AWARDS to CANADIANS in the ROYAL NAVY before WORLD WAR ONE
(Biographies and Citations Follow)

VICTORIA CROSS   (VC)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS	/
02/01/1859+	**HALL, William**	Able Seaman	RN	VC	

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KNIGHT GRAND CROSS - ORDER OF THE BATH (Military)   (GCB)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS	/
24/05/1873+	**WALLIS, Provo William Parry**	Vice-Admiral	RN	GCB	(KCB)
19/06/1911+	**DRURY, Charles Carter**	Admiral	RN	GCB GCVO KCSI	(KCB)

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KNIGHT GRAND CROSS - ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER   (GCVO)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS	/
23/04/1907+	**DRURY, Charles Carter**	Admiral	RN	GCVO KCB KCSI	(GCB)

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KNIGHT COMMANDER - ORDER OF THE BATH (Military)   (KCB)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS	/
18/05/1860+	**WALLIS, Provo William Parry**	Vice-Admiral	RN	KCB	(GCB)
14/03/1867+	**BELCHER, Edward**	Vice-Admiral	RN	KCB	(Kt)

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KNIGHT COMMANDER - ORDER OF THE BATH (Civil)   (KCB)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS	/
30/06/1905+	**DRURY, Charles Carter**	Vice-Admiral	RN	KCB KCSI	(GCB GCVO)

AWARDS to CANADIANS in the ROYAL NAVY before WORLD WAR ONE
(Biographies and Citations Follow)

KNIGHT COMMANDER - MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA   (KCSI)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS /
01/01/1903+	**DRURY, Charles Carter**	Rear-Admiral	RN	KCSI (GCB GCVO)

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KNIGHT BACHELOR   (Kt)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS /
10/04/1824+	**WESTPHAL, George Augustus**	Captain	RN	Kt
01/01/1843+	**BELCHER, Edward**	Rear-Admiral	RN	Kt CB (KCB)

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COMPANION MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH (Civil)   (CB)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS /
01/01/1914+	**de CHAIR, Dudley Rawson**	Rear Admiral	RN	CB MVO (KCB KCMG)

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COMPANION - MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH (Military)   (CB)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS /
14/12/1841+	**BELCHER, Edmund**	Captain	RN	CB (KCB Kt)
06/04/1852+	**WATTS, George Edward**	Rear-Admiral	RN	CB

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COMPANION - MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL and SAINT GEORGE   (CMG)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS /
19/04/1901+	**VAN KOUGHNET, Edmund Barker**	Captain	RN	CB

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MEMBER - ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER (4th Class)   (MVO)

LG	NAME	RANK	SERVICE	DECORATIONS /
12/09/1905+	**ASHE, Edward Percy**	Captain	RN	MVO
16/06/1908+	**de CHAIR, Dudley Rawson**	Captain	RN	MVO (KCB KCMG CB)

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ASHE, Edward Percy, Rear-Admiral - **Member - Royal Victorian Order 4th Class (MVO)** - RN - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 12 September 1905 (no Canada Gazette). Born in Quebec in 1852.

On 8 September, 1905, Ashe was appointed a member of the Fourth Class of the Royal Victorian Order on the occasion of King Edward VII's visit to Marienbad.

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01/08/1866  Naval Cadet RN (14 years old)
1882        Promoted to Sub-Lieutenant RN
17/12/1872  Promoted Lieutenant RN
30/01/1877  Qualified as a Gunnery Officer.
            Served in the Egyptian War.
            H.M.S. Thalia as First Lieutenant.
1893        H.M.S. Philomel as First Lieutenant He was promoted to
1890        Married Susan Gile, daughter of the later Dr. Daniel
            Gile of Mablehad, Massachusets
30/06/1891  Promoted Commander RN
30/06/1899  Promoted to Captain RN
            Served in the South African War.
            Promoted to Commodore, RN
08/04/1907  Retired on under the Order-in-Council 08/12/1903
02/09/1908  Promoted to Rear-Admiral, RN
05/07/1914  Died following a motorcycle accident
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Naval Cadet     RN  01 August   1866
Sub-Lieutenant  RN  17 December 1972
Lieutenant      RN  30 January  1877
Commander       RN  30 June     1891
Captain         RN  30 June     1892
Retired         --  08 April    1907
Rear Admiral    RN              1908
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MEDALS of Rear-Admiral Edward Percy ASHE, MVO:

MVO (4th) - Egyptian Medal 1882 - Khedive's Bronze Star - South African War Medal 1903.

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BELCHER, Edward, Captain – **Commander - Order of the Bath (Military) (CB)** - Royal Navy - Awarded in 1841.
Born in Nova Scotia in 1799.

BELCHER, Edward, Rear-Admiral, CB – **Knight Bachelor (Kt)** - Royal Navy - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943 (no Canada Gazette).

BELCHER, Edward, Vice-Admiral, Sir, Kt, CB - Knight Commander - Order of the Bath (Military) (KCB) – Royal Navy - Awarded in as per **London Gazette** of 14 March 1867 (no Canada Gazette).

MEDALS of Admiral Sir Edward BELCHER, KCB, Kt:

KCB - Kt - Arctic Medal – Naval General Service Medal
Arctic Medal for the Search for Franklyn

01/04/1812	First Class Volunteer RN - entered the Royal Navy	
1812	*HMS Abercromby*	\ age 13
01/12/1812	Midshipman, RN	
1812	AdC to Captain Fahie, H.M.S. Salvador Del Mundo	
1814	*H.M.S. Bellerophon* as Flag Midshipman 1814	
1815	*H.M.S. Malta* 1815	
1815	AdC to Captain Fahie and Captain Edward Brace at the \ Siege of Gaeta	
1816	*H.M.S. Superb* as Signal-Midshipman	
1816	He was present for the bombardment of Algiers	
1817	*H.M.S. Salisbury*	
1818	*H.M.S. Sybille*	
21/07/1818	Commissioned as a **Lieutenant RN** 21/07/1818	
1819	H.M.S. Myrmidon	
1821	H.*M.S. Salisbury*	
1825	*H.M.S. Blossom* as Assistant Surveyor \ serving with Beechey	
1828	*H.M.S. Southampton*	
16/03/1829	Promoted to **Commander RN** 16/03/1829	
1829	*H.M.S. Aetna* (In command) \ for Survey Duties on Coast of Africa	

Admiral Sir Edward BELCHER, KCB, Kt

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1832        H.M.S. Douro (In command)
1833        H.M.S. Lightning
1835        H.M.S. Canon
1836        H.M.S. Terror
1836        H.M.S. Carron
1836        H.M.S. Sulphur (In command) on Pacific coast of North
1839            \ and South America and at Nootka in 1839
1840        H.M.S. Echo
06/05/1841  Promoted to Captain RN
1842        H.M.S. Samarang (In command) 1842
1852        H.M.S. Assistance (In command) and Commanding Officer
                \ of Expedition Searching For Franklin 1852.
1852-1854   H.M.S. Assistance - searched for Franklin during as
                \ senior officer of a group of five vessels:
            H.M.S. Assistance under his command
            H.M.S. Resolute under Kellett
            Pioneer a steamer under Commander Sherard Osborn
            Intrepid under Commander F.L. M'Clintock
            North Star as depot and stores ship
01/02/1861  Promoted to Rear-Admiral RN
02/04/1866  Promoted to Vice-Admiral RN
20/10/1872  Promoted to Admiral RN
20/10/1872  Retired
18/03/1877  Died
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de CHAIR, Dudley Lawson Stratford, Captain - Member - Royal Victorian Order 4th Class (MVO) - Royal Navy / HMS Cochrane - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 16 June 1908 (no Canada Gazette).

de CHAIR, Dudley Lawson Stratford, Rear-Admiral, MVO - **Commander - Order of the Bath (Civil) (CB)** - Royal Navy - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1914 (no Canada Gazette).

de CHAIR, Dudley Lawson Stratford, Rear-Admiral, CB, MVO - **Knight Commander - Order of the Bath (KCB)** - Royal Navy - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1916 (no Canada Gazette).

de CHAIR, Dudley Lawson Stratford, Admiral, Sir, KCB MVO - **Knight Commander - The Order of St. Michael and St. George (KCMG)** - Royal Navy / Governor New South Wales - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 2 January 1933 (no Canada Gazette).

Born: Lennoxville, Quebec in 1864.
Died: In 1958.
Commanding Officer of **HMS Cochrane** when awarded MVO. He was President of the Interallied Naval Commission for the disposal of enemy vessels in 1922. On 28 February 1924, he was made the 25ᵗʰ Governor of New South Wales a post he held until 07 April 1930. He was awarded the **KCMG** in 1933 for this term as Governor of New South Wales.

His son was, Commander Graham de Chair, DSC, Commanding Officer of **HMS Venus**. HMS Venus picked up the first radar contact of the Haguro, a Japanese Nachi class heavy cruiser, which was sunk. **Lieutenant Ted Paxton, RCNVR, received an MID** as the radio officer on the HMS Venus.

Captain   Royal Navy 1902
Rear-Admiral Royal Navy 1912
Vice-Admiral Royal Navy 1917
Admiral   Royal Navy 1920

MEDALS of Admiral Sir Dudley Lawson de CHAIR, KCMG, KCB, MVO, RN

> KCB - KCMG - CB (civil) - MVO (4th) - Egypt Medal with clasp ALEXANDRIA - 1914/15 Star - British War Medal - Victory Medal with MID - Queen Victoria - Diamond Jubilee Medal - King George V Coronation Medal - Chevalier Legion d'Honour France - Distinguished Service Medal (USA) - Khedives Star 1882.

His medals were stolen from St. Osyth's Priority, England in April 1986

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DRURY, Charles Carter, Admiral - **Knight Commander - Most Exalted Order of the Star of India (KCSI)** - Royal Navy - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1903 (no Canada Gazette).
Born: Rothesay, New Brunswick.
Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Naval Forces in the East Indies".
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean Fleet
Second Sea Lord of the Admiralty 1903 - 1908.

Joined Royal Navy	Royal Navy	1859	
Sub-Lieutenant	Royal Navy	1865	
Lieutenant	Royal Navy	1868	
Commander	Royal Navy	1875	
Captain	Royal Navy	1885	
Rear-Admiral	Royal Navy	1899	(Second Sea Lord)
Admiral	Royal Navy	1908	

DRURY, Charles Carter, Rear-Admiral, Sir, KCSI - **Knight Commander - Order of the Bath (Civil) (KCB)** - Royal Navy - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 30 June 1905 (no Canada Gazette).

> "Awarded for outstanding services as Second Sea Lord of the Admiralty."

DRURY, Charles Carter, Rear-Admiral, Sir, KCB, KCSI - **Knight Grand Cross - Royal Victoria Order (GCVO)** - Royal Navy - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 23 April 1907 (no Canada Gazette).

> "Awarded for outstanding services as Second Sea Lord of the Admiralty."

DRURY, Charles Carter, Admiral, Sir, GCVO, KCB, KCSI - **Knight Grand Cross - Order of the Bath (GCB)** - Royal Navy – Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 19 June 1911 (no Canada Gazette).

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HALL, William, Able Seaman - **VICTORIA CROSS (VC)** - Royal Navy / HMS Shannon - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 2 January 1859 (no Canada Gazette).

Born: Horton's, NS. Captain of the Foretop of HMS Shannon and served in the Naval Brigade. He was the first black to be awarded the Victoria Cross. Hall stayed with the Royal Navy, serving on four other ships, and finally returned to Nova Scotia with the rank of Petty Officer in July of 1976. He was the son of a rescued slave and died in Hantsport, Nova Scotia, in 1904. He was buried in an unmarked grave, but in 1947 the Hantsport Branch of the Canadian Legion erected a cairn to his memory.

"Lieutenant (now Commander) Young, late gunnery officer of Her Majesty's Ship "Shannon," and Able-Seaman William Hall, "Captain of the Foretop" of that Vessel, were recommended by the late Captain Peel for the Victoria Cross, for their gallant conduct at a 24-Pounder gun brought up to the angle of the Shah Nujjiff, at Lucknow, on the 16th November, 1857." His action is deemed largely responsible for the relief of Lucknow."

MEDALS of Petty Officer William HALL, VC, RN

VC (Blue Ribbon) - India Mutiny - Crimea - Turkish Crimea.

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VAN KOUGHNET, Edmund Barker, Captain – **Companion - Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG)** – Royal Navy – Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 19 April 1901 (no Canada Gazette).

"The King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officers during the operations in South Africa. The rewards given below are for services in South Africa up to the 29th November, 1900, the day on which Field-Marshal Lord Roberts handed over the command, and which date (except where otherwise stated) they bear. These will bear the same date as those now given, 29 November1900.
To be Ordinary Members of the Third Class, or Companions of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michnel and St. George :—Captain Edmund Barker Van Koughnet, Retired List, R.N.

"Awarded for services in South Africa"

Born at Lennoxville, Quebec.
Date of Navy List - Appointment and date:

    Midshipman   RN 1864
    S/Lieutenant   RN 1869   (28 December 1869)
    To **HMS Caledonia** RN 1869   (28 December 1869)
    Lieutenant   RN 1873   (17 December 1873)
    Commander   RN 1885
    Captain   RN 1894   (14 July 1894) LG 27 July 1894

MEDALS of Captain Edmund Barker VAN KOUGHNET, CMG, RN:

    CB (Military) - Red River (Fenian Raid Bar 1866-65) -
    Egyptian Medal 1884-85 - Queen's South African Medal -
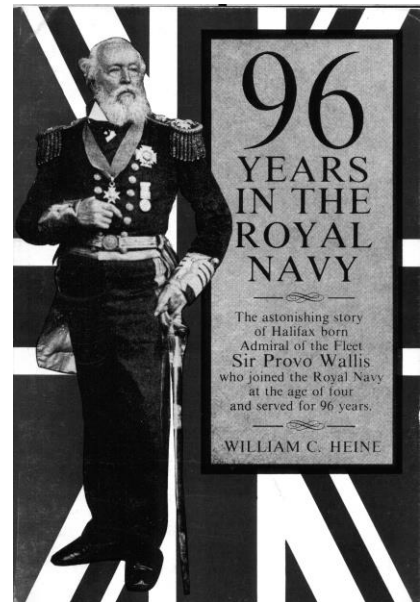   Khedive's Bronze Star

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WALLIS, Provo William Parry, Rear-Admiral - Knight Commander - Order of the Bath (Military) (KCB) - Royal Navy - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 18 May 1860 (no Canada Gazette).

> "For services as Commander-in-Chief on the south-east coast of South America."

WALLIS, Provo William Parry, Vice-Admiral, Sir, KCB - Knight Grand Cross - Order of the Bath (Military) (GCB) - Royal Navy - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 24 May 1873 (no Canada Gazette).

Born at Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1791. To acquire seniority in the Royal Navy, his father had his name placed on the books of several different ships sailing from Halifax starting when he was four years old (1795). He actually entered the RN in 1804 on board the "Cleopatra". He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1809 and served on the HMS "Shannon" when she engaged the American Naval Vessel "Chesapeake" on 1 June 1813. The Captain was seriously wounded and the 1st Lieutenant killed. Thus he took command of the Shannon and brought the "Chesapeake" back to Halifax. For this action, he was promoted Commander on 9 July 1813. He commanded the "Niemen" on the Halifax station 1824 - 1826; the "Madagascar" in the West Indies 1838 - 1839; and the "Warspite" in the Mediterranean 1843 - 1846. He was promoted Rear-Admiral in 1857 and appointed Commander-in-Chief on the south-east coast of South America. He was promoted to Vice-Admiral in September 1870 and should have retired after 53 years of actual service. However, to prevent two Admirals from dying as paupers, a special clause in the retirement scheme of 1870 provided that those officers who had commanded a ship during the French war should be retained on the active list. The few days Wallis was in command of the "Shannon" qualified him to remain on the active list until he died. He was thus promoted Admiral in 1873 and Admiral-of-the-Fleet in 1877. He died in 1892 (after 15 years as Admiral-of-the-Fleet, longest time for one person to hold this position) with a combined service from the time his name first appeared on the books of an RN Ship of 96 years!

Medals of Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Provo William Parry WALLIS, GCB, RN:

GCB - Naval General Service Medal 1793-1841 with Bar SHANNON WH CHESAPEKE.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Provo William Parry WALLIS, GCB, R.N.

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Name on the Royal Navy books            1795
   Joined RN                            1804
   Lieutenant                           1809
   Commander                            1813  (9 July 1813)
   Rear-Admiral                         1857
   Rear-Admiral of the United Kingdom   1869
   Vice-Admiral of the United Kingdom   1870
   Admiral                              1873
   Admiral-of-the-Fleet                 1877  (15 years)
   Died as Admiral-of-the-Fleet         1892
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WATTS, George Edward, Vice-Admiral – **Companion - Order of the Bath (Military) (CB)** - Royal Navy - Awarded in 1852 **(London Gazette** date not found).

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Son of a retired Sergeant who died leaving a widow with a son and daughter.

His mother ran a school and came to know HRH The Duke of Kent who obtained a commission for her son in the RN.

Midshipman - served at Dunkirk Roads in 1800

Lieutenant (1804) - commanded the boat attack and cutting out of six vessels at the Canary Islands, and brought out the San Pedro under the muzzles of the enemy's guns, during which heroic action he was severely wounded.

Commanded the boats at the capture of a Danish Frigate where he lead the attack in person heading the boarders.

Commanded the brig "Ephira" at the taking of Cuxhaven.

Wounded once more in the attack on Gissendorfe.

Commanded the "HMS Woodlark" in 1812 in the Baltic and attacked a Danish Flotilla.

Mentioned-in-Despatches Six times.

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1797  Cadet R.N.
1800  Midshipman R.N. – Dunkirk Roads
1804  Lieutenant R.N. – wounded at the Canary Islands
1812  Commander R.N.  – Commanding H.M.S. Woodlark in the Baltic
1812  Commander R.N.  - Commanding H.M.S. Jaseur War of 1812
                       - Captured more than 30 ships
1814  Captain R.N.    - Promoted Captain R.N.
1820  Married         - Jane Waldie
1849  Rear-Admiral R.N.
1856  Vice-Admiral R.N.
Age 74  Died
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Details from - "Nova Scotia and Nova Scotians" by George W. Hill. Served out of Halifax for many years.

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WESTPHAL, George Augustus, Captain – Knight Bachelor (Kt) - Royal Navy - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 10 April 1824 (no Canada Gazette).
Born: Preston, Halifax County, Nova Scotia on 26 July 1785
Served on **"HMS Victory"** at battle of Trafalgar (1805)

Sir George Augustus Westphal was born March 27, 1785 in Preston, Nova Scotia, and entered the Navy as a Midshipman at the age of 13 in 1798, serving in *HMS Porcupine* under Captain Fitzherbert Evans. He also served as Masters Mate on the North American & West India Station until Jan. 1803. He joined *HMS Amphion* the ensuing March and sailed in the frigate for the Mediterranean with **Lord Nelson,** and upon their arrival joined the *HMS Victory*. They pursued the combined fleets of France and Spain to the West Indies and back.

Westphal was only 20 at the **Battle of Trafalgar** where he fought with Nelson in *HMS Victory*. He was wounded in the same hour as Nelson and was carried to the cockpit immediately after him. They laid him near the great commander and while the surgeon was busy looking after Nelson, someone had rolled up Nelson's coat and made a pillow of it for George. It happened that the blood from his wound drenched the coat and stuck to his face as it congealed so that when the surgeon came to attend to him, he had to cut it away. These fragments of Nelson's coat were treasured by Westphal all his life. Years later, when Nelson's coat was offered for sale and the Admiralty wished to buy it for Greenwich Hospital to be placed among the relics there, Westphal was asked to identify it. He assured them that if part of the epaulette was missing the coat might be bought as genuine. And so it was, as we may see it to this day among the Nelson relics at Greenwich. He was the last surviving officer of HMS Victory when he died.

(From the newsletter 'Ensign', Naval Museum of Alberta – photo of Nelson's uniform taken at Maritime Museum Grenwich in 2011)

His younger brother was Admiral Philip Westphal.

Admiral George Augustus WESTPHAL, Kt

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Midshipman     Royal Navy     1798
Midshipman     Royal Navy     1805 – HMS Victory at Trafalgar
Midshipman     Royal Navy     1805 – HMS Ocean (Lord Collingwood)
Midshipman     Royal Navy     1805 – HMS Caledonia with Adm J. Jervis
Lieutenant     Royal Navy     15 August 1806 – Demerara Sloop *
Lieutenant     Royal Navy     1807 – HMS Neptune
Lieutenant     Royal Navy     1808 – HMS Belleisle Cmdre G. Cockburn
Lieutenant     Royal Navy     1809 – Invasion of Martinique
Lieutenant     Royal Navy     1812 – HMS Chesapeake
Lieutenant     Royal Navy     12 July 1813 – HMS Sceptre 1st Lt. **
Commander      Royal Navy     08 July 1813 – promotion backdated
Commander      Royal Navy     July 1813 – Commanding HMS Anaconda
Commander      Royal Navy     February 1815 – Anaconda paid off
Commander      Royal Navy     1817 – married Alicia Chambers
Post Captain   Royal Navy     12 August 1819 – Command HMS Jupiter
Post Captain   Royal Navy     1832 – Flag Captain to Sir G. Cockburn
Post Captain   Royal Navy     1834 – Invalided out of the RN
Captain        Royal Navy     01 December 1848    A de C
Rear-Admiral   Royal Navy     17 August 1851
Rear-Admiral   Retired List   17 August 1851
Vice-Admiral   Retired List   10 September 1857
Admiral        Retired List   23 March 1863
Admiral        Retired List   12 January 1875 – Died – buried in Hove
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*   His ship was captured by a French Privateer and he was severely wounded. He escaped from prison in Guadeloupe and rescued by an American ship.

** As First Lieutenant of HMS Sceptre he led a group of boats into Ocracoke Inlet during Rear Admiral Sir George Cockburn's campaign against Portsmouth and Ocracoke Island in North Carolina. Their targets were two privateer schooners, *Anaconda* and *Atlas*, as well as a revenue cutter. As the British boats approached, the Americans opened fire. Westphal's division, attacked and captured both privateers. Both privateers were condemned at Halifax and the British took them into service, HMS *Anaconda* under her name, and *Atlas* as *HMS St Lawrence.* His service with HMS Anaconda makes great reading.

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