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WADSWORTH, James Bruce, Electrical Lieutenant - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN - Awarded as per London Gazette of 11 December 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Ste. Hyacinthe, Quebec.

WADSWORTH. James Bruce, 0-75310, Lt(E1) [1.7.42] RCN

MBE~[11.12.45] Lt(L) [1.7.42]

HMCS STADACONA(D/S) for Elect/School, (18.1.46-?)

RCNB Esquimalt, (15.12.47-?)

HMCS ROCKCLIFFE(D/S) (J355) (25.8.49-?)

LCdr(L) [1.7.50]

RCNB Esquimalt, Elect/Trg/Centre OIC, (15.8.50-?)

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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WADSWORTH, Rein Boulton, Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / at Salerno - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 24 June 1944 and London Gazette of 23 May 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

He left for England with the first group of officers from HMCS York (Naval Reserve Division) as a Sub-Lieutenant in 1940.

Commanding Officer of **LST 319** ("Philadelphia") during WW2 at the landing at Salerno, Italy, for which he received the Distinguished Service Cross.

WADSWORTH. Rein Boulton, RCNVR Company Toronto [18.3.28] RCNVR S/Lt [18.3.29]

Lt(Temp) [24.7.40]

LCdr(Temp) [1.7.43]

DSC~[24.6.44]

Cdr(Temp) Retired [29.9.44]

"For good service in attack on Salerno."

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WAGG, Frank, Chief Petty Officer (A-5386) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945. Home: Gore Bay, Ontario.

WAGG. Frank, A-5386, CPO, MID~[16.6.45]

"Chief Petty Officer Wagg set a good example by his cheerfulness during the strenuous period of hours at the wheel. His excellent helmsmanship greatly assisted in producing

accurate hedgehog attacks resulting in the probable destruction of an enemy submarine."

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WAGNER, James Watson, Chief Skipper - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943.

Home: Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

WAGNER. James Watson, 0-75330, (John?) A/Skr(Temp) [3.11.39] RCNR

HMCS FLEUR DE LIS (Z31) (A) p/v, (5.12.39-?)

HMCS LISGAR (W06) 210/09, tug, CO, (23.5.40-?)

Ch/Skr(Temp) [3.11.42] **MBE~[5.6.43]**

HMCS HELEN S, p/v, CO, (18.8.43-?) Skr/Lt(Temp) [3.11.43]

HMCS GLENEVIS (W65) tug, CO, (9.7.45-?)

Skr/Lt [3.11.43] RCN(R)

HMCS BEAVERTON(W23) tug, CO, (25.2.46-?)

"This Officer has performed his duties with zeal, patience and cheerfulness. He has set an example of wholehearted devotion to duty which has been a credit to the traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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WALBERG, Walter Andrew, Convoy Leading Signaller (V-9363) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

WALBERG. Walter Andrew, V-9363, L/Sig(Convoy), RCNVR, BEM~[5.1.46]

"Leading Signaller Walberg has served continuously in the North Atlantic for the past three years. During this time, he has been frequently commended by Masters of Merchant Ships, in which he has served, for his wholehearted devotion to duty and marked efficiency. His conduct has at all times been in keeping with the traditions of the Canadian Naval Service and for this he is worthy of high merit."

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WALDEN, Frederick Arthur, Motor Mechanic (V-27674) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 3 February 1945 and London Gazette of 30 January 1945.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

WALDEN. Frederick Arthur, V-2674, MM, RCNVR, MID~[3.2.45]

"For services in action in His Majesty's Light Forces in November 1944. For courage and determination in an attack on an enemy convoy while serving in Light Coastal Craft."

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WALKER, Edward Dawson, Instructor Lieutenant-Commander - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.
Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.

WALKER. Edward Dawson, 0-75480, Inst/Lt(Temp) [1.7.41] RCNVR **MBE~[5.1.46]**
Inst/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.46] RCN(R)
HMCS QUEEN Regina Naval Division, (23.5.49-?)

"As a veteran of the last war, this Officer has put his very best efforts into organizing sports and instructing for over four years during the present war. His manner and ability have been of distinct value in educating recruits and assisting them in Naval custom. He is now carrying out the duties of Senior Counsellor and is zealously assisting the same personnel to re-establish themselves back into civilian life."

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WALKER, James Barrett, Lieutenant (SB) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMS Delhi - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 26 February 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944.

WALKER. James Barrett, 0-75560, Lt(SB)(Temp) [26.2.42] RCNVR Lt(E1)(R)(Temp) [26.2.42] **MID~[21.2.44]**
A/LCdr(L)(Temp)(WHA) Demobilized [12.12.45]

"For gallantry and outstanding service in the face of the enemy, and for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters."

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WALKER, James Stephen, Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist (1131) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 30 March 1946 and London Gazette of 11 December 1945.

Home: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.
WALKER. James Stephen, 1131, CPO/Tele, RCN, **BEM~[3.3.46]**

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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WALKER, Murray Hutchinson, Leading Seaman (4019) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 14 November 1944.

Home: London, Ontario.

WALKER. Murray Hutchinson, 4019, LS, RCN, DSM~[20.1.45]

"For good service in the invasion of Normandy."

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WALKLEY, John Molson, Lieutenant (Posthumous) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Nanaimo - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 28 November 1942 and London Gazette of 22 December 1942.

HMCS Nanaimo was a Flower Class Corvette (K101).

WALKLEY. John Molson, S/Lt(Temp) [1.1.41] RCNVR

Lt(Temp) [1.1.42]

HMCS NANAIMO (K101) Cof, (2.2.42-?)

Deceased [16.6.42] **MID~[28.11.42]**

"For gallantry and supreme devotion to duty in connection with convoys."

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WALLACE, Dickson Carlile, Acting Commander, RD - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNR / HMCS Saguenay - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943.

Home: Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Comox** (Minesweeper - J.64) from 27 May 1940 to 27 July 1940.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Clair** (Town Class Destroyer - I.65) from 24 September 1940 to 4 April 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Saguenay** (River Class Destroyer - D.179) from 8 April 1942 to 14 January 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Qu'appelle** (River Class Destroyer - H.69) from 8 February 1944 to 19 April 1944.

Awarded **RCNR Officers' Decoration (RD)** on 19 January 1945.

Released 24 November 1945.

Promoted Captain, RCN(R) 01 July 1950 while Commanding Officer of HMCS Scotian.

WALLACE. Dickson Carlisle, 0-75680, Lt [11.7.33] RCNR Halifax A/LCdr

HMCS COMOX (J64) m/s, CO, (27.5.40-27.7.40)

USS WILLIAMS(DD-108) for HMCS ST. CLAIR(I65) DD, (20.9.40-23.9.40]

HMCS ST. CLAIR (I65) DD, CO, (24.9.40-5.4.42) LCdr [11.7.41]

HMCS SAGUENAY(I59) DD, CO, (8.4.42-14.1.43) A/Cdr [1.7.42]

DSC~[9.1.43] Cdr [1.7.43]

HMCS QU'APPELLE (H69) DD, CO, (8.2.44-19.4.44)
RD~[19.1.45] Demobilized. [24.11.45] Cdr [1.7.43] RCN(R)
OBE~[30.3.46]
HMCS SCOTIAN Halifax Naval Division, (24.11.48-?)
Capt [1.7.50]

"For gallantry and distinguished services before the enemy. Acting Commander Wallace has consistently over a long period in command of His Majesty's Canadian Ships and as Senior Officer of a Convoy Escort Group, performed invaluable work. His leadership and aggressive attacks have provided an inspiration to those serving under his command."

Details on the action of ships of Escort Group C-3, which Wallace commanded from **HMCS Saguenay**, consisting of **HMCS Skeena** (River Class Destroyer - D159), **HMCS Sackville**, and **HMCS Wetaskiwin**, and which 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**".

WALLACE, Dickson Carlile, Acting Commander, DSC, RD - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN(R) - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 30 March 1946 and London Gazette of 11 December 1945. Discharged at time of this award.

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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WALLACE, Matthew Howard, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Dauphin - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.

Home: St. John's, Newfoundland.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sorel** (Flower Class Corvette - K153) from 8 June 1942 to 14 January 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Dauphin** (Flower Class Corvette - K157) from 18 January 1943 to 10 October 1944.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Buckingham** (River Class Frigate - K685) from 2 November 1944 to 7 November 1945.

WALLACE. Matthew Howard, 0-75760, Mate(Temp) [28.11.40] RCNR

HMCS TRAIL(K174) Cof, (30.4.41-?)

Lt(Temp) [16.2.41]

HMCS SOREL (K153) Cof, CO, (8.6.42-14.1.43)

HMCS DAUPHIN (K157) Cof, CO, (18.1.43-10.10.44)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.44]

HMCS BUCKINGHAM (K685) Fr, CO, stand by, (25.9.44-1.11.44)

HMCS BUCKINGHAM (K685) Fr, CO, (2.11.44-7.11.45) MID~[16.6.45]
LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized. [22.2.46]

"This Officer has served continuously at sea for the last four years of war in Escort Vessels engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic. During this period, by his zeal, energy and wholehearted devotion to duty, he has set a fine example to those working under him."

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WALLACE, William Bruce, Surgeon Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches
- RCNVR / HMCS Athabaskan - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 April 1944 and **London Gazette** of 11 January 1944.
Medical Graduate of University of Toronto in 1939.
Specialized in Children's Otology (Ears) at the Sick Children for Children's Hospital post-war.

WALLACE. William Bruce, 0-75800, Surg/Lt(Temp) [5.7.40] RCNVR
HMCS ATHABASKAN (G07) DD, (3.2.43-?) MID~[29.4.44]
Surg/LCdr(Temp) (WHA) Demobilized. [12.11.45]

"For services in caring for the wounded in **HMCS Athabaskan** after his ship was attacked by enemy aircraft."

While on patrol in the Bay of Biscay Patrol area at 1300 Hours on 27 August 1943, **HMCS Athabaskan** was attacked by eighteen enemy Dornier-217s. **HMS Egret** (British Sloop) was sunk. A glide bomb hit **HMCS Athabaskan** at the junction of "B" gun-deck and the wheel-house. It passed under the plot room, through the Chief Petty Officer's Mess, and out the starboard side. It exploded barely a few feet beyond and bomb fragments pierced **HMCS Athabaskan's** side and bridge in a number of places. The Captain, Commander Miles was knocked down by the blast and several officers, including Lieutenant-Commander Dunn Lanthier and Sub-Lieutenant John A. Brebner had severe leg injuries. Able Seaman Joseph McGrath, a bridge lookout, died the next day. The crew of "B" gun bore the worst of the injuries with Able Seaman William Pickett and Petty Officer Ernest Latimer being killed. Leading Seaman John Gordon took charge despite the fact that he was injured and several others were burned. Several members of "A" gun were also burned and wounded. Leading Cook Frank Prudhomme also died. Surgeon Lieutenant Wallace with Able Seaman Eric J. Mengoni did all they could for the injured. **HMCS Athabaskan** took on board the 35 survivors from **HMS Egret**. **HMCS Athabaskan** continued on at 14 knots, correcting a serious list to starboard. The ship sailed into

port on 30 August 1943 under her own power. The ship was battered but not broken. See the book **"Unlucky Lady"**.

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WARBURTON, Robert William, Acting Chief Petty Officer (A-298) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Saint John - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 20 March 1945. Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

He served as Coxswain on **HMCS Saint John**.

Awarded **RCNR Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 20 September 1944.

WARBURTON. Robert William, A-298, A/CPO, RCNR, LS&GC~[20.9.44] MID~[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"**.

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

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WARD, Dennis Harry, Able Seaman (V-10264) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Coxswain of LCA-1375 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Regina, Saskatchewan.

WARD. Dennis Harry, V-10264, AB, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

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

WARD, Dennis Harry, Able Seaman (V-10264) - Croix de Guerre avec Palme en Bronze (France) - RCNVR / Coxswain of LCA-1375 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 1946 and **London Gazette** of 11 December 1945.

"Able Seaman Ward, Coxswain of **LCA-1375**, showed great skill in bringing his craft alongside a beached LCI(S) and holding it there while casualties and survivors were transferred. During this time, both craft and crew were under enemy fire."

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WARD, John Clement, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (V-42344) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

WARD. John Clement, V-42344, ERA 3, MID~[5.1.46]

"Chief Engine Room Artificer Ward has always taken a very keen interest in his work. He has a thorough knowledge of his department, and has shown himself to be completely reliable. His constant cheerfulness and ability to handle men made him a valuable man in the engine room."

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WARD, Walter George, Temporary Lieutenant (SB) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Peterborough, Ontario.

WARD. Walter George, 0-76060, Lt(SB)(Temp) [20.4.43] RCNVR

Lt(El)(R)(Temp) [20.4.42]; MID~[20.1.45]

A/LCdr(El)(R)(Temp)(WHA) Demobilized. [6.11.45]

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

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WARNOCK, Frank William, Chief Stoker (A-2497) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** 14 August 1945. Home: Zurich, Ontario.

WARNOCK. Frank William, A-2497, CPO/Sto, RCNR, 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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WARNOCK, Raymond Russell, Acting Petty Officer (4586) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Nabob - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 December 1944.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

WARNOCK. Raymond Russell, 4580, A/PO, RCN, MID~[20.1.45]

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

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

HMS Nabob (Aircraft Carrier - D77) was damaged by **U-354** on 22 August 1944. While she was a Royal Navy ship, she was crewed by Canadians. Twenty-one crew were killed in the attack.

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WARRICK, Arthur Roy, Leading Seaman (V-9831) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 February 1944 and **London Gazette** of 21 December 1943.

WARRICK. Arthur Roy, V-8931, LS, V-8931, 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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WARWICK, Ralph Berton, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Fennel - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

Home: St. John, New Brunswick.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fennel** (Flower Class Corvette - K194) from 25 May 1942 to 5 September 1943.

WARWICK. Ralph Berton, 0-76190, A/Lt(Temp) [16.9.39] RCNVR

HMCS SAGUENAY (I79) DD, (15.2.40-?)

HMCS FENNEL (K194) Cof, CO, (27.5.42-5.9.43) LCdr(Temp) [1.7.43]

MID~[8.1.44] Resigned [1.5.45] Cdr [1.5.45] RCN(R) A/Capt(WHA)

HMCS DONNANCONA, Montreal Naval Division, CO, (3.12.46-?)

"This Officer has served at sea for the majority of the war in His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes and Destroyers, lately in Command. He has acted as a senior officer of a group and has always inspired those working under him by his cheerfulness and outstanding devotion to duty."

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WATERMAN, Margaret Caroline, Nursing Sister - Associate - Royal Red Cross (ARRC) - RCN (Temp) / RCN Hospitals in Halifax and St. John's - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

WATERMAN. Margaret Caroline, 0-76260, N/S(Temp) [25.2.42] RCN

Demobilized. [6.12.45] **ARRC~[5.1.46]**

"For outstanding service, particularly in times of stress, as a Nursing Sister in the royal Canadian Naval Hospitals in Halifax and St. John's, Newfoundland. In the organization of a highly efficient central supply service in Medical Stores and particularly in aiding and teaching the Sick Berth Attendants in the preparation and care of surgical supplies and equipment for sick bays afloat and ashore, this Officer has shown exceptional zeal and initiative."

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WATERS, Donald MacKenzie, Midshipman - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMS Kimberley - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 8 January 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

Sub-Lieutenant at time of award.

From Ottawa and Cobourg, Ontario.

Former student of Trinity College School, Port Hope.

His father, Colonel Mackenzie Waters, was overseas with the 3rd Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery.

His mother moved from 234 Charlotte Street, Ottawa to Cobourg.

In 1942, he was 20 years old and had been torpedoed twice, both in the Mediterranean.

HMS **Kimberley** was a K Class Destroyer.

He served in **HMS Liverpool** (Town Class Light Cruiser) in 1940. On 14 October 1940 **Liverpool** was seriously damaged in a torpedo attack by enemy aircraft south-east of Crete.

She was towed to the Egyptian city of Alexandria for repairs and did not reach sea worthiness until April 1941.

She then headed for the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California for permanent repairs.

She returned home in Spring 1942 and covered the unforgiving Arctic convoys during April and May.

Remained in the Navy post-war.



HMS York was a Heavy Cruiser. In March 1941 she was hit by an Italian explosive motor boat and was beached at Suda Bay, Crete. Further damage by air attack caused her to be abandoned completely on May 22, 1941.

She was later towed to Bari and broken up.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Fortune** (Minesweeper - 151) from 16 February 1959 to 9 January 1962.

WATERS. Donald Mackenzie "Bim", 0-76270, RCN Special entry No.49, Cdt [25.8.39]

HMCS STADACONA 1939,

HMS BRITANNIA 1939, **Mid [1.5.40]**

HMS LIVERPOOL 1940,

HMS YORK,

HMS KIMBERLEY,

HMS VALIANT,

A/S/Lt,

S/Lt [1.8.41] **MID~[8.1.42]**

HMCS MALPEQUE (J148) m/s, (6.8.42-?)

HMCS RESTIGOUCHE (H00) DD, (20.9.42-?)

Lt(C) [16.9.43]

HMCS SASKATCHEWAN (H70) DD, (14.2.44-?),

HMCS CRESCENT (R16) DD, stand by, (12.7.45-9.9.45)

HMCS CRESCENT (R16) DD, (10.9.45-?)

HMCS NADEN, FOPC/StO(C) (1.5.48-?)

Cloverdale Radio/Stn, OIC, (10.1.49-?)

HMCS STADACONA LCdr [16.9.51]

HMCS ONTARIO,

HMCS FORTUNE (151) m/s, CO, (16.2.59-9.1.62)

"For outstanding gallantry, fortitude, and resolution during the Battle of Crete - **HMS Kimberley.**"

"Midshipman Waters, in the two and one-half years in which he has been in the navy, has logged more hours of experience and excitement than many seafaring men have seen in a lifetime of service. Some months ago, the British cruiser in which he was serving in the Mediterranean was torpedoed. No sooner was he transferred to a second cruiser than it was torpedoed in turn, this time in the Battle of Crete. Water's diary is not available to describe the dramatic incidents that accompanied the rescue of his ship's company, but the grim defence of Crete in which he took part is fairly well known from other sources. It was during these hectic days that, by some act of cool courage and initiative, he earned his mention in despatches."

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WATLING, Cedric Stanley, Chief Petty Officer Electrician (X-41094)
- **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / Calibrating Sweeping Gear on

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

Home: Kapuskasing, Ontario.

WATLING. Cedric Stanley, X-41094, CPO/Elec, RCN, MID~[16.6.45]

"Chief Petty Officer Watling has had considerable sea time assisting Bangor Minesweepers in calibrating sweeps and other adjustments. He also assisted greatly during enemy mine clearance off St. John's during 1943. He is most reliable and has worked many extra hours in order to place ships in serviceable condition for emergency operation."

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WATSON, Alan Graeme, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR HMCS Huron - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

WATSON. Alan Graeme, 0-76330, S/Lt(Temp) [1.5.41] RCNVR

HMCS OTTAWA (H60) DD, (18.8.41-?)

Lt(Temp) [1.5.42]

HMCS LA MALBAIE (K253) Cof, (28.3.43-?)

HMCS HURON (G24) DD, stand by (22.5.43-18.7.43)

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

A/LCdr(Temp) [?] Demobilized. [25.10.45]

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

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WATSON, Douglas Rannie, Lieutenant - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR / HMCS Morden - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 November 1943 and **London Gazette** of 10 August 1943.

Home: St. John's, Newfoundland.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Barrie** (Flower Class Corvette - K138) from 9 October 1943 to 18 March 1944.

Last Commanding Officer of **HMCS Chilliwick** (Flower Class Corvette - K131) from 12 April 1944 to 14 July 1945.

WATSON. Douglas Rannie, 0-76350, Mate(Temp) [7.11.40] RCNR,

HMCS MORDEN (K170) Cof, (29.11.41-?) Lt(Temp) [7.11.42]

HMCS BARRIE (K138) Cof, CO, (9.10.43-18.3.44)

Lt(Temp) [7.11.40] **MBE~[13.11.43]**

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

HMCS CHILLIWACK (K131) Cof, CO, (12.4.44-14.7.45)

"For gallantry and resourcefulness in rescuing the crew of a

sinking merchant ship and salvaging A.M.L. part of deck cargo."

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WATSON, John Manuel, Skipper Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Owen Sound - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944.

Home: Owen Sound, Ontario

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Woodstock** (Flower Class Corvette - K.238) from 10 January 1943 to 16 August 1943.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Owen Sound** (Revised Flower Class Corvette Increased Endurance - K340) from 17 November 1943 to 13 April 1945. Received Mention in Despatches.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Boniface** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J332) from 15 April 1945 to 25 June 1945.

WATSON. John Manuel, 0-76410, Ch/Skr(Temp) [6.8.40]

RCNR Skr/Lt(Temp) [1.7.40]

HMCS COLLINGWOOD (K180) Cof, stand by, (28.10.40-8.11.40)

HMCS COLLINGWOOD (K180) Cof, (9.11.40-?)

HMCS WOODSTOCK (K238) Cof, CO, (20.1.43-16.8.43)

HMCS OWEN SOUND (K340) Cofm, CO stand by (1.11.43-16.11.43)

HMCS OWEN SOUND (K340) Cofm, CO, (17.11.43-13.8.45) **MID~[9.9.44]**

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

HMCS ST BONIFACE(J332) m/s, CO, (15.4.45-25.6.45)

Demobilized [4.8.45]

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

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

HMCS Owen Sound (Revised Flower Class Corvette Increased Endurance - K340) along with **HMCS Swansea, HMCS St. Laurent**, and **HMS Forester** (RN Destroyer) sank **U-845** in mid-Atlantic on 10 March 1944 as described in Chapter 35 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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WATSON, Kenneth William, Ordinary Seaman (4354) - (Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 12 December 1942 and **London Gazette** of 2 December 1942.

Ordinary Seaman Kenneth Watson died on 06 August 1942 in the action in which *HMCS Assiniboine* sunk U-210.

WATSON. Kenneth William, 4354, OS, RCN, MID~[12.12.42]

"For courage, resolution and devotion to duty before the enemy."

The action in which **HMCS Assiniboine** (River Class Destroyer - D118) sank **U-210** on 6 August 1942 in the North Atlantic while protecting Convoy SC-94 is described in Chapter 14 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". OS Watson served as an ammunition carrier and was wounded but continued to carry ammunition to the gun crews until hit again and killed.

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WATSON, William James Brown, Able Seaman (V-23372) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944.

Home: Rosemount, Montreal, Quebec.

WATSON. William James Brown, V-23372, AB, RCNVR, DSM~[20.1.45]

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

Ships of the 11th Escort Group including **HMCS Ottawa** (II), **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**".

Medals of Able Seaman William James Brown WATSON, DSM, RCNVR:

DSM - 39/1945 Star - Atlantic Star with BAR France and Germany
- CVSM with Clasp - 39/45 War Medal - Canadian Korea Medal -
United Nations Service Medal Korea.

Held by the Canadian War Museum

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WATT, Ernest Frederick Balmer ('Ted), **Lieutenant-Commander** - **Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCNVR / Senior Boarding Officer Halifax - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Born Woodstock, Ontario and grew up in Edmonton.

Joined RCNVR Overseas Division as an Ordinary Seaman in February 1917.

Joined HM Drifter Azareal on 1 March 1917

Served in armed trawlers on the Dover patrol.
 Received his Seaman Gunner's badge at Chatham and joined HM Trawler Hercules.
 Returned to Canada on HMS Cornwall as a Leading Seaman.
 Between wars was a journalist, prospector and poet.
 While a reporter with the Edmonton Journal, joined the RCNVR as an Acting Sub-Lieutenant with the RCNVR Edmonton Half Company (HMCS Nonsuch) and resigned in 1926 as a Lieutenant.
 Had served on HMCS Thiepval and HMCS Armentieres (trawlers) and on HMCS Patrician.
 Moved to Victoria, B.C., married and had a son.
 Returned to service in 1940 as a Lieutenant, RCNVR.
 Served in the Naval Control of Shipping in Halifax as the Senior Boarding Officer at Halifax 1943 to end of the war.
 Promoted to LCdr 1 January 1944 and appointed to Directorate of Trade in NSHQ at end of war.
 See the book **"In All Respects Ready"** for more details on LCdr Watt.
 Also see **'Salty Dips'**, Volume 7.
 Transferred RCN(R) in 1946 as LCdr (SB).
 To HMCS Carleton (Naval Reserve Unit) on 1 October 1947.
 Promoted Commander (SB) 01 July 1949. Retired 1951.
 Wrote book **"A Great Bear Journey"** and the story of the Naval Control of Shipping, **"In All Respects Ready"**.
 He died on 7 June 1996, age 95, in Victoria, B.C.
WATT. Ernest Frederick Balmer "Ted", 0-76490, Lt(Temp) [21.7.40] RCNVR, A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.42]
 LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44] **MBE~[5.1.46]**
 LCdr(SB) [1.1.44] RCN(R)
 Demobilized. [30.9.47]
 HMCS CARLETON Ottawa Naval Division, (1.10.47-?)
 Cdr(SB) [1.7.49]
 NSHQ, StO(NIF4) [16.10.48-?) CD~[?]

"In 1940, Lieutenant-Commander Watt conceived the idea of using the Boarding Party, which had been organized primarily for checking ships before proceeding in convoy to the United Kingdom, to encourage the general morale of Merchant Seamen. From this idea, the system quickly spread to all Canadian Ports and became a very potent and valuable factor in the general handling of Merchant Seamen. Lieutenant-Commander Watt was responsible for the training of all Boarding Officers and Ratings, and their undoubted success was largely due to the spirit which he infused and maintained in them, throughout the war."

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WEBB, George Fitzgerald, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Chaudiere - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Carlisle, Cumberland, England.

WEBB. George Fitzgerald, 0-76600, Lt(E) (Temp) [1.11.40] RCNVR

HMCS CHAUDIERE (H99) DD, (20.11.43-?)

HMCS ANNAPOLIS (I04) DD, (12.12.43-?) MID~[16.6.45]

A/LCdr(E) (Temp [1.1.45] Demobilized. [12.3.46]

LCdr(E) [23.9.46] RCN,

HMCS NOOTKA (R96) DD, (16.10.48-?)

"For outstanding energy, zeal and devotion to duty, during the period from May to December 1944. This Officer, the Chief Engineer of **HMCS Chaudiere**, kept his Engineer's Department operating most efficiently, under exceedingly trying conditions, during operations in the Channel, the Bay of Biscay, and in waters around Iceland, at which time successful attacks were carried out on two U-Boats. At all time, Lieutenant-Commander Webb has displayed cheerfulness and resourcefulness."

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

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WEBBER, Reginald Amand, Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCN / HMCS Prince Henry - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia, 24 December 1911.

"Jumbo" Webber, as he was known throughout his career, actually started his military service with eight months in the Army Reserve (**1st Field Brigade, R.C.A.**). He entered the Royal Canadian Navy as Cadet on 28 December 1929.

Upon joining the Canadian Navy in late December 1929, he was transferred to the United Kingdom for officer training at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich and aboard a variety of Royal Navy ships. He returned to Canada in 1935.

Early in 1940, he was sent to Victoria, British Columbia to supervise, as **Executive Officer**, the start-up of an **officer training program** on the Dunsmuir Estate, re-named **HMCS Royal Roads**. He served there till late 1942 with a stint at HMCS Naden in Esquimalt, to start up a New Entry training program.

To **HMCS Prince Robert** in January 1943.

To **HMCS Saskatchewan**.

Appointed **Executive Officer** of **HMCS Prince Henry** in March 1944 and participated in the D-Day landings. After D-day it was into the Mediterranean, eventually returning the King of Greece back home from his exile.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Sioux** ('V' Class Destroyer - R.64) from 30 June 1945 to 8 November 1945.

Promoted Commander in 1947 - to Chief of Staff Flag Officer Pacific.

In 1948, he did much of the staff work in connection with the RCN's participation in Operation Overflow - the floods in the Fraser Valley where he assisted the boat and amphibious craft operations.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS La Hullose** (River Class Frigate - K668) from 1 January 1950 to 13 January 1950.

From May 1949 through April 1951 he was based in HMC Dockyard Halifax as Commander of the Dockyard, King's Harbour Master and, shortly thereafter, Senior Officer Reserve Fleet Atlantic Coast. It was during this period that he took command of HMCS Haida, as the flag vessel of the reserve fleet.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Haida** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G63) from 12 January 1950 to 31 December 1951.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Wallaceburg** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J336) from 21 December 1950 to 3 April 1951. Note: **HMCS Haida** was in refit during the time he commanded **HMCS Wallaceburg**.

Acting Captain 1951 to 1955.

Appointment as **Canadian Naval Commander Newfoundland** from 1951 - 1953.

Director of Navy Personnel from 1953 to 1955.

Reverted to the rank of Commander to take command of HMCS Huron in August 1955.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Huron** (I) (Iroquois Class Destroyer - 281) from 8 August 1955 to 27 January 1957. (Commander First Canadian Escort Squadron).

Released to Pension on his 50th birthday on 24 December, 1961.

He died at his home in the Algarve province of Portugal on December



3rd 1968.

Medals include: Distinguished Service Cross; 1939/1945 Atlantic Star with France and Germany Clasp; Italy Star; Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp; War Medal 1939 - 1945; Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal (1953), Canadian Forces' Decoration (1951) and First Clasp to Canadian Forces' Decoration (1961).

WEBBER. Reginald Amand, 0-76660, S/Lt [1.8.33] RCN

HMCS CHAMPLAIN DD, (22.2.35-?)

Lt [1.5.36] HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, (17.2.37-?)

HMCS SKEENA (D59) DD, (21.4.38-?)

HMCS RESTIGOUCHE (H00) DD, (14.8.38-?)

HMCS SAGUENAY (D79) DD, (15.12.38-?)

RCNC ROYAL ROADS XO, (23.12.40-?)

HMCS SASKATCHEWAN (H70) DD, (31.5.43-?)

HMCS PRINCE HENRY (F70) amc, (1.3.44-?)

LCdr [1.5.44]; **DSC**~[1.1.45]

HMCS SIOUX (R64) DD, CO, (30.6.45-8.11.45)

RCNB Esquimalt, TrCdr, (18.11.45-?) A/Cdr(WHA)

HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (16.12.46-?) Cdr [1.7.47]

COPC, CoSt, (1.8.47-?) FOPC, CoSt, (1.5.48-?)

HMC Dockyard Hfx, Cdr/Dky & KHM, (1.5.49-?) CD~[?]

HMCS LA HULLOISE (305) Fr, CO, (1.1.50-13.1.50)

HMCS HAIDA (215) DD, CO, (13.1.50-21.12.50)

HMCS WALLACEBURG (172) m/s, (21.12.50-3.4.51)

HMCS AVALON (D/S) CO, Canadian Cdr Nfld, (7.5.51-?)

CD~[?]

HMCS HURON (216) DD, CO, (8.8.55-27.1.57)

"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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WEBBER, Robert, Chief Petty Officer (2914) - Mention in Despatches



- RCN - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

Joined the RCN 08 March 1937;

At Naden until 17 September 1937;

Boy from 08 March 1937 to 24 May 1937

Ordinary Seaman from 25 May 1937 to 17 September 1937.

HMCS Skeena as Ordinary Seaman from 18 September 1937 to 20 April 1938.

HMCS St. Laurent as Ordinary Seaman from 21 April 1938 to 23 August 1938.

Promoted Able Seaman in **HMCS St. Laurent** 24 August 1938.
 Back to Naden from September 1938 to 01 November 1938.
 To **HMCS Armentiers** from 02 November 1938 to 02 January 1940.
 To Naden from 03 January 1940 to 10 January 1940.
 Back to Naden (Nootka) from 11 January 1940 to 31 March 1940.
 To Naden (Venture) from 01 April 1940 to 08 October 1940.
 Stadacona from 09 October 1940 to 21 July 1941.
 Promoted A/Leading Seaman(ty) 01 February.
 M.J.B (New York) from 22 July 1941 to 06 August 1941.
 Promoted Acting Petty Officer (ty) 01 August 1941.
 Stadacona from 07 August 1941 to 28 September 1941.
 Issued S.C.T. WT No.B6691 on 22 August 1941.
 Rated Torpedo Coxswain on 29 September 1941.
 Promoted Acting CPO 29 September 1941.
 On board **HMCS Kamsack** from 29 September 1941 to 14 October 1941.
 Sambro (Kamsack) from 15 October 1941 to 26 November 1941
 Protector (Kamsack) starting 27 November 1941

Served aboard the **HMCS Cayuga, HMCS Swansea, HMCS Sioux.**
 Commissioned **HMCS Margaree** (1957).
 2914-E C1QI4 Webber R. received the RCN LS & GC medal due 1 January 1956 and issued on 20 February 1956.

Medals: 1939-1945 Star, Atlantic Star with Bar France and Germany, CVSM and clasp, 1939-1945 War Medal with MID, Canadian Korea Medal, United Nations Service medal, and LS & GC medal.
 (Entitled to Canadian Volunteer Medal Korea)
WEBBER. Robert, 2914, CPO, RCN, MID~[14.6.45]

"During ten months continuous operational service, as Coxswain of the ship, the skill, promptitude and efficiency of this Chief Petty Officer contributed largely to the success of two encounters with enemy submarines, the successful evasion of bombs and shells during an attack and when fired on by shore batteries. He is also worthy of mention for the occasion of rescue operations in a heavy sea in September 1944. His leadership, example and devotion to duty have also been of the highest order."

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WEBSTER, Donald Robertson, Acting Surgeon Captain - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / Director RCN Hospital Halifax - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945. Home: Montreal, Quebec. Graduate of

University of Dalhousie School of Medicine in 1923 and a Phd at McGill, he was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada and Great Britain and practised as general surgeon in Montreal.

WEBSTER. Donald Robertson, 0-76710, RCNVR Company Montreal Surg/Lt [6.7.38]
RCNVR

HMCS SAGUENAY(D79) DD, (19.9.39-?) Surg/LCdr [1.1.41]

Surg/Cdr [1.7.42] A/Surg/Capt(WHA) OBE~[5.1.45]

Demobilized. [18.1.46] Surg/Capt [19.1.46] RCN(R)

HMCS DONACONA Montreal Naval Division, (4.12.46-?)

"This Officer has shown outstanding ability in the administration of all Royal Canadian Naval Hospitals in the Halifax area. While initially he was surgical consultant and did all the major surgery for the RCN at Halifax, and in many cases for the sister services as well, he gradually relinquished this work at considerable personal sacrifice to devote himself to the difficult task of supervision of the work being done in the hospitals and the selection of personnel for these duties. Captain Webster has at all times shown a keen sense of duty to the service and has been a great source of inspiration to all Officers of the Medical Branch."

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WEBSTER, Jane Kern, Nursing Sister (Technician) - Associate - Royal Red Cross (ARRC) - RCN (Temp) / Supervisor of Technicians RCN Hospital Halifax - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

"For outstanding service as Nursing Sister Technician in the Canadian Naval Hospital at Halifax. Through her excellent technical skill and professional knowledge, her devotion to duty and willingness to accept responsibility, she has materially contributed to the welfare of the Service. As Supervisor of newly appointed technicians, she has been invaluable as a guide and teacher and in promoting efficiency and good morale."

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WEDD, Andrew Allan, Sub-Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / LCI(L)-276 at Dieppe - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 2 October 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **Landing Craft Infantry (Large) LCI(L)-276** at

Dieppe.

WEDD. Andrew Allan, 0-76790, S/Lt(Temp) [18.8.41] RCNVR **DSC~**[2.10.42]

Lt(Temp) [18.8.43]

Lt(Temp) [18.8.42]

HMC 3rd LCI(L) Flotilla (15.2.44-?)

HMC LCI(L) 276, CO, (7.3.44-?) (6.6.44)

HMCS DUNDAS (K229) Cof, (12.2.45-?) Demobilized. [9.8.45]

LCdr [18.8.50] RCN(R)

HMCS YORK Toronto Naval Division (2.11.50-?)

"For gallantry, daring and skill in the combined attack on Dieppe."

"This Officer was wounded in the shoulder whilst landing the Fusiliers Mount Royal at 0700 with the 4th and 5th LCP. Boats were under fire from the cliffs during the run in, and for the last 200 yards came under intense fire from all the buildings in front of the beach as well as from the cliffs. Having landed his troops, this Officer withdrew his boat, and went alongside a destroyer where his wound was dressed. Later at about 0930 he attempted to land a party of Canadian Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers with a 'Special High Forward Radio'. The landing was not successful as fire was too heavy and the craft had to withdraw after approaching to within about 100 yards of the beach."



Medals of Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Allan WEDD, DSC, RCNVR:

DSC - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Defence Medal - CVSM & Clasp - 39/45 War Medal.

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WEILER, Herbert Eugene, Leading Seaman (V-32534) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: London, Ontario.

WEILER. Herbert Eugene, V-32534, LS, RCNVR, MID~[5.1.46]

"Following a premature explosion on board, this rating worked tirelessly and with unusual skill assisting the Sick Bay

Staff. His efforts drew the highest praise from the Medical Officer, when able assistance was urgently needed."

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WEIR, James Frederick, Lieutenant-Commander (S) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN(R) / Secretary to the Commodore Superintendent, East Coast repairs - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

WEIR. James Frederick, 0-76850, Paym/Lt(Temp) [1.3.41] RCNVR,
A/Paym/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.44]
LCdr(S) (Temp) [1.1.45] Demobilized. [22.10.45] **MBE**~[13.6.46]

"Lieutenant-Commander Wier has served in various appointments, latterly as Secretary to the Commodore Superintendent, East Coast Repairs. He has by his hard work, enthusiasm and organizing ability produced an efficient organization. His cheerfulness and tact have resulted in co-operation under very difficult circumstances."

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WELCH, Albert Gordon, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

WELCH. Albert Gordon, 0-76870, S/Lt(Temp) [1.5.41] RCNVR
HMCS GALT(K163) Cof, (21.8.41-?)
Lt(Temp) [1.5.42] HMCS ASSINIBOINE(I18) DD, (7.12.42-?)
HMCS HAIDA(G63) DD, (2.1.45-?) **MID**~[20.1.45]
Demobilized. [17.8.45]

"For good service when their ship was damaged."

"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."
(London Gazette Citation).

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WELLAND, Robert Philip, Lieutenant (0-76950) - **Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)** - RCN / HMCS St. Laurent - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 11 March 1941 (no Canada Gazette).

Born Oxbow, Saskatchewan on 7 March 1918.

Home: McCreary, Manitoba

Naval Cadet, RCN, 28 August 1936

To HMCS Stadacona for passage to the United Kingdom and training in the royal Navy 28 August 1936

To **HMS Frobisher** (training Cruiser) for Training (Special Entry No. 40) on 09 September 1936

Midshipman, RCN, 01 May 1937

To **HMS Emerald** (Cruiser) for East Indies Station on 01 May 1937 for almost two years, and toured the Indian Ocean, China Sea and the Red Sea (Awarded the British Naval General Service Medal with bar Palestine)

To **HMS Glasgow** (Home Fleet Cruiser) for courses ashore on 12 October 1938

To HMS Excellent for courses ashore on 30 April 1939

To HMS Vernon for course of instruction ashore on 15 July 1939

He had been at sea for three years when WWII broke out.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN, 01 May 1939

HMS Fame ('D' Class Destroyer) in the North Atlantic 26 August 1939

Sub-Lieutenant, RCN, 11 November 1939 (\$6.00 pay per day)

Lieutenant, RCN, 15 May 1940

To **HMCS St. Laurent** as ASDIC Officer on 07 March 1940 in North Atlantic Destroyer Force

Served at the evacuation of French and British troops from Dunkirk and awarded the **Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)**

To HMS Osprey for Long RN Anti-submarine Specialist Training on 21 January 1941

Lieutenant (A/S), RCN, 09 June 1941

To HMCS Stadacona for RCN A/S School ashore on 21 July 1941

To HMCS Naden as Staff Officer (Anti-Submarine) to Commanding Officer Pacific Coast on 16 January 1942.

Executive Officer, **HMCS Assiniboine** (I) (River Class Destroyer - D118) on 25 March 1943

Commanding Officer, **HMCS Assiniboine** (I) (River Class Destroyer - D118) from 9 June 1943 to 7 July 1943 when the Captain became ill; reverted to Executive Officer

Commanding Officer, **HMCS Assiniboine** (I) (River Class Destroyer - D118) from 26 September 1943 to 13 October 1944; commanded Assiniboine during the invasion of Europe and Channel battles and awarded **Mention in Despatches (MID)**

Promoted to Acting Lieutenant-Commander, RCN, 21 October 1943

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Haida** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G63) from



19 December 1944 to 2 September 1945; Russia Convoys
 To **Royal Roads** as Executive Officer on 05 November 1945
 Lieutenant-Commander (A/S), RCN, 15 May 1947
 Lieutenant-Commander (TAS) (D), RCN, 01 July 1947
 To HMCS Stadacona for Anti-Submarine School on 17 November 1947
 To Naval Service HQ as Staff Officer (TAS) on Staff of Director
 Weapons and Tactics on 15 December 1947
 Commander, RCN, 01 July 1949
 To HMS Niobe for RN Staff Course ashore on 12 August 1949
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Athabaskan** (II) (Tribal Class Destroyer
 post war - 219) from 13 March 1950 to 2 July 1951 for Korean War
 Service (awarded **Bar to DSC, MID, and US Legion of Merit**)
 To Naden as Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Pacific Coast on 03
 July 1951
 To HMCS Stadacona as Officer-in-Charge of Junior Officers' Technical
 Leadership course on 10 October 1951
 Commanded the RCN contingent at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth
 on 27 April 1953 for June 1953
 To HMCS Stadacona as Officer-in-Charge of Junior Officers' Technical
 Leadership course on 26 June 1953
 Captain, RCN, 01 July 1953
 To Naval Service HQ as Director of Naval Training on 03 August 1953
 Commanding Officer of HMCS Venture, Officer Training Establishment,
 on commissioning, on 11 August 1954
 Commanding Officer, **HMCS Ontario** (Cruiser - 53), from 23 August 1956
 to 21 August 1957
 Commanding Officer, HMCS Shearwater (Naval Air Station), from 03
 September 1957 to July 1960.
 To Naval HQ as Director of Naval Operational Requirements on 01
 August 1960
 Promoted to Commodore, RCN, 10 April 1961
 To Naval HQ as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Air and Warfare) on
 10 April 1961
 To **HMCS Bonaventure** (Aircraft Carrier) as **Senior Canadian Officer**
Afloat Atlantic on 19 October 1962
 To **HMCS Kootenay** as **Senior Canadian Officer Afloat Atlantic** on 10
 December 1962
 To **HMCS Cape Scott** as **Senior Canadian Officer Afloat Atlantic** on 14
 January 1963
 To **HMCS Terra Nova** as **Senior Canadian Officer Afloat Atlantic** on 04
 March 1963.
 To **HMCS Bonaventure** (Aircraft Carrier) as **Senior Canadian Officer**
Afloat Atlantic on 07 June 1963
 To Naval HQ as **Acting Vice-Chief of Naval Staff** on 17 June 1964
 Promoted Rear-Admiral, RCN, 01 August 1964

To Canadian Forces HQ as Deputy Chief of Operational Readiness 01 August 1964.

To Canadian Forces HQ as Deputy Chief of Operations 02 October 1965.

Canadian Forces HQ for Rehabilitation Leave on 08 August 1966.

Honourably released effective 04 April 1967

He died 28 May 2010 in White Rock, British Columbia

WELLAND. Robert Phillip ("Bob or Rapid Robert"), 0-76950, 28/05/1910

RCN Special entry No.40, Cdt 1936

Mid [1.5.37]

HMS EMERALD (1.5.37-?)

HMS GLASGOW (12.10.38-?)

A/S/Lt [1.5.39]

HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, (6.3.40-?)

Lt [15.11.40]

DSC~[11.3.42]

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (2.4.43-8.6.43)

A/LCdr (WHA)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, CO, (9.6.43-7.7.43)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (8.7.43-?)

HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, (18.12.44-?)

HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, (19.12.44-2.9.45)

MID~[20.1.45]

HMCS ROYAL ROADS, XO, (1.11.45-?)

LCdr [15.5.47]

Cdr [1.7.49]

HMCS ATHABASKAN(219) DD, CO, (13.3.50-2.7.51)

FOPC/CoSt, (3.7.51-?) CD~[?]

MID~[14.7.51]

Capt [1.7.53]

Bar to DSC~[22.12.51]

Awarded by **USA Officer-Legion of Merit~[16.4.55]**

HMCS ONTARIO (32) L/Cr, CO, (23.8.56-21.8.57)

Cmdre [10.4.61]

RAdm [1.8.64]

Naval Cadet, RCN	28 August	1936	(To HMCS Frobisher / Special Entry No. 40)
Midshipman, RCN	01 May	1937	(To HMS Emerald for training, East Indies Station)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 May	1939	(To HMS Glasgow for training)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	11 November	1939	(Served in HMCS St. Laurent)
Lieutenant, RCN	15 May	1940	(Served in HMCS St. Laurent - Dunkirk - DSC)
Lieutenant (A/S), RCN	09 June	1941	(HMS Osprey Long A/S course)
Acting Lieutenant-Commander (A/S), RCN	21 October	1943	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Assiniboine (MID) & HMCS Haida)
Lieutenant-Commander (A/S), RCN	15 May	1947	(Executive Officer Royal Roads)
Lieutenant-Commander (TAS)(D), RCN	01 July	1947	(Executive Officer Royal Roads)
Commander, RCN	01 July	1949	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Athabaskan - Bar to DSC / MID / Legion of Merit)
Captain, RCN	01 July	1953	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Ontario)
Commodore, RCN	10 April	1961	(Senior Canadian Officer Afloat Atlantic)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	01 August	1964	(Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff)
Resigned / Retired	04 April	1967	

Citation for Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) to Robert WELLAND:

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

WELLAND, Robert Philip, Acting Lieutenant-Commander, DSC - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 14 November 1944.

"For good service when their ship was damaged."

"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."

MEDALS of Rear-Admiral Robert ("Bob") WELLAND, DSC* CD



DSC and Bar MID - Naval General Service Medal with Clasp Palestine 1936-39 - 1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star with France and Germany Bar - Defence Medal - CVSM with Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal with MID - Canadian Korea Medal with MID - United Nations Service Medal Korea - Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal - CD and First Bar - USA Officer Legion of Merit
Also entitled to Cdn Korea Volunteer Service Medal

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WELLBURN, Clifford Collinson, Leading Seaman (V-36029) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Arvida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

HMCS Arvida was a Flower Class Corvette (K113).

WELLBURN. Clifford Collinson, V-36029, LS, RCNVR. MID~[5.1.46]

"For devotion to duty over a long period at sea. This Rating served in **HMCS Arvida** for twenty-four months. His conduct and cheerful devotion to duty have been a fine example to the Ship's Company."

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WELLS, Alexander Victor, Commander (E) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

WELLS. Alexander Victor, 0-76990, A/Lt(E) (Temp) [15.11.39] RCNR

HMC Naval Base, Sydney, CB, Base/Repair, (25.3.40-?)

A/LCdr(E) (Temp) [?] LCdr(E) (Temp) [1.1.43] Cdr(E) (Temp) [1.1.45]

OBE~[5.1.46] Demobilized [16.1.46]

"This Officer, during his service in Sydney, which dates from the earliest days of the war, has been largely responsible for the successful construction and operation of the Sydney Base. Commander Wells is a strong representative of the engineering branch of the Royal Canadian Navy, due to his wide ability, knowledge and tactful personality."

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WELLS, John William, Leading Seaman (A-1084) - Commendation - RCN - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 29 July 1943 (no Canada Gazette).

Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

WELLS. John William, A-1084, LS, RCNR

Commendation~ [29.7.43] **BEM**~[16.6.45]

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

WELLS, John William, Leading Seaman (A-1084) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

"This Rating displayed exceptional coolness and courage at great personal risk during difficult mine recovery operations, in rendering the mines safe, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the Service. This Rating was awarded a Commendation on 29 July 1943."

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WELSH, Wilfred Keith, Surgeon Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN(R) / Surgeon Halifax Naval Hospital - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

University of Toronto Medical graduate of 1926.

General Surgeon and Orthopaedic Surgeon at St. Michael's and North York General Hospital after the war.

WELSH. Wilfred Keith, 0-77050, Surg/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43] RCNVR

HMCS ANNAPOLIS(I04) DD, (18.8.43-?) Surg/Cdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

Medically unfit [20.9.45] **OBE**~[15.6.46]

"By his zeal and high professional knowledge of surgery, Surgeon Commander Welsh made an outstanding contribution to the Medical Branch of the Royal Canadian Navy, particularly for highly specialized work for personnel of all three Services on the east coast."

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WENZEL, William Max, Able Seaman (V-38269) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR / HMCS Stormont - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Elk Point, Alberta.

HMCS Stormont was a River Class Destroyer (K327).

WENZEL. William Max, V-38269, AB, RCNVR, **BEM**~[6.1.45]

"For risking his life rescuing the whaler crew of **HMCS Stormont** trapped in the ice off shore in a gale. This Rating took a line a considerable distance over soft ice to enable the crew to come ashore during conditions when no other boat was available. Had this not been done, it is highly improbable that the whaler could have been beached until the gale subsided the following day."

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WERELY, James Marshall, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class (A-5258)
- **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette**
of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944. Home:
Sorel, Quebec.

HMCS Cobalt was a Flower Class Corvette (K124).

WERELY. James Marshall, A-5258, ERA 4, RCNR, BEM~[8.1.44]

"This Rating formed part of a volunteer boarding party from **HMCS Cobalt** which extinguished the fires in an American tanker full of gasoline. After collision in August 1943 in intense heat, and with the petrol on fire in the pipe lines and the tops of the tanks, this Rating fought the fires for over two hours with complete disregard for his own personal safety and set an example to the remainder of the party."

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WEST, George, Acting Petty Officer (V-18132) - Mention in Despatches
- RCNVR / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20
January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944.

Home: Kingston, Ontario.

WEST. George, V-18132, A/PO, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

"For good service when their ship was damaged."

"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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WESTBROOK, George Arnold, Petty Officer (3574) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 20 March 1945.

Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

WESTBROOK. George Arnold, 3574, PO, RCN, MID~[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**)

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WEYMAN, Ronald C., Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS St. Croix - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 7 November 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

WEYMAN. Ronald Charles, 0-77220, S/Lt(Temp) [18.3.40] RCNVR,
Lt(Temp) [13.12.40]
HMCS NIAGARA (I57) DD, (6.10.41-?)
HMCS ST. CROIX (I81) DD, (1942?) **MID**~[20.1.45]
A/LCdr(Temp) (WHA) Demobilized. [1.3.45]

"For good service when his ship was sunk."

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WHALEN, John Cameron, Stores Chief Petty Officer (V-25266) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Uganda - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

HMCS Uganda was a Cruiser (66).

WHALEN. John Cameron, V-25266, CPO/Stores, RCNVR, **MID**~[5.1.46]

"Chief Petty Officer Whalen joined the Canadian Naval Service in the early days of the war and has served a sea for almost three years since that time. As Chief Petty Officer in charge of the Naval Stores in **HMCS Uganda** in the Pacific theatre of operations, he contributed faithful and zealous services in accordance with the highest traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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WHALLEY, Arthur George Cuthbert, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Bronze Medal of Royal Humane Society - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 28 May 1941.

Not Known.

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WHEELER, James Henry, Regulating Petty Officer (A-352) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / Regulating Petty Officer HMCS Chatham, Prince Rupert - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Saanich, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Served on the **Empress of Asia**. Then to the **Empress of Japan** (which was renamed **Empress of Scotland**) and then to DEMS ships.

Finally served as the Regulating Petty Officer at HMCS Chatham in

Prince Rupert, B.C.

Awarded the **RCNR Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** on 8 June 1944.

WHEELER. James Henry, C-352, RPO, RCNR, LS&GC~[8.6.44]

BEM~[5.1.46]

"Petty Officer Wheeler, who has served continuously in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve for the past eleven years, has at all times performed his onerous duties of Regulating Petty Officer with diligence, cheerfulness and dispatch. He is regarded by superiors and subordinates alike as being the predominant factor in the prevailing good morale and discipline in HMCS Chatham, the establishment at Prince Rupert, British Columbia."

Medals of Regulating Petty Officer James Henry WHEELER, BEM, RCNR:

BEM - 39/45 Star - Pacific Star - CVSM with Clasp - 39/45 War Medal - RCNR LS Medal and Good Conduct Medal.



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WHELAN, Eldred, Motor Mechanic (V-27106) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Port Arthur - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 4 May 1943 (no Canada Gazette).

WHELAN. Elfred, 0-77307, MM, RCNVR, V-27106, **MID**~[4.5.43] A/PO/MM, 2ndMID~[26.2.44]
S/Lt(E) (Temp) [27.3.44] RCNVR,
HMCS TRANSCONA (J271) m/s, (28.6.44-?) A/Lt(E) (Temp) [27.3.45]
Demobilized. [20.6.45]

"For bravery and distinguished services during the operations which led to landing of the Allied armies in North Africa."

WHELAN, Eldred, Acting Petty Officer Motor Mechanic (V-27106) - **Mention in Despatches (Second)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 February 1944 and **London Gazette** of 21 December 1943.

"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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WHELAN, John Joseph, Lieutenant-Commander - **Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE)** - RCNR / HMCS Avalon - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.
Home: St. John's, Newfoundland.

WHELAN. John Joseph, 0-77310, Lt(Temp) [1.5.41] RCNR
Lt(Temp) [1.5.40] A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43]
Demobilized. [5.12.45] **MBE**~[5.1.46]

"While ships were based at HMCS Avalon, they knew that whenever waterborne transportation was needed for hospital cases, stores, mail or libertymen, Lieutenant-Commander Whelan's department could always be relied on contribution to morale. Lieutenant-Commander Whelan has set an excellent example by his exemplary conduct and unfailing devotion to duty."

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WHINNEY, Edna May, Lieutenant (SB) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - WRCNS / Wren Recruiting - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

A Canadian living in England, she joined the WRCNS as a Third Officer on 19 November 1942. Served in NSHQ.

Promoted Lieutenant 15 February 1943;

To **HMCS York** 5 July 1943 and **Niobe** 11 August 1944.

Promoted LCdr (SB) 1 January 1946.

Retired early 1946.

She died on 24 February 1998, age 97, in Ottawa, Ontario.

WHINNEY. Edna May, 0-77330, Lt(SB)(Temp) [15.2.43] WRCNS

MBE~[6.1.45]

"With the Commanding Officer, Reserve Divisions from the taking over of Wren Recruiting, until her appointment overseas, Lieutenant Whinney was untiring in her efforts, and by her personality, tactfulness, patience and perseverance, was instrumental in organizing and maintaining the recruiting of personnel for the WRCN Service in a most efficient and exemplary manner."

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WHISTLECRAFT, Donald William, Leading Stores Assistant (V-38406) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / St Thomas - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945 and London Gazette 24 July 1945. Home: St. Thomas, Ontario.

WHISTLECRAFT. Donald William, V-38406. L/Sup, RCNVR, **MID**~[15.9.45]

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

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

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WHITE, Alexander Auchterlane, Chief Petty Officer (X-41092) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Skeena - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 28 November 1942 and London Gazette of 25 November 1942.

WHITE. Alexander Auchterlane, 0-77341, CPO, X-41092, RCN

MID~[28.11.42]

Bosn(Temp) [27.3.44] RCN, resigned [3.7.45]

"He was coxswain of **HMCS Skeena** during a long chase and hunt of an enemy U-Boat. His efficient manoeuvring of the ship during successive attacks contributed to the eventual destruction of the enemy U-Boat."

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

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WHITE, Charles de Wolfe, Chaplain Second Class (P) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / HMCS Uganda - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A native of Kentville, N.S., Chaplain White received his early schooling there, at Summerside, P.E.I., and at King's College School, Windsor, N.S. He graduated from the University of King's College, Halifax, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1925, and in 1927 was ordained to the priesthood of the Church of England in Canada in Christ Church, Windsor, N.S.

Between 1927 and 1940, he served in the parishes at Arichat and Petite Riviere, N.S., was chaplain of King's College School and was rector of St. Luke's Church, Annapolis Royal, and St. George's Anglican Church, Halifax.

He **joined the RCN in 1940** and served in HMCS Venture in the Halifax dockyard.

In November 1942, he went to Ottawa and became the first Protestant chaplain to serve at Headquarters.

In 1943 he went overseas to set up a chaplain service for the RCN in the United Kingdom.

In August 1944, he was appointed to HMCS Uganda and remained in the cruiser throughout her period of service in the Pacific theatre.

His services received further recognition when the degree of Bachelor of Divinity was conferred on him by The University of King's College in 1946.

He left Uganda in December 1945 to become Command Chaplain (P) at Halifax. He held this appointment until his death at age 47 on 22 April 1950.

WHITE. Charles De Wolfe, 0-77380, Chap C1 II(CofE) [15.10.40] RCN

HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, stand by, (30.8.44-20.10.44)

HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (21.10.44-?) **OBE**~[6.1.45]

"Reverend White has carried out his duties, both in Canada and overseas, with marked success. He has a great understanding of men and has been an excellent influence and a great help to all those with whom he has come in contact."

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WHITE, Colin, Commissioned Catering Officer - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN / Catering Officer of the Wardroom Mess at HMCS Cornwallis - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Home: Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia.

WHITE. Colin, 0-77360, Cd/Ct [1.7.44] RCN, **MBE**~[13.6.46]

HMCS WARRIOR(31) CVL, (10.11.47-?)

HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, stand by, (28.3.48-6.4.48)

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

HMCS HAIDA(215) DD, (13.1.50-?)

HMCS WALLACEBURG(172) AM, (1.11.50-?) CD~[?]

"For diligence and keenness in the performance of his duties as Catering Officer of the Wardroom Mess at HMCS Cornwallis. His steadfast cheerfulness and untiring efforts in the interests of the Service in carrying out his work and assisting and training others have been exemplary."

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WHITE, John Cyril, Able Seaman (V-17523) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 September 1943 and **London Gazette** of 19 August 1943.

Home: London, Ontario.

"This Rating displayed skill and coolness in action with an enemy submarine. He was the first to contact the U-Boat at extreme range, on the R.D.F. set and remained in contact throughout the action, thus enabling the ship to close and ram the submarine."

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

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WHITE, Richard Paul, Lieutenant-Commander, VRD - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / HMCS Uganda - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

Graduated from Lisgar Collegiate in 1933 and immediately went to work for the British American Bank Note Company (and became President in 1966 and retired after 52 years of service in 1985).

Served in RCNVR in WWII.

Served in the Naval Reserve from 24 October 1948 to 19 September 1956.

Promoted to Commander 01 January 1950 while serving as Executive Officer of HMCS Carleton (Naval Reserve Division Ottawa)

Awarded the **RCNVR Officers' Decoration (VRD)** on 4 May 1951.

Served as Executive Officer and then as Commanding Officer of HMCS Carleton in early 1951 to 19 September 1956.

Promoted Captain, RCN(R) on 1 July 1953.

Former Chairman of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires.

Died in Ottawa on 20 November 2002.

WHITE. Richard Paul, 0-77510, RCNVR Half Company Ottawa A/Lt [7.10.37] RCNVR

HMC Naval Base, Quebec, Ext/Def, (2.9.39-?)

HMCS ST. CLAIR (I65) DD, (23.6.41-?)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (22.8.41-?) LCdr(T) [1.7.43]

HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, stand by, (5.6.44-20.10.44)

HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (21.10.44-?) **OBE**~[5.1.46]

Demobilized. [17.1.46] LCdr [1.7.43] RCN(R)

HMCS CARELTON Ottawa Naval Division, XO, (24.10.48-19.9.56)

VRD~[4.5.51] Cdr [1.1.50] Capt [?] CM~[26.6.76]

"This Officer, who entered the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve in September 1939, has made an outstanding contribution to the Torpedo Branch of the Canadian Naval Service, both ashore and afloat. He has seen considerable service at sea and while serving in **HMCS Uganda** with the British Pacific Fleet, he showed exceptional zeal, cheerfulness and leadership."

Awarded **Member - Order of Canada (CM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 June 1976. "In recognition of the many years of service he has given to community affairs and to the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires which became a truly national organization under his leadership."

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WHITE, Robert, Chief Engine Room Artificer (X-61765) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 9 January 1943 and London Gazette of 1 January 1943. Home: Peterborough, Ontario.

WHITE. Robert, X-61765, CPO/ERA, RCN, DSM~[9.1.43]

Robert White served with the Royal Navy (M1159) during the First World War and finished the war in the rank of Engine Room Artificer 2nd Class. He was **Mentioned in Despatches**, as announced in the Fourth Supplement to the **London Gazette** 30807 of Friday, July 19, 1918, on Tuesday, July 23, 1918, page 8596: "E.R.A., 2nd Cl., Robert White, O.N. M1159 (Chatham).

He later moved to Canada and settled in Peterborough, Ontario. During the Second World War, White was with the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve (A-1333) and was called up for service with the Royal Canadian Navy (X-61765), in the rank of Chief Engine Room Artificer.

"For bravery and devotion to duty before the enemy. Chief Engine Room Artificer White has served in His Majesty's Canadian Ships for a considerable period of time, during which he has rendered very valuable and efficient service in the engine room. Against the enemy, he has always displayed coolness, resourcefulness and courage of the highest order."

Medal of Chief Engine Room Artificer Robert White, DSM



Distinguished Service Medal, George VI, Type I (A-1333 R. WHITE.

C.E.R.A. R.C.N.R.);
1914-15 Star (M.1159, R. WHITE, E.R.A. 3, R.N.);
British War Medal (M1159 R. WHITE. E.R.A. 2 R.N.);
Victory Medal (M1159 R. WHITE. E.R.A. 2 R.N.) (should have MID);
1939-1945 Star;
Atlantic Star;
Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Overseas Clasp;
1939-1945 War Medal;
Royal Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (R. WHITE CH.
E.R.A. X-61765 R.C.N.);
Belgium: Croix de Guerre **1914-1918** with silver palm.
Naming is officially impressed on the five medals indicated, the
others are un-named.
Sold by e-medals for \$6,500.00

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WHITE, Robert Edward, Leading Seaman (4127) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944.

Home: Orillia, Ontario.

WHITE. Robert Edward, 4127, LS, RCN, DSM~[9.9.44]

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

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WHITING, Terence, Chief Engine Room Artificer (V-5478) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 October 1944.

Home: Brantford, Ontario.

WHITING. Terence, 0-77636, CPO/ERA, V-5478, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

A/Wt(E) (Temp) [1.8.44] RCNVR, Demobilized. [21.11.45]

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

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WHITMAN, G.S., Shipwright Third Class (V-26411) - Commendation - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 (no London Gazette).

WHITMAN. G.S., V-26411, Shipw 3, RCNVR, Commendation~[9.9.44]

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WHITTALL, James William, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 4 May 1943 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

WHITTALL. James William, 0-77740, Lt(Temp) [31.12.39] RCNVR

MID~[4.5.43]

HMCS GIVENCHY III, XO, (18.1.44-?) **DSC~[26.2.44]**

HMCS KELOWNA (J261) m/s, (10.1.45-?)

HMCS PRINCE ROBERT (F56) a/a, (31.5.45-?)

Demobilized. [6.12.45]

"For bravery and distinguished service during the operations which led to the landing of the Allied Armies in North Africa."

WHITTALL, James William, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 February 1944 and **London Gazette** of 21 December 1943.

"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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WHITTEMORE, Thomas William, Engine Room Artificer Second Class (V-17199) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR / HMCS Saint John - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 3 July 1945. Home: Stratford, Ontario.

WHITTEMORE. Thomas William, V-17199, ERA 2, RCNVR, DSM~[15.9.45]

"For good services in action with an enemy U-Boat in the Western Approaches on 16th February 1945."

"For bravery, skill and determination while serving in **H.M. Ships Wild Goose, Labuan, Loch Fada, Rowley, Duckworth, Keats** and **Tyler** and **HMCS St. John** in operations against enemy submarines (London Gazette)."

Details on the action in which **HMCS Saint John** (River Class Frigate - K456) sank **U-309** in the Moray Firth, Scotland on

16 February 1945 can be found in Chapter 59 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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WHITTINGHAM, Maurice Alfred, Acting Yeoman of Signals (V-5558) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

WHITTINGHAM. Maurice Alfred, 0-77750, A/Ymn, V-5558, RCNVR **BEM~[9.1.43]**

S/Lt(Temp) [15.2.43]

HMCS MULGRAVE (J313) m/s, (5.7.43-?)

HMCS SUDEROY VI (J05) m/s, (1.2.44-?)

Lt(Temp) [15.2.44]

HMCS ANNAPOLIS (I04) DD, (6.3.44-?) Demobilized. [10.10.45]

"Whilst serving for a considerable period in corvettes and destroyers in the North Atlantic, Acting Yeoman of Signals Whittingham has consistently displayed outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty."

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WHYNOT, Roger Rodman, Leading Supply Assistant (V-25745) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 12 December 1942 and **London Gazette** of 3 December 1942.

WHYNOT. Roger Rodman, V-25745, L/Sup, RCNVR, **MID~[12.12.42]**

"This Rating was a member of the after-supply party during an action with an enemy U-Boat. Although he naturally has had little of no experience in gunner, he was one of three ratings who brought 'Y' gun into action when an opportunity offered. 'Y' gun registered a direct hit on the enemy U-Boat, thus making a decisive contribution to the success of the action."

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

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WIGGINS, Donald William, Petty Officer (2770) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945 and London Gazette 19 June 1945.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

WIGGINS. Donald William, 2770, PO, RCN, DSM~[15.9.45]

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

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WILKINS, George Arthur, Lieutenant (E) - Commendation - RCNR / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per London Gazette of 17 August 1943 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Lennoxville, Quebec.

WILKINS. George Arthur, 0-78040, Lt(E) (Temp) [4.5.42] RCNR

HMCS BEAVER (Z10) (A) p/v, (25.5.42-?)

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (27.7.42-?) **Commendation~[7.8.43]**

Lt(E) [4.5.41]

HMCS ANTIGONISH (K661) Fr, stand by (26.4.44-?)

A/LCdr(E) [1.7.44] Demobilized. [11.12.45]

"For devotion to duty and displaying cool courage in controlling repair parties. He set a very fine example to all those working under him when making temporary repairs to the ship's side after the ship collided with an enemy submarine."

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WILKINS, William, Chief Stoker (21175) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN / HMCS Uganda - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 January 1946 and London Gazette of 1 January 1946.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

HMCS Uganda was a Cruiser (66).

WILKINS. William, 21175, CPO/Sto, RCN, BEM~[5.1.46]

"Chief Wilkins has served a total of twenty-one years in the Royal Canadian Navy during the present war and has spent over two years at sea latterly in **HMCS Uganda** with the British Pacific Fleet. His drive and energy, efficiency and unswerving devotion to duty have been a constant example to those serving with him."

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WILKINSON, Joseph Graham, Petty Officer Telegraphist (2618) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Skeena - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 25 November 1942.
WILKINSON. Joseph Graham, 0-78105, PO/Tel, 2618, RCN

MID~[28.11.42]

Wt/Rad [10.1.44] RCN, HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, (6.5.47-?)

Cd/Rad [10.1.44] HMCS SHEARWATER (17.10.49-?) CD~[?]

"This Petty Officer, through his ability to obtain D/F bearings of an enemy U-Boat in the preliminary chase, undoubtedly contributed in a large measure for its eventual sighting and destruction.

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

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WILKINSON, Norman Leslie, Gunner (G) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Assiniboine - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 12 December 1942 and **London Gazette** of 22 December 1942.

WILKINSON. Norman Leslie, 0-78120, A/Gnr [16.1.42] RCN

HMCS ASSINIBOINE (I18) DD, (1942?)

MID~[12.12.42]

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, stand by, (26.5.44-25.4.45)

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, (26.4.45-?) Wt/Ord [16.1.42]

HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, stand by, (3.10.46-6.4.48)

HMCS MAGNIFICENT (21) CVL, (7.4.48-?)

HMCS SHEARWATER (1.12.48-?) Ord/Lt* [16.1.48] CD~[?]

HMCS SIOUX (225) DD, (14.3.51-?)

"Mr. Wilkinson was Gunnery Officer of **HMCS Assiniboine** and although slightly wounded, performed excellent work in extinguishing a bad fire which had broken out on the flag deck during the action with an enemy U-Boat."

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

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WILKINSON, William Arthur, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Strathdam - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Windsor, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of *HMCS Hunter* (Windsor, Ontario), naval reserve division, from 17 November 1947 to 28 February 1952.

WILKINSON. William Arthur, 0-78130, Lt(Temp) [1.6.40] RCNVR

HMCS MATAPEDIA (K112) Cof, (18.12.41-?)

Lt(Temp) [1.6.39]

LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45]

LCdr [1.7.45] RCN(R) **MID~[5.1.46]** Demobilized. [9.1.46]

HMCS HUNTER Windsor Naval Division, CO, (11.11.47-28.02.1952)

Cdr [1.7.48] RCN(R)

"For coolness, skill and gallantry in action during a premature explosion aboard one of His Majesty's Canadian Ships (**HMCS Strathdam**). Following the explosion, Lieutenant-Commander Wilkinson displayed fearless patience and courage in rendering safe the remaining ammunition which had been prepared for firing and was in a highly sensitive state due to fragments from the explosion."

Details on the action in which **HMCS Strathdam** (River Class Frigate - K682) and Escort Group 25 sank **U-1302** off St. David's Head, South Wales, on 7 March 1945 can be found in Chapter 61 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". The events described in the citation occurred three weeks after this action. Wilkinson and the Commanding Officer, LCdr H.L. Quinn, screwed the impellers back in and replaced the safety pins on the hedgehog spigots to prevent them firing if the ship sank.

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WILLIAMS, Arthur Stanley, Acting Leading Seaman (V-18430) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944.

WILLIAMS. Arthur Stanley, V-18430, A/LS, RCNVR, **MID~[9.9.44]**

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

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

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WILLIAMS, Bruce Edward, Able Seaman (V-72477) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Clayoquot - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 20 March 1945.
Home: Toronto, Ontario.

"When an explosion resulting in the loss of his ship occurred, Able Seaman Williams O.N. V-72477 showed great courage in assisting a number of men to get on a life raft which they could not have done without his aid, the water being very cold."

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

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WILLIAMS, David Anthony, Chief Stoker (21256) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

Joined in December 1938 at a Stoker 2nd Class.

Served in *HMS Pembroke* and ashore in *HMS Victory* and *HMS Fisgard*.

Served on *HMCS Champlain*, *HMCS Saguenay*, *HMCS Ypres*, *HMCS Skeena*, *HMCS St. Lauren*, *HMCS Ottawa*, *HMCS Niagara*, *HMCS St. Catharines*, *HMCS Crusader* and *HMCS Uganda*.

Served ashore in Stadacona, Naden, and Avalon.

Awarded **RCN Long Service and Good Conduct Medal** in October 1944.

WILLIAMS. David Anthony, 21256, CPO/Sto, RCN, DSM~[9.1.43]

"For bravery and devotion to duty before the enemy. In carrying out duties demanding the safeguarding of German prisoners embarked in one of His Majesty's Canadian Destroyers from an enemy U-Boat, Chief Stoker Williams displayed the utmost zeal and resourcefulness under very unusual conditions. His conduct was marked by coolness and courage of a high order."

WILLIAMS, David Anthony, Chief Stoker, DSM (21256) - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Uganda - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5

January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

"Chief Stoker Williams has served in the Royal Canadian Navy for seventeen years. During the war, he has spent considerable time at sea, both in the Battle of the Atlantic and in the Pacific theatre in operations in **HMCS Uganda**. He has at all times given faithful and outstanding service to a marked degree."

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WILLIAMS, Frank Robert, Acting Lieutenant - Royal Humane Society Medal (Bronze Medal for Saving Life at Sea) - RCNVR / HMCS Alberni
- Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 6 January 1945.

The sinking of **HMCS Alberni** (Flower Class Corvette - K103) by **U-480** on 21 August 1944 in the English Channel is described in Chapter 50 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". Williams, a former football player and a strong swimmer, was credited with saving several lives including those of Donald Wood, the Ship's Writer and Ian Bell, who was dazed by the suddenness of the ship's destruction. (Page 176 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**")

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WILLIAMS, Fulton Thompson, Lieutenant-Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

Home: Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

WILLIAMS. Fulton Thompson, A/Lt(Temp) [6.10.39] RCNR

COAC, Ch/Exam, (4.11.39-?)

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43] **OBE~[8.1.44]** Resigned [12.11.44]

"For outstanding devotion to duty in carrying out the grave and responsible duties of Chief Examiner (Examination) Officer of a large convoy assembly port in a most efficient and trustworthy manner."

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WILLIAMS, Horace, Commissioned Shipwright - Mention in Despatches -
RCN / HMCS Uganda - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946
and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

WILLIAMS. Horace, 0-78310, Wt/Shipt [20.4.42] RCN
HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, stand by, (31.8.44-20.10.44)
HMCS UGANDA (66) L/Cr, (21.10.44-?) Cd/Shipt, [?] **MID**~[5.1.46]
Shpt/Lt [15.12.48] Naval Overseer Montreal (9.1.50-?) Cd~[?]

"This Officer has at all times shown zeal, patience and cheerfulness of a high order, and his outstanding service while serving in the Pacific theatre of operations in **HMCS Uganda** has been a source of inspiration to all who have served with him."

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WILLIAMS, John Elliott, Chief Engine Room Artificer (V-22689) -
Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Fennel - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 18 July 1944.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Prior to enlistment he had his Second Class Stationary Engineer Certificate and had, for one year, been Supervisor of Power and Utilities at the INCO Levack Mine in Sudbury.

Joined the RCNVR on 14 January 1941 at the Downsview HQ (Toronto) as a Stoker I (Acting Engineman) and spent the first month in basic training. His registration number was V-22689 and later O-78338 when commissioned.

Received a three-month course in marine engineering and was subsequently appointed an instructor in engineering and machine shop practice in the mechanical training school at the Naden Establishment in Esquimalt, B.C. After one year he requested service on ships to qualify for Watch-keeping and Charge of Machinery Certificates. This was granted and he subsequently acquired the necessary sea time as Assistant Chief Engineer **on H.M.C.S.**

Dawson (on service in the Aleutians) to qualify for the certificates. In May 1943 he wrote the examinations for Warrant Engineer and Sub-Lieutenant Engineer. He later served as Chief Engineer on three major war vessels and was promoted to Commissioned Engineer before demobilization in October 1945. He was mentioned in dispatches, 18 July 44, as a result of actions in the sinking of U-744 by several Canadian ships. He



was serving as **Chief ERA on the HMCS Fennel** at the time. He went on to become a Warrant Engineer before being discharged in Oct 45.

John Williams Service Details per Navy Records

Toronto D.H.Q.	Stoker I/C	14 Jan 41	14 Jan 41
Toronto D.H.Q.	S.P.O.	15 Jan 41	24 Feb 41
Naden	S.P.O.	25 Feb 41	27 May 41
Givenchy (Armentieres)	S.P.O.	28 Feb 41	24 July 41
Naden	S.P.O.	25 Jul 41	07 Sep 41
Naden	E.R.A. 4/C	08 Sep 41	10 Aug 42
Givenchy (Dawson)	E.R.A. 4/C	11 Aug 42	07 Sep 42
Givenchy (Dawson)	E.R.A. 3/C	08 Sep 42	23 Jun 43
Givenchy	E.R.A. 3/C	24 Jun 43	09 Jul 43
Stadacona	E.R.A. 3/C	10 Jul 43	19 Jul 43
Avalon (Fennel)	E.R.A. 3/C	20 Jul 43	30 Sep 43
Avalon (Fennel)	A/Ch. E.R.A. (ty)	01 Oct 43	06 Jan 44
Fennel	A/Wt. Eng T.	07 Jan 44	17 Apr 44
Avalon	A/Wt. Eng T.	18 Apr 44	18 May 44
Cornwallis	A/Wt. Eng T.	19 May 44	31 May 44
Shediac	A/Wt. Eng T.	01 Jun 44	08 Jun 44
Burrard (Shediac)	A/Wt. Eng T.	09 Jun 44	22 Aug 44
Shediac	A/Wt. Eng T.	23 Aug 44	06 Jan 45
Naden	Wt. Eng T.	07 Jan 45	25 Jul 45
Shediac	Wt. Eng T.	25 Jul 45	16 Sep 45
York	Wt. Eng T.	17 Sep 45	17 Oct 45
Discharged	Wt. Eng T.	17 Oct 45	

From his son: "When the HMCS Shediac was hit with a dud torpedo which penetrated the engine room, CERA Williams led his engine room crew in stuffing a mattress in the hole and shoring it up with timber." This was not what he received the MID for.

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

HMCS St. Catherines, HMCS Gatineau, HMCS Chaudiere, and HMCS Chilliwack assisted in sinking **U-744** in mid-Atlantic on 6 March 1944 as described in Chapter 34 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". **HMCS St. Catharines**, the senior ship, carried out a depth charge attack with **HMCS Chilliwack** joining in followed by **HMCS Gatineau**. HMCS Gatineau had to break off the attack but Chilliwack, Fennel and St. Catherines stayed right on throughout the action almost from the moment of its

first appearance until it finally broke surface. HMCS Chilliwack was the first to spot it when it did come up, and closed in a full speed. Soon the other vessels were pouring fire around the U-Boat which was so concentrated that the U-Boat crew never had a chance to man its guns. The first salvo from Chilliwack's 4" gun wiped out a twin mounting right off the conning tower and killed the U-Boat captain who was the first to emerge from the hatch. **HMCS Chaudiere** rescued German submariners and Canadians who were thrown into the water when three of the motorboats and whalers launched to rescue the submariners were overturned in the waves.

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

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WILLIAMS, Norman Lindsay, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMC ML 095 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Commanding Officer of **ML-064** from 8 October 1943 to 20 February 1944.

Commanding Officer of **ML-095** from 25 February 1944 to 5 January 1945.

WILLIAMS. Norman Lindsay, 0-78400, S/Lt(Temp) [23.6.40] RCNVR

Lt(Temp) [23.6.40]

HMC ML 064 (Q064) CO, (1.5.42-2.10.43)

HMC ML 064 (Q064) (72nd ML Fl) CO, (8.10.43-20.2.44)

HMC ML 095 (Q095) (76th ML Fl) (21.2.44-24.2.25)

HMC ML 095 (Q095) (76th ML Fl) CO, (25.2.44-5.1.45)

HMC ML 095 (Q095) CO, (7.2.45-1.7.45) **MID~[6.1.45]**

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized. [6.8.45]

"This Officer has shown outstanding efficiency and devotion to duty over two years, while serving in His Majesty's Canadian Motor Launch's as Commanding Officer, one year of which as Senior Officer of a Flotilla. His cheerfulness during arduous patrol duties, and his ever readiness to undertake any duty assigned to him, greatly enhanced the high morale of his ship and Flotilla."

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WILLIAMS, Owen Glendower, Supply Petty Officer (V-11263) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
WILLIAMS. Owen Glendower, V-11263, PO/Sup, 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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WILLIAMS, Richard Sugden, Lieutenant-Commander - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Shawinigan** (Corvette - K136) from 5 January 1944 to 14 March 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Saskatoon** (Flower Class Corvette - K158) from 15 March 1944 to 29 May 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Oshawa** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J330) from 28 May 1945 to 28 July 1945.

WILLIAMS. Richard Sugden, 0-78470, Lt(Temp) [24.7.39] RCNVR,

HMCS GANANOQUE (J259) m/s, (8.11.41-?)

HMCS SHAWINIGAN (K136) Cof, CO, (5.1.44-14.3.44)

HMCS SASKATOON (K158) Cof, CO, (15.3.44-29.5.45)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

HMCS OSHAWA (J330) m/s, CO, (28.5.45-28.7.45) MID~[16.6.45]

Demobilized. [29.10.45]

"This Officer has served at sea continuously for four years of war, the first year of which was spent with the Royal Navy. On return to the Royal Canadian Navy, he has been employed in escort vessels engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic, in which he displayed qualities of courage and endurance under arduous conditions. By his unbounded zeal, cheerfulness and wholehearted devotion to duty, he has set a fine example to all with whom he has come in contact."

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WILLIAMSON, Richard, Shipwright Third Class (V-45438) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / **HMCS Inch Arran** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: St. James, Manitoba.

HMCS Inch Arran was a River Class Frigate (K667).

WILLIAMSON. Richard, V-45438, Shipw 3, RCNVR, **MID**~[5.1.46]

"For untiring devotion to duty over a long period. During this Rating's service aboard **HMCS Inch Arran**, he has put forth untiring efforts far beyond the call of normal duty. His cheerful attitude towards his work and the thoroughness with which every duty was completed have been an excellent example to the entire ship's company."

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WILLISTON, Archibald Weston, Leading Stores Assistant (V-12879) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 1946 and **London Gazette** of 11 December 1945.

Home: Edmonton, Alberta.

WILLISTON. Archibald Weston, V-12879, LS, RCNVR, **BEM**~[30.3.46]

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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WILLSON, William Herbert, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCN / **HMCS Kootenay** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 28 November 1944.

Home: Calgary, Alberta.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Niagara** (Town Class Destroyer - I57) from 20 September 1943 to 5 March 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Kootenay** (I) (River Class Destroyer - H75) from 29 March 1944 to 26 October 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Crusader** ('C' Class Destroyer - 228) from 29 August 1953 to 12 September 1954.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Terra Nova** (Restigouche Class Destroyer Escort - 259) from 6 June 1959 to 22 June 1960.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Chaleur** (Minesweeper - 164) from 24 July 1963 to 20 March 1964.

WILLSON. William Herbert, 0-78650, RCN Special entry No.41
 Cdt [26.12.36] HMCS STADACONA,
 HMS VINDICTIVE (7.9.37-?)
 HMS FROBISHER, Mid [1.9.38]
 HMS CUMBERLAND (15.1.38-?)
 HMS SUFFOLK,
 HMS DORSETSHIRE (26.9.38-?) A/S/Lt [1.1.40]
 HMS EXCELLENT,
 S/Lt, HMCS SKEENA (I59) DD, (14.5.40-?)
 Lt [15.1.41]
 HMCS ST. CLAIR (I65) DD, (3.2.42-?)
 HMCS NADEN, HMCS SKEENA (I59) DD, (1.3.43-?)
 A/LCdr 1943,
 HMCS NIAGARA (I57) DD, (6.9.43-9.9.43)
 HMCS NIAGARA (I57) DD, CO, (10.9.43-5.3.44)
 HMCS KOOTENAY (H75) DD, CO, (29.3.44-26.10.45) **MID~[20.1.45]**
DSC~[20.1.45] LCdr [15.1.49] CD~[?]
 HMCS CRUSADER (228) DD, (15.4.51-?)
 HMCS CRUSADER (228) DD, CO, (29.8.53-12.9.54) Cdr [1.7.54]
 HMCS OTTAWA (229) DDE, CO, (7.7.58-28.4.59)
 HMCS TERRA NOVA (259) DDE, CO, (6.6.59-22.2.60)
 HMCS CHALEUR (164) m/s, CO, (24.7.63-20.3.64)



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

HMCS Kootenay (I) (River Class Destroyer - H75) along with **HMCS Ottawa** sank **U-678** in the English Channel on 7 June 1944. This action is described in Chapter 47 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939 - 1945**". Willson was Commanding Officer of **HMCS Kootenay**.

WILLSON, William Herbert, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCN / HMCS Kootenay -Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 5 December 1944. Home: Calgary, Alberta.

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

HMCS Kootenay (I) (River Class Destroyer - H75), **HMCS Ottawa** (I), 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**".

Medals of Commander William Herbert WILLSON, DSC, CD, RCN:



DSC - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - Pacific Star - CVSM & Clasp - 39/45 War Medal with MID - Canadian Korean Volunteer Medal - UN Korea Medal - CD

Medals are on display at the Naval Museum of Alberta at the former Museum of the Regiments in Calgary, Alberta.

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WILSON, Cyril Herbert Gordon, Temporary Chief Yeoman of Signals (X-60922) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 14 November 1944. Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

WILSON. Cyril Herbert Gordon, X-60922, CPO/Ymn, RCN; MID~[20.1.45]

"For good service when their ship was damaged."

"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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WILSON, David, Temporary Acting Stoker Petty Officer (X-41051) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN / HMCS Oakville - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 26 December 1942 and London Gazette of 29 December 1942.

WILSON. David, X-41051, Sto/PO, RCN, DSM~[26.12.42]

"For good services in action with enemy submarines while

serving in **HMCS Oakville**."

Details on the action in which **HMCS Oakville** (Flower Class Corvette - K178) rammed and sank **U-94** in the North Caribbean on 28 August 1942 can be found in Chapter 15 of "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**". Wilson received the DSM for his quick reaction in **HMCS Oakville's** boiler and engine rooms when flooding occurred due to the multiple rammings.

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WILSON, Frederick William, Acting Leading Seaman (V-24839) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR / **HMCS St. Laurent** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 12 September 1944.

Home: Transcona, Manitoba.

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

WILSON. Frederick William, V-24839, A/LS, RCNVR, **BEM~[20.1.45]**

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

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WILSON, Gordon Cornelius, Acting Able Seaman (V-22658) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR / **S.S. Caribou** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

WILSON. Gordon Cornelius, 0-78840, A/AB, V-22658 RCNVR **BEM~[9.1.43]**

S/Lt(Temp) [8.4.44] **HMCS LETHBRIDGE** (K160) Cof, (30.11.44-?)

A/Lt(Temp) [8.4.45] **HMCS LETHBRIDGE** (K160) Cof, (19.5.45-?)

Demobilized. [2.8.45]

"Acting Able Seaman Wilson has consistently displayed great devotion to duty throughout his term of service. After the sinking of the Newfoundland Ferry, **S.S. Caribou**, his exceptional services in handling survivors and casualties merited high commendation."

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WILSON, Harry Parks, Lieutenant (P) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / No. 881 RN Squadron aboard HMS Pursuer - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 30 May 1944.

Home: Orillia, Ontario.

Ordinary Seaman at Stadacona in 1940.

To HMS Raleigh for training in 1940.

To HMS Hecla and HMS Waddaon in 1941.

Commissioned from the ranks as Sub-Lieutenant (Temp.) RCNVR on 9 April 1941.

To HMS King Alfred for training in 1941.

To Oban, Scotland as Kite Balloon Officer and HMS Buxton in 1941.

To RNAS Lee-on-Solent for training in 1942.

To Royal Navy for Pilot training at RNAS Sealand for **No. 24 Elementary Flying Training School** in 1942.

To RAF Kingston for **No. 31 SFTS**, and to RNAS Yeovilton for Operational Flying Training.

Promoted Lieutenant (P) (Temp), RCNVR retroactive to 30 July 1941.

To **No. 881 RN Squadron** flying Wildcats in 1943.

Present for the raid on the **Tirpitz** on 3 April 1944.

To Naval Service HQ on staff of Director of Naval Air Division in 1944.

Demobilized 1 February 1945.

Total flying hours:

430 hours with 42 day and 2 night fixed wing deck landings.

WILSON. Harry Parks, 0-78870, Lt(Temp) 30.7.41] RCNVR, **MID**~[24.6.44]

Medically Unfit [28.2.45]

"For courage, enterprise and skill in successful air operations from **H.M. Ships Biter, Pursuer** and **Fencer** against enemy aircraft."

He flew a Wildcat with **No. 881 RN Squadron** against the German Ship **Tirpitz** on 3 April 1944.

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WILSON, James Arthur, Stoker Petty Officer (V-2574) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Fairville, New Brunswick.

WILSON. James Arthur, V-2574, PO/Sto, RCNVR, **BEM**~[5.6.43]

"While serving in one of His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes in the North Atlantic, this Rating has rendered excellent service and at all times has displayed wholehearted devotion to duty."

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WILSON, James Sutherland, Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMT Kingston Beryl - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 11 June 1942 (no Canada Gazette).

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Beaver** (Armed Yacht - Z.10) from 5 December 1943 to 28 December 1942.

Awarded **RCNVR Officers' Decoration (VRD)** on 13 December 1943.

WILSON. James Sutherland, 0-78920, Lt [5.9.39] RCNVR

HMC Naval Base, Sydney, CB, Exam/Svc, 3.9.39-?)

HMC Naval Base, Montreal, NCS, (18.4.40-?)

LCdr [23.11.39] RCNVR, **MID**~[11.6.42]

HMCS BEAVER(Z10) (A) p/v, CO, (5.12.42-28.12.42) VRD~[13.12.43]

Cdr [1.1.44] CD~[?] Resigned [21.1.45]

"For outstanding zeal, patience and cheerfulness and for never failing to set an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, without which the high tradition of the Royal Canadian Navy could not have been upheld - **H.M.T. Kingston Beryl**."

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WILSON, Olive Olga, Matron - Member - Royal Red Cross (RRC) - RCN (Temp) - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Newton, Ontario.

WILSON. Olive Olga, 0-78950, Matron(Temp) [22.12.42] RCN

RRC~[6.1.45] Demobilized. [6.12.45]

"Matron Wilson, who transferred from the Army Medical Corps, was one of the first four Nursing Sisters to join the Royal Canadian Navy in December 1941. She has served at as Matron of Royal Canadian Naval Hospitals for a period exceeding three and a half years. Her work has been of an exceptionally high calibre, commanding the respect of all with whom she has come in contact, a tribute to her personality, energy and unquestionable loyalty to the high ideals of her profession. The high morale of patients was steadfastly maintained by her diligence, tact and cheerfulness at all times."

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WILSON, Ross Franklin, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMS Penelope - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 February 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Rosthern** (Flower Class Corvette - K169)

from 4 November 1944 to 6 April 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Kamsack** (Flower Class Corvette - K171) from 11 May 1945 to 27 July 1945.

WILSON. Ross Franklin, 0-78980, Lt(Temp) [4.3.39] RCNVR **MID**~[21.2.44]

HMCS ROSTHERN (K169) Cof, CO, (4.11.44-6.4.45)

HMCS KAMSACK (K171) Cof, (5.5.45-10.5.45)

A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45]

HMCS KAMSACK (K171) Cof, CO, (11.5.45-27.7.45)

LCdr(Temp) [?] Demobilized. [16.10.45]

"For gallantry and outstanding service in the face of the enemy, and for zeal, patience and cheerfulness in dangerous waters."

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WILSON, Roy Francis, Petty Officer (V-12222) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Inch Arran - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Edmonton, Alberta.

HMCS Inch Arran was a River Class Frigate (K667).

WILSON. Roy Francis, V-12222, PO, RCNVR, **MID**~[5.1.46]

"For continuous good service over a long period. Petty Officer Wilson has served in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve since March 1938. He has been an excellent example to his subordinates, by his unfailing cheerfulness and devotion to duty. He gave freely of his time to teach his men, thereby stimulating their interest and greatly increasing the efficiency of his branch in **HMCS Inch Arran**."

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WILSON, William Joseph Henry, Petty Officer Telegraphist (3062) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944.

Home: Windsor, Ontario.

WILSON. William Joseph Henry, 3662, PO/Tel, RCN, **MID**~[20.1.45]

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

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WINDEYER, Guy Stanley, Lieutenant-Commander - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCN / HMCS Wetaskiwin - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 25 November 1942.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Wetaskiwin** (Flower Class Corvette - K175) from 17 December 1940 to 4 November 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Laurent** (I) (River Class Destroyer - H83) from 14 November 1942 to 19 January 1943.

WINDEYER. Guy Stanley, 0-79110, LCdr [15.12.30] RCN, {RN(rtd)}

HMCS WETASKIWIN (K175) Cof, CO, (17.12.40-4.11.42) A/Cdr(Temp)

HMCS ST. LAURENT (H83) DD, CO, (14.11.42-19.1.43) **DSC**~[28.11.42]

Cdr(Temp) [1.1.43]

HMCS GIVENCHY III(D/S) CO, (1.10.43-?)

Services completed [14.6.45] Died [25.11.84]

"For distinguished services before the enemy."

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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WINN, Jack Woolford, Acting Chief Petty Officer (B-232) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Regina - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 November 1943 and **London Gazette** of 29 June 1943.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Coxswain of **HMCS Regina** at the time of the attack on the **Italian Submarine Avorio**.

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

WINN. Jack Woolford (Walford), B-232, A/PO, RCNR, LS&GC~[27.9.43]

A/CPO, **MID**~[13.11.43]

"For skill and devotion to duty in the destruction of an Italian Submarine while serving in **HMCS Regina**."

HMCS Regina (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K234) sank **Italian Submarine Avorio** on 8 February 1943 off Algeria in the Mediterranean as described in Chapter 24 of **"The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945"**.

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WINTERTON, Ralph, Engine Room Artificer Third Class (V-12726) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMCS Chebogue - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Edmonton, Alberta.

WINTERTON. Ralph, V-12726, ERA 3, RCNVR, MID~[5.1.46]

"After the torpedoing of **HMCS Chebogue**, Engine Room Artificer Winterton displayed gallantry in immediately inspecting the water-tightness of threatened compartments in the stern, when the ship was in imminent danger of sinking. He afterwards displayed outstanding skill and leadership in the performance of damage control duties. He performed these duties with zeal, patience and cheerfulness, setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty, worthy of the highest traditions of the Canadian Naval Service."

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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WINTHROPE, William James, Surgeon Lieutenant (Posthumous) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMS Campbellton - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 November 1945 and **London Gazette** of 11 September 1945."

Born in Saskatoon Saskatchewan on 20 February 1912

Graduated from the University of Toronto with BSc and MD in 1936

Taught anatomy at the University of Toronto Medical School pre-war

Joined RCNVR at HMCS York on 04 February 1941

Appointments included Naden, Port Arthur, Naval HQ, Bytown, Stadacona, Drake, Eagler

Served as Medical Officer on **HMS Campbellton** - Campbellton was used to ram the docks at St. Nazaire in March 1942.

During this operation, he served on board **ML-177**.

He was **Killed in Action** and last seen as **ML-177** was picking up survivors trying to leave St. Nazaire. His body was found and is buried at Escoblac La Baule War Cemetery.

WINTHROPE. William James, Surg/Lt(Temp) [11.2.41] RCNVR, MID~[24.11.45]

"For service in raid on St. Nazaire, March 1942."



Medals of Surgeon Lieutenant William James Winthrope, RCNVR
1939/45 Star, CVSM and Clasp, 1939/45 War Medal with MID.

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WISEMAN, Carl William, Petty Officer Electrician (V-25582) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

WISEMAN. Carl William, V-25582, PO/Elec, RCNVR, MID~[9.1.43]

"Petty Officer (Electrician) Wiseman has given outstanding service in one of His Majesty's Canadian Destroyers under conditions of great hardship in the North Atlantic, and by his display at all times of wholehearted devotion to duty has set an inspiring example."

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WISEMAN, Cecil Leonard Hill, Commissioned Signals Officer - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCN / Signal Distribution and Cypher Officer Naval Service Headquarters - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Heish, near Bristol, England.

WISEMAN. Cecil Leonard Hill, 0-79240, Cd/Sig/Bosn(Temp) [1.7.42] RCN, MBE~[9.1.43]

Demobilized. [30.1.46]

"This Officer has had long service in both the Royal Navy and Royal Canadian Navy. He was called back from pension at the outbreak of hostilities and since that time has shown extraordinary zeal and devotion to duty in the arduous tasks of organizing and administering signal distribution and cypher officer at Naval Service Headquarters. During this period, his staff increased from 2 to over 200."

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WISPINSKI, Peter Paul, Able Seaman (V-43955) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 29 August 1944.

Home: Haight, Alberta.

WISPINSKI. Peter Paul, V-43955, AB, RCNVR, DSM~[20.1.44]

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

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WOOD, Anselm Bertie Walton, Chaplain First Class (RC) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 June 1946 and London Gazette of 13 June 1946.

Home: London, England.

WOOD. Anselm Bertie Walton, 0-79360, Chap 2(RC) [4.1.40] RCN
appt terminated [6.11.45] **OBE~[13.6.46]**

"During the two World Wars, Father Wood has devoted himself to the spiritual welfare of members of the Armed Forces. He has demonstrated administrative ability of the highest order and by his own example has set a precedent of friendly council and guidance to junior Chaplains, with the best interests of the Service at heart. He has the respect and admiration of all, junior and senior, with whom he comes in contact."

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WOOD, Dean Nelson, Petty Officer (A-1074) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.

Home: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

WOOD. Dean Nelson, A-1074, PO, RCNR, MID~[16.6.45]

"This Rating, who has served at sea since December 1939, is outstanding in every respect, and has at all times rendered good service to a very high degree. His unbounded zeal and cheerfulness have played a great part in achieving and maintaining the fighting efficiency of his ship."

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WOOD, Horace George, Chief Petty Officer (2229) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943.

Home: Victoria, British Columbia.

WOOD. Horace George, 0-79413, CPO, 2229, RCN, BEM~[5.6.43] A/Gnr(TAS) (T) [15.8.45] RCN

HMCS QU'APPELLE (H69) DD, (9.10.45-?)

HMCS ONTARIO (53) L/Cr, (17.11.47-?) To Pension [29.12.48]

"During prolonged engagements with U-Boats in a heavily attacked convoy in the North Atlantic, this Rating exhibited skill and ingenuity in repairing the Asdic set, and a high degree of devotion to duty under difficult weather conditions working in charge of the depth charge crews."

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WOOD, Mervyn Harrison, Able Seaman (50658) (Posthumous) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Valleyfield - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 21 November 1944.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

WOOD. Mervyn Harrison, 50658, AB, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

"For good service when his ship was lost."

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

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WOODHOUSE, John Alick Edward, Paymaster Captain, OBE - Commander - Order of the British Empire (CBE) - RN (loaned RCN) / Administration of the Northwest Atlantic Command - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 6 June 1944. Home: London, England.

WOODHOUSE. John Alick Edward, 0-79540, Paym/LCdr [28.4.16] RN
NSHQ, Naval Secretary (18.2.21-22.5.23)
Paym/Cdr (WHA) [18.2.22]
HMCS STADACONA for NSHQ, Naval Secretary (23.5.23-?)
Paym/Cdr [28.4.28] RN, **CBE**~[8.6.44]

"For five years of devoted service to the Naval Service of Canada, during which his organizing ability was largely employed in laying the foundations of the two Naval Reserve Forces upon which the Naval effort of Canada in this war has been based. Also for outstanding service and untiring devotion to duty, successively in the administration of the Newfoundland and of the Canadian Northwest Atlantic Commands."

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WOODING, Ernest Alfred, Warrant Electrician - Albert Medal in Bronze (Sea) (AM) - RCNVR / ML 116 - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 24 March 1945 and London Gazette of 17 April 1945.

Born in Toronto on 16 July 1916. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

He gained a Diploma in Electrical Work from the Northern Vocational School in 1936. He was employed by the Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Company until 1939.

He then joined the Canadian Army with the Queen's York Rangers

In 1940 transferred to the RCNVR as a Petty Officer after completing his training in Halifax. He was then transferred to electrical inspection of ships under construction. He returned to Honeywell in 1945 upon demobilisation.

When he retired, he was Manager of Technical Services for the Commercial Construction Department. He was married in 1947 and has a son and a daughter. He was widowed in 1986.

He has never worn his Albert Medal. He **did not exchange his Albert Medal for the George Cross** in 1971 but is treated as "entitled to the George Cross" by the Canadian Government. All Canadian Albert Medal winners were paid \$1,000 per year since 1968 and this was increased to \$10,000 per year in 1997.

Wooding died 22 August 2017. He was living in Bath, Ontario.

WOODING. Ernest Alfred, 0-79544, Wt(E1) [15.5.44] RCNVR
HMC ML 116, (82nd ML Fl)
AM~[24.3.45] Demobilized. [12.9.45]

"For displaying outstanding courage and forethought at the time of an explosion in a Fairmile in October 1943. The Fairmile, **ML-1116**, under construction at Orillia, Ontario, was in harbour when an explosion occurred, followed immediately by a fire, Wooding (a Petty Officer at the time), rushed on deck immediately (he was not onboard at the time of the explosion) and pulled two of the three men in the engineroom compartment to safety. Knowing that several hundred gallons of high octane gasoline were in the tanks of the boat, the action of this man showed complete disregard for his own safety. Wooding did much of the rescue work following this explosion and was certainly responsible for saving the lives of two men from the engineroom, at great personal risk."



Medals of Warrant Electrician Ernest Alfred WOODING, AM, RCNVR:

Albert Medal (Bronze / Sea) - CVSM - 39/45 War Medal and entitled to the EIIR Silver Jubilee and Canada 125 Medal.

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WOODLIFFE, Michael Frederick, Able Seaman (V-11304) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Georgian - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 May 1943 and **London Gazette** of 20 May 1943. Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

HMCS Georgian was a Bangor Class Minesweeper (J144).

WOODLIFFE. Michael Frederick, V-11304, AB, RCNVR, MID~[29.5.43]

"This rating showed outstanding ability in carrying out duties throughout an action in which an enemy submarine was probably damaged."

"For coolness and skill in an action with an enemy submarine while serving in **HMCS Georgian** (London Gazette Citation)."

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WOODS, John Robinson, Temporary Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches
- RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 May 1944 and **London Gazette** of 20 June 1944. Home: Toronto, Ontario.

WOODS. John Robinson, 0-79630, Lt(Temp) [30.12.41] RCNVR

MID~[27.5.44] Demobilized. [15.7.45]

"For bravery in rescue work."

"For courage, resource and devotion to duty in **H.M. Ships Quilliam, Queensborough, Raider, Ilex** and **Light Coastal Craft** in operations against the enemy in the Adriatic."

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WOODS, Mervyn John, Lieutenant-Commander - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR / **HMCS Longueuil** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Long Branch, Ontario.

Joined the RCNVR in 1939, the day after being called to the Ontario Bar.

Served for the next six years at sea.

Executive Officer of **HMS Convolvulus**.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Longueuil** (Frigate - K.672) from 10 April 1944 to 18 July 1945.

Post war practised Law and became member of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal in 1961. He retired in 1984. He died on 24 March 1995 in Regina.

WOODS. Mervyn John, 0-79640, RCNVR Half Company Saskatoon [28.7.36] RCNVR, Lt [28.5.37]

HMCS CANCOLIM (Z10) (P) p/v, (27.1.40-?)

LCdr [1.1.44] **HMCS LONGUEUIL** (K672) Fr, CO, (10.4.44-18.7.45)

Demobilized. [21.9.45] **MBE**~[5.1.46]

"This Officer was closely associated with the early development of training facilities in Halifax during 1942 and 1943, and for the greater part of this time was in charge of the Action Rooms. During this time, approximately three

hundred and sixty ships' teams, and eighteen hundred Officers, received training. By his untiring efforts and devotion to duty, Lieutenant-Commander Woods has contributed largely to the increase in efficiency of Escort Ships at a crucial period in the Battle of the Atlantic."

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WOODS, William, Lieutenant-Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR / HMCS Dunver - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 8 January 1944 and London Gazette of 1 January 1944.
Home: Verdun, Quebec.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Collingwood** (Flower Class Corvette - K.180) from 17 April 1941 to 9 April 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Gananoque** (Bangor Class Minesweeper - J259) from 16 March 1943 to 28 March 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Lethbridge** (Flower Corvette - K.160) from 22 April 1943 to 15 June 1943.

First Commanding Officer of **HMCS Dunver** (River Class Frigate - K03) from 11 September 1943 to 6 May 1944.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Lauzon** (River Class Frigate - K671) from 30 August 1944 to 39 March 1945.

WOODS. William, 0-79660, Lt(Temp) [6.2.41] RCNR
HMCS COLLINGWOOD (K180) Cof, CO, (17.4.41-9.4.42)
A/LCdr(Temp) [1.1.42] LCdr(Temp) [1.1.43]
HMCS GANANOQUE (J259) m/s, CO, (16.3.43-23.3.43)
OBE~[8.1.44]

HMCS LETHBRIDGE (K160) Cof, CO, (22.4.43-15.6.43)
HMCS DUNVER (K03) Fr, CO, (11.9.43-6.5.44)
HMCS LAUZON (K671) Fr, CO, stand by, (22.6.44-29.8.44)
HMCS LAUZON (K671) Fr, CO, (30.8.44-29.3.45)
Medically unfit [15.9.45]

"This Officer has served for over two years in command of His Majesty's Canadian ships in the Battle of the Atlantic. During the whole of that time, he has displayed exceptional devotion to duty, cheerfulness and efficiency. He has proved himself capable of acting as Senior Officer of a Group and has, at all times, set an excellent example to those who have served under him."

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WORKMAN, Garnet Rodney, Able Seaman (V-52749) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR MTB 461 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 26 December 1944.

Home: Kemptville, Ontario. Served on MTB 461.

WORKMAN. Garnet Rodney, V-52749, AB, RCNVR, MID~[20.1.45]

Croix de Guerre avec Palmes en Bronze (France)~[17.1.47]

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

WORKMAN, Garnet Rodney, Able Seaman (V-52749) - **Croix de Guerre avec Palme en Bronze (France)** - RCNVR / MTB 461 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 17 January 1947 and **London Gazette** of 18 December 1944.

"For courage and devotion to duty in action. During the period 26th June to 10th July 1944, this Rating was twice wounded but on each occasion continued to load Oerlikon calmly and with dispatch, setting a high example of courage to the entire crew."

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WORTH, George Arthur, Acting Captain - **Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** - RCN / Director of Signal Division, Naval Service Headquarters - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Toronto, Ontario.

WORTH. George Arthur, 0-79830, Cdt [1.1.11] 1st term NCC. (Qualified Signals officer)

(Alleged he developed cypher system for prohibition rum-runners) Mid [15.1.13] RCN, HMCS NIOBE (2.8.14-?)

A/S/Lt, S/Lt [1.12.15] A/Lt [17.6.17]

HMS FOXHOUND DD, (16.9.17-?) Lt [17.11.17]

HMS VICTORY addl (27.6.19-?) HM Sig/School Portsmouth (28.8.21-?)

NSHQ DIO & Sigs, Supervising Officer RCNVR (13.3.24-?)

LCdr [17.8.25]

HMCS NADEN(D/S) (11.10.26-?)

HMS BRUCE (15.6.28-?)

HMCS STADACONA(D/S) (?5.31-?)

Mobilized WW.II, 1939, LCdr(Temp) [17.8.25]

NDHQ/Sig/Staff, Sigs & W/T, (13.9.39-?)

Cdr(Temp) [1.1.42] A/Capt(Temp) [15.4.43] **OBE**~[5.1.46]

Cdr [1.1.42] RCN, NSHQ Director Sup/Radio (1.4.49-?)

A/Capt(WHA) CD~[?]

"This Officer has served as Director of Signal Division, Naval

Service Headquarters, Ottawa, since February 1942, and has devoted himself wholeheartedly and entirely at all times to the interests of the Naval Service. He was largely responsible for the development of a thoroughly up-to-date system of Naval communication, both ashore and afloat."

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WRIGHT, Andrew James, Acting Leading Seaman (DEMS) (A-3425) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / SS Windermere - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Vancouver, British Columbia.

WRIGHT. Andrew James, A-3425, A/LS (DEMS) RCNR, MID~[5.1.46]

"This Rating began his service in Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships in April 1942, and has served at sea for twenty-seven months as a Gunlayer in the **S.S. Windermere Park**. He sailed as Third Officer and Gunlayer after the Master had been hospitalized. His ability, efficiency, cheerfulness and devotion to duty are in accordance with the highest tradition of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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WRIGHT, Austin Meade, Temporary Lieutenant (E) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Prince David - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 March 1945.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

WRIGHT. Austin Meade, 0-79900, Lt (E) (Temp) [21.4.42] RCNVR

HMCS PRINCE DAVID (F89) amc, (1.12.43-?) **MID~[21.4.45]**

Demobilized. [24.12.45]

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

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WRIGHT, Cecil Gordon, Acting Lieutenant-Commander (S) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR / Transportation Officer - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: London, Ontario. Retired on 7 January 1946.

WRIGHT. Cecil Gordon, 0-79930, Paym/Lt (Temp) [25.1.44] RCNVR

A/LCdr (S) (WHA) **MBE~[5.1.46]** Demobilized. [7.1.46]

"This Officer, during the past three years, has at all times

displayed the highest example of zeal and efficiency. His organization of transport during a period of extreme difficulty, involving as it has many long hours over and beyond the normal call of duty, has effectively accomplished the smooth movement of many thousands of personnel, and his efficient handling of large drafts returning from Overseas has done much to ensure the happiness of the men and to maintain and uphold the morale of the service."

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WRIGHT, Charles Edmund, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Carlplace - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Toronto, Ontario. Commanding Officer of **HMCS Woodstock** (Revised Flower Class Corvette - K238) from 20 January 1943 to 16 August 1943.

Only Commanding Officer of **HMCS Carlplace** (River Class Frigate - K664) from 13 December 1944 to 2 September 1945.

WRIGHT. Charles Edmond, 0-79920, S/Lt(Temp) [1.5.40] RCNVR

Lt(Temp) [1.11.40]

HMCS SHERBROOKE (K152) Cof, (8.1.42-?)

HMCS WOODSTOCK (K238) Cof, CO, (17.8.43-5.10.44)

HMCS CARLPLACE (K664) Fr, CO, stand by, (8.11.44-12.12.44)

HMCS CARLPLACE (K664) Fr, CO, (13.12.44-2.9.45)

MID~[6.1.45] A/LCdr(Temp) [1.7.45] Demobilized. [3.12.45]

"This Officer has served continuously in Escort Vessels engaged in the Battle of the Atlantic and in European waters for the last three years. He has at all times displayed qualities of energy, cheerfulness and wholehearted devotion to duty which have been an inspiration to those serving under him."

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WRIGHT, Edward Joseph, Acting Petty Officer (V-23143) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Outremont, Quebec.

WRIGHT. Edward Joseph, V-23143, A/PO, RCNVR, **MID**~[6.1.45]

"For good service over long periods at sea in HMC Corvettes in the North Atlantic, Acting Petty Officer Wright has provided, by his cheerfulness, zeal, and devotion to duty, a good example for all those with whom he has served."

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WRIGHT, Gordon, Leading Cook (O) (V-18482) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1945 and **London Gazette** 13 June 1945. Home: Perth, Ontario.
WRIGHT. Gordon, V-18482, L/Ck(O) RCNVR, **BEM**~[15.6.45]

"For outstanding devotion to duty over a long period. Leading Cook Wright joined the Naval Service in the early years of the war, and by his unswerving loyalty, marked ability and cheerfulness, he performed an arduous task with outstanding and unqualified success. His consistent cheerfulness was an inspiration to all, and was in keeping with the high tradition of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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WRIGHT, James Bernard, Acting Able Seaman (V-26288) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944. Home: New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.
WRIGHT. James Bernard, V-26288, A/AB, RCNVR, **DSM**~[20.1.45]

"For good services in landings in Normandy."

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WRIGHT, James Peter, Acting Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS Saint John - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** 3 or 24 July 1945. Home: Ottawa, Ontario.
Canada Gazette only lists him as Peter Wright.
WRIGHT. James Peter, 0-80050, S/Lt(Temp) [1.8.43] RCNVR
DSC~[15.9.43] A/Lt(Temp) [1.8.44]
Demobilized. [10.10.45] Lt [1.8.44] RCN(R)
HMCS STAR Hamilton Naval Division, (21.2.50-?)

"For services in action against an enemy U-Boat in February 1945."

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

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WRIGHT, Rupert Anthony, Captain (S) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN / Director-General Supply and Secretariat Branch - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946.

Born in the United Kingdom on 31 August 1906.

Naval Cadet RCN at the Royal Naval College of Canada.

He was a member of the twelfth and final term of the Royal Naval College of Canada and was released after its closure.

He re-joined under the special entry scheme (Special Entry No.16) as a Paymaster Cadet, RCN in 1924.

He went to HMS Thunderer and HMS Collingwood in 1924.

To Naden in 1927.

To **HMCS Saguenay** as Supply Officer in 1935.

To Naden as Accountant Officer and then as Station Accountant Officer (West Coast Station) in 1935.

To Stadacona as Station Accountant Officer (East Coast Station) in 1941.

To Naval Service HQ as Paymaster Director-General in 1942.

At Naval Service HQ as Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel in 1942.

To Niobe for duty with the Senior Canadian Naval Officer London 1944.

To Naval Service Headquarters as Director of Fleet Accounting and Secretariat in 1944.

Director-General Supply and Secretariat Branch in 1945.

To Naval HQ as Director-General of Fleet Accounting in 1946.

Promoted to Captain (S) in 1946.

Made Command Supply Officer Esquimalt and Manager Supply Department at RCN Barracks in 1950.

Command Supply Officer Halifax and Manager Supply Department at RCN Barracks in 1940.

To Naval HQ as Naval Secretary and Secretary to the Naval Board in 1952.

Promoted Commodore (S) on 30 June 1952 and to Naval HQ as Director-General Supply and Fleet Accounting.

Title changed to Supply Officer-in-Chief.

To National Defence College of Canada (Course 9) in 1955.

To Naval HQ as Naval Comptroller in 1956.

Promoted to Rear-Admiral (S) in 1959 and to Naval HQ as Naval Comptroller and Member of the Naval Board of Canada.

Retired in 1962.

He died at Victoria, British Columbia on 13 November 1990.

WRIGHT. Rupert Anthony, 0-80100, Cdt 1921, 12 term RNCC

Rejoined as Paym/Cdt 1924,

HMS THUNDER 1924, HMS COLLINGWOOD Paym/Mid [1.9.25] RCN,

A/Paym/S/Lt [1.9.27] Paym/S/Lt,

HMCS NADEN(D/S) (1.3.27-?)

Paym/Lt [1.9.29]
 HMCS SAGUENAY as Supply Officer ?
 HMCS STADACONA (D/S) (4.9.33-?)
 HMCS NADEN (D/S) for RCNB Esquimalt, acct/Off, (7.12.35-?)
 Paym/LCdr [1.9.37] A/Paym/Cdr 1939, HMCS STADACONA 1941,
 Paym/Cdr [1.1.42] NSHQ Paym/DG, 1942, A/Paym/Capt [15.1.42]
 NSHQ Assistant Chief Naval Pers 1942, A/Capt(S) 1944,
 HMCS NIOBE for SCNO London 1944, NSHQ 1944, Capt(S) [1.3.46]
OBE~[15.6.46] FOPC/Comd SupO, (15.10.48-?)
 RCNB Hfx (31.7.50-?) CD~[?]
 Cmdre(S) [1.9.52] RAdm(S) [25.11.59]

Rear-Admiral Rupert Anthony WRIGHT, OBE, CD, RCN

Naval Cadet, RCN		1921	(RN College of Canada - Released)
Paymaster Cadet, RCN		1924	(Special Entry No. 16)
Paymaster Midshipman, RCN		1925	(To HMS Thunderer & HMCS Collingwood)
Acting Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	01 September	1927	(To Naden)
Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant, RCN		1927	(Seniority 01 September 1927)
Paymaster Lieutenant, RCN	01 September	1929	(Supply Officer in HMCS Saguenay)
Acting Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 September	1937	(Accountant Off. West Coast Station)
Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	01 September	1937	(Accountant Off. East Coast Station)
Acting Paymaster Commander, RCN		1939	(Paymaster Director-General)
Paymaster Commander, RCN	01 January	1942	(Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel)
Acting Paymaster Captain, RCN	15 January	1942	(To HMCS Niobe in London U.K.)
Acting Captain (S), RCN		1944	(Director-General Supply Branch)
Captain (S), RCN	01 March	1946	(Director-General of Fleet Accounting)
Commodore (S), RCN	30 June	1952	(Supply Officer-in-Chief)
Rear-Admiral (S), RCN	25 November	1959	(Naval Comptroller)
Retired		1962	(Rear-Admiral)

"He has served the Navy over a period of years in a most loyal and untiring manner. As Director General of Fleet Accounting, he has been responsible for the organization which has enabled the Supply and Secretariat Branch to cope with the innumerable problems arising out of a rapid expansion of the Navy in wartime, and rapid demobilization at the cessation of hostilities."

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WRIGHT, William Morris, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class (V-8087)
- Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of
 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.
 Home: Hamilton, Ontario.
WRIGHT. William Morris, V-8087, ERA 4, RCNVR, MID~ [5.6.43]

"This Petty Officer has shown exceptional devotion to duty throughout his period at, and during salvage operations, setting an outstanding example to the ratings who were working with him."

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WRIGHT, William Richard, Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS Louisburg - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

Home: Lachute, Quebec.

S/Lt (Temp) on 01 May 1941, RCNVR; RCNVR Division, Montreal on 8 September 1941;

HMCS Louisburg (Corvette - K.143) on 28 April 1942;

Promoted to Lt (Temp) on 1 May 1943;

Released as medically unfit on 2 October 1944.

Later served as Private Secretary to the Minister of National Defence.

WRIGHT. William Richard, S/Lt(Temp) [1.5.41] RCNVR

RCNVR Division, Montreal, (8.9.41-?)

HMCS LOUISBURG (K143) Cof, (28.4.42-?) Lt(Temp) [1.5.43]

DSC~[8.1.44] Medically unfit [2.10.44]

Private Secretary to Minister NSHQ, Jan 1948

Executive Assistant to Minister NDHQ Sep 1949.

"For conspicuous gallantry and leadership. When the ship was fatally hit by an enemy torpedo, this Officer, though seriously wounded and having lost the sight of one eye, continued to assist in the work of rescue. He himself was the last of the Ship's Company to be rescued from the water."

HMCS Louisburg (Flower Class Corvette - K.143) was sunk on 6 February 1943 by Italian aircraft off of Oran in the Mediterranean. The torpedo hit her amidships on the port side of the engine room and the ship sank within 3 minutes. There were 47 RCN and one RN survivor and 37 RCN and 5 RN passengers who lost their lives. This was the only RCN ship sunk by aircraft in WW2.

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