

Citizen Sailors Virtual Cenotaph



A listing of all the CSVC sailors who received gallantry awards. *
The completed story is linked to the names underlined in blue text.

Name	RCNVR Enlistment Division	Date of Event	Date of Award	Details of Award
Able Seaman Frederick Thomas Armstrong	HMCS York	MiD 9-Jun-44	MiD 29-Aug-44	MiD (posthumous) awarded, "For gallantry, skill, determination and undaunted devotion to duty during the initial landings of Allied Forces on the coast of Normandy"
<u>Lieutenant Graham McNaughton Baker</u>	HMCS York	MiD 28-Mar-42	MiD 21-May-42	MiD (posthumous) awarded, "For great bravery and unshaken devotion to duty in control of a gun in his motor launch, and afterward in trying to take a rope onto a jetty heavily enfiladed by intense enemy fire (during an attack on St. Nazaire)."
Sub-Lieutenant Wilfred Bark	Montreal Division RCNVR	MiD 22-Feb-43	MiD 1-Jun-43	MiD awarded posthumously. For gallant rescue work. On 22 February 1943, HMCS Weyburn was mined by U-118 off the Strait of Gibraltar. With all of the crew in the water or picked up by HMS Wivern, an after bulkhead let go in Weyburn and she sank quickly by the stern. Unfortunately, depth charges that had been jammed by the original explosion and could not be rendered safe, exploded and killed several crew in the water including Sub-Lieutenant BARK.
Leading Stoker Jack Gardner Berryman	HMCS Star	MiD 17-Mar-45	MiD 14-Aug-45	MiD (posthumous) awarded, "For outstanding courage, resolution and devotion to duty when their ship was sunk. -HMCS Guysborough." On 17 March 1945, HMCS Guysborough was sunk by U-878 off Ushant, France with the loss of 4 officers and 47 crew.

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Lieutenant Charles Ernest Bonnell	Toronto Division RCNVR	MiD 3-Nov-41	MiD 6-Jan-42	<p>DSC awarded after his MTB (218) sank a merchant ship off Boulogne on 3 Nov 1941. "For courage and skill when an enemy convoy was attacked by our light coastal forces"</p> <p>In the book "Through a Canadian Periscope" by Julie Ferguson in chapter 12 entitled "The Charioteers 1942-1943", Ferguson describes Lieutenants Bonnell and Moreton as the first two officers interviewed and selected to join the then very, very secret British two-man "chariot" training program then just in early stages of design and development. They became part of a group of only 24 officers and 31 men and the only Canadians (both RCNVR) to do so. They trained and qualified as divers and on chariots. Bonnell died 8 Jan 43 when HMS/M P311, (HMS TITANIA(D/S)) was sunk by a mine during Operation "Principal" Straits of Bonifacio. the sub (P311) was carrying two chariots to attack 2 Italian cruisers</p>
Lieutenant Frederick John Boyer	Toronto Division RCNVR	MiD(1) Aug/Sep 43 MiD(2) Jan-Feb 44	MiD(1) 23-May-44 MiD(2) 21-Nov-44	<p>MiD awarded, "for outstanding courage, resolution, leadership skill and devotion to duty in operations which led to successful landing on the Italian mainland and at Salerno."</p> <p>2nd MiD awarded posthumously "for good service in bombardment of enemy positions at Anzio"</p> <p>Lieutenant Boyer was killed when HMS Laforey was sunk by U-223 near Naples in early 1944.</p>
Leading Seaman David Henry Brown	Windsor Division RCNVR	MiD 6-May-44	MiD 5-Dec-44	<p>MiD (posthumous) awarded, "For services in HMCS Valleyfield and HMCS Giffard for brave rescue work when HMCS Valleyfield was sunk on 6 May 1944"</p> <p>LS Dave Edgar BROWN, AS David Henry BROWN and AS Merv WOODS lost their lives when they went back to withdraw the primers from the depth charges before the Valleyfield sank.</p>
Able Seaman David Edgar Brown	HMCS Discovery	MiD 6-May-44	MiD 5-Dec-44	<p>MiD (posthumous) awarded, "For services in HMCS Valleyfield and HMCS Giffard for brave rescue work when HMCS Valleyfield was sunk on 6 May 1944"</p> <p>LS Dave Edgar BROWN, AS David Henry BROWN and AS Merv WOODS lost their lives when they went back to withdraw the primers from the depth charges before the Valleyfield sank.</p>

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Engine Room Artificer Leslie Wellington Bydwell	Montreal Division RCNVR	MiD 24-Jul-42	MiD 25-Nov-42	Awarded MiD, "For good services and devotion to duty in maintaining a high speed when chasing enemy U-Boat, thus materially assisting in its eventual destruction. On 24 Jul 1942, HMCS St Croix was assigned to a station 10 miles ahead of convoy ON 113. She located 2 x Uboats on the surface. While one escaped, the St Croix pursued U-90. After completing down four depth charges runs, U-Boat debris and human remains were located on the surface.
Able Seaman John Eugene Byrne	HMCS York	MiD 1-Jun-44	MiD 26-Dec-44	For gallantry, skill, determination and undaunted devotion to duty during the landing of Allied Forces on the coast of Normandy.
Lieut-Commander William Franklin Campbell	Saskatoon Division RCNVR	MiD 6-Feb-43	MiD 1-Jan-44	Awarded MiD posthumously. "Lieutenant-Commander Campbell, as Commanding Officer of HMCS Louisburg was responsible for the saving of many lives, due to his rapid summing up of the situation and his prompt action. His bravery, in the face of the enemy, cost him his own life" HMCS Louisburg, a Flower Class Corvette, was sunk on 6 February, 1943 by Italian aircraft off Oran in the Mediterranean. There were 47 RCN and one RN survivor and 37 RCN and 5 RN passengers who lost their lives. Further accounts record that the explosion of the torpedo killed most of those standing watch in the engine room. The rest of the crew abandoned ship smoothly. Her own depth charges exploded killing and wounding men in the water.
Leading Steward James Ralph Conn	HMCS Montreal	MiD 16-Apr-45	MiD 1-Jan-46	Awarded MiD (posthumous). "Leading Steward Conn showed exceptional courage in remaining in the upper mess deck helping others to get up from the lower mess deck despite the fact that HMCS Esquimalt was obviously sinking fast. When last seen, he was still thus engaged and it is presumed that he went down with the ship."
Lieut-Commander Digby Rex Bell Cosh	RMC	DSC Apr-44 MiD Jun-43 - Apr-44	DSC 30-May-44 MiD 30-May-44	He commanded a squadron of Wildcats against the Tirpitz lying in a Norwegian fjord in April 1944. For this action, he was awarded DSC. 'For good service in attack on Tirpitz' Awarded MiD, "for courage, enterprise and skill in successful operations from HM Ships Biter, Pursuer and Fencer against enemy aircraft. He was killed in a flying accident during bombing exercises in the UK on 24 Jun 1944

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Lieut-Commander Clifton Rexford (Tony) Coughlin	Montreal Division RCNVR	DSC 5-Mar-44	DSC 18-Jul-44	Awarded DSC in Sep 1944 "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.
		MiD Aug-44	MiD 14-Nov-44	"On 5 Mar 1944, HMCS Chilliwack was serving with C-1 Support Group but joined C-2 Group for the attack. A whaler from HMCS Chilliwack was sent over to U-744 to attempt to board her before she sank.
				Awarded MiD (posthumous), "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."
				Fractured femur on 17 Oct 1944 during heavy seas when his left leg struck guardrail, and died of an embolism om 19 Oct 1944
Leading Patrolman Henry Raymond Craig	HMCS HUNTER	MiD 18-Jul-45	MiD 5-Jan-46	MiD awarded posthumously on 1 Jan 1946. "For outstanding valour in the face of fire during the magazine explosion at Halifax in July 1945. This rating was on duty at the south jetty when the first explosion occurred. He turned in the necessary alarm and then attempted to proceed to the scene to help extinguish the fire. He was killed by the ensuing explosion before he could reach the scene. His bravery and resource were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Canadian Naval Service"
Ordinary Telegraphist Alexander Earle Day	Toronto Division RCNVR	MiD 26-Mar-41	MiD 4-Nov-41	Awarded MiD (posthumous). "For gallantry and devotion to duty when HMCS Otter was lost."
Lieutenant Eric Soulis Ditmars	Vancouver Division RCNVR	MiD 1-Apr-41	MiD 11-Nov-41	Awarded MiD. "For gallantry and distinguished services in operations in Greek waters - HMS Salvia. (Withdrawal of Allied forces from Greece in April 1941)
Lieut-Commander Andrew Hedley Dobson	Halifax Division RCNR	MiD 24-Jul-42	MiD 25-Nov-42	Awarded DSC for action on 24 Jul 1942. "For distinguished services before the enemy. Acting Lieutenant-Commander Dobson was Commanding Officer of HMCS St. Croix. Two enemy U-boats were sighted on the surface and HMCS St. Croix gave chase to one of them. The destruction of this U-boat (U-90), after an attack lasting two hours, was achieved by this Officer's coolness and determination and through his skilful handling of the ship"
Lieutenant George Findlay Duncan	Montreal Division RCNVR	MiD(2) Oct-42	MiD (1) 3-Mar-42	Awarded MiD in March 1942 "For leadership, coolness, and skill in action against the enemy."
			DSC 29-Sep-42	
			MiD (2) Nov-45	Awarded DSC in Sept 1942 "For skill and bravery in action against enemy E-Boats while serving in H.M. Motor Gunboats."

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Lieut-Commander William Arthur Burdett Garrard	Esquimalt Division RCNVR	MiD 22-Feb-43	MiD 1-Jun-43	<p>Awarded MBE 13 Nov 1943, "For gallant rescue work."</p> <p>On 22 February 1943, HMCS Weyburn was mined by U-118 off the Strait of Gibraltar. With all of the crew in the water or picked up by HMS Wivern, an after bulkhead let go in Weyburn and she sank quickly by the stern.</p> <p>Lieutenant William Garrard was the First Lieutenant in HMCS Weyburn and while he was crossing between his ship and HMS Wivern, which had arrived to rescue survivors, his leg was caught between the two ships and his ankle severely crushed (and was later amputated)</p>
Chief Motor Mechanic Daniel Everett Gillis	Halifax Division RCNVR	MiD 26-Mar-41	MiD 4-Nov-41	<p>Awarded MiD (posthumous), "For gallantry and devotion to duty when HMCS Otter was lost."</p> <p>HMCS Otter sank after catching fire off of Halifax on 26 March 1941 with the loss of 19 crew. Chief Gillis lost his life while trying to rescue his shipmates.</p>
Lieut-Commander Thomas Maitland Wake Golby	Esquimalt Division RCNVR	MiD 22-Feb-43	MiD 2-Jun-43	<p>Awarded MiD (posthumous). "This Officer showed a high degree of competence while in command of His Majesty's corvettes. His courage and cheerfulness were outstanding, and in command of His Majesty's Canadian Corvette Weyburn, he gave his life in unswerving devotion to duty."</p> <p>HMCS Weyburn was sunk by a mine set by U-118 off the Strait of Gibraltar on 22 February 1943. Lieutenant-Commander Golby died in the water.</p>
Stoker 2nd Class George Everett Goodwin	HMCS Chippawa	MiD 12-Dec-44	MiD 2-Mar-45	<p>Albert Medal awarded posthumously on 2 Mar 1945. For supreme gallantry in rescuing occupants of the Knights of Columbus Hostel, St John's Newfoundland, on the occasion of its destruction on 12 Dec 1944 by fire. Notwithstanding the fact that he could have saved his own life and that he himself was very badly burned, this rating assisted in removing two girls from the building, thereby saving their lives. He was then overcome by flames and lost his life.</p>
Able Seaman Lloyd Murchison Gordon	Charlottetown Division RCNVR	MiD 28-Aug-42		<p>MiD awarded, "For good services in action with enemy submarines while serving in HMCS Oakville.</p> <p>Details on the action in which HMCS Oakville (Flower Class Corvette - K178) sank U-94 in the North Caribbean on 28 August 1942 can be found in Chapter 15 of "The Canadian Naval Chronicle</p>

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Lieutenant Malcolm Seafield Grant	Montreal Division RCNVR	MiD Jul-44 - 21-Aug-44	MiD 14-Jun-45	<p>Awarded MiD (posthumous). "This Officer, who lost his life at the time of the destruction of HMCS Alberni, consistently displayed coolness in action and unswerving devotion to duty. His organizational and training ability were largely responsible for the successful shooting down of a JU-88 in July, 1944. Lieutenant Grant's exemplary conduct was always a credit to the service as a whole and an inspiration to the men serving under him."</p> <p>The sinking of HMCS Alberni by U-480 on 21 August 1944 in the English Channel is described in Chapter 50 of "The Canadian Naval Chronicle 1939-1945".</p>
Lieutenant Robert Hampton Gray	Calgary Division RCNVR	MiD 29-Aug-44	MiD 16-Jan-45	<p>MiD awarded,"For undaunted courage, skill and determination in carrying out daring attacks air strikes on the German battleship Admiral Von Tirpitz in August 1944." On 29 August, 1944, Lt Gray lead his flight in a deadly low-level strafing run against three Narvik-class destroyers, all blazing at the Corsairs with a hail of cannon fire. Lt Gray's aircraft took a direct hit from a 40 mm shell and most of his rudder was shot off. He managed to fly back to the ship, and in a rare display of coolness patiently orbited the carrier for 45 minutes rather than disrupt the landing pattern by requesting an emergency landing.</p>
		DSC 28-Jul-45	DSC 15-Sep-45	<p>DSC awarded "For courage in action against the Japanese. For determination and address in air attacks on targets in Japan, on the 18th, 24th and 28th of July 1945". On July 28, 1945, Lt Gray directed a low-level strike against the naval base at Maisuru, north of Kyoto. Lt Gray made a direct hit on a Japanese destroyer, setting it afire and sending it to the bottom. His proficiency at this type of low-level attack on well defended naval destroyers was remarkable.</p>
		VC 9-Aug-45	VC 24-Nov-45	<p>VC awarded "For great bravery in leading an attack to within fifty feet of a Japanese destroyer in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire, thereby sinking the destroyer although he was hit and his aircraft on fire and finally himself killed. He was one of the gallant company of Naval airmen who, from December, 1944, fought and beat the Japanese from Palembang to Tokyo. The actual incident took place in the Onagawa Wan on the 9th of august, 1945. Gray was leader of the attack which he pressed home in the face of fire from shore batteries and at least eight warships. With his aircraft in flames, he nevertheless obtained at least one direct hit which sank its objective."</p>

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Lieutenant William Frederick Hale	HMCS Chippawa	MiD 14-Feb-45	MiD 24-Jul-45	<p>MiD awarded For good services in a fire at Ostend, 14th February 1945."</p> <p>During the afternoon of 14 February 1945, several MTB flotillas including the 29th Canadian were tied up at Ostend Harbour for refueling and rearming. Highly volatile gasoline had been washed into the water and became ignited. Canadian sailors rushed to extinguish the flames. Lieutenant Hale of MTB 466 ordered his crew to evacuate, but he remained in an attempt to contain the fire. As he battled the fire, MTB 466 exploded. A wall of flames engulfed the MTBs and five of the eight boats of the 29th Flotilla were destroyed along with seven British boats. There were 26 Canadians and 35 British sailors killed in the fire.</p>
Surgeon Lieutenant George Ainslie Hendry	Toronto Division RCNVR	MiD 13-Sep-42	MiD 1-Jan-43	<p>MiD (posthumous) awarded for service in HMCS Ottawa. "Whilst serving in one of HMC Destroyers (HMCS Ottawa)in the North Atlantic, the late Surgeon Lieutenant G.A. Hendry performed outstanding surgical work aboard his ship, and displayed at all times the most commendable devotion to duty."</p> <p>HMCS Ottawa was sunk by U-91 in mid-Atlantic on 13 September 1942 with the loss of 5 officers, 108 crew, 6 Royal Navy seamen and 22 merchant seamen.</p>
Lieutenant Thomas Vincent Holland	Charlottetown Division RCNVR	MiD 17-Mar-45	MiD 14-Aug-45	<p>Awarded MiD (posthumous). "For outstanding courage, resolution and devotion to duty when their ship was sunk -HMCS Guysborough."</p> <p>On 17 March 1945, HMCS Guysborough was sunk by U-878 off Ushant, France with the loss of 4 officers (including Lieutenant Thomas Holland) and 47 crew.</p>
Able Seaman Leslie Horne	Winnipeg Division RCNVR	MiD 16-Jun-42	MiD 28-Nov-42	<p>MiD (posthumous) awarded 28 Nov 1942, "For gallantry and supreme devotion to duty in connection with convoys."</p> <p>AB Horne died on 16 June 1942 while assisting in the attempted salvage of a merchant ship. Having gone as one of the boats crew to board a torpedoed merchant ship, the merchant ship sank before the boarding party was clear of the wreck</p>
Engine Room Artificer Carlton John Jacques	Windsor Division RCNVR	MiD 16-Apr-45	MiD 5-Jan-46	<p>MiD awarded (posthumous). "For outstanding gallantry and bravery in action. At the time of the sinking of HMCS Esquimalt, Petty Officer Jacques remained for some time helping others to get out of the mess decks so that they could abandon ship. Later he left his carley float to swim round and help others who could not swim. As a result of these further exertions and the additional time in the water, he died shortly afterwards."</p> <p>HMCS Esquimalt was torpedoed by U-190 in the Halifax approaches on 16 April 1945.</p>

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Telegraphist Reynold Joseph Jeannotte	Saskatoon Division RCNVR	MiD 6-Jul-44	MiD 3-Oct-44	<p>MiD awarded (posthumous) "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."</p> <p>Qu'Appelle was an F Class Destroyer. Operating with HMCS Restigouche, Saskatchewan and Skeena off Brest, France, on 6 July, 1944, she participated in the sinking of at least two heavily armed U-boat escort vessels. OS Jeannotte was severely wounded in the battle and died a few days later.</p>
Able Seaman Lawrence James Jodoin	HMCS Nonsuch	MiD 9-Jul-44	MiD 26-Dec-44	<p>MiD awarded (posthumous) . "For gallantry, skill, determination and undaunted devotion to duty during the landing of Allied Forces on the coast of Normandy on Jul 1944."</p> <p>AB Jodoin was Killed in Action with enemy R boats off Cap D'Antifer on the night of 8/9 Jul 1944, by direct hit in the stomach with a 40mm shell.</p>
Lieutenant Charles Allan Keefer	Montreal Division RCNVR	AM 26-Aug-41 St Olaf 26-Aug-41	AM 17-Feb-42 St Olaf 17-Nov-43	<p>AM (Albert Medal in Bronze for Saving Life at Sea). "HMS Lulworth went to the rescue of survivors from a torpedoed Merchantman. The night was dark, with heavy seas running, so that the rescue work was slow and hazardous. As HMS Lulworth was about to abandon search, two men and a woman were found clinging to the wreckage. The men were saved, but as the woman, who was unconscious, was being hauled on board, she slipped from her life-jacket, disappeared below the surface, and came up astern. Lieutenant Keefer at once dived into the sea to try to save her. He reached her, but both were swept away by the heavy seas, and though search was made for an hour, neither was seen again."</p> <p>St Olav's medal (posthumous). "We, Haakan, King of Norway, make known that We on this day of March 17, 1943, have conferred upon Charles Allan Keefer, Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R., our St. Olav's Medal (postmortum) in recognition of his personal contribution to Norway's cause during the war, where in he gave his own life in an attempt to save a Norwegian woman from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean."</p>
Lieutenant David Allison Killam	Vancouver Division RCNVR	DSC 26-May - 4-Jun-40	2-Aug-40	<p>Awarded DSC 2 Aug 1940, "For courage and resource in withdrawal of troops in the neighbourhood of Le Havre." (Dunkirk evacuation 26 May - 4 Jun 1940)</p> <p>Died 3 Jul 1944 when HMC MTB460 was sunk off the invasion coast of France</p>

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Leading Stoker Cyril Frederick Kitchen	Hamilton Division RCNVR	MiD Feb - Nov-41	15-Sep-42	<p>MiD awarded posthumously on 15 Sep 1942. "For bravery while serving in Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships."</p> <p>Leading Stoker Kitchen Served in HMS Alaunia, an Armed Mechant Cruiser, from Feb to Nov 1941 while she was employed in the North Atlantic Escort Force</p> <p>Leading Stoker Kitchen died when his ship HMCS Spikenard was torpedoed and sank on 10 Feb 1942</p>
Leading Seaman Herbert Russel Knight	Windsor Division RCNVR	MiD 16-Apr-45	MiD 1-Jan-46	<p>MiD awared (posthumous). "After the torpedoing of HMCS Esquimalt on 16 Apr 1945, Leading Seaman Knight found himself on a carley float which was overcrowded and without hesitation swam to another. Later, he re-entered the water and took a leading part in getting two of the floats secured together. His subsequent death is believed to have been partly due to these exertions and the additional time in the water. His bravery, resource and devotion to duty were in keeping with the high standards of the Canadian Naval Service."</p>
Chief Engine Room Artificer Halvor Vilhelm Liabo	Halifax Division RCNR	MiD 1-Sep-44 - 16-Feb-45	MiD 20-Mar-45	<p>MiD awarded "For services in destroying enemy submarines."</p> <p>HMCS Saint John was involved in the sinking of U-247 off Cornwall, England on 1 Sep 1944, and the sinking of U-309 in the Maoray Firth, Scotland on 16 Feb 1945</p>
Chief Petty Officer Augustus Eastman Lighthall	Montreal Division RCNVR	MiD Oct-42 - Feb-43	MiD 14-Jun-45	<p>MiD awarded (posthumous) on 14 Jun 1945."For courage and resourcefulness while picking up survivors under adverse weather conditions in the North Atlantic in October 1942, and again in the Mediterranean in February 1943. This rating, who lost his life at the time of the destruction of HMCS Alberni (21 Aug 1944), always showed a consistent devotion to duty and coolness in action. This was evident at the time of the destruction of a JU-88 in July, 1944. His conduct in action was always a credit to the service and an inspiration to the men serving under him."</p>
Coder Hugh Merryweather	Edmonton Division RCNVR	MiD 6-Feb-43	MiD 1-Jan-44	<p>MiD awarded (posthumous). "This Rating lost his own life by sacrificing his life belt to another rating when HMCS Louisburg was sinking. His gallantry was worthy of the highest traditions of the service."</p> <p>HMCS Louisburg was sunk by Italian aircraft off Oran on 6 February 1943.</p>
Sub-Lieutenant Michael Stuart Mills	Toronto Division RCNVR	MiD 11-Sep-41	MiD 21-Oct-41	<p>MiD awarded 21 Oct 1941, "For courage and coolness in action against the enemy."</p>
Able Seaman William Tudor Mountain	Calgary Division RCNVR	MiD 17-Mar-45	MiD 14-Aug-45	<p>MiD awarded (posthumous) "For outstanding courage, resolution and devotion to duty when their ship was sunk - HMCS Guysborough."</p> <p>On 17 March 1945, HMCS Guysborough was sunk by U-878 off Ushant, France with the loss of 4 officers and 47 crew.</p>

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Signalman Terrence Dominic Nelson	HMCS Prevost	MiD 6-May-44	MiD 1-Jan-46	MiD awarded (posthumous). "For gallantry and self sacrifice above and beyond the normal call of duty. Nelson, who was off watch at the time HMCS Valleyfield was torpedoed, could have escaped through the emergency hatch. Instead, he remained below, organized the escape and maintained order. He saved many lives as he guided the men to safety, and in doing so, gave his own life."
Ordinary Seaman Wallace Ian O'Hara	Montreal Division RCNVR	MiD 26-Mar-41	MiD 4-Nov-41	HMCS Valleyfield was torpedoed off Cape Race Newfoundland on 6 May 1944 MiD awarded (posthumous) For gallantry and devotion to duty when HMCS Otter was lost. The ship's lifeboat went back to HMCS Otter to rescue Lieutenant Mossman. However, the lifeboat was overcrowded and three seamen (including Ordinary Seaman Ian O'HARA, Ordinary Seaman John SLAVIN, and Able Seaman Thomas GUILDFORD) left the lifeboat to take their chances with others clinging to a float to relieve the over-crowding in the life-boat. Ordinary Seaman O'Hara unfortunately drowned. HMCS Otter (Armed Yacht) sank after catching fire off of Halifax on 26 March 1941 with the loss of 19 crew
Lieutenant Frank Clarin Reynolds	Toronto Division RCNVR		MiD 9-Sep-44	Awarded a Commendation 9 Sep 1944 "for good work in Diving operations"
Chief Motor Mechanic Charles Addie Robertson	Vancouver Division RCNVR	MiD 9-Jul -5-Aug-44	MiD 26-Feb-44	MiD awarded 26 Feb 1944, "For gallant and distinguished services and untiring devotion to duty in operations which led to the capture of Sicily by Allied Forces." Chief Motor Mechanic Robertson served in Combined Operations with the 81st LCM flotilla. He spent 28 days on the beach at Sicily. CMM Robertson developed health problems as a result of his service and he died Nov 1944 of medical causes
Lieutenant James Finlay Ross	transfer from RNVR	MiD(1) 22-29 Aug-44 MiD(2) Jul - Aug 45	MiD (1) 3-Feb-45 MiD (2) 24-Nov-45	MiD awarded on 3 Feb 1945 while serving in 1842 RN Squadron on HMS Formidable "For air strikes against the German Battleship Admiral Von Tirpitz in August 1944." 2nd MiD awarded (posthumous) 24 Nov 1945 "For services in Pacific fighter sweeps in July and August 1945." Killed in a flying accident when his wings folded on take-off from HMS Formidable on 30 July 1945.

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Able Seaman Joseph Melbourne Saulnier	Ottawa Division RCNVR	MiD 8-Feb-43	MiD 29-Jun-43	MiD awarded 29 Jun 1943, while serving in HMCS Regina, "For skill and devotion to duty in the destruction of an Italian Submarine while serving in HMCS Regina." HMCS Regina sank Italian Submarine Avorio on 8 February 1943 off Algeria in the Mediterranean
Leading Seaman Carmen Ernest Stephenson	Montreal Division RCNVR	MiD 20-Sep-43	MiD 10-Jun-44	MiD awarded (posthumous) on 10 Jun 1944 "At the time of the sinking of HMCS St. Croix, Leading Seaman Stephenson dove over the side of the motor launch and swam through heavy water to the side of another rating and brought him safely back to the boat, remaining at his position there, refusing a coat and clothing offered him until he passed away." HMCS St. Croix was sunk on 20 September 1943 by U-305 in mid-Atlantic
Lieutenant Arthur William Sutton	Saskatoon Division RCNVR	MiD 10-Jun-44	MiD 31-Oct-44	MiD awarded 31 Oct 1944. While serving in 1830 Squadron in HMS Illustrious "For outstanding courage, skill and determination in pressing home a successful attack on the Japanese Naval base at Subang." Lieutenant Sutton, flying a Corsair, was leading a strafing attack on a Japanese airfield on Java when he was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Knowing he was too low to bail out, he aimed his plane at a hangar full of aircraft and destroyed them all. He was recommended for the Victoria Cross, and had been mentioned in dispatches previously in October, 1944.
Lieutenant Douglas Bond Symons	Toronto Division RCNVR	MiD Oct-41 - 24-Aug-42	MiD 24-Mar-42	MiD awarded 24 Mar 1942, "For coolness and skill in action against enemy aircraft and enemy supply ships while serving in HMCS Atherstone." Lieutenant Symons died 24 Oct 1943 on operations in the Aegean Sea when his ship, HMS Eclipse, struck a mine and sank
Lieutenant John Molson Walkley	Montreal Division RCNVR	MiD 16-Jun-42	MiD 28-Nov-42	MiD awarded (posthumous) on 28 Nov 1942, "For gallantry and supreme devotion to duty in connection with convoys." Lt(N) Walkley was lost at sea. Having gone in charge of a boat crew to board a torpedoed merchant ship, the ship sank with boarding party not yet clear
Surgeon Lieutenant William James Winthorpe	Toronto Division RCNVR	MiD 28-Mar-42	MiD 24-Nov-45	MiD (posthumous) awarded 24 Nov 1945, "For service in raid on St. Nazaire, March 1942." Served as Medical Officer on HMS Campbelton - Campbelton 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.

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Able Seaman Mervyl Harrison Woods	HMCS Montreal	MiD 6-May-44	MiD 21-Nov-44	MiD (posthumous) awarded 21 Nov 1944 "for good service when his HMCS Valleyfield was lost" HMCS Valleyfield was torpedoed (U-548) and sank off Cape Race Newfoundland on 6 May 1944
Able Seaman James Bernard Wright	Halifax Division RCNVR	MiD 7-Jun-44	MiD 29-Aug-44	DSC awarded on 29 Aug 1944 for courage, skill and devotion to duty in motor torpedo boat (MTB) 466 in the initial landing of allied forces on the coast of Normandy in Jun 1944 On 7 Jun 1944, AB Wright was wounded by shrapnel from a shell in the left chest AB Wright died 14 Feb 1945 when a fast moving fire overcame MTBs berthed at Ostend Belgium for rearming and refueling. The disaster claimed 29 RCN lives, 35 RN lives and 12 RCN/RN MTBs.

* The information for this page was compiled from several sources: Commonwealth War Graves Commission database, Library and Archives Canada Service files for the war dead of the Second World War, family sources, and a website created by Commander (ret'd) Francis John Blatherwick:

<https://www.blatherwick.net/royal%20canadian%20navy%20citations/>