1936, A/S/Lt(E) [1.1.38] HMS RESOLUTION (26.7.38-?)  
 Lt(E) [1.4.38] HMCS SAGUENAY(D79) DD, (21.9.39-?)  
 HMCS ATHABASKAN(I58) DD, stand by (14.8.41-2.2.43)  
 HMCS ATHABASKAN(I58) DD, (3.2.43-?)  
 Lt(E) [1.3.37] **MID~[29.4.44]** A/LCdr(E)(WHA)  
 HMCS UGANDA(66) LCB, stand by, (5.6.44-20.10.44)  
 HMCS UGANDA(66) LCB, (21.10.44-?) LCdr(E) [1.9.43]  
 A/Cdr(E) [20.8.45] **MBE~[13.6.46]**  
 Cdr(E) [1.1.47]  
 Capt(E) [1.1.50] **CD~[?]**  
 NSHQ (11.6.51-?)  
 Cmdre(E) [22.8.55]  
 HMC Dockyard Esquimalt, for Cmdre/Supt/Pacific & Supt/Dky, (22.8.55-?)  
 NSHQ for Eng/Ch, (8.9.58-?) (140/41)  
 NSHQ(D70) St/Tech/Svs, (15.11.60-?)  
 RAdm [1.2.61]  
 NSHQ(D70) St/Tech/Svs, (1.2.61-?)  
 1965 - NDHQ/Ch/Tech/Svs (6000)

Naval Cadet, RCN	12 August	1933	(Special Entry No. 34)
Midshipman (E), RCN	01 September	1934	(RN Engineering College)
Sub-Lieutenant (E), RCN	01 September	1937	(RN Engineering College)
Lieutenant (E), RCN	01 April	1938	(Served in <b>HMCS Saguenay</b> )
Lieutenant-Commander (E), RCN	01 September	1943	(Engineering Officer in <b>HMCS Athabaskan</b> )
Acting Commander (E), RCN	20 August	1945	(Senior Engineer Officer HMC Dockyard Halifax)
Commander (E), RCN	01 January	1947	(Assistant Chief of Naval Technical Services (Air))
Captain (E), RCN	01 January	1950	(Assistant Chief Naval Technical Services)
Commodore (E), RCN	22 August	1955	(Commodore Superintendent HMC Dockyard Esquimalt)
Rear-Admiral (E), RCN	01 February	1961	(Chief of Naval Technical Services)
Retired		1965	(Chief of Logistics Engineering and Development)

"For courage and seamanship in bringing their ship, **HMCS Athabaskan** safely to port after she was damaged."

While on patrol in the Bay of Biscay Patrol area at 1300 Hours on 27 August 1943, **HMCS Athabaskan** was attacked by eighteen enemy Dornier-217s. **HMS Egret** (British Sloop) was sunk. A glide bomb hit **HMCS Athabaskan** at the junction of "B" gun-deck and the wheel-house. It passed under the plot room, through the Chief Petty Officer's Mess, and out the starboard side. It exploded barely a few feet beyond and bomb fragments pierced **HMCS Athabaskan's** side and bridge in a number of places. The Captain, Commander Miles was knocked down by the blast and several officers, including Lieutenant-Commander Dunn Lanthier and Sub-Lieutenant John A. Brebner had severe leg injuries. Able Seaman Joseph McGrath, a bridge lookout, died the next day. The crew of "B" gun bore the worst of the injuries with Able Seaman William Pickett and Petty Officer Ernest Latimer being killed. Leading Seaman John Gordon took charge despite the fact that he was injured and several others were burned. Several members of "A" gun were also burned and wounded. Leading Cook Frank Prudhomme also died. **HMCS Athabaskan** took on board the 35 survivors from **HMS Egret**. **HMCS Athabaskan** continued on at 14 knots, correcting a serious list to starboard. The ship sailed into port on 30 August 1943 under her own power. The ship was battered but not broken. See the book "**Unlucky Lady**".

**CALDWELL, John Birch, Lieutenant-Commander (E) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)**  
 - RCN / HMCS Uganda (now Senior Engineer Officer HMC Dockyard Halifax) - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

"Lieutenant-Commander Caldwell is an outstanding Engineering Officer of marked ability, both in administration duties and practical engineering. He served with distinction as Engineer Officer of **HMCS Athabaskan** when bombed off the coast of France, and as Senior Engineer Officer of **HMCS Uganda**. In his present appointment, Chief Engineer of His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard, Halifax, he displayed tact, firmness and organizing ability with the personnel serving under him."

Details of the sinking of **HMCS Athabaskan** which was torpedoed by German Destroyer **T-24** on 29 March 1944 in the English Channel can be found in "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**", Chapter 40.

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**CALVERT, George Wallace, Stoker Petty Officer (S) (V-22129) - British Empire Medal - RCNVR / Naval Boarding Service St. John, N.B. - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: St. John, New Brunswick.**

**CALVERT. George Wallace, V-122129, Stk/PO(S), RCNVR, BEM~[5.1.46]**

"This rating has served continuously in the Naval Boarding Service at St. John, N.B. for over three years, and has shown outstanding devotion to duty, tact and initiative in the handling of Merchant Seaman Welfare. It is largely due to this rating's cheerful disposition and tireless efforts that no merchant ships at this port have been delayed due to lack of crews or crew difficulties."

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**CAMERON, Chester Henry, Leading Seaman (A-2352) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Ottawa - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 28 November 1944. Home: Port Colburne, Ontario.,**

**CAMERON. Chester Henry, A-2352, LS, RCNR, MID~[20.1.45]**

"For courage, resolution and skill while serving in **H.M. Ships Wensleydale, Forester, Vidette, Orchis** and **Statice** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Ottawa** and **Kootenay** in anti U-Boat operations."

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**CAMERON, Donald Adair, Petty Officer (V-22881) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: Toronto, Ontario.**

**CAMERON. Donald Adair, V-22881, RCNVR, MID~[5.1.46]**

"This rating has shown exceptional zeal and devotion to duty while serving in the North Atlantic and waters adjacent to the United Kingdom. As a result of his efforts, the men and equipment in his branch have been maintained at a high state of efficiency."

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**CAMERON, Orvis Bonheur, Nursing Sister - Associate - Royal Red Cross (ARRC) - RCN (Temp) / RCN Hospital St. John's, Newfoundland - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 June 1946 and London Gazette of 13 June 1946. Home: Springhill, Nova Scotia.**

**CAMERON. Orvis Bonheur, 0-11460, (Born: Springhill, NS)**

N/S(Temp) [30.3.43] RCN

**ARRC~[15.6.46]**

S/Lt [30.3.43] RCNH

Halifax, (8.3.46-?) Demobilized. [2.9.47]

S/Lt(N/S) [30.3.43]

RCN(R) HMCS SCOTIAN Halifax Naval Division, (17.9.47-?) RCNH

Halifax, (18.9.47-?) HMCS CORNWALLIS (10.12.51-?)

"For outstanding service as a Nursing Sister in the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital in St. John's Newfoundland and St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. This Nursing Sister has exhibited exceptional zeal, ability and wholehearted devotion to duty throughout her period of service."

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**CAMPBELL, Albert Bruce, Able Seaman (FR-244) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / HMCS Kuttan**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.  
Home: Victoria, British Columbia.  
**CAMPBELL, Albert Bruce, (FR 244) A-3436, AB, RCNR, BEM-[10.6.44]**

"For gallantry in effecting the rescue of two men from a drifting oil barge during a gale on the west coast of Vancouver Island in October, 1943. Able Seaman Campbell volunteered to accompany Sub-Lieutenant Idiens in **HMCS Kuitan's** ship's boat to undertake the rescue of the marooned men, after all attempts to effect the rescue from **HMCS Kuitan** had failed. The successful rescue of these seamen was in no small measure due to the excellent assistance rendered by this rating."

**CAMPBELL, Albert Bruce, Able Seaman, BEM (A-3836) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Esquimalt** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.  
MID-[5.1.46]

"Able Seaman Campbell, by his cheerfulness and his cool and collected attitude, was an inspiration to the others in his carley float after the sinking of **HMCS Esquimalt**. By his example, he was probably instrumental in saving several lives. His gallantry in action was credit to the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

Details of the sinking of **HMCS Esquimalt** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J272) which was torpedoed by **U-190** in the Halifax approaches on 16 April 1945 can be found in Chapter 64 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**CAMPBELL, Angus Hector, Skipper Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Columbia** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 May 1943 and **London Gazette** of 5 October 1943.  
Home: Big Bras d'Or, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Victoria, British Columbia.  
See also award to Engine Room Artificer Third Class David George Bell (awarded BEM).  
**HMCS Columbia** was a Town Class Destroyer (I49).  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Kincardine** (Castle Class Corvette - K490) from 04 October 1945 to 27 February 1946.  
**CAMPBELL, Angus Hector, 0-11510,**  
Ch/Skr(Temp) [29.7.40] RCNR,  
HMS SNOWBERRY(K166) Cof, stand by (5.11.40-25.11.40)  
HMS SNOWBERRY(K166) Cof, (26.11.40-?)  
HMCS COLUMBIA(I45) DD, (3.2.42-?) MID-[29.5.43]  
HMCS PRESCOTT(K161) Cof, (25.10.43-?) Skr/Lt [14.11.41]  
HMCS KINCARDINE(K490) Coc, CO, (4.10.45-?)  
Demobilized [1.3.46]

"During the salvaging of **S.S. Matthew Luckenback**, Skipper Lieutenant Campbell by his experience, initiative and energy was largely responsible for the assessing and improving the condition of water-tightness in the ship."

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**CAMPBELL, Francis ('Frank') Damien, Acting Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN(R) / Commodore of Coast Convoys** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946. Home: Pictou, Nova Scotia. Mate, RNCVR, on 3 December 1917. To **HMCS Sea Gull** for **HMC 32** on 10 June 1918. Lieutenant, RCNR on 26 March 1924; LCdr, RCNR, on 26 March 1932; Cdr(retd) on 19 July 1938. Returned to active service as LCdr(Temp), RCNR. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cartier** (Hydrographic Survey Ship & Training Ship - Z.26) on 6 June 1940 to 21 August 1940. A/Cdr(Temp), RCNR, on 26 March 1943.  
**CAMPBELL, Frank Damien, 0-11620,**

Mate [3.12.17] RNCVR, HMC 32, a/p, (10.6.18-?)  
Lt [26.3.24] RCNR, LCdr [26.3.32] Cdr(rtd) [19.7.38]  
LCdr(Temp) [26.3.32]  
HMC Naval Base, Saint John, NB, Exam/Svc, (17.3.40-?)  
HMCS CARTIER(Z26)(A) t/s, CO, (6.6.40-?)  
HMC Naval Base, Montreal, NCS, (20.10.40-?)  
A/Cdr(Temp) [26.3.43]  
Medically unfit, [1.1.45] **OBE**~[15.6.46]

"This Officer proved invaluable to the Royal Canadian Navy in his capacity of Commodore of Coastal Convoys sailing between Canada, Newfoundland and the United States during the Battle of the Atlantic. He was the first Canadian Naval Officer to hold such an appointment, and he performed his duties with unusual willingness, consideration and co-operation with ship Masters and Shore Authorities and proved an invaluable asset to the Naval Service."

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**CAMPBELL, Gordon Duncan, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Truro - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Victoria, British Columbia. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Truro** (Minesweeper) from 2 August 1942 to 19 August 1943.  
**CAMPBELL, Gordon Duncan**, 0-11640, Lt(Temp) [15.2.44] RCNVR, **MID**~[10.6.44]

"This Officer, who is now in command of one of His Majesty's Canadian Minesweepers on escort duty, has served at sea for the greater part of the war, and has set and inspiring example by his energy, resolution and devotion to duty."

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**CAMPBELL, Hugh, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNR / HMCS Fort William - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 December 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fort William** (Minesweeper) from 25 April 1942 to 18 May 1945.  
**CAMPBELL, Hugh**, 0-11660,  
Mate(Temp) [1.1.40] RCNR,  
USS MACKENZIE (DD-175) (20.9.40-23.9.40)  
HMCS ANNAPOLIS (I04) DD, (24.9.40-?) Lt(Temp) [1.1.42]  
Lt(Temp) [1.7.40]  
HMCS FORT WILLIAM(J311) m/s, CO, stand by, (25.4.42-24.8.42)  
HMCS FORT WILLIAM(J311) m/s, CO, (25.8.42-29.6.43)  
A/LCdr(Temp)(WHA) HMCS FORT WILLIAM(J311) m/s, CO, (5.10.43-?)  
HMCS FORT WILLIAM(J311) m/s, CO, (25.4.44-18.5.45)  
LCdr(Temp) [?] **DSC**~[20.1.45] Resigned [2.6.45]

"For gallantry, skills, determination and undaunted devotion to duty during the landing of Allied Forces on the coast of Normandy."

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**CAMPBELL, Hugh Chisholm, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Fennel - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 March 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.  
**CAMPBELL, Hugh Chisholm**, 0-11670  
S/Lt(Temp) [4.1.43] RCNVR,  
HMCS FENNEL(K194) Cof, (24.5.43-?) Lt(Temp) [4.1.44]  
**MID**~[21.4.45] Demobilized [1.8.45]

"For going over the side and by his personal example and leadership inspiring others in effecting the rescue of survivors of **HMCS Clayoquot** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J174) and later untiringly comforting the men in the mess decks. Because of low water temperature and known close presence of a U-Boat, it was of utmost importance that rescue be completed most expeditiously."

Details of the sinking of **HMCS Clayoquot** which was torpedoed by **U-806** off of Halifax on 24 December 1944 can be found in "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**", Chapter 56.

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**CAMPBELL, John Driver, Telegraphist (4281) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN / HMCS Surf -**  
Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.  
Home: Vancouver, B.C.  
**CAMPBELL, John Driver, 4281, Tele, RCN, BEM-[5.6.43]**

"This rating displayed courage and outstanding devotion to duty in attempting to transmit a message while **HMCS Surf**, in sinking condition, was pounding heavily on the rocks, and remained at his post although order to abandon ship had been given."

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**CAMPBELL, Ross, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / MTB-480 30th RN Flotilla**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 February 1945 and **London Gazette** of 16 January 1945.  
Born: 04 November 1918  
Home: Toronto, Ontario  
Prior to the war, he studied Law at the University of Toronto.  
To HMS Raleigh (RN Training Establishment, Torpoint, England) in November 1940.  
Temporary Sub-Lieutenant on 31 December 1940.  
Promoted to Temporary Lieutenant RCN(R) on 31 December 1941.  
To HMS Hornet (Coastal Forces Base, RN Gosport) in December 1941.  
Commanding Officer HM MTB 309 (Motor Torpedo Boat) 08 December 1942 to October 1943.  
Commanding Officer HM MTB 480 (Motor Torpedo Boat) 01 June 1944 to January 1945 as part of the Royal Navy 30th MTB Flotilla.  
During the war he took part in two North African invasions plus invasions in Italy, Greece and Normandy.  
To HMS Mantis (Coastal Forces Base, Lowestoft) in July 1945.  
He was demobilized on 24 October 1945.  
He married Penelope "Pippa" Grantham-Hill in England at the end of the war.  
After the war he started his career in the Legal Department of the Canadian External Affairs Department.  
In 1945 to 1947 he was the Third Secretary with the Canadian Legation in Oslo, Norway.  
From 1947 to 1950 he was the Second Secretary with the Canadian Legation in Copenhagen, Denmark.  
Promoted to Lieutenant-Commander RCN(R) (retired) in 1949.  
From 1950 to 1952 he was with the European Division of External Affairs in Ottawa.  
From 1952 to 1957 he was the First Secretary with the Canadian Embassy in Ankara, Greece.  
He then headed the Middle East Division of External Affairs from 1957 to 1959.  
From 1959 to 1962 he was the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and then was the Assistant Under Secretary of State for External Affairs in Ottawa from 1962 to 1964.  
During the previous period (1958 to 1964), he served as the Advisor to the Canadian Delegates to the U.N. General Assemblies and Canadian Ministerial Delegations to the North Atlantic Council. In 1964 he went to Yugoslavia as the Canadian Ambassador in and added Algeria to his portfolio in 1965.  
These two appointments ended in 1967 when he became the Ambassador and Permanent Representative to NATO (Paris in May 1967 and Brussels from October 1967) to 1972.  
He was the Ambassador to Japan from 1972 to 1975 and concurrently the Representative to Korea from 1973 to 1974. In January 1976 he became the Chairman of Atomic Energy of Canada and held this post until May 1979 when he became the President of Atomic Energy Canada International. He was a Nuclear Consultant from 1980 to 1981 and President of Canus Technical Services Corporation from 1981 to 1983. He then became the President of Intercon Consultants Limited.  
He died on 15 August August 2007.  
**CAMPBELL, Ross, 0-11840, Lt(Temp) [31.12.41] RCNVR, DSC-[3.2.45] OC -[3.2.45]**  
Demobilized [24.10.45]

"For services in action with enemy light forces."

**CAMPBELL, Ross, Lieutenant-Commander** (retired) – **Officer of the Order of Canada (OC)** – awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 24 March 2007 (Awarded on October 5, 2006; Invested on May 4, 2007)

“In the course of his distinguished public service career and through his business achievements, Ross Campbell has helped to enhance Canada's reputation in the international community. Following his service with the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II, he joined the Department of Foreign Affairs. For 30 years, he held a number of key positions, including as ambassador to Yugoslavia, Algeria, NATO, Japan and Korea. His skills were called into play during many historic events that influenced Canada's foreign policy. As well, as chair of the Atomic Energy Board, he raised the profile of Canadian nuclear technology abroad. Upon retiring, he launched a consulting company that specializes in high-technology space communications and allows him to continue to promote our country in global markets.”

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**CAMPBELL, William Franklin, Lieutenant-Commander** (Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Louisburg - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Only Commanding Officer of **HMCS Louisburg** (Flower Class Corvette K143) and Senior Canadian Officer in the Mediterranean from 19 July 1941 to 6 February 1943.

**CAMPBELL, William Franklin**,  
RCNVR Saskatoon Half Company A/S/Lt [3.4.29] RCNVR,  
Lt [2.2.32] HMC Naval Base, Vancouver, Ext/Def, (2.9.39-?)  
LCdr [2.2.40] HMCS ASSINIBOINE(118) DD, (22.9.40-?)  
HMCS LOUISBURG(K143) Cof, CO stand by (19.7.41-1.10.41)  
HMCS LOUISBURG(K143) Cof, CO, (2.10.41-6.2.43) **MID**~[8.1.44]

"Lieutenant-Commander Campbell, as Commanding Officer of **HMCS Louisburg** was responsible for the saving of many lives, due to his rapid summing up of the situation and his prompt action. His bravery, in the face of the enemy, cost him his own life."

**HMCS Louisburg** (Flower Class Corvette - K.143) was sunk on 6 February 1943 by Italian aircraft off of Oran in the Mediterranean. The torpedo hit her amidships on the port side of the engine room and the ship sank within 3 minutes. There were 47 RCN and one RN survivor and 37 RCN and 5 RN passengers who lost their lives. This was the only RCN ship sunk by aircraft in WW2. LCdr Campbell was the only commanding officer of this ship.

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Lieutenant-Commander William Franklin Campbell, (MiD), O-11898, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Born: Shelburne Ontario, 28 October 1904  
Enlisted: Saskatoon Division RCNVR, 29 January 1924  
Civilian Occupation: Salesman, Imperial Oil Limited  
Death: Died when HMCS Louisburg sank on 6 February 1943

Mention in Despatches (MiD)

Commemorated: Halifax Memorial, Panel 9, Campbell Narrows in Wathaman Lake (56.9833°N 103.6667°W) and Campbell Point, Nunavut (78° 13'N 102° 45'W) was named in his honour by the Government of Canada.

William Franklin Campbell was the first of four children born to Alice May Campbell and Edward Cassidy Campbell on 28 October 1904. In 1912, the family moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, which was in the midst of an economic boom. There Edward Campbell established a dental practice. Upon completion of elementary school at Albert Public School, William enrolled in Nutana Collegiate Institute, graduating in 1921. He then studied accounting at the University of Saskatchewan for two years. A series of short-term jobs followed. The Great Depression and the accompanying devastating drought destroyed the Saskatchewan economy in the 1930s. It wasn't until 1935 that William found a well-paying job with Imperial Oil which he held until 1939 when he entered active service.

William enrolled as a Stoker in the newly established Saskatoon Half Company of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (RCNVR), in January 1924. At the time of enrollment, William was 5'10 ½", and weighed 154 pounds. He had dark hair and blue eyes. He became very active in the RCNVR and took training on the West Coast at every opportunity. From Leading Stoker, he was commissioned in 1929 and promoted to Lieutenant in 1931. He served as the Commanding Officer of the Saskatoon Half Company in 1933-34. He also took qualifying courses in seamanship, gunnery, and pilotage. In September 1939, he entered Active Service. In the 1246 days in which he served, his major positions were: the Extended Defence Officer at HMC Naval Base Vancouver from September 1939 to June 1940; HMCS Assiniboine (eventually as Executive Office) September 1940 to August 1941; HMCS Louisburg in Command, August 1941 to February 1943. He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in February 1940. While in Vancouver William married Freda in December 1939. She accompanied him to Halifax where she gave birth to their son, Edward Robert (Teddy) in June 1942. At the time of Teddy's birth, HMCS Louisburg was in Halifax in refit. At the end of June, she was assigned to Western Approaches Command, Londonderry. William would not see Teddy again. While on convoy escort duty, HMCS Louisburg was sunk by Italian torpedo bombers off Cape Tenes, Algeria on 6 February 1943. Forty-three members of her ship's company, including William, lost their lives.

Lieutenant Commander William Franklin Campbell was posthumously Mentioned in Despatches: "Lieutenant-Commander Campbell, as Commanding Officer of HMCS Louisburg, was responsible for the saving of many lives due to his rapid summing up of the situation and his prompt action. His bravery, in the face of the enemy, cost him his own life"

**Lieutenant Commander William Franklin Campbell, RCNVR Medals:**

1939-1945 Star,  
Atlantic Star,  
Africa Star and Clasp,  
Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp,  
and 1939/1945 War Medal with Mention in Despatches palm.  
His wife, Freda Campbell, awarded the Memorial Cross.

Lieutenant Commander William Franklin Campbell is commemorated on:

The Halifax Memorial, Panel 9. Two geographic features are named in his memory: (1) Campbell Narrows formed by two islands in Wathaman Lake in Northern Saskatchewan (56°58'N 103° 40'W), and (2) Campbell Point on Ellef Ringnes Island in Nunavut (78° 13'N 102° 45'W)

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**CANDY, George Watson, Chief Petty Officer (TGM) (2360) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN / HMCS Ottawa - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 28 November 1944. Home: Victoria, British Columbia. A/Gnr(T), RCN on 18 January 1945.**

**CANDY, George Watson**, 0-11916, CPO(TGM) 2360, RCN  
**DSM**-[20.1.45]  
A/Gnr(T) [18.1.45] RCN, HMCS SIOUX (R64) DD, (1945?)  
HMCS ROCKCLIFFE (D/S)(J355) (3.3.47-?) Pensioned [20.1.49]

"For courage, resolution and skill while serving in **HMCS Ottawa** and **HMCS Kootenay** in anti U-Boat operations."

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**CAREY, Arthur Rutherford, Stoker First Class (V-40856) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR -** Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba

"For continuous good service and devotion to duty in the face of the enemy (on the 22nd September, 1943) in getting defective machinery running promptly after the electric power failed due to depth charging, thereby making it possible to continue the A/S attacks."

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**CAREY, Maurice Alfred, Chief Petty Officer (2323) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN -** Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943. Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Born in Sutton, England. Joined RCN in 1928 as a Boy Seaman and served in WW2 in lower deck. Served on **Champlain, Ypres, Saguenay, HMS Victgory, HMS Excellent, HMS Warspite, Venture, Gaspe, Arrowhead, Peregrine, Niobe, HMS President** Promoted Acting Bosun on 27 July 1945 and to HMCS Stadacona 4 November 1945 for seamanship school. To **HMCS Magnificent** 21 January 1948. Promoted Commissioned Bosun 1 September 1949 (seniority 27 July 1945). Stadacona 14 May 1951 for course. Promoted Lieutenant 27 July 1951. To Stadacona 17 December 1951 in charge of Seamanship School. To Donnacona 16 November 1953. Posted to **HMCS Labrador** 8 July 1954 and to Cornwallis 1 May 1955. Then to Stadacona 7 January 1958 for ND School, then Operations Division. Awarded RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and CD. Began terminal leave 26 March 1961 and retired on 11 November 1961. Died on 15 September 1995, age 83, in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. **CAREY, Maurice Alfred**, 0-12105, (Dartmouth, NS. b: Sutton, UK, d:15 Sep 95) CPO, 2323, RCN, **DSM-[9.1.43]**  
A/Bosn [27.7.45] RCN,  
HMCS STADACONA(D/S) for RCNB Halifax, (16.2.47-?)  
HMCS MAGNIFICENT(21) RRSN, stand by, (21.1.48-6.4.48)  
HMCS MAGNIFICENT(21) RRSN, (7.4.48-?)  
Commissioned Boson [27.7.45]  
Lieutenant [27.7.51]  
RCNB Halifax for Seamanship/School (17.12.51-?)  
HMCS DONNACONA(D/S) for HMCS LABRADOR(50) AW, stand by (16.11.53-14.5.54)  
HMCS STADACONA(D/S) for HMCS LABRADOR(50) AW, stand by, (15.5.54-7.7.54)  
HMCS LABRADOR(50) AW, (8.7.54-?)  
HMCS CORNWALLIS, (3.5.55-?)  
RCNB Halifax for ND/School, (7.1.58-?)

"For bravery and devotion to duty before the enemy. This Chief Petty Officer has served continuously as Coxswain in HMC corvettes. During U-Boat and air attacks, Chief Petty Officer Carey displayed efficiency, coolness and devotion to duty worthy of high commendation and by his exemplary conduct, set an inspiring example to those about him."

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**CAREY, Walter Frank, Chief Petty Officer (V-22770) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR -** Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Hamilton, Ontario. **CAREY, Walter Frank**, V-22770, CPO, RCNVR, **BEM-[5.1.46]**

"Previous to joining the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, in the early years of the war, Chief Petty Officer Carey served for twelve years with the Royal Navy. During this war, he has at all times

discharged his duties as an Instructor with greater than normal diligence, and he has proved invaluable as a trainer and disciplinarian for New Entry ratings. His devotion to duty has been an inspiration to all those with whom he worked."

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**CARMICHAEL, John Foggo, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Kamsack - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: St. Lambert, Quebec. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Kamsack** (Corvette - K.171) from 9 February 1944 to 10 May 1945.

**CARMICHAEL, John Foggo**, 0-12240,  
A/Mate(Temp) [20.8.40] RCNR,  
USS WILLIAMS(DD-108) for HMCS ST. CLAIR(I65) DD, (20.9.40-23.9.40)  
HMCS ST. CLAIR(I65) DD, (24.9.40-?)  
HMCS KAMSACK(K171) Cof, stand by (17.9.40-3.10.40)  
HMCS KAMSACK(K171) Cof, (4.10.40-?) Lt(Temp) [20.8.42]  
Lt(Temp) [20.8.41] HMCS KAMSACK(K171) Cof, CO, (9.2.44-10.5.45)  
Resigned [31.5.45] **MID-[16.6.45]**

"This Officer has served at sea continuously for the last four and a half years in the Atlantic theatre of war, both as a junior Officer and in command. By his zeal, enthusiasm and devotion to duty, he has set a fine example to others."

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**CARNELL, Herbert Bruce, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 March 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario. He was Executive Officer and Senior Flotilla M/S Officer of **HMS Sidmouth**, Senior Officer's Ship of 9 Minesweeping Flotilla, during Operation Jubilee at Dieppe on 19 August 1942. His ship led the sweep in, laid the navigation datum buoy for landing craft and offered covering gunfire. Living in Ottawa 1990s.

**CARNALL, Herbert Bruce**, 0-12250,  
(Toronto, ON) Lt [10.5.39] RCNVR, A/LCdr [1.7.42] **MID-[21.4.45]**  
**DSC-[30.3.46]** Demobilized [9.8.46]  
LCdr [1.1.45] RCN(SS 1 Mar 51-28 Feb 54) CD-[?]  
HMC Dockyard Halifax, OIC Controlled/mining/Base & OIC Harbour m/s Base, (19.3.51-?)  
TAS/School (1.9.51-?) HMCS NIAGARA (NMCS Washington) (7.3.52-?)  
**HMCS PORTE ST. LOUIS** (183) GV, CO, stand by, (18.8.52-28.8.52)  
**HMCS PORTE ST. LOUIS** (183) GV, CO, (29.8.52-?) NSHQ, StO/TAS, (24.2.53-?)  
HMC Dockyard Halifax for **HMCS GASPE** (143) MCB, stand by, (9.9.53-25.11.53)  
**HMCS GASPE** (143) MCB, CO, (26.11.53-17.10.55) Cdr [1.7.54]  
RCNB Halifax, for OIC Junior/Officer Technical Leadership Course, (18.11.55-?)  
NSHQ for Director Standardization, & Deputy Director Tactics/Staff/Duties, (7.5.56-?)  
NSHQ for Dep/Dir/Org, (23.12.57-?) HMCS BYTOWN(D/S) add'l, (29.5.59-?)  
NSHQ Attaché Ambassadors Norway Sweden Denmark, A/Capt(WHA) Cdr (130)  
HMCS BYTOWN(E48) (18.9.61)&(31.3.62-?)

"For distinguished service and gallantry during the invasion of the south of France in (August, 1944.)"

**CARNALL, Herbert Bruce, Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 1946 and **London Gazette** of 11 December 1945.

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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**CARNEY, Edward, Petty Officer Writer (V-6089) - British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**CARNEY, Edward Edson**, 0-12265, (Ottawa, ON)  
PO/Wtr, V-6089. RCNVR, **BEM-[9.1.43]** Wt/Wtr [22.6.48] RCN(R) Cd/Wtr [22.6.48]  
NDHQ, for Pers Branch, (23.9.50-?) CD-[?] RCN(SS 2 Jan 51-1 Jan 54) Lt(S) [5.5.52]  
LCdr (140/70) [5.5.60] HMCS BYTOWN(E48) (19.8.61-?)

"During the very great expansion of the Royal Canadian Navy, Petty Officer Carney has rendered outstanding service. He has consistently shown himself capable of carrying responsibility and by his zeal, enthusiasm and devotion to duty has set and inspiring example to others."

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**CARPENTER, John Richmond, Lieutenant-Commander (S) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCNVR / Advancement Section of the RCN Depot, Halifax - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

CARPENTER. **John Richmond**, 0-12310,  
Paym/Lt [23.6.40] RCNVR, A/Paym/LCdr [1.1.44]  
LCdr(S)(Temp) [1.1.45] Demobilized [5.11.45] **MBE**~[5.1.46]

"Lieutenant-Commander Carpenter has been responsible for the institution and operation of the Advancement Section of the Royal Canadian Naval Depot, Halifax, which controls the advancement of all ratings in the Canadian Naval Service. This has entailed the creation and maintenance of records for over eighty-four thousand ratings, a task which has been accomplished by the tireless energy and efficiency of this Officer."

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**CARRINGTON, Arthur John, Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist (V-13194) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Chaudiere - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 18 July 1944. Home: Calgary, Alberta. See also: Temporary Lt William George Gooderham, LCdr Charles Patrick Nixon, LCdr. Harold Victor William Groos, Lt. Terence Charles Todd, Leading Stoker George Hunter McGinn, L/S Leslie Norman Bourne, and ERA John Elliot Williams.

CARRINGTON. **Arthur John**, V-13194, CPO/Tel, RCNVR, **MID**~[6.9.44]

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **HMS Icarus** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwack, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau** and **St. Catherines** in a successful operation against a U-Boat."

**HMCS St. Catherines, HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Chaudiere, and HMCS Chilliwack** assisted in sinking **U-744** in mid-Atlantic on 6 March 1944 as described in Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". **HMCS Gatineau** was about to leave the east-bound convoy because of a distiller defect when it obtained a contact. **HMCS St. Catharines**, the senior ship, carried out a depth charge attack with **HMCS Chilliwack** joining in followed by **HMCS Gatineau**. **HMCS Gatineau** had to break off the attack but **Chilliwack, Fennel** and **St. Catherines** stayed right on throughout the action almost from the moment of its first appearance until it finally broke surface. **HMCS Chilliwack** was the first to spot it when it did come up, and closed in a full speed. Soon the other vessels were pouring fire around the U-Boat which was so concentrated that the U-Boat crew never had a chance to man its guns. The first salvo from **Chilliwack's** 4" gun wiped out a twin mounting right off the conning tower and killed the U-Boat captain who was the first to emerge from the hatch. **HMCS Chaudiere** rescued German submariners and Canadians who were thrown into the water when three of the motorboats and whalers launched to rescue the submariners were overturned in the waves.

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**CARROLL, Douglas Victor, Commissioned Telegraphist - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN / OIC Newport Corner Transmitting Station- Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 6 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1945.**

Born: 1909 in London, England  
Immigrated: 1917  
Home: Ottawa, Ontario.  
Joined the RCN 1925

Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist in the *HMCS Restigouche* during the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Promoted to Warrant Rank in 1941.

From May 1942 to 1945, in charge of the Halifax Wireless Transmission Station. Built the Newport Corner Wireless Transmission Station and in charge there also.

Promoted to Commissioned Telegraphist

To Naval Service Headquarters in 1945 as Officer-in-Charge of the Radio Engineering Section

Retired from the RCN on 18 July 1950 at age 41. Release date was 21 December 1950.

Joined the RCN(R) at HMCS Carelton RCN(R) as LCdr(L) on 16 August 1953

Released from RCN(R) on 03 May 1958.

Member of the Institute of Radio Engineers and the Engineering Institute of Canada.

**CARROLL, Douglas Victor**, 0-12430,

(Ottawa, ON) Cd/Tel [1.1.44] RCN, **MBE**-[6.1.45] Lt(L) [?] **CD**-[?] Released [21.12.50]

LCdr(L) [16.8.53] RCN(R) HMCS CARELTON, (21.2.55-?) Released [3.5.58]



"Since May 1942, Mr. Carroll has been in charge of the Halifax W/T Station and since the building of the Transmitting Station at Newport Corner commenced, he has been in charge there. During this time, the success and progress of this very important station has been very largely due to his zeal, and the energy with which he has tackled the numerous problems connected with the building and putting into successful service of the largest station of its kind in Canada, is worthy of the highest recognition."

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**CARROLL, George Alvin, Temporary Acting Petty Officer (40563) - Distinguished Service Medal - RCN - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 20 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 14 November 1944.**

Commissioned after the war - retired as LCdr.

Home: Bagot, Manitoba.

**CARROLL, George Alvin**, 0-124633, (Bagot, Manitoba)

A/PO(Temp) 40563, RCN, **DSM**-[20.1.45] A/Cd/Bosn(PR) [9.3.51] RCN,

RCNB Halifax for ND School (28.5.51-?)

HMCS MAGNIFICENT(21) RRSN, (9.2.53-?)

RCNB Halifax for ND/School, (24.1.55-?)

Lt [1.4.53]

RCNB Halifax, for St/Reserve/Trg/Cdr, (3.5.56-?)

HMCS OTTAWA(229) DDE, (10.11.56-?)

RCNB Halifax for ND/School, (11.8.58-?) (410/05)

"For bravery in saving shipmates."

"For courage and determination in **H.M. Ships Albright, Ashanti, Bellona, Diadem, Mauritius, Onslow, Tartar and Ursa** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Assiniboine, Haida, Iroquois, Qu'Appelle, Restigouche and Skeena**, in a series of successful attacks on enemy escorted convoys off the coast of France (London Gazette citation)."

**Lieutenant-Commander George Alvin Carroll, DSM, CD**



DSM - 1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star with bar France and Germany - CVSM and Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal - Defence Medal

Medals on Display at the Maritime Command Museum in Halifax

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**CARRUTHERS, William Rhys, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 January 1946 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1946. Home: Toronto, Ontario.**

"This Officer has served at sea in His Majesty's Canadian corvettes and frigates throughout his service, and has at all times set an example by his bearing and manner. He has rendered valuable service as Anti-Sub-Control Officer and Executive Officer, and displayed coolness and courage in several engagements with the enemy."

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**CARSON, William James, Lieutenant (SB) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR / Fire Chief Halifax Area - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 January 1946 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1946. Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.**

**CARSON, William James.** 0-12552, Lt(Temp) [28.7.44] RCNVR, MBE-[5.1.46] Demobilized [16.1.46]

"As Fire Chief, Halifax Area, and Command Fire Marshall, Lieutenant Carson has organized an efficient, hard-working Fire Department. Evidence of this was clearly seen during the recent disastrous explosions at the Magazine last July. Lieutenant Carson, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, was instrumental in limiting the extent of the conflagration. This Officer is to be commended for his outstanding gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty."

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**CARSON, William Spence, Stoker First Class (V-68135) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 10 June 1944 and *London Gazette* of 8 June 1944.**

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**CARSON, William Spence,** 0-12555, Stk 1/cl, V-58135, RCNVR, BEM-[10.6.44] Wt(SB) [15.1.45] RCNVR

"This rating, while fighting a fire on board a cargo vessel, went into # 3 hatch to clear away the cargo which consisted of bags of phosphate, in order that the magnesium stored there might be vented. Whilst he was in the hatch, one barrel of magnesium exploded, and blew him out of the hatch, necessitating his immediate removal to hospital."

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**CARTER, Irene Francis, Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist (W-187) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - WRCNS - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

Home: St. Boniface, Manitoba.

**CARTER, Irene Francis, W-187, CPO/Tele WRCNS, BEM-[10.6.44]**

"This Wren rating has made an outstanding contribution to the training and supervising of telegraphists in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service at a Naval W/T Station staffed principally by W.R.C.N.S. personnel. By her qualities of leadership and loyalty, he has secured the confidence and respect of all those working with her."

**Medals:** BEM – CVSM – 1939/45 War Medal  
Medals held in the HMCS Chippawa Museum



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**CARTER, Roderick Chrysler, Lieutenant-Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / HMCS Prince David - Awarded as per London Gazette of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).**

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

A/Lt(tem), RCNVR, on 27 September 1939.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Moose** (Armed Yacht - Z14) from 8 September 1940 to 6 December 1940.

To **HMCS Prince David** (Armed Merchant Vessel - F.89) from 28 December 1940.

A/LCdr (Temp), RCNVR, on 1 January 1943; LCdr(Temp), RCNVR, on 1 January 1944.

**CARTER, Roderick Chrysler, 0-12670, A/Lt(Temp) [27.9.39] RCNVR,**

HMCS MOOSE (Z14)(A) p/v, CO, (8.9.40-?)

HMCS PRINCE DAVID(F89) amc, stand by (6.12.40-27.12.40)

HMCS PRINCE DAVID(F89) amc, (28.12.40-?)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43] HMCS PRINCE DAVID(F89) amc, (8.6.43-?)

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44] **OBE-[1.1.45]** A/Cdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

Dembolized [3.1.46]

"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy." New Years List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

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**CARTER, Ronald St. Clair, Chief Motor Mechanic (A-3162) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943.**

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

**CARTER, Ronald St. Clair, A-3162, CPO/MM, RCNR, BEM-[9.1.43]**

"Chief Motor Mechanic Carter has consistently shown resourcefulness and outstanding skill and particularly in carrying out his duties while in charge of motor mechanics on several hundred Japanese fishing vessels in custody."

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**CASEY, Joseph William, Motor Mechanic (V-25423) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per London Gazette of 4 May 1943 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Bedford, Nova Scotia.**

**CASEY, Joseph William, V-25423, MM, RCNVR, MID-[4.5.43]**

"For courage and devotion to duty in action with E-Boats."

"For bravery, skill and dash while serving in H.M. Light Coastal Craft in action against the enemy in the Channel (London Gazette citation)."

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**CASSELMAN, Joseph Aurel, Acting Warrant Engineer - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945. Home: Hull, Quebec.**

**CASSELMAN, Joseph Aurel**, 0-12756, A/Wt(E)(Temp) [1.10.43] RCNVR,  
HMCS FOREST HILL(K486) Cofm, (18.3.44-?)  
HMCS FOREST HILL(K486) Cofm, (15.7.44-?)  
**MBE~[6.1.45]** Demobilized [11.10.45]

"When lines parted while oiling at sea, this Officer's leg was broken in two places. For seven days, while suffering intensely from this painful injury, he showed exceptional courage and cheerfulness while carrying on the supervision of his department."

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**CAVANAUGH, Thomas Vernon, Ordinary Seaman (V-32404) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Regina - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 13 November 1943 and London Gazette of 29 June 1943.**

Home: Perth, Ontario.

**CAVANAUGH, Thomas Vernon**, V-32404, OS, RCNVR, **MID~[13.11.43]**

"For skill and devotion to duty in the destruction of an Italian Submarine while serving in **HMCS Regina.**"

Details of the sinking of **Italian Submarine Avorio** by **HMCS Regina** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K234) on 8 February 1943 off Algeria in the Mediterranean is described in Chapter 24 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**CHADWICK, Ernest Maurice, Sub-Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Skeena –**

Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 25 November 1942.

Born 06 May 1921 – Died 19 May 2008 in Victoria

Prior to the Second World War he accepted a commission in the Royal Navy under the Vindictive program. He served on the H.M.S Revenge before accepting a posting as a convoy officer in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1942.

Commanding Officer **HMCS Gatineau** (River Class Destroyer - H61) 1 October 1943 to 9 November 1943.

Commanding Officer **HMCS St. Stephen** (River Class Frigate - K454) from 27 September 1947 to 25 August 1948.

Commanding Officer **HMCS Nootka** (Tribal Class Destroyer - 213) from 15 December 1954 to 4 November 1956.

He served with distinction, was mentioned in dispatches in 1942, during the Battle of the Atlantic while serving in **HMCS Skeena**.

He finished the war in the Pacific on **HMCS Uganda**.

He married the widow of **George Alan Maclachlan** who was killed when **HMCS Valleyfield** was torpedoed on the 6th of May, 1944. The former **Olga Irene Munro** had a daughter **Diann (DAKIN)** who was born on 16 August 1944.

Subsequently, he continued as an officer in the Royal Canadian Navy with postings notably on Tribal Class Destroyers, Royal Roads Military College, H.M.C.S. St. Stephen (the weather ship) and with D.N.D (posted to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Paris and London) before retiring in 1968.

He returned with his family to Victoria B.C. to embark on a fruitful career as a marine artist. His works of ships and marine wildlife can be found in collections across Canada.

**CHADWICK, Ernest Maurice**, 0-12940, Special entry No.46, Cadet [26.8.38] RCN

HMCS STADACONA 1938  
 HMS EXCELLENT 1938,  
 HMS EREBUS 1938  
 HMS VINDICTIVE (10.1.39-?)  
 HMS REVENGE 1939, Mid [1.9.39] A/S/Lt [1.12.40]  
 HMS RESOLUTION 1941  
 HMS EXCELLENT 1941, S/Lt [1.5.41]  
 HMCS STADACONA 1941,  
 HMCS SKEENA (I59) DD, (1942?) **MID-[28.11.42]** Lt [1.8.42]  
 HMCS GATINEAU (H61) DD, (1.10.43-9.11.43)  
 HMCS GATINEAU (H61) DD, CO, (10.11.4 3-22.11.43)  
 HMCS STADACONA 1944  
 HMCS UGANDA (66) LCB, stand by, (19.9.44-20.10.44)  
 HMCS UGANDA (66) LCB, (21.10.44-?)  
 HMCS NADEN 1945,  
 HMCS ST. STEPHEN (K454) Fr, CO, stand by, (7.9.47-26-9.47)  
 HMCS ST. STEPHEN (K454) Fr, CO, (27.9.47-25.8.49)  
 HMCS ROYAL ROADS (CSC) XO, (1.9.49-?)  
 HMCS LA HULLOISE 1949, CD-[?] LCdr [1.8.50]  
 NSHQ for Deputy Director Personnel (Men) (24.11.52-?)  
 HMCS NOOTKA(213) DDE, CO, (15.12.54-4.11.56)  
 FOPC for Staff Officer Plans Coastal Defence, (26.11.56-?)  
 Cdr [1.7.57]  
 FOPC for Asst/CoSt(Plans & Ops) (14.2.59-?)  
 HMCS SAGUENAY (206) DDE, CO, (14.10.59-23.8.61) (130)  
 NSHQ (D50) St/Comptroller, (5.9.61-?)  
 NMCJS/London/Niobe(E50) (16.1.65-?)  
 Tri/Service(E80) (EASTLANT) (26.7.65-?)  
 Retired [1.4.69]

"This Officer displayed great coolness and skill throughout the long period of attacks under difficult conditions. He proved himself to be capable of rapid and accurate thinking, and through his calmness maintained a complete sense of confidence in the A/S team, the success of whose work contributed to the destruction of the enemy U-Boat."

Details of Canadian Escort Group C-3 (one of which was **HMCS Skeena**, (River Class Destroyer- D159) sinking **U-588** in mid-Atlantic on 31 July 1942 can be found in Chapter 13 of "**The Canadian Navy Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**CHAFFEY, Charles Donald, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / MTB-465 -**  
 Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 December 1944.  
 Home: Montreal, Quebec.



Details on him can be found in the book "**Victory at Sea**" by Hal Lawrence (page 65).

He was born in 1919 and went to school in Vancouver. He left second year engineering at UBC to take a Chartered Accountant's course before **joining the RCNVR at HMCS Discovery** as an Ordinary Seaman in October 1940. As an officer candidate, he went overseas to Raleigh.

His first assignment was to the Hunt class destroyer **HMS Pytchley**.

In December 1940 he went to King Alfred and passed as an Acting Temporary Sub-Lieutenant.

In March 1941 he was assigned to **ML-209** operating out of St. Christopher for training as part of the **6th MGB Flotilla**.

In the spring of 1941, he went to **MTB-232** in the **21st MTB Flotilla**.

For the attack on Dieppe, he served in **ML-309** which did rescue work off the coast during the action.

After Dieppe, he took command of **MTB-232** until January 1943.

He came home to Canada but returned to England on the **Queen Elizabeth**.

He served in the training Flotilla as CO of an MGB until February 1944.

Commanding Officer of **MTB-465** in March 1944 as part of the **29th Canadian MTB Flotilla** for operations in the English Channel and for Operation Neptune on 'D' Day.

He received his MID for work in **MTB-465** during the invasion of Normandy.  
He died in 1989. More details on him are found in the book '**Victory at Sea**'.  
**CHAFFEY, Charles Donald**, 0-12960,  
Lt [31.12.41] RCNVR, HMC MTB 465, CO, (27.3.44-14.2.45)  
**MID~[20.1.45]** HMC MTB 486, CO, (25.2.45-3.3.45)  
Resigned [18.6.45]

"For gallantry, skill, determination and undaunted devotion to duty during the landing of Allied Forces on the coast of Normandy."

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**CHALMERS, Arthur, Able Seaman (V-65929) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Iroquois** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 10 July 1945.  
Home: Toronto, Ontario.  
**CHALMERS, Arthur**, V-65929, AB, RCNVR, **MID~[15.9.45]**

"For resolution, zeal and skill whilst serving with **H.M. Ships Onslow** and **Zealous**, and **HMCS Iroquois** in an attack on enemy shipping off Norway on 3-4 April 1945"

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**CHANDLER, Wallace Harold, Stoker Petty Officer (A-1855) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Windflower** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 1942 and **London Gazette** of 11 June 1942.  
**CHANDLER, Wallace Harold**, A-1855, PO/Stk, RCNR, **MID~[13.6.42]**

"During the sinking of **HMCS Windflower**, in spite of recurring disasters and surrounded by explosions and escaping live steam, Stoker Petty Officer Chandler exhibited steadiness and coolness and in refusing to leave the Engine Room until salified that all others had left, displayed courage and gallantry worthy of the best Naval traditions. For bravery, resource and devotion to duty."

Details of the sinking of **HMCS Windflower** (Flower Class Corvette - K155) in collision with **SS Zypenberg** off St. John's, Newfoundland on 7 December 1941 can be found in Chapter Nine of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**CHANEY, Lawrence, Boatswain - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN / OIC Diving Staff St. John's Newfoundland** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Vernon, British Columbia. Joined RCN in 1929.

Service in **HMCS Ottawa** and **HMCS Assiniboine**.

Made Acting Bosun on 1 August 1942.

Retired as a Lieutenant-Commander.

Married Trudie Rogers and celebrated his diamond wedding anniversary on 18 December 1991.

**CHANEY, Lawrence**, 0-13110, (Vernon, BC)

A/Bosn [1.8.42] RCN

HMCS PRESERVER(Y1.12) stc, (16.8.42-?)

**MBE~[10.6.44]**

Ch/Bosn [1.7.44]

HMC Diving Tender No. 3, CO, (7.4.46-?)

Cd/Bosn [1.7.44]

HMCS IROQUOIS(G89) DD, (15.2.47-?)

HMC Diving Tender No. 3, (16.6.47-?)

HMC YDT 2, CO, (8.1.48-?) Lt\* [1.7.44]

HMCS ONTARIO(53) LCB, (24.9.49-?)

RCNB Halifax Educational Course, (26.10.51-?)

Lt[2.2.52] RCNB Halifax for JOTL Course,(22.2.52-?)

HMCS CARIBOU Naval Division, Cornerbrook Nfld, Staff Officer Training (16.2.53-?)

HMCS CARIBOU Naval Division, Cornerbrook Nfld, Staff Officer Training (15.6.53-?) CD~[?]

Lt(CID\*) [2.2.50]

RCNB Esquimalt additional, for duty with Operational/Diving/Unit, (26.9.55-?)  
HMC Dockyard Esquimalt, (30.7.56-?) (130/30)  
HMCS STADACONA(E18) (13.6.61-?)

"By his devotion to duty, zeal and endurance as Officer-in-Charge of the Diving Staff at St. John's Newfoundland, this Officer has been an inspiration to his staff. During the winter months, he and his divers have carried out their duties in wasters of below freezing temperatures and often through ice. Work has been carried out, although the divers were numbed with cold, and the fighting efficiency and seaworthiness of ships have been maintained. Through his efforts, many delays have been obviated, and escort groups have been maintained in an efficient state."

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**CHAPMAN, Cyrene Milton, Acting Leading Seaman (A-632) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR -** Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943. Home: Murray Harbour, Prince Edward Island.  
**CHAPMAN, Cyrene Milton, A-632, A/LS, RCNR, BEM-[5.6.43]**

"During prolonged engagements with U-Boats in attacks on convoys in the North Atlantic, this rating's devotion to duty has been outstanding."

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**CHAPMAN, Francis Reginald, Chief Petty Officer (3165) - Mention in Despatches - RCN -** Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 December 1944. Home: Edmonton, Alberta.  
**CHAPMAN, Francis Reginald, 3165, CPO, RCN, MID-[20.1.45]**

"For gallantry, skill, determination and undaunted devotion to duty during the landing of Allied Forces on the coast of Normandy."

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**CHAPMAN, Lawrence Elswood, Acting Chief Petty Officer (V-14462) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR -** Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.  
**CHAPMAN, Lawrence Elswood, V-14462, A/CPO, RCNVR, MID-[16.6.45]**

"This rating has at all times shown unswerving loyalty and devotion to duty. His zeal and great reliability have been of outstanding value to the service."

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**CHAPMAN, Neil Henley, Sub-Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Sackville -** Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 18 November 1942. He became a **physician (OB/GYN)** in Montreal. He died there on February 8, 1993.



"This officer organized and trained the depth charge party and brought it to a high degree of proficiency. In an engagement with an enemy U-Boat, he carried out his duties as Depth Charge Officer with alertness and effect and in skilfully directing a depth charge attack made a substantial contribution to the result of the action."

Details of Canadian Escort Group C-3 (one of which was **HMCS Sackville**, (Flower Class Corvette - K181) sinking **U-588** in mid-Atlantic on 31 July 1942 can be found in Chapter 13 of "**The Canadian Navy Chronicle 1939-1945**".

HMCS Sackville is a Long Forecastle Flower Corvette, one of more than 120 corvettes built in Canada during the Second World War. She was commissioned in 1941 and escorted convoys from St. John's to Londonderry in Northern Ireland from 1942 to 1944. In August 1942, in a west-bound convoy 250 nautical miles east of Newfoundland, Sackville encountered a U-boat on the surface. The corvette fired a star shell and the U-boat crash-dived. Sackville accelerated, drove into the swirl of water and fired a pattern of depth charges that literally threw the U-boat to the surface. She slipped back into the water and disappeared. Sackville was credited with a 'probable kill'. Ninety minutes later, Sackville engaged another surface U-boat in a lethal ballet. Sackville zipped to ram and the U-boat zagged to avoid, but Sackville got one good 4-inch shell away, punching a large hole in the base of the conning tower. Sackville was credited with a 'possibly damaged'. She is the only surviving Flower Class Corvette anywhere in the world and is on display at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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**CHARLES, D'Arcy Allen, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / for Normandy - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 20 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 26 December 1944. Home: Adsit Hughes, North Hattiq, Quebec.**  
**CHARLES. D'Arcey Allen Adsit Hughes, 0-13230, Lt(Temp) [31.12.39] MID-[20.1.45] RCNVR.**

"For gallantry, skill, determination and undaunted devotion to duty during the landing of Allied Forces on the coast of Normandy."

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**CHARLES, John Alexander, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMS Laforey - Awarded as per *London Gazette* of 2 January 1945 (no *Canada Gazette*). Born in Rouleau, Saskatchewan on 27 March 1918. Officer Cadet at Royal Military College of Canada in 1937. To **HMS Erebus** for Training as a Naval Cadet (Special Entry No. 43) in 1937. Made Midshipman in 1938 and served on **HMS Vindictive**, **HMS Royal Sovereign** and **HMS Berwick**. In 1940 with **HMCS Retigouche** (Clyde Escort Force). To RN Signal School **HMS Mercury** for the Long Signals Course in 1941. On passing this course was a Lieutenant (S). To **HMS Laforey** as Flotilla Signals Officer 19th Destroyer Flotilla in November 1942 to 2 February 1944 (**HMS Laforey** was torpedoed shortly after he left with all but two crew being killed). To St. Hyacinthe as First Lieutenant and Instructor in 1944. To Givenchy as Staff Communication Officer in 1945. To Burrard as Staff Communication Officer to Commanding Officer Pacific Coast in 1945. To Bytown on Staff of Director of Signals Division 1946. Promoted LCdr in 1947 and to Staff Signal Officer Washington as Member of Combined Communications Board.**



Commanding Officer **HMCS Crescent** ('C' Class Destroyer) 5 January 1948 to 15 November 1948. To Bytown on Staff of Director Naval Communications in 1948. To Royal Naval Staff Course Greenwich in 1949. To Canadian Joint Staff London as Communications Officer in 1949. Promoted to Commander and to Joint Services Staff Course, Chesham, U.K. in 1950. To **HMCS Magnificent** as Communications Officer in 1950. To Stadacona as Officer-in-Charge Communications School in 1951. Director of Naval Communications in 1952. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Haida** (I) (Tribal Class Destroyer) 29 October 1953 to 15 December 1954 and Commander Canadian Destroyers Far East in 1953. Promoted to Captain and made Commandant of Canadian Services College Royal Roads in December 1954. In 1957 made Director of Naval Plans and Operations. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Assiniboine** (II) (St. Laurent Class Destroyer Escort) in Command from 17 August 1960 to 18 August 1961 and Commander 2nd Canadian Escort Squadron and Senior Officer-in-Command. Promoted Commodore and made Commodore of the RCN Barracks Esquimalt and Officer -in-Charge RCN Depot in 1961. Honorary AdC to Governor General in 1961. National Defence College of Canada (Course 17) in 1963. To Canadian Forces HQ as Director-General Force Development in 1964. Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Air & Warfare) in 1965. Promoted RAdm and made Director-General of Maritime Forces in 1966. Commander Maritime Forces Pacific from 1 August 1965 to 11 September 1968. To NDHQ as Deputy

Comptroller-General in 1969. In 1970, made Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Force Development). In 1971, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Plans). Chief of Maritime Operations at NDHQ in 1972. Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff in 1973. Retired in 1974. Commander Fast Trans-Atlantic Convoy under SACLANT for Exercise Ocean Express in 1977.

See '**Victory at Sea**' for more details on his service in **HMS Laforey**.

Passed away in Otter Point, BC, 26 September 2010 at age 92.

**CHARLES. John "Johnny" Alexander**, 0-13250, (born: Rouleau Saskatchewan, 27 Mar 1918)

Special entry No.43 Cadet [20.8.37] RMCC

HMS EXCELLENT (7.9.37-?)

HMS VINDICTIVE (11.1.38-?) Mid [1.9.38] RCN

HMS ROYAL SOVEREIGN (1.9.38-?)

HMS BERWICK (29.12.38-?) A/S/Lt [1.5.40]

HMCS RESTIGOUCHE (H00) DD, (28.10.40-?)

Lt [1.1.41] seniority [1.7.39] **MID~ [2.1.45]** A/Cdr [20.9.45] LCdr [1.7.47]

HMCS CRESCENT(R16) DD, (2.1.48-4.1.48)

HMCS CRESCENT(R16) DD, CO, (5.1.48-15.11.48)

Cdr [1.7.50] CD-[?]

NSHQ, for Director Com (15.10.51-?)

HMCS HAIDA (215) DDE, CO, (29.10.53-15.12.54) Capt [1.7.54]

HMCS ROYAL ROADS (CSC) Commandant, (30.9.54-?)

FOPC for RCN Cadet Training Commander, (18.5.56-?)

NSHQ for Director Plans and Operations, (28.8.57-?) (130/09)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (234) DDE, (17.8.60-18.8.61)

Cmdre [23.8.61] HMCS NADEN(N18) (23.8.61-?)

HMCS CATARAQUI(H09) (3.9.63-?)

NSHQ (D00) (5.8.64-?) (1965)

NDHQ /DG/ Development (4100)

RAdm [1.8.66] **CMM** (23 December 1972) Retired 1974.

Taught at Royal Roads University until at least 2014.



Officer Cadet, RMC		1937	Royal Military College of Canada)
Naval Cadet, RCN	20 August	1937	(Special Entry No. 43)
Midshipman, RCN	01 January	1938	<b>(HMS Vindictive, HMS Royal Sovereign &amp; HMS Berwick)</b>
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 May	1940	<b>(Served on HMCS Retigouche)</b>
Lieutenant, RCN	01 January	1941	(With seniority dated 1 July 1939)
Lieutenant (S) RCN	01 October	1942	<b>(Served on HMS Laforey)</b>
Acting Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	20 September	1945	(Communication Officer to CO Pacific Coast)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 July	1947	(Communication Officer Canadian Joint Staff London)
Commander, RCN	01 July	1950	<b>(Commanding Officer of HMCS Haida)</b>
Captain, RCN	01 July	1954	<b>(Commanding Officer of HMCS Assiniboine)</b>
Commodore, RCN	23 August	1961	(Commodore of the RCN Barracks Esquimalt)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	01 August	1966	(Chief of Maritime Operations NDHQ)
Retires		1974	(Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff)

"For good services during the landing of Allied Forces at Anzio."

Made a **Commander - Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 23 December 1972.

**Medals:** CMM – 1939/1945 Star – Atlantic Star – Africa Star with bar – Italy Star – Defence Medal – CVSM with Clasp – 1939/1945 War Medal with MID – UN Korea – EIIR Coronation – Centennial – CD and Bar

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**CHARRIER, Joseph Georges, Leading Seaman (3167) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Windflower** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 1942 and **London Gazette** of 11 June 1942.

Enrolled in the RCN on 04 June 1938

On **HMCS Skeena** 05 June 1938

Transferred to **HMCS Saguenay** in July 1938

Next served on **HMCS Ottawa** – sunk an Italian submarine while he was aboard

Next served on **HMCS Windflower**

On 7 December 1941, the **SS Zypenberg**, a cargo ship hit HMCS Windflower  
**CHARRIER. Joseph George, 3167, LS, RCN, MID-[13.6.42]**

"During the sinking of **HMCS Windflower**, in spite of recurring disasters and surrounded by explosions and escaping live steam, Leading Seaman Charrier exhibited steadiness and coolness. His conduct throughout was marked by outstanding courage. For bravery, resource and devotion to duty."



Details of the sinking of **HMCS Windflower** (Flower Class Corvette - K155) in collision with **SS Zypenberg** off St. John's, Newfoundland on 7 December 1941 can be found in Chapter 9 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**CHEMIST, Walter Stanley, Stoker Petty Officer (A-726) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / HMCS Orillia** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

**CHEMIST. Walter Stanley, A-726, Stk/PO, RCNR, BEM-[16.6.45]**

"Stoker Petty Officer Chemist has served in **HMCS Orillia** since September 1940, during which time an excellent record has been built up, both in action against the enemy and in rescues, towing operations, etc. His value to the Service, both through his experience in marine work and in his instruction of inexperienced stokers in the ship, has been of the highest order, and his unswerving devotion to duty, and loyalty are worthy of the highest commendation."

Details of **HMCS Orillia** (Flower Class Corvette - K119) towing the torpedoed tanker **Tahchee** to Iceland can be found on page 34 of "**The Canadian Navy Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**CHENOWETH, Ian Bryce, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS New Glasgow** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

McGill University student.

Joined RCNVR as Midshipman 15 August 1940 and trained with the Royal Navy.

Survived the sinking of **HMS Rajputana** on 24 April 1941.

To Annapolis 26 May 1941.

To Kings for Navigator Course 16 January 1942.

Served in **HMCS Vegreville** beginning 20 April 1942.

Promoted to Lieutenant (Temp) on 1 June 1942.

Promoted Lieutenant on 27 March 1944 with Seniority from 01 June 1942.

**Executive Officer** of **HMCS New Glasgow** on 30 August 1944 (joined the ship on 2 December 1943).

Served on **HMCS Halifax** on 30 June 1944

Returned to **HMCS New Glasgow** on 31/10/1944

Released on 20 August 1945.

Returned to McGill University

Died on 11 July 1977, age 74, at Montreal, Quebec.

**CHENOWETH. Ian Bryce, 0-13410, S/Lt(Temp) [1.6.41] RCNVR,**

**HMCS ANNAPOLIS(I04) DD, (26.5.41-?)**

**HMCS VEGREVILLE(J257) m/s, (20.4.42-?) Lt(Temp) [1.6.42]**



HMCS VEGREVILLE(J257) m/s, (1.5.43-?)  
HMCS NEW GLASGOW(K320) Fr, stand by (2.12.43-22.12.43)  
HMCS NEW GLASGOW(K320) Fr, (23.12.43-?)  
HMCS NEW GLASGOW(K320) Fr, (3.8.44-?) **DSC~[14.6.45]**  
Demobilized [20.8.45]

"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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**CHENOWETH, Richard Cassels, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Runnymede - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Brockville** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J270) from 14 March 1943 to 17 July 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sarnia** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J309) from 18 July 1943 to 12 March 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Runnymede** (River Class Frigate - K678) from 14 June 1944 to 22 January 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Stephen** (River Class Frigate - K454) from 23 January 1945 to 22 March 1945.

Commanding Officer (again) of **HMCS Runnymede** (River Class Frigate) from 23 March 1945 to 8 June 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fort Erie** (River Class Frigate - K670) from 6 August 1945 to 4 November 1945.

Served in NHQ on Staff of the Secretary to the Director of Naval Reserves beginning November 1945.

He transferred to the RCN in 1946 and was promoted to Lieutenant-Commander effective 26 August 1946.

In 1947 he was Officer-in-Charge RCN Sub-Depot at HMCS Naden.

Promoted to Commander on 01 January 1949 while Officer-in-charge R.C.N. Sub-Depot, HMCS Naden NSHQ for Deputy Director Plans and Operations on 11 October 1950.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Huron** (I) (Tribal Class Destroyer - 216) from 18 November 1952 to 20 September 1953.

He was an additional at RCN Base Halifax on 25 August 1953.

To the west coast and attached RCNB Esquimalt, Reserve Training Commander on 05 October 1953.

On 26 August 1954 added Training Commander to his role at RCNB Esquimalt.

He was then attached to the Fleet Officer Pacific Coast as Assistant Chief of Staff Plans & Organization on 14 October 1954.

He served in HMCS Niobe on Attachment to the Staff of the Ambassador of Canada to Norway as Naval Military and Air Attaché and on the staffs of the Ambassador of Canada to Sweden and the Ambassador of Canada to Denmark as Naval Attaché 1956.

His last appointment was to HMCS Hochelaga on Staff of the NOIC Montreal on 22 July 1959.

He was released after this appointment.

He was qualified with a Watchkeeping Certificate and for gunnery and navigation duties. (Commodores & Admirals)

**CHENOWETH, Richard Cassels**, 0-13420, (Montreal, PQ)

A/Lt [18.9.38] RCNVR, Lt [26.8.38]

USS THATCHER (DD-162) (20.9.40-23.9.40)

HMCS NIAGARA(I57) DD, (24.9.40-?)

HMCS BURLINGTON (J250) m/s, (1942?)

HMCS BROCKVILLE (J270) m/s, CO, (14.3.43-17.7.43)

HMCS SARNIA (J309) m/s, CO, (18.7.43-12.3.44)

HMCS RUNNYMEDE (K678) Fr, CO, stand by (10.4.44-13.6.44)

HMCS RUNNYMEDE (K678) Fr, CO, (14.6.44-22.1.45) A/LCdr [1.1.45] **MID~[6.1.45]**

HMCS ST. STEPHEN (K454) Fr, (CO) (23.1.45-22.3.45)

HMCS RUNNYMEDE (K678) Fr,

CO, (23.3.45-8.6.45) **MBE~[16.6.45]**

HMCS FORT ERIE (K670) Fr, CO, (6.8.45-4.11.45)

LCdr [26.2.46] RCN,

RCNB, Esquimalt, OIC RCN Sub Depot (28.6.47-?)

Cdr [1.1.49] CD-[?]  
 NSHQ for Deputy Director Plans and Operations, (11.10.50-?)  
 HMCS HURON (216) DDE, CO, (18.11.52-20.9.53)  
 RCNB Halifax, additional, (25.8.53-?)  
 RCNB Esquimalt, Reserve Training Cdr, (5.10.53-?)  
 RCNB Esquimalt for Reserve Training Cdr & Trg Cdr, (26.8.54-?)  
 FOPC for Assistant Chief of Staff Plans & Organization, (14.10.54-?)  
 HMCS NIOBE for Naval attaché Sweden/Finland, (3.7.56-?)  
 HMCS NIOBE for Naval attaché Sweden/Norway/Denmark, (16.7.56-?)  
 HMCS HOCHELAGA, Staff NOIC Montreal, (22.7.59-?)

"This Officer has served at sea as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer during the last four years of the war in various types of escort vessels on the Atlantic Coast of Canada. He has at all times displayed outstanding zeal, cheerfulness and devotion to duty."

**CHENOWETH, Richard Cassels, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR / HMCS Brockville - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

"For faithful and efficient service whilst acting as Senior Officer of a mine-sweeping flotilla during minesweeping operations between 11th October and 18th December 1943. During this period, the ship under his command, was credited with sweeping seven mines and assisting in the destruction of ten others. This Officer was awarded a Mention-in-Despatches on 1 January 1945."

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**CHERRETT, James William, Able Seaman (V-64373) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945 and London Gazette of 3 July 1945. Home: Verdun, Quebec. CHERRETT, James William, V-64373, AB, RCNVR. MID-[15.9.45]**

"For services in action with enemy light forces on 24th, 25th February, 1945."  
 "For courage and skill while serving in Light Coastal Forces in successful engagements with enemy shipping (London Gazette Citation)."

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**CHILDS, Robert Grenville, Leading Cook (S) (V-8844) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: South Porcupine, Ontario. CHILDS, Robert Grenville, V-884, L/Ck(S), RCNVR, BEM-[5.1.46]**

"During a period of over two years in one of His Majesty's Canadian destroyers, this rating has displayed outstanding zeal, efficiency, reliability and cheerfulness in the performance of his duties. His efforts and devotion to duty at all times have been an inspiration and stimulus to all with who he has come in contact."

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**CHIPMAN, William Pennock, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMS Wild Goose - Awarded as per London Gazette of 13 June 1944 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Ottawa, Ontario. He began at Royal Military College in Kingston prior in 1936 (RMC #2519). He and his classmates graduated at the beginning of their 4th year in 1939 to serve in WWII. Served on HMCS Saguenay starting on 30 November 1939. He then went to the Royal Navy and spent the war with the RN on submarine hunting in the North Atlantic. First Lieutenant serving on HMS Wild Goose (Sloop of the Modified Black Swan Class - U45 ). Like Corvettes, the sloop was a slow escort (16 knots) vessel,**



In early 1944, his ship was part of the Captain John F. Walker's group when they sank six submarines in 10 days. He received the **MID** for this event.

Following this event, he received a well deserved leave and married Beatrice Elaine Kemp.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMS Weston** (Sloop of the Falmouth class - L84) starting on 20 January 1945.

Demobilized on 31 August 1945. Promoted Commander in RCN(R) on 1 January 1953

Received **VRD** on 20 March 1959.

Bill and Beatrice had a son (Kenneth and his wife, Marion) from St. Catharines and a daughter, Jill (and her husband, Don) from Edmonton.

Beatrice died in 1985 and bill remarried in February 1987 in Palm Springs to Marnie Taylor (nee Duncan).

This marriage expanded his family to include Garry (and his wife Barbara), Scott (and his wife Kathy) all of whom lived in Oakville and Dorothy who lived in Winnipeg.

He died in Oakville Ontario on 25 January 2009 in his 91st year. He had 4 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren and many great step-grandchildren.

**CHIPMAN, William Pennock**, 0-13580, S/Lt(Temp) [29.7.39] RCNVR,

HMCS SAGUENAY(179) DD, (30.11.39-?) Lt(Temp) [28.5.39]

**MID**~[13.6.44] A/Cdr(Temp) [1.7.44] LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45]

Demobilized [31.8.45] Cdr [1.1.53] RCN(R) **VRD**~[10.3.59]

"For good service when 6 submarines were destroyed in 10 days by the Escort Group of which his ship formed a part."

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**CHIPPERFIELD, Walter Francis, Acting Electrical Artificer Fourth Class (V-46377) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR -Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 26 December 1944. Home: Calgary, Alberta.**

**CHIPPERFIELD, Walter Francis**, V-46377, ERA 4/c1, RCNVR, **MID**~[20.1.45]

"For gallantry, skill, determination and undaunted devotion to duty during the landing of Allied Forces on the coast of Normandy."

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**CHRISTOPHER, John Leonard, Chief Petty Officer (A-1414) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / HMCS Beaver - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

Home: Hopewell Cape, New Brunswick. (Note: Both Gazettes list him as John Leopold Christopher – his grandson tells me it is John Leonard.

He lived at Hopewell Cape, New Brunswick after the war and died of a heart attack at the age of 54 after quartering a moose that he had shot.

**CHRISTOPHER, John Leonard**, A-1414, CPO, RCNR, **BEM**~[16.6.45]



"This Chief Petty Officer has served a considerable period at sea during which time he has proved himself a most conscientious, efficient and resourceful worker. In the early hours of the morning on 8 February, 1945, a fire occurred in the Petty Officer's Mess of **HMCS Beaver**. This rating, in complete disregard for his own personal safety, and in spite of dense smoke and flames, extinguished the fire and materially saved the ship from possible serious disaster."

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**CHRISTOPHERSON, Robert William, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR -**  
Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 July 1945.  
Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.

"For courage and skill while serving in Light Coastal Forces in successful engagements with enemy shipping on 24th, 25th February 1945."

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**CHURCHILL-SMITH, John, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCN(R) -** Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 11 June 1946 (no Canada Gazette).  
**CHURCHILL-SMITH, John**, 0-13860, Lt [?] RCN(R) HMCS DONNACONA, LCdr [?] MID-[11.6.46]

"For distinguished service during the war in the Far East."

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**CLAIRMONTE, Frederick L., Electrical Lieutenant-Commander - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR / Anti-Submarine Maintenance East Coast -** Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

Joined RCNVR in 1939. Served as A/S Maintenance Officer in WW2. Served on Short Service Commission from 1951 to 1957. Died in Victoria on 5 February 2002.

**CLAIRMONTE, Frederick Louis**, 0-13910, A/Lt(Temp) [1.12.39] RCNVR,  
LCdr(EI) [1.1.44] Demobilized [31.8.45] **MBE**~[5.1.46]  
LCdr(L) [1.1.44] RCN(SS 26 Jan 51-25 Jan 54) NSHQ (26.1.51-?)

"For duties above and beyond the call of his responsibilities. In the organization of the Anti-Submarine Maintenance on the East Coast for the past six years, Lieutenant-Commander Clairmonte has overcome great obstacles and has made a worthy contribution to the efficiency of the Royal Canadian Naval Service on the East Coast."

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**CLARANCE, Charles Douglas, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR -** Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

**CLARANCE, Charles Douglas**, 0-13920, S/Lt(Temp) [10.11.41] RCNVR,  
HMCS REGINA(K234) Cof, (18.3.42-?) Lt(Temp) [10.11.42]  
MID-[20.1.45] Demobilized [5.10.45]

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **H.M. Canadian Ships Qu'appelle, Skeena, Saskatchewan** and **Restigouche** in a successful action with enemy trawlers and U-boats."

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**CLARK, Albert William, Surgeon Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) – RCNVR / HMS**  
Airedale - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 13 October 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

Appointed as a Surgeon Lieutenant (Temp.) RCNVR  
(With seniority dated 23/09/1940) (Later backdated to 23/09/1939).

He served in HMS Broadwater in 1940.

He received the DSC for his contribution to Operation Vigorous (Port Said-Malta convoy in 1942).

He served in HMS Airedale in 1942. While escorting a Port Said to Malta convoy, the ship was bombed and sunk by German aircraft in the central Mediterranean on 15 June 1942.

He was appointed as a Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander (Temp.) RCNVR. (He was demobilized.)

He was appointed as a Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander RCN(R) (With seniority dated 11/09/1945).

(He was demobilized.) He was appointed as a Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander RCN(R).

He served in HMCS Brunswicker 1947. (He was released.) (from Nauticapedia)  
**CLARK, Albert William**, 0-13950, Surg/Lt(Temp) [23.9.39] RCNVR, **DSC~[13.10.42]** A/Surg/LCdr(Temp)(WHA)  
Demobilized [11.9.45]  
Surg/LCdr [11.9.45] RCN(R) HMCS Brunswicker Naval Division Saint John, NB, (1.3.47-?)

“For bravery, endurance and devotion to duty in action against the enemy in the Mediterranean in H.M. Ships Airedale, Hasty, Hermione and Newcastle.”

On 14 June 1942, the convoy (MW011) was under heavy and sustained air attacks and as night came the convoy was under attack by E-Boats. On 15 June 1942, the convoy was ordered to reverse course due to threat of Italian warships but the order was changed and they continued on toward Malta. Dive bombers attacked HMS Airedale (Type III, Hunt-class Escort Destroyer) which resulted in 3 near misses and 2 hits aft which resulted in a major fire and the magazine exploded. The Ship was abandoned (and later sunk by torpedos fired from HMS Aldenham and HMS Hurworth (both escort destroyers). There were 133 survivors rescued. Photo is HMS Stevenstone (L19) a sister ship. HMS Airedale was L 07.



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**CLARK, Gordon Matthew, Acting Convoy Yeoman (V-7380) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR -**  
Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 November 1943 and **London Gazette** of 3 June 1943. Home:  
Toronto, Ontario. Rank is Leading Signalman.  
**CLARK, Gordon Matthew**, V-7380, A/Convoy/Ymn, RCNVR, **MID~[03.06.43]**

"For most efficient work in convoy signalling. For gallantry and outstanding devotion to duty."

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**CLARK, Norman Vincent, Lieutenant-Commander, RD - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)**  
- RCNR / HMCS Hamilton - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1  
January 1943. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia. Lt, RCNR, on 11 May 1934.  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Viernoë** (Gate Vessel - J.12) on 20 November 1939. Acting LCdr in 1939.  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Renard** (Armed Yaucht - S.13) from 27 May 1950 to 2 October 1940.  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Elk** (Armed Yacht - S.05) from 10 September 1940 to 24 June 1941.  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Hamilton** (Town Class Destroyer - I49) from 26 July 1941 to 19 July 1943.  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Pierre** (River Class Frigate - K680) from 22 August 1944 to 13 November  
1944.  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Kirkland Lake** (River Class Frigate - K337) from 14 November 1944 to 2  
October 1945. A/Cdr on 1 July 1945.  
Awarded the RCNR Officer's Decoration (**RD**) on 23 December 1944.  
**CLARK, Norman Vincent**, 0-14120, Lt [11.5.34] RCNR, Halifax,  
HMCS VIERNOE (J12) GV, CO, (20.11.39-?) A/LCdr 1939,  
HMCS RENARD (S13) p/v, ex-WINCHESTER, CO, (27.5.40-?)  
HMCS ELK (S05) p/v, ex-ARCADIA, stand by, (20.6.40-9.9.40)  
HMCS ELK (S05) p/v, CO, (10.9.40-24.6.41)  
HMCS HAMILTON(I24) DD, CO stand by, (25.6.41-5.7.41)  
HMCS HAMILTON(I24) DD, CO, (6.7.41-19.7.43) LCdr [11.5.42]  
**OBE~[9.1.43]**  
HMCS ST. PIERRE (K680) Fr, CO, stand by, (10.7.44-21.8.44)

HMCS ST. PIERRE (K680) Fr, CO, (22.8.44-13.11.44)  
HMCS KIRKLAND LAKE (K337) Fr, CO, (14.11.44-2.10.44)  
RD-[23.12.44] A/Cdr [1.7.45] Demobilized Cdr [16.10.45] RCN(R)  
HMCS SCOTIAN Halifax Naval Division, (15.1.49-?)

"This Officer has been in command of HMC Ships almost continually from the commencement of hostilities and has displayed great devotion to duty. By his exemplary conduct, he has set an example to others and contributed to the efficiency of those under his command."

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**CLARKE, Charles Kenneth, Chief Motor Mechanic (V-23747) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMC MLs - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 16 June 1945 and *London Gazette* of 14 June 1945.**

Home: Westmount, Quebec.

**CLARKE, Charles Kenneth, V-23747, CPO/MM, RCNVR, MID-[16.6.45]**

"This rating has served continuously at sea in His Majesty's Canadian Motor Launches for three years. He has displayed marked ability, stamina and devotion to duty. The high standard of his work, willingness and cheerfulness has been an inspiration to many others."

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**CLARKE, Donald Walker, Lieutenant (R) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / St. Thomas - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 15 September 1945 and *London Gazette* of 24 July 1945.**

Home: Vermilion, Alberta.

**CLARKE, Donald Walker, 0-14170, Lt(El)(R)(Temp) [1.5.44] RCNVR,**  
HMCS STELLARTON(K457) Cofm, (2.2.45-?)  
HMCS ST. THOMAS(K488) Coc, (19.3.45-?) Lt(L)(Temp) [1.5.44]  
**MID-[15.9.45] Demobilized [18.2.46]**

"For services in **HMCS Thomas** in action against a German boat."

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**CLARKE, George, Leading Steward (A-2099) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 June 1943 and *London Gazette* of 2 June 1943. Home: Middlesex, England.**

**CLARKE, George, A-2099, L/Stwd, RCNR, MID-[5.6.43]**

"During his service in His Majesty's Canadian corvettes, this rating has shown exceptional zeal, courage and devotion to duty while under enemy attack."

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**CLARKE, John Henry, Able Seaman (3666) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 12 December 1942 and *London Gazette* of 3 December 1942.**

**CLARKE, John Henry, 3666, AB, RCN, MID-[12.12.42]**

"This rating was in "A" gun's crew and after casualties had reduced the number of the crew to three, he continued to keep the gun firing whilst under fairly heavy fire from an enemy U-Boat."

The sinking of **U-210** by **HMCS Assiniboine** (River Class Destroyer - D118) in the Atlantic on 6 August 1942 is described in Chapter 14 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**CLARKE, John James Ashworth, Chief Petty Officer (2898) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN / His Majesty's Canadian Gunnery School at Cornwallis - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 16 June 1945 and *London Gazette* of 14 June 1945.**

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

**CLARKE, John James Ashworth, 2898, CPO, RCN, BEM-[16.6.45]**

"This Chief Petty Officer has been mainly responsible for the setting up and maintaining of the Recognition Section of His Majesty's Canadian Gunnery School at Cornwallis. His outstanding diligence and initiative have brought forward many training aids, thereby paralleling such instruction in the Royal Canadian Navy with other Services. Chief Clarke's splendid bearing, unquestionable loyalty and high degree of intelligence have proven invaluable to the Gunnery School, throughout a most difficult period of training and construction."

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**CLARKE, Samuel Anderson, Chief Engine Room Artificer (C.E.R.A.) (A-4391) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Pictou - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 21 November 1942 and *London Gazette* of 18 November 1942. Since promoted acting Warrant Engineer. HMCS Pictou (Flower Class Corvette - K146) did not sink the U-Boat.**

**CLARKE, Samuel Anderson, 0-14260, CPO/ERA, A-4391 RCNR, MID-[21.11.42]**

A/Wt(E)(Temp) [1.2.42]

HMCS PICTOU(K146) Cof, (1.2.42-?) Cdr(E)(Temp) [1.1.44]

Lt(E)(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized [12.9.45]

"By his close and efficient application to duties in the engine room, he proved the necessary speed to overtake the enemy U-Boat and thus contributed largely to the result of the attack."

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**CLAYTON, John Every, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNR / HMCS Shediac - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 3 August 1946 and *London Gazette* of 4 June 1946. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.**

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Shediac** (Flower Class Corvette - K110) from 8 July 1941 to 22 March 1943.

**CLAYTON, John Every, 0-14330, Lt(Temp) [31.10.40] RCNR,**

HMCS SHEDIAC(K110) Cof, CO stand by, (3.6.41-7.7.41)

HMCS SHEDIAC(K110) Cof, CO, (8.7.41-22.3.43)

HMCS PRINCE ROBERT(F56) a/a ship, (27.5.43-?)

Resigned [3.1.45] **DSC-[3.8.46]**

"For outstanding services in anti-U-Boat operations during the war in Europe."

#### **Medals of Captain John Every CLAYTON, DSC, RCN:**

DSC - British War Medal - Mercantile Marine War Medal - 29/45 Star - Atlantic Star with BAR France & Germany - Africa Star - Pacific Star - CVSM & Clasp - 39/45 War Medal.

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**CLEWS, William Henry, Chief Yeoman (V-7446) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 January 1946 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1946.**

Home: Waverley, Nova Scotia.

**CLEWS, William Henry, V-7446, CPO/Yeoman, RCNVR, BEM-[5.1.46]**

"For exemplary service and devotion to duty throughout the war. Chief Petty Officer Clews has served aboard Merchant Ships in the North Atlantic and the Middle East as a Convoy Signaller since 1939. He has shown at all times, often under difficult conditions, cheerfulness and resourcefulness of a high order."

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**COATES, John Jeffrey, Acting Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 10 October 1944.

Home: Paris, Ontario.

Born 02 Dec 1919 in Paris, Brant Co., Ontario.

Died: 03 May 2010, Halifax Nova Scotia. His ashes were buried at sea by the RCN on October 16, 2010.

"**Far Distant Ships**" list him as Commanding Officer of **HMCS Matane** (River Class Frigate - K444) but LCdr Easton was the Commanding Officer during this period. He may have been Executive Officer and acted as CO during 1944-1945.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS James Bay** (Bay Class Minesweeper - 152) from 5 October 1955 to 22 July 1958).

**Ships Served in:**

HMS DUNDEE

HMCS ANDRE DUPREE

HMCS ACADIA

HMCS CHAMBLY

HMCS ST LAURENT

HMCS BEAVER

HMCS DIGBY

HMCS HAIDA

HMCS MATANE

HMCS NOOTKA - Appointed to Haida 30 Aug 1943 as SLt (A/S),  
1st Commissioning Crew  
A/S Co-ordinating Officer, M.I.D.



HMCS JAMES BAY

Took the surrender of the **U-968 Grille** at the end of the Second World War.

**Boarding the Grille:** On May 17th, 1945 at 0555 Lieutenant Coates RCNVR boarded the German naval ship *Grille* (Hitler's former yacht) with a boarding party from *HMCS Matane* accompanied by Petty Officer E. Massey RCNVR and Signaller W. Parish (RCNVR). He was met on the quarterdeck by the Captain (who Coates noted "had limited knowledge of the English language".) Coates was taken to the bridge where he met the Senior German Officer of the convoy (Captain Rheinhard Suhren). Suhren stated that he was the Senior Officer Arctic and Barents Sea and that this was his last command. He further stated that under orders from the German High Command he was withdrawing his Command from Narvik, Norway and proceeding to Trondheim, Norway.

**COATES, John Jeffery**, 0-14530, (Paris, ON)

Lt(Temp) [27.4.43] RCNVR, Lt [27.4.43]

HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, (1943?)

HMCS MATANE (K444) Fr, (27.12.44-?) **MID-[20.1.45]** RCN,

HMCS NOOTKA (R96) DD, stand by, (3.6.46-6.8.46)

HMCS NOOTKA (R96) DD, (7.8.46-?)

FOAC Staff Officer Intel & Trade (30.5.49-?)

RCNB Halifax, JOTLC Course, (3.8.51-?) CD-[?]

LCdr [27.4.51]

NSHQ for Staff Officer Director Tactics, (15.9.53-?)

NSHQ additional, (26.9.55-?)

HMCS JAMES BAY (152) MCB, CO, (5.10.55-22.7.58)

RCN Depot Halifax for CNS 507/Monitor, (5.9.58-?) (130)

Operations Evaluation Unit (E72) (15.8.60-?)

HMCS STADACONA (E18) (7.5.64-?)

"For bravery, skill and devotion to duty in **H.M. Ships Affleck, Balfour, Eskimo, Wanderer and Tavy** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Haida and Huron** in anti U-Boat operations."

Anti-submarine coordinating Officer of **HMCS Haida** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G63) when she sank **U-971** off the Biscay Coast on 24 June 1944 as described in Chapter 44 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

**COATES, John Jeffrey, Lieutenant** (Post WWII RCN Service)

Coates was appointed as a Lieutenant RCN (With seniority dated 31/10/1945). He served in HMCS Stadacona [Halifax] for the Navigation Course 1946. He served in HMCS Nootka for Navigation Duties

1947. He served in NHQ. He served in HMCS Stadacona for the Junior Officer Leadership and Technical Courses 1949. He was appointed as a Lieutenant-Commander RCN (With seniority dated 27/04/1951). He served in HMCS Stadacona as Staff Officer Trade and Intelligence 1951. He served in HMCS Bytown for NHQ as Deputy Director (Mine Warfare) 1953. He served in HMCS James Bay (In command) 1955-1958. He served in HMCS Stadacona in RCN Depot as Promotion Monitor 1959-1960. He served in HMCS Stadacona on staff of Flag Officer Atlantic Coast as Commander Operational Evaluation 1960-1964. (He was retired 01/12/1964.) (He was qualified as a Torpedo Anti-Submarine (TAS) Officer). (He was Mentioned-in-Despatches for his role in the sinking the submarine U-971.) Lieutenant-Commander Coates passed away at Halifax Nova Scotia May 3, 2010. His ashes were buried at sea by the RCN on October 16, 2010.

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**COCK, Peter John Bligh, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Kenogami**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**COCK, Peter John Bligh**, 0-14590, RCNVR Half Company Saint John Midshipman [27.1.38] RCNVR,  
HMC Naval Base, Saint John, NB, (2.9.39-?) S/Lt [27.1.40]  
Lt [27.1.41] HMCS KENOGAMI(K125) Cof, stand by, (8.5.1-28.6.41)  
HMCS KENOGAMI(K125) Cof, (29.6.41-?)  
HMCS LUNENBURG(K151) Cof, (5.3.43-?)  
HMCS ALGONQUIN(R17) DD, (17.2.44-?) **MID-[5.1.46]**

"For untiring devotion to duty, zeal and cheerfulness under trying conditions, in the face of the enemy. This Officer showed great qualities of leadership and devotion to duty during an attack on a slow convoy in 1941 (**HMCS Kenogami**). At that time, men and equipment were inadequate and it was primarily due to these efforts that he organized the ship's company into a highly efficient fighting unit. His exemplary conduct was an inspiration to the men working with him.

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**CODNER, Eugene Augustus, Skipper Lieutenant - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR**  
/ Halifax Examination Service - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

**CODNER, Eugene Augustus**, 0-14650, A/Skr(Temp) [26.3.40] RCNR,  
HMCS ANDREE DUPRE(W03), (4.5.41-?)  
HMCS RACCOON 358/31, p/v, (17.5.40-?)  
HMCS MONT JOLI(Z24)(A) p/v, (22.5.42-?)  
HMCS MONT JOLI(Z24)(A) p/v, (31.8.42-?)  
Ch/Skr(Temp) [26.3.43] Skr/Lt(Temp) [26.3.44]  
HMCS LLOYD GEORGE(J279) m/s, (25.6.45-?) **MBE-[5.1.46]**

"This Officer has served at sea for over four and a half years in the Examination Service at Halifax. He has always maintained station and on numerous occasions has led Merchant Ships into port during thick weather when the Pilot Vessel was unable to remain on station. this Officer has at all times, often under trying circumstances, set a fine example by his energy, zeal and outstanding devotion to duty."

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**COKE, Robert Henry, Acting Petty Officer (V-6699) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Camrose**  
Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 19 December 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**COKE, Robert Henry**, V-6699, A/PO, RCNVR, **MID-[20.1.45]**

"For service in **HMCS Camrose** in attacking a U-Boat on 8th January 1944."

The sinking of U-757 by **HMCS Camrose** (Flower Class Corvette - K154) and **HMS Bayntun** (Captains Class Frigate - K310) in mid-Atlantic on 8 January 1944 is described in Chapter 32 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**COLE, James William, Able Seaman (V-8989) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 14 November 1944.**

Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

Died Hamilton, Ontario in 1997.

**COLE. James William, V-8989, AB, RCNVR, MID-[20.1.45]**

"For good service in the invasion of Normandy."

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**COLEMAN, Albert Robert Ernest, Temporary Lieutenant-Commander, RD - Distinguished Service Order (DSO) - RCNR / HMCS Ville de Quebec - Awarded as per London Gazette of 04 May 1943 (no Canada Gazette).**

Born: Plymouth, England, 29 January 1898.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

At age 15, he left home to join the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company.

Served as a Cadet with CP Steamship Company in 1913 and 1914.

Joined the Royal Navy Reserve on 1 August 1914 as a Midshipman.

During WW1 he saw active service in His Majesty's cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

Received **Mention in Despatches (MID)** in WW1.

He took part in the attack on Zeebrugge on 23 April 1918 on the destroyer **HMS Termagant**.

Discharged in 1921 with the rank of Lieutenant.

In 1920 he received his Masters Foreign Going Certificate and from 1921 to 1924 served as Third Officer on CP Steamships.

He retired from the RNR in 1924 with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.

He came to Canada and began a long career as a Bell Telephone Company Manager.

In Canada, he joined the RCN (R).

Awarded **RNR Officers's Decoration (RD)**.

Active Service in WW2 began at HMC Naval Base, Sydney.

He then served on the Armed Merchant Carrier, **HMCS Prince Henry**.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS The Pas** (Flower Class Corvette - K168) from 21 October 1941 to 28 October 1941.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Moncton** (Flower Class Corvette - K139) from 24 April 1942 to 11 October 1942.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Ville de Quebec** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K242) from 12 October 1942 to 12 June 1943. Awarded the DSO for sinking a Submarine in 10 minutes from the time of contact.

**COLEMAN. Albert Robert Ernest, 0-14760, LCdr(Temp) [12.12.30] RNR(Ord) RD-[?] RCNR,**

HMC Naval Base, Sydney, CB, Ch/Exan, (3.9.39-?)

HMCS PRINCE HENRY(F70) amc, stand by, (25.5.40-?)

HMCS PRINCE HENRY(F70) amc, (26.12.40-?)

HMCS THE PAS(K168) Cof, CO stand by, (3.10.41-20.10.41)

HMCS THE PAS(K168) Cof, CO,(21.10.41-28.10.41)

HMCS MONCTON K139) Cof, CO stand by (3.3.42-23.4.42)

HMCS MONCTON K139) Cof, CO, (24.4.42-11.10.42)

HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC(K242) Cof, CO, (12.10.42-12.6.43)

**DSO-[4.5.43] Cdr [1.7.43] A/Capt(WHA)**

Demobilized [7.1.46]

Midshipman (Probationary), RNR	01 August 1914
Midshipman, RNR	01 September 1914
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RNR	1918
Sub-Lieutenant, RNR	23 January 1919
Demobilized	mid 1919
Lieutenant, RNR	12 December 1922
Retired	1926

LCdr, RNR (retired List)	12 December 1930
LCdr, RCNR	03 September 1939
Commander, RCNR	01 July 1943
Captain, RCNR (While Holding Appointment)	01 July 1943
Retired	07 January 1946

"For skill and judgement in action against enemy Submarines while serving in **H.M. Ships Paladin, Gloxinia, Easton and Wheatland**, and **H.M. Canadian Ships Port Arthur and Ville de Quebec**."

The story of **HMCS Ville de Quebec** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K242) sinking **U-224** off Oran in the Mediterranean on 13 June 1943 is described in Chapter 21 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

**Medals of Captain Albert Robert Ernest COLEMAN, DSO, RD, RCN:**

DSO - 1914 / 1915 Star - British War Medal - WW1 Victory Medal - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Africa Star with BAR 1942-1943 - CVSM and Clasp - 39/45 War Medal - Royal Navy Reserve Decoration.

Medals held in a private collection - Photo of Coleman and his medals below.



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**COLEMAN, Charles Robert, Stoker First Class (V-46725) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Giffard** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 December 1944.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

**COLEMAN, Charles Robert, V-46725, Sth 1/cl, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]**

"For services in **HMCS Giffard** and for brave rescue work when **HMCS Valleyfield** was sunk 6th May, 1944."

The sinking of **HMCS Valleyfield** (River Class Frigate - K239) by **U-548** off Cape Race, Newfoundland on 6 May 1944 is described in Chapter 41 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**COLES, George Edward, Acting Petty Officer (3857) - Mention in Despatches - RCN** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**COLES, George Edward, 3857, A/PO, RCN, MID~[5.6.43]**

"While serving in one of His Majesty's Canadian Ships in the North Atlantic during a heavy gale, this Petty Officer showed outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty."

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**COLLINS, John William, Temporary Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / MTB-735** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 12 June 1945.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **ML-080** from 21 April 1942 to 8 September 1942.

Commanding Officer of **MTB-735** from 14 February 1944 to 2 October 1944.

Commanding Officer of **MTB-746** from 16 January 1945 to 18 May 1945.

**COLLINS, John William**, 0-14940, S/Lt, [18.8.41] RCNVR,

HMC ML 064 (Q054) (1942?)

HMC ML 080(Q080) ex-(31) CO, (21.4.42-8.9.42)

Lt [18.8.41]

HMC MTB 735, CO, (14.2.44-2.10.44)

HMC MTB 746, CO, (16.1.45-18.1.45) LCdr(Temp) [?]

Demobilized [7.8.45] **DSC**~[15.9.45]

"For services in actions against enemy light forces in June and July 1944. For courage, skill, and great devotion to duty in action against the enemy during the night of 3rd and 4th July when three enemy ships were torpedoed "

"For bravery, skill and great devotion to duty in damaging attacks against enemy shipping off the Coast of France (London Gazette)."

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**COLLINS, Roy William, Acting Chief Yeoman (V-5322) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Rosemount, Montreal, Quebec.

**COLLINS, Roy William**, V-5322, A/CPO/Yeomn, RCNVR, **BEM**~[5.1.46]

"This rating has served with consistent devotion to duty, willingness and cheerfulness throughout the period of the war. His actions have been an inspiration to those working with him, and are in keeping with the high traditions of the Canadian Naval Service."

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**CONN, James Ralph, Leading Steward (Posthumous) (V-67835) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Esquimalt** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

Working as a waiter on Canadian Pacific Railways based in Montreal before he enlisted

**CONN, James Ralph**, V-67835, L/Stwd, RCNVR, **MID**~[5.1.46]

"Leading Steward Conn showed exceptional courage in remaining in the upper mess deck helping others to get up from the lower mess deck despite the fact that **HMCS Esquimalt** was obviously sinking fast. When last seen, he was still thus engaged and it is presumed that he went down with the ship."

The sinking of **HMCS Esquimalt** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J272) by **U-190** off the Halifax approaches on 16 April 1945 is described in Chapter 64 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**CONNOLLY, James Francis, Able Seaman (4264) - Mention in Despatches - RCN** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 24 October 1944.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

**CONNOLLY, James Francis**, 4264, AB, RCN, MID-[20.1.45]

"For good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine."

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**CONNOLLY, Joseph Patrick, Captain, MC, VD - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / Director Special Services - Navy Show - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

Home: Ottawa, Ontario. MC in WW1 (CG 08/10/1918).



Joined RCNVR Half Company Halifax on 1 February 1923; Lt, RCNVR on 3 April 1925.

Commanding Officer of the Halifax Division, RCNVR, from 30 June 1937 to 12 December 1939.

Lieutenant-Commander on 30 June 1937.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Haligonian** from 5 September 1939 to 1 December 1939.

Received **VD** on 12 July 1938 (**Naval VD** became **VRD** and so he is shown with both awards).

Promoted to Commander on 1 January 1943 and Captain on same date. Special Services June 1942 to 1945.

**CONNOLLY, Joseph Patrick**, 0-15160, RCNVR Half Company Halifax [1.2.23] Lt [3.4.25] RCNVR, MC-[8.10.18]

RCNVR Half Company Halifax CO, (30.6.37-30.8.39) LCdr [30.7.37] **VRD**-[12.7.38]

RCNVR Division Halifax CO, (1.9.39-1.12.39)

COAC/Provost Marshall (1.12.39-?) Cdr [1.1.43]

Capt [1.1.43] **OBE**-[16.6.45] Demobilized [23.1.47]

"Captain Connolly has contributed in a large measure to the R.C.N.V.R., both in war and in peace, since April, 1925. He has been Director of Special Services since June 1942, and as such has successfully organized and operated the Navy Show both on this continent and abroad, under trying conditions."

**Captain Joseph Patrick Connolly, MC, VD**



Awarded **Military Cross (MC)** in WW1 as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 October 1918 and **London Gazette** of 7 May 1918 as a Lieutenant, Canadian Machine Gun Corps.

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**CONNOLLY, William Ernest, Signalman (V-40271) (Prisoner of War) - King Haakon VII Cross of Liberation (Norway) - RCNVR / attached Royal Norwegian Navy - Awarded as per London Gazette of 3 August 1942 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Hamilton, Ontario.**

**CONNOLLY, William Ernest**, V-24071, Sigmn, RCNVR,

**KING HAAKON VII's CROSS of LIBERATION(Norway)**-[3.8.42]

"For service with the Royal Norwegian Navy on 3rd August 1942."

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**CONRAD, Charles Tupper, Leading Clerk (V-25588) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.**

**CONRAD, Charles Tupper**, V-25588, L/Ck, RCNVR, MID-[5.6.43]

"This raging has at all times, during his service in HMC Corvettes in the North Atlantic carried out his duties with the greatest cheerfulness and efficiency."

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**CONRAD, Ralph Anderson, Commissioned Engineer - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.**

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**CONRAD, Ralph Anderson**, 0-15230, Wt(E)(Temp) [15.7.40] RCNR,

HMCS LACHINE(J266) m/s, stand by (22.4.41-19.6.42)

HMCS LACHINE(J266) m/s, (20.6.42-?)

HMCS LACHINE(J266) m/s, (14.5.43-?) Cdr(E)(Temp) [1.1.44]

**MID-[6.1.45]** Lt(E)(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized [17.8.45]

"Since early in the last war, this Officer has been continuously in the service of the Canadian Government in the Department of Transport, Preventions Service, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Marine Section, and the Navy. Although Engineer Conrad is now well above the average sea-going officer in age, he has served almost continuously at sea since the date Canada declared war. During all of this time, he has shown the utmost zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty. By his exemplary conduct, he has set an example to all Officers and ratings who have had the privilege of serving with him."

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**COOK, George Douglas, Lieutenant - George Medal (GM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per London Gazette of 29 July 1941 (no Canada Gazette).**

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia. Retired as LCdr on 4 January 1946.

**COOK, George Douglas**, 0-15350, (Halifax, NS)

Lt(Temp) [9.9.39] RCNVR, **GM-[27.7.41]** **Bar to GM-[10.2.42]** **MID-[15.9.45]**

Demobilized. [4.1.46]

Ord/LCdr [1.1.45]

RCN(SS 5 Apr 51-6 Apr 54) NSHQ (16.11.51-?)

LCdr(CID)\* [1.1.45] RCN

HMCS GASPE(143) MCB, XO, (24.2.55-?)

RCNB Halifax for TAS/School, Diving, (21.7.56-?)

NSHQ for StO/CID) (23.1.57-?)

Undersea/Warfare/Mine/Warfare/Section, (1.9.57-?)

LCdr [1.1.45] (130/30)

NSHQ(D17) St/Asst/CNS/Air/Warfare (1.8.60-?)

HMCS BYTOWN(E48) (24.7.61-?)

"For gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty."

"Lieutenant Cook, Mine Disposal Officer temporarily appointed to the Staff of the Senior British Naval Officer, Suez Canal Area, recovered a German parachute mine (at Tousom, near Ismailia, Egypt) on 29th February 1941. There were no service divers available to attach the pressure horn. Lieutenant Cook therefore pulled the mine into shallow water with a net, and then himself took out the fuze under water. He then had the mine taken by lorry to a safe place in the desert, and after gaining permission from the Senior British Naval Officer, proceeded to dismantle it in the hope of getting useful information by the recovery of the magnetic or acoustic element.

After five days of careful trepanning of the case, he exposed the booby trap detonator. He then removed this and pulled off the rear door by remote control.

This is the first time since the beginning of the war that a ground mine laid in water deep enough to arm it has ever been successfully recovered and stripped. All other attempts have failed, two with severe loss of life. Lieutenant Cook must have been well aware of the extraordinary risks he was running. Taking the fuze out under water must have been a very trying experience requiring the highest degree of courage and control while the subsequent stripping was clearly done with careful persistence and courage.

Lieutenant Cook was sent to the Mediterranean for Bomb Disposal Duties. That he has dealt with mines after only being taught enough to enable him to identify a mine, and has taken the pains to learn the details of these intricate mechanisms add much to the merit of his performance in successfully carrying out very dangerous work of the highest importance in the face of the greatest difficulties."

**COOK, George Douglas, Lieutenant, GM - BAR to George Medal (GM\*) - RCNVR - Awarded as per London Gazette or 10 February 1942 (no Canada Gazette).**

"For gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty."

"A mine was dropped on shore at Haifa and Lieutenant Cook took charge of the disposal of it. He identified it as a type that has a series of devices meant to explode if it is not fully immersed as a mine. Since it had not exploded, he suspected that some defect had developed which might rectify itself of its own accord or through incautious interference. Therefore, he decided not to risk moving it but to strip it on the spot. The area was ordered cleared next day. Some 14,000 people were affected and the site was sandbagged and a tent put up over the mine. The complicated operation of stripping the mine took Lieutenant Cook three and a half hours of patient work, part of it done in total darkness, since this type of mine has an explosive device sensitive to light, with the knowledge that if he made one mistake, he would have no warning and no chance of escape."

**COOK, George Douglas, Lieutenant-Commander, GM and Bar - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945.**

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**COOK, Richard John, Petty Officer (A-862) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.**  
**COOK, Richard John, A-862, PO. RCNR, MID-[5.6.43]**

"This rating displayed outstanding devotion to duty, courage, skill and coolness in manoeuvring a small craft under his charge, whereby two men were saved from drowning."

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**COOKE, Sidney, Telegraphist (V-23183) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943. Home: Hudson, Quebec.**  
**COOKE, Sidney, V-23183. Tele, RCNVR, MID-[9.1.43]**

"When one of HMC Armed Yachts was ordered to sea in an emergency, Telegraphist Cooke rendered most valuable service in carrying out the wireless telegraphy duties of the ship, singlehanded and under very strenuous conditions."

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**COOPER, James, Chief Stoker (21347) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.**  
**COOPER, James, 21347, CPO/Stk, RCN, MID-[16.6.45]**

"Chief Stoker Cooper has served at sea almost continuously since the outbreak of war, during which time his outstanding zeal, efficiency, and devotion to duty have been an inspiration to all those who have served with him."

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**COOPER, Norah Janetta, Lieutenant (SB) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - WRCNS / Merchant Navy Mailservice Montreal - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.**  
**COOPER, Norah Janetta, 0-15680, Lt(SB)(Temp) [1.3.44] WRCNS, MBE-[16.6.45]**  
Medically unfit [21.3.46]

"This Officer has shown exception competency and devotion to duty resulting in the efficient organization of Box 9000, Montreal, Quebec, and subsequently the early receipt of parcels and mail by Merchant Seaman and D.E.M.S. personnel. The cheerful manner and energy displayed by Lieutenant Cooper has been an inspiration to both Officers and rating serving under her."

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**COPELIN, Charles, Lieutenant-Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR / HMCS Halifax - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 9 January 1943 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1943. Home: New York, NY, USA. Lt(Temp), RCNR, on 12 July 1940. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Hepatica** (Flower Class Corvette - K159) from 12 November 1940 to 31 October 1941. A/LCdr(Temp), RCNR, on 1 July 1942. First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Halifax** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K237) from 26 November 1941 to 6 February 1943. Cdr(Temp), RCNR, on 1 July 1944. To HMCS Niobe for Staff Officer Escort Group C-8 on 17 October 1944.**  
**COPELIN, Charles**, 0-15760, Lt(Temp) [12.7.40] RCNR, HMS HEPATICA (K159) Cof, CO stand by, (27.8.40-12.11.40)  
HMS HEPATICA (K159) Cof, CO, (15.11.40-14.5.41)  
HMCS HEPATICA (K159) Cof, CO, (15.5.41-31.10.41)  
A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.41]  
HMCS HALIFAX (K237) Cof, CO stand by, (15.11.41-25.11.41)  
HMCS HALIFAX (K237) Cof, CO, (26.11.41-6.2.43)  
LCDR(Temp) [1.7.42] **OBE-[9.1.43]** Cdr(Temp) [1.7.44]  
HMCS NIOBE(D/S) for SO Escort Group C-8 (17.10.44-?)  
HMCS STONE TOWN (K531) Fr, (3.11.44-?) Demobilized [24.8.45]

"This Officer has served in command of corvettes in the North Atlantic since their inception in the Royal Canadian Navy, with unfailing zeal, cheerfulness and devotion to duty and by his exemplary conduct has set an inspiring example to those under his command."

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**CORBETT, Douglas, Petty Officer Telegraphist (V-5816) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Chebogue - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 January 1946 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1946. Home: St. Hyacinthe, Quebec.**  
**CORBETT, Douglas**, V-5816, PO/Tele, RCNVR, MID-[5.1.46]

"For outstanding bravery and gallantry in the face of trying circumstances. After torpedoing of **HMCS Chebogue**, Petty Officer Corbett displayed outstanding devotion to duty, remaining constantly at his place of duty in the W/T Office maintaining constant touch with other escorts in the Group. These duties were performed under most difficult and trying circumstances, as the ship was at that time believed to be in a sinking condition. He subsequently displayed initiative in rigging jury aerials and in getting the W/T equipment back into efficient working order."

**HMCS Chebogue** (River Class Frigate - K317) was torpedoed by **U-1227** on 4 October 1944, 800 miles west of Ireland. She was towed some 900 miles first by **HMCS Chambly**, then **HMS Mounsey**, then **HMCS Ribble** and the ocean tug **HMS Earner** when, on October 11, 1944, the towline parted in a gale and **HMCS Chebogue** was driven ashore in Swansea Bay Wales. She was refloated the next day and towed to Port Talbot, Wales, and placed in reserve. In December 1944, she was moved to Newport, Wales, to be made ready for a transatlantic crossing under tow but instead was taken to Milford Haven and paid off on September 25th 1945. She was broken up locally in 1948. (From page 250 "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**" and page 45 of "**The Ships of Canada's Naval Forces 1910-1981**".)

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**CORBETT, John Harper, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Annan - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 21 April 1945 and *London Gazette* of 20 March 1945. Home: Edmonton, Alberta.**  
**CORBETT, John Harper**, 0-15780, P/S/Lt(Temp) [1942?] RCNVR,

HMCS MOOSE JAW(K164) Cof, (19.10.42-?) Lt(Temp) [8.3.43]  
HMCS ANNAN(K404) Fr, stand by, (11.3.44-12.6.44)  
HMCS ANNAN(K404) Fr, (13.6.44-?) **MID~[21.4.45]**  
Demobilized [8.9.45]

"For outstanding skill, courage and zeal in Anti-U-Boat operations while serving in **H.M. Canadian Ships Annan and Saint John.**" (London Gazette had **HMCS St. John**)

The sinking of U-1006 by **HMCS Annan** (River Class Frigate - K404) and **HMCS Loch Achanalt** South of the Faeroes Islands on 16 October 1944 is described in chapter 53 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**CORK, Campbell Emanuel, Sub-Lieutenant - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR -**  
Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.  
Home: Sydney, Nova Scotia.  
**CORK. Campbell Emanuel**, 0-15820, Lt(Temp) [4.1.43] RCNVR, **MBE~[8.1.44]** Demobilized [10.10.45]

For undaunted courage and loyalty in the face of the enemy. Sub-Lieutenant Cork, in charge of the Naval Control Boarding party of six men, boarded a still smouldering ship. Throughout a long and trying day, he carried on with zeal, courage and distinction, to the point of exhaustion, and by his efforts he materially aided in the beaching of the vessel with a view to her eventual salvage."

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**CORMACK, David, Commissioned Engineer - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR -**  
Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.  
Home; Toronto, Ontario.  
**CORMACK. David**, 0-15840, A/Wt(E)(Temp) [15.1.43] RCNR,  
HMCS NAPANEE(K118) Cof, (17.9.43-?)  
HMS HEDINGHAM CASTLE(K396) stand by (25.11.43-23.4.44)  
HMCS ORANGEVILLE(K491) Coc. (24.4.44-?)  
Cd(E) [1.1.45] **MBE~[16.6.45]** Demobilized [7.1.45]

"Mr. Cormack has served for the last four and a half years on convoy duty in the North Atlantic. He continues to give efficient and faithful service and can be counted upon to get the best out of his department. This cheerful Scot has not only kept harmony in the Engine room but has contributed much to the general morale and spirit of the whole Ship's company."

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**CORMIER, Joseph Louis Nazaire, Temporary Chief Skipper - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR -** Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 October 1943 and **London Gazette** of 16 October 1943.  
**CORMIER. Joseph Louis Nazaire**, 0-15870, A/Skr(Temp) [5.10.39] RCNR,  
HMCS ST ANNE(W02) tug, Ex/v, (14.12.39-?)  
HMCS LYNX(Z07) p/v, stand by, (3.6.40-24.7.40)  
HMCS REINDEER(Z08)(A) p/v, (25.7.40-?)  
HMCS LYNX(Z07) p/v, (26.8.40-?)  
HMCS STANDARD COASTER(J10) m/s, CO, (11.2.42-?)  
Ch/Skr(Temp) [5.10.42]  
HMCS STANDARD COASTER(J10) m/s, CO, (13.6.43-?)  
Skr/Lt [5.10.43]  
HMCS STANDARD COASTER(J10) m/s, CO, (5.10.43-?)  
**MBE~[16.10.43]** Demobilized [10.1.46]

"For displaying courage and skill in carrying out hazardous duties."

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**CORNS, Sidney Roy, Ordinary Seaman (V-39279) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943. Home: Brantford, Ontario.**  
**CORNS. Sidney Roy, V-39279, RCNVR, MID~[5.6.43]**

"This rating showed exceptional initiative and resourcefulness when he led a towing wire over ice floes to a disabled vessel."

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**COSBURN, Ronald Thomas, Probationary Sub-Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 1 January 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.**  
**COSBURN. Ronald Thomas, 0-15973, S/Lt(Temp) [23.3.45] RCNVR, MID~[6.1.45]**  
**HMCS KOKANEE(K419) Fr, (15.3.45-?)**

"For continuous good service in HMC Corvettes, and in particular, for his devotion to duty in the face of the enemy."

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**COSH, Digby Rex Bell, Acting Lieutenant-Commander (P) (Killed in Action) - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / Pilot with No. 881 Squadron HMS Furious - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 24 June 1944 and London Gazette of 30 May 1944.**

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Attended Royal Military College, Kingston.

Married: (the former) Mrs. Joan Cathleen Rose

Trained at **No. 14 Elementary Flying Training School** and **No. 31 Service Flying Training School.**

Lieutenant (P) (Temporary) in 1942 and to the USNAS Norfolk, Virginia with No. 890 Squadron.

To **HMS Rattler** with **No. 890 RN Squadron.**

To RNAS Machrihanish, RNAS Donnbristle and RNAS Hatston all with **No. 890 RN Squadron** in 1943.

To **HMS Illustrious** with **No. RN 890 Squadron** in 1943.

Credited with shooting down a BV138 on 28 July 1943

Promoted Acting LCdr (P) (Temp.) RCNVR and to RNAS Machrihanish for **No. 893 RN Squadron** as Commanding Officer in 1943.

Took Squadron to RNAS Stretton and RNAS Yeovilton in 1943.

Commanding Officer No. 881 RN Squadron on board **HMS Pursuer** in 1943.

Commanding Officer of **No. 881 RN Squadron** on **HMS Furious.**

Killed in a flying accident during bombing exercise in the United Kingdom on 14 June 1944. See "**A Formidable Hero**".

**COSH. Digby Rex Bell, S/Lt(Temp) [28.7.39] RCNVR**

**HMCS FRASER(H48) DD, (21.10.39-?)**

**Lt(Temp) [28.5.40] RCNVR, HMCS DOMINION, (1.10.40-?)**

**MID~[24.6.44] DSC~[24.6.44] A/LCdr [?] 2<sup>nd</sup> MID~[?]**

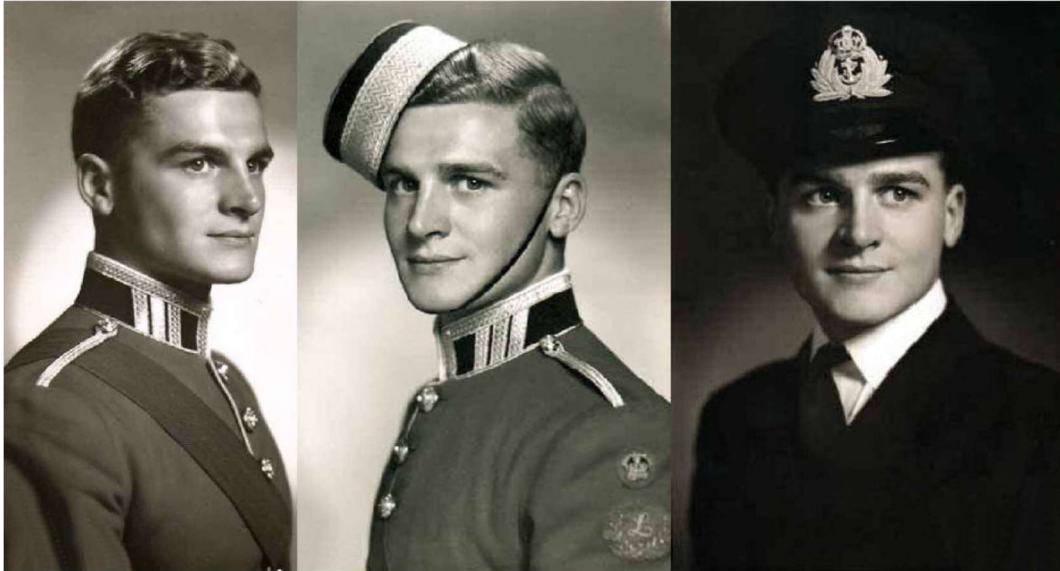
Lost flying accident [14.6.44] UK.

"For good service in attack on **Tirpitz.**"

Commanded a Squadron of Wildcats against the **Tirpitz** lying in a Norwegian fjord in April 1944.

**COSH, Digby Rex Bell, Acting Lieutenant-Commander (P), DSC (Posthumous) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / No. 881 Squadron HMS Furious - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 24 June 1944 and London Gazette of 30 May 1944.**

"For courage, enterprise and skill in successful air operations from **H.M. Ships Biter, Pursuer and Fencer** against enemy aircraft."



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**COSTAIN, Cecil Clifford, Lieutenant (SB) Radar - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMS Indomitable** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 May 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 May 1945.

Home: Sutherland, Saskatchewan. Sub-Lieutenant (SB) in 28 April 1942 to 28 June 1942 radar class at University of Toronto. On loan service to Royal Navy 19 July 1942. Joined **HMS Indomitable** in November 1942 mainly as radar officer. A/Elec LCdr from July 1943 (Sicily landings) past VJ-Day. DSC for his work in vectoring aircraft on an attack on oil installations at Palembang, Sumatra and for picking up two raids against the carrier. Post-war took his PhD and was employed at the National Research Council. From 1972 was the head of time and frequency section and was famous for development of caesium clock, which is why GMT is determined at Ottawa, not Greenwich. Died on 18 December 1991, age 69, in Ottawa.

See '**Salty Dips**', Volume 6.

**COSTAIN, Cecil Clifford**, 0-16040, Lt(EI)(R)(Temp) [20.10.42] RCNVR, DSC-[5.5.45]  
A/LCdr(EI)(R)(Temp)(WHA) Demobilized [9.11.45] Lt(L) [20.4.42] RCN(R),  
HMCS UNICORN Saskatoon Naval Division, (31.3.47-?) A/LCdr(WHA)

"For good service in an attack on oil installations at Palembang, Sumatra."

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**COSTELLO, Earl, Acting Leading Seaman (Temporary) (V-5597) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 12 December 1942 and **London Gazette** of 3 December 1942.

**COSTELLO, Carl**, V-5597, A/LS(Ty) RCNVR, DSM-[12.12.42]

"For courage and enterprise before the enemy. During the successful action between **HMCS Assiniboine** and an enemy U-Boat, this rating was in charge of a 0.5 multiple machine gun. The coolness and courage of the highest order which he exhibited enabled him to maintain extraordinarily accurate fire which prevented the enemy U-Boat crew from reaching their forward gun. By his accurate fire, he made a decisive contribution to the success of the action."

The action in which **HMCS Assiniboine** (River Class Destroyer - D118) sank **U-210** on 6 August 1942 in the North Atlantic while protecting Convoy SC-94 is described in Chapter 14 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**COUGHLIN, Clifton Rexford, Temporary Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR / HMCS Chilliwack - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 18 July 1944. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Chilliwack** (Flower Class Corvette - K131) from 26 May 1943 to 11 April 1944.

First Lieutenant in **HMCS Iroquois** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G89) April 1944 to October 1944.

He fractured his femur on 17 Oct 1944 during heavy seas when his le leg struck a guardrail, and he died of an embolism on 19 Oct 1944. Tony Coughlin was 31 years old.

**COUGHLIN, Clifton Rexford**, A/Lt(Temp) [9.1.40] RCNVR, A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43]

HMCS CHILLIWACK(K131) Cof, CO, (26.5.43-11.4.44)

HMCS IROQUOIS(G89) DD, (12.4.44-?) **DSC-[9.9.44] MID-[20.1.45]**

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **HMS Icarus** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwack, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau** and **St. Catherines** in a successful operation against a U-Boat."

**HMCS Chilliwack** (Flower Class Corvette - K131) was serving with C-1 Support Group but joined C-2 Group for the attack. A whaler from **HMCS Chilliwack** was sent over to **U-744** to attempt to board her before she sank. Details on the action in which **HMCS Chilliwack** and C-2 Support Group 25 sank **U-744** in the Atlantic on 5 March 1944 can be found in Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

**COUGHLIN, Clifton Rexford, Temporary Lieutenant-Commander, DSC (Deceased) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Iroquois - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

"For courage and determination in **H.M. Ships Albright, Ashanti, Bellona, Diadem, Mauritius, Onslow, Tartar** and **Ursa** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Assiniboine, Haida, Iroquois, Qu'Appelle, Restigouche** and **Skeena**, in a series of successful attacks on enemy escorted convoys off the coast of France."

Lieutenant-Commander Clifton Rexford (Tony) Coughlin, O-16110, DSC, originally from Bryson, Quebec, was living in Montreal, QC and working as a statistician for Jones, Howard & Company when he enrolled at the Montreal Division of the RCNVR (later HMCS Donnacona) on 9 Jan 1940. Lieutenant-Commander Coughlin - the Commanding Officer of HMCS Chilliwack in early 1944 - was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross for his actions on 5 March 1944. Chilliwack, along with HMC ships Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau and St. Catherines, and HMS Icarus, were escorting a 63-ship convoy – HX.280 – from New York City to Liverpool, England, when a U-Boat was detected. After a 31-hour hunt, the six escorts shared in the capture of U-744. The convoy arrived safely in Liverpool on 9 March 1944. The Distinguished Service Cross citation reads, "for outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in HMS Icarus and H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwack, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau and St. Catherines in a successful operation against a U-Boat."

Six months later, Lieutenant-Commander Coughlin – now the Executive Officer of HMCS Iroquois – was recognized for actions during another multi-ship coordinated attack. On the night of 5-6 August 1944, during Operation KINETIC, four Tribal Class destroyers were travelling south in the Bay of Biscay when they noticed a small convoy heading in the same direction, likely bound for Spain. The destroyers, namely HMS Tartar, HMS Ashanti, HMCS Haida and HMCS Iroquois, launched an attack, successfully sinking seven vessels, including two minesweepers, two armed escorts, a large cable layer, and two merchant ships. For his part in this action, Lieutenant Commander Coughlin was Mentioned in Despatches. The citation reads, "For courage and determination in H.M. Ships Albright, Ashanti, Bellona, Diadem, Mauritius, Onslow, Tartar and Ursa and H.M. Canadian Ships Assiniboine, Haida, Iroquois, Qu'Appelle, Restigouche and Skeena, in a series of successful attacks on enemy escorted convoys off the coast of France." Unfortunately, the MiD was awarded posthumously.

Lieutenant-Commander Coughlin fractured his femur on 17 Oct 1944 during heavy seas when his le leg struck a guardrail, and he died of an embolism on 19 Oct 1944. Tony Coughlin was 31 years old. (From Citizen Sailor Virtual Cenotaph).

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**COULMAN, Herbert Arthur, Electrical Artificer Third Class (V-37537) - British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**COULMAN, Herbert Arthur**, V-37537, ERA 3/c1, RCNVR, **BEM**~[16.6.45]

"By devotion to duty, example and leadership, this rating has been instrumental in achieving maximum results under adverse circumstances. He has shown practical initiative and worked long hours with cheerfulness and loyalty."

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**COWAN, Marjorie Elaine, Matron - Member - Royal Red Cross (RRC) - RCN (Temp) / RCN Hospitals** Halifax & St. John's - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.

**COWAN, Marjorie Elaine**, 0-16320, Matron(Temp) [1.7.44] RCN, **RRC**~[5.1.46] Demobilized [2.11.45]

"For outstanding service as a Nursing Sister and Matron in the Royal Canadian Naval Hospitals in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. John's, Newfoundland. Her tact, cheerfulness and thoughtful consideration of others, coupled with an enthusiastic and unselfish devotion to her duties, have been an inspiration to all who have come in contact with her."

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**COWAN, Peter Robert, Temporary Sub-Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR /** HMCS Port Arthur - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 4 May 1943 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

**COWAN, Peter Robert**, 0-16330, S/Lt(Temp) [22.12.41] RCNVR

HMCS PORT ARTHUR(K233) Cof, stand by, (25.4.42)

HMCS PORT ARTHUR(K233) Cof, (26.4.42-?)

HMCS PORT ARTHUR(K233) Cof, (3.4.43-?) **DSC**~[4.5.43]

Lt(Temp) [22.12.43] Lt(Temp) [22.12.42] Medically unfit [11.9.45]

"For skill and judgement in action against enemy Submarines while serving in **H.M. Ships Paladin, Gloxinia, Easton and Wheatland**, and **H.M. Canadian Ships Port Arthur and Ville de Quebec**."

The action in which **HMCS Port Arthur** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K233) sank the Italian submarine **Tritone** off North Africa on 19 January 1943 is described in Chapter 22 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**COWAN, Ronald, Chief Petty Officer (2670) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba. Joined the RCN in 1934. Served in Naden, **HMCS Skeena, HMCS Ottawa, HMCS Retigouche**, Stadacona, Niobe, **HMCS St. Laurent, HMCS Iroquois, HMCS Warrior**, HMCS Tecumseh, **HMCS Ontario**, HMCS Cornwallis, HMCS Griffon, HMCS Chippewa. Awarded RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Retired as a Chief Petty Officer C1AA3 on 20 August 1955.

**COWAN, Ronald**, 2670, CPO, RCN, **MID**~[1.1.45]

"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy." New Years List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

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**COWIE, William Herbert, Stoker Petty Officer (V-7974) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943.**

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**COWIE, William Herbert, V-7974, PO/Stk, RCNVR, MID-[9.1.43]**

Throughout his period of service at sea in the North Atlantic, Stoker Petty Officer Cowie has displayed outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty."

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**COX, William John, Shipwright Third Class (V-40761) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / HMCS St. Laurent - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 12 September 1944.**

Born: Shelburne, Nova Scotia on October 6, 1917

Died: Camp Hill, Halifax on March 23, 2023 **at the age of 105**

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

Served as a shipwright aboard the **HMCS St. Laurent** (River Class Destroyer - H83) from 1942 to 1945

Married Olive Harris in 1945. Children: Joanne Hayman (Alan), Nancy Cox, William (Bill) Cox Jr. and Ronald Cox - 10 grandchildren - 16 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Formed the family shipbuilding firm with his father and brother Ronald: **Harley S. Cox and Sons Ltd.**

Which operated from 1947 to 1982 and built 78 vessels - yachts, RCMP patrol boats, longliners and draggers - were built and launched from the Cox shipyard.

Address of Harley S. Cox and Sons Ltd. - 10962 Upper Clyde Road, Shelburn, Nova Scotia

**COX, William Robert, V-40761, Shipw 3/cl, RCNVR, BEM-[20.1.45]**

"For bravery and undaunted devotion to duty as members of a volunteer fire party (Shipwright William COX, Leading Stoker Rene BLANDIN, Able Seaman Peter SCOTT and Able Seaman Frederick WILSON) from **HMCS St. Laurent**, which boarded a burning Merchant Vessel in a rough sea and by their determined efforts saved the ship and her valuable cargo."

**Medals:** BEM (military) – 1939/45 Star – Atlantic Star with bar France & Germany – CVSM and Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal – EIIR Silver Jubilee – EIIR Gold Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – EIIR Platinum Jubilee (from province of Nova Scotia)

**Obituary of Shipwright 3<sup>rd</sup> Class William (“Bill”) John COX, BEM, RCNVR**

**06 October 1917 – 23 March 2023 (age 105)**

**\*NOTE\* Meaning no disrespect but he DID NOT receive the Distinguished Service Medal**



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather at Camp Hill, Halifax on March 23, 2023 at the age of 105.

Bill, a fifth-generation master shipbuilder, was born in Shelburne, Nova Scotia on October 6, 1917 to Harley and Mildred (Houghton) Cox, the eldest of three sons. Bill became interested in shipbuilding as a young boy as his after-school job at age 10 was to help his father lay down the lines of a ship in the drafting loft of the old mill. He began serving his apprenticeship at various shipyards in the town at the age of 17 and by age 23 was a qualified shipwright.

In 1940 he was able to put his shipbuilding skills to work for Canada when he was one of

a group of men from Shelburne who were recruited to build Motor Torpedo Boats in Montreal for the war effort.

In the fall of 1942 Bill felt the call of military service and joined the Canadian Navy, serving as shipwright aboard the destroyer escort HMCS St. Laurent for the next three years. He was awarded an array of medals for his wartime service including the Distinguished Service Medal (No) and the **British Empire Medal (Military)** granted to him by King George VI for his “bravery and undaunted devotion to duty in time of need.” His contribution to the war and that of his brothers was not discussed much at home, likely due to the difficult memories they carried but it continues to be a source of pride for his children and grandchildren.

In 1945 Bill was discharged of his military duties and returned home where he and Olive Harris were married and lived for almost 70 years until her death in 2015. Subsequently, he and his brother George joined their father in forming the family shipbuilding firm, Harley S. Cox and Sons Ltd. The company employed a large workforce and from 1947 to 1982, 78 vessels - yachts, RCMP patrol boats, longliners and draggers - were built and launched from the Cox shipyard.

During these busy years Bill’s devotion to duty extended beyond business and family to his community. He served as Town Councillor from 1954 to 1957, as Mayor of Shelburne from 1958 to 1963 and for a second term as Mayor from 1977 to 1985. During the latter term he and the Town Council were able to procure funding for the construction of the town water and sewage treatment system which was ahead of its time for such a small community.

Bill’s other community services were many: volunteer and later Chief of the Shelburne Fire Department, member of the Kinsmen Club, member and Chairman of the Town School Board, member and Chairman of the Shelburne Board of Trade, member and Warden of Christ Church, founding member of the Shelburne County Golf and Country Club, lifelong member of the PC Party of Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Housing Committee appointee, proud donor to N.S. Blood Services for many years and volunteer with the local Meals on Wheels program with his wife Olive until they were well into their 90’s.

He was awarded the Queen’s Silver Medal in 1977, the Queen’s Gold Medal in 2002, the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 and the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Medal in 2022 for his many years of service to town, province and country.

In the late 1950’s he acquired a lakefront cottage retreat for his family to enjoy and many happy times were spent at Beaverdam where friends and family gathered on the beach, in the lake and around the bonfire. The family home in town was always open to neighbours, relatives from near and far and to the extended family in the ensuing years.

Bill was a visionary, never dwelling on the past but always anticipating the future. After retiring from commercial shipbuilding, he built a motorized river boat, The Pelican, which he launched in 1984 and piloted down the Mackenzie River to the Beaufort Sea accompanied by his wife Olive. This was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream but his “retirement” from building boats did not end there as he volunteered as recently as 2008 to oversee the construction of two replica Loyalist Landing longboats, once again back in the drafting loft laying down the lines and making the moulds. He also made several trips to Victoria, BC during his retirement years where he was retained as a consultant in the construction of the Pacific Grace, a replica of the Robertson II, a fishing schooner which he had helped to build many years earlier in Shelburne. It was to his delight that he received a framed photo of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at the helm of this ship in 2017 on their Canada 150 visit and the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

His many accomplishments and his generous ways will forever be a source of great inspiration to his children, grandchildren and their families.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Olive and his brothers George and Ronald. He is survived by his children; Joanne Hayman (Alan), Nancy Cox, William (Bill) Cox Jr. and Ronald Cox, 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was most appreciative of the support he received in his later years from Veterans Affairs Canada, the staff at Aberdeen Hall, Parkland Clayton Park, Halifax, and the staff of 4<sup>th</sup> floor West at Camp Hill.

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**COXON, Harold, Commissioned Technical Officer - Commendation** - RCNVR / Naval Fire Services Halifax  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Halifax,  
Nova Scotia.

**COXON, Harold**, 0-16375, Wt(SB) [1.7.44] RCNVR, Cd/Tech [15.5.45]  
Demobilized [21.12.45] **Commendation** ~[5.1.46]

"On the occasion of the explosion of the Naval Magazine, Bedford, Halifax in July, 1945, Mr. Coxon rendered invaluable service as Duty Fire Officer. On arrival in the area, he assisted the Fire Chief in taking charge of the fire fighting, with complete disregard for his personal safety. This Officer by his coolness and courage was an inspiration to his men."

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**CRAIG, Asa Vincent, Supply Petty Officer (21717) - Mention in Despatches** - RCN - Awarded as per  
**Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Medicine Hat, Alberta.

**CRAIG, Asa Vincent**, 21717, PO/Sup, RCN, MID~[5.1.46]

"For outstanding cheerfulness and ability in the performance of his duties. Petty Officer Craig has served at sea for four years. During this long period, he has consistently displayed excellent personal qualities and a high spirit of morale, thereby setting an example to those working with him."

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**CRAIG, Frances Dudley, Able Seaman (V-32905) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR -  
Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 18 July 1944.

Home: Kamsack, Saskatchewan.

**CRAIG, Francis Dudley**, V-32905, AB, RCNVR, DSM~[9.9.44]

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **HMS Icarus** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwack, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau** and **St. Catherines** in a successful operation against a U-Boat."

**HMCS St. Catherines, HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Chaudiere, and HMCS Chilliwack** assisted in sinking **U-744** in mid-Atlantic on 6 March 1944 as described in Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**CRAIG, Henry Raymond, Patrolman (Posthumous) (V-63822) - Mention in Despatches** -  
RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946. Home: Harrow, Ontario.

**CRAIG, Henry Raymond**, V-63822, Patrol, RCNVR, MID~[5.1.46]

"For outstanding valour in the face of fire during the Magazine explosion at Halifax in July, 1945. this rating was on duty at the south jetty when the first explosion occurred. He turned in the necessary alarm and then attempted to proceed to the scene to help extinguish the fire. He was killed by the ensuing explosion before he could reach the scene. His bravery and resource were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Canadian Naval Service."

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**CRANNEY, Jess Lloyd, Able Seaman (V-8576) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS  
Skeena - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 15 November 1942.

**CRANNEY, Jess Lloyd**, V-63822, AB, RCNVR, MID~[28.11.42]

"This rating as Bridge Lookout has shown great zeal in performing his duties. He made the first sighting of an enemy U-Boat, which was finally destroyed."

Details on the action in which **HMCS Skeena** (River Class Destroyer - D159), **HMCS Sackville** and **HMCS Wetaskiwin** sank **U-588** in the mid-Atlantic on 31 July 1942 can be found in Chapter 13 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**"

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**CREAMER, Cecil Ernest, Able Seaman (V-10842) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945 and London Gazette of 3 July 1945.**

Home: Semans, Saskatchewan.

**CREAMER, Cecil Ernest, V-10842, AB, RCNVR, MID-[15.9.45]**

"For services in action with enemy light forces on 24th, 25th February, 1945."

"For courage and skill while serving in Light Coastal Forces in successful engagements with enemy shipping (London Gazette Citation)."

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**CREERY, Walter Bouchier, Captain - Commander - Order of the British Empire (CBE) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.**

Born in Vancouver, British Columbia on 22 February 1900.

Royal Canadian Naval College of Canada (Fifth Term) in 1914. To **HMS Leviathan** and **HMS Carnarvon** for training 1914-1917.

Aboard **HMS Roxborough** (Cruiser) in the West Indies to New York to England in the first convoy across the Atlantic in WW1.

To **HMS Minotaur** 1917.

To **HMCS Canada** (Naval Patrol Vessel with sails) in 1918.

To **HMS Barham** 1919.

Torpedo Officer RCN Barracks Esquimalt 1926.

To **HMS Vernon** for Long Torpedo Course 1926 and qualified as Torpedo Officer.

Promoted Lieutenant-Commander in 1928.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Armentieres** (Battle Class Trawler used as an examination vessel in Prince Rupert) in 1928.

To **HMS Codrington** as Torpedo Officer and Senior Staff Officer Royal Navy Third Destroyer Flotilla in 1930.

To RN Staff College course.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Champlain** (Destroyer) from 24 May 1934 to 10 December 1935.

Promoted Commander and made Director of Naval Reserves in 20 December 1935 to 1 January 1937.

**Commander-in-Charge Halifax** January 1937 to September 1938.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Fraser** (I) (River Class Destroyer - H48) from 1 September 1938 until 25 June 1940 when **HMCS Fraser** sunk in collision with **HMS Calcutta** (Cruiser) in the Gironde River estuary near Pointe de Caubre Light on 26 June 1940. He was standing on the bridge of **HMCS Fraser** when the collision occurred and the bridge ended up on the deck of **HMS Calcutta**. He coolly stepped onto the deck of **HMS Calcutta**. He had rescued General Georges P. Vanier, then Canadian Ambassador to France from the coast of France in 1940 (Dunkirk withdrawal).

Promoted Captain in 1940 and made **Captain-in-Charge Halifax and King's Harbour Master**.

Chief of Staff to the Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast 1942.

To Naval Service HQ as Director Operations in 1943 and then **Assistant Chief of Naval Staff**.

Commanding Officer **HMCS Prince Robert** (Armed Merchant Cruiser - F56) from 8 December 1944 to 19 December 1944

Commanding Officer (again) of **HMCS Prince Robert** from 4



June 1945 to 10 December 1945. Co-signed the **formal Instrument of Surrender of Hong Kong by Japan** on behalf of Canada. Commanding Officer Royal Canadian Naval College Royal Roads 1946.  
Appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General on 8 June 1946.

Promoted to Commodore in 1948 and made **Chief of Naval Personnel**.

Promoted RAdm and made **Flag Officer Pacific Coast** in 30 August 1950 to 2 March 1953.

To Naval HQ as **Vice-Chief of Naval Staff** and Member of the Naval Board March 1953.

Retired in 1955. He died in Ottawa on 3 February 1987.

The story of the sinking of **HMCS Fraser (I)** is detailed in Chapter 2 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

**CREERY, Wallace Bouchier**, 0-16700, (b: Vancouver, BC, 22 Feb 1900, d:3 Feb 1987 Ottawa, Ontario)

Cdt 1914, RNCC 5th term, Mid [2.2.17] RCN,

HMS ROXBURGH for training

HMS MINOTAUR Cr, (1.2.18-?)

S/Lt [2.12.18]

HMS MINOTUAUR (15.3.20-?)

A/Lt [2.12.20], Lt [2.9.20]

HMCS PATRICIAN (18.9.22-?)

HMCS NADEN (1.10.26-?)

LCdr [2.9.28] HMCS ARMENTIERES m/s, CO, (1928?)

HMCS STADACONA(D/S) (25.2.34-?)

HMCS CHAMPLAIN DD, CO, (23.5.34-10.12.35) Cdr [1.8.35]

NSHQ, as Director Naval reserves (20.12.35-?)

HMCS STADACONA (D/S) CO, (16.12.36-?)

HMCS FRASER (H48) DD, CO, (1.9.38-25.6.40)

HMCS VENTURE (D/S) CO, Cdr i/c HMC Naval Establishment,

CO Auxiliary Vessels Halifax, King's Harbour Master, (1.9.40-?)

A/Capt 1940, Capt [1.7.42]

HMCS PRINCE ROBERT(F56) a/a, CO, (8.12.44-19.12.44)

HMCS PRINCE ROBERT(F56) a/a, CO, (4.6.45-10.12.45)

HMCS ROYAL ROADS, CO, (2.1.46-?) **CBE**~[5.1.46], AdC

Cmdre [1.7.48] CD~[?]

**King Haakon VII's Cross of Liberation(Norway)**~[8.1.49]

RAdm [29.4.50] FOPC & SO in Chief Command (30.8.50-?)

NSHQ for V/CNS (30.1.53-?)

HMCS BYTOWN(D/S) additional, (3.8.54-?) Retired [8.5.55]

Naval Cadet, RCN	03 August	1914	(Aboard <b>HMS Roxborough</b> (Cruiser) first WW1 Convoy)
Midshipman, RCN	02 February	1917	(Served on <b>HMCS Canada</b> )
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN		1919	(To <b>HMS Barham</b> )
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN		1919	
Acting Lieutenant, RCN	02 December	1920	(Torpedo Officer RCN Barracks Esquimalt)
Lieutenant, RCN	02 September	1920	(Seniority backdated)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	02 September	1928	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Champlain</b> )
Commander, RCN	01 August	1935	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Champlain</b> )
Acting Captain, RCN		1940	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Fraser</b> when she was sunk)
Commodore, RCN	01 July	1948	(Chief of Naval Personnel)
Captain, RCN	01 July	1942	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Prince Robert</b> )
Rear-Admiral, RCN	29 April	1950	(Flag Officer Pacific Coast)
Retired	08 May	1955	(Vice-Chief of Naval Staff)

"Captain Creery, in addition to sea service at the commencement of the war, has held a number of important Staff appointments ashore, all of which he has performed with marked and outstanding ability."

**CREERY, Wallace Bouchier, Commodore, CBE - King Haakon VII Cross of Liberation (Norway) - RCN**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1949.

**Medals of Rear-Admiral Wallace Bouchier CREERY, CBE, RCN:**

CBE- British War Medal - WW1 Victory Medal - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Pacific Star - CVSM and Clasp - 39/45 War Medal - GV Jubilee Medal - GVI Coronation Medal - CD - King Haakon VII Cross of Liberation (Norway).

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**CRINGLE, George, Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / O-i-C Central Victualling Depot, St. John's - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Calgary, Alberta. Paymaster LCdr(Temp), RCNVR, on 1 July 1943. CRINGLE, George, 0-16770, Paym/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.43] RCNVR, OBE~[10.6.44] Cdr(S)(WHA) HMCS IROQUOIS(G89) DD, (23.7.45-?) A/Cdr(S)(WHA) RCN(R) HMCS YORK, Toronot Naval Div, SupO. (22.1.46] Demobilized [31.10.46]**

"This Officer has shown untiring devotion to duty as Officer-in-Charge of the Central Victualling Depot, St. John's Newfoundland, with outstanding success in the servicing of the seagoing fleet. His voluntary work in connection with the organizing and running of the Naval Central Canteen, which has added greatly to the amenities of the Port, is also noteworthy."

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**CROSS, Paul Barbour, Commander, VRD - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Rosthern - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia. Born at Saint John, New Brunswick.**

Joined the RCNVR on 7 September 1923 as a Sub-Lieutenant.

Commanding Officer of Saint John Half Company from 1 February 1925 to 1937. Promoted to LCdr, RCNVR, on 1 February 1933.

Retired in 1937.

Cdr on 1 July 1940.

Staff Officer to Naval Control Service Officer at Saint John, New Brunswick 21 August 1939.

Returned to Command of the Saint John Division from 1 September 1939 to 7 March 1941.

Served on **HMS Rajputana** (Armed Merchant Cruiser) from March 1941 until the ship was torpedoed off Iceland in April 1941.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Rosthern** (Flower Class Corvette - K.169) from 21 November 1941 to 24 November 1942.

Developed the 'Rosthern Net', an oversized net swung from a boom to rescue survivors.

Awarded the **RCNVR Officers' Decoration (VRD)** on 31 March 1943 (listed in the Gazettes at VD). Assistant Naval Officer-in-charge in Newfoundland January 1943 and then **Naval Officer-in-Charge and Harbour Master at St. John's**.

Served as Chief Staff Officer Reserves from 15 January 1944 to 20 May 1945.

Captain 1 January 1946.

Retired and served post-war as Eastern Regional Administrator of the DVA and then Regional Administrator (Maritimes) for the DVA.

Member of the War Veteran Allowance Board of Canada in 1954.

He died on 6 November 1994, age 94, in Winchester, Ontario.

**CROSS, Paul Barbour**, 0-17020, RCNVR Saint John Half Company [7.9.23] RCNVR,

Lt [1.2.25] LCdr [1.2.33]

HMC Naval Base, Saint John NB, StO/NCS, (2.8.39-?)

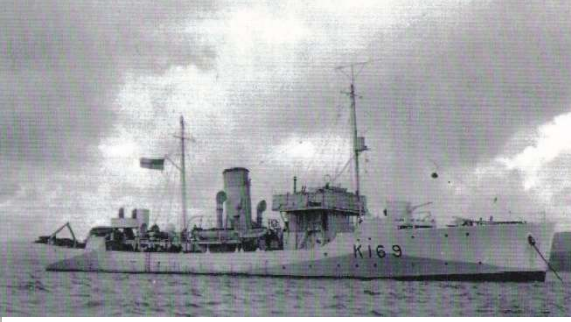
Cdr [2.2.38] rtd, LCdr(Temp) [1.2.33]

RCNVR Saint John Half Company CO, (16.5.40-7.3.41) AdC,

Cdr [1.7.40] HMCS ROSTHERN(K169) Cof, CO, (21.11.41-24.11.42)

MID~[9.1.43] VRD~[31.3.43] Capt [1.1.46] OBE~[5.1.46]

"Commander Paul Barbour Cross has displayed courage, skill and wholehearted devotion to duty while serving under conditions of great hardship in the North Atlantic."



**CROSS, Paul Barbour, Captain, VRD - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / Assistant NOIC St. John's - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 January 1946 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1943.**

"Captain Cross, who served at sea during the Battle of the Atlantic with marked ability, has held various administrative positions since his appointment ashore. He held the appointment of Assistant Naval-Officer-in-charge in Newfoundland for a year and was then appointed to Naval Service Headquarters in the capacity of Chief of Staff Officer Reserves. He has always displayed efficiency, keenness, vision and loyalty."

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**CROSSI, Jack Alexander, Petty Officer Telegraphist (V-30004) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 20 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 5 December 1944.**

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

CROSSI. Jack Alexander, V-30004, PO/Tele, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

"For services in destroying an enemy submarine on 18-19th August 1944."

A description of Escort Group 11 sinking **U-621** (in the Bay of Biscay on 18 August 1944) and **U-984** (off Brest on 20 August 1944) is described in Chapter 49 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**CROTTY, James Kay, Chief Petty Officer (2242) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN - Awarded as per *London Gazette* of 12 June 1945 (no *Canada Gazette*).**

Home: Ingersoll, Ontario. Acting Gunner(T), RCN on 15 March 1945.

**CROTTY. James Kay, 0-17065, (Ingersoll, ON)**

CPO, 2242, RCN, **DSM~[14.6.45]**

A/Gnr(TAS)(T) [15.3.45] RCN

RCNB Halifax, for TAS School, (17.5.45-?)

HMCS HAIDA(G63) DD, (25.8.48-?)

RCNB Halifax, for TAS School, (22.4.49-?)

Lt\* [15.3.51]

FOAC for Equipment Trials TAS, (3.6.53-?)

Released [3.7.57]

"The King has been graciously pleased on the Occasion of the Celebration of His Majesty's Birthday to give orders for the following awards for gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy, or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters, and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty upholding the high tradition of the Royal (Canadian) Navy."

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**CRUTCHLOW, Everett Francis, Surgeon Lieutenant (Acting Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / With RN - Awarded as per London Gazette of 1 January 1943 (no Canada Gazette). Home: London, England. Surgeon Lieutenant(Temp), RCNVR, on 10 February 1940; Acting Surgeon LCdr on 1 January 1944.**

**CRUTCHLOW. Everett Francis, 0-17260, Surg Lt(Temp) [10.2.40] RCNVR, OBE-[1.1.43]**

A/Surg/LCdr [1.1.44] Demobilized [7.12.45]

HMCS DONNANCONA, Montreal Naval Division, (26.2.47-?)

Surg/Cdr [1.7.51] RCN(R)

"This officer displayed gallantry and outstanding zeal, patience and cheerfulness in action against the enemy, and set an example of whole-hearted devotion to duty, without which the high tradition of the Royal Canadian Navy could not have been upheld."

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**CULLEY, Kenneth Benjamin, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Oakville - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 26 December 1942 and London Gazette of 29 December 1942.**

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Mordan** (Flower Class Corvette - K170) from 22 May 1944 to 18 February 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Long Branch** (Revised Flower Class Corvette Increased Endurance - K487) from 22 February 1945 to 14 June 1945.

Died at age 89 in May 2002.

**CULLEY. Kenneth Benjamin, 0-17310, Lt(Temp) [12.7.39] RCNVR,**

HMCS OAKVILLE(K178) Cof, stand by (18.9.41-17.11.41)

HMCS OAKVILLE(K178) Cof, (18.11.41-?) **MID-[26.12.42]**

HMCS MORDEN(K170) Cof, CO, (22.5.44-18.2.45)

HMCS LONG BRANCH(K487) Cofm, CO, (22.2.45-14.6.45)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized [23.10.45]

"For good services in action with enemy submarines while serving the **HMCS Oakville**. During the successful action of **HMCS Oakville** against an enemy U-boat, Lieutenant Cully displayed coolness in ensuring that full use was made of all the offensive weapons in the ship. He also displayed skill and energy of a high order directed to the speedy repair of action damage."

Details on the action in which **HMCS Oakville** (Flower Class Corvette - K178) sank **U-94** in the North Caribbean on 28 August 1942 can be found in Chapter 15 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**CULLWICK, Ernest Geoffrey, Acting Captain (L) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN(R) / Electrical Engineering Branch - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 June 1946 and London Gazette of 13 June 1946. Home: Ottawa, Ontario. Cdr(E)(Temp), RCNVR, on 1 January 1944 and Acting Captain(EI)(WHA).**

**CULLWICK. Ernest Geoffrey, 0-17320, Cdr(EI)(Temp) [1.1.44] RCNVR, A/Capt(EI)(WHA) [?]**

**OBE-[15.6.46] Capt(L) [1.7.46] RCN(R) Demobilized [18.9.47] (CARLETON)**

"This Officer, by his ability and forceful character, has organized the Electrical Engineering Branch of the Royal Canadian Navy under difficult circumstances. An outstanding profession Electrical Engineer himself, his extensive knowledge, his keenness, loyalty, and hard work have made an invaluable contribution to the Royal Canadian Navy during the war."

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**CUMMINGS, William Alfred, Stoker First Class (V-947) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Haida**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**CUMMINGS, William Alfred, V-947, Stk 1/cl, RCNVR, MID-[9.9.44]**

"For courage, resolution and devotion to duty in **HMCS Haida** in action with enemy destroyers in rescuing survivors from **HMCS Athabaskan**."

**HMCS Haida** dropped her cutter to allow survivors from **HMCS Athabaskan** to climb into it. Just as it was being lowered, Stoker First Class William Alfred Cummings, Able Seaman Jack Hannan (who was not decorated), and Leading Seaman William Arthur McClure (MID) decided to go with it. They picked up six survivors from **HMCS Athabaskan** and two members of **HMCS Haida** who had fallen from the rescue nets and then made their way back to England (from "**Tales of the North Atlantic**").

While on patrol in the Bay of Biscay Patrol area at 1300 Hours on 27 August 1943, **HMCS Athabaskan** was attacked by eighteen enemy Dornier-217s. **HMS Egret** (British Sloop) was sunk. A glide bomb hit **HMCS Athabaskan** at the junction of "B" gun-deck and the wheel-house. It passed under the plot room, through the Chief Petty Officer's Mess, and out the starboard side. It exploded barely a few feet beyond and bomb fragments pierced **HMCS Athabaskan's** side and bridge in a number of places. **HMCS Athabaskan** continued on at 14 knots, correcting a serious list to starboard. The ship sailed into port on 30 August 1943 under her own power. The ship was battered but not broken. See the book "**Unlucky Lady**".

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**CUNDELL, D'Arcy, Able Seaman (V-6607) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 28 November 1944. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**CUNDELL, D'Arcy, V-6607, AB, RCNVR, MID-[20.1.45]**

"For courage, resolution and skill while serving in **H.M. Ships Wensleydale, Forester, Vidette, Orchis** and **Statice** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Ottawa** and **Kootenay** in anti U-Boat operations."

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**CUNNINGHAM, Daniel, Acting Chief Petty Officer (V-5525) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Hepatica** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Dorval, Quebec. Served on **HMCS Hepatica** (Flower Class Corvette - K159) from 12 November 1940 until the end of the war.

**CUNNINGHAM, Daniel, V-5525, A/CPO, RCNVR, MID-[16.6.45]**

"This Chief Petty Officer has served aboard **HMCS Hepatica** since commissioning. He has at all times given wholehearted loyalty and support to his superior officers. His devotion to duty and good conduct have been an example to all on board."

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**CUNNINGHAM, Frederick Alexander, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette** of 30 March 1946 and **London Gazette** of 11 December 1945.

**CUNNINGHAM, Frederick Alexander, 0-17390,**

S/Lt(Temp) [16.2.42] RCNVR

HMCS MAHONE(J159) m/s, (21.6.42-?)

Lt(Temp) [16.2.42]

HMCS BAYFIELD(J08) m/s, (7.8.43-?)

HMCS BAYFIELD(J08) m/s, CO,

(23.12.44-1.9.45) **MID**~[11.12.45]  
Demobilized. [19.11.45]

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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**CUNNINGHAM, L.S., Lieutenant - Testimonial on Parchment (Royal Humane Society) - RCNR -**  
Awarded in 1942.

"Awarded Testimonial on Parchment of the Royal Humane Society in respect of an act of gallantry performed 19th July 1941, in rescuing Leading Stoker Edward Dainton, Royal Navy."

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**CURRY, Angus Downes Mathwin, Engineer Captain - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) -**  
RCN / Chief Engineer Pacific Coast. Home: Victoria, British Columbia. Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946. Born 1898 at Newcastle on Tyne, U.K. A/S/Lt(E) Canadian Naval Force. To **HMCS Rainbow** on 10 August 1910 to 10 February 1911. To HMCS Niobe on 11 February 1911 to 24 January 1913. S/Lt(E), RCN on 1 June 1912 and Lt(E) on 11 May 1912. HMCS Diana for Royal Naval Canada College from 25 January 1913 to 19 April 1917. HMCS Niobe for RNCC (on 20 April 1917 and to HMCS Guelph as additional on 1 September 1917. LCdr(E), RCN, on 11 May 1920. HMCS Patriot 1920 - 1925. To Naval Service Headquarters on 14 September 1925. Cdr(E) on 11 August 1926 and to HMCS Naden for Barracks, Depot Workshop and consulting engineer; HMC Dockyard Esquimalt on 1 October 1927. To HMCS Stadacona on 15 March 1930. Served on **HMCS Saguenay** (Destroyer) on 3 January 1933 and to Naval Service Headquarters on 1 January 1934. To Naval Service HQ, Division of Navy, England on 1 May 1935. Promoted to Captain(E) on 1 October 1939. Retired on 1 May 1946. Died on 25 June 1961 in Halifax.

**CURRY, Angus Downes Mathwin**, 0-17560, born: Newcastle-on-Tyne UK, 1898, died: Halifax, 25.6.61  
A/S/Lt(E) [?] CNF, HMCS RAINBOW 3,600/91, (10.8.10-10.2.11)  
HMCS NIOBE 11,000/1897 (11.2.11-3.10.12)  
S/Lt(E) [1.6.12] RCN, Lt(E) [11.5.12]  
HMCS NIOBE (4.10.12-24.1.13)  
HMCS DIANA(D/S) for RNCC (25.1.13-19.4.17)  
HMCS NIOBE(D/S) for RNCC (20.4.17-?)  
HMCS GUELPH(D/S) addl (1.9.19-?) LCdr(E) [11.5.20]  
HMCS PATRIOT TBD, stand by (4.8.20-31.10.20)  
HMCS PATRIOT TBD, (1.11.20-?) NSHQ, (14.9.25-?) Cdr(E) [11.8.26]  
HMCS NADEN(D/S) for RCNB, Depot Workshop, m/s, & Consulting Engineer  
HMC Dockyard Esquimalt, (1.10.27-?)  
HMCS STADACONA(D/S) (15.3.30-?) HMCS SAGUENAY DD, (3.1.33-?)  
NSHQ (1.1.34-?) NSHQ, D of Navy/Eng (1.5.35-?) Capt(E) [1.10.39]  
Retired [1.5.46] **OBE**~[15.6.46]

"This Officer, who is now on pension leave after more than 35 years service in the Royal Canadian Navy, was at Naval Service Headquarters at the commencement of hostilities in the capacity of Director of Naval Engineering and Engineer in Chief. For the past five years, he has been Chief Engineer, and Supervising Naval Engineer, Pacific Coast. His technical and administrative ability have been invaluable in coping with many complex problems in the Command during these critical years. He has worked tirelessly for the good of the service and throughout his long career has upheld its highest traditions in every way."

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**CURTIS, Edward George, Shipwright Second Class (40811) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN /**  
HMCS Haida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 19 December 1944.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

**CURTIS, Edward George**, 40811, Shipwright 2/cl, RCN, **BEM**~[20.1.45]

"For courage, presence of mind and skill after their ship had been damaged."

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**CUTHBERT, James, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Asbestos - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Vancouver, British Columbia. Born in Troon, Scotland. Trained as Cadet and served as navigator with Cape Line. Obtained his Master's Ticket (Foreign-Going) in 1936. Served with the Blue Funnel Line in Far East trade to 1940. Joined RCNVR at Lieutenant, RCNR on 19 June 1941 (seniority of 19 June 1939).

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Grandmere** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J258) from 11 December 1941 to 20 April 1944. (Part of the escort of the Ferry '**Caribou**' on 14 October 1942).

Only Commanding Officer **HMCS Asbestos** (Revised Flower Corvette Increased Endurance - K358) from 16 June 1944 to 8 July 1945. Made an Acting LCdr on 1 January 1945. He was demobilized on 12 September 1945 and confirmed as LCdr on retired list. In the post war, he commanded Canadian Transport ships on world-wide trade. He joined the Canadian Coast Guard in 1940 and commanded North Pacific weather ships, icebreakers **CCG Labrador** and **CCG John A. Macdonald**, Marine Superintendent at Dartmouth base in 1964, Regional Fleet Superintendent for Maritime Division in 1968 and retired in 1971. He died on 30 April 1994, age 83, in Head of Jeddore, Nova Scotia.

**CUTHBERT, Joseph Harold**, 0-17650, (Fort Francis Ontario)

Wt(E) [1.7.43] RCNVR, **MID~[1.1.45]**

**MBE~[6.1.45] Cd(E)** [1.1.45]

Demobilized. [29.10.45] Lt(E)\* [1.1.45] RCN(SS 1 Nov 51-31 Oct 54)

HMCS QUEEN Regina Naval Division, Area Engineer, (23.7.51-?)

HMCS CHIPPAWA Winnipeg Naval Division

HMCS GIFFON Port Arthur Naval Division

HMCS QUEEN Regina Naval Division, Area Engineer (25.7.52-?)

"This Officer has served for two and a half years in command of a Bangor Minesweeper prior to taking up his present appointment in command of an Algerine Minesweeper. He has been employed under arduous and monotonous conditions on local minesweepers and escort work and has at all times displayed outstanding zeal, cheerfulness and devotion to duty, which have been an inspiration to those serving under him."

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**CUTHBERT, Joseph Harold, Acting Warrant Engineer - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Fort Francis, Ontario.

**CUTHBERT, Joseph Harold**, 0-17650, (Fort Francis ON)

Wt(E) [1.7.43] RCNVR, **MID~[1.1.45]**

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HMCS QUEEN Regina Naval Division, Area/Eng (25.7.52-?)

**CUTHBERT, Joseph Harold, Acting Warrant Engineer - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 and **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945.

"This Officer, by his outstanding example of service, loyalty and efficiency, as a Divisional Officer, has personally contributed to the welfare, happiness and good discipline of a large number of ratings which have from time to time been in his charge. His division has reacted to his guidance by leading other Divisions in every form of activity, including voluntary undertakings."

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**CUTHBERT, Thomas Frederick, Able Seaman (V-24058) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Haida** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 10 October 1944.  
Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**CUTHBERT. Thomas Frederick, V-24058, AB, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]**

"For bravery, skill and devotion to duty in **H.M. Ships Affleck, Balfour, Eskimo, Wanderer and Tavy** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Haida and Huron** in anti U-Boat operations."

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