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LABARGE, Raymond Clement, Lieutenant-Commander (SB) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR / Deputy Director of Special Services - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

LABARGE. Raymond Clement, 0-39790, Lt(SB) (Temp) [19.10.42]

LCdr(SB) (Temp) [1.1.45]

Demobilized [1.12.45] **MBE**~[5.1.46]

"Lieutenant-Commander Labarge, as Deputy Director of Special Services, has contributed greatly to the welfare of the Canadian Naval Service. Through his zeal, energy and tact, recreational facilities and comforts were successfully distributed to ships at sea and to Shore Establishments at home and Overseas, thus aiding in a great measure to keep up the high morale of Naval personnel."

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LABELLE, Rowel Joseph, Petty Officer Telegraphist (V-6282) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

LABELLE. Rowel Joseph, V-6282, PO/Tel, RCNVR, **MID**~[6.1.45]

"As Senior Telegraphist rating on the staff of an ocean escort group, this rating has by his keen, cheerful leadership in the training of communication ratings of the ships of the group, been largely responsible for maintaining the efficiency of the communications at a consistently high level."

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LA COUVEE, Reginald James, Commissioned Engineer - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

La COUVEE. Reginald James, 0-39820, A/Wt(E) (Temp) [15.7.40] RCNR

HMCS PRINCE HENRY (F70) amc, stand by, (2.9.40-3.12.40)

HMCS PRINCE HENRY (F70) amc, (4.12.40-?) Lt(E) (Temp) [1.1.43]

HMCS PRINCE ROBERT (F56) a/a ship, (2.2.43-?) **MBE**~[9.1.43]

Lt(E) (Temp) [1.1.42]

HMCS WOLF (Z16) (P) p/v, (2.1.45-?) Demobilized [27.10.45]

"Whilst serving in one of HMC Auxiliary Cruisers over a considerable period of time, Mr. LaCouvee has carried out his duties with the utmost zeal and devotion. This Officer has never spared himself where the interests of the service or his ship were concerned."

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LADE, Henry Ernest, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Hepatica - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943. Home: Brooklyn, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Rayon d'Or** (Auxiliary Minesweeper - Z.11) from 19 April 1940 to April 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Clayoquot** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J174) from 14 April 1942 to 7 April 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Hepatica** (Flower Class Corvette - K159) from 12 April 1943 to 4 September 1943.

LADE. Henry Ernest, 0-39830, Mate(Temp) [15.2.40] RCNR
HMCS RAYON D'OR (Z11) (A) p/v, (25.4.40-?) Lt(Temp) [15.8.40]
HMCS RAYON D'OR (Z11) (A) CO, (19.4.41-?)
HMCS CLAYOQUOT (J174) m/s, CO, (14.4.42-7.4.43)
HMS HEPATICA (K159) Cof, CO, (12.4.43-5.9.43) MID~[5.6.43]
A/LCdr(Temp) [?] Demobilize [17.7.45]

"This Officer has served at sea for the past three years during which time he has shown unfailing devotion to duty and set an excellent example by his zeal and cheerfulness."

When **HMCS Charlottetown** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K244) was sunk by **U-517** on 11 September 1942 in the St. Lawrence River, **HMCS Clayoquot** assisted in picking up survivors. Lieutenant Lade was Commanding Officer of **HMCS Clayoquot** at the time.

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LADEROUTE, Norbert Joseph, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (A-1666) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943. Home: Fort William, Ontario.

LADEROUTE. Norbert Joseph, 0-39844, ERA 3/cl, A-1666, RCNR
1st MID~[9.1.43] CPO/ERA 2nd MID~[9.9.44]
A/Wt(E) (Temp) [1.4.45]
HMCS ORANGEVILLE (K491) Coc, (16.5.45-?) Demobilized [27.2.46]

"Engine Room Artificer LaDeroute, throughout his service in one of HMC Destroyers rendered invaluable service in the Engine Room and by his exemplary conduct, has consistently set a high standard of morale."

LADEROUTE, Norbert Joseph, Chief Engine Room Artificer (A-1666) - **Mention in Despatches (Second)** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 18 July 1944.

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

HMCS St. Catherines, HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Chaudiere, and HMCS

Chilliwack assisted in sinking **U-744** in mid-Atlantic on 6 March 1944 as described in Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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LADNER, Thomas Ellis, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches
- RCNVR / MGB-75 - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 8 September 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

Thomas Ladner was born on 08 December 1916 in Vancouver, B.C.

He died at his home in Vancouver on 23 June 2006

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.



One of the 'Three Musketeers' from Vancouver (Cornelius Burke and Douglas Maitland).

He went to Osgoode Hall to study law.

Joined the navy at HMCS York in 1940.

He went to King Alfred in June 1940 and took celestial navigation after his 60 days at King Alfred.

He joined **HMS Forfar** (Armed Merchant Cruiser) and was torpedoed on 4 December 1940.

He was not picked up until the next day, 100 miles west of Iceland.

For St. Christopher for MTB training in January 1941.

Appointed Commanding Officer of **MGB-19** as a Sub-Lieutenant.

He went to the 20th MGB Flotilla in January 1942 as Commanding Officer of **MGB-75** at Harwich and then Lowestoft.

MGB-75 was destroyed off Holland but made it back to Felixstowe so he went home to Vancouver for Christmas 1942.

In February 1943, he was temporary Commanding Officer of a 'C' Class Gun Boat.

In February 1943, the 20th MGB sailed to Gibraltar in Command of **MGB-663** and was involved with the invasion of Sicily and of Italy. At the end of the war, he was Staff Officer Operations for the Captain of Coastal Forces in Malta.

Post-war, Ladner resumed his law training and joined his father who was a founding partner in one of Vancouver's largest law firms, Ladner/Downs.

He was made a Queen's Counsel.

Ladner is described in detail in two books, "**Victory at Sea**" and "**Champagne Navy**" and in the books by L.C. Reynolds 'Gunboat 655' (a gunboat that Corny Burke commanded).

It is fascinating that the kind, gentle, pleasant man described in these books is the same kind, gentle, pleasant man that I know in Vancouver in 2001. Good people don't change.

Died in Vancouver in 23 June 2006.

LADNER, Thomas Ellis, 0-39850, Lt(Temp) [24.7.41] RCNVR

1st MID~[8.9.42] **2nd MID**~[1.11.42] **3rd MID**~[24.6.44] **DSC**~[1.1.45] **Bar to**

DSC~[3.2.45] **4th MID**~[24.2.45]

Resigned [30.6.45]

Citation to First MID:

"For bravery and skill when **H.M. Motor Gun Boats** attacked and sank a laden enemy trawler and severely damaged two escorting trawlers off the French coast." London Gazette entry (note: London Gazette entry here is confusing as it appears that the MID is awarded for service in **HMS Welshman**. However, he was serving with LCdr Robert Hitchens at the time and the citation to Ladner's MID is the same as that for Hitchen's Bar to his DSO.)

On the night of 14 July 1942, the 8th MGB Flotilla, including Ladner's **MGB-75**, sank a tanker off Alderney.

LADNER, Thomas Ellis, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCNVR / MGB-75 - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 10 November 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

"For skill and bravery in an attack on an enemy convoy while serving in **H.M. Motor Gun Boats**." (London Gazette)

LADNER, Thomas Ellis, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches (Third) - RCNVR / MGB-663 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 30 May 1944.

"For outstanding courage, leadership and skill in **Light Coastal Craft** in many daring attacks on enemy shipping in enemy waters."

LADNER, Thomas Ellis, Temporary Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / MGB-663 - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

"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.

LADNER, Thomas Ellis, Temporary Lieutenant - BAR to Distinguished Service Cross (DSC*) - RCNVR / MGB-663 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 February 1945 and **London Gazette** of 23 January 1945.

"For outstanding courage, skill and determination in operations in the Mediterranean in **Light Coastal Craft**."

LADNER, Thomas Ellis, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches (Fourth) - RCNVR / MGB-663 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 February

1945 and **London Gazette** of 20 February 1945.

"For services in action in the Mediterranean in August 1944 in Light Coastal Forces."



Medals of Lieutenant Thomas Ellis LADNER, DSC*, QC, RCNVR:



DSC and BAR - 1939/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Africa Star - Italy Star - Defence Medal - CVSM & Clasp - 1939/45 War Medal with MID - Canada 125 - EIIR Golden Jubilee

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LAIN, John Andrew, Stoker Petty Officer (V-12707) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.
Home: Foothills, Alberta.

LAIN. John Andrew, V-12707, PO/Stk, RCNVR, BEM~[5.1.46]

"For conspicuous devotion to duty and complete disregard for his personal safety in fighting and successfully overcoming fire in the boiler room of **HMCS Assiniboine** while on passage from Quebec to St. John's, Newfoundland in July, 1945."

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LAINE, Joseph Donat Hector, Leading Supply Assistant (V-3156) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.

Home: St. Hyacinthe, Quebec.

**LAINE. Joseph Donat Hector, V-3156, L/Sup/A, RCNVR
MID~[16.6.45]**

"This energetic and reliable rating, whose progress has been retarded only by his lack of full knowledge of the English language, has been an outstanding example to the French speaking members of the crew. He has worked hard for the well-being of the ship's company by being unstinting of his time and efforts. His storerooms are models of efficiency and cleanliness, and he has always displayed a cheerful spirit even though he suffers from a form of chronic seasickness."

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LALONDE, Albert Joseph, Chief Engine Room Artificer (A-2054) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943.

Home: Kingston, Ontario.

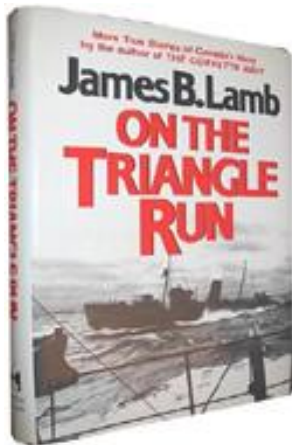
LALONDE. Albert Joseph, A-2054, CPO/ERA, RCNR, MID~[5.6.43]

"While on convoy duty and in action against enemy submarines, this rating displayed initiative and resourcefulness of a high order."

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LAMB, James Barrett, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Camrose - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 26 December 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.



Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR who trained at HMCS Naden in 1940.

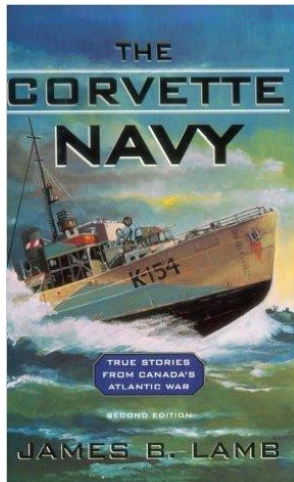
Served in the Examination Service on the West Coast out of Victoria and Prince Rupert in the examination vessel **HMCS Cancoum**.

Served on **HMCS Trail** (Flower Class Corvette) on the Triangle Run between Halifax, St. John, New York and mid-Atlantic in 1942 after service on the St. Laurence River.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Minas** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J165) from 18 June 1943 to 25 October 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Camrose** (Flower Class Corvette - K154) from 8 November 1944 to 18 July 1945.

Author of "**The Corvette Navy**" and "**On the Triangle Run**".



LAMB, James Barrett. 0-40040, A/S/Lt(Temp) [15.4.40] RCNVR
HMCS CANCOLIM (Z10) (P) p/v, (4.9.40-?)
HMCS TRAIL (K174) Cof, (30.4.41-?) Lt(Temp) [15.4.41]
HMCS MINAS (J165) m/s, CO, (18.6.43-25.10.44)
HMCS CAMROSE (K154) Cof, CO, (25.11.44-18.6.45)
MID~[20.1.45] Demobilized [11.10.45]

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

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LAMBERT, Leopold Joseph, Acting Petty Officer (DEMS) (B-260) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / SS Cornwallis - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.

Home: Charney, Quebec.

Awarded **RCN(R) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 26 June 1946.

LAMBERT. Leopold Joseph, B-260, A/PO(DEMS), RCNR

LS&GC~[26.6.45] BEM~[5.1.46]

"Petty Officer Lambert has served for the past five and a half years on Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships, sixty-one months of which were spent at sea. While serving on board the **S.S. Cornwallis**, he was largely responsible for the repulse of an air attack on his ship off the coast of Ireland in July, 1940. Petty Officer Lambert's courage and devotion to duty has been a source of inspiration to the men serving with him throughout his long period of service."

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LANCIEN, John Gordon, Able Seaman (V-31654) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / Render Mine Safe Staff Halifax - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 October 1943 and London Gazette of 16 October 1943.

LANCIEN. John Gordon, V-31654, AB, RCNVR, BEM~[16.10.43]

(see 8 Jun 43)

"For gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty."

Lieutenant George Rundle (awarded the **George Medal**) was aboard **ML-053** in a sweeper flotilla operating off of Halifax, Nova Scotia, between 5 June - 12 June 1943. Mines were found on two occasions and towed to the beach at Ketch Harbour, near Halifax. On 8 June, Lieutenant Rundle with the assistance of Leading Seaman Lancien, removed the access plate to the mine, cut the electrical wiring and extracted the detonator and primer. He repeated this procedure on 11 June 1943. This is from page 82 "**Salty Dips Volume 1**".

The "**Canadian Geographical Journal Volume LXIV No. 1**" gives an expanded version of this episode.

"When the German Navy tried to bottle up our eastern ports with concentrations of mines laid by large submarines, the **Fairmiles**, working in the face of great danger, accomplished their task with despatch and ingenuity.

On 1 June 1943, the first mine was discovered in the approaches to Halifax Harbour, and before the day had ended, three floating mines had been sunk by gunfire. Our minesweepers immediately swept and buoyed a safe channel by which vessels could enter and leave Halifax. However, on 3 June 1943, the Panamanian motor ship

Halma, of 2,937 tons, approaching outside the swept channel, was sunk.

Although it was suspected that the mines might be magnetic, it was not yet known what type they were. The Hague Convention required that mines when broken loose from their mooring should automatically become harmless, but there was no knowing whether such niceties of warfare were being practised or whether the mines were time-fuzed to explode after surfacing. It was therefore of vital importance to recover a mine intact to determine the characteristics.

On 7 June 1943, **ML Q-053**, commanded by Sub-Lieutenant George M. Schuthe, RCNVR, followed the minesweeper **HMCS Red Deer** on her sweeps and saw three mines exploding but failed to pick up a floating one. However, the next day, **ML Q-053** again followed the sweepers and at 1815 hours sighted a mine cut loose by **Byms 989**, a British Motor Minesweeper. After careful approach, a tow-line 90 yards long was made fast and the mine towed by **ML Q-053** to a suitable protected beach at Ketch Harbour fifteen and a half miles away.

During the long tow, the mine might have detonated at any moment and all hands on board **ML Q-053** were kept forward under cover. At 1950 hours, the tow-line was transferred to the shore and the mine hauled onto the beach, whereupon, Lieutenant G.H.O. Rundle, RCNR, the Render Mine Safe Officer, assisted by Ordinary Seaman Lancien proceeded to remove the plate-securing nuts with wrenches, cut inside wiring with snipers and remove the detonator. As daylight faded at 2052 hours, on a signal that the mine was rendered safe, the remainder of the shore party came from their protected position on the cliff side and assisted in removing the primer and mine mechanism. On 11 June 1943, another mine was recovered by **ML Q-053** and rendered safe." Also found on page 130 of '**1000 Brave Canadians**'.

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LANDYMORE, William Moss, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Uganda - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Born in Brantford, Ontario on 31 July 1916.



Officer Cadet in 1934 at the Royal Military College of Canada as Special Entry No. 40.

Discharged for Appointment to RCN as Naval Cadet RCN in 1936.

To Stadacona in 1936. To **HMS Frobisher** for training in 1936.

To **HMS Emerald** for training in 1937 and Palestine Campaign service which won him the Naval General Service Medal, Bar Palestine.

To **HMS Glasgow** in 1938. To HMS

Victory in 1939.

To **HMS Windsor** in 1939.

To **HMCS Fraser** in 1940 and survived the sinking of this ship on 25 June 1940. To **HMCS Margaree** after and survived the sinking of this ship on 22 October 1940. To HMS Excellent for Long Gunnery Course in 1942.

To **HMS Grenville** in 1943.

To Naval HQ for duty with Director of Warfare and Training in 1944.

Gunnery Officer in **HMCS Uganda** in 1944.

To Naval HQ as Staff Gunnery Officer in 1945.

At Naval HQ as Deputy Director of Weapons and Tactics in 1946.

To HMS President for RN Staff Course in 1948.

At HMS President for Tactical Course in 1949. Promoted Commander 01 July 1949.

Took Joint Services Staff Course in 1949.

Director of Manning and Personnel Statistics in 1950.

Commander Canadian Destroyers Far East and Commanding Officer of **HMCS Iroquois** (I) (Tribal Class Destroyer - 217) from 21 October 1951 to 31 October 1953 for Korean War Service (awarded OBE and MID in Korea - see Korea Honours).

Imperial Defence College course in 1953.

To Naval HQ as Director of Naval Plans and Operations in 1955.

To Naval HQ on Staff of Legal Officer in 1957.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Bonaventure** (Aircraft Carrier - 22) from 15 January 1958 to 11 September 1959.

Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Atlantic Coast in September 1959.

Flag on **HMCS Bonaventure** as Senior Canadian Officer Afloat in 1962.

Flag Officer Atlantic Coast and Senior Officer in Chief Command and Maritime Commander Atlantic and Commander Canadian Atlantic Sub-Area from 1 November 1962 to 26 October 1964.

Commander Maritime Command and Commander Canadian Atlantic Sub-Area in 1966.

Retired prematurely by the Minister of National Defence during the unification of the three armed services on 19 July 1966 effective 5 May 1967.

In Retirement, he served with distinction on the Board of the Grace Hospital, Halifax, for which he was awarded the Salvation Army Cross of the Order of Distinguished Auxiliary Services and was made and an honorary member of the Nova Scotia Health Organizations.

He died in Halifax on 27 November 2008. His ashes were scattered into the Atlantic Ocean from *HMCS Toronto* following a full military honours memorial service on 01 May 2009.

LANDYMORE. William "Bill" Moss, 0-40220, Special entry No. 40, Cadet 1934, RMCC 1934, discharged 1936 for entry RCN Cadet [28.8.36] *HMCS STADACONA* 1936, *HMS FROBISHER* 1936, Mid [1.5.37]

HMS EMERALD (1.5.37-?) *HMS GLASGOW* (12.10.38-?)

A/S/Lt [1.5.39] *HMS VICTORY* 1939,

HMS WINDSOR 1939, Lt [1.11.40]

HMCS FRASER (H48) DD, (6.3.40-?)

HMCS MARGAREE (H49) DD, (6.9.40-?)

RCNB. Esq, (31.12.40-?) *HMS EXCELLENT* 1942,

HMS GRENVILL 1943, NSHQ 1944,

HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, stand by, (5.6.44-20.10.44)

HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (21.10.44-?) A/LCdr(G) [5.6.44]

NSHQ 1945, **MID**~[5.1.46] LCdr [1.5.47] *HMS PRESIDENT* 1948,

Cdr [1.7.49] CD~[?]

HMCS IROQUOIS (217) DD, CO, (21.10.51-31.10.53)

A/Capt [1.6.52] **MID** [13.6.53] Capt [1.1.53] **OBE** [20.2.54]

HMCS BONAVENTURE (22) CVL, CO, (15.1.58-11.9.59) Cmdre [1.10.59]

Officer Cadet		1934	(Royal Military College Canada Special Entry No. 40)
Naval Cadet, RCN	28 August	1936	(To HMS Frobisher training Cruiser)
Midshipman, RCN	01 May	1937	(To HMS Emerald and Palestine Campaign service)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 May	1939	(To HMCS Fraser in 1940 and survived the sinking)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 March	1939	(Seniority effective 01 March 1939)
Lieutenant, RCN	01 November	1940	(To HMCS Margaree after and survived the sinking)
Acting LCdr, RCN	05 June	1944	(Gunnery Officer in HMCS Uganda)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 May	1947	(Naval HQ as Staff Gunnery Officer)
Commander, RCN	01 July	1949	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Iroquois - Awarded MID)
Acting Captain, RCN	14 June	1952	(Commander Canadian Destroyers Far East - Awarded OBE)
Captain, RCN	01 January	1953	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Bonaventure)
Commodore, RCN	01 November	1959	(Senior Canadian Officer Afloat)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	01 November	1962	(Flag Officer Atlantic Coast / Commander Maritime Command)
Retired	19 July	1966	(Effective 5 May 1967)

"This Officer has at all times shown exceptional zeal, patience and cheerfulness. He has rendered outstanding service as Gunnery Officer of **HMCS Uganda** in enemy waters while serving with the British Pacific Fleet."

Awarded **Mention in Despatches** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 1953 while in command of **HMCS Iroquois** in the rank of Acting Captain.

Awarded **Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 February 1954 for Korea in the rank of Captain.

Medals of Rear-Admiral William Moss LANDYMORE, OBE, CD, RCN:

OBE - Naval General Service Medal (GVI) with BAR Palestine - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Pacific Star - Defence Medal - CVSM and Claps - 39/44 War Medal with MID - Canadian Korean Medal with MID - United Nations Korea - EIIR Coronation - CD (GVI) and two Bars.

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LANE, Harry, Chief Stoker (21336) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945. Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

LANE. Harry, 21336, CPO/Stk, RCN, BEM~[6.1.45]

"Chief Stoker Lane, by his cheerful and whole hearted devotion to duty, has rendered outstanding service and set and inspiring example to others. His exceptional ability in organizing and regulating men has greatly contributed to the efficient operation and expansion of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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LANE, Robert Louis, Midshipman (E) - Commendation - RCN - Awarded as per London Gazette of 22 July 1941 (no Canada Gazette).

LANE. Robert Louis, 0-40260,
Cdt RMC, Special entry No. 49, Cdt [25.8.39] RCN
Mid(E) [1.5.40] to RN for trg, **Commendation** ~[22.7.41]
A/S/Lt(E) [1.1.42] A/Lt(E) [1.6.41] Lt(E) [1.3.43]
HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, stand by, (21.9.44-20.10.44)
HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (21.10.44-?) NSHQ 1947,
HMCS CAYUGA (R04) DD, (15.9.49-?)
LCdr(E) [?] Cdr(E) [1.7.53] Capt(E) [1.1.61]

"For bravery during an enemy air attack on the City of Plymouth."

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LANG, George Pryce, Chief Stoker (21372) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 11 July 1944. Home: Montreal, Quebec.

LANG. George Pryce, 21372, CPO/Stk, RCN, MID~[9.9.44]

"For leadership, resolution and skill in **H.M. Ships Black Prince** and **Ashanti** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Athabaskan, Haida** and **Huron** in a successful action with enemy destroyers in the

English Channel."

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LARSON, Bertil Frederick, Lieutenant (E) - Mention in Despatches -
RCNVR / HMCS Magog - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April
1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 March 1945.

Home: Haney, British Columbia.

LARSON. Bertil Frederick, 0-40660, Lt(E)(Temp) [22.12.42] RCNVR
HMCS STRATFORD (J310) m/s, (14.9.43-?)
HMCS ACADIA (Z00) (A) a/s, (18.12.43-?) Lt(E)(Temp) [22.12.41]
HMCS MAGOG (K673) Fr, (3.8.44-?)
HMCS WASKESIU (K330) Fr, (5.12.44-?) **MID**~[21.4.45]
Demobilized [29.11.45]

"This Officer, in carrying out his duties, in Charge of the
Damage Control Party, and the Engineroom Branch, showed great
coolness and foresight in the efficient manner in which he
directed the proceedings."

The actions of this officer when **HMCS Magog** was damaged are
described in detail on page 239, "**U-Boats against Canada**".

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LARTER, Chester R., Petty Officer (V-14490) - Mention in
Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 March
1946 and **London Gazette** of 11 December 1945.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

LARTER. Chester, V-14490, PO, RCNVR, **MID**~[30.3.46]

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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LATCHMORE, Francis Bevan, Commander - Officer - Order of the
British Empire (OBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5
January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Pointe Clare, Quebec.

LATCHMORE. Francis Bevan, 0-40720, A/Lt(Temp) [7.9.39] RCNR
HMC Naval Base, Quebec, Exam/Svc, (7.9.39-?)
HMCS CHALEUR (D/S) Quebec, CO, & NOIC (26.2.42-?)
LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43] A/Cdr [1.1.45] **OBE**~[5.1.46]
Demobilized [11.12.45]

"While in one of His Majesty's Canadian shore establishments
as Naval Control Service Officer, Commander Latchmore has
rendered outstanding service and has shown by his unswerving
devotion to duty, organizing ability to a marked degree."

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LAUDER, Lester John, Leading Seaman (V-5731) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 18 July 1944. Home: Montreal, Quebec.
LAUDER, Lester John, V-5731, LS, RCNVR, MID~[9.9.44]

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

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

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LAVERGNE, Gaston Rodolph, Acting Leading Seaman (3938) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / for South of France - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 March 1945.
Home: Ottawa, Ontario.
LAVERGNE, Gaston Rudolph, 3938, A/LS, RCN, MID~[21.4.45]

"For distinguished service in the successful invasion of the South of France in August 1944."

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LAW, Charles Anthony Francis ("Tony"), Acting Sub-Lieutenant Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / MTB-48 - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 31 March 1942 (no Canada Gazette).



Born: England in 1916.
Home: Quebec City, Quebec.
His father was an army major serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force and his mother was the daughter of a judge of the Exchequer Court.
They were both Canadians and returned to Canada in 1917.
He grew up in Quebec City.
He attended University of Ottawa and studied painting under Mr.

Frank Varley, a member of the Group of Seven.
 In 1937 he joined the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and transferred to the RCNVR in as Sub-Lieutenant on 18 March 1940.
 In summer of 1942, he joined the Flotilla of Steam Gun Boats. Commanding Officer of a RN Boat **MTB-48** that attacked the **Scharnhorst** and **Gneisenau** in February 1942.
 First Lieutenant on **MGB-53** in March 1943.
 Commanding Officer of **MTB-459** from 26 January 1944 to 11 September 1944.
 Commander of the **29th Canadian MTB Flotilla** from March 1944 until the fire of 14 February 1945.
 Commanding Officer of **MTB-486** from 5 August 1944 to 24 February 1945.
 He also Commanded **MTB-629**.
 While serving in MTBs, he continued to paint and became a temporary war artist in 1944.
 Promoted Acting LCdr on 5 August 1945.
 After the destruction of the 29th Canadian MTB Flotilla at Ostend in February 1945, he became an official war artist completing 29 large oil canvasses and 75 oil sketches.
 He was not present when fire destroyed the 29th MTB being in England having his boat repaired.
 In 1946, he transferred to the RCN (as a Lieutenant with seniority to 1 January 1940).
 Served on **HMCS Uganda** starting on 20 August 1946.
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Antigonish** (River Class Frigate - K661) from 17 August 1947 to 3 December 1948.
 Promoted LCdr on 1 January 1948 and served on exchange with the US Navy from 1949 to 1951.
 First Lieutenant of **HMCS Magnificent** (Aircraft Carrier) from 04 February 1952 to 1 July 1953.
 Promoted Commander 1 July 1953.
 To Stadacona as OIC JOTL Course 1953 to 1955.
 Executive Officer of **HMCS Labrador** from 1956 to 1957 and last Commanding Officer **HMCS Labrador** from 04 November to 22 November 1957 when the ship went into refit and was transferred to the Canadian Coast Guard.
 Did many excellent Arctic paintings in this period.
 Second exchange program with United States Navy from 1958 to 1961
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sioux** (Destroyer - 225) from 20 September 1961 to 13 October 1963.
 Brief period in FOAC.
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cape Scott** (Escort Maintenance Ship - 101) from 11 May 1964 to 10 April 1966 for a memorable Canadian Medical and Scientific Expedition to Easter Island.
 Retired on 17 November 1966 and continued as an artist in civilian career.
 Author of '**Whited Plumes Astern**'.
 He died on 15 October 1996, age 80, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
LAW. Charles Anthony Francis, 0-40840, S/Lt(Temp) [18.3.40] RCNVR
1st MID~[31.3.42] Lt(Temp) [18.3.42]
 HMC MTB 459, CO, (26.1.44-11.9.44) Lt(Temp) [18.3.40]
2nd MID~[24.6.44] HMC MTB 486, CO, (5.8.44-24.2.45)

DSC~[20.1.45] LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45] Lt [1.1.40] RCN
A/LCdr [13.8.45]
HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (20.8.46-?)
HMCS ANTIGONISH (K661) Fr, (1.8.47-16.8.47)
HMCS ANTIGONISH (K661) Fr, CO, (17.8.47-3.12.48)
LCdr [1.1.48] FOPC, (4.12.48-?)
Cdr [?] HMCS LABRADOR (50) Arctic PV, CO, (4.11.57-22.11.57)
HMCS SIOUX (225) DD, CO, (20.9.61-13.10.63)
HMCS CAPE SCOTT(101) Rep/ship, CO, (11.5.64-10.4.66)

"For daring and resolution while serving in H.M. Destroyers, Motor Torpedo Boats, and Motor Gun boats in daylight attacks at close range and against odds, upon the German Battle Cruisers **Scharnhorst** and **Gneisenau** and the Cruiser **Prince Eugen**."

LAW, Charles Anthony Francis, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCNVR / MTB-459 - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 24 June 1944 and London Gazette of 30 May 1944.

"For good service in coastal force actions."

LAW, Charles Anthony, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / MTB 459 - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 29 August 1944.

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

Chapter 46 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**" details the exploits of **MTB-460** and **MTB-463** ('G' type Motor Torpedo Boats) as part of the 29th MTB Flotilla under the Command of LCdr Tony Law during the Normandy landings and afterwards.

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LAWRENCE, Harold ('Hal') Ernest Thomas, Sub-Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Moose Jaw - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 19 May 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

Born in the Corps of Royal Engineers barracks at Chatham, England in 1920. Family moved to Halifax, Nova



Born into a military family and joined the RCNVR as a Midshipman on 8 September 1939.

Trained with first war entries at Stadacona and served his first year on local patrols in **Andre Dupre, Ulna, Citadel, Acadia** and **French**.

Promoted Acting Sub-Lieutenant on 17 August 1940, he joined **HMS Alaunia** (armed merchant cruiser).

He then served on **HMCS Moose Jaw** (Corvette).

Took his Navigation Course at Kings from 19 January to 18 March 1942.

Posted to **HMCS Oakville** on 16 April 1942 during much of the battle of the Atlantic and became Executive Officer on 3 June 1943.

Transferred to the RCN post-war.

To Stadacona on 16 November 1945.

To HMS Excellent on 20 December 1945 for G course.

Served in **HMCS Crescent** beginning 26 May 1947, **HMCS Cayuga** beginning on 12 May 1948 and back to Stadacona on 10 January 1949 for G School.

To **HMCS Micmac** on 22 November 1949.

Served as GO in **HMCS Magnificent** on 6 February 1950 until posted back to Stadacona on 3 August 1940 for the G School.

Promoted to LCdr on 17 August 1950.

To Naval HQ on 12 January 1953 for Reserve Staff and to HMCS Star (Naval Reserve Division Hamilton) on 28 March 1953 on the staff of Commander of Naval Reserves (COND).

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Portage** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J331) from 23 May 1954 to 25 October 1956 as Senior Officer in Command of the **Eleventh Escort Squadron**.

To Naden on 12 November 1956 for FOPC Staff.

Back to Naval HQ on 7 August 1959 for naval staff.

Took his BA doing night classes and graduated in 1962.

Retirement leave began on 20 January 1965 and retired on 17 August 1965.

Took his Masters at University of Ottawa and graduated in 1971.

He taught in the Department of English at the University of Ottawa.

He moved to Victoria and taught at the University of Victoria and Royal Roads Military School.

He joined CIDA for 12 years of projects in the third world.

Retired in Victoria, B.C.

He is the author of **"A Bloody War"** (1979), **"Tales of the North Atlantic"** (1985) and **"Victory at Sea"** (1990).

He died on 11 April 1994, age 74, in Victoria, British Columbia.

LAWRENCE. Harold "Hal" Ernest Thomas, 0-40900, Mid(Temp) [8.9.39] RCNVR
HMCS ULNA 167/09, Ex/v, (22.11.39-?)
HMCS ACADIA (Z00) (A) a/s, (5.3.40-?)
HMCS MOOSE JAW (K164) Cof, (19.6.41-?) S/Lt(Temp) [17.8.41]
HMCS OAKVILLE (K178) Cof, (16.4.42-?) **MID**~[19.5.42]
Lt(Temp) [17.8.42] **DSC**~[28.12.42] Lt(Temp) [17.8.41]
HMCS SIOUX (R64) DD, (21.2.44-?) Lt(G) [17.8.42] RCN,
HMCS CRESCENT (R16) DD, (26.5.47-?)
HMCS MAGNIFICENT(21) CVL, (6.2.50-?)
LCdr, RCN, HMCS PORTAGE(169) m/s, CO, (23.4.55-25.10.56)

"For good service in **HMCS Moose Jaw** in action against enemy submarines and in rescuing survivors from a merchantman."

Details on the action in which HMCS Moose Jaw (Flower Class Corvette - K164) and **HMCS Chambly** (Flower Class Corvette - K116) sank **U-501** off of Greenland on 10 September 1941 can be found in Chapter seven of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

LAWRENCE, Harold Ernest Thomas, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS Oakville - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 December 1942 and **London Gazette** of 29 December 1942.

"For gallant services in action with enemy submarines while serving in **HMCS Oakville**. Lieutenant Lawrence was in charge of a boarding party of two which attempted to prevent the scuttling of a U-boat. With complete disregard for his own safety, this officer, accompanied by a Petty Officer, boarded the U-boat and, having subdued the enemy crew, he took action in an endeavour to prevent the scuttling of the U-boat, notwithstanding the fact that it was then sinking. His spirited and determined conduct was worthy of the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

The action for which he received his DSC is described in '**Far Distant Ships**' on page 137 and describes how he climbed into the sinking U-Boat to try and save the submarine or get the confidential books. "**A Bloody War - One Man's Memories of the Canadian Navy**" also has a detailed description of the events.

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

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LAY, Horatio Nelson, Commander - Cross of Valour (Poland) - RCN / HMCS Restigouche - Awarded as per London Gazette of 21 October 1941 (no Canada Gazette).

Born in Skagway, Alaska, USA on 23 January 1903.



Naval Cadet at Royal Naval College of Canada (Ninth Term) in 1918.

Midshipman, RCN in 1921 and to **HMS Resolution** for Training.

To **HMS Cloud** for training in 1923. To Royal Naval College Greenwich and RN Barracks Portsmouth from Sub-Lieutenant courses in 1924.

To **HMCS Patrician** in 1925.

To **HMS Tiger** for big ship experience prior to torpedo course in 1927.

To **HMS Repulse** for further experience in 1928.

To HMS Vernon for Long Torpedo Officers Course in 1929.

Torpedo Officer Atlantic Coast in 1930.

To **HMCS Skeena** in 1931. Torpedo Officer Pacific Coast in 1933.

To **HMCS Vancouver** as First Lieutenant in 1934.

Torpedo Officer Pacific Coast in 1937.

To Royal Naval Staff 'course in 1938.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Gaspe** (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J94) from 12 January 1939 to 17 August 1939 and as Staff Officer Operations to Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Restigouche** (River Class Destroyer - H00) from 26 December 1939 to 23 June 1941.

He was then made **Director of Operations** from June 1941 to October 1943.

Only Canadian Commanding Officer of **HMS Nabob** (Escort Aircraft Carrier - D77) (an RN ship but manned by Canadians) from 15 October 1943 until she was damaged on 22 August 1944 and paid off on 30 September 1944.

To **Canadian Naval Mission Overseas London** for Negotiations with Royal Navy for Aircraft Carriers in 1945.

To US Army/US Navy Staff College in 1945.

To Naval Service HQ as **Director of Plans and Naval Intelligence** in 1945.

Acting Commodore in 1948 and to Naval HQ as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Plans and Air).

Canadian Naval Attaché Washington and Naval member of the Canadian Joint Liaison Staff in 1949.

To Naval HQ as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Warfare) and Member of the Naval Board of Canada in 1952.

To Naval HQ as Vice-Chief of Naval Staff and as Chairman of Naval

Staff in August 1954.

Promoted Rear-Admiral in 1954 and retired in 1958.

Afterwards, he was active in the Ottawa United Appeal from 1958 to 1972.

He died at Dundas, Ontario on 08 May 1988.

LAY. Horatio Nelson, 0-41040, Cdt [23.9.18] 9th term RNCC

Mid [1.9.21] RCN,

HMS RESOLUTION (26.10.21-?)

HMCS PATRICIAN TBD, (24.8.25-?) Lt [1.10.25]

HMS VERNON (3.1.29-?)

HMCS SKEENA(H01) DD, (10.6.31-?)

HMCS NADEN(D/S) (3.7.33-?) LCdr [1.10.33]

HMCS VANCOUVER DD, (1.12.34-?)

HMCS SKEENA(D59) DD, (16.12.35-?)

HMCS NADEN(D/S) (15.8.37-?)

HMS PRESIDENT (11.1.38-?)

RCNB Halifax, & HMCS GASPE(J94) m/s, CO, (15.1.39-17.8.39)

COAC, Asst/StO/Ops, (27.8.39-?)

HMCS RESTIGOUCHE(H00) DD, CO, (26.12.39-23.6.41) Cdr [1.7.40]

HMCS BYTOWN(D/S) for NSHQ, CO, (30.6.41-?)

Cross of Valour(Poland)~[21.10.41] A/Capt 1943, **OBE~[9.1.43]**

HMS NABOB(D77) es/carrier, CO, (15.10.43-30.9.44)

Capt [1.1.45] **MID**~[20.1.45] A/Cmdre 1948, Cmdre [1.1.49]

CD~[?] RAdm [1.10.54] Retired [21.10.58]

Rear-Admiral Horatio Nelson Lay, OBE, CD

Naval Cadet, RCN	22 September 1918	(Royal Naval College of Canada 9 th Term)
Midshipman, RCN	01 September 1921	(To HMS Resolution and HMS Cloud)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 January 1924	(To HMCS Patrician)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 July 1924	(To HMCS Patrician)
Lieutenant, RCN	01 November 1925	(To HMCS Skeena)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 November 1933	(First Commanding Officer of HMCS Gaspe)
Commander, RCN	01 July 1940	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Restigouche)
Acting Captain, RCN	15 October 1943	(Only Cdn Commanding Officer HMS Nabob)
Captain, RCN	01 January 1945	(Director Plans and Naval Intelligence)
Acting Commodore, RCN	12 April 1948	(Asst Chief of Naval Staff (Plans & Air))
Commodore, RCN	01 January 1949	(Canadian Naval Attaché Washington)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	01 November 1954	(Vice-Chief of Naval Staff)
Retired	21 October 1958	(Chairman of Naval Staff)

"In recognition of services during withdrawal of Polish Forces in France in 1940" - HMCS Restigouche

LAY, Horatio Nelson, Acting Captain - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / HMCS Restigouche - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943.

"For gallantry and distinguished services before the enemy. This Officer was in command of one of HMC Destroyers engaged in convoy and other duties in United Kingdom waters in the early part of the war, and assisted in the evacuations from France. As Senior Officer of a convoy escort group in the Atlantic over a considerable period, his keenness and efficiency were an inspiration to those serving under his command."

LAY, Horatio Nelson, Captain, OBE - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Nabob - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 26 December 1944. He received only one MID.

"For good service when his ship **HMS Nabob** was damaged."

"For courage, resolution and skill in Northern waters (London Gazette Citation)."



HMS Nabob (Aircraft Carrier) was damaged by **U-354** on 22 August 1944. While she was a Royal Navy ship, she was crewed by Canadians. Twenty-one crew were killed in the attack. The crew got her boilers up and running and made it back to Scapa Flow. She was determined to be too damaged to salvage and was scrapped.



A Ruler-Class Escort Aircraft Carrier (Bogue-class in the USN) obtained under US/UK Lend Lease Agreement. A mercantile which was under construction by Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corporation at Seattle and was requisitioned by the US Navy for completion as an escort aircraft carrier (CVE) to be named USS EDISTO (CVE41). She was laid down on 20th October 1942 and launched on 9th March 1943.

Build was completed on 7th Sept.1943. The ship was transferred to the RN and entered service as HMS NABOB but was manned by Royal Canadian Navy personnel, except Air Group personnel from the Royal Navy. During build the ship was fitted with US Navy radar outfits

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LAYARD, Arthur Frank Capel, Acting Commander, DSO - Mention in Despatches - RN (on loan RCN) / HMCS Matane - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 March 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 February 1945.

Joined Royal Navy on 19 September 1912 - specialized in Gunnery 17 August 1937 at HMS Excellent, Experimental Department, Gunnery School, Portsmouth

Awarded **Distinguished Service Order (DSO)** for service with the RN and he would receive a **DSC** as per the London Gazette of 03 July 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Gaspe** (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J94) from 12 January 1939 to 17 August 1939.

Commanding Officer of **HMS Broke** (Destroyer) April 1942 to August 1942 and SOE of SC-94 Convoy.

Back to HMS President in Portsmouth 29 December 1942 until February 1943.

Department of Miscellaneous Weapon Development, Admiralty in February 1943.

Duty with the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Weapons), Admiralty in June 1943.

Commanding Officer HMS Salisbury (Destroyer) in August 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Matane** (River Class Frigate - K44) from 4 April 1944 to 26 July 1944. (Received MID for "Saving his ship which was damaged in an air attack on 20 July 1944").

Lent to the RCN and **Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Swansea** (River Class Frigate - K.328) from 30 July 1944 to 4 November 1944.

Commanding Officer HMCS St. John (Frigate) from 02 February 1945 to 22 February 1945. (Received Distinguished Service Medal for "Probable destruction of a U-Boat in the North Sea on 06 February 1945").

Commanding Officer HMCS Loch Alvie (Frigate) from 23 February 1945 to 07 July 1945.

Returned to Royal Navy.

LAYARD, Arthur Frank Capel, 47-L-24
LCdr [15.2.28] RN, **DSO**~[?] A/Cdr,
HMCS MATANE (K444) Fr, (22.1.44-?)
HMCS MATANE (K444) Fr, CO, (4.4.44-26.7.44)
A/Cdr(WHA) [?]
HMCS SWANSEA (K328) Fr, CO, (30.7.44-4.11.44)
HMCS LOCH ALVIE (K428) Fl, (23.2.45-?) **MID**~[3.3.45]
DSC~[3.7.45]
Reverted to RN [2.7.45]

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

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE TUESDAY, 16 MARCH, 1943, ADMIRALTY... *Whitehall, 16th March*, 1943. The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following Appointments to the Distinguished Service Order and to approve the following Reward and Awards: —

For bravery and skill in the hazardous operations in which the Allied Forces were landed in North Africa:




To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:

Lieutenant-Commander Arthur Frank Caple Layard, Royal Navy.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE TUESDAY, 27 February 1945, ADMIRALTY... *Whitehall*.
 27th February, 1945. The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:
Mention in Despatches: For leadership and skill in damage control:
 Acting Commander Arthur Frank Caple Layard, D.S.O., Royal Navy.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE, 3 JULY, 1945

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards: — For bravery, skill and determination while serving in H.M. Ships Wild Goose, Labuan, Loch Fada, Rowley, Duckworth, Keats and Tyler and **H.M.C.S. St. John**, in operations against enemy submarines: *The Distinguished Service Cross*
Commander Arthur Frank Caple Layard, D.S.O., Royal Navy (Rtd.) (Nr. Emsworth, Hants.).
 "Probable destruction of a U-Boat in the North Sea on 06 February 1945"

	DSO	16.03.1943	Operation Torch, assault Algiers
	DSC	03.07.1945	probable destruction of U-boat North Sea 06.02.45
	MID	27.02.1945	saved ship damaged in air attack 20.07.44

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LEACH, William Douglas, Warrant Shipwright - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943.
 Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.
 Awarded **Royal Canadian Navy Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 06 February 1939.
LEACH. William Douglas, 0-41060, CPO/Shpt, 40242, RCN
 LS&GC~[6.2.39]
 Cd/Shpt [1.5.43] RCN, **MBE**~[5.6.43], A/Shpt/Lt [1.7.45]
 HMC Dockyard Halifax, (16.2.47-?)

"This Warrant Shipwright has at all times worked tirelessly and cheerfully. During the period of hostilities, he has inspired the ratings under his charge and his services have been of the utmost value in the great expansion of the artisan personnel in the Royal Canadian Navy."

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LEATHAM, Alexander, Acting Chief Petty Officer (DEMS) (V-10339) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR / SS Coronation Park - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.
LEATHAM. Alexander, V-10339, A/CPO (DEMS) RCNVR, **DSM**~[5.1.46]

"This rating joined the Service in the early years of the war, and has been at sea for thirty-two months in general service, and Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships. In the South Pacific, he served at Leyte, Philippines and Admiralty Islands. Whilst in the **S.S. Coronation Park** in San Francisco, this rating supervised the fighting of a fire on

board. He showed no regard for his personal safety and successfully put out the fires on deck, then he entered the engine room and dry stores, completed the work and by this action, saved his ship. His enthusiasm, energy and loyal devotion to duty have been an inspiration to those with whom he served."

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LEBEAU, Cyril Arthur, Acting Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class (V-42389) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 20 March 1945. Home: West Kildonan, Manitoba.
LEBEAU. Cyril Arthur, V-42389, A/ERSA 4/cl, MID~[21.4.45]

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

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LEBLANC, Hubert, Chief Motor Mechanic (A-1960) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 March 1945 and **London Gazette** of 13 March 1945. Home: Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.
LEBLANC. Hubert, A-1960, CPO/MM, RCNR, MID~[24.3.45]

"For good services in the Normandy assault area."

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LeBLANC, Joseph George Arthur Raymond, Acting Able Seaman (DEMS) (V-89586) - **Commendation** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Montreal, Quebec.
LEBLANC. Joseph George A.R., V-89586, A/AB(DEMS) RCNVR Commendation~[5.1.46]

"During a fire on board **S.S. Moyra** in the St. Lawrence in May 1945, Able Seaman LeBlanc assisted in removing ammunition from the ship's magazine, and oil drums from the deck. This gallant action was in keeping with the highest tradition of the Canadian Naval Service."

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LECKIE, Norman, Sick Berth Attendant (V-17338) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 12 December 1942 and **London Gazette** of 3 December 1942.

"This rating carried out particularly good work with wounded ratings. During an action with an enemy U-Boat, when the Sick Bay flat was on fire, he ran forward when the ship was

under fire, entered the Sick Bay and saved all the medical stores that were necessary to the relief of the wounded."

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LEDINGHAM, Eula Winnifred, Matron - Member - Royal Red Cross (RRC) - RCN (Temp) - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 June 1946 and London Gazette of 13 June 1946.

Home: Born and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Graduated from the Vancouver General Hospital Nursing Program in 1927 and subsequently took post-graduate courses at the California Lutheran Hospital in Los Angeles, California.

She was employed as the Superintendent of Nurses at the Vancouver General Hospital until she joined the Naval Nursing Service in 1943.

She served in the naval hospital at Stadacona and as the Matron of the naval hospitals at Cornwallis and Naden.

She was appointed as Matron of the naval hospital in Stadacona and Matron-in-Chief of the Naval Nursing Service in 1947, with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander. Near the end of her nursing career, she married the Commanding Officer of HMCS Cedarwood, LCdr John E. Wolfenden.

In 1946, she was awarded the Royal Red Cross in recognition of her nursing skill and dedication. Eula Wolfenden retired in 1948 and died in November 1954. She was borne to rest on a gun carriage from Royal Oak Crematorium with full military honours.

LEDINGHAM, Eula Winnifred, 0-41200, Matron(Temp) [12.12.43] RCN

RRC~[15.6.46]

LCdr(N/S) [2.1.47] RCN, RCN Hospital Halifax, (3.1.47-?)

Resigned [31.3.48]

"For outstanding service as a Nursing Sister in the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital at Halifax, and as Matron of the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital at Cornwallis. Her devotion to duty, cheerful personality, keen and sympathetic interest in her patients have made her a valuable and exemplary Naval Officer."

Medals of Matron Eula Winnifred LEDINGHAM, RRC, RCN



RRC - CVSM - 39/45 War Medal
Medals on display at CFB Esquimalt Museum

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LEEMING, John McWhannell, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Born: Victoria, BC on 16 April 1911 -Parents: John & Cecile

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Labrador** (Arctic Patrol Vessel - 50) from 29 October 1944 to 30 November 1955.

LEEMING. John McWhannell, 0-41330, S/Lt(Temp) [1.5.41] RCNVR

RCNVR Div, Vancouver, (17.8.41-?) Lt(Temp) [1.5.41]

HMCS KENORA(J281) m/s, (6.8.42-?)

HMCS WALLACEBURG (J336) m/s, stand by (19.10.43-17.11.43)

HMCS WALLACEBURG (J336) m/s, (18.11.43-?)

HMCS STRATHADAM (K682) Fr, stand by, (13.7.44-28.9.44)

HMCS STRATHADAM (K682) Fr, (29.9.44-?) A/LCdr(Temp) [?]

HMCS NEW WATERFORD (K321) Fr, CO, (12.11.45-?)

LCdr [1.1.46] RCN, MID~[5.1.46]

RCN Air Section Dartmouth XO, (28.3.47-?)

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, (2.8.48-?) Cdr [1.1.50]

HMCS NADEN(D/S) for Reserve Training Cdr, (3.1.50-?)

HMCS LABRADOR (50) Arctic PV, CO, (29.10.55-30.11.55)

"Following a premature explosion on board one of HMC Ships, this Officer, though suffering from blast, took firm control and calmly led a fire and repair party to extinguish fires threatening to explode more ammunition. His courage, enterprise and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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LEFAIVE, Urbain Joseph, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (A-2163) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Midland, Ontario.

LEFAIVE. Urbain Joseph, A-2163, ERA 3/cl, RCNR, **BEM**~[9.1.43]

"Serving over a considerable period of time in one of HMC Destroyers in the North Atlantic, Engine Room Artificer LeFaive has consistently carried out his duties with zeal, efficiency and devotion in keeping with the highest traditions of the Canadian Navy."

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LEGGETT, Harry Furness, Able Seaman (2545) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Fraser - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 18 October 1940 (no Canada Gazette).

Hometowns: Regina and Victoria

Joined RCN: 04 September 1930 as a Boy Seaman

Served in RN training establishments HMS Vernon, HMS Neptune, HMS Victoria, HMS Drake (Base Ship) and the light cruiser **HMS Defiance**.

Served in HMC Shores Establishments Naden, Stadacona, Cornwallis, and Givenchy.

Served in **HMC Ships HMCS Skeena, HMCS Armentieres, HMCS Vancouver, HMCS Fraser, HMCS Margaree, HMCS Prince Henry, HMCS Chatham, HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Sioux, HMCS Ontario, HMCS Athabaskan and HMCS Crusader.**

He received the **RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 16 June 1946.

He retired on 16 June 1952

LEGGETT. Harry Furness, 2545, AB, RCN, **MID**~[18.10.40]

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

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

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LEHTO, Leo Paul, Able Seaman (A-4022) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / **HMCS Chambly** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 3 March 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

LEHTO. Leo Paul, A-4022, AB, RCNR, **MID**~[3.3.42]

"For bravery and enterprise in action against enemy submarines." - **HMCS Chambly.**

Details on the action in which **HMCS Chambly** (Flower Class Corvette - K116) and **HMCS Moose Jaw** sank **U-501** off of Greenland on 10 September 1941 can be found in Chapter seven of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945.**"

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LEMIEUX, Joseph Edward, Stoker Petty Officer (21248) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCN / **HMCS Fraser** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 18 October 1940 (no Canada Gazette).

LEMIEUX. Joseph Edward, 21248, PO/Stk, RCN, **BEM**~[18.10.40]

"For meritorious service at sinking of **HMCS Fraser.**"

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

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Le PAGE, Theodore Nelson, Temporary Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / Port of Naples - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 27 May 1944 and London Gazette of 9 May 1944.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

LEPAGE. Theodore Nelson, 0-41700, Lt(Temp) [21.9.39]
RCNVR

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43]

OBE~[27.5.44]

Bronze Medal-Order of the Orange

Nassau (Netherlands)~[18.9.44]

Bronze Star (USA)~[20.1.45] Resigned [9.4.45]



"For distinguished service in salvage and repair work which enabled the Port of Naples to be used by Allied Shipping."

LePAGE, Theodore Nelson, Acting Lieutenant-Commander, OBE - Bronze Medal - Order of Orange Nassau (Netherlands) - RCNVR - Awarded as per London Gazette of 18 September 1944 (no Canada Gazette).

"For good service in the operational port of Naples. For outstanding service in Salvage Operations in the Port of Naples, Italy, following the amphibious invasion of Italy in September 1943."

Le PAGE, Theodore Nelson, Acting Lieutenant-Commander, OBE - Bronze Star (USA) - RCNVR / Port of Naples - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945.

"This decoration to Lieutenant-Commander T. LePage is in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as principal assistant to the Director of United States Naval Salvage Operations in the Port of Naples, Italy, following the amphibious invasion of Italy in September 1943."

Lieutenant-Commander Theodore Nelson Le PAGE, OBE, RCNVR



OBE - 1939/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Italy Star - Defence Medal
- CVSM & Clasp - 39/45 War Medal - Bronze Star (USA)
- Bronze Medal, Order of Orange Nassau (Netherlands)
Medals were displayed at the Maritime Command Museum in Halifax.

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LESLIE, William Lawrie, Surgeon Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches
- RCNVR / 29th Canadian MTB Flotilla - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 24 July 1945.
Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Physician assigned to the **29th Canadian MTB Flotilla**.

LESLIE. William Lawrence, 0-41750,
Surg/Lt(Temp) [24.8.43] RCNVR,
HMCS CALGARY (K231) Cof, (9.9.44-?) Surg/Lt(Temp) [24.8.42]
MID~[15.9.45] Demobilized [30.1.46]

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

During the afternoon of 14 February 1945, several flotillas including the 29th Canadian were tied up at Ostend Harbour. Highly volatile gasoline had been washed into the water and became ignited. A wall of flames engulfed the MTBs and five of the eight boats of the 29th Flotilla were destroyed along with seven British boats. There were 26 Canadians and 35 British sailors killed in the fire.

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

Page 236 in '**The Champagne Navy**' describes how Leslie was entering Ostend when the first blast shook the city. He was returning with a truckload of medical supplies. On seeing the fire, Leslie raced onto the jetty and "performed splendid

services in attending to wounded men and worked gallantly under flying rockets and debris rescuing the injured".

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LESTER, Richard Kingsley, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Wetaskiwin - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 25 November 1942.

Anti-Submarine Officer on **HMCS Wetaskiwin** (Flower Class Corvette - K175) in 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Port Hope** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J280) from 9 April 1943 to 17 March 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Whitby** (Revised Increased Endurance Flower Class Corvette - K346) from 6 June 1944 to 16 July 1945.

LESTER, Richard Kingsley, 0-41790, A/S/Lt(Temp) [11.10.39] RCNVR

HMC Naval Base, Prince Rupert, (11.11.39-?)

HMCS SANS PEUR (Z02)(P) p/v, stand by, (13.10.39-22.10.39)

HMCS SANS PEUR (Z02)(P) p/v, (23.10.39-?)

HMCS WETASKIWIN (K175) Cof, (17.12.40-?) Lt(Temp) [11.4.40]

MID~[28.11.42]

HMCS PORT HOPE (J289) m/s, CO, (9.4.43-17.3.44)

HMCS WHITBY (K346) Cofm, CO, to stand by (24.3.44-5.6.44)

HMCS WHITBY (K346) Cofm, CO, (6.6.44-12.7.45)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized [19.9.45]

"This Officer was responsible for the training of A/S Personnel. His coolness and concentration during the prolonged U-Boat hunt in which his ship was engaged and the efficiency of the team for which this officer was responsible, greatly contributed to the success of the action."

Details on the action in which **HMCS Wetaskiwin** (Flower Class Corvette - K175), **HMCS Sackville**, and **HMCS Skeena** sank **U-588** in the mid-Atlantic on 31 July 1942 can be found in Chapter 13 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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LEVESQUE, Enoch Adeodat, Chief Petty Officer (TC) (A-642) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Quebec City, Quebec.

LEVESQUE, Enoch Adeodaz, A-642, CPO(TC), RCNR, **MID~**[5.1.46]

"For constant devotion to duty under trying conditions at sea. This Chief Petty Officer has shown high qualities of efficiency and seamanship throughout sixty-seven continuous months of service at sea."

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LEVESQUE, Joseph Ange Maurice, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Sherbrooke - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8

January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944. Home: Quebec City, Quebec.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sherbrooke** (Flower Class Corvette - K152) from 3 July 1942 to 29 August 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sorel** (Flower Class Corvette - K153) from 14 March 1944 to 24 January 1945.

LEVESQUE. Joseph Ange Maurice, 0-41840, A/Skr(Temp) [31.12.39] RCNR

HMCS MACSIN (FY07) 293/18, Ex/v, (13.4.40-?)

A/Mate(Temp) [31.12.39] HMCS AMBLER(Z32)(A) p/v, (17.6.40-?)

HMCS SHERBROOKE (K152) Cof, stand by (29.3.41-4.6.41)

HMCS SHERBROOKE (K152) Cof, (5.6.41-?) Lt(Temp) [31.12.40]

HMCS SHERBROOKE (K152) Cof, CO, (3.7.42-29.8.43) **MID**~[8.1.44]

HMCS SOREL (K153) Cof, CO, (14.3.44-24.1.45)

Demobilized [12.12.45]

"This Officer has served at sea for almost the whole of the war, lately as Commanding Officer of one on His Majesty's Canadian ships, in the Battle of the Atlantic. He has at all times set an excellent example by his efficiency and unswerving devotion to duty."

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LEVIRS, Woolston John, Leading Seaman (SM) (A-3126) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

LEVIRS. Woolston John, A-3126, LS(SM), RCNR, **MID**~[9.1.43]

"During his period of service in one of H.M.C. Auxiliary Cruisers, Leading Seaman Levirs has rendered outstanding service and has set a worthy example for younger ratings by his efficiency and devotion to duty."

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LEWIS, David Glynn, Lieutenant (SB) - **Testimonial on Vellum (R.H.S.M.)** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 7 June 1944 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Nanaimo, British Columbia.

"For saving a man from drowning in the sea off the coast of Normandy."

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LEWIS, David James, Sub-Lieutenant - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 2 October 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

"For gallantry, daring and skill in the combined attack on Dieppe."

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LIABO, Havor Vilhelm, Chief Engine Room Artificer (A-2604) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Saint John - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 21 April 1945 and London Gazette of 20 March 1945. Home: Norway.
LIABO. Havor Vilhelm, A-2604, CPO/ERA, RCNR, MID~[21.4.45]

"For services in destroying enemy submarines."

HMCS Saint John (River Class Frigate - K456) and HMCS Swansea (River Class Frigate) sank U-247 off Cornwall on 1 September 1944 as described in Chapter 51 of "The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945".

Details on the action in which **HMCS Saint John (River Class Frigate - K456) sank U-309 in the Moray Firth, Scotland on 16 February 1945 can be found in Chapter 59 of the book "The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945".**

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LIDELL, Robert, Able Seaman (A-4701) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 26 December 1944. Home: Kingston, Ontario.
LIDELL. Robert, A-4701, AB, RCNR, MID~[20.1.45]

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

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LIGHTHALL, Augustus Eastman, Chief Petty Officer (A-2404) (Posthumous) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Alberni - Awarded as per London Gazette of 14 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Picton, Ontario.
LIGHTALL. Augustus Eastman, A-2404, CPO, RCNR, MID~[14.6.45]

"For courage and resourcefulness while picking up survivors under adverse weather conditions in the North Atlantic in October 1942, and again in the Mediterranean in February 1943. This rating, who lost his life at the time of the destruction of **HMCS Alberni**, always showed a consistent devotion to duty and coolness in action. This was evident at the time of the destruction of a JU-88 in July, 1944. His conduct in action was always a credit to the service and an inspiration to the men serving under him."

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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LINCOLN, John Hobart, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS Waskesiu - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 4 July 1944.

Home: Calgary, Alberta.

First Lieutenant on **HMCS Waskesiu**.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Jonquiere** (Frigate - K.318) from 17 June 1945 to 4 August 1945.

LINCOLN. John Hobart, 0-42110, S/Lt(Temp) [1.5.41] RCNVR

HMCS QUATSINO (J152) m/s, (3.11.41-?) Lt(Temp) [1.5.42]

HMCS WASKESIU (K330) Fr, (16.6.43-?) Lt(Temp) [1.5.41]

DSC~[9.9.44]

HMCS JONQUIERE (K318) Fr, CO, (17.6.45-4.8.45)

Demobilized [24.10.45]

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

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

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LINDSAY, Donald Lorne, Lieutenant (E) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR / Senior Technical Gunmounting Officer with the Director of Naval Ordnance - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Westmount, Quebec.

LINDSAY. Donald Lorne, 0-42120, Lt(E)(Temp) [1.5.42] RCNVR

Demobilized [30.10.45] **MBE**~[5.1.46]

"In addition to carrying out his regular duties as Senior Technical Gunmounting Officer on the staff of the Director of Naval Ordnance, Lieutenant Lindsay has performed invaluable service in working in collaboration with the British Admiralty Technical Mission. He was personally responsible for working out the major change in the design of a new gunmounting being manufactured in Canada which enabled a unique combination of anti-aircraft weapons to be developed and made ready for use in His Majesty's Canadian ships allocated for the war against Japan. The development of this weapon in Canada to meet a particular operational requirement in a remarkably short period of time was in considerable part, due to this Officer."

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LIPSIT, Donald Chalmers, Stoker Petty Officer (V-16494) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Mahone - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Coleman, Alberta.

LIPSIT. Donald Chalmers, V-16494, PO/Stk, RCNVR, **MID~[16.6.45]**

"This rating has served aboard **HMCS Mahone** since 29 May 1943 as Stoker Petty Officer. He has at all times been an inspiration to his mean, and when his ship was rammed in January 1944, he assisted greatly in controlling the damage. His cheerfulness and zealous performance of his duties is worthy of the highest praise."

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

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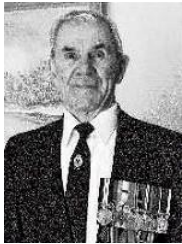
LIPTON, John Francis, Temporary Chief Petty Officer (2851) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCN / **HMCS Haida**
Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 10 October 1944.

Home: Stellarton, Nova Scotia - born there 05 January 1919

Died: 03 August, 2015 at Camphill Veteran's Memorial Hospital

Married to Jean Sanford for 68 years (Jean died in 2008)

Children: Carolyn (Jim) Connolly, Richard (Sheila), Barry, David, John (Corinne) Jr., Brian (Karen) and Mark (Kelly).



He joined the RCN as an ordinary seaman in January 1937, eight days after his 18th birthday.

He sailed on his first ship **HMCS Saguenay** from 1937 to 1941.

Advanced to Petty Officer a month before he left the **Saguenay** for the last time. The ship was torpedoed December 1, 1940, about 300 nautical miles west of Ireland. She was hit in the bow killing twenty-two and wounding eighteen others. He was sent to a hospital in England for several months with severe burns.

His favorite destroyer was the **HMCS Haida**, under the command of Harry DeWolf. On June 24, 1944, **HMCS Haida** and **HMS Eskimo** combined in the destruction of a U-Boat and for his services in this action, he was awarded the **Distinguished Service Medal**. Lipton was the Higher Submarine Detector in **HMCS Haida** in 1944.

He won the middleweight boxing championship of the Canadian armed forces in 1937. His other sports were rugby, soccer and football. He managed the TAS hockey and softball teams in 1949, that year both teams won the inter-part championships at Stadacona.

His second career was as a DVA Officer for 17 years.

He also sold Life Insurance for Maritime Life.

He was an active member of St. Clement's Church. In his earlier years he was a third degree Knight with the KOC, president of the Man's Society, president of the Downs Syndrome Society, and promoted many boxing matches to raise funds for St. Paul's Church.

He was President of the Chiefs and Petty Officers Mess Hall at

Cornwallis Base.

In the late 1970's he retired to Kentville for 11 years, where he enjoyed golf, curling and taking courses at Acadia University.

LIPTON. John Francis, 2851, CPO, RCN, **DSM**~[20.1.45]

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

Details on the action in which **HMCS Haida** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G63) and **HMS Eskimo** (Tribal Class Destroyer) sank **U-971** of the Biscay coast on 24 June 1944 can be found in Chapter 44 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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LITTLE, Charles, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (V-9809) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Esquimalt, British Columbia.

LITTLE. Charles, V-9809, ERA 3/cl, RCNVR, **MID**~[16.6.45]

"This man has served in the Navy since May, 1940, and has been continuously at sea since February 1941 on His Majesty's Canadian corvettes and minesweepers. He is a capable, conscientious worker and by his devotion to duty, maintains a high standard in the Engine Room and sets a fine example to those working under him."

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LITTLE, Frederick, Acting Gunner - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS St. Laurent - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Victoria, British Columbia. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cayuga** (Destroyer - 218) from 18 June 1952 to 14 July 1952.

LITTLE. Frederick, 0-42240, A/Gnr [28.6.43] RCN

HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, (15.12.43-?)

MID~[15.8.44]

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, (20.12.46-?)

Cd/Gnr [1.1.47]

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, (30.6.47-?)

Lt(G) [15.12.48]

HMCS CAYUGA(218) DD, (13.4.51-?) CD~[?]

HMCS CAYUGA(218) DD, CO, (18.6.52-14.7.52)

"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 St. Laurent (River Class Destroyer - H83) along other vessels

of Escort Groups C-1 and EG-9 including **HMCS Swansea**, **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**".

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LITTLER, John Caldicott, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Brandon - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943. Home: St. John, Newfoundland.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Brandon** (Flower Class Corvette - K149) from 22 July 1941 to 19 August 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Acadia** (Close Escort / Training Ship - Z00) from 16 December 1943 to 30 March 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Micmac** (Tribal Class Destroyer - R.10) from 28 March 1947 to 5 September 1947.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Huron** (Tribal Class Destroyer - 216) from 24 September 1951 to 12 October 1951.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ontario** (Cruiser - 32) from 22 August 1957 to 31 August 1958.

LITTLER, John Coldecott, 0-42340, Lt(Temp) [21.11.40]
RCNR

A/LCdr,

HMCS BRANDON (K149) Cof, CO stand by, (3.6.41-21.7.41)

HMCS BRANDON (K149) Cof, CO, (22.7.41-19.8.42)

HMCS BRANDON (K149) Cof, CO, (21.9.42-24.11.42) **MID~[9.1.43]**

HMCS ACADIA (Z00) (A) a/s, CO, (16.12.43-30.3.44)

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44]

HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, stand by, (9.9.44-20.10.44)

HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (21.10.44-?) LCdr, RCN,

HMCS MICMAC (R10) DD, CO, (28.3.47-5.9.47)

RCNB Hfx, TrgCdr, (5.9.47-?) Cdr [1.7.47] RCNB Hfx XO, (4.3.50-?)

HMCS HURON (216) DD, CO, (24.9.51-12.10.51)

HMCS CRESCENT (226) DD, CO, (13.10.51-14.9.52)

Capt, HMCS ONTARIO (32) L/Cr, CO, (22.8.57-31.8.58)



Captain J. C. Littler

"As Commanding Officer of one of His Majesty's Canadian corvettes (**HMCS Brandon**), this Officer has rendered valuable service and displayed outstanding seamanship and devotion to duty."

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LOCKWOOD, John, Stoker Petty Officer (A-2866) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Edmunston - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Northumberland, England.

LOCKWOOD, John, A-2566, PO/Stk, RCNR, **MID~[16.6.45]**

"This Stoker Petty Officer joined **HMCS Edmunston** (Flower Class Corvette - K106) early in 1943. His cheerfulness and devotion to duty when his ship has been in action, and in all cases of emergency in the Battle of the Atlantic, have always been a fine example to his shipmates and in the best traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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LOGIE, Donald, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Moncton - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 8 January 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944.

Home: Hampton, King's County, New Brunswick.

LOGIE, Donald, 0-42570, S/Lt(Temp) [22.12.41] RCNVR
HMCS MONCTON (K139) Cof, (25.4.42-?) **1st MID**~[8.1.44]
Lt(Temp) [22.12.42]
HMCS ST. THOMAS (K488) Coc, stand by (22.3.44-3.5.44)
HMCS ST. THOMAS (K488) Coc, (4.5.44-?)
Lt(Temp) [22.12.41] Demobilized [6.7.45] **2nd MID**~[15.9.45]

"When **HMCS Moncton** (Flower Class Corvette - K139) was in collision with **S.S. Jamaica Producer** on 28 July 1943, Lieutenant Logie took charge of the damage control party in his capacity of Acting Executive Officer. Due to his energy, resourcefulness and devotion to duty, the ship was soon able to proceed at slow speed to port."

LOGIE, Donald, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCNVR / HMCS St. Thomas - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945 and London Gazette of 24 July 1945.

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

Details on the action in which **HMCS St. Thomas** (Castle Class Corvette - K488) and **HMCS Sea Cliff** sank **U-877** in the mid-Atlantic on 27 December 1944 can be found in Chapter 57 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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LONGBOTTOM, Arthur, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (V-10650) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR / HMCS St. Catharines - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 18 July 1944. Home: Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

LONGBOTTOM, Arthur, V-10650, ERA 3/cl, RCNVR, **DSM**~[9.9.44]

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

HMCS St. Catharines, (River Class Frigate - K325), **HMCS**

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

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LOWE, Delamark Steven, Chief Stoker Petty Officer (21251) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia.

Joined in October 1928 at a Stoker 2nd Class.

Served in RN Shore bases HMS Victory and HMS Comet.

Served in *HMCS Thiepval, HMCS Vancouver, HMCS Skeena, HMCS Restigouch, and HMCS Warrior.*

Served in Naden, Stadaona, Cornwallis and Niobe.

LOWE. Delamark Steven, 21251, CPO/Stk, RCN

MID~[5.6.43] BEM~[16.6.45]

"During a period of two years and nine months serving in one of HMC destroyers, this rating has displayed outstanding zeal, efficiency and reliability in the performance of his duties in action."

LOWE, Delamark Steven, Chief Stoker (21251) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN / Mechanical Training Establishment at HMCS Cornwallis - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia.

"This rating, who served admirably at sea in the early days of the war, has carried out the arduous duties pertinent to the regulating of the Mechanical Training Establishment in HMCS Cornwallis with outstanding zeal and efficiency. He has at all times, displayed a cheerfulness and devotion to duty under most adverse circumstances, which has been exemplary to all other ratings."

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LUCAS, Francis William Tindall, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Matane - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 March 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 February 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Matane** (River Class Frigate - K444) from 27 July 1944 to 19 September 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Kokanee** (River Class Frigate - K419) from 15 December 1944 to 31 January 1945.

LUCAS. Francis William "Bill" Tindall, 0-43060, RCNVR

A/Lt(Temp) [9.10.39] RCNVR, Div, Toronto, (13.11.39-?)

(referred to as 'Just-call-me-Bill')

HMC Naval Base, Sydney, CB, Sigs, (15.4.40-?)

Lt(Temp) [9.10.38] A/LCdr [1.7.42]

HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, stand by, (16.7.43-29.8.43)

HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, (30.8.43-?)

HMCS MATANE (K444) Fr, (17.4.44-?)

HMCS MATANE (K444) Fr, CO, (27.7.44-19.9.44)

HMCS KOKANEE (K419) Fr, CO, (15.12.44-31.1.45) MID~[3.3.45]

HMCS KOKANEE (K419) Fr, CO, (15.3.45-19.8.45)

LCdr [1.1.45] RCN

HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, First Lt (10.9.45-?)

HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, (25.11.47-?) Cdr [1.1.49]

FOAC/CoSt (3.8.49-?)

"For outstanding initiative and skill in damage control in saving **HMCS Matane** (River Class Frigate - K444) after a heavy air attack at sea on 20 July 1944."

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