

Air Marshal George Mitchell Croil, CBE, AFC
Senior Air Officer (C65)
1934 to 1938
Chief of the Air Staff
04 August 1938 to 01 May 1940

Born: 05 June 1893 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
 Emigrated: 1904 Montreal, Quebec
 1st Cousin US Army AF BGen William Lendrum "Billy" Mitchell, USAAF
 Married: 05 June 1923 Ailsa Swabey Arnold (in High River)
 Children: 5
 Died: 08 April 1959 Vancouver, British Columbia



Honours

CG 09/01/1943	CBE	Commander of the Order of the British Empire	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF
LG 03/06/1919+	AFC	Air Force Cross	Captain	RAF
LG 08/02/1919+	Croix	Croix de Guerre (France)	Captain	RAF
LG 06/1919+	MID	Mentioned-in-Despatches	Captain	RAF

Education

Robert Gordon College Aberdeen
 Private Tutor Civil Engineering (Granted a British Engineering Certificate)

Civilian

1912 A/Superintendent Mahawale Tea & Rubber Estate in Ratnapura, Ceylon

Military

09/1914	Lieutenant	5 th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders (British Army) as a Machine-Gun Officer
15/01/1915	Captain	Company Commander Gordon Highlanders
01/05/1916	Captain	Seconded to the Royal Flying Corps – Trained as Pilot
01/07/1916	Captain	Earns his Wings
24/07/1916	Flying Officer	Transfer to Royal Flying Corps – Flying Instructor Middle East
1917	Lieutenant	No. 47 Squadron RFC in the Aegean and Egypt Bomber Pilot
01/04/1918	Captain	Royal Air Force – Flying Instructor No. 57 and No. 58 Sqd.
1918	Captain	Flying Instructor with No. 169 and No. 19 Training Squadron
1918	Captain	Station Commander at a Training Depot
1918	Acting Major	Acting Commander of the 69 th Training Wing
20/04/1919	Major	Promoted Major in the Royal Air Force – 1100 hours Flying 18 a/c
28/02/1920	Major	Canadian Air Board
01/06/1920	Major	Air Station Superintendent at Morley and High River Alberta
1921	Major	High River Alberta (Forestry Patrols, Army Co-Operation Exercises)
28/02/1923	Squadron Leader	Canadian Air Force
01/04/1924	Squadron Leader	Royal Canadian Air Force (One of the 62 Original RCAF Officers)
01/10/1924	Squadron Leader	Officer's Staff Course at Royal Military College Kingston
01/03/1925	Squadron Leader	RAF Staff College at Andover
1926	Squadron Leader	Flying Instructors Course at RAF Cranwell
17/01/1927	Wing Commander	Commanding Officer RCAF Station Camp Borden
31/12/1933	Wing Commander	Imperial Defence College in London
01/01/1934	Group Captain	RCAF Senior Air Officer
01/01/1935	Air Commodore	Senior Air Officer with a Seat on the Defence Council
04/08/1938	Air Vice-Marshal	Chief of the Air Staff independent of the Army
19/11/1938	Air Vice-Marshal	Senior Air Officer to the Chief of the Air Staff
01/05/1940	Air Vice-Marshal	Inspector of the RCAF
02/07/1944	Air Marshal	Retired from the RCAF on this day – Position of Inspector RCAF cancelled

Air Marshal George Mitchell Croil, CBE, AFC
Inspector of the RCAF (C65)
1940 to 1944

Medals: CBE – AFC – British War Medal – Victory Medal with MID – 1939/1945 Star – CVSM and Clasp – 1939/1945 War Medal – EIIR Coronation Medal - Croix de Guerre (France)



Citation to his WWI Mentioned in Despatches: “For consistent devotion to duty whilst a Flight Commander in a Training Squadron and for his determination on the following two occasions”. December 6, 1917 – When on information being received that a pilot had got lost on the way to Akaba from Suez where he had been sent to retrieve Major T.E. Lawrence by air, Captain Croil set out in search of this officer making repeated searches for the missing pilot and machine along the way. Picking up Major Lawrence at Akaba, Captain Croil returned him to Suez all the while continuing to search and inquire about the missing pilot and aircraft. December 23, 1917 – When a party organized by Captain G.M. Croil set out to search for a machine which had been reported as missing on a flight between Suez and Akaba, one of the machines of the search party having had engine failure, landed in the desert half way between the two points. Captain Croil showed great resource by flying into high winds and a sandstorm while leading two other aircraft carrying mechanics, spare parts and fuel for the disabled machine. Reaching the downed aircraft, repairs were quickly carried out. The return flight against gale force winds was most difficult as blowing sand obscured the whole countryside. Also, two of the three pilots were mere students. Keeping his flight on the right compass heading, Captain Croil showed great skill as he flew behind them, safely shepherding his charges home. The journey, which was normally an hour in duration, took three due to the adverse weather conditions.”

Citation to the Air Force Cross:

“For Distinguished Services in the Middle East during the War while he was serving at No. 32 Training Wing.”

Citation to the Commander of the Order of the British Empire:

“This officer’s extensive experience and devotion to duty over a considerable period of time has marked him as an officer of exceptional ability. Prior to the opening of hostilities he held the appointment of Chief of the Air Staff and as such was largely instrumental in drawing up the BCATP and in laying plans for the future development of the Plan. As Inspector General his worth was outstanding both in his efforts in the measures taken for the defence of Canada and in his suggestions for the improvement of morale and discipline of the service. His leadership and mature judgement has been invaluable in the direction of the RCAF”.



Air Chief Marshal Lloyd Samuel Breadner, CB, DSC, RCAF
Chief of the Air Staff (C39)
29 April 1940 to 01 January 1944

Born: 14 July 1894 Carleton Place, Ontario
 Married: Mary Evelyn
 Died: 14 March 1952 Boston, Massachusetts age 52

Honours

CG 01/09/1943	CB	Companion of the Order of the Bath
LG 23/05/1917+	DSC	Distinguished Service Cross
LG 01/05/1945+	Grand Officer	Grand Officer Cross of the Order of Polonia Resituta (Poland)
CG 05/10/1946	Class II	Order of the White Lion (Czechoslovakia)
CG 21/12/1946	Commander	Legion of Merit (USA)
CG 20/09/1947	Commander	Legion of Honour (France)
CG 12/06/1948	Cross	King Haakon VII's Cross of Liberty (Norway)
LG 01/05/1945+	Grand Officer	The Order of Polonia Restituta (Poland)

“For conspicuous gallantry and skill in leading his patrol against hostile formations. He has himself brought down three hostile machines and forced several others to land. On the 6th April, 1917, he drove down a hostile machine which was wrecked while attempting to land in a ploughed field. On the morning of the 11th April, 1917, he destroyed a hostile machine which fell in flames, brought down another in a spinning nose dive with one wing folded up, and forced a third to land.” (DSC Citation)

Military

1915	Mr	Pilot's Certificate at Wright Flying School
28/12/1915	Sub-Lieutenant	Royal Naval Air Service
1916	Lieutenant	No. 3 Naval Squadron on the Western Front as a Fighter Pilot
31/12/1916	Flight Lieutenant	Royal Naval Air Service
XXX	Flight Lieutenant	Royal Air Force
03/1919	Major	Royal Air Force – released
1920	Squadron Leader	Royal Air Force
1922	Squadron Leader	Controller of Civil Aviation in Canada
15/01/1924	Squadron Leader	Commanding Officer Camp Borden
1924	Squadron Leader	Royal Canadian Air Force
23/09/1925	Squadron Leader	End Command of Camp Borden
01/04/1924	Wing Commander	RAF Staff College
15/02/1928	Wing Commander	Director of the RCAF
29/04/1932	Wing Commander	Commanding Officer RCAF Station Trenton
1935	Wing Commander	Imperial Defence College
01/02/1935	Group Captain	RCAF
04/08/1938	Air Commodore	RCAF
29/04/1940	Air Commodore	Chief of the Air Staff
19/11/1941	Air Marshal	Chief of the Air Staff
01/01/1944	Air Marshal	Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RCAF Overseas
30/11/1944	Air Marshal	Flying Officer Lloyd Breadner, his son, killed in a Mosquito at Debart
25/11/1945	Air Chief Marshal	On retirement from the RCAF – First Canadian to be an ACM

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Air Marshal Robert Leckie, CB, DSO, DSC, DFC, CD
RCAF Chief of Staff (C11922)
01 January 1944 to 01 July 1947

Born: 16 April 1890 Glasgow, Scotland
Migrated: Canada Toronto, Ontario
Died: 31 March 1975 Ottawa, Ontario (age 84)



Honours

CG 06/06/1943	CB	Companion of the Order of the Bath	Air Vice-Marshal RCAF
LG 17/06/1918+	DSO	Distinguished Service Order	Flight Commander RNAS
CG 22/06/1917	DSC	Distinguished Service Cross	Flight Sub-Lieutenant RNAS * ¹
LG 21/09/1918+	DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross	Captain RAF
1952	CD	Canadian Forces Decoration and 2 bars	Air Marshal RCAF
1988	COF	Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame	Air Marshal RCAF
01/05/1945	Grand Officer	Order of Polonia Restituta	Poland Air Marshal RCAF
18/06/1946	Commander	Legion of Merit	USA Air Marshal RCAF
12/07/1948	Cross	King Haakon VII's Cross of Liberation	Norway Air Marshal RCAF
20/09/1947	Commander	Legion of Honour	France Air Marshal RCAF
05/10/1946	Class II	Order of the White Lion	Czechoslovakia AM RCAF
17/07/1948	Grand Officer	Order of the Crown	Belgium Air Marshal RCAF

Promotions

06/12/1915	Temporary Flight Sub-Lieutenant	RNAS	Royal Naval Air Service
06/12/1915	Flight Sub-Lieutenant	RNAS	Royal Naval Air Service
30/06/1917	Flight Lieutenant	RNAS	Royal Naval Air Service
31/12/1917	Flight Commander	RNAS	Royal Naval Air Service
01/04/1918	Temporary Captain	RAF	Royal Air Force
08/08/1918	Temporary Major	RAF	Royal Air Force
25/03/1919	Acting Lieutenant-Colonel	RAF	Royal Air Force
01/08/1919	Squadron Leader	RAF	Royal Air Force
01/01/1926	Wing Commander	RAF	Royal Air Force
01/01/1933	Group Captain	RAF	Royal Air Force
01/01/1937	Acting Air Commodore	RAF	Royal Air Force
05/08/1941	Acting Air Vice-Marshal	RAF	Royal Air Force
1942	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF	Royal Canadian Air Force (Transfer to RCAF)
01/01/1944	Air Vice-Marshal	RAF	Royal Canadian Air Force
01/01/1944	Air Marshal	RCAF	Royal Canadian Air Force



¹ * Since May 1917, he had done 18 flights to north Holland (85 hours), been in action with Zeppelins with times, been in action with seaplanes twice, been shelled by enemy warships four times, rescued crew of DH.4 (05 September 1917), sank a submarine (20 February 1918) and was involved in the destruction of L-22 on 14 May 1917.

Air Marshal Robert Leckie, CB, DSO, DSC, DFC, CD
RCAF Chief of Staff (C11922)
01/1944 to 08/1947



Military

1914	Lieutenant	1 st Central Ontario Regiment
1915	Mr	Flight Training in Toronto
06/12/1915	Prob. Flight Sub-Lt	Royal Naval Air Service – Untrained Pilot RNAS
06/12/1915	Flight Sub-Lt	Royal Naval Air Service – to Chingford
16/06/1916	Flight Sub-Lt	Royal Naval Air Service (Seniority 06 December 1915)
19/06/1916	Flight Sub-Lt	RNAS Felixstowe
04/09/1916	Flight Sub-Lt	RNAS Yarmouth
14/05/1917	Flight Sub-Lt	Downed German Zeppelin L22 near Terschelling Curtiss H12 Flying Boat over the North Sea
30/06/1917	Flight Lieutenant	Royal Naval Air Service
31/12/1917	Flight Commander	Royal Naval Air Service
01/01/1918	Temporary Captain	RAF - Royal Naval Air Service becomes Royal Air Force
06/08/1918	Temporary Major	Downed German Zeppelin L70 north of the Wells-next-the-Sea DH.4 Biplane – Leckie a Gunner in the aircraft
08/08/1918	Temporary Major	To Southeast Area, No. 4 Group
25/03/1919	Acting LCol	RAF – Officer Commanding, No. 1 Wing Canadian Air Force
01/08/1919	Major	RAF – Permanent Commission as Major
01/08/1919	Major	Relinquish his Commission in the 1 st Central Ontario Regiment
20/08/1918	Squadron Leader	No. 228 (RAF) Squadron (Curtis H12 at Felixstowe & F2A)
16/12/1919	Squadron Leader	Director of Flying Operations for the Canadian Air Board
1920	Squadron Leader	RAF – Planned and initiated the Trans-Canada Flight.
27/05/1922	Squadron Leader	RAF – to staff of No.1 School of Technical Training (Boys) at Halton
25/09/1922	Squadron Leader	RAF – to Royal Naval Staff College for course
05/07/1923	Squadron Leader	RAF – Headquarters Coastal Area Technical Staff
01/01/1926	Wing Commander	RAF
30/03/1926	Wing Commander	RAF – OC Flying of RAF Unit aboard <i>HMS Hermes</i>
21/02/1927	Wing Commander	RAF – OC Flying of RAF Unit aboard <i>HMS Courageous</i>
05/09/1929	Wing Commander	RAF – Officer Commanding RAF Bircham Newton
11/04/1931	Wing Commander	RAF – Officer Commanding No. 210 (RAF) Squadron Pembroke Dock
1932		Southampton II / Trial types 210 Sqd took 3 planes to Baltic Ports
01/01/1933	Group Captain	RAF
30/01/1933	Group Captain	Superintendent of RAF Reserve & Officer Commanding RAF Hendon
21/01/1935	Group Captain	Officer Commanding RAF Hendon
21/08/1935	Group Captain	Appointed as an Additional Air ADC to the King
01/07/1936	Group Captain	Appointed Air ADC to the King
03/10/1936	Group Captain	Director of Training RAF
01/01/1937	Acting Air Cmdre	RAF
1938	Acting Air Cmdre-	Air Officer Commanding Mediterranean - based in Malta
1940	Air Commodore	In charge of RAF Training Operations in Canada – form BCATP
04/11/1940	Air Commodore	Appointed to Canadian Air Board and Director of Training RCAF
05/08/1941	A/Air Vice-Marshal	RAF
1942	Air Vice-Marshal	Transfer from RAF to RCAF
06/04/1943	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF – Substantive AVM – Acting Chief of Staff RCAF
01/01/1944	Air Marshal	RCAF Chief of Air Staff
14/09/1946	Air Marshal	Honorary Mexican Pilot’s Wings awarded
01/07/1947	Air Marshal	Retires

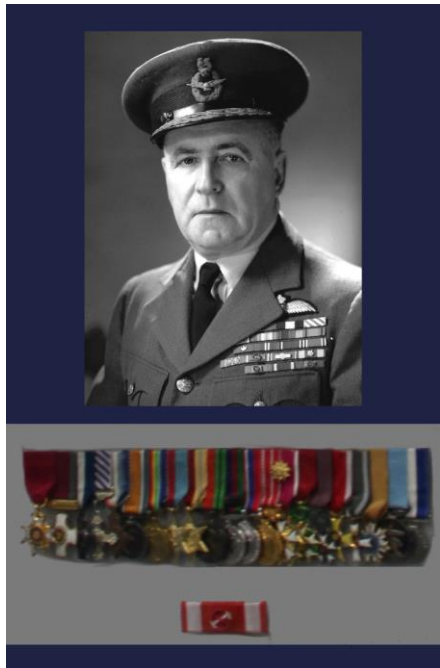
**Air Marshal Robert Leckie, CB, DSO, DSC, DFC, CD
RCAF Chief of Staff (C11922)**

Distinguished Service Order - awarded as per London Gazette dated 17 May 1918.

For services in action with enemy submarines.

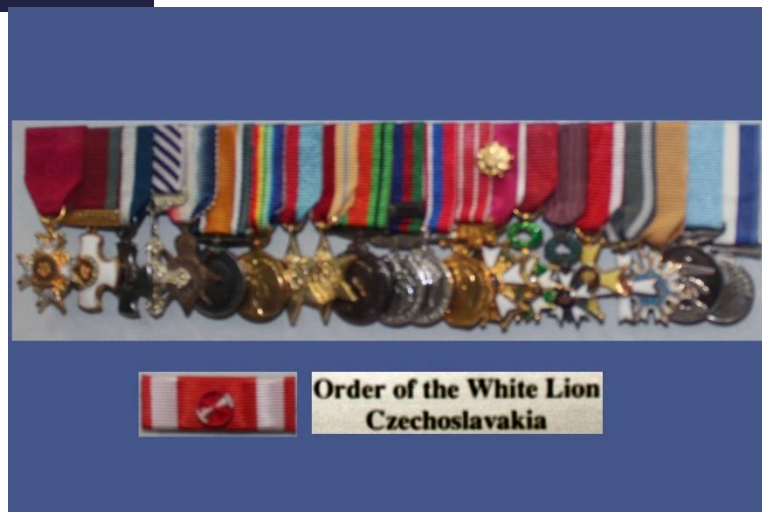
Distinguished Flying Cross – awarded as per London Gazette dated 21 September 1918.

Captain Robert Leckie with two other officers, attacked and destroyed a large enemy airship, which recently attempted a raid on the northeast coast, and also succeeded in damaging a second airship. The services rendered on this occasion were of the greatest value, and the personal risk was very considerable for aeroplanes a long way out from land.





Medals:

CB – DSO – DSC – DFC – 1914/1915 Star - Victory Medal – BWM – African Star - Defence Medal – CVSM with Clasp – 1939/1945 War Medal – King George V Silver Jubilee Medal – King George VI Coronation Medal – CD and 2 bars - Grand Officer Order of Polonia Restituta (Poland) – Commander Legion of Merit (USA) – King Haakon VII's Cross of Liberation (Norway) – Commander Legion of Honour (France) - Class II Order of the White Lion (Czechoslovakia) - Grand Officer Order of the Crown (Belgium)



Air Marshal Wilfred ('Wilf') Austin Curtis, OC, CB, CBE, DSC & Bar, ED, CD
Chief of the Air Staff (C317)
01 July 1947 to 11 January 1953

Born:	12/08/1893	Havelock, Ontario	
Wife:		Pearl Burford (a Concert Pianist)	
Son:	30/08/1928	Wilfred A. Curtis II – LCol and Commanding Officer 400 Squadron	
Son:		Glenn H. Curtis	\ son Patrick an HCol of 400 Squadron
Daughter		Rhonna Curtis	
Died:	14/08/1977	Toronto, Ontario	

Honours

CG 01/07/1972	OC	Officer of the Order of Canada		Air Marshal RCAF
CG 15/07/1967	SM	Service Medal of the Order of Canada		Air Marshal RCAF
CG 15/06/1946	CB	Companion of the Order of the Bath		Air Marshal RCAF
CG 05/06/1943	CBE	Commander of the Order of the British Empire		Air Vice-Marshal
1973	COP	Member Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame		Air Marshall RCAF
LG 19/12/1917+	DSC	Distinguished Service Cross		Flight Lieutenant RNAS
LG 16/03/1918+	Bar to DSC	Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross		Flight Commander RN
1945	ED	Efficiency Decoration		
1952	CD	Canadian Forces Decoration		
CG 13/07/1946	Commander	Legion of Merit	USA	Air Marshal RCAF
CG 20/09/1947	Chevalier	Legion of Honour	France	Air Marshal RCAF
CG 20/09/1947	Croix	Croix de Guerre with Bronze Palm	France	Air Marshal RCAF
CG 17/11/1951	Commander	Military Order of Italy	Italy	Air Marshal RCAF

Aircraft Shot Down

4	Destroyed	(3 of which were shared victories)
9	Drove down	(2 of which was shared)

Military

1915	Unknown	Canadian Army
11/08/1916	Prob. Flight Sub-Lt	Royal Naval Air Service – Untrained Pilot RNAS
11/08/1916	Flight Sub-Lt	Royal Naval Air Service – to England
21/10/1917	Flight Lieutenant	RNAS – Awarded DSC
01/04/1918	Captain	Royal Air Force (RNAS amalgamated with the RFC)
1919	Civilian	<u>Owned his own Insurance Company in Toronto</u>
1920 – 1930	Officer	Toronto Scottish Regiment (Militia)
1933	Squadron Leader	Formation of No. 10 (Army Co-operation) Squadron
1935	Squadron Leader	Officer Commanding No. 10 (Army Co-operation) Squadron
01/09/1939	Air Commodore	RCAF Headquarters
1941	Air Vice-Marshal	Deputy Air Officer Commanding RCAF Overseas in London
1944	Air Vice-Marshal	Member of Canadian Air Council
01/07/1947	Air Marshal	Chief of the Air Staff
1953	Air Marshal	Retired from the RCAF
1953	Vice-Chairman	A.V. Roe (Canada) Ltd and then Hawker Siddeley (Canada) Ltd.
	Honorary W/C	No. 400 (City of Toronto) RCAF Squadron
1960	Chancellor	York University
	Chairman	Canadian Opera Company



**Air Marshal Wilfred ('Wilf') Austin Curtis, OC, CB, CBE, DSC & Bar, ED, CD
Chief of the Air Staff (C317)**

Medals:

Officer of the Order of Canada	OC
Companion of the Order of the Bath	CB
Commander of the Order of the British Empire	CBE
Distinguished Service Cross and Bar	DSC & Bar
British War Medal	
Victory Medal with MID	
Africa Star	
Defence Medal	
CVSM and Clasp	
1939/1945 War Medal	
King George VI Coronation Medal	
EIIR Coronation Medal	
Centennial Medal	
EIIR Silver Jubilee Medal	
Efficiency Decoration	ED
Air Efficiency Medal	
Commander of the Legion of Merit	USA
Chevalier of the Legion of Honour	France
Croix de Guerre with Bronze Palm	France
Commander of the Military Order of Italy	Italy



Air Marshal Charles Roy Slemon, CB, CBE, CD
Chief of the Air Staff (C71)
11 January 1953 to 1957

Born: 07 November 1904 Winnipeg, Manitoba
Died: 12 February 1992 Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA

Honours

CG 06/01/1945	CB	Companion of the Order of the Bath		Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF
CG 05/06/1943	CBE	Commander of the Order of the British Empire		Group Captain	RCAF
LG 01/06/1943+	MID	Mentioned in Despatches		Group Captain	RCAF
LG 01/06/1945+	MID	Mentioned in Despatches		Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF
LG 01/06/1946+	MID	Mentioned in Despatches		Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF
CG 13/07/1946	Officer	Legion of Merit	USA	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF
CG 20/09/1947	Chevalier	Legion of Honour	France	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF
CG 20/09/1947	Croix	Croix de Guerre with Palm	France	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF

Education

1926 - 1928 Engineering University of Manitoba

Military

1923	Prov. Pilot Officer	Canadian Air Force – Trained as a pilot
1924	Prov. Pilot Officer	Awarded Pilot's Wings
01/04/1924	Prov. Pilot Officer	Royal Canadian Air Force (one of the 1 st Junior Officers in RCAF)
01/04/1925	Pilot Officer	RCAF Station Camp Borden
26/05/1925	Pilot Officer	RCAF Station Borden
01/04/1926	Flying Officer	RCAF – granted special leave to earn BSc in Engineering U. of Man.
01/04/1929	Flight Lieutenant	RCAF
01/12/1929	Flight Lieutenant	Attend Navigation Course in Calshot, England
25/05/1930	Flight Lieutenant	RCAF Station Winnipeg – Arctic & sub-Arctic Photographic Flying
17/06/1931	Flight Lieutenant	Temporary Duty at Buffalo Park
27/09/1931	Flight Lieutenant	RCAF Station Winnipeg – more Arctic flying
1935	Squadron Leader	Operations Staff Air Force Headquarters
01/07/1936	Wing Commander	RCAF Operations Staff Air Force Headquarters
1937	Wing Commander	RAF Staff College – Wing Commander Seniority 01/04/1936
1938	Wing Commander	Operations Staff Air Force Headquarters
01/09/1939	Wing Commander	RCAF Western Air Command
29/02/1941	Group Captain	RCAF Western Air Command
01/07/1941	Group Captain	Director of Operations Air Force Headquarters
1942	Group Captain	Deputy Commander and Senior Air Staff Officer No. 6 Group
01/07/1943	Air Commodore	Deputy Air Commodore, Operations, in Bomber Command
01/09/1944	Air Vice-Marshal	Deputy Air Officer Commanding Overseas
01/06/1945	Air Vice-Marshal	Designated to Command RCAF in the Pacific but war ended
01/06/1945	Air Vice-Marshal	Air Force Headquarters
01/09/1949	Air Vice-Marshal	Air Officer Commanding Air Training Command
11/01/1953	Air Marshal	Chief of the Air Staff
1957	Air Marshal	Deputy Commander-in-Chief NORAD Colorado Springs
1964	Air Marshal	Retire from the RCAF



Air Marshal Charles Roy Slemon, CB, CBE, CD
Director General of Air Research (C71)
Chief of the Air Staff

Citation to Commander of the Order of the British Empire:

“Group Captain Slemon, as Senior Air Staff Officer of Western Air Command, has been instrumental in organizing the Air Defence of the Pacific Coast and the establishment of additional squadrons necessary for the adequate protection of that area. His energetic manner, reliability and extreme devotion to duty make this officer an outstanding example to all ranks. By the intelligent application of his vast knowledge and exceptional organizing ability this officer has made a valuable contribution to the war effort.”

Citation to the Companion of the Order of the Bath: “As one of the senior Royal Canadian Air Force staff officers, Air Vice-Marshal Slemon performed outstanding service both at Air Force Headquarters and Western Air Command. He was especially selected for overseas service when No.6 (Royal Canadian Air Force) Bomber Group was in its formative stages. By his unceasing endeavour and his complete understanding, many of the obstacles which face newly created organizations were overcome with little or no difficulty. As Senior Air Staff Officer, he was in no small degree responsible for bringing No.6 Group into early effectiveness and he contributed very greatly toward making 6 Group one of the outstanding formations in Bomber Command. Although his main duties dealt with actual operations, he nevertheless found time to ensure that the welfare of all personnel in 6 Group was maintained at the highest possible level. During his tour of duty at Bomber Command his genial personality and admitted ability contributed to the splendid relations between Bomber Command and his old Group and earned for him the highest respect from his Royal Air Force confreres. As Deputy Air-Officer Commanding-in-Chief, this officer was charged with the responsibility of organizing the Royal Canadian Air Force participation in "Tiger Force". He rendered admirable guidance in the planning phases and due to his outstanding qualifications of leadership and his proven administrative ability, he was selected to command the Royal Canadian Air Force effort in the Far East. A popular leader and an understanding officer, his career has been marked with a zeal and energy, and an exceptionally keen sense of responsibility.”

Medals

CB – CBE – 1939/1945 Star – Defence Medal – CVSM and Clasp – 1939/1945 War Medal with MID – King George VI Coronation Medal – EIIR Coronation Medal – CD and 2 bars – Commander Legion of Merit (USA) – Chevalier Legion of Honour (France) – Croix de Guerre with Palm (France)



Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Lester Campbell, CBE, CD
Chief of the Air Staff (C132)
1957 to September 1962



Born: 13 July 1908 Salisbury, New Brunswick
 Died: 25 May 1987 Ottawa, Ontario

Honours

CG 06/01/1945	CBE	Commander Order of the British Empire	Air Commodore	RCAF
CG 05/10/1946	Class II	Order of the White Lion	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF
CG 02/11/1946	Cross	War Cross 1939	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF
CG 23/11/1946	Commander	Legion of Merit	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF
1952	CD	Canadian Forces Decoration and Bar	Air Vice-Marshal	RCAF

Education

1932 University of New Brunswick

Military

04/05/1928	Prov. Pilot Officer	RCAF
01/04/1939	Wing Commander	RCAF
1939	Group Captain	Director of Air Staff RCAF Headquarters Overseas
01/01/1944	Air Commodore	Assistant Chief of the Air Staff
01/01/1945	Air Vice-Marshal	Air Member for Personnel Air Force Headquarters Ottawa
1952	Air Vice-Marshal	Air Officer Commanding No. 1 Air Division
1955	Air Vice-Marshal	Vice Air Deputy at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE)
1957	Air Vice-Marshal	Chief of the Air Staff
14/09/1962	Air Vice-Marshal	Retired in Ottawa



Citation to the Commander of the Order of the British Empire:

“This officer of the Royal Canadian Air Force (Regular) was attached to the Training Division of Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters in the early years of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. In the discharge of his duties he exhibited an outstanding grasp of service requirements and organizing ability much beyond the average of his rank. Subsequently he commanded a training unit in Western Canada with equal distinction, after which he proceeded to Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters Overseas where his work was highly commended. Since then he has been employed as Assistant Chief of the Air Staff and, once again, his outstanding organizing ability has been amply demonstrated. Apart from these qualities, however, this officer possesses a fine service spirit. His capacity for hard work and his example to the service is outstanding and beyond the ordinary calls of duty. By his outstanding devotion to duty and his exceptional ability he has rendered highly meritorious service to the Royal Canadian Air Force.”



**Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Lester Campbell, CBE, CD
Vice-Chief of the Air Staff (C132)**



Medals: CBE – 1939/1945 Star – France and Germany Star – Defence Medal – CVSM and Clasp – 1939/1945 Medal – EIIR Coronation Medal – CD - CG 05/10/1946 - Class II, Order of the White Lion (Czechoslovakia) - War Cross 1939 (Czechoslovakia) – Commander, Legion of Merit (USA)

Citation to the Commander of the Legion of Merit (USA): “Air Vice -Marshal Hugh Lester Campbell, Royal Canadian Air Force, performed exceptionally meritorious service to the Government of the United States from December 1943 to August 1945. Serving in the capacities of Assistant Chief of Air Staff and Air Member for Personnel at Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters in Ottawa, Air Vice Marshal Campbell was untiring in his efforts and in every way went beyond the call of ordinary duty to further and maintain liaison and cooperation with the United States Armed Forces, and to strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual understanding between Canada and the United States in the prosecution of the war.”



Air Marshal Clarence Rupert Dunlap, CBE, CD
Chief of the Air Staff (C100)
15 September 1962 to 15 June 1964

Born: 01 January 1908 Sidney Mines, Nova Scotia
Died: 20 October 2003 Victoria, British Columbia



Honours

LG 01/01/1944+	CBE	Commander of the Order of the British Empire	Group Captain	RCAF
CG 10/04/1947	Star	Silver Star	USA	Group Captain RCAF
CG 20/09/1947	Croix	Croix de Guerre with Gold Star	France	Air Commodore RCAF
2002	Member	Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame	Air Marshal	RCAF

Education

1928 BSc Acadia and Dalhousie University (Electrical Engineering)

Sorties

35

Military

16/07/1928	Prov. Pilot Officer	Royal Canadian Air Force at Halifax
08/04/1929	Pilot Officer	Receives his Wings at Camp Borden
1930	Flying Officer	Photographic Survey Detachment Eastern passage Dartmouth NS
1932	Flying Officer	Hydrographic Surveys for Department of the Interior near Tofino, BC
1935	Flight Lieutenant	Armament Training in the United Kingdom
1937	Squadron Leader	Armament position at Air Force Headquarters
01/04/1939	Wing Commander	Director of Armament at Air Force Headquarters
01/1942	Group Captain	Commanding Officer, Air Armament School, Mountain View, Ont.
01/01/1943	Group Captain	Commanding Officer Station Leeming in England (part of No. 6 Grp)
01/05/1943	Group Captain	Commanding Officer No. 331 Wing North Africa –Wellington a/c
1944	Group Captain	Commanding Officer of a Mitchell Bombing Wing in 2 nd Tactical AF
01/01/1945	Air Commodore	Air Officer Commanding No. 64 Base, Middleton, St. George
15/05/1945	Air Commodore	Deputy Member for Air Staff at Air Force Headquarters Ottawa
30/06/1946	Air Commodore	DM for Air Staff, RCAF Representative at Bikini Atoll Atomic Tests
24/07/1946	Air Commodore	End Bikini Atoll Atomic Tests – continues as DM for Air Staff
01/09/1947	Air Commodore	Attended National War College in the USA for a year
01/10/1948	Air Commodore	Air Member for Air Plans
01/11/1949	Air Commodore	Air Officer Commanding Northwest Air Command
01/06/1951	Air Commodore	Air Officer Commanding Air Defence Command
01/08/1951	Air Commodore	Commandant, National Defence College Kingston, Ontario
01/08/1954	Air Vice-Marshal	Vice-Chief of the Air Staff
01/06/1958	Air Vice-Marshal	Deputy Chief of Staff Operations in SHAPE
15/09/1962	Air Marshal	Chief of the Air Staff
15/06/1964	Air Marshal	Deputy Commander of NORAD at Colorado Springs, USA
15/06/1967	Air Marshal	Retirement Leave
08/01/1968	Air Marshal	Retires from the Air Force

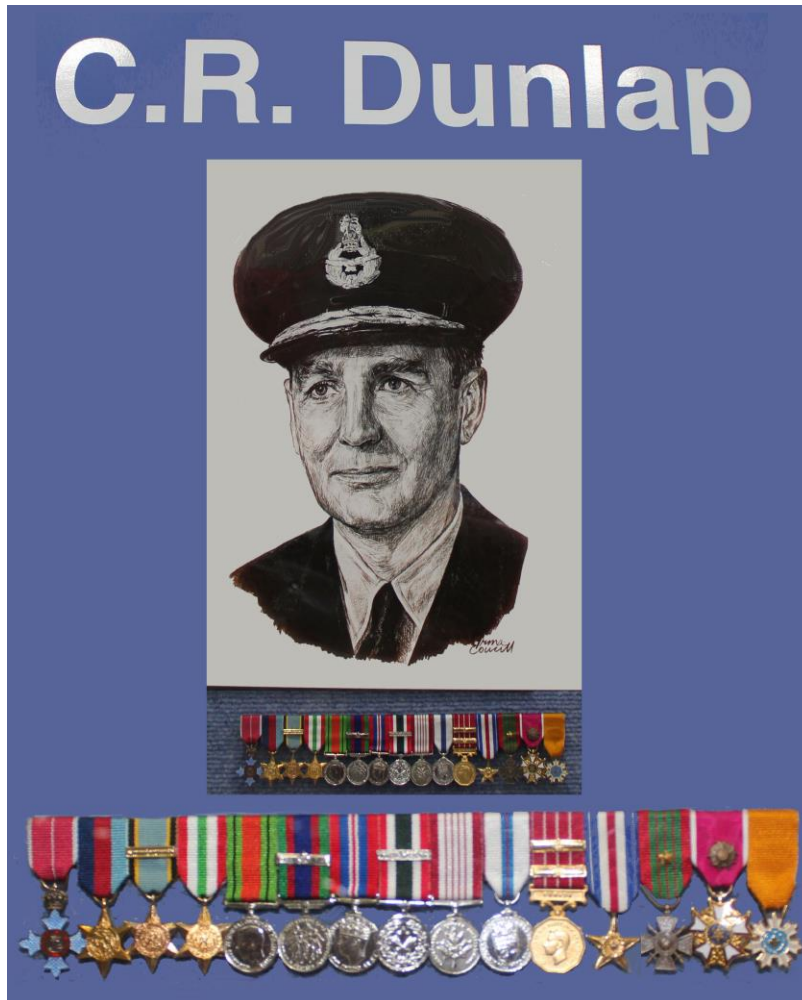
Citation to Silver Star (USA):

“Whilst in command of the Wing this officer has carried out a large number of operations with great success. The general standard of bombing, keenness and efficiency has reached a high order under his inspiring leadership. He has operated against many heavily defended targets and has set a very fine example.”

Air Marshal Clarence Rupert Dunlap, CBE, CD
Chief of the Air Staff (C100)
15 September 1962 to 15 June 1964



Medals: CBE – 1939/1945 Star – Aircrew Europe Star with bar France and Germany Star – Italy Star – Defence medal - CVSM and Clasp – 1939/1945 Medal – Special Service Medal with bar NATO – Centennial Medal – EIIR Silver Jubilee Medal – CD and 2 Bars – Silver Star (USA) – Croix de Guerre with Gold Star (France) – Aviation Hall of Fame Medal



No Overall Air Commander between 1964 and 1975