

POLAR MEDAL

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¹ The Medals of Staff Sergeant (Later Superintendent) Henry Asbjorn Larsen, RCMP and the Crew of the *St. Roche*. The medals are on display at the Maritime Museum in Vancouver along with the *St. Roche*.

POLAR MEDAL IN SILVER TO CANADIANS

LG+/CG	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	UNIT	DECORATIONS	/
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ANTARCTIC 1907-09 (BRONZE MEDAL)

23/02/09+	MITCHELL, W.A. Rupert	Dr	Nimrod's Surgeon	Nimrod (Barquentine)	---	
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ANTARCTIC 1910-13

25/07/13+	WRIGHT, Charles Seymour	Mr / Captain RE / later Sir		Scott's Last Voyage	KCB OBE MC	
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ARCTIC 1940-1942

09/01/43	CHARTRAND, Albert Joseph	Constable	Seaman	RCMP	No. 10155	--- Posthumous ²
09/01/43	FARRAR, Frederick Sleigh	Constable	First Mate	RCMP	No. 10607	---
09/01/43	FOSTER, Myles Frederick 'Jack'	Corporal	Chief Engineer	RCMP	No. 8406	---
09/01/43	HADLEY, Eugene C. <u>Dean</u>	Constable	Wireless Operator	RCMP	No. 13013	---
09/01/43	HUNT, Patrick George	Constable	Seaman	RCMP	No. 12740	---
09/01/43	LARSEN, Henry Asbjorn	Sergeant	Captain	RCMP	No. 10407	---
09/01/43	PARRY, William John	Constable	Cook	RCMP	No. 7756	---
09/01/43	PETERS, George William	Constable	2 nd Engineer	RCMP	No. 12740	---

ARCTIC 1944

01/07/46	ANDREASEN, Ole	Special Constable		RCMP	Spl 8472	---
01/07/46	CASHIN, William Michael	Special Constable		RCMP	Spl 8673	---
01/07/46	DICKENS, George Bryden	Special Constable		RCMP	Spl 8763	---
01/07/46	DIPLOCK, James Milne	Sub-Constable		RCMP	No. 14583	---
01/07/46	JOHNSEN, Rudolf	Special Constable		RCMP	Spl 7515	---
01/07/46	McKENZIE, John Stanley	Special Constable		RCMP	Spl 8719	---
01/07/46	MATTHEWS, Frank	Special Constable		RCMP	Spl 8720	---
01/07/46	RUSSILL, Lloyd George	Special Constable		RCMP	Spl 8758	---

ARCTIC 1944 (2nd Bar to POLAR MEDAL in SILVER)

01/07/46	HUNT, Patrick George	Acting Corporal	RCMP	Reg. No. 12740	---
01/07/46	LARSEN, Henry Asbjorn	Staff Sergeant	RCMP	Reg. No. 10407	---
01/07/46	PETERS, George William	Acting Corporal	RCMP	Reg. No. 12704	---

² On 26 February 1942, Constable Albert Joseph Chartrand age 37 died of a heart attack aboard the R.C.M.P. Schooner St. Roch which was frozen in at Pasley Bay, N.W.T.

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<u>LG+/CG</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DECORATIONS</u> /
		<u>ANTARCTIC 1944-45</u>		
17/07/53+	TAYLOR, Andrew	Captain	Royal Canadian Engineers	OC CD
		<u>ANTARCTIC 1950-52</u>		
24/01/56+	ROOTS, Ernest Frederick	Dr	Senior Geologist	OC
		<u>ANTARCTIC 1959-1964</u>		
13/01/68+	DOWNHAM, Noel Yorston	Mr	Base Leader	---
		<u>ARCTIC 1968-1969</u>		
05/04/70+	KOERNER, Roy Martindale	Mr.	Trans-Arctic	Civilian
		<u>ANTARCTIC 1986-86</u>		
25/01/88+	WOOD, Gareth	Mr	Trek to South Pole	Civilian

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POLAR MEDAL in SILVER ASSOCIATED with CANADIANS

LG+/CG	NAME	TITLE	UNIT	DECORATIONS
ANTARCTIC 1898-1900 (Elizabeth II Medal)				
23/05/1976+	EVANS, Hugh Blackwell	Mr	Southern Cross Expedition Zoologist Posthumous	---
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ANTARCTIC 1910-1913 (Elizabeth II Medal)				
1955	CAMPBELL, Victor Lindsay Arbuthnot	Commander	1 st Mate Terra Nova	DSO*, OBE
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ANTARCTIC 1947 (Elizabeth II Medal)				
17 July 1953+	BUSTSON, Arthur Richard ('Dick') C.	Major Later HCol	Falkland Islands \ Dependencies Survey	GC OMM CStJ CD
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ANTARCTIC 1957-1960 (Elizabeth II Medal)				
13/12/1963+	KOERNER, Roy Martindale ('Fritz')	Mr	Falkland Islands \ Dependencies survey Senior Meteorologist & \ Blaciologist	---
ARCTIC 1968-1969 (Elizabeth II Medal) (bar to his Polar Medal)				
25/11/1969+	KOERNER, Roy Martindale ('Fritz')	Mr	Assisted Herbert, Gill \ and Ken Hedges	---
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ARCTIC 1968-1969 (Elizabeth II Medal)				
25/11/1969+	HEDGES, Kenneth ('Ken') Hurrell	Major RAMC / Dr Later HCol	With Herbert & Gill \ walked across Arctic	CStJ



DETAILS of AWARDS

ANTARCTIC 1907-09

AWARDED TO **Dr. W.A. Rupert MITCHELL**

Surgeon on the Barquentine 'NIMROD' on Sir Ernest Shackleton's Furthest South Expedition.
Born in Perth, Ontario.

He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal for service in World War One.

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ANTARCTIC 1910-13

AWARDED TO **Sir Charles WRIGHT, KCB (CB) OBE MC** who served on Scott's Last Expedition.

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ARCTIC 1940-1942 AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE RCMP PATROL VESSEL 'ST. ROCH' (1943 AWARDS)

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ARCTIC 1944 AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE RCMP PATROL VESSEL 'ST. ROCH' (1946 AWARDS)

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ANTARCTIC 1944-45

AWARDED TO **Captain Andrew TAYLOR**, Royal Canadian Engineers
(The only award of a Polar Medal to a serving member of the Canadian Forces.)

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ANTARCTIC 1947

AWARDED TO **Major Arthur Richard ('Dick') C. BUTSON, GC, OMM, CStJ, CD** while serving with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey. Major Butson won the Albert Medal (later converted to the George Cross) while serving on this survey and moved to Canada shortly after leaving the Antarctic (London Gazette 17 July 1953). He served as the Commanding Officer of the Medical Company in Hamilton, Ontario and later as their Honorary Colonel. He was awarded the Order of Military Merit (OMM) and Commander of the Order of St. John (CStJ).³

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³ Dr. Ken Hedges (polar Medal), Dr. Dick Butson, GC, OMM (Polar Medal) and Major Eileen Butson.

DETAILS of AWARDS

ANTARCTIC 1950-52

AWARDED TO **Dr. Ernest Frederick ROOTS** with Norwegian-British-Swedish Antarctic Expedition.
Born in Salmon Arm, B.C.
Also awarded Norwegian Medal for Civil Services with the clasp "MAUDHEIM".
King Haakon VII Distinguished Service Medal and Officer
Order of Canada 1987.

The Polar Medal was presented to Dr. Roots by the Governor General in Ottawa on 09 January 1957.

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ANTARCTIC 1959-64

AWARDED to **Mr. Noel Yorston DOWNHAM**, Vermilion, Alberta
"For good services as General Assistant and Base Leader with the British Antarctic Survey from 1959 to 1964."
During 1960, Mr. Downham accompanied the geologist and assisted in his work, and traveled a field mileage of 220 miles in 87 days. In 1961, he was posted to Hope Bay where his experience was of great value to the geologist, the surveyor and the geophysicist. In that year he sledged 3,058 miles and made the longest single journey of 1,041 miles to the Seal Nuntaks in 91 days. During 1963 and 1964, Mr. Downham completed further major journeys along the east coast of the Antarctic Peninsular and on Stonington Island. In four years he traveled over 8,000 miles.

Awarded the Polar Medal by the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta in Edmonton on 13 February 1968.

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ARCTIC 1968-69 (2nd Class)

Awarded to **Dr. Roy Martindale KOERNER**

The 1968 British Trans-Arctic Expedition consisted of W.W. Herbert (later knighted), R. Koerner, A. Gill, Major K.H. Hedges, RAMC. They left Point Barrow, Alaska on 8 February 1968 and reached Phipps Island on 28 March 1969, 16 months and 2,000 miles.

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ANTARCTIC 1985-86

Awarded to **Mr. Gareth WOOD**

In 1985-86, Mr. Gareth WOOD, a Canadian, along with Roger Swan and Robert Mear of Great Britain, made a privately funded trek to the South Pole. They were presented their medals by Queen Elizabeth in 1988. The citations read:

"In recognition of your outstanding achievement as a member of the 'In the footsteps of Scott' Antarctic Expedition".

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POLAR MEDAL IN SILVER TO CANADIANS

Alphabetical

LG+/CG	NAME	TITLE	POLICE NUMBER	UNIT /
01/07/46	ANDREASEN, Ole	Special Constable	Spl 8472	RCMP
01/07/46	CASHIN, William Michael	Special Constable	Spl 8673	RCMP
09/01/43	CHARTRAND, Albert J.	Constable (Posthumous)	Reg No 10155	RCMP
01/07/46	DICKENS, George Bryden	Special Constable	Spl 8763	RCMP
01/07/46	DIPLOCK, James Milne	Sub-Constable	Reg No 14583	RCMP
09/01/43	FARRAR, Frederick Sleigh	Constable	Reg No 10607	RCMP
09/01/43	FOSTER, Myles Frederick	Corporal	Reg No 8406	RCMP
09/01/43	HADLEY, Dean Eugene C.	Constable	Reg No 13013	RCMP
09/01/43	HUNT, Patrick George	Constable	Reg No 12740	RCMP
01/07/46	JOHNSEN, Rudolf	Special Constable	Spl 7515	RCMP
09/01/43	LARSEN, Henry Asbjorn	Sergeant	Reg No 10407	RCMP
01/07/46	McKENZIE, John Stanley	Special Constable	Spl 8719	RCMP
01/07/46	MATTHEWS, Frank	Special Constable	Spl 8720	RCMP
23/02/09+	MITCHELL, W.A. Rupert	Dr	Bronze Medal	Nimrod Surg
09/01/43	PARRY, William John	Constable	Reg No 7756	RCMP
09/01/43	PETERS, George William	Constable	Reg No 12740	RCMP
24/01/56+	ROOTS, Ernest Frederick	Geologist	OC	Civilian
01/07/46	RUSSILL, Lloyd George	Special Constable	Spl 8758	RCMP
17/07/53+	TAYLOR, Andrew	Captain	OC CD	RC Engineers
25/07/13+	WRIGHT, Charles Seymour	Sir	KCB OBE MC	Scott's

BAR TO POLAR MEDAL IN SILVER TO CANADIANS

LG+/CG	NAME	TITLE	POLICE NUMBER	UNIT /
01/07/46	HUNT, Patrick George	Acting Corporal	Reg. No. 12740	RCMP
25/11/69+	KOERNER, Roy Martindale	Mr	Trans-Arctic	Civilian
01/07/46	LARSEN, Henry Asbjorn	Staff Sergeant	Reg. No. 10407	RCMP
01/07/46	PETERS, George William	Acting Corporal	Reg. No. 12704	RCMP

BARS to the POLAR MEDAL to CANADIANS

ARCTIC 1940-1942
(GVI Medal) AWARDED To Members of the RCMP Patrol Vessel 'ST. ROCHE' (1943 AWARDS)

ARCTIC 1944 AWARDED To Members of the RCMP Patrol Vessel 'ST. ROCHE' (1946 AWARDS)
(GVI Medal)

ANTARCTIC 1907-09 AWARDED to DR. W.A. Rupert MITCHELL
(Edward VII) Surgeon on the 'NIMROD', Sir Ernest Shackleton's Furthest South Expedition.
Born in Perth, Ontario.
He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal for service in World War One

ANTARCTIC 1910-13 AWARDED to Sir Charles WRIGHT, KCB (CB) OBE MC
(George V Medal) Served on Scott's last expedition.

ANTARCTIC 1944-45 AWARDED to Captain Andrew TAYLOR, Royal Canadian Engineers
(Elizabeth II) The only award of a Polar Medal to a serving member of the Canadian Forces
Taylor continued in the post-war Canadian Army until 1952
He then Worked in the Canadian north and with the USN.
Completed the Index to the "Blue Books on the Arctic".
Was made an Officer of the Order of Canada (OC).

ANTARCTIC 1950-52 **AWARDED TO Dr. Ernest Frederick ROOTS**
(Elizabeth II) With Norwegian-British-Swedish Antarctic Expedition.
Born in Salmon Arm. B.C.
His Medals include
 Officer, Order of Canada 1987 (OC)
 Polar Medal with bar Antarctic 1950-52
 Norwegian Medal for Civil Services with the clasp "MAUDHEIM",
 King Haakon VII Distinguished Service Medal

POLAR MEDAL IN SILVER TO CANADIANS
WITH THEIR BARS

LG+/CG	NAME	TITLE	POLICE NUMBER	BAR	UNIT /
01/07/46	ANDREASEN, Ole	Special Constable	(Spl 8472)	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP
01/07/46	CASHIN, William Michael	Special Constable	(Spl 8673)	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP
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01/07/46	DICKENS, George Bryden	Special Constable	(Spl 8763)	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP
01/07/46	DIPLOCK, James Milne	Sub-Constable	(Reg No 14583)	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP
09/01/43	FARRAR, Frederick Sleigh	Constable	(Reg No 10607)	ARCTIC 1942-44	RCMP
09/01/43	FOSTER, Myles Frederick	Corporal	(Reg No 8406)	ARCTIC 1942-44	RCMP
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09/01/43	HUNT, Patrick George	Constable	(Reg No 12740)	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP
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09/01/43	LARSEN, Henry Asbjorn	Sergeant	(Reg No 10407)	ARCTIC 1942-44	RCMP
01/07/46	McKENZIE, John Stanley	Special Constable	(Spl 8719)	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP
01/07/46	MATTHEWS, Frank	Special Constable	(Spl 8720)	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP
23/02/09+	MITCHELL, W.A. Rupert	Nimrod Surgeon	Bronze Medal	ANTARCTIC 1907-09	<i>Nimrod</i>
09/01/43	PARRY, William John	Constable	(Reg No 7756)	ARCTIC 1942-44	RCMP
09/01/43	PETERS, George William	Constable	(Reg No 12740)	ARCTIC 1942-44	RCMP
24/01/56+	ROOTS, Ernest Frederick	Geologist	OC	ANTARCTIC 1950-52	Civilian
01/07/46	RUSSILL, Lloyd George	Special Constable	(Spl 8758)	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP
17/07/53+	TAYLOR, Andrew	Captain	OC CD	ANTARCTIC 1944-45	RCE
25/07/13+	WRIGHT, Charles Seymour	Mr / Sir	KCB OBE MC	ANTARCTIC 1910-13	Scott

BAR TO POLAR MEDAL IN SILVER TO CANADIANS

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01/07/46	HUNT, Patrick George	Acting Corporal	Reg No 12740	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP
25/11/69+	KOERNER, Roy Martindale	Mr	Trans-Arctic	ARCTIC 1968 – 1969	----
01/07/46	LARSEN, Henry Asbjorn	Staff Sergeant	Reg No 10407	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP
01/07/46	PETERS, George William	Acting Corporal	Reg No 12704	ARCTIC 1944	RCMP

POLAR MEDALS ASSOCIATED WITH CANADA

ANTARCTIC 1898-1900 **AWARDED TO Hugh Blackwell EVANS**
(Elizabeth II)

Born in England in 1874
Moved to Alberta in 1894 as a pioneer
Returned to England to join Southern Cross Expedition 1898-1900
Lived in Canada for the rest of his life
1976 - Awarded a Polar Medal for the above expedition (74 years after)
Award announced Posthumously but the recommendation was accepted before his death
Listed as a Zoologist in the London Gazette
Died in 1975

ANTARCTIC 1910-1913 **AWARDED to Commander Victor Lindsay Arbuthnot CAMPBELL, DSO*, OBE RN**
(George V Medal) **later Captain RN**

Born in England 20 August 1875; son of a naval officer
Went to the Antarctic as first Mate of the Terra Nova 1910-1913
Captain R.F. Scott's last expedition which included Sir Charles Wright
Served in R.N. in WW1 - DSO LG 03/06/15; BAR LG 22/06/17; OBE
Croix de Guerre (France) LG 11/11/1919; MID LG 28/08/18 in command of HMS Warwick
MID 19/07/18 Dover Patrol April 1918
Moved to Newfoundland 1922 and lived there until his death on 21 November 1956
Awarded the Polar Medal in Silver in 1955!!

ANTARCTIC 1947 **AWARDED TO Major Arthur Richard ('Dick') C. BUTSON, GC, OMM, CStJ, CD**
(Elizabeth II)

While serving with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey.
Major Butson won the Albert Medal (later converted to the George Cross) while serving on this survey.
He moved to Canada shortly after leaving the Antarctic (London Gazette 17 July 1953).
Lieutenant-Colonel in the Canadian Militia with the Hamilton Medical Company.
Honorary Colonel of the Hamilton Medical Company.
(London Gazette 17 July 1953).

POLAR MEDALS ASSOCIATED WITH CANADA

ANTARCTIC 1957-1960 **AWARDED to Roy Martindale "Fritz" KOERNER**

ARCTIC 1968-1969
(Elizabeth II)
29/11/1969+ **AWARDED to Roy Martindale "Fritz" KOERNER**

Born in England 1933
PhD London School of Economics
Served on the Falkland Islands Dependency Survey, stationed at Hope Bay, Trinity Peninsula and awarded Polar Medal in 1960
Moved to OTTAWA and worked for the Federal Government
Assistant Professor of Glaciology at Ohio State University
Assisted Wally Herbert, Allan Gill and Ken Hedges as support staff with
S/L Freddie Church, RAF - BRITISH TRANS-ARCTIC EXPEDITION 1968-1969
Awarded bar to his Polar Medal - First to walk across the top of the earth;
all four named men of the year.

ARCTIC 1968-1969
(Elizabeth II)
25/11/1969+

AWARDED to Dr. Kenneth ("Ken") Hurrell HEDGES

Served in Special Services Unit British Army
Joined British Trans-arctic Expedition
Served in Canadian Militia
Former Deputy Surgeon, St. John Ambulance of Canada
In 2011, Ken Hedges was appointed Honorary Colonel of
 \ The Canadian Forces Health Services Training Centre

MEDALS:

Commander - Order of St. John
General Service Medal with 3 bars and MID for Northern Ireland
Diamond Jubilee Medal
Polar Medal bar ARCTIC 1968-1969
Service Medal of the St. John Ambulance



POLAR MEDALS to members of the ST. ROCH

Canada Gazette

09/01/43 **Constable Albert J. CHARTRAND, RCMP** (Posthumous - died 13/02/42)

His medal is held by the Glenbow Museum. A native of Ottawa, he joined the Mounted Police in 1926. After serving for many years in the north, he was posted the RCMP supply vessel, St. Roch. In June 1940, the tiny ship set out from Vancouver to attempt the first west to east navigation of the Northwest Passage.

Chartrand did not live to complete the epic voyage, for on February 13, 1942, he died suddenly of a heart attack at Paisley Bay. He was posthumously awarded the Polar Medal with the clasp, "Arctic 1940-42".

01/07/46 **Special Constable George Bryden DICKENS, RCMP** (Special #8763)

Medals include:

- 1939-1945 Star
- Atlantic Star
- Burma Star
- CVSM & Clasp
- 1939-1945 War Medal
- Polar Medal clasp ARCTIC 1944

Served with the:

- Royal Canadian Navy February 1937 to March 1938
- Royal Canadian Air Force November 9, 1939 to June 20, 1944 Air Sea Rescue
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police June 21, 1944 to May 31, 1945
- Cook



01/07/46 **Staff Sergeant Henry Asbjorn LARSEN, RCMP** (Regimental Number 10407)

Captain of the RCMP Vessel St. Roch

MEDALS:

- 39/45 Star
- Atlantic Star
- Burma Star
- 39/45 War Medal
- Polar Medal George VI with clasps ARCTIC 1940-42 and ARCTIC 1944
- George V Silver Jubilee
- RCMP Long Service and Good Conduct medal with bar with two stars

09/01/43 **Corporal Myles Frederick 'Jack' FOSTER**

MEDALS: CVSM – 1939/45 War Medal – Polar Medal bar ARCTIC 1940-42

Private collection

**Captain Victor Lindsey Arbuthnot Campbell, DSO and Bar, OBE, RN
(1875–1956)**



A naval officer and Antarctic explorer, he was born on 20 August 1875 at 16 Adelaide Crescent, Hove, Sussex, son of Captain Hugh Campbell RN, commander of the royal yacht *Victoria and Albert*, and his wife, Lucy Eleanor Archer. Educated at Eton College, Victor Campbell is said to have run away three times before his father agreed to let him join the Merchant Navy. He was subsequently admitted to the Royal Navy on 31 October 1895.

Commissioned an acting sub-lieutenant, Campbell served in HMS *President* and HMS *Victory*, joining HMS *Cordelia* in March 1896, which brought him to Newfoundland, a place which left a lasting impression on him. In 1901 he resigned his commission and the following year married Lillian Mary Settle (*d.* 1953), daughter of Major-General Sir Henry Hamilton Settle RE KCB DSO. Their son Nigel was born in 1903. Subsequently the family spent their summer months in Sand, Norway, where Campbell was introduced to the art of ski running, a skill which in due course was to serve him well in the Antarctic with Captain Scott. Then in 1909 tragedy struck when Campbell's sister-in-law was drowned in a boating accident in Sandefjord, an event which so affected his wife that the marriage began to founder. It seems likely that this event played some part in deciding Campbell to sign on with Scott's British Antarctic expedition in 1910 as first officer of SY *Terra Nova*.

An archetypal naval officer of his time, Campbell was dubbed 'the Wicked Mate' by the ship's party, a nickname that implied the mixture of respect, awe, and affection with which he was regarded. Following his supervision of the landing of the stores at the expedition's base at Cape Evans, Ross Island, in January 1911, Campbell was selected by Scott to command a six-man eastern party to explore King Edward VII Land. They were to be landed there by *Terra Nova*, but in the event heavy ice frustrated this plan. On the return voyage Campbell and his men unexpectedly encountered the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen at the Bay of Whales planning the expedition to the South Pole which was subsequently to defeat Scott. Following a brief exchange of news Campbell continued towards his second objective, Cape Adare, with what had now become the northern party, pausing only to leave news for Scott of Amundsen's intentions.

The story of the northern party is well recorded by one of its members, the geologist Raymond Priestley, in his book *Antarctic Adventure* (1914). More recently Campbell's own diaries were published as *The Wicked Mate* (1988). The other members included Surgeon-Commander G. Murray Levick, Petty Officers G. F. Browning and G. P. Abbott, and Seaman A. B. H. Dickason. The party's objective was to carry out a scientific survey of the Cape Adare region, a frustrating mission since the topography of the area prohibited all access to the interior. Thanks to Campbell's capable leadership morale was maintained and some useful science accomplished. In January 1912 the northern party was picked up by *Terra Nova* and landed on ice-clad Inexpressible Island to geologize for six weeks. When the ship subsequently failed to relieve them Campbell and his men were compelled to overwinter in a hastily improvised snow cave 12 feet by 9 in area and 5½ feet high. In it they managed to survive for seven months during one of the worst winters then on record, subsisting mainly on seal and penguin meat. That they survived was largely due to Campbell's leadership. His word was law. To maintain discipline he drew an imaginary line bisecting the cave, one half of which was the 'messdeck', the other the 'quarterdeck'. Thus nothing could be officially heard in one half that had been spoken in the other. At last on 30 September 1912 the northern party set off for Cape Evans; they traversed a distance of 230 miles over hazardous crevassed terrain and reached base camp on 6 November 1912. Here they learned of the deaths of the pole party. Campbell then took over the command pending their final relief by *Terra Nova* in January 1913.

Back in London the death of Scott and his companions overshadowed the sufferings and remarkable survival of the northern party. Campbell, ever reticent, was content to receive a gold watch from the Royal Geographical Society and the praise of its president, Lord Curzon, for whom 'no more brilliant thing has ever been accomplished in the history of Arctic and Antarctic exploration' (*Wicked Mate*, 12). In 1913 he was raised to the rank of commander for his part in the expedition. During the summer of 1914 he was employed by the Northern Exploration Company to lead a mineral prospecting expedition to Spitsbergen, but this was abruptly terminated by the outbreak of war. His wartime career was exemplary. He saw action in the Dardanelles and was awarded the DSO to which a bar was

subsequently added for service in the Dover patrol. In 1918, aboard HMS *Warwick*, he took part in the Zeebrugge raid and in 1919 was appointed OBE for service in north Russia. Following further commands in the Atlantic Fleet he was promoted captain in 1922, before retiring to his beloved Newfoundland.

In 1926 Campbell's wife, Lillian, divorced him, and two years later he married Marit Fabritious, daughter of a Norwegian artist and a former lady-in-waiting to Queen Maud of Norway. During the Second World War he served for a time as senior naval officer, Trinidad, returning to Newfoundland in 1941 to live in the settlement of Black Duck on the west coast. He finally retired to neighbouring Corner Brook where he died on 19 November 1956 and where he was buried with full military honours. A neighbour once described Campbell as 'the finest of a fine breed, so modest and yet with some quality about him so that you would follow him anywhere' (Wicked Mate, 14). His contribution to Scott's last expedition has undoubtedly been much underestimated.

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