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**List of some of the abbreviations which might occur in the enclosed  
Royal Canadian Air Force personnel records**

a/	acting (rank)
AC1	Aircraftman 1st Class
AC2	Aircraftman 2nd Class
ACHQ	Air Command Headquarters
ACHQ	Area Combined Headquarters
Act	Acting (Rank)
ACU	Aircrew Conditioning Units
ADC	Aerodrome Defence Company
ADC	Air Detection Corps
adm	Admitted
AEM	Air Engine Mechanic
AFHQ	Air Force Headquarters
AFM	Air Frame Mechanic
AFS	Advanced Flying School
AFU	Advance Flying Unit
AG	Air Gunner
AGGTS	Air Gunners Ground Training School
AGS	<i>Air Gunnery School</i>
AGTS	Aircrew Graduate Training Schools
AHU	Administrative and Holding Units
AID	Aeronautical Inspection District
AirB	Air Bomber
AMD	Auxiliary Manning Depot
ANS	Air Navigation School
AOC	Air Officer Commanding
AOS	Air Observer School
APE	Address Prior to Enlistment
ARC	Appraisal and Refresher Course
Arm(BorG)	Armourer (Bombs or Guns)
auth	Authority, Authorized
Awd'd	Awarded
AWL	absent with leave
AWOL	absent without leave
AY@ Depot	Overseas Transit Depot
BGS	<i>Bombing and Gunnery School</i>
B & GFU	Bombing and Gunnery Flying Unit
BAT	Beam Approach Training
BR	<i>Bomber Reconnaissance Squadron</i>
BSU	Bombing Survey Unit
C/O	Commanding Officer
CFS	Central Flying Schools
C-in-C	Commander in Chief
CIU	Clinical Investigation Units
CLK	Clerk
CMU	Construction and Maintenance Units
CTS	Composite Training School
CU	Conversion Unit
CVSM	Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
dis	Discharged
DRO	Daily Routine Order
DT	Driver Transport
EA	Enemy Action
EA	Enemy Aircraft

EAC	Eastern Air Command
ED	Efficiency Decoration
ED	Equipment Depot
EFTS	<i>Elementary</i> Flying Training School(s)
Elect	Electrician
Emb	Embarked
Eqpm. Ass't	Equipment Assistant
Eqpt	Equipment
Est	Establishment
Estab	Establishment
F/C	Flight Commander
FIS	Flying Instructors Schools
FL	Flying List
F/Lt	Flight Lieutenant
Flt Eng	Flight Engineer
F/S	Flight Sergeant
Flt/Sgt	Flight Sergeant
F/O	Flying Officer
FTU	Flying Training Unit
FW	Fighter Wing
G/C	Group Captain
GD	General Duties
GIS	Ground Instructors School
GRS	General Reconnaissance School
HCU	Heavy Conversion Unit
HE	High Explosive
HE	Home Establishment
HWE	Home War Establishment
IFS	Instrument Flying School
ITS	Initial Training School
KIA	Killed in Action
LAC	Leading Aircraftman
LAW	Leading Aircraftwoman
LG	London Gazette
LWOP	Leave Without Pay
LWP	Leave With Pay
Mach	Machinist
MD	Manning Depot
mech	mechanic, mechanical or mechanized
MIA	Missing In Action
MID	Mentioned in Despatches
MM	Motor Mechanic
N/E Unit	Non-Effective Unit
Nav	Navigator
NETD	Non-Effective Transit Depot
NWAC	North West Air Command
Oi/c	Officer in Charge
OIC	Officer in Charge
OTS	Operational Training Squadron
OTU	Operational Training Unit(s)
P/L	Privilege Leave
P/O	Pilot Officer
PRC	Personnel Reception Centre
PTU	Port Transit Unit(s)
RC	Recruiting Centre(s)
RC	Release or Reselection Centre(s)
RD	Repair (or Repatriation) Depot

RDF	Radio Direction Finding (Radar)
RNS	Radio and Navigation School
RU	Radio Unit
S/L	Squadron Leader
SAN	School of Air Navigation
SE	Servicing Echelon
SFTS	Service Flying Training School
SgtP	Sergeant Pilot
SgtPlt	Sergeant Pilot
SLTW	Special Leave Travel Warrant
SOS	Struck Off Strength
SR	Special Reserve
SU	Staging Unit
T/	Temporary (appointed rank)
TAC	Tactical Air Command
TAF	Tactical Air Force
TD	Temporary Duty
TOS	Taken On Strength (of a unit)
TTS	Technical Training Schools
UT	<i>Under</i> Training
W/C	Wing Commander
W/Mech	Wireless Mechanic
W/O	Wireless Operator
W/Op	Wireless Operator
W/T	Wireless Telegraphy (or Wireless Telegrapher)
WAC	Western Air Command
WAG	<i>Wireless Operator or</i> Wireless Air Gunner
wef	with effect from
WEM	Wireless <i>and</i> Electrical Mechanic (Radar)
Wg	Wing
WgHq	Wing Headquarters
WO1 (or WO2)	Warrant Officer, Class 1 (or Class 2)
WOAG	Wireless Operator/Air Gunner
WOI (or WOII)	Warrant Officer, Class 1 (or Class 2)
WS	Wireless School

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Royal Canadian Navy personnel records**

A Ck	Assistant Cook
a/	acting (rank)
A/G	Anti-Gas
A/S	Anti-Submarine
A/SA	Anti-Submarine Artificer
A/SD	Anti-Submarine Detector
A/STTV	Anti-Submarine Target Towing Vessels
A/SYacht	Anti-Submarine Yacht
A/T	Anti-Torpedo
A/T	Auxiliary Tanker
AB	Able Seaman
Act	Acting (Rank)
AE	Algerine Escorts
AFO	Admiralty Fleet Orders
AM	Air Mechanic
AMC	Armed Merchant Cruiser
AO	Accountant Officer
ASW	Anti-Submarine Warfare
auth	Authorized, Authority
AuxMS	Auxiliary Minesweepers
Awd'd	Awarded
AWL	absent without leave
AWOL	absent without leave
<i>B. Main</i>	<i>Boom Maintenance Vessels</i>
BAV	Boom Attendant Vessels
BDV	Boom Defence Vessel
Blksmith	Blacksmith
BMV	Boom Maintenance Vessels
Bosn	Boatswain
BSS	Base Supply Ship
Btswn	Boatswain
C/EA	Chief Electrical Artificer
C/ERA	Chief Engine Room Artificer
C/Mech	Chief Mechanic
C/MM	Chief Motor Mechanic
C/O	Commanding Officer
C/PO	Chief Petty Officer
C/RA	Chief Radio Artificer
Canavhed	Canadian Naval Headquarters
Capt(D)	Captain (Destroyers)
Cdr	Coder
Cdr	Commander
Cdr(D)	Commander (Destroyers)
CDRE	Commodore
Cdt	Cadet
CGS	Canadian Government Ship
Chap	Chaplain
ChO	Chief Officer
ChSkr	Chief Skipper
C-in-C	Commander in Chief
Ck(O)	Cook (Officers)
Ck(S)	Cook (Seamen)
CM/L	Controlled Mine Laying
Cmdre	Commodore

CNO	Canadian Naval Order
CNS	Chief of Naval Staff
Comm	Commodore
Convoy Sig	Convoy Signalman
Cor	Corvettes
Cox'n	Coxswain
Csr	Cruiser
CSTV	Coil Skids Towing Vessel (Note: for degaussing ships)
CV	Carrier Vessel (fleet aircraft carrier)
CVE	Carrier Vessel Escort (Escort Carrier)
D/C	Depth Charge
DA/S	Director of Anti-Submarine
DAB	Dependents Allowance Board
DD	Destroyer Division (U.S.)
DE	Destroyer Escort Vessel (U.S.)
DEMS	Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships
DTC	Discharge Transit Centre
EA	Enemy Action
EA	Enemy Aircraft
EA 1c (or 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c)	Electrical Artificer, 1st Class (or 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Class)
ED	Efficiency Decoration
ED	Equipment Depot
Eqpt	Equipment
ER	Engine Room Artificer
ERA, 1c (or 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c)	Engine Room Artificer, 1st Class (or 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Class)
Est	Establishment
Estab	Establishment
ExVes	Examination Vessels
FAA	Fleet Air Arm
FF	Fire Fighter
Fgt	Frigate
Fri	Frigate
FR	Fishermen's Reserve
G'nr	Gunner
GV	Gate Vessels
HC	Harbour Craft
HDC	Harbour Defence Craft
HMCS	His (or Her) Majesty's Canadian Ship
HMS	His (or Her) Majesty's Ship
HMT	His (or Her) Majesty's Transport
HPC	Harbour Patrol Crafts
Indef.Lve.	Indefinite Leave
Instr.Cdr.	Instructor Commander
KIA	Killed in Action
KRCN	King's Regulations for the Canadian Navy
L/	Leading
L/S	Leading Seaman
L/SA	Leading Stores Assistant
L/Sto	Leading Stoker
LCl(L)	Landing Craft Infantry (Large)
LCl(S)	Landing Craft <i>Infantry</i> (Small)
LLV	Loop Laying Vessel (Note: for degaussing ships)
LSBA	Leading Sick Berth Attendant
LSI(M)	Landing Ship Infantry (Medium)
LtCdr	Lieutenant Commander
LWOP	Leave Without Pay
LWP	Leave With Pay

M/S	Minesweeper(s)
MAA	Master At Arms
MDC	Mobile Deperming Craft (Note: for degaussing ships)
MDU	Mobile Deperming Unit (Note: for degaussing ships)
mech	mechanic, mechanical or mechanized
MGB	Motor Gun Boat
MHC	Miscellaneous Harbour Craft
MIA	Missing In Action
Mid	Midshipman
MID	Mentioned in Despatches
ML	Motor Launch
MLV	Mine Laying Vessels
MM	Motor Mechanic
MTB	Motor Torpedo Boat
MV	Merchant Vessel
MV	Motor Vessel
NOIC	Naval Officer in Charge
NStr	Nursing Sisters
O/	Ordinary (rank)
O/S	Ordinary Seaman
OA, 1c (or 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c)	Ordnance Artificer, 1st Class (or 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Class)
Oi/c	Officer in Charge
OIC	Officer in Charge
OO	Ordnance Officer
P/O	Petty Officer
PB	Patrol Boat
Photo	Photographer
Physio	Physiotherapist
Plbr	Plumber
Pntr	Painter
Prob	Probationer; Probationary
Ptlmn	Patrolman
PV	Patrol Vessel
Q&R	Quarters and Rations
QR	Quarter Ratings
R-A	Rear Admiral
RA, 1c (or 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c)	Radio Artificer, 1st Class (or 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Class)
RCN	Royal Canadian Navy
RCNH	Royal Canadian Naval Hospital
RCNR	Royal Canadian Naval Reserve
RCNR(FR)	Royal Canadian Naval Reserve (Fisherman's Reserve)
RCNVR	Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve
RDF	Radio Direction Finding (Radar)
RNAS	Royal Naval Air Service
RTO	Return to Owners
S/Lt or SLt	Sub-Lieutenant
SA	Stores Assistant
SBA	Sick Berth Attendant
Schnr	Schooner
SCNO	Senior Canadian Naval Officer
SCTW	Special Concession Travel Warrant
Sg. Lt. (SgL)	Surgeon Lieutenant
Sgmn	Signalman
Shpt, 1c (or 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c)	Shipwright, 1st Class (or 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Class)
Sig	Signalman
Skr	Skipper
Slmk	Sailmaker

SNLR	Services No Longer Required
SNO	Senior Naval Officer
SO	<i>Stores</i> Officer
SO(I)	Staff Officer (Intelligence)
SOS	Struck Off Strength
SP	Shore Patrol
SPO	Stoker Petty Officer
SS	Steamship
Stew	Steward
Sto 1c (or 2c)	Stoker, 1st Class (or 2nd Class)
Stwd	Steward
Sub-Lt (Sub-Lieut)	Sub-Lieutenant
SV	Supply Vessels
(ty)	Temporary
T	Torpedo
T/	Temporary (appointed rank)
Tel	Telegraphist
TOS	Taken On Strength (of a unit)
TrgVes	Training Vessels
Trshp	Troop Ships
UNTD	University Naval Training Division
V-A	Vice-Admiral
VS	Victualling Storesman
W/T	Wireless Telegraphy (or Wireless Telegrapher)
wef	with effect from
WK	Watchkeeping Certificate
WO1 (or WO2)	Warrant Officer, Class 1 (or Class 2)
WOI (or WOII)	Warrant Officer, Class 1 (or Class 2)
WRCNS	Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service
wt	warrant
wtr	writer
XV	Examination Vessels
Yeo	Yeoman
YeoSigs	Yeoman of Signals

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Canadian Army personnel records**

21AG	21st Army Group
A&T Staff	Administration and Training Staff
a/	acting (rank)
A/A	Anti-Aircraft
A/A	Army Act
AAI	Allied Armies in Italy
Act	Acting (Rank)
ADC	Aide-de-Camp
Adj	Adjutant
Adjt	Adjutant
adm	Admitted
ADS	Advanced Dressing Station
Adv	Advance or Advanced
AHU	Administrative Holding Unit
AHU	Artillery Holding Unit
allce	Allowance
Armd	Armoured
Arty	Artillery
auth	Authorized, Authority
Aux Serv	Canadian Auxiliary Services
Awd'd	Awarded
AWL	absent with leave
AWOL	absent without leave
Batt'n	Battalion
Bde	Brigade
Bdr	Bombardier (Royal Canadian Army)
BGH	British General Hospital
Bn	Battalion
BOD	Base Ordnance Depot
BQMS	Battery Quartermaster-Sergeant
Brig	Brigadier
BSM	Battery Sergeant-Major
Bty	Battery
<i>BW</i>	Blast wound
BWI	British West Indies
C/O	Commanding Officer
CA(A)	Canadian Army (Active)
CA(A)TC	Canadian Army (Advanced) Training Centre
CA(AF)	Canadian Army (Active Force)
CA(B)TC	Canadian Army (Basic) Training Centre
CAB W/S	Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop (RCEME)
CAC	Canadian Armoured Corps (becomes RCAC after 2 August 1945)
CACRU	Canadian Armoured Corps Reinforcement Unit
CACTR	Canadian Armoured Corps Training Regiment
CACTSR	Canadian Armoured Corps Trained Soldiers Regiment
CAHU	Canadian Artillery Holding Unit
CAMMS	Canadian Army Motor Mechanic School
CAOF	Canadian Army Occupation Force
CAPF	Canadian Army Pacific Force
CAPO	Canadian Army Post Office
CAR	Canadian Armoured Regiment
CARU	Canadian Armoured Reinforcement Unit
Cas	casualty
CASCRU	Canadian Army Service Corps Reinforcement Unit

CASF	Canadian Active Service Force
CATC	Canadian Armoured Training Centre
CATR	Canadian Army Tank Regiment
CATS	Canadian Army Tank School
CATS	Canadian Army Training School
CB	Confined to Barracks
CBD	Canadian Base Depot
CCS	Casualty Clearing Station
CDB	Canadian Detention Barracks
CDIRU	Canadian Divisional Infantry Reinforcement Unit
CERU	Canadian Engineer Reinforcement Unit
CFA	Canadian Field Ambulance
CFA	Canadian Field Artillery
CFD	Canadian Forces Decoration
CFH	Canadian Field Hospital
Cfn	Craftsman (Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers)
CGH	Canadian General Hospital
CGRU	Canadian General Reinforcement Unit
CIBW/S	Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop (Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps or Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers)
CIC	Canadian Infantry Corps (becomes RCIC after 30 April 1947)
CIHU	Canadian Infantry Holding Unit
C-in-C	Commander in Chief
CIRU	Canadian Infantry Reinforcement Unit
CITC	Canadian Infantry Training Centre
CMA	Central Mediterranean Area
CMF	Central Mediterranean Force
CMH	Canadian Military Hospital
CMHQ	Canadian Military Headquarters
COCTC	Canadian Ordnance Corps Training Centre
Col	Colonel
Coln	Column
Comd	Command, commander, commandant or commanding
Comn	Communication
Comp	Composite
Conc	Concentrate or concentration
COTC	Canadian Officer Training Corps
Coy	Company
Cpl	Corporal
CQMS	Company Quartermaster-Sergeant
CSEC	Canadian Special Employment Company
CSM	Company Sergeant-Major
CSRU	Canadian Signals Reinforcement Unit
CSTC	Canadian Signal Training Centre
CVSM	Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
CW	Chemical Warfare
DCM	District Court Martial
DD	District Depot
Dep	Depot
Det	Detachment
Detn	Detention
DF	Direction Finding
dis	Discharged
Disemb	Disembarked
Dist	District
Div	Division
Div	Divisional

DM	Defence Medal
DMech	Driver Mechanic
DNK	Date Not Known
DO	Daily Order
DofW	Died of Wounds
DofW	Duration of War
DOW	Died of Wounds
DOW	Duration of War
DS	Dressing Station
Dvr	Driver
EA	Enemy Action
EA	Enemy Aircraft
Ech	Echelon
ED	Efficiency Decoration
ED	Equipment Depot
EM	Efficiency Medal
Emp or Empl'd	Employed
ent	Entitled
Eqpt	Equipment
ERP	Extra Regimental Pay
Est	Establishment
Estab	Establishment
Evac	Evacuated
FAP	For All Purpose
Fd	Field
FDS	Field Dressing Station
FF	Fire Fighter
FF	Fire Fighting
FF	Field Force
FGCM	Field General Court-Martial
Fld	Field
Fld Pk Coy	Field Park Company
Fld Pk Sqn	Field Park Squadron
Forf	Forfeits
Freq	Frequency
Furl	Furlough
Fus	Fusilier (Canadian Infantry Corps)
Fwd	Forward
GCM	General Court Martial
Gdsm	Guardsmen
Gdsmn	Guardsmen
GEC	General Employment Company
GHQ	General Headquarters
Gnr	Gunner (RCA)
GO	General Order
GOC (in C)	General Officer Commanding (in Chief)
Gp	Group
Grn	Garrison
GRO	General Routine Order
GS	General Service
GS	General Staff
GSO	General Staff Officer
GSW	Gun Shot Wound
Gtd	Granted
H/	Honorary (Rank)
HAA	Heavy Anti-Aircraft
HD	Holding Depot

HD	Home Defence
HE	High Explosive
HE	His (or Her) Excellency
HE	Holding Establishment
Hosp	Hospital
HOW	Howitzer
HU	Holding Unit
HWE	Home War Establishment
hyg	hygiene
IAW	In Accordance With
incl	include, inclusive or including
ind	independent
indep	independent
Inf	Infantryman
Infmn	Infantryman
instr	instructor
instr	instruction
Int	Intelligence
KIA	Killed in Action
King's	King's Regulations and Orders
L/	Lance (rank)
L/Bdr	Lance Bombardier (RCA)
L/Cpl	Lance Corporal
L/Sgt	Lance Sergeant
LAA	Light Anti-Aircraft
LAD	Light Aid Detachment (RCEME)
LG	London Gazette
LMG	Light Machine-Gun
LofC	Line(s) of Communications
LonGaz	London Gazette
Lt	Lieutenant
Lt	Light
LWOP	Leave Without Pay
LWP	Leave With Pay
MA	Meal Allowance
MAC	Motor Ambulance Convoy
mag	magazine
mag	magnetic
maint	maintenance
Maj	Major
MD	Military District
MD	Mentioned-in-Despatches
MDB	Military Detention Barracks
mech	mechanic, mechanical or mechanized
med	medical
med	medium
Med	Mediterranean
MG	Machine Gun
MGTC	Machine Gun Training Centre
MI	Military Intelligence
MIA	Missing In Action
MID	Mentioned in Despatches
MMG	Medium Machine Gun
MO	Medical Officer
mov	movement
MP	Military Police
MT	Mechanical Transport

MT	Motor Transport
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer(s)
NP	Non-Permanent
NPAM	Non-Permanent Active Militia
NRMA(of 1940)	National Resources Mobilization Act of 1940
NWE	Northwest Europe
O/C	Officer Commanding
O/Cdt	Officer Cadet
O/S	Overseas
OC	Officer Commanding
OCTU	Officer Cadet Training Unit
Oi/c	Officer in Charge
OIC	Officer in Charge
OP	Observation Point
ops	operations
OR	Other Rank(s)
OR	Orderly Room
ord	ordnance
OTC	Officers Training Centre
P&A	Pay and Allowance(s)
PAM	Permanent Active Militia
para	parachute
para	paragraph
Part II	Part II Order(s)
PE	Permanent Establishment
pet	petrol (gasoline)
PF	Permanent Force
PIAT	Projector, Infantry, Anti-Tank
pk	park
PL	Platoon
Pnr	Pioneer
posn	position
POW	Prisoner Of War
pro	provost
proc	proceeded
prov	provisional
Pt II O	Part II Order(s)
Pte	Private
PTO	Part II Order(s)
PW	Prisoner Of War
QM	Quartermaster
QMS	Quartermaster Sergeant
R	Regiment
R&A	Rations and Allowances
R&Q	Rations and Quarters
RAP	Regimental Aid Post
RCA	Royal Canadian Artillery
RCAMC	Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps
RCAPC	Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps
RCASC	Royal Canadian Army Service Corps
RCATC	Royal Canadian Artillery Training Centre
RCCS	Royal Canadian Corps of Signals
RCE	Royal Canadian Engineers
RCEME	Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
RCHA	Royal Canadian Horse Artillery
RCOC	Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps
rd	road

rd	round
RDF	Radio Direction Finding (Radar)
RECCE	Reconnaissance
reg	regulating or regulations
Regt	Regiment
Regt	Regiment
rehab	rehabilitation
rep't	reported
rept	reported
Res	Reserve
Rfn	Rifleman (Canadian Infantry Corps)
rft	reinforcement
Rif	Rifleman (Canadian Infantry Corps)
RMC	Royal Military College of Canada (Kingston)
RO	Routine Order
RQ&A	Rations, Quarters and Allowance
RQMS	Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant
RSM	Regimental Sergeant-Major
RT	Radio Telephony
RTU	Returned to Unit
RWING	Reinforcement Wing
S/Sgt	Staff Sergeant
SA	Small Arms
SA	South Africa or South African
SAA	Small Arms Ammunition
SD or SD&T	Staff Duties (and Training)
SEC	Special Employment Company
SEP	Special Employment Platoon
Sig(s)	Signal(s)
Sigmn	Signalman (RCCS)
SMG	Sub-Machine Gun
SO	Staff Officer
SOE	Special Operation Executive
SOS	Struck Off Strength (of a unit)
SP	Self-Propelled
Spr	Sapper (RCE)
Spvr	Supervisor (Auxiliary Services)
SQMS	Staff Quartermaster-Sergeant
SQMS	Squadron Quartermaster-Sergeant
SSM	Staff Sergeant-Major
SSM	Squadron Sergeant-Major
str	strength
SW	Shell Wound
SW	Shrapnel Wound
swbd	switchboard
T&T	Through and Through (type of wound)
T/	Temporary (appointed rank)
TC	Training Centre
TD	Temporary Duty
TDR	Tank Delivery Regiment
tech	technical
tele	telegraph or telegraphic
Tk	Tank
TOET	Test of Elementary Training
TOS	Taken On Strength (of a unit)
TP	<i>Trades Pay à</i>
Tpr	Trooper (CAC)

tps	troops
tpt	transport
trg	training
TS or TSBadge	Badge Trained Soldier's Badge
TSR	Trained Soldier Regiment (Canadian Armoured Corps)
TTS	Trades Training School (or Technical Training School)
TW	Travel Warrant
veh	vehicle
VTS	Vocational Training School
W&T	Wireless & Telephony
W/S	workshop (RCOC, RCE, or RCEME)
W/T	Wireless Telegraphy (or Wireless Telegrapher)
WE	War Establishment
wef	with effect from
Wks	Works
wksp	workshop
WO1 (or WO2)	Warrant Officer, Class 1 (or Class 2)
WOI (or WOII)	Warrant Officer, Class 1 (or Class 2)

### Pay Rates for Naval Personnel from 1940 to 1946

Rank	Year	Rate
Ordinary Seaman	1940	\$1.25 per day
	After six months of service	\$1.50 per day
Able Seaman	1940	\$1.85 per day
Subsistence Allowance Rate	1940 to 1 June 1942	\$1.45 per day
	After 1 June 1942	\$1.25 per day
Rank	Year	Rate
Ordinary Seaman	After 1 October 1946	\$50 per month
	After six months of service	\$54 per month
Able Seaman	After 1 October 1946	\$61 per month
Subsistence Allowance Rate	After 1 October 1946	\$45 per month

### Pay Rates for Army Personnel from 1940 to 1946

Rank	Year	Rate
Private	1940	\$1.30 per day
Trades pay "A" Group	1940	\$0.75 per day
Trades pay "B" Group	1940	\$0.50 per day
Trades pay "C" Group	1940	\$0.25 per day
Dependents Allowance: Wife	1940	\$35.00 per month
Dependents Allowance: First child	1940	\$12.00 per month
Dependents Allowance: Second child	1940	\$12.00 per month
Subsistence Allowance	1940	\$0.85 per day
Rank	Year	Rate
Private	1944	\$1.30 per day
	After 4 months service	\$1.40 per day
	After 6 months service	\$1.50 per day
Subsistence Allowance	1944	\$1.25 per day
Dependents Allowance: Wife	1944	\$37.20 per month
Dependents Allowance: First child	1944	\$13.92 per month
Dependents Allowance: Second child	1944	\$12.00 per month
Dependents Allowance: Third child	1944	\$10.00 per month
Dependents Allowance: Fourth child, Fifth child, Sixth child	1944	\$8.00 per month
Rank	Year	Rate
Private	1 October 1946	\$50.00 per month
	After 4 months service	\$54.00 per month
	After 6 months service	\$61.00 per month
	3 years in rank	\$3.00 per month

	6 years in rank	\$3.00 per month
Subsistence Allowance	1 October 1946	\$45.00
Ration Allowance	1 October 1946	\$15.00
Marriage Allowance	1 October 1946	\$20.00
Separated Family Allowance	1 October 1946	\$30.00
Trades Pay – Group I	1 October 1946	\$4.00
Trades Pay – Group II	1 October 1946	\$8.00
Trades Pay – Group III	1 October 1946	\$8.00
Trades Pay – Group IV	1 October 1946	\$8.00

## RCAF Pay Table

The **Royal Canadian Air Force** (RCAF) pay table shows the annual income of personnel rounded to the nearest dollar. Members of the RCAF women's division received approximately four-fifths of the amount paid to their male counterparts.

OFFICERS	Air Crew	Ground Crew	Dependents' Allowance		Trade Group Pay		
			For Wife	For each Child	A Group	B Group	C Group
Wing Commander	\$4,380	\$3,650	\$720	\$144	....	....	....
Squadron Leader	\$3,559	\$2,829	\$660	\$144	....	....	....
Flight Lieutenant	\$3,103	\$2,373	\$600	\$144	....	....	....
Flying Officer	\$2,555	\$1,825	\$540	\$144	....	....	....
Pilot Officer	\$2,282	\$1,552	\$540	\$144	....	....	....
<b>AIRMEN</b>							
Warrant Officer I	\$1,989	\$1,533	\$480	\$144	\$274	\$183	\$91
Warrant Officer II	\$1,588	\$1,132	\$420	\$144	\$274	\$183	\$91
Flight Sergeant	\$1,369	\$913	\$420	\$144	\$274	\$183	\$91
Sergeant	\$1,259	\$803	\$420	\$144	\$274	\$183	\$91
Corporal	....	\$621	\$420	\$144	\$274	\$183	\$91
Leading Aircraftman	....	\$548	\$420	\$144	\$274	\$183	\$91
Aircraftman I	....	\$511	\$420	\$144	\$274	\$183	\$91
Aircraftman II	....	\$475	\$420	\$144	\$274	\$183	\$91

## Trade Grouping

The pay level for RCAF personnel employed in trades was based on their level of expertise. Beyond the standard enlistment level, most trades have three levels of proficiency, "A" group, "B" group, and "C" group, with "A" group being the highest level.

An officer or airman is assigned to a trade group after his qualifications have been established by an examination called a "trades test". For trade group pay see the RCAF pay table.

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