

Vice-Admiral Ralph Lucien Hennessy, DSC, CD
Principal Naval Adviser (PNA)
16 July 1966 to 15 September 1968

Born: 04 September 1918 Edinburgh, Scotland
 Married: Diana Falkner, daughter Lt James A.D. Falkner, RCNVR
 Died: 13/June 2014 Ottawa, Ontario

Honours

12/12/1942 DSC Distinguished Service Cross Lieutenant

Military

1935	Naval Cadet	RCN	Special Entry Cadet No.40
1935	Naval Cadet	RCN	<i>HMS Frobisher</i> (training Cruiser)
01/05/1937	Midshipman	RCN	<i>HMS Resolution</i> Non-Intervention Spanish Patrol
15/08/1937	Midshipman	RCN	HMS Neptune
01/05/1939	Midshipman	RCN	Portsmouth – Sub-Lt Technical Courses
01/10/1939	A/Sub-Lt	RCN	Portsmouth – Sub-Lt Technical Courses
01/10/1939	Sub-Lieutenant	RCN	Portsmouth – Sub-Lt Technical Courses
13/10/1939	Sub-Lieutenant	RCN	<i>HMCS Assiniboine</i> Destroyer – Stand by
19/10/1939	Sub-Lieutenant	RCN	<i>HMCS Assiniboine</i> at sea
01/08/1940	Lieutenant	RCN	<i>HMCS Assiniboine</i> – backdated to 01/02/1939
01/06/1941	Lieutenant	RCN	First Lieutenant <i>HMCS Assiniboine</i>
06/08/1942	Lieutenant	RCN	First Lieutenant <i>Assiniboine</i> – sinks U-Boat
02/10/1942	Lieutenant	RCN	Commanding Officer <i>HMCS Assiniboine</i>
01/12/1942	Lieutenant	RCN	End CO <i>HMCS Assiniboine</i> – back to 1 st Lt
01/03/1943	Lieutenant	RCN	End term as First Lt <i>HMCS Assiniboine</i>
15/03/1943	Lieutenant	RCN	First Lieutenant <i>HMCS Gatineau</i> (Destroyer)
01/10/1943	Lt-Commander	RCN	Executive Officer HMCS Kings Officer training
11/09/1944	A/Commander	RCN	Commanding Officer <i>HMCS Gatineau</i> (Destroyer)
29/09/1944	Lt-Commander	RCN	End term as CO <i>HMCS Gatineau</i>
14/10/1944	Lt-Commander	RCN	Commanding Officer <i>HMCS Assiniboine</i>
21/02/1945	Lt-Commander	RCN	End term as CO HMCS Assiniboine
12/09/1945	Lt-Commander	RCN	1 st Commanding Officer <i>HMCS Micmac</i> (Destroyer)
01/02/1947	Lt-Commander	RCN	Promoted substantive Lieutenant-Commander
27/03/1947	Lt-Commander	RCN	End term as CO <i>HMCS Micmac</i> (Tribal Destroyer)
01/04/1947	Lt-Commander	RCN	RCAF Staff College Course
01/01/1948	A/Commander	RCN	Promoted Acting Commander
01/04/1948	A/Commander	RCN	NSHQ for duty with Chief of Personnel
01/01/1949	Commander	RCN	Substantive Commander
15/08/1949	Commander	RCN	RCN Barracks Halifax OIC Jr Officer's Course
01/01/1951	Commander	RCN	Executive Officer <i>HMCS Quebec</i> (Cruiser)
01/07/1953	Captain	RCN	National Defence College of Canada (Course 7)
28/08/1954	Captain	RCN	Commanding Officer <i>HMCS Algonquin</i> (Destroyer)
28/08/1954	Captain	RCN	Commanding Officer 1 st Cdn Escort Squadron
10/05/1956	Captain	RCN	End Term as CO <i>HMCS Algonquin</i> and 1 st Cdn Sqd.
08/06/1956	Captain	RCN	Commanding Officer <i>HMCS Niobe</i> (NMCS London)
15/09/1958	Captain	RCN	NSHQ as Director of Training
30/06/1960	Commodore	RCN	NSHQ as Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel
30/08/1963	Commodore	RCN	Flag Officer Atlantic Coast
05/10/1964	Commodore	RCN	NDHQ Chair Military Manpower (Men) Group
16/07/1966	Vice-Admiral *	RCN	NDHQ Comptroller-General Canadian Armed Forces
01/01/1969	Vice-Admiral	RCN	NDHQ Chief of Personnel
1970	Vice-Admiral	RCN	Retires in Ottawa



* = Minister of National Defence promoted him directly from Commodore to Vice-Admiral

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Civilian post retirement

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| 1971 | Executive Director | Standards Council of Canada |
| 1976 | Vice-President | International Organization for Standardization |
| 1981 | Vice-President | End VP IOS |
| 1985 | Chairman | Board of Governors (Ottawa Division) Cdn Corps of Commissionaires |
| 1987 | Chairman | End Chair of Commissionaires |
| 1995 | BA | University of Waterloo (History) Dean's Honour list |
- Life Trustee Canadian Naval Memorial Trust
 Life Member Shearwater Aviation Museum
 Honorary Member Atlantic Chiefs and Petty Officers Association
 Member Canadian Tribal Destroyer Association
 Member Friends of HMCS Haida
 Honorary Life Member HNCS Bytown Officers Mess
 Member Navy League of Canada Ottawa Branch
 Member Naval Officers Association Ottawa Branch
 Life Member Royal Canadian Naval Association Ottawa-Hull Branch
 Charter Member Canadian Council for Security in the 21st Century
 Member Advisory Council Canadian War Museum
 Member Friends of the Canadian War Museum
 Member Defence Associations National Network



Citation to the **Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** Lieutenant HMCS Assiniboine
 "For gallantry and distinguished services before the enemy."

The action in which *HMCS Assiniboine* sank *U-210* on 6 August 1942 in the North Atlantic while protecting Convoy SC-94 is described in Chapter 14 of "The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945". Hennessy was First Lieutenant on *HMCS Assiniboine* at this time.

Medals of Vice-Admiral Ralph Lucien HENNESSY, DSC, CD, RCN:



DSC - 1939-1945 Star - Atlantic Star with bar France & Germany - CVSM & Clasp -
 1939-1945 War Medal - EIIR Coronation Medal – Centennial Medal – Canada 125 – EIIR Silver Jubilee - CD and two
 bars – Commissionaires Silver LS Medal with 2 bars