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**FAFARD, Charles Omar, Signalman (V-4147) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Columbia - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 29 May 1943 and London Gazette of 5 October 1943.**

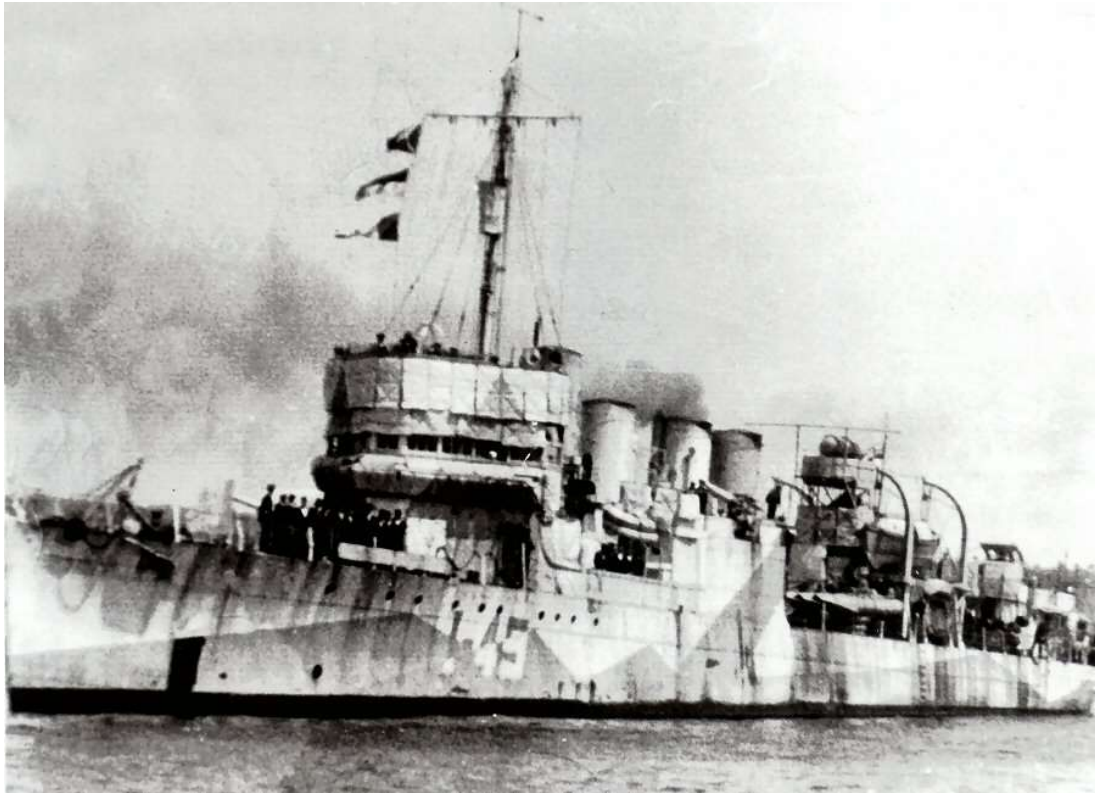
Home: Montreal, Quebec

**HMCS Columbia** was a Town Class Destroyer (I49) (ex-USS Haraden)

**FAFARD, Charles Omar, V-4147, Sigmn, RCNVR, MID~[29.5.43]**

"This rating showed devotion to duty and was alert, cheerful and resourceful when performing duties in connection with the salvaging of **S.S. Matthew Luckenbach**.

"For good services in connection with the salvage of **S.S. Matthew Luckenbach** while serving in **HMCS Columbia** (London Gazette)."



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**FAHRNI, Gordon Paton, Surgeon Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMS Fitzroy - Awarded as per London Gazette of 30 July 1942 (no Canada Gazette).**

Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Medical Graduate of the University of Manitoba in 1940.

He earned his Fellowship (FRCS) in Surgery after the war and was a general surgeon at the Winnipeg General and the Winnipeg Children's Hospitals.

**FAHRNI, Gordon Paton, 0-22780, Surg/LCdr(Temp) [7.10.39] RCNVR**

**DSC~[30.7.42]**

Surg/LCdr [14.1.47] RCN(R)

HMCS CHIPPAWA Winnipeg Naval Division, (25.5.48-?)

Surg/Cdr [1.1.51]

"For great bravery and devotion to duty. For great gallantry, daring and skill in the attack on the German Naval Base at St. Nazaire."

HMS Fitzroy (J03 - Hunt Class Minesweeper) was sunk on 27 May 1942 by a mine 40 miles north-east of Great Yarmouth in position 52.39N, 2.46E. It was most likely sunk by a British mine! It had been commissioned on 01 July 1919.

**Medals:** DSC - 1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star - Defence Medal - CVSM and Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal - CD and Bar  
Medals held in the HMCS Chippawa Museum, Winnipeg, Manitoba



**FAHRNI, Dr. Gordon Paton Obituary**

After a full and venturesome life, Gordon died peacefully in his

91st year at the Grace Hospice on January 20, 2007 in Winnipeg. Gordon was born in Winnipeg to Dr. Gordon S. Fahrni and Alice Fahrni. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister Phyllis, and is survived by his niece Susan Kett, and nephews, Ronald and Gordon Brown. Before his graduation from his medical studies, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1939. He obtained his MD degree at the University of Manitoba School of Medicine in 1940.

Because of the shortage of medical staff in the British armed services he was seconded to the Royal Navy as a Surgeon Lieutenant and was assigned to **H.M.S. Fitzroy**, a Hunt Class minesweeper, on which he served until she was sunk after hitting a mine in the English Channel in 1942. Gordon sustained a back injury and after an extended convalescence in England, he returned to service. For his actions on the Fitzroy Gordon was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for '...great bravery, devotion to duty, leadership, and skill in actions against enemy submarines...' At the end of the war, he stayed with the **Royal Canadian Navy Reserves** as Surgeon Lt. Commander, and eventually **retired with the rank of Surgeon Captain**.

Following the war Gordon proceeded with postgraduate work, taking further surgical training at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, at the Toronto General Hospital, and at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. After receiving his Fellowship in Surgery (F.R.C.S.) he joined his father in his surgical practice, and had privileges as a general surgeon at the Winnipeg General, Winnipeg Children's and Grace Hospitals. He was later appointed Chief of Surgery at the Grace Hospital. Throughout his adult life Gordon enjoyed many activities, pursuing his passions for wildfowl hunting. In fact, the marksmanship skills he developed in his early bird hunting paid off during the war when he observed a gunner on the Fitzroy who was unsuccessful in shooting down an enemy airplane which was making strafing passes over the ship. 'You're not leading him enough!' he shouted to the gunner. Gordon then stepped into the gun turret and demonstrated to the gunner how to do it, successfully shooting down the airplane. He continued to look forward with great anticipation to the fall hunting season, when his father visited from Vancouver to join him and his traditional companions for the opening shoot. Memories of his early years as a paper boy remained vivid all his life. He was a man of many talents, enjoying horseback riding, downhill skiing, playing the piano, and especially story telling. He was an avid gardener, as evidenced by the manicured lawns and gardens surrounding his beautiful riverfront century home. Gordon retained his enthusiasm for things nautical and he was well known by people in the boating community who navigated the rivers and lakes in and around Winnipeg.

He was a member of The Royal Manitoba Yacht Club where offices he held included Vice Commodore Surgeon and Rear Commodore, Fleet. In 1993 he was recognized with a Life Membership for his many years of dedication and service to the R.M.Y.C. Gordon was extremely gregarious and boasted that having the only boat with an icemaker in Gimli Harbour made him the most popular person on the docks. For many years he owned and operated a boat in Pompano Beach, Florida and during the cold Winnipeg winters he became very familiar with the Intracoastal Waterway. He was held in high esteem within the boating community. This became evident by the many visits from boaters in his last few months, which brightened his days. The compassion and care received from the staff at both the Riverview Health Centre Palliative Care Unit and the Grace Hospice was greatly appreciated. Gordon and his warm personality and humour will be greatly missed by his friends and relatives. A memorial service to celebrate Gordon's life will be held on February 10th at 2:00 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home, 669 Broadway, Winnipeg, 204-783-7211. In the spring another memorial service will be held at the Royal Manitoba Yacht Club.

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**FAIRNIE, James Suttle, Acting Leading Seaman (4091) - Mention in Despatches** - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**FAIRNIE. James Suttle, 4091, A/LS, RCN, MID~[20.1.45]**

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

**HMCS Ottawa (I), HMCS Kootenay, and HMCS Chaudiere** (all River Class Destroyers) sank **U-621** in the Bay of Biscay on 18 August 1944. This action is described in Chapter 49 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**FALKNER, James Alexander Duncan, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches -**  
RCNVR / HMCS Georgian - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 May 1943  
and **London Gazette** of 5 October 1943.

Home: Montreal, Quebec

**HMCS Georgian** was a Bangor Class Minesweeper (J144).

**LCdr James Alexander Duncan Falkner, MID, RCNVR [Ret'd]**

**Date/Place of Birth** 28 July 1910 at Lancaster, Ontario  
Son of Dr Alexander Duncan & Nicholas Falkner  
**Note:** He moved with his family, during his youth, from Lancaster, Ontario to Westmount, PQ, where his Father continued his Medical practice, and where he lived for the rest of his life, with the exception of the War years in Halifax]

**Date/Place of Death** 16 October 1996 at Westmount, P. Quebec

**Marriage** Married Georgina Eloise Fairie [daughter of Dr James Arthur & Georgina Fairie] on 4 April 1939 at Montreal, Quebec  
**Note:** During World War II, his wife served with the Canadian Red Cross Transport Corps in Halifax, Nova Scotia, rising to the rank of Commandant.

**Children** Diana Eloise Falkner, BA, MEd, FCAM, born 20 May 1940 and married to Vice-Admiral Ralph L Hennessy, DSC, CD, BA, RCN [Ret'd], living in Ottawa, Ontario.  
Deirdre Fairie Falkner, born 15 December 1947 and married to John G Bower, Master at Lower Canada College, living in Westmount, Quebec

**Education** He attended Kings School and Westmount High School, Westmount, PQ, graduating in 1928 with his Senior Matriculation.

**Employment** July 1928 he started work, with Wood Gundy and Company Limited [Investment Bankers], Montreal. At the time he took leave from Wood Gundy to enlist in the RCNVR, he was Head Bond Trader of Wood Gundy Corp as well as President of the Montreal Bond Traders Association.  
Following demobilization in 1946, He and his family returned to Montreal where he resumed his career with Wood Gundy until his retirement in 1972 at which time he was Vice President and Director.

## Military Service

- 19 March 1941 Enlisted RCNVR as Probationary Sub-Lieutenant [T]  
[Official Number: 0- 22900], Montreal
- 18 August 1941 Active Service as Probationary Sub-Lieutenant [T]  
Duty District Headquarters Montreal
- 26 August 1941 Probationary Sub-Lieutenant [T]  
H.M.C.S. Stadacona for training at H.M.C.S. Kings
- 29 November 1941 Completed A/S C [91%] (A/S C = Anti-Submarine  
course)
- 29 December 1941 Sub-Lieutenant [T] Venture [**H.M.C.S. Georgian**]
- 01 May 1942 Sub-Lieutenant [T] Stadacona [**H.M.C.S. Georgian**]
- 05 May 1942 Sub-Lieutenant [T] Stadacona [**H.M.C.S. Georgian**]  
Watchkeeping Certificate
- 18 August 1942 Sub-Lieutenant [T] Avalon [**H.M.C.S. Georgian**]
- 03 September 1942 Lieutenant [T] Avalon [**H.M.C.S. Georgian**] as  
Executive Officer
- 17 February 1943 Lieutenant [T], H.M.C.S. Stadacona for duty with  
Training Commander on staff of Captain [D] Halifax
- 13 May 1943 Lieutenant [T], H.M.C.S. Stadacona, for duty with Commodore, Halifax
- 15 October 1943 Lieutenant [T], H.M.C.S. Stadacona, on staff of Commander in Chief, Canadian North  
West Atlantic as Assistant to Commander of the Port of Halifax
- 10 January 1944 Lieutenant [T], H.M.C.S. Stadacona, on staff of Chief Superintendent for duty as  
Assistant Officer Commanding Harbour Craft
- 01 June 1944 Lieutenant [T], H.M.C.S. Scotian, as Officer Commanding Harbour Craft
- 01 July 1944 Acting Lieutenant Commander [T], H.M.C.S. Scotian, [WHA]
- 21 June 1945 Acting Lieutenant Commander [T], H.M.C.S. Scotian, [WHA] as Officer Commanding  
Harbour Craft and Commanding Officer **HMCS Veraine**  
Commodore's Barge - appointed 13 August 1945
- 18 December 1945 Acting Lieutenant Commander [T], H.M.C.S. Stadacona
- 22 December 1945 Acting Lieutenant Commander [T], H.M.C.S. Donnacona
- 01 January 1946 Promoted Lieutenant Commander [T], H.M.C.S. Donnacona
- 11 February 1946 Retired from the R.C.N.V.R.



LT. J. A. D. FALKNER, R.C.N.

**Campaign Medals** 1939/45 Star; Atlantic Star; C.V.S.M. with Clasp; 1939/1945 War Medal with M.I.D.

## Interests & Sports

Hockey [Montreal Maroons], Rowing [Lachine Rowing club], Squash [Montreal Badminton and Squash Club], and Tennis.

During the War and after, he loved sailing and spent many happy years sailing his boats in Halifax, NS and Kennebunk Beach, Maine where we summered.

In retirement sailing, music and time spent with his family and grandchildren gave him great pleasure. He was a member of the Naval Officers Association of Canada, the United Services Club, St James Club, Engineers Club, in addition to those referenced above

A keen reader and until the time of his death enjoyed a well-earned retirement.

**H.M.C.S. Georgian** [Bangor Class Minesweeper], Wartime Pendant No. J-144, was built in Toronto by Dufferin Shipbuilding Company, Launched on 28 January 1941 and Commissioned, in Toronto, on 23 September 1941.

**Complement:** 6 Officers, 77 Other Ranks

Wartime career: arrived in Halifax on October 13 and was assigned to Sydney Force. From January 1942 to February 1944 she was a member of the Newfoundland Force. On June 21, 1942, through a breakdown in communication, she rammed and sank the British A/S training submarine P. 514 off Cape Pine, Newfoundland. On February 18, 1944, with sisters *Bayfield*, *Mulgrave* and *Thunder*, she left Halifax for the U.K. via the Azores. She was present on D Day and performed mine clearance work for many months afterward. After refitting in Lunenburg, N.S., early in 1945, she resumed service in European waters until returning to Sydney, where she was paid off October 23, 1956. Fate: sold in 1946, probably for scrap.

Source: **Ken Macpherson; *Minesweepers of the Royal Canadian Navy 1938 - 1945***, Vanwell Publishing.

**FALKNER. James Alexander Duncan**, 0-22900,  
P/S/Lt (Temp) [1941?] RCNVR  
HMCS GEORGIAN (J144) m/s, (29.12.41-?)  
Lt (Temp) [18.8.42]  
HMCS GEORGIAN (J144) m/s, (3.9.42-?) **MID~[29.5.43]**  
Lt (Temp) [18.8.41] A/LCdr (Temp) (WHA) Demobilized [25.1.46]

"This Officer contributed to the efficiency of his ship (**HMCS Georgian**) as a fighting unit by his coolness and skill which he assured the full use of all offensive weapons during an action in which an enemy submarine was probably damaged."

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**FALL, Ernest William, Chief Engine Room Artificer** (21300) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCN / HMCS Algonquin - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Home: Hamilton, Bermuda.

Joined the RCN in July 1930 as an Acting Engine Room Artificer, 4<sup>th</sup> Class.

Served on RCN Ships HMCS Champlain, HMCS Festubert, HMCS Saguenay, HMCS Prince Henry, HMCS Ottawa, HMCS Algonquin and HMCS Peregrine.

Served in RCN Shore establishments Stadacona, Shelburne, and Niobe.

Awarded the RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal on 28 September 1945.

Retired on 15 July 1950.

**FALL. Ernest William**, 21300, CPO/ERA, RCN, **BEM~[15.6.46]**

"This Chief Petty Officer has shown the highest qualities of professional ability and leadership throughout the war, particularly during the building of **HMCS Algonquin** and her

subsequent commission. Under his guidance, the Engine Room Department and its personnel proved highly efficient. In action, Engine Room Artificer Fall's calm confidence and leadership have been worthy of the highest commendation."

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**FALLIS, Allen Thomas, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches -** RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 12 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Carberry, Manitoba.

**FALLIS. Allen Thomas**, 0-22910, Lt(Temp) [31.12.39] RCNVR

**MID [12.6.45]** Demobilized [10.1.46] **DSC~[30.3.46]**

"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."

**FALLIS, Allen Thomas, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR - 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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**FALLIS, George Arthur, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCNVR / Staff Officer (Trade), West Coast- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Toronto, Ontario. Became a lawyer after the war and was made a **Queen's Council (QC)**.

Died on 28 April 1996, age 80, in Toronto, Ontario.

**FALLIS. George Arthur Chown**, 0-22920, Lt(Temp) [1.5.41] RCNVR

HMCS MAHONE (J159) m/s, (1.10.41-?)

A/LCdr(Temp) (WHA) [?] Demobilized [19.11.45] **MBE~[5.1.46]**

"As Staff Officer (Trade), West Coast, Lieutenant-Commander Fallis worked untiringly in the interests of the Service. His ability and tact have established an excellent liaison between the Navy and Merchant Marine, and he has carried out the many complex duties required of him with outstanding success."

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**FARMER, James, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Waskesiu - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 4 July 1944. Home: London, Ontario.**

**FARMER. James**, 0-23010, Lt(Temp) [28.11.41] RCNVR  
HMCS WASKESIU(K330) Fr, (13.9.43-?) **MID~[9.9.44]**  
Demobilized [20.8.45]

"For good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine. For courage, resolution and skill in **HMCS Waskesiu** in successful operations against U-Boats in the Atlantic."

On 24 February 1944, **HMCS Waskesiu** (River Class Frigate - K330) sank **U-257** in the mid-Atlantic. This action is described in Chapter 33 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**FARNCOMB, Harold, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Fergus - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

Home: London, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Oakville** (Corvette - K.178) from 22 April 1943 to 22 October 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fergus** (Corvette - K.686) from 18 November 1944 to 14 July 1945.

**FARNCOMB. Harold Frederick**, 0-23030, Lt(Temp) [24.7.40] RCNVR  
HMC ML 060(Q060) CO, (6.9.41-17.12.41) Lt(Temp) [24.7.39]  
HMCS GALT (K163) Cof, (18.12.41-?)  
HMCS OAKVILLE (K178) Cof, CO, (22.4.43-22.10.44)  
HMCS FERGUS (K686) Cofm, CO, stand by, CO, (24.10.44-17.11.44)  
HMCS FERGUS (K686) Cofm, CO, (18.11.44-14.7.45)  
A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45] **MID~[16.6.45]** Demobilized [12.9.45]

"This Officer has served at sea for over four years of war, one of which was spent with the Royal Navy. Since returning to the Royal Canadian Navy, he has served in escort vessels engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic, being in command for the last two years. By his zeal, cheerfulness and wholehearted devotion to duty, he has set a fine example to those working under him."

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**FAUBERT, Rene, Temporary Able Seaman (V-4324) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Oakville - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 26 December 1942 and London Gazette of 29 December 1942.**

**FAUBERT. Rene**, V-4324, Able Seaman, RCNVR, **MID~[26.12.42]**

"For good services in action with enemy submarines while serving in **HMCS Oakville**."

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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**FAULKNER, Richard Albert, Chief Engine Room Artificer Third Class** (A-4678) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Owen Sound, Ontario.

**FAULKNER, Richard Albert, A-4678, ERA 3/cl, RCNR, MID~[15.8.44]**

"For leadership, skill and determination in **H.M. Ships Affleck, Brecon and Forester**, and **H.M. Canadian Ships St. Laurent, Swansea** and **Owen Sound** in operations against U-Boats."

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**FAULKS, Robert Boyne, Leading Seaman** (2600) - **Cross of Valour (Poland)** - RCN / **HMCS Restigouche** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 21 October 1941 (no Canada Gazette).

Hometowns: Calgary and Edmonton

Joined the RCN in May 1931 as a Boy Seaman.

To Royal Navy shore establishment **HMS Excellent** for training and to **HMS Aurora**.

He served at RCN Shore establishments at Naden, Stadacona and Nibe

He served aboard **HMCS Skeena, HMCS Vancouver, HMCS Fraser, HMCS Ottawa, HMCS Restigouche** (in 1940), **HMCS Assiniboine, HMCS Chaudiere** and **HMCS Rockcliffe**.

He was awarded the **RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 06 June 1947.

He retired on 08 July 1951.

**FAULKS, Robert Boyne, 2600, LS, RCN, Cross of Valour (Poland) ~[21.10.41]**

"In recognition of services during withdrawal of Polish Forces in France in 1940."

**Medals of Leading Seaman Robert Boyne FAULKS, RCN:**

39/45 Star - Atlantic Star with BAR France & Germany - CVSM & Clasp - 39/49 War Medal - RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (GVI) - Cross of Valour (Poland)



Displayed in the CFB Esquimalt Museum.

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**FEAVER, Donald Allen, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class (A-1822) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943.**

Home: Fort Williams, Ontario

**FEAVER. Donald Allen, A-1822, ERA 4/c1, RCNR, MID~[5.6.43]**

"This rating, while serving in one of His Majesty's Canadian destroyers in the North Atlantic, displayed outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty in effecting repairs under difficult weather conditions."

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**FEENER, Frances, Chief Engine Room Artificer (A-4028) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Comox - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

Home: Milton, Nova Scotia.

**FEENER. Francis, A-4028, CPO/ERA, RCNR, MID~[16.6.45]**

"This rating has been in charge of the machinery of **HMCS Comox** (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J64) since 11 March 1943. During this

period, the ship was senior ship when the approaches to Halifax harbour were mined during the summer of 1943. Chief Feener's duties have always been carried out with diligence and he has maintained, under a variety of conditions, a high standard of efficiency. His wholehearted interest has contributed to the smooth operation of the ship."

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**FELLOWES, Alma Rae, Principal Matron - Member - Royal Red Cross (RRC) - RCN (Temp) / RCN Nursing Service - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

Home: Westmount, Quebec.

A graduate of Haverfield College and Royal Victoria School of Nursing in 1928.

She was one of the first nurses enrolled on 9 January 1942 as a Nursing Sister (S/Lt).

She served at HMCS Protector beginning 29 March 1943; to RCN Naval Hospital Sydney at Matron on 1 July 1943;

To Cornwallis on 30 November 1943 for RCN Hospital Deep Brook, to Naval Service HQ on 1 May 1944;

Promoted Principal Matron on 1 July 1944;

To Stadacona on 19 July 1944 as C-in-C CNA staff.

Rank converted to LCdr(NS) on 1 January 1947.

To Naden on 18 January 1947 as Matron at RCN Hospital Esquimalt.

Demobilized on 1 September 1947.

Resumed civilian nursing career and was appointed in 1994 to Founders' Committee of McGill University.

She died on 8 March 1995 in Mississauga, age 89.

**FELLOWES. Alma Rae, 0-23230, P/Matron(Temp) [1.7.44] RCN RRC~[16.6.45]**

LCdr(N/S) [1.7.44] RCN, Demobilized [1.9.47]

"This Officer, among the first in the Royal Canadian Naval Nursing Service, has shown great ability as an organizer, and through her interest, cheerfulness, loyalty and unfailing devotion to duty, she has contributed largely to the success of the Service."

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**FENN, George Patrick, Acting Yeoman (V-7691) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.**

"This rating, who has served in His Majesty's Canadian destroyers and minesweepers for over four years in escort work, has carried

out his duties with exceptional zeal, efficiency and cheerfulness, and by his unswerving loyalty and devotion to duty has been an example and inspiration to all those with whom he has served."

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**FENNELL, Marcus Buller, Leading Signalman (V-11682) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

"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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**FERGUSON, Arthur James John, Chief Petty Officer (TGM) (V-13174) - British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Calgary, Alberta.

**FERGUSON. Arthur James John, V-13174, CPO(TGM), RCNVR, BEM~[5.1.46]**

"This rating, a member of the Permanent Reserve Force, has served continuously since the outbreak of hostilities. The greater part of his service has been as sea in His Majesty's Canadian destroyers. He has at all times performed his duties with outstanding zeal, efficiency and cheerfulness, setting an example to those serving with him."

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**FERGUSON, John Alexander, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Hepatica - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

Home: Hansport, Hants Co., Nova Scotia.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Hepatica** (Flower Class Corvette - K159) from 6 September 1943 to 4 November 1944.

**FERGUSON. John Alexander, 0-23310, Lt(Temp) [28.7.41] RCNR**

**HMS HEPATICA(K159) Cof, CO. (6.9.43-4.11.44) MID~[10.6.44]**

Resigned [14.5.45]

"Whilst in command of **HMCS Hepatica**, this Officer displayed exceptional coolness and fine seamanship when rendering

assistance to **S.S. Erinna** after that ship had been involved in a collision and was on fire."

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**FERRIER, Lewis Rose, Leading Seaman** (V-10844) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Swansea - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 24 October 1944.



Born 08 November 1921 in Regina, Saskatchewan

Attended Davin School in Regina and took 3 year commercial course at Balfour Tech in Regina

Worked in an Automobile Stock room from September 1939 until October 1941

Joined the RCNVR in Regina and trained at HMCS Queens.

To HMCS Naden in Victoria on 2 January 1942 and became an Asdic Operator

To HMCS Cornwallis

To Pictou, Nova Scotia where they sharpened their submarine detection skills onboard naval vessels training with an RN submarine in the waters off Nova Scotia

First ship was **HMCS Prescott** (Flower Class Corvette - K161)

Asdic Operators worked 2 hours on and 4 hours off

Operated the Halifax, St. John's and Boston run and later Halifax to the British Isles

In 1942 sailed to North Africa as part of the invasion of North Africa (Operation Torch)

**HMCS Prescott** was given credit for the destruction of **U-163** in the Bay of Biscay

**HMCS Prescott** returned to Canada on 4 April 1943 for a refit

Joined **HMCS Swansea** (River Class Frigate - K328) at Esquimalt, B.C. on 04 October 1943

Sailed through the Panama Canal and up to Halifax

On the Halifax to Londonderry, Ireland run and also to Gibraltar

Swept English Channel prior to D-Day with **HMS Blight**

**HMCS Swansea** received partial credit for sinking of **U-845, U-848, U-247, and U-311**

Received his MID for successfully tracking a U-Boat which was trying to position itself to sink the aircraft carrier attached to their strike group.

Discharged in November 1945 in Ottawa where his wife was working in the Naval Headquarters.





Worked as a grocery clerk with Loblaw's Grocery Ltd. for 4 years

In 1949 **enlisted in the RCAF.**

First sent to RCAF Station Alymer Ontario to an RCAF training school. Drill training as well up-grading in high school subjects.

Six months later sent to RCAF Station Clinton electronics training electronics.

Course was 9 months and after that was kept on staff as instructor in the repair and alignment of radar and electronic equipment that was used on board RCAF aircraft.

In 1955 transferred to RCAF Station Lachine Quebec to service and replace radar equipment in North Star aircraft

and other aircraft at the station; late in 1959 RCAF Station Lachine was closed

Transferred to RCAF Station Trenton and was in charge of the aircraft telecommunication shop.

Later transferred to the telecommunication school at the same base and in charge of aircraft telecommunication instruction.

Transferred to RCAF Station Uplands in Ottawa in 1969 and later in 1969 retired from the RCAF

Moved his family out to Victoria, B.C. and is living there in 2004.

First employed by the Hudson Bay company television repair shop.

Next was hired by the T. Eaton's Company to repair electronic equipment both in homes and in their shop. Later in 1969 left Eaton's and worked at HMCS Dockyard repairing and installing radar and electronic warfare equipment on the RCN naval vessels.

In 1978 retired from the dockyard for health reasons.

At my present age of 82 he is quite well.

He and his wife and I do some volunteer work such as delivering Meals-on-wheels once or sometime twice a week for Silver Threads of Victoria.

His wife bowls twice a week on a league and he bowls once a week.

They have four children and seven grandchildren

All their children live in the Victoria area except one who is the government agent in the most northern town in B.C. Atlin (about 50 miles south of the Yukon boarder).

**FERRIER. Lewis Rose, V-10844, LS, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]**

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

**HMCS Swansea** shared with **HMS Pelican** in the sinking of **U-448**. **U-448** was trying to sink the aircraft carrier attached to the strike group. Chapter 37 of '**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**' gives



details on this sinking. Ferrier described the events this way: The depth charges damaged it bad enough that it was forced to surface and the submarine had to be abandoned. HMCS Swansea lowered a whaler to pick up the German survivors of the U-Boat. A shipmate Albert Hurtubise was in the whaler and notice one of the German officers pull out

a pistol and Albert reached over and knocked it out of his hand and it landed in the ocean.

Others who received honours for this sinking were:

Lieutenant Commander Clarence King, DSO, DSC, (MID)

Lieutenant John Milburn, the asdic officer

Leading Seaman Albert Hurtubise

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**FIELDS, William Straus, Acting Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR / Principal Medical Officer, Montreal Area - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.**

Born: Baltimore, Maryland on 18 August 1913

Graduated: Harvard College *cum laude* in 1934  
Harvard Medical School 1938

Internship: Vanderbilt University

Residency: 1 year of Paediatric Training



1940-1941 Internal Medicine at Royal Victoria Hospital Montreal  
Worked with Dr. C. Miller Fisher in stroke neurology

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

Enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve 9 March 1941

Medical Officer on a Royal Navy destroyer escorting troop convoys

**Awarded MBE**

Post-war - Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri in Neurology

Completed Neurology residency in 1949

Joined Baylor College of Medicine in Houston (3<sup>rd</sup> neurologist in Texas)  
and stayed from 1949 to 1967

Served as Chief, Senior and Consulting Neurologist for all the Major  
Hospitals in Houston

He contributed to or founded neurology inpatient services at four  
Houston facilities: Methodist, Jefferson, Davis, Hermann and Veterans  
Administration Hospital

First Chair of the Department of Baylor University from 1958 to 1967

Professor in Neurology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical  
School in Dallas from 1967 to 1970

In 1970, returned to Houston as the Chair of University of Texas -  
Southwestern Medical School. Retired in 1982

In 1984, established a section of Neurology at the M.D. Anderson  
Hospital and remained as the chair of the Department of Neuro-Oncology  
until 1988.

Returned to Houston as the Chair of all of the academic departments of  
clinical neurology within the Texas Medical Center in Houston.

At 6 feet tall and with a resounding *basso voice*, he commanded  
attention. He was fluent in Spanish and French and literate in German,  
Russian and Portuguese. His C.V. had 235 peer reviewed articles and  
chapters in 29 books.

**FIELDS. William Straus**, 0-23540, Surg/Lt(Temp) [9.3.41] RCNVR, **MBE~[5.1.46]**

A/Surg/LCdr(Temp) [?]

"For outstanding and wholehearted devotion to duty over a long  
period. Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander Fields was actively engaged  
in Medical Research for the Canadian Naval Service in both the  
Atlantic and Pacific theatres of operation. Recently, he was  
appointed Principal Medical Officer, Montreal Area, in which  
capacity he has performed his duties in an outstanding and  
zealous manner. His contribution to the Royal Canadian Naval  
war effort is worthy of much commendation and recognition."

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**FINCH, John Ray, Leading Seaman** (2840) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN  
/ HMCS Haida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and  
**London Gazette** of 15 August 1944.

Home: New Westminster, British Columbia.  
**FINCH. John Ray**, 2840, LS, RCN, **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**.

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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**FIRKINS, Whitney, Chief Petty Officer Cook** (V-30236) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 01 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Died: 1989

Known as: "Joe" - served on *HMCS Prince Henry*

**FIRKIN. Whitney**, V-30236, CPO/Ck, RCNVR, **DSM~[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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**FISHER, Douglas Carl, Stoker Petty Officer** (V-11630) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

**FISHER. Douglas Carl**, V-11630, Stoker PO, RCNVR, **BEM~[5.6.43]**

"This Stoker Petty Officer's conduct and bearing have been an inspiration to the entire ship's company during the twenty-two

months he has been at sea. In addition to his regular duties, he acted as Sick Berth Attendant for the greater part of the time, and in this capacity rendered invaluable assistance, particularly during and after heavy attacks on a convoy in the North Atlantic in giving aid to the one hundred and sixty-nine survivors who were picked up."

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**FISHER, John William, Acting Lieutenant (E) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 11 December 1945 and London Gazette of 11 December 1945.**

Home: Westboro, Ontario.

**FISHER, John William**, 0-23800, Westboro, ON)

A/Wt (E) (Temp) [1.5.43] RCNVR

**MBE~[11.12.45]**

A/Lt (E) (Temp) [?]

HMCS WARRIOR(31) CVL, (29.3.46-?)

Demobilized [16.6.46]

Lt (E) [18.6.46] RCN(R)

NSHQ, (8.1.51-?)

LCdr (E) [10.4.53] HMCS CARELTON (1.4.56-?)

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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**FITZGERALD, Michael John, Signalman (V-7589) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 8 January 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944.**

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**FITZGERALD, Michael John**, 0-23864, Signalman, V-7589, RCNVR, **BEM~[8.1.44]**

Mid [3.7.46] RCN(R)

HMCS UGANDA(66) L/Cr, (14.9.46-?) Demobilized [14.6.47]

"This signalman was one of the two original volunteers to board an American tanker full of gasoline, after collision in August 1943. He remained in the blazing ship for over two hours, at great personal risk, fighting the fires himself and setting a fine example to others of the boarding party who arrived later."

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**FLEMING, Alexander Hay, Chief Stoker (A-1354) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.**

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

**FLEMING. Alexander Hay, A-1354, CPO/Stk, RCNR, MID~[6.1.45]**

"For discharging his duties in an outstanding manner, he has been an excellent example and instructor to young and inexperienced stokers serving under him."

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**FLEMING, Joseph Keith, Acting Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class (V-55387) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Mahone - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944. Home: Malartic, Quebec.**

**FLEMING. Joseph Keith, V-55387, A/ERA 4/cl, RCNVR, MID~[10.6.44]**

"For devotion to duty following a collision in which his ship, **HMCS Mahone** was involved. This rating was on watch at the time of the collision involving **HMCS Mahone** and **S.S. Port Townsend**, and in the absence of the Engineer Officer, who was in charge of the Damage Control party, took complete charge of the Engine Room. His calm and cheerfulness throughout was most inspiring to the men in his charge."

On January 29, 1944, the **HMCS Mahone** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J159) was rammed by **S.S. Fort Townsend**, off Louisbourg, Nova Scotia. **HMCS Mahone** made it to Halifax and spent four months being repaired.

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**FLETCHER, Arlington George, Acting Chief Petty Officer (A-1455) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Mayflower - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.**

**FLETCHER. Arlington George, A-1455, A/PO, RCNR, MID~[6.1.45]**

"Chief Petty Officer Fletcher has a total sea time of forty-four months since his entry into the Naval Service in April 1940, of which over two years have been in **HMCS Mayflower** (Flower Class Corvette - K191) He has, at all times, displayed marked zeal, efficiency and outstanding devotion to duty."

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**FLETCHER, Robert John, Stoker First Class (V-6670) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.**

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**FLETCHER. Robert John**, V-6670, Stocker 1/cl, RCNR, MID~[6.1.45]

"For many months afloat in HMC corvettes, this rating has shown unflinching devotion to duty and has set an excellent example to the Ship's Company, by his zeal and cheerfulness."

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**FLITTON, Ralph Johnston, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Giffard - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944.

Home: Mount Royal, Quebec.

**FLITTON. Ralph Johnston**, 0-24130, S/Lt(Temp) [16.3.42] RCNVR

HMCS STAR XVI(Z16) (A) m/s, (3.8.42-?)

Lt(Temp) [16.3.43]

HMCS GIFFARD (K402) Cofm, (10.11.43-?)

HMCS FRONTENAC (K335) Cofm, (4.9.44-?) MID~[20.1.45]

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

The sinking of **HMCS Valleyfield** (River Class Frigate - K329) by **U-548** off Cape Race, Newfoundland on 6 May 1944 is described in Chapter 41 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". The role of **HMCS Giffard** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K402) in rescuing 43 survivors (5 died on board) is described on page 149.

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**FOLEY, Allan, Stoker Petty Officer (V-31892) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944.

Home: Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

**FOLEY. Allen**, V-31892, PO/Stocker, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

"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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**FOLEY, Dennis Langley, Lieutenant-Commander - Legionnaire - Legion of Merit (USA)** - RCN - Awarded effective 8 November 1946 (no Canada Gazette).

**FOLEY. Dennis Langley**, 0-24226

Born: Sanderstead, Surrey, UK, 4 Jan 1913  
Died: Hamilton, NZ on 17 August 01, Hamilton  
Lt(E) (A/E) (P) [16.6.40] RCN(R)  
A/LCdr(E) (A/E) (P) [4.1.46] LCdr(E) (A/E) (P) [15.2.46] RCN  
RCN Air Section Dartmouth, (26.3.46-?)  
**Legion of Merit-Degree of Legionnaire(USA)~[8.11.46]**  
HMCS MAGNIFICENT(21) CVL, RRSN, for 19 CAG, (7.4.48-?)  
HMCS SHEARWATER, for No.1 Heli/Ft, (27.8.51-?) CD~[?]  
HMCS SHEARWATER (2.1.53-?)  
HMCS SHEARWATER add'l (25.3.55-?)  
HMCS NIOBE(NMCS London) for StO(A/E) (22.4.55-?)  
NSHQ for (1.11.56-?)  
NSHQ add'l, (12.8.57-?) r:[4.1.58]  
Released [16.3.58]  
Residence 1a St., Hamilton, NZ., Daughter Cindy.

Citation Unknown.

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**FOOTE, Ernest Gordon Blair, Chaplain of the Fleet (Protestant) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / Command Chaplain UK - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.**

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

He was the Chaplain of the Fleet in 1955.

**FOOTE. Ernest Gordon Blair, 0-24270, (OTTAWA, Ontario)**

Chaplain Class I (Pres) [22.1.44] RCN

Chaplain Class V [1.12.45] **OBE~[5.1.46]**

NSHQ (6.5.48-?) CD~[?]

NSHQ for Chaplain(P) of Fleet (20.1.53-?)

HMCS QUEBEC(31) LCB, (25.3.54-?)

NSHQ for Chap of Fleet(P) (27.4.54-?)

NSHQ for Dep/Ch/General(P) (22.9.58-?) Chaplain 5 (Pres) (280)

NSHQ(D80) St/DG/Ch(P) (3.9.60-?) Chaplain 6(Pres) (280) [10.2.62]

Special/Sect(I90) (10.2.62-?)

CFHQ/Adm/Unit(0000) (15.6.65-?)

"For untiring, unselfish and unstinted devotion to duty. Chaplain Foote, as one of the Senior Protestant Chaplains of the Canadian Naval Service, proceeded to the United Kingdom early in 1944, and assumed the appointment of Command Chaplain there. He has, at all times, devoted himself to the welfare of all ranks and ratings, and through his personality and organizing ability, ensured that none should be without spiritual and physical

comfort and advice."

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**FORBES, Eric Keith, Sub-Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)**  
- RCNVR - HM Submarine P34 (Malta) - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of  
29 December 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Gold River Piverton, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Served in **HM Submarine H-44** from 16 January 1941 to 23 June 1941.

Navigating Officer and First Lieutenant in **HM Submarine P-34** on  
Mediterranean Operations out of Malta from 23 June 1941 to 7 July  
1942.

First Lieutenant in **HM Submarine Stoic** from 26 April 1943 to 2 July  
1943 in workups.

First Lieutenant in **HM Submarine Seanymph** from 7 July 1943 to 11  
November 1943 on operations from the United Kingdom.

**FORBES. Eric Keith**, 0-24320, A/S/Lt(Temp) [1.7.40] RCNVR

Lt(Temp) [1.7.41] HMS/M H 44, add'l (16.1.41-23.6.41)

HMS/M P34, NavO, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt, (23.6.41-7.11.42) **DSC~[29.12.42]**

HMS/M STOIC(P231) 1<sup>st</sup> Lt, (26.4.43-2.7.43)

HMS/M SEANYMPH (P223) 1<sup>st</sup> Lt, (7.7.43-11.11.43)

HMCS AMBLER (Z32) (A) p/v, CO, (26.2.45-2.4.45)

Demobilized [2.8.45]

"For distinguished service in successful patrols in H.M.  
Submarines."

**HM Submarine P-34** attacked a convoy off the North African coast  
consisting of three large freighters escorted by eleven warships  
and three aircraft. They had one hit on a freighter and headed  
for safety. The ship then had eighty plus depth charges sent  
after them and far exceeded the submarine's designed Divisioning  
depth. Lt. Forbes figured out a way to transfer clean water and  
pump it overboard while keeping the bilge water in the submarine  
so as not to give away her position. The submarine escaped her  
pursuers. From a booklet "**The Canadian Wartime Submariners**" by  
J. David Perkins.

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**FORD, James Thomas, Stoker Petty Officer (A-2796) - Mention in  
Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945  
and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Channel, Newfoundland.

**FORD. James Thomas**, A-2796, PO/Stk, RCNR, **MID~[20.1.45]**

"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."**

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**FORREST, William, Electrical Artificer Third Class (V-62170) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 30 March 1946 and London Gazette of 11 December 1945.**

Home: Trail, British Columbia.

**FORREST. William, V-62170, EA 3/cl, RCNVR, MID~[3.3.46]**

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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**FORRESTER, Thomas Houston, Leading Stoker (V-50539) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per London Gazette of 20 June 1944 (no Canada Gazette).**

Home: Nanaimo, British Columbia.

**FORRESTER. Thomas Houston, V-50539, A/L/Stk, RCNVR, DSM~[20.6.44]**

"For bravery in saving shipmates."

**Medals of Leading Stoker Thomas Houston FORRESTER, DSM, RCNVR:**



DSM - 1939/1945 Star - Africa Star - Italy Star - France & Germany  
Star - CVSM & Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal.  
Display and painting in Military Museum in Nanaimo, B.C.

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**FORSTER, Dennis Thompson, Lieutenant (E) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN / HMCS Nabob - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 14 November 1944.**

Home: Enderby, British Columbia.

Naval Cadet in the RCN in 1935 (one of only seven).

To Training Cruiser **HMS Frobisher**.

Engineering Officer in **HMCS Restigouche** in May 1941

Engineering Officer in **HMCS Kootenay** in April 1943

Senior Engineer in **HMCS Warrior** in January 1946.

Engineer Officer in **HMCS Quebec** in April 1954

Post-war, he and his wife Audrey had distinguished careers in the Canada Council and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

**FORSTER, Dennis Thompson, 0-24480, (Enderby, BC)**

Special entry No.43, Cdt(E) [28.8.35] RCN

Mid(E) [1.9.36]

RN Engineering College (1.9.36-?)

A/S/Lt(E) [1.9.38]

S/Lt(E) [1.7.38]

Lt(E) [1.7.39] HMCS RESTIGOUCHE (H00) DD, (18.5.41-?)

HMCS KOOTENAY (H75) DD, (12.4.43-?)

**MBE~[20.1.45]**

A/LCdr(E) (WHA) HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, stand by, (12.5.45-23.1.46)

HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, (24.1.46-?)  
RCNB Halifax, for MTE, OIC, (1.8.46-?)  
LCdr(E) [1.7.47] HMCS ROYAL ROADS(CSC) (7.4.48-?)  
HMCS NIOBE(D/S) Staff Officer(E) (8.9.49-?)  
Cdr(E) [1.7.51] NSHQ (12.11.51-?)  
HMCS QUEBEC (31) LCB, (30.4.54-?)  
HMC Dockyard Halifax, Mgr/El/Eng/Atlantic, (19.8.55-?) CD~[?]  
NSHQ for Asst/Eng/Ch/Small Ships, (23.6.58-?)  
NSHQ for Asst/SupO/Tech(1.12.59-?) (140/40)  
NMCJS/London/Niobe(E50) (21.05.62-?) & (28.12.62-?)  
CFHQ/Adm/Unit(0000) (8.7.65-?)

"For good service when their ship was damaged."  
"For courage, resolution and skill in Northern Waters (London Gazette)."

**HMS Nabob** (Aircraft Carrier) was damaged by **U-354** on 22 August 1944. While she was a Royal Navy ship, she was crewed by Canadians. Twenty-one crew were killed in the attack.

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**FORTUNE, John Terrence Martin, Petty Officer (HSD)** (V-15166) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Waskesiu - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 4 July 1944.  
Home: Prince Rupert, British Columbia.  
He was the Asdic First Operator in **HMCS Waskesiu**.  
**FORTUNE. John Terrance Martin, V-15166, PO/HSD, RCNVR, MID~[9.9.44]**

"For good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine. For courage, resolution and skill in **HMCS Waskesiu** in successful operations against U-Boats in the Atlantic."

Details of **HMCS Waskesiu** (River Class Frigate - K330) sank **U-257** on 24 February 1944 in the mid-Atlantic is described in Chapter 33 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**FOSTER, Frederick Charles, Engine Room Artificer Second Class** (A-2257) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNR / HMCS Eyebright - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.  
Home: Toronto, Ontario. Served in the Engine Room Department of **HMCS Eyebright** (Flower Class Corvette - K150) throughout the ship's entire life starting in October 1940 before she was commissioned on 26 November 1940 and until she was paid off on 17 June 1945. The history of **HMCS Eyebright** can be found on page 76 of "**The Ships of Canada's**

**Naval Forces 1910-1981".**

**FOSTER. Frederick Charles**, A-2257, ERA 2/c1, RCNR, **BEM~[5.1.46]**

"For inestimable devotion to duty and meritorious service over a long period of time. Chief Engine Room Artificer Foster has served aboard **HMCS Eyebright** from October 1940, three months prior to her commissioning until she paid off recently. He has performed his duties in a most exemplary manner and at all times has been a great inspiration to all the ratings in the Engine Room Department. His efforts beyond the call of duty on behalf of the ship and his men, were , in no small measure responsible for the high state of efficiency over a long period at sea of **HMCS Eyebright.**"

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**FOSTER, George William, Stoker First Class** (21412) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / **HMCS Restigouche** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 18 October 1940 (no Canada Gazette).

**HMCS Restigouche** (I) was a River Class Destroyer (H00).

From Winnipeg - joined on 05 January 1937

Served in *Naden, Fraser, Resigouche, Stadacona, Goderich, Cornwallis, Hochelaga II, Niobe, Gatinau, Avalon, Eastview, Peregrine, Thetford Mines, Shelburne, Provider, Scotian, Givenchy, Uganda, Rockcliffe, Portage, Ontario, Athabaskan, and Micmac.* Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) on 05 January 1949, retired as PO (PlEM4) on 01 January 1958.

**FOSTER. George William**, 21412, Stk 1/c1, RCN, **MID~[18.10.40]**

"Mentioned for good services when **HMCS Fraser** was lost."

Details of the sinking of **HMCS Fraser** (River Class Destroyer - H48) in collision with **HMS Calcutta** on 25 June 1940 near Pointe de Courbe light is given in Chapter Two of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945.**"

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**FOULDS, Philip Steele, Temporary Lieutenant (P) - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR / No. 856 RN Squadron on HMS Trumpeter - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 May 1945 and **London Gazette** of 17 April 1945.

Born in Toronto 12 December 1918. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Died in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on 18 April 2017 in his 100<sup>th</sup> year

Educated at Upper Canada College and Trinity College at the University of Toronto, playing hockey for both.

He enjoyed many summers at the family cottage on Go Home Bay.

Phil and Louise (nee Matthew) met at Trinity and were engaged before his deployment in 1940. When he was on leave in 1941, they were married in Louise's hometown of Kingsville where they eventually settled in the Matthew family farmhouse. Joined the RCNVR Supplementary Reserve at HMCS York on 1 October 1939.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant (Temp.), RCNVR on 24 July 1940 at HMCS York. To HMS King Alfred (Officer's Training Establishment) for basic training in 1940.

To HMS Excellent for Anti-Aircraft Gunnery School in 1940.

To DEMS as Anti-Aircraft Guard in English Channel Convoys in 1940.

To RNAS Eastleigh for introduction to flying in 1941.

To RAF Elmdon for **No. 14 Elementary Flying Training School** in #26 Pilot Training Course in 1941.

To RAF Kingston for **No. 31 Service Flying Training Course** in 1941.

To RNAS Crail for operational training.

To RNAS Arbroath (HMS Condor) for deck landing training on 18 August 1941 and trained under Lt(A) Roy Baker-Falkner, DSO, DSC, RN (a Canadian). He did 48 landings in 3 weeks, 21 night and 27 day.

To RNAS Wingfield South Africa for **No. 789 RN Squadron** in 1942.

Promoted Lieutenant (P) (Temp.) RCNVR with seniority dated 24 July 1941 in 1942.

To RNAS Tanga (East African) for **No. 796 RN Squadron** as Senior Pilot in 1943.

To USNAS Lewiston Maine, USA for **No. 738 RN Squadron** in 1944.

To UNNAS Squantum, Maryland, USA for **No. 856 RN Squadron** in 1944.

To RNAS Machrihanish and RNAS Maydown for **No. 856 RN Squadron** in 1944 flying Grumman Avengers in *HMS Premier*.

To **HMS Trumpeter** with **No. 856 RN Squadron** in 1944.

To **HMS Premier** with **No. 856 RN Squadron** as senior pilot in September 1944.

Demobilized on 5 September 1945.

Lieutenant-Commander, (P), RCN(R) on 24 July 1949.

Total Flying Hours was 761 with 81 fixed wing Deck Landings (7 at night).



He flew Swordfish, Albacore and the Avenger.  
Phil worked from 1948 to 1983 for Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts Distillers in Windsor, as an accountant, where he specialized in long-range planning, a role for which he was perfectly suited. He was the most organized person imaginable, each step of any activity meticulously described and scheduled.  
In the mid-1990s, Phil and Louise moved to Toronto to be closer to family members, living first at The Old Mill Towers, and, since 2012, at The Dunfield Retirement Residence.  
Predeceased in 2013 by Louise (Matthew), his cherished wife of 71 years, and by his brother Kenneth in 1998, he is survived by his brother Derek, daughter Barbara Selley (David), grandson Chris Selley, and many Foulds and Strickland nieces and nephews, and their children.

**FOULDS. Philip "Phil" "Fuzzy" Steele**, 0-24710,  
RCNVR in 1939 at York, prom. A/SLt 24.07.40 and Lt(P) 24.07.41.  
Srv'd. HMS *King Alfred*, HMS *Excellent*, RNAS Eastleigh, RAF Elmdon, RAF Kingston, RNAS Crail, RNAS Arbroath, RNAS Wingfield, 789 RN Sqn., USNAS Lewiston, ME (738 RN Sqn.), USNAS Squantum, MA (836 RN Sqn.), 856 RN Sqn., HMS *Trumpeter* (846 RN Sqn.) and HMS *Premier* (Snr. Plt 856 Sqn.).  
**DSC~[5.5.45]** Tsf'd. to Ret'd. List 09.45  
Prom. LCdr(P) (sen. 24.07.49) on Ret'd. List.  
Demobilized [5.9.45]  
LCdr [24.7.49] RCN(R)  
Died in his 100<sup>th</sup> year in Toronto 18/04/17.

"For leadership, skill and daring during an air attack on an enemy convoy whilst serving in, or operating from, **H.M. Ships Norfolk, Bellona, Onslow, Orwell, Onslaught, Trumpeter and Premier** (on the night of 11th - 12th January 1945.)"

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**FOWLER, Frederick Knight, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR**  
/ HMS *Truculent* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 2 January 1945.

Home: St. John, New Brunswick.

**FOWLER. Frederick Knight**, 0-24750, (St. John, NB)  
RCNVR Div Saint John A/S/Lt(Temp) [15.1.40] RCNVR,  
Lt(Temp) [15.1.41]  
HMS/M SCEPTRE (P215) NavO, (17.1.44-25.11.44)  
HMS/M TRUCULENT (P319) NavO, (25.11.44-20.2.45) **MID~[20.1.45]**  
HMS/M UNITED (P44) 1stLt, (20.2.45-9.9.45)  
Demobilized [24.12.45]  
Lt [15.1.42] RCN(R) HMCS Brunswicker, Naval Division Saint John,  
AdC(P) (26.7.46-?) LCdr RCN(R)  
Released [31.3.59]

"For good service in Sceptre during September and October 1944."

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**FOX, John Hamilton, Able Seaman** (V-52123) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Matane - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 March 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 February 1945.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**HMCS Matane** was a River Class Frigate (K444) and had sunk **U-311** on 22 April 1944 in mid-Atlantic.

**FOX. John Hamilton, V-52123, AB, RCNVR, MID~[3.3.45]**

"For outstanding initiative and skill in damage control in saving **HMCS Matane** after a heavy air attack at sea on 20 July 1944."

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**FOXALL, Leslie Lewendon, Acting Lieutenant-Commander** - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Chilliwack - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Chilliwack** (Flower Class Corvette - K131) from 8 April 1941 to 25 May 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Loch Morlich** (Loch Class Frigate - K517) from 17 July 1944 to 25 May 1945.

**FOXALL. Leslie Lewendon, 0-24880 Lt(Temp) [30.7.40] RCNR**

Lt(Temp) [30.7.39]

HMCS CHILLIWACK (K131) Cof, CO stand by, (31.3.41-7.4.41)

HMCS CHILLIWACK (K131) Cof, CO, (8.4.41-?)

HMCS CHILLIWACK (K131) Cof, CO, (9.1.42-25.5.43)

A/LCdr [1.7.42]

**MID~[5.6.43]**

HMS LOCH MORLICH (K517) Fl, stand by (6.3.44-7.3.44)

HMCS MONNOW (K441) Fr, (8.3.44-?)

HMCS LOCH MORLICH (K517) Fl, CO, (17.7.44-25.5.45)

LCdr [1.1.45]

"This Officer, over a period of two and one-half years of sea service, including a considerable length of time in command of one of His Majesty's Canadian corvettes (**HMCS Chilliwack**) on escort duties in the North Atlantic, has consistently displayed a high degree of devotion to duty."

He was in Command when **HMCS Chilliwack** assisted five other Canadian Corvettes (**HMCS St. Laurent, HMCS Battleford, HMC Kenogami, HMCS Napanee** and **HMCS Shediac**) in sinking **U-356** on 27 December 1942, northwest of the Azores. This is described in Chapter 20 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**FRAME, Agnes, Acting Chief Petty Officer Wren** (W-374) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - WRCNS / Senior Steward of an Officers' Training Establishment - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Verdun, Quebec.

**FRAME. Agnes, W-374, A/CPO, WRCNS, BEM~[6.1.45]**

"As Senior Steward of an Officers' Training Establishment, Chief Petty Officer Wren Frame has at all times displayed unflinching cheerfulness, tact and devotion to duty, thereby setting an excellent example to her subordinates."

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**FRANKLIN, Wilfred Roy, Acting Chief Petty Officer** (V-7396) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

**FRANKLIN. Wilfred Roy, V-7396, A/CPO, RCNVR, MID~[5.6.43]**

"This rating displayed devotion and untiring efforts in the performance of his duties as coxswain, and in carrying out Sick Berth Attendant's duties in commendable manner in the rescue and treatment of survivors."

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**FRASER, Gilbert Goodwin, Lieutenant** - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Windflower - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 1942 and **London Gazette** of 11 June 1942.

Appointed Temporary Acting Lieutenant, RCNVR on 6 July 1940.

Lieutenant Fraser was the First Lieutenant of **HMCS Windflower** (Flower Class Corvette - K155).

**FRASER. Gilbert Goodwin, 0-25040, Lt(Temp) [6.7.40] RCNVR,**

HMCS WINDFLOWER (K155) Cof, (22.6.41-?)

HMCS NADEN III (11.5.42-?) **MID~[13.6.42]**

HMCS SANS PEUR (Z02) (P) p/v, (1.11.43-?)

Lt(Temp) [6.7.39]

Demobilized [10.9.45]

"Lieutenant Fraser, during the sinking of **HMCS Windflower**, in spite of recurring disasters and surrounded by explosions and escaping live steam, exhibited steadiness and displayed coolness and gallantry and carried out his duties on board the ship until

she sank to the level of the water, thus setting an inspiring example to those about him. By his courageous conduct, he undoubtedly saved a number of lives."

The sinking of **HMCS Windflower** (Flower Class Corvette - K155) in collision with the Dutch Freighter **S.S. Zypenberg** off St. John's Newfoundland on 7 December 1941 is described in Chapter 9 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**FRASER, James Philip, Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNR / HMCS Waskesiu - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 4 July 1944.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Nootka (I)** (Fundy Class Minesweeper - 125) from 29 January 1941 to 20 July 1941.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Drummondville** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J253) from 30 October 1941 to 12 January 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Waskesiu** (River Class Frigate - K330) from 5 February 1944 to 13 December 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Catharines** (River Class Frigate - K325) from 14 December 1944 to 24 May 1945.

**FRASER, James Phillip**, 0-25140, A/Lt(Temp) [8.9.39] RCNR,

HMCS ADVERSUS( Z37) p/v, CO, (18.9.39-?)

HMCS NOOTKA (J35) m/s, CO, (29.1.41-20.7.41) (StO m/s 30.1.41)

HMCS NOOTKA (J35) m/s, CO, (3.8.41-14.9.41)

HMCS DRUMMONDVILLE(J253) m/s, CO, (30.10.41-16.1.42)

HMCS SASKATOON (K158) Cof, CO, (16.1.42-4.2.42)

HMCS DRUMMONDVILLE (J253) m/s, CO, (5.2.42-12.1.43)

HMCS DRUMMONDVILLE (J253) m/s, CO, (2.3.43-9.5.43)

HMCS ALGOMA (K127) Cof, CO, (1.9.43-10.10.43)

LCdr [1.1.44]

HMCS PORTAGE (J331) m/s, CO, (1.1.44-9.1.44)

HMCS WASKESIU (K330) Fr, CO, (5.2.44-13.12.44) DSC~[9.9.44]

HMCS ST. CATHARINES (K325) Fr, CO, (14.12.44-24.5.45)

Demobilized [5.10.45]

"For good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine. For courage, resolution and skill in **HMCS Waskesiu** in successful operations against U-Boats in the Atlantic."

On 24 February 1944, **HMCS Waskesiu** sank **U-257** in the mid-Atlantic. This action is described in Chapter 33 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". LCdr Fraser had been Commanding Officer for 19 days.

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**FRASER, Walter Reginald, Leading Sick Berth Attendant** (V-11946) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / 29th Canadian MTB Flotilla - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 24 July 1945.

Home: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

See page 115 of "**Operation Sick Bay**". He was the Sick Bay Attendant who worked with Surgeon Lieutenant Leslie as the medical team for the 29<sup>th</sup> Canadian MTB Flotilla. Leslie and Fraser were returning with medical supplies from a local hospital when they saw the explosion.

**FRASER, Walter Reginald**, V-11946, L/SBA, RCNVR, MID~[15.9.45]

"For good services in a fire at Ostend, 14th February 1945."

During the afternoon of 14 February 1945, several flotillas including the 29th Canadian were tied up at Ostend Harbour. Highly volatile gasoline had been washed into the water and became ignited. A wall of flames engulfed the MTBs and five of the eight boats of the 29th Flotilla were destroyed along with seven British boats. There were 26 Canadians and 35 British sailors killed in the fire. For their work on injured crew members, Surgeon Lieutenant Leslie and LSBA Fraser received MIDs.

See page 391 of '**Far Distant Ships**' for details of his role during the fire at Ostend.

Page 236 in '**The Champagne Navy**' describes how Leslie and Fraser were entering Ostend when the first blast shook the city. They were returning with a truckload of medical supplies. On seeing the fire, Leslie and Fraser raced onto the jetty and "performed splendid services in attending to wounded men and worked gallantly under flying rockets and debris rescuing the injured".

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**FRAYER, Conan Rudyard, Captain, VD - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCNVR / Commanding Officer of HMCS Peregrine, RCN Drafting Depot Halifax - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Born in Neepawa in 1903.

Worked for the Great West Life Assurance Company

21 November 1923 - Winnipeg Company, RCNVR

13 August 1927 - promoted Lieutenant

03 August 1935 - promoted LCdr and **Commanding Officer Winnipeg Company**

until 5 April 1940.

01 January 1941 - Commander

20 February 1943 - Awarded **VRD**.

01 January 1944 - Acting Captain.

June 1943 to end of war - Commanding Officer of **HMCS Peregrine**,  
(RCN Drafting Depot at Halifax)

end of War HMCS Peregrine turned into a Demobilization Centre.

20 March 1946 to 20 November 1946 - **Commanding Officer HMCS Chippawa**  
(Winnipeg Naval Reserve Unit)

Returned to Great West Life Assurance Company

Died in 1967

**FRAYER. Conan Rudyard**, 0-25250, RCNVR Company Winnipeg [21.11.23] RCNVR,  
[16.1.24]

A/Lt [13.8.27] LCdr [13.8.35]

RCNVR Company Winnipeg, MB, CO, AdC(P) (13.8.35-5.4.40)

Cdr [1.1.41] VRD~[20.2.43] A/Capt [1.1.44]

HMCS PEREGRINE CO, (1.10.44-?) **OBE~[5.1.46]**

HMCS CHIPPAWA Winnipeg Naval Division, CO, (30.3.46-20.11.46)

Demobilized [31.7.46]

"This most able Officer has given efficient and tireless service since the outbreak of hostilities. As Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Depot for the past two and a half years, this Officer has done an outstanding job in maintaining ships and establishments at their authorized complements, under exceedingly difficult conditions. In addition, he organized and put into force the main Demobilization Centre on the East Coast and has ensured its smooth functioning since V-E Day."

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**FREEBORN, James Douglas, Sick Berth Attendant** (V-34669) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Pictou - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Chapleau, Ontario.

He was 16 years old when he served as Sick Berth Attendant aboard **HMCS Pictou** (Flower Class Corvette - K146) from 30 October 1942 to the end of the war.

His brother was awarded a **Distinguished Flying Cross** (F/O Donald Boyd Freeborn, No. 153 (RAF) Squadron as an RCAF Bomber Pilot and this MID came a few days later.

**FREEBORN. James Douglas**, V-34669, SBA, RCNVR, **MID~[16.6.45]**

"This Sick Berth Attendant has been aboard **HMCS Pictou** since 30 October 1942. During this time, he has been extremely conscientious, cheerful and energetic, and a splendid example to his shipmates. In a recent accident causing a loss of two fingers

to a gunnery rating, the first aid carried out by this Sick Berth Attendant was of the highest order."

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**FREELAND, Harry, Temporary Acting Commander - Distinguished Service Order (DSO)** - RCNR / HMCS Regina - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 November 1943 and **London Gazette** of 29 June 1943. Home: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Lethbridge** (Flower Class Corvette - K160) from 8 September 1941 to 20 October 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Regina** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K234) from 21 October 1942 to 3 September 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Outremont** (Frigate - K.322) from 27 November 1943 to 11 August 1944.

**FREELAND. Harry "The Horse"**, 0-25280, A/Lt(Temp) [17.11.39] RCNR

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (29.11.39-?)

HMCS HUSKY (Z26) (A) p/v, stand by, (11.7.40-22.7.40)

HMCS HUSKY (Z26) (A) p/v, (23.7.40-?)

HMCS LETHBRIDGE (K160) Cof, CO, (25.6.41-?)

HMCS LETHBRIDGE (K160) Cof, CO, (8.9.41-20.10.42)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.42]

HMCS REGINA (K234) Cof, CO, (21.10.42-3.9.43) LCdr [1.1.43]

HMCS OUTREMONT (K322) Fr, stand by, (20.10.43-26.11.43)

**DSO~[13.11.43]**

HMCS OUTREMONT (K322) Fr, CO, (27.11.43-11.8.44)

A/Cdr(Temp) [1.7.44]

HMCS LONGUEUIL (K672) Fr, (5.9.44-?)

HMCS LONGUEUIL (K672) Fr, (4.1.45-?)

HMCS PROTECTOR (D/S) CoSt, (11.6.45-?)

Cdr [1.1.46] RCN(R)

Sydney, NS, SNO, (28.3.46-?) Demobilized [3.3.47]

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

Details of the sinking of **Italian Submarine Avorio** by **HMCS Regina** on 8 February 1943 off Algeria in the Mediterranean is described in Chapter 24 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Outremont** (Revised Flower Class Frigate - K322) from 29 November 1943 to 11 August 1944.

**FREELAND, Harry, Acting Commander, DSO - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCNR / HMCS Outremont - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

"This Officer has served almost continuously at sea for the past

five years, and has been in command since the spring of 1940. He has at all times, and often in the presence of the enemy, proven a cool and capable leader, and by consistently displaying outstanding qualities of loyalty to duty, he has set an example to others in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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**FREEMAN, Russell, Gunner (T) - Mention in Despatches** - RCN - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cordova** (Minesweeper - 158) from 01 June 1955 to 12 April 1957.

**FREEMAN, Russell**, 0-25360, Gnr(T) [17.2.43] RCN,  
HMCS KOOTENAY (H75) DD, stand by, (30.3.43-11.4.43)  
HMCS KOOTENAY (H75) DD, (12.4.43-?)  
HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, (29.11.44-?) **MID~[1.1.45]**  
HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (4.9.45-?) Lt\* [1.7.48]  
HMCS HURON (216) DD, stand by, (13.1.50-27.2.50)  
HMCS HURON (216) DD, (28.2.50-?) CD~[?]  
RCNB Halifax JOLT/Course (22.2.52-?)  
RCNB Halifax for TAS/Course, (2.2.53-?)  
RCNB Esquimalt, (25.5.53-?)  
HMCS CORDOVA (158) MCB, **CO**, (1.6.55-12.4.57)  
LCdr [28.7.57]  
NSHQ for Undersea/Warfare/Mine/Countermeasures/Section, (1.9.57-?) (130/13)  
NSHQ(D30) St/Ch/Pers, (3.10.60-?)  
NMCJS/London/Niobe (E50) (6.2.61-?)  
NSHQ(D50) (12.8.63-?)  
HMCS CRESCENT(226) DDE, **XO**, (26.7.65-?)

"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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**FRENCH, Cyril John, Leading Seaman** (V-11558) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / MTB 459 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Served aboard MTB 459.

**FRENCH, Cyril John**, V-11558, LS, 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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**FREWER, John De La Fosse, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS St. Boniface - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Matapedia** (Flower Class Corvette - K112) from 27 April 1943 to 12 May 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Boniface** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J332) from 13 May 1944 to 14 April 1945.

**FREWER. John de la Fosse**, 0-25450, Lt(Temp) [5.11.40] RCNVR  
HMCS MATAPEDIA (K112) Cof, CO, (27.4.43-12.5.44)  
HMCS ST BONIFACE (J332) m/s, CO, (13.5.44-14.4.45)  
A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45] **MID~[6.1.45]** Demobilized [29.8.45]  
**King Haakon VII Freedom Medal (Norway)~[1.12.48]**

"This Officer served with the Royal Navy in the early years of the war and was returned to Canada when his ship was sunk by enemy action. During the last two years, he has served as XO and CO of minesweepers and escort vessels on the Atlantic Coast of Canada under most trying and arduous conditions. By his outstanding zeal, cheerfulness and devotion to duty, he has at all times set a fine example to those serving under him."

**FREWER, John de la Fosse, Lieutenant-Commander - King Haakon VII Freedom Medal (Norway)** - RCN - Awarded effective 1 December 1948 (no Canada/London Gazette).

"Awarded by His Majesty, King Haakon of Norway."

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**FREWER, Philip George, Lieutenant - 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.

**FREWER. Philip, George**, 0-25460, S/Lt(Temp) [?] RCNVR,  
HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, (1.7.43-?)  
Lt(Temp) [22.12.43] Lt(Temp) [22.7.42] **MID~[9.9.44]**  
HMCS QU'APPELLE (H69) DD, (26.2.45-?) Demobilized [22.10.45]

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

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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**FRIEST, Howard Kenneth, Able Seaman** (V-49568) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / **HMCS Snowberry** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Riverside, Ontario.  
**FRIEST. Howard Kenneth, V-49568, AB, RCNVR, MID~[6.1.45]**

"This rating was recommended when serving as Trainer of the 4" guns crew when a surfaced enemy U-Boat was destroyed the night of November 19-20th, 1943. Since that time, he has carried out his duties in an exemplary manner both on support group and escort group work in the North Atlantic. This rating has served for over a year in the North Atlantic."

**HMCS Snowberry** (Flower Class Corvette - K166) and **HMCS Calgary** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K231) sunk **U-536** on 20 November 1943 north-east of the Azores. This action is described in Chapter 31 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**FRYER, James Nolan, Chief Petty Officer** (V-5172) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Montreal, Quebec.  
**FRYER. James Nolan, V-5172, CPO, RCNVR, MID~[3.10.44]**

"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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**FULLER, Bernard George, Engine Room Artificer Third Class** (V-12826) -

**Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Edmonton, Alberta.

**FULLER. Bernard George**, V-12826, ERA 3/c1, RCNVR, **MID~[6.1.45]**

"Engine Room Artificer Fuller, having served at sea since enlisting, has consistently carried out his duties in a manner worthy of high commendation, displaying outstanding zeal and wholehearted devotion to duty."

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**FULLER, Thomas George, Temporary Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR / HM MTB - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 14 July 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

He operated a construction company in Ottawa before the war.

After being turned down by the Air Force even though he was already a pilot, he joined the Navy and sailed from Montreal to England and King Alfred.

To **HMS Leitia**, **HMS Chitral** and **HMS Chitral** (all Armed Merchant Cruisers) to learn navigation for 4 1/2 months.

To HMS Christopher at Fort William, Scotland, for small-boat training.

His first appointment was as Second Lieutenant on a harbour defence motor launch in Belfast.

He was then given Command of **Motor Anti-Submarine Boat (MASB-49)** based at Dover.

Next was with the Second MGB Flotilla in Command of **MGB-11** again out of Dover.

He then went to HMS Vernon for a torpedo course.

Then back to Dover with a new boat. This boat was destroyed on 1 August 1942.

He went home to Canada and returned to the UK on the **Queen Elizabeth**. At Southwick, he took over **MTB-654**, a new 'D' Class MTB and then sailed for the Mediterranean.

On the way three, the convoy of MTBs was attacked by a Focke-Wulfe Condor aircraft 800 miles due west of Cap Finisterre and one of them was set on fire. He picked up 26 survivors from a German submarine that had been sunk. One of the survivors was a cook from the submarine and he signed him into the Royal Navy and made them their cook! They made it to Gibraltar and then to Bone, North Africa. They moved to



Malta before the invasion of Sicily.

Served as Flotilla Commander in the Mediterranean and gained the nickname of 'Pirate of the Adriatic' for his commando-like raids on shipping and for turning much of the booty over to Tito and the partisans. Chapter 11 of "**Salty Dips, Volume 1**" has a detailed record of Fuller's career written by him. After the war, was Commanding Officer of HMCS Carleton (Ottawa Naval Reserve Division) from 1945 to 1951. He returned to construction and was involved in much of the building work in the Ottawa region over the years. Very active in local charities helping young people and the underprivileged. He died on 9 May 1994, age 86, in Ottawa.

**FULLER, Thomas George**, 0-25620, Lt(Temp) [4.9.39] RCNVR

**DSC~**[14.7.42] **Bar to DSC~**[20.1.44] **2nd Bar to DSC~**[29.4.44] **MID~**[20.1.45]

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

HMCS NADEN for RCNB Esquimalt, CO, (15.2.45-?)

A/Cdr(Temp) (WHA) Demobilized [7.1.46] Cdr [7.1.46] RCN(R)

HMCS CARELTON Ottawa Naval Division, CO, (22.1.48-?)

"For skill, bravery and resolution while serving in HM Motor Torpedo Boats and Motor Gun Boats in an attack on an Enemy Convoy near the French Coast."

**FULLER, Thomas George, Temporary Lieutenant, DSC - BAR to Distinguished Service Cross (DSC\*) - RCNVR / HM MTB Aegean Ops - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 29 April 1944 and London Gazette of 4 April 1944.**

"For good service in Aegean operations." (Canada Gazette)

"For undaunted courage, determination and endurance in **H.M. Sirius, Penelope, Carlisle, Aurora, Belvoir, Hurworth, Echo, Faulkner, Pathfinder, Penn, Fury, Beaufort, Eclipse, Rockwood, Dulverton, Croume, Aldenham, Blencathra, the Polish Ship Krakowlak, the Greek Ship Adrias and Light Coastal Forces** in many sweeps against enemy shipping in the Aegean under fierce and constant attack from the air, and in maintaining supplies to the Islands of Kos and Lemos until they fell to superior enemy forces."

**FULLER, Temporary Thomas George, Acting Temporary Lieutenant-Commander, DSC\* - Second BAR to Distinguished Service Cross (DSC\*\*) - RCNVR / HM MTB Med - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1944 and London Gazette of 5 September 1944.**

"For great courage, determination and skill in operations in Light Coastal Craft."



LCdr Thomas Fuller, left, with Lieutenant Tommy Ladner, Lieutenant Doug Maitland and LCdr Cornelius Burke after receiving the DSCs.

**FULLER, Thomas George, Acting Lieutenant-Commander, DSC\*\* - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HM MTB - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944.

"For great skill and daring while serving in Light Coastal Craft in a series of sharp and successful encounters with enemy forces in the Adriatic and Aegean."

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**FUNNELL, James Ernest, Stoker First Class (M)** (V-36559) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 March 1945.

Home: Lansdowne, Ontario.

**FUNNELL. James Ernest** V-36559, Stoker 1/cl(M), RCNVR, **MID~[21.4.45]**

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

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**FURLONG, Michael Percy, Petty Officer** (A-811) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**FURLONG. Michael Percy**, A-811, PO, RCNR, **MID~[5.6.43]**

"This rating has shown outstanding devotion to duty, coolness and skill when employed on dangerous duties in connection with transportation of ammunition."

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**FYFFE, George Miller, Acting Leading Seaman (DG) (V-6443) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / SS Lady Drake - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.**

**FYFFE. George Miller, 0-25720 (Ottawa, ON)**  
A/LS, V-6443, RCNVR, **BEM~[5.1.46]**  
Ord/Lt [19.7.44] RCN(R)  
NSHQ for Staff Officer Ord/Pers, [12.3.51-?)  
Ord/Lt [19.7.44] RCN(SS 3 June 51-2 June 1954)  
Ord/LCdr [19.7.52]  
RCNB Esquimalt additional (31.7.53-?)  
NAD Halifax, (13.10.53-?)  
HMCS IROQUOIS (217) DDE, (15.2.54-?)  
HMCS IROQUOIS (217) DDE, (19.12.55-?)  
NSHQ (10.2.56-?)  
HMCS ALGONQUIN(224) DDE, Asst/Sqn/Tech, (27.6.58-?)  
CD~[?]  
HMCS IROQUOIS (217) DDE, CANCOMCORRON 1, Asst/Sqn/Tech, (28.11.58-?)  
LCdr (140/50)  
FOAC (E00) St/FOAC, (27.5.60-9.7.62)  
NSHQ (D72) (9.7.62 - 22.3. 64)  
HMCS BYTOWN(E48) (22.3.64-?)

"This Officer, prior to receiving his commission, served as a Defensively Equipped Merchant Ship's Gunlayer, and was at sea almost continuously for three years. He was twice torpedoed, once on the **S.S. Lady Drake** in May 1942, off Algiers, on the **S.S. Ocean Vanquisher** in December, 1942, also off Algiers. The **Ocean Vanquisher** was saved largely through the efforts of the Defensively Equipped Merchant Ship's gunners aboard under direction of this gunlayer. During his service as gunlayer aboard several Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships, he displayed an exceptional ability to take charge and to gain confidence of those working with him."

The citation is wrong. The **S.S. Lady Drake** was not torpedoed off Algiers but was torpedoed by **U-106** 190 miles North of Bermuda (35-43N, 64-43W) at about 2100 hours 04 May 1942. Six passengers and six crew were killed; the other 260 / 274 passengers / crew made away safely in 5 boats and were picked up 3 days later by an American minesweeper.

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