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SUBJ: DEATH OF VICE-ADMIRAL (RETIRED) RALPH LUCIEN HENNESSY, DSC, CD

1. THE COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY, VICE-ADMIRAL MARK  
A.G.

NORMAN, REGRETS TO ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF VICE-ADMIRAL (RET D)  
RALPH

LUCIEN HENNESSY, DSC, CD IN OTTAWA, ON 13 JUNE 2014. VADM HENNESSY  
WAS A WARTIME HERO, AN INSTITUTIONAL LEADER AND ONE OF OUR  
GREATEST  
ADMIRALS

2. VICE-ADMIRAL HENNESSY JOINED THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY (RCN) AS A  
CADET IN 1936. FROM 1936 UNTIL 1939, HE CONDUCTED HIS TRAINING WITH  
THE ROYAL NAVY (RN) IN HM SHIPS FROBISHER, RESOLUTION AND NEPTUNE,  
RETURNING TO CANADA IN 1939 TO SERVE IN HMCS ASSINIBOINE

3. HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF DURING HIS WARTIME SERVICE. OF  
PARTICULAR

NOTE, HIS ACTIONS AS FIRST OFFICER IN ASSINIBOINE DURING AN  
ENGAGEMENT AGAINST U-210 IN AUGUST 1942, RESULTED IN RECOGNITION  
BY

WAY OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. LATER IN THE SAME CONFLICT,  
HE WENT ON TO COMMAND HMCS GATINEAU, ASSINIBOINE AND KINGS, THE  
WARTIME OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL IN HALIFAX

4. IN THE YEARS FOLLOWING THE WAR, HE WAS APPOINTED TO HMCS  
MICMAC,

THE FIRST TRIBAL CLASS DESTROYER BUILT IN CANADA AS HER FIRST  
COMMANDING OFFICER. UPON PROMOTION TO CAPT(N), AT THE AGE OF 35,  
HE

TOOK COMMAND OF HMCS QUEBEC. IN 1954, HE WAS APPOINTED IN  
COMMAND OF

THE DESTROYER HMCS ALGONQUIN AND AS COMMANDER FIRST CANADIAN  
ESCORT  
SQUADRON

5. PROMOTED TO COMMODORE IN 1960, HE ASSUMED SEVERAL POSTS IN  
HALIFAX AND OTTAWA INCLUDING DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL, AND  
CHAIRMAN OF MILITARY MANPOWER STUDIES. PROMOTED DIRECTLY TO VICE  
ADMIRAL IN 1966, HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE POST OF COMPTROLLER  
GENERAL

OF THE CANADIAN FORCES AND PRINCIPAL NAVAL ADVISOR. HE RETIRED IN  
1970

6. AS PRINCIPAL NAVAL ADVISOR BETWEEN 1966 AND 1968, HE NAVIGATED

THE RCN THROUGH TWO OF THE MOST CHALLENGING YEARS IN OUR INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY. IT WAS HIS DEFT HANDLING OF THE POLICY DECISIONS THAT WERE UNFOLDING IN OTTAWA, AS THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

APPROACHED UNIFICATION, THAT ARE HIS TRUE LEGACY AND A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL NAVY WE HAVE TODAY

7. THE VIEWING OF VICE-ADMIRAL HENNESSY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE 315 MCLEOD ST SITE OF HULSE, PLAYFAIR AND MCGARRY LTD, ON MON 23 JUN 2014

FROM 1900-2100 AND TUES 24 JUNE 2014 FROM 1300-1700

8. THE FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE BEECHWOOD NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERY ON WED 25 JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT 1100 FOLLOWED BY

THE INTERMENT AND RECEPTION ALSO AT BEECHWOOD

9. MARLANT AND MARPAC INCLUDING THEIR LODGER AND INTEGRAL UNITS ARE

TO HALF-MAST BETWEEN COLOURS AND SUNSET ON 25 JUNE 2014. THIS DOES

NOT APPLY TO SHIPS AT SEA

SUJET: DECES DU VICE-AMIRAL (A LA RETRAITE) RALPH LUCIEN HENNESSY, DSC, CD

1. LE COMMANDANT DE LA MARINE ROYALE CANADIENNE, LE VICE-AMIRAL MARK

A.G. NORMAN, A LE REGRET D ANNONCER LE DECES DU VICE-AMIRAL (RET) RALPH LUCIEN HENNESSY, DSC, CD A OTTAWA, LE 13 JUIN 2014. LE VAM HENNESSY ETAIT UN HEROS DE GUERRE, UN LEADER INSTITUTIONNEL ET L UN

DE NOS PLUS GRAND AMIRAUX

2. LE VICE-AMIRAL HENNESSY S EST JOINT À LA MARINE ROYALE CANADIENNE

(MRC) À TITRE D ELEVE OFFICIER EN 1936. DE 1936 À 1939, IL A SUIVI SON INSTRUCTION AU SEIN DE LA ROYAL NAVY (RN) À BORD DES HMS FROBISHER, RESOLUTION ET NEPTUNE, ET IL EST REVENU AU CANADA EN 1939

POUR SERVIR À BORD DU NCSM ASSINIBOINE

3. IL S EST DISTINGUÉ DURANT SON SERVICE EN TEMPS DE GUERRE. PLUS PARTICULIEREMENT, SES ACTIONS EN TANT QUE COMMANDANT EN SECOND DE L

ASSINIBOINE DURANT UN ENGAGEMENT CONTRE L U-210 EN AOUT 1942 LUI ONT

MERITE LA CROIX DU SERVICE DISTINGUE. PLUS TARD DURANT LE MEME CONFLIT, IL A COMMANDE LES NCSM GATINEAU ET ASSINIBOINE ET LE NCSM KINGS, L ECOLE DES OFFICIERS DURANT LA GUERRE À HALIFAX

4. PENDANT LES ANNEES QUI ONT SUIVI LA GUERRE, IL A ETE NOMME LE PREMIER COMMANDANT DU NCSM MICMAC, PREMIER DESTROYER DE LA CLASSE

TRIBAL À ÊTRE CONSTRUIT AU CANADA. À SA PROMOTION AU GRADE DE CAPITAINE DE VAISSEAU, À L'ÂGE DE 35 ANS, IL A PRIS LE COMMANDEMENT DU NCSM QUEBEC. EN 1954, IL A ÊTE NOMME COMMANDANT DU DESTROYER NCSM

ALGONQUIN ET COMMANDANT DE LA 1RE ESCADRE D ESCORTE DU CANADA  
5. PROMU AU GRADE DE COMMODORE EN 1960, IL A OCCUPE PLUSIEURS POSTES

À HALIFAX ET À OTTAWA, Y COMPRIS CEUX DE SOUS-CHEF, PERSONNEL NAVAL

ET DE PRÉSIDENT, ETUDES DE LA MAIN-D OEUVRE MILITAIRE. PROMU AU GRADE

DE VICE-AMIRAL EN 1966, IL A ÊTE NOMME AU POSTE DE CONTROLEUR GENERAL

DES FORCES CANADIENNES ET DE CONSEILLER NAVAL PRINCIPAL. IL A PRIS SA

RETRAITE EN 1970

6. EN TANT QUE CONSEILLER NAVAL PRINCIPAL DE 1966 À 1968, IL A NAVIGUER LA MRC A TRAVERS DEUX DES ANNEES LES PLUS DIFFICILES DE NOTRE HISTOIRE INSTITUTIONNELLE. SA GESTION HABILE DES DECISIONS LIEES AUX POLITIQUES PRISES À OTTAWA À L APPROCHE DE L UNIFICATION DES FORCES ARMEES CANADIENNES DEMEURE SON VERITABLE HERITAGE ET UNE

PARTIE IMPORTANTE DES ASSISES DE LA MARINE PROFESSIONNELLE QUE NOUS

AVONS AUJOURD HUI

7. LA DEPOUILLE DU VICE-AMIRAL HENNESSY SERA EXPOSEE AU SALON FUNERAIRE DU 315, RUE MCLEOD DE HULSE, PLAYFAIR AND MCGARRY LTD. LE

LUNDI 23 JUIN 2014, DE 19 H À 21 H, ET LE MARDI 24 JUIN 2014, DE 13 H À 17 H

8. LE SERVICE FUNEBRE AURA LIEU AU CIMETIERE MILITAIRE NATIONAL BEECHWOOD LE MERCREDI 25 JUIN 2014, À COMPTER DE 11 H. L INHUMATION ET UNE RECEPTION SUIVRONT AUSSI À BEECHWOOD

9. LES FMAR(A) ET LES FMAR(P), Y COMPRIS LEURS UNITES HEBERGEES ET INTEGREES, METTRONT LEURS PAVILLONS EN BERNE ENTRE LES CEREMONIES DES

COULEURS ET DU CREPUSCULE LE 25 JUIN. CELA NE S APPLIQUE PAS AUX NAVIRES EN MER

M.A.G. NORMAN, VADM, CRCN  
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