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GALLOWAY, John Ross, Petty Officer Cook (V-17106) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Prince Henry - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 March 1945. Home: St. Thomas, Ontario.

GALLOWAY. John Ross, V-17106, PO/Ck, RCNVR, **MID~[21.4.45]**

"For distinguished service in the successful invasion of the South of France in August, 1944."

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GAMMON, Leonard, Able Seaman (V-72213) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 1946 and **London Gazette** of 11 December 1945. Home: Essex, Ontario.

GAMMON. Leonard, V-72213, AB, RCNVR, **MID~[30.3.46]**

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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GANDER, Glenn Irwin, Stoker (M) (V-45526) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944. Home: Blenheim, Ontario.

GANDER. Glenn Irwin, V-45526, Stk(M), RCNVR, **MID~[20.1.45]**

"For undaunted courage, resolution and skill during a series of actions against enemy forces while serving in Light Coastal Craft."

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GARAND, Leo Robert Omer, Petty Officer Motor Mechanic (V-53424) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 March 1945 and **London Gazette** of 13 March 1945.

Home: Dunrea, Manitoba.

GARAND. Leo Robert Omer, V-53424, PO/MM, RCNVR, **MID~[24.3.45]**

"For good services in the Normandy assault area."

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GARDINER, George, Electrical Artificer Second Class (40814) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

GARDINER. George, 40814, EA 2/cl, RCN, **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 Year's List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

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GARDNER, Alan, Lieutenant - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / With the Royal Navy - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Calgary, Alberta.

Serving with the Royal Navy.

GARDNER. Alan, 0-26150, Lt(Temp) [18.8.42] RCNVR, **MID~[8.5.44]**

"Awarded on the occasion of the Celebration of His Majesty's Birthday. For outstanding zeal, patience and cheerfulness and for never failing to set an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, without which the high tradition of the Royal Navy could not have been upheld."

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GARDNER, Eric, Lieutenant - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Camrose - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

GARDNER. Eric, 0-26180, Mate(Temp) [18.4.41] RCNR

HMCS CAMROSE (K154) Cof, (30.6.41-?)

HMCS SHERBROOKE (K152) Cof, (4.7.42-?)

Lt(Temp) [18.10.41]

HMCS CAMROSE (K154) Cof, (6.9.43-?)

Demobilized [9.11.45] **MID~[5.1.46]**

"This Officer, who entered the Naval Service early in 1941, has had thirty-nine months service at sea in His Majesty's Canadian corvettes. He has constantly displayed resourcefulness and ability and in one particular instance, shortly after D-Day, he took charge of a whaler which removed the crew of a 'blocked ship' which was breaking up as a result of a gale."

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GARRARD, William Arthur Bordett, Lieutenant - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR / HMCS Weyburn - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 13 November 1943 and London Gazette of 1 June 1943. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Died 27 May 1947.

GARRARD. William Arthur Bordett, 0-26290, age 53, (Victoria, BC)

Lt(Temp) [3.8.39]

RCNVR, HMC ML 064 (Q064) ex-(15) CO, (12.9.41-?)

HMCS WEYBURN (K173) Cof, (23.12.41-?)

HMCS DISCOVERY, Vancouver, XO, (24.8.43-?) MBE~[13.11.43]

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.44] LCdr [1.7.45] RCN(R)

Demobilized. [24.4.47] HMCS NADEN(D/S)

Lost 27 May 47, Interred, ESQUIMALT (VETERANS') CEMETERY, BC. Husband of Emma W. Garrard, of Victoria, BC.

"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**'.

Lieutenant William Garrard was the First Lieutenant in **HMCS Weyburn** and while he was crossing between his ship and **HMS Wivern**, which had arrived to rescue survivors, his leg was caught between the two ships and his ankle severely crushed.

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GARRETT, Roy Percy, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (V-12797) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.

Home: Edmonton, Alberta.

GARRETT. Roy Percy, V-12797, ERA 3/cl, RCNVR, **MID~[5.1.46]**

"For continued good service over a period of fourteen months at sea. He has shown initiative and cheerfulness in carrying out engine repairs at sea, and has set an example to his subordinates."

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GARRIOCK, Robert Norm, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches
- RCNVR / HMC MTB 726 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 July 1945.

Home: Woodbridge, Ontario.

GARRIOCK. Robert Norm, 0-26340, S/Lt(Temp) [4.1.43] RCNVR

ML 014 (1943?)

HMC ML 109 (Q109) (18.10.43-?) Lt(Temp) [4.1.44]

HMC MTB 726, (24.2.44-?) **MID~[15.9.45]**

Demobilized [26.10.45]

"For services in action with enemy light forces on 24th, 25th, February, 1945."

"For courage and skill while serving in Light Coastal Forces in successful engagements with enemy shipping (London Gazette Citation)."

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GEARING, Daniel William, Petty Officer (2675) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN / HMCS Saguenay - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

GEARING. Daniel William, 2675, PO, RCN, **DSM~[9.1.43]**

"For bravery and devotion to duty before the enemy. After torpedo damage to **HMCS Saguenay**, Petty Officer Gearing rendered exceptional services in firefighting and in effecting electrical repairs. His tenacity, efficiency and devotion to duty were of a very high order."

HMCS Saguenay (River Class Destroyer - D179) was torpedoed on 1 December 1940 by the **Italian submarine Agro**, 300 mile west of Ireland. The ship made Barrow-in-Furness for repairs and with 21 dead. After being rammed by the Panamanian Freighter **S.S. Azra**, her stern was blown off by her own depth charges on

15 November 1942. The Ship was made a stationary training ship, **HMCS Cornwallis**.

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GEDDES, Edward John, Acting Lieutenant-Commander (E) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Chebogue - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

GEDDES, Edward John, 0-26540, A/Wt(E) (Temp) [1.2.42] RCNR

HMCS PRESERVER (Y1.12) stc, stand by, (16.4.42-10.7.42)

HMCS PRESERVER (Y1.12) stc, (11.7.42-?) Lt(E) [1.7.42]

HMCS PRESERVER (Y1.12) stc, (20.6.43-?)

HMCS CHEBOGUE (K317) Fr, (4.5.44-4.10.44)

HMCS KELOWNA (J261) m/s, (23.5.45-?)

A/LCdr(E) [1.7.45] **MID~[5.1.46]**

"For outstanding gallantry, ceaseless vigilance and devotion to duty in enemy action. Lieutenant Geddes was Engineer Officer of **HMCS Chebogue** when that ship was torpedoed. He displayed exemplary courage during the whole of the action returning to the boiler room to extinguish fires knowing that the ship was in a sinking condition. Later, he took charge of the Damage Control Party and it was partially due to his untiring efforts in the shoring of the after bulkheads and deckheads that **HMCS Chebogue** was able to remain afloat."

HMCS Chebogue (River Class Frigate - K317) was torpedoed by **U-1227** on 4 October 1944, 800 miles west of the British Isles. She was towed successively by **HMCS Chambly**, **HMS Mounsey**, **HMCS Ribble** and the ocean tug **HMS Earner**. However, the towline parted in a gale and **HMCS Chebogue** was driven ashore in Swansea Bay, Wales. Described in the book "**The Ships of Canada's Naval Forces 1910-1981**". Geddes was Engineer Officer on board the **HMCS Chebogue**.

Medals of Acting Lieutenant-Commander Edward John GEDDES, CD



Medals of Acting Lieutenant-Commander Edward John GEDDES, CD

1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star with Bar France and Germany -
Africa Star - Defence Medal - Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
with Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal with MID - CD



Medals are displayed at Nanaimo Military Museum

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GENOVA, Anthony, Able Seaman (V-37029) - Mention in Despatches -
RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 16 June 1945 of and **London**
Gazette of 14 June 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

GENOVA. Anthony Gordon, V-37020, AB, RCNVR, MID~[16.6.45]

"This rating has consistently and devotedly carried out his
duties and by his cheerfulness, has been an inspiration to his
shipmates."

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GENTLES, Roy Allan, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Morden - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 13 November 1943 and London Gazette of 7 September 1943. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

GENTLES. Roy Allan, 0-26620, S/Lt(Temp) [1.5.41] RCNVR

HMCS VENCEDOR (Z21) (P) t/s, (6.10.41-?)

HMCS QUATSINO (J152) m/s, (16.2.42-?)

Lt(Temp) [1.5.42] **MID~[13.11.43]**

HMCS SIOUX (R64) DD, (21.2.44-?)

HMCS MOOSE JAW (K164) Cof, (1944?)

HMCS LOCH ACHANALT (K424) Fl, (30.11.44-?)

HMCS ALGONQUIN (R17) DD, (25.5.45-?) Demobilized. [19.10.45]

"For good service in an attack on an enemy submarine."

HMCS Morden (Flower Class Corvette - K170) sank **U-756** in mid-Atlantic on 1 September 1942 as described in Chapter 16 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**". This was not confirmed until 1987 so this MID was only for an attack on the submarine.

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GEORGE, Robert Edward, Leading Stoker (A-1200) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Moose Jaw - Awarded as per London Gazette of 19 May 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

GEORGE. Robert Edward, A-1200, LS, RCNR, MID~[19.5.42]

"For good service in **HMCS Moose Jaw** in action against enemy submarines and in rescuing survivors from a merchantman."

Details on the action in which **HMCS Moose Jaw** (Flower Class Corvette - K164) and **HMCS Chambly** (Flower Class Corvette - K116) sank **U-501** off of Greenland on 10 September 1941 can be found in Chapter seven of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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GERRIE, Francis Davis, Acting Petty Officer (TC) (A-4257) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.

Home: Owen Sound, Ontario.

GERRIE. Francis Davis, A-4257, A/PO(TC), RCNR, MID~[6.1.45]

"For service over an extended period as Coxswain of HMC corvettes in the North Atlantic. During this time, he has consistently carried out his duties with zeal and outstanding efficiency. His cheerfulness and willingness have been an

inspiration to all."

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GIBSON, David, Boatswain - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN / RCN Training Service - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943.

Home: Annapolis Royal, Nova, Scotia.

GIBSON. David, 0-26810, Bosn [1.6.42] RCN

MBE~[9.1.43] Cd/Bosn(Temp) [1.7.44]

HMCS IROQUOIS (G89) DD, (1.2.47-?)

"This Officer served twenty-six years with the Royal Navy, and after retirement, a further fourteen years with the Royal Canadian Navy. During all this time, he has shown the utmost zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty, and during the present period of hostilities has been of the utmost value to the efficiency of a rapidly expanded Royal Canadian Naval Training Service."

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GIBSON, Vernon Sylvester, Stoker First Class (V-13729) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS St Thomas - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945 and London Gazette of 24 July 1945. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

GIBSON. Vernon Sylvester, V-13729, Stk 1/cl, RCNVR, **MID~[15.9.45]**

"For services in **HMCS Thomas** in action against a German boat."

Details on the action in which **HMCS St. Thomas** (Castle Class Corvette - K488) and **HMCS Sea Cliff** (River Class Frigate) sank **U-877** in the mid-Atlantic on 27 December 1944 can be found in Chapter 57 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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GIBSON, William John, Leading Stoker (A-1495) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Eyebright - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.

Home: Montreal West, Quebec.

GIBSON. William John, A-1495, LS, RCNR, **MID~[6.1.45]**

"This rating has a continuous record of seagoing service on North Atlantic Escort Work since July, 1940. During almost

two years in **HMCS Morden** (Flower Class Corvette - K170) and a similar period in **HMCS Eyebright** (Flower Class Corvette - K150), he has been a key man and a fine type of fighting man, deserving of recognition. He has shown consistently high devotion to duty during his length wartime service."

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GIBSON, William Simpson, Lieutenant (E) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Mahone - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

GIBSON. William Simpson, 0-26850, S/Lt (E) (Temp) [22.12.41] RCNVR

HMCS MAHONE (J159) m/s, (23.4.43-?) Lt (E) (Temp) [22.12.42]

HMCS MAHONE (J159) m/s, (19.12.43-?)

HMCS BORDER CITIES (J344) m/s, stand by (7.3.44-?)

MID~ [10.6.44] Demobilized [13.11.45]

"For prompt and efficient action in directing the shoring of bulkheads and hatches of his ship after a collision. Following a collision involving **HMCS Mahone** and **S.S. Townsend**, Lieutenant Gibson immediately took charge of damage control parties and succeeded in shoring bulkheads and hatches. It is considered that the rapidity and efficiency with which this task was carried out undoubtedly saved the ship from further damage which would have involved total loss. Lieutenant Gibson also displayed great courage in descending through a skylight to remove electric fuses from circuits to the four-inch magazines."

On January 29, 1944, the **HMCS Mahone** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J159) was rammed by **S.S. Fort Townsend**, off Louisbourg, Nova Scotia. **HMCS Mahone** made it to Halifax and spent four months being repaired.

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GIFFIN, Ainsley Gordon, Chief Stoker (A-714) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

GIFFON. Ainsley Gordon, A-714, CPO/Stk, RCNR, **MID~ [9.1.43]**

"Chief Stoker Giffin, whilst serving in one of HMC Auxiliary Cruisers, has performed outstanding and meritorious services in connection with the organization and efficiency of the Stoker ratings under his charge and has set an inspiring

example."

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GILCHRIST, Harry Allan, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class (V-57858)
- **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette**
of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 July 1945. Home: New
Westminster, British Columbia.

GILCHRIST. Harry Allan, V-57858, ERA 4/c, RCNVR, BEM~ [15.8.45]

"For good services after his ship had been damaged by enemy
action in January, 1945."

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GILDER, William Arthur, Leading Signaller (V-14205) - **Mention in
Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945
and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

GILDER. William Arthur, V-14205, LS, RCNVR, MID~[16.6.45]

"For zealous and enthusiastic leadership. This Leading
Signaller is an example of cheerfulness and efficiency at all
times, and during arduous operations at sea, has often worked
for long periods without rest in order to maintain
uninterrupted the long flow of signals."

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**GILHEN, Ernest John, Shipwright Commander - Officer - Order of
the British Empire (OBE)** - RCN / Refitting and Emergency Repair
Program - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5
January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January
1946.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Born: 01 December 1899, in Plymouth, England
Transferred from the RN to the RCN on 01 December
1920.

Retired to Victoria in 1957

Died: 27 February 1970 in Victoria

Married: Lily ROWE (also of Plymouth) on 22
September 1922 in St.

Marks Church Halifax, Nova Scotia

Children: Cyril (Born 14 May 1924 - Died 30
October 2000)

Daughters: Iris, Joan & Eileen.



Travelled extensively after his retirement
He was one of the many involved in starting the Legion in Esquimalt in the 1950's.

Ernie's brother Augustus (Gus) also was in the RCN but retired earlier than Ernie and sailed on the cable ships out of Halifax.
Ernie died on 27 February 1970 in Victoria, B.C.

GILHEN. Ernest John, 0-27050, (Halifax, NS)

Wt/Shpt [25.2.35] RCN

RCNB Halifax, (25.2.35-?)

Shipwright Lt [1.1.40]

Shipwright LCdr [1.1.44]

Shipwright Cdr [1.1.46]

OBE~[5.1.46]

HMC Dockyard Halifax, Manager Construction Department, (16.12.47-?)

HMC Dockyard Esquimalt, Manager Construction Department, (1.6.49-?) CD~[?]

Reserve Fleet Sydney, OIC, (16.6.52-?)

HMCS STADACONA(D/S) additional (31.3.54-?)

NSHQ for PNO Quebec, (15.4.54-?)

HMCS BYTOWN additional, (30.3.56-?)

RCNB Esquimalt, additional, (30.4.56-?)

"For devotion above and beyond the call of duty. At the commencement of hostilities, Commander Gilhen was responsible for the construction of accommodation for personnel in Halifax. In the following years, his untiring efforts in the training of artisans for the refitting and emergency repair program contributed greatly to the efficiency of the Royal Canadian Navy's effort in the Atlantic."

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GILL, Leslie Francis, Acting Chief Ordnance Artificer (V-50176) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.
Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

GILL. Leslie Francis, V-50176, COA, RCNVR, **DSM~[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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GILLARD, George Lea, Chaplain First Class (Protestant) - **Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCN / Chaplaincy Service - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of

11 June 1946. Home: Esquimalt, British Columbia. Paquette's book lists him as GIDLARD but Canada Gazette is clearly GILLARD.

GILLARD. George Lea, 0-27090, Chap(P) (UnCh) [15.4.41] RCN

HMCS PRINCE DAVID (F89) amc, (20.12.43-?)

Chap C1 II (P) [22.7.44] Chap C1 I (P) [7.3.46] **MBE~[13.6.46]**

COPC COPC Chaplain(P) (3.3.47-?)

HMCS ONTARIO (53) LCB, (1.8.47-?)

HMCS ONTARIO (53) LCB, (1.5.48-?)

FOPC Command Chaplain(P) 24.1.49-?)

Chap C1 IV (UnCh) [7.3.46]

RCNB Esquimalt, Senior Chap(P) (17.7.50-?)

FOAC Command Chaplain(P), (1.8.52-?)

HMCS CRESCENT (226) DDE, (17.9.56-?)

HMCS STE. THERESE (309) FFE, (17.9.56-?)? CD~[?]

HMCS ATHABASKAN (219) DDE, Ch(P), (16.1.57-?)

RCNB Esquimalt additional, (7.6.57-?)

Released [2.10.57]

"This Chaplain has served faithfully and zealously both ashore and at sea, upholding the high traditions of the Church and the Chaplaincy Service of the Royal Canadian Navy in a marked degree. At all times, he has carried out his duties earnestly even beyond that which duty required. The interest and care shown for Naval Personnel and their dependants have been outstanding, and his faithfulness in the ministrations of the Church unexcelled."

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GILLESPIE, James Blain, Coxswain - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR / Fisherman's Reserve - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

GILLESPIE. James Blain, Coxn [12.1.42] (FR) RCNR,

HMCS RIPPLE II (Z08) (P) p/v, (13.5.42-?)

MBE~[9.1.43]

HMCS TALAPUS (FY11) pb, 84x20ft, CO, (15.10.43-?)

"Mr. Gillespie, by outstanding leadership, energy and skill, rendered invaluable service during the impounding of over 1,000 Japanese Fishing vessels on the Pacific Coast of Canada, and set an inspiring example."

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GILLIS, Daniel Everett, Chief Motor Mechanic (A-841) (Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Otter - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 4 November 1941 (no Canada Gazette).

GILLIS, Daniel Everett, A-841, age 33, (Charlottetown, PEI)

C/MM, RCNR, Lost, [26.3.41] HMCS OTTER 416/21, p/v.

Interred, HALIFAX (MOUNT OLIVET) CEMETERY, NS.

Son of Daniel and Mary Gillis, of Sydney;

husband of Viola Georgina Gillis, of Halifax, NS.

MID~[4.11.41]

"For gallantry and devotion to duty when **HMCS Otter** was lost."

The sinking of **HMCS Otter** (Animal Class Yacht) after catching fire off of Halifax on 26 March 1941 with the loss of 19 crew is described in Chapter 6 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". Chief Gillis lost his life while trying to rescue his shipmates.

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GILMOUR, Thomas, Lieutenant-Commander - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Hepatica - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 1942 and **London Gazette** of 11 June 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Rayon D'Or** (Patrol Vessel - Z.11) from 12 April 1940.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Comox** (Minesweeper - J.64) from 23 June 1941 to 2 August 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Elk** (Armed Yacht) from 18 August 1941 to 31 October 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Gaspe** (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J94) from 3 August 1941 to 17 August 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Hepatica** (Flower Class Corvette - K159) from 1 November 1941 to 11 April 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Provider** (Depot Ship) from 18 November 1943 to 14 February 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Loch Morlich** (Loch Class Frigate - K.517) from 26 May 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Thetford Mines** (Frigate - K.459) from 21 July 1945 to 18 November 1945.

Died 13 September 1955.

GILMOUR, Thomas, 0-27290, A/Lt [15.2.40] RCNR

HMCS RAYON D'OR (Z11) (A) p/v, CO, (12.4.40-?)

HMCS COMOX (J64) m/s, CO, (23.6.41-2.8.41); Lt,

HMCS GASPE (J94) m/s, CO, (3.8.41-17.8.41)

HMCS ELK (Z27) (A) p/v, CO, (18.8.41-31.10.41)

HMS HEPATICA (K159) Cof, CO, (1.11.41-11.4.43) **MID~[13.6.42]**

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43] A/Cdr,

HMCS PROVIDER (F100) stc, CO, (18.11.43-14.2.45)

HMCS LOCH MORLICH (K517) Fl, CO, (26.5.45-20.6.45)
HMCS THETFORD MINES (K459) Fr, CO, (21.7.45-18.11.45)
Demobilized [27.11.45]

"Acting Lieutenant-Commander Gilmour has consistently, for a long period of time, done invaluable work in connection with the escort of convoys during exceptionally severe winter months. With respect to the attempt to salve **F.F.S. Alysse**, he displayed seamanship of a high order and conducted himself in an entirely commendable manner throughout."

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GLADWELL, James William, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 30 May 1944. Home: Montreal, Quebec.
GLADWELL. James William, 0-27340, Lt(Temp) [22.12.42] RCNVR
MID~[24.6.44] Demobilized [29.1.46]

"For outstanding courage, leadership and skill in Light Coastal Craft in many daring attacks on enemy shipping in enemy waters."

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GLENDINNING, Helen McLeod, Acting Matron - Associate - Royal Red Cross (ARRC) - RCN (Temp) / Nursing Service - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Toronto, Ontario.
GLENDINNING. Helen McLeod, 0-27460, N/S(Temp) [23.8.43] RCN
A/Matron(Temp) [?] **ARRC~[5.1.46]** Demobilized [4.12.45]

"In her capacity as Nursing Sister-in-Charge at a Special Training Centre for the Combined Services, this Officer has carried out her duties with zeal and energy and has set a high example to those serving with her."

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GLOSSOP, Francis, Master-at-Arms (X-1880) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943. Home: Listowel, Ontario.
GLOSSOP. Francis, 0-27490, (Listowel, ON)
MAA, X-1880, RCN, **MID~[9.1.43]**
Lt/AA* [1.1.48] RCN,
NSHQ (1.8.49-?) CD~[?]
Released [1.6.53]

"Throughout his period of service, Master-at-Arms Glossop has given excellent service, displaying at all times the utmost zeal, leadership and devotion to duty. While serving overseas during heavy enemy air attacks, his exemplary conduct was worthy of commendation."

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GOAD, James Barclay, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Nabob - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 December 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario. **Received one MID.**

GOAD. James Barclay, 0-27550, S/Lt (Temp) [18.8.41] RCNVR

HMCS LYNX (Z07) (A) p/v, (21.2.42-?)

Lt (Temp) [18.8.42]

HMCS CAMROSE (K154) Cof, (14.11.44-?) **MID~[20.1.45]**

Demobilized [29.8.45]

"For good service when his ship, **HMS Nabob**, was damaged."

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

HMCS 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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GOAR, George, Acting Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class (V-24327) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Trentonian - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Port Elgin, Ontario.

GOAR. George V-24327, A/ERA 4/cl, RCNVR, **MID~[5.1.46]**

"After the torpedoing of **HMCS Trentonian**, this rating showed extreme courage in helping the wounded survivors from the ship to the carley float, and then took charge of the party until rescue was effected. Although a non-swimmer, he showed a disregard for his own safety throughout. His bravery and gallantry are well worthy of commendation."

The sinking of **HMCS Trentonian** (Increased Endurance Flower Corvette - K368) by **U-1004** south of Falmouth, England, on 22 February 1945, is described in Chapter 60 of **"The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945"**.

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GODWIN, Donald Harold, Sub-Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches -
RCNVR / HMCS Valleyfield - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20
January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944.

Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

GODWIN. Donald Harold, 0-27612, S/Lt(Temp) [?] RCNVR **MID~[20.1.45]**

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

The sinking of **HMCS Valleyfield** (River Class Frigate - K239)
by **U-548** off Cape Race, Newfoundland on 6 May 1944 is described
in Chapter 41 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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GOLBY, James Wake, Sub-Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross
(DSC) RCNVR / at Dunkirk - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 26 July
1940 (no Canada Gazette).

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Burlington** (Minesweeper - J.250) from 23
January 1944 to 6 February 1944.

Last Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sudbury** (Flower Class Corvette -
K162) from 20 March 1944 to 19 June 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Coaticook** (Frigate - K.410) from 16
August 1945 to 19 August 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Humberstone** (K.497) from 19 August 1945
to 14 October 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Rockcliffe** (Algerine Class Minesweeper -
J355) from 3 March 1947 to 30 March 1947.

GOLBY. James Wake, 0-27620, Lt(Temp) [11.12.39] RCNVR

DSC~[26.7.40]

HMCS SANS PEUR (Z02) (P) p/v, (18.9.41-?)

HMCS PRESERVER (Y1.12) stc, stand by, (30.4.42-10.7.42)

HMCS PRESERVER (Y1.12) stc, (11.7.42-?)

HMCS SAULT STE. MARIE (J334) m/s, (24.6.43-?)

HMCS BURLINGTON (J250) m/s, CO, (23.1.44-6.2.44)

A/LCdr, HMCS SUDBURY (K162) Cof, CO, (20.3.44-19.6.45)

HMCS COATICOOK (K410) Fr, CO, (6.8.45-19.8.45)

HMCS HUMBERSTONE (K497) Coc, CO, (19.8.45-14.10.45)

LCdr [1.1.47]

HMCS ROCKCLIFFE (J355) m/s, CO. (3.3.47-30.3.47)

Demobilized. [2.4.47]

LCdr [1.1.47] RCN(R)

LCdr [1.1.47] RCN (SS 18 June 51 - 17 June 54)

HMCS CORNWALLIS 1st LCdr, [19.1.51-?]

HMCS NADEN (D/S) for HMCS FORTUNE(151) MCB, (stand by, 19.7.54-?)

FOPV for Staff Officer Development, (1.10.54-?)

"For good services in successful operations which prevented war material from falling into the hands of the enemy."

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GOLBY, Thomas Maitland Wade, Acting Lieutenant-Commander (Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Weyburn - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cougar** (Armed Yacht) from 20 August 1940 to 1 January 1941.

Only Commanding Officer of **HMCS Weyburn** (Flower Class Corvette - K173) from 26 November 1941 to 22 February 1943 on which date he lost his life when the ship was sunk.

GOLBY. Thomas Maitland Wade, 0-27630, age 36, (Victoria, BC)

A/Lt [3.11.39] RCNR

HMCS CRUSADER(Z13) (P) p/v, CO, (30.3.40-?)

HMCS COUGAR(Z15) (P) p/v, CO, (20.8.40-1.1.41)

HMCS HAMILTON(I24) DD, stand by (1.7.41-5.7.41)

HMCS HAMILTON(I24) DD, (6.7.41-?) A/LCdr

HMCS WEYBURN(K173) Cof, CO, (26.11.41-22.2.43)

Lost, [22.2.43] on HMCS WEYBURN (K173)

Cof. Halifax Memorial, Nova Scotia.

Son of Agnes Golby, of Victoria, B.C.

Husband of Joan A. Golby, of Victoria, B.C.

MID~[5.6.43] (Posthumous)



"This Officer showed a high degree of competence while in command of His Majesty's corvettes. His courage and cheerfulness were outstanding, and in command of His Majesty's Canadian Corvette **Weyburn**, he gave his life in unswerving devotion to duty."

HMCS Weyburn (Flower Class Corvette - K173) was sunk by a mine set by **U-118** off the Strait of Gibraltar on 22 February 1943 and is described in Chapter 25 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". Lieutenant-Commander Golby died in the water.

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GOODHERHAM, William George, Temporary Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS St. Catharines - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 18 July 1944.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

GOODERHAM. William George, 0-27740, S/Lt (Temp) [15.41] RCNVR, HMCS VENCEDOR (Z21) (P) t/s, (6.10.41-?) Lt (Temp) [1.5.41] HMCS MIRAMICHI (J169) m/s, (26.11.41-?) HMCS ST. CATHARINES (K325) Fr, (31.7.43-?) **DSC~[9.9.44]** Demobilized [14.8.45]

See also: LCdr Charles Patrick Nixon, LCdr. Harold Victor William Groos, Lt Terence Charles Todd, Leading Stoker George Hunter McGinn, L/S Leslie Norman Bourne, ERA John Elliot Williams, and CPO Telegraphist Arthur John Carrington.

"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**". **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 the 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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GOODHEW, William John, Acting Petty Officer Motor Mechanic (V-39152) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR / LCC - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 3 October 1944. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

GOODHEW. William John, V-39152, A/PO/MM, RCNVR, **DSM~[20.1.45]**

"For undaunted courage, resolution and skill during a series of actions against enemy forces while serving in Light Coastal Craft."

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GOODMAN, Lloyd Frither, Yeoman (V-9918) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR / HMCS Stormont - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

GOODMAN. Lloyd Frither, V-9918, Ymn, RCNVR, **BEM~[5.1.46]**

"This rating has been on Active Service since October 1940. Since that time, he has served almost continuously at sea in Escort Ships in the Atlantic and in European waters. During his service of twenty months on board **HMCS Stormont**, he displayed great devotion to duty and marked initiative, and conducted himself in such a manner as to be a fine example to the ship's company as a whole."

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GOODWIN, Geoffrey Lionel, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Dunver - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

He was a Lieutenant(El)(R) which roughly translates into "Electrical Radar"

Home: St. Catherines, Ontario.

GOODWIN. Geoffrey Lionel, 0-27790, Lt(SB)(Temp) [26.2.43] RCNVR

HMCS DUNVER (K03) Fr, (27.1.44-?)

Lt(El)(R)(Temp) [26.2.42] **MID~[10.6.44]** Demobilized [27.10.45]

"This Officer has been outstanding in his efforts to maintain at a high level, the efficiency of the Radar Equipment in the Mid-Ocean Escort vessels."

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GOODWIN, George Everett, Stoker Second Class (V-30924) (Posthumous) - **Albert Medal in Bronze (Land) (AM)** - RCNVR / Nfld Hotel Fire - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 March 1945 and **London Gazette** of 23 March 1945.

Home: MacGregor, Manitoba.

A Telegram from the Private Secretary to the King was sent on 2

March 1945.

GOODWIN. George Everett, V-30924, age 25, (MacGregor, MB)

Stoker 2, RCNVR, HMCS AVALON(D/S)

Lost, 12 December 1942 HMCS AVALON(D/S) K of C Hostel, St. John's Nfld, fire, 99 fatal and over a hundred injury and casualties.

Interred at St. John's (Mount Pleasant) Cemetery Newfoundland.

Son of Everett and Florence E. Goodwin, of Vancouver, B.C.

Husband of Mildred C. Goodwin, of MacGregor, Manitoba.

AM~[24.3.45] (Posthumous)

"For supreme gallantry in rescuing occupants of the Knights of Columbus Hotel, St. John's Newfoundland, on the occasion of its destruction on 12th, December 1942, by fire. Notwithstanding the fact that he could have saved his own life and that he himself was very badly burned, this rating assisted in removing two girls from the building, thereby saving their lives. He was then overcome by flames and lost his life."

Deaths include:

L/Wtr Roderick **BERNIER** 40784, RCN

PO/Ck(S) Reginald Alfred **HUGHES** X-41099, RCN

Sup/Asst Francis **QUINLAN** 40653, RCN

Yeoman Douglas Alan **SPIKESLEY** 3025, RCN

PO Alfred Bruce **ABBOTT** 4173-A, RCNR

L/Sup/Asst William Charles **ADIE** V-9681, RCNVR

OS Gerald Reginald **EGAN** V-4708, RCNVR

AB Charles Robert **GILES** V-27311, RCNVR

Stoker 2 George Everett **GOODWIN** V-30924, RCNVR

Stoker 1 Robert Samuel **GREER** V-16155, RCNVR

OS Alexander John **LAROCQUE** V-35466, RCNVR

OS George Joseph **LEONARD** V-39249, RCNVR

SBA Duncan Ross **MacMILLAN** V-24847, RCNVR

SPO William Kerr **OWENS** V-7467, RCNVR

Sig Wallace Campbell Joseph **RICHMOND** V-9804, RCNVR

SBA Fernad **VALLANCOURT** V-42867, RCNVR

OS Wilbert Crothers **WALLACE** V-24983, RCNVR

O/Sig Hector Albert "Bart" Charles **WOOLEY** V-8285, RCNVR

AS Irving **EPSTEIN** 23432, RCNVR, of **HMCS ORILLIA** (K119), and interred, St. John's Jewish Cemetery, Newfoundland.

AB James Allan **MacLEAN** V-1136, RCNVR, from Charlottetown, PEI, of **HMCS MATAPEDIA** (K112) and interred, St. John's (Mount Pleasant) Cemetery, Newfoundland.

SBA George Stanley **ROGERSON** V-23287, RCNVR, from Verdun, PQ, of **HMCS TRAIL** (K174), and interred, St. John's (Mount Pleasant) Cemetery, Newfoundland.



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GOODYER, Alfred Edward, Commissioned Cookery Officer - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN / Head of the RCN Cookery Department - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Joined in December 1922 as an Assistant Cook.

Served in *HMS Calcutta*.

Served in *HMCS Guelph*, *HMCS Patriot*, *HMCS Festubert*, *HMCS Champlain*, *HMCS St. Laurent*, and *HMCS Skeena*.

Served ashore in Stadacona, Cornwallis, Naval Headquarters, Niobe and *HMCS Scotian*.

Awarded **RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 29 December 1937.

Retired on 12 December 1949.

GOODYER. Alfred Edward, 0-27820, CPO/Ck, 40235, RCN

LS&GC~[29.12.37]

Wt/Ck [1.5.40] RCN, Cd/Catering(O) [1.1.45] **MBE~[5.1.46]**

HMCS STADACONA(D/S) (1.3.47-?) FOAC staff, (1.5.48-?)

"For long and meritorious service of a high order. As Senior Cookery Officer in the Royal Canadian Navy, Mr. Goodyer has been responsible for the modernization of all ships' galleys and bakeries in shore establishments. He instituted cookery school in various establishments, which resulted in a vast general improvement in the work of that branch. In his capacity as Head of the Cookery Department, he has made an invaluable contribution to the Canadian Naval Service and by his zeal, ability and cheerfulness, he has performed an arduous task with unparalleled success."

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GORDON, Lloyd Murchison, Temporary Able Seaman (V-1267) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / *HMCS Oakville* - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 December 1942 and **London Gazette** of 29 December 1942. Home: Charlottetown, PEI

GORDON. Lloyd Murchison, V-1267, age 23, (Charlottetown, PEI)

AB, RCNVR, **MID~[26.12.42]**

Lost, [29.4.44] *HMCS ATHABASKAN* (G07) DD.

Halifax Memorial, Nova Scotia.

Son of Maimie Gordon, of Clyde River, PEI.

"For good services in action with enemy submarines while serving in **HMCS Oakville**."

Details on the action in which **HMCS Oakville** (Flower Class Corvette - K178) sank **U-94** in the North Caribbean on 28 August 1942 can be found in Chapter 15 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle**

1939-1945".

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GORDON, William Donald, Able Seaman (A-5501 - **Commendation** - RCNR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 26 July 1943.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

GORDON. William Donald, A-5501, AB, RCNR, **Commendation** ~[29.7.43]

"For courage and good seamanship in carrying out hazardous duties."

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GOSNELL, Henry William, Acting Leading Seaman (2791) (Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 11 July 1944.

Home: Saint John, New Brunswick.

GOSNELL. Henry William, 2791, A/LS, RCN,

Lost, 26 April 1944

Interred, Plymouth (Weston Mill) Cemetery, Devon, UK

Son of Sydney A. Gosnell and Jean B. Gosnell, of Saint John, NB.

MID~[9.9.44] (Posthumous)

"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."

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GOULD, Grant Allenby, Surgeon Lieutenant - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Regina - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 17 October 1944.

Born: 12 March 1918 in Uxbridge, Ontario

Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Parents: Thomas and Alma Gould

Siblings: Thomas Bruce, Winnifred ('Mac') Cannington,
Russell Herbert

Married: Sheila Neil, RN

Children: Marilyn Anne Mortimer-Lamb; Sheila Arlene,
Grant Anthony

Companion: Anne McKnight and family

Died: Newport Beach, California on 24 April 2008

Obituary in Globe and Mail stated: He graduated from the University of Toronto Medical School and interned at the Ottawa Civic Hospital

before joining the Royal Canadian Navy in WWII where he met and married Sheila Neil, RN. Upon residency at the Halifax Naval Hospital, N.S., he was posted overseas, serving on the HMCS Regina. In the Normandy invasion, his ship was torpedoed while rescuing survivors in the English Channel. Blown off the bridge and with a crushed chest he performed heroic surgical and medical care of the crew for which he was decorated by King George VI. Brilliant physician and general surgeon, accomplished pianist, small-aircraft pilot, magician, honorary member Newport Beach Tennis Club, mechanic to his 2-door. '70 Cadillac Deville convertible, craftsman and devoted animal lover

GOULD. Grant Allenby, 0-28140, Surg/Lt(Temp) [5.10.41] RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

"For gallant and devoted attention to the wounded."

"Members of the crew had cause to be grateful for the efforts of the corvette's medical officer, Surgeon-Lieutenant G.A. Gould. Although half-choked with fuel oil, and so painfully wounded that he had to take morphia himself, Gould remained at work throughout the night in the wardroom of the American ship (actually the **Landing Craft Tank LCT-644**), performing one amputation with only the limited supplies available to him from the vessel's medical chest."

(page 329 "**Far Distant Ships**") Gould had a broken chest bone and had to be given morphine to allow him to carry on with the amputation.

HMCS Regina (Revised Flower Class Corvette) was sun by **U-667** off Cornwall on 8 August 1944. The **US Liberty Ship Ezra Weston** had been torpedoed and **HMCS Regina** came to her assistance and was torpedoed herself. This sinking is described in Chapter 48 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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GOW, John Alexander, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Quesnel - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943. Home: Montreal, Quebec.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Wolf** (Patrol Craft / Armed Yacht - Z16) from 20 October 1940 to 21 April 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Quesnel** (Flower Class Corvette - K133) from 23 May 1941 to 16 November 1942.

GOW. John Alexander, 0-28250, Lt(Temp) [1.7.39] RCNR

HMCS WOLF (Z16)(P) p/v, CO stand by, (9.9.40-1.10.40)

HMCS WOLF (Z16)(P) p/v, CO, (2.10.40-21.4.41)

HMCS QUESNEL (K133) Cof, CO stand by, (22.4.41-22.5.41)

HMCS QUESNEL (K133) Cof, CO, (23.5.41-4.3.42)
HMCS QUESNEL (K133) Cof, Co, (4.4.42-16.11.42) **MID~[9.1.43]**

"This Officer was in charge of the transferring of a large number of impounded Japanese Fishing Boats from the West Coast of Vancouver Island to the Fraser River. During this trying operation, he displayed tenacity and resourcefulness. In a further operation in connection with the salving of a torpedoed Merchant Ship, this officer also rendered highly valuable service."

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GRANGE, Arthur Edward, Temporary Petty Officer Cook (V-17386) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944.

Home: Goderich, Ontario.

GRANGE. Arthur Edward, V-17386, PO/Ck, 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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GRANT, Erland H., Acting Leading Seaman (V-6465) - **Military Cross (Czechoslovakia)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 22 February 1944 (no Canada Gazette).

22 February 1944 is the correct London Gazette date.

GRANT. Erland H, V-6465, LS, RCNVR

The Czechoslovak Military Cross
(1939)~[22.3.44]

"For assisting in the rescue of nine Czechoslovak Officers during an attack on a British Convoy in July 1943."

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

Born: Halifax, Nova Scotia on 1 March 1899.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Naval Cadet RCN in 1914 at the Royal Naval College of Canada (Fifth Term).



To **HMS Leviathan**, **HMS Carnarvon** and **HMS Roxborough** in 1917.

To **HMS Minotaur** and **HMCS Canada** in 1918.

To **HMS Warwick** in 1919 as part of North Russia Relief Force during the Bolshevik Revolution.

To **Aurora** in 1920.

First Lieutenant on **HMCS Patriot** in 1923.

To **HMS Dryad** for Navigation Course in 1924.

To **HMCS Patrician** in 1924.

To **HMS Dryad** for Advance Navigation Course in 1927.

To **HMS Warspite** and **HMS Queen Elizabeth** as Navigating Officer in 1927.

Lieutenant-Commander in 1928 and to Staff Officer to Commander-in-Charge Halifax in 1929.

To **HMCS Saguenay** in 1931.

To Naval HQ as Director Naval Plans in 1934.

Promoted Commander in 1935 and to Naval HQ as Director of Naval Reserves from 1 July 1935 to 20 December 1935.

Royal Navy Staff course in 1936.

To **HMS Nelson** on staff of Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Fleet 1936.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Skeena** (I) (River Class Destroyer - D159) from 23 April 1938 to 30 November 1939.

Promoted Captain and to Naval HQ as Chief of Naval Personnel and later as Third Member of the Naval Board of Canada in 1940.

Captain(D) Newfoundland in 1942.

To **HMS Diomedé** in Command in 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMS Enterprise** (Cruiser) in 1943.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ontario** (Cruiser - 53) from 26 April 1945 to 31 December 1945.

Promoted Commodore on 1 January 1946 and Rear-Admiral later in 1946.

Chief of Naval Administration and Supply and Third Member of the Naval Board in 1946.

Promoted Vice-Admiral in 1947 and to Naval HQ as Chief of Naval Staff from 1947 to 1951.

Afterwards served as President Home Lines Steamship Agency of Canada Ltd. in Montreal until 1965.

Served as President of Royal Canadian Naval Benevolent Fund and as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Geographical

Society.

Director of the International Grenfell Association and the Grenfell Labrador Medical Mission. Died in Ottawa 9 May 1965.

GRANT. Harold Taylor Wood, 0-28710, Cdt 1914 RNCC 5th term, Mid [2.2.17] RCN

HMS ROXBURGH for training. A/S/Lt [1.2.18]

HMS MINOTAUR Cr, (1.2.18-?) S/Lt [3.5.19]

HMS WARWICK (18.10.19-?) A/Lt(T) [2.12.20]

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-?)

HMS RAMILLIES (5.9.22-?)

HMCS PATRICIAN 1,004/16, DD, (1.12.24-?)

LCdr(N) [3.11.28]

HMCS STADACONA (D/S) for StO to SNO, (24.6.29-?)

HMCS SAGUENAY (D79) DD, (22.5.31-?)

HMCS STADACONA (D/S) (1.1.33-?)

NSHQ StO Intel (27.6.34-?)

Cdr [1.8.35]

HMS RODNEY (25.3.37-?)

NSHQ (11.2.38-?)

HMCS SKEENA (D59) DD, CO, (23.4.38-30.11.39)

Capt [30.8.39]

NSHQ, Staff Officer Operations (1.12.39-?)

NSHQ, Director Naval Personnel, (2.9.40-?)

HMCS AVALON (D/S) Capt(D) Nfld (23.9.42-?-)

HMS DIOMEDE Cr, CO, (1943?)

HMS ENTERPRISE Cr? CO, (1943?)

DSO~[26.2.44] Bronze Star(USA)~[20.1.45]

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, stand by, (11.1.45-25.4.45)

MID~[3.2.45]

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, CO, (26.4.45-31.12.45)

Cmdre [1945] **CBE~[5.1.46]**

RAdm [28.2.46]

VAdm [1.9.47] CD~[?]

NDHQ, CNS, 1.9.47-?)

The Military Order of Italy-Commandeur~[17.11.51]

Retired 1951.

Naval Cadet, RCN	1914	(Royal Naval College of Canada Fifth Term)
Midshipman, RCN	02 February 1917	(Served in HMS Leviathan , HMS Carnarvon and HMS Roxborough)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	03 May 1919	(To HMS Warwick in 1919 as part of North Russia Relief Force)
Acting Lieutenant, RCN	02 December 1920	(First Lieutenant on HMCS Patriot in 1923)
Lieutenant, RCN	02 November 1920	(effective date)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	02 November 1928	(Served on HMCS Saguenay)
Commander, RCN	01 August 1935	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Skeena)
Captain, RCN	01 July 1940	(Commanding Officer of HMS Enterprise)
Commodore, RCN	01 January 1945	(First Commanding Officer of HMCS Ontario)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	01 January 1946	(Chief of Naval Administration and Supply)
Vice-Admiral, RCN	01 September 1947	(Chief of Naval Staff)
Retired	1951	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



Uniform displayed in Maritime Command Museum, Halifax.

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GRANT, John Moreau, Acting Captain - Commander - Order of the British Empire (CBE) - RCN / Commandant Royal Roads - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 8 January 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944. Home: Victoria, British Columbia. Commandant of Royal Canadian Naval College (Royal Roads) 1942 to 1944. Died in Victoria, B.C. on 2 February 1986.

GRANT. John Moreau, 0-28740, Cdt [1.1.11] CNF,
 1st term RNCC, Mid [15.1.13] RCN
 HMS SUFFOLK 1914
 A/S/Lt [1.12.15] A/Lt [17.4.17]
 HMS BEAVER tb, (1.11.16-?)
 Lt [17.9.17]
 HMCS NADEN for RNCC 25.3.19-?)
 LCdr(Temp) [17.9.25]
 HMCS STONE FRIGATE Kingston, ON, (3.1.40-?)
 RCNB Esq, XO, (20.7.40-?)
 A/Cdr(Temp) (WHA)
 RCNC ROYAL ROADS CO, (13.12.40-?)
 Cdr(Temp) [1.7.41]
 A/Capt(WHA) RCNC HMCS ROYAL ROADS CO, (21.10.42-?)
CBE~[8.1.44] Capt(Temp) [23.7.46]
 NSHQ 1946.
 Demobilized [28.7.46]
 Deceased [2.2.86] Victoria, BC.

"Now commanding the Royal Canadian Naval College, this Officer, who returned to the Royal Canadian Navy at the outbreak of hostilities, has contributed, in a marked degree, to Canada's war effort, particularly in connection with the training of officers of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve."

Medals: CBE - 1914/1915 Star - British War Medal - Victory Medal
 - CVSM - 1939/1945 War Medal



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GRANT, Malcolm Seafield, Lieutenant (Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Alberni - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Brockville, Ontario.
GRANT. Malcolm Seafield, 0-28760, age 29, (Brockville, Ontario) Lt(Temp)
[18.8.42] RCNVR
HMCS TRURO (J268) m/s, (17.9.42-?)
HMCS ALBERNI (K103) Cof, (15.10.42-?)
Lost, [21.8.44] HMCS ALBERNI (K103) Cof.
Halifax Memorial Nova Scotia.
Son of Lawford S.F. and Nancy Grant, of Ottawa, Ontario.
Husband of Helen Lois Grant, of Brockville, Ontario.
MID~[14.6.45] (Posthumous)

"This Officer, who lost his life at the time of the destruction of **HMCS Alberni**, consistently displayed coolness in action and unswerving devotion to duty. His organizational and training ability were largely responsible for the successful shooting down of a JU-88 in July, 1944. Lieutenant Grant's exemplary conduct was always a credit to the service as a whole and an inspiration to the men serving under him."

The sinking of **HMCS Alberni** (Flower Class Corvette - K103) by **U-480** on 21 August 1944 in the English Channel is described in Chapter 50 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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GRANT, Ronald, Able Seaman (V-4779) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Dauphin - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.
Home: Norham, Ontario.
GRANT. Ronald, V-4779, AB, RCNVR, **MID~[6.1.45]**

"During two years at sea in **HMCS Dauphin** (Flower Class Corvette - K157) on North Atlantic convoy duty, his cheerfulness, reliability and devotion to duty under all conditions has been an excellent example to the ship's company."

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GRANTHAM, William Hugh, Acting Yeoman of Signals (V-9532) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.
Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.
GRANTHAM. William Hugh, V-9532, A/Ymn, 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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GRATTON, Joseph John Rene George, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches
- RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Moncton, New Brunswick.

GRATTON. Joseph John Rene George, 0-28810, (Moncton, NB)

S/Lt (Temp) [12.4.43]

RCNVR, HMCS PICTOU (K146) Cof, (8.9.43-?)

HMC ML 055 (Q055) (71st ML Fl) (17.2.44-?)

A/Lt (Temp) [12.4.44]

HMC ML 082 (Q082) (79th ML Fl) (15.4.44-?)

HMCS ST CATHARINES (K325) Fr, (4.9.44-?)

HMCS CARLPLACE (K664) Fr, stand by, (18.11.44-12.12.44)

HMCS CARLPLACE (K664) Fr, (13.12.44-?) **MID~[5.1.46]**

Demobilized. [12.9.47]

LCdr [12.4.52]

RCN(SS 20 Apr 51-19 Apr 54)

HMCS DONNACONA Recruiting (7.4.52-?)

"This Officer, by his constant devotion to duty, his zeal and energy and high sense of loyalty, has set a fine example and has been an inspiration to those working with him."

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GRAVELLE, Joseph, Petty Officer Steward (V-12603) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Edmonton, Alberta.

GRAVELLE. Joseph, V-12603, PO/Std, 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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GRAY, David, Petty Officer (T) (V-23092) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Lachine, Quebec.

GRAY. David, V-23092, PO(HSD), RCNVR, MID~[1.1.45] DSM~[16.6.45]

"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.

GRAY, David, Petty Officer (HSD) (V-23092) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR / HMCS Chaudiere - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.

"For outstanding zeal, energy and devotion to duty over a long period at sea. This rating was largely responsible for the very high efficiency of **HMCS Chaudiere's** A/S Team, on the occasion of the destruction of one U-Boat and the probably destruction of another. He showed exceptional devotion to duty during long and trying periods of A/S work immediately after D-Day, and has consistently been an example to those with whom he has worked. This rating was awarded an MID on 1 January 1945."

HMCS Chaudiere (River Class Destroyers - H99), **HMCS Ottawa (I)**, and **HMCS Kootenay**, sank **U-621** in the Bay of Biscay on 18 August 1944. They also sank a second U-Boat, **U-984** on 20 August 1944 as well. These actions are described in Chapter 49 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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GRAY, James Charles, Surgeon Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / With RN - Awarded as per London Gazette of 1 January 1943 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Edinburgh, Scotland.

Joined the RCN as a Surgeon Lieutenant, RCNVR on 09 May 1940

Served most of WWII with the Royal Navy.

Promoted to Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander RCNR on 15 October 1945.

Served on HMCS Warrior (Aircraft Carrier - 31) beginning on 01 June 1946 until demobilized on 30 September 1947.

Rejoined the RCN as a Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander on 01 July 1947.

Promoted to Surgeon Commander 01 July 1952 while serving as Principal Medical Officer, RCN Hospital, Esquimalt

Went for post-graduate training in internal medicine in London, England in September 1952.

Returned as Principal Medical Officer, RCN Hospital Esquimalt on 28 June 1954.

GRAY. James "Jimmy" Charles, 0-28970, Surg/Lt (Temp) [9.5.40] RCNVR
DSC~[1.1.43]

Surg/LCdr [15.10.45] RCN(R)
HMCS WARRIOR(31) CVL, (1.6.46-?)
Demobilized. [30.9.47]
Surg/LCdr [1.7.45] RCN,
RCNH Esquimalt, (6.11.47-?)
RCNH Esquimalt, (15.6.51-?)
RCNB Esquimalt, Medical School, OIC, (30.8.51-?)
RCNH Esquimalt (15.10.51-?) FOPC, for CMO, (5.1.52-?)
FOPC/Hygiene,
RCNB Esquimalt, PMO RCNH, OIC Medical School (25.2.52-?)
Surg/Cdr [1.7.52]
HMCS NIOBE additional (27.3.54-?)
RCNB Esquimalt for PMO & OIC Medical School, (28.6.54-?)

"This Officer displayed gallantry and outstanding service, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters, and set an example of wholehearted devotion to duty to those about him."

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GRAY, Robert Hampton, Lieutenant (P) (Killed in Action) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / No. 1841 RN Squadron on board HMS Formidable - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 February 1945 and **London Gazette** of 16 January 1945.



Home: Nelson, British Columbia.

Ordinary Seaman, RCNVR 18 July 1940 with the Calgary Division RCNVR.

To Stadacona in 1940.

To HMS Victory and HMS St. Vincent in 1940.

To RAF Luton for **No. 24 Elementary Flying Training School** in 1940.

To Kingston, Ontario for **No. 31 Service Flying Training School** in 1941.

Received Commission as Sub-Lieutenant (Temporary), RCNVR on 31 December 1941 (seniority 5 December 1941).

To RNAS Daedelus as additional in 1941.

To RNAS Yeovilton for HMS Heron for Operational Fighter Training in 1941.

To RNAS Worthy Down for **HMS Kestrel** for **No. 757 RN Squadron** in 1942.

To HMS Afrikander as additional in FAA pool in 1942.

To RNAS Wingfield for **HMS Malagas** with **No. 789 RN Squadron** in 1942.

To **HMS Illustrious** for Deck Landing Training in 1941.

Promoted Lieutenant (P) Temporary 31 December 1942.

To **HMS Kipanga** for **No. 795 RN Squadron** in 1943.
 To **HMS Kipanga** for **No. 877 RN Squadron** in 1943.
 To **HMS Heron** for **No. 748 RN Squadron** for Refresher Flying Course in 1944.
 To **HMS Formidable** for **No. 1841 Squadron** as pilot.
 Flew Corsairs off **HMS Formidable** against the **Tirpitz** in August 1944.
 In September 1944, **HMS Formidable** sailed for the Pacific theatre.
 On 28 July 1945, Gray directed a low-level strike against the naval base at Maisuru, north of Kyoto hitting a Japanese Destroyer for which he received the DSC. At Onagawa Bay, 9 August 1945, Gray was



killed in action when shot down while attacking the Japanese Destroyer **Amakusa** and sinking the ship.

First naval officer elected to the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame. The book "**A Formidable Hero**" by Stuart E. Soward describes his short life in detail.

GRAY. Robert Hampton "Hammy", 0-29020, S/Lt(Temp) [31.12.40] RCNVR
 Lt(P) [31.12.42]
 HMS FORMIDABLE (67) (29.8.44) **MID**~[3.2.45] (see 29 Aug 44)
 HMS FORMIDABLE (67) Lt(P) **DSC**~[15.9.45] 9.8.45

Robert Hampton GRAY RCNVR, led a flight of Corsair a/c in a deadly low-level strafing attack against 3 Narvik-class DD's, although his a/c took a direct hit & lost most of his rudder GRAY flew back to FORMIDABLE, upon arrival orbiting the ship for 45 minutes rather the disrupt landing operations (see 15 Sep 45)

HMS FORMIDABLE (67) Lt(P) **VC**~[24.11.45] (see 9 Aug 45)
 Robert Hampton GRAY RCNVR led an a/c attack on Japanese shipping in Onagawa Wan on the island of Honshu, Japan, in diving to attack furies opened on the aircraft from shore batteries, & ships, GRAY attacked a DD, and oblivious to the concentrated fire made straight for his target. His aircraft was hit a number of times, and caught fire, GRAY pressed on to within fifty feet of the DD and released his bombs, scoring at least one direct hit and possibly more, the DD sank almost immediately, Lt GRAY failed to return to his ship, giving his life. (see 23 Nov 45)
 Obituary [9.8.45]

"For undaunted courage, skill and determination in carrying out daring attacks air strikes on the German battleship **Admiral Von Tirpitz** in August 1944."

On 29 August, 1944, Lt Gray lead his flight in a deadly low-level

strafing run against three Narvik-class destroyers, all blazing at the Corsairs with a hail of cannon fire. Lt Gray's aircraft took a direct hit from a 40 mm shell and most of his rudder was shot off. He managed to fly back to the ship, and in a rare display of coolness patiently orbited the carrier for 45 minutes rather than disrupt the landing pattern by requesting an emergency landing. (from "**A Formidable Hero**")

GRAY, Robert Hampton, Lieutenant (P) (Killed in Action) - **Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCNVR / HMS Formidable RNAS - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 21 August 1945.

"For courage in action against the Japanese. For determination and address in air attacks on targets in Japan, on the 18th, 24th and 28th of July 1945".

On July 28, 1945, Lt Gray directed a low-level strike against the naval base at Maisuru, north of Kyoto. Lt Gray made a direct hit on a Japanese destroyer, setting it afire and sending it to the bottom. His proficiency at this type of low-level attack on well defended naval destroyers was remarkable.
(from "**A Formidable Hero**")

GRAY, Robert Hampton, Lieutenant (P), DSC (Posthumous) - **VICTORIA CROSS (VC)** - RCNVR / HMS Formidable RNAS - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 November 1945 and **London Gazette** of

"For great bravery in leading an attack to within fifty feet of a Japanese destroyer in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, thereby sinking the destroyer although he was hit and his aircraft on fire and finally himself killed. He was one of the gallant company of Naval airmen who, from December, 1944, fought and beat the Japanese from Palembang to Tokyo. The actual incident took place in the Onagawa Wan on the 9th of August, 1945. Gray was leader of the attack which he pressed home in the face of fire from shore batteries and at least eight warships. With his aircraft in flames, he nevertheless obtained at least one direct hit which sank its objective."

Lieutenant R.H. Gray, DSC, RCNVR of Nelson, BC, flew off the Aircraft

Carrier HMS Formidable on August 9th, 1945, to lead an attack on Japanese shipping in Onagawa Wan (Bay) in the Island of Honshu, Mainland of Japan. At Onagawa Bay, the fliers found below a number of Japanese ships and dived in to attack. Furious fire was opened on the aircraft from Army batteries on the ground and from warships in the Bay. Lt Gray selected for his target an enemy destroyer. He swept in oblivious of the concentrated fire and made straight for his target. His aircraft was hit and hit again, but he kept on. As he came close to the destroyer, his plane caught fire but he pressed on to within fifty feet of the Japanese ship and let go his bombs. He scored at least one direct hit, possibly more. The destroyer **(Amakusa)** sank almost immediately. Lt Gray did not return. He had given his life at the very end of his fearless bombing run.

In recommending Lieutenant R.H. Gray for the award of a Posthumous Victoria Cross, Vice-Admiral Sir Philip Vian declared: "I have in mind firstly his brilliant fighting spirit and inspired leadership, an unforgettable example of selfless and sustained devotion to duty, without regard to safety of life and limb. The award of this highly prized and highly regarded recognition of valour may fittingly be conferred on a native of Canada, which Dominion has played so great a part in the training of our airmen".

MEDALS of Lieutenant (P) Robert Hampton GRAY, VC, DSC, RCNVR:

VC - DSC - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Africa Star - Pacific Star - CVSM & Clasp - 39/45 Medal with Mention in Despatches.



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GREEN, Margaret Isabelle, Nursing Sister - Associate - Royal Red Cross (ARRC) - RCN (Temp) / RCN Hospital St. John's, Newfoundland - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of

14 June 1945. Home: Agincourt, Ontario.

GREEN. Margaret Isabelle, 0-29210, N/S(Temp) [25.4.42] RCN, **ARRC~[16.6.45]**
Demobilized [19.11.45]

"This Nursing Sister has shown exceptional devotion to duty over a long period. At the time of the fire in the Knights of Columbia Hostel, St. John's, Newfoundland, in December 1941, she was in charge of the patients, rendering excellent and untiring services to the many difficult burn cases. The high morale of the patients was maintained to a marked degree by her consistent good humour and optimistic manner."

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GREEN, Richard William, Leading Seaman (V-26090) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Rencontre West, Newfoundland.

GREEN. Richard William, V-26090, LS, RCNVR, **MID~[5.1.46]**

"This rating has shown marked ability both in carrying out his own duties and in supervisory work. His pre-war knowledge of seamanship has made him an asset to the ship and he has taken every opportunity to pass on his knowledge to younger ratings."

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GREEN, Robert MacDonald, Chief Petty Officer (Boatswain Mate) (2905) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCN / HMCS Ontario - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Home: Edmonton, Alberta.

GREEN. Robert Mac Donald, 2905, CPO(EM), RCN, **BEM~[15.6.46]**

"Chief Petty Officer Green has served in the Royal Canadian Navy for over a period of nine years. During the war, he saw service in His Majesty's Canadian destroyers and latterly in **HMCS Ontario** in the Pacific Theatre. His work has been consistently of a high order and his loyalty, cheerfulness, example and bearing are in keeping with the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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GREEN, Virgil, Stoker First Class (V-54609) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Guelph, Ontario. See citation to

Commander Robertson.

GREEN. Virgil, V-54609, Stk 1/cl, RCNVR, MID~[10.6.44]

"This rating displayed courage and outstanding devotion to duty in fighting fire in the **United States Merchant Ship Volunteer**. Without regard to his personal safety, he entered a hatch which was filled with magnesium and phosphate in an effort to subdue the fire."

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GREENWOOD, Gerald Maurice, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Cowichan Station, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

GREENWOOD. Gerald Maurice, 0-29330, A/Lt(Temp) [15.12.39] RCNVR
MID~[5.6.43]

"While serving in one of His Majesty's destroyers, this officer displayed outstanding powers of leadership, initiative and devotion to duty. During a winter gale in the North Atlantic, the ship's bridge was washed away and the Commanding Officer and First Lieutenant were killed. Lieutenant Greenwood assumed command and succeeded under great difficulties in bringing his ship to harbour."

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GREGORY, George Frederick Thompson, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS St. Thomas - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 24 July 1945. Home: Brooklyn, Massachusetts, United States of America.

"For service in **HMCS St. Thomas** in action against a German boat."

Details on the action in which **HMCS St. Thomas** (Castle Class Corvette - K488) and **HMCS Sea Cliff** sank **U-877** in the mid-Atlantic on 27 December 1944 can be found in Chapter 57 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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GRIFFIN, Anthony George Scott, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Pictou - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 18 November 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Pictou** (Flower Class Corvette - K146) from 5 September 1941 to 21 August 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Toronto** (River Class Frigate - K538) From 18 March 1945 to 17 June 1945.

GRIFFIN. Anthony George Scott, 0-29390, Lt(Temp) [16.7.40] RCNVR

HMCS PICTOU (K146) Cof, (29.4.41-?)

HMCS PICTON (K146) Cof, CO, (5.9.41-21-8.42)

HMCS PICTON (K146) Cof, CO, (20.9.42-14.3.43) **MID~[21.11.42]**

LCdr(Temp) [1.7.43]

HMCS TORONTO (K538) Fr, CO, (18.3.45-17.6.45)

Demobilized [9.11.45]

"Lieutenant Griffin was Commanding Officer of **HMCS Pictou** when she located an enemy U-Boat which she followed and attacked on the surface forcing it to dive. With coolness and daring, he directed and carried out a most promising depth charge attack."

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GRIFFIN, Frederick Elswood, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMS Euphrates - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 10 March 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

GRIFFIN. Frederick Elswood, 0-29400, RCNVR Company Winnipeg A/S/Lt(Temp)

[12.4.39] RCNVR

Lt(Temp) [12.4.41] **MID~[10.2.42]**

HMCS RESTIGOUCHE (H00) DD, (6.6.43-?)

Lt(Temp) [12.4.40] A/LCdr(Temp) (WHA) Demobilized [10.1.46]

"For courage, enterprise, and devotion to duty in operations in the Persian Gulf."

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GRIFFITHS, George Humphrey, Acting Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Drumheller - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of the Armed Yacht **HMCS Beaver** (Patrol Craft Special Duties) from 17 March 1941 to 31 July 1941.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Drumheller** (Flower Class Corvette - K167) from 13 September 1941 to 15 October 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Woodstock** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K238) from 19 October 1942 to 19 January 1943.

An RCN (Temporary) Officer, Royal Navy retired.

GRIFFITHS. George Humphrey, 0-29430,

LCdr(Temp) [15.2.26] RCN, {RN(rtd)}

HMC Dockyard Halifax, for Chart/Depot OIC, (2.9.39-?)

HMCS BEAVER (Z10) (A) p/v, CO, (17.3.41-31.7.41)

A/Cdr
HMCS DRUMHELLER (K167) Cof, CO, (13.9.41-15.10.42)
HMCS WOODSTOCK (K238) Cof, CO, (19.10.42-19.1.43)
Cdr(Temp) [1.1.43] **MID~**[9.1.43] **OBE~**[5.6.43]
A/Capt(Temp) (WHA)
HMCS AVALON(D/S) Chief of Staff, (16.10.44-?)
HMCS AVALON (D/S) St. John's Nfld, NOIC (15.10.44-?)
Demobilized [4.3.46]

"Throughout his service in HMC Corvettes in the North Atlantic, this officer has displayed outstanding zeal, leadership and wholehearted devotion to duty."

GRIFFITHS, George Humphrey, Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / HMCS Drumheller - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 5 June 1943 of and London Gazette of 2 June 1943.

"This retired Royal Navy Officer, who joined the Royal Canadian Navy on the outbreak of hostilities, has been in command of His Majesty's Canadian corvettes in the North Atlantic for a considerable period, during which time his loyalty and enthusiasm have been an inspiration to those serving under him."

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GRIFFITHS, John Charles, Chief Engine Room Artificer (V-11436) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Brandon - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 13 June 1942 and London Gazette of 11 June 1942.
GRIFITHS. John Charles, V-11436, CPO/ERA, RCNVR, MID~[13.6.42]

"On 19 October 1941, a leak developed in **HMCS Brandon** (Flower Class Corvette - K149) whilst at sea in a gale, and water entering the engine room appeared to be beyond control. Chief Engine Room Artificer Griffiths displayed initiative and resource of a high order in gaining control of the leak under the worst conditions possible. It was due to his efforts that way was kept on the ship, enabling her to ride the gale when a heavy sea aboard would have meant disaster. Chief Engine Room Artificer Griffiths, by his zealous and courageous conduct, set an example to those around him worthy of the best Naval traditions."

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GRIMES, David Lloyd, Petty Officer (V-23126) - Mention in Despatches
- RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Westmount, Quebec.

GRIMES. David Lloyd, V-23126, PO, RCNVR, MID~ [14.6.45]

"This Petty Officer has displayed a consistent high standard of service for the last four years. The majority of this time has been spent in the North Atlantic under arduous and difficult conditions. He is an outstanding rating, always conscientious and completely reliable and a fine example to the other men."

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GROOS, David Walter, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Restigouche - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944 (no Canada Gazette).

Born: Milwaukee WI, 20 Apr 1918

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

One of Seven Naval Cadets taken into the RCN in 1935.

Posted to Training Cruiser **HMS Frobisher**.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Collingwood** (Flower Class Corvette - K180) from 10 December 1942 to 5 June 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Restigouche** (River Class Destroyer - H00) from 6 June 1943 to 3 December 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Crescent** ('C' Class Destroyer - 226) from 6 November 1948 to 1 December 1949. Promoted Commander 01 July 1949.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sioux** (Destroyer - 225) from 18 January 1950 to 3 July 1950.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ontario** (32) from 15 September 1954 to 22 August 1956.

Life on **HMCS Restigouche** with LCdr David Groos as Commanding Officer is described in "**Glory of Youth**" by LCdr Allan W. Stevens.

Post war he was three times elected as a Member of Parliament for Victoria (Liberal) and served as a Parliamentary Secretary and special representative to NATO.

He declined to be Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia because of ill health and died in 1976.

GROOS. David Walter, 0-29530, (born: Milwaukee WI, 20 Apr 1918) (Victoria, BC)

A/S/Lt [1.9.38] RCN

HMS SHROPSHIRE (1.9.36-?)



RN Portsmouth Course (5.9.38-?)
 HMCS RESTIGOUCHE (H00) DD, (15.8.39-?)
 Lt [15.11.38]
 HMCS RESTIGOUCHE (H00) DD, CO, (24.6.41-29.6.41)
 HMCS COLLINGWOOD (K180) Cof, CO, (10.12.42-5.6.43)
 HMCS RESTIGOUCHE (H00) DD, CO, (6.6.43-12.10.44) **MID~[3.10.44]**
 A/LCdr (WHA)
 HMCS ROYAL ROADS (RCN College) XO, (1.12.44-?)
DSC~[1.1.45] 2nd MID~[20.1.45]
 LCdr [15.11.46]
 HMCS CRESCENT (R16) DD, CO, (13.11.48-1.12.49) Cdr [1.7.49]
 HMCS SIOUX(225) DDE, CO, (18.1.50-3.7.50)
 HMCS SHEARWATER XO, (27.7.50-?) CD~[?]
 NSHQ for Director Officer Personnel, (4.2.52-?)
 Capt [1.7.53]
 HMCS NIAGARA (NMCS Washington) XO & Assistant Naval Attaché (7.8.53-?)
 HMCS ONTARIO(32) LCB, CO, (15.9.54-22.8.56)
 HMCS VENTURE CO, (23.9.56-?) (130)
 HMCS NADEN(N18) (13.6.60-?)

"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."



GROOS, David Walter, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCN / HMCS Restigouche - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

"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."

HMCS Restigouche helped sink two or three armed U-boat escorts off Brest on 6 July 1944.

GROOS, David Walter, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCN / HMCS Restigouche - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

"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 Year's List (Admiralty) A.F.O. 239/45.

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GROOS, Harold Victor William, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Gatineau - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 18 July 1944.

Born: 02 September 1912 in New Orleans LA, USA

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Naval Cadet RCN in 1930 as Special Entry No. 28.

To HMS Erebus for training in 1930.

To HMS Carysfort for Training. To **HMS Hood** for training.

To HMS Victory for training.

To **HMS Warspite** and **HMS Rodney** for training.

To HMS Excellent and HMS Dryad.

To **HMCS Skeena** in 1937.

To **HMCS Fraser** in 1937.

He was the First Lieutenant and the Officer of the Watch on **HMCS Fraser** when she was sunk.

For a description of the sinking of **HMCS Fraser**, see Chapter 2 "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Orillia** (Flower Class Corvette - K119) from 5 September 1942 to 13 February 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Francis** (Town Class Destroyer - 193) from 18 February 1943 to 15 November 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Gatineau** (River Class Destroyer - H75) 23 November 1943 to 10 September 1944 (LCdr).

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Huron** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G24) from 23 September 1944 to 24 October 1945.

To Naval HQ as Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel in 1945.

Director of Seaman Personnel in 1945.

At Naval HQ as Staff Officer (Plans and Intelligence) in 1946.

At Naval HQ as Staff Officer (Strategy) on Staff of Directorate of Naval Plans and Operations in 1948.

To National Defence College of Canada Course No. 1 in 1948.

Promoted Commander and to Naden as Executive Officer of RCN Barracks Esquimalt in 1950.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Crusader** (Cruiser - 228) from 2 April 1951 to 2 April 1954.

Appointed AdC and Naval Member Canadian Joint Liaison Staff in



London in 1952.

Promoted Captain in 1953.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Bonaventure** (Aircraft Carrier - 22) from 17 January 1957 to 14 January 1958.

Promoted Acting Commodore and to Naden as Commodore RCN Barracks Esquimalt.

To Canadian Forces HQ on staff of Chief of Personnel as Director General Officer Cadets in 1962 and retired in 1965.

Died at Victoria, B.C. in 1978.

GROOS. Harold "Harry" ("Hardover Harry") Victor William, 0-29540,

Born: New Orleans LA, 2 September 1912) (Victoria, BC)

CN, (Special Entry No 28) Mid [1.1.31]

A/S/Lt [1.1.34]

HMCS SKEENA (H01) DD, (1.6.35-?) Lt [1.5.36]

HMCS VANCOUVER DD, (1.6.36-?)

HMCS FRASER (H48) DD, (17.2.37-?)

HMCS ORILLIA (K119) Cof, CO, (5.9.42-13.2.43)

A/LCdr (WHA) 1943

HMCS ST. FRANCIS (I93) DD, CO, (18.2.43-17.11.43)

HMCS GATINEAU (H61) DD, CO, (22.11.43-10.9.44)

LCdr [1.5.44] **MID~ [9.9.44]**

HMCS HURON (G24) DD, CO, (23.9.44-24.10.45)

A/Cdr [25.10.45]

RCN Sub-Depot Esquimalt, OIC (29.4.46-?)

Cdr [1.1.49]

HMCS CRUSADER (228) DDE, CO, (2.4.51-2.4.52) CD~[?]

HMCS NIOBE (NMCS London) CO, (30.5.52-?)

A/Capt (WHA) Capt [1.1.53]

NSHQ for Dep/Ch/Pers, (4.9.53-?)

HMCS BYTOWN additional, (23.1.56-?)

HMCS NIOBE additional, (31.3.56-?)

HMCS BONAVENTURE (22) RRSN, CO, (17.1.57-14.1.58)

A/Cmdre 1958,

FOPC, OIC/RCN Depot, & CO/RCNB Esquimalt, (3.2.58-?) (130)

Cmdre [15.1.60]

HMCS NADEN (N18) (1.9.61-?)

NSHQ (D78) (21.12.61-?)

Special/Sect (I90) (17.9.62-?)

CFHQ/Adm/Unit (0000) (19.4.65-?)

Naval Cadet, RCN	01 September	1930	(Special Entry No. 28)
Midshipman, RCN	01 January	1931	(Served in HMS Hood)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 January	1934	(Served in HMS Rodney)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 January	1934	(Seniority effective 1 January 1934)
Lieutenant, RCN	01 May	1936	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Orillia)
Acting Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 May	1943	(Commanding Officer of HMCS St. Francis)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 May	1944	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Gatineau)
Acting Commander, RCN	01 October	1945	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Huron)
Commander, RCN	01 January	1949	(Executive Officer of RCN Barracks Esquimalt)
Captain, RCN	01 January	1953	(CO of HMCS Crusader & HMCS Bonaventure)
Acting Commodore, RCN	01 January	1958	(Commodore RCN Barracks Esquimalt)
Commodore, RCN	15 January	1960	(Director General Officer Cadets)
Retired	01 September	1965	

Citation for MID: See also: LCdr Charles Patrick Nixon, Lt. Terence Charles Todd, Leading Stoker George Hunter McGinn, Leading Seaman Leslie Norman Bourne, ERA John Elliot Williams, CPO Telegraphist Arthur John Carrington.

"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 Gatineau (River Class Destroyer - K61), along with **HMCS Chaudiere, HMCS St. Catharines, 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 Gatineau** was about to leave the east-bound convoy because of a distiller defect when it obtained a contact. **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

Medals of Commodore Harold Victor William GROOS, RCN:

1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star with France & Germany Bar - Defence Medal - CVSM & Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal with MID - CD and 2 Bars.

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GRUBB, Frederic Ernest, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCN
/ **HMCS Moose Jaw** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 19 May 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Moose Jaw** (Flower Class Corvette - K164) from 19 June 1941 to 8 December 1941.

GRUBB, Frederic Ernest, 0-29570,
Born: London, England, 18 July 1910.
Died: Victoria, B.C., Canada, 29 March 1985

HMS ERBUS 1927, Cdt [7.9.28 - 1929] Special entry No 27, RCN,
 Mid [1.1.30] RN for training 1930,
 HMS REVENGE [1930-31]
 HMS WARSPITE [1931-32]
 S/Lt [1.8.32] RNC GREENWICH - COURSES [1932-33]
 Lt [1.8.35] HMCS VANCOUVER DD, (14.5.34 - 1936)
 HMCS NADEN (1936)
 HMCS SKEENA (D59) DD, (15.8.36-1938)
 HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, (21.4.38 - 1940)
 HMCS NADEN II (22.8.40 -1941)
 HMCS ST. CROIX (1941)
 HMCS MOOSE JAW (K164) Cof, CO stand by (3.6.41-18.6.41)
 HMCS MOOSE JAW (K164) Cof, CO, (19.6.41-8.12.41)
 HMCS CHARNY (Z266) (A) t/s, CO, (9.5.42-15.11.42) **MID~**[19.5.42]
 HMCS YORK- CO RESERVE DIVISIONS [CORD.], Staff Executive Officer,
 (2.12.42- ?3.1944)
 LCdr [1.8.43]
 HMCS STADACONA, XO, 1944-1945
 HMCS ESQUIMALT 1945 - 1949 for Duty at RCN Barracks Esquimalt Grubb taught at
 Royal Roads Naval College after the war and was a member of the writing board
 which drafted the first "Tri-Service King's Regulations & Orders".
 HMCS BYTOWN 1949 - 1952 NHQ: Director of Officer Personnel
 Cdr [1.1.50] CD2 [7.9.1950]
 R.N. STAFF COLLEGE GREENWICH 1952
 HMCS NIOBE 1952 - 1956 (XO& Staff of Naval Member Military Standardization
 Agency 1952 - 1954)
 A/Capt (WHA) [9.8.54]
 Chief Staff Officer to Naval Member of the Canadian Joint Staff (London) and as
 Alternate Canadian Naval Member to Military Agency for Standardization 1954-
 1956
 Reverted to Commander [1956]
 HMCS Naden, Staff of Flag Officer Pacific Coast as Assistant Chief of Staff
 (Training and Administration) 1956-1960
 Retired 18 July 1960
 Died in Victoria 29 March 1985

"For good service in HMCS Moose Jaw, in action against enemy submarines and in rescuing
 survivors from a merchantman."



Details on the action in which HMCS Moose Jaw and HMCS Chambly (Flower Class Corvette - K116) sank U-501 off of Greenland on 10 September 1941 can be found in Chapter seven of "The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945".

Lieutenant Frederic Ernest Grubb in 1930's

Lieutenant-Commander Frederic Ernest Grub in 1943 wearing MID insignia

Message from *HMCS Moose Jaw* at St. John's, Newfoundland, to Captain (D) Newfoundland Force, November 6, 1941. (For the full text of this letter, see National Archives of Canada).

At about 2100 on 10th September, flares and star shell were sighted ahead on either bow. Hands went to action stations at 2130. At about 2200, *Chambly* signaled that he was about to blow a depth charge, and altered course to port. At the time the two ships were in line abreast, *HMCS Moose Jaw* to starboard. I altered course to port in a wide sweep to keep clear of *HMCS Chambly* and to place myself to carry out a depth charge attack.

A few minutes later, I saw a submarine surface between *Chambly* and ourselves, [and it] appeared to be stopped . The submarine made a series of "I's" on a small lamp just abaft the conning tower. It got under way at this point, and I gave chase, opening fire with the 4-inch gun as soon as it was clear of *Chambly*. The submarine appeared to be moving at about 13 knots. It attempted to place me dead astern, altering course to do so each time I tried to alter out of its wake. I ordered the 10-inch signal projector trained on it, disclosing the crew on the upper deck. They appeared to be so demoralized that ...I thought there might be some chance of capturing the submarine. The next few minutes were spent in chase, the submarine attempting to get directly ahead of me, and I trying to keep on his quarter in case he fired torpedoes. I managed to go alongside the submarine, starboard side to, and called on her to surrender. To my surprise, I saw a man make a magnificent leap from the submarine's deck into our waist, and the remainder of her crew move to do likewise. Not being prepared to repel boarders at that moment I sheared off. The submarine altered course across my bows and I rammed her, increasing to 185 revolutions to do so, and altering course to hit her forward diving rudders and thus prevent her submerging.

After the impact, she moved across my bows at reduced speed and I opened fire again. The crew jumped into the sea as soon as the first round went, and I ordered fire to be stopped. I subsequently learned that the shell had passed low enough over the conning tower to knock down the men who were standing thereon. The submarine was then on my port beam . The man who I had seen jump aboard turned out to be the submarine's commanding officer. He was badly shaken

and when he was brought to me on the bridge appeared to be worried at the amount of light we were showing in order to pick up survivors.

The total number of prisoners taken from *U-501* was three commissioned officers, two midshipmen, and 24 ratings. The commanding officer, Commander Hugo Forster, a man of 35, was born in Berlin. He was quiet and well mannered, and I saw no signs of Nazi influence. The executive officer, Lieutenant Werner Albring (age 26) was born in Wessel. I believe that if it had not been for the example of his commanding officer, he would have given trouble, as he appeared to be a Nazi type. The Second-Lieutenant, Lieutenant Hans Sittenfeld, age 24, born in Kiel, was in manners and attitude like his commanding officer.

As I neared the starboard wing of the convoy, star shell fired by a destroyer, whom I believe to have been *SKEENA*, passed close overhead. I switched on dim navigation lights until fire was ceased. The time was then approximately 2345.

The keenness and attention to duty of the three submarine detector operators was outstanding. The energy, initiative and professional knowledge shown by the senior S.D.O., E. Thomas, Ordinary Seaman, N-V13460, was particularly worthy of note.

I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient Servant.

F.E. Grubb,
Lieutenant, R.C.N.,
Commanding Officer

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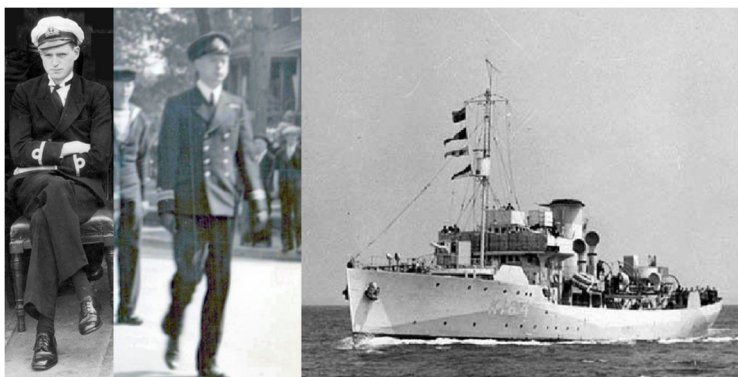
1. As Staff Executive Officer of Commanding Officer Reserve Division (CORD) HQ in Toronto, 1942-44, Lt. Grubb started and edited "The Naval Cord", a rather obvious play on words, which was published monthly (mimeo by Gestetner!) and distributed to all Reserve divisions throughout Canada. From its first small edition it grew to a considerable number of pages with submissions from many of the Divisions across the country which included current events from the Divisions, postings, poetry, commentary on officer leadership, Naval customs, history and dress, and much more.
2. HMCS Naden, 1945 - 49. LCdr Grubb was posted from Stadacona and was confined for six months in the TB ward of the Veteran's Hospital, where he recuperated. Thereafter, surprised that he was not medically discharged, he instructed at Royal Roads Naval

College. It is at this time that he presented a series of lectures to the cadets on the customs of the Navy, basing some of the material on his writings in "The Naval Cord". He subsequently published them in a mimeographed booklet in 1948 (revised in 1949) as "Some Naval Customs and Social Practices". They were dubbed thereafter by many as "Grubb's Rules": a title he detested since the purpose was simply to teach young officers from all walks of life how to behave as gentlemen both within the traditions of the Navy itself and in interacting with civil society.

However, he felt that the hardest task he had ever undertaken was as a member of the writing board which developed the first edition of the tri-service "King's Regulations and Orders" which saw the amalgamation of the common elements of all three services. His remark about this work was, *Laws must not be written just so that the average person can understand them: rather they must be written so that the average person cannot fail to understand them.*

3. Commander Grubb had to retire on the date of his 50th birthday (customary terms of service at that time), 18 July, but had hoped that the Navy would allow him to remain about two months longer so that he would be able to receive the second bar to his Canadian Forces Decoration on 9 September 1960 to complete 32 years of service, but it was not to be.

S/Lt. 1934 / LCdr 1944 Halifax
HMCS Moose Jaw



4. Interestingly, although he served the Canadian Navy from 1928 for 32 years, and had carried a Canadian Diplomatic Passport on occasion during that time, he had to obtain an "Immigration Identification Card" in 1934 (January 8, landing in Halifax from *SS Ascana*) when he was posted to his first Canadian ship, and was still required to apply for Canadian citizenship in 1973 in order to get a civilian passport!

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GUERSETTE, Joseph A.R., Ordinary Seaman (V-34867) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Louisburg - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette**

of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944. Home: Sherbrooke, Quebec.

GUERSETTE. Joseph Antonio Rene, V-35867, OS, RCNVR, MID~[8.1.44]

"This rating was responsible for getting several semi-stunned ratings over the side of **HMCS Louisburg**, after she had been torpedoed. He took off one rating's sea boots and saw to it that two other's life belts were inflated, then led them over the side to a Carley float."

HMCS Louisburg (Flower Class Corvette - K151) was sunk by Italian aircraft off Oran in the Mediterranean on 6 February 1943. This sinking by aircraft was the only RCN ship to be so sunk and is described in Chapter 23 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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GUILFORD, Thomas Kerr, Able Seaman (V-291) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / **HMCS Otter** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 4 November 1941 (no Canada Gazette).

GUILFORD. Thomas Kerr, V-291, AB, RCNVR, MID~[4.11.41]

"For gallantry and devotion to duty when **HMCS Otter** was lost."

The sinking of **HMCS Otter** (Armed Yacht) after catching fire off of Halifax on 26 March 1941 with the loss of 19 crew is described in Chapter 6 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

The ship's lifeboat went back to **HMCS Otter** to rescue Lieutenant Mossman, the Commanding Officer. However, the lifeboat was overcrowded and three seamen (including AB Guilford) left the lifeboat to take their chances with others clinging to a float to relive the over-crowding in the lifeboat.

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GURNEY, Strang Lamont Gower, Petty Officer (Radar) (3430) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / **HMCS Uganda** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: St. Hyacinthe, Quebec.

GURNEY. Strang Lamont, 3430, PO(Rdr), RCN, MID~[5.1.46]

"This Petty Officer has served at sea for thirty-nine months

during the war, latterly in **HMCS Uganda** with the British Pacific Fleet. His technical knowledge in connection with Radar is of a very high calibre and has contributed in a large measure to the efficiency of this department."

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