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ABBOTT, Douglas, Chief Petty Officer (2479) - Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) - RCN / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 09 September 1944 and London Gazette of 11 July 1944.

Home: Born in Victoria, B.C. in 1913.

Joined RCN in 1930 as a boy seaman.

Prior to WW2 served in **HMCS Vancouver** and **HMCS Skeena**.

Part of RCN contingent to unveil Vimy Ridge monument in 1936.

Start of WW2 served in Armed Merchant Cruiser **HMCS Robert** when the German freighter **Weiser** was captured.

HMCS **Haida's** Gunner Mate in 1944.

His DSM and bar were for actions in 1944 against German ships in the English Channel.

Part of RCN contingent to EIIR coronation in 1953.

Retired in 1954. Worked at Eaton's Department store.

Later worked as a Safety Supervisor at the Rocky Point Ammunition Depot.

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

Details on the action in which **HMCS Haida** sunk the German Destroyer **T-29** north of Brittany on 26 April 1944 can be found in the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

ABBOTT, Douglas, Chief Petty Officer, DSM (2479) - Bar to Distinguished Service Medal (DSM*) - RCN / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 29 August 1944.

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

Medals: DSM and bar - 39/45 Star - Atlantic Star - CVSM & Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal - EIIR Coronation Medal - RCN LS & GC - Russian Mermansk Medal

On display in the Naval Museum at CFB Esquimalt.



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ABRAHAMSON, Max, Petty Officer Torpedo Gunner's Mate (T.G.M.) (V-14193) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / **HMCS St. Croix** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 25 November 1942.

"This torpedo gunner's mate maintained the depth charges in a high state of efficiency with the result that during prolonged attacks on an enemy U-Boat there were no misfires. His efficiency contributed in no small measure to the eventual destruction of the enemy U-Boat."

Details on the action in which **HMCS St. Croix** sunk **U-90** in the North Atlantic on 24 July 1942 can be found in the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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ADAM, Joseph Murray, Sub-Lieutenant - Commendation - RCNVR (Temp) / ML-053 - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 26 July 1943 (no **Canada Gazette**).
Home: Vancouver, B.C.
S/Lt (Temp), RCNVR, on 9 November 1942.
To **HMC ML-053** (Q053) on 24 May 1943.
Lt (Temp), RCNVR, on 9 November 1943.
Commanding Officer of **HMC MTB-464** from 8 January 1945 to 14 February 1945.
Demobilized on 27 December 1945.

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

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ADAMS, John Sylvester, Acting Leading Cook (S) (A-2077) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR / **HMCS Arivida** & **HMCS Dauphin** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.
Died at age 71 on 25 November 1986, St. Peters, Nova Scotia
Home: St. Peters, Richmond County, C.B., Nova Scotia.

"For consistent devotion to duty in all types of weather for nearly three years in **HMCS Arivida** and **HMCS Dauphin** on North Atlantic convoy duty. His cheerfulness and willingness have done much for the general health and well being of the ship's company."

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ADAMS, Kenneth Frederick, Commander - War Cross 3rd Class (Greece) - RCN / **HMCS Prince David** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 15 December 1942.



Born in Victoria, British Columbia on 6 September 1903.
Naval Cadet, RCN at the Royal Naval College of Canada (Tenth Term) in 1919.
Transferred to RCNR in 1922 as there were no vacancies in the RCN after graduation from the RNCC.
Entered the Merchant Service and obtained a Master's Certificate.
Rejoined the RCN in January 1928 as a Lieutenant, RCN.
To **HMS President** on 27 September 1928.
To **HMS Calypso** in 1928.
To **HMCS Skeena** in 1931 (stand by from 25 March to 9 June 1941; joined **Skeena** on 10 June 1931.
To **HMS Cairo** in 1934.

To **Stadacona** in 1935. Promoted LCdr on 3 January 1936.
First Lieutenant in **HMCS St. Laurent** (I) on 17 February 1937.

To RCN Barracks Halifax in 1939.
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Nootka** (I) (Fundy Class Minesweeper - J35) from 15 May 1939 to 21 August 1939.
 Promoted Commander and to RCN Barracks Halifax in 1941.
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Prince David** (Armed Merchant Cruiser - F89) 25 March 1941 to 1 December 1941.
 To RCN Barracks Halifax from December 1941 and February 1943.
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Assiniboine** (River Class Destroyer -D118) 11 February 1943 to 30 September 1943.
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Prince Henry** (Armed Merchant Cruiser - F70) 30 November 1943 to 11 December 1943.
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Ottawa** (II) (River Class Destroyer - H31) from 9 June 1943 to 6 July 1943.
 On promotion to Captain, became the Director of Warfare and Training and on 1 August 1944 and Commanding Officer of the RCN Training Base, Bermuda (HMCS Somers Isles).
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Iroquois** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G24) from 8 February 1945 to 2 July 1945.
 Commander RCN Barracks Halifax in July 1945 to July 1946.
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Uganda** (Cruiser - 66) from 5 July 1946 to 1 August 1947.
 To Naval Reserve HQ as Director of Naval Reserves from 29 August 1947 to 16 August 1948. ¹



Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel from 16 August 1948 to September 1949.
 Commanding Officer of **HMCS Magnificent** (Aircraft Carrier - 21) from 7 September 1949 to 28 October 1951 and promoted Commodore in 1949 and made Senior Canadian Officer Afloat.
 To RCN Barracks Esquimalt in October 1951.
 To HMCS Star as Commanding Officer Naval Divisions from 27 April 1953 to 27 May 1955.

Promoted Rear-Admiral in 1955 and to HMCS Star, then HMCS Patriot as Flag Officer Naval Divisions 27 May 1955 to 31 March 1958 and retired in October 1958.

He was Western Regional Manager for Canadian Westinghouse after retiring from the navy.

He died in Victoria, B.C. on 3 December 1984.

Naval Cadet, RCN		1919	(Royal Naval College of Canada Tenth Term)
To RCNR		1922	(No vacancies RCN after graduating from RNCC)
Master's Certificate	1922 to	1928	(Merchant Navy)
Lieutenant, RCN	03 January	1928	(First Lieutenant of HMCS Champlain)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	03 January	1936	(Commanding Officer HMCS Nootka)
Commander, RCN	01 January	1941	(CO HMCS Prince David, Iroquois & Prince Henry)
Acting Captain, RCN	01 January	1944	(Commanding Officer HMCS Somers Isle Bermuda)
Captain, RCN	01 July	1944	(Commanding Officer HMCS Uganda)
Commodore, RCN	01 September	1949	(Commanding Officer HMCS Magnificent)
Rear-Admiral, RCN	27 May	1955	(Flag Officer Naval Division)
Retired	28 October	1958	

"Awarded by King George II of the Hellenes for good services in escorting him to England in 1941."

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¹ Commodore (later Rear-Admiral) Ken Adams with Barbara Anne Scott

ADAMS, Samuel George, Master at Arms (2076) - British Empire Medal (BEM)
- RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"This rating has rendered outstanding service as Master-at-Arms whilst serving in one of His Majesty's Canadian Shore Establishments. His efficiency, whole-hearted devotion to duty, discipline and tact, are worthy of the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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ADAMSON, William Edward, Captain (S) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR / Supply Branch - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Kinistina, Saskatchewan.

HMCS Prince Robert (F56) on 31 July 1940.

Promoted Paymaster Commander on 1 January 1944

Promoted Captain (S) on 1 January 1945.

To HMCS Givenchy (D/S) as Commanding Supply Officer on 20 September 1945.

Retired on 23 August 1946.

ADAMSON. William Edward, 0-1220, (Kinistina SK) A/Paym/Lt(Temp) [12.2.40] RCNR,

HMCS PRINCE ROBERT(F56) amc, (31.7.40-?)

Paym/Cdr [1.1.44] Capt(S) [1.1.45] HMCS GIVENCHY(D/S) Comd/SupO, (20.9.45-?)

OBE-[5.1.46] Demobilized [23.8.46]

"For an outstanding contribution to the Supply Branch of the Canadian Naval Service. Captain Adamson, previously a Purser with the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, joined the Naval Service in the early days of the war and has served both ashore and afloat with marked success. He has at all times displayed leadership and perseverance of a high order, and by his tact and energy has inspired the confidence and trust of all with who he has come in contract."

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ADDISON, James Robert, Chief Petty Office (2104) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN / Shore Establishment - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Promoted Bosun, RCN, on 1 July 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Lloyd George** from 7 January 1946 to 7 May 1947.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Lloyd George** (J.279) - Bathythermographic - from 13 December 1947 to 19 January 1948.

To RCN Barracks Halifax on 19 January 1948. Awarded CD.

ADDISON. James Robert, 0-1250,

(Sidney, NS) CPO, 2104, RCN, **BEM-[19.1.43]** Boson [1.7.43]

HMCS LLOYD GEORGE(J279) Bathythermographic: CO, (7.1.46-7.5.47)

HMCS HAIDA(G63) DD, (23.6.47-?)

HMCS LLOYD GEORGE(J279) Bathythermographic: CO, (13.12.47-?)

RCNB Halifax, (19.1.48-?) Cd/Bosn [1.7.43]

Lt* [1.7.49]

HMCS NIAGARA (NMCS Washington) additional for Course, (19.10.51-?)

CD-[?] RCNB Halifax, for TAS School, (4.2.52-?)

RCNB Esquimalt, for TAS/Trg/Centre (9.6.52-?)

HMCS PORTE QUEBEC(185) YMG, CO, (1.4.54-?)

HMCS NADEN(D/S) for stand by for HMCS PORTE QUEBEC(185) YMG, (1.11.57-?)

HMCS QUADRA Comox, XO, (2.6.58-?)

HMCS QUADRA Comox, (1.6.59-?)

HMCS NADEN(D/S) additional, (16.8.59-?)

"While serving as Master-at-Arms in one of His Majesty's Canadian Shore Establishments, this Chief Petty Officer has rendered outstanding service as Master-at-Arms. By his whole hearted devotion to duty and an excellent example of discipline and morale, this Chief Petty Officer has contributed to the efficient expansion of the Royal Canadian Navy."

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AGNEW, Ronald Ian, Captain, OBE - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Prince Henry - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: 1028 Linden Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

Born in Toronto on 6 June 1895.

Naval Cadet RCN 1 January 1911 and joined the Royal Naval College of Canada (First Term) in 1911.

Promoted Midshipman RCN 15 January 1913.

Posted to **HMCS Niobe** in 1914.

To Naval Service HQ in 1914.

To Diana (for duty at NSHQ) 1915.

To Margaret 1915. To **HMCS Canada** 1915.

To Grilse as Executive Officer 1915.

To **HMCS Niobe** in 1915 and to HMS Drake 1916.

Promoted Acting Sub-Lieutenant 1 December 1915.

HMS Manners 1916. Promoted Lieutenant 15 July 1917.

To **HMS Princess Royal** 28 August 1917.

To **HMS Pegasus** (Aircraft Carrier) 1919.

Served in North Russia Relief Force (Bolshevik Revolution) in 1919.

To HMS President 1919.

To HMS Dryad for Navigation Course and for Duty and Royal Naval College Greenwich 5 January 1920.

To **HMCS Patriot** as First Lieutenant 1 November 1920.

To **HMCS Aurora** as Navigation Officer 1920.

HMS Guelph as Additional to NSHQ in 8 November 1921.

To NSHQ as District Intelligence Officer in 1923.

Flag Lieutenant to Commodore Hose at Imperial Conference in 1923.

HMS Repulse (Special Service Squadron) as Assistant Navigating Officer 1924.

To **HMS Hood** as Assistant Navigating Officer 1924.

HMS Dryad (For First Class Ship Course) 1925.

HMS Weymouth as Navigating Officer 1925.

To **HMS Champion** 1926. Commanding Officer HMCS Patrician from 17 August 1926 to 1 January 1928.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Vancouver** (I) from 1 March 1928 to 14 August 1928.

HMCS Stadacona from 26 September 1928 until sent on Royal Naval Staff Course in 1930.

HMS Renown as Additional and as Staff Officer (Operations) in 1931.

Commander of **HMCS Naden** and Senior Naval Officer Esquimalt in 24 June 1931.

To NSHQ as Naval Staff Officer 27 May 1932.

Awarded **Officer - Order of the British Empire** (OBE) 1935.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Saguenay** (River Class Destroyer - D179) from 3 May 1934 to 5 May 1936 and as Commander (D) Eastern Division in 1934 to 1936.

Captain (D) Canadian Division for exercises 1 May 1935 and 2 May 1936.

Named Honorary AdC to Governor-General 1936.

To Stadacona as Commander RCN Barracks Halifax 1936.

Commander-in-Charge RCN Barracks Naden in 1938.

Commanding Officer of HMCS Prince Henry (Armed Merchant Cruiser - F70) from 4 December 1940 to 19 December 1941.

In 1942, on promotion to Captain, was the Captain Commanding Canadian Ships and Establishments in United Kingdom (HMCS Niobe) replacing Captain C.R.H. Taylor.

"Captain Ronald Ian Agnew has taken up his duties as Officer Commanding Canadian Naval Establishments in Great Britain, in succession to Captain C.R.H. Taylor, who is returning for special duty in Canada. In the last war, Captain AGNEW served in Canadian Ships, chiefly in the West Indies, as well as with the 11th Flotilla in the Grand Fleet and with the 1st Battle Cruiser Squadron, and in 1919 he took part in the North Russia Relief Expedition. He was promoted to Captain in July 1941, his last ship command being **HMCS Prince Henry**."



Commanding Officer of HMS Atheling (Aircraft Carrier CVE 33) from June 1943 to June 1944. ." (photo with ship's Officers)

To Naden in Temporary Command 1945.

Promoted Commodore and made **Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff Washington** 1946.

Senior Canadian Liaison Officer London and Commanding Office Niobe 1947.

Died 22 March 1949 at London while serving in U.K.

Buried at sea from **HMS Finisterre**.

Commodore Ronald Ian Agnew, OBE

Naval Cadet, RCN	01 January	1911	(Royal Naval College of Canada First Term)
Midshipman, RCN	15 January	1913	(Served aboard HMCS Niobe)
Acting Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	26 November	1915	(Served aboard HMCS Canada)
Sub-Lieutenant, RCN	02 December	1916	(With seniority dated 1 December 1915);
Acting Lieutenant, RCN	15 February	1917	(Served on HMS Pegasus Aircraft Carrier)
Lieutenant, RCN	15 July	1917	(Served in North Russia Relief Force)
Lieutenant-Commander, RCN	15 March	1925	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Vancouver)
Commander, RCN	01 January	1930	(Commanding Officer of HMCS Saguenay)
Acting Captain, RCN	18 January	1935	(Commander (D) Eastern Division)
Awarded OBE	10 August	1935	(Only OBE to RCN between wars)
Captain, RCN	01 July	1941	(Captain Commanding Cdn Ships & Establishments in U.K.)
Acting Commodore (WHA), RCN	15 March	1946	(WHA = While Holding Appointment)
Commodore, RCN	01 July	1947	(Naval Member Cdn Joint Staff Washington)
Died	22 March	1949	(While Commanding Office Niobe London)

Mention in Despatches Citation

"For services in command of one of HMC Auxiliary Cruisers, during which period he was responsible for the destruction of two German Merchant vessels "**Hermonthis**" and "**Munchen**".

In early 1941, Prince Robert was joined in the Pacific by Prince Henry, commanded by R.I. Agnew, RCN. She had been working up off Bermuda when she was ordered through the Panama Canal to reinforce forces in the eastern Pacific. Of particular interest now were the four large German merchant ships lying at Callao, Peru: München, Hermonthis, Leipzig and Monserrate. Prince Henry patrolled off Peru with the British cruiser Diomedé through February and early March, before Diomedé was called away. On March 24, Prince Henry entered Callao harbour ostensibly to fuel, but in reality to size up her prey, dropping anchor a mere kilometre from the German ships. It was then that Agnew learned of their plans to escape to Japan, of the scuttling charges that were to destroy the ships if they were intercepted and of other preparations, including the cleaning of their bottoms to ensure the highest possible speed. Agnew estimated that they could make "11 knots speed in a breakaway.

Prince Henry was 70 miles south of Callao when the news arrived, and immediately made steam for 18 knots—a little short of her 22-knot best, but sufficient to intercept the much slower German vessels. This time, however, there would be no surprise. München was spotted a half hour before dawn on April 1 at a distance of 15 miles, and she altered course away as Prince Henry closed. The Canadian warship fired one round ahead of München

at 0700 hours at a range of 12,000 yards in an attempt to stop her. It was unclear where the round actually landed, but within minutes München was billowing smoke. As the German crew took to their boats, fire leapt from her hatches. When Prince Henry passed within a kilometre of her at 0730 there was little to be done. Neither München nor her crew, now safe in their boats, were going anywhere. So Agnew steamed on in search of Hermonthis.

The second German ship was sighted at 1225 hours. She, too, was soon on fire, with her crew piling into boats. Agnew was nonetheless determined to salvage this prize, and ordered some of the German crew back aboard and sent his own firefighting crew onto Hermonthis. As they began to battle the blaze, Agnew laid Prince Henry alongside, using between eight and 12 fire hoses on Hermonthis at a time from his own deck. Meanwhile, the two ships bumped and battered against one another in the swell, chewing up Prince Henry's spare line, fenders and fire hoses. It was all to no avail. By late afternoon, Prince Robert had used up her spare hoses and Hermonthis continued to burn. Accepting the inevitable, Agnew cast off to collect the remaining German crew, who had set sail for Peru, before returning to sink Hermonthis by gunfire. A search for München and her crew ended when the Peruvian cruiser Almirante Grau signalled that she had sunk the burning wreck and recovered the survivors.

Prince Henry resumed her patrols off Peru for three more weeks before heading to Esquimalt to land her prisoners and resupply: a testament to the tremendous range and staying power of the Prince ships. She resumed Pacific patrols over the summer of 1941 before returning to the Atlantic where she was supposed to pair up with Prince David to hunt German raiders. But Prince David was scheduled for a refit and in September Prince Henry was assigned to the inglorious duty of depot ship for Newfoundland Escort Force. (from Legion Magazine April 2010)



Awarded **Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE)** (First Type) as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 August 1935, Commander, RCN.

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AITKENHEAD, John Paterson, Chief Engine Room Artificer (C.E.R.A.) (A-1607) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Hamilton, Ontario.

"This rating has served at sea for thirty-two months and has carried out his duties as Chief Engine Room Artificer with outstanding zeal and energy. Due to his force of character and devotion to duty, he has been an invaluable example to his subordinates."

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ALCOCK, Ian Ernest, Temporary Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 10 July 1945. Home: Victoria, B.C. Served on **HMS Windflower** from 4 December 1940 to 1941.



Promoted Lieutenant (Temporary) on 20 March 1940.

His exploits are described in "**Far Distant Ships**" on page 420 to 422.

He served with the Royal Navy on Combined Operations for Southeast Asia Command.

"For service in hazardous reconnaissances in Burma (Missing 8 June 1945 to 23 August 1945)."

ALCOCK, Ian Ernest, Temporary Lieutenant, DSC - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 30 March 1946 and London Gazette of 22 January 1946.

"For good service in reconnaissance work in the Malaya Peninsula June - July 1945."

"He was a member of one of the British combined operations teams known by the inoffensive name of 'pilotage patrols'. Highly trained and fantastically equipped, the team went in by night to reconnoitre Japanese beaches on which Allied landings were later to be made. On 8 June 1945, he was unable to get back to the submarine which had dropped him. He spent over two months in the Malayan jungle which included sending a single to Southeast Asia Command on behalf of a senior Chinese officer which resulted in an arms drop to the Chinese Army. Finally, this red-haired, scrawny, fever-ridden spectre staggered out of the Malayan jungle on 23 August 1945." (condensed from '**Far Distant Ships**')

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ALERIE, John George, Petty Officer (V-5626) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Matapedia - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944. Home: Montreal, Quebec.

"For coolness and expert seamanship and leadership in the face of trying circumstances following a collision, thereby setting a fine example to the upper deck crew. Immediately following the collision involving **HMCS Matapedia** and **S.S. Scorton**, September 1943, Petty Officer Alerie took immediate action in charge of all available hands in rigging the collision mat over the hole sustained. At the same time, he had various parties clearing away the wreckage making the job of rigging the collision mat possible. His quick action and expert leadership probably saved **HMCS Matapedia** from sinking."

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ALLAN, Angus McFadyen Smith, Chief Petty Officer Writer (V-10281) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945. Home: Victoria, B.C.

"This rating's exemplary conduct, cheerfulness and bearing have been a continual inspiration to his subordinates, particularly during periods when much extra work, due to the shortage of accountant personnel, was required of the office staff under his supervision. His energy and zeal to promote an efficient and smooth running organization have been of the highest order at all times."

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ALLAN, Gordon, Lieutenant (E) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944.

Home: Vancouver, B.C.

Lt(E) Temp, RCNR on 1 July 1943.

To *HMCS Transcona* (J-271) from 24 April 1945 until demobilized on 24 September 1945.

"This officer has displayed outstanding devotion to duty. In his constant and consistent efforts to maintain and make ready for war the ships attached to an East Coast Command, Lieutenant Allan has shown under very often, trying conditions, the most untiring zeal and energy which, coupled with his high professional attainments, have served as an inspiration to all who have come in contact with him."

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ALLAN, John Alfred Robert, Sub-Lieutenant - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / HMCS Chambly - Awarded as per London Gazette of 3 March 1942 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia. RCNVR Division Winnipeg as Acting Sub Lieutenant (L) on 20 September 1939. Lieutenant (Temporary) 20 September 1941. Acting LCdr 1 July 1945. Officer serving on HMCS Chambly which was a Flower Class Corvette (K116) on 15 December 1940 to 16 November 1941.

Served **HMCS Halifax** (K.237) from 16 November 1941 to 27 April 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Brantford** (Flower Class Corvette - K218) from 27 April 1943 to 17 August 1943.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Thetford Mines** (River Class Frigate - K459) from 24 May 1944 to 2 September 1945.

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

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

ALLAN, John Alfred Robert, Acting Lieutenant-Commander, DSC - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Thetford Mines - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 September 1945 and London Gazette of 14 August 1945.

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

Details on the action in which **HMCS Thetford Mines** 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 book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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ALLAN, John Neil Murdoch, Leading Sick Berth Attendant (V-4720) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / **HMCS Prince Rupert** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Hollyburn, B.C. (North Vancouver)

He helped treat the burn victims following the fire which destroyed the Knights of Columbus Hostel, St. John's Newfoundland on 12 December 1942. He served in **HMCS Prince Rupert** (River Class Frigate - K324) from 26 August 1943 until 16 August 1945, during which time the ship assisted in the sinking of **U-575** on 13 March 1944 in the Atlantic. See page 114 of the book "**Operation Sick Bay**".

"For continuous outstanding performance of duty. His enthusiasm and fidelity have contributed much to the efficiency and health of the ship's company."

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ALLAN, Peter Christie, Engine Room Artificer 2nd Class (E.R.A. 2/Class O.N.) (V-10347) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

Chief Petty Officer (ERA) in 1943.

ALLAN, Peter Christie, V-10347, ERA 2/cl, RCNVR
MID-[9.1.43]; CPO/ERA; BEM-[10.6.44]

"Throughout his service in one of HMC Destroyers, Engine Room Artificer 2/Class Allan has carried out his duties with outstanding zeal and efficiency."

ALLAN, Peter Christie, Chief Engine Room Artificer 2nd Class (C.E.R.A. 2/Class O.N.) (V-10347) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

"This rating has served in both wars. Since entering the service in June, 1940, he has served at sea in the North Atlantic for over thirty-nine months. He is outstanding in every respect, and has, at all times, rendered good service to a very high degree. He has displayed great zeal and cheerfulness, and has proved most competent under the most trying conditions."

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ALLEYNE, Victor Percy, Commander (R.N. retired), Acting Captain (R.C.N.) - Officer, Order of the British Empire (OBE) - R.C.N. (Temp) - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943. Home: Esquimalt, B.C. Rank in Canada Gazette given as Commander. LCdr (Temp), RCN, on 1 October 1917; Acting Cdr (Cdr RN ret'd) on 1 July 1941; Acting Captain (Temp) appointed ended on 31 March 1944 and released as medically unfit. After Convoy Commodore duties, he became Naval Officer-in-Charge of the naval establishment, **HMCS Shelburne** (Shelburne, Nova Scotia) from 1941 to 1942.

"This officer showed great zeal and devotion to duty as Commodore of Convoys over a period of nearly two years during which time convoys under his command were heavily attacked. Commander Alleyne was Commodore of the first convoy sailing from North America to the United Kingdom in September 1939."

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ALLIN, George Edgar, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / LCA 1375 of 529th LCA Flotilla - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 April 1945 and **London Gazette** of 27 March 1945. Home: Edmonton, Alberta. Lt (Temp), RCNVR on 18 August 1942; demobilized on 30 September 1949. Served on **HMCS Prince David** (F.89) from 1 December 1943; then Commanded **LCA 1375** in 529th LCA flotilla on 6 June 1944.

"For distinguished services and gallantry during the invasion of the South of France (in August 1944)."

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ALLISON, James Henry Luman, Acting Stoker Petty Officer (A-2733) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR / HMCS Sackville - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 21 November 1942 and **London Gazette** of 18 November 1942.

"Over a considerable period of time as Leading Stoker and Stoker Petty Officer, he rendered valuable service in the Engine Room. He led and actively assisted in the training of a depth charge reloading party which contributed to the result of the engagement between **HMCS Sackville** and an enemy U-Boat."

Details on the action in which **HMCS Sackville, HMCS Skeena** 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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AMES, Frederick Harold, Chief Yeoman of Signals (X-41093) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN / HMCS Stadacona (Base) - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945. Home: London, Ontario.

"This rating, who is now fifty-eight years of age, has a record of twenty-four years service in the Royal Navy. Joining the R.C.N. in 1940, Chief Yeoman Ames has served diligently and well. For the last three years he has been in charge of the Signal Distributing Office, HMCS Stadacona, and has consistently carried out his duties in a most efficient and satisfactory manner."

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ANDERSON, Alego Lloyd, Surgeon Captain, VD - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / Senior Naval Medical Officer Newfoundland Command; now Senior Canadian Medical Officer in the U.K. - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 16 June 1945 and London Gazette of 14 June 1945.

Home: New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

RCNVR Half Company Saskatoon as Surgeon Lieutenant 14 July 1924.

Promoted Surgeon Commander on 14 July 1938.

RCN Base Halifax as Senior Medical Officer on 12 February 1940.

Surgeon Captain on 1 January 1944.

In 1945 he was the Senior Canadian Naval Medical Officer in the United Kingdom.

Demobilized on 30 November 1945.

During WWII, he served as Senior Medical Officer in the Pacific Command, Northwest Atlantic Command and Newfoundland Command.

Awarded **Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Decoration (VD)** on 13 April 1943 (which was a VRD after 1946).

"This officer has been an outstanding member of the Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve since 1924, having served as Senior Medical Officer in the Pacific, Canadian Northwest Atlantic and Newfoundland Commands. At present, Surgeon Captain Anderson is the Senior Canadian Naval Medical Officer in the United Kingdom. In 1941, Captain Anderson undertook the organization of the Medical services in Newfoundland, and through his energy, foresight and devotion to duty, he developed a very extensive medical organization of the highest calibre. During the period when the Battle of the Atlantic was at its height, his handling of various emergencies ashore, arising from the large number of survivors, was in keeping with the highest traditions of his profession and the Naval Service."

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ANDERSON, Charles Malcolm, Stoker Petty Officer (A-2436) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per London Gazette of 1 January 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Owen Sound, Ontario.

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

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ANDERSON, Frank Philip, Sailmakers Mate (A-1241) - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette of 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 12 December 1944. Home: Burgeo, Newfoundland. London Gazette lists him as a Leading Seaman; Canada Gazette Sailmakers Mate.

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

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ANDERSON, Stanley David, Chief Petty Officer Writer (V-13482) - **British Empire Medal (BEM)** - RCNR / Royal Canadian Naval Depot - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946. Home: Calgary, Alberta. (Canada Gazette states RCNVR).

"This rating during the last four years has done much to maintain an accurate record of the service of all ratings in the Canadian Naval Service. His extraordinary zeal and devotion to duty as rating in charge of Central Records in the Royal Canadian Naval Depot contributed greatly to the establishment of an accurate set of records which have proved to be of invaluable use to the Naval Service, during the period of expansion and later of demobilization."

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ANDERSON, Sydney James, Able Seaman (V-31852) - **Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)** - RCNR / HMC MTB-743 - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 15 May 1945 (no Canada Gazette). Home: Innisfall, Alberta.

"For bravery, daring and skill whilst serving in **HMC M.T.B. 743** in successful engagements in E-Boats."

Details on the action in which **HMC MTB-743** along with others of the **65th Canadian Flotilla** sank two merchant ships by torpedo and set on fire **German Minesweeper M-133** on 14 June 1944 can be found in Chapter 43 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

ANDERSON, Sydney James, Able Seaman (V-31852) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / HMC MTB 743 - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 12 June 1945.

"For services in actions against enemy light forces in June and July, 1944.

"For bravery, skill and great devotion to duty in damaging attacks against enemy shipping off the Coast of France (London Gazette)."

Details on the action in which **HMC MTB-743** along with others of the **65th Canadian Flotilla** sank two merchant ships by torpedo and set on fire **German Minesweeper M-133** on 14 June 1944 can be found in Chapter 43 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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ANDREWS, Alfred John, Yeoman of Signals (2946) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944.
Home: Calgary, Alberta.

"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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ANGUS, Colin James, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNR (Temp) / HMCS Cobalt - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 5 June 1943 and **London Gazette** of 2 June 1943.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Lieutenant (Temp), RCNVR, 30 December 1940.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cobalt** (Flower Class Corvette - K124) 20 May 1941 to 5 May 1943.

Acting LCdr (Temp), RCNVR, 1 January 1943.

First Commanding Officer **HMCS Port Colborne** (River Class Frigate - K326) 15 November 1943 to 23 April 1945.

LCdr (Temp) 1 January 1944 and demobilized on 23 August 1945.

"While serving in command of one of HMC corvettes (**HMCS Cobalt**) for a considerable periods in the North Atlantic, this officer has displayed zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty."

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ANGUS, Frederick William Robert, Electrical Commander - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa, Ontario.

LCdr (El) (Temp), RCNVR, on 1 July 1942.

Cdr (El) (Temp), RCNVR on 1 January 1943. Demobilized on 13 August 1945.

"Commander Angus has made a great contribution in supervising the activities of the Royal Canadian Navy in the part it played in the production of anti-submarine equipment in Canada. The success of this production was due, to a marked extent, to the technical knowledge and supervision of this officer."

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ANNESLEY, John Crispo Leckie, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 15 August 1944.

Home: Montreal, Quebec.

Canada Gazette has name as Lieutenant John Cyril ANNESLEY but DND records and London Gazette have John Crispo Leckie.

Accepted into the RCN as a Naval Cadet in 1935 (one of seven).

To the Training Cruiser, **HMS Frobisher**.

HMS Exeter 1 September 1936. Acting S/Lt, RCN on 1 September 1938; to RN Portsmouth Course on 5 September 1938. S/Lt, RCN on 15 June 1940 and Lt, RCN on 15 June 1940.

To **HMCS Annapolis** (Town Class Destroyer - I.04) on 25 November 1941.

To **HMCS St. Francis** (I.93) on 25 November 1941.

To **HMCS Haida** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G.63) on 19 June 1943 and later served as First Lieutenant of **HMCS Haida**.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Cape Breton** (River Class Frigate - K350) from 5 January 1945 to 24 September 1945. A/LCdr (WHA).

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Prince Rupert** (River Class Frigate - K324) from 24 September 1945 to 15 January 1946. A/LCdr (WHA).

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Qu'Appelle** (River Class Destroyer - H69) from 23 March 1946 to 7 April 1946.

Commanding Officer, m/s, of **HMCS New Liskeard** (Algerine Class Minesweeper - J.397) from 1 May 1946 to 15 September 1946.

Executive Officer of RCN Air Section Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on 16 September 1946.

To **HMCS Ontario** (Cruiser - 53) on 30 June 1947 and promoted LCdr on 15 June 1948.

To FOPC/Defence Research Laboratory, Esquimalt on 26 August 1948; First Lieutenant RCN Base Esquimalt on 29 January 1949. Continued to remain in post-war navy and died shortly after his retirement in 1964. Awarded CD.

Medals: 1939/1945 Star - Atlantic Star with bar France and Germany - CVSM and Clasp - 1939/1945 War Medal with MID - CD (GVI) - Croix de Guerre avec Palme en Bronze (France)

ANNESLEY, John Crispo Leckie, 0-2440, (Montreal, PQ)

HMS EXETER (1.9.36-?) A/S/Lt [1.9.38] RCN

RN Portsmouth Course, (5.9.38-?)

S/Lt [1.10.38]

HMCS SAGUENAY (I79) DD, (31.8.39-?) Lt [15.6.40]

HMCS ANNAPOLIS (I04) DD, (25.11.41-?)

HMCS ST FRANCIS (I93) DD, (10.8.42-?)

HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, stand by, (19.6.43-29.8.43)

HMCS HAIDA (G63) DD, (30.8.43-?) **MID**~[9.9.44] A/LCdr(WHA)

HMCS CAPE BRETON(K350) Fr, CO, (5.1.45-24.9.45)

2nd MID~[20.1.45] Lt [15.6.40] RCN, A/LCdr(WHA)

HMCS QU'APPELLE (H69) DD, CO, (21.3.46-?)

HMCS PRINCE RUPERT (K324) Fr, CO, (24.9.45-15.1.46)

HMCS HURON (G24) DD, CO, (22.2.46-20.3.46)

HMCS QU'APPELLE (H69) CO, DD, (24.3.46-7.4.46)

HMCS NEW LISKEARD (J397) CO, m/s, (1.5.46-15.9.46)

RCN Air Section Dartmouth, NS, XO, (16.9.46-?)

HMCS ONTARIO (53) LCB, (30.6.47-?)

LCdr [15.6.48]

FOPC/Defence Research Lab, Esquimalt, (26.8.48-?)

RCNB Esquimalt, 1stLt, (29.1.49-?)

Croix de Guerre avec Palmes en Bronze (France)~16.7.49]

NSHQ Staff Officer (NIF1) (1.5.51-?) CD~[?]

HMCS NIOBE(NMCS London) StO/Intel, (2.4.54-?) (130)

MARCOMATL (E01) (3.8.60-?)

NSHQ(D13) Staff Assistant CNS Plans (21.8.61-?)

HMCS BYTOWN (E48) (12.3.64-?) Lost 1965.



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

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

ANNESLEY, John Cyril, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches (2nd) - RCN / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 29 August 1944.

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

Details on the action in which **HMCS Haida** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G63), **HMCS Huron** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G24) and **HMCS Athabaskan** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G07) sunk the German Destroyer **T-29** north of Brittany on 26 April 1944 can be found in Chapter 39 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

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

Details on the action in which **HMCS Haida** (Tribal Class Destroyer - G63) and **HMS Eskimo** (Tribal Class Destroyer) sank **U-971** of the Biscay coast on 24 June 1944 can be found in Chapter 44 of the book "**The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945**".

ANNESLEY, John Cyril, Lieutenant - Croix de Guerre avec Palme en Bronze (France) - RCN / HMCS Haida - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 July 1949.

"Served as First Lieutenant on **HMCS Haida** in 1944."

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ANNIS, Alexander, Able Seaman (V-19037) - **Mention in Despatches** - RCNVR / **HMCS Trillium** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 22 July 1941 (no Canada Gazette).
Died 23 January 2007 at age 85 in Tilbury, Ontario.

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

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ANSTENSEN, Ansten, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR / Naval Control Boarding Service - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 16 June 1945 and **London Gazette** of 14 June 1945.
Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Lt (Temp), RCNVR, on 4 May 1941
A/LCdr (Temp), RCNVR, on 1 January 1944.
Demobilized on 30 June 1945
Naval Control Boarding Service WW2
LCdr, RCN(R) on 30 June 1945 and served at HMCS Unicorn Saskatoon Naval Division on 5 January 1948.

"This officer by his untiring zeal and energy in supervising the important duties of the Naval Control Boarding Service, and in enforcing the Merchant Seaman Order, has created an efficient organization for the prevention of delays in sailing merchant ships. His knowledge of foreign languages has made him invaluable in the interrogation of crews and survivors."

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ARBICK, John Henry, Acting Commander (A) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNVR / Director Canadian Naval Air Division - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946.

Home: Ottawa, Ontario.

LCdr (A) (Temp) RCNVR on 15 October 1943

A/Cdr (WHA), Naval Service

Cdr, RCN, on 11 April 1946.

RCN Short Service Commission 15 September 1947 to 14 September 1953.

"Commander Arbick joined the Naval Service in October 1943 when his four years' flying service in the Royal Canadian Air Force was terminated as a result of a serious accident. With a true sense of patriotism, he spared no effort in promoting the development of an air branch in the Royal Canadian Navy. As Director of Naval Air Division, this Officer's loyalty, energy, keenness and foresight have been an inspiration to those who have served with him."

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ARNASON, Steinthor Arni, Warrant Engineer - Mention in Despatches - RCNR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"For almost continuous service in H.M.C. Destroyers and Corvettes on North Atlantic Escort Duty since the outbreak of war. During this time, by skilful work, unswerving devotion to duty and cheerfulness, often under the most trying condition, he has displayed the highest qualities of leadership."

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ARMIT, George Gilmour, Commander (E) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCN(R) - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 30 March 1946 and **London Gazette** of 11 December 1945.

Home: New York, U.S.A.

LCdr (E) (Temp), RCNR on 23 October 1941

Cdr (E) (Temp) 1 January 1945.

Served on **HMCS Magnificent** (CVL - 21) in 1946

To **HMCS Niobe** (D/S) on 14 July 1947.

Demobilized at **HMCS Scotian** on 18 September 1947.

"For distinguished service during the war in Europe."

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ARMSTRONG, Douglas Byron, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 1 January 1942. (no Canada Gazette). Home: Toronto, Ontario. S/Lt (SB) (Temp) RCNVR 17 August 1940; Lt (E1) (R) (Temp) 17 August 1941; A/LCdr (EL) (R) (Temp) on 1 January 1942; demobilized on 19 November 1945.

"For outstanding zeal, patience and cheerfulness and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty without which the high tradition of the Royal Canadian Navy could not have been upheld."

ARMSTRONG, Douglas Byron, Acting Lieutenant (SB) - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 February 1944 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1944.

"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."

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ARMSTRONG, Frederick Thomas, Acting Able Seaman (V-51371) (Posthumous) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944. Home: Utterson, Ontario.

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

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ARMSTRONG, Mary Orell, Lieutenant - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - WRCNS / OIC W/T Station Baccaro, N.S. - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 15 June 1946 and **London Gazette** of 13 June 1946. Home: Fort William, Ontario. S/Lt, WRCNS on 16 September 1944.

"For exemplary devotion to duty under difficult conditions. As Officer-in-Charge of the isolated W/T Station at Baccaro, Nova Scotia, Lieutenant Armstrong was responsible for the operation and maintenance of highly technical equipment and the administration of a station where the maintenance of morale was of great importance. Her constant cheerfulness throughout her appointment at Baccaro won the admiration of those serving with her."

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ARMSTRONG, Robert Edgar, Petty Officer (4022) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 20 January 1944 and **London Gazette** of 14 November 1944. Home: Trenton, Ontario.

"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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ARNASON, Steinthor Arni, Warrant Engineer - Mention in Despatches - RCN / HMCS Frontenac - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 6 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1945.

Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A/Wt (E), RCNR on 1 May 1943.

Stand by for **HMCS Frontenac** (K.334) from 16 August 1943 to 25 October 1943 and joined **HMCS Frontenac** (K.334) on 26 October 1943.

Cdr (E) on 1 July 1945 and released as medically unfit on 23 July 1945.

"For almost continuous service in H.M.C. Destroyers and Corvettes (**HMCS Frontenac**) on North Atlantic Escort Duty since the outbreak of war. During this time, by skilful work, unswerving devotion to duty and cheerfulness, often under the most trying conditions, he has displayed the highest qualities of leadership."

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ARNISON, Alfred Borden, Lieutenant-Commander (E) - Officer - Order of the British Empire (OBE) - RCNR (Temp) / Engineering Officer - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 9 January 1943 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1943.

Home: Victoria, B.C.

A/Lt (E) (Temp) RCNR on 15 February 1940; stand by for HMCS Prince David from 10 July 1940 to 27 December 1940; joined **HMCS Prince David** (5.89) on 28 December 1940; A/Cdr (E) (Temp) RCNR on 1 July 1943; Cdr (E) (Temp) on 1 January 1945.

To **HMCS Ontario** (53) as LCdr on 27 April 1946. Promoted Cdr (E), RCN on 1 July 1946.

Assistant Superintendent HMC Dockyard Esquimalt on 30 August 1948.

"As Engineer Officer of one of H.M.C. Auxiliary Cruisers over a considerable period of time, Lieutenant-Commander (E) Arnison has rendered outstanding and meritorious services and through his skill and energy has set an excellent example."

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ARSENAULT, Roger Philippe, Sick Berth Petty Officer (V-25672) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCNR / Halifax Dockyard - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 5 January 1946 and **London Gazette** of 1 January 1946. Home: Halifax, Nova Scotia. Served in the RCNVR pre-war. He transferred from the Marine Section of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on 11 September 1939 and served for periods in each of HMC Ships **Madawaska, Acadia, Spikehard** and **Morden**. See page 118 of the book "Operation Sick Bay".

"This Sick Berth Petty Officer has shown untiring devotion to duty under consistently difficult circumstances. He has been greatly responsible for the efficient transporting of injured and repatriated personnel landed in Halifax, and was commended for his conduct during the recent Magazine explosion there."

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ARSENAULT, William James, Mate - Member - Order of the British Empire (MBE) - RCNR / HMCS Arras - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 June 1944 and **London Gazette** of 8 June 1944.

Home: Grindstone, Magdalen Island, Quebec

Skr (Temp) RCNR on 15 August 1941.

To **HMCS Arras** (Battle Class Trawler - Z.55) for training on 5 November 1941.

Mate (Temp) 12 April 1944.

Lt (Temp) RCNR on 12 April 1945.

Commanding Officer **HMCS Arras** (Battle Class Trawler - Z.55) from 1945 until ship paid off on 1 April 1946.

"During a fire in **HMCS Arras**, Mate Arsenault, unheeding of his own safety, stood by his job and rendered all assistance possible in getting his ship, which was blazing furiously, away from the burning jetty. As a result, he suffered burns about the face and hands and throughout the entire action set a splendid example to the men working with him."

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ARTMONT, Peter, Acting Leading Seaman (V-17281) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / **HMCS Huron** - Awarded as per **London Gazette** of 29 August 1944 (no Canada Gazette). Home: London, Ontario.

"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."

ARTMONT, Peter, Leading Seaman (V-17281) - Mention in Despatches (second) - RCNVR / **HMCS Huron** - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 20 January 1945 and **London Gazette** of 10 October 1944.

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

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ATHERTON, Thomas Herbert, Lieutenant - Mention in Despatches / HMCS Chilliwack - RCNVR - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 9 September 1944 and **London Gazette** of 18 July 1944. Home: Parry Sound, Ontario. S/Lt (Temp) RCNVR on 15 February 1943; To **HMCS Chilliwack** (K.131) on 28 June 1943; Lt (Temp) RCNVR on 15 February 1944; to **HMCS Fergus** (K.686) on 21 November 1944; demobilized on 21 September 1945.

"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**".

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ATKINSON, William Henry Issac, Lieutenant (P) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / Pilot No. 1844 FAA Squadron aboard HMS Formidable - Awarded as per **Canada Gazette** 15 September 1945 and **London Gazette** of 31 July 1945. Home: Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Born in Minnedosa, Manitoba 22 April 1923. He joined the RCNVR at age 19 (13 January 1943) and was loaned to the Royal Navy where he did his basic flying training at HMS St. Vincent in the United Kingdom as a Leading Naval Airman, RNVR.

He then went to RCAF Goderich for Elementary Flight Training School in 1943 and to RCAF Aylmer, Ontario for Service Flying Training School.

He received his wings in April 1944 and was promoted to Petty Officer Pilot RNVR on 1 March 1944.

He transferred to the RCNVR at that time as an Acting Sub-Lieutenant (seniority dated 1 April 1944).

In 1944 he was at HMS Macaw and RAF Erroll for Advance Flying Training.

His first active posting was to No. 761 RN Squadron in 1944 and to Royal Naval College Greenwich in 1944.

He was promoted Sub-Lieutenant RCNVR on 1 October 1944 and posted to **HMS Ravager** for Deck Landing Training on Seafires.

To RNAS Puttalan (Ceylon) from advanced Flying Training on Hellcats.

In December 1944 he served in **No. 1844 RN Squadron** aboard **HMS Formidable** flying F6F Hellcats in 1945.

Other Canadian serving on **Formidable** at the time were Lt Robert Hampton Grey, Lt G.A. Anderson (1841 Squadron), Lt Charles Edgar Butterworth (1942 Squadron) and Lt. J.F. Ross (1842 Squadron).

He flew attacks against the oil refineries at Palembang, Sumatra on 24 and 29 January 1945.

He and Butterworth were the only two Canadian naval pilots to survive air operations in the Far East.

He transferred to the RCN on 15 March 1945 where he was promoted to Lieutenant (P) on 27 December 1945 (with Seniority 10 April 1945).

His first posting was to RNAS Lee-on-Solent for **No. 799 RN Squadron**.

In 1945 he went to RNAS Eglinton for Advanced Naval Fighter School.

He went to Naden for Royal Canadian Naval College Royal Roads as Term Lieutenant in 18 July 1946.

In 1948 he went to Stadacona for RCN Barracks Halifax for RCN Air Section (Dartmouth) for duty Pilot in **No. 1 Training Air Group**.

Later in 1948 to duty Pilot in **No. 803 RCN Squadron** as Maintenance Test Pilot.

He did his Watchkeeping training in **HMCS Haida** (G.63) (1 May 1949) and **HMCS Portage** in 1949. Awarded Watchkeeping Certificate 6 February 1950.

Then to RCN Air Section (Dartmouth) for duty as Pilot in **No. 1 Training Air Group** and then to RCAF Centralia for Instrument Flying Course in late 1950.

Then to RNAS Eglinton for **No. 815 RN Squadron** for JUC.

In 1952 he was posted to Shearwater as Commanding Officer of **No. 881 RCN Squadron** from November 1952 to August 1953) flying Avengers aboard **HMCS Magnificent** (promoted LCdr 10 March 1953).

Next posting was to the Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Manitoba, in 1955.

He did the RCAF Staff College Staff Course in 1957.

Then he was posted to **HMCS Nootka** as Executive Officer in 1958.



He was then an RCN exchange pilot at the USN Experimental Squadron VX10 at Key West, Florida in 1960.

Promoted to Commander (1 January 1962), he assumed Command of **HMCS Haida** (I) from 20 July 1962 to 22 September 1963.

The then became Commanding Officer of **HMCS Venture**, the officer's training school in 1964.

He served as Deputy Chief of Staff (Maritime) at Training Command HQ in 1966.

His last posting was as Canadian Defence Liaison Staff in Washington as Intelligence Liaison Officer in 1969.

He retired from the RCN on 1 September 1973 and moved to Peachland, B.C. Total flying hours were 3,400 Hours and 241 day deck landings and 34 night deck landings.

One of only sixteen WW2 Fleet Air Arm pilots to achieve five or more air victories.

For more details on his career, see "**A Formidable Hero, Lt. R.H. Gray, VC, DSC, RCNVR**".

"For gallant services in the Pacific. For gallantry, skill and marked devotion to duty in the Far East."



He participated in the British Carrier Squadron attacks on the Sakishima Gunto island group south east of Okinawa and on Formosa. Atkinson was credited with a "probable" kill on a Japanese Betty bomber during a raid on the Miyako airfield. His first confirmed kill was a Japanese Judy Bomber (April 6, 1945) followed on April 12th with a confirmed Zero. He had another probable on a Tony Bomber on April 12th and a confirmed Betty Bomber on April 13th. He shared a kill on a Myrt Reconnaissance Aircraft later that month. In May, his aircraft was damaged by flak over Sakishima. On July 15th, 1945, he was credited with shooting down three Grace torpedo bombers and his wingman claimed a fourth. He thus became the second Canadian "naval ace" of the Pacific War

ATKINSON, William Henry Issac, Lieutenant (P) - Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) - RCNVR / Pilot with FAA / HMCS Formidable - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 15 September 1945 and London Gazette of 31 July 1945.

"For courage in action against the Japanese. For determination and address in air attacks against targets in Japan."

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AUDETTE, Louis De La Chesnaye, Acting Lieutenant-Commander - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR / HMCS Coaticook - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 6 January 1945 and London Gazette of 1 January 1945.

Home: Quebec, P.Q. Born 1907. Lawyer in Montreal 1930s.

He joined the Voluntary Supplementary Reserve in Montreal in 1938 and was commissioned Acting Lieutenant, RCNVR in 27 September 1939.

To **HMCS Saguenay** (I.79) on 17 July 1940 and survived torpedoing of **HMCS Saguenay**.

Served in **HMCS Francis** and served in **HMCS Pictou** (and briefly commanded 28 August 1942 to 19 September 1942).

Commanding Officer of HMCS Pictou (Flower Class Corvette - K146) from 22 August 1942 to 19 September 1942.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS Amherst** (Flower Class Corvette - K148) from 20 September 1942 to 24 May 1944 (Acting LCdr).

The first and only wartime **Commanding Officer** of **HMCS Coaticook** (River Class Frigate - K410) from 25 July 1944 to 2 September 1945.

Commanding Officer of **HMCS St. Catharines** (K.325) 4 August 1945 to 18 November 1945.

LCdr (Temp) on 1 January 1945.

Commanding Officer of the HMCS Carleton (Naval Reserve Unit Ottawa) from 20 April 1946 to 21 January 1948 as a Commander.

Member of the Mainguy Commission in 1949.

Joined Federal Public Service and he had a distinguished career as a Civil Servant in Ottawa post-war.

He headed several boards and commissions and was **Chairman of the Tariff Board** 1959 to 1972.

He was also a Charter Member of the Maritime Commission.

He retired 1972 and was active in the Ottawa community particularly regarding persons with handicaps.

Awarded the Admirals' Medal in December 1986 for his permanent and significant contribution to maritime affairs in Canada and his achievements in maritime international affairs which have greatly benefitted the seagoing countries of the world. The presentation was made at the opening ceremony at the Vice-Admiral Mainguy Building in Halifax in December 1986.

He died on 02 April 1995, age 87, in Ottawa.

MID Citation

"This Officer has served for the majority of the war in escort vessels in the Battle of the Atlantic having been in command for the last two years. By his cheerfulness, enthusiasm and wholehearted devotion to duty, he has set a fine example to those serving under him."

Awarded **Officer - Order of Canada (OC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 June 1974.

Awarded on June 26, 1974; Invested on December 6, 1974
Businessman. For his contribution to education, business administration and public administration.

AUDETTE. Louis de la Chesnaye, 0-3360,

Born 1907 in Quebec, PQ; died 02 April 1995 in Ottawa, Ontario age 87

A/Lt(Temp) [27.9.39] RCNVR,

HMCS PICTON(K146) Cof, CO, (22.8.42-19.9.42)

HMCS SAGUENAY(I79) DD, (17.7.40-?)

Lt(Temp) [27.3.38] A/LCdr(WHA),

HMCS AMHERST(K148) Cof, CO, (20.9.42-24.5.44)

LCdr(Temp) [1.1.45]

HMCS COATICOOK(K410) Fr, CO, (25.7.44-3.6.45) MID~[6.1.45]

HMCS ST. CATHARINES(K325) Fr, CO, (4.8.45-?) Demobilized [9.11.45]

LCdr [1.1.45] RCN(R)

HMCS CARLETON, Ottawa Naval Division, CO, (8.4.46-?)

Cdr [?] RCN(R) OC~[29.6.74]

MID Citation:

The first and only wartime Commanding Officer of **HMCS Coaticook** (River Class Frigate - K410) from 25 July 1944 to 2 September 1945.

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AUSTEN, Henry Edward, Acting Chief Petty Officer (V-25176) - Mention in Despatches - RCNVR - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 5 June 1943 and London Gazette of 2 June 1943. Home: Jackson Heights, New York, U.S.A.

"This rating has served for over two years as Coxswain of His Majesty's Canadian Corvettes in the North Atlantic, during this period his devotion to duty has been outstanding and his work in rescue, care and treatment of survivors during the heavy attack on a convoy was of an especially high standard."

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AVELING, William Haig, Chief Petty Officer - (2907) - Mention in Despatches - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 20 January 1945 and London Gazette of 14 November 1944. Home: New Westminster, B.C.

"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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AVES, Frank Edward, Chief Petty Officer (2617) - British Empire Medal (BEM) - RCN - Awarded as per Canada Gazette 10 June 1944 and London Gazette of 8 June 1944. Home: Preston, Ontario.

"This rating has rendered very good service in the Battle of the Atlantic over a long period. He has displayed zeal, cheerfulness under trying conditions, and skill to a high degree, and has played a great part in achieving and maintaining the fighting efficiency of his ship."

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