Surgeon Captain Harry S. Morton attended St. Andrew's College from 1919 to 1924. After he left St. Andrew's he earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Dalhousie University then obtained his medical degrees from the Royal London Hospital Medical School in England.

He joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1938 and was initially posted in Newfoundland before heading overseas. He was appointed an Officer, Order of the British Empire in 1944 and retired from active duty as a Surgeon-Captain in 1945. After the war he was appointed Honorary Medical Officer of HMCS Sackville Naval Memorial and restored the ship's sickbay to WWII standards.

Dr. Morton led a distinguished medical career, teaching at McGill and practicing as Chief Surgeon at Queen's Mary Veterans Hospital in Montreal. His efforts were recognized in 1999 when he was made a Patron of the Royal College of Surgeons. He also had many publications to his credit from countless papers to publications such as Rescue Ships and Canadian Medical Officers in the Royal Navy, World War II.

He died at Halifax 8 December 2001.

"Surgeon Commander Morton, prior to his appointment to the United Kingdom on loan to the Canadian Army Overseas, was one of the Principal Medical Officers on the West Coast for nearly three years. Through his thorough knowledge of service requirements and exceptional professional ability, he has maintained an extremely high standard of efficiency, and has, in his spare time, prepared papers which have furthered the medical and surgical knowledge of the Armed Forces."

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