

**Vice-Admiral Harold Taylor Wood Grant, CBE, DSO, CD**  
**Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)**  
**01 September 1947 to 01 December 1951**



Born: 01 March 1899 Halifax, Nova Scotia  
 Died: 09 May 1965 Ottawa, Ontario

**Honours**

05/01/1946	CBE	Commander of the Order of the British Empire	Commodore
26/02/1944	DSO	Distinguished Service Order	Captain
03/01/1945	MID	Mentioned in Despatches	Captain
20/01/1945	Star	Bronze Star	USA Captain
17/11/1951	Commander	The Military Order of Italy	Italy Vice-Admiral

**Military**

1914	Naval Cadet	Royal Naval College of Canada (Fifth Term)
02 February 1917	Midshipman	Served in <b>HMS Leviathan</b> and <b>HMS Carnarvon</b>
1918	Midshipman	To HMS Roxborough (Devonshire Class Armed Carrier)
01 February 1919	Acting Sub-Lieutenant	To <i>HMS Minotaur</i> (Cruiser)
03 May 1919	Sub-Lieutenant	<i>HMS Minotaur</i>
18 October 1919	Sub-Lieutenant	To <i>HMS Warwick</i> as part of North Russia Relief Force
02 December 1920	Acting Lieutenant (T)	<i>HMS Warwick</i>
02 December 1920	Acting Lieutenant	First Lieutenant on <i>HMCS Patriot</i>
01 September 1920	Lieutenant	To Stand by for <i>HMCS Aurora</i>
01 November 1920	Lieutenant	<i>HMCS Aurora</i>
1923	Lieutenant	First Lieutenant in <i>HMCS Aurora</i>
05 September 1922	Lieutenant	To <i>HMS Ramillies</i>
1924	Lieutenant	To HMS Dryad for Navigation Course
01 December 1924	Lieutenant	To <i>HMCS Patrician</i>
1927	Lieutenant	To HMS Dryad for Advanced Navigation Course
1927	Lieutenant	Navigation Officer in <i>HMS Warspite</i>
03 November 1928	Lieutenant-Commander	Promoted while serving in <i>HMS Queen Elizabeth</i>
1929	Lieutenant-Commander	Staff Officer to Commander-in-Charge Halifax
22 May 1931	Lieutenant-Commander	To <i>HMCS Saguenay</i>
01 January 1933	Lieutenant-Commander	To <i>HMCS Stadacona</i>
27 June 1934	Lieutenant-Commander	To Naval Service Headquarters in Ottawa as Staff Officer Intelligence
1934	Lieutenant-Commander	NSHQ as Director Naval Plans
01 August 1935	Commander	Promoted to Commander while at NSHQ as Director of Naval Reserves
30 December 1935	Commander	End Director of Naval Reserves
01 January 1936	Commander	Royal Navy Staff Course – then HMS Nelson Staff CinC Atlantic Fleet
25 March 1937	Commander	To HMS Rodney
11 February 1938	Commander	Naval Service Headquarters
23 April 1938	Commander	<b>Commanding Officer</b> of <i>HMCS Skeena</i> to 30 November 1939
30 August 1939	Captain	Promoted to Captain – still CO of <i>HMCS Skeena</i>
01 December 1939	Captain	To Naval Service HQ as Chief of Naval Personnel
02 September 1940	Captain	NSHQ Director of Naval Personnel & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Member of the Naval Board
1942	Captain	Captain(D) Newfoundland at <i>HMCS Avalon</i>
19 August 1942	Captain	<b>Commanding Officer</b> of <i>HMS Diomed</i> (Cruiser)
01 July 1943	Captain	<b>Commanding Officer</b> of <i>HMS Enterprise</i> (Light Cruiser)
06 June 1944	Captain	<i>HMS Enterprise</i> took part in the D-Day Landings
28 June 1944	Captain	End CO <i>HMS Enterprise</i>
11 January 1945	Captain	To Stand by for <i>HMCS Ontario</i> (Light Cruiser)
17 March 1945	Captain	<b>Commanding Officer</b> of <i>HMCS Ontario</i> (Light Cruiser)
31 December 1945	Captain	End CO <i>HMCS Ontario</i>

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01 January 1946	Commodore	NSHQ as Chief of Naval Administration – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Member of Naval Board
28 February 1946	Rear-Admiral	Chief of Naval Administration and Supply – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Member Naval Board
<b>01 September 1947</b>	<b>Vice-Admiral</b>	<b>Chief of Naval Staff</b>
01 December 1951	Vice-Admiral	Retires as Chief of Naval Staff

**Civilian**

1952	President	Home Lines Steamship Agency of Canada Ltd in Montreal
1965	President	Retires to Ottawa
09 May 1965	Vice-Admiral	Dies in Ottawa



**Honours of Vice-Admiral Harold Taylor Wood, CBE, DSO, CD**

**GRANT, Harold Taylor Wood, Captain - Distinguished Service Order (DSO) - RCN / HMS Enterprise - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 26 February 1944 and *London Gazette* of 5 January 1944.**

"For good services in command of **HMS Enterprise** in an action with enemy destroyers."

"For services in command of the cruiser **HMS Enterprise** in action with German destroyers in the Bay of Biscay in December 1943."

**GRANT, Harold Taylor Wood, Captain, DSO - Bronze Star (United States of America) - RCN / HMS Enterprise - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 20 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 14 September 1944.**

"For meritorious service as Commanding Officer of **HMS Enterprise** (Cruiser) in action against enemy German installations at Cherbourg, France, on June 25, 1944. Gallantly directing his ship in bold defiance of close and intense shore batteries with aggressive determination, delivering accurate and effective gunfire and providing splendid support for units of the United States Army involved. By his exemplary leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and loyal co-operation, Captain Grant contributed essentially to the success of Allied Operations in this strategic area."

**GRANT, Harold Taylor Wood, Captain - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMS Enterprise - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 3 February 1945 and *London Gazette* of 28 November 1944.**

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

**GRANT, Harold Taylor Wood, Commodore, DSO - Commander - Order of the British Empire (CBE) - RCN - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 January 1946 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1946.**

"Commodore Grant has made an outstanding contribution to the Canadian Naval Service, not only by his exceptionally competent seamanship and gallantry at sea, but by his administrative ability ashore as well. His high personal qualities, his foresight and integrity are in keeping with the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

**GRANT, Harold Taylor Wood, Vice-Admiral, CBE, DSO - Commander - Military Order of Italy - RCN - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 17 November 1951.**



**Medals of Vice-Admiral Harold Taylor Wood GRANT, CBE, DSO, CD, RCN:**

CBE - DSO - British War Medal - WW1 Victory Medal - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star with BAR France & Germany  
- CVSM & Clasp - 39/45 War Medal with MID - George VI Coronation - CD (GVI) and two Bars - Bronze Star  
- Commander, Military Order of Italy.



Uniform displayed in Maritime Command Museum, Halifax.

**Captain Harold Wood, Commanding Officer of HMS Enterprise in the D-Day Landings**

Took part in the Normandy landings with Force "A", under the overall command of the Admiral embarked in US CA Tuscaloosa and deployed in support of the landings at Utah Beach. From 0716 hrs the CL fired on targets NE of Pouppeville, expending 145 rounds of 152 mm ammo in 6 separate shoots. Enterprise also took part in the bombardment of Cherbourg during June/July.

**On 28 December 1943**

HMS Enterprise (Capt. H.T.W. Grant, RCN) attempting the interception of the arriving German blockade runner **Alsterufer** in the Bay of Biscay with HMS Glasgow (Capt. C.P. Clarke, RN), ran into the freighter's covering group, consisting of the German destroyer **Z 27** and the German torpedo boats **T 22**, **T 25** and **T 26**.

In a spirited gun action, the heavier British artillery had the better of the Germans and only T 22 was able to return to port.

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