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**BABINEAU, Douglas Bernard, Chief Petty Officer (2857) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 3 October 1944. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.**

**BABINEAU. Douglas Bernard, 0-3481, (Halifax, NS) CPO, 2857, RCN**

**DSM~[20.1.45] A/Cd/Gnr [23.9.50] RCN**

**HMCS SIOUX (225) DDE, (5.3.51-?) CD~[?]**

**RCNB Halifax, for TAS School, (2.6.52-?)**

**RCNB Halifax for Education Course, (25.9.53-?)**

**Lt (TAS) [17.3.52]**

**TAS School Halifax, (1.8.55-?)**

**HMCS HUNTER Staff Officer Administration, (23.1.56-?)**

**HMCS HUNTER Area Recruiting Southern Ontario, (9.2.59-?) (410/13)**

**LCdr [17.3.60] Special/Sect (I90) (22.11.64-?)**

**1965 to Dept/External/Affairs (Military/Comp/Indo/China) (8100)**

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **H.M. Canadian Ships Qu'appelle, Skeena, Saskatchewan and Restigouche** in a successful action with enemy trawlers and U-boats."

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**BACAL, Harry Lyon, Surgeon Commander - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.**

**Home: Montreal, Quebec.**



**SURGEON CMDR. HARRY L. BACAL, R.C.N.V.R.**

McGill University medical graduate

Captain, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps 03 March 1941

Surgeon Lieutenant (Temp), RCNVR, on 30 September 1941 (with seniority from 14 July 1941).

To **HMCS Columbia** (Destroyer - I.45) on 10 February 1942.

Acting Surgeon LCdr (Temp), RCNVR, on 1 January 1943.

Surgeon LCdr (Temp), RCNVR, on 1 July 1943 RCN Hospital Halifax.

Conducting RCN "Well Baby Health Service" Halifax April 1943.

Consultant in Allergy, RCN Hospital Halifax September 1944.

On retirement, promoted to Surgeon Commander (Temp), RCNVR 28 November 1945.

Retires from RCNVR and resumes his staff appointments at McGill University and the Children's Memorial, Jewish General and Royal Victoria Hospitals in Montreal on 28 November 1945.

Department of Paediatrics, Jewish General Hospital: Dr. H.L. Lyon, MBE, BA, MD CD 1949.

**BACAL. Harry Lyon**, 0-3490, Surg/Lt(Temp) [14.7.41] RCNVR  
HMCS COLUMBIA (I45) DD, (10.2.42-?)  
Surg/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.43] **MBE~[5.1.46]** Surg/Cdr(Temp) (WHA)  
Demobilized [30.11.45]

"For the exhibition of conspicuous zeal and ingenuity in organizing a Naval Well-Baby Health Service. For the children of Naval ratings, this service has provided free immunization against contagious disease, periodic physical examinations and instruction for mother in feeding problems and hygiene. Not only has this organization improved the health of Naval dependants but it has contributed immeasurably to a feeling of security on the part of fathers at sea, and mothers carrying a heavy burden at home. Toward this goal, as in the performance of other duties, this Officer has striven untiringly to inculcate in his colleagues a vision of what such a service might mean in terms of health and morale, not only in Naval circles, but also in Canadian communities of the future."

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**BACKUS, Robert George, Petty Officer** (V12122) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Victoria, B.C.  
**BACKUS. Robert GEORGE**, V-12122, PO, RCNVR, **MID~[5.1.46]**

"For outstanding zeal and efficiency. Petty Officer Backus has served seventeen years in the Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve. Throughout this war his service in His Majesty's Canadian destroyers has been exemplary."

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**BADAMS, Harry, Able Seaman** (V-9858) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR / HMCS Chaudiere - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.  
Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
**BADAMS. Harry**, V-9858, AB, RCNVR, **BEM~[16.6.45]**

"For outstanding efficiency and devotion to duty over a long period. This rating has always set a very fine example to others and displayed outstanding qualities during long and trying period of A/S work in **HMCS Chaudiere** following "D" day. He was present on at least two occasions when the ship attacked U-Boats."

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**BADGER, Edward, Petty Officer (V-7899) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 18 July 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.**  
**BADGER. Edward, V-7899, PO RCNVR, DSM~[9.9.44]**



"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **HMS Icarus** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwick, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau** and **St. Catherines** in a successful operation against a U-Boat."

**HMCS St. Catherines, HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Chaudiere, and HMCS Chilliwick** assisted in sinking **U-744** in mid-Atlantic on 6 March 1944 as described in Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BAILEY, Lloyd Franklin Telegraphist (V-2469) - Norwegian War Medal (Norway) - RCNVR / HNMS Farstad - Awarded in as per London Gazette of 29 June 1943 (no Canada Gazette).**

**BAILEY. Lloyd Franklin, V-2469, Tel, RCNVR Norwegian War Medal~[1943]**

"For service with the Royal Norwegian Navy. For displaying devotion to duty and great skill as a telegraphist in **HNMS Farstad**."



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**BAIRD, Allan Murray, Petty Officer (X-2972) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Outremont - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: Toronto, Ontario.**

**BAIRD Allan Murray, X-2972, PO, RCNR, MID~[5.1.46]**

"For devotion to duty, coolness and courage in enemy action. This Petty Officer has at all times been a great asset to his Officers and his ship. It is, in great measure, due to his fine qualities in the handling of men, that **HMCS Outremont** has a happy ship's company. He has on several occasions demonstrated his coolness and courage in encounters with the enemy."

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**BAIRD, John Douglas Boyd, Surgeon Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches**  
- RCNVR / HMCS St. Stephen - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16  
June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: St. Johns, Newfoundland.

Graduated from University of Toronto School of Medicine 1943.

Served on **HMCS St. Stephen** (Frigate - K454) on 3 January 1945.

Completed training as General Surgeon.

Chief of General Surgery at St. John's General Hospital,  
Newfoundland.

Clinical Associate Professor at Memorial University.

**BAIRD. John Douglas Boyd**, 0-3694, Surg/Lt(Temp) [22.5.44] RCNVR

*HMCS ST. STEPHEN* (K454) Fr, (3.1.45-?) **MID~[16.6.45]**

"This Medical Officer in a recent emergency, was transferred to  
another ship at sea where his efforts and skill were instrumental  
in saving the lives of two men. He set an example of wholehearted  
devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the  
Royal Canadian Navy."

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**BAIRD, Samuel Lawson, Lieutenant (E) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR  
/ *HMCS Ottawa* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945  
and **London Gazette** of 28 November 1944.

Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**BAIRD. Samuel Lawson**, 0-3710, Lt(E)(Temp) [1.11.41] RCNVR

*HMCS OTTAWA* (H31) DD, (18.10.43-?)

Lt(E)(Temp) [1.11.40]

**MID~[2.1.45]** *HMCS SIOUX* (R64) DD, (1.2.45-?)

LCdr(E)(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized [2.10.45]

"For courage, resolution and skill while serving in **HM Ships**  
**Wensleydale, Forrester, Vidette, Orchis** and **Statice**, and **HM**  
**Canadian Ships Ottawa** and **Kootenay** in anti U-boat operations."

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**BAKER, Donald Richard, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR /  
*HMCS Frontenac* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and  
**London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Clayoquot** (Minesweeper - J174) from 6  
April 1944 to 11 April 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Nipigon** (Minesweeper - J154) from 12  
April 1944 to 4 February 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Frontenac** (Corvette) from 16 March 1945  
to 17 July 1945.

**BAKER. Donald Richard**, 0-3780, Lt(Temp) [18.8.41] RCNVR

HMCS DRUMMONDVILLE (J253) m/s, (28.12.41-?)  
HMCS CLAYOQUOT (J174) m/s, (1942?)  
HMCS CLAYOQUOT (J174) m/s, CO, (6.3.44-11.4.44)  
HMCS NIPIGON (J154) m/s, CO, (12.4.44-4.2.45)  
HMCS FRONTENAC (K335) Cofm, CO, (16.3.45-22.7.45)  
**MID~[16.6.45]** Demobilized [22.9.45] Lt [18.8.41] RCN(R)  
A/LCdr(WHA) HMCS QUEEN CHARLOTTE, Charlottetown Naval Division, CO, 11.6.46-?

"This Officer has served for the last three and a half years of war in Coastal escort work on the Eastern Canadian Seaboard under trying and arduous conditions. By his zeal, cheerfulness and wholehearted devotion to duty, he has set a fine example and has been an inspiration to those working under him."

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**BAKER, Graham McNaughton, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches (Posthumous) - RCNVR / ML 447 - Awarded as per London Gazette of 21 May 1942 (no Canada Gazette). Corrected from Sub-Lieutenant to Temporary Lieutenant in London Gazette of 14 July 1942.**

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant, RCNV, 18 March 1940;

Temporary Lieutenant, RCNVR, 18 March 1941;

Lieutenant, RCNVR, 18 March 1941

Commanding Officer of ML 447 and **Killed in Action** at St. Nazaire on 28 March 1942.

**BAKER. Graham McNaughton, S/Lt(Temp) [18.3.40] RCNVR**

Lt(Temp) [18.3.41] **MID~[21.5.42]**

"For great bravery and unshaken devotion to duty in control of a gun in his motor launch, and afterward in trying to take a rope onto a jetty heavily enfiladed by intense enemy fire (during an attack on St. Nazaire)."

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**BAKER, Herman, Temporary Acting Skipper Lieutenant - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944.**

Home: Yarmouth North, Nova Scotia.

Paquette lists him as BARKER but Canada Gazette and London Gazette clearly BAKER and Navy List has BAKER.

Acting Skipper(Temp), RCNR on 1 January 1940.

To **HMCS Fundy** (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J.88) on 5 February 1940.

To stand by for **HMCS Georgian** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J.144) from 17 May 1941 to 22 September 1941;

To **HMCS Georgian** on 23 September 1941.

Chief Skipper(Temp), RCNR, on 1 January 1943.

Acting Skipper Lt(Temp), RCNR, on 1 January 1945.

**BAKER. Herman, 0-3830, A/Skr(Temp) [1.1.40] RCNR**

HMCS FUNDY (J88) m/s, (5.2.40-?)

HMCS GEORGIAN (J144) m/s, stand by (17.5.41-22.9.41)

HMCS GEORGIAN (J144) m/s, (23.9.41-?)

Ch/Skr(Temp) [1.1.43]

A/Skr/Lt(Temp) [15.7.43] **MBE~[10.6.44]**

Skr/Lt(Temp) [1.1.45]

Demobilized [12.10.45]

"For bravery, endurance and fine seamanship in effecting the rescue of fourteen members of the crew of the **Pilot Vessel Camperdown** which was wrecked on Thrum Cap Shoals during a gale in February 1944."

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**BAKER, John Robinson, Lieutenant (P) - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMS Illustrious - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945 and London Gazette of 31 July 1945.**

Born: 30 September 1921 in Toronto, Ontario - home there.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant (A) (Temp.), RNVR on 16 October 1942.

To HMS St. Vincent for #35 Pilot Training Course.

To USNAS Gosse Ile and USNAS Pensacola for training.

To USNAS Quonset Point, USNAS Brunswick, Maine and USNAS Floyd Bennett Field for **No. 1833 RN Squadron** in 1943.

To HMS Trumpeter with **No. 1833 RN Squadron** (flying Corsairs) in 1943 and survived a wing fold up on take-off on 29 November 1943.

To RNAS Stretton and RNAS Machrihanish with **No. 1833 RN Squadron** in 1943. To **HMS Ravager** for deck landing training in 1943.

To **HMS Illustrious** with **No. 1833 RN Squadron** flying Corsairs in 1943. Landed off centre and hit pom-pom on 23 December 1943.

**Transferred to RCNVR, Sub-Lieutenant (P) (Temp.), RCNVR on 1 January 1944.**

Continued in **HMS Illustrious** with action in the Indian Ocean and survived a 14,000 feet collision on 9 May 1944, landing with the starboard wheel broken and hit the pom-pom while returning from a Soerabaya strike on 17 May 1944.

Promoted Lieutenant (P) (Temp.) RCNVR.

Demobilized 7 September 1945.

Died on 10 January 1996, in Toronto, Ontario.

**BAKER. John "Johnny" Robinson, 0-3862, Lt(P) (Temp) [1.1.44] RCNVR**

Demobilized [7.9.45], **DSC~[15.9.45]**

"For gallant services in the Pacific. Air Strikes in the Far East."

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**BAKER, Robert Reginald, Leading Seaman (V-18007) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 15 August 1944.**

Home: Kingston, Ontario. One Mention in Despatches.

**BAKER. Robert Reginald, V-18007, LS, RCNVR, MID~[9.9.44]**

"For leadership, skill and determination in *H.M. Ships Affleck, Brecon and Forester, and H.M. Canadian Ships St. Laurent, Swansea and Owen Sound* in operations against U-Boats."

"For good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine on 10 March 1944." This refers to the sinking of U-845 by the Escort Groups C-1 and EG-9 in mid-Atlantic as described in Chapter 35 of **"The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945"**.

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**BALCH, Kenneth James, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (E.R.A. 3/C) (V-37499) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and the London Gazette of 26 December 1944. Home: London, Ontario.**

Born in 1913, London, Ontario.

Died in 2001, London, Ontario.

Educated in London, Ontario.

Married in London, Ontario 1935 and had 5 children, 3 girls and two boys.

He wrote an exam for the Canadian National Railway, joined as an apprentice pipe-fitter and later became a master mechanic. He worked in Toronto, Capreol (up north), Montreal (Port St-Charles). He worked there 1932-38 when he went to the Montreal CNR. He worked for CNR carshops as a pipefitter at the time of his entry into the navy.

He joined the RCNVR as an Engine Room Artificer (4th Class) RCNVR 1941. He served in HMCS Minas 1944. He was appointed as an Engine Room Artificer (Third Class) (RCNVR). (He was demobilized.) Balch wrote about his experience on the ship. "...learned how to put out the minesweeping gear, and engine orders came from upper deck via the telegraph to the engine room. It was hot and oily. Kept machinery in order. On the quarterdeck were big winches for mining. Engines were steam driven. Sweepers, cables and cranes for pulling "Oropesa" floats. Two boilers and two main engines. Three-watch system, red, green and white. Three engineers, one chief, one engine room office, a stoker petty officer and stokers. These men would be down in the engine room keeping the main engines running or fixing the machinery." The minesweepers' task was to keep

harbours and shipping lanes free of mines, basically by towing a cable which swept up the mines and these were destroyed by gunfire. Or another was to send electric charges down a cable which would bring up magnetic mines. Or they pushed off charges and hoped. HMCS Minas rescued 21 survivors of a torpedoed ship. HMCS Minas was at Omaha Beach, sweeping for Americans under Force O on D-Day and June 5 Western Task Force. Assigned from Plymouth, England. They left Portland 5 June for a 130 mile sweep arriving before landing and clearing mines under fire. Commanding Officers were Lt. W.F. Wood, Lt. J.B. Lamb RCNVR and LCDR J.G. Kingsmill RCNVR. HMCS Minas was paid off in 1945

After the war he remained in the Naval Reserves and returned to the Canadian National Railways. He was appointed as a Chief Petty Officer Engine Room Artificer RCNVR. (He was demobilized.) (Transferred to RCN(R)). He was appointed a Chief Petty Officer RCN(R) 1949. In 1949-1956 he served as Chief Gunnery Instructor at HMCS Prevost, London, Ontario.

In 1946, as a result of a man needing a truck fixed, he and his brother John, and his brother in law Harold Koenig, decided to go into the truck body repair, so they pooled \$13.00 apiece and formed B.K. & B. Truck Bodies Ltd. (Balch, Koenig and Balch) in London, Ontario. When they needed to expand, they moved within London three times, ironically ending up in the old C.N.R. carshops downtown.

The business was sold around the time he retired.

**BALCH. Kenneth James**, V-34790, ERA 3/c1, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

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





**Medals:** 1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star with bar France and Germany - CVSM and Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal with MID

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**BALCOM, Douglas Elmer, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (A-1613) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per London Gazette of 12 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette).**

Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

**BALCOM. Douglas Elmer, A-1611, ERA, RCNR, DSM~[14.6.45]**

"This rating has been outstanding in the performance of his duties and has been a very fine influence to those with whom he had come in contact. His efficiency and personal charm have been important factors in the smooth running of the ship."

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**BALCOME, Hugh Albert Louis, Petty Officer Writer (V-24750) - Mentioned in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Georgian - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: Cracknell, Manitoba.**

**BALCOME. Hugh Albert Louis, V-24750, PO/Wtr, RCNVR, MID~[5.1.46]**

"For displaying outstanding energy, patience and cheerfulness, Petty Officer Balcome has served as a writer in HMCS Georgian for the past eighteen months. Throughout this period he has worked long hours, beyond the call of duty, and has been a most beneficial influence on board. His contribution to the Royal Canadian Naval war effort is most worthy of commendation."

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**BALDWIN, Arthur Keltig, Acting Radio Artificer (V-24720) - British Empire Medal (Military) - RCNVR / Isolated Naval Station - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.**

Home: Herring Cove, Halifax and St. John, New Brunswick.

**BALDWIN. Arthur Keltig, V-24270, A/RadA, RCNVR, BEM~[6.1.45]**

"This rating has been in charge of an isolated Naval Station on the Atlantic Seaboard since its opening in September, 1942. He has shown outstanding qualities of initiative and

leadership in building and maintaining the morale of the personnel of his station, which is out of reach of all normal types of entertainment to be found ashore. He has always received the fullest co-operation of other ratings working with him, both on and off duty. His sense of responsibility is very well developed. He has under his charge many thousands of dollars worth of special important equipment, the operation of which has been playing an important part in the war of the Atlantic."

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**BALDWIN, Leslie Allison, Acting Leading Seaman (D.E.M.S.) (V-12705)**  
- **British Empire Medal (Military)** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Vancouver, B.C.

**BALDWIN. Leslie Allison, V-12705. A/LS (DEMS) RCNVR, MID~[5.1.46]**

"This rating joined the Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships Service in January 1943 and served continually at sea for two and a half years. He has been at all times cheerful and willing, pursuing his duties with devotion regardless of conditions. His initiative and conduct have set a fine example to those serving with him."

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**BALFOUR, Harold Wilson, Acting Captain, VRD - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCNVR / Commander, Port of St. John's - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1945 and the **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.



Born: 27 August 1906 at Balcarres, Saskatchewan, the youngest of 3 children of James & Mary Balfour. Following high school, Balfour attended the University of Saskatchewan, College of Arts. His civilian job was working in the City of Saskatoon's Treasurer's Department.

In April 1923 he joined the newly formed half company of the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve at Saskatoon as an ordinary signalman

In 1929, the Half Company's paymaster resigned and the Commanding Officer recommended Balfour to fill the vacancy. On 6 February

1929 he was commissioned as an Acting Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR at Saskatoon Half Company.

On 06 Feb 1930 Confirmed Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant

On 06 Feb 1931 Acting Paymaster Lieutenant

On 06 Feb 1932 Confirmed Paymaster Lieutenant

On 14 September 1933 Transferred to the Executive Branch as Acting Lieutenant. He was appointed Commanding Officer on 21 Nov 1934 of the Saskatoon Half Company.

Prior to 1936 he completed courses in Seamanship, Pilotage, and Gunnery and earned a Bridge Watchkeeper's Certificate.

In 1935, the Half Company was called the Saskatoon Division (RCNVR) and he continued in command until 09 June 1940 with promotion to Lieutenant-Commander on 6 December 1938.

During this period, his civilian occupation was as an Accountant, Internal Treasurer's Department, City of Saskatoon. He left this position in June 1940 and went to HMCS Naden in Esquimalt, BC.

In 1941, he went to HMCS Avalon II in St. John Newfoundland in command for 5 months and then remained on staff there.

He was then appointed as Executive Officer at HMCS Avalon 21 September 1942.

On 1 July 1943, he was promoted to Commander and continued in his position of Executive officer at Avalon.

On 4 January 1944 he was named King's Harbour Master of the port of St. John's, Newfoundland.

On 11 December 1944 he was made an acting Captain (WHA - While Holding Appointment) and placed in command of HMCS Avalon. He held this position until 01 December 1944.

When the war ended he was appointed to HMCS Bytown in August 1945 and HMCS Carleton in November while still holding his acting rank of Captain.

On 18 December 1945 he was confirmed in the rank of Captain and demobilized.

In March of 1946 he was placed on the retired list at HMCS Unicorn (naval reserve division in Saskatoon).

He joined HMCS Discovery in 1960 and was finally released on 01 April 1968.

In 1955, during his tenure as City Commissioner of Saskatoon, he also served as secretary-treasurer and vice president of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association. One of Balfour's pet project was the creation of a recreational facility in Holiday Park. The project was initiated in January of 1955 and was finally completed in the summer of the summer of 1963 after his retirement.

As a member of the City Amalgamation Committee, Balfour negotiated the terms of the amalgamation between the railway town of

Sutherland and with the City of Saskatoon. Balfour was "known nationally for his able civic administration abilities," and he was "principally involved in Saskatoon's land bank - a program that survives to this day and still is an example for the rest of the nation. It was during his time with the city administration that the new city hall was erected and the civic administration moved out of the old King Edward School.

Balfour married Louise Serbian and made his residence at 720 Temperance Street, Saskatoon. Balfour played guitar with a small Saskatoon band as well as with Art McEwing and his Wauker Oats Radio Orchestra. Following his retirement and move to Burnaby, BC, he took an active interest in the Naval Officers Association of B.C. and served a term as President of that organization. Additionally he was a member of the hospital board, as well as executive on the St. John Ambulance Association and a trustee of the New Vista Society.

Harold Wilson Balfour passed away at New Westminster, British Columbia on the 12th of June 1986, at the age of 79.

(Much of the information for this history is taken from Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial website.)

Awarded the **RCNVR Officer's Decoration (VRD)** on 18 March 1943.

**BALFOUR. Harold Wilson**, 0-4000, RCNVR Half Company Saskatoon  
Paymaster Sub Lieutenant [6.2.29] RCNVR  
Lt [6.12.30] RCNVR Half Company Saskatoon CO, (6.12.30-30.8.39)  
LCdr [6.12.38] RCNVR Division Saskatoon CO, (1.9.39-6.6.40)  
HMCS AVALON II, CO, (30.3.42-?)

**VRD~18.3.43**

Cdr [1.7.43] RCNB Halifax, CO, (1.12.44-?) A/Captain(WHA)

**OBE~5.1.45** Demobilized [18.12.45]

"This Officer has served zealously with marked ability and enthusiasm over a period of five years, in various appointments and latterly as Commander of the Port, St. John's Newfoundland. He has taken a consistently keen interest in the welfare of service personnel, and has given unsparingly of his time and energy in that connection. Under his chairmanship the past three successive Victory Loans in the Newfoundland Command have been outstandingly successful, and he has played an important part in the organization and development of the Naval Central Canteen."

**Medals of Acting Captain Harold Wilson Balfour, OBE, VRD**

OBE - Defence Medal - CVSM and Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal

- King George V Jubilee Medal - EIIR Coronation Medal - VRD.



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**BALFOUR, St. Clair, Acting Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS Lethbridge & HMCS Meon - Awarded as per the Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and the London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

Home: Hamilton, Ontario. Born 1910.  
 A/Lt(Temp), RCNVR, on 9 October 1939;  
 A/Cdr(Temp), RCNVR, on 16 June 1943; LCdr(Temp),  
 RCNVR, on 1 January 1944; Cdr(Temp), RCNVR, on  
 1 July 1945.

Served on **HMCS St. Laurent** (River Class  
 Destroyer - H.83) from 10 March 1941.

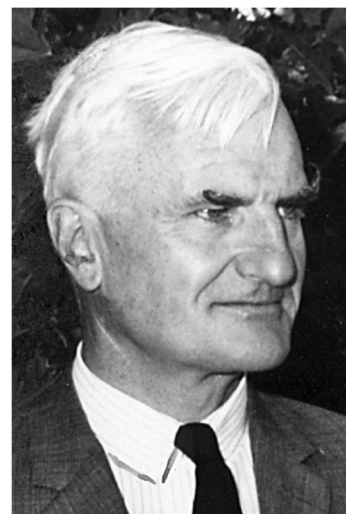
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Lethbridge** (Flower  
 Class Corvette - K.160) from 16 June 1943 to 26  
 December 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Meon** (River Class  
 Frigate - K.269) from 2 February 1944 to 3  
 January 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Dunver** (River Class Frigate - K.03) from  
 27 March 1945 to 26 May 1945.

Post-war he became **Chairman of Southam Press Limited**, President of  
 the Canadian Press, and Vice-chairman of the Commonwealth Press  
 Union. He contributed to the arts, medicine, and education through  
 such organizations as the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards in Canada, the  
 University of Toronto, The Canadian Heart Foundation, and the  
 Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

**BALFOUR. St. Clair**, 0-4030, A/Lt(Temp) [9.10.39] RCNVR  
 HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, (10.3.41-?) A/LCdr(WHA)  
 HMCS LETHBRIDGE (K160) Cof, CO, (16.6.43-26.12.43)  
 LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44]  
 HMCS MEON (K269) Fr, CO, (7.2.44-26.5.44)  
 HMCS DUNVER (K03) Fr, CO, (27.3.45-26.5.45) **DSC~[16.6.45]**



Cdr(Temp) [1.7.45]  
HMCS CORNWALLIS, XO, (1.7.45-?)  
Demobilized [6.10.45] **OC**~[28.1.89]

"This Officer has been on active war service since April, 1940. He specialized in gunnery duties which resulted in his employment ashore in an essential training capacity for some time, but in addition he has spent three years at sea in escort vessels engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic. During this time, he has, by his zeal, energy, cheerfulness and wholehearted devotion to duty, set and outstanding example to those working under him, which is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

Awarded **Officer - Order of Canada (OC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 January 1989 (appointed 17 November 1988; investiture on 12 April 1989):

"Former chairman of the Southam Press Limited, President of The Canadian Press and Vice-Chairman of the Council of the Commonwealth Press Union, he became known as one of the most highly respected newspaper publishers in Canada. He is equally well-known, however, for his outstanding contributions to the arts, medicine and education through such organizations as The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards in Canada, the University of Toronto, The Canadian Heart Foundation and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research."

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**BALFREY, Charles Patrick, Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNR / *HMCS Annan* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and the **London Gazette** of 20 March 1945. Home: St. Jean d'Iberville, Quebec.

Lt(Temp), RCNR, on 15 February 1940; LCdr(Temp), RCNR, on 1 January 1945.

Commanding Officer of *HMCS Shawinigan* (Flower Class Corvette - K.136) from 19 September 1941 to 4 January 1944.

Only Commanding Officer of *HMCS Annan* (River Class Frigate - K.404) from 11 March 1944 to 25 May 1945.

Commanding Officer of *HMCS Dunver* (River Class Frigate - K.03) from 27 May 1945 to 2 September 1945.

Last Commanding Officer of *HMCS Leaside* (Castle Class Corvette - K.492) from 1 September 1945 to 16 November 1945.

**BALFRY, Charles Patrick**, 0-4050. A/Lt(Temp) [15.2.40] RCNR  
HMC Naval Base, Quebec, Exam/Service, (30.5.40-?)  
Lt(Temp) [15.2.39]

HMCS SHAWINIGAN (K136) Cof, CO stand by, (28.7.41-18.9.41)  
HMCS SHAWINIGAN (K136) Cof, CO, (19.9.41-4.1.44)  
A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44]  
HMCS ANNAN (K404) Fr, CO stand by, (11.3.44-12.6.44)  
HMCS ANNAN (K404) Fr, CO, (13.6.44-26.5.45)  
LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45] **DSC~[21.4.45]**  
HMCS DUNVER (K03) Fr, CO, (27.5.45-2.9.45)  
HMCS LEASIDE (K492) Coc, CO, (1.9.45-16.11.45)  
HMCS MATANE (K444) Fr, (1.12.45-?) LCdr [1.1.45] RCN(R)  
HMCS DONNACONA Montreal Naval Division, (28.7.49-?)

"For outstanding skill, courage and zeal in Anti-U-Boat operations while serving in **H.M. Canadian Ships Annan** and **Saint John.**" (London Gazette had **HMCS St. John**)

On 16 October 1944, **HMCS Annan** (River Class Frigate - K404) and **HMCS Loch Achanalt** (Loch Class Frigate) sank U-1006 south of the Faeroes Islands. The description of this action is found in Chapter 53 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BALL, Clare Lorne, Petty Officer (A-4972) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / HMCS Cornwallis - Awarded as per the Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and the London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**  
Home: Montreal, Quebec.  
**BALL. Clare Lorne, A-4972, PO, RCNR, BEM~[20.1.45]**

"This rating has conducted, under various Drafting Officers, approximately 30,000 ratings to **HMCS Cornwallis** since the opening of that Training Establishment, without the necessity for any disciplinary action being taken. Petty Officer Ball has at all times conducted himself in an exemplary manner, and by his hard work, reliability, cheerfulness and enthusiasm, he has maintained discipline of a high order and at the same time, won the respect of all with whom he has come in contact."

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**BALL, James Ramsey, Temporary Chief Shipwright (V-25218) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / HMCS Nabob - Awarded as per the Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and the London Gazette of 26 December 1944. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.**  
**BALL. James Ramsey, V-25218, CPO/Shipw, RCNVR**  
**HMCS NABOB, MID~[20.1.45] BEM~[20.1.45]**

"For good service when his ship, **HMCS Nabob** was damaged."  
"For courage, resolution and skill in Northern Waters (London

Gazette)."

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**BALL, Joseph, Master-at-Arms** (4725) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCN / Royal Canadian Naval Barracks - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1946 and the **London Gazette** 13 June 1946.

Born: Liverpool, England

Moved to Canada: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Joined RCNVR: February 1932 as an Ordinary Seaman

Home: 1382 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, B.C.

He joined the RCNVR as an Ordinary Seaman in Winnipeg in February 1932.

He was called out for active service in September 1939 serving on both coasts.

He served in the Escort Carrier **HMS Nabob**.

After WWII, he served in the Carrier **HMCS Warrior**.

Acting Commissioned Master-at-Arms Ball had been appointed to HMCS Shearwater in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia 05 November 1950.

He moved to Royal Canadian Navy Barracks, Halifax on 19 March 1951

On 24 October 1951, he was promoted Lieutenant(AA), RCN

He moved back to HMCS Shearwater on 9 February 1953.

Post to Naval Service Headquarters in Ottawa on staff of the Director of Naval Intelligence on 10 June 1954.

To HMCS Bytown as Additional on 3 July 1956.

Posted to Halifax on 4 July 1956 to staff of Flag Officer Atlantic Coast for Staff Officer Shore Patrol and RCNB Halifax for Regulating.

Promoted to Lieutenant-Commander on 24 October 1959.

Posted back to Naval Service Headquarters in Ottawa on 01 August 1960 on the Staff of Assistant Chief of Naval Service (Plans)

Retired in 1964

**BALL, Joseph**, 0-4093, (1382 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC)

MAA, 4725, RCN, **BEM~[15.6.45]** Cd/MAA [14.4.50] RCN

HMCS SHEARWATER (5.11.50-?)

RCNB Halifax, 19.3.51-?)

Lt/AA [24.10.51]

HMCS SHEARWATER (9.2.53-?) CD~[?]

NSHQ for Staff Director Naval Intelligence, (10.6.54-?)

HMCS BYTOWN(D/S) additional, (3.7.56-?)

FOAC for Staff Officer Shore Patrol & RCNB Halifax for Regulating, (4.7.56-?)

LCdr [24.10.59]

NSHQ (D13) St/Asst/CNS/Plans (1.8.60-?) (140)

NSHQ (D13) St/Asst/CNS/Plans (25.7.60-?)

NSHQ (D00) (5.8.64-?)

"For meritorious service over a long period. This rating, while serving as Master-at-Arms, has been outstanding loyalty



and conscientious in discharging his responsibilities for the maintenance of discipline in Royal Canadian Naval Barracks. He has always been ready to put aside his personal interests for the good of the Service. Keen, energetic and capable professionally, this rating can be relied upon to carry out his duties in a thoroughly capable manner, at all times."

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**BANYARD, Leslie Frederick, Captain (Ad.C.) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCNR / Naval Control of Shipping Port of Halifax - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and the **London Gazette** 14 June 1945.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Acting LCdr (Temp), RCNR, on 21 September 1938;

Captain, RCNR, on 1 January 1944. Appointed Aide de Camp (Ad.C.).

**BANYARD. Leslie Frederick**, 0-4260, A/LCdr (Temp) [21.9.39?] RCNR

Capt [1.1.44] **OBE~[16.6.45]**

"For over a long period of the war, this Officer has been responsible for the control and welfare of the shipping of the world which passes through the port of Halifax. Through his tireless devotion to duty and understanding of Merchant Navy problems, Captain Banyard has filled this post with outstanding and unqualified success."

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**BARBOUR, Wilfred Orvin Oakley, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / *HMCS Midland* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and the **London Gazette** 14 June 1945.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Midland** (Flower Class Corvette - K220) from 1 November 1943 to 11 July 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cap-de-la-Madeleine** (River Class Frigate - K663) from 19 October 1945 to 25 November 1945.

Last Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fort Francis** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J396) from 6 March 1946 to 5 April 1946.

**BARBOUR. Wilfred Orvin Oakley**, 0-4380, Mate(Temp) [16.2.41] RCNR

HMCS BUCTOUCHE (K179) Cof, stand by (4.6.41)

HMCS BUCTOUCHE (K179) Cof, (5.6.41-?) Lt(Temp) [16.2.42]

HMCS MIDLAND (K220) Cof, CO, (1.11.43-15.7.45) **MID~[16.6.45]**

HMCS CAPE DE LA MADELEINE (K663) Fr, CO, (16.10.45-25.11.45)

A/LCdr (Temp) (WHA)

HMCS FORT FRANCES (J396) m/s, CO, (6.3.46-5.4.46)

"Lieutenant Barbour has served at sea since June 1941, and has lately served in Command of **HMCS Midland**. He has at all times

shown great zeal and efficiency which is reflected in the ship he so ably commands."

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**BARK, Wilfred, Sub-Lieutenant - Mentioned in Despatches (Posthumous)**  
- RCNVR / *HMCS Weyburn* - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 June 1943. Home: 35 Brock Avenue, Montreal, Quebec.

**BARK, Wilfred**, 0-4452, (Montreal, PQ) S/Lt(Temp) [16.3.42] RCNVR  
*HMCS WEYBURN* (K173) Cof, (20.7.42-22.2.43)  
Lost [22.2.43] on *HMCS WEYBURN*(K173) Cof. **MID~[13.11.43]**

"For gallant rescue work."

On 22 February 1943, ***HMCS Weyburn*** (Flower Class Corvette - K173), was mined by **U-118** off the Strait of Gibraltar. The ship was moving up the port wing of a US-bound convoy when the mine exploded on her port side abreast the engine room, which at once flooded, killing one rating. With all of the crew in the water or picked up by *HMS Wivern*, an after bulkhead let go in *Weyburn* and she sank quickly by the stern. Unfortunately, depth charges that had been jammed by the original explosion and could not be rendered safe, exploded and killed several crew in the water including Sub-Lieutenant BARK. In all, eight RCN crew were killed (including the Commanding Officer LCdr Tom GOLBY who was also killed in the water) and 1 RN crew member was also killed. Lieutenant William Arthur Bordett GARRARD (First Lieutenant in *Weyburn*) and Lieutenant Patrick Sproull MILSOM were awarded the MBE; Sub-Lieutenant BARK and Leading Signaller Leonard William MURRAY were awarded MIDs. The action is described in Chapter 25 of '**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BARKER, Douglas William, Chief Petty Officer (2827) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCN / *HMCS St. John* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and the **London Gazette** 20 March 1945. Home: Victoria, B.C.

**BARKER, Douglas William**, 2827, CPO, RCN, **DSM~[21.4.45]**

"For outstanding skill, courage and zeal in Anti-U-Boat operations while serving in **H.M. Canadian Ships Annan** and **Saint John**." (London Gazette had ***HMCS St. John***)

**Medals: DSM - 1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star - Burma Star with bar Pacific - Defence Medal - CVSM and clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal**

- Canadian Korean War Medal - (Canadian Volunteer) Service Medal for Korea) - United Nations Service Medal (Korea)

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**BARKER, Kenneth Raymond, Chief Petty Officer (Gunner's Mate) (2700)** - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCN / *HMCS Uganda* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and the **London Gazette** 1 January 1946. Home: Esquimalt, B.C.

**BARKER. Kenneth Raymond, 2700, CPO(GM), RCN, BEM~[5.1.46]**

"Chief Petty Officer Barker has served at sea during the war in His Majesty's Canadian destroyers and cruisers for a period of over three years, latterly in *HMCS Uganda* in the Pacific theatre. He has at all times carried out his duties of Gunner's Mate in a superlative manner, in keeping with the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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**BARKER, Robert Alexander, Chief Petty Officer Torpedo Coxswain (2112)** - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / *HMCS Haida* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and the **London Gazette** 29 August 1944. Home: Esquimalt, B.C.

**BARKER. Robert Alexander, 2112, CPO RCN, MID~[20.1.45]**

**CROIX DE GUERRE avec Palmes en Bronze (France)~[16.7.49]**

"For outstanding courage, skill and devotion to duty in *H.M. Ships Tartar, Ashanti, Eskimo, Javelin, and H.M. Canadian Ships Haida and Huron* in action with German destroyers."

Details on the action in which *HMCS Haida* (Tribal Class Destroyer - G63), *HMCS Huron* (Tribal Class Destroyer - G24) and *HMCS Athabaskan* (Tribal Class Destroyer - G07) sunk the German Destroyer **T-29** north of Brittany on 26 April 1944 can be found in Chapter 39 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

Details on the action in which *HMCS Haida* (Tribal Class Destroyer - G63) and *HMCS Huron* (Tribal Class Destroyer), and sunk the German Destroyer **Z-32** in the English Channel on 9 June 1944 can be found in Chapter 42 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

**BARKER, Robert Alexander, Chief Petty Officer Torpedo Coxswain (2112)** - **Croix de Guerre avec Palme en Bronze (France)** - RCN / *HMCS*

Haida - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 16 July 1949.

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**BARKHOUSE, Robert McDonald, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / *HMCS Venosta* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 16 October 1943 and the **London Gazette** 16 October 1943.

**BARKHOUSE. Robert McDonald**, Ch/Skr(Temp) [12.6.17] RCN  
HM CD 7 Dr, CO, (15.10.17-12.6.18)  
HMS NIOBE addl (13.6.18-?) A/Lt(Temp) [8.9.39] RCNR,  
HMCS VENOSTA (J11) GV, m/s, stand by, (23.10.39-16.11.39)  
HMCS VENOSTA (J11) GV, m/s, [?] (17.11.39-?) LCdr(Temp)(WHA)  
**MID~[16.10.43]** A/Cdr(Temp) [Medically unfit [13.8.44]  
Died 04 November 1953.

"For displaying skill and devotion to duty in carrying out hazardous duties." (Canada Gazette Citation)

"For bravery and devotion to duty."  
(London Gazette citation)

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**BARRETT, Fred, Temporary Chief Petty Officer Cook (S)** (40455) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / *HMCS Nabob* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and the **London Gazette** 14 November 1944.  
Home: St. Hyacinthe, Quebec.

**BARRETT. Fred**, 0-4617 (St Hyacinthe, PQ) CPO/Ck, 40455, RCN  
**MID~[20.1.45]**  
Lt(S)\* [3.1.51] RCN,  
CD~[?]  
HMCS CORNWALLIS (22.6.51-?)  
Lt(S) [24.8.49]  
NSHQ (6.8.51-?)  
HMCS MALAHAT Victoria Naval Div, Recruiting, (31.8.53-?)  
HMCS NADEN (D/S) for *HMCS JONQUIERE* (318) FFE, stand by, (14.7.54-19.9.54)  
*HMCS JONQUIERE* (318) FFE, (20.9.54-?) LCdr(S) [24.8.57]  
HMC Dockyard Esquimalt, for Base/Supt & OIC/NSD/SubDepot/Lynn Creek,  
(15.5.59-?) (140/70)  
CCC4(J004) (21.7.62-?) FOPC(N00) (4.11.63-?)

"For good service when his ship *HMCS Nabob* was damaged."  
"For courage, resolution and skill in Northern Waters  
(London Gazette)."

**HMS Nabob** (Aircraft Carrier) was damaged by **U-354** on 22 August 1944. While she was a Royal Navy ship, she was crewed by Canadians. Twenty-one crew were killed in the attack.

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**BARRETT, Raiffe Dillon, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / *HMCS Antigonish* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and the **London Gazette** 1 January 1945.

Home: Victoria, B.C.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Edmundston** (Flower Class Corvette - K106) from 21 October 1941 to 21 May 1944.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Antigonish** (River Class Frigate - K661) from 4 July 1944 to 4 May 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Lasalle** (River Class Frigate - K519) from 3 July 1945 to 14 November 1945.

Last Commanding Officer of **HMCS Grou** (River Class Frigate - K518) from 15 November 1945 to 25 February 1946.

**BARRETT. Raiffe Dillon**, 0-4640, (Victoria, BC)

Lt(Temp) [4.11.40] RCNR

HMCS NITINAT (Z03) (P) 169/39, p/v, CO, (2.1.41-?)

Lt(Temp) [4.11.39]

HMCS EDMUNDSTON (K106) Cof, CO, (21.10.41-21.5.44)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43]

HMCS ANTIGONISH (K661) Fr, CO stand by (15.6.44-3.7.44)

HMCS ANTIGONISH (K661) Fr, CO, (4.7.44-4.5.45)

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

**MID~[6.1.45]**

HMCS LASALLE (K519) Fr, CO, (3.7.45-14.11.45)

HMCS GROU (K518) Fr, CO, (15.11.45-?)

LCdr [1.1.45] RCN(SS 2 Feb 51-1 Feb 54)

FOPC/Trade, (14.8.50-?)

Cdr [1.7.52] RCN,

HMC Dockyard Halifax, QMH & Master Attendant (2.5.55-?)

NSHQ for Staff Director Intelligence, (15.6.59-?) CD~[?]

NSHQ for Attaché /St/Ambassador/USSR/Minister/Finland, Naval Attaché, (7.9.59-?) (130)

HMCS BYTOWN(E48) (22.10.60-?)

"This Officer has served continuously for the last three years in escort vessels engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic. By his zeal, cheerfulness and wholehearted devotion to duty he has at all times set a fine example to those serving under him."

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**BARRICK, Geoffrey Herbert, Gunner - Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMS Nabob - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and the **London Gazette** 14 November 1944. Home: Eburne, B.C.

**BARRICK. Geoffrey Herbert**, 0-4660, (Eburne, BC)

Gnr [16.1.42] RCN

HMCS RESTIGOUCHE(H00) DD, (20.4.43-?)

**MID~[20.1.45]**

HMCS WARRIOR(31) CVL, (24.1.46-?) Cd(G) [1.1.47]  
Lt(G) [5.12.49]  
FOAC for Equip & Trials/Gunnery East Coast (15.1.51-?) CD~[?]  
HMCS ONTARIO(32) LCB, (25.3.52-?)  
RCNB Esq, Gunnery/Trg/Ctr, Senior/StO, (4.5.54-?)  
LCdr(G) [31.3.55]  
HMCS NADEN(D/S) for HMCS OSHAWA(174) FSE, stand by, (5.3.56-10.4.56)  
HMCS OSHAWA(174) FSE, XO, (11.4.56-?)  
RCNB Esquimalt additional, (7.11.58-?) (130/17)  
HMCS NADEN(N18) (5.7.61-?)

"For good service when their ship was damaged."

"For courage, resolution and skill in Northern Waters  
(London Gazette)."

**HMNS Nabob** (Aircraft Carrier) was damaged by **U-354** on 22 August 1944. While she was a Royal Navy ship, she was crewed by Canadians. Twenty-one crew were killed in the attack.

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**BARTRAM, Vincent James, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (E.R.A. 3/C)** (X-21544) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Blairmore - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and the **London Gazette** 3 July 1945. Home: Edmonton, Alberta.  
**BARTRAM. Vincent James**, X-21544, ERA 3/cl, RCNR, **MID~[15.9.45]**

"For good services in minesweeping in European waters between September 1944 and March 1945."

"For consistent zeal, courage and good seamanship whilst serving in **H.M. 104th** and **31st Mine-Sweeping Flotilla** and the **159th Trawler Group** and in **HMCS Blairmore** in arduous operations along the coasts of southern England and northern France (London Gazette Citation)."

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**BATCHILDER, William Milford, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (E.R.A. 3/C)** (A-620) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNR - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and the **London Gazette** 1 January 1944.  
Home: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.  
**BATCHILDER. William Milford**, A-620, ERA 3/cl, RCNR, **BEM~[8.1.44]**

"This rating has served at sea in one of His Majesty's Canadian corvettes since commissioning in 1940, both as Stoker Petty

Officer and as Engine Room Artificer in charge of machinery. In the salvaging of a torpedoed tanker in March, 1942, he was the senior engine room rating placed on board and played an important part in steaming the ship for four days to port. He has at all times carried out his duties with marked efficiency, great loyalty and devotion to duty worthy of the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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**BATEMAN, Cecil Murray, Sick Berth Attendant** (V-24674) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Charlottetown - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and the **London Gazette** 1 January 1943. Home: Brandon, Manitoba.

Served on **HMS Charlottetown** at the time it was sunk and then as a Leading Sick Berth Attendant on **HMS Rosthern** (Flower Class Corvette - K169).

**BATEMAN. Cecil Murray, V-24674, SBA, RCNVR, MID~[9.1.43]**

"In aiding survivors from his torpedoed ship, Sick Berth Attendant Bateman displayed courage and outstanding devotion to duty."

"Bateman, an SBA at the time, and although himself hurt, tended the injured. Survivors later commended him highly. (From page 98 of the book "**Operation Sick Bay**".)

When **HMCS Charlottetown** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K244) was sunk by **U-517** on 11 September 1942 in the St. Lawrence River, **HMCS Clayoquot** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J174) assisted in picking up survivors.

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**BAUGH, Gerald Osmsby, Lieutenant-Commander, RD - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCNR / HMCS St. Clair - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and the **London Gazette** 2 June 1943.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

Lieutenant, RCNR on 3 January 1933.

LCdr in January 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Alberni** (Flower Class Corvette - K103) from 6 January 1941 to 11 October 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Clair** (Town Class Destroyer - I65) from 6 April 1942 to 26 December 1943.

Awarded the RCNR Officer's Decoration (**RD**) on 2 January 1944.

Promoted Acting Commander on 1 January 1944.

Promoted full Commander on 1 January 1945.

**BAUGH. Gerald Ormsby**, 0-4990, Lt [3.1.33] RCNR, Vancouver  
HMCS NADEN III, (Trg/Est/Comox) (31.10.40-?)  
LCdr, HMCS ALBERNI (K103) Cof, (6.1.41-4.4.42)  
HMCS ST. CLAIR (I65) DD, (6.4.42-11.1.44) **OBE~[5.6.43]**  
A/Cdr [1.1.44] **RD~[2.1.44]** Cdr [1.1.45]  
Demobilized [12.12.45]

"This Officer has consistently performed invaluable work in command of His Majesty's Canadian Ships, and, as Senior Officer of an escort group, his leadership and cheerfulness have been an inspiration to those serving under his command."

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**BAULD, Henry Stanley Donald, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMCS Skeena* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and the **London Gazette** 3 October 1944.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**BAULD. Henry Stanley Donald**, 0-5000, Lt(Temp) [29.7.40] RCNVR  
HMCS CHICOUTIMI (K156) Cof, (12.5.41-?) Lt(Temp) [29.1.39]  
HMCS SKEENA (I59) DD, (1.3.44-?) **MID~[20.1.45]**  
HMCS OTTAWA (H31) DD (1944?). Demobilized [3.10.45]

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in *H.M. Canadian Ships Qu'appelle, Skeena, Saskatchewan and Restigouche* in a successful action with enemy trawlers and U-boats."

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**BAULNE, Joseph Emile, Able Seaman (V-6893) - British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR / *HMCS Valleyfield* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and the **London Gazette** 5 December 1944.

Home: Hull, Quebec.

**BAULNE. Joseph Emile René**, V-6893, AB, RCNVR, **BEM~[20.1.45]**

"For services and brave rescue work when his ship *HMCS Valleyfield* was sunk on 6th May, 1944."

The sinking of *HMCS Valleyfield* (River Class Frigate) by **U-548** off Cape Race, Newfoundland on 6 May 1944 is described in Chapter 41 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". Also see "Death in the Moonlight" chapters in "**On the Triangle Run**" by Jamie Lamb for a complete description of the sinking of *HMCS Valleyfield* and Baulne's bravery.

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**BAYFORD, George Charles, Leading Signalman** (V-27292) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMCS Chaudiere* - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and the **London Gazette** 14 June 1945.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**BAYFORD. George Charles**, V-27292, LS/Sig, RCNVR, MID~[16.6.45]

"Leading Signalman Bayford has served for a considerable period at sea, and during the past fourteen months in *HMCS Chaudiere* has carried out his duties with great zeal and ability. In actions with U-Boats, E-Boats and Aircraft and whilst under fire from shore batteries, this rating always displayed exemplary coolness and efficiency."

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**BAZLEY, Albert Samuel, Able Seaman** (V-37024) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / MTBs - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and the **London Gazette** 29 August 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**BAZLEY. Albert Samuel**, V-37024, AB, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

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

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**BEAMAN, George Lamont Osborne, Stoker First Class O.N.** (A-2445) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNR / *HMS Jervis Bay* - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 11 March 1941 (no Canada Gazette).

**BEAMAN. George Lamont O.**, A-2445, Stk 1/cl, RCNR, DSM~[11.3.41]

"For courage and devotion to duty when *HMS Jervis Bay* (Armed Merchant Cruiser) defending a large convoy was sunk by a powerful German warship (**Admiral Scheer**)."

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**BEANLANDS, Gordon Arthur, Acting Warrant Engineer** - **Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCN / Naval Machine Shops HMC Dockyard Halifax - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Served in **HMCS Athabaskan** (I) (Tribal Class Destroyer - G07).

Acting Warrant Engineer, RCN, on 20 April 1944.

**BEANLANDS. Gordon Arthur**, 0-5114, (Halifax, NS)

A/Wt(E) [20.4.44] RCN, **MBE~[5.1.46]**  
 HMC Dockyard Halifax, (10.3.47-?)  
 HMC Dockyard Halifax, (1.3.48-?)  
 Cd(E) [20.4.44]  
 HMCS HAIDA (215) DDE, (13.1.50-?)  
 CD~[?]  
 HMC Dockyard Halifax, (4.4.51-?)  
 FOAC for StO/Eng, (15.6.53-?)  
 Lt\* [20.4.50]  
 HMCS CAPE BRETON (100) ARE, (14.3.55-?)  
 HMC Dockyard Halifax, (2.3.56-?) (161)  
 HMCS STADACONA (E18) (14.7.60-?) (161/40)  
 PNO/East (E56) (18.3.63-?)

"In spite of a physical handicap received as a result of enemy action while serving in **HMCS Athabaskan**, this Officer's tireless endeavour, without regard for health or personal desire, in the supervision of Naval Machine Shops in HMC Dockyard, Halifax, has contributed much to the refit and emergency repair of His Majesty's Canadian Ships engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic."

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**BEARD, Charles Tachereau, Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Prince Robert - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.**  
 Born: Ottawa, Ontario in 30 July 1890.  
 Home: Esquimalt, British Columbia.



Left Canada at age 17 to pursue a maritime career in Great Britain.  
 The first two years of service were aboard the **Merchant Training ship Conway** from 1907 to 1909.  
 He returned to Canada and served on several fisheries patrol vessels including the **Kestrel** and **CGS Canada**.  
 Joined Royal Naval Reserve on 04 March 1909 and spent a short time in **HMC Algerine** while she was stationed in Esquimalt.  
 On 21 October 1910, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy as a Midshipman.  
 Most of his early naval career was spent with the Royal Navy.  
 September 1915 serving in **HMS Tartar**.  
 In October 1915 he married Miss Kathleen Kent, from the Manor House, Constant Springs,

Jamaica.

He DID NOT receive a Mentioned in Despatches in WWI. In the photo above, there is no MID. The MID was in WWII.  
 From 1920 to 1922 he commanded **HMCS Patriot**.

In 1922, he became Senior Naval Officer, Esquimalt and the Captain of Naden.

Promoted to Commander on 14 November 1926.

From March 1928 to May 1928, he commanded **HMCS Champlain**.

He served as the Director of Naval Reserves from July 1933 to January 1936.

In January 1936, he became the Director of Operations and Training as Naval Service Headquarters.

In July 1936 he was once again at Naden as Commanding Officer as well as Commander of the Dockyard.

He retired on 01 April 1939.

He was called out of retirement at the beginning of the Second World War and was the first to take command of **HMCS Prince Robert** in April 1940. The **Prince Robert** was a former passenger vessel that was converted and commissioned as an auxiliary cruiser in 1940. Her first mission was to help reinforce a blockade off the Mexican coast that was attempting to prevent enemy merchant raiders from sailing.

His son, Midshipman Thomas Norman Kemp Beard, was killed on the *HMS Hood* during its encounter with the *Bismarck* in May 1941.

He retired from the navy during WWII due to poor health on 01 January 1941.

He ran in the 1941 Provincial Election in Esquimalt as a Liberal but lost to the Conservative candidate.

He was however, elected to the legislature of British Columbia representing Esquimalt in the election of 26 October 1945 as a member of the victorious Liberal-Conservative Coalition Party. He died in office on 21 November 1948 (one of five MLAs to die before the next election in 1949).

**BEARD. Charles Taschereau**, Mid [?] RNR, CGS CANADA 1910

Mid [21.10.10] CNF,

HMCS NIOBE 11,000/1897 (21.10.10-?)

HMS DREADNOUGHT 1911,

S/Lt [14.1.13]

HMS LANCASTER 1914, Lt [14.11.14] RCN,

HMS ATTENTIVE for HM P-17, pb, (11.1.18-?)

HMS RAMILLIES 1920,

HMCS PATRIOT 1,004/16, DD, stand by (1.9.20-1.11.20)

HMCS PATRIOT 1,004/16, DD, CO, (1.11.20-2.9.22)

HMCS NADEN 88/1913, (D/S) CO, (3.9.22-?)

HMCS PATRICIAN 1,004/16, DD, CO, (3.9.22-31.10.22)

HMCS NADEN m/v, (D/S) CO, (1.11.22-?)

LCdr [14.11.22]

Cdr [1.9.26] AdC,

HMCS CHAMPLAIN DD, CO, (1.3.28-20.5.28)

NSHQ, StO, (1.6.28-?)

NSHQ as Director Naval Reserves (4.7.33-?)

NSHQ, Director Ops & Trg, (2.1.36-?)

HMCS NADEN (D/S) CO, Cdr i/c Esquimalt, and OIC Dockyard Esquimalt, (1.7.36-?) AdC,

Retired [1.4.39]

HMCS PRINCE ROBERT (F56) amc, stand by, (2.4.40-30.7.40)

HMCS PRINCE ROBERT (F56) amc, CO, (31.7.40-7.10.40)

Captured German SS WESER off Mexico 1940. Retired [1.1.41]



MID~[9.1.43]

**MID Citation for Commander Charles Tashereau BEARD, RCN**

"While in command of one of HMC Auxiliary Cruisers, this Officer captured a valuable German ship "**Weser**".

**HMCS Prince Robert** (Armed Merchant Cruiser - F56) captured **German Merchant Ship Weser** off Mexico on 25 September 1940.

**Medals:** 1914/1915 Star - British War Medal - Victory Medal - 1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star - CVSM with Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal with MID - GV Silver Jubilee - GVI Coronation  
The MID shown on his WW1 medal is wrong; it should be on his WWII Medals. (Medals on display CFB Esquimalt Museum)

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**BECK, Frederick Allan, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Battleford - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Battleford** (Flower Class Corvette - K165) from 1 September 1942 to 25 June 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Lasalle** (River Class Frigate - K519) from 8 May 1944 to 2 July 1945.

**BECK. Frederick Allan**, 0-5290, Lt(Temp) [21.9.40] RCNVR

HMCS KAMSACK (K171) Cof, stand by (13.9.41-3.10-41)

HMCS KAMSACK (K171) Cof, (4.10.41-?)

Lt(Temp) [21.3.39]

HMCS BATTLEFORD (K165) Cof, CO, (1.9.42-5.7.43)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.43] **MID~[8.1.44]**

HMCS LASALLE (K519) Fr, CO, stand by (8.5.44-28.6.44)

HMCS LASALLE (K519) Fr, CO, (29.6.44-15.3.45)

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

HMCS INCH ARRAN (K667) Fr, CO, (16.3.45-23.3.45)

HMCS LASALLE (K519) Fr, (24.3.45-?) Demobilized [4.9.45]

"This Officer has served at sea in the Battle of the Atlantic for a considerable period and for over a year has commanded one of His Majesty's Canadian Ships (**HMCS Battleford**). During this time he has set and excellent example by his efficiency and devotion to duty."

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**BECK, Shirley Mackintosh, Matron - Associate - Royal Red Cross (ARRC)** - RCN (Temporary) / Royal Canadian Naval Hospital HMCS Niobe - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Matron(Temp), RCN on 1 July 1943.

Matron of the RCN Hospital in the United Kingdom.

**BECK. Shirley MacKintosh**, 0-5310, Matron(Temp) [1.7.43] RCN

**ARRC~[6.1.45]** Lt(N/S) [1.7.43] RCN Hospital Halifax, (31.3.46-?)

Demobilized [28.8.47]

"Matron Beck has served at **HMCS Niobe** for a period of two years, eighteen months of which she has been Matron of the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital. Her zeal and efficiency have contributed in great measure to the nursing care of personnel, and she has always exhibited unflinching cheerfulness and devotion to duty."

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**BECKER, Allan, Acting Leading Seaman** (V-57912) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *D.E.M.S. S.S. Cathcart* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 16 March 1945. Home: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

**BECKER. Allan**, V-57912, A/LS, RCNVR, **MID~[21.4.45]**

"Great credit is due this rating for the manner in which he disembarked the cordite and shell on the occasion of a fire breaking out in **S.S. Cathcart**. Through his untiring efforts in assisting to overcome the fire and his courageous action in removing ammunition under dangerous circumstances, all the D.E.M.S. equipment was saved."

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**BEDARD, Paul, Chief Petty Officer** (40828) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCN - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

Born Greenock, Scotland. Home: Mattawa, Ontario.

**BEDARD. Paul**, 0-5345, (born: Greenock, Scotland)

Home: Mattawa, Ontario

CPO/Wtr, 40828, RCN, **DSM~[1.1.45]**

A/Cd/Wtr [13.2.56] FOAC, (1.5.56-?) CD~[?]

NSHQ for Staff Director Pay Accounts, (31.8.59-?)

Lt(S) [1.1.59] (140/70)

HMCS BONAVENTURE (22) RRSM, (1.8.62-?)

HMCS HOCHELAGA (E58) (6.3.64) & (18.6.64-?)

HMCS DONNACONA (H07) (25.5.65-?)

"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy." New Years Honours List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

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**BEDDOE, Alan Brookman, Lieutenant - Officer - Order of the British Empire (Civil) (OBE) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943.**

Born in Ottawa in 1898.

Lieutenant(SB)(Temp), RCNVR on 19 October 1941.  
War Artist.

A native of Ottawa, Alan Beddoe studied in that city at the Model School and Ashbury College.

During the **First World War**, he enrolled in the **Second Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force**. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Ypres in 1915 and spent 2-1/2 years in the camps at Giessen and Zerst. For medical reasons, he was transferred to Geneva, Switzerland, where he met the English painter Horace Taylor, a prisoner like himself. Liberated and then demobilized, Beddoe went to study at the Art Students League in New York. In 1925, he opened the first commercial art studio in Ottawa and specialized in display and exhibition art. He obtained many government contracts.



Beddoe was instrumental in the creation of the major **Books of Remembrance**, now housed in the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The artist originally chosen for the job, James Purves, died in 1940, at which time Beddoe took on the task. He supervised a team of artists for about the next 2 years to illuminate and hand-letter the books, listing the names of Canadians who lost their lives in Canada's military service during World War I and after World War II he supervised another team of artists to create the **Book of Remembrance for World War II**.

He contributed to the preliminary studies for the new Canadian flag. Beddoe was also an expert in heraldry. In 1957, the Royal Canadian Navy appointed him its heraldic advisor and he was the first president of the Heraldry Society of Canada. Died in Ottawa, Ontario on 12 February 1975.

Awarded **OSTJ**.

**BEDDOE. Alan Brookman**, 0-5360, Lt(SB)(Temp) [19.10.41] RCNVR  
**OBE~[1.1.41] (Civil)**

A/LCdr(SB) (WHA) Demobilized [30.9.47] **OC~[29.6.68]**

"Awarded for services as a War Artist in World War Two."

Awarded **Service Medal of the Order of Canada (SM)** as per **Canada Gazette** 29 June 1968 which was converted to an **Officer of the Order of Canada (OC)** in 1972: (Appointed 28 June 1968; Invested 12 November 1968):

"Consultant in Heraldry and Founder and first President of the Heraldry Society of Canada."

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**BEECH, William James Robert, Commodore - Commander - Legion of Merit (United States of America)** - RCN / Commanding Officer Pacific Coast HMCS Naden - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 August 1946 and **London Gazette** of 27 June 1946.

Born on Salt Spring Island, B.C. 17 June 1895.

Home: Victoria, B.C.

Naval Cadet RCN at the Royal Naval College of Canada (Second Term) in 1912.

Midshipman, RCN, 01 December 1916.

A/S/Lt, RCN, on 1 December 1916.

S/Lt, RCN, 1 December 1917.

Served on **HMC Submarine CC-1** 1916 and then to **HMS Alecto** for duty in Submarines in 1917.

Served on **HM Submarine H-9** as First Lieutenant RCN in 1917.

Then First Lieutenant on **HM Submarine L-8**.

Attached to **HMS Ambrose** 25 June 1918.

Served as First Lieutenant on **HM Submarine L-1** in 1919 (on China Station).

**Commanding Officer** of **HM Submarine L-1** in 1920.

To the Royal Naval College of Canada staff in 1921.

To **HMS Wakeful** in 1922.

To **HMS Versatile** in 1923.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Thiepval** 11 February 1924.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Patrician** from 1 October 1924 to 14 August 1926.

To **HMS Repulse** 1926-28. To Naden 1928.

To Royal Naval Staff Course 1929.

To NDHQ in 1930 and Naden again in 1931 as Commander-in-Charge, Esquimalt, with Pendant in HMCS Naden from 1 February 1934 to 15 May 1934.

To **HMS Cyclops** (Depot Ship) for duty as Staff Officer Operations



for the 1st Submarine Flotilla in 1936.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Saguenay** (River Class Destroyer - D179) from 06 April 1936 to 29 June 1938.

To Stadacona in Command 1938 and appointed AdC.

Commander-in-Charge HMC Naval Establishment and in-command of Auxiliary Vessels based at Halifax and King's Harbour Master 1940. On 4 September 1940 posted to HMCS Naden as Commanding Officer Pacific Coast and Naval Superintendent HMC Dockyard Esquimalt.

To Burrard as Commanding Officer Pacific Coast from 1942 to 1 September 1943.

To Stadacona on Staff of Commander-in-Chief Canadian North West Atlantic as Chief of Staff Administration 1943 to 1945.

Retired from the RCN on 1 April 1945.

**BEECH. William James Robert**, 0-5370, RNCC 2nd term  
Cdt 1912, Mid [?] HMC S/M CC-1 1916, A/S/Lt [1.12.16] RCN

HMS ALECTO for duty in S/M's 1917,  
8th Fl, North Sea, HMS/M H-9 1stLt, (1.2.17-1.3.18)

S/Lt [1.12.17] HMS DOLPHIN(D/S) (20.2.18-?)

HMS/M L8, 1stLt, (1.3.18-1.3.19)

A/Lt HMS DEFIANCE, Lt [14.7.18]

HMS TITANIA(D/S) for:

a. HMS/M L-1, 1stLt, (23.6.19-26.9.20)

b. HMS/M L-1, A/CO, (26.9.20-31.12.21)

HMCS NADEN(D/S) for HMCS THIEPVAL 357/17, tr, CO, (11.2.24-?)

Detailed to proceed across north Pacific to Hakodate, Japan, to deposit fuel & lube 'dumps' for the round-the-world flight of Maj. Stuart Mac LAREN [15.2.24]

HMCS PATRICIAN 1,004/16, DD, CO, (1.10.24-14.8.26)

LCdr [14.4.26] HMS PRESIDENT (7.1.29-?)

HMCS NADEN (D/S) (7.12.31-?) Cdr [1.7.33]

HMCS NADEN (D/S) CO, & Cdr i/c Esquimalt (1.2.34-?)

HMS CYCLOPS (D/S) SO/Ops 1st S/M flotilla 1935,

HMCS SAGUENAY (D59) DD, CO, (6.5.36-29.6.38)

HMCS STADAONA (1.8.38-?)

HMCS STADACONA (D/S) NOIC Naval Est, i/c Aux/V, & KHM, (26.12.39-?) COPC & i/c HMC Naval Est/Esq.(4.9.40-?)

Sup/HMC Dockyard Esquimalt [20.9.40] AdC

Capt [1.7.41] Cmdre 2nd/cl [1.9.43]

RCNB Halifax, CO, (1.10.43-?)

Cmdre 1st/cl [1.1.45] Retired [1.4.45] Capt.

**Legion of Merit-Degree of Commander(USA)~[3.8.46]**

Acting Sub-Lieutenant RCN	01 December	1916	(Served on <b>HMC Submarine CC-1</b> )
Sub-Lieutenant RCN	01 December	1917	(First Lieutenant on <b>HM Submarine H-9</b> )
Lieutenant RCN	14 July	1918	(First Lieutenant on <b>HM Submarine L-1</b> )
Lieutenant-Commander RCN	14 April	1926	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Patrician</b> )
Commander RCN	01 July	1933	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Saguenay</b> )
Captain RCN	01 July	1941	(Commanding Officer Pacific Coast)
Acting Commodore 2nd Class RCN	01 September	1943	(COS Admin C-in-C Canadian North West Atlantic)
Commodore 1st Class	01 January	1945	
Retired as Captain	01 April	1945	

Citation for Commander of the Order of Merit (USA):



"For outstanding services to the Government of the United States from December 1940 to September 1943. As Commanding Officer Pacific Coast, commanding the forces of the Royal Canadian Navy stationed on the West Coast of Canada, Commodore Beech was untiring in his efforts to strengthen the ties of friendship and co-operation between the Navies of Canada and the United States and to assist the United States Naval Commanders in every possible way."

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**BELDEN, Edna Louise, Nursing Sister - Associate - Royal Red Cross**  
- RCN (Temp) / Naval Hospital St. John's Newfoundland - Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.  
Nursing Sister(Temp), RCN, on 25 April 1942.

"On February 13, 1943, through the physical danger of blinding snowstorms (during which one plane was lost), Nursing Sister Belden accompanied from St. John's Newfoundland to Toronto, Ontario, two critically burned cases, and two who were helpless, with head and hand burns. Throughout the five days of the trip, originally planned to be a few hours, she showed great nursing skills, resourcefulness in meeting the contingencies of the delays and changes in transportation, devotion to duty and exemplary cheerfulness."

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**BELL, Charles Edward, Petty Officer (V-10253) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Arrowhead - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.  
Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.  
BELL. Charles Edward, V-10253, PO, RCNVR, MID~[16.6.45]

"This rating has served aboard **HMCS Arrowhead** from 1 July, 1943 until the present date, and has proved himself to be an exceptional rating. He has on numerous occasions successfully repaired the Asdic Sets at sea under very trying conditions. He has continually devoted himself successfully to keeping his department in an exceptionally high state of efficiency at all times."

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**BELL, Clifford John, Petty Officer (V-5316) - Mention in Despatches**

- RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

**BELL. Clifford John**, V-5316, PO RCNVR

**MID~[6.1.45]; 2<sup>nd</sup> MID~[16.6.45]**

"For cheerful devotion to duty while on escort duty in the North Atlantic, he has shown outstanding leadership, loyalty and organizing ability."

**BELL, Clifford John, Petty Officer (V-5316) - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

"As Higher Submarine Detector in charge of the action team, this rating held contact through difficult conditions, thereby greatly assisting the Anti-Submarine Control Officer, in a promising attach on a submarine."

This rating was awarded a Mention in Despatches on 1 January 1945.

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**BELL, David George, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (E.R.A. 3/C) (A-2506) - Mentioned in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Columbia - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943. Home: Toronto, Ontario.**

**BELL. David George**, A-2506, ERA 3/cl, RCNR

**MID~[9.1.43]; BEM~[29.5.43]**

"Throughout his period of service at sea in the North Atlantic, Engine Room Artificer 3/c Bell has displayed outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty."

**BELL, David George, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (E.R.A. 3/C) (A-2506) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / HMCS Columbia - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 29 May 1943 and London Gazette of 5 October 1943**

"By his coolness and business-like approach to a difficult situation, this rating proved of the greatest help and set an example to others during the salvaging of the **S.S. Matthew Luckenbach**.

"For coolness and efficiency during the salvage of **S.S. Matthew**

**Luchenbach** (London Gazette)."

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**BELL, Gordon, Warrant Engineer - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Rimouski - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Sudbury, Ontario. Served on **HMCS Rimouski** (Flower Class Corvette - K121) from 31 May 1941 to 2 November 1944 and received MID. Served on **HMCS Smith Falls** (Flower Class Corvette - K345), the last RCN Corvette to enter service, on 28 November 1944 to 1 July 1945.

**BELL, Gordon**, 0-5570, A/Wt(E) [1.5.43] RCNR  
HMCS RIMOUSKI (K121) Cof, (31.5.43-?); **MID~[8.1.44]**  
HMCS SMITH FALLS (K345) Cofm, stand by, (2.11.44-27.11.44)  
HMCS SMITH FALLS (K345) Cofm, (28.11.44-1.7.45) Cd(E) [1.1.45]  
Demobilized [5.11.45]

"This Officer has served in the North Atlantic continuously since September 1940, both as a C.E.R.A. and as a Warrant Officer and has been Chief Engineer of corvettes for three years. He has at all times maintained a highly efficient department and has been a constant source of inspiration to others by his cheerfulness in the face of trying conditions and by his personal devotion to duty."

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**BELL, Ian Hunter, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Alberni - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

Born in 1918. Home: Vancouver, B.C. Education: Kitsilano High School, Vancouver.

Articled for his Chartered Accountancy degree with his father, Robert Bell, after high school, 1937.

On delivery team of **USS McCook** (Town Class Destroyer - DD-252) in September 1940; name changed to **HMCS St. Croix** (I81) and served on this destroyer for 20 months.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Swift Current** (Minesweeper - J254) from 19 April 1942 to 27 September 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ville de Quebec** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K242) from 30 September 1942 to 11 October 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Alberni** (Flower Class Corvette - K103) from 12 October 1942 until 21 August 1944, when **HMCS Alberni** was sunk by **U-480**.

**Promotions:** T/A/SubLt. 28 April 1939 (05620)  
T/A/Lieutenant 28 April 1940

T/Lieutenant 28 April 1941  
T/A/LCdr 01 January 1944  
T/LCdr 01 January 1945  
Retired 03 October 1945

**Postwar:** Rejoined his father in chartered accountant practice. CA (1948) FCA (1960).

Through a series of mergers, his Chartered Accountant firm became Touche Ross & Partners where he finished up his career as International Chairman of the firm. Touche Ross later merged once again to form Deloitte. He always lived in Vancouver, but travelled extensively throughout the world with his business and, after retirement, for leisure. Past Director, B.C. Institute of Chartered Accountants.

**BELL. Ian Hunter**, 0-5620, A/S/Lt(Temp) [28.4.39] RCNVR

**HMCS NOOTKA** (J35) m/s, (31.8.39-?)

**USS McCOOK** (DD-252) for **HMCS ST. CROIX** (I81) DD, (20.9.41-23.9.41)

**HMCS ST. CROIX** (I81) DD, CO, (24.9.40-?)

Lt(Temp) [28.4.41]

**HMCS SWIFT CURRENT** (J254) m/s, CO, (19.4.42-27.9.42)

**HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC** (K242) Cof, CO, (30.9.42-11.10.42)

Lt(Temp) [28.4.40]

**HMCS ALBERNI** (K103) Cof, CO, (12.10.42-21.8.44)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44] **MID~[10.6.44]**

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

Demobilized [3.10.45]

"This young Officer has served at sea for the majority of the war and has been in command of one of His Majesty's Canadian ships (**HMCS Alberni**) on escort duty in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean for the past two years. He has set a fine example by his energy, zeal and wholehearted devotion to duty."

**HMCS Alberni** was sunk by **U-480** in 30 Seconds in the English Channel on 21 August 1944. The sinking is described in Chapter 50 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BELL, Percy Alexander, Chief Engine Room Artificer (C.E.R.A.)** (V-25470) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Saint John, New Brunswick.

**BELL. Percy Alexander**, V-25470, CPO/ERA, RCNVR, **MID~[1.1.45]**

"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

New Years Honours List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45

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**BELL, Roderick Meilicke, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS St. Pierre - Awarded as per London Gazette of 3 November 1942 (no Canada Gazette).**

Lt(Temp), RCNVR, on 9 August 1940 (with seniority on 9 August 1939). Served on **HMCS St. Pierre** (River Class Frigate - K.680) to stand by from 10 July 1944 to 21 August 1944 and served on this ship until demobilized on 28 July 1945.

**BELL, Roderick Meilicke, 0-5690, Lt(Temp) [9.8.40] RCNVR DSC~[3.11.42]**

Lt(Temp) [9.8.39]

HMCS ST. PIERRE (K680) Fr, stand by, (10.7.44-21.8.44)

HMCS ST. PIERRE (K680) Fr, (22.8.44-28.7.45)

Demobilized [28.7.45]

"For coolness and devotion to duty in the face of heavy and sustained air attacks on a convoy to Russia from 25 to 30 May."

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**BELLIVEAU, Joseph Gerald Bernes, Able Seaman (V-50977) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / MTB - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 26 December 1944.**

Home: Campbellton, New Brunswick.

**BELLIVEAU, Joseph Gerald Bernes, V-50977, AB, RCNVR**

**MID~[20.1.45]**

**Croix de Guerre avec Palmes en Bronze(France)~[30.3.46]**

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

**BELLIVEAU, Joseph Gerald Bernes, Able Seaman (V-50977) - Croix de Guerre avec Palme en Bronze (France) - RCNVR / MTB - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 30 March 1946.**

**NOTE:** No **London Gazette** of 18 December 1944 which some sources show as his **London Gazette** date.

"On the night of the 4th and the 5th July, 1944, during five separate engagements with the enemy, this rating coolly exposed himself to a very heavy fire to clear a stoppage of his 2 Pound Gun."

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**BENOIT, Cecil Julian, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)**  
- RCN / HMCS Iroquois - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

S/Lt, RCN, on 1 February 1942; Lt, RCN, on 1 February 1943; LCdr, RCN, on 1 December 1951. Served on **HMCS Columbia** (Destroyer - I.45) from 17 March 1943 to 21 December 1943. Served on **HMCS Iroquois** (Destroyer - G.89) from 22 December 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Portage** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J.331) from 9 April 1946 to 2 June 1946.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Chignecto** (II) (Bay Class Minesweeper - I.56) from 1 December 1953 to 2 February 1954.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Outremont** (River Class Frigate - 310) from 9 October 1948 to 12 April 1960.

**BENOIT, Cecil Julian**, 0-5940, (Halifax, NS)

S/Lt [1.2.42] RCN

HMCS COLUMBIA(I45) DD, (17.3.43-?)

Lt [1.12.43]

HMCS IROQUOIS(G89) DD, (22.12.43-?)

Lt(ND) [1.2.43] **DSC~[20.1.45]**

HMCS PORTAGE(J331) m/s, CO, (9.4.46-2.6.46)

HMCS NOOTKA(R96) DD, (15.5.47-?)

HMCS NOOTKA(R96) DD, (10.6.47-?)

RCN Barracks Halifax, ND School, (19.10.48-?)

FOAC, Staff Officer(ND) (23.2.50-?)

ND School, OIC, (23.2.50-?)

NSHQ for Hydrographer, (18.6.51-?)

CD~[?] LCdr(N) [1.12.51]

HMCS QUEBEC(31) LCB, (25.6.53-?)

HMCS CHIGNECTO(156) MCB, CO, (1.12.53-2.2.54)

HMCS QUEBEC(31) LCB, (3.2.54-?)

FOAC for Evaluation Officer, (25.6.55-?)

HMCS OUTREMONT(310) FFE, CO, (9.10.58-12.4.60)

Joint Maritime Warefare School (E20) (130/01) (13.4.60-?)

FOAC(E00) (3.1.64-?)

HMCS STADACONA(E18) (28.3.64)&(26.3.65-?)

"For courage and determination in **H.M. Ships Albright, Ashanti, Bellona, Diadem, Mauritius, Onslow, Tartar** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Assiniboine, Haida, Iroquois, Qu'appelle, Restigouche** and **Skeena**, in a series of successful attacks on enemy escorted convoys off the coast of France."

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**BERNARD, William Henry, Able Seaman** (V-45209) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Sarnia - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**BERNARD. William Henry**, V-45209, AB, RCNVR, MID~[5.1.46]

"For gallantry, bravery and enterprise in rescuing survivors of **HMCS Esquimalt**. Bernard's zeal and cheerful devotion to duty in rescuing the survivors of **HMCS Esquimalt** were of the highest order and an inspiration to all. This rating took charge of the artificial respiration given to these men who were dying, thereby saving at least two lives."

The sinking on 16 April 1945 of **HMCS Esquimalt** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J272) by **U-190** and the rescue of some of the survivors by **HMCS Sarnia** (Bangor Class Minesweeper) are described in Chapter 64 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BERNAYS, Max Leopold, Acting Chief Petty Officer** (A-321) - **Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM)** - RCNR / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 12 December 1942 and the **London Gazette** of 3 December 1942.



Born: Vancouver, British Columbia in 1910.  
To sea at an early age with the merchant marine

Joined the **Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve** (RCNVR) in 1929. During the 1930s, he served with Canadian National Steamships.

Recalled by the RCN at the outbreak of the Second World War, he had achieved the rank of Acting Chief Petty Officer by March 1942 when he was elevated to coxswain of Assiniboine, a position usually held by an older sailor.

Awarded **RCNR Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 27 September 1943.

His CGM citation was originally submitted as a **Victoria Cross** recommendation.

**BERNAYS. Max Leopold**, A-321, C-321, A/CPO RCN

**CGM~[12.12.42]** CPO

**LS&GC~[27.9.43]**

"For valour and dauntless devotion to duty. Acting Chief Petty Officer Bernays was steering the **HMCS Assiniboine** during an action at close range with an enemy U-boat. A fire caused by

enemy shells broke out on the flag deck, compelling the telegraphmen to leave the wheelhouse leaving A/CPO Bernays alone. With complete disregard for his own safety, with flames and smoke obscuring his only exit, with enemy explosive shell fragments entering the wheelhouse, this comparatively young rating remained at this post for nearly forty minutes. Appreciating the crucial importance of his duties in an action, the success of which depended in a large measure on the precise steering of the ship and execution of telegraph orders, he not only carried out exactly and effectively all the helm orders but also dispatched 133 telegraph orders, necessary to accomplish the destruction of the U-Boat. The final success of the sinking of the U-Boat was largely due to the high courage and determination of A/CPO Max Leopold Bernays who, in circumstances of the gravest personal danger carried out not only his own, but two other ratings' duties in exemplary fashion. His conduct throughout the action added another incident of the utmost bravery to the annals of the Royal Canadian Navy."

CPO Bernays was the coxswain of **HMCS Assiniboine** (River Class Destroyer) and was at the helm when she sank **U-210** on 6 August 1942 in the North Atlantic while protecting Convoy SC-94. The action is described in Chapter 14 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

#### **The destruction of U-210 by HMCS Assiniboine.**

**HMCS Assiniboine** (River Class Destroyer) was commanded by Lieutenant-Commander John H. Stubbs, RCN. Assiniboine plus three Canadian corvettes and three British corvettes, formed the close escort of the slow convoy SC-94, which comprised 33 merchant ships laden with cargo for war-torn Britain. The convoy steamed east in fog and calm seas, just beyond the range of Allied aircraft based in Newfoundland.

Six or seven U-boats shadowed the convoy on the afternoon of August 6, waiting for nightfall to close and attack. The Canadian and British escort was not idle. Assiniboine and the corvettes, driving off the U-boats and pummeling sonar contacts with depth charges. Late in the afternoon, Assiniboine's radar picked up U-210 in the fog at 1,200 yards and Assiniboine went in pursuit at full speed. Visibility fell dramatically as the destroyer closed in.

Stubbs manoeuvred to ram, but U-210 evaded him by the narrowest of margins. For almost 40 minutes the two combatants played a deadly



game of hide-and-seeK in the fog. U-210 attempted to get within Assiniboine's turning circle while Stubbs tried to gain position to ram the submarine. Guns on both ships opened fire at close range in a murderous storm of bullets and high explosive shells. The U-boat's guns pounded Assiniboine's superstructure, causing a fire which swept across the deck and engulfed the bridge and parts of the forecandle. Surrounded by smoke and flames, Bernays ordered the two junior sailors working as telegraphmen to get clear, leaving him alone at the helm and trapped by the blaze.

Besieged by flames, Bernays executed all the helm orders as Stubbs manoeuvred for position against the U-boat, and did the work of the two telegraphmen, dispatching over 130 telegraph orders to the engine room. Several bullets and shells penetrated the wheelhouse as the Germans concentrated their machine-gun and cannon fire on the bridge.

While damage-control crew subdued the blaze, the duel continued unabated. The U-boat's 20 mm cannon hammered Assiniboine's forward 4.7 inch gun, killing one Canadian, Ordinary Seaman Kenneth Watson, and wounding several others. The destroyer's machine guns slowly began to make inroads against U-210. Bullets finally silenced the deadly flak gun and the range opened sufficiently for the 4.7 inch gun aft to register a direct hit on the conning tower, killing much of the bridge crew.

As U-210 prepared to dive, Stubbs rammed it just abaft the conning tower. The U-boat submerged to 18 metres but water surged in through the shattered hull. The engineer officer, now in command, had no choice but to give the order to blow tanks and abandon ship. Stubbs rammed the submarine a second time and fired a shallow pattern of depth charges. One last hit on the bow and the Germans abandoned ship. Assiniboine and **HMS Dianthus** rescued 38 of the 48 German crew.

The hard-fought action cost the Canadian crew dearly: 13 wounded and one killed. Bernays miraculously survived the bombardment of wheelhouse and bridge but shell fragments or splinters had struck him in the face, leaving a permanent memento of the action embedded in his temple. Assiniboine herself sustained extensive damage and had to return to St. John's, Newfoundland for urgent repairs. The successful destruction of U-210 was a testament to the skill and perseverance of Stubbs and his crew.

Several of the crew were recommended for awards. Rear Admiral L.W. Murray, RCN, Flag Officer, Newfoundland Force, remarked of Bernays

that "the manner in which this comparatively young rating remained at his post, alone, and carried out the 133 telegraph orders as well as the many helm orders necessary to accomplish the destruction of this submarine, whilst the wheelhouse was being pierced by explosive shell from the enemy's Oerlikon gun and his only exit was cut off by fire, is not only in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service but adds considerably to those traditions. I am proud of the privilege to **recommend Acting Chief Petty Officer Bernays for the Victoria Cross.**"

The RCN's Honours and Awards Committee considered Murray's recommendation and confirmed his selection of Bernays for the VC. However, United Kingdom authorities decided that the recommendation did not come up to the standard usually required for the Victoria Cross, and awarded him the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal instead. For whatever reason, the Canadian government was not willing to challenge the British on this issue, although there remains strong feeling that Bernays most definitely deserved the higher award.



**Medals of Chief Petty Officer Max Leopold BERNAYS, CGM, CD, RCN:**

Conspicuous Gallantry Medal - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star with Bar France & Germany - CVSM & Clasp - 1939/45 War Medal - United Nations Korea Medal - Royal Canadian Naval Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal - CD (EIIR).

Medals held by Canadian War Museum.

It was "hello and goodbye" when sailor father and son met in mid-Pacific. CPO Max Bernays (left), chief bos'n's mate on board *HMCS Cayuga*, was homeward bound when his ship met *HMCS Sioux* between the Marshall Islands and Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. His son Max, then 18, was on his way to Far East duty in *Sioux* when he came aboard *Cayuga* to greet his father. (This photo originally appeared in *The Crowsnest Magazine* of January 1955).



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**BERRY, Peter Cushing, Sub-Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / *HMCS Kootenay* - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 20 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 28 November 1944.**

Born: Shanghai, China, on 6 October 1923.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**BERRY. Peter Cushing**, 0-6130, born: Shanghai China, 6 Oct 43) (Ottawa, ON)

S/Lt(Temp) [1.8.43] RCNVR,

HMCS KOOTENAY (H75) DD, (16.2.44-?)

A/Lt [1.8.44]

HMCS LUNENBURG (K151) Cof, (24.8.44-?)

**MID~[20.1.45]** Lt(O) [1.8.44] RCN

HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, for 825 Squadron, (23.12.46-?)

HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) RRSN, for 825 Squadron, (18.5.48-?)

HMCS SHEARWATER (1.12.48-?) No.1 TrgAG, (9.4.49-?)

FOAC/FlLt, (6.9.49-?)

HMCS SHEARWATER for 880 Squadron, (17.3.52-?) HMCS SHEARWATER (15.6.52-?)

LCdr(O) (P) [1.8.52]

HMCS PRESTONIAN (307) FFE, stand by (13.3.53-21.8.53)

HMCS PRESTONIAN (307) FFE, (22.8.53)

HMCS SHEARWATER for Observer School, OIC, (25.8.54-?) CD~[?]

HMCS NIOBE II(D/S) for HMCS BONAVENTURE(22) RRSN, (11.8.56-16.1.57)

HMCS BONAVENTURE(22) RRSN, (17.1.57-?) Cdr(O) (P) [1.1.58]

NSHQ for Assistant Director Personnel, (26.5.58-?)

NSHQ for Projects, (12.1.59-?) (110/87)

NSHQ(D13) Staff Assistant CNS Plans (1.8.60-?)

HMCS ALGONQUIN (224) DD, CO, (30.10.62-?)

HMCS ALGONQUIN (224) DDE, CO, (29.10.62-14.7.64)

Tri/Service(E80) (RCAF/Staff College) (10.8.64-?)

HMCS YORK(H10) (31.7.65-?)

"For courage, resolution and skill while serving in ***H.M. Ships Wensleydale, Forrester, Vidette, Orchis and Statrice and H.M. Canadian Ships Ottawa and Kootenay*** in anti U-Boat operations."

Details on the sinking of **U-678** by **HMCS Ottawa** and **HMCS Kootenay** on 7 June 1944 can be found in Chapter 47 of "**Canadian Navy Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BERRYMAN, Jack Gardner, Leading Stoker** (V-16905) (Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches (Posthumous)** - RCNVR / **HMCS Guysborough** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 August 1945. Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

**BERRYMAN. Jack Gardner, V-16905, LS/Stk, RCNVR. MID~[15.9.45]**

"For outstanding courage, resolution and devotion to duty when their ship was sunk. - **HMCS Guysborough.**"

On 17 March 1945, **HMCS Guysborough** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J52) was sunk by **U-878** off Ushant, France with the loss of 4 officers and 47 crew. This sinking is described in Chapter 62 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BERRYMAN, John Desmond, Acting Leading Seaman** (V-17162) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944.

Home: London, Ontario.

**BERRYMAN. John Desmond, V-17162, A/LS, RCNVR, MID~[9.9.44]**

"For leadership, skill and determination in **H.M. Ships Affleck, Brecon and Forester, and H.M. Canadian Ships St. Laurent, Swansea and Owen Sound** in operations against U-Boats."

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**BEST, Bernard Alfred, Petty Officer Telegraphist** (3531) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCN - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**BEST. Bernard, 3533, PO/Tel, RCN, DSM~[14.6.45]**

"For outstanding zeal, and energy, and devotion to duty, far above the average. By his knowledge, this Petty Officer has made his communications department outstanding in performance, under sometimes exceptionally difficult circumstances."

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**BEST, Charles Herbert, Surgeon Captain - Commander - Order of the British Empire (CBE) (Civil) - RCNVR / RCN Medical Research Division**  
- Awarded as per the **Canada Gazette** of 08 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

Born in 1899. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

MA from University of Toronto in 1925.

MD University of Toronto.

Assisted Sir Frederick Banting in the discovery of Insulin.

Established and Headed the Charles Best Institute in Toronto for research.

Surgeon Captain, RCNVR, in RCN Medical Research Division.

Senior Medical Officer in the RCN Hospital in St. John's, Newfoundland, when the rescued members from **HMCS Valleyfield** were brought in.

He died 31 March 1978.

**BEST. Charles Herbert**, 0-6210, Surg/Cdr(Temp) [1.1.43] RCNVR  
**CBE (civil)~[8.1.44]**

Surg/Capt(Temp) [1.1.45] Surg/Capt [1.1.45] RCN(R)

Services completed [7.3.47]

HMCS YORK Toronto Naval Division, (21.7.47-?)

**CC~[30.12.67] CH~[16.6.71]**



"He provided leadership to the RCN Medical Research Division consisting of several Medical Research Units (MRUs)."

Awarded **Companion of Honour (CH)** as per **London Gazette** of 12 June 1971 (no Canada Gazette).

Awarded **Companion - Order of Canada (OC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 December 1967: (Appointed 22 December 1967; Invested 12 November 1968):

"Professor and Head, Banting and Best Department of Medical Research. Internationally renowned for his contribution to medicine, particularly as co-discoverer of insulin."

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**BEST, Donald Patterson, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Capilano** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Victoria, B.C.

**BEST. Donald Patterson**, 0-6220, Lt(Temp) [8.6.43] RCNVR

HMCS BRANDON (K149) Cof, (19.10.42-?)

Lt(Temp) [8.6.42]

HMCS CAPILANO (K409) Fr, stand by, (15.7.44-24.8.44)

HMCS CAPILANO (K409) Fr, (25.8.44-?) **MID~[16.6.45]**

Demobilized [1.8.45]

"Lieutenant Best has carried out his duties in an exceptionally competent manner as Executive Officer of a corvette, and latterly of a frigate. This Officer, by his cheerful devotion to duty and fine sense of responsibility, has set a very high example to all those with who he has come in contact."

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**BETHUNE, Alfred Cecil, Commander (SB) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCNR / Assistant Chief of Naval Equipment and Supply - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Rockcliffe Park, Ontario.

Joined the RCNVR in 1940 and spent the war in procurement of equipment.

Cdr (SB) (Temp), RCNVR on 1 January 1943.

Died at Rockcliffe Park (Ottawa) on 17 June 1955.

**BETHUNE. Alfred Cecil**, 0-6260, Cdr(SB) (Temp) [1.1.43] RCNVR  
Demobilized [22.10.45]; **OBE~[5.1.46]**

"Commander Bethune was responsible to a large extent for the development and supervision of the organization for the production of anti-submarine gear in Canada. As Supply Liaison Officer, his tact, resourcefulness and vision resulted in the availability to the fleet of adequate supplies at all times. Latterly as Assistant Chief of Naval Equipment and Supply, his experience and judgement have been of inestimable value in disposal of surplus ships and other assets of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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**BETT, Alfred William, Mate - George Medal (GM)** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Mate (Temp, RCNR on 7 December 1942.

Promoted to Lieutenant and Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cobalt** (Flower Class Corvette - K.124) from 31 March 1944 to 25 June 1944.

To stand by for **HMCS Cobalt** (K.124) from 26 July 1944 to 7 August 1944.

To **HMCS Hallowell** (River Class Frigate - K.666) on commissioning on 8 August 1944.

Appointed to **HMCS Scotian** as Assistant King's Harbour Master on 27 October 1944 at Lieutenant, RCNR.

**BETT. Alfred William**, 0-6280, Mate(Temp) [7.12.42] RCNR

HMCS COBALT (K124) Cof, (4.3.43-?)  
Lt (Temp) [7.12.43]  
HMCS HALLOWELL (K666) Fr, stand by, (26.7.44-7.8.44)  
HMCS HALLOWELL (K666) Fr, (8.8.44-?) **GM~[3.1.44]**  
HMCS COBALT (K124) Cof, CO, (31.3.44-?)  
Medically unfit [5.5.45] Released

"This Officer led a volunteer boarding party to **S.S. J.H. Senior**, an American tanker with a full cargo of gasoline, which was stopped and heavily afire after collision in fog on 18 August 1943, in order to save this very valuable ship and her cargo, this Officer and his party fought the fires for over two hours with hand extinguishers, although they knew the ship was in danger of blowing up at any moment. During this time, he showed complete disregard for his own safety, and his leadership was an inspiration and example of bravery and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the service."

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**BIDDLE, Henry, Chief Petty Officer (V-10186) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944.**

Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.

**BIDDLE. Henry, V-10186, CPO, RCNVR, BEM~[10.6.44]**

"Chief Petty Officer Biddle has served as Coxswain in one of His Majesty's corvettes engaged in escort duty in the North Atlantic since the ship's commissioning in November, 1940. His cheerful personality has done much to create a spirit of harmony and team work in the ship, and his extremely efficient performance of his duties far beyond the normal requirement of his rating have contributed substantially to her fighting efficiency."

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**BIDWELL, Roger Edward Shelford, Captain - Commander - Order of the British Empire (CBE) - RCN / HMS Puncher - Awarded as per 15 June 1946 and London Gazette of 13 June 1946.**

Born Peterborough, U.K., 14 September 1899.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Naval Cadet at Royal Naval College of Canada (Sixth Term) 1915. **HMS Canada** for training on 12 March 1918.



To **HMS Barham** for training in 1919. To **HMCS Aurora** 1921.

**HMS Malaya** 20 November 1922.

To **HMS Vernon** for Long Torpedo Course followed by **HMS Nelson** as Torpedo Officer.

In 1928 was with **HMS Tiger** as Torpedo Officer.

To HMCS Naden in 1928 and Commanding Officer of **HMCS Armentieres** (Battle Class Trawler) on 19 September 1929.

To **HMCS Vancouver** as First Lieutenant in 1931.

Briefly Commanding Officer of **HMCS Saguenay** (Destroyer - D.79) from 25 May 1932 to 06 June 1932.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Armentieres** again in 1933.

To Naval Service Headquarters as Assistant to Director of Operations and Training in 1934.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Champlain** from 11 December 1935 to 25 November 1936.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Laurent** (I) (River Class Destroyer - H.83) from 17 February 1937 to 7 December 1937.

At Royal Naval Staff College (HMS President) in 1938. Staff Operations Officer to Commander-in-Chief RN East Indies in 1939.

To Naval Service HQ as Director Operations Division in 1940. Served at HMCS Avalon as the Chief Staff Officer to the Commodore Commanding Newfoundland Force (Cmdre Murray) in 1941 to 1942. To **Stadacona** as Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief Canadian North-West Atlantic in 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMS Puncher** (Canadian manned aircraft carrier - D.79) from 10 April 1944 to 16 January 1946.

To NSHQ as Director Naval Air Division from February 1946 to December 1946. To Imperial Defence College in 1947 and then to National Defence College on Staff also in 1947.

Promoted to Commodore 01 January 1949 and to NHQ as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Plans) and Member of the Naval Board in 1949. Commodore RCN Barracks at Esquimalt in 1951.

Promoted to Rear-Admiral and appointed Flag Officer Atlantic Coast in 1951.

Flag Officer Atlantic Coast and Commander Canadian Atlantic (NATO Sub-Area) in 1952.

Flag Officer Commanding Canadian Coronation Review Squadron in 1953. Retired on 1 June 1958.

**BIDWELL. Roger Edward Shelford**, 0-6410, RNCC 6th term, Mid [15.2.18] RCN, to RN for training.

HMS CANADA BB, (12.3.18-) HMS BARHAM 1919, S/Lt [15.12.19]



Lt [15.3.21] HMS MALAYA (20.11.22-?)  
 HMCS STADACONA(D/S) (11.1.26-?) HMS TIGER (5.11.28-?)  
 LCdr(T) [15.5.29] HMCS ARMENTIERES m/s, CO, (18.9.29-?)  
 HMCS SAGUENAY (D79) DD, (23.5.32-?)  
 NSHQ Asst/Dir Naval Ops & Trg (22.6.34-?)  
 HMCS CHAMPLAIN DD, CO, (11.12.35-25.11.36)  
 HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, CO, (13.2.37-7.7.37)  
 HMS PRESIDENT (11.1.38-?) HMS NORFOLK (2.1.39-?) Cdr [1.7.39]  
 NDHG, Dir/Ops, (10.6.40-?) Capt [1.1.43]  
 HMCS PUNCHER (D79) es/carrier, CO, (10.4.44-16.1.46)

**CBE~[15.6.46]**

**Legion of Merit-Degree of Officer(USA)~[3.8.46]**

Cmdre [1.1.49] NDHQ, Asst/CNS(Plans) (7.7.49-?)

CD~[?] RAdm [21.11.51] retired [1.6.58]

Naval Cadet RCN		1915	(Royal Naval College of Canada Sixth Term)
Midshipman RCN	15 February	1918	(Served in <b>HMCS Canada</b> )
Sub-Lieutenant RCN	15 December	1919	(Served in <b>HMCS Aurora</b> )
Lieutenant RCN	15 March	1921	(Torpedo Officer in <b>HMS Tiger</b> )
Lieutenant-Commander RCN	15 May	1929	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS St. Laurent</b> )
Commander RCN	01 July	1939	(COS to Commander-in-Chief Canadian North-West Atlantic)
Captain RCN	01 January	1943	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMS Puncher</b> )
Commodore RCN	01 January	1949	(Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Plans))
Rear-Admiral RCN	21 November	1951	(Flag Officer Atlantic Coast)
Retired	01 June	1958	

"Captain Bidwell's numerous important appointments during the war were carried out with initiative, and accuracy and understanding. At the commencement of hostilities, he was serving with the Royal Navy as a Staff Officer (Operations) on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies. In June, 1940, he was appointed to Naval Service Headquarters as Director of Operations, where he served a year prior to his appointment to Newfoundland as Chief of Staff to the Flag Officer, Newfoundland Force. His next appointment was that of Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, Canadian Northwest Atlantic. In these latter appointments, his organizing and operation of the escort forces in the Atlantic, his endurance under heavy pressure, and his excellent liaison with the United States Forces were an invaluable contribution towards the prosecution of the war. In April 1944, Captain Bidwell was appointed Commanding Officer of **HMS Puncher**, the Canadian manned aircraft carrier in which appointment he displayed good judgement and leadership to a marked degree."

**BIDWELL, Roger Edward Shelford, Captain, CBE - Officer - Legion of Merit (USA) - RCN / Chief Staff Officer to Commodore Commanding Newfoundland Force - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 August 1946 and **London Gazette** of 6 May 1946.**

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct while serving as Chief Staff Officer to Rear Admiral L.W. Murray, Royal Canadian Navy,

in connection with the operations of Task Force TWENTY-FOUR from 13 September 1941 to 30 September 1942. He was in constant communication with Commander Task Force TWENTY-FOUR and his staff in connection with the planning of operations in the operational control of the combined surface forces of Task Force TWENTY-FOUR. His outstanding grasp of escort of convoy and Anti-submarine Warfare Techniques, his unremitting energy, and his intelligent and co-operative attitude were most important factors in the successful operations conducted by Commander Task Force TWENTY-FOUR."

**Medals of Rear-Admiral Roger Edward Shelford BIDWELL, CBE, CD, RCN**  
CBE - WW1 British War Medal - WW Victory Medal - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Defence Medal - CVSM with Clasp - 1939/45 War Medal - George V Jubilee - George VI Coronation - EIIR Coronation - CD (GVI) and two Bars - Officer, Legion of Merit (USA).



Medals, Uniform and sword held by the Maritime Command Museum in Halifax.

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**BIGGS, Jeffry Reginald, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Norsyd - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Comox** (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J64) from 4 November 1940 to 25 March 1942.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Granby** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J264) from 30 March 1942 to 10 October 1943.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Norsyd** (Revised Flower Class Corvette Increased Endurance - K520) from 22 December 1943 to 20 October 1944.

**BIGGS, Jeffrey Reginald**, 0-6440, Mate(Temp) [26.6.40] RCNR

HMCS COMOX (J64) m/s, CO, (4.11.40-?)

Lt(Temp) [26.6.41] HMCS COMOX(J64) m/s, CO, (29.9.41-?)

HMCS GRANDBY (J264) m/s, CO stand by (30.3.42-1.5.42)

HMCS GRANDBY (J264) m/s, CO, (2.5.42-7.2.43)

HMCS THUNDER (J156) m/s, CO, (2.9.42-5.9.42)

HMCS GRANDBY (J264) m/s, Co, (5.9.42-?)

HMCS GRANDBY (J264) m/s, CO, (17.3.43-10.10.43)

HMCS NORSYD (K520) Cofm, stand by (15.11.43-21.12.43)

HMCS NORSYD (K520) Cofm, CO, (22.12.43-20.10.44) **MID~[6.1.45]**

"This Officer has served at sea for four years of the war, the last three of which have been spent in command of escort vessels, employed in extremely arduous duties on the Atlantic Coast of Canada. By his zeal, cheerfulness and devotion to duty, he has set a fine example to those working under him."

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**BIGGS, Maurice Edward, Acting Petty Officer Higher Submarine Detector** (3278) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCN / HMCS St. Croix - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 25 November 1942.

**BIGGS, Maurice Edward**, 3278, A/PO(HSD), RCN, **DSM~[28.11.42]**

"For devotion to duty and coolness during a two hour hunt for an enemy U-Boat which resulted in its destruction. As Higher Submarine Detector in **HMCS St. Croix**, this Petty Officer showed extreme skill and tenacity in detecting and maintaining contact with an enemy U-boat thus contributing to a high degree to the successful conclusion of the operation."

The story of **HMCS St. Croix** (Town Class Destroyer - I81) sinking **U-90** on 24 July 1942 in the North Atlantic can be found in Chapter 12 of "**Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BILLARD, Victor, Petty Officer** (A-979) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London**

**Gazette** of 2 June 1943. Home: Sydney, Nova Scotia.  
**BILLARD. Victor**, A-979, PO, RCNR, **BEM~[5.6.43]**

"This Petty Officer has shown zeal in carrying out all duties imposed upon him and his influence and example as an experienced seaman have been an inspiration to younger ratings with who he has come in contact."

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**BING, John Bythe, Leading Seaman** (V-10240) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMCS Buctouche* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 November 1943 and **London Gazette** of 18 November 1942.

**BING. John Blythe**, 0-6475, LS(T) V-10240, RCNVR  
**MID~[21.11.42]** A/Cd/Gnr(TAS) [11.11.55] RCN, CD~[?]  
HMCS CRUSADER(228) DDE, (20.2.57-?)  
HMCS CORNWALLIS (19.8.58-?) (152)  
HMCS SHELBURNE(E02) (22.8.60-?) (410/16)  
HMCS STADACONA(E18) (10.1.63) (16.3.64)&(27.7.64-?)

"This rating as submarine detector operator rendered good and effective service in action during attacks on an enemy submarine."

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**BINGHAM, Frederick Charles, Supply Chief Petty Officer** (2641) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: St. John, New Brunswick.

Acting Warrant Officer (Sup), RCN, on 1 June 1943.

To **HMCS Prince David** (Armed Merchant Carrier - F.89) on 30 August 1943.

**BINGHAM. Frederick Charles**, 0-6480, (Saint John, NB)  
CPO/Sup. 2641, RCN, **BEM~[5.6.43]**

A/Wt/Sup [1.6.43] RCN,

HMCS PRINCE DAVID (F89) amc, (30.8.43-?)

RCN Barracks Halifax (1.5.47-?)

**Lt(S)** [15.12.48]

HMC Dockyard, Halifax, Supply Officer, (1.3.50-?) CD~[?]

RCNB Halifax (1.6.51-?)

RCN Depot Halifax, Sup/Drafting, (14.2.54-?)

HMCS CAPE BRETON (100) ARE, Supply Officer, (17.10.56-?) LCdr(S)  
[2.8.57]

HMCS CAPE BRETON (100) ARE, add'l, (9.6.58-?)

HMCS BRUNSWICKER Supply Officer, (14.7.58-?)

HMCS BRUNSWICKER Supply Officer and Staff Officer Administration, (15.10.59-?)  
(140/70)

HMCS STADACONA(E18) (22.10.60-?)



"This Supply Petty Officer has shown outstanding ability and leadership, constant devotion to duty and zeal in difficult circumstances."

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**BINGHAM, Harold Wesley, Acting Petty Officer Coxswain (V-24409) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMC ML-078 - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.**  
Home: Indian Head Saskatchewan and North Kildonan, Manitoba.

"This rating is presently serving in **ML-078** and has served continuously in HMC M.L.'s for two years and 10 months, one year and three months as Coxswain. He has displayed outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty."

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**BINNIE, Ernest Eric Walter, Able Seaman (now Acting Leading Seaman) (3820) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943.**  
Home: Edmonton, Alberta.  
**BINNIE. Ernest Eric Walter, 3820, AB, RCN, BEM~[5.6.43]**

"During prolonged engagements with U-Boats in heavy attacks on convoys in the North Atlantic, this rating performed his duty with certainty of precision which led to sight of U-Boats on five occasions, thereby contributing to the saving of merchant ships."



**Medals:** BEM - 1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star - CVSM & Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal (Medals on Display Naval Museum of Alberta, Calgary)

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**BIRD, Frederick, Leading Seaman (3345) - Mention in Despatches -**  
RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette**  
of 2 June 1943. Home: Vancouver, B.C.

Paquette has BIR<sup>S</sup> but Canada and London Gazettes and the Navy lists  
are clearly BIRD.

**BIRD. Frederick, 3345, LS, RCN, MID~[5.6.43]**

"This rating displayed courage and high devotion to duty in  
taking away a boat's crew to rescue two airmen under hazardous  
conditions in the presence of the enemy."

"For bravery, resource and devotion to duty." (London Gazette)

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**BISHOP, Lennox Craig, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)**  
- RCNVR / MTB 464 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945  
and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Lt(Temp), RCNVR, on 31 December 1941.

Served on **HMS Castleton** (American lead/lease Destroyer) and then to  
St. Christopher's for MTB training.

Commanding Officer of **HMC MTB-464** from 26 March 1944 to 24 February  
1945 and again from 7 March 1945 to 9 April 1945.

**BISHOP. Lennox Craig, 0-6650, (Sherbrooke, PQ)**

Lt(Temp) [31.12.41] RCNVR

HMC MTB 464, CO, (26.3.44-24.2.45) **DSC~[20.1.45]**

HMCS NIOBE (D/S) for MTB Flotilla, (25.2.45-?)

**Bar to DSC~[20.1.45]**

HMC MTB 464, CO, (7.3.45-9.4.45)

Demobilized [9.11.45]

LCdr [31.12.49] RCN(R)

RCNB Halifax, Reserve/Trg, (18.6.51-?)

HMCS HUNTER Windsor Naval Division, Staff Officer/Adm, (7.8.51-?)

Released Dead 7 Sep 53.

"For courage, leadership and determination in close action with  
the enemy while serving in Light Coastal Craft."

**BISHOP, Lennox Craig, Lieutenant - Bar to Distinguished Service  
Cross (DSC\*)** - RCNVR / MTB 464 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of  
20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 December 1944.

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

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**BISHOP, Robert Lindsay, Acting Commander (SB) - Officer - Order of the British Empire** - RCNR / Director of Transportation at N.S.H.Q. - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Home: Overbrook, Ottawa, Ontario.

LCdr (SB) (Temp), RCNVR and Acting Commander (SB) (WHA) on 1 January 1943.

**BISHOP. Robert Lindsay**, 0-6660, LCdr(SB) (Temp) [1.7.43] RCNVR  
A/Cdr(SB) (WHA) [1.7.43]; **OBE~[15.6.46]**  
Cdr(SB) [?] RCN(R)  
Released Dead [6.8.54]

"Commander Bishop, as Director of Transportation at Naval Service Headquarters, has at all times carried out his duties with the utmost zeal and ability. His knowledge of all methods of transportation, his past experience, and his untiring efforts have proved invaluable to the service."

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**BLACKBURN, James William, Able Seaman (V-49988) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / MTB 464 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**BLACKBRUN. James William**, V-49988, AB, RCNVR, **MID~[20.1.45]**

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

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**BLAIR, David William, Acting Lieutenant (now Lieutenant) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943. He was born in Quebec City, Quebec on April 14, 1917, the son of N. Fairlie Blair and M. Jean Marsh.

Enlisted in the RCNVR in November 1939.

Was loaned to the Royal Navy for the entire war.

Served overseas from 1940 to 1945.

Promoted Lieutenant(Temp) on 31 December 1941.

Discharged with rank of Lieutenant(Temp).

Received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of New Brunswick in 1945.

Served post-war in the naval reserve division HMCS Montcalm and was promoted Lieutenant-Commander on 31 December 1949.

Married the former Joyce Phyllis Orgill and had one daughter, Margaret Ann (Peggy) Brittain (now James) of Saint John, N.B.; and one son, Peter F. Blair, Q.C. of Moncton (plus 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren).

He worked for CN Rail, Atlantic Region and lived in Moncton after the war.

In 1982, he retired as Vice-President of CN Rail, Atlantic region. He was very prominent in the Moncton community serving as President of the United Way of Moncton; Chairman of the Moncton School Board; President of the Greater Moncton Foundation Inc.; a Director of the Memramcook Institute; a member of the Engineering Advisory Committee of the University of Moncton; a member of the Research & Productivity Council; a member of the Moncton Club, the Moncton Golf & Country Club, the Moncton Kinsmen Club, the Moncton Rotary Club, Gyro and Probus.

He led the campaign to raise funds to build the present YMCA building on Highfield Street in Moncton. He was a member of Acadia Lodge No. 49, and the Moncton Lodge of Perfection A.A.S.R.

He attended St. George's Anglican Church in Moncton.

For his community work, he received an Honorary Doctorate in Engineering from the University of Moncton.

He died at the Moncton Hospital on 16 November 2000.

**BLAIR. David William**, 0-6990, Lt(Temp) [31.12.41] RCNVR

**MBE~[5.1.43]**, Demobilized [1.11.45]

"For gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty."

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**BLAIR, Douglas Duncan, Able Seaman** (V-43301) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Oshawa, Ontario.

**BLAIR. Douglas Duncan**, V-43301, AB, RCNVR, **MID~[20.1.45]**

"For courage and determination in **H.M. Ships Albright, Ashanti, Bellona, Diadem, Mauritius, Onslow, Tartar** and **Ursa** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Assiniboine, Haida, Iroquois, Qu'appelle, Restigouche** and **Skeena**, in a series of successful attacks on enemy escorted convoys off the coast of France."

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**BLAKELEY, Robert, Regulating Petty Officer (R.P.O.)** (V-22076) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR / HMCS Stadacona - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.



**BLAKELEY. Robert**, V-22076, RPO, RCNVR, **BEM~[10.6.44]**

"A zealous and conscientious regulating Petty Officer. His service, both ashore and afloat, have been consistently of a high order. His devotion to duty as Regulating Petty Officer in **HMCS Stadacona** has been particularly outstanding."

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**BLANCHARD, Henry Blair, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR**  
/ **HMCS Saint John** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945  
and **London Gazette** of 20 March 1945. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**BLANCHARD. Henry Blair**, 0-7100, S/Lt(Temp) [13.4.42] RCNVR

**HMCS CHEDABUCTO** (J168) m/s, (18.8.42-?)

Lt(Temp) [13.1.43]

**HMCS SAINT JOHN** (K456) Fr, stand by (29.11.43-12.12.43)

**HMCS SAINT JOHN** (K456) Fr, (13.12.43-?) **MID~[21.4.45]**

Demobilized [3.12.45]

"For outstanding skill, courage and zeal in Anti-U-Boat operations while serving in **H.M. Canadian Ships Annan and Saint John**." (London Gazette had **HMCS St. John**)

Details on the sinking of U-247 off Cornwall which occurred on 1 September 1944 by **HMCS Saint John** (River Class Frigate - K456) and **HMCS Swansea** (River Class Frigate - K328) can be found in Chapter 51 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicles 1939-1945**". Chapter 59 of the same book describes the sinking of **U-309** by **HMCS Saint John** at Moray Firth, Scotland on 16 February 1945.

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**BLAND, James Gordon, Petty Officer Cook** (V-30186) - **Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Grand Forks, B.C.

**BLAND. James Gordon**, V-30186, PO/Ck, RCNVR, **MID~[1.1.45]**

"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting and example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy." New Years Honours List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

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**BLANDIN, Rene Alex, Acting Stoker Petty Officer** (A-1273) - **British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / HMCS St. Laurent** - Awarded as per **Canada**

**Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 12 September 1944.  
Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

**HMCS St. Laurent** was a River Class Destroyer (H83).

**BLANDIN. René Alex**, A-1273, A/Stk/PO, RCNR, **BEM~[20.1.45]**

"For bravery and undaunted devotion to duty as members of a volunteer fire party (Shipwright William COX, Leading Stoker Rene BLANDIN, Able Seaman Peter SCOTT and Able Seaman Frederick WILSON) from **HMCS St. Laurent**, which boarded a burning Merchant Vessel in a rough sea and by their determined efforts saved the ship and her valuable cargo."

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**BLESSE, Margaret Anastasia, Acting Petty Officer** (W-1239) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - WRCNS - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Everett, Mass., U.S.A.

**BLESSE. Margaret Anastasia**, W-1239, A/PO, WRCNS, **BEM~[5.1.46]**

This rating came from the United States of America to join the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, and had served diligently and faithfully in her capacity as Confidential Book Corrector. Petty Officer Blesse has performed her arduous duties in a superior manner. Her good conduct, morale and sense of responsibility have been outstanding and her example to other ratings has been in keeping with the high traditions of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service."

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**BLOOMFIELD, George Henry, Yeoman of Signals** (V-9856) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944. Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**BLOOMFIELD. George Lament O**, A-2445, Stk 1/cl, RCNVR, **DSM~[20.1.45]**

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **H.M. Canadian Ships Qu'appelle, Skeena, Saskatchewan** and **Restigouche** in a successful action with enemy trawlers and U-boats."

"For good services in action with enemy coastal forces."

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**BOAK, Eric Eversley Garratt, Acting Lieutenant-Commander** - **Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCN / **HMCS Sioux** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 19 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Victoria, B.C.

S/Lt, RCN, on 1 November 1937; Lieutenant, RCN, on 1 July 1939; A/LCdr(WHA) on 1 March 1943 to 20 November 1943; LCdr, RCN on 1 July 1946.

Served on **HMCS Ottawa** (Destroyer - H.60) on 3 September 1938.

To **HMCS Skeena** on 2 April 1940.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Skeena** (I) (River Class Destroyer - D.159) from 1 March 1943 to 20 November 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sioux** ('V' Class Destroyer - R.64) from 21 February 1944 to 29 June 1945.

To Stand by for **HMCS Magnificent** (Aircraft Carrier) on 23 March 1948. Served in **HMCS Magnificent** on 07 April 1948.

Promoted to Commander on 01 July 1948.

To HMCS Shearwater as Executive Officer on 01 December 1948.

On 27 July 1950 to RCNB Halifax and then to the United Kingdom for courses.

In July 1951 to **HMCS Ontario** as Executive Officer.

Died on 25 January 1965.

**BOAK. Eric Eversley Garratt**, 0-7320, Special entry No.36,  
Cdt [31.8.34]

Mid [1.9.35] RCN, HMS ROYAL OAK (9.6.37-?)

S/Lt [1.11.37] HMS EXCELLENT (3.1.38-?)

HMCS OTTAWA (H60) DD, (3.9.38-?) Lt [1.7.39]

HMCS SKEENA (I59) DD, (2.4.40-?) A/LCdr(WHA)

HMCS SKEENA (I59) DD, CO, (1.3.43-20.11.43)

HMCS SIOUX (R64) DD, CO, (21.2.44-29.6.45) **DSC~[19.6.45]**

LCdr(N) [1.7.46]

HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, (1.7.46-?)

**Order of St Olav**-1st/Cl, (Poland)~[3.8.46]

HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, stand by (23.3.48-6.4.48}

HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, (7.4.48-?) Cdr [1.7.48]

HMCS SHEARWATER XO, (1.12.48-?) CD~[?]

RCNB Halifax, (27.7.50-?)

"For gallant service in escorting Russian convoys in February 1945."

**BOAK, Eric Eversley Garratt, Lieutenant-Commander, DSC - Knight (First Class) Order of St. Olav (Norway)** - RCN / HMCS Sioux - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 August 1946 and **London Gazette** of 30 May 1946.

"Bestowed by His Majesty King Haakon of Norway for services rendered to the Norwegian Population in evacuating them from Soroya, West Finmark (Norway), to England in March, 1945."

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**BOALER, Reginald George, Acting Leading Seaman** (D.E.M.S.) (V-9716)  
- **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR / SS Dentonia Park - Awarded  
as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1  
January 1946. Home: St. Boniface, Manitoba.

**BOALER. Reginald George**, V-9716, A/LS(DEMS), RCNVR, **BEM~[5.1.46]**

"Leading Seaman Boaler joined the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve at the commencement of hostilities. He has served sixty months at sea in one ship, the **S.S. Dentonia Park** which went for long periods without touching a Canadian Port. His service at all times has shown a high standard of efficiency, zeal, initiative, and constant devotion to duty. He is well worthy of recognition."

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**BOCKUS, Donald Roland, Stoker Petty Officer** (A-4117) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 December 1944.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

London Gazette had his last name as BOKUS.

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

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**BODEN, Arnold William, Acting Chief Radio Artificer** (40958) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCN / Newport Corner High Power Naval W/T. Station - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Home: 220 Regina Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

**BODEN. Arnold William**, 0-7348, (220 Regina Ave, Victoria, BC)

A/CPO/RadA, 40958, RCN, **BEM~[15.6.46]**

Lt(L)\* [5.8.50] RCN,

HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) RRSN, Flight Deck Party (28.5.51-?)

HMCS HAIDA (215) DD, stand by (3.12.51-14.3.52)

HMCS HAIDA (215) DD, (15.3.52-?)

RCNB Halifax, additional, (28.9.53-?)

NSHQ additional, (28.12.56-?)

HMC Dockyard Esquimalt, (2.1.57-?) CD~[?]

LCdr(L) [23.8.57]

HMCS SKEENA (207) DDE, (15.12.58-?) (140/60)

PNO/West(N56) (7.10.60-?)

"This Chief Petty Officer has shown a marked ability and superior intelligence in the execution of Radio Maintenance in

the Royal Canadian Navy since the outbreak of hostilities, especially in the Newport Corner High Power W/T. Station. Due to his initiative and keen sense of judgement he has been instrumental in keeping important equipment in operation during critical moments when delays due to radio breakdowns would have been felt by ships relying on broadcasts emanating from this station, during the Battle of the Atlantic. His cheerfulness, patience and conscientious devotion to duty together with the ability "to put it over" has without doubt set a fine example and has left its mark on junior radio artificers with whom he has come into contact."

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**BOLUS, Hal Baldwin, Lieutenant (E) - Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 11 July 1944. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

**BOLUS. Hal Baldwin**, 0-7430, (Ottawa, Ontario)

S/Lt(E) [1.11.37] RCN

R.N. Engineering College (17.9.35-?)

Lt(E) [1.5.40]

HMCS HAIDA(G63) DD, (1943?) **MID~[9.9.44]**

HMCS ONTARIO(53) LCB, (23.7.45-?)

LCdr(E) [1.4.47] Cdr(E) [1.7.50] CD~[?]

HMCS QUEBEC(31) LCB, stand by, (15.6.51-13.1.52)

HMCS QUEBEC(31) LCB, (14.1.52-?)

RCNB Esquimalt, Engineering & Mechanical Training Centre, OIC, (4.6.54-?)

NSHQ for Asst/Eng/Admin, (18.3.57-?) (140/40)

Cmdre/Supt/Pac(N10) St/Cmdre/Supt, (11.02.60-?)

FOPC(N00) (10.8.64-?)

"For leadership, resolution and skill in **H.M. Ships Black Prince** and **Ashanti** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Athabaskan, Haida** and **Huron** in a successful action with enemy destroyers in the English Channel."

The sinking of the German Destroyer **T-29** on 26 April 1944 by **HMCS Haida, HMCS Huron** and **HMCS Athabaskan** (all Tribal Class Destroyers) is described in Chapter 39 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicles 1939/1945**".

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**BONIEWSKI, Bert Thomas, Leading Sick Bay Attendant** (V-37064) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMCS Matane* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 March 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 February 1945. Home: East Kildonan, Manitoba.

More details can be found on page 105 of "**Operation Sick Bay**".

**BONIEWSKI. Bert Thomas**, V-37064, L/SBA, RCNVR, **MID~[3.3.45]**

"For outstanding initiative and skill in damage control in saving **HMCS Matane** after a heavy attack at sea on 20 July 1944."

**HMCS Matane** (River Class Frigate - K444) was hit by a German glider bomb off 22 miles off Brest, France at 2030 hours on 20 July 1944 and towed to Plymouth by **HMCS Meon** (River Class Frigate - K269).

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**BONNELL, Charles Ernest, Lieutenant** (Killed in Action) - **Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR / MTB 218 of 6th MGB Flotilla - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 6 January 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

RCNVR Company, Toronto Sup/Reserve on 20 October 1937.

A/Lt, RCNVR, on 27 September 1939.

He commanded **MTB-218** of the **6th MGB Flotilla** (flotilla commanded by Lieutenant Peter Howes, RN,) based at Fowey in Cornwall. The book "**Champagne Navy**" states on page 47 that "little is known about Bonnell, which is both baffling and regrettable in view of the fact that he was likely the first Canadian small-boat raider to actually engage the enemy. He was awarded the **DSC** after sinking a merchant ship off Boulogne in 1942.

He was **killed in action** a few months later on 3 January 1943 when **HM SM P311** was sunk by a mine during Operation 'Principal' in the Straits of Bonifacio.

In the book "**Through a Canadian Periscope**" by Julie Ferguson (who is a former member of HMCS Discovery Sick Bay), 1995, in chapter 12 entitled "The Charioteers 1942-1943", Julie describes Lieutenants Bonnell and Moreton as the first two officers interviewed and selected to join the then very, very secret British two-man "chariot" training program then just in early stages of design and development. They became part of a group of only 24 officers and 31 men and the only Canadians (both RCNVR) to do so. They trained and qualified as divers and on chariots. Bonnell was to die after the sub (P311) that was carrying two chariots to attack 2 Italian cruisers was lost, possibly due to collision with a mine on 8 Jan 43. Moreton survived the war, retiring in Nova Scotia, dying in 1993. Two distinguished RCNVR officers, pioneers in special underwater warfare.

**BONNELL. Charles "Chuck" Ernest**, age 33,

RCNVR Company Toronto Sup/Reserve [20.10.37]

A/Lt(Temp) [27.9.39] RCNVR,

HM MTB 218, 6th Fl, CO, sank a merchant ship off Boulogne **DSC~[6.1.42]**

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of design and development. Becoming part of a group of only 24 officers and 31 men and the only Canadians to do so. They trained and qualified as divers and on chariots. 8 Jan 43 'Special Services Charioteer'  
Lost 8 Jan 43 when HMS/M P311, (HMS TITANIA(D/S)) was sunk by a mine during Operation 'Principal' Straits of Bonifacio.  
Name on Halifax memorial  
Husband of Eleanor Bonnell, of Holland Landing, Ontario

"For courage and skill when an enemy convoy was attacked by our light Coastal Forces." (He sunk a merchant ship on 03 November 1941.)

*This summary of Lieutenant Bonnell's naval career was prepared for the Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph project of the UNTD Association of Canada from interviews and publicly accessible sources.*

*Prepared By: Julie H. Ferguson Lt(N) (Ret'd), Author of Through a Canadian Periscope & Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph Researcher (My good friend and shipmate at HMCS Discovery)*

Lieutenant Charles E. Bonnell, Distinguished Service Cross,  
O-7460, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve  
Born: Toronto ON, 4 August 1910  
Enlisted: Toronto Division RCNVR, 27 September 1939  
Civilian Occupation: Sales  
Death: Died when HMS P311 sank on 8 January 1943  
Distinguished Service Cross

Lieutenant Charles E. Bonnell, RCNVR, was one of two Canadians selected for hazardous duty in chariots, also known as human torpedoes. In fact, they were the first two of twenty-four officers chosen.

At the outbreak of WW2, Bonnell's parents were dead, and he had two married sisters and one brother in the RCAF. He had graduated from the prestigious Lakefield College School near Peterborough, Ontario, in 1925. Bonnell had married in 1931 but later separated from his wife, Eleanor with whom he had a daughter, Barbara, who was seven.

When Bonnell joined up in September 1939, he was already a naval reservist and in command of the Toronto Sea Cadets. At thirty, he was considered an elder and eagerly left his confining sales job for war at sea. Bonnell was fit and a risk-taker. After RN training in June 1940, Bonnell and his friend, Lt. Alan Moreton, RCNVR, were selected for Motor Torpedo Boats (MTB) and signed up for Hazardous Duty. First, however, Bonnell and Moreton, served three months in HMS Patroclus, an armed merchant

cruiser, which was sunk by U-99 off Ireland in November 1940. The Canadians survived – Bonnell said that a cheap flashlight stuck in his cap band saved his life. MTB training completed at the end of 1940, and Bonnell went to the 4th Flotilla in Felixstowe in January 1941 for six months. Later he commanded MTB 218 out of Dover harassing enemy shipping and rescuing survivors from battered coastal convoys. He earned a DSC for a successful attack on the enemy on November 3, 1941.

In February 1942, Bonnell was sent to HMS Dolphin, the RN submarine base in Gosport, for diving training and a top-secret operation because of Moreton's recommendation. "What have you got me into this time?" said Bonnell when he and Moreton were reunited.

When they were alone, Moreton confided what Admiral(S) Sir Max Horton, VC, DSO, RN, had told him when he was recruited. Bonnell was stunned to learn about human torpedoes. Volunteers had to be under twenty-eight (Bonnell was thirty-two), strong swimmers, medically sound, and capable of becoming very fit. The twosome began an intensive helmet diving course and completed submarine escape training. Bonnell did well. He was interested in everything and took charge of events and subordinates with skill. Were they going to be operating off submarines?

After experiments with rebreathers and pure oxygen, the volunteers at last learned that they would be using chariots and gasped when told their first target was the German battleship Tirpitz.

Bonnell and his "number two", AB Seaman Robert Evans, were chosen to dive the wooden prototype first in April 1942. His display of skill encouraged the other charioteers. Their diving suits arrived, and Bonnell learned to tolerate the bone-chilling cold and leaks. Maintaining neutral buoyancy was a delicate art that he had to perfect too. Spirits rose and the charioteers became more confident until the first casualty – an officer failed to surface, probably because of the effects of breathing pure oxygen. Bonnell's mood changed from enthusiastic fun to grim determination. But everyone was elated when the first production chariot arrived – they had achieved the first objective: a working model and trained charioteers in three months.

In June 1942, everyone relocated to Loch Erisort, a remote spot in the Scottish Outer Hebrides with HMS Titania as their depot ship. The high-spirited charioteers settled into Titania and began familiarization with real chariots. The two-men crew sat astride the chariot which was fitted with a battery to drive the propeller and a ballast and trim tanks. The planes and a rudder were operated with a joystick, and navigation was by a clock, compass, and depth



gauge only. The officer sat in front to drive, and his "number two" behind was responsible for cutting anti-submarine (A/S) nets and attaching the 600-lb warhead to the target. The charioteers trained day and night building their submerged endurance. Later they learned tactics and methods of attaching the warheads and exercised with real ships.

Virtual terror when things went wrong, and all suffered nightmares. And finally, commando training was added, as well as escape and survival methods. Before the first raid on the Tirpitz, Operation TITLE, the crews moved to Kylesku on Loch Cairnbawn as it was more like a Norwegian fjord. HMS Howe served as their target, and Bonnell's first attack was perfect. Bonnell and Moreton were chosen for the Tirpitz raid. A Norwegian fishboat, one of the Shetland Bus boats, would take the chariots slung underneath into the fjord. After the attack, the Norwegian underground would help the teams to neutral Sweden sixty miles away.

The charioteers took a short leave in Edinburgh knowing they could not miss the special flight from Inverness to the Shetlands. Bonnell and Moreton were late and missed the plane.

"[It was] a crushing blow," remembered a devastated Moreton. The Canadians trained for another raid, this time in the Mediterranean. The teams would be transported to the targets by T-class submarines in huge containers on the after-casings. Bonnell and a new partner practiced launching their chariot in Malta and, after four weeks, they were ready.

Operation PRINCIPAL was designed to destroy Italian warships in several ports in Sardinia and Sicily. Bonnell was in P311 and sailed from Malta on December 28, 1942, for the raid on La Maddalena, Sardinia, to destroy two Italian ships. The attack on Trieste and Gorizia, was planned for the night of January 1-2, 1943. Early on December 31 while P311 headed north, she signalled she had cleared the mines in the Sicilian Channel. She was never heard from again.

Three days later no warships had been attacked, and HMS Unison found no evidence that charioteers had been at the rendezvous. The Admiralty believed that the chariots were never launched and, when nothing was found later in the Italian records that P311 had been sunk by A/S patrols, concluded the submarine had been mined. Everyone on board, including Bonnell, lost their lives and were presumed dead on January 8, 1943.

On May 21, 2016, P311 and the chariots were discovered by Italian divers at 100 metres depth, close to the island of Tavolara, about 50 kms southeast of Maddalena. Severe damage to the bow showed she was mined, but the chariots' containers were intact. P311 is now a war grave and Bonnell's final resting place

**Lieutenant Bonnell's Medals:**

Distinguished Service Cross, 1939-1945 Star, Atlantic Star, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp, 1939/1945 War Medal.  
His wife, Eleanor Bonnell, was awarded the Memorial Cross.

Lt. Charles E. Bonnell, DSC, RCNVR, is commemorated on three separate memorials, two in Canada and one in Scotland:

- Halifax Memorial, Panel 9
- Memorial at Lakefield College School, Peterborough, ON
- XIIth Submarine Flotilla Memorial Cairn, Garbh Eilan, Kylesku, Sutherland, Scotland.

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**BONNER, Albert Leo, Acting Yeoman of Signals (V-2293) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Saint John, New Brunswick.

He joined the RCNVR Division at St. John, N.B. in 1938 as a signalman.

He went on active service in August 1939 at NCSO Sydney, N.S.

He was sent to the corvette *HMCS Chambly* in July 1940 and was aboard *Chambly* when they sank the German submarine U-501 in the Denmark Strait on 23 June 1941. He was awarded the MID for this action. For 5 months in 1941/1942 he served ashore in HMC Signal School, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec.

In 1942, he was drafted to the Royal Navy Cruiser, *HMS Belfast*, as the Chief Yeoman of Signals. He saw action against the German battleship *Scharnhorst* and in the Norwegian Coastal strikes in March/April 1944. **Note:** He received his "Blue Nose Certificate" for his work on the Murmansk run while serving in *Belfast* and would now be entitled to the **Arctic Star**.

He was drafted ashore two days before D-Day.

He stood by in June 1944 for the RCN's first cruiser, *HMCS Uganda* being refitted in Charleston, South Carolina. This gave him plenty of time to indulge his hobby - knitting (he had won a knitting contest in St. John in 1934).

He served throughout the Pacific campaign in *HMCS Uganda* and then transferred to the permanent force RCN as a Telegraphist(V) at the RCN Signal School.

He was awarded the **British Empire Medal** in 1945 and received it while serving in *HMCS Nootka* from Captain Hugh Pullen, OBE, RCN.

In 1948 he was promoted to PO Telegraphist from Leading Telegraphist.

He served in the RCN in Korea and reached the rank of Lieutenant-Commander before retiring.

**BONNER, Albert Leo**, 0-7477, (Saint John NB)  
CPO/Yeoman, V-2293, RCNVR, **MID**~[5.6.43] **BEM**~[5.1.46]  
HMCS NOOTKA(213) DDE, CPO 2, **DSM**~[20.12.52]  
A/Cd/Com [2.10.53] RCN,  
HMCS CORNWALLIS for Com/Sch, (16.12.53-?)  
HMCS MICMAC(214) DDE, (2.3.54-?)  
FOAC for Asst/StO/Com, (14.3.55-?)  
FOAC for StO/Com, (24.8.55-?) Lt [1.1.55]  
CD~[?]  
HMCS MICMAC(214) DDE, (18.8.57-?)  
HMCS CAPE BRETON(100) ARE, (13.6.58-?)  
HMCS IROQUOIS(217) DDE, (17.10.58-?) (130)  
HMCS STADACONA(E18) (30.6.60-?)  
HMCS STADACONA(E18) (28.6.61-?) (130/12)  
HMCS NADEN(N18) (28.3.63-?)



## **MID Citation for Bonner**

"Throughout a considerable period of service at sea which has included action against enemy submarines in the North Atlantic, this rating has displayed the utmost zeal, cheerfulness and devotion to duty."

**BONNER, Albert Leo, Chief Yeoman of Signals (V-2293) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / HMCS Uganda - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.**

"This Chief Petty Officer joined the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve a year prior to the commencement of hostilities and served at sea for over three years during the war in the Battle of the Atlantic and latterly in the Pacific Theatre in **HMCS Uganda**. As Chief Yeoman of Signals, he has displayed keenness and integrity to a marked degree, and has at all time proven an inspiration to the junior ratings of his branch."

Awarded the **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** in Korea as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 December 1952 while serving in **HMCS Nootka**.

## **Medals of Lieutenant-Commander Albert Leo BONNER, SBStJ, DSM, BEM, CD.**

Serving Brother, Order of St. John - DSM (EIIR) - BEM (GVI) - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - (Arctic Star) - Pacific Star - CVSM and Clasp - 39/45 War Medal with MID - Canadian Korea Medal - Canadian Korean Volunteer Service Medal - United Nations Korea Medal - EIIR Coronation Medal - RCNVR Long Service and Good Conduct Medal - CD with one Bar.

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**BOON, Allan, Leading Seaman (V-16252) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / HMCS Nanoose - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944.**

Home: Schreiber, Ontario.

**HMCS Nanoose** was a Fundy Class Minesweeper (J35) serving with Halifax Local Defence Force throughout the war.

The ship was originally **HMCS Nootka** but was changed to **HMCS Nanoose** to give the name **Nootka** to a Tribal Class Destroyer.

**BOON. Allan, V-16252, LS, RCNVR, BEM~[10.6.44]**

"This rating has displayed outstanding devotion to duty while serving in **HMCS Nanoose** since joining the ship 1 May 1941. Recently when it was necessary to fit sixteen Bangor Minesweepers with mine-sweeping gear within a few days, he accomplished tasks over and above his normal duties, taking charge of a party and showing marked ingenuity and ability. Throughout, his cheerfulness and leadership have been an inspiration to his fellow seamen."

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**BOOTH, Harry, Able Seaman** (V-14423) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS St. Thomas - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 24 July 1945.

Home: Vancouver, B.C.

**BOOTH. Harry**, V-14423, AB, RCNVR, MID~[15.9.45]

"For services in **HMCS St. Thomas** in action against a German boat."

**HMCS St. Thomas** (Castle Class Frigate) and **HMCS Sea Cliff** (River Class Frigate) sank **U-877** on 27 December 1944 in mid-Atlantic on 27 December 1944. See Chapter 57 "**The Canadian Naval Chronicles 1939-1945**" for details.

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**BOOTS, Rose Elizabeth, Petty Officer Cook** (W-593) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - WRCNS - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Home: Bonarlaw, Ontario.

**BOOTS. Rose Elizabeth**, W-593, PO/Ck, WRCNS, **BEM**~[15.6.46]

"Petty Officer Boots joined the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service in December 1942, and since then has given invaluable service in the galleys. Her zeal, cheerfulness and praiseworthy devotion to duty have been an inspiring example to the junior ratings in her charge, and have helped keep high the fine traditions established by the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service."

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**BOULD, Howard Desmond George, Skipper** - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Fleur de Lis - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943. Home: c/o Loretteville,

Quebec. Promoted to Chief Skipper when award announced.

**BOULD. Howard Desmond George, 0-7770, Skr(Temp) [5.3.40] RCNR**

HMCS HUSKY (Z26) (A) p/v, stand by, (11.7.40-22.7.40)

HMCS HUSKY (Z26) (A) p/v, (23.7.40-?)

HMCS FLEUR DE LIS (J16) p/v, (6.9.41-?) MID~[9.1.43]

Ch/Skr(Temp) [5.3.43]

HMCS NORTH BAY (K339) Cofm, stand by (9.10.43-24.10.43)

HMCS NORTH BAY (K339) Cofm, (25.10.43-?) Skr/Lt(Temp) [5.3.44]

Demobilized [18.8.45]

"In charge of a boarding party, which extinguished the fire aboard a tanker, Skipper Bould displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and devotion to duty. The seamanship displayed by this Officer contributed to the success of the subsequent salvage."

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**BOULTON, Angus George ("Gus"), Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMCS Rimouski* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Born at Russell, Manitoba on 7 August 1911.



Joined the Winnipeg Division RCNVR 1933. To RCNVR Company Toronto as A/S/Lt, RCNVR on 22 February 1933.

Lieutenant, RCNVR, on 22 January 1935.

He commanded the Royal Guard for their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth at Toronto in 1939. Mobilized for World War Two service on 1 September 1939 at the Toronto Division RCNVR.

Served in **HMCS Ottawa** from 19 October 1938 until 20 July 1941; part of the time as First Lieutenant with rank of Acting Lieutenant-Commander (later Executive Officer of **HMCS Ottawa**).

Acting Commanding officer **HMCS Ottawa** (River Class Destroyer - H60) from 21 July 1941 to 18 August 1941 (first RCNVR to command a destroyer - A/LCdr(Temp) on 1 January 1941).

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Rimouski** (Flower Class Corvette - K121) from 12 November 1941 to 1 December 1942.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Annapolis** (I) (Town Class Destroyer - I04) from 4 December 1942 to 2 March 1944. Senior Officer of **W-8 Escort Group**.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS St. Laurent** (I) (River Class Destroyer - H83) from 15 April 1944 to 7 November 1944. To Somers Isles as Training Commander in 1945 (rank Acting Commander 1 January 1945). To Stadacona in 1945. He transferred to the RCN in 1947 with rank

of Lieutenant-Commander.  
 Made Commander in 1947, he was Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Atlantic Coast in 1948.  
 He took the Royal Naval Staff Course in 1948.  
 He was the **Executive Officer** of **HMCS Magnificent** in 1949.  
**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Magnificent** (Aircraft Carrier - 21) from 29 June 1949 to 6 September 1949.  
 He was **Director of Naval Reserves** at Naval Headquarters from 18 January 1951 to 27 April 1953.  
 He took the National Defence College Course in 1953 and then went to **Washington as Assistant Naval Attaché** in 1954.  
 Promoted to **Acting Commodore** on 20 June 1955, and still at Niagara (Washington) now as Naval Member and Naval Attaché and Commanding Officer in 1955.  
 He **reverted to Captain** to become the **Commanding Officer** of **HMCS St. Laurent** (II) (St. Laurent Class Destroyer Escort - 205) from 23 January 1957 to 15 March 1958. He was also **Commander Third Canadian Destroyer Squadron** during this period.  
 He was **promoted to Commodore** on 16 June 1958 and made Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Plans and Member of the Naval Board.  
 In 1960 he went to Niobe as **Naval Member of Canadian Joint Staff London**. He was Chairman of the Canadian Joint Staff in London in 1962.  
 He was made an Honorary AdC in 1963 and was Commodore RCN Barracks Esquimalt and Commanding Officer Naden and Officer-in-Charge RCN Depot Esquimalt in 1963.  
 He retired on 1 February 1966.  
 He died at Victoria, B.C. on 3 May 1992.  
**BOULTON. Angus "Gus" George**, 0-7830, RCNVR Company Toronto,  
 A/S/Lt [22.2.33] RCNVR, Lt [22.1.35]  
 HMCS OTTAWA (H60) DD, (19.10.39-?)  
 A/LCdr (Temp) [1.1.41]  
 HMCS RIMOUSKI (K121) Cof, CO, (12.11.41-1.12.42)  
 HMCS OTTAWA (H60) DD, CO, (21.7.41-18.8.41)  
 HMCS ANNAPOLIS (I04) DD, CO, (4.12.42-2.3.44)  
 LCdr [1.1.43] **MID**~[9.1.43]  
 HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, CO, (15.4.44-7.11.44)  
**DSC**~[1.1.45] Cdr [1.1.45]  
 HMCS SOMERS ISLES, Bermuda, STO, (1.3.45-?)  
 Demobilized [28.11.45]  
 Cdr [1.7.47] RCN,  
 COAC/CoSt, (9.7.47-?) FOAC/CoSt, (1.5.48-?)  
 HMCS MAGNIFICENT(21) CVL, CO, (29.6.49-6.9.49)  
 HMCS MAGNIFICENT(21) CVL, XO, (7.9.49-?)  
 Capt [1.1.52]  
 HMCS ST LAURENT(205) DDE, CO, (2.1.57-15.3.58)  
 Cmdre [16.6.58] retired [1.2.60]  
 Died [3.5.92] Victoria, BC.



**Commodore Angus George ("Gus") Boulton, DSC, CD**

Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR	22 February	1933	(Winnipeg Division, RCNVR)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR	22 February	1934	(Toronto Division, RCNVR)
Lieutenant, RCNVR	22 January	1935	(Toronto Division, RCNVR)
Acting Lieutenant-Commander, RCNVR	01 January	1941	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Rimouski</b> )
Lieutenant-Commander, RCNVR	01 January	1943	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS St. Laurent</b> ) - DSC
Commander (Temporary), RCNVR	01 January	1945	(Training Commander HMCS Somers Isles)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 July	1947	(COS Flag Officer Atlantic Coast)
Commander, RCN	01 July	1947	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Magnificent</b> )
Acting Captain, RCN	01 June	1951	(Director of Naval Reserves)
Captain, RCN	01 January	1952	(Assistant Naval Attaché Washington)
Acting Commodore, RCN	01 June	1955	(Naval Attaché Washington)
Reverts to Captain, RCN	01 January	1957	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS St. Laurent</b> )
Commodore, RCN	16 June	1958	(Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Plans)
Retired	01 February	1966	

**MID Citation for Boulton:**

"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy." New Years Honours List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

**BOULTON, Angus George, Temporary Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS St. Laurent - Awarded as per London Gazette of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).**

"Whilst serving at sea in the North Atlantic almost continuously since the commencement of hostilities, this Officer has displayed the utmost zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty."

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**BOURNE, Leslie Norman, Leading Seaman (4023) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS St. Catherines - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 18 July 1944. Home: Vancouver, B.C. See also: LCdr Charles Patrick Nixon, LCdr. Harold Victor William Groos, Lt. Terence Charles Todd, Leading Stoker George Hunter McGinn, ERA John Elliot Williams, CPO Telegraphist, and Arthur John Carrington.**

**BOURNE. Leslie Norman, 4023, LS, RCN, MID~[9.9.44]**

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **HMS Icarus** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwick, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau** and **St. Catherines** in a successful operation against a U-Boat."



**HMCS St. Catherines, HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Chaudiere, and HMCS Chilliwack** assisted in sinking **U-744** in mid-Atlantic on 6 March 1944 as described in Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". **HMCS St. Catharines**, the senior ship, carried out a depth charge attack with **HMCS Chilliwack** joining in followed by **HMCS Gatineau**. **HMCS Gatineau** had to break off the attack but **Chilliwack, Fennel and St. Catherines** stayed right on throughout the action almost from the moment of its first appearance until it finally broke surface. **HMCS Chilliwack** was the first to spot it when it did come up, and closed in a full speed. Soon the other vessels were pouring fire around the U-Boat which was so concentrated that the U-Boat crew never had a chance to man its guns. The first salvo from **Chilliwack's** 4" gun wiped out a twin mounting right off the conning tower and killed the U-Boat captain who was the first to emerge from the hatch. **HMCS Chaudiere** rescued German submariners and Canadians who were thrown into the water when three of the motorboats and whalers launched to rescue the submariners were overturned in the waves.

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**BOUTILIER, Clyde, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (V-25257) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943.**

Home: Bridgeton, Me., U.S.A.

**BOUTILIER, Clyde, V-25257, ERA 3/c1, RCNVR, BEM~[9.1.43]**

A/ERA 2/c1, MID~[20.1.45]

"Serving in one of HMC destroyers in the North Atlantic over a considerable period of time, Engine Room Artificer Boutilier, a veteran of the last war, has consistently carried out his duties with loyalty, efficiency and devotion."

**BOUTILIER, Clyde, Engine Room Artificer Second Class, BEM (V-25257) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 14 November 1944.**

"For courage and determination in **H.M. Ships Albrighton, Ashanti, Bellona, Diadem, Mauritius, Onslow, Tartar and Ursa and H.M. Canadian Ships Assiniboine, Haida, Iroquois, Qu'appelle, Restigouche and Skeena**, in a series of successful attacks on enemy escorted convoys off the coast of France."

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**BOWDEN, James, Chief Petty Officer (TC) (A-4787) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Windsor, Ontario.

**BOWDEN. James, A-43787, CPO(TC), RCNR, MID~[6.1.45]**

"Chief Petty Officer Bowden has served for the past thirty-two months in escort vessels of the North Atlantic Mid-Ocean group. He has been at all times cheerful and willing, pursuing his duties with tenacity regardless of conditions. A most loyal Chief Petty Officer who has never varied from his willing dependability, giving every assistance and understanding to his Officers, at the same time giving an excellent example of leadership to the men."

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**BOWDITCH, George Fowler, Able Seaman (2663) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCN / HMCS St. Laurent - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 11 March 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

Now a Petty Officer. Chief Asdic operator in HMCS St. Laurent. Awarded DSM at same time as Robert Welland received DSC.

**BOWDITCH. George Fowler, 2663, AB, RCN, DSM~[11.3.41]**

"For courage and enterprise in action against enemy submarines."

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**BOWEN, John, Leading Seaman (V-22594) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / MTB - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 July 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**BOWEN. John, V-22596, LS, RCNVR, MID~[15.9.45]**

"For services in action with enemy light forces on 24th, 25th February 1945."

"For courage and skill while serving in Coastal Forces in successful engagements with enemy shipping (London Gazette citation)."

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**BOWYER, Michael H., Able Seaman (V-10607) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 3 October 1944. Home: Hazlet, Saskatchewan.**  
**BOWYER. Michael, V-10607, AB, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]**

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in *H.M. Canadian Ships Qu'appelle, Skeena, Saskatchewan and Restigouche* in a successful action with enemy trawlers and U-boats."

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**BOYD, Alfred Albert, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class (A-5361) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / HMCS Brandon - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945. Home: Montreal, Quebec.**  
**BOYD. Alfred Albert, A-5361, ERA 4/cl, RCNR, BEM~[6.1.45]**

"For outstanding conscientious and cheerful devotion to duty during twenty-seven months service in *HMCS Brandon* (Corvette) and in particular, for courage and effective action with no regard for his personal safety in extinguishing an engine room fire, which, it had not been for his highly commendable effort, might have resulted in loss of the ship."

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**BOYD, Clifford Douglas, Leading Seaman (V-2741) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 18 July 1944.**  
Home: Saint John, New Brunswick.  
**BOYD. Clifford Douglas, V-2741, LS, RCNVR, MID~[9.9.44]**

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in *HMS Icarus* and *H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwack, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau and St. Catherines* in a successful operation against a U-Boat."

*HMCS St. Catherines, HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Chaudiere, and HMCS Chilliwack* assisted in sinking **U-744** in mid-Atlantic on 6 March 1944 as described in Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BOYER, Frederick John, Lieutenant (Killed in Action) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMS Laforey* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 23 May 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

He was a new Gunnery Officer on *HMS Laforey* and was killed when it was sunk by **U-223** near Naples in early 1944.

**BOYER. Frederick John**, RCNVR Division Toronto A/S/Lt(Temp) [21.9.39] RCNVR, S/Lt(Temp) [21.9.39] RCNVR, HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (7.7.41-?) Lt(Temp) [21.9.41]; *HMS Laforey* (1944)

**MID**~[26.6.44]; **2nd MID**~[20.1.45]

"For outstanding courage, resolution, leadership skill and devotion to duty in operations which led to successful landing on the Italian mainland and at Salerno."

**BOYER, Frederick John, Lieutenant (Posthumous) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMS Laforey* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 21 November 1944.

"For good service in bombardment of enemy positions at Anzio."

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**BOYER, Gerald Joseph, Able Seaman (V-16164) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR / *HMCS Port Arthur* - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 4 May 1943 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Fort William, Ontario.

Boyer was the HSD 1st Operator in *HMCS Port Arthur*.

**BOYER. Gerald Joseph**, V-16164, AB, RCNVR, **DSM**~[1.5.43]

"For skill and judgement in action against enemy Submarines while serving in *H.M. Ships Paladin, Gloxinia, Easton and Wheatland*, and *H.M. Canadian Ships Port Arthur and Ville de Quebec*."

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**BOYLE, Douglas Seaman, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCN / *HMCS Chaudiere* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 18 July 1944.

Born: Revelstoke, B.C. 29 November 1923.

Officer Cadet RNR at HMS Conway in 1939.

Transferred to the RCN as a Naval Cadet at Royal Naval College Dartmouth (Special Entry No. 53) in 1941.

Served in *HMS Diomedé* and *HMS Wolsey* 1941 to 1943.

To *HMCS Chaudiere* (River Class Destroyer) in 1943 and awarded **MID** as a Sub-Lieutenant.

Then on courses with the RN in 1943.

To Royal Canadian Naval College at Royal Roads on Staff in 1945.

To *HMS Dryad* for Long RN Long Navigation Direction Course in 1947.

To *HMCS Ontario* (Cruiser) as Direction Officer in 1947.

To Naval Headquarters as Staff Officer Navigation Direction in 1948.

To Naden as Staff Officer Navigation and Direction and Officer-in-Charge Navigation and Direction Training Centre in 1950.

Promoted Lieutenant-Commander in 1951 and off to *HMS Dryad* for Advanced (Dagger) Navigation course.

To *HMCS Magnificent* (Aircraft Carrier) as Navigating Officer on 1952.

On Staff of Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff London in 1953 and to Royal Naval Staff Course in 1954.

To Naval Headquarters as Deputy Director Naval Training in 1955.

Promoted Commander in 1956.

Commanding Officer of *HMCS Athabaskan* (II) (Tribal Class Destroyer - 219) from 6 September 1957 to 1 March 1959.

Commanding Officer of *HMCS Saguenay* (II) (Destroyer Escort St. Laurent Class - 206) from 2 March 1959 to 14 October 1959.

In October 1959, to Assistant Chief of Staff (Training and Administration) Staff of Flag Officer Pacific.

On promotion to Captain in 1963, he was made Commander of the **4th Canadian Escort Squadron**.

In 1964, he was Director of Naval Training at NDHQ and later that year to Director Senior Appointments (Navy).

Made Commodore in 1966, he was made Director-General Postings and Careers.

He went to the Imperial Defence College in 1969.

He was Commander NATO Standing Naval Force Atlantic in 1970.

In 1971 he was back at NDHQ as Director-General Plans, Requirements and Production.

Promoted to Rear-Admiral in 1972, he was made Chief of Personnel for Canadian Armed Force.

From 1973 to 1977, he was Commander of Maritime Command and Commander NATO Canadian Sub-Area Atlantic.

He was promoted to **Vice-Admiral** half way through this command and

also made a **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)**.

He retired in 1977.

He acted as a Marine consultant from 1978 to 1985.

He became President of German & Milne Inc. 1986 to 1988 and as Executive VP Energy Conversion Systems, Power Systems Inc. 1987-1989. Died in Ottawa at age 77 on 23 July 2001. \ 1989.

**BOYLE. Douglas Seaman "Bugsy"**, 0-8160, Cdt **RNR** [1.4.39]  
Cdt [1.1.41] RCN, (Special entry No.53) Mid [1.9.41]  
A/S/Lt [1.5.43] HMCS CHAUDIERE (H99) DD, (15.11.43-?)  
Lt [16.9.43] **MID**~[9.9.44] HMCS ONTARIO(53) L/Cr, (4.5.45-?)  
LCdr [16.9.51] Cdr [1.1.56]  
HMCS ATHABASKAN (219) DD, CO, (6.9.57-1.3.59)  
HMCS SAGUENAY (206) DDE, CO, (2.3.59-14.10.59)  
Capt [1.1.64] Cmdre [1.7.66] RAdm, [1.5.72] VAdm [1.7.75]  
**CMM**~[19.6.76] retired, 1977.

### **Vice-Admiral Douglas Seaman Boyle, CMM, CD (MID)**

Officer Cadet, RNR	01 April	1939	(HMS Conway)
Naval Cadet, RCN	01 January	1941	(Royal Naval College Dartmouth Special Entry No. 53)
Midshipman, RCN	01 September	1941	(Served in <b>HMS Diomedé</b> )
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 May	1943	(Served in <b>HMS Wolsey</b> )
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 June	1943	(Served in <b>HMCS Chaudiere</b> and awarded MID)
Lieutenant, RCN	16 September	1943	(Royal Naval College Royal Roads on Staff)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	16 September	1951	(Navigating Officer on <b>HMCS Magnificent</b> )
Commander, RCN	01 January	1956	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Athabaskan</b> )
Captain, RCN	01 January	1963	(Commander of the 4th Canadian Escort Squadron)
Commodore, RCN	01 July	1966	(Commander NATO Standing Naval Force Atlantic - 1970)
Rear-Admiral, CF	01 May	1972	(Chief of Personnel)
Vice-Admiral, CF	01 July	1975	(Commander of Maritime Command)
Retired		1977	



#### **MID Citation:**

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **HMS Icarus** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwack, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau** and **St. Catherines** in a successful operation against a U-Boat."

Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**" describes the sinking of **U-744** by C-2 Support Group on 6 March 1944 in the Atlantic. **HMCS Chaudiere** was part of C-2 Support Group.

Awarded **Commander - Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 19 June 1976 in the rank of Vice-Admiral and Commander, Maritime Command.

#### **Medals of Douglas Seaman BOYLE, CMM, CD**

CMM - 1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star with bar France and Germany  
- Defence Medal - CVSM with Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal with MID -  
EIIR Coronation - Centennial - CD and 2 Bars.

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**BOYLE, James, Chief Petty Officer (X-1918) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN - Awarded as per London Gazette of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).**

Home: Canaan Station, Westmoreland County, New Brunswick.

**BOYLE. James** X-1918, CPO, RCN, **DSM**~[1.1.45]

"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy." New Years List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

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**BRACE, Ernest Robert, Leading Seaman (V-23145) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 18 July 1944. Home: Verdun, Quebec.**

**BRACE. Ernest Robert,** V-23145, LS, RCNVR, **MID**~[9.9.44]

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in *HMS Icarus* and *H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwack, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau* and *St. Catherines* in a successful operation against a U-Boat."

*HMCS St. Catherines, HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Chaudiere, and HMCS Chilliwack* assisted in sinking **U-744** in mid-Atlantic on 6 March 1944 as described in Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BRADBURY, Allen, Petty Officer (X-41027) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943. Home: Toronto, Ontario.**

**BRADBURY. Allen,** X-41027, PO, RCN, **BEM**~[ 5.6.43]

"This rating has shown extraordinary energy, keenness and disregard of personal risk in the laying and recovering of mines."

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**BRADLEY, James Richard, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS Saint John - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 21 April 1945 and London Gazette of 20 March 1945.**

Home: Port Credit, Ontario.

S/Lt(Temp), RCNVR, on 19 July 1943.  
Stand by from 29 November 1943 to 12 December 1943 and then service on **HMCS Saint John** (River Class Frigate - K.456) from 13 December 1943.

Served on **HMCS Magnificent** in May 1950.

**BRADLEY. James Richard, 0-8250, S/Lt(Temp) [19.7.43] RCNVR**

HMCS SAINT JOHN (K456) Fr, stand by (29.11.43-12.12.43)

HMCS SAINT JOHN (K456) Fr, (13.12.43-?) Lt(Temp) [19.7.44]

DSC~[21.4.45] Bar to DSC~[15.9.45] Demobilized [10.10.45]

HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, 803 Sqn, (15.5.50-?)

Released [22.9.53]

"For outstanding skill, courage and zeal in Anti-U-Boat operations while serving in **H.M. Canadian Ships Annan and Saint John.**" (London Gazette had **HMCS St. John**)

Details on the sinking of **U-247** off Cornwall which occurred on 1 September 1944 by **HMCS Saint John** (River Class Frigate - K456) and **HMCS Swansea** (River Class Frigate) can be found in Chapter 51 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

Chapter 59 of the same book describes the sinking of **U-309** by **HMCS Saint John** at Moray Firth, Scotland on 16 February 1945.

**BRADLEY, James Richard, Lieutenant, DSC - First BAR to the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC\*) - RCNVR / HMCS Saint John - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945 and London Gazette of 3 July 1945.**

"For good services in action with an enemy U-Boat (**U-309**) in the Western Approaches on 16 February 1945."

"For bravery, skill and determination while serving in **H.M. Ships Wild Goose, Labuan, Loch Fada, Rowley, Duckworth, Keats and Tyler and HMCS St. John** in operations against enemy submarines (London Gazette)."

Chapter 59 of the "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**" describes the sinking of **U-309** by **HMCS Saint John** at Moray Firth, Scotland on 16 February 1945.

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**BRAND, Eric Sydney, Captain - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / Director of Trade and Intelligence Division - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of**



2 June 1943.

Born: 1896 Ipswich, England

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Joined the Merchant Navy College, HMS Conway, as a cadet in 1909.

To Royal Naval College Dartmouth in January 1911.

**Mentioned in Despatches** at the Battle of Jutland in **HMS Valiant** and promoted Lieutenant in 1916.

Later qualified both G and dagger N.

Promoted Commander, RN, on 30 December 1929.

Served as Staff Officer (Operations) to the Commander-in-Chief Home Fleet and Chief Staff Officer to Admiral Commanding Coast of Scotland 1938 to 1939 (responsible for the War Plans in the Command).

Lent to RCN as Director of Plans and Intelligence 22 June 1939. Served at Naval Service HQ throughout the war adding responsibility for Trade - to handle the RCN's contacts with the merchant shipping of all nations.

Promoted to Captain on 1 July 1941.

Went on RCN retired list in 14 May 1946.

1946 - Appointed Controller of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Shipping under the Department of Labour.

1946 to 1947 was special assistant to the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply on the drafting of legislation to establish a Canadian Maritime Commission.

Later served as Special Assistant to the Minister of Mines and resources on immigrant transportation.

Then served as Executive Director, the Canadian Maritime Commission. He was the first director marine operations for the Canadian Coast Guard, the First Director of the CCG College at Point Edward in 1965.

He was made **Honorary Commodore of the CCG**.

In addition to his wartime medals received the **Medal of HM King of Sweden** for services to humanity.

He died in Ottawa on 22 November 1991, age 95 (three months after hip surgery).

**BRAND. Eric Sydney**, 0-8350, Cdr [31.12.29] RN, NSHQ, Dir/Intel (29.7.39-?)  
Capt [1.7.41] RCN **OBE**~[5.6.43]

**Legion of Merit-Degree of Commander(USA)**~[30.3.46]

Demobilized [12.8.46]

**Croix de Guerre avec Palmes en Bronze(France)**~[27.11.46]

**Legion of Honour-Chevalier(France)**~[27.11.47]

"Lent by the Royal Navy to the Royal Canadian Navy shortly before the outbreak of war, this Officer took a large and active part in the planning necessary to place the Royal Canadian Navy



on a war time basis. Assuming the appointment of Director of Trade and Intelligence Division, this Officer's experience, ability, concept and vision were such that the plans and organization that he originated in 1939 have not basically been changed during the subsequent period of unprecedented expansion. Besides having given a continuity of high service at Naval Service Headquarters, equalled by few, he has played a great part in fomenting and cementing the high friendship that exists between Officers of the Royal Navy and the Royal Canadian Navy."

**BRAND, Eric Sydney, Captain, OBE - Commander - Legion of Merit (United States of American) - RCN / Director Trade and Intelligence Division - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 30 March 1946 and London Gazette of 30 January 1946.**

"For exceptionally meritorious service as Director of Trade Division, Canadian Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, from January 1941 to May 1945. By his outstanding knowledge and ability, Captain Brand contributed materially to the establishment of an efficient U.S. Navy organization for the control of shipping in co-operation with Canadian Forces."

**BRAND, Eric Sydney, Captain, OBE - Croix de Guerre avec Palme en Bronze (France) - RCN - Awarded effective 27 November 1946.**

**BRAND, Eric Sydney, Captain, OBE - Chevalier - Legion of Honour (France) - RCN - Awarded effective 27 November 1947.**

**Medals of Captain Eric Sydney Brand, OBE, RN**

OBE (2<sup>nd</sup> Type) - 1914/15 Star - BWM - Victory Medal with MID - CVSM - 1939/1945 War Medal - Legion of Merit-Degree of Commander (USA) - Legion of Honneur-Chevalier (France) - Croix de Guerre avec Palmes en Bronze (France) - Medal of HM King of Sweden (Service to Humanity)

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**BRANSCOMBE, Bernard Leon, Able Seaman (V-18228) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR / HMCS St. Thomas - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945 and London Gazette of 24 July 1945. Home: Picton, Ontario.**

**BRANSCOMBE. Bernard Leon, V-18228, AB, RCNVR, DSM~[15.9.45]**

"For services in *HMCS St. Thomas* in action against a German boat."

The sinking of **U-877** by *HMCS St. Thomas* (Castle Class Corvette - K488) and *HMCS Sea Cliff* (River Class Frigate) on 26 September 1944 in mid-Atlantic is described in Chapter 57 of "**The Naval Chronicles of Canada 1939-1945**".

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**BRENNAN, Clyde James, Chief Stoker (A-953) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / HMCS Stadacona - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

**BRENNAN. Clyde James, A-953, CPO/Stk, RCNR, BEM~[16.6.45]**

"This Chief Stoker has displayed outstanding ability, energy and initiative in regulating duties in the Royal Canadian Naval Barracks, following a long and creditable performance of his duties at sea. This rating was directly responsible for the good organization of the Engine Room Manual Office in H.M.C.S. Stadacona, Halifax, and the accuracy of its records."

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**BREWER, Harry John, Lieutenant (E) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 June 1946 and London Gazette of 13 June 1946.**

Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Warrant Mechanic, RCN, on 1 February 1941;

Lieutenant(E), RCN on 1 July 1943.

**BREWER. Harry John, 0-8610, (Dartmouth, NS)**

Wt/Mech [1.2.41] RCN, Lt(E) [1.7.43] **MBE~[13.6.46]**

Released to Pension [9.9.46]

Lt(E)\* [1.7.43] RCN(SS 5 Jan 52-4 Jan 55)

HMCS BRUNSWICKER, Naval Division Saint John, (28.7.52-?) CD~[?]

COND for Area/Eng/Maritime/Division's, (29.3.54)&(7.9.54-?)

RCNB Halifax for Staff Reserve/Trg/Cdr, (15.6.55-?)

HMCS STAR for FOND, Area/Eng/Eastern/Division's, (6.9.55-?)

HMCS PATRIOT for FOND, Area/Eng/Eastern/Division's, (1.2.56-?)

RCNB Halifax, for Staff Reserve/Trg/Cdr, (3.5.56-?)

HMCS SCOTIAN for Area/Eng/Eastern/Division's, (4.9.56-?)

RCNB Halifax for Reserve/Trg, (15.5.57-?)

HMCS SCOTIAN for Area/Eng/Eastern/Division's, (9.9.57-?)

RCNB Halifax for Reserve/Trg, (17.3.58-?)

"Lieutenant Brewer has been a valuable member of the Royal Canadian Navy for over twenty-five years and throughout the whole of his career he has shown qualities of devotion to duty, outstanding zeal and efficiency. For five years during the period of hostilities this Officer directed the movements of Engine room ratings, and due to his exercising great skill and energy, sea-going ships were supplied with Engine room personnel. These fine qualities are in keeping with the high traditions of the Canadian Naval Service."

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**BREWSTER, Bernard Edward, Leading Seaman (V-17355) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per London Gazette of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Woodstock, Ontario.**  
**BREWSTER. Bernard Edward, V-17355, LS, RCNVR, DSM~[1.1.45]**

"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy." New Years List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

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**BRIEN, Earl Williams, Lieutenant (SB) Radar - Order of Patriotic War (Second Class) (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) - RCNVR / HMS Jamaica - Awarded effective 1 December 1942 (no Canada or London Gazette). Home: Ridgetown, Ontario.**  
**BRIEN. Earle William, 0-8690, Lt(E1) (R) (Temp) [24.4.41] RCNVR**  
Order of Patriotic War (Second Class) (USSR)~[1.12.42]  
**MID~[22.2.43] Demobilized [10.9.45]**

**BRIEN, Earle William, Lieutenant (SB) Radar - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMS Jamaica - Awarded as per London Gazette of 22 February 1943 (no Canada Gazette).**

"For distinguished services in action against the enemy."

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**BRIGDEN, Kenneth Samuel, Acting Leading Stoker (A-5155) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / HMCS Ville de Quebec - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.**

**BRIGDEN. Kenneth Samuel, A-5155, A/L/Stk, RCNR, BEM~[5.1.46]**

"Leading Stoker Brigden has been a member of the Ship's Company of *HMCS Ville de Quebec* since her commissioning in 1942. He has at all times displayed high qualities of efficiency, reliability and zeal in the performance of his duties. His splendid example has been an inspiration to the men with whom he has worked."

He was a stoker in *HMCS Ville de Quebec* (Revised Flower Class Corvette) when **U-224** was sunk off Oran in the Mediterranean on 13 June 1943.

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**BRIGGS, Tom Robert, A/Warrant Engineer - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Cowichan - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 30 March 1946 and London Gazette of 11 December 1945.**

Home: Kamloops, British Columbia.

**BRIGGS. Tom Robert, 0-8707, A/Wt(E) (Temp) [1.9.44] RCNR  
HMCS COWICHAN (J146) m/s, (1.9.44-?) Demobilized [17.1.46]  
MID~[3.3.46]**

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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**BRIGGS, William Edgar Slade, Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNR / HMCS Orillia - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 13 June 1942 and London Gazette of 11 June 1942.**  
A/Lt(Temp), RCNR, on 5 September 1939.

To **HMCS Gaspe** (Minesweeper - J.94) on 5 September 1939.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Venosta** (Auxiliary Vessel - J.11) from 16 March 1940 to 20 November 1940.

To stand by as Commanding Officer from 21 November 1940 to 24 November 1940 and then Commanding Officer of **HMCS Orillia** (Flower Class Corvette - K.119) from 25 November 1940 to 4 September 1942.

To HMCS Niobe for Staff Officer Escort Group C-6 in 1944 and promoted to A/Cdr(Temp), RCNR, on 1 July 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS New Waterford** (River Class Frigate - K.321) from 24 March 1944 to 11 November 1944 as Acting Commander; Commander(Temp), RCNR, on 21 November 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Llewellyn** (Lake Class Minesweeper - 141) from 25 July 1949 to 21 August 1949 as Commander, RCNR.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Scotian** (Naval Reserve Unit Halifax) from 23 April 1947 to 30 June 1951. He was promoted to the rank of Captain RCN(R) on 1 January 1950.

**BRIGGS, William Edward Slade, 0-8710, A/Lt(Temp) [5.9.39] RCNR**

HMCS GASPE (J94) m/s, (5.9.39-?)

HMCS VENOSTA (J11) m/s, CO, (16.3.40-?)

HMCS ORILLIA (K119) Cof, CO, stand by (21.11.40-24.11.40)

HMCS ORILLIA (K119) Cof, CO, (25.11.40-4.9.42)

A/Cdr(Temp) [1.7.44] **DSC**~[13.6.42]

HMCS NIOBE(D/S) for SO Escort Group C-6 (1944?),

HMCS NEW WATERFORD (K321) Fr, CO, (24.3.44-7.7.45)

HMCS NEW WATERFORD (K321) Fr, CO, (13.8.45-11.11.45)

Cdr(Temp) [21.11.45] Demobilized [21.11.45]

Cdr [21.11.45] RCN(R)

HMCS SCOTIAN, Halifax Naval Reserve Division, CO, (23.4.47-?)

HMCS LLEWELLYN (141) m/s, CO, (25.7.49-21.8.49) Capt [1.1.50]

"Acting Lieutenant-Commander Briggs, while in Command of **HMCS Orillia**, displayed great initiative and tenacity of purpose in oiling at sea from the torpedoed tanker **Tachee**, which tanker, as a result of Lieutenant-Commander Briggs' excellent seamanship and ingenuity was salvaged. This Officer has rendered excellent and invaluable service with convoys generally during a long period time." The A.F.O. report states: "For bravery, resource and devotion to duty."

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**BROCK, Ernest Reginald, Captain, VRD - Commander - Order of the British Empire (CBE) - RCNVR / Commanding Officer Naval Reserve Divisions (COND) - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 8 January 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944.**



Born: Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1892.  
 Home: Toronto, Ontario.  
 He joined the RNVR in June 1916.  
 He transferred to the RCNVR in 1923.  
 He served in **HMCS Champlain** and **HMCS Saguenay**.  
 Qualified with a Watchkeeping Certificate.  
 In 1937, he was the Naval Officer-in-Charge Montreal with the rank of Commander.  
 Commanding Officer of HMCS Donnacona from 1 September 1939 to 30 September 1939.  
 Mobilized for war service on 1 September 1939 and to Naval Service HQ 1939 to 1942.

He became **Commanding Officer Naval Reserve Divisions** and Naval Officer-in-Charge Toronto (HMCS York) from 1 December 1942 to 1 December 1945 based at York.

Awarded the RCNVR Officer's Decoration (**VRD**) on 13 June 1943.  
 Promoted to Commodore in 1944.

He was demobilized 2 April 1946. He died at Vancouver, B.C. on 13 February 1964.

First reserve naval officer to attain the rank of Commodore.

**BROCK. Ernest Reginald**, 0-8870, S/Lt(Temp) [27.6.16] **RNVR**

Lt(Temp) [27.6.17]

RCNVR Company Montreal Lt [11.6.23] LCdr [1.8.29]

A/Cdr, [1.1.37] Montreal Company RCNVR, CO, (1.1.37-30.8.39)

RCNVR Division Montreal CO, (1.9.39-30.9.40)

Capt [1.1.42]

HMCS YORK, Toronto, ON, CO Naval Divisions (1.12.42-1.11.45)

**VRD**~[13.6.43] **CBE**~[8.1.44] Cmdre [25.5.44]

HMCS CARLETON (D/S) for Naval Division CO, (1.11.45-?)

Demobilized [2.4.46]

Sub-Lieutenant (Temp.), RNVR 27 June 1916

Lieutenant (Temp.), RNVR 27 June 1917 (Transferred to RCNVR)

Lieutenant, RCNVR 1923

Lieutenant-Commander, RCNVR 01 August 1929

Commander, RCNVR 01 January 1937 (Naval Officer-in-Charge Montreal)

Captain, RCNVR 01 January 1939 (Commanding Officer Reserve Divisions HMCS York)

Commodore, RCNVR 25 May 1944 (Commanding Officer Reserve Divisions)

Demobilized 02 April 1946

"One of the first officers to be enrolled in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve at its inception in 1923, this Officer has consistently given unsparring service to the Royal Canadian Navy, now Commanding Officer of all Reserve Divisions in Canada, he has built up and maintained an outstanding efficient recruiting and initial training organization."

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**BROCK, Eustace Alexander, Captain, VRD - Commander - Order of the British Empire (CBE) - RCNVR / HMCS Niobe - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 14 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.**

Born: Winnipeg, Manitoba on 13 August 1887.  
Before WW1, he worked with Gresham Life Insurance Company as the B.C. provincial manager.

He joined Great West Life as Assistant Secretary in 1914.

Joined the RNVR in 1914, Auxiliary Patrol Organization.

Transferred to the RCNVR in 1921.

He was Honorary AdC (P) to the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba from 1921 to 1931.

**Commanding Officer Winnipeg Company RCNVR** 19 March 1923 to 30 May 1929 as Lieutenant, RCNVR and was promoted Lieutenant-Commander in 1929.

He **Commanded the Montreal Company of the RCNVR** from 17 October 1934 until it became the Montreal Division in 1935.

He **Commanded the Montreal Division, RCNVR** from 1935 until 8 September 1939, first as a Lieutenant-Commander and then promoted Commander on 1 January 1937.

He was Honorary AdC to the Governor-General of Canada from 1931 to 1939.

He was mobilized in 1939 and went to Naval Service Headquarters for Plans Division as Controller of Naval Information.

He went to HMCS Niobe as Captain-in-Command in 1943 and Canadian Naval Liaison Officer on Staff of Second Sea Lord of the Admiralty. Received the **RCNVR Officer's Decoration (VRD)** on 7 November 1944 (listed in the Gazette entries as VD).

After promotion to Commodore (Second Class), he went to Naval Service HQ as Director Women's Services in 1944.

Made **Commodore 1st Class** in April 1944, he went back to **HMCS Niobe** in as Commanding Officer until 30 April 1945.

After retiring from the RCNVR, he rejoined Great West Life Insurance Company as Assistant General Manager and Secretary from 1945 to 1949.

He was made an **Officer of the Order of St. John (OStJ)** LG 23/09/1939.

**BROCK. Eustace Alexander**, 0-8860, RCNVR Company Winnipeg [19.3.23] RCNVR, LCdr [1.6.29] rtd [1.8.29]

Cdr [1.1.35] rtd, AdC, Appointed Naval Advisor [10.8.38]

Cdr(Temp) [1.1.35] O.StJ~[?]

NSHQ, Controller Naval/Info, (2.9.39-?)

Capt [1.7.42] HMCS NIOBE(D/S) CO (1.5.43-?) **VRD**~[7.11.44]

Resigned [30.4.45] **CBE**~[14.6.45]





**Commodore Eustace Alexander Brock, CBE, OstJ, VRD**

Acting Sub-Lieutenant (Temp.) RNVR		1914	
Sub-Lieutenant (Temp.) RNVR	06 June	1917	(Transferred to RCNVR)
Lieutenant, RCNVR	01 June	1921	(Commanding Officer of Winnipeg Company RCNVR)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCNVR	01 June	1929	(Commanding Officer of Montreal Division RCNVR)
Commander (Temp.), RCNVR	01 January	1937	(Commanding Officer of Montreal Division, RCNVR)
Captain (Temp.), RCNVR	01 July	1942	(Canadian Naval Liaison Officer HMCS Niobe)
Commodore, 2nd Class (Temp.), RCNVR		1944	(Director Women's Service)
Commodore, 1st Class (Temp.), RCNVR	30 April	1944	(Commanding Officer HMCS Niobe, London)
Resigned	30 April	1945	

"Captain Brock, as Commanding Officer of **HMCS Niobe** handled a difficult job with notable success. He showed initiative, tact, patience and firmness at all times and left **HMCS Niobe**, the holding base for Canadian ratings in the United Kingdom, vastly improved from when he originally took it over."

**BROCK, Eustace Alexander, Commander - Officer of the Order of St. John (OStJ)** - RCNVR / Commanding Officer Montreal Division RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 23 September 1939.

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**BROCK, Frederick, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMS Duff* - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 14 September 1943 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Rothesay, New Brunswick.

RCNVR Half Company Saint John on 5 September 1934 as A/Lt, RCNVR.

Commanding Officer of the Saint John Division, RCNVR from 1 September 1938 to 15 May 1940.

Commanding Officer of **HMS Duff** in 1944.

LCdr(Temp), RCNVR on 1 July 1944.

Brother of LCdr John Brock, DSC, RCNVR

**BROCK. Frederick**, 0-8880

RCNVR Half Company Saint John [5.9.34] RCNVR, A/Lt [5.9.37]

RCNVR Division Saint John CO, (1.9.39-15.5.40)

**MID**~[14.9.43] LCdr(Temp) [1.7.44] DSC [10.3.45]

Demobilized [10.11.45]

"For gallant and unswerving devotion to duty."

**BROCK, Frederick, Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR / *HMS Duff* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 March 1945 and **London Gazette** of 6 March 1945.

"For service in command of **HMS Duff** in the invasion of the continent."

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**BROCK, Jeffry Vanstone, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches**  
- RCNVR / HMS Brazely - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 30 May 1944.

Born in Vancouver, B.C. on 29 August 1913.

Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Worked with Great West Life Assurance Company and Cockfield Brown, where he was Western Manager.

Joined the Winnipeg Division, RCNVR in 1934 as First Lieutenant as a Sub-Lieutenant on 21 March 1934.

Moved to RCNVR Half Company Vancouver RCNVR

Promoted to Lieutenant on 20 February 1936

He was Commanding Officer of the **Vancouver Division, RCNVR** from 15 October 1939 to 10 November 1939.

Staff Signals Officer to Flag Officer Pacific Coast November 1939 to May 1940.

To King Alfred June 1940.

First Lieutenant on **HMS Berkshire** (Converted Fishing Trawler) in July 1940.

Commanding Officer **HMS Kirkella** (Converted Fishing Trawler) August 1940 to late April 1941.

Commanding Officer **HMS Ranunculus** (Flower Class Corvette) 07 May 1941 June 1940 but did not put to sea in her.

Promoted to Lieutenant-Commander, RCNVR 01 July 1941.

Commanding Officer **HMS Stonecrop** (Long Foc'c's'le Flower Class Corvette) 19 June 1941 to October 1942 as part of the 37<sup>th</sup> Escort Group.

To New York on the **Merchant Vessel 'Cavina'** to take command of the first BDE-2 (British Destroyer Escort).

Commanding Officer **HMS Bazely** (BDE-2) between November 1942 and July 1944 as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Escort Group.

Promoted to Commander, RCNVR on 01 July 1944.

He was a Spare Escort Commander Western Approaches in 1944.

In 1944, he returned to Canada and was made **Senior Officer 6th Canadian Escort Group** on 29 August 1944 in **HMCS Eastview**.

After the war, he became Senior Officer Western Naval Reserve Divisions in late 1945.

Transferred to RCN as a full Commander in 1946.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ontario** (Light Cruiser) from 15 June 1946 to 29 June 1947.

RCAF Staff College course 1947.

Naval Headquarters as Member of the Joint Planning Staff (Naval) in 1948.

Naval Headquarters as Director Naval Plans and Operations 1948.



In early 1950, Captain J. V. Brock, Naval Headquarters, was married to Mrs. Patricia Elizabeth Jephson, of Stourton Hall, near Stourbridge, Worchestershire, England.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cayuga** (Tribal Class Destroyer) and **Captain (D) West Coast Canadian Destroyer Flotilla** from 05 July 1950 to 24 May 1951.

Commander Canadian Destroyers Far East for Korean War Service 05 July 1950 to 24 May 1951 while in command of **HMCS Cayuga**.

Naval Member of Directing Staff National Defence College of Canada in 1951.

To Niobe as Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff London, UK and as Canadian Member to Military Agency for Standardization in 1954.

**Promoted Commodore** as Senior Canadian Officer Afloat Atlantic 1957.

To Naval Headquarters as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Air & Warfare) and Member of the Naval Board of Canada in 1958.

**Promoted Rear-Admiral** and made **Vice-Chief of Naval Staff in 1961**.

Member of Canada US Permanent Joint Board of Defence in 1961.

To Flag Officer Atlantic Coast and Maritime Commander Atlantic and Commander NATO Atlantic Sub Area in 1963.

He was retired prematurely on 1 November 1964 by the Minister of National Defence during the unification of the three armed forces.

He is the author of '**The Dark Broad Seas**' and '**The Thunder and the Sunshine**' (an autobiographical book).

Died in Kingston, Ontario on 05 January 1997.

**BROCK. Jeffry ("Jeff") Vanstone**, 0-8900,

(b: Vancouver, BC, 29 Sep 1913) (Winnipeg, MB)

(d: Kingston, ON 5 Jan 1997)

RCNVR Half Company Vancouver S/Lt [21.3.34] RCNVR, Lt [20.2.36]

RCNVR Division Vancouver CO, (1.9.39-10.11.39)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.41] **MID~[24.6.44]** Cdr [1.7.44]

HMCS EASTVIEW(K665) Fr, (3.11.44-?)

HMCS CHIPAWA, CO, 15.7.45-?) Demobilized [2.11.45] RCN, **DSC~[3.8.46]**

HMCS ONTARIO(52) LCB, CO, (15.6.46-29.6.47)

HMCS ONTARIO(52) LCB, XO, (30.6.47-?) Capt [1.1.50]

HMCS CAYUGA(218) DDE, CO, (5.7.50-24.5.51)

Cdr Canadian DD's Pacific (6.7.50-?) **MID~[14.7.51]** CD~[?]

NDC Kingston (17.7.51-?) **DSO~[22.12.51]** NDC (3.9.52-?)

HMCS NIOBE (NMCS London) (28.8.53-?)

HMCS NIOBE(NMCS London) additional for NMCJS, (1.9.54-?) A/Cmdre(WHA) (1.9.54)

**Officer-Legion of Merit(USA)~[16.4.55]** Cmdre [3.1.57]

HMCS STADACONA(D/S) for additional, (18.6.57-?)

HMCS BONAVENTURE(22) RRSN, additional,

Senior Canadian Officer Afloat Atlantic, (10.7.57-?)

HMCS HAIDA(215) DDE, additional, Senior Office Afloat (Atlantic) (2.6.58-?)

NSHQ for Asst/CNS(Air/Warefare) (8.7.58-?)

Radm [1.2.61] (130) (D10) St/V/CNS, (30.6.61-?)

FOAC(E00) & MARCONATL(E01) (4.7.63-?)

HMCS STADACONA(E18) (23.11.64-?)

Retired.

Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR		1934	(Winnipeg Division, RCNVR)
Acting Lieutenant, RCNVR	20 February	1936	(First Lieutenant Winnipeg Division, RCNVR)
Lieutenant, RCNVR	20 February	1936	(Commanding Officer of the Vancouver Division)
Acting Lieutenant-Commander, RCNVR	01 July	1941	(CO of <b>HMS Kirkella, HMS Ranunculus, HMS Stonecrop</b> )
Commander (Temporary), RCNVR	01 July	1944	(Senior Officer 6th Canadian Escort Group)
Commander, RCN	27 February	1946	(with seniority 1 July 1944)
Captain, RCN	01 January	1950	(Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Cayuga</b> )
A/Commodore, RCN (WHA)	01 September	1954	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Niobe, London)
Commodore, RCN	03 January	1957	(Senior Canadian Officer Afloat Atlantic 1957)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	01 February	1961	(Vice-Chief of Naval Staff)
Retired	01 November	1964	(Maritime Commander Atlantic - fired by Helleyer)

Citation to MID for **Rear-Admiral Jeffrey Vanstone Brock, DSO, DSC**

"For good service in an attack on a submarine."

**BROCK, Jeffrey Vanstone, Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 3 August 1946 and London Gazette of 4 June 1946.**



"For outstanding services in Anti-U-Boat operations during the war in Europe."

Awarded **Distinguished Service Order (DSO)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 December 1951 while Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cayuga** in Korea.

He was **Mentioned-in-Despatches** as per **Canada Gazette** of 14 July 1951 for services in Korea.

He was made an **Officer of the Legion of Merit (U.S.A.)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 April 1955 for services in Korea.

**Medals:** DSO - DSC - 1939/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Africa Star - Italy Star - Defence Medal - CVSM and Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal with MID - Canadian Korea Volunteer Service - Canadian Korea - United Nations Korea - EIIR Coronation - CD and bar

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**BROCK, John ("Penner"), Temporary Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMCS Baddeck* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

Home: Saint John, New Brunswick.

An RMC graduate, he joined the RCNVR on 12 October 1939 and was appointed to *HMCS Assiniboine* on 23 November 1939.

Promoted to Lieutenant on 12 October 1940.

Navigation course from 19 January to 18 April 1942.

Commanding Officer of *HMCS Nipigon* (I) (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J154) from 12 May 1942 to 4 October 1942.

Commanding Officer of *HMCS Baddeck* (Flower Class Corvette - K147) from 6 October 1942 to 17 August 1943.

**MID** for antisubmarine work in the Mediterranean.

Only Commanding Officer of *HMCS La Hulloise* (River Class Frigate - K668) from 10 April 1944 to 2 September 1945.

LCdr(Temp), RCNVR, on 1 July 1945.

His older brother, Frederick, was on loan to the Royal Navy throughout the war.

John Brock died on 13 December 1990 in Rothesay, New Brunswick.

**BROCK, John**, 0-8890, S/Lt(Temp) [12.10.39] RCNVR

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (22.11.39-?)

Lt(Temp) [12.10.40]

HMCS NIPIGON (J154) m/s, CO, (12.5.42-4.10.42)

HMCS BADDECK (K147) Cof, CO, (6.10.42-17.10.43) MID~[8.1.44]

HMCS LA HULLOISE (K668) Fr, CO, stand by, (10.4.44-19.5.44)

HMCS LA HULLOISE (K668) Fr, CO, (20.5.44-16.8.45)

LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45]; **DSC**~[15.9.45]

"This Officer has been at sea for almost the whole of the war in the Battle of the Atlantic, and has, at all times set a very high standard of efficiency and wholehearted devotion to duty."

**BROCK, John, Temporary Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR / *HMS Hulloise* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 August 1948.

"For gallantry, resolution and skill whilst serving in **H.M. Ships Conn, Rupert, Redmills, Fitzroy, Byron, Grindall and Keats** and **H.M. Canadian Ships La Hulloise, Strathdam and Thetford Mines** in successful anti U-Boat Warfare."

*HMCS La Hulloise* was part of EG-25 which sank **U-1302** off of David's Head, South Wales on 7 March 1945. This action is described in Chapter 61 of "**The Naval Chronicles of Canada 1939 - 1945**".

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**BRODEUR, Victor Gabriel, Rear Admiral - Commander - Order of the British Empire (CBE) - RCN / Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff in Washington - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 June 1943 and *London Gazette* of 2 June 1943.**

Born Beloeil, Quebec on 17 September 1892.

Home: Vancouver, B.C.

Officer Cadet **C.G.S. Canada** 8 October 1909 and a Midshipman in the Canadian Naval Service in 21 October 1910.

To Niobe for training 21 October 1910.

To **HMS Dreadnought** for training 1911.

S/Lt, RCN, on 14 January 1913.

Served in the Mexican Revolution aboard **HMS Berwick** in 1914.

To **HMS Dreadnought** 1915.

Lieutenant, RCN, on 14 January 1915.

To **HMS Caradoc** 10 June 1917 for the North Russia Relief Force for Bolshevik Revolution.

To HMS Excellent for the RN Long Gunnery Course in 1920.

Lieutenant (G) in **HMS Cordelia** in 1921.

Staff of the RN Gunnery School Devonport in 1921.



REAR ADMIRAL VICTOR  
BRODEUR  
CB, CBE, Commander of the Legion of Merit (USA)  
Commander de la Legion d'Honneur and Croix de Guerre  
with Palm (France)

He designed a gunnery model while on staff of the Gunnery School at Devonport in 1922 and received the thanks of the British Admiralty. Then to Naval Service HQ as Staff Officer Organizing RCNR and RCNVR in 1921.

Naval HQ as Senior Staff Officer 1923 (now LCdr).

**HMS Conquest** in 1925.

Promoted Commander in 1927 and made Commanding Officer Stadacona and Senior Naval Officer Halifax.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Champlain** from 27 December 1929 to 26 December 1930.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Skeena** (I) (River Class Destroyer - D159) from 10 June 1931

to 24 May 1932.

He participated in an expedition to San Salvador to protect British interest in 1932.

Commanding Officer Naden and Esquimalt 27 May 1932 to 1 February 1934.

To Stadacona on 01 February 1934 for leave and passage to England. Arrived in England and borne as 'Additional' HMS Victory 16 February 1934.

Commander of the Cruiser HMS Durban (serving with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cruiser Squadron, Mediterranean Fleet) from 6 March 1934 to 6 August 1935.

Promoted to Captain 01 January 1936 and appointed to attend

the Imperial Defence College Admiralty for Training and Staff Duties.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fraser** (River Class Destroyer - H48) from 17 February 1937 to 24 March 1937.

Commanding Officer (again) of **HMCS Skeena** (I) from 25 March 1937 to 22 April 1938 and served as Captain "D".

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ottawa** (I) (River Class Destroyer - H60) from 15 June 1938 to 1 October 1938.

Appointed Captain-in-Charge HMC Naval Establishments Esquimalt and Commanding Officer Coast of British Columbia 14 October 1938. Promoted to Commodore First Class and appointed Commanding Officer, Pacific Coast and Captain-in-Charge HMC Naval Establishments, Esquimalt, 1 January 1940 (Broad Pendant in **HMCS Naden**).

On 4 September 1940 went to Washington as Canadian Naval Attaché. Promoted to **Rear-Admiral** in 1942, he was the Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff in Washington.

In 1943 he was posted back to the West Coast (Givenchy) as Commanding Officer Pacific Coast 1 September 1943 to 1 August 1946.

He retired on the 1st of August 1946.

He died in Vancouver on 6 October 1976.

**BRODEUR. Victor Gabriel**, 0-8970, Cdt [8.10.09] CGS CANADA  
Mid [21.10.10] CNF,

HMCS NIOBE 11,000/1897 (21.10.10-?) HMS DREADNOUGHT 1911,  
S/Lt [14.1.13] RCN, HMS BERWICK (Mexican Revolution) 1914,  
Lt [14.1.15] HMS DREADNOUGHT 1915,

HMS CARADOC L/Cr (10.6.17-?) RNC GREENWICH (5.1.20-?)

Lt(G) 1921, NSHQ, StO, (15.5.22-?) LCdr(G) [14.1.23]

Cdr [25.1.27] HMCS STADACONA CO, & SNO Hfx (30.1.27-?)

HMCS CHAMPLAIN DD, CO, (27.12.29-27.12.29)

HMCS SKEENA (H01) DD, stand by (?5.31-9.6.31)

HMCS SKEENA (H01) DD, CO, (10.6.31-24.5.32)

HMCS NADEN(D/S) CO & Cdr Esquimalt (27.5.32-?)

Capt [1.1.36] AdC,

HMCS Fraser (H48) DD, CO, (17.2.37-24.3.37)

HMCS SKEENA (D59) DD, CO, (25.3.37-22.4.38) Capt(D)

HMCS OTTAWA (H60) DD, CO, (15.1.38-1.10.38)

HMC Dockyard Esquimalt, i/c Naval Est's & COPC (14.10.38-?)

Cmdre 1st/cl [1.1.40] Naval Attaché Washington (4.9.40-?)

RAAdm [1.7.42] **CBE**~[5.6.43]

HMCS BURRARD, Vancouver, COPC (1.9.43-?)

**CB**~[5.1.46]

**Legion of Merit-Degree of Commander(USA)**~[5.10.46]

**Legion d'Honneur-Commandeur(France)**~[27.11.46]

**Croix de Guerre avec Palmes en Bronze(France)**~[27.11.46]

Retired to pension [8.3.47]



**Rear-Admiral Victor Gabriel Brodeur, CB, CBE, RCN**

Officer Cadet	1909	(C.G.S. Canada)
Midshipman, Canadian Naval Service	21 October 1910	(Served on <b>HMCS Niobe</b> )
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	14 January 1913	(Aboard <b>HMS Berwick</b> for Mexican revolution)
Lieutenant, RCN	14 January 1915	(Aboard <b>HMS Caradoc</b> in 1917, North Russia Relief Force)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	14 January 1923	(Staff Officer Organizing RCNR and RCNVR)
Commander, RCN	25 January 1927	(First Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Skeena</b> )
Captain, RCN	01 January 1936	(First Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Fraser &amp; HMCS Ottawa</b> )
Commodore, 1st Class, RCN	10 January 1940	(Commanding Officer Pacific Coast)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	01 July 1942	(Commanding Officer Pacific Coast)
Retired	01 August 1946	

**CBE Citation for RAdm Victor Brodeur:**

"After serving for a considerable time as Commanding Officer Pacific Coast, this Officer is now the Navy Member of the Canadian Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. It is largely due to his energy and appreciation of the necessity for the maintenance of close and friendly relations with the United States Navy that the present excellent liaison between the Royal Canadian Navy and the United States Navy has been achieved and maintained."

**BRODEUR, Victor Gabriel, Rear Admiral, CBE - Companion - Order of the Bath (CB) - RCN / Commanding Officer Pacific Coast - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.**

"Admiral Brodeur, who has thirty-five years service in the Royal Canadian Navy, served for the first year of the war as Commanding Officer, Pacific Coast. He was then appointed to Washington, D.C. as Naval Member of the Canadian Joint Staff, which appointment was filled with marked distinction. In the fall of 1943, he resumed the post of Commanding Officer, Pacific Coast, and ably handled the rapid expansion and operational importance of this command."

**BRODEUR, Victor Gabriel, Rear-Admiral, CB, CBE - Commander - Legion of Merit (United States of America) - RCN / Naval Attaché Washington - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 October 1946 (no London Gazette).**

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United States from 1940 to 1943. As the Naval Attaché at the Canadian Legation in Washington from October 1940 to June 1942 and as Naval Member of the Canadian Joint Staff from June 1942 to August 1943, Admiral



Brodeur was untiring in his effort to further the prosecution of the War and to strengthen the ties of friendship between Canada and the United States. During the periods mentioned, Admiral Brodeur performed the functions of his offices with exceptional diplomacy and close co-operation with the United States Navy."

**BRODEUR, Victor Gabriel, Rear-Admiral, CB, CBE - Commandeur - Legion of Honour (France) - RCN - Awarded effective 27 November 1946 (no Canada or London Gazette entry).**

**BRODEUR, Victor Gabriel, Rear-Admiral, CB, CBE - Croix de Guerre avec Palme en Bronze (France) - RCN - Awarded effective 27 November 1946 (no Canada or London Gazette entry).**

**Medals of Rear-Admiral Victor Gabriel Brodeur, CB, CBE**

CB - CBE (2<sup>nd</sup> Type) - 1914/1915 Star - BWM - Victory - Defence - CVSM and Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal - GV Coronation - GV Jubilee - GVI Coronation - EIIR Coronation - CD (GVI) and 2 Bars - Commander of the Legion of Merit (USA) - Croix de Guerre avec palme en Bronze (France) (last medal not in photo)



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**BROOK, Croft Gar, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches -**  
RCNVR / *HMCS Blairmore* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15  
September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 July 1945.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

**BROOK. Croft Gar, 0-9070, Lt(Temp) [1.11.40] RCNVR**

RCNVR Division, Port Arthur, (1.5.41-?)

*HMCS DUNDAS* (K229) Cof, (1942?)

*HMCS VILLE DE QUEBEC* (K242) Cof, (5.9.42-?)

Lt(Temp) [1.11.39]

*HMCS BLAIRMORE* (J314) m/s, (15.6.43-?)

Demobilized [14.8.45] **MID**~[15.9.45]

"For good services in minesweeping in European Waters between  
September 1944 and March 1945.

"For consistent zeal, courage and good seamanship whilst  
serving in **H.M. 104th and 31st Mine-Sweeping Flotilla** and the  
**159th Trawler Group** and in **HMCS Blairmore** in arduous operations  
along the coasts of southern England and northern France  
(London Gazette)."

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**BROOKE, Eric, Petty Officer (4767) - Mention in Despatches - RCN -**  
Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette**  
of 14 August 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**BROOKE. Eric, 4767, PO, RCN, MID**~[15.9.45]

"For gallantry, resolution and skill whilst serving in **H.M.**  
**Ships Conn, Rupert, Redmills, Fitzroy, Byron, Grindall and**  
**Keats** and **H.M. Canadian Ships La Hulloise, Strathdam and**  
**Thetford Mines** in successful anti U-Boat Warfare."

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**BROOKE, Margaret Martha, Nursing Dietician - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCN / RCN Nursing Sister - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Ardath, Saskatchewan - born there in 10 April 1915.

Dietician(temp), RCN on 9 March 1942.

Brooke studied as a dietician before the start of the Second World War and chose it as her occupation upon her enrollment.

Enrolled as a Nursing Sister Dietician on March 9, 1942 at the rank of Sub-Lieutenant.

Promoted to the rank of A/Lt on 01 July 1, 1946

Promoted to Lieutenant (Navy) on January 1, 1948.

Promoted to Lieutenant-Commander on April 1, 1957.

She served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1942 to 1962.

Following her return to civilian life, Margaret Brooke completed her university studies in paleontology at the University of Saskatchewan, where she achieved her doctorate. She is the author of numerous research studies on the subject.

Upon retirement she moved to Victoria, B.C. where she still resided in 2015, in her 100<sup>th</sup> year.

Her brother Hewitt and his wife also both served in the Royal Canadian Navy, Hewitt as a surgeon and his wife as a nurse.

LCdr Margaret Brooke (RCN) is the only Nursing Sister to have been named a Member (Military Division) of the Order of the British Empire during the Second World War for her heroic acts following the torpedoing and subsequent sinking of the SS *Caribou* on October 13, 1942 in the Cabot Strait off Newfoundland.

An Arctic Offshore Patrol Ship will be named after her - HMCS Margaret Brooke.

**BROOKE. Margaret Martha**, 0-9110, (Ardath, Saskatchewan)

Diet(Temp) [9.3.42] RCN, **MBE~[9.1.43]**

S/Lt(N/D) [9.3.42]

A/Lt(N/D) [1.7.46]

RCNH Esquimalt, (15.7.47-?)

Lt(N/D) [1.1.48]

RCNH Halifax, (27.9.48-?)

Lt(MT) [1.1.48]

RCNH Esquimalt, (15.4.53-?) CD~[?]

RCNB Esquimalt additional, (24.9.56-?)

RCNH Halifax, Diet, (1.10.56-?)

LCdr(MT) [1.4.57]

CFH Halifax, Diet, (1.7.57-?) (297/R8)

HMCS STADACONA(E18) (14.4.62-?)



"For gallantry and courage. After the sinking of the Newfoundland Ferry **S.S. Caribou**, this Officer displayed great courage whilst in the water in attempting to save the life of another Nursing Sister (N/S Agnes Wilkie, RCNVR of Winnipeg)."

The **S.S. Caribou** was a medium-sized passenger steamer on a regular route between North Sydney, Nova Scotia and Port aux Basques, Newfoundland. On 13 October 1942, she sailed from North Sydney with 191 passengers and 46 crew. Early on the morning of the 14th of October 1942, **German U-Boat U-69** sank her causing the death of 31 crew and 105 passengers. This is fully described in the chapter, 'A Night to Remember' in Jamie Lamb's "**On the Triangle Run**".

On October 14, 1942 during a crossing of the Cabot Strait off the coast of Newfoundland, the ferry *SS Caribou* was torpedoed by the German submarine U-69. The ferry sank in five minutes. Fighting for her own survival, LCdr Brooke did everything humanly possible to save the life of her colleague and friend, Nursing Sister SLt Agnes Wilkie, while both women clung to ropes on a capsized lifeboat. In spite of LCdr Brooke's heroic efforts to hang on to her with one arm, her friend succumbed to the frigid water.

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**BROOKE, William Saurin, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR / Landing Craft Operations - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945. Home: Montreal, Quebec. Lt(Temp), RCNVR, on 21 September 1940; A/LCdr(Temp), RCNVR, on 30 July 1943. Resigned on 14 December 1944.**

**BROOKE. William Saurin.** Lt(Temp) [21.9.40] RCNVR  
A/LCdr(Temp [30.7.43]; Resigned [14.12.44]; **MBE**~[6.1.45]

"The untiring efforts and good organization carried out by Lieutenant-Commander Brooke was largely responsible for Canada's participation in Landing Craft Operations, both in the Mediterranean and in Normandy. It is considered that his work in this connection is worthy of the highest merit."

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**BROOKS, Charles Edgar, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches -**  
RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 March 1945. Home: London, England.

Transferred from the Royal Naval Reserve to the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve as a Sub-Lieutenant on 24 April 1942.

Promoted to Lieutenant, RCNR on 23 September 1943.

Transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy as a Lieutenant on 24 March 1945 and Lieutenant(N) on 30 June 1946.

Lieutenant-Commander(N), RCN on 09 August 1957 and substantive on 01 January 1960

Honourably Released on 23 September 1966

**BROOKS. Charles Edgar**, 0-9180, (London, UK)

S/Lt(Temp) [23.9.41] RCNR

HMCS BROCKVILLE(J270) m/s, (23.9.42-?)

HMCS SASKATCHEWAN(H70) DD, (31.5.43-?)

Lt(Temp) [23.9.43]

HMCS PRINCE HENRY(F70) amc, (1.12.43-?)

Lt(Temp) [23.9.42] **MID~[21.4.45]**

Lt(N) [23.9.43] RCN,

HMCS NADEN(D/S) for COPC, StO (N) (25.8.46-?)

HMC ML 124, CO, (15.12.47-?)

HMCS ATHABASKAN(R79) DD, (15.1.49-?)

HMCS CAYUGA(R04) DD, (15.9.49-?)

LCdr(ND) [23.9.51]

NSHQ, StO/Ops, (9.6.51-?) CD~[?]

HMCS MAGNIFICENT(21) RRSN, (9.3.53-?)

HMCS NIOBE(NMCS London) StO/ND, (17.11.54-?)

HMCS NIOBE add'l (9.12.57-?)

FOPC for StO/Ops, (8.1.58-?) (130/01)

HMCS ST LAURENT(205) DDE, XO, (6.9.60-?)

HMCS ST LAURENT(205) DDE, CO, (14.8.62-?)

NMCJS/London/Niobe(E50) (8.12.62-?)

"For distinguished services and gallantry during the invasion of the south of France (in August, 1944)."

**Medals:** 1939-1945 Star - Atlantic star with France & Germany Clasp - African Star - Italy Star - Defence Medal - Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp - 1939-1946 War Medal with MID - Canadian Forces Decoration (1952) and Clasp 1962

On Display at the Royal Canadian Artillery Museum in CFB Shilo



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**BROOKS-HILL, Frederick Bancroft, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Bittersweet - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Bittersweet** (Flower Class Corvette - K182) from 1 December 1942 to 9 July 1944.

**BROOKS-HILL. Frederick Bancroft, 0-9220, A/Lt(Temp)** [15.1.40] RCNVR, Lt(Temp),

HMCS ORILLIA (K119) Cof, stand by (23.11.40-24.11.40)

HMCS ORILLIA (K119) Cof, (25.11.40-?)

HMCS BITTERSWEET (K182) Cof, CO, (1.12.42-9.7.44)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44] **MID**~[10.6.44] LCdr [1.7.44]

HMCS SEA CLIFF(K344) Fr, stand by, (10.8.44-?) A/Cdr(WHA)

Demobilized [29.10.45]

"For consistently good service over a considerable period of time as Commanding Officer of one of His Majesty's Canadian corvettes engaged in convoy duties in the North Atlantic. This Officer has at all times, often under very trying circumstances, exhibited a high degree of cheerfulness, efficiency and high devotion to duty."

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**BROPHY, James Edward, Chief Electrical Artificer (V-25017) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Reserve Mines, Nova Scotia.

**BROPHY. Eric, V-25017, C EA, RCNVR, MID**~[5.1.46]

"This Chief Petty Officer enlisted in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve at the outbreak of hostilities and has spent almost three years at sea since that time, both in the Battle of the Atlantic and in the Pacific theatre of operations. His service has at all times been outstanding and an example to all with whom he has come in contact."

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**BROWN, Charles Henry, Shipwright Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCN / Shipwright Branch - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Born on 12 February 1886 in Limassol, Cyprus.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Enlisted CNF and appointed Shipwright at Devonport, U.K. on 1 August 1910. Carpenter/Mate on 31 July 1912.

Service on **HMS Excellent** in 1912, **HMS Victory** in 1913 (CFR and

A/Carp on 15 April 1912 in RCN).  
Appointed War/Shipwright on 15 April 1912.  
To **HMCS Rainbow** from 15 April 1913 to 10 December 1917.  
To **HMCS Niobe** from 11 December 1917.  
To HMC Dockyard Halifax on 19 June 1918.  
To **HMCS Aurora** as A/LCr to stand by from 1 September 1920 to 21 October 1920; to **HMCS Aurora** in 1920 and promoted full LCr on 1 November 1920.  
To **HMCS Guelph** on 1 July 1922 as Cd Shipwright.  
To HMCS Naden (D/S) on 28 April 1924.  
Shipwright Lieutenant on 1 January 1927.  
To HMCS Naden for RCN Barracks Esquimalt on 20 March 1932.  
Promoted Shipwright LCdr on 1 January 1935 and Shipwright Cdr on 1 July 1940.

**BROWN. Charles Henry, Shipwright, CNF** [1.8.10]  
Enlisted CNF Devonport UK [1.8.10] CNF,  
Carp/Mate [31.7.12] HMS EXCELLENT 1912, HMS VICTORY 1913,  
CFR, A/Carp [15.4.13] RCN, Wt/Shipw [15.4.13]  
HMCS RAINBOW (15.4.13-10.12.17) HMCS NIOBE (11.12.17-?)  
HMC Dky Hfx, (19.6.19-?)  
HMCS AURORA 3,512/13, L/Cr, stand by (1.9.20-31.10.20)  
HMCS AURORA 3,512/13, L/Cr, (1.11.20-?)  
HMCS GUELPH (D/S) (1.7.22-?) Cd/Shipw [?]  
HMCS NADEN (D/S) (28.4.24-?)  
Shipw/Lt [1.1.27] HMCS NADEN for RCNB Esquimalt, (20.3.32-?)  
Sh/LCdr [1.1.35] Shipw/Cdr [1.7.40] **OBE**~[9.1.43]

"Throughout his thirty-two years of service in the Royal Canadian Navy, this Officer has displayed at all times wholehearted devotion to duty. His work in the organization of the Shipwright Branch of the Royal Canadian Navy, and particularly during the last three years of great expansion, has been of inestimable value."

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**BROWN, Daniel, Stoker Petty Officer (A-1761) - Mention in Despatches**  
- RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Dalhousie, New Brunswick.

**BROWN. Daniel, A-1761, PO/Stk, RCNR, MID**~[16.6.45]

"While exhibiting cheerfulness and devotion to duty on escort duty in the North Atlantic, this Stoker Petty Officer contributed greatly to the general efficiency of his department and his conduct has set a fine example to the whole ship's company."

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**BROWN, David Edgar, Able Seaman** (Posthumous) (V-51452) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMCS Valleyfield* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944.

Home: Eburne, British Columbia.

**BROWN. David Edgar**, V-51452, AB, RCNVR

Lost [7.5.44] on *HMCS VALLEYFIELD* (K329) Fr. **MID**~[20.1.45]

"For services in *HMCS Valleyfield* and *HMCS Giffard* for brave rescue work when *HMCS Valleyfield* was sunk on 6 May, 1944."

The sinking of *HMCS Valleyfield* (River Class Frigate) on 6 May 1944 is described in Chapter 41 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicles 1939-1945**". LS David Edgar BROWN, AS David Henry BROWN and AS Merv WOODS lost their lives when they went back to withdraw the primers from the depth charges before the boat sank. Their actions are described on page 213 of "**U-Boats Against Canada.**"

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**BROWN, David Henry, Leading Seaman** (Posthumous) (V-19206) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMCS Valleyfield* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944.

Home: Roseland, Essex County, Ontario.

**BROWN. David Henry**, V-19209, LS, RCNVR

Lost [7.5.44] on *HMCS VALLEYFIELD* (K329) Fr. **MID**~[20.1.45]

"For services in *HMCS Valleyfield* and *HMCS Giffard* for brave rescue work when *HMCS Valleyfield* was sunk on 6 May, 1944."

The sinking of *HMCS Valleyfield* (River Class Frigate) on 6 May 1944 is described in Chapter 41 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicles 1939-1945**". LS Dave Edgar BROWN, AS David Henry BROWN and AS Merv WOODS lost their lives when they went back to withdraw the primers from the depth charges before the boat sank. Their actions are described on page 213 of "**U-Boats Against Canada.**"

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**BROWN, Earl Clarence, Petty Officer Steward** (V-25256) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Endaka, B.C. / Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**BROWN. Earl Clarence**, V-25256, PO/Stwd, RCNVR, **MID**~[1.1.45]



"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy." New Years List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

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**BROWN, Ernest Thomas, Acting Leading Seaman** (V-23731) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMCS Kootenay* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944.

Home: Lachine, Quebec.

**BROWN. Ernest Thomas**, V-23731, A/LS, RCNVR **MID**~[20.1.45]; **DSM**~[20.1.45]

"For services in destroying an enemy submarine on 18-19 August 1944."

The sinking of **U-984** off of Brest on 20 August 1944 by the 11th Escort Group, including **HMCS Ottawa** (II) (River Class Destroyer), is described in Chapter 49 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

**BROWN, Ernest Thomas, Acting Leading Seaman** (V-23731) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR / *HMCS Kootenay* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of

"For courage, resolution and skill while serving in **HMC Ship's Ottawa and Kootenay** in Anti-U-Boat operations."

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**BROWN, Hugh, Chief Petty Officer** (A-1990) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

**BROWN. Hugh**, A-1990, CPO, RCNR, **MID**~[16.6.45]

"This Chief Petty Officer has served at sea, mainly with the Mid-Ocean Escort Force for a considerable period, and has at all times shown extraordinary energy and zeal in performing his duties. His influence and example as an experienced seaman has been an inspiration to younger ratings with whom he has come in contact."

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**BROWN, James Arthur, Acting Chief Petty Officer** (V-10239) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Joined the Regina Sea Cadet Corps at age 12 in Regina and served for 5 years reaching the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

Joined the RCNVR in Regina in the spring of 1938.

He was sent to Naden in June 1938 for his initial training.

The next spring he was back at Naden.

He returned to Regina but on 03 September 1939 he was one of a dozen "VRs" drafted to Naden from Regina.

In November 1939 he joined **HMCS Ottawa**.

He remained on the destroyer until February 1940 when he went ashore to Stadacona for Gunnery School for an LR3 course.

After the course, he was drafted to DEMS (Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships) in Halifax.

His first DEMS ship was the **SS Cornwallis**, a freighter bound for the West Indies.

He joined **HM Transport Bergensfjord** in November 1940 after the *Cornwallis* returned to Halifax. The '**Bergie**' got around - to the United Kingdom, British West Africa, the Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden, Red Sea and the Mediterranean. After a year, he left her at Gourock, Scotland and was given passage to Canada.

He then joined the DEMS base staff in Halifax.

He was advanced to Leading Seaman in February 1942 and took another gunnery course and did short periods of service in the **Lady Rodney** and the **Fort Amherst**.

In November 1942 he was promoted to Petty Officer. He was an instructor in the DEMS Training Centre in Halifax for the next two years. In 1944, he was rated Chief Petty Officer.

In 1945, he was drafted to the West Coast for the Pacific campaign but the war ended.

After being demobilized in 1945, he went to work for the Municipal railway in Regina (Motorman or Street Car Driver but he called himself the Coxswain).

In 1949, he joined **HMCS Queen RCN(R)** in Regina and became a Chief Petty Officer Instructor.

**BROWN. James Arthur, V-10239, A/CPO, RCNVR, BEM~[5.1.46]**

"This rating has had seven years service in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. He has served at sea for thirty-two months in the North and South Atlantic, the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea. He has constantly shown himself capable of carrying responsibility, and by his zeal, cheerfulness, enthusiasm and devotion to duty has set an inspiring example to his subordinates."

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**BROWN, John, Petty Officer** (2384) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Woodstock, Ontario / St. John's, Newfoundland.

Joined RCN on 2 July 1929. Served at Stadacona, Festubert, **HMCS Saguenay, HMCS Champlain, HMCS St. Laurent, HMCS Mayflower, Avalon, Peregrine, Scotian, HMCS Iroquois, HMCS La Hullose, HMCS Haida, Niagara, Cornwallis**. Awarded CD.

Retired on 4 August 1955.

**BROWN. John**, 2384, PO, RCN, **BEM**~[9.1.43]

"In recovering a live depth charge which was lying at a critical depth in Halifax Harbour, this Petty Officer displayed outstanding courage. On another occasion, his tenacity of purpose in fighting fire under dangerous and unusual conditions was an outstanding example of devotion to duty."

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**BROWN, Robert William, Leading Stoker** (A-1637) (Prisoner of War) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNR / Dieppe LCP - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**BROWN. Robert William**, A-1637, L/Stk, RCNR, **DSM**~[5.1.46]

"This rating, who was employed aboard a landing craft in the Dieppe raid in August 1942, though seriously wounded himself, removed the Coxswain and the other wounded single-handed to a space amidships. He then took the wheel until the craft reached shore and the troops were landed. During this time, the craft received more hits, being a sitting target for the German machine gunners on the cliffs above. Brown, instead of making for cover under the cliff, remained in the boat looking after the wounded and dying, and as well as this, he repaired the ignition leads and the engine. During the whole time he remained with no cover at all, under incessant fire until the beach surrendered several hours later, at which time he was taken prisoner."

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**BROWNE, Victor, Acting Lieutenant-Commander** - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / **HMCS Mayflower** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMC ML 073** from 22 November 1941 to December 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Mayflower** (Flower Class Corvette - K191) from 13 May 1942 to 2 March 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Orkney** (River Class Frigate - K448) from 18 April 1944 to 28 March 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ontario** (Light Cruiser - 53) from 20 September 1948 for a brief period in lieu of Captain J.C. Hibbard.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Penetang** (River Class Frigate - 316) from 5 November 1954 to 13 December 1954.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Haida** (Tribal Class Destroyer - 215) from 16 December 1954 to 10 July 1956.

Promoted Captain on 1 January 1957.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Assiniboine II** (Destroyer Escort - 234) from 18 August 1961 to 30 April 1962.

**BROWNE. Victor**, 0-9800, (Ottawa, ON) RCNVR Half Company Ottawa

A/S/Lt(Temp) [11.5.38] RCNVR,

S/Lt(Temp) [11.5.39]

HMCS SAGUENAY(I79) DD, (14.9.39-?)

Lt [30.8.39]

HMC ML 073(Q073) CO, (22.11.41-15.12.41)

Lt [30.8.38]

HMCS MAYFLOWER(K191) Cof, CO, (13.5.42-2.3.44)

A/LCdr [1.1.44]

HMCS ORKNEY(K448) Fr, CO, stand by (15.3.44-17.4.44)

HMCS ORKNEY(K448) Fr, CO, (18.4.44-?)

**MID~[10.6.44]**

HMCS ORKNEY(K448) Fr, CO, (25.6.44-28.3.45)

LCdr [1.7.48] RCN,

FOAC/StO (ND) (1.5.48-?)

HMCS ONTARIO(53) LCB, (20.9.48-?)

HMCS PENETANG(316) FFE, CO, (5.11.54-13.12.54)

Cdr [1.1.51] CD~[?]

NSHQ Dep/Dir Wpns & Tactics (21.7.50-?)

RCNB Halifax for Dir/Maritime/Warfare/School, (3.10.52-?)

HMCS NIOBE(NMCS London) add'l, (22.9.52-?)

FOAC (20.9.54-?)

HMCS HAIDA(215) DDE, CO, (16.12.54-10.7.56)

RCN Depot Halifax, Manning/Cdr, (18.7.56-?)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE(234) DDE, CO, (18.8.61-30.4.62)

Capt [1.1.57] HMCS STADACONA(D/S) add'l, (30.6.58-?)

NSHQ for Dir/Manning, (14.7.58-?)(130/02)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE(234) DDE, (18.8.61-?)

FOPC(N00) (6.9.62-?)

HMCS CATARAQUI(H09) (8.9.64-?)

HMCS NADEN(N18) (2.8.65-?)

"This Officer has rendered consistently fine service, over a considerable period of time as Commanding Officer of one of His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes engaged in convoy escort duties

in the North Atlantic. Acting Lieutenant-Commander Brown has at all times, often under very trying circumstances, exhibited a high degree of cheerfulness, efficiency and undaunted devotion to duty."

**HMCS Mayflower** was part of EG-25 which sank **U-1302** off St. David's Head South Wales on 7 March 1945 as described in Chapter 61 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BRYDSON, Jack Alexander, Petty Officer** (V-14499) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / **HMCS Dunver** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 November 1945 and **London Gazette** of 9 October 1945.

Home: White Rock, B.C.

**BRYDSON. Jack Alexander**, V-14499, PO, RCNVR, **MID**~[24.11.45]

"For keenness and devotion to duty while serving in **H.M. Canadian Ships Hespeler and Dunver** in the detection and probable destruction of a U-Boat on 9th September 1944."

**HMCS Dunver** (River Class Frigate) and **HMCS Hespeler** (Castle Class Corvette) combined to sink **U-484** on 9 September 1944 in the North Irish Sea as described in Chapter 52 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BRYNE, John Eugene, Able Seaman** (V-49186) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 December 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**BRYNE. John Eugene**, V-49186, AB, RCNVR, **MID**~[20.1.45]

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

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**BUCHAN, John, Chief Motor Mechanic** (V-22930) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / M.L.s - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 194.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**BUCHAN. John**, V-22930, CPO/MM, RCNVR, **MID**~[16.6.45]

"This rating is serving at present on the Staff of Commander (M.L.), **HMCS Venture**, in connection with M.L. maintenance. He

was one of the first Motor Mechanics to serve in M.L.'s and over a period of three years and three months he has displayed outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty, inspiring others by his fine example and cheerful manner."

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**BUCKINGHAM, Robert George, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / L.C.A. 1150** carried in HMCS Prince David - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 March 1945.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

He joined the RCNVR as an Acting Sub-Lieutenant in May 1940.

He trained in the St. Lawrence and in the Autumn went to Stadacona. After three months training in Canada on MTBs, he went to Weymouth in combined Operations in M.L.s.

Promoted Lt(Temp), RCNVR, on 1 January 1942, he joined the Royal Navy Flotilla on the books of **HMS Quebec** in Inveraray, Scotland at Combined Operations HQ.

In the autumn of 1942, he was on **HMS Otranto** for Operation Torch with the Canadian Flotilla.

On 8 November 1942, S/Lt Buckingham led a section of four LCIs to the North African coast toward Algiers and landed British Commandos at Sidi Ferruch.

These actions are described in Hal Lawrence's "**Victory at Sea**".

Commanding Officer of **LCA-1150** of the 529th Canadian LCA Flotilla carried in **HMCS Prince David** for 'D-Day' Landings in Operation Neptune.

**BUCKINGHAM. Robert George, 0-10090, Lt(Temp) [1.1.42] RCNVR**

HMCS PRINCE DAVID (F89) amc, (1.12.43-?)

LCA 1150, CO, 529th LCA Flotilla, (6.6.44) **DSC**~[21.1.45]

Demobilized [7.12.45]

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**BUDGE, Patrick David, Mr / Commissioned Gunner (T) - Mention in Despatches / HMCS Ottawa - RCN - Awarded as per London Gazette of 18 February 1941 (no Canada Gazette).**

Born: At Dover, U.K. on 10 December 1904.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia. Boy Seaman (2nd Class) RN in 1921.

His first ship as a boy was **HMS Despatch** in the China Station.

After qualifying as a torpedoman, he transferred to the **RCN** as an Able Seaman in 1928 after his parents emigrated to Canada.

He qualified as Torpedo Gunner's Mate in 1932 in the rank of Petty Officer, and served two years in **HMCS Saguenay**.

He qualified for warrant rank of Gunner(T) at Vernon in December, 1934, and served in **RN destroyers Thruster, Walpole and Sabre** before returning to **Saguenay** in 1936, where he remained until the outbreak of World War II.

As Commissioned Gunner(T), he was **mentioned in dispatches** in 1941 while serving in **HMCS Ottawa** for actions against enemy submarines in the Atlantic.

Served in **HMS Impregnable** and **HMS Despatch** on the China Station. Served in RN until transferring to the RCN in 1928 as an AB. Served at Stadacona, on **HMCS Saguenay** and on **HMS Vernon** (1934). Commissioned as Gunner (T) 24 November 1934 and served on **HMS Vernon** (1934), **HMS Thruster** (1935), **HMS Walpole** (1935), **HMS Sable** (1936), **HMS Vernon** (1936), at Stadacona (1936), on **HMCS Saguenay** (1936 to 1939).

Known for his musical talents, while serving in **HMCS Saguenay** in 1936, he and Sub-Lieutenant Rufus Pope composed the RCNVR song, "**Roll Along Wavy Navy, Roll Along**".

To Stadacona in 1939.

Served on **HMCS Assiniboine** 1939, and **HMCS Ottawa** (I) 1940.

To Sambro as Halifax Flotilla Officer in 1941.

In 1942 to Stadacona for torpedo Duties with Captain (D) and as Flotilla Torpedo Officer.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sorel** (Flower Class Corvette - K153) from 15 January 1943 to 19 February 1943.

Served on **HMCS Huron** (Tribal Class Destroyer) 1943 to 1944 as Torpedo Specialist and First Lieutenant which included assisting in the sinking of the **German Destroyer T-29** in 1944.

To Stadacona to stand by **HMCS Micmac** and **HMCS Nootka** in 1944. Promoted Lieutenant-Commander in 1945.



Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ottawa** (II) (River Class Destroyer - H60) from 5 February 1945 to 12 October 1945.

Last Commanding Officer of **HMCS Gatineau** (I) (River Class Destroyer - H61) from 15 July 1945 to 26 November 1945.

To Naden for RCN Barracks Esquimalt as First Lieutenant in 1945.

To Naden for Duty with Training Commander 1946 and Training Commander.

To **HMCS Ontario** as Executive Officer in 1947. Promoted to Commander in 1948 and to Stadacona for duty with Flag Officer Atlantic Coast. To Cornwallis as Executive Officer in 1949.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Quebec** (former **HMCS Uganda** - Cruiser - 66) from 14 January 1952 to 10 September 1953 with promotion to Captain.

To Star on staff of Commanding Officer Naval Divisions as Chief of Staff in 1953.

Promoted Acting **Commodore** in 1954 and posted as Commodore-in-Command and Commodore RCN Barracks Esquimalt.

An Honorary AdC to Governor General in 1954.

In 1958, Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Atlantic Coast.

Then to Naval HQ as Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel in 1959.

Promoted **Rear-Admiral** in 1960 and became Chief of Naval Personnel at NHQ and Member of the Naval Board.

He retired on 3 August 1963.

**Co-authored the song "Wavy Navy".**

He died on 02 January 1998, in Victoria.

**BUDGE. Patrick David, 0-10190, Boy/Smn 2nd/cl 1921**

Boy/Smn 1st/cl 1922. AB 1923 RN, LS 1926, AB 1928 RCN,

LS(T) 1928, CFR Gnr(T) [24.11.34]

HMCS SAGUENAY (D79) DD, (3.5.36-?)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (19.10.39-?)

HMCS OTTAWA (H60) DD, (6.5.40-?) Cd/Gnr(T) [1.1.41]

**MID**~[18.2.41] HMCS SAMBRO(D/S) Flotilla (T) (28.7.41-?)

Lt(T) [1.1.42]

HMCS HURON (G24) DD, stand by, (7.3.43-18.7.43)

HMCS HURON (G24) DD, (19.7.43-?)

HMCS SOREL (K153) Cof, CO, (15.1.43-3.2.43)

A/LCdr 1944 **DSC**~[20.1.45] A/LCdr [5.2.45]

HMCS OTTAWA (H31) DD, CO, (5.2.45-14.7.45)

HMCS GATINEAU (H61) DD, CO, (15.7.45-26.11.45)

RCN Barracks Esquimalt, 1stLt, (26.11.45-?) LCdr(T) [1.7.46]

A/Cdr [16.12.46] RCNB, Esq. TrgCdr,

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, XO, (25.8.47-?) Cdr [1.1.48]

HMCS CORNWALLIS XO, (1.5.49-?) CD~[?] Capt [1.1.52]

HMCS QUEBEC (31) L/Cr, CO, (14.1.52-10.9.53)

A/Cmdre [1.8.54] Cmdre [1.9.55] RAdm [30.6.60]

Retired [3.8.63]



Boy Seaman (2nd Class)	RN		1921 (Aboard <b>HMS Impregnable</b> on the China Station)
Boy Seaman (1st Class)	RN		1922 (Aboard <b>HMS Despatch</b> on the China Station)
Ordinary Seaman	RN		1922
Able Seaman	RN		1923
Leading Seaman	RN		1926 (Transferred to the RCN in 1928 as an Able Seaman)
Able Seaman	RCN		1928 (Served on <b>HMCS Saguenay</b> and <b>HMS Vernon</b> )
Gunner	RCN	24 November	1934 (Served on <b>HMCS Assiniboine</b> and <b>HMCS Ottawa</b> )
Commissioned Gunner	RCN	01 January	1941 (Flotilla Torpedo Officer with Captain (D))
Lieutenant	RCN	01 January	1942 (Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Sorel</b> & <b>HMCS Ottawa</b> )
Acting Lieutenant-Commander	RCN	05 February	1945 (Last Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Gatineau</b> )
Lieutenant-Commander	RCN	01 July	1946 (Training Commander Naden)
Acting Commander	RCN	16 December	1946 (Executive Officer of <b>HMCS Ontario</b> )
Commander	RCN	01 January	1948 (Executive Officer of HMCS Cornwallis)
Captain	RCN	01 January	1952 (Commanding Officer of <b>HMCS Quebec</b> )
Acting Commodore	RCN	01 August	1954 (Commodore-in-Command RCN Barracks Esquimalt)
Commodore	RCN	01 September	1955 (Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Atlantic Coast)
Rear-Admiral	RCN	10 June	1960 (Chief of Naval Personnel)
Retired		03 August	1963

### **MID Citation for Budge:**

"For good services in an attack on an enemy U-Boat."

**BUDGE, Patrick David, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)**  
 - RCN / HMCS Huron - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944.

"For outstanding courage, skill and devotion to duty in **H.M. Ships Tartar, Ashanti, Eskimo, Javelin, and H.M. Canadian Ships Haida and Huron** in action with German destroyers."

The action in which **HMCS Huron** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G24), **HMCS Haida** and **HMCS Athabaskan** (all Tribal Class Destroyers) helped sink Destroyer **T-29** on 26 April 1944, north of Brittany, is described in Chapter 39 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

Lieutenant Budge was a Torpedo Specialist on board **HMCS Huron**.



**Medals of Rear-Admiral Patrick David BUDGE, DSC, CD, RCN:**

DSC - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - CVSM and Clasp - 39/45 War Medal with MID - GVI Coronation - EIIR Coronation - CD (GVI) and Three Bars.

Medals of Display at the Esquimalt Military Museum.

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**BULMER, John, Lieutenant-Commander (E) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR / HMCS Ottawa - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 8 January 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944.**

Home: Durham England.

Lt(E) (Temp), RCNR on 15 August 1940.

To **USS Williams** (Destroyer) on acceptance as **HMCS St. Clair** (Town Class Destroyer - I.65) from 20 September 1940 to 23 September 1940.

To **HMCS St. Clair** on 24 September 1940.

LCdr(E) (Temp) RCNR, on 1 January 1943.

To **HMCS Griffin** (River Class Destroyer - H.31) on 20 March 1943 to 9 April 1943.

**HMCS Griffin** renamed as **HMCS Ottawa** (River Class Destroyer - H.31) on 10 April 1943.

To **HMCS Prince Robert** (Armed Merchant Carrier - F.56) on 20 February 1944.

A/Cdr(E) (Temp), RCNR, on 1 July 1944.

**BULMER. John, 0-10310, Lt(E) (Temp) [15.8.40] RCNR**  
 USS WILLIAMS (DD-108) for HMCS ST. CLAIR (I65) DD,  
 (20.9.40-23.9.40]

HMCS ST. CLAIR (I65) DD, (24.9.40-?) LCdr(E) (Temp) [1.1.43]

HMCS GRIFFIN (H31) DD, (20.3.43-9.4.43)

HMCS OTTAWA (H31) (10.4.43-?)

**OBE~[8.1.44] HMCS PRINCE ROBERT (F56) amc, (10.2.44-?)**

A/Cdr(E) (Temp) [1.7.44] Appt terminated [22.2.45]

Services completed.

"This Officer has served at sea in charge of the machinery of his Majesty's destroyers in the North Atlantic for a period of over two years. Through his zeal, efficiency, excellent leadership and unfailing good humour, under the most trying conditions, he has maintained the efficiency of his department at a very high level. Thus due to his efforts, his ship has always been able to carry out the duties required of her in the Battle of the Atlantic."

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**BUNGAY, Creighton Benjamin, Acting Petty Officer (A-5101) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 15 August 1944.**

Home: Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

**BUNGAY. Creighton Benjamin, A-5101, A/PO, RCNR, MID~[9.9.44]**

"For leadership, skill and determination in *H.M. Ships Affleck, Brecon and Forester, and H.M. Canadian Ships St. Laurent, Swansea and Owen Sound* in operations against U-Boats."

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**BUNN, Albert Edward, Able Seaman (V-63678) - Commendation - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: Weston, Ontario.**

**BUNN. Albert Edward, V-63678, AB, RCNVR, Commendation~[5.1.46]**

"For bravery, resource and coolness of a high order. During a fire in *S.S. Coronation Park*, Able Seaman Bunn showed great courage in throwing burning gasoline drums over the side."

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**BURBINE, Robert Joseph, Steward (V-87399) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.**

Home: River Hebert, Nova Scotia.

**BURBINE. Robert Joseph, V-87399, Stwd, RCNVR, MID~[5.1.46]**

"Following a premature explosion on board one of HMC ships, this rating displayed skill and initiative in bringing first aid and comfort to injured and dying men. He received high praise from the Medical Officer for his deft assistance during emergency operations."

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**BURCH, Charles Philip, Chief Petty Officer** (X-2016) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944. Awarded RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal on 20 September 1927.

Home: London, England.

**BURCH. Charles Philip**, X-2016, CPO, RCN, **LS&GC**~[20.9.27] **MID**~[20.1.45]

"For outstanding courage, skill and devotion to duty in **H.M. Ships Tartar, Ashanti, Eskimo, Javelin**, and **H.M. Canadian Ships Haida and Huron** in action with German destroyers."

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**BURK, Charles Arthur ("Bones"), Lieutenant** - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / MGB-17 - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 4 May 1943 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Married an English nurse, Jean, during the war.

Joined the navy at HMCS York as Ordinary Seaman in 1939 after graduating from the University of Toronto and trained in Toronto in 1939 to 1940.

He was then sent as an Ordinary Seaman (OD) to the RN to train at HMS Raleigh in Cornwall.

He was commissioned on 30 February 1940.

After training at Davenport Barracks, he was posted to **HMS New Market** (USN lend-lease Destroyer).

In 1941 he went to King Alfred for Officer training as an Acting Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant.

Lt(Temp), RCNVR on 17 September 1941.

From there he went to St. Christopher for Coastal Forces training.

He was posted to **MGB-101** as the Third Officer doing air-sea rescues.

He then was posted to **MGB-14** as First Lieutenant under Douglas Maitland.

Commanding Officer of **MGB-17**.

Commanding Officer of **MTB-442** was next.



Commanding Officer of **MTB-461** from 28 February 1944 to 17 September 1944 in Command of the 29th Canadian Flotilla.



(photo - crew of MTB-461 with Burk top left).

On D-Day this Flotilla patrolled off Le Havre.

Commanding Officer of **MTB-491** from 4 October 1944 to 29 January 1945. He was released from the service on 25 April 1945.

He was a President of the Naval Officers Association of Canada and of the Montreal Branch of NOAC.

Died in June 1997, age 81, in Montreal, Quebec.

Details on Charles Arthur Burk can be found in "**Victory at Sea - Tales of His Majesty's Coastal Forces**" by Hal Lawrence and "**Champagne Navy - Small Boat Raiders of the Second World War**" by Brian Noland and Brian Jeffrey Street.

**BURK, Charles Arthur, O-10500, Lt(Temp) [17.9.41] RCNVR MID~[4.5.43]**

**DSC~[27.5.44]**

HMC MTB 461, CO, (28.2.44-17.9.44)

HMC MTB 491, CO, (4.10.44-26.1.45) **Bar to DSC~[20.1.45]**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bar to DSC~[20.1.45] 2<sup>nd</sup> MID~[3.2.45]**

LCdr [?] Resigned [25.4.45]

"For courage and devotion to duty in action with E-Boats."  
Event took place on 7 February 1943.

**BURK, Charles Arthur, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)**  
- RCNVR / MTB-461 Coastal Force - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 May 1944 and **London Gazette** of 2 May 1944.

"For gallant and distinguished services in Light Coastal Craft in successful engagements with the enemy."

Action was on 14 February 1944 when four E-boats were damaged.

**BURK, Charles Arthur, Lieutenant, DSC - First BAR to Distinguished Service Cross (DSC\*)** - RCNVR / MTB-491 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

"For courage, leadership and determination in close action with the enemy while serving in Light Coastal Craft."

Action took place on 26 July 1944.






**BURK, Charles Arthur, Lieutenant, DSC\* - Second BAR to the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC\*\*) - RCNVR / MTB-491 - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 26 December 1944.**

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

Part of Operation Neptune.

**BURK, Charles Arthur, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCNVR / MTB-491 - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 3 February 1945 and London Gazette of 30 January 1945.**

"For courage and determination in an attack on an enemy convoy while serving in Light Coastal Craft (London Gazette Citation - action took place on 1 November 1944)."

	DSC	02.05.1944	4 E-boats damaged Nore 14.02.44 [investiture 10.10.44]
	DSC	14.11.1944	action assault area 26.07.44
	DSC	26.12.1944	Operation Neptune
	MID	04.05.1943	action E-boats Nore 07.03.43
	MID	30.01.1945	attack convoy Nore 01.11.44

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**BURKE, Cornelius ("Corny"), Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / MGB-658 - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 24 June 1944 and London Gazette of 30 May 1944.**



Home: Vancouver, B.C.

One of the "**Three Musketeers**" from Vancouver (Ladner/Maitland) who joined at HMCS Discovery in September 1939.

In March 1940, he was sent to King Alfred.

He sailed on the **Duchess of Atholl** and smuggled his wife, Wendy (sister of Brigadier Budge Bell-Irving), on board.

In May 1940, he went to Le Havre with demolition specialists to blow up docks and harbour installations just before the evacuation from Dunkirk.

He spent three months at AMC Chitrel.

Lt(Temp), RCNVR, on 12 March 1943.

He was then appointed to Fowey in **MGB-42** as First Lieutenant and Navigator. **MGB-42** was blown up on Corney's first operation.

Commanded **MGB-90** (an ELCO boat) operating out of Felixstowe and Dover. This boat burned to the waterline when a rating cleaning the Lewis gun fired a shell that hit a box of 20mm shells which exploded causing a major fire.

He then commanded another boat in the 20th MGB Flotilla out of Lowestoft.

He went home to Vancouver for Christmas 1942.

In February 1943, he headed for Gibraltar in the Dog Boats in Command of **MGB-658** and joined the **20th MGB Flotilla**. He participated in the Sicily landing patrolling as back-up to the Canadians and the Lovat Scouts just south of Syracuse. In October 1943, he sank two Flak Ships unaided.

On 4 January 1944, **MGB-658** joined the **new 56th MGB/MTB Flotilla** under command of LCdr J.D. Maitland.

Finished the war in the Mediterranean as the Senior Officer of the **56th MGB/MTB Flotilla**.

LCdr(Temp), RCNVR, on 1 July 1945.

Commander on 1 July 1945.

He retired on 21 January 1946 and ran a travel agency in Vancouver post-war.

Died in Vancouver in 25 April 1999.

One of the most interesting people I have ever met (John Blatherwick).

Extensive details on Cornelius Burke can be found in "**Victory at Sea - Tales of His Majesty's Coastal Forces**" by Hal Lawrence and "**Champagne Navy - Small Boat Raiders of the Second World War**" by Brian Noland and Brian Jeffrey Street

**BURKE, Cornelius, 0-10520, Lt(Temp) [12.3.41] RCNVR**

**DSC~[24.6.44] MID~[9.9.44]**

**Bar DSC~[3.2.45] LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45]**

**2nd Bar DSC~[15.9.45]**

**LCdr [1.7.45] RCN(R) Demobilized [21.1.46]**

"For outstanding courage, leadership and skill in Light Coastal Craft in many daring attacks on enemy shipping in enemy waters."

**BURKE, Cornelius, Lieutenant, DSC - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / MGB-658 - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 11 July 1944.**

"For good service in action with German Light Forces in the Adriatic. For outstanding leadership, courage and skill in Light Coastal Craft in a successful engagement with the enemy

in the Adriatic."

**BURKE, Cornelius, Acting Lieutenant-Commander, DSC - First BAR to the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC\*)** - RCNVR / MGB-658 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 February 1945 and **London Gazette** of 16 January 1945.

"For good services in action in H.M. Light Craft in the Mediterranean."

**BURKE, Cornelius, Lieutenant-Commander - Second BAR to the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC\*\*)** - RCNVR / MGB-658 HMLC - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 24 April 1945.

"For courage, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty whilst serving in **His Majesty's Ships Fabius, Brocklesby, Wilton, Quantock, Lamerton**, and Light Coastal Forces in an attack on the Island of Lussino."

**Medals of Lieutenant-Commander Cornelius BURKE, DSC & 2 Bars, RCNVR**  
DSC and two Bars - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Africa Star - Italy Star - Defence Medal - CVSM and Clasp - 39/45 War Medal with MID. (Note: He wore his Africa Star before his Atlantic Star in his full size medals)



Brigadier Budge Bell-Irving and his brother-in-law Cornelius Burke

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**BURROWS, Freeman Elkins, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / *HMCS Ingonish* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

He attended St. Andrew's College during the 1926-1927 school year and later graduated from the University of Toronto.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ingonish** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J69) from 3 May 1943 to 12 May 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Agassiz** (Flower Class Corvette - J129) from 3 May 1943 to 12 May 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Wallaceburg** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J336) from 10 January 1945 to 21 May 1945. After leaving the Navy he owned and managed an insurance company in Bellville: Burrows and Frost. He died in Bellville, Ontario on November 6, 1989.

**BURROWS. Freeman Elikins, O-10790, A/Lt(Temp) [1.3.40] RCNVR**

HMC Naval Base, Prince Rupert, (23.8.40-?)

HMCS ALBERNI (K103) Cof, (4.2.41-?)

HMCS INGONISH (J89) m/s, CO, (3.5.43-12.5.44)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.44]

HMCS AGASSIZ (K129) Cof, CO, (14.3.44-9.45) **MID**~[10.6.44]

HMCS WALLACEBURG (J336) m/s, CO, (10.1.45-21.5.45)

LCdr [1.7.45] Demobilized [13.10.45]

"This Officer has served at sea for the majority of the war, and for the past year has commanded one of His Majesty's Canadian Minesweepers on escort duty. He has at all times displayed zeal, energy and devotion to duty."

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**BUSHFIELD, William Arthur, Able Seaman (V-4657) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944.

Home: Stratford, Ontario.

**BUSHFIELD. William Arthur, V-4657, AB, RCNVR, DSM**~[20.1.45]

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

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**BUTCHART, Arthur Alexander, Petty Officer (HSD) (2808) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCN / *HMCS Skeena* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 25 November 1942.

Higher Submarine Detector (HSD) on **HMCS Skeena** (I) (River Class Destroyer - D159) in 1942.

**BUTCHART. Arthur Alexander, O-10948,**

PO(HSD), 2808, RCN, **DSM**~[28.11.42]

A/Cd/Gnr(TAS) [4.11.49] RCN, CD~[?]  
HMCS LA HULLOISE(305) Fr, stand by, (1.3.50-31.5.50)  
HMCS LA HULLOISE(305) Fr, (1.6.50-?)  
HMCS NOOTKA(213) DDE, (29.8.50-?)  
RCNB Halifax for TAS/Sch (22 10 51-?)  
RCNB Halifax, for Education Course, (25.9.53-?)  
Lt(TAS) [15.10.51]  
RCNB Esq for TAS/Trg/Ctr, (22.9.55-?)  
HMCS STETTLER(311) FFE, (10.12.57-?)  
HMCS JONQUIERE(318) FFE, XO, (16.6.58-?)  
LCdr (130/13) [15.10.59]  
HMCS STADACONA(E18) (4.2.60-?)  
HMCS SCOTIAN(H03) (14.01.63-?)  
FOAC(E00) (9.11.64-?)

"For devotion to duty and coolness during a prolonged hunt which resulted in the destruction of an enemy U-boat. As the Higher Submarine Detector of the ship, this Petty Officer displayed skill and tenacity in detecting and holding an enemy U-boat during attacks which lasted over four hours. His action largely contributed to the success of the operation."

Details of **HMCS Skeena** sinking **U-588** in mid-Atlantic on 31 July 1942 can be found in Chapter 13 of "**The Canadian Navy Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BUTLAND, Clarence, Acting Petty Officer** (V-5308) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Verdun, Quebec.  
**BUTLAND. Clarence**, V-5308, PO, RCNVR, **BEM**~[6.1.45]

"For gallantry or outstanding service in the face of the enemy or for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, upholding the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy." New Years List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

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**BUTLER, Edmund Harold, Telegraphist** (V-7654) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 18 July 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.  
**BUTLER. Edmund Harold**, V-7654, Tele, RCNVR, **MID**~[9.9.44]

"For outstanding leadership, skill and devotion to duty in **HMS Icarus** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Chilliwack, Chaudiere, Fennel, Gatineau** and **St. Catherines** in a successful operation against

a U-Boat."

**HMCS St. Catherines, HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Chaudiere, and HMCS Chilliwack** assisted in sinking **U-744** in mid-Atlantic on 6 March 1944 as described in Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**BUTTERWORTH, Charles Edgar, Lieutenant (Pilot) - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / RNAS Pacific - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 24 November 1945 and London Gazette of 20 November 1944.**  
Born: New York, N.Y., U.S.A. on 22 November 1922.  
Home: St. John's, Newfoundland.  
Enrolled as Naval Airman 2nd Class 17 May 1942 at HMCS Donnacona.  
To HMS St. Vincent for Naval Airman course #41 in 1942.  
To USNAS Grosse Isle (Detroit) for flying training in 1943.  
To USNAS Pensacola and USNAS Miami in 1943.  
Commissioned as Probationary Sub-Lieutenant (A) (Temporary) on 5 November 1943 and awarded US Navy Wings.  
To USNAS Lewiston ME for #738 Squadron in 1943.  
In 1944, to No. 732 Squadron.  
Joined **No. 1842 RN Squadron** at USNAS Brunswick Maine in 1944.  
To **USS Charger** for Deck Landing Qualifications in 1944.  
To RNAS Sydeham for **No. 1842 RN Squadron** in 1944 and joined **HMS Formidable** that year.  
To RNAS Donnbristle in 1944 and transferred to the RCNVR.  
Rank of Sub-Lieutenant (P) (Temporary) assigned with seniority from 6 January 1944.  
Served in **HMS Formidable** with **No. 1842 RN Squadron** 1944 to 1945 flying Corsairs.  
Went to Jervis Bay Australia in 1945 and back to **HMS Formidable**.  
To RAAR Maryborough in late 1945 and demobilized at St. John's, Newfoundland on 22 February 1945 with the rank was Lieutenant (P), RCN(R) with seniority 6 January 1945.  
Joined Trade Commissioner Service (Department of Trade & Commerce) in 1948.  
Served with the Foreign Service Office Cairo Egypt 1949 to 1951.  
To Karachi, Pakistan in 1951.  
To Cairo, Egypt from 1951 to 1952.  
To New York City 1952 to 1956.  
To Sao Paulo, Brazil 1956 to 1959.  
Director Latin America Division Department of Industry Trade and Commerce in Ottawa from 1959 to 1960 and resigned in 1960.  
To Greenshields Inc. as Salesman and Director of Foreign Division from 1960 to 1966.

President Butterworth, Dwyer, McGregor & Co. 1966 to 1970.  
To Department of Industry Trade and Commerce at Grain Marketing  
Office 1973 to 1978.

Second Secretary (Commercial) Lusaka Zambia 1978 to 1980. First  
Secretary (Commercial) Budapest, Hungary from 1980 to 1982.

Consul and Senior Trade Commissioner Milan, Italy 1982 to 1984.

Manager Information Export department of External Affairs Ottawa  
from 1984 to 1986.

Department of External Affairs as United States Trade and Investment  
Development Bureau 1986 until he retired in 1987.

Died on 3 February 1998, age 74, in Ottawa, Ontario.

**BUTTERWORTH. Charles Edgarm, 0-11004, S/Lt(Temp) [6.1.44] RCNVR**

Lt(P) [6.1.45] RCN(R)

DSC~[24.11.45] Demobilized [22.2.46]

HMCS DONNANCONA, Montreal Naval Division, (28.1.47-?)

HMCS CARELTON Ottawa Naval Division, (14.6.48-?)

"For services in Pacific fighter sweeps in July and August,  
1945."

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**BUXTON, Sydney William, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette**  
of 8 June 1944. Home: Vancouver, B.C.

**BUXTON. Sydney William, 0-11020, Lt(Temp) [7.5.39] RCNVR MID~[10.6.44]**

HMCS VERAINE (HC135) CO, (15.7.44-?) Demobilized [19.7.45]

"This Officer displayed courage and devotion to duty in that  
he re-entered a burning bunker hatch in order to assist in the  
rescue of two Naval Firefighters."

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**BYDWELL, Leslie Wellington, Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer Third  
Class (V-25270) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS St. Croix -**  
Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette**  
of 25 November 1942.

Home: Montreal, Quebec

**BYDWELL. Leslie Wellington, V-23270, A/CPO/ERA 3, RCNVR, MID~[28.11.42]**

Lost [20/23.9.43] HMCS ST, CROIX (I81) DD, or HMS ITCHEN (K227).

Survivors from **HMCS St. Croix** were picked up by **HMS Itchen** which  
was lost on 23rd.

"For good services and devotion to duty in maintaining a high  
speed when chasing enemy U-Boat, thus materially assisting in  
its eventual destruction."

**HMCS St. Croix** was sunk on 23 September 1943 and the survivors were picked up by **HMS Itchen** (K.277) which was in turn sunk on 23 September 1943.  
Acting CERA 3/c Bydwell **died** on one of these sinkings.

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