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PAGE, Gerald Frederick, Sick Berth Attendant (V-33556) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Ville de Quebec - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 6 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1945. Home: Kapuskasing, Ontario. He served for three years in HMCS Ville de Quebec (Flower Class Corvette).

PAGE. Gerald Frederick, V-33556, SBA, RCNVR, MID~[6.1.45]

"This Rating has at all times during his service in this ship carried out his duties with the greatest skill and efficiency in a marked degree towards maintaining a high standard of health and efficiency among his shipmates."

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PAIGE, Leslie Arthur Coope, Chief Petty Officer (GM) (2584) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN / Gunnery Training -Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 January 1946 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1946. Home: Smith's Cove, Nova Scotia.

Awarded RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in 1946.

PAIGE. Leslie Arthur Coope, 2584, CPO (GM), RCN, BEM~[5.1.46]

"For loyalty, efficiency and diligent co-operation in the training of Gunnery personnel for the Royal Canadian Navy over an extended and difficult period. His ability to understand Officers and Ratings under training is most marked. Chief Petty Officer Paige has displayed a cheerful disposition and diplomatic attitude towards his duties at all times."

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PALLECK, Albert William, Acting Petty Officer (V-16035) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / Gunlayer in DEMS -Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 January 1946 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1946. Home: Fort William, Ontario.

PALLECK. Albert William, V-16035, A/PO, RCNVR, BEM~[5.1.46]

"This Rating has been a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve for the past seven years. He has had five years' service in Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships, fifty-five months of which were spent at sea. During this time, he has exhibited an unsurpassed ability as a Gunlayer, and has carried out the duties and responsibilities of that job with marked zeal and efficiency."

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PALMER, Harold, Chief Petty Officer (A-653) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Stratford - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 6 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1945. Home: Conway, Prince Edward Island.

PALMER. Harold, A-653, CPO, RCNR, MID~[6.1.45]

"This Rating has served on active service since the beginning of hostilities, during which time he has been fifty months at sea, thirty-one months of which were spent on mid-ocean convoy duty in His Majesty's Canadian Destroyers and Corvettes. Particularly during his service in **HMCS Stratford**, Chief Petty Officer Palmer has displayed great devotion to duty, marked initiative and has conducted himself in such a manner as to be a fine example to the ship's company as a whole."

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PALMER, Ivor James Llewellyn, Temporary Lieutenant-Commander (E) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR / HMCS Qu'Appelle - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 20 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 14 November 1944.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

PALMER. Ivor James Llewellyn, 0-57220, Lt (E) (Temp) [13.4.41] RCNR

HMCS PRINCE ROBERT (F56) amc, (24.12.41-?)

A/LCdr (E) (Temp) [1.1.43] LCdr (E) (Temp) [1.1.44]

HMCS QU'APPELLE (H69) DD, (19.2.44-?) **OBE~[20.1.45]**

HMCS NADEN for MTE, OIC, (19.2.45-?) A/Cdr (E) (WHA),

LCdr (E) [1.1.44] RCN, HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (17.2.47-?)

HMCS ROCKCLIFFE (D/S) (J355) (1.8.47-?) Cdr (E) [1.7.48]

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, (30.8.48-?)

HMC Dockyard, Halifax, Manager (E) Department, (21.11.49-?)

"For leadership and skill in damage control."

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PALMER, Walter Raymond, Chief Petty Officer (A-2798) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Camrose - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 20 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 14 November 1944. Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

PALMER. Walter Raymond, A-2798, CPO, RCNR, MID~[20.1.45]

"For gallantry and skill in anti-U-Boat operations in **H.M. Ships Balfour** and **Bayntun** and **HMCS Camrose**."

HMCS Camrose (Flower Class Corvette - K154) helped sink **U-757** in mid-Atlantic on 8 January 1944 along with **HMS Bayntun** as described in Chapter 32 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle**".

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PARDO, Thomas Alton, Able Seaman (V-4745) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 15 September 1945 and *London Gazette* of 12 June 1945. Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

PARDO. Thomas Alton, V-4745, AB, RCNVR, MID~[15.9.45]

"For services in action against enemy light forces in June and July 1944."
"For bravery, skill and great devotion to duty in damaging attacks against enemy shipping off the Coast of France (London Gazette)."

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PARKER, Charles Rodger, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / LCI(I)-125 - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 24 June 1945 and London Gazette of 23 May 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario. Transferred to RCN 17 January 1946.

Commanding Officer of **LCI(I)-125** (Landing Craft Infantry) at Salerno.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ottawa (III)** (St. Laurent Class Destroyer Escort - 229) from 10 November 1956 to 7 July 1958.

PARKER. Charles Rodger, 0-57496, Lt (Temp) [18.8.41] RCNVR
HMC LCI(L) 125 CO, (21.1.44-6.6.44)
HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, stand by, (9.10.44-20.10.44)
HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (21.10.44-?) **DSC**~[24.6.45]
Lt [18.12.39] RCN, A/LCdr (WHA)
HMCS BYTOWN (D/S) for NSHQ, CO, (29.3.47-?) LCdr [18.12.47]
HMCS ATHABASKAN (R79) DD, XO, (7.1.49-?)
HMCS CAYUGA (R04) DD, XO, (15.9.49-?) Cdr [1.1.51]
HMCS OTTAWA (229) DDE, CO, (10.11.56-7.7.58)

"For good service in attack on Salerno."

Salerno is south of Naples on the west coast of Italy and the landings by the Fifth British Army had taken place in September 1943.

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PARKER, John Edward Fitzgerald, Chief Stoker (21345) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 18 July 1944. Home: Red Deer, Alberta.

PARKER. John Edward Fitzgerald, 21345, CPO/Stk, RCN, **MID**~[9.9.44]

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

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

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PARR, Alex McDonnell, Temporary Engine Room Artificer Third Class (A-3293) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Oakville - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 26 December 1942 and London Gazette of 29 December 1942.

PARR. Alex McDonnell, A-3293, ERA 3/c1, RCNR, **MID**~[26.12.42]

"For good services in action with enemy submarine 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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PATERSON, James, Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer (A-1332) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

PATERSON. James, 0-57755, A/CPO/ERA, A-1332, RCNR
BEM~[5.6.43]; A/Wt(E) (Temp) [22.3.44] RCNR,
HMCS ARROWHEAD (K145) Cof, (6.4.44-?) Demobilized [27.12.45]

"This Rating has shown exceptional zeal and devotion to duty, while serving in the North Atlantic in His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes. In several cases of attacks by the enemy, he has set an example for those ratings working with him by his tenacity and exceptional courage."

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PATRY, Joseph Edmond, Chief Stoker (21178) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 12 December 1942 and London Gazette of 3 December 1942. Home: Quebec City, Quebec.

Joined the RCN in June 1925 as a Stoker 2nd Class.

Served at the Royal Navy Station HMS Victory and on the HMS Crusader (a 'C' class destroyer later turned over to the RCN and renamed HMCS Ottawa).

Served on Royal Canadian Navy ships HMCS Patriot, HMCS Festubert, HMCS Saguenay, HMCS Ottawa, HMCS Assiniboine, HMCS Qu'Appelle, HMCS Peregrin and HMCS Magnificent.

Served at RCN establishments Stadacona (Halifax), Cornwallis (Nova Scotia), Niobe (London), Bytown (Ottawa) and Naval Reserve Division HMCS Carleton (Ottawa).

He received the RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in June 1940.

He retired on 11 November 1950 at age 46.

PATRY. Joseph Edmond, 21178, CPO/Stk, RCN
1st MID~[12.12.42]; **2nd MID**~[20.1.45]

"Chief Stoker Patry carried out his duties as Chief Stoker in charge of No. 2 and No. 3 boilers under the most exacting conditions during an action with an enemy U-Boat. Without his coolness and capability, the necessary supply of steam to the engines, which were constantly being worked ahead and astern at full speed, could not have been maintained."

The action in which **HMCS Assiniboine** (River Class Destroyer - D118) sank **U-210** on 6 August 1942 in the North Atlantic while protecting Convoy SC-94 is described in Chapter 14 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

PATRY, Joseph Edmond, Chief Stoker (21178) - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCN / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 20 January 1945 and *London Gazette* of 3 October 1944.

"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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PATTERSON, Allan Lorne, Petty Officer (Diver) (3029) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Uganda - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 January 1946 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1946. Home: Assiniboine, Saskatchewan.

PATTERSON. Allan Lorne, 3029, PO/Diver, RCN, MID~[5.1.46]

"Petty Officer Patterson has served a total of forty-nine months at sea during the war in His Majesty's Canadian destroyers in the Battle of the Atlantic and in **HMCS Uganda** in the Pacific theatre. His courage has at all times been an example to those with whom he has come in contact."

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PATTERSON, Howard Arnold, Ordinary Seaman (3413) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Restigouche - Awarded as per *London Gazette* of 18 October 1940 (no *Canada Gazette*). **HMCS Restigouche (I) was a River Class Destroyer (HOO).**

"For good services when **HMCS Fraser** was lost."

Details of the sinking of **HMCS Fraser** (River Class Destroyer - H48) in collision with **HMS Calcutta** on 25 June 1940 near Pointe de Courbe light is given in Chapter Two of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945.**"

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PATTERSON, James, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / Operated Yacht Fifer for the Fisherman's Reserve - Awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 5 January 1946 and *London Gazette* of 1 January 1946. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Commanded the **Fifer**, a 99' yacht which was used as a dispatch ship by the Fisherman's Reserve and as a launch for Rear-Admiral Brodeur, Commanding Officer Pacific Coast and responsible for the Fisherman's Reserve.

PATTERSON. James, 0-57910, Coxn(Temp) [22.9.39] (FR) RCNR
HMCS ALLAVERDY (FY06) CO, (28.2.40-?) Skr/Coxn [1.7.40]
HMCS EHKOLI (FY12) pb, (8.11.41-?)
HMCS FIFER (FY00) 194/39, a/p, (14.12.42-?)
Lt (Temp) [20.2.44] RCNVR,
HMCS FIFER (FY00) 194/39, a/p, CO, (20.2.44-?) **MID~**[5.1.46]
HMCS GLENDEVON (W38) tug, CO, (27.9.45-?)

"Formerly in the Fisherman's Reserve and now in General Service, this Officer is a splendid example of that body of fine seamen. He has patrolled the treacherous British Columbia Coast throughout six years of war, in all weather and often under extremely adverse conditions. Respected and admired by all, his ability and conduct have at all times been worthy of the highest traditions of the Service."

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PATTERSON, Mervyn Alexander, Temporary Lieutenant, VD - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per London Gazette of 12 June 1944 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.

"The King has been graciously pleased on the Occasion of the Celebration of His Majesty's Birthday to give orders for the following awards 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 tradition of the Royal (Canadian) Navy."

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PATTON, Clifford, Petty Officer Cook (S) (V-36340) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945. Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

PATTON. Clifford, V-36340, PO/Ck, RCNVR, **MID~**[6.1.45]

"Petty Officer Cook Patton has served in HMC Corvettes in North Atlantic escort duty since early summer of 1942. His unswerving devotion to duty has been an example to all and his splendid cooking, often under the most difficult conditions, has played a major part in the maintenance of a happy and efficient ship's company."

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PAVER, Edward Alan, Petty Officer Stoker (21440) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

PAVER. Edward Alan, 21440, PO/Stk, RCN, **MID~**[5.6.43]

"This Rating has consistently displayed outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty, his loyalty and cheerfulness have set an example worthy of the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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PAVILLARD, Louis Raymond, Temporary Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Camrose - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 8 January 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Camrose** (Flower Class Corvette - K154) from 30 June 1941 to 7 November 1944.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sussexvale** (River Class Frigate - K683) from 29 November 1944 to 16 November 1945.

PAVILLARD, Louis Raymond, 0-58060, Lt (Temp) [4.10.39] RCNR
Lt (Temp) [4.10.38]
HMCS CAMROSE (K154) Cof, CO stand by, (12.4.41-29.6.41)
HMCS CAMROSE (K154) Cof, CO, (30.6.41-7.11.44)
A/LCdr (Temp) [1.1.44] **MID**~[8.1.44]
HMCS SUSSEXVALE (K683) Fr, CO, (29.11.44-16.11.45)
LCdr (Temp) [1.1.45] **DSC**~[20.1.45] Demobilized [12.12.45]

"For service in **HMCS Camrose** in attacking a U-Boat on 8th January 1944."

HMCS Camrose (Flower Class Corvette - K154) helped sink **U-757** in mid-Atlantic on 8 January 1944 along with **HMS Bayntun** as described in Chapter 32 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle**".

PAVILLARD, Louis Raymond, Temporary Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCN / HMCS Camrose - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 19 December 1944.

"For gallantry and skill in anti-U-Boat operations in **H.M. Ships Balfour** and **Bayntun** and **HMCS Camrose**."

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PAWSON, Donald Hugh ("Moe"), Lieutenant (P) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / No. 1830 Squadron HMS Illustrious - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 May 1945 and London Gazette of 1 May 1945. Home: Weston, Ontario.

Probationary Sub-Lieutenant (Temporary), RNVR in 1943 sent to HMS St. Vincent for #39 Pilot Training Course. To USNAS Grosse Isle for Flight Training and to USNAS Pensacola for further Flight Training. Transferred to RCNVR and appointed Sub-Lieutenant (P) (Temp.), RCNVR on 5 December 1943. To **No. 1830 RN Squadron** on **HMS Illustrious** flying Corsairs in 1944. Promoted to Lieutenant (P) (Temp.), RCNVR on 5 December 1944. Demobilized in 1945.

PAWSON, Donald Hugh "Moe", 0-58065, S/Lt (Temp) 1943 RNVR
S/Lt (P) (Temp) [5.12.43] RCNVR, Lt (P) (Temp) [5.12.44]
MID~[5.5.45] Demobilized [7.9.45]

"For good service in an attack on oil installations at Palembang, Sumatra."

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PAXTON, Frank Robert (goes by 'Ted'), Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCN(R)
/ HMS Venus - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 11 June 1946 (no Canada Gazette).

Born: Regina, Saskatchewan on 29 September 1918.

Schooling: Scott Collegiate Regina

Home: Richmond, British Columbia

Mid 1940 - joined RCNVR as Ordinary Seaman in Regina

1940 - February 1941 - training in HMCS Naden.

February 1941 - **HMCS Clayoquot** from Esquimalt, through Panama Canal to Halifax

1941 - Training in HMCS Stadacona (Halifax)

April 1941 - joined **HMCS Wasaga** on Triangle "Run (Halifax, New York, Boston, St. John's, Newfoundland

January 1942 - promoted Leading Seaman; joined **HMCS Shediac** North Atlantic run including Liverpool to Gibraltar convoys (part of ONS154, one of the worst convoy disasters of the war).

HMCS Shediac sank **U-87** off Gibraltar.

March 1942 - Commissioned at Sub-Lieutenant; training at Kings College, Halifax and HMCS Cornwallis.

Sent to Royal Navy - first RN ship was **HMS Mistral** (French Destroyer taken over at Oran)

Served in the Western Approaches

January 1944 - joined **HMS Wanderer** in Channel and North Sea.

1944 - Joined **HMS Venus** (Fleet Destroyer) as part of 26th Destroyer Flotilla for service in the North Sea, Arctic Convoys and 'D' Day landings. (Paxton Ships' Radar Officer)

Late 1944 - 26th Destroyer Flotilla transferred to Trimcomalee, Ceylon.

1944-1945 - East Indies Fleet for service along Arakan Coast of Burma, attacking shipping and coastal bases in Andaman Islands, Nicobar Islands, and Malacca Straits.

15 May 1945 - **HMS Venus** along with Destroyers **HMS Samauez**, **HMS Virago**, **HMS Vigilant** and **HMS Verulum** sank **Japanese heavy cruiser Hagaura** (15,000 tons) in Malacca Straits (**Paxton Mentioned in Despatches**).

1945 - 26th Destroyer Flotilla to South Africa for refit and returned to East Indies fleet in late August, after the Japanese surrender. 26th DF led entire fleet down Malacca Strait to land 500,000 troops at Port Dixon and adjoining area.

HMS Venus with **HMS Mauritius** entered Singapore Harbour, immediately after landings, Paxton went to Changi jail for observation and report.

August to December 1945 - **HMS Venus** took part in accepting Japanese 'local' surrenders in Malaya, Sumatra, Bali and Pacific Areas.

Early 1946 - **HMS Venus** returned to Portsmouth via Suez Canal.

February 1946 - Paxton returned to Canada and discharged on 26 April 1946 at HMCS Naden.

Formed F.R. Paxton Associates Ltd, Construction Consultants

Past Chairman of the Board of the British Columbia Automobile Association

Past Chairman of the Board of the Canadian Automobile Association

Past Vice-Chairman of the American Automobile Association.

Director, Naval Officers Association of B.C.

Member, Burma Star Association

Member Gizeh Temple Shrine.

He died in Burnaby on 29 July 2015.

This fine person keeps getting missed in the award lists as his award was announced almost a year after the war and only in the London Gazette. However, he is well known to the author and so he has finally been recognized. He was nominated for a DSC but only received the MID.

"For distinguished Service during the war in the Far East."

As Radar Operator in HMS Venus, he assisted the 26th Destroyer Flotilla of the Royal Navy East Indies Fleet's 26th Destroyer Flotilla in locating and destroying the Japanese Navy's heavy cruiser Haguro in the Malacca Strait.

Captain (later Vice-Admiral Sir) Manley Laurence Power, CBE, DSO, RN (son of Admiral Sir Laurence Power), commanded the 26th Destroyer Flotilla in the East Indies Fleet in HMS Saumarez. The destroyers HMS Venus, HMS Virago, HMS Verculam, and HMS Vigilant were formed the flotilla. From 2245 hours on 15 May 1945 until 0209 hours on 16 May 1945, these five ships stalked the Japanese Navy heavy cruiser Haguro and sank her in the Malacca Strait.

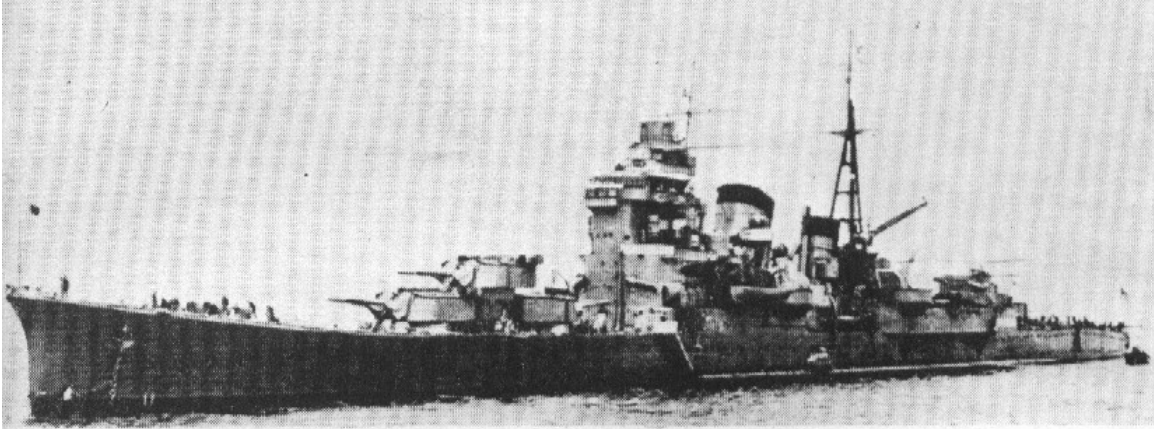
The Haguro was a Nachi class heavy cruiser (Captain Kaju Sagiura) and carried Rear-Admiral Hashimoto, the 6th Cruiser Squadron Commander. She left Singapore on 14 May escorted by the destroyer Kamikaze (LCdr Kinichi Kasuga) en route to the Andamans. The Haguro was 661 feet long, a beam of 68 feet, drew over 20 feet, 13,000 tons, 33 knots top speed, 773 complement, with 10 eight inch guns (each capable of firing a 275 pound shell to a range of 31,600 yards or nearly 16 miles), plus 8 five inch guns each firing a 51 pound shell to a range of 16,200 yards with a maximum rate of fire of eight rounds/minute. She also had torpedo tubes and powerful anti-aircraft guns.

HMS Venus (Captained by Commander Graham de Hair, DSC, son of Canadian Born Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair) picked up the first radar contact of the two ships due to a freak weather system at over 38 miles (normal range for the set was 16 miles) and this was confirmed by the Radar Officer, **Lieutenant Ted Paxton, RCNVR** at 23:11 hours on 16 May. Paxton was nominated for a DSC but received an **MID**.

HMS Saumarez led the attack and was hit in number 1 boiler room after hitting the Haguro with torpedoes and her guns. Verculam, Venus, Virago and finally Vigilant all hit the Haguro with torpedoes and guns. The destroyer Kamikaze made its escape. The Haguro sank in the Malacca Straits, between Malay and Sumatra. Power was awarded a bar to his DSO.

The book '**Sink the Haguro**' by John Winton was published by Pan Books of London in 1979 and 1983.

See also the website: <http://www.mikekemble.com/ww2/haguro.html>

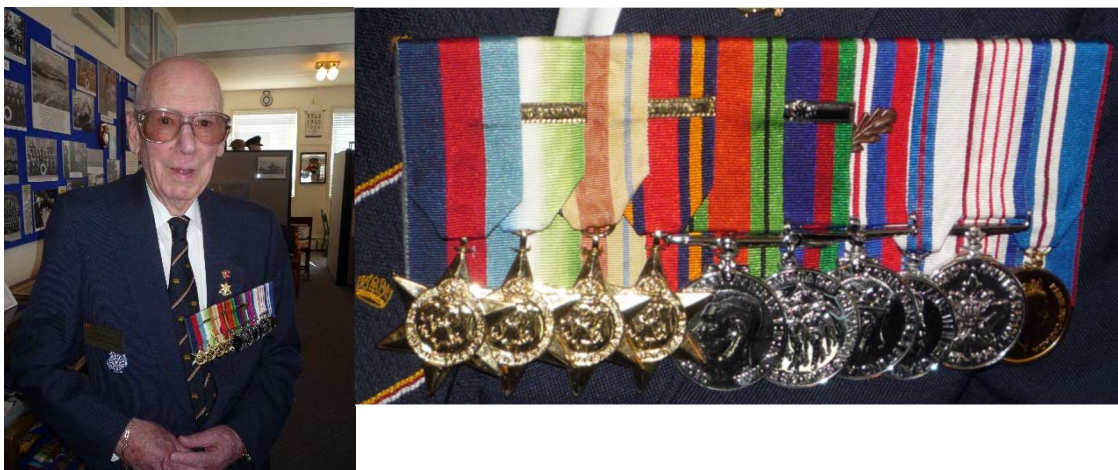


The heavy cruiser *Haguro*



The destroyer *Venus*

Medals of Lieutenant Frank Robert ('Ted') PAXTON, RCN(R)



1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star with BAR France and Germany - Africa Star - Burma Star with BAR Pacific - Defence Medal - CVSM and Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal with MID - EIIR Silver Jubilee Medal - Canada 125 Medal - EIIR Golden Jubilee Medal

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PAYNE, William Harold, Able Seaman (V-53846) - Commendation - Commander-in-Chief Plymouth - RCNVR / HMCS Ville de Quebec - Awarded as per London Gazette of 2 July 1945. Home: Stone Haven, Gloucester Country, New Brunswick.

"For the exceptionally efficient operation of the radar installation in **HMCS Ville de Quebec** in very poor radar conditions. The good work performed by this Rating enabled his Commanding Officer to alter the courses of two convoys and thus avert an imminent collision at night when visibility was nil."

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PEARCE, George Henry Charles, Chief Petty Officer (2414) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Awarded RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal on 20 September 1938.

PEARCE, George Henry Charles, 2414, PO, RCN
LS&GC~[20.9.38]; CPO, MID~[16.6.45]

"This Chief Petty Officer, who has served in the Royal Canadian Navy since 1929, and for eight years prior to that in the Royal Navy, has always exhibited leadership and zeal far in excess of the average. His organizing and training ability, coupled with his constant application to duty as Torpedo Coxswain, have always been an inspiration to those with who he has served and an example to the entire ship's company."

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PEATTIE, Edward Younger, Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer (A-2486) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943. Home: Powassan P.O., Ontario.

PEATTIE. Edward Younger, A-2486, A/CPO/ERA, RCNR, MID~[9.1.43]

"Over an extended period of time in one of His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes, under conditions of great hardship in the North Atlantic, Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer Peattie rendered excellent service and at all times displayed wholehearted devotion to duty."

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PEDERSEN, Magnus, Ordnance Artificer Second Class (V-11549) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 15 August 1944. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

PEDERSEN. Magnus, V-11549, OA 2 RCNVR, MID~[9.9.44] DSM~[20.1.45]

"For courage, resolution and devotion to duty in **HMCS Haida** in action with enemy destroyers in rescuing survivors from **HMCS Athabaskan**.

While on patrol in the Bay of Biscay Patrol area at 1300 Hours on 27 August 1943, **HMCS Athabaskan** was attacked by eighteen enemy Dornier-217s. **HMS Egret** (British Sloop) was sunk. A glide bomb hit **HMCS Athabaskan** at the junction of "B" gun-deck and the wheel-house. It passed under the plot room, through the Chief Petty Officer's Mess, and out the starboard side. It exploded barely a few feet beyond and bomb fragments pierced **HMCS Athabaskan's** side and bridge in a number of places. **HMCS Athabaskan** continued on at 14 knots, correcting a serious list to starboard. The ship sailed into port on 30 August 1943 under her own power. The ship was battered but not broken. See the book "**Unlucky Lady**".

PEDERSEN, Magnus, Ordnance Artificer Second Class (V-11549) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 29 August 1944. London Gazette gives his rank as Chief Ordnance Artificer Second Class; Canada Gazette has Ordnance Artificer Second Class for both awards.

"For outstanding courage, skill and devotion to duty in **HM Ships Tatar, Ashanti, Eskimo, Javelin** and **HM Canadian Ships Haida** and **Huron** in action with German Destroyers."

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

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PEERS, Arthur Francis, Commander - Commendation - RCN (temp) / Mine Recovery Organization - Awarded as per London Gazette of 26 July 1943 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PEERS. Arthur Francis, 0-58320, LCdr [15.11.27] RCN, {RN(rtd)}
HMC Naval Base, Vancouver, Ext/Def, (2.9.39-?)
HMC Dkt Halifax, S/Duty, (24.6.40-?)
Cdr(Temp) [1.1.43] **Commendation** ~[29.7.43] A/Capt (WHA)
HMC Naval Research Establishment, OIC, (1.1.44-?)
OBE~[8.1.44] HMC Naval Research Establishment, (31.1.48-?)

"For displaying skill and devotion to duty in training and developing an organization which has proved itself efficient (Mine Recovery Organization)."

PEERS, Arthur Francis, Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / Mine Recovery Organization - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 8 January 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944.

"For outstanding skill and devotion to duty building up a Mine Recovery organization which proved itself highly efficient when, after a long period of monotonous training, opportunity finally presented itself."

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PELHAM, John William, Acting Chief Plumber (40657) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PELHAM. John William, 40657, A/CPO, RCN, BEM~[5.6.43]

"This Rating has rendered outstanding service during hostilities. He has constantly shown himself capable of assuming responsibility, and by his zeal and enthusiasm and devotion to duty, has set an inspiring example to those working under him."

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PEMBER, Wilfred E., Warrant Master-at-Arms - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN / HMCS Stadacona - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Born in Herefordshire, England, on 21 November 1902.

Joined the Royal Navy as a boy seaman in October 1918.

Trained in HMS Impregnable training ship.

Royal Navy service included a battleship, three light cruisers, a submarine depot ship and a patrol vessel, in the Home Fleet, the America and West Indies Squadron and on the China station, as well as establishments in the United Kingdom.

In 1929, loaned to the RCN and in June 1931 joined the RCN.

Qualified as a Regulating Petty Officer serving on an RN Aircraft Carrier and a battleship.

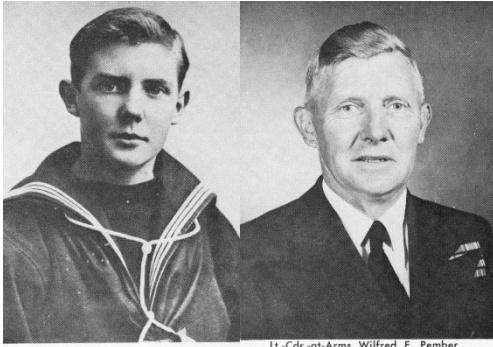
Regulating Petty Officer at HMCS Naden in 1932.

Married Miss Catherine Susanna Beaumont of Herefordshire, England in 1932 and they had three daughters.

Promoted Master-at-Arms in 1935.

Awarded **RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 28 December 1935.

Received his Warrant as Warrant Master-at-Arms on 1 July 1940 and served in Stadacona throughout WW2



Lt.-Cdr.-at-Arms Wilfred E. Pember

Commissioned Master-at-Arms on 1 July 1943.

Regulating Officer and Officer-in-charge of Shore Patrols training school in 1943.

Promoted Lieutenant-at-Arms 1 July 1944.

Remained in post-war RCN in Naval HQ with CNP from 1946 to 1948.

Served out his career in Naden from March 1948 until 16 March 1958.

Promoted Lieutenant-Commander-at-Arms in May 1952.

Awarded CD in 1955.

Elected a director of the RCN Benevolent Fund in 1957.

He died in Victoria on 1 October 1998.

PEMBER. Wilfred "Wilf", 0-58380, MAA, 2613, RCN

LS&GC~[28.12.35]

Wt/MAA [1.1.41] RCN, **MBE~[5.6.43]** Cd/MAA [1.7.43]

Lt/AA [1.7.44] RCNB Esq, (1.3.48-?) CD~[28.12.55]

LCdr/AA~[28.12.55]

"This Warrant Officer has carried out the arduous duties of Warrant Master-at-Arms in HMCS Stadacona with zeal, loyalty and cheerfulness. He has, at all times displayed tact, and has made a very great contribution to the discipline of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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PENDLEBURY, Edward Lawrence, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / Landings in France - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 21 April 1945 and London Gazette of 20 March 1945.

Home: Lidsbury, Alberta.

PENDLEBURY. Edward Lawrence, 0-58410, Lt(Temp) [30.12.39] RCNVR
DSC~[21.4.45]
HMCS UNICORN, Saskatoon, RCNVR Div, XO, (18.6.45-?)
Demobilized [8.1.46] Lt [30.12.39] RCN(R)
HMCS UNICORN Saskatoon Naval Div, (8.7.46-?)
LCdr [30.12.47]

"For services in the successful invasion of the south of France in August 1944."

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PENNIE, Duff Morrison, Warrant Engineer - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN / HMCS Napanee - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945. Home: Roblin, Manitoba.

PENNIE. Duff Morrison, 0-58466, Wt(E) [1.7.43] RCN
HMCS NAPANEE (K118) Cof, (14.12.43-?)
MBE~[16.6.45] RCNB Halifax, for MTE, 17.12.45-?)
HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, (15.10.48-?)
HMCS IROQUOIS (G89) DD, (27.6.49-?) Lt(E)* [1.7.49]
HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, (23.10.49-?) CD~[?]

"This Officer has served continuously at sea since the outbreak of war in His Majesty's Canadian Destroyers and Corvettes. During this period, his outstanding skill, organizing ability and devotion to duty have resulted in a high standard of efficiency in his department. He has done much to improve the morale and spirit of the Service."

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PENNINGTON, Robert Arthur, Captain (S) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / Secretary Naval Board - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946. Home: Cranbrook, British Columbia.

PENNINGTON. Robert Arthur, 0-58480, Paymaster Cdr(Temp) [1.1.43] RCNVR
Capt(S)(Temp) [1.7.44]; OBE~[5.1.46]; Demobilized [15.11.46]

"This Officer, who served during the last war, rejoined the Service at the outbreak of hostilities. He was appointed Secretary of the Naval Board of Canada upon its formation, a position which entailed the reorganization and administration of Naval Service Headquarters during the period of its greatest expansion. In this and subsequent appointments, Captain Pennington has continued to serve steadfastly and unremittingly with the highest degree of loyalty, efficiency and tact. His contribution to the Canadian Naval Service during his five years of service has been consistently outstanding and worthy of the highest recognition."

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PERCY, James Leslie, Lieutenant - Commendation - RCNVR / HMS Dorsetshire - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 21 April 1942 (no Canada Gazette).
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Kenogami** (Flower Class Corvette - K125) from 22 November 1942 to 23 February 1944.

PERCY. James Leslie, 0-58590, Lt (Temp) [24.7.40] RCNVR
Commendation ~[21.4.42]
HMCS KENOGAMI (K125) Cof, (7.1.43-?) Lt (Temp) [24.7.39]
MID~[10.6.44] A/LCdr (Temp) [1.7.44]
HMCS KENOGAMI (K125) Cof, CO, (22.11.44-9.7.45)
Medically unfit [7.8.45]

"For sustained courage and devotion to duty in the protection of convoys from enemy air attack."

"For good service in HMS Dorsetshire."

PERCY, James Leslie, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCNVR / HMCS Kenogami - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

"This Officer has served for a considerable period with the Royal Navy and thereafter in His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes, one of which he has commanded for over a year. He has at all times displayed resourcefulness, zeal and devotion to duty."

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PERIGO, George Mertha, Acting Petty Officer (AA II) (3788) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Orillia, Ontario.

PERIGO. George Mertha, 3788, A/PO (AAII) RCN, **MID**~[5.1.46]

"This Rating has at all times shown unswerving loyalty and devotion to duty. His vast knowledge of seamanship and his dependability have been an inspiration to all those who worked with him."

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PERKINS, Elwyn, Petty Officer (3449) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN / HMCS St. Laurent - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Joined the RCN on 31 July 1939

Served in Naden, Stadacona, HMCS St. Laurent, HMCS Hochelaga, HMCS Drumheller

Served at Cornwallis and Star

Served in HMCS Cataraqui and HMCS Scotian

Served in MMCS New Liskeard, HMCS Middlesex,

HMCS Ontario; HMCS Skeena

Givenchy, HMCS Discovery

Awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

Retired on 30 July 1960 as a Chief Petty Officer C1LT4

PERKINS. Elwyn, 3449, PO, RCN, **DSM**~[9.9.44]

"For leadership, skill and determination in **H.M. Ships Affleck, Brecon and Forester**, and **H.M. Canadian Ships St. Laurent, Swansea and Owen Sound** in operations against U-Boats. For good service in the destruction of a submarine on 10 March 1944."

HMCS St. Laurent (River Class Destroyer - H83) along with **HMCS Swansea, HMCS Owen Sound**, and **HMS Forester** (RN Destroyer) sank **U-845** in mid-Atlantic on 10 March 1944 as described in Chapter 35 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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PERRETT, Herbert John, Stoker Petty Officer (A-2076) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Woodside, Nova Scotia.

PERRETT. Herbert John, A-2076, PO/Stk, RCNR, MID~[16.6.45]

"This Rating has constantly displayed wholehearted devotion to duty. He has served in His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes since October 1940, during which time, by his exceptional reliability, willingness and general good conduct, has been an example of the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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PETERKIN, Douglas Hugh, Temporary Acting Leading Seaman (V-23087) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Georgian - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 May 1943 and **London Gazette** of 29 May 1943. Home: Verdun, Quebec.

HMCS Georgian was a Bangor Class Minesweeper (J144).

PETERKIN. Douglas Hugh, V-23087, A/LS(Ty) RCNVR, MID~[29.5.43]

"For coolness and skill in an action with an enemy submarine while serving in **HMCS Georgian**."

"This Rating showed devotion to duty, coolness and efficiency while in charge of the depth charge party, during an action in which an enemy submarine was probably damaged."

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PETERS, Herbert Thomas James, Chief Petty Officer (HSD) (3437) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PETERS. Herbert Thomas James, 3437, CPO(HSD) RCN, MID~[6.1.45]

"During almost continuous service at sea in Destroyers, Corvettes, and Minesweepers since January, 1940, he has lived up to the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy and has been highly instrumental in building up the efficiency of his ship."

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PETERSEN, Charles, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Niagara - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 15 September 1942 (no Canada Gazette).
Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Brockville** (Minesweeper - J270) from 19 September 1942 to 13 March 1943.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Giffard** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K402) from 10 November 1943 to 9 May 1944. Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Stephen** (River Class Frigate - K454) from 28 July 1944 to 22 January 1945.

PETERSEN. Charles, 0-58740, Lt(Temp) [14.7.41] RCNR
HMCS NIAGARA (I57) DD, (27.1.42-?); MID~[15.9.42]
HMCS BROCKVILLE (J270) m/s, CO, stand by (15.6.42-18.9.42)
HMCS BROCKVILLE (J270) m/s, CO, (19.9.42-13.3.43)
HMCS BROCKVILLE (J270) m/s, CO, (18.7.43-23.7.43)
Lt(Temp) [14.7.40]
HMCS GIFFARD (K402) Cofm, CO, stand by (30.10.43-9.11.43)
HMCS GIFFARD (K402) Cofm, Co, (10.11.43-9.5.44)
A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44]
HMCS ST. STEPHEN (K454) Fr, CO, stand by (26.6.44-27.7.44)
HMCS ST. STEPHEN (K454) Fr, CO, (28.7.44-22.1.45)
LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45] 2nd MID~[20.1.45] Demobilized [10.1.46]

"For bravery in rescuing survivors from torpedoed merchantman while serving in **HMCS Niagara**."

PETERSEN, Charles, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCNR / HMCS Giffard - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

"For service in **HMCS Giffard** for brave rescue work when **HMCS Valleyfield** was sunk on 6th May 1944."

The sinking of **HMCS Valleyfield** (River Class Frigate) by **U-548** off Cape Race, Newfoundland on 6 May 1944 is described in Chapter 41 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". The role of **HMCS Giffard** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K402) in rescuing 43 survivors (5 died on board) is described on page 149. The chapters "Death in the Moonlight" in the book by Jamie Lamb, "**On the Triangle Run**", describes his role in detail and the findings of the Court of Inquiry.

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PETERSON, Fred William, Leading Steward (A-2758) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PETERSON. Fred William, A-2758, L/Stwd, RCNR, BEM~[5.6.43]

"This Rating, a veteran of the last war, served at sea in one of His Majesty's Canadian ships for a considerable period during which time he has shown exemplary devotion to duty and cheerfulness over a long period of convoy duty."

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PETRIE, Willy, Leading Coder (V-4262) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Clayoquot - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 20 March 1945. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

PETRIE. Willy, V-4262, L/Coder, RCNVR, **MID~**[21.4.45]

"When an explosion resulting in the loss of his ship occurred, Leading Coder Petrie, O.N. V-4262, showed great courage and initiative in persuading a number of men to leave an overcrowded life raft and swim to another. By his action in being the first to leave, a number of lives were probably saved. The temperature of the water at the time was 37 degree F."

HMCS Clayoquot (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J174) was torpedoed by **U-806** off Halifax on 24 December 1944 as described in Chapter 56 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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PHILLIPS, Donald Raymond, Able Seaman (LTO) (A-2734) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Lloyd George - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Montreal, Quebec.

PHILLIPS. Donald Raymond, A-2734, AB(LTO) RCNR, **MID~**[16.6.45]

"This Rating has served extremely well aboard **HMCS Lloyd George** since commissioning on August 25, 1942. During 1943 when enemy mines were discovered off the port of Halifax, this Rating worked diligently and the efficiency of his department was constantly maintained. Prior to joining the Royal Canadian Navy, Able Seaman Phillips served for five and a half years in the Merchant Navy."

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PHILLIPS, Geoffrey, Lieutenant (E) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Huron - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

One of seven Naval Cadets taken into the RCN in August 1935. Trained in the Training Cruiser **HMS Frobisher**. Engineering Officer on **HMCS Assiniboine**, **HMCS Huron** and **HMCS Ontario**. A brilliant linguist and post-war a Naval Attaché in Moscow, he did a lot of work for the government in Russian translation. He died in 1992.

PHILLIPS. Geoffrey, 0-58870, RCN Special entry No.38, Cdt [28.8.35]

HMCS STADACONA 1935,

HMS FROBISHER 1935, Mid(E) [1.9.36] RN Eng College (1.9.36-?)

A/S/Lt(E) [1.5.38] HMS SUSSEX, HMS EDINBURGH,

Lt(E) [16.11.39] HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (16.10.41-?)

HMCS HURON (G24) DD, stand by, (24.9.42-18.7.43)

HMCS HURON (G24) DD, (19.7.43-?) **MID~**[20.1.45]

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, stand by, (27.12.44-25.4.45)

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, (26.4.45-?) LCdr(E) [16.5.47] CD~[?]

FOPC/Asst/Comd/Tech & Asst/Cmd/Eng (23.10.50-?) Cdr(E) [1.1.51]

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

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PHILLIPS, Raymond, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Executive Officer of **HMCS Haida** (Destroyer - G53) 20 January 1945 when he was 23 years old (had been at sea for five years).

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fraser (II)** (St. Laurent Class Destroyer Escort - 233) from 28 June 1957 to 3 January 1959 with the rank of Commander. Retired 1964.

PHILLIPS. Raymond, 0-58920, RCN Special entry No.47, Cdt [1.1.39]
HMCS STADACONA 1939,
HMS FROBISHER (17.9.39-?) HMS VINDICTIVE 1939, Mid [1.9.39]
HMS SOUTHAMPTON 1939, A/S/Lt [1.5.41] S/Lt [10.11.41]
HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, (23.11.41-?) Lt [16.4.42]
HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, stand by, (18.6.43-29.8.43)
HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, XO, (30.8.43-?) **MID**~[20.1.45] CD~[?]
LCdr [16.4.50] HMCS ANTIGONISH (301) PF, (25.9.50-27.9.50)
HMCS ANTIGONISH (301) PF, CO, (28.9.50-3.8.52)
Cdr [1.7.53] HMCS FRASER (233) DDE, CO, (28.6.57-3.1.59)
Captain [1.1.59] Retired [24.6.64]
Malta George Cross 50th Anniversary Medal (Malta)~[?]



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

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PHILPOTT, Francis Leslie, Commander (SB) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR / Canadian Director of Defensive Equipment for Merchant Ships - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Montreal, Quebec.

PHILPOTT. Francis Leslie, 0-59010, Cdr (SB) (Temp) [1.7.44] RCNVR
Demobilized [23.8.45]; **OBE**~[5.1.46]

"Commander Philpott served as Canadian Director of Defensive Equipment for Merchant Ships from 1st June 1943 until August 1945. He was responsible for the complete organization of this Service, which included the training, and provision of personnel. It was therefore due to Commander Philpott's efforts that this organization attained the high peak of efficiency that it did, during those years."

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PICKARD, Anthony Fenwick, Mate - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Chambly
 - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 3 March 1943 (no Canada Gazette).

Born Victoria, British Columbia in 1911. Cadet RNR in 1928 and to HMS Worcester for Thames Nautical College from 1928 to 1930. Apprentice and Mate with Canadian Pacific Steamships from 1930 to 1934. Various civilian jobs from 1935 to 1940. Acting Mate RCNR in 1940 and to **HMCS Chambly** as Navigating Officer in 1940 and as First Lieutenant in 1941. Promoted Acting Lieutenant-Commander and made Commanding Officer of **HMCS Chambly** (Flower Class Corvette - K116) from 14 November 1942 to 26 January 1944. Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Catharines** (River Class Frigate - K325) from 15 March 1944 to 13 December 1944. To Avalon as Officer-in-Charge Tactical Trainer and Night Escort Trainer in December 1944. Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Stephen** (River Class Frigate - K454) from 17 September 1945 to 4 December 1945. Transferred to RCN in 1946 and to Staff Officer Reserve Fleet. To Stadacona as Officer-in-Charge Halifax Manning Sub-Depot in 1947. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Haida** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G63) from 12 December 1947 to 15 May 1949.



Promoted to Commander on 01 January 1949.

To Naval HQ as Director of Service Conditions and Welfare in 1949. To Shearwater as Executive Officer in 1952. To **HMCS Quebec** as Executive Officer in 1953. To Avalon as Commanding Officer and Canadian Naval Commander Newfoundland and Senior Officer in Command in 1954. Promoted Captain in 1955 and now at Avalon as Captain-in-Command and Canadian Naval Commander Newfoundland and Senior Officer-in-Command. Chief of Staff to Commanding Officer Naval Division in 1956 to 1959.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Algonquin** (I) ('V' Class Destroyer - R17) from 27 November 1959 to 5 July 1961 and Commander First Canadian Escort Squadron. Commander RCN Manning Depot Halifax in 1961. Promoted Commodore in 1963 and to Naval HQ as Director of Ship Requirements. Retired in 1965 and died in 1972.

PICKARD. Antony Fenwick, 0-59070, Mate(Temp) [17.9.40] RCNR
 HMCS CHAMBLY (K116) Cof, (3.1.41-?)
 HMCS CHAMBLY (K116) Cof, (16.12.41-?) MID~[3.3.42]
 HMCS CHAMBLY (K116) Cof, (6.9.42-?) Lt(Temp) [17.9.42]
 A/LCdr, HMCS CHAMBLY (K116) Cof, CO, (14.11.42-26.1.44)
 HMCS ST. CATHARINES (K325) Fr, CO, (15.3.44-13.12.44)
OBE~[10.6.44] LCdr(Temp) [1.7.44]
 HMCS ST. STEPHEN (K454) Fr, CO, (17.9.45-4.12.45)
 LCdr [1.7.44] RCN(R)
 HMCS SCOTIAN (D/S) Ship's in Reserve, XO, (1.2.46-?)
 HMCS STADACONA (D/S) for RCN Sub Depot OIC, (14.2.47-?)
 HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, CO, (12.12.47-15.5.49) Cdr [1.1.49]
 Capt [1.1.55], HMCS ALGONQUIN (224) DD, CO, (27.11.59-5.7.61)

Cadet, RNR	1928	(HMS Worcester for Thames Nautical College)
Apprentice & Mate	1930	(with Canadian Pacific Steamships)
Acting Mate (Temp.), RCNR	17 September 1940	(Navigating Officer HMCS Chambly)
Mate (Temp.), RCNR	17 September 1940	(date of Seniority)
Lieutenant (Temp.), RCNR	12 October 1941	(Commanding Officer HMCS Chambly)
Lieutenant-Commander (Temp.), RCNR	01 July 1944	(Commanding Officer HMCS St. Catharines)
Lieutenant-Commander (Temp.), RCN	31 June 1946	(Officer-in-Charge Halifax Manning Sub-Depot)
Commander, RCNR	01 January 1949	(Commanding Officer HMCS Haida)
Captain, RCN	01 January 1955	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Algonquin)
Commodore, RCN	01 January 1963	(Director of Ship Requirements)
Retired	12 August 1965	

"For bravery and enterprise in action against enemy submarines - **HMCS Chambly**."

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

PICKARD, Antony Fenwick, Lieutenant-Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR / HMCS St. Catherines - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

"For consistently good service over a considerable period of time as Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Canadian Ships engaged in convoy duties in the North Atlantic. This Officer has always maintained a most efficient fighting ship, and has proved cool, courageous and resolute in numerous encounters with the enemy."

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PICKARD, Herbert Marquis, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / MTB-655 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 30 May 1944. Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Commanding Officer of **MTB-655**, part of Doug Maitland's all Canadian Commanding Officer 56th Royal Navy MGB/MTB Flotilla operating in the Mediterranean.

PICKARD. Herbert Marquis, 0-59080, Lt (Temp) [22.12.41] RCNVR **MID**~[24.6.44]; Demobilized [20.7.45]

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

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PICKERING, William Clifton, Chief Petty Officer (A-2654) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

PICKERING. William Clifton, A-2654, CPO, RCNR, **BEM**~[10.6.44]

"This Rating has served continuously at sea since October, 1940, during which time his ship has been under air attack in the Western Approaches with loss of life, and has repeatedly engaged in anti-U-Boat encounters whilst escorting convoys across the North Atlantic. By his faithful and cheerful performance of duty, as Leading Seaman, and Coxswain, and by his outstanding skill and presence of mind as a helmsman in countless emergencies, and during the initial experiments in oiling at sea, this Rating has been an inspiration to the whole ship's company."

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PICKFORD, Reginald John, Acting Sub-Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMS Broke - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 26 July 1940 (no Canada Gazette).

He was born at Outremont, Quebec on 22 April 1920 to Charles and Anne (Nancollas). He had a brother, Ken. He joined the RCNVR Supplementary Reserve in 1937. As an Acting Sub-Lieutenant, he was attached to the Royal Navy (RN) in 1940, **HMS Broke**, and led a demolitions raid on Brest, France receiving an MID. He then survived the sinking of the **HMS Listrac** (French manned ship) in the English Channel in October 1940 in action with German Destroyers. To Kings (Officers Training Establishment) in 1941. To HMS Osprey for Short Anti-Submarine course in 1941. To **HMS Stoke City** and **HMCS The Pas** in 1941. To Kings again for Short Navigation Course in 1942. Transferred from RCNVR to RCN in 1942.



Commanding Officer of **HMCS Rimouski** (Flower Class Corvette - K121) from 2 December 1942 to 9 September 1944 and participated in the Normandy landings.

To **HMS Ocean** in 1944. To **HMS Pretoria Castle** in 1945.

To Stadacona as Officer-in-Charge Navigation and AIO School in 1945.

To **HMCS Uganda** as **Navigating Officer** in 1946.

To **HMCS Ontario** as **Navigating Officer** in 1950.

Royal Navy Staff Course in 1952.

Promoted Commander in 1953 and made Assistant Chief of Staff to flag Officer Pacific in 1953.

To **HMCS Ontario** in 1954.

To Niobe for duty with the Directing Staff of the RN Staff College.

He was the first **Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Kootenay (II)** (River Class Destroyer - H75) from 7 March 1959 to 11 July 1960.

Promoted Captain and to National Defence HQ as **Director of Naval Plans** in 1960. **Commander of Second Canadian Escort Squadron** and Senior Officer-in-Command in 1964.

Promoted **Commodore** in 1965 and made **Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Atlantic Coast** (Marcom) in 1965.

Canadian Commander Fleet (CANCOMFLT) in 1967 in **HMCS Bonaventure**.

To National Defence HQ as Director-General Equipment Requirements in 1968.

Canadian Naval Attaché in Washington and Nation Liaison Representative to Supreme Allied commander Atlantic in 1970.

Promoted Rear-Admiral in 1973. His last posting was as **Commander Maritime Command** Pacific from 21 June 1973 until he retired on 31 July 1975.

President of Maritime Museum of B.C. in 1974.

Jack Pickford passed away 01 May 2012 at Riverpark Place Retirement Residence, Ottawa. He was predeceased by his wife Helen (Crease).

PICKFORD. Reginald John, 0-59140, S/Lt(Temp) [12.4.40] RCNVR **MID**~[26.7.40]
 HMCS THE PAS (K168) Cof, stand by (10.10.41-20.10.41)
 HMCS THE PAS (K168) Cof, (21.10.41-?) Lt(Temp) [21.10.40]
 HMCS RIMOUSKI (K121) Cof, CO, (2.12.42-9.9.44)
 Lt(ND) [12.10.41] RCN, HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (22.12.46-?)
 RCNB Hfx, for FOAC, StO/(ND) (15.10.48-?) LCdr(ND) [11.10.49]
 HMCS ONTARIO (32) L/Cr, (6.11.50-?)
 Cdr [1.1.53] HMCS KOOTENAY (258) DDE, CO, (7.3.59-11.7.60)

Joined RCNVR Supplementary Reserve		1937	(RCNVR Supplementary Reserve)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR	12 April	1940	(HMS Broke for demolition of Brest Dockyard - MID)
Sub-Lieutenant (Temp), RCNVR	01 April	1941	(HMS Listrac (French manned ship) survived sinking)
Lieutenant (Temp), RCNVR	12 April	1942	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Rimouski)
Lieutenant, RCN	12 October	1942	(with seniority dated 12 October 1941)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	12 October	1949	(Navigating Officer in HMCS Ontario)
Commander, RCN	01 January	1953	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Kootenay)
Captain, RCN	01 July	1960	(Commander of Second Canadian Escort Squadron)
Commodore, RCN	31 July	1965	Canadian Commander Fleet)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	15 June	1973	
Retired	31 July	1975	

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

For service in **HMS Broke** in the demolition of the Brest Dockyard.

Awarded the **Legion of Honour (Legionnaire)** by France as per the **Canada Gazette** of 24 March 2007.

Medals of Rear-Admiral Reginald John Pickford, CD

1939/45 Star - Atlantic Star with bar France and Germany - Defence Medal - CVSM and Clasp - 39/45 War Medal with MID - CD and bar (plus the French Legion of Honour (Legionnaire) in 2007)

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PIDCOCK, Paul Mortimer, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / MTB at Tobruk - Awarded as per London Gazette of 10 November 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

PIDCOCK. Paul Mortimer, 0-59150, Lt(Temp) [2.8.41] RCNVR, **MID**~[10.11.42] Lt(Temp) [2.8.40]; A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized [9.10.45]

"For bravery and devotion to duty while serving in **His Majesty's South African Ship Bever** and **HMSAS Parktown** and in His Majesty's Motor Launches and Motor Torpedo Boats in action against the enemy in the Mediterranean."

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PIERS, Desmond William ("Debbie"), Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCN / HMCS Restigouche - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943.

Born at Halifax, Nova Scotia on 12 June 1913.

Cadet at Royal Military College of Canada 1930 to 1932. Naval Cadet RCN as Special Entry No. 32 in 1931. Midshipman RCN in 1933. To **HMCS Saguenay** in 1937. To **HMCS Restigouche** (I) in 1938. To **HMCS Assiniboine** (I) in 1940.

Married Janet MacNeill in September 1941 on board **HMCS Restigouche** (I) where he was the Commanding Officer.

Commander Fourth Canadian Escort Group in 1941 and Commanding Officer of **HMCS Restigouche** (I) (River Class Destroyer - HOO) from 24 June 1941 to 5 June 1943.

To Stadacona on Staff of Captain (D) Halifax in 1944. Promoted to Acting Lieutenant-Commander in February 1944.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Algonquin** (I) ('V' Class Destroyer - R17) from 17 February 1944 to 19 April 1945.

To **HMCS Magnificent** as Executive Officer in 1948. To Royal Navy Staff College in 1949. Director Naval Plans and operations at National Defence HQ in 1949.

To National Defence College in 1951. Assistant Chief of Staff (Personnel and Administration) Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic in 1952. Naval Member of the Directing Staff of the National Defence College of Canada in 1953 to 1955.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Quebec** (Cruiser - 66) from 1 August 1955 to 8 May 1956.

Commanding Officer (again) of **HMCS Algonquin** (I) ('V' Class Destroyer - R17) from 11 May 1956 to 28 July 1957 this time with the rank of Captain and Commander First Canadian Destroyer Squadron and Senior Officer Afloat Atlantic. Promoted Commodore in 1957. Commandant Royal Military College in 1957 and made Honorary AdC to Governor General. Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Plans, Operations and Intelligence) at National Defence HQ in 1960. Promoted Rear-Admiral and made Chairman Defence Liaison Staff Washington and Canadian Representative on NATO Military Committee 1962 to 1966. Retired in 1967. Agent-General for Nova Scotia in the UK and Europe 1977 to 1979. Made a Freeman of the City of London in 1978. Honorary DMSC from RMC in 1978. Chairman Canadian Corps of Commissionaires (Nova Scotia Division).

Home in Chester, Nova Scotia. He died on 01 November 2005.

PIERS, Desmond "Debbie" William, 0-59210, Cdt RMS 1930-32, RCN Special entry No.32, Cdt 1932, Mid [1.9.33] A/S/Lt [1.1.36] A/Lt [26.9.36] HMCS SAGUENAY (D79) DD, (18.10.37-?) HMCS RESTIGOUCHE (H00) DD, (14.8.38-?) A/LCdr (WHA) [1.6.42] HMCS RESTIGOUCHE (H00) DD, CO, (30.6.41-7.6.43) **DSC~[5.6.43]** HMCS ALGONQUIN (R17) DD, CO stand by, (22.12.43-16.2.44) HMCS ALGONQUIN (R17) DD, CO, (17.2.44-19.4.45) LCdr [26.3.44] Cdr [1.1.47] HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, XO, stand by, (7.1.47-6.4.48) HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, XO, (7.4.48-?) CD~[?] Capt [1.1.51]



HMCS ALGONQUIN (224) DD, CO, (11.5.56-6.7.56)
 HMCS QUEBEC (31) L/Cr, CO, (1.8.55-8.5.56)
 Cmdre [31.7.57]
 RAdm [27.8.62] retired 1967.
CM~[25.12.82]
Legion of Merit (France) [25.09.2004]

Cadet, Royal Military College		1930	(Royal Military College)
Midshipman, RCN	01 September	1933	(Special Entry No. 32)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 January	1936	(Later backdated to 01 November 1935)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 January	1936	(Later backdated to 01 November 1935)
Lieutenant, RCN	26 September	1937	(Commander Fourth Canadian Escort Group)
Acting Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	17 February	1944	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Algonquin)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	26 March	1944	(First Commanding Officer of HMCS Algonquin)
Commander, RCN	01 January	1947	(Executive Officer of HMCS Magnificent)
Captain, RCN	01 January	1951	(Commander First Canadian Destroyer Squadron)
Commodore, RCN	31 July	1957	(Commandant Royal Military College)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	27 August	1962	(Chairman Defence Liaison Staff Washington)
Retired	05 June	1967	(Ottawa)

"This Officer has served continuously in His Majesty's Canadian Destroyers since the commencement of hostilities. As Senior Officer of Convoy Escort Groups in the North Atlantic, he has by his vigorous leadership and aggressive attack, been an inspiration to those serving under his command."



PIERS, Desmond, Rear-Admiral, DSC, CD (retired) - Member - Order of Canada (CM) - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 25 December 1982. (Appointed on December 20, 1982 with Investiture on April 20, 1983)

"The naval career of Rear-Admiral Piers was long and distinguished. Having joined the Navy fifty years ago, he commanded ships which participated in the Battle of the Atlantic, the invasion of Normandy and other actions of the Second World War. Afterwards he served in Canada, at NATO, and as Canadian defence representative in Washington. After retirement he undertook voluntary work in Halifax, in education, sports, the training of the handicapped, the arts and tourism. From 1977 to 1979 he was Agent General of Nova Scotia in London."

PIERS, Desmond, Rear-Admiral, CM, DSC, CD (retired) - Knight of the Legion of Honour (France) Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 25 September 2004.

Retired rear admiral Desmond Piers will formally be inducted into the Legion d'Honneur and receive the prestigious five-point medal, with red ribbon, designed for Napoleon in the early 1800s. "It is absolutely our highest recognition of bravery in military action and service," France's consul general, Michel Freymuth, said on 02 June 2004. The presentation of the medal and a certificate indicating membership in the Legion of Honour will cap ceremonies in Halifax on 06 June 2004 commemorating the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. The retired rear admiral and his wife Janet greeted news of the accolade with enthusiasm at their home in Chester on Tuesday. "We had the advantage of

knowing the setup on the beach from previous missions," he said of the events of D-Day morning. "The battle line extended 20 miles to our west. . . . It was quite a scene. . . . Behind us were thousands upon thousands of troops waiting to come ashore." The 90-year-old with the childhood nickname Debby is one of Canada's Second World War naval legends. Mr. Piers was just 27 when he took command of HMCS Restigouche and only 30 when he guided HMCS Algonquin and its officers and crew through the D-Day conflagration. France wants to officially recognize Mr. Piers for his contribution to the D-Day invasion and also for his subsequent missions between England and Normandy, Mr. Freymuth said. "Algonquin was the first Canadian ship to attack, so Allied forces could begin landing in the area." The Algonquin and its crew provided vital support to members of the Canadian 3rd Infantry Division, which pushed far into enemy territory on D-Day. France enrolled 10 other Canadian war heroes as Knights of the Legion of Honour in Ottawa at a May 27 ceremony. Mr. Piers has often attributed the achievements of HMCS Algonquin in the D-Day invasion to the skill and diligence of the ship's officers and crew, and he repeated that Tuesday. "This is for all of those guys," he said of the honour from France that he will receive Sunday. Piers went on to command a number of other Canadian battleships involved in the Battle of the Atlantic and other major war events. After the war, he continued to enjoy a long and distinguished naval career. He was an active volunteer in retirement and was agent general for Nova Scotia in the United Kingdom and Europe from 1977 to 1979.

Medals of Rear-Admiral Desmond William PIERS, CM, DSC, CD, RCN:

CM - DSC - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star with bar France & Germany - Africa Star - CVSM & Clasp - 39/45 War Medal Special Service Medal with bar NATO - EIIR Coronation Medal - Canada 125 Medal - EIIR Golden Jubilee Medal - CD and two Bars - Knight of the Legion of Honour (France).



Uniform Displayed at CFB Halifax Naval Museum

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PIKE, D.J., Chief Engine Room Artificer (V-37205) - Testimonial on Parchment - RCNVR - Awarded in 1945. Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

"For rescuing Alfred Patrick Simpson, Able Seaman (V-62213) from drowning at Greenock Anchorage, Greenock, Scotland."

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PIKE, Douglas William, Chief Petty Officer (Torpedo Coxswain) (A-1168) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PIKE. Douglas William, A-1168, CPO (TC), RCNR, BEM~[16.6.45]

"This Rating, who has served at sea continuously since December, 1939, and for the past two years as Torpedo Coxswain, has at all times displayed outstanding seamanship, exceptional zeal and devotion to duty. His cheerfulness and temperate habits have always been an example to the young and the inexperienced ratings serving under him."

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PINEAU, Joseph Harold, Petty Officer (V-16191) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 26 December 1944. Home: Port Arthur, Ontario.

PINEAU. Joseph Harold, V-16191, PO, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

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

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PITTS, John Maurice, Leading Seaman (4341) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 14 November 1944. Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.

PITTS. John Maurice, 4341, LS, RCN, 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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PLANT, Frank Oatley, Sub-Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Skeena - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 25 November 1942.

Last Commanding Officer of **HMCS Summerside** (Flower Class Corvette - K141) from 18 December 1944 to 6 July 1945.

PLANT. Frank Oatley, 0-59410, S/Lt(Temp) [19.1.42] RCNVR
HMCS SKEENA (I59) DD, (25.5.42-?) **MID**~[28.11.42]
HMCS COLLINGWOOD (K180) Cof, (6.8.42-?)
Lt(Temp) [19.1.43]
HMCS OWEN SOUND (K340) Cofm, stand by (1.11.43-16.11.43)
HMCS OWEN SOUND (K340) Cofm, (17.11.43-?) Lt(Temp) [19.1.42]
HMCS SUMMERSIDE (K141) Cof, CO, (18.12.44-6.7.45)
Demobilized [10.10.45]

"This Officer has carried out his plotting duties with remarkable skill and devotion. His work contributed in no small measure to the destruction of an enemy U-Boat."

Details on the action in which **HMCS Skeena** (River Class Destroyer - D159), **HMCS Sackville**, and **HMCS Wetaskiwin** sank **U-588** in the mid-Atlantic on 31 July 1942 can be found in Chapter 13 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". S/Lt Plant was the Plotter on **HMCS Skeena**.

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PLATT, John Cleveland, Temporary Acting Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 10 October 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

PLATT. John Cleveland, 0-59450, S/Lt(Temp) [24.5.43] RCNVR
A/Lt(Temp) [24.5.44]; **MID**~[20.1.45] Demobilized [8.2.46]

"For bravery, skill and devotion to duty in **H.M. Ships Affleck, Balfour, Eskimo, Wanderer** and **Tavy** and **H.M. Canadian Ships Haida** and **Huron** in anti U-Boat operations."

"For good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine."

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PLEASANCE, Ernest Stanley Nelson, Skipper Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Gananoque - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944. Home: Collingwood, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Gananoque** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J259) from 29 March 1943 to 2 November 1943.

Commanding Officer (again) of **HMCS Gananoque** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J259) 28 November 1943 to 24 May 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Hallowell** (River Class Frigate - K666) from 8 August 1944 to 18 October 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Arivida** (Flower Class Corvette - K113) from 20 November 1944 to 4 December 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Buctouche** (Flower Class Corvette - K179) from 5 December 1944 to 1 January 1945.

PLEASANCE. Ernest Stanley Nelson, 0-59500, Ch/Skr (Temp) [13.9.40] RCNR
 HMCS ORILLIA (K119) Cof, stand by (21.11.40-24.11.40)
 HMCS ORILLIA (K119) Cof, (25.11.40-?)
 HMCS MEDICINE HAT (J256) m/s, (25.3.42-?)
 Skr/Lt (Temp) [14.11.41]
 HMCS GANANOQUE (J259) m/s, CO, (29.3.43-2.11.43)
 HMCS GANANOQUE (J259) m/s, CO, (28.11.43-24.5.44) - **MID**~[8.1.44]
 HMCS HALLOWELL (K666) Fr, CO, stand by, (21.6.44-7.8.44)
 HMCS HALLOWELL (K666) Fr, CO, (8.8.44-18.10.44)
 HMCS ARVIDA (K113) Cof, CO, (20.11.44-4.12.44)
 HMCS BUCTOUCHE (K179) Cof, CO, (5.12.44-1.1.45)
 HMCS DUNVER (K03) Fr, (3.1.45-?) Demobilized [2.10.45]

"This Officer has served at sea for over three years in His Majesty's Canadian ships engaged in minesweeping and escort work, lately in command. During the whole of that time he has shown himself to be most trustworthy and hard-working, and has set an excellent example to others by his devotion to duty."

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PLOMER, James, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)
 - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 November 1943 and **London Gazette** of 19 October 1943.



Born in the United Kingdom in 1911 and worked with the Bank of Montreal prior to war service. Joined the RCNVR in the Winnipeg Division in 1932. To the Saint John Half Company in 1937. To **HMCS Skeena** in 1939. Mobilized for World War Two service and joined Saint John Examination service in 1940.

Loaned to Royal Navy in small craft and minesweepers from 1940 until 1942.

Became Group Commander of the Royal Navy Fifth Anti-Submarine and Minesweeping Group in 1942. Promoted LCdr.

Commanding Officer of **HMS Sunflower** in 1943. On the Planning Staff of Transporting Artificial Harbours to Normandy in 1944. Officer-in-Charge Tactical School Londonderry in 1944. Director of the Tactical Unit in Halifax in 1944 to 1945. Transferred from the RCNVR to the RCN in 1945.

To **HMCS Warrior** as First Lieutenant in 1948.

Promoted Commander and to Stadacona as Commander of HMC Dockyard Halifax and King's Harbour Master in 1947.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Iroquois** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G89) from 1 March 1947 to 1 June 1947.

To Royal Navy Staff Course in 1950.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cayuga** (Tribal Class Destroyer - 218) from 25 May 1951 to 18 June 1952 and Commander Canadian Destroyers Far East (Korean War Service).

Awarded **Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 September 1952 in Korea while in Command of **HMCS Cayuga**.

Also awarded **Officer - Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 April 1955 for service in Korea.

Promoted Captain and to HMCS Cornwallis as Commanding Officer in 1952. Promoted Commodore and to Naval HQ as Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel in 1956. Senior Canadian

Naval Officer Afloat (Atlantic) in June 1958. To Naval HQ as Deputy Naval Comptroller in 1959 and retired in 1962. He died at Picton, Ontario on 4 May 1986.

PLOMER, James "Jimmy", 0-59510, A/Lt [18.5.32] RCNVR
 RCNVR Half Company Saint John, Lt [1.7.37]
 HMC Naval Base, Saint John, NB, Ext/Def, (2.9.39-?)
 A/LCdr [1.1.43] **DSC**~ [13.11.43] Bar to DSC~ [29.4.44]
 LCdr [1.1.43] RCN,
 HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, stand by, (28.7.45-23.1.46)
 HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, (23.1.46)
 HMCS IROQUOIS (G89) DD, CO, (1.3.47-1.6.47)
 HMC DOCKYARD Halifax, CO, & KHM (1.7.47-?) Cdr [1.7.47]
 HMCS STADACONA (D/S) for Cmdre Newfoundland StO, (9.5.49-?)
 HMCS CAYUGA (218) DD, (21.5.51-24.5.51)
 HMCS CAYUGA (218) DD, CO & Cdr Cdn DD's Pacific (25.5.51-18.6.52)
OBE~[27.9.52] **Officer-Legion of Merit(USA)**~[16.4.55] **for Korea**

Sub-Lieutenant (Temp), RCNVR	01 August	1932	(Winnipeg Division)
Acting Lieutenant, RCNVR	01 August	1937	(Saint John Half Company)
Lieutenant, RCNVR	01 July	1939	(with seniority dated 01 July 1937)
Lieutenant-Commander (Temp), RCNVR	01 January	1943	(Commanding Officer HMS Sunflower)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 January	1945	(Transferred to RCN)
Commander, RCN	01 July	1947	(King's Harbour Master Halifax)
Captain, RCN	01 July	1952	(Commanding Officer HMCS Cayuga in Korea)
Acting Commodore, RCN	01 July	1956	(Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel)
Commodore, RCN	16 June	1958	(Senior Canadian Naval Officer Afloat Atlantic)
Retired	24 September	1962	Commodore

"For gallantry and devotion to duty in determined and successful attacks on U-Boats while serving in **H.M. Ships Duncan, Pink, Sunflower, Vidette, Tay, Loosestrife, Alisma, Spey, Pelican, Jed, Snowflake** and **Logan** on convoy escort duties."

HMS Sunflower damaged **U-386** with depth charges on 29 April 1943.

HMS Sunflower rammed and badly damaged **U-533** on 5 May 1943.

HMS Sunflower drove off another U-Boat on the surface on 17 May 1943.

PLOMER, James, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - BAR to the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC*) - RCNVR / HMS Sunflower - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 29 April 1944 and London Gazette of 18 April 1944.



"For good service in action with enemy submarines in October and November 1943."

"For outstanding skill and determination in **HMS Duncan, HMS Sunflower** and **HMS Vidette** on convoy escort duty in successful attacks on U-Boats.

Medals: OBE – DSC and Bar – 1939/1945 Star – Atlantic Star – Defence – CVSM and Clasp 1939/1945 medal – Canadian Korean – UN Korean – CD and Bar – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)

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POIRIER, Paul, Acting Petty Officer (V-959) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 30 March 1946 and London Gazette of 11 December 1945. Home: Dalhousie, New Brunswick.

POIRIER. Paul. V-959, A/PO, RCNVR, **DSM**~[30.3.46]

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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POLISCHUK, Fred, Petty Officer (V-7424) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 September 1944 and London Gazette of 11 July 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

POLISCHUK. Fred, V-7424, PO, RCNVR, **MID**~[6.1.45]

"For good service in action with enemy destroyers. For leadership, resolution and skill in a successful action with enemy destroyers in the English Channel."

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POLISCHUCK, John, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class (V-24915) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Fennel - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.

Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

HMCS Fennel was a Flower Class Corvette (K194).

POLISCHUCK. John, V-24915, ERA 4/c1, RCNVR, **MID**~[10.6.44]

"Throughout two years service in **HMCS Fennel** in the North Atlantic, this Rating has displayed outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty."

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POPE, William, Lieutenant (E) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS St. Croix - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 28 November 1942 and London Gazette of 25 November 1942. Promoted Acting Lieutenant-Commander when award announced.

POPE. William, 0-59720, Lt(E) (Temp) [15.6.41] RCNR

HMCS CHEDABUCTO (J168) m/s, (27.7.41-?)

HMCS ST. CROIX (I81) DD, (1.1.42-?) **MID**~[28.11.42]

LCdr (E) (Temp) [1.1.44]

"This Officer took personal direction of the Engine Rooms and Boiler Rooms when high speed was necessary in order to overtake and sink an enemy U-Boat."

Details on the action in which **HMCS St. Croix** (Town Class Destroyer - 181) sunk **U-90** in the North Atlantic on 24 July 1942 can be found in Chapter 12 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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PORTEOUS, William Walter, Captain (E) – Officer, Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / Director of Engineering RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Born in Colorado, USA on 01 October 1902.



Naval Cadet, RCN at Royal Naval College of Canada (Ninth Term) in 29 September 1918

Midshipman RCN on 16 June 1921

To **HMS Resolution** for training from 1921 to 1924 with future VAdm H.N. Lay and future Rear-Admirals Harry DeWolf and J.G. Knowlton

Won the RN Atlantic Fleet Middleweight Boxing Championship in 1922 and 1924

To Royal Naval College Greenwich for Sub-Lieutenant Courses in 1924-1925

To Royal Naval Engineering College Keyham in 1925-1926

Won the Royal Navy - Royal Marines Light Heavyweight Boxing Championship in 1927.

Placed second in the Royal Navy Home Fleet Cross-Country Race in 1927.

To **HMS Emperor of India** for Engineering Department in 1926 to 1928.

To Stadacona as Assistant to Engineer Officer in 1928.

To Naden for HMC Dockyard Esquimalt as Consulting Engineer in 1930.

To **HMCS Vancouver** as Engineer Officer in 1931.

To **HMCS Saguenay** as Engineer Officer "d" Eastern Sub-Division in 1934.

To **HMCS St. Laurent (I)** as Engineer Officer in 1937.

To HMC Dockyard Halifax as Assistant to Chief Engineer in 1937.

Promoted Commander and to **HMCS Assiniboine** as Engineer Officer in 1939.

To RCN Barracks Esquimalt for Mechanical Training Establishment in 1940.

Promoted Captain in early 1941.

To Naval Service HQ as Director of Engineering Personnel in 1942.

To Scotian as Deputy Superintendent of HMC Dockyard and Engineer Superintendent and Command Engineer Officer in 1945.

In November 1946, appointed Deputy Superintendent, East Coast, Engineer Superintendent, HMC Dockyard and Command Engineer Officer on the staff of the Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast

A month later (December 1946) Superintendent of HMC Dockyard and Engineer Superintendent and Command Engineer on the staff of the Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast

To Stadacona for HMC Dockyard as Command Technical Officer and Command Engineering

Officer Halifax and Superintendent in 1949.

Promoted Commodore on 01 July 1950. Made Commodore Superintendent Atlantic Coast and Superintendent HMC Dockyard on 01 March 1954.

Promoted Rear-Admiral in 1956 and to National Defence HQ as Chief of Naval Technical Services and Member of the Naval Board of Canada.

On retirement leave in September 1958 after 40 years of service.

Born: 01 Oct 1902, Sedalia, Douglas County, CO, USA

Died: 12 Dec 1969, Ottawa, Ont.

Medals Include: OBE - 1939/45 Star - Atlantic Star - CVSM with Clasp - 1939/45 War

Medal - EIIR Coronation Medal - CD (GVI) with 2 Bars

(Medals displayed at the Maritime Command Museum in Halifax)

PORTEOUS. William "Willie" Walter, 0-59730

Cdt 1918(9th term RNCC)

Mid [1.9.21] RCN

HMS RESOLUTION (26.10.21-?) A/S/Lt [1.1.24] S/Lt(E) [1.1.25]

Lt(E) [1.3.26] HMCS STADACONA(D/S) Asst/EO (12.9.28-?)

HMCS STADACONA(D/S) (20.3.30-?)

HMCS VANCOUVER DD, (21.5.31-?)

NDHQ (9.8.33-?)

HMCS SAGUENAY(D79) DD, (1.1.34-?) LCdr(E) [1.3.34]

HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, stand by (1.2.37-16.2.37)

HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, (17.2.37-?)

RCNB Halifax, (3.1.38-?) Cdr(E) [1.12.38]

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (19.10.39-?)

RCNB Esq for (MTE) HMCS NADEN II (12.5.40-?)

A/Capt(E) [13.2.41] NSHQ Dir(E)/Pers 1941

Capt(E) [1.1.44] **OBE~[5.1.46]**

HMC Dockyard Halifax, Supt (1.2.46-?)

HMC Dockyard Halifax, Supt & Comd (E) (16.2.47-?) **CD~[?]**

FOAC/Comd/Tech & Comd(E) (20.7.49-?)

Cmdre(E) [1.7.50] RAdm(E) [9.1.56]

Rear-Admiral William Walter Porteous, OBE, CD

Naval Cadet	29 September	1918	(Royal Naval College of Canada Ninth Term)
Midshipman, RCN	01 September	1921	(To HMS Resolution)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 January	1924	(Royal Naval Engineering College Greenwich)
Sub-Lieutenant (E), RCN	01 January	1925	(Royal Naval Engineering College Keyham)
Lieutenant (E), RCN	01 March	1926	(To HMS Emperor of India)
Lieutenant-Commander (E), RCN	01 March	1934	(Engineer Officer HMCS Saguenay)
Commander (E), RCN	01 December	1938	(Engineer Officer HMCS Assiniboine)
Acting Captain (E), RCN	13 February	1941	(Director of Engineering Personnel, Naval HQ)
Captain (E), RCN	01 January	1944	(Deputy Superintendent of HMC Dockyard Halifax)
Commodore (E), RCN	01 July	1950	(Command Engineering Officer Halifax)
Rear-Admiral (E), RCN	09 January	1956	(Chief of Naval Technical Services)
Retired	01 September	1958	(Rear-Admiral)

"Under the direction of this Officer, the Engineering Department of the Royal Canadian Navy has increased from approximately 47 officers and 1,500 ratings to 1,000 officers and 20,000 ratings. During the time of rapid expansion, tremendous difficulties had to be overcome, since the vast majority of both officers and men had to be trained to become efficient engineers in a very short time. Captain Porteous has shown outstanding zeal and resourcefulness in making use of every available facility throughout Canada for this purpose, and it is largely due to his leadership and ability that the engineering branch of the Royal Canadian Navy has arrived at its present high state of efficiency."

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PORTER, Allan, Able Seaman (A-1533) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / Examination Service - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Fox Island, Newfoundland.**

PORTER. Allan, A-1533, AB, RCNR, MID~[10.6.44]

"This Rating has served in the Examination Service since July, 1940, and has proved himself exceptionally capable and devoted to duty in handling boarding boats in bad weather and under difficult conditions."

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PORTER, Leslie Oliver, Chief Petty Officer (A-2124) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Montreal - Awarded as per **London Gazette of 14 June 1945 (no **Canada Gazette**). Home: Hamilton, Ontario.**

PORTER. Leslie Oliver, A-2124, CPO RCNR, MID~[14.6.45]

"This Chief Petty Officer has completed four years service in various theatres of war including the Mediterranean and the North Atlantic. As Torpedo Coxswain aboard **HMCS Montreal**, he has gained the respect of all his shipmates with the capable handling of his men in the most difficult and trying tasks he has been called on to perform. Chief Petty Officer Leslie Oliver Porter (A-2121) has served on board **HMCS Montreal** (River Class Frigate - K319) since 24 January 1944 to date."

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PORTER, Robert Tait, Acting Petty Officer (V-7348) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: Aberdeen, Scotland.**

PORTER. Robert Tait, V-7348, A/PO, RCNVR, MID~[16.6.45]

"This Petty Officer has displayed meritorious service since 1932. Through his cheerful attention to duty at all times, the weapons in his charge have been efficiently maintained, and has assisted in maintaining the morale and efficiency of his ship's company."

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PORTREE, Donald, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class (21972) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette of 12 December 1942 and **London Gazette** of 3 December 1942.**

Mary MacFarlane Miller married Alexander MacArthur in Glasgow & they had a daughter, Mamie Hannah. Alexander MacArthur died as a result of an industrial accident at Singer's Clydebank. Mamie's brother, Alexander, had immigrated to Canada where he met up with Will (William John) Portree. Alex suggested that Will write his sister and one thing led to another. Will learned the Gaelic to impress the prospective in laws. Mary came to Canada and married Will Portree.



Their 1st born son, **William Alexander (known as Donald)** was born in Winnipeg, on 19 August 1911. They had a second son, James Wilmot and two daughters, the second, Isaly, was a Leading Wren during WWII.

Donald Portree married Lilian Robinson in Winnipeg while he was in the Cameron Highlander's Reserve. They moved to Hamilton, Ontario (238 Hunter Street East) in 1937 and he was employed at the Westinghouse plant foundry for some years and was with John Bertram & Sons of Dundas when he enlisted in the RCN on 08 October 1940.

He and Lilian had two children born in Hamilton:

Donna on 7 August 1942, the day after HMCS **Assiniboine** sank U210;

Richard born after the war.

After the war, he worked on oil tankers (ocean vessels) His next job was as an inspector for Ontario Hydro - he worked out of Peterborough during the week - only coming home on the weekends.

His next job was in Hamilton with the Department of National Defense as an Inspector.

He then went into farming

1st farm was mixed fruit & vegetable (he also kept bees).

2nd farm (bought in 1971) was RR#1 Cayuga - he rented out his fields and

harvested the hay for local farmers as well as keeping pigs and then cattle.

When he first retired he had a job as cook the Cayuga jail

He died on 10 August 1994 in the arms of his beloved granddaughter Marita.

Poem written by Donna for her father when he died:

Blessed be Pop...
Battle's o're sailor laddie
To tir nan og be going
Hear the pipes a playing
A Highland welcome awaits ye
As your Mother's arms open
To welcome you home
Donna Gail

PORTREE. Donald, 21972, ERA 4/cl, RCN, DSM~[12.12.42]

"For courage and devotion to duty before the enemy."
He performed particularly valuable work in the forward
fire party which extinguished a bad fire on the flag
deck".

The action in which **HMCS Assiniboine** (River Class
Destroyer - D118) sank **U-210** on 6 August 1942 in the North
Atlantic while protecting Convoy SC-94 is described in
Chapter 14 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

From a newspaper at that time: The Nazi submarine sunk by the
Canadian destroyer Assiniboine after a battle in the
Atlantic was a big one, one of the newest class." CPO
Portree was busy fighting the fire which broke out in the
Assiniboine's forecastle. He and a stoker fought the
blaze on the starboard side while the Chief Stoker and
two other stokers battled the flames on the port side.

From the Noonan's Auction catalogue of 11 March 2025:¹

The rare and outstanding battle of the Atlantic D.S.M. group of seven
awarded to Chief Engine Room Artificer D. 'Don' Portree, Royal Canadian
Navy, who was decorated for his gallant deeds in H.M.C.S. *Assiniboine* in
August 1942, when she engaged, rammed and sunk the *U-210*. The action was
captured in a remarkable series of photographs taken by an embarked
official war correspondent and historian, an action marked by the
extraordinary belligerence of the U-boat's crew, several of whom loudly
'Heiled' on being rescued and brought aboard *Assiniboine*: not to be



outdone, it is said that Canadian
celebratory yells on getting their
'kill' probably 'frightened U-boats'
as far as 10 miles away

Distinguished Service Medal, G.V.I.R.
(21972 D. Portree, E.R.A.4, R.C.N.)
impressed naming; 1939-45 Star;
Atlantic Star, 1 copy clasp, France

¹ This lot is to be sold as part of a special collection, Naval Medals from the
Collection of the Late Jason Pilalas. Brought to my attention by Curtis
Mainville.

and Germany; Defence Medal, Canadian issue in silver; Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, with overseas clasp; War Medal 1939-45, Canadian issue in silver; Canadian Forces Decoration, E. II.R. (CPO 1/c D Portree) mounted as worn, *good very fine* (7) £3,000-£4,000

One of approximately 100 awards of the D.S.M. to the Royal Canadian Navy.

D.S.M. *London Gazette* 22 December 1942: 'For services in action with enemy submarines while serving in H.M. Canadian Ships.'

Donald Portree was born in Winnipeg, Canada in 1911 but later made his way east, 'riding the rails' during the depression. By 1940 he had settled with his wife in Hamilton, where he was working as a moulder at Dominion Foundries. Having then joined the Royal Canadian Navy, he was serving as an Engine Room Artificer in the destroyer H.M.C.S. *Assiniboine* by 1942.

Assiniboine's subsequent action with *U-210* is well-documented, both in words and in photographs, due to her having embarked an official war correspondent and historian; the images used here are courtesy of the Department of National Defence/National Archives of Canada

In August 1942, *Assiniboine* was detailed to act as escort to convoy SC-94, bound from Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, to the U.K. Lieutenant-Commander J. H. Stubbs, R.C.N., commanding *Assiniboine*, had the largest and fastest ship amongst the accompanying escort of three R.N. and three R.C.N. corvettes, the whole charged with protecting the 33 participating merchantmen. In the event, 11 of them were sunk.

On the morning of 6 August 1942, *U-210* was sighted by *Assiniboine's* lookout at 1125 hours, a few miles away on the convoy's starboard bow. Increasing speed, she hastened towards the surfaced U-boat which dived after three salvos from her guns. *Assiniboine's* then delivered three depth charge attacks, following which *U-210* was sighted again at 1712 hours, surfaced about half a mile away, in the shifting and sometimes dense fog.

A wild goose chase ensued, the destroyer and U-boat darting in and out of the fog patches, with Stubbs being unable to bring his 4.7-inch guns to bear on the target. Finally, however, *Assiniboine* got so close that only her secondary armament was able to depress sufficiently to bear on the twisting U-boat, her half-inch calibre machine-guns desperately trying to compete with the U-boat's torrent of 37mm. and 20mm. fire. Hits were achieved by both sides, German sailors being swept from the boat's casing in rushing to man the guns, but themselves getting hits on *Assiniboine's* bridge and forward gun positions, killing one gunner, and wounding thirteen others.

A fire fed by gasoline stored on *Assiniboine's* upper deck took hold, starboard of the wheelhouse, and the ship's coxswain, Chief Petty Officer Bernays, ordered two members of his team to go out and fight the flames. One of them was Chief Engine Room Artificer Don Portree, who was flipped over the ship's rails when the pressure suddenly surged through his fire hose. Holding on for dear life, he was at length hauled back aboard, and by the time *Assiniboine's* First Lieutenant, Ralph Hennessy, arrived on the scene, he found that Portree and Chief Torpedoman Burgess were well underway in fighting the fire.

Stubbs, meanwhile, continued his battle with the U-boat, dropping more

depth charges but without result. Finally, he was able to move off and bring his 4.7-inch guns to bear, obtaining a hit on the submarine's bridge which killed the German captain. And when the *U-210* commenced to dive, Stubbs was at last able to ram her just behind the conning tower. Yet, in an extraordinary act of belligerence the U-boat resurfaced and resumed firing her 20mm. gun. Once again *Assiniboine's* 4-7-inch guns got stuck in, whilst Stubbs circled and rammed, this time convincingly so: *U-210* was finished, slipping beneath the waves for a final time.

In concluding his official report, Captain Stubbs stated:

'I turned as quickly as possible to find him surfacing again but slightly down by the stern, still firing and making about 10 knots. After a little manoeuvring, we rammed him again well abaft the conning tower and fired a shallow pattern of depth charges as we passed. Also, one 4.7" shell from "Y" Gun scored a direct hit on his bows. He sank by the head in about two minutes.

Dianthus appeared out of the fog just in time to see him go. The yell that went up from both ships must have frightened U-boats for about 10 miles in the vicinity.

Ten prisoners were picked up by *Assiniboine*, 8 by *Dianthus*, six of which were later transferred to *Assiniboine*. While they were being separated the prisoners "Heiled" several times at the top of their voices. When received onboard, officers, of which there were two, and ratings, were segregated.

Casualties sustained amounted to one rating killed, one officer and twelve ratings wounded. Ship's plating was punctured in dozens of places on the water line, gun shields, bridge, range finder, funnels and searchlight platform. Several bullets penetrated to the wheel house, which probably accounts for the lack of track charts for this particular period.

All compartments below the waterline, aft to the provision room were flooded, and extra shores were placed. A./S. and R.D.F. were out of action as well as gun circuits and certain lighting circuits. It is notable that two of the most delicate instruments in the ship, the plot and the gyro, remained intact. In view of all this I decided the ship must return to St. John's forthwith ... '

The gallant actions of *Assiniboine's* crew were duly rewarded: in fact, in terms of a single action, the ship became one of the most decorated in the history of the Royal Canadian Navy:

Stubbs received the D.S.O., his First Lieutenant the D.S.C., the coxswain the C.G.M. (one of just two such awards to the R.C.N. in the last war), and Portree and three others the D.S.M. Fourteen of the crew were mentioned in despatches, too.

Portree received his D.S.M. at an investiture held in July 1943 and returned to Hamilton after the war. He died there in 1994.

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POTTER, Lawrence Irwin Willis, Sick Berth Attendant (V-44883)
- **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Prescott - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944. Home: Grand Valley, Ontario.

POTTER. Lawrence Irwin, V-44883, SBA, RCNVR, MID~[15.8.44]

"For rescue work when **S.S. Partridge** was sunk on 11 June 1944."

"While serving in **HMCS Prescott**, a corvette, his Commanding Officer reported that her performed duties in an outstanding manner in easing pain, etc. of survivors of United States Ship Partridge on 11 June 1944 and was responsible for saving the lives of some who might otherwise have died. His ship was part of the Western Approaches Command operating out of Greenoch, Scotland at the time." See page 105 of "**Operation Sick Bay**" by LCdr Stan Richards. **HMCS Prescott** was a Flower Class Corvette (K161).

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POTTIER, Charles Harris, Sub-Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches
- RCNVR / HMCS Guysborough - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 19 December 1944. Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

POTTIER. Charles Harris, O-59834, S/Lt(Temp) [16.2.45] RCNVR
MID~[15.9.45]; A/Lt(Temp) [16.2.46] Medically unfit [18.2.46]

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

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

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POTTS, Judson Wallace, Chief Stoker Petty Officer (21272) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.
POTTS. Judson Wallace, 21272, CPO/Stk, RCN, MID~[15.8.44]

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

Boats. For good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine on 10 March 1944."

HMCS St. Laurent (River Class Destroyer - H83) along with **HMCS Swansea**, **HMCS Owen Sound**, and **HMS Forester** (RN Destroyer) sank **U-845** in mid-Atlantic on 10 March 1944 as described in Chapter 35 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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POWELL, Arthur Joseph, Stoker Petty Officer (22004) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCN / **HMCS Oakville** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 December 1942 and **London Gazette** of 29 December 1942.

POWELL, Arthur Joseph, 22004, Stk/PO, RCN, DSM~[26.12.42]

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

"In a hazardous leap from his own ship to the deck of a German U-Boat, Stoker Petty Officer Powell, one of a two-man boarding party, assisted in bringing the entire enemy crew into submission after brief resistance. His coolness and efficiency in carrying out his duties on board the enemy U-Boat, until she sank, provided an inspiring example of gallantry."

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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POWELL, John Allan, Sub-Lieutenant (A) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / No. 849 RN Squadron - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 22 August 1942.

(no Canada Gazette).

Acting Sub-Lieutenant (Temp.), RCNVR at King Alfred in 1940. To St. Vincent for #23 Pilot Training Course.

To HMS St. Vincent for #47 Observer Training Course.

To Piarco Trinidad for Observer Training and qualified Sub-Lieutenant (O) (Temp), RCNVR.

Promoted Sub-Lieutenant (O) (Temp.) RCNVR on 31 December 1941. To USNAS Quonsett Point, Rhode Island for **No. 849 RN Squadron** in 1943.

To USNAS Squantum, Main, for **No. 849 RN Squadron** in 1943.

To HMS Khedive for **No. 849 RN Squadron** in 1943.
 To RNAS Speke for **No. 849 RN Squadron** in 1943.
 To RNAS Maydown, RNAS Eglinton, RNAS Machrihanish, RNAS Perranorth, RNAS Lee-on-Solent with **No. 849 RN Squadron** in 1943.
 To **HMS Rajah** with **No. 849 RN Squadron** in 1944.
 To RNAS Katakharunda with **No. 849 RN Squadron** in 1944.
 To **HMS Victorious** with **No. 849 Squadron** in 1944.
 Promoted Acting Lieutenant-Commander (O), RCNVR (WHA) and to Naval Service HQ on Staff of Director of Naval Air Division in 1944.
POWELL John Alan, O-59920, S/Lt(A)(Temp) [31.12.42] RCNVR
MID~[22.8.42]; Lt(Temp) [31.12.43] Lt(Temp) [31.12.41] A/LCdr(Temp)(WHA)
 Demobilized [22.7.45]

"For bravery and enterprise while serving in H.M. ships, transports and Royal Fleet Auxiliaries in the successful operations which led to the surrender of the important base of Diego Suarez."

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PRATT, James Charles, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches -
 RCNVR / HMCS Goderich - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Windsor, Ontario. Joined RCNVR as Acting Lieutenant in 1940 and to Stadacona for Training. To Naval HQ in 1941.
 To **HMCS Dunvegan** (Flower Class Corvette - K177) as First Lieutenant in 1941.
 To HMS Kings for Long Navigation Course in 1942.
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Goderich** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J260) from 7 April 1943 to 6 March 1944.
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Oshawa** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J330) from 6 July 1944 to 27 May 1945 (LCdr).
 To Stadacona on Staff of Captain (D) as Assistant to Training Commander in 1945 and then as Training Commander.
 To HMCS Hunter and demobilized in 1945.
Transferred to RCN in 1946.
 To HMS Tamar (Hong Kong) in 1946 and to **HMS Glory** in 1946.
 To Naval HQ as **Assistant Director of Reserves** in 1947.
 To **Naden** as **First Lieutenant** in 1948.
Promoted Commander and made **Training Commander at Naden** in 1949.
 To Naval HQ for duty with the Chief of Naval Personnel in 1949.
 To **National Defence College of Canada (Course 3)** in 1949.
 To Naval HQ as **Director of Naval Intelligence** in 1950.
 To **HMCS Shearwater** as **Executive Officer** in 1953.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Huron** (I) (Tribal Class Destroyer - 216) from 17 August 1954 to 7 August 1955 and **Commander Canadian Destroyers Far East**.

To Naval HQ as **Director of Personnel (Officers)** in 1944.

Promoted Captain in 1956 and in 1958 made **Chief of Naval Personnel** at Naval HQ.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Crescent** ('C' Class Destroyer - 226) from 21 June 1958 to 18 February 1959 and **Commander Second Canadian Escort Squadron**.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Assiniboine** (II) (St. Laurent Class Destroyer Escort - 234) from 19 February 1959 to 17 August 1960 and **Commander Second Canadian Escort Squadron**.

To Naden as **Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Pacific Coast** in 1960.

Promoted Commodore in 1962 and to **Stadacona** as **Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Atlantic Coast** (Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962).

At Stadacona as Chief of Staff (Operations) to Flag Officer Atlantic Coast in 1963.

At Stadacona as Commodore Personnel Atlantic Coast and Officer-in-Charge RCN Depot and Chief of Staff (Personnel and Training) to Flag Officer Atlantic Coast in 1965.

To National Defence HQ as **Director General Reserves** in 1966 and retired in 1968.

PRATT. James Charles, 0-60100, RCNVR Div Windsor A/Lt(Temp) [8.3.40] RCNVR Lt(Temp) [8.3.39]

HMCS DUNVEGAN (K177) Cof, stand by (10.5.41-8.9.41)

HMCS DUNVEGAN (K177) Cof, (9.9.41-?)

HMCS GODERICH (J260) m/s, CO, (7.4.43-6.3.44)

HMCS OSHAWA (J330) m/s, CO, stand by, (20.3.44-5.7.44)

MID~[10.6.44] A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.44]

HMCS OSHAWA (J330) m/s, CO, (6.7.44-27.5.45)

LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized [15.12.45] LCdr [1.7.45] RCN

RCNB, Esq, 1stLt, (27.7.48-?) Cdr [1.1.49]

RCNB, Esq, Trg/Cdr, 95.2.49-?)

HMCS HURON (216) DD, CO, (17.8.54-7.8.55) **CD**~[?]

Capt [1.1.56], HMCS CRESCENT (226) DD, CO, (21.6.58-18.2.59)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (234) DDE, CO, (19.2.59-17.8.60)

Acting Lieutenant (Temp), RCNVR	08 March	1940	(Stadacona for Training)
Lieutenant (Temp), RCNVR	01 January	1941	(Naval Headquarters)
Acting Lieutenant-Commander (Temp), RCNVR	01 January	1945	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Goderich)
Lieutenant-Commander (Temp), RCNVR	01 July	1945	(Commanding Officer HMCS Oshawa)
Demobilized		1945	(Training Commander Stadacona)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 January	1946	(Joined the RCN; To HMS Glory)
Commander, RCN	01 January	1949	(Executive Officer HMCS Shearwater)
Acting Captain, RCN	01 September	1954	(Commanding Officer HMCS Huron)
Captain, RCN	01 January	1956	(Commanding Officer HMCS Crescent)
Commodore, RCN	04 September	1962	(Chief of Staff Flag Officer Atlantic)
Retired	01 April	1968	(Director General Reserves)

"This Officer has served at sea for the majority of the war, and has for the past year been in command of one of His Majesty's Canadian Minesweepers (**HMCS Goderich**) on

escort duty. He has always inspired those working under him by his cheerfulness and devotion to duty."

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PRATT, John David, Chief Engine Room Artificer (X-21317) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Awarded **R.C.N. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 20 September 1927.

Awarded a **Clasp to the R.C.N. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** in 26 March 1946.

PRATT. John David, 61540, SPO, RCN, **LS&GC**~[20.9.27]; **Clasp** [26.3.46] **BEM** [08.06.44]

"During his thirty-three years' service in the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Navy, this Chief Petty Officer's conduct and devotion to duty have been of the highest quality and he has exercised a steadying and beneficial influence on the men with whom he has come in contact in ships and shore establishments. His service has always been favourably reported upon by the officers under who he has served."

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PRENTICE, James Douglas, Commander - Distinguished Service Order (DSO) - RCN / HMCS Chambly - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 3 March 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Levis** (Flower Class Corvette - K115) from 18 October 1940 to 14 January 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Chambly** (Flower Class Corvette - K116) from 26 March 1941 to 13 November 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ottawa** (II) (River Class Destroyer - H31) from 19 May 1944 to 9 September 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Qu'appelle** (River Class Destroyer - H69) from 10 September 1944 to 4 December 1944.

Retired with the rank of Captain on 2 April 1946. Had served as AdC to Governor-General.

PRENTICE. James Douglas, 0-60140, Cdr RN(rtd), LCdr(Temp) [15.6.27] RCN

HMC Naval Base, Sydney, CB, StO/NOIC, (28.8.39-?) A/Cdr,

HMCS LEVIS (K115) Cof, CO, (18.10.40-14.1.41)

HMCS CHAMBLY (K116) Cof, (26.3.41-13.11.42) Cdr(Temp) [1.1.42]

DSO~[3.3.42] A/Capt(Temp) 1942,

HMCS OTTAWA (H31) DD, (19.5.44-9.9.44)



HMCS QU'APPELLE (H69) DD, (10.9.44-4.12.44) DSC~[20.1.45]
Bar to DSC~[20.1.45]
A/Capt(WHA) HMCS SOMERS ISLES, Bermuda, CO, (14.2.45-?)

"For bravery and enterprise in action against enemy submarines - **HMCS Chambly**."

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

PRENTICE, James Douglas, Commander, DSO - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCN / HMCS Ottawa - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 28 November 1944.

"For courage, resolution and skill while serving in **HMCS Ottawa** in anti U-Boat operations."

HMCS Ottawa (I), (River Class Destroyer - H60), **HMCS Kootenay**, and **HMCS Chaudiere** 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**".

PRENTICE, James Douglas, Commander, DSO, DSC - BAR to the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC*) - RCN / HMCS Ottawa - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 5 December 1944.

"For services in destroying an enemy submarine on 18-19 August 1944."

HMCS Ottawa (I), (River Class Destroyer - H60), **HMCS Kootenay**, and **HMCS Chaudiere** sank **U-621** in the Bay of Biscay on 18 August 1944. Prentice was Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ottawa** at the time.

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PRESSEY, Arthur Roddy, Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / Director of Anti- Submarine

Warfare - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943. Home: Rockcliffe, Ontario. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Armentieres** (Minesweeper) in 1927. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Champlain** (Destroyer) from 27 December 1930 to 27 August 1931 and again from 16 October 1931 to 22 May 1932.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fundy** (I) (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J88) from 15 December 1938 to 26 December 1939 with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander. Promoted to Acting Captain in 1945.

PRESSEY, Arthur Roddy "Bully", 0-60170, Cdt 3rd term RNCC
Mid [2.8.15] RCN, A/S/Lt [2.8.17]
HMS BARHAM 1917, S/Lt [16.11.17]
HMS DILIGENCE (D/S) for HMS MARMELUKE, (6.4.18-?)
Lt [16.5.19] HMS THRUSTER 1919, NSHQ (12.6.20-?)
HMCS PATRICIAN 1,004/16, DD, stand by (1.9.20-31.10.20)
HMCS PATRICIAN 1,004/16, DD, (1.11.20-?)
HMCS THIEPVAL m/s, (27.11.22-?) LCdr [16.5.27]
HMCS ARMENTIERES m/s CO, (29.5.27-?)
S/Svc civil Govt Air Ops 1928,
HMCS CHAMPLAIN DD, CO, (27.12.30-27.8.31)
HMCS CHAMPLAIN DD, CO, (16.10.31-22.5.32)
HMCS STADACONA (D/S) for RCNB Halifax (5.9.34-?)
HMCS FUNDY (J88) m/s, CO, (15.12.38-?) A/Cdr 1939,
NSHQ/Dir of A/S & A/S defenses (30.10.39-?) Cdr [1.7.41] **OBE**~[5.6.43]
NSHQ A/Capt(Temp) (WHA) [7.6.43]
NSHQ Asst/Dir Warfare & Training 1943,
HMCS BURRARD as NOIC & CO Aux/Vessels, Vancouver (24.8.45-?)
Released to Pension [8.10.46]

"The Royal Canadian Navy being primarily an anti-submarine navy, the development of anti-submarine warfare facilities has been a matter of prime importance. This Officer has been Director of Anti-Submarine Warfare for over two years, and during that time has developed and fostered the production of anti-submarine gear of all types, at times in the face of seemingly insuperable difficulties. In addition, he has been adviser in anti-submarine matters to the Naval Staff. His contribution to the Royal Canadian Navy War effort, although of necessity unspectacular, is worthy of high commendation and recognition."

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PRICE, Frederick Avery, Commander, VRD - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / Senior RCN Officer London - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Home: Quebec City, Quebec. Joined the RCNVR in 1926.
Awarded **RCNVR Officers' Decoration (VRD)** on 15 January 1944. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Reindeer** (Armed Yacht - SO8) from 18 January 1941 to 16 May 1941

Commanding Officer (again) of **HMCS Reindeer** (Armed Yacht - S08) from 9 July 1941 to 31 July 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Vision** (Armed Yacht - S11) from 1 August 1941 to 21 November 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Vegreville** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J357) 10 December 1941 to 19 January 1942.

Senior Canadian Naval Officer in London in 1942 to 1943.

On Staff of the Captain Commanding Canadian Ships in the United Kingdom 1943 to 1944.

PRICE. Frederick Avery, 0-60260, RCNVR Half Company Quebec [2.11.26]

Lt [2.9.27] RCNVR

LCdr [2.9.35] RCNVR Half Company Quebec CO, (2.9.35-30.8.39)

RCNVR Div Quebec CO, (1.9.39-9.8.40)

HMC Naval Base, Quebec, StO/NOIC, (11.9.40-?)

HMCS REINDEER (Z08) (A) p/v, CO, (18.1.41-16.5.41)

HMCS REINDEER (Z08) (A) p/v, CO, (9.7.41-31.7.41)

HMCS VISON (Z30) (A) p/v, CO, (1.8.41-21.11.41)

HMCS VEGREVILLE (J257) m/s, CO, (10.12.41-19.1.42) Cdr [1.1.42]

HMCS NIOBE CO, (20.4.43-?) VRD~[15.1.44]

OBE~[10.6.44] Capt [?] Demobilized [23.1.46]

"Commander Price has served with the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve since 1926, and has made an outstanding contribution to the establishment of that force. Latterly he served with distinction on the staff of the Captain Commanding Canadian Ships in the United Kingdom, and for a considerable period, as Senior Canadian Naval Officer, London. He is now resuming a sea appointment as Commander of one of the Aircraft Carriers manned by the Royal Canadian Navy."

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PRINGLE, Roderick John Cornell, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Wentworth - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Suderoy VI** (Auxiliary - 254) from 19 March 1941 to 20 August 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Suderoy VI** (Auxiliary - 254) from 7 September 1941 to 15 March 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Suderoy IV** (Auxiliary - 252) from 3 April 1942 to 24 April 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Stratford** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J310) from 31 October 1943 to 3 May 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Collingwood** (Flower Class Corvette - K180) from 6 June 1943 to 4 July 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Wentworth** (River Class Frigate - K331) from 5 July 1944 to 15 January 1945.

PRINGLE. Roderick John Cornell, 0-60340, Lt(Temp) [19.6.40] RCNVR

Lt(Temp) [19.12.39]

HMCS SUDEROY VI (J05) m/s, CO, (19.3.41-6.5.41)

HMCS SUDEROY VI (J05) m/s, CO, (7.9.41-15.3.42)
HMCS SUDEROY IV (J03) m/s, CO, (3.4.42-24.4.42)
HMCS STRATFORD (J310) m/s, CO, (31.10.42-3.5.43)
HMCS COLLINGWOOD (K180) Cof, (17.5.43-5.6.43)
HMCS COLLINGWOOD (K180) Cof, CO, (6.6.43-4.7.44)
A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.43] LCdr(Temp) [1.7.44]
HMCS WENTWORTH (K331) Fr, CO, (5.7.44-15.1.45) **MID**~[16.1.45]
A/Cdr(Temp) (WHA) Demobilized [10.10.45]

"This Officer has served in command of ships of the Royal Canadian Navy for three years, the majority of this time in North Atlantic convoy duty. By consistently displaying outstanding qualities of loyalty and devotion to duty, he has at all times set an example to others in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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PROWSE, Lemuel Ewart, Acting Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander - Commendation - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Awarded **RCNVR Officers' Decoration (VRD)** in August 1953.

PROWSE, Lemuel Edwart, 0-60430, Surg/Lt(Temp) [26.6.41] RCNVR
HMCS ST. CROIX (I81) DD, (11.7.41-?) Surg/Lt(Temp) [26.6.40]
A/Surg/LCdr(Temp) (WHA) **Commendation**~[5.1.46]
Medically Unfit [11.7.46] VRD~[14.8.53]

"On the occasion of the explosion at the Naval Magazine, Bedford, Halifax, last July, Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander Prowse made his way into the burning area in order to bring out an Officer and an injured Rating. He became trapped in the area due to the spreading of the fire. This Officer displayed great courage in treating the injuring Rating and in getting him to a place of comparative safety until he could be rescued."

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PULLEN, Hugh Francis, Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Born in Toronto on 1 July 1905. Home:
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Naval Cadet RCN at Royal Naval College of
Canada (Eleventh term) in 1920. He went to
sea as a Cadet Officer in Canadian Pacific
Steamships from 1922 to 1924 as there were
no openings in the RCN following the closure
of the Royal Canadian Naval College in 1922.
Rejoined RCN in 1924 as a Naval Cadet and
went to the Royal Navy for Training as
Special Entry No. 16. Midshipman in 1925 and
to **HMS Thunder** for training and awarded the
Admiralty Dirk as 'Best All Around Cadet'.
To HMS President in 1928 and HMS Excellent
in 1928. To **HMCS Champlain** in 1929. To HMS
Excellent for RN Long Gunnery Course in 1932.
To Naden as Gunnery Officer in 1933.



To **HMCS Skeena** in 1934. In the U.K. for the 1935 Silver Jubilee
of King George V and attended a formal dinner at HMS Excellent
with Admiral of the Fleet Jellicoe and 66 Flag Officers!

To **HMCS Saguenay** in 1936.

Commanded the Royal Guard at the unveiling of the Canadian
Memorial at Vimy Ridge in 1936. Promoted to LCdr and to **HMS
Hardy** as Flotilla (G) Officer in 1937.

Commander of the Escort Company of RCN officers and ratings at
the presentation of the Kings Colour to the RCN in Victoria in
1939.

To **HMCS Ottawa** (I) (River Class Destroyer - H60) as First
Lieutenant in 1938. **HMCS Ottawa** was sunk on 13 September 1942
when torpedoed in the mid-Atlantic on 13 September 1942.
Pullen was in his cabin when the torpedo hit. After assessing
the damage, he reported to the Captain and the two of them
walked down the side of the bilge kneel and jumped into the
see. He never saw the Captain, Larry Rutherford, again.
See more details on pages 181 to 182 of "**Tales of the North
Atlantic**".

To Stadacona for RCN Barracks Halifax for General Gunnery
Duties Atlantic Coast in 1939. Officer-in-Charge Gunnery
School 1940.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Francis** (Town Class Destroyer
- 193) from 24 September 1940 to 25 August 1941.

Commanding Officer **HMCS Ottawa** (I) (River Class Destroyer -
H60) 19 August 1941 to 13 November 1941 (A/Cdr).

Superintendent of Naval Armament Depot at Halifax in November
1941 to January 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Laurent** (I) (River Class
Destroyer - H83) from 20 January 1943 to 12 March 1943.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ottawa** (II) (River Class Destroyer - H31) from 20 March 1943 to 18 May 1944 (except for one month) and Senior Officer Escort Groups.

To **HMCS Uganda** as Executive Officer from May 1944 to November 1945.

Director of Naval Reserves at Naval Service HQ from 1 December 1945 to 29 August 1947. Promoted Captain 1947.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Nootka** (II) (Tribal Class Destroyer - 213) from 6 September 1947 to 16 August 1948 and Captain (D) Canadian Destroyer Flotilla. To US National War College for Staff Course in 1948.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ontario** (Cruiser - 53) from 14 July 1949 to 24 August 1951.

Promoted Commodore in 1941 and made Commodore RCN Barracks Halifax.

Promoted Rear-Admiral and made Chief of Naval Personnel at Naval HQ in 1953.

Flag Officer Pacific Coast and Senior Officer in Chief Command from 7 July 1955 to 14 August 1957.

Flag Officer Atlantic Coast and Commander Atlantic Sub-Area and Maritime Commander Atlantic from 1957 to 1960. He initiated the formation of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and was President of the Maritime Museum of British Columbia in 1956.

He died on 3 May 1983 during a visit to the UK and was buried in the naval vault of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PULLEN. Hugh Francis, 0-60500, Cdt 1920, 11th term RNCC
 Served 2 years as Cdt with CP Steamships. Rejoined RCN 1924
 Special entry No.16, Cdt [30.8.24] Mid 1925,
 Awarded Admiralty Dirk as best all around Cdt 1925
 HMS THUNDER, A/S/Lt [1.1.28]
 HMS PRESIDENT 1928, S/Lt [1.12.27]
 HMCS CHAMPLAIN (27.5.29-?) Lt [1.11.29] HMS HOOD,
 HMCS STADACONA(D/S) (1.6.31-?) HMS EXCELLENT 1932,
 HMCS NADEN(D/S) (29.6.33-?) HMCS SKEENA(H01) DD, (1.12.34-?)
 HMCS SAGUENAY(D79) DD, (30.6.36-?) HMS HARDY (7.10.36-?)
 LCdr(G) [1.11.37] HMCS OTTAWA(H60) DD, (15.6.38-?)
 RCNB Hfx, & "G" duties Atlantic Coast (27.11.39-?)
 USS BANCROFT(DD-256) for HMCS ST. FRANCIS(I93) (20.9.40-23.4.40)
 HMCS ST. FRANCIS(I93) DD, CO, (24.9.40-25.8.41) A/Cdr [1.7.41]
 HMCS OTTAWA(H60) DD, CO, (19.8.41-13.11.41) Cdr [1.7.42]
 HMCS ST. LAURENT(H83) DD, CO, (20.1.43-12.3.43) **MID**~[9.1.43]
 HMCS GRIFFIN(H31) DD, CO, (20.3.43-10.4.43)
 HMCS OTTAWA(H31) DD, CO, (11.4.43-8.6.43)
 HMCS OTTAWA(H31) DD, CO, (7.7.43-18.5.44) **OBE**~[8.1.44]
 HMCS UGANDA(66) L/Cr, stand by, (26.7.44-20.10.44)
 HMCS UGANDA(66) L/Cr, (21.10.44-?)
 A/Capt [20.11.45] Capt [1.1.47]
 HMCS NOOTKA(R96) DD, CO, (6.9.47-16.8.48) CD~[?]
 HMCS ONTARIO(32) L/Cr, CO, (14.7.49-24.8.51)
 Cmdre [1.1.51]; RAdm [15.3.53]

Naval Cadet	1920	(Royal Naval College of Canada Eleventh Term)
Cadet Officer	1922	(Canadian Pacific Steamships)
Naval Cadet	30 August 1924	(Rejoined RCN, Special Entry No. 16)
Midshipman, RCN	1925	(Admiralty Dirk as Best All Around Cadet)

Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 January	1928	(To HMS Excellent)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN		1929	(With Seniority dated 01 December 1927)
Lieutenant, RCN	01 November	1929	(To HMCS Champlain and HMCS Skeena)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 November	1937	(Commanding Officer of HMCS St. Francis)
Acting Commander, RCN	01 July	1941	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Ottawa)
Commander, RCN	01 Jul	1942	(Commanding Officer of HMCS St. Laurent)
Acting Captain, RCN	20 November	1945	(Director of Naval Reserves)
Captain, RCN	01 January	1947	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Nootka of HMCS Ontario)
Commodore, RCN	01 January	1951	(Commodore RCN Barracks Halifax)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	15 March	1953	(Maritime Commander Pacific)
Rear-Admiral, RCN		1957	(Maritime Commander Atlantic)
Retired		1960	(Rear-Admiral)

MID Citation

"As Senior Officer of Convoy Escort Group in the North Atlantic, Commander Pullen has rendered valuable service. At all times, he has displayed zeal and high devotion to duty."

PULLEN, Hugh Francis, Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / HMCS Ottawa - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 8 January 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944.



"This Officer has consistently rendered fine service as Senior Officer of one of His Majesty's Canadian Escort Groups engaged in convoy escort duties in the North Atlantic. He has, at all time, often under very trying circumstances, exhibited a high degree of cheerfulness and devotion to duty."

Medals: OBE - 1939/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Defence Medal - CVSM & Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal -GV Silver Jubilee 1935 - CD (GVI) and 2 Bars

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PUNCHEON, Alfred Morley, Engine Room Artificer (V-7325) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

PUNCHEON. Alfred Morley, V-7325, ERA, RCNVR, MID~[6.1.45]

"For outstanding energy, zeal and efficiency. During his service in HMC Corvettes since March, 1941, he has shown

outstanding qualities of leadership, and cheerfulness
under adverse conditions."

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