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**RAINE, John Buxton, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Fundy - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943. Home: Peterborough, Ontario.  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fundy** (I) (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J88) from 29 October 1941 to 9 March 1942 (Rank was Mate).  
Commanding Officer of **HMCS Wasaga** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J162) from 18 June 1943 to 22 December 1943.  
Only Commanding Officer of **HMCS Peterborough** (Revised Flower Class Corvette Increased Endurance - K342) from 1 June 1944 to 19 July 1945 (rank of Lieutenant).

**RAINE, John Buxton**, 0-60830, Mate(Temp) [5.4.40] RCNR  
HMCS ARRAS (J15) 357/17, tr, (5.5.40-?)  
HMCS FUNDY (J88) m/s, (21.2.41-?)  
HMCS FUNDY (J88) m/s, CO, (29.10.41-9.3.42)  
HMCS WASAGA( J162) m/s, CO, (10.3.42-13.3.43)  
Lt(Temp) [6.4.42]  
**MID-[5.6.43]**  
HMCS WASAGA (J162) m/s, CO, (18.6.43-22.12.43) Lt(Temp) [6.4.41]  
HMCS PETERBOROUGH (K342) Cofm, CO, stand by (20.3.44-30.5.44)  
HMCS PETERBOROUGH(K342) Cofm, CO, (1.6.44-19.7.45)  
Demobilized [20.10.45]

"This Officer has rendered consistently good service as Commanding Officer of one of His Majesty's Canadian Minesweepers (HMCS Fundy) in the North Atlantic. He displayed outstanding seamanship and devotion to duty in very heavy weather whilst assisting in the salving of one of His Majesty's Ships."

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**RAINES, Frederick Arthur, Shipwright Lieutenant - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCN / Senior Shipwright Officer of HMCS Avalon (St. John's Newfoundland)  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.  
Home: Victoria, British Columbia  
Awarded **RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 1 April 1936.

**RAINES, Frederick Arthur**, 0-60850, CPO/Shpt, RCN, 40203  
LS&GC-[1.4.36]  
Cd/Shpt [1.7.43] RCN, Shpt/Lt [1.7.45]  
**MBE-[5.1.46]**  
HMC Dockyard Esquimalt, (3.3.47-?) CD-[?]

"During his three and a half years of service as Senior Shipwright Officer of HMCS Avalon, Shipwright Lieutenant Raines carried out his duties with conspicuous success. He has, at all times, displayed exceptional zeal and devotion to duty. Apart from his administrative and organizing duties, he has given unsparingly of his time in training junior Shipwright officers and ratings. His outstanding cheerfulness has been an inspiration to all those with whom he came in contact."

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**RAINSFORD, Charles Frederick, Chief Engine Room Artificer (21531) - Mention in Despatches** - RCN  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 11 July 1944.  
Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

**RAINFORD, Charles Frederick**, 21531, CPO/ERA, RCN, MID-[9.9.44]

"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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**RAMSBOTTOM, Denis Hugh, Lieutenant - King Haakon VII Freedom Medal (Norway) - RCNR**

- Awarded effective 8 January 1951.

**RAMSBOTHAM, Denis Hugh**, 0-60990, Lt(E)(Temp) [1.1.43] RCNVR  
King Haakon VII Freedom Medal(Norway)-[8.1.51]

Citation unknown.

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**RANDELL, Egbert, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Kamsack**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Eyebright** (Flower Class Corvette - K150) from 26 November 1940 to 24 June 1941.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Kamsack** (Flower Class Corvette - K171) from 4 October 1941 to 17 March 1943.

**RANDELL, Egbert**, 0-61020, Lt(Temp) [1.4.38] RCNR

HMC Naval Base, Montreal, NCS, (5.4.40-?)

HMS EVEBRIGHT (K150) Cof, CO, (1.11.40-14.5.41)

HMCS EVEBRIGHT (K150) Cof, CO, (15.5.41-24.6.41)

HMCS KAMSACK (K171) Cof, CO stand by (21.9.41-3.10.41)

HMCS KAMSACK (K171) Cof, CO, (4.10.41-17.5.43) MID~[9.1.43]

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45] Demobilized [16.10.45]

"This Officer, whose age is considerably above the average, has served in command of His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes in the North Atlantic for a considerable period, during which time he has displayed outstanding zeal and devotion to duty."

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**RANKIN, Angus Hetherington, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) -**

RCNVR / HMCS Sackville - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ambler** (Armed Yacht - Q11) from 19 May 1942 to 26 July 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Port Hope** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J280) from 30 July 1942 to 1 December 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sackville** (Flower Class Corvette - K181) from 10 April 1943 to 17 May 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Kapuskasing** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J326) from 17 August 1944 to 2 September 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Portage** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J331) from 24 March 1948 to 18 August 1948.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sioux** ('V' Class Destroyer - R64) from 12 November 1953 to 26 September 1955.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cape Scott** (Escort Maintenance Vessel - 101) from 24 August 1960 to 10 May 1964.

**RANKIN, Angus Hetherington**, 0-61070, RCNVR Half Company Vancouver [23.5.36] RCNVR

Lt(N) [23.4.38]

HMCS COMOX (J64) m/s, (26.9.39-?)

HMCS CARIBOU (Z25)(A) p/v, (22.7.40-?)

HMCS ALACHASSE (J18) p/v, CO, (5.2.41-?)

HMCS HUSKY (Z13) p/v, CO, (19.10.41-30.4.42)

HMCS AMBLER (Z32)(A) p/v, CO, (19.5.42-26.7.42)

HMCS PORT HOPE (J289) m/s, CO, (2.12.42-8.4.43)

Lt [23.4.37]

HMCS SACKVILLE (K181) Cof, CO, (10.4.43-17.5.44)

A/LCdr [1.6.44]

**OBE-[10.6.44]**

HMCS KAPUSKASING (J326) m/s, CO, stand by (21.6.44-16.8.44)

HMCS KAPUSKASING (J326) m/s, CO, (17.8.44-2.9.45)

Lt [16.11.39] RCN

HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, (14.9.46-?)

RCN Air Section Dartmouth, (1.7.47-?)

LCdr(D) [16.11.47]

HMCS PORTAGE (J331) m/s, CO, (24.3.48-18.8.48)

Cdr [?] HMCS SIOUX (225) DD, CO, (12.11.53-26.9.55)  
HMCS CAPE SCOTT (101) Rep/ship, CO, (24.8.60-10.5.64)

"This Officer has displayed devotion to duty whilst serving in command of one of His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes (HMCS Sackville) on convoy duty in the North Atlantic, and has shown both skill and courage in the face of the enemy in carrying out several promising attacks against enemy submarines."

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**RAYBURN, Albert Dudley, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Sussexvale  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Calgary, Alberta.

RCN Beach Commando 'W' on 1 December 1943.

Executive Officer, **HMCS Sussexvale** (River Class Frigate - K683) in 1945.

Served as Staff Officer for Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps at HMCS Tecumseh in Calgary in 1946.

**RAYBURN, Arthur Dudley**, 0-61310, Lt(Temp) [22.12.41] RCNVR

RCN Beach Commando "W", (1.12.43-?)

6.6.44 Operation Neptune, RCN Beach Commando "W" - Beach Master "W.2".

HMCS SUSSEXVALE (K683) Fr, (29.11.44-?)

Demobilized [25.9.45] Lt [22.12.41] RCN(R)

**MID-[5.1.46]**

HMCS TECUMSEH, Calgary Naval Division, StO RCSCC (30.9.46-?)

A/LCdr HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, (12.1.49-?)

LCdr [?] RCN,

HMCS CEDARWOOD (530) AG, XO, (8.6.51-?)

"This Officer has shown outstanding organizing ability whilst serving as Executive Officer of **HMCS Sussexvale** (River Class Frigate - K683). He has, by his energy and devotion to duty, been an excellent example to the Ship's Officers and Crew, and has at all times displayed cheerfulness and patience under trying conditions."

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**RAYNER, Herbert Sharples, Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCN / HMCS St. Laurent - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 11 March 1942.

Born at Clinton, Ontario on 16 January 1911.

Home: St. Catharines, Ontario.



Naval Cadet (as a Paymaster Cadet) in 1928 at HMS Erebus for Training (Special Entry No. 25). Midshipman, RCN in 1930 and to HMS Revenge and HMS Warspite for training. To HMCS Champlain in 1933. To HMS Vernon for RN Torpedo Officer Long Course in 1935 and qualified as Torpedo Officer. To HMS Renown in 1936. First Lieutenant in HMCS Skeena (I) in 1937.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Skeena (I)** (River Class Destroyer - D159) from 10 March 1940 to 1 April 1940. Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Laurent (I)** (River Class Destroyer - H83) from 14 July 1940 to 18 February 1942. Promoted LCdr & to Staff Officer Operations to Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast in February 1942 to July 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Huron (I)** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G24) from 19 July 1942

to 22 September 1944.

Promoted to Commander and made Director of Plans at Naval Service HQ in 1944. Promoted Acting Captain and to Stadacona as Captain (D) Halifax in 1945 to August 1946.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Nootka (II)** (Tribal Class Destroyer post-war construction - R96) from 7 August 1946 to 17 June 1947. To Stadacona as Officer Commanding RCN Air Section at Dartmouth from June 1947 to June 1948.

Commandant Canadian Services College Royal Roads in 1948. National Defence College Staff Course in 1949.

To National Defence HQ as Secretary to Chiefs of Staff Committee in 1950 and promoted to Acting Commodore (WHA) in 1951 and Co-ordinator of Joint Staff.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Magnificent** (Aircraft Carrier - 21) from 11 March 1953 to 29 January 1955.

To Naval HQ as Naval Assistant to Chief of Naval Staff in 1955.

Promoted to Rear-Admiral in 1955 and made Chief of Naval Staff at Naval HQ.

To Naden as Flag Officer Pacific Coast and as Senior Officer in Command and as Maritime Commander Pacific from 14 August 1957 to 30 June 1960.

To Naval HQ as Chief of Naval Staff in 1960. Promoted Vice-Admiral in 1960.

The Eighth and Last Chief of Naval Staff from 1960 to 1964 when he retired.

Afterwards active in RCN Benevolent Fund and a Director of Administration for Anglican Diocese of Ottawa in 1967.

Secretary of the Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Died at Ottawa, Ontario on 30 May 1976.

**RAYNER. Herbert Sharples**, 0-61345, Cdt [7.9.28] RCN

Special entry No.25, HMS EREBUS 1928,

Midshipman [1.1.30]

HMS REVENGE, HMS WARSPITE

S/Lt [1.1.32]

Lt(T) [1.4.33]

HMCS CHAMPLAIN DD, (13.10.33-?) HMS RODNEY, HMS NELSON,

HMCS SKEENA (D59) DD, (9.8.37-?) HMCS SKEENA (D59) DD, (23.4.38-?)

HMCS SKEENA (I59) DD, CO, (10.3.40-1.4.40)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (2.4.40-?)

HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, CO, (14.7.40-18.2.42)

LCdr [1.4.41] DSC~[11.3.42]

HMCS HURON (G24) DD, CO, (19.7.43-22.9.44)

Cdr [1.7.44]

**1st MID~[9.9.44];**

**Bar to DSC~[20.1.45];**

**2nd MID~[20.1.45]**

A/Capt(WHA) 1945,

**Legion of Honneur-Chevalier(France)~[31.8.45]**

**Croix de Guerre avec Palmes en Bronze(France)~[31.8.45]**

HMCS NOOTKA (R96) DD, stand by, (18.2.46-6.8.46)

HMCS NOOTKA (R96) DD, (7.8.46-?)

RCN Air Section Dartmouth, CO, (20.6.47-?) A/Capt(WHA)

HMCS STADACONA (D/S) for Capt(D) Halifax, (17.12.45-?)

Capt [1.7.48]

HMCS ROYAL ROADS, (1.7.48-?)

HMCS ROYAL ROADS, CO, (29.7.48, AdC, CD~[?])

A/Cmdre 1951, Cmdre [1.7.51]

HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, CO, (11.3.53-29.1.55)

RAdm [27.5.55] VAdm [1.8.60] Retired 1965.

#### **Rear-Admiral Herbert Sharples RAYNER, DSC and Bar, CD**

Midshipman, RCN	01 January 1930	(HMS Revenge and HMS Naval Cadet)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 January 1931	(To HMCS Champlain)
Lieutenant, RCN	01 April 1933	(Commanding Officer HMCS Skeena / HMCS St. Laurent)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 April 1941	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Huron)
Paymaster Cadet, RCN	07 September 1928	(HMS Erebus for Warspite / RCN Special Entry No. 25))
Commander, RCN	01 July 1944	(Director of Plans Naval Service HQ)
Acting Captain, RCN	01 July 1945	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Nootka)
Captain, RCN	01 July 1948	(Commandant Royal Roads)
Acting Commodore, RCN	01 January 1951	(Co-ordinator of Joint Staff)
Commodore, RCN	01 July 1951	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Magnificent)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	27 May 1955	(Flag Officer Pacific)
Vice-Admiral, RCN	01 August 1960	(Chief of the Naval Staff)
Retired	1964	(Eighth and last Chief of the Naval Staff)

"For courage and enterprise in action against enemy submarines."

HMCS St. Laurent (River Class Destroyer - H83) was the main ship involved in sinking U-356 on 27 December 1942, northwest of the Azores, as described in Chapter 20 of the book **"The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945"**.

**RAYNER, Herbert Sharples, Lieutenant-Commander, DSC - Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Huron

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 11 July 1944.

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

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

**RAYNER, Herbert Sharples, Lieutenant-Commander, DSC - BAR to Distinguished Service Cross (DSC\*)** - RCN / HMCS Huron - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944.

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

Details on the action in which HMCS Huron (Tribal Class Destroyer - G24), and HMCS Haida (Tribal Class Destroyer) 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**".

**RAYNER, Herbert Sharples, Commander, DSC\* - Mention in Despatches (Second)** - RCN / HMCS Huron - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 10 October 1944.

"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."

HMCS Huron (Tribal Class Destroyer - G24) and HMS Eskimo (Tribal Class Destroyer) sank a German Trawler off the Channel Islands on 28 June 1944. Rayner's only involvement with sinking a submarine was with HMCS St. Laurent as noted in his DSC.

**RAYNER, Herbert Sharples, Captain, DSC\* - Legionnaire - Legion of Honour (France)** - RCN / HMCS Huron - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 31 August 1945.

"For good service in working with the USN while Director of Plans at Naval Service Headquarters in 1944."

**RAYNER, Herbert Sharples, Captain, DSC\* - Croix de Guerre avec Palme en Bronze (France)** - RCN / HMCS Huron - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 31 August 1945.

"For good service in action with enemy destroyers during the war in Europe."

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**RAZAVET, George Raymond, Commander (S) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCNVR

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in Hong Kong prior to WW2.

**RAZAVET, George Raymond**, 0-61350, Pam/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44] RCNVR

A/Cdr(S)(WHA)(Temp) [?]

HMCS CARLETON (D/S) for Naval Divisions (1.11.45-?)

Cdr(S) [1.1.46] RCN(R);

**OBE-[5.1.46];**

Demobilized [30.9.47] (HMCS DISCOVERY); Released [22.8.53]

"This Officer, who before joining the Canadian Naval Service early in 1941, was with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in Hong Kong. In every appointment he has held, Commander Razavet has served with zeal, energy and distinction, never considering his personal convenience, time or health."

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**READ, Horace Emerson, Commander (SB) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR / King's**

Regulations for the Canadian Naval Service

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Home: St. Paul, Minnesota, USA.

Paquette lists him as Horace Emerson NORMAN but **Canada Gazette** is clearly READ.

- 1916 WW1 – 219<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Nova Scotia Highlanders, CEF
- 1917 WW1 – Royal Flying Corps (Flying Officer)
- 1918 WW1 – Royal Air Force (Captain)
- 1919 Graduated Law School – Dalhousie University
- 1924 LLM Harvard University
- 1925 Lecturer at Dalhousie Law School
- 1926 Supervising Officer (Eastern Divisions), RCNVR, at Ottawa from 1 October 1926 to 17 May 1927.
- 1935 Doctoral Student at Harvard
- 1936 Professor of Law University of Minnesota
- 1941 Major in the Minnesota wing of the United States Civil Air Patrol
- 1943 Commander, RCNVR – rewrote King's Regulations and Orders for the RCN
- 1944 Draftsman of the Naval Service of Canada Act
- 1945 Professor of Law University of Minnesota
- 1950 Dean of Law Dalhousie University.
- 1964 Vice-President Dalhousie University
- 1969 Steps down as VP to return to teaching
- 1972 Retires from Dalhousie University
- 1973 Officer of the Order of Canada
- 1975 Dies on 26 February at Halifax, Nova Scotia

**READ, Horace Emerson**, 0-61370, Cdr(SB)(Temp) [6.9.44] RCNVR

Demobilized [1.10.45];

**OBE**~[15.6.46] **RCN(R)**;

**OC**~[22.12.73]

"Commander Read was responsible for setting up the Regulations Revisions Committee at Naval Headquarters and ultimately for the publication of the King's Regulations for the Canadian Naval Service. The zeal, energy and ability which he displayed in his work were an invaluable contribution to the Royal Canadian Navy."

Awarded **Officer - Order of Canada (OC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 December 1973:

"For his contributions to scholarship and teaching and for this many services to the nation."

**Commander Horace Emerson Read, OC, OBE**

Horace Emerson Read was born on 08 April 1898, in Port Elgin, New Brunswick. In 1911 his family moved to Amherst, Nova Scotia, where he would graduate from high school at Cumberland County Academy in 1915. In October of the same year, Read entered Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia to obtain his Bachelor of Arts degree. Before he would finish his degree, Read **enlisted for overseas service with the 219th Battalion of the Nova Scotia Highlanders, Canadian Expeditionary Force** in 1916. In 1917 Read **joined the Royal Air Force (then called the "Royal Flying Corps"** until 1918) where he trained as a flying officer and was Captain in the Royal Air Force, British Expeditionary Force, until 1919. After the First World War had ended, Read returned to Acadia, and on May 24, 1921, Read received his Bachelor of Arts degree, with distinction in Economics and English.

In 1921 Horace Read was accepted into the Harvard Business School, but before entering, Read had taken on a summer job as a reporter for the Amherst Daily News and was assigned to cover the Supreme Court. As

a result, Read cancelled his reservation at Harvard and decided to enter Dalhousie Law School in September, 1921. Read **graduated from Law School** in 1924 and after a short career in the practice of law, he was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on May 13, 1924. Shortly after, Read was awarded a Pugsley Scholarship in International Law at Harvard Law School and set out to work on his LL.M. in the fall of 1924. In September of 1925, Read returned to Halifax to begin his career as a lecturer in law at Dalhousie University. In December of the same year, Horace **married Helena Louise Miller** of Windsor, Nova Scotia and eventually fathered **two children**, Aveleigh Ann and Robert.

From 1931 to 1934 Read served as George Munro Professor of Law at Dalhousie where he taught Property I and II, Equity, Trusts, Bills and Notes, Banking, Conflicts, International Law, and Roman Law. Taking a year leave of absence from Dalhousie in 1933, Read returned to Harvard to obtain his S.J.D. degree in which he wrote his doctoral thesis on "The Recognition of Foreign Judgments in the British Commonwealth at Common Law". On May 31, 1934 (while still a doctoral student at Harvard), Read was offered a position on the Minnesota law faculty to introduce a course on legislation-the first of its kind in the United States. In 1934, Read was admitted into the Minnesota Bar, and in 1948 to 1949, served as vice-chairman of the legislative committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association and was member of the Judicature Society of the Association of American University Professors. Horace remained professor of law at the University of Minnesota until 1950.

During the **Second World War, Read served as a Major in the Minnesota wing of the United States Civil Air Patrol** from 1941 to 1943. At the request of his colleague and friend, Angus L. Macdonald (then Minister of National Defence for Naval Services), Horace joined the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve as Commander. With the rank as Commander, **Read became chairman of the Naval Regulations Revision Committee** and served as a principal architect in the revision of the Naval Regulations (K.R.C.N.), as well as the draftsman of the Naval Service Act of Canada in 1944. Read also served as chairman of the Canadian Naval Orders Committee from 1944-1945. As a result for his work directing the revisions of naval regulations, he was awarded the Order of British Empire in 1946.

In 1950, Read accepted an offer to become Richard Chapman Weldon Professor of Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law at Dalhousie University on the terms that a Nova Scotia Centre for Legislative Research be established. In 1964, after being appointed Dean Emeritus of Law and Sir James Dunn Professor of Law, Read accepted the role of **Vice-President of Dalhousie University** until 1969 when he stepped down to pursue teaching full-time until 1972.

On February 26, 1975, Horace Read died at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax at the age of 78.

In addition to the aforementioned professional memberships, Read was chairman of the Nova Scotia Labour Board; ex officio member of Council of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society; Vice-President for Nova Scotia of the Canadian Bar Association; President of the Conference of Governing Bodies of the Legal Profession in Canada; President of the Conference of Commissioners on Uniformity of Legislation in Canada; President of Canadian Law Teachers; Vice-President of the International Law Association, Chairman Committee on Foreign Judgments; chairman of the Nova Scotia Royal Commission on Automobile Insurance and; was hired by the United Nations to be the observer of the 1958 Costa Rica national election and consultant on electoral law.

Read was also recipient of four honorary degrees from Acadia University, Queen's University; Dalhousie University, and Windsor University, and was appointed to the Order of Canada in 1973. Read's major publications include, "Cases on Canadian Law of Personal Chattels" (1931; 1940), "Cases on Equity" (1932), "Cases and Other Materials on Legislation" (1948; 1959), "Cases and Other Materials on the Common Law of Contracts in Canada" (1955), and "Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgements in the British Commonwealth" (1938).

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**REDDON, Richard Arthur, Ordinary Seaman (V-35081) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Calgary, Alberta.

Paquette has his name as REDDEN.

**REDDON, Richard Arthur, V-35081, OS, RCNVR,**  
**MID~[5.6.43]**

"This rating displayed exceptional initiative during the salving of a stranded vessel and a high standard of seamanship in the launching of a boat in difficult conditions of weather and ice."

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**REDHEAD, William Owen, Petty Officer (V-10279) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 August 1945.

Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.

**REDHEAD, William Owen, V-10270, PO, RCNVR,**  
**MID~[15.9.45]**

"For gallantry, resolution and skill whilst serving in H.M. Ships Conn, Rupert, Redmills, Fitzroy, Byron, Grindall and Keats and H.M. Canadian Ships La Hullose, Strathdam and Thetford Mines in successful anti U-Boat Warfare."

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**REES, Arthur Joseph Roger, Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer (V-13479) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR -**

Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

Home: Calgary, Alberta.

**REES, Arthur Joseph Roger, A/CPO/ERA, V-13479, RCNVR**  
**MID~[8.1.44];**  
A/Wt(E) [7.3.44] RCNVR  
HMCS PETROLIA (K498) Coc, stand by, (7.3.44-28.6.44)  
HMCS PETROLIA (K498) Coc, (29.6.44-?) Demobilized [13.11.45]

"This Rating has served for two years in charge of machinery in His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes in the North Atlantic. During this period his outstanding efficiency and devotion to duty have resulted in a very high standard of efficiency in his department."

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**REID, Allan McConachie, Stoker First Class (V-72862) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / Boiler Parties,**

HMCS Avalon, St. John's, Newfoundland

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Edmonton, Alberta.

**REID, Allan McConachie, V-72862, Sto 1, RCNVR,**  
**BEM~[5.1.46]**

"This Rating has been employed on Boiler Parties at St. John's, Newfoundland, where his ability and unselfish manner in the performance of his duties have earned him the commendation of his superiors. He has been an inspiring example working long hours under trying conditions, with cheerfulness and unsparing devotion to duty."

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**REID, Howard Emerson, Rear Admiral - Companion - Order of the Bath (CB) - RCN**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.



Born at Portage du Fort, Quebec on 5 June 1897.

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

Midshipman, RCN in 1914 and to HMS Berwick for Training. To HMCS Niobe in 1916.

To HMS Rainbow for training in 1916. To HMCS Rainbow in 1916. To HMCS Niobe in 1916. To HMS Victory II in 1917. To HMS Vivid II in 1917.

To HMS Apollo (Torpedo Boat Destroyer) in 1917.

To HMS Blenheim and HMS Blake in 1917. With HMS Blake in 1919.

To Greenwich for HMS Viscount in 1919. To HMCS Niobe in 1919.

Served with HMS Titania on China Station from 1919 to 1921. At Guelph Depot in 1922.

To HMS Victory in 1922. To Guelph Depot in 1923.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Festerbert** (Battle Class Trawler) from 1 May 1923 to August 1923.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Patriot** (Cruiser) from 24 August 1923 to 6 October 1925.

To Stadacona and then Naval Service HQ in 1925.

Supervising Officer RCNVR (Eastern Divisions) at Naval Service Headquarters from 1 October 1926 to 17 May 1927.

To Stadacona for RCN Barracks Halifax in 1927.

To HMS Victory and HMS Vernon in 1928.

To HMS Tamar II in 1928.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMS Sepoy** on China Station in 1929.

To Naden in early 1929 and then Stadacona later in 1930. To HMS Victory in 1931.

To HMS President on War Staff in 1931. Then to HMS Victory for Royal Naval Staff College Course in 1931.

To HMS Warspite on Staff of Rear-Admiral 2nd Battle Squadron in 1932.

To HMS Valiant, HMS Warspite, HMS Victory and Stadacona in 1932.

Promoted Commander and to Stadacona as **Commander-in-Charge Halifax** in 1933.

To **Naval Service HQ** as **Director of Operations and Training** in 1934. To Esquimalt in 1936.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Skeena (I)** (River Class Destroyer - D159) from 8 January 1936 to 24 March 1937.

**Commander (D) West Coast** and **Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Fraser** (River Class Destroyer - H48) from 25 March 1937 to 31 August 1938.

To Naden in August 1938. To Stadacona as **Commander-in-Charge HMC Dockyard Halifax** in 1938.

**Promoted Captain** in 1939 and stayed at Stadacona as **Captain-in-Charge HM Establishments** and as **Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast** in 1939.

**Promoted Commodore** in January 1940 and served as **Deputy Chief of Naval Staff** and Second Member of the Naval Board. **Reverted to Captain** in September 1940.

**Promoted Commodore** in July 1941 and at Naval Service HQ as Additional as **Deputy Chief of Naval Staff**.

To Avalon as **Commodore Commanding Newfoundland Force** in 1942.

**Promoted Rear-Admiral** in 1943 and to Bytown as Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff Washington.

Canadian Member on Canada / United States Joint Board on Defence 1943 to 1946.

**Promoted Vice-Admiral** and served as **Chief of Naval Staff** and First Member of the Naval Board of Canada from 1946 to 1947.

Retired in 1948.

Died at Victoria, British Columbia on 3 May 1962.

**REID, Howard Emmerson**, 0-61610, Cdt [1.1.12] 2nd term RNCC

Midshipman [25.1.14] RCN, HMS RAINBOW,

HMS BERWICK, A/S/Lt [1.12.16] HMS ATTACK tb, 1917,

S/Lt [5.4.18] A/Lt [5.4.18] HMS VISCOUNT DD, (5.5.18-?)

Lt [5.9.18] HMS TITANIA (26.9.19-1921) China Station,

HMS VERNON (?) HMCS PATRIOT TBD, CO, (24.8.23-6.10.25)

HMCS STADAONA (D/S) (26.4.27-?) NSHQ, LCdr [5.6.26]

NSHQ Supervising Officer RCNVR 1926, RCNB Halifax 1928

HMS WRESTLER 1928, HMS SEPOY CO, China Stn, (1.2.29-?)

HMCS STADAONA (D/S) (12.10.32-?) Cdr [1.1.33]

HMCS STADAONA (D/S) CO, & Cdr i/c Hfx (1.1.33-?)

NSHQ Dir/Ops & Trg (21.5.34-?)

HMCS SKEENA (D59) DD, CO, (8.1.36-24.3.37) Cdr(D) West Coast,

HMCS FRASER (H48) DD, CO, (25.3.37-31.8.38)  
HMC Dockyard Halifax, Cdr OIC Hfx, (1.10.38-?) Capt [30.8.39] AdC  
COAC 1939, NSHQ, Dep/CNS (15.10.40-?)  
Cmdre 1st/cl [1.1.40]  
V/CNS & 2nd member Naval Board 1940  
HMCS AVALON (D/S) St. John's CO, (13.9.42-?) & F.O.N.F.  
RAdm [1.12.43] Washington 1943,  
**CB-[8.1.44]**  
VAdm [28.2.46]  
Chief of Naval Service 1946-47  
**Legion of Merit-Degree of Commander (USA)-[30.3.46]**  
**Legion d'Honneur-Commandeur (France)-[28.8.47] Retired [26.3.48]**

#### **Rear-Admiral Howard Emerson REID, CB, RCN**

Naval Cadet, RCN	27 January 1912	(Royal Naval College of Canada Second Term)
Midshipman, RCN	25 January 1914	(HMCS Niobe and HMCS Rainbow for Training)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 December 1916	(HMS Apollo - Torpedo Boat Destroyer)
Acting Lieutenant, RCN	05 April 1918	(HMS Blake)
Lieutenant, RCN	05 September 1918	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Patriot)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	05 June 1926	(Commanding Officer of HMS Sepoy - China Station)
Commander, RCN	01 January 1933	(Commanding Officer HMCS Skeena and HMCS Fraser)
Captain, RCN	30 August 1939	(Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast)
Commodore (WHA), RCN	01 January 1940	(Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast)
Captain, RCN	01 September 1940	(Deputy Chief of Naval Staff)
Commodore First Class, RCN	01 July 1941	(Commodore Commanding Newfoundland Force)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	01 December 1943	(Naval Member CJS Washington)
Vice-Admiral, RCN	28 February 1946	(Chief of the Naval Staff)
Retired	26 March 1948	

"An outstanding Officer of great ability, Rear-Admiral Reid has served, since the outbreak of hostilities, as Commanding Officer of the Atlantic Coast, Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff and Flag Officer Commanding Newfoundland. His contribution to the war effort, particularly in regard to the vast expansion of the eastern naval ports, as well as that of the Royal Canadian Navy as a whole, is deserving of the highest recognition."

**REID, Howard Emerson, Vice-Admiral, CB - Commander - Legion of Merit (USA) - RCN / Naval Member CJS**  
Washington -Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 1946 and **London Gazette** of

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Flag Officer Newfoundland Force during 1942. As the Canadian Naval Member on the Canada / United States Joint Board on Defence and Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff Washington 1943 to 1946, Vice-Admiral Reid was untiring in his efforts to further and strengthen the ties of friendship and co-operation between Canada and the United States."

**REID, Howard Emerson, Rear-Admiral, CB - Commander - Legion of Honour (France) - RCN**  
- Awarded effective 28 August 1947.

"For services in the Royal Canadian Navy during the war in Europe as Commanding Officer of the Atlantic Coast, Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff and Flag Officer Commanding Newfoundland."

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**REID, James Quincy, Chief Motor Mechanic Third Class (A-4858) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.  
Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**REID. James Quincy, A-4858, CPO/MM 3, RCNR, MID~[9.1.43]**

"Whilst one of His Majesty's Canadian Armed Yachts was engaged in an emergency operation, Chief Motor Mechanic Reid assisted in effecting essential major repairs to the engines under very difficult conditions."

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**REID, John Wesley, Able Seaman (V-6213) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR / HMCS Ville de Quebec - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 4 May 1943.  
Home: Ottawa, Ontario.  
He was the Leading Torpedo Operator in *HMCS Ville de Quebec*.  
**REID. John Wesley V-6213, AB, RCNVR, DSM~[4.5.43]**

"For skill and judgment in action against enemy Submarines while serving in H.M. Ships Paladin, Gloxinia, Easton and Wheatland, and H.M. Canadian Ships Port Arthur and Ville de Quebec."

On 24 May 1942 off Oran in the Mediterranean, HMCS Ville de Quebec (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K242) sank U-224 as described in Chapter 21 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**REID, Margaret Cannon, Nursing Sister - Associate - Royal Red Cross (ARRC)** - RCN (Temp) / Medical Support to the 'Navy Show' - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.  
Home: Bogata, Columbia.  
**REID. Margaret Cannon, 0-61670, N/S(Temp) [23.1.43] RCN**  
**ARRC~[5.1.46] S/Lt(N/S) [23.1.43] RCN Hospital Halifax, (12.8.46-?)**

"This Officer, under continually varying and on many occasions trying circumstances, has displayed keen foresight, initiative and self-reliance and through her untiring efforts has made an exceptional contribution to the health and welfare of the 'Navy Show'."

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**REID, William Wilson, Acting Leading Seaman (V-32837) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944.  
Home: Calgary, Alberta.  
**REID. William Wilson, V-32837, A/LS, RCNVR, DSM~[20.1.45]**

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

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**RENAUD, Robert, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (A-3098) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNR / HMCS Wetaskiwin  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 24 November 1942.  
**RENAUD. Robert, A-3098, ERA 3, RCNR, DSM~[28.11.42]**

"For devotion to duty and meritorious services before the enemy. The high state of efficiency to which Engine Room Artificer 3rd Class Renaud has brought the Engine Room Department of his ship contributed to a large degree to the destruction of an enemy U-Boat. During the action itself, this Chief Petty Officer promptly repaired

a pipe fractured by depth charge explosions thus enabling the ship to continue the hunt to its successful conclusion."

Details on the action in which HMCS Wetaskiwin (Flower Class Corvette - K175), HMCS Sackville, and HMCS Skeena 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**".

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**REYNOLDS, Frank Clarin, Lieutenant - Commendation** - RCNVR / Diving Operations - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 (no **London Gazette**) - Cited with Shipwright 3<sup>rd</sup> Class G.S. Whitman  
**Killed in Action** on 7 May 1944 in HMCS Valleyfield.

Home: Toronto, Ontario

**REYNOLDS, Frank Clarin**, (Toronto, ON) Lt(Temp) [27.4.40] RCNVR

HMCS SASKATCHEWAN (H70) DD, (15.12.43-?)

Lost [7.5.44] on HMCS VALLEYFIELD (K329) Fr. **Commendation**~[9.9.44]

"For good work in diving operations."

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**RHOADES, Henry Mason, Chief Cook (V-23044) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Trillium  
- Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 22 July 1941 (no **Canada Gazette**).

**RHOADES, Henry Mason**, V-239044, Ck, RCNVR,

MID~[22.7.41]

"For courage and devotion to duty when attacked by enemy aircraft - HMCS Trillium."

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**RICHARDS, Harold Douglas, Stoker Petty Officer (21925) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN / HMCS Haida** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

**RICHARDS, Harold Douglas, 21925, Sto/PO, RCN**

**DSM-[9.9.44]**

CPO/Sto,

**Bar to 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."

**RICHARDS, Harold Douglas, Chief Stoker, DSM (21925) - Bar to Distinguished Service Medal (DSM\*) - RCN / HMCS Haida** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

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



On the night of 5-6 August 1944, four Tribal Class Destroyers were southbound in the Bay of Biscay when they detected a small convoy, also on a southerly course, presumably headed for Spain. HMS Tartar, HMS Ashanti, HMCS Haida and HMCS Iroquois manoeuvred to a favourable position and attacked, sinking six of the seven ships, including the escort. Returning northward, ships were detected leaving St. Nazaire and the order was given: "All guns loaded". Able Seaman Michael Kerwin was a member of the crew of HMCS Haida's 'Y' Mounting, twin 4.7 inch, on the quarterdeck. Unknown to anyone, the right gun was still hot from the previous action. Before the breech was fully closed, the charge ignited, blew back the breech, which collapsed the tray and there was a cordite fire. As OOQ Torpedo Tubes, I (Lloyd I Jones) thought the ship had been hit. The port side was impassable due to the fire but the starboard side was free. At 'Y' Mounting, two were killed and eight wounded. One of the wounded was AB Kerwin, who also suffered burns and temporary blindness. However, he heard the gun trainer, AB Jack (Guns) Burnett, calling for help from the forward part of the gun shield and he plunged through dense smoke and flames, found his shipmate and hauled him to safety. In due course, he was awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal. I must add that Chief Stoker Harold D. Richard, RCN, did a marvelous job with a fire hose, which he brought into operation almost immediately. With the spray nozzle going, he soaked everyone including me and had the cordite fire out in short order. He was awarded the Bar to the Distinguished Service Medal. We then carried the wounded to the Sick Bay, passed the good ammunition to the forward guns and kicked the burnt cordite cartridges overboard." (Lloyd I. Jones in 'Starshell', October 1989.)

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**RICHARDS, Richard Leslie, Commissioned Engineer - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR / Maintenance of Training Ships attached to HMCS Cornwallis**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

**RICHARDS, Richard Leslie, 0-61970, Cd(E)(Temp) [1.1.44] RCNR, MBE-[10.6.44]**

"This Officer has been in charge of repairs and maintenance of training ships attached to HMCS Cornwallis since the base opened. By his constant attention to duty, zeal and energy, the training flotilla has been kept in efficient running condition in spite of shortage of equipment, parts and proper machine shop facilities. When parts have been unobtainable, he has built new ones, and in every other way has shown outstanding initiative."

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**RICKARD, John Herren, Able Seaman (V-16076) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR / HMCS Waskesiu** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 7 July 1944.  
Home: Port Arthur, Ontario.

**RICKARD, John Herren, V-16076, AB, RCNVR,  
DSM-[9.9.44]**

"For good service in the destruction of an enemy submarine. For courage, resolution and skill in **HMCS Waskesiu** in successful operations against U-Boats in the Atlantic."

On 24 February 1944, HMCS Waskesiu (River Class Frigate - K330) sank U-257 in the mid-Atlantic. This action is described in Chapter 33 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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**RIDGE, Samuel Archibald, Petty Officer (2226) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN**  
- Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 11 March 1941 (no **Canada Gazette**).  
Home: Newcastle-on-Tyne, England.

**RIDGE, Samuel Archibald, 0-62215, PO, 2226, RCN  
DSM-[11.3.41]  
CPO,  
MID-[20.1.45]  
A/Gnr(T) [15.2.45] RCN  
HMCS CRUSADER (R20) DD, stand by, (11.6.45-14.11.45)  
Cd(L) [15.2.45] HMCS CRUSADER (R20) DD, (15.11.45-?)  
HMCS CRESCENT (R16) DD, (13.4.46-?) CD-[?]**

"For courage and enterprise in action against enemy submarines."

**RIDGE, Samuel Archibald, Chief Petty Officer, DSM (2226) - Mention in Despatches - RCN**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

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

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**RIDOUT, Irene, Regulating Petty Officer (W-2563) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - WRCNS / Regulating Petty Officer of the Wrens in the Greenock Command, Scotland**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.  
Home: Southsea, Hants, England.

**RIDOUT, Irene, W-2563, RPO, WRCNS,  
BEM-[5.1.46]**

"This Rating was Regulating Petty Officer in charge of the first group of Wrens sent to Scotland in 1944, two months before the Unit Officer was appointed. From the date of her arrival, she showed marked ability and zeal, and performed her duties in an outstanding manner. By her excellent example of discipline, splendid bearing and quality of leadership during, and subsequent to, the difficult period of organization of the Wrens in Scotland, she was responsible in a large measure for the maintenance of the high state of morale and discipline of the Wrens in the Greenock Command."

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**RIGBY, Edward Albert, Chief Petty Officer (2796) - Mention in Despatches - RCN**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**RIGBY, Edward Albert**, 2796, CPO, RCN,

**MID~[20.1.45]**

HMCS CORMORANT (781) p/c, CO, (15.11.58-?)

"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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**RIPLEY, Allyn Morgan, Leading Seaman (A-2852) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Hepatica**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Perth, Ontario.

**RIPLEY, Allyn Morgan**, A-2852, LS, RCNR,

**MID~[16.6.45]**

"For outstanding devotion to duty while serving aboard HMCS Hepatica (Flower Class Corvette - K159). This Rating has consistently proven himself exceptionally capable of taking charge of his men under trying circumstances."

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**RITCHIE, Andrew Lang, Acting Stoker Petty Officer (A-3262) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A.

**RITCHIE, Andrew Lang**, A-3262, A/PO/Sto, RCNR,

**MID~[16.6.45]**

"This Rating has served in Escort Vessels of both the Royal Navy and Royal Canadian Navy since early in the war, and his exemplary devotion to duty and cheerful efficiency have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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**RITSON-BENNETT, William Martin, Provisional Leading Seaman (A-3455) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR /**

**HMCS Louisburg** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

Home: Calgary, Alberta.

**RITSON-BENNETT, William Martin**, A-3455, P/LS, RCNR,

**MID~[8.1.44]**

"While the water was rising above his knees, after HMCS Louisburg was torpedoed, Able Seaman Ritson-Bennett stopped to unstrap another rating from his Oerlikon gun, thus saving the man's life. His gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

HMCS Louisburg (Flower Class Corvette - K143) was sunk by Italian aircraft off Oran on 6 February 1943. This sinking by aircraft was the only RCN ship to be so sunk and is described in Chapter 23 of **"The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945"**.

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**ROACH, Florence Martina, Principal Matron - Member - Royal Red Cross (RRC) - RCN (Temp)**  
 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.  
 Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**ROACH, Florence Martina**, 0-62490, P/Matron(Temp) [1.1.44] RCN  
**RRC-[16.6.45]**; Demobilized [2.11.45]

"This Officer has won a place of high esteem through her excellent service in discharging the exacting duties entailed by a large staff and patient body in an exemplary manner. She has at all times displayed cheerfulness, tact and administrative skill."



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**ROBARTS, John Parmeter, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR at Salerno - Awarded as per Canada Gazette** of 24 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 23 May 1944.

Born: 11 January 1917, Banff, Alberta

Home: London, Ontario (moved there in 1931).



John Parmenter Roberts served in the RCNVR from 1940 through 1945. One of the Canadians trained in England at HMS Raleigh, he had sea time in the heavy cruiser **HMS Norfolk** before doing officer training at HMS King Alfred. The 1943 & 44 Canadian Navy Lists show him as a qualified fighter direction officer serving with the RN (by then he was a Lieutenant with seniority 31 Dec 42). Lieutenant Roberts was Mentioned in Despatches for the 1943 landings at Salerno. Lt Roberts subsequently served as a fighter direction officer in **HMCS Uganda** in the Pacific in 1945. Presumably his **M.I.D.** was for service in an RN cruiser or other heavy unit at Salerno where his qualification as a fighter direction officer was used. After being discharged from the Navy he studied **law at Osgoode Hall** in Toronto in 1947 and embarked on his political career. He was the **Premier of Ontario** from 1961-1970.

The following is from **Public Triumph Private Tragedy:**  
 The Double Life of John P. Roberts, By Steve Paikin, Viking Canada

Roberts possessed all the attributes to ensure political and social success. A 1939 graduate of the University of Western Ontario, he received his law degree from Osgoode Hall, in Toronto, in 1947. Elected Alderman in London in 1950. Lured into provincial politics, he won the 1951 election for the riding of London North and won again, in 1955, when he defeated Clarence Peterson, father of future premier David Peterson, an opponent Roberts later described as "the finest man I ever faced in my life."

In 1959 Roberts became minister of education -- after finance, the most important portfolio in government. It was a ministry that suited him and he invested heavily in the province's school system, adjusting a complex system of universities and community colleges and reorganizing the administration of schools. In 1961, at the age of 44, he became premier of Ontario and his private life took a fatal turn.

Although the position of premier made a move to Toronto obligatory, Roberts' taciturn **wife, Norah McCormick**, refused to move. Totally uninterested in the role of consort to the head of government, Norah insisted on remaining in London. She would continue the couple's busy social life from her home on the Parkway and her cottage at Grand Bend and would continue to play bridge, twice weekly, with friends. The Roberts' two adopted children, Robin and Tim, would remain with their mother.

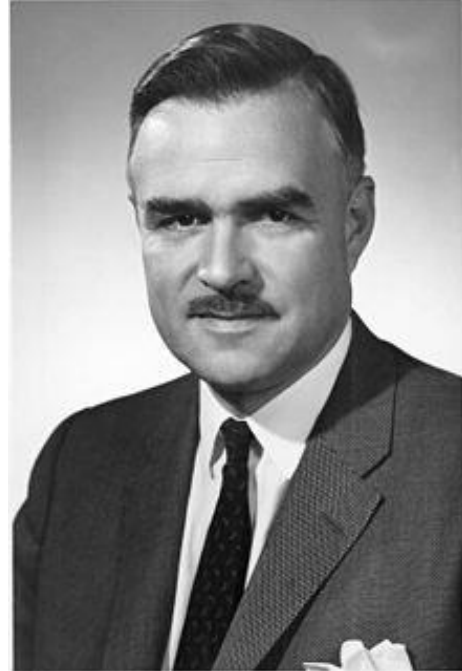


"Robarts was effectively stuck in Toronto all week long and would only come home to London on weekends. He put his law partnership in mothballs and bought a first-class ticket on the roller coaster that is politics, which was about to consume his life."

Not surprisingly, Paikin's account of Robarts' private follies and of the disasters that marked his final years, is absorbing reading. It veers from government accomplishment to a People magazine review of the high life; from Queen's Park to expensive bars and nightclubs, from staid London and a staid and domineering spouse to a glamorous trophy wife 28 years the premier's junior. And as both Robarts and Norah became increasingly alcoholic, son Tim became reclusive and difficult to manage. It was an explosive situation.

But before Robarts's life unravelled, there were the achievements: legal aid, anti-pollution legislation, a network of social assistance programs and the Big Blue Machine's smooth transition from a Tory government run by John P. Robarts to another headed by rising political star, William G. Davis.

After retirement from office, there were the "rainmaker" years with the Toronto law firm Stikeman Elliott, his star turn on the board of directors of the Toronto Blue Jays and his appointment as co-chair of the Pepin-Robarts Task Force on Canadian Unity following the upset victory of Rene Levesque and the Parti Quebecois in the 1976 Quebec election.



Alan Eagleson once described Robarts as both a man's man and a lady's man -- traits which would, in the end, prove the premier's undoing. His hard driving hunting-fishing-womanizing style caught up with him and when son Tim committed suicide in 1977, at the age of 21, Robarts was devastated. A family friend blamed the death on "a lethal combination." Tim, she told Paikin, "was faced with an increasingly irrational mother, a largely absent father, too much money, no responsibility, drugs, and access to firearms."

On his retirement in 1971, he joined a number of boards of large corporations, served as chancellor of University of Western Ontario and later of York University, chaired a royal commission on Metropolitan Toronto (1975-76) and co-chaired with J.L. Pepin the Task Force on Canadian Unity (1977-79).

In 1981 he suffered a series of strokes while travelling in the US.

After a lengthy program of rehabilitation, five years after his son's death and after four debilitating strokes, Robarts, too, took his own life on 18 October 1982.

**ROBARTS. John Parmeter**, 0-62520, Lt(Temp) [30.12.41] RCNVR  
**MID-[24.6.44]**; HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (1944?) Demobilized [29.10.45]

"For good service in attack on Salerno. For outstanding skill, resolution, leadership and devotion to duty in His Majesty's Ships in operations which led to the successful landing on the Italian Mainland and at Salerno." [1943]

Awarded **Companion of the Order of Canada (CC)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 24 June 1972.

"Former Premier of Ontario. For his services in Government."

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**ROBERTS, Allen John, Cook (S)** (V-36211) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR / HMCS Mahone - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

Home: Powell River, British Columbia.

**ROBERTS. Allen John V-36211, Ck(S), RCNVR, BEM-[10.6.44]**

"For coolness and courage following a collision in which his ship was involved. Following a collision involving HMCS Mahone and S.S. Fort Townsend, this rating was trapped between decks with two other ratings, one

of who was seriously injured. He forced open a skylight and assisted both of them to escape before making his own way to safety."

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

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**ROBERTS, Norman Clement Carl, Petty Officer (A-817) - 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.

**ROBERTS, Norman Clement Carl, 0-62666, PO, A-817, RCNR**

BEM-[5.6.43] Skr(Temp) [21.10.43]

HMCS NORTH SHORE p/v, CO, (28.10.43-?)

HMCS GLENBROOK (W64) tug, CO, (5.10.44-?) Ch/Skr(Temp) [?]

Demobilized [8.1.46]

"This Petty Officer has shown coolness, skill and seamanship whilst berthing vessels alongside ships and through intricate passages during adverse weather. He has shown cheerfulness and devotion to duty during the long hours which this service demands."

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**ROBERTS, Robert, Lieutenant-Commander (SB) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN(R) /**

Intelligence Branch of the Pacific Coast Command

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mate, RNCVR on 8 June 1918. To Niobe as Additional. Transferred to RCNVR for WW2 service as Acting Lieutenant (Temp.), RCNVR on 31 August 1939. On Staff of Commanding Officer Pacific Coast for Intelligence Duties in 1939.

Promoted Lieutenant-Commander (SB), RCNVR on 1 July 1944.

**ROBERTS, Robert, 0-62670, Mate [8.6.18] RNCVR**

HMCS NIOBE addl (16.6.18-?)

A/Lt(Temp) [31.8.39] RCNVR, LCdr(SB) [1.7.44]

**MBE**-[16.6.46] Demobilized [1.4.47]

"Both as a Naval Officer and as a Civil Servant, Lieutenant-Commander Roberts has worked for over twenty-five years in the interests of the Naval Service in the Intelligence Branch of the Pacific Coast Command. His vast experience and knowledge of the many complexities in the Branch have been invaluable during the war. His high personal qualities of leadership and selfless devotion to duty have been an inspiration to the men who served with him."

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**ROBERTSON, Charles, Chief Stoker (V-25572) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR**

- Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**ROBERTSON, Charles, V-25572, CPO/Sto, RCNVR, MID**-[1.1.45]

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

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**ROBERTSON, Charles Addie, Chief Motor Mechanic (V-14735) - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / for Sicily - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 February 1944 and **London Gazette** of 21 December 1943.  
**ROBERTSON. Charles Addie, V-14735, CPO/MM, RCNVR, MID~[26.2.44]**

"For gallant and distinguished services and untiring devotion to duty in operations which led to the capture of Sicily by Allied Forces."

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**ROBERTSON, Donald Morrison, Able Seaman (3302) (Posthumous) - Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Trillium  
- Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 22 July 1941 (no **Canada Gazette**).  
HMCS Trillium was a Flower Class Corvette (K172).  
**ROBERTSON. Donald Morrison, 3302, AB, RCN, MID~[22.7.41]**

"For courage and devotion to duty when attacked by enemy aircraft - HMCS Trillium."

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**ROBERTSON, James John Kenneth, Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer (V-30634) - British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR / HMCS Inch Arran.  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946  
Home: Victoria, British Columbia  
HMCS Inch Arran was a Flower Class Corvette (K667).  
**ROBERTSON. James John Kenneth, V-30634, A/CPO/ERA, RCNVR, BEM~[5.1.46]**

"Chief Engine Room Artificer Robertson has served at sea throughout the war. His personal example and devotion to duty have served as an inspiration to the men working with him. It has been mainly thorough his untiring efforts that HMCS Inch Arran has had at no time been hampered by engine room troubles. His conduct and service have been in keeping with the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy and justly merit high award."

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**ROBERTSON, Margaret Elizabeth, Acting Petty Officer (W-967) - British Empire Medal (BEM)** - WRCNS / Canadian Naval Mission Overseas, London.  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946  
- Home: Montreal, Quebec.  
**ROBERTSON. Margaret Elizabeth, W-967, A/PO, WRCNS, BEM~[5.1.46]**

"This Wren was in the first draft of personnel of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service to go Overseas in September 1943, and has worked and lived in London throughout air-raids and flying bomb attacks since that time. For the past year she has been employed on work of a highly confidential nature, requiring a maximum of efficiency, integrity and tact. Her initiative, cheerfulness, loyalty and devotion to duty, often under very trying circumstances, having contributed in no small way, to the efficient functioning of the Canadian Naval Mission Overseas."

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**ROBERTSON, Owen Connor Struan ("Robbie"), Commander, RD - George Medal (GM)** - RCNR / King's Harbour Master Halifax - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944. Born in Victoria, British Columbia on 16 April 1907. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.



Went to sea in Canadian Government Merchant Marine in 1924 as an Ordinary Seaman, Cadet and Mate in CN Steamships between 1925 and 1928.

Joined the RCNR in 1931.

Qualified with Master's Certificate (Foreign-Going) of Competency in 1931.

Acting Lieutenant in RCNR in 1931.

Served as **Navigating Officer** in **HMCS Saguenay** in 1931.

Served in Canadian National Lady Ships.

To Naval HQ as Staff Officer Merchant Service Intelligence in 1938.

To HMCS Venture as **First Lieutenant** in October 1938. Mobilized for War Service on 27 August 1939.

**Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Fundy** (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J88) from 27 August 1939 to 22 February 1940 and Senior Officer First Minesweeping Flotilla until 22 February 1940.

Promoted Lieutenant-Commander and to Naval Service HQ for Naval Personnel Division in 1940.

Promoted to Commander and became **Commandant of Kings** (Officer Training Establishment, Stadacona III) on 7 May 1940.

**Executive Officer** in **HMCS Prince Robert** (Armed Merchant Cruiser - F56) in 1941.

**Commander HMC Dockyard Halifax and King's Harbour Master** in 1943.

Promoted **Acting Captain** (1 July 1947) and made **Commanding Officer of Scotia and Commander of HMC Dockyard and King's Harbour Master** in 1944. Transferred to RCN in 1946.

**First Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Cayuga** (Tribal Class Destroyer post-war construction - R04) from 20 October 1947 to 1 January 1949.

To Royal Navy Senior Officers Technical Course in 1948.

Promoted to Commander 01 January 1949 and **Commanding Officer of Niobe and Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff London** in 1949.

HMCS Labrador Construction Project in 1952. **First Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Labrador** (Arctic Patrol Vessel - 50) from 8 July 1954 to 29 October 1955 and again from 1 December 1955 to 12 February 1956. Circumnavigated North America in HMCS Labrador in 1954 to 1957 and first naval officer to transit the Northwest Passage.

**Commanding Officer of USN Task Group 6.3** on loan to USN as **Deputy Commander for Polar Operation** in 1955.

Assigned Special Duty as Chairman of Defence Research Establishment in 1956.

Promoted **Commodore** in 1957 and made **Canadian Naval Attaché and Naval Member Canadian Joint Service Staff Washington** and Senior Officer-in-Charge.

On loan to **USN for Polar Operations** and member of **crew of Blimp ZTG-2** on voyage to Arctic ice Island T-3 in 1958.

Ice Pilot in **USS Sargo** (USN Submarine) under polar pack in January 1960.

Ice Pilot in **USS Seadragon** (USN Submarine) for multiple submerged polar transits in 1960 including submerged transit to the North Pole August to September 1960.

**First person to transit the Northwest Passage both on the surface and submerged in a submarine.**

Retired in 1962. Became **Deputy Director of Arctic Institute of North America**.

On loan to EXPO '67 as Scientific Advisor.

Conducted panarctic sealift to Melville Island. Member Maritime Appeals Board.

Died on 22 November 1994, age 87, in Oakville, Ontario.

Awarded **RCNR Officers' Decoration (RD)** on 27 September 1943.

Awarded **Service Medal - Order of Canada (SM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 June 1970 which was traded in for Officer - Order of Canada (OC) after July 1972: "For his contribution to Arctic navigation."

**ROBERTSON, Owen Connor Struan "Robbie", 0-62850, Lt [14.12.31] RCNR Montreal**

HMCS FUNDY (J88) m/s, CO, (27.8.39-22.1.40) LCdr [14.12.39]  
HMCS PRINCE ROBERT (F56) amc, (17.12.41-?) Cdr [1.1.43]  
HMCS PRINCE ROBERT (F56) amc, CO, (1.1.43-23.3.43) RD-[27.9.43]  
HMC Dockyard Halifax CO & King's Harbour Master (1.6.44-?)  
**GM**-[10.6.44] A/Capt [1.1.45] Cdr [1.1.43]  
HMCS CAYUGA (R04) DD, CO, stand by, (1.7.47-19.10.47)  
HMCS CAYUGA (R04) DD, CO, (20.10.47-1.1.49) Capt [1.1.49]  
HMCS NIOBE (D/S) CO, Senior Canadian Liaison Officer (9.4.49-?)  
HMCS LABRADOR (50) AGB, CO, (8.7.54-29.10.55)  
HMCS LABRADOR (50) AGB, CO, (1.12.55-12.2.56) Cmdre [?]  
**OC**-[26.7.70]

**Commodore Owen Connor Struan ROBERTSON, OC, GM, RD, CD - Career**

Ordinary Seaman	1924	to	1925	(Canadian Government Merchant Marine)
Cadet / Mate	1925	to	1928	(Canadian National Steamships)
Master's Certificate			1932	(Foreign-Going)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCNR	14 December	1931		(Navigating Officer in HMCS Saguenay)
Lieutenant, RCNR	13 June	1932		(First Lieutenant in HMCS Venture)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCNR	14 December	1939		(Commanding Officer of HMCS Fundy)
Commander (Temp), RCNR		1940		(Executive Officer in HMCS Prince Robert)
Acting Captain (Temp), RCN	01 June	1944		(Commander of HMC Dockyard and King's Harbour Master)
Captain (Temp), RCNR	01 January	1945		(Commanding Officer of Scotian (Dockyard and Barracks))
Commander, RCN	01 January	1946		(With Seniority of 1 January 1943)
Acting Captain, RCN	01 July	1947		(First Commanding HMCS Cayuga)
Captain, RCN	01 January	1949		(Commanding Officer HMCS Labrador)
Commodore, RCN	03 January	1957		(Canadian Naval Attaché Washington)
Retired	16 March	1962		(Deputy Director Arctic Institute of North America)

Citation to **George Medal** of Commander Owen Connor Struan Robertson, OC, GM, RD, RCN

"For distinguished service in taking over command of a vessel, loaded with explosives, which caught fire in Bedford Basin, Halifax, in 1943, when the officers and crew had abandoned efforts to save the ship. Commander Robertson directed the fighting of the fire with complete disregard for his personal safety, and brought the ship down harbour, finally beaching her. Due to his efforts, a major explosion in the harbour was avoided and the ship was salvaged."

Commander Owen Connor Struan Robertson, six-feet-seven and known throughout the service as "long Robbie" was the Commander of the Dockyard at Halifax. At 0720 hours on 3 November 1943, he was informed that the U.S. Freighter S.S. Volunteer was on fire in the harbour and loaded with ammunition. Twenty-six years earlier, the Mont Blanc had destroyed much of Halifax and it was 36 year old Robertson's job to prevent it from happening again.

The S.S. Volunteer carried more than 500 tons of light ammunition, some 2,000 drums of highly combustible magnesium, and 1,800 tons of heavy howitzer ammunition, plus depth charges and cases of dynamite. At 0515 hours, a stoker in the engine room attempted to raise steam but accidentally detonated the burners causing the fuel lines to rupture and flaming oil to be spewed out. The Master, The Chief Officer, Chief Engineer and Second Engineer were playing poker in the Master's cabin and had consumed a fair amount of alcohol. The Radio Officer tried to contact Turtle Head (Naval Signal Station) but sent out the signal on the wrong wave length and aimed his lamp in the wrong direction. At 0650 hours, the American crew, seeing that their officers were incapacitated, abandoned ship.

While the Fireboat Rouille was pumping foamite into the stokehold, Commander Robertson boarded the S.S. Volunteer and went to the Captain's cabin. Finding most of the crew gone and the officers drunk, Robertson pulled on an oxygen mask and asbestos hood and climbed down into the stokehold. After assessing the situation, he returned to the Master's cabin to obtain the cargo contents and distribution list. With no help from the Master, he found the list but explosions now began in Number Three Hold.

Along with Stoker William Carson (awarded the **British Empire Medal**), Lieutenant Charles Spinney (awarded a **Mention in Despatches**) and William Cody of the National Harbour Board's Fire Department, Robertson tried to get the Master to allow the Number Three Hold to be flooded. The Master refused permission so Robertson called for the U.S. Naval Liaison Officer and began rigging hoses to flood Number Three Hold.

Lieutenant-Commander E.F.B. Watts, Senior Boarding Officer in Halifax and Lieutenant-Commander Stanley, USN, arrived. The Master was still trying to give orders but Stanley stripped him of his command, took command himself and turned full control over to Robertson.

Further inspection of the ship showed that the fire was spreading to Number Two Hold and Robertson decided to remove the ship from the harbour. Tugs were called in to the S.S. Volunteer to McNab Island where the sea bed off Mauger's Beach dipped into a trough.

However, before this could be done safely, something had to be done about the buildup of cordite fumes that threatened to blow up the ship immediately. Robertson and his party went below deck to stack tobacco bales around the drums of magnesium. Holes were cut in the main deck above the magnesium and Robertson fired a rifle at the magnesium drums. They exploded with flames shooting high into the air through the vent holes. About ten minutes passed before the noise and flames subsided. Robertson again went below to assess the situation and determined the immediate danger of an explosion had passed.

The S.S. Volunteer was towed to Mauger's Beach on the south end of McNab Island and Robertson and his men opened the sea cocks at 1545 hours. With the S.S. Volunteer fully beached by 1600 hours, Robertson left the ship, a second Halifax explosion averted. From "1000 Brave Canadians".

**Medals of Commodore Owen Connor Struan ROBERTSON, OC, GM, RD, CD, D.Sc.Mil., RCN:**

OC - GM - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Pacific Star - CVSM and Clasp - 39/45 War Medal - GVI Coronation Medal - EIIR Coronation Medal - Centennial Medal - EIIR Jubilee Medal - Royal Canadian Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration (RD) - CD - Legionnaire, Legion of Merit (USA).

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**ROBINSON, Stephen Clive, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Chebogue**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 March 1945 and **London Gazette** of 13 March 1945.

Home: Duncan, British Columbia.

Commanding Officer of Motor Launch 'B' Type **ML-086** from 9 February 1943 to 2 March 1943.

Commanding Officer of Motor Launch 'B' Type **ML-091** from 17 May 1943 to 8 October 1943.

**ROBINSON, Stephen Clive, 0-63060, S/Lt(Temp) [18.8.41] RCNVR**

HMC ML 053 (Q053) (22.3.42-?)

HMC ML 052 (Q052) CO, (19.4.42-?) Lt(Temp) [18.8.42]

HMC ML 086 (Q086) CO, (9.2.43-2.3.43)

HMC ML 091 (Q091) CO, (17.5.43-8.10.43) Lt(Temp) [18.8.41]

HMCS ARNPRIOR (K494) Coc, (4.10.44-?)

HMCS HALLOWELL (K666) Fr, (28.11.44-?) MID-[24.3.45]

Demobilized [23.10.45]

"For continuing to carry out his duties with courage and determination after an attack which put his ship (HMCS Chebogue) in danger of capsizing."

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

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**ROBSON, Robert Gordon, Mate - Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / HMCS Sorel  
 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.  
 Home: Hollyburn, British Columbia.  
**ROBSON, Robert Gordon, 0-63130, Mate(Temp)** [20.4.42] RCNR  
 HMCS SOREL (K153) Cof, (8.6.42-?)  
 Lt(Temp) [20.4.43] MID-[5.6.43]  
 HMCS BRANDON (K149) Cof, (10.12.43-?)

"This Officer displayed exceptional initiative and resourcefulness in assisting in the salvaging of a stranded vessel under difficult conditions of weather and ice."

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**ROBSON, Thomas Beattie, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Cape Breton  
 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.  
 Home: Windsor, Ontario.  
**ROBSON, Thomas Beattie, 0-63140, S/Lt(Temp)** [8.6.42] RCNVR  
 HMCS CAPE BRETON (K350) Fr, stand by, (19.10.43-24.10.43)  
 HMCS CAPE BRETON (K350) Fr, (25.10.43-?) Lt(Temp) [8.6.43]  
 HMCS CAPE BRETON (K350) Fr, (23.2.45-?) MID-[16.6.45]  
 Demobilized [31.8.45]

"For untiring zeal and a high sense of duty and loyalty. This Officer proved himself to be of valuable assistance as Watchkeeping Officer under the trying conditions of the North Atlantic, North Russia and Channel operations. Whilst performing the duties of Anti-Submarine Control Officer, he has shown cheerfulness and a willingness to be at work at all times."

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**ROGER, William Hugh Gregory, Electrical Commander** - Officer - **Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCNVR / Halifax Electrical Engineer - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.  
 Born in Edinburgh, Scotland on 7 July 1902.  
 Home: Hamilton, Ontario.  
**Canada Gazette** lists the name incorrectly as ROGERS.  
 Midshipman in Ocean Transports in First World War. Engineer in Hamilton, Ontario after WW1.  
 Joined the RCNVR in 1937 as an Acting Lieutenant.  
 Mobilized for Second World War duty in 1938 and assigned to work with Chief Examination Officer at Sydney, Nova Scotia.  
 Promoted Electrical LCdr in 1940 and to Stadacona for Electrical duties in 1940.  
 At HMC Dockyard Halifax as Manager of Electrical Engineering in 1942.  
 Promoted Electrical Cdr in 1944 on Staff of Commodore Superintendent Halifax for duty as Manager Electrical Engineering (Transferred to RCN 1945).  
 In 1946 was at HMC Dockyard Halifax as manager Electrical Engineering.  
 Promoted Captain in 1948 and to Naval HQ as Electrical Engineer-in-Chief.  
 Promoted to Acting Commodore(L) on 30 June 1952.  
 Promoted to Commodore in 1953 and retired.  
**ROGER, William Hugh Gregory, 0-63240, RCNVR Half Company Hamilton, A/Lt** [9.12.37] RCNVR  
 HMC Naval Base, Sydney, CB, Ext/Def, (2.9.39-?)  
 A/LCdr(SB) [1.5.40]; Cdr(EI) [1.1.44]; OBE-[16.6.45]; Capt(L) [1.1.48]

#### **Captain(L) William Hugh Gregory ROGER, OBE - Career**

Acting Lieutenant, RCNVR	1937 (With Chief Examination Officer Sydney)
Electrical Lieutenant-Commander (Temp.), RCNVR	01 May 1940 (Manager Electrical Engineering Halifax)
Electrical Commander (Temp.), RCNVR	01 January 1944 (Transferred to RCN in 1945)
Electrical Commander, RCN	01 January 1945 (With Seniority 01 January 1944)
Commander (L), RCN	01 January 1946 (With Seniority 01 January 1944)
Acting Captain (L), RCN	01 January 1947 (Manager Electrical Engineering Halifax)

Captain (L), RCN  
Acting Commodore(L), RCN  
Commodore (L), RCN  
Retired

01 January 1948 (Electrical Engineer in Chief Naval HQ)  
30 June 1952  
01 July 1953 (Electrical Engineer in Chief Naval HQ)  
1953

"This Officer organized and administered the Electrical Department of His Majesty's Canadian Dockyard, Halifax. His untiring efforts have contributed to the refit and repair of ships engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic."

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**ROGERS, Alfred Allison, Chaplain First Class (P) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / Command Chaplain Atlantic** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

**ROGERS, Alfred Allison**, 0-63250, Chap CI (P)(Un Ch)(Temp) [22.7.44] RCN  
**OBE**~[15.6.46]; HMCS ROYAL ROADS(RCNC) (17.1.46-?); Demobilized [22.7.47]

"For zeal, ability and energy in constant devotion to duty. Selected for his unique ability to organize difficult situations, Padre Rogers was placed in one of the most strategic positions in the Chaplain Service, and for more than three years as Command Chaplain (P) to the Commander-in-Chief, Canadian Northwest Atlantic, he gave personal direction to the largest groups of Padres in the Royal Canadian Navy. In the several large training establishments, as well as operational bases within the jurisdiction of the Atlantic Command, Padre Rogers never failed to ensure that all Naval Personnel were given proper spiritual care. The untiring efforts of Command Chaplain Rogers not only met with the very responsive appreciation of the Naval Personnel to who his Chaplains ministered but at all times the work was carried out with a dignity and manner befitting the high traditions of the Canadian Naval Service."

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**ROGERS, Norville Wilfrid, Petty Officer (V-14274) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 1946 and **London Gazette** of 11 December 1945.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

**ROGERS, Norville Wilfrid**, V-14274, PO, RCNVR, **MID**~[30.3.46]

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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**RODGERSON, Morrill Henry, Acting Petty Officer (A-4854) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

Home: Shag Harbour, Nova Scotia

**RODGERSON, Morrill Henry**, A-4854, A/PO, RCNR, **MID**~[10.6.44]

"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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**ROSCOE, Walter Ewart, Able Seaman (V-24089) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Niagara**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Norwood, Manitoba.

**ROSCOE, Walter Ewart**, V-24089, AB, RCNVR, **MID**~[5.1.46]

"For constant cheerfulness and devotion to duty. This Rating has served in HMCS Niagara (Town Class Destroyer - I57) continuously from September 1941 to June 1945, a period of forty-five months, during which



time he has had an excellent conduct and efficiency record and has been an inspiration to all who served with him."

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**ROSS, Charles Albert, Chief Engine Room Artificer (A-4314) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**ROSS, Charles Albert, 0-63551, CPO/Eng, A-4314, RCNR**

**MID**~[5.6.42]

A/Wt(E)(Temp) [1.1.44] RCNR,

HMCS COPPER CLIFF (K495) Coc, stand by, (17.3.44-24.7.44)

HMCS COPPER CLIFF (K495) Coc, (25.7.44-?); Demobilized [16.1.46]

"For an extended period in one of His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes, under conditions of great hardship in the North Atlantic, this rating has rendered excellent service and at all times has displayed wholehearted devotion to duty."

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**ROSS, James Finlay, Lieutenant (P) (Killed in Action) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / No. 1842 RN Squadron on HMS Formidable - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 February 1945 and **London Gazette** of 16 January 1945.**

Home: Truro, Nova Scotia.

Probationary Sub-Lieutenant (Temp.), RCNVR to HMS St. Vincent for Pilot Training Course.

To USNAS Grosse Isle and USNAS Pensacola for Flight Training. Promoted Sub-Lieutenant (P) (Temp.) on 6 January 1944. Promoted to Lieutenant (P) (Temporary), RCNVR on 8 January 1945.

To HMS Formidable for No. 1842 RN Squadron in 1945.

**Killed in a flying accident** when his wings folded on take-off from HMS Formidable on 30 July 1945.

His death is described on page 108 of "**A Formidable Hero**".

**ROSS, James "James" Finlay, 0-63625, S/Lt(Temp) [8.1.44] RCNVR**

Lt(P) [8.1.45]; **1st MID**~[3.2.45]; **2nd MID**~[24.11.45]; Obit [30.7.45]

"For air strikes against the German Battleship Admiral Von Tirpitz in August 1944."

**ROSS, James Finlay, Lieutenant (P) (Posthumous) - Mention in Despatches (Second) - RCNVR / No. 1842 RN Squadron on HMS Formidable**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 November 1945 and **London Gazette** of 20 November 1945.

"For services in Pacific fighter sweeps in July and August 1945."

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**ROSS, James Richard Henry, Able Seaman (3121) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Restigouche -**

Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 18 October 1940.

HMCS Restigouche (I) was a River Class Destroyer(HOO).

**ROSS, James Richard Henry, 3121, AB, RCN, MID**~[18.10.40]

"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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**ROSS, John Donald, Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer (V-16260) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded** as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Fort William, Ontario.  
**ROSS. John Donald**, 0-63619, A/CPO/ERA, V-16260, RCNVR  
**MID**~[1.1.45]; A/Wt(E)(Temp) [1.8.44] RCNVR, Demobilized [3.12.45]

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

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**ROSS, Robert Ian, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Stormont - Awarded as per Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Chicago, Illinois, USA.  
**ROSS. Robert Ian**, 0-63780, S/Lt(Temp) [22.12.41] RCNVR  
HMCS TRURO (J268) m/s, (9.6.42-?) Lt(Temp) [22.12.42]  
HMCS STORMONT (K327) Fr, (7.3.45-?) Demobilized [26.9.45]  
**MID**~[5.1.46] LCdr [?] RCN(R) CM~[18.1.92]

"For outstanding loyalty and devotion to duty. This Officer has served almost continuously at sea for the past two years. By displaying outstanding qualities of loyalty and devotion to duty he has at all times set a fine example to others."

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**ROWAN, Robert, Acting Yeoman (3623) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Ottawa**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 28 November 1944.  
Home: Victoria, British Columbia.  
**ROWAN. Robert**, 3623, A/Ymn, RCN, **MID**~[20.1.45]

"For courage, resolution and skill while serving in H.M. Ships Wensleydale, Forester, Vidette, Orchis and Statice and H.M. Canadian Ships Ottawa and Kootenay 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"**.

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**ROWE, John Joseph, Chief Stoker (V-23454) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / HMCS Matane**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 3 March 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 February 1945.  
Home: Cornwall, Ontario.  
HMCS Matane was a River Class Frigate (K444)  
**ROWE. John Joseph**, V-23454, CPO/Sto, RCNVR, **BEM**~[3.3.45]

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

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**ROWE, William Arthur, Acting Petty Officer (V-7966) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR**  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944.  
Home: Toronto, Ontario.  
**ROWE. William Arthur**, V-7966, A/PO, RCNVR, **MID**~[20.1.45]

"For services in destroying an enemy submarine on 18 - 19th 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. They also sank a second U-Boat, U-984 on 20 August 1944 as well. These actions are described in Chapter 49 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**".

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**ROYDS, William Edward, Leading Seaman (V-27580) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR / HMCS Saint John** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 20 March 1945.  
Born: Cochrane, Ontario 1921: Home: Toronto, Ontario.  
Served on HMCS Nanaimo before HMCS Saint John. Left the navy and became a mechanical engineer at University of Toronto (B.A.Sc., P.Eng.).  
Joined the **Canadian Army** in the **Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers**.  
Retired with the rank of Major.  
Served with the **ICSC in Indo-China** in 1954.  
Retired in Ladner, B.C. and a member and past-president of the Vancouver Naval Vets Association.  
Living in Langley, British Columbia in 2002.  
**ROYDS, William Edward, V-27580, LS, RCNVR, DSM-[21.4.45]**

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

HMCS Saint John (River Class Frigate - K456) and HMCS Swansea (River Class Frigate) sank U-247 off Cornwall on 1 September 1944 as described in Chapter 51 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

HMCS Saint John (River Class Frigate - K456) sank U-309 in the Moray Firth, Scotland on 16 February 1945 as described in Chapter 59 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

**Medals of Major William Edward ROYDS, DSM, CD, B.A.Sc, P.Eng., RCNVR / RCME:**



DSM - 1939/45 Star - Atlantic Star with Bar France and Germany - Italy Star - Defence Medal  
- CVSM and Clasp - 1939/45 War Medal - Canadian Peacekeeping Medal - ICSC Medal - CD.

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**RUNDLE, George Henry Olaf, Lieutenant - George Medal** - RCNR / Render Mine Safe Officer Halifax  
 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 October 1943 and **London Gazette** of 16 October 1943.  
 Home: St. John, New Brunswick. Retired on 19 March 1946.  
**RUNDLE, George Henry Olaf**, 0-64270, Lt(Temp) [15.1.42] RCNR  
 GM-[16.10.43] (see 8 Jun 43)  
 Bar to GM-[16.6.45] HMC Diving Tender No. 5, CO, (15.10.45-?)  
 Demobilized [19.3.46]

"For displaying gallantry, skill and coolness in carrying out hazardous duties."

Lieutenant George Rundle was aboard ML-053 in a sweeper flotilla operating off of Halifax, Nova Scotia, between 5 June - 12 June 1943. Mines were found on two occasions and towed to the beach at Ketch Harbour, near Halifax. On 8 June, Lieutenant Rundle with the assistance of Leading Seaman Lancien (awarded the **British Empire Medal**), removed the access plate to the mine, cut the electrical wiring and extracted the detonator and primer. He repeated this procedure on 11 June 1943. This is from page 82 "Salty Dips Volume 1".



The "**Canadian Geographical Journal** Volume LXIV No. 1" gives an expanded version of this episode.

"When the German Navy tried to bottle up our eastern ports with concentrations of mines laid by large submarines, the Fairmiles, working in the face of great danger, accomplished their task with despatch and ingenuity.

On 1 June 1943, the first mine was discovered in the approaches to Halifax Harbour, and before the day had ended, three floating mines had been sunk by gunfire. Our minesweepers immediately swept and buoyed a safe channel by which vessels could enter and leave Halifax. However, on 3 June 1943, the Panamanian motor ship Halma, of 2,937 tons, approaching outside the swept channel, was sunk.

Although it was suspected that the mines might be magnetic, it was not yet known what type they were. The Hague Convention required that mines when broken loose from their mooring should automatically become harmless, but there was no knowing whether such niceties of warfare were being practised or whether the mines were time-fuzed to explode after surfacing. It was therefore of vital importance to recover a mine intact to determine the characteristics.

On 7 June 1943, ML Q-053, commanded by Sub-Lieutenant George M. Schuthe, RCNVR, followed the minesweeper HMCS Red Deer on her sweeps and saw three mines exploding but failed to pick up a floating one. However, the next day, ML Q-053 again followed the sweepers and at 1815 hours sighted a mine cut loose by Byms 989, a British Motor Minesweeper. After careful approach, a tow-line 90 yards long was made fast and the mine towed by ML Q-053 to a suitable protected beach at Ketch Harbour fifteen and a half miles away.

During the long tow, the mine might have detonated at any moment and all hands on board ML Q-053 were kept forward under cover. At 1950 hours, the tow-line was transferred to the shore and the mine hauled onto the beach, whereupon, Lieutenant G.H.O. Rundle, RCNR, the Render Mine Safe Officer, assisted by Ordinary Seaman Lancien proceeded to remove the plate-securing nuts with wrenches, cut inside wiring with snippers and remove the detonator. As daylight faded at 2052 hours, on a signal that the mine was rendered safe, the remainder of the shore party came from their protected position on the cliff side and assisted in removing the primer and mine mechanism. On 11 June 1943, another mine was recovered by ML Q-053 and rendered safe." Also found on page 130 of '1000 Brave Canadians'.

**RUNDLE, George Henry Olaf, Lieutenant, GM - BAR to George Medal (GM) - RCNR**

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

"For great courage, coolness and skill in recovering and rendering safe two enemy mines under extreme difficulties, experienced as a result of darkness and the nature of the beach. This Officer was granted the George Medal on 16 October 1943."

From the Report of Proceeding for the month of July, 1942, by Commander of the Port, St. John's, this extract provides more details:

"Following report of mines having been washed up at various points on the coast of Newfoundland, Mate G.H.O. Rundle, RCNR, of HMCS Cornwallis, accompanied by one rating joined S.S. Kyle at Corner Brook and recovered mines at Quirpon, Horse Islands and La Scie. All of these proved to be British mark XX antenna mines and were rendered safe. On Mate Rundle's arrival in St. John's, he proceeded to Change Islands with the Harbour Craft Miss Kelvin and recovered a further mine of a similar type. It is considered that his work was very well handled indeed by Mate Rundle and the long journey to Change Islands by Harbour Craft reflects great credit both upon him and the boat's crew. Quirpon is in the northeasternmost post of Newfoundland; Horse Island is off White Bay; Lac Scie is near Cape St. John and Change Island near Hamilton Sound. Described on page 140 of '1000 Brave Canadians'.

#### **Medals of Lieutenant George Henry Olaf RUNDLE, GM & Bar, RCNR**

George Medal and Bar - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - CVSM & Clasp - 39/45 War Medal.

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**RUDDLE-BROWN, Herbert William, Mate - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Moose Jaw**

- Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 19 May 1942 (no **Canada Gazette**).

Navigator in HMCS Moose Jaw.

**RUDDLE-BROWNE, Herbert William**, Mate(Temp) [17.3.41] RCNR

HMCS MOOSE JAW (K164) Cof, (19.6.41-?)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (5.5.42-?) **MID**~[19.5.42]

Lt(Temp) [17.3.43] HMCS NEW WATERFORD (K321) Fr, (24.3.44-?)

Resigned [10.10.44]

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

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

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**RUSSELL, Marjorie Gordon, Matron - Associate - Royal Red Cross (ARRC)** - RCN (Temp) / Royal Canadian Naval Nursing Service - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.  
Home: Toronto, Ontario.

**RUSSELL, Marjorie Gordon**, 0-64410, Matron(Temp) [?] RCN  
**ARRC**~[5.6.43]; Matron in Chief(Temp) [18.9.43] RCN, RRC~[6.1.45]

"For exceptional devotion and competency over a long period. It is considered fitting at this time to recognize the outstanding contribution now being made to the Royal Canadian Navy by its Nursing Service. Non-existent at the commencement of the war, there are now over one hundred Nursing Sisters, Technicians and Dietitians rendering service of the highest calibre. Created during a period fraught with great difficulties, and at a time when the whole Service was undergoing unprecedented expansion, the outstanding success of the Royal Canadian Naval Nursing Service is in no small measure attributable to the tireless devotion and inspiring example of these two officers (Matron Mrs. Evelyn Isabel Stibbard was the other)."

**RUSSELL, Marjorie Gordon, Matron-in-Chief, ARRC - Member - Royal Red Cross (RRC)** - RCN (Temp) / Matron-in-Chief Royal Canadian Naval Nursing Service  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

"Matron-in-Chief Marjorie Gordon Russell, ARRC, has displayed great administrative ability since assuming command of the Royal Canadian Naval Nursing Service. She has been tactful in handling a new and growing service where the blending of a wide variety of personalities calls for good judgment. In the institution and administration of regulations which had to be original, since there was no precedent, this Officer has done exceptionally well."



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**RUSSELL, Norman Gardner, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Port Hope  
- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.  
Home: Montreal, Quebec.

**RUSSELL, Norman Gardner**, 0-64430, S/Lt(Temp) [24.5.43] RCNVR  
HMCS PORT HOPE (J280) m/s, (16.3.44-?)  
A/Lt(Temp) [24.5.44]; **MID**~[5.1.46]; Demobilized [21.7.45]

"For cheerfulness, efficiency and devotion to duty, above and beyond the normal call of duty. Whilst serving as Executive Officer in one of His Majesty's Canadian Bangor Minesweepers, this Officer displayed outstanding cheerfulness, organizing ability and devotion to duty in maintaining a splendid fighting unit."

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**RUSSELL, Patrick Francis Xavier ("Pat"), Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Skeena - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944 (no **Canada Gazette**).  
Born at Bristol, United Kingdom on 20 November 1916.  
Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Naval Cadet, RCN in 1934 and assigned to HMS Frobisher for Training (Special Entry No. 36). Midshipman, RCN in 1935 and to HMS Dragon for training. Served on HMS Royal Oak during Spanish Civil War Non-intervention Patrol in 1936. To HMCS St. Laurent (I) in 1938. To Royal Naval Base Portsmouth for Sub-Lieutenants Courses in 1938. Lieutenant, RCN in 1939 and to HMS Osprey for RN Anti-submarine Specialist Course in 1940. To HMCS Restigouche (I) in 1940.

First Lieutenant on **HMCS Margaree** in 1940 and survived her sinking. To RCN Barracks Halifax on Staff of Anti-submarine School in 1940.

First Lieutenant in HMCS St. Francis in 1942. Promoted to Acting Lieutenant-Commander in 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Skeena (I)** (River Class Destroyer - D159) from 21 November 1943 until HMCS Skeena was stranded when she was driven ashore in a violent storm whilst at anchor in Reykjavik, Iceland, on 25 October 1944.

To Somers Isles as Anti-submarine Training Officer in 1945. To Naval Service HQ as Staff Officer (Plans) in 1945. To **HMCS Warrior** (Aircraft Carrier - 31) as First Lieutenant in 1947. To Royal Navy Staff College in 1948. Officer-in-Charge of Torpedo Anti-submarine School Halifax in 1949. Promoted Commander and made Staff Officer (TAS) on Staff of Naval Member Canadian Joint Liaison Staff Washington in 1950.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Algonquin (I)** ('V' Class Destroyer - R17) from 25 February 1953 to 27 August 1954 and Commander First Canadian Escort Squadron. To Stadacona for RCN Barracks Halifax as Director (RCN) of Joint RCN-RCAF Maritime Warfare School Halifax in September 1954. Promoted to Captain in 1955. To Naval HQ as Director of Torpedo Anti-Submarine And Mine Warfare in 1956 and as Director of Undersea Warfare in 1957.

Once again made Commanding Officer of **HMCS Algonquin (I)** ('V' Class Destroyer - R17) from 24 September 1948 to 26 November 1959 and Commander Second Canadian Escort Squadron. To Imperial Defence College course in 1960. Promoted to Commodore in 1964 and Naval Member of Directing Staff National Defence College of Canada. Director Reserve Operations (Maritime) in 1967 and retired in 1967. Worked with Department of Fisheries in Ports and Harbours.

**RUSSELL, Patrick "Pat" Francis Xavier, 0-64450, RCN Special entry No.36, Cdt [31.8.34]**

HMS FROBISHER 1934, Mid [1.9.35] HMS ROYAL OAK (9.6.37-?)

A/S/Lt 1936? S/Lt [1.11.37] A/S/Lt [1.1.38]

HMS EXCELLENT (3.1.38-?) HMS VERNON (14.9.38-?)

HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, (31.12.38-?) Lt [15.2.39]

HMCS MARGAREE (H49) DD, (6.9.40-?)

RCNB Halifax 1940, HMCS ST FRANCIS (I93) DD, (1942?) A/LCdr,

HMCS SKEENA (I59) DD, CO, (21.11.43-25.10.44) **1st MID**~[13.10.44]

**2nd MID** ~[20.1.45] LCdr(TAS)(D) [15.2.47]

FOAC/StO(TAS) (12.10.48-?) HMCS WARRIOR (31) CVL, (23.5.47-?)

**CD**~[?] Cdr [1.7.50]

HMCS ALGONQUIN (224) DD, CO, (25.2.53-27.8.54)

Capt [1.1.55] HMCS ALGONQUIN (224) DD, CO, (24.9.58-26.11.59)

Cmdre [16.9.64]

**Commodore Patrick Francis Xavier RUSSELL, CD**

Naval Cadet, RCN	31 August	1934 (To HMS Frobisher for Training Special Entry No. 36)
Midshipman, RCN	01 September	1935 (To HMS Dragon for Training)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 September	1936 (To HMS Royal Oak for Spanish Civil War Patrol)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 November	1937 (To HMCS St. Laurent)
Lieutenant, RCN	15 February	1939 (First Lieutenant on HMCS Margaree & survived sinking)
Acting Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	15 February	1943 (Commanding Officer of HMCS Skeena)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	15 February	1947 (First Lieutenant of HMCS Warrior)
Commander, RCN	01 July	1950 (Commanding Officer of HMCS Algonquin)
Captain, RCN	01 January	1955 (Director of Torpedo Anti-Submarine And Mine Warfare)
Commodore, RCN	16 September	1964 (Naval Member Directing Staff National Defence College)
Retired		1967 (Director Reserve Operations)

"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."

HMCS Skeena (River Class Destroyer - D159) along with HMCS Qu'appelle, HMCS Restigouche and HMCS Saskatchewan destroyed two German Escort Ships (ex Fishing Trawlers) and damaged a third on 6 July 1944 near Brest. A description of this action can be found in Chapter 43 of the book **"The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945"**.

**RUSSELL, Patrick Francis Xavier, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches** (Second) - RCN / HMCS Skeena -Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

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

HMCS Skeena, HMCS Qu'appelle, HMCS Restigouche, and HMCS Assiniboine destroyed two German Escort Trawlers on 12 August 1944 off the Isle of Ushant. A description of this action can be found in Chapter 43 of the book **"The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945"**.

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**RUTHERFORD, Clark Anderson ("Larry"), Lieutenant-Commander** (Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Ottawa - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Westmount, Quebec.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Francis** (Town Class Destroyer - I93) from 26 August 1941 to 3 July 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ottawa (I)** (River Class Destroyer - H60) from 5 July 1942 until she was sunk on 13 September, 1942.

**RUTHERFORD, Clark Anderson "Larry"**, 0-64480, RCN Special entry No.34, RMC Cdt

Mid [1.9.34] A/S/Lt [1.9.36]

RN Portsmouth for trg, HMCS FRASER (H48) DD, (19.12.37-?)

Lt [15.4.38] HMCS FRASER (H48) DD, (6.11.39-?)

HMCS SKEENA (D59) DD, (10.3.40-?)

HMCS ST. FRANCIS (I93) DD, CO, (26.8.41-3.7.42) A/LCdr 1942,

HMCS OTTAWA (H60) DD, CO, (5.7.42-13.9.42)

Lost [13.9.42] HMCS OTTAWA (H60) DD; **MID**~[1.1.43]

"In command of one of His Majesty's Canadian Destroyers (HMCS Ottawa) in the North Atlantic the late Acting Lieutenant-Commander Rutherford displayed outstanding zeal and wholehearted devotion to duty, worthy of the best traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

HMCS Ottawa (I) (River Class Destroyer - H60) was sunk on 13 September 1942 when torpedoed in the mid-Atlantic on 13 September 1942 as described in Chapter 19 of "The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945". LCdr Rutherford gave his life belt to a rating who did not have one and was lost at sea.

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**RUTHERFORD, Norman Reginald, Able Seaman** (V-11590) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Arrowhead - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

**RUTHERFORD, Norman Reginald**, V-11590, AB, RCNVR, **MID**~[16.6.45]

"This Rating has served aboard HMCS Arrowhead (Flower Class Corvette - K145) from June 1942 until the present date, and during that period has proved himself to be an exceptionally fine rating. His cheerfulness and high regard for duty has at all times been an example to the rest of the Ship's company."

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**RUTLEDGE, Fay Lillian, Acting Matron - Associate - Royal Red Cross (ARRC)** - RCN (Temp) / Assistant Matron of the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital in Halifax

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Home: Streetville, Ontario.

**RUTLEDGE, Fay Lillian**, 0-64530, RCN Hospital, Esq, (19.5.46-?) A/Matron **ARRC**~[15.6.46]

Lt(N/S) (1.7.46-?) LCdr(N/S) [1.4.48]

RCN Hospital Hfx, Director of Nursing, (1.4.48-?)

"Matron Rutledge has held various appointments since joining the Nursing Service of the Royal Canadian Navy, and latterly has been Assistant Matron of the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital in Halifax. Here she has demonstrated a high degree of loyalty and devotion to duty in her administrative capacity, and has proven herself to be an outstanding member of her profession. Her cheerfulness and high moral character have been an example to her staff to whom she has displayed an understanding and sympathetic attitude."

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**RUTTAN, Henry Robertson, Acting Surgeon Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR**  
/ Senior Canadian Naval Medical Officer in the UK at HMCS Niobe.

- Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Born: 24 April 1909, Winnipeg

Graduated in 1935 from Queen's University in Medicine and then studies at London University.

He practiced in Sussex, and joined the RNVN in 1940.

Received the **King's Commendation** for leadership during the Plymouth Air Raids.

Transferred to RCNVR in 1941. Medical Officer in Charge at HMCS Niobe.

Post-war transferred to RCN as a Surgeon Commander (27 February 1946) and served as Medical Officer with 12 Units and Principal Medical Officer on both coasts.

In 1955 was made a **Serving Brother of the Order of St. John (SBStJ)**.

Trained as a Dermatologist at the University of Michigan and practiced in Toronto after leaving RCN in 1964.

He died on 13 January 1987, age 77, in Toronto Ontario.

**RUTTAN, Henry Robertson**, 0-64550, Surg/Cdr(Temp) [1.7.44] RCNVR

**OBE**~[10.6.44]

Surg/Cdr [1.7.44 RCN, COPC as CMO, (1.10.46-?)

FOPC as CMO, (1.5.48-?) HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, (1.12.49-?)

"Surgeon Commander Ruttan has been the Senior Canadian Medical Officer in the United Kingdom since the fall of 1941, in addition to which, since December 1941, he has been Medical Officer in charge of HMCS Niobe. Throughout his service, he has set and maintained a very high standard of efficiency, and has made a notable contribution not only to the comfort and welfare of Canadian Naval Personnel, but also to the cordial relationship which exists between the Canadian and various other medical services in the United Kingdom."

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**RUTTAN, John McDonald ("Mac"), Sub-Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / LCI(L) 302 -**

Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 27 January 1942.

Worked in Port Arthur on the Port Arthur News Chronicle in 1937.

Recruited by LCdr Rollo Mainguy into the Port Arthur Half Division of the RCNVR in spring 1937.

Served on Canadian Schooner Venture (112' three Mast Training Schooner) in late December 1937.

Joined Winnipeg Division as Sub-Lieutenant in May 1938.

Went to United Kingdom on 16 June 1940 for the six week course at HMS King Alfred; the M/S course at Lochinvar.

**Executive Officer of HMS Skudd V** (converted Norwegian Whaler) in September 1940.

**HMS Skudd V** sailed in October 1940 for Alexandria via the Cape and operated in the eastern Mediterranean including Tobruk and Greece in 1941.

Promoted to Lieutenant 16 September 1941. **Commanding Officer of HMS Svana** in October 1941.

"Hitch hiked" home in 1942. **First Executive Officer of HMS Saint John** (RN Minesweeper) in 1943.

Promoted to Lieutenant after award of the DSC.

**Commanding Officer of Landing Craft Infantry (Large) LCI(L)-302** in February 1944 and through the 'D' Day landings.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Matane** (River Class Frigate - K444) from 20 September 1944 to 3 February 1945.

Demobilized on 13 December 1945 and promoted to LCdr on retired list.

Died on 21 March 1992 in Ottawa.

**RUTTAN, John McDonald**, 0-64570, RCNVR Half Company Port Arthur A/S/Lt [31.3.37]

RCNVR Division Winnipeg A/S/Lt(Temp) [16.9.39]

Lt(Temp) [16.9.41] **DSC**~[27.1.42]

HMC LCI(L) 302, CO, (1944?) (6.6.44) Lt(Temp) [16.9.40]

HMCS MATANE (K444) Fr, CO, (21.9.44-3.2.45)

Demobilized [13.12.45]

"For bravery and endurance while minesweeping and when attacked by enemy aircraft."

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