

**Vice-Admiral Howard Emerson Reid, CB**  
**Chief of the Naval Staff**  
**28 February 1946 to 01 September 1947**

Home: 05 June 1897 Portage du Fort, Quebec  
 Died 03 May 1962 Victoria, British Columbia

**Honours**

08/06/1944	CB	Companion of the Order of the Bath		Rear-Admiral
30/03/1946	Commander	Legion of Merit	(USA)	Vice-Admiral
28/08/1947a	Commander	Legion of Honour	(France)	Vice-Admiral

**Military**

27/01/1912	Naval Cadet	Royal Naval College of Canada (Second Term)
26/01/1914	Midshipman	To HMS Berwick for Training
02/01/1916	Midshipman	To HMS Niobe
01/12/1916	Acting Sub-Lieutenant	To HMS Rainbow for Training
05/03/1917	Acting Sub-Lieutenant	To HMS Vivid II
01/09/1917	Acting Sub-Lieutenant	To HMS Appollo (Torpedo Boat Destroyer)
01/12/1917	Acting Sub-Lieutenant	To HMS Blenheim and HMS Blake
05/04/1918	Acting Lieutenant	To HMS Blake
05/09/1918	Lieutenant	HMS Blake
01/01/1919	Lieutenant	To Greenwich for HMS Viscount
07/06/1919	Lieutenant	To HMCS Diobe
08/09/1919	Lieutenant	HMS Titania on the China Station until 1921
1922	Lieutenant	To HMCS Guelph Depot – unemployed
18/11/1922	Lieutenant	To HMS Victory
1923	Lieutenant	To HMCS Guelph Depot
1923	Lieutenant	<b>Commanding Officer</b> HMCS Festubert
1923	Lieutenant	To HMCS Stadacona
24/08/1923	Lieutenant	<b>Commanding Officer</b> HMCS Patriot
06/10/1925	Lieutenant	To Naval Service Headquarters in Ottawa
06/06/1926	Lieutenant-Commander	Naval Service Headquarters in Ottawa as Supervising Officer RCNR
1927	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMCS Stadacona for RCN Barracks Halifax
1928	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMS Victory
13/10/1928	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMS Vernon
02/02/1929	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMS Tamar II as <b>Commanding Officer</b> <i>HMS Sepoy</i> the China Station
1930	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMCS Naden
13/01/1931	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMS President on War Staff
19/01/1931	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMS Victory for Royal Naval Staff College Course
01/01/1932	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMS Warspite on Staff of Rear-Admiral 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battle Squadron
14/05/1932	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMS Valiant
08/07/1932	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMS Warspite
17/08/1932	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMS Victory
1932	Lieutenant-Commander	To HMCS Stadacona
01/01/1933	Commander	HMCS Stadacona as <b>Commander in Charge Halifax</b>
21/05/1934	Commander	To Naval Service HQ as Director Operations and Training
1935	Commander	Served in HMCS Stadacona for passage to Esquimalt
08/01/1936	Commander	<b>Commanding Officer</b> of HMCS Skeena (I) end 24 March 1937
25/03/1937	Commander	Commander (D) West Coast and <b>Commanding Officer</b> of HMCS Fraser
31/08/1938	Commander	HMCS Naden



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01/10/1938	Commander	HMCS Stadacona as <b>Commander-in-Charge</b> HMC Dockyard Halifax
30/08/1939	Captain	HMCS Stadacona as <b>Captain-in-Charge</b> HM Establishment
01/01/1940	Commodore (WHA)	Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast
01/09/1940	Commodore	To Naval Service HQ as Deputy Chief of Naval Staff
27/09/1940	Captain	Reverted to Captain as Not Holding a Commodore appointment
01/07/1941	Commodore 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	HMCS Avalon Commodore Commanding Newfoundland Force
01/12/1943	Rear-Admiral	Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff Washington
1943-1946	Vice-Admiral	Served on Canada-USA Joint Board on Defence 1943 to 1946
<b>28/02/1946</b>	<b>Vice-Admiral</b>	<b>To HMCS Bytown (NSHQ) as Chief of Naval Staff</b>
01/09/1947	Vice-Admiral	On Retirement Leave
26/03/1948	Vice-Admiral	Retired Fully

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**REID, Howard Emerson, Rear Admiral - Companion - Order of the Bath (CB) - RCN**  
 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

"An outstanding Officer of great ability, Rear-Admiral Reid has served, since the outbreak of hostilities, as Commanding Officer of the Atlantic Coast, Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff and Flag Officer Commanding Newfoundland. His contribution to the war effort, particularly in regard to the vast expansion of the eastern naval ports, as well as that of the Royal Canadian Navy as a whole, is deserving of the highest recognition."



**REID, Howard Emerson, Vice-Admiral, CB - Commander - Legion of Merit (USA) - RCN / Naval Member CJS Washington** -Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 1946 and **London Gazette** of

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Flag Officer Newfoundland Force during 1942. As the Canadian Naval Member on the Canada / United States Joint Board on Defence and Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff Washington 1943 to 1946, Vice-Admiral Reid was untiring in his efforts to further and strengthen the ties of friendship and co-operation between Canada and the United States."

**REID, Howard Emerson, Rear-Admiral, CB - Commander - Legion of Honour (France) - RCN**  
 - Awarded effective 28 August 1947.

"For services in the Royal Canadian Navy during the war in Europe as Commanding Officer of the Atlantic Coast, Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff and Flag Officer Commanding Newfoundland."