

**Vice-Admiral Edmund Rollo Mainguy, OBE, CD**  
**Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)**  
**01 December 1951 to 16 January 1956**

Born: 11 May 1901 Victoria, BC  
 Son: Vice-Admiral Daniel Nicholas Mainguy, CMM, CD - VCDS 1983 to 1985  
 Died: 29 April 1979 Nanaimo, BC

**Honours**

09/01/1943	OBE	Officer of the Order of the British Empire	Captain
01/01/1941+	MID	Mention in Despatches	Commander
03/08/1946	Officer	Legion of Merit (USA)	Commodore
1951	CD	Canadian Forces Decoration	Rear-Admiral



**Military**

1915	Naval Cadet	Royal Naval College of Canada (Sixth Term)
15/02/1918	Midshipman	RCN – to HMS Canada for training with RN
1919	Midshipman	HMS Barham
1919	Acting Sub-Lt	HMS Callipe
1921	Acting Sub-Lt	HMCS Aurora
15/05/1921	Lieutenant	HMCS Patriot
1923	Lieutenant	Long Signals Course at HMS Victory
1924	Lieutenant	Instructor at Royal Naval Signals School
01/05/1925	Lieutenant	To HMCS Naden as Signals Officer and Reserve Training Officer
01/10/1926	Lieutenant	NSHQ as Signals Officer and Supervising Officer Western Division RCNVR
1928	Lieutenant	To HMS Frobisher (Training Cruiser) as Flag Lt to Rear-Admiral
10/09/1928	Lieutenant	To HMS London \ 1 <sup>st</sup> Cruiser Squadron
13/03/1929	LCdr	Promoted to Lieutenant-Commander
20/03/1930	LCdr	To <i>HMCS Vancouver</i> as Flag Lieutenant
1931	LCdr	Special Signal Duty with Royal Navy on the American and West Indies Station
29/07/1932	LCdr	To NSHQ as Staff Officer Signals and Wireless Telegraphy (W/T) Duty
01/12/1934	LCdr	To <i>HMCS Saguenay</i> as First Lieutenant & Signals and W/T Officer West Coast
15/05/1936	LCdr	Last <b>Commanding Officer</b> of <i>HMCS Vancouver (I)</i>
25/11/1936	LCdr	End service on HMCS Vancouver
01/01/1937	Commander	Promoted and made Director of Naval Reserves to 15/12/1938
01/01/1938	Commander	To Royal Navy Staff College
19/10/1939	Commander	<b>Commanding Officer</b> of <i>HMCS Assiniboine (I)</i> (River Class Destroyer)
02/04/1940	Commander	<b>Commanding Officer</b> of <i>HMCS Ottawa (I)</i> (River Class Destroyer)
01/01/1941	Commander	MID
01/06/1941	Captain	<b>Commanding Officer</b> of <i>HMCS Ottawa</i> – end 20 July 1941
27/08/1941	Captain	To HMCS Sambro as <b>Captain(D)</b> Halifax
1942	A/Commodore	Commodore Commanding Newfoundland Force
1942	A/Commodore	To Naval Service HQ and Chief of Naval Personnel / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Member Naval Board
15/08/1944	Captain	To stand by as Commanding Officer <i>HMCS Uganda</i> (Cruiser)
21/10/1944	Captain	<b>Commanding Officer</b> <i>HMCS Uganda</i> (Cruiser) to 04 July 1946
01/07/1946	Commodore	Promoted while Commanding Officer HMCS Uganda to 04/07/1946
01/08/1946	Rear-Admiral	To HMCS Givenchy for Commanding Officer Pacific Coast (RAdm WHA)
03/03/1947	Rear-Admiral	Commanding Officer Pacific Coast
01/07/1947	Rear-Admiral	Substantive Rear-Admiral as Commanding Officer Pacific Coast to 08/09/1948
15/09/1948	Rear-Admiral	Flag Officer Atlantic Coast (FOAC)
01/12/1951	Vice-Admiral	Chief of the Naval Staff at NSHQ
16/01/1956	Vice-Admiral	Retire

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**Civilian**

	Executive Director	Canadian Mental Health Association
	Director	Royal Canadian Institute in Toronto
	President	Ontario Division, Navy League of Canada
1961	President	Great Lakes Waterways Development Association

**MAINGUY, Edmund Rollo, Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1941 (no Canada Gazette).

"For outstanding zeal, patience and cheerfulness and for never failing to set an example of whole hearted devotion to duty without which the high tradition of the Royal Canadian Navy could not have been upheld."



**MAINGUY, Edmond Rollo, Captain - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCN / Commanding Newfoundland Forces - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

"For gallantry and distinguished services before the enemy. As commanding officer of a destroyer and as senior officer of convoy escort groups both in the United Kingdom waters and in the North Atlantic, this officer has consistently displayed great powers of leadership and devotion to duty. His example to Destroyer personnel of the Canadian escort forces assisted in no small measure in laying the foundations of the traditions which have since been fostered and upheld by the small ships, which comprise the Royal Canadian Navy."

**MAINGUY, Edmond Rollo, Commodore, OBE - Officer - Legion of Merit (USA)** - RCN / Captain(D) Newfoundland - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 August 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Captain(D), Newfoundland Force at St. John's, Newfoundland in connection with operations with Task Force Twenty-four. His forceful and proficient performance of duty was particularly outstanding and commendable and his intelligent and cooperative attitude toward administrative and maintenance problems concerning the surface forces of Task Force Twenty-four contributed materially to the high state of readiness of those forces. He displayed excellent qualities of leadership and his professional skill and devotion to duty were at all times outstanding."

**Medals of Rear-Admiral Edmond Rollo Mainguy, OBE, CD, RCN:**

OBE - British War Medal - WW1 Victory Medal - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Pacific Star - Defence Medal - CVSM & Clasp - 39/45 War Medal with MID - George VI Coronation - CD and two BARS - Officer, Legion of Merit (USA).

