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Two-man boarding party from the Canadian corvette 'Oakville' subdues crew of German sub in Caribbean



HMCS OAKVILLE, 1942

Aug. 28, 1942, the battle for convoy TAW-15 was underway in the Windward Passage, east of Cuba. It started when a United States Navy aircraft attacked U-94 just as it was preparing to fire torpedoes. His Majesty's Canadian Ship *Oakville* responded quickly and caught the U-boat on the surface. Two attempts to ram the sub failed, but the U-boat was struck heavily *Oakville's* fire, losing her 88-mm deck gun to a direct hit from the corvette's four-inch gun. What followed was a harrowing attempt to board and capture the U-boat.

Full story

<https://legionmagazine.com/en/2015/01/over-the-side-the-courageous-boarding-of-u-94/>

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Wartime Information Board (Canada's Propaganda Agency?)

Wartime Information Board, was established in September of 1942, succeeded the Bureau of Public Information, which had been formed early in WWII to issue certain information on the course of the war to the public.

By 1942 the government believed that its troubles over **conscription** derived from inadequate publicity. In August, Cabinet approved the creation of a largely autonomous information board. The real power on the board was held by its general manager, **John Grierson**, who promoted the war as a vehicle for social change. The approach naturally created some political controversy. In 1944 Grierson was succeeded by A. Davidson Dunton, who followed Grierson's general direction until the end of the war. The board influenced the public's interpretation of the war, and pioneered systematic public-opinion polling in Canada [The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)



Reginald Hubert Rogers was born December 21, 1898 in Alberton, Prince Edward Island, Canada. His father ran a locally trade goods store, and was the son of a prosperous shipbuilder that had become Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.

He began art training at the Acadia Academy in Nova Scotia and then in 1914 he attended high school at the Toronto Central Technical School, where his art teacher, an English sculptor, encouraged him to become an artist. His teacher introduced him to the historic Canadian artists in "The Group of Seven," including A. Y. Jackson, who became his lifelong friend and mentor.

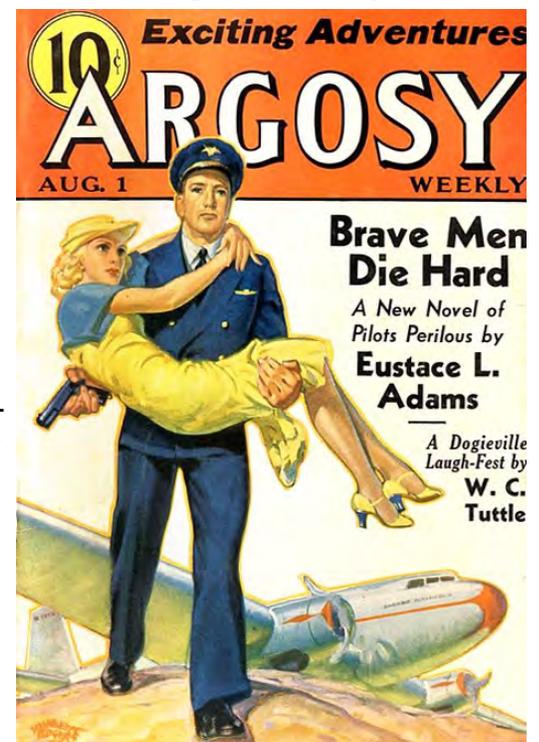
During the World War he enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1916 at age 17 and was assigned to a Gunnery Regiment in France. When it was discovered that he was underage he was made an officer's aide until his eighteenth birthday, at which time he became a map draftsman and a dispatch motorcycle messenger within the artillery communications system.

During the 1920's and 30's he moved all over America studying art and working for many agencies and publications. His art illustrations can be seen on many "Pulp Magazines"

In the Summer of 1942 Hubert Rogers returned to Ottawa and served as an artist for the Wartime Information Board to produce an historic series of posters. Throughout the war years he also continued to regularly contribute interior story illustrations by International mail service to *Astounding Science Fiction*.

In the last decades of his life he painted landscapes and commissioned portraits of historic Canadian and American politicians, justices, celebrities, businessmen, and Commissioners of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Hubert Rogers died at age 83 in Ottawa, Canada, on May 12, 1982.



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MERCHANT NAVY—Fourth Arm of the Service.

Outfighting submarines and dive bombers in a three day battle, Capt. Fred S. Slocombe, M.B.E., and his heroic crew succeeded in delivering the icebreaker **MONTCALM to **Murmansk** as a gift from Canada to the **U.S.S.R.****



This Canadian wartime poster dramatically depicts the delivery of the Canadian icebreaker *Montcalm* to the Soviet Union.

A gift from the Canadian Government, the old icebreaker required three attempts to successfully reach Murmansk. Mechanical difficulties and suffocating smoke produced by the vessels' ancient coal-fired boilers caused two returns to Halifax. During the third delivery attempt, German aircraft attacked *Montcalm's* convoy. Captain F.S. Slocombe was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for getting the vessel through to Murmansk.

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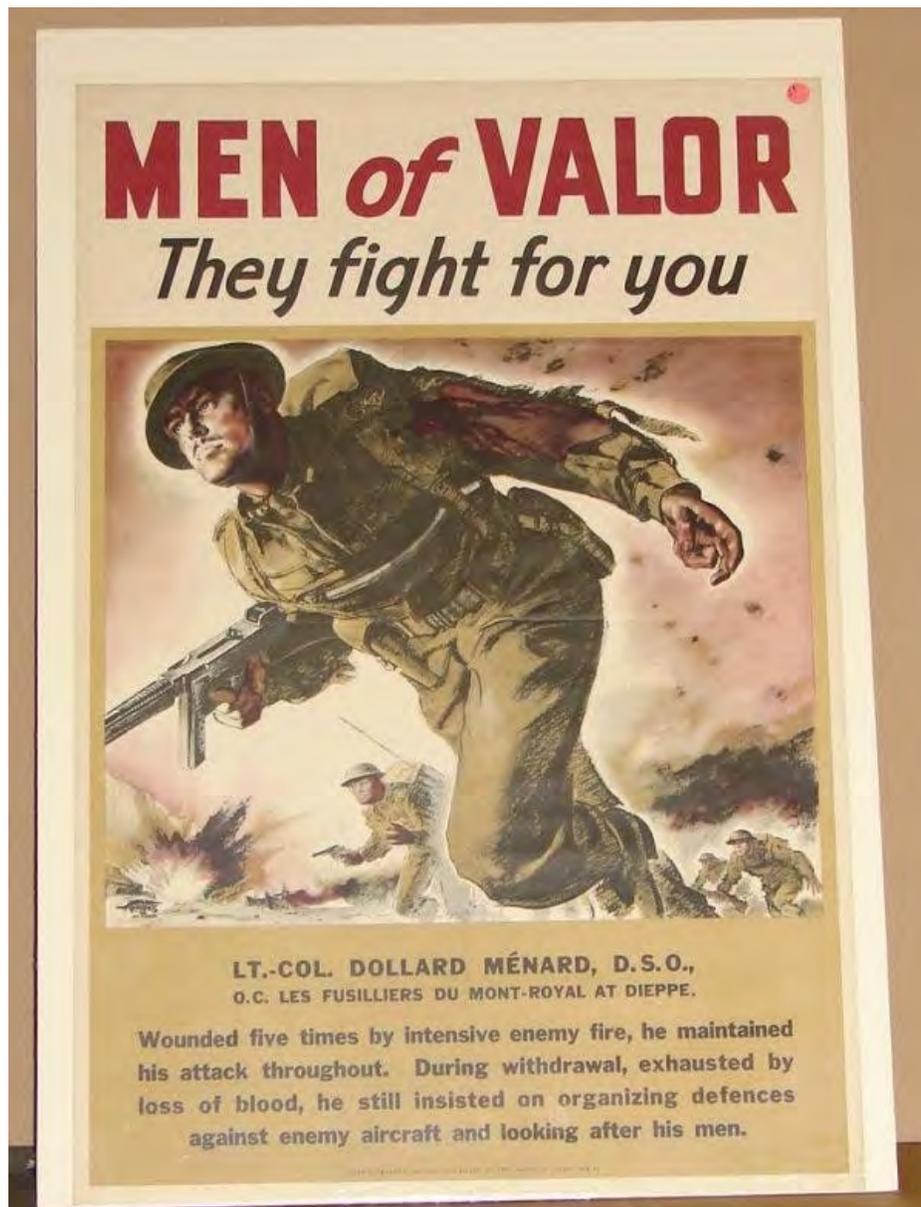


“FOR SKILL AND DARING OF HIGH DEGREE”

F/L (now Squadron-Leader) Ralph McLaren Christie, R.C.A.F., was awarded the D.S.O. He led a force of bombers in an attack on a heavily armed enemy convoy off the Dutch coast. Though his aircraft was seriously damaged and difficult to control he pressed home the attack at deck level, then returned to base and made a skillful crash landing.

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On August 19, 1942, Ménard led his men to the beach at Dieppe, where they all showed courage in what constitutes the bloodiest page in Canadian military history of the Second World War.

Seriously injured, he was rescued on the beaches by a small group of men gathered around Sergeant Pierre Dubuc. The latter took him on his back and they managed to board a barge and return to England.

The only commander of the Canadian units engaged in combat to return from Dieppe, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for his courage. France was also to later induct him as an Officer of the Legion of Honor and award him the Croix de Guerre with two palms. Finally, the government of Quebec awarded him the Ordre national des Québécois.

Cared for in England and Canada, Ménard was given command of the Hull Regiment in 1943 and participated with it in the occupation of Kiska Island (Aleutians). He then commanded the 13th Canadian Infantry Brigade and the Valcartier Training Center but his state of health did not allow him to participate in the Normandy campaign and the subsequent liberation of Belgium and Holland.

After the conflict and until his retirement, Dollard Ménard held numerous military posts, including those of military attaché in France as well as that of Chief of Staff of the United Nations Commission in India and Pakistan.

In 1956, he was promoted to Brigadier General and Commander of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade. In March 1958 and until his retirement, he then held command of the Eastern Quebec Military Region. He died on January 14, 1997

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“When last seen he was collecting Bren and Tommy Guns and preparing a defensive position which successfully covered the withdrawal from the beach.” — Excerpt from citation awarding

Victoria Cross to Lt.-Col. Merritt, South Saskatchewan Regt., Dieppe, Aug. 19, 1942

Charles Cecil Ingersoll Merritt, VC, barrister, soldier, Member of Parliament (born 10 November 1908 in Vancouver, BC; died 12 July 2000 in Vancouver). During the Second World War, Lieutenant-Colonel Cec Merritt was the first Canadian to earn the Victoria Cross (VC) in the European theatre, the highest award for bravery among troops of the British Empire.



The South Saskatchewan Regiment landed on what was code-named Green Beach in the village of Pourville, on the right flank of the main Dieppe beaches. The troops were mistakenly put ashore astride the River Scie, crossed by a single bridge that was under constant German fire. When troops west of the bridge tried to cross, they were cut down.

With his regiment trapped, Merritt stood up, waved his helmet in the air and shouted “Come on over! There’s nothing to worry about here!” He successfully led several groups of soldiers across the river. Although wounded, Merritt directed his men’s withdrawal, remaining behind to cover their escape. Merritt was taken prisoner, . Merritt was liberated in 1945. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery at Pourville.

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