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**KAISER, Borden Winfield, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (Rigger Forman)** (V-77204) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Shelburne, Nova Scotia.  
**KAISER. Borden Winfield, V-77204, ERA 3/cl(RF), RCNVR, BEM~[5.1.46]**

"This rating has been in charge of travelling crews on net laying operations for the past five years, both in a civilian and Naval capacity. His outstanding skill, knowledge and devotion to duty have been an inspiration to personnel serving with him. During Salvage Operations, this rating has frequently accepted risks, and worked long hours in excess of his normal line of duty."

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**KAISER, George Murray, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Portage - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Centreville, Nova Scotia.

Appointed Temporary Acting Lieutenant on 18 July 1940, RCNR.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Trois Rivières** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - I269) from 12 August 1942 to 11 February 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Portage** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J331) from 20 December 1943 to 4 June 1945.

Last Commanding Officer of **HMCS Chaudière** (1) (River Class Destroyer - H.99) from 14 August 1945 to 12 August 1945.

Last Commanding Officer of **HMCS Stone Town** (River Class Frigate - H.531) from 20 August 1945 to 13 October 1945.

**KAISER. George Murray, 0-37700, Lt(Temp) [18.7.39] RCNR**

USS HARADEN(DD-183) (20.9.40-23.9.40)

HMCS COLUMBIA(I04) DD, (24.9.40-?)

HMCS TROIS RIVIERES (J269) m/s, CO stand by (14.5.42-11.8.42)

HMCS TROIS RIVIERES (J269) m/s, CO, (12.8.42-14.2.43)

HMCS TROIS RIVIERES (J269)m/s, CO, (11.3.43-15.11.43)

Lt(Temp) [18.7.38] A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.43]

HMCS PORTAGE (J331) m/s, CO, (20.12.43-31.12.43)

HMCS PORTAGE (J331) m/s, CO, (10.1.44-4.6.45) **MID~[6.1.45]**

HMCS PORTAGE (J331) m/s, CO, (14.7.45-2.8.45)

HMCS CHAUDIERE (H99) DD, CO, (2-8-45-12.8.45)

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

HMCS STONE TOWN (K531) Fr, CO, (20.8.45-13.11.45) Demobilized [10.12.45]

"This Officer has served at sea almost continuously since September 1940, in the Atlantic Theatre of War. He has set a fine example by his energy, zeal and wholehearted devotion to duty."

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**KAMINSKI, John Joseph, Able Seaman** (V-38104) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR / HMCS Camrose - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 19 December 1944. Home: Stettler, Alberta.  
**KAMINSKI. John Joseph, V-38104, AB, RCNVR, DSM~[20.1.45]**

"For gallantry and skill in anti-U-Boat operations in **H.M. Ships Balfour** and **Bayntun** and **HMCS Camrose**."

**HMCS Camrose** (Flower Class Corvette - K154) helped sink **U-757** in mid-Atlantic on 8 January 1944 along with **HMS Bayntun** as described in Chapter 32 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle**".

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**KANE, Kenneth Edward, Shipwright First Class** (V-25885) - **Commendation** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 17 August 1943 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.  
**KANE. Kenneth Edward, V-25885, Shipw 1/cl, RCNVR Commendation~[17.7.43]**

"This rating displayed coolness and initiative in action with an enemy submarine. When the ship was holed on the starboard side, his work assisted greatly in preventing further damage which would have seriously affected the safety of the ship."

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**KAPLAN, Irving Jack, Acting Yeoman of Signals** (V-23343) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Montreal, Quebec. He was the Signal Yeoman in **HMCS Valleyfield** when she was sunk on 6 May 1944.  
**KAPLAN. Irving Jack, V-23343, A/Yeoman, RCNVR 1<sup>st</sup> MID~[14.11.44] Yeoman, 2<sup>nd</sup> MID~[20.1.45]**

"For good service in action with light forces of the enemy."

**KAPLAN, Irving Jack, Yeoman of Signals** (V-23343) - **Mention in Despatches (Second)** - RCNVR / HMCS Valleyfield - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944.

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

The sinking of **HMCS Valleyfield** (River Class Frigate - K239) by **U-548** off Cape Race, Newfoundland on 6 May 1944 is described in Chapter 41 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". See more details on Kaplan in the chapters "Death in the Moonlight" in the book by Jamie Lamb, "**On the Triangle Run**".

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**KARAGIANIS, Leslie ('Les') Charles, Warrant Steward - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944.**

Born: Cardiff, Wales in 1909

Died: Halifax, N.S. on 12 May 2014 (104 years old)

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Les went to sea at the age of 13 and was a Merchant Seaman in both the United Kingdom and Canada.

Immigrated to Canada in 1928.

Joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1932 in Victoria, B.C.

Stationed in HMCS Esquimalt

Received the MBE in WWII - Commissioned Steward 01 July 1944.

Commissioned Catering 01 July 1944

Stand by for the Aircraft Carrier *HMCS Warrior* 14 September 1945 to 23 January 1946. Service on *HMCS Warrior* began on 24 February 1946.

Served at RCNB Esquimalt 07 February 1947

Promoted Lieutenant (Steward) in 1946 backdated to 01 July 1944.

Served at RCNB Halifax 01 February 1950.

To HMCS Quebec in August 1952.

To Stadacona in January 1955.

To Naden in September 1957.

To HMCS Unicorn in Saskatoon in May 1959.

Retired from the RCN in 1964 at a Lieutenant(S).

Married Gladys Harpelland they spent their early retirement in Victoria, B.C. - they then moved to Halifax and then to Truro and back to Halifax. He was predeceased by Gladys; married for 72 years.

Died 12 May 2014 at age 104 at Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial Building, QEII in Halifax. Two bars to his CD.

**KARAGIANIS, Leslie Charles, 0-37740, Wt/Std [1.6.42] RCN MBE~[10.6.44]**

Cd/Std [1.7.44] Cd/Catering [1.7.44]

HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, stand by (14.9.45-23.1.46)

HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, (24.1.46-?)

RCNB Esquimalt, (7.2.47-?) Lt(S)\* [1.7.44] CD~[?]

RCNB Halifax, (1.2.50-?)

"Mr. Karagianis has shown outstanding devotion to duty and has made a great contribution to the practical training of stewards, which has been extremely valuable."

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**KARR, Sandon Alexander, Warrant Engineer - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Quesnel - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944.**

Home: Chemainus, British Columbia.

**HMCS Quesnel** is a Flower Class Corvette (K133).

**KARR, Sandon Alexander, 0-37750, A/Wt(E) (Temp) [1.5.43] RCNR**

HMCS QUESNEL (K133) Cof, (10.9.43-?) **MID~[10.6.44]**

Cd(E) (Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized [27.9.45]

"For two and a half years, this Officer served in **HMCS Quesnel** in the North Atlantic in charge of machinery. During this period, his outstanding skill, organizing ability and devotion to duty have resulted in such a high standard of efficiency in his department that at no time was the sailing of the ship delayed through an engine room defect."

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**KATANNA, William, Leading Stoker** (V-16478) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 February 1944 and **London Gazette** of 21 December 1943.

**KATANNA, William**, V-16478, L/Stk, RCNVR, **MID~[26.2.44]**

"For gallant and distinguished services and untiring devotion to duty in operations which led to the capture of Sicily by Allied Forces."

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**KATZBERG, Henry, Chief Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class** (V-46233) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: The Pas, Manitoba.

**KATZBERG, Henry**, V-46233, CPO/ERA 4/c1, RCNVR, **MID~[6.1.45]**

"This rating has made an outstanding effort in the maintenance of the machinery of one of HMC Minesweepers. The unswerving loyalty he has exhibited, and the respect and admiration he enjoys among his shipmates, have combine to promote a high state of efficiency in his department."

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**KAY, Jerome Leo, Leading Signalman** (4271) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Timmins - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 June 1943 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Guelph, Ontario.

**HMCS Timmins** is a Flower Class Corvette (K223).

**KAY, Jerome Leo**, 4271, L/Sig, RCN, **MID~[1.6.43]**

"For brave service while serving in **HMCS Timmins** in an endeavour to salvage a merchantman."

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**KEEFER, Charles Allan, Lieutenant** (Killed in Action) - **Albert Medal in Bronze for Saving Life at Sea (AM)** - RCNVR / HMS Lulworth - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 17 February 1942. (no Canada Gazette).

**KEEFER, Charles Allan,**  
RCNVR Half Company Ottawa Mid [9.4.29] RCNVR  
Lt [?] RCNVR, HMS LULWORTH, AM~[17.2.42]

"**HMS Lulworth** went to the rescue of survivors from a torpedoed Merchantman. The night was dark, with heavy seas running, so that the rescue work was slow and hazardous. As **HMS Lulworth** was about to abandon search, two men and a woman were found clinging to the wreckage. The men were saved, but as the woman, who was unconscious, was being hauled on board, she slipped from her life-jacket, disappeared below the surface, and came up astern. Lieutenant Keefer at once dived into the sea to try to save her. He reached her, but both were swept away by the heavy seas, and though search was made for an hour, neither was seen again."

(Note: the following description by the Commanding Officer of **HMS Lulworth** describes the woman as being rescued and as it is a first hand account, it probably the correct version)



**KEEFER, Charles Allan, Lieutenant** (Posthumous) - **St. Olav's Medal (Norway)** - RCNVR / HMS Lulworth - Awarded in 1942.

Lieutenant Keefer was serving in **HMS Lulworth** under the command of Commander Clive Gwinner, DSO, DSC, RN. **HMS Lulworth** was escorting convoy OS4 when the convoy was attacked by **U-557**. The weather on that day was bad; sea state 46, wind SW by W at Force 9 and the events described started at about 0345 on 27th August 1941. The submarine, under the command of KL Ortoar Paulshen, attacked and sank the Norwegian vessel the **SS Segundo**. The following account of the incident by Commander Gwinner appeared in the February 1987 edition of '**Starshell**', the official publication of the Naval Officers Association of Canada.



"The ship sunk was a Norwegian vessel, the **S.S. Segundo**. **HMCS Lulworth** was sent to see what she could do after **Segundo** has been torpedoed a good many miles from our position, and was on fire when we arrived on the scene. It was a very stormy night

with a gale blowing which hampered rescue work. L had to keep the bows of the **HMS Lulworth** at 90 degrees to the burning ship with her stern into the wind and **Segundo** was drifting to leeward. We had rescue nets over the side of **Lulworth** and did manage to get a number of **Segundo's** ship's company to save themselves by gripping the nets as we drifted through them. My ship's company were sitting in the water holding the nets in one hand whilst using the other to hold on to the survivors. We managed to scoop up 28 survivors but the woman (Mrs. Gundrun Torgersen) wasn't strong enough to help herself and it was much too rough to risk lowering a boat. Taking all this into account, Lieutenant Keefer could not stand the sight of her failing efforts to help herself and leapt over the side to help her to safety. He succeeded and landed her on to a net from which my sailors brought her up on board. She was the wife of the Second Mate of the **Segundo**. Lieutenant Keefer, very regrettably, exhausted by his gallant efforts was never sighted again.

As a result of this disaster and rescue, the Royal Norwegian Consul in Liverpool, England (signed Johan Vogt and dated 15 October 1941) sent a warm letter of appreciation to the Admiral of the Port of Liverpool which he forwarded to the Admiralty who in turn sent a letter to **HMS Lulworth** saying that the Norwegian letter was a very pleasing tribute which reflected great credit. It was doubtless as a result of all this that the award to Lieutenant Keefer was made."

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**KEELER, Morton Harry, Chief Petty Officer (4308) - Mention in Despatches** - RCN / *HMCS Orangeville* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Louisburg, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

Joined the RCNVR at Halifax as a Boy Seaman in December 1938 at age 17.



CPO MORTON HARRY KEELER

Joined the destroyer **HMCS Saguenay** in May 1939 and the summer training cruise turned into an operational patrol of the Caribbean when war was declared in September 1939.

Promoted to Ordinary Seaman in September 1939.

Transferred to the RCN in October 1940 and advanced to Leading Seaman.

Served in **HMS Seaborne**, headquarter ship in Halifax for the Rear-Admiral 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle Squadron of the Royal Navy.

Posted to *HMCS Protector*, naval base in Sydney, N.S. and then to the corvette **HMS Trillium**.

He was married at this time.

In June 1943 he took a course ashore but was back at sea in December 1943 as the "Buffer" of the American-built destroyer

escort **HMS Loring**.

In 1944, he joined the Castle Class Corvette **HMCS Orangeville** for escort work on the North Atlantic.

He remained on Orangeville until the end of the war and was sent to HMCS Scotian where he was in charge of a diving tender guarding warships in Bedford Basin awaiting disposal.

From January to October 1948, he was Coxswain in the destroyer **HMCS Nootka**.

In October 1948, he became the Naval Air Station HMCS Shearwater's first Chief Boatswain's Mate when the station was opened on 01 December 1948.

His plan was to write his to obtain his Mate 4<sup>th</sup> Class and continue his sea going career with the Merchant Navy.

He has four sons.

Movie actress Ruby Keeler is his first cousin.

**KEELER. Morton Harry**, 4308, CPO, RCN, MID~[5.1.46]



"For cheerfulness, efficiency and devotion to duty. This rating has served over three years in the Atlantic. His splendid example has had a marked effect on the men working with him."

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**KEEP, Albert John, Regulating Petty Officer** (V-10168) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR -Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.

**KEEP. Albert John**, V-10168, RPO, RCNVR, MID~[1.1.45]

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

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**KEHOE, William Eric, Able Seaman** (A-2460) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 September 1943 and **London Gazette** of 19 August 1943.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**KEHOE. William Eric**, A-2460, AB, RCNR, MID~[25.9.43]

"This rating displayed skill and coolness in action with an enemy submarine, when he obtained many hits on the conning tower of the U-Boat with an Oerlikon Gun, thus materially aiding in the almost certain destruction of the U-Boat."

The action in which **HMCS Assiniboine** (River Class Destroyer -

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

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**KELEHER, Francis, Leading Seaman (V-7776) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.  
**KELEHER. Francis, V-7776, LS, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]**

"For courage, leadership and determination in close action with the enemy while serving in Light Coastal Craft."

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**KELLY, George, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) -** RCNR / HMCS Fort William - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).  
Home: Northumberland, England.  
Joined RCNR in 1942 as Mate. Post-war served for 30 years with London Life. He died on 26 July 1989, age 65, in Vancouver, British Columbia.  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fort William** (Mine Sweeper - J.311) from 19 May 1945 to 23 October 1945.  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Wallaceburg** (Minesweeper - J.336) from 23 October 1945 to 1 February 1946.  
**KELLY. George, 0-38090, Mate(Temp) [30.6.42] RCNR**  
HMCS FORT WILLIAM (J311) m/s, (14.9.42-?)  
Lt(Temp) [20.12.42] **DSC~[1.1.45]**  
HMCS FORT WILLIAM (J311) m/s, CO, (19.5.45-23.10.45)  
HMCS WALLACEBURG (J336) m/s, CO, (23.10.45-1.2.46)

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

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**KELLY, Thomas Douglas, Captain - Mention in Despatches -** RCNR / HMCS Prince David - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 17 March 1945. Home: Victoria, British Columbia. He was an Acting Lieutenant-Commander when he was Commanding Officer of **HMCS Prince David** (Armed Merchant Cruiser - F89) from 19 May 1942 to 16 April 1942.  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Prince Henry** (Armed Merchant Cruiser - F70) from 24 May 1943 to 29 November 1943.  
Commanding Officer (again) of **HMCS Prince David** (Infantry Landing Ship) from 18 April 1943 to 11 June 1945 (Commander).  
In June 1945, he was promoted to Captain and became the Naval



Officer-in-Charge, Montreal.

**KELLY, Thomas Douglas**, 0-38180, Lt(Temp) [2.11.40] RCNR  
HMCS MOONBEAM 589/13, Oiler, CO, (4.12.40-?) A/LCdr,  
HMCS PRINCE DAVID (F89) amc (22.11.41] LCdr(Temp) [1.7.42]  
HMCS PRINCE DAVID (F89) amc, CO, (19.3.42-16.4.42)  
HMCS PRINCE DAVID (F89) amc, CO, (18.4.43-1.5.43)  
HMCS PRINCE HENRY (F70) amc, CO, (24.5.43-29.11.43)  
Cdr(Temp) [1.7.43]  
HMCS PRINCE ROBERT (F56) a/a ship, CO, (7.7.43-?)  
HMCS PRINCE DAVID (F89) amc, CO, (1.12.43-11.6.45)  
Capt [1.1.45] MID~[21.4.45]  
HMCS HOCHELAGA (D/S) Montreal, CO, (14.5.45-?)  
Demobilized [4.10.45] **CBE~[5.1.46]**

"For services in the successful invasion of the south of France in August, 1944."

**KELLY, Thomas Douglas, Captain - Commander - Order of the British Empire (CBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.**

"Captain Kelly has served in a variety of appointments including command of **HMCS Prince David** for twelve months in the English Channel and Mediterranean, and latterly as Naval Officer-in-Charge, Montreal. Throughout his service, his leadership and example have produced the greatest efficiency from those serving under him."

**Medals of Captain Thomas Douglas KELLY, CBE, RCNR:**



CBE - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star with BAR France and Germany -  
Pacific Star - Italy Star - CVSM and Clasp - 39/45 War Medal with  
MID - EIIR Coronation.  
Medals are on display at the Naval Museum of Alberta, Calgary.

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**KELLY, William Ambrose, Chief Petty Officer (2740) - Mention in Despatches** - RCN -Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Victoria, British Columbia.  
**KELLY. William Ambrose, 2740, CPO, RCN, MID~[1.1.45]**

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

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**KEMPTON, Frederick Ernest, Chief Petty Officer Writer (V-25175) - British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.  
**KEMPTON. Frederick Ernest, 0-38238, CPO/Wtr, V-25175, RCNVR BEM~[6.1.45]**  
A/Wt/Wtr(Temp) [1.3.45] RCNVR,  
Demobilized [25.6.46]

"Chief Petty Officer Kempton has been most diligent in the performance of his duties, consistently setting a high example to others. His steadfast faithfulness and untiring efforts in the interest of the Service, in carrying on his work and assisting and training others, have been exemplary."

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**KENCKE, Kenneth Richard, Acting Leading Seaman (V-12424) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 19 December 1944. Home: Edmonton, Alberta.  
**KENCKE. Kenneth Richard, V-12424, A/LS, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]**

"For rescue work when the **USS Partridge** was sunk on 11th June 1944."

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**KENDRICK, Victor, Acting Petty Officer (V-5256) - British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR / Gunlayer Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Lachine, Quebec.  
**KENDRICK. Victor, V-5256, A/PO, RCNVR, BEM~[5.1.46]**

"Since September 1939, Petty Officer Kendrick has served five years at sea, during which time, in the capacity of Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships' Gunlayer, he has shown outstanding devotion to duty. His zeal and energy are worthy of the high tradition of the Royal Canadian Naval Service and

his personal contribution to the war effort is deserving of much commendation."

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**KENNARD, Samuel James, Master-at-Arms (X-41031) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943. Home: South Devon, England.**  
**KENNARD. Samuel James, X-41031, MAA, RCN, BEM~[5.6.43]**

"This rating re-joined the Royal Canadian Navy after the commencement of hostilities and by his wholehearted devotion to duty, discipline and tact, has been an excellent example to all under him."

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**KENNEDY, William Frederick, Acting Leading Patrolman (V-74731) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / Shore Patrol HMCS Niobe - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: London, Ontario.**  
**KENNEDY. William Frederick, V-74731, A/L/Patrol, RCNVR BEM~ [5.1.46]**

"For meritorious service of a high order, and outstanding competency under difficult and trying conditions. Leading Patrolman Kennedy has always performed his duties with exceptional willingness and dispatch. During the period of rapid expansion of HMCS Niobe in Greenock, Scotland, the general good behaviour among the large numbers of ratings passing through this establishment has been due, to a marked degree to his superior efficiency, loyalty and devotion to duty. Leading Patrolman Kennedy's services are considered outstanding and well worthy of merit."

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**KENNEY, Reginald Ray, Lieutenant - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR / HMCS Goderich - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.**  
Commanding Officer **HMCS Comox** (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J64) from 10 October 1940 to 22 June 1941.  
Commanding Officer **HMCS Goderich** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J260) from 23 November 1941 to 6 April 1943 (except for 17 days).  
**KENNEY. Reginald Ray, 0-38420, A/Lt(Temp) [1.1.40] RCNR Lt [20.9.38]**  
HMCS ARRAS 357/17, tr, CO, (4.5.40-?)  
HMCS COMOX (J64) m/s, CO, (10.10.40-22.6.41)  
HMCS GODERICH (J260) m/s, CO, stand by (1.10.41- 22.11.41)  
HMCS GODERICH (J260) m/s, CO, (23.11.41-20.8.42)  
HMCS GODERICH (J260) m/s, CO, (8.9.42-6.4.43) **OBE~[5.6.43]**  
LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45] Demobilized [7.12.45]

"This Officer has been at sea continuously during the present war and has been in command of His Majesty's Canadian ships for a considerable time. Lieutenant Kenney, while in command of **HMCS Goderich**, showed commendable persistence in searching for a disabled merchant ship under extremely bad weather conditions and a high standard of seamanship in rescuing survivors."

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**KENT, Donald Archibald, Acting Chief Petty Officer (3729) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN / Ville de Quebec - Awarded as per London Gazette of 4 May 1943 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.**  
**KENT. Donald Archibald, 3729, A/CPO, RCN, DSM~[4.5.43]**

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

On 24 May 1942 off Oran in the Mediterranean, **HMCS Ville de Quebec** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K242) sank **U-224** as described in Chapter 21 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**KEOHANE, James William, Acting Captain (E) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / Director of Ship Repairs and Maintenance - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944.**

Home: Portsmouth, England. Retired on 8 November 1946.

**KEOHANE. James William, 0-38550, A/Ch/Art(E) [24.8.16] RCN**  
HMCS GRILSE 287/12, tb, (10.5.17-30.4.18)  
HMCS GUELPH (D/S) (1.5.18-?) Wt(E) [30.5.20]  
HMCS GUELPH (D/S) (30.5.20-?)  
HMCS NADEN(D/S) (10.10.25-?)  
Cd(E) [?]  
HMCS AURORA 3,512/13, L/Cr, stand by (1.9.20-31.10.20)  
HMCS AURORA 3,512/13, L/Cr, (1.11.20-?)  
HMCS PATRIOT (31.7.22-30.3.23)  
HMCS STADACONA (D/S) (1.4.23-?) Lt(E) [1.4.27]  
HMCS NADEN (D/S) (4.4.27-?)  
HMS VORTIGERN (14.8.29-?)  
HMCS CHAMPLAIN DD, (? .5.31-?)  
HMCS STADACONA (D/S) (12.7.31-?)  
HMCS CHAMPLAIN DD, (1.6.33-?) NSHQ (3.1.35-?)  
LCdr(E) [1.4.35] Cdr(E) [1.7.40] A/Capt [?] **OBE~[10.6.44]**  
Capt(E) [1.7.44] Pensioned [8.11.46]

"This Officer has served at Naval Service Headquarters since January 1934, first as Assistant Engineer-in-Chief, and since

October 1942, as Director of Ship Repairs and Maintenance. He has always displayed the utmost zeal and devotion to duty and has always given unsparingly of his energy in an effort to meet the rapidly expanding needs of the Engineering Branch of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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**KERR, James Hollywell, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (V-37467)**  
- **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Sudbury, Ontario.

**KERR. James Hollywell, V-37457, ERA 3/cl, RCNVR, MID~[16.6.45]**

"While on North Atlantic convoy duty for an extended period in one of His Majesty's Canadian corvettes, this rating has always displayed the utmost zeal and wholehearted devotion to duty."

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**KERRY, Walter Robert, Chief Stoker (X-61693)** - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

**KERRY. Walter Robert, 61693, CPO/Stk, RCN, MID~[9.1.43]**

"This Chief Petty Officer called back to service from pension, and now serving in one of HMC Auxiliary Cruisers has, during his long and loyal service of twenty-two years in the Royal Navy, and of three years in the Royal Canadian Navy, consistently displayed efficiency of a high order and the most whole hearted devotion to duty."

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**KERWIN, Michael Roderick, Able Seaman (V-32313)** - **Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM)** - RCNVR / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Billings Bridge, Ontario.

**KERWIN. Michael Roderick, V-32313, AB RCNVR, CGM~[20.1.45]**

"During one action on 5th - 6th of August, a fierce fire broke out at 'Y' Gun in **HMCS Haida** as a result of the explosion of a cordite charge and the ignition of oil from the damaged hydraulic system.

The fire was centred in right gun shield. Able Seaman Kerwin, although blinded and wounded by splinters, went into the blazing gun shield at great risk to his own life and dragged out an injured man to safety. Both were badly burned, but Able Seaman Kerwin's prompt and gallant action saved the life of his

shipmate."

On the night of 5-6 August 1944, four Tribal Class Destroyers were south bound in the Bay of Biscay when they detected a small convoy, also on a southerly course, presumably headed for Spain. **HMS Tartar, HMS Ashanti, HMCS Haida** and **HMCS Iroquois** manoeuvred to a favourable position and attacked, sinking six of the seven ships, including the escort. Returning northward, ships were detected leaving St. Nazaire and the order was given: "All guns loaded". Able Seaman Michael Kerwin was a member of the crew of **HMCS Haida's** 'Y' Mounting, twin 4.7 inch, on the quarterdeck. Unknown to anyone, the right gun was still hot from the previous action. Before the breech was fully closed, the charge ignited, blew back the breech, which collapsed the tray and there was a cordite fire.

As OOB Torpedo Tubes, I (Lloyd Jones) thought the ship had been hit. The port side was impassable due to the fire but the starboard side was free. At 'Y' mounting, two were killed and eight wounded. One of the wounded was AB Kerwin, who also suffered burns and temporary blindness. However, he heard the gun trainer, AB Jack (Guns) Burnett, calling for help from the forward part of the gun shield and he plunged through dense smoke and flames, found his shipmate and hauled him to safety. In due course, he was awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal. I must add that Chief Stoker Harold D. Richard, RCN, did a marvellous job with a fire hose, which he brought into operation almost immediately. With the spray nozzle going, he soaked everyone including me and had the cordite fire out in short order. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. We then carried the wounded to the Sick Bay, passed the good ammunition to the forward guns and kicked the burnt cordite cartridges overboard." (Lloyd I. Jones in '**Starshell**', October 1989.)

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**KEYS, John David, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches -**  
RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 12 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Montreal, Quebec.

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

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**KIDSTON, John Richard, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in**

**Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Wetaskiwin - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944. Home: Vernon, British Columbia.

Commanding Officer **HMCS Wetaskiwin** (Flower Class Corvette - K175) from 5 November 1942 to 21 March 1944 (A/LCdr).

First Commanding Officer **HMCS Jonquiere** (River Class Frigate - K318) from 10 May 1944 to 12 March 1945.

**KIDSTON. John Richard**, 0-38860, A/Lt(Temp) [5.9.39] RCNVR  
Lt

HMCS COWICHAN (J146) m/s, stand by (1.7.41-3.7.41)

HMCS COWICHAN (J146) m/s, (4.7.41-?)

A/LCdr, HMCS COWICHAN (J146) m/s, CO, (15.2.42-25.10.42)

HMCS WETASKIWIN (K175) Cof, CO, (5.11.42-21.3.44)

LCdr(Temp) [1.7.43] **MID~[8.1.44]**

HMCS JONQUIERE (K318) Fr, stand by CO, (20.3.44-9.5.44)

HMCS JONQUIERE (K318) Fr, CO, (10.5.44-12.3.45)

Demobilized [16.10.45]

"This Officer has consistently rendered good service, over a considerable period of time as Commanding Officer of one of His Majesty's Canadian corvettes engaged in convoy escort duties in the North Atlantic. He has, at all times, often under very trying circumstances, exhibited a high degree of cheerfulness, efficiency and wholehearted devotion to duty."

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**KILLAM, David Allison, Sub-Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR / HMC MTB 460 - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 2 August 1940 (no Canada Gazette).

Commanding Officer of **HMC MTB-460** from 25 February 1944 to 1 July 1944. Died on 3 July 1944.

**KILLAM. David Allison**, 0-38960, S/Lt(Temp) [18.3.40] RCNVR

**DSC~[2.8.40]**

Lt(Temp) [18.3.41] HMC MTB 460, CO, (25.2.44-1.7.44)

Deceased [3.7.44]

"For courage and resource in withdrawal of troops in neighbourhood of Le Havre."

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**KIMBALL, Warner, Telegraphist (V-58411) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Clayoquot - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 March 1945.

**KIMBALL. Warner**, V-58411, Tel, RCNVR, **MID~[21.4.45]**

"This rating was untiring in his efforts in assisting the rescue of survivors from **HMCS Clayoquot**."

**HMCS Clayoquot** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J174) was torpedoed by **U-806** off Halifax on 24 December 1944 as described in Chapter 56 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".



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**KING, Clarence Aubrey, Temporary Acting Lieutenant-Commander, DSC - Distinguished Service Order (DSO) - RCNR / HMCS Oakville - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 26 December 1942 and London Gazette of 29 December 1942.**

Home: Oliver, British Columbia.

Fruit Farmer from Oliver, British Columbia

Served in 'Q' Boats in WWI, rank of Lieutenant in the RNR, and was credited with one kill and two probable submarine sinkings and received the DSC.

Awarded **Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** in WW1 as per **London Gazette** of 22 June 1917, Lieutenant, RNVR.

Activated by RCNR on 29 August 1939.

Commanding Officer of HMCS Saskatoon (Flower Class Corvette - K158) from 5 February 1942 to 14 February 1942.

Commanding Officer **HMCS Nipigon** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J154) from 15 February 1942 to 11 May 1942.

Commanding Officer **HMCS Oakville** (Flower Class Corvette - K178) from 12 May 1942 to 21 April 1943.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Swansea** (River Class Frigate - K328) from 4 October 1943 to 29 July 1944.

Last Commanding Officer of **HMCS Runnymede** (River Class Frigate - K678) from 9 June 1945 to 9 August 1945 (rank of Commander).

**KING. Clarence Aubrey, 0-39060,**

Lt, RNR, **DSC**~[22.6.17]

Lt(Temp) [29.8.39] RCNR,

A/LCdr [28.5.40]

HMCS SASKATOON (K158) Cof, CO, (5.2.42-14.2.42)

HMCS NIPIGON (J154) m/s, CO, (15.2.42-11.5.42)

HMCS OAKVILLE (K178) Cof, CO, (12.5.42-21.4.43)

**DSO**~[26.12.42] LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43]

**Legion of Merit-Degree of Legionnaire(USA)**~[27.9.43]

HMCS SWANSEA (K328) Fr, CO, (4.10.43-29.7.44)

A/Cdr(Temp) [1.1.44]

HMCS PRINCE RUPERT (K324) Fr, CO, (1.8.44-23-10.44)

**1st MID**~[15.8.44] **2nd MID**~[9.9.44]

HMCS KOKANEE (K419) Fr, (24.10.44-?)

Cdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

HMCS SEA CLIFF (K344) Fr, (12.4.45-?)

**Bar to DSC**~[20.10.45]

HMCS RUNNYMEDE (K678) Fr, CO, (9.6.45-9.8.45) Capt [?]

Demobilized [1.8.46]



#### **Citation for Distinguished Service Order:**

"For gallant service 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**" and in "**Tales of the North Atlantic**".

**KING, Clarence Aubrey, Acting Lieutenant-Commander, DSO, DSC - Legionnaire - Legion of Merit (USA) - RCNR / HMCS Oakville - Award effective 27 September 1943.**

"Commander King displayed outstanding gallantry and resourcefulness in command of **HMCS Oakville** in the sinking of a German submarine while screening a convoy. **HMCS Oakville** was working in conjunction with the United States Navy."

**KING, Clarence Aubrey, Acting Commander, DSO, DSC - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Swansea - Awarded as per London Gazette of 15 August 1944 (no Canada Gazette).**

"For good service in action with enemy destroyers."

**KING, Clarence Aubrey, Acting Commander, DSO, DSC - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCNR / HMCS Swansea - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 15 August 1944.**

"For good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine on 10 March 1944."

"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."

HMCS Swansea (River Class Frigate - K328) along with **HMCS St. Laurent, HMCS Owen Sound, and HMS Forester** (RN Destroyer) sank **U-845** in mid-Atlantic on 10 March 1944 as described in Chapter 35 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

**KING, Clarence Aubrey, Acting Commander, DSO, DSC - BAR to Distinguished Service Cross (DSC\*) - RCNR / HMCS Swansea - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 October 1945 and London Gazette of 24 October 1944.**

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

**HMCS Swansea** (River Class Frigate - K328) and **HMS Pelican** (Bird Class sloop) sank **U-448** in the Atlantic on 14 April 1944 as described in Chapter 37 of "**The Canadian Naval**

**Chronicle 1939-1945".**

**HMCS Swansea** (River Class Frigate - K328) and **HMCS Saint John** (River Class Frigate) sank **U-247** off Cornwall on 1 September 1944 as described in Chapter 51 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".



**Medals:** DSO - DSC (GV) and bar (GVI) - Victory Medal - British War Medal - 1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star with clasp France and Germany - CVSM and clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal with MID - Royal Canadian Naval Reserve Officer's Decoration (RD - Green ribbon) - Legionnaire, Legion of Merit (USA)

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**KING, Dudley Gawen, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Arvida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 August 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Arvida** (Flower Class Corvette - K113) from 21 September 1942 to 15 March 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Stettler** (River Class Frigate - K681) from 7 May 1944 to 9 November 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Provider** (F.100) from 20 November 1945 to 22 March 1946.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Athabaskan** (Destroyer - 219) from 3 July 1951 to 23 July 1952)

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Algonquin** (Destroyer - 224) from 29 November 1957 to 23 September 1958.

**KING. Dudley Gawen**, 0-39100, RCNVR Half Company Vancouver Sup/Res [25.1.38]  
A/Lt(Temp) RCNVR [11.10.39]

HMC Naval Base, Prince Rupert (23.10.39-?)

HMCS ARVIDA (K113) Cof, (22.5.41-?)  
HMC ML 054 (Q054) CO, (19.4.42-30.6.42)  
HMCS ARVIDA (K113) Cof, (7.8.42-?)  
Lt(Temp) [11.10.38]  
HMCS ARVIDA (K113) Cof, CO, (21.9.42-15.3.44)  
A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44]  
HMCS STETTLER (K681) Fr, CO, stand by (20.3.44-6.5.44)  
HMCS STETTLER (K681) Fr, CO, (7.5.44-9.11.45) **MID~[10.8.44]**  
LCdr [1.1.45] LCdr RCN,  
HMCS PROVIDER (F100) stc, CO, (20.11.45-22.3.46)  
Cdr [1.7.47] FOPC for CoSt (7.9.49-?)  
HMCS ATHABASKAN (219) DD, CO, (3.7.51-23.7.52)  
Capt [1.7.52] **DSC~[27.9.52]**  
Awarded **Legionnaire-Legion of Merit(USA)~[16.4.55]**  
HMCS ALGONQUIN (224) DD, CO, (29.11.57-23.9.58)

"This Officer has faithfully served in the Royal Canadian Navy since October 1939. Since assuming command of one of His Majesty's Canadian corvettes in September 1942, he has most loyally and capably carried out his duties under the most trying conditions, in encounters with the enemy, he has proved himself to be both cool and courageous."

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**KING, Leslie Charles, Able Seaman (A-4030) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / Examination Boats Halifax - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 8 January 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944.**  
Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.  
**KING. Leslie Charles, A-4030, AB, RCNR, BEM~[8.1.44]**

"This rating has displayed unswerving devotion to duty for a period of over three years in Examination Vessels. His ability in handling boarding boats in bad weather when transferring Boarding Officers between Examination vessels and merchant ships is worthy of the highest recognition."

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**KING, Leslie Furrier, Supply Petty Officer (V-31494) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Arvida - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.**  
Home: Boissevain, Manitoba.  
**HMCS Arvida (K.113) was a Flower Class Corvette.**  
**KING. Leslie Furrier, V-31494, PO/Sup, RCNVR, MID~[5.1.46]**

"This rating has served with **HMCS Arvida** for the past two years. He has carried out his duties in an exemplary manner, and his cheerfulness and devotion to duty in all kinds of weather have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Canadian Naval Service."

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**KINGSMILL, John Gault, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Minas - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 30 March 1946 and London Gazette of 11 December 1945.**

Home: Toronto,

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Minas** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J165) from 26 October 1944 to 1 September 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Bayfield** (Bangor Class / Ex RN Minesweeper - J08) from 2 September 1945 to 24 September 1945.

Promoted to Lieutenant-Commander - Demobilized 29 November 1945.

Died on 15 August 1999.

**KINGSMILL. John Gault, 0-39210, S/Lt(Temp) [18.8.41] RCNVR**

HMCS MINAS(J165) m/s, (4.1.42-?)

Lt(Temp) [25.11.41]

HMCS MINAS (J165) m/s, CO, (26.10.44-1.9.45)

HMCS BAYFIELD (J08) m/s, CO, (2.9.45-24.9.45)

Demobilized [29.11.45] **MID~[30.3.46]**

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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**KINSMAN, William Burnley, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Trentonian - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.**

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

**KINSMAN. William Burnley, 0-39290, P/S/Lt(Temp) [1941?] RCNVR**

HMCS CHIPPAWA RCNVR Division, Winnipeg, (1.1.42-?)

Lt(Temp) [18.8.42] Lt(Temp) [18.8.41]

HMCS ST FRANCIS (I93) DD, (11.8.43-?) **MID~[5.1.46]**

HMCS TRENTONIAN (K368) Cofm, stand by (11.11.43-30.11.43)

HMCS TRENTONIAN (K368) Cofm, (1.12.43-22.03.45 - sunk)

Demobilized [2.10.45]

"At the time of the sinking of **HMCS Trentonian**, this Officer's conduct was of the highest order. He remained cool as he organized the men when the order to 'Abandon Ship' was given. Later, from the ship's whaler, Lieutenant Kinsman picked up survivors and saw to it that the injured were placed aboard one of His Majesty's Canadian M.L.'s which was in the vicinity."

The sinking of **HMCS Trentonian** (Increased Endurance Flower Corvette) by **U-1004** south of Falmouth, England, on 22 February 1945, is described in Chapter 60 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**KIRKPATRICK, Archibald Miller, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Galt - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944. Home: Windsor, Ontario. Commanding Officer of HMCS Ambler (Armed Yacht - Z.32) from 30**

November 1942 to 8 March 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Galt** (Flower Class Corvette - K163) from 11 March 1943 to 30 March 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Eastview** (River Class Frigate - K665) from 3 June 1944 to 16 September 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Hunter** (Naval Reserve Division in Windsor) from 17 December 1945 to 8 July 1946.

Released as Medically Unfit on 8 July 1946.

He died in 1987.

**KIRKPATRICK. Archibald Miller**, 0-39350, Lt(Temp) [31.10.39]  
RCNVR

HMCS THUNDER (J156) m/s, (14.10.41-?)

HMCS AMBLER (Z32) (A) p/v, CO, (30.11.42-8.3.43)

HMCS GALT (K163) Cof, CO, (10.3.43-30.3.44)

HMCS EASTVIEW (K665) Fr, CO, stand by (10.4.44-2.6.44)

HMCS EASTVIEW (K665) Fr, CO, (3.6.44-16.9.44)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.44] **MID~[10.6.44]**

HMCS HUNTER, Windsor Naval Division, CO, (17.12.45-08.07.46)

LCdr [1.7.45] RCN(R) Medically unfit [8.7.46]



"This Officer has consistently striven to attain a high standard of fighting efficiency in his ship. Over a considerable period of time in command of one of His Majesty's Canadian corvettes engaged in escort duties in the North Atlantic, he has shown and unflinching devotion to duty and by his perseverance and cheerfulness in difficult circumstances, he has been an inspiration to those serving under him."

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**KIRKPATRICK, James Ralph Hilborn, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR / MTB 748 Coastal Force - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 April 1944 and **London Gazette** of 3 March 1944. Home: Kitchener, Ontario.

To Royal Military College Kingston in 1934.

Naval Cadet at Venture Summer 1935.

Graduated from RMC 1938, Midshipman, RCNVR.

To Osgoode Hall in Toronto to study law.

Served on **HMCS Skeena** and **HMCS Saguenay** (Destroyers) in summer 1938 and promoted to Lieutenant on 15 April 1939.

Activated for war service in September 1939 at HMCS York and continued his studies at Osgoode Hall.

Served on the examination vessel out of Saint John, New Brunswick in the Winter 1939 - 1940.

To King Alfred in the U.K. for the 90 day course.

To **HMS Petropolis** (Armed Merchant Cruiser) in 1940 and torpedoed.

Trained on MTBs and to Dover in Command of Motor Antisubmarine Boat **MASB-49 (Masby 49)**.

The MASB had 1 officer and 12 Men.

In Spring 1942 went to Peter Howes flotilla.

Commanded **MGB-50**.

Senior Officer **65th Canadian MGB Flotilla** and Commanding Officer

of **MTB-748** from 19 February 1944 to 23 May 1945.  
Demobilized in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.  
Returned to uniform on 1 June 1954 as LCdr, RCN(R) to Command the  
Kitchener Detachment of HMCS Star (Naval Reserve Unit Hamilton).  
Promoted Commander 1 July 1955 and Captain on 1 July 1959.  
Awarded **Canadian Forces Decoration (CD)**.  
A Judge of the Ontario Provincial Court from 1950 to 1991.  
For more details see "**Victory at Sea**" and "**The Champagne Navy**".  
Died in Kitchener, Ontario on 5 April 1997.  
**KIRKPATRICK. James Ralph Hilborn**, 0-39360, RCNVR Company Toronto S/Lt  
[15.6.38] RCNVR  
Lt [15.4.39] RCNVR  
HMC Naval Base, Saint John, NB, Ext/Def, (18.9.39-?)  
HMC MTB 748, CO, (19.2.44-23.5.45)  
LCdr(Temp) [1.7.44]  
**DSC~[29.4.44] MID~[20.1.45]** Demobilized [30.10.45]

For outstanding courage and skill in action with the enemy in  
light coastal craft."

**KIRKPATRICK, James Ralph Hilborn, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention  
in Despatches** - RCNVR / MTB-748 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of  
20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944.

"For undaunted courage, resolution and skill during a series  
of actions against enemy forces while serving in Light  
Coastal Craft."

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**KITCHEN, Cyril Frederick, Acting Leading Stoker (A-1571)**  
(Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Spikenard -  
Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 15 September 1942 (no Canada  
Gazette). Home: Dundas, Ontario  
**KITCHEN. Cyril Frederick**, A-1571, A/L/Stk, RCNR  
Lost [11.2.42] HMCS SPIKENARD (K198) Cof. **MID~[15.9.42]**  
Name on Halifax Memorial, Nova Scotia.  
Son of William Richard and Rebecca R. Kitchen  
Husband of Vera Marie Kitchen, of Dundas, Ontario.

"For bravery while serving in Defensively Equipped Merchant  
Ships." London Gazette states only: "For bravery."

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**KNIGHT, Christopher Morse, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention  
in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Algonquin - Awarded as per **Canada  
Gazette** of 24 February 1945 and **London Gazette** of 20 February  
1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.  
**KNIGHT. Christopher Morse**, 0-39440, Lt(Temp) [29.6.41] RCNR  
A/LCdr [?] **MID~[24.2.45]** Medically unfit [9.3.45] Released.

"For services in **HMCS Algonquin** off Norwegian Coast in November 1944."

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**KNIGHT, Robert Dell, Ordinary Seaman (V-53675) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Cranbrook, British Columbia.

**KNIGHT. Robert Dell, V-53675, OS, RCNVR, MID~[6.1.45]**

"For exhibiting initiative and great personal courage in rescuing Fleet Air Arm Personnel from a ditched aircraft, and for cheerfulness, zeal and devotion to duty at all times."

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**KNIGHT, Robert Russell, Leading Seaman (V-19140) (Posthumous) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Esquimalt - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Leamington, Ontario. '**The Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve Roll of Honour 1939-1945**' lists him as **Herbert Russell Knight**. Interred, Leamington (Evergreen) Memorial Park, Ontario.  
**KNIGHT. Robert Russell, V-19140, LS, RCNVR, MID~[5.1.46]**

"After the torpedoing of **HMCS Esquimalt**, Leading Seaman Knight found himself on a carley float which was overcrowded and without hesitation swam to another. Later, he re-entered the water and took a leading part in getting two of the floats secured together. His subsequent death is believed to have been partly due to these exertions and the additional time in the water. His bravery, resource and devotion to duty were in keeping with the high standards of the Canadian Naval Service."

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

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**KNIGHT, Vadim Michael Shaligo, Lieutenant (G) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Algonquin - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 20 February 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

He changed his family name to Knight after his arrival in Canada. His father, Count Nicolas Michael Karetsky, was a Lieutenant Commander in the Imperial Russian Navy. His grandfather was a Governor in Kamchatka Siberia. The family left from Vladivostok Russia in 1918 and settled in Nova Scotia after the Russian



Revolution.

**HMCS Algonquin** (I) was a 'V' Class Destroyer (R17).

Appointed as a Lieutenant-Commander RCN(R) with seniority dated 16/09/1949 and was qualified as a Watchkeeper and qualified for gunnery duties.)

**KNIGHT. Vadim Michael Shaligo**, 0-39490,

Lt(Temp) [16.9.41] RCNVR

HMCS ST FRANCIS (I93) DD, (1943?)

HMCS ALGONQUIN (R17) DD, stand by, (22.12.43-16.2.44)

HMCS ALGONQUIN (R17) DD, (17.2.44-?) **MID~[20.2.45]**

Demobilized [12.9.45]

LCdr [16.9.49] RCN(R)

HMCS SCOTIAN Halifax Naval Division, Div/Intel, (24.8.50-?)

"For good services in **HMS Pursuer** and **HMCS Algonquin** in successful attacks on enemy shipping off the Norwegian Coast in November 1944."

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**KNOWLES, James, Chief Skipper** - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR / HMCS Outarde - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Esquimalt, British Columbia.

**KNOWLES. John**, 0-39510, Skr(Temp) [24.5.40] RCNR

HMCS OUTARDE (J161) m/s, (9.12.42-?) Ch/Skr(Temp) [15.10.43]

HMCS OUTARDE (J161) m/s, (15.10.43-?)

HMCS COQUITLAM (J364) m/s, (24.12.44-?) **MBE~[6.1.45]**

HMCS ROSSLAND (J358) m/s, (20.4.45-?) Skr/Lt(Temp) [15.10.45]

Demobilized [9.11.45]

"This Officer, serving in **HMCS Outarde**, showed great presence of mind and courage at all times while in charge of a fire party working in the lower hold beneath the fuel tanks of **USAT Mount Baker** in February 1944."

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**KNOWLTON, John Grant, Captain (E)** - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / HMC Dockyard, Halifax - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Born at Saint John, New Brunswick on 31 August 1903.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Naval Cadet at the Royal Naval College of Canada and Chief Cadet Captain (Ninth Term) in 1918.

Midshipman in the RCN in 1921 and to the RN for training.

Naval Service HQ in 1928.

To **HMCS Champlain** as Engineer Officer in 1931.

To Stadacona for HMC Dockyard in 1934.

To **HMCS Skeena** as Engineer Officer and Engineer Officer 'D' Western Sub-Division in 1935.

To **HMCS Fraser** as Engineer Officer in 1937.

In January 1939, to **HMCS Ottawa** as Commander (E) and for flotilla duties.

To HMCS Sambro as Flotilla Engineering Officer in 1941.

Promoted Captain and to Stadacona for HMC Dockyard as Engineer Superintendent.



To Scotian as Deputy Superintendent East Coast and Engineer Superintendent HMC Dockyard Halifax in 1944.

To Naval Service HQ as Deputy Chief of Naval Engineering and Construction in 1945.

Acting Commodore in 1946 and to Naval Service HQ as Assistant Chief of Naval Administration and Supply (Ships and Dockyards).

To Naval HQ as Chief of Naval Technical Services and Engineer-in-Chief in 1947.

Promoted Rear-Admiral in 1949 and continued as Chief of Naval Technical Services until he retired in 1958.

#### **Rear-Admiral John Grant KNOWLTON, OBE**

|                               |              |      |   |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------|---|
| Naval Cadet, RCN              |              | 1918 | (Royal Naval College of Canada Ninth Term)                |
| Midshipman, RCN               | 01 September | 1921 | (RN for training)   |
| Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN    | 01 January   | 1924 | (RN for training)   |
| Sub-Lieutenant, RCN           | 01 January   | 1924 | (Seniority effective 01 January 1924)                     |
| Lieutenant (E), RCN           | 01 January   | 1926 | (Engineer Officer in <b>HMCS Champlain</b> )              |
| Lieutenant-Commander (E), RCN | 01 January   | 1934 | (Engineer Officer in <b>HMCS Fraser</b> )                 |
| Commander (E), RCN            | 01 December  | 1938 | (Commander (E) <b>HMCS Ottawa</b> )                       |
| Acting Captain (E), RCN       |              | 1941 | (To HMCS Sambro as Flotilla Engineering Officer)          |
| Captain (E), RCN              | 01 January   | 1944 | (Engineer Superintendent at Stadacona for HMC Dockyard)   |
| Acting Commodore (E), RCN     |              | 1946 | (Assistant Chief of Naval Administration and Supply)      |
| Commodore (E), RCN            | 01 January   | 1948 | (Engineer-in-Chief)                                       |
| Rear-Admiral (E), RCN         | 01 January   | 1949 | (Chief of Naval Technical Services and Engineer-in-Chief) |
| Retired                       | 31 August    | 1958 |   |

"Captain Knowlton has rendered excellent service in building up HMC Dock Yard, Halifax, from the small requirements of a pre-war Navy to its present important position, as an operating and repair base for a large proportion of the North Atlantic escort group."

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**KNOX, Malcolm Campbell, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR / MTB 743 Coastal Force - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 12 June 1945. Home: Westmount, Quebec.

Only Commanding Officer of **MTB-743** from 15 May 1944 to 31 May 1945.

Released HMCS Donnacona (Montreal); promoted LCdr on retired list. Died in Pointe Claire, Quebec on 1 August 2003.

**KNOX. Malcolm Campbell**, 0-39600, S/Lt(Temp) [1.5.41] RCNVR

HMCS CHEDABUCTO (J168) m/s, (1.10.41-?)  
HMCS GODERICH (J260) m/s, (23.12.41-?) Lt(Temp) [1.5.42]  
HMC ML 083 (Q083) CO, (11.5.43-7.10.43)  
HMC MTB 743, stand by (27.3.44-15.5.44)  
HMC MTB 743, CO, (15.5.44-31.5.45) Demobilized [13.8.45]  
**DSC~[15.9.45]**

"For services in action against enemy light forces in June and July, 1944. For bravery, skill and great devotion to duty in damaging attacks against enemy shipping off the Coast of France."

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



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**KOWBEL, Morris, Able Seaman (AAII)** (4648) (Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Alberni - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette).  
Home: Blucher, Saskatchewan. Also Listowell, Ontario  
**KOWBEL, Morris**, 4648, age 23, (Listowell, Ontario)  
AB(AAII), RCN,  
Lost [21.8.44] HMCS ALBERNI (K103) Cof.; **MID~[14.6.45]**  
Halifax Memorial, Nova Scotia  
Son of Anton J. and Maria Kowbel, of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

"This rating displayed courage, resolution and skill in the successful shooting down of an enemy torpedo bomber in July, 1944. In this, and previous engagements against enemy aircraft, all guns were fired with 100% efficiency. Able Seaman Kowbel, who was the senior Anti-Aircraft rating borne in **HMCS Alberni** and was responsible to the Gunnery Officer for the maintenance and efficient operation of all the ship's Anti-Aircraft weapons, lost his life at the time of the destruction of this ship."

The sinking of **HMCS Alberni** (Flower Class Corvette - K103) by **U-480** on 21 August 1944 in the English Channel is described in Chapter 50 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**KOYL, Jack Eardely, Lieutenant** - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMC 3<sup>rd</sup> LCI(L) Flotilla - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 February 1944 and **London Gazette** of 21 December 1943.  
Home: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.  
He served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> LCI(L) Flotilla) starting on 21 January 1944.

He served in HMCS Prince Robert (F56 - Armed Merchant Ship) beginning on 23 April 1944.

He was the National President of the Navy League of Canada 1975. He was the President Naval Officers Association of Vancouver Island.

He died on 18 November 1986 in Victoria, British Columbia.

**KOYL. Jack Eardely**, 0-39690, Lt(Temp) [18.8.41] RCNVR

HMC 3rd LCI(L) Flotilla (21.1.44-?)

**DSC~[25.2.44] MID~[26.2.44]**

HMCS PRINCE ROBERT(F56) a/a ship, (23.4.44-?)

Demobilized [29.10.45]

"For gallant and distinguished services and untiring devotion to duty in operations which led to the capture of Sicily by Allied Forces."

**KOYL, Jack Eardely, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)**  
- RCNVR / Attack on Sicily - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 February 1944 and **London Gazette** of 25 January 1944.

"For good service in the first landing of troops on the mainland of Italy."

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**KUHN, Gordon Wilfred, Leading Cook (V-26386) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia.

**KUHN. Gordon Wilfred**, V-26386, L/Ck, RCNVR, **MID~[16.5.45]**

"This rating has served at sea for thirty-seven months. His unswerving devotion to duty, often under the most difficult conditions, has been an example to all, and has played a major part in the maintenance of a happy and efficient ship's company."

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**KYLE, John Henderson, Acting Lieutenant-Commander (SP) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCNVR / Staff Officer Shore Patrols, Newfoundland Command - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

**KYLE. John Henderson**, 0-39770,

Lt(Temp) [12.7.41] RCNVR, A/LCdr(Temp) (WHA) [?] **MBE~[16.6.45]**

LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45]

"This Officer has carried out the difficult and varied duties of Staff Officer Shore Patrols in the Newfoundland Command for three years in a most efficient manner. During this period of great expansion, he has maintained discipline

ashore at a very high level, in spite of the many difficulties occasioned by the blackout and the presence of large numbers of servicemen of other services and nationalities. He has made a great contribution to the foundation and maintenance of the very cordial relations which exist between the Service and the Newfoundland authorities."

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**KYLE, Lorne Samuel, Temporary Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / 264 Canadian Landing Craft - Large Infantry Flotilla - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

Flotilla Officer for the eight Landing Craft of the **264th Canadian LCI Flotilla** (Landing Craft Infantry - Large) for 'Operation Neptune' on 'D-Day' and after.

**KYLE, Lorne Samuel, 0-39780,**

RCNVR Half Company Vancouver Sup/Reserve [24.2.38] RCNVR,

A/Lt(Temp) [20.2.40] HMC Naval Base, Montreal DEMS, (22.6.40-?)

HMCS HAMILTON (I24) DD, stand by (9.6.41-5.7.41)

HMCS HAMILTON (I24) DD, (6.7.41-?) Lt [20.2.39]

HMC 3rd LCI(L) Flotilla (24.1.44-?)

HMC 264th LCI(L) Flotilla Officer, (6.6.44) **MID~[20.1.45]**

**Croix de Guerre avec Palmes en Bronze(France)~[30.3.46]**

Resigned [8.6.45]

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

**KYLE, Lorne Samuel, Lieutenant-Commander - Croix de Guerre avec Palme en Bronze (France)** - RCNR / 264th Canadian Landing Craft - Large, Infantry Flotilla - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 February 1946 (no London Gazette).

"Was responsible for the speedy and efficient landing of the 56th Infantry Brigade. He has shown great zeal and energy in the training and organization of the Canadian Flotilla who have, under his leadership, carried out their duties with keenness and enthusiasm."

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