



ATTESTATION FORM

(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME..... **HEDSTROM** OFFICIAL NO. **V-35221**
CHRISTIAN NAMES **Arnold Douglas** MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
326-9th Avenue North East, Calgary, Alberta.	C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
24 February, 1923	Town Calgary, County Province Alberta.	Mother, Mrs. Anne HEDSTROM, same address
*Original Nationality of:		
Father Swedish		
Mother Irish		

*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet 5	Inflated 31½	Black	Blue	Fresh	Scar index finger left hand
Inches 6½	Deflated 29½				
Mean 30½					

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
5th January, 1942 A/S 14 January, 1942	Prob. S.B.A. R.C.N.V.R. (T) CALGARY	Junior Clerk
R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled.....		

(B) DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:—

- (1) That I am a British Subject domiciled in Canada.
- (2) That I am desirous of being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) That * (a) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force.

* (b) ~~I served in~~ for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

The last three generations of this man's family were born in North America.

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the.....CALGARY.....Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake to bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for the duration of hostilities, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the Regulations made in pursuance thereof for the government of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, and to the customs and usages of His Majesty's Canadian Naval Service.

(b) To report for active service if called upon in time of war or emergency, and, if called into active service, to serve ashore or afloat as may be directed, according to where my services are required.

(c) To keep in good repair and condition the articles of uniform and any articles of outfit which may be issued to me and to return them to the nearest Divisional Commanding Officer or to Training Headquarters prior to my discharge or when required so to do by any authorized person, or to pay compensation for any loss or damage thereto other than fair wear and tear; and also not to wear such uniform or outfit (which is and remains the property of the Crown) except when on naval duty.

(d) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this.....5th.....day of.....January, 1942......

Signature of applicant.....Arnold D Hedstrom.....

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this.....5th.....

day of.....January, 1942......

A. C. M. Gowan Lieut
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Arnold Douglas HEDSTROM.....do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, His heirs and successors according to law.

Signature of Applicant.....Arnold D Hedstrom.....

Witness.....A. C. M. Gowan.....

Date.....5th January, 1942...... Rank.....Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R......

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

Arnold D. HEDSTROM.....having been duly enrolled to serve in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the Record Book of the.....CALGARY.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

Lieut A. C. M. Gowan
Attesting Officer.

5th January,.....1942...... R.C.N.V.R. Division.....CALGARY
(or other establishment).....

NOTE.—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Divisional Commanding Officer's Record Book, is to be forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

The Certificate of medical examination, B-207, and certificates of previous service are to be sent to Headquarters, Ottawa, with this form.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the S.B.A. Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Arnold D Hedstrom

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Arnold Douglas HEDSTROM

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

I.C.N.S. # 37027

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimalt</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Calgary</i>	Official Number <i>V-35221</i>
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		"

Date of Birth *24th Feb 1923*

Place of Birth *Calgary, Alta.*

Place of Residence *326-9 Ave N.E., Calgary, Alta.*

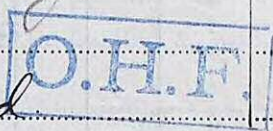
Trade brought up to *Junior Clerk*

Religion *Church of England*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date *19* Signature _____ Rank _____

P.S.T. Date *19* Signature _____ Rank _____

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
(Mother) Ann Allison, B.C.



PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
<i>5 Jan '42</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Prob. S.B.A.</i>		<i>8 Feb '44</i>		<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp - Prov. Award</i>
				<i>8 Feb '44</i>		<i>1939-43 Star - Prov. Award.</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6 1/2</i>	<i>30 1/2</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fresh</i>	<i>Scar index finger left hand</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service								
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service								
Further Description if necessary								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority

Name Arnold Douglas HEDSTROM Conduct

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (Inclusive Dates)		CHARACTER, ABILITY IN RATING ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE, AND ANNUALLY, 31st DECEMBER, WHILE MOBILIZED			
From	To	Character	Efficiency in Rating Noting Substantive Rating in Brackets	Date	Captain's Signature
		VG.	Sat (SBA.)	31 Dec 42	J. Edwards
		V.G.	Sat (H/S.B.A.)	31 Dec '43	W. P. ...
		V.G.	Sat (L/S.B.A.)	31 Dec 44	J. McTygar
		VG	Accept (Ldy S.B.A.)	16 Apr '45	S. A. Burtner

R.C.N.V.R.
GOOD CONDUCT AND GOOD SERVICE BADGES

Date	G.S.B. or G.C.B.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Granted, Deprived, Restored
14 Jan '45	G.C.B.	1st	032502 Granted

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served

V35221

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-H-1752

OFFICIAL NUMBER V35221

NAME HEDSTROM (Surname) Arnold Douglas (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 24 February 1923PLACE OF BIRTH Calgary, Alta. OCCUPATION Junior ClerkRELIGION Church of England EDUCATION 3 yrs. High SchoolRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 326-9th. Ave. North East. Town Calgary Province, etc. Alta.

ENGAGEMENTS			DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year								Period	From
5	1	42	5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Black	Blue	Fresh	Scar index finger left hand.				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) mother 5/2/43 NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Anne HedstromADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 623-14 Ave. West. Town Calgary Province, etc. Alta.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY			EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.								
Date (in figures)			Particulars			Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year			
8	2	44	C.V.S.M. R&C & 1939-1943 Star			5	5	42	Passed E.T.1. RCN.		
			13	7	43				Qual. Idg. S.B.A. (249A, #6204)		

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.					BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES									
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE			PUNISHMENT	
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year					
14	1	45	1st G.C.	Granted										

FILM
NO. 647-51515
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					O.H.F. Received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V35221 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME HEDSTROM (Surname) Arnold Douglas (Given Names) OFFICIAL NUMBER V35221 P.I.B.

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
HMCS "TECUMSEH"	Prob. S.B.A.	5	1	42	Div. Str. Calgary.	V.G.	SAT.	31	12	42							
HMCS "TECUMSEH"	" " " "	14	1	42	Active. Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Discovery	" " " "	17	1	42	D.	VG	SAT	3	12	44							
Naden	"	18	3	42	D.	V.G.	Supr.	16	4	45							
	S.B.A.	18	5	42	249A 5050 Rated												
PRINCE HENRY	"	15	8	42	E.D.O. #607												
Givenchy	"	1	5	43	Esq. DRD #995												
Naden	"	25	5	43	" " #1105												
"	Ldg. S.B.A.	15	7	43	RATED (249A, #6309)												
Stadacona	"	24	11	43	DRD # 1872												
Nipigon	"	21	12	43	DRD # 17 P. 10												
Stadacona	"	14	3	44	DRD # 95 P4												
Esquimalt	"	6	4	44	DRD S. 124 P. 8.												
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	Missing Per. C.L. Presumed dead (page #146)												

GENERAL REMARKS
 Failed the Selection Board, but are recommended to go before a Board at an later date
 Awarded Candain Memorial Cross to Mother:
 Mrs. Anne Hedstrom,
 623-14th Ave., West.
 Calgary, Alberta. 28.6.45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL	OCCU.	REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION.	P.	CTV.	TOWN.	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK	
24	2	23	17	830	0	30	48	06	05	0	31	0	50	95	
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP. OR	RANK OR RATE				
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A.	BR.	RANK		
05	01	42	14	01	42					9830	0	24	93		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
15	07	43	13	00	00										

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S. REXINHALT at Sea

Name RODSTRON, Arnold Douglas
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Leading Sick Berth Attendant Official No. V. 11221 R.C.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Calgary, Alberta Date of Birth 24th Feb., 1923

Occupation in Civil Life Junior Clerk Religion Church of England.

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) Jan. 5th, 1942 - 16th April, 1945

Date of Death 16th April, 1945 Place of Death at Sea

Cause of Death Lost at Sea - enemy action.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. A. Rodstron Relationship mother
Address 625 14th Ave. West,
Calgary, Alberta.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not Known

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not Known

In the case of Imperial Service men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality *****

Place of Burial ***** (if known) Date of Burial ***** (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave ***** (if known)

Undertaker employed ***** (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated *****

[Signature]
Commanding Officer,
.....194.....

The NAVAL SECRETARY,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

C.N.S. 1121
15M-7-40 (5849)
N.S. 815-9-1121

*Noted
D. N. F. A.
29.5.45. G. D.*

VERIFICATION FORM
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME IN FULL HEDSTROM, Donald Douglas RANK/RATING LTJG OFF. NO. V-35221 ADDRESS

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF	
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.
	14/1/42											1939-45	1 Star
R. Henry	15/8/42	30/4/43	259	Pac. W.B.								ATLANTIC	1 Star
Nipigon	2/12/43	13/3/44	84	atl.								FRANCE G.	
Esquimaux	6/4/44	16/4/45	376	atl.								AFRICA	
				Disch "Dead" 7/1/45								PACIFIC	1 Star
												BURMA	
												ITALY	
												DEFENCE	
												C.V.S.M.	2 Clasp
												" CLASP	1
												WAR 1945	1 Medal
												WAR 1915	

VERIFIED BY [Signature]
 [Signature]

VERIFIED BY [Signature] VERIFIED BY DIS. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

, 7 May, 1945. 30

Dear Mrs. Hedstrom:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Arnold Douglas Hedstrom, Leading Sick Berth Attendant, Official Number V-35221, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which he was serving, the fact that all circumstances surrounding his loss have been carefully reviewed, and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 16th of April, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty off the east coast of Canada. One Officer and fifteen ratings were killed at the time of the disaster, four Officers and twenty-four ratings are missing and now presumed dead, while two Officers and twenty-four ratings survived the sinking.

The above information is now being released for publication.

The following is an excerpt from the report of a Canadian Naval Press Relations Officer who was in contact with survivors of the ill-fated ship.

"Struck by a torpedo on the starboard side, H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT" listed heavily, and sank stern first in a few minutes. The ship's list had the seaboard under water and flooded before it could be released from the davits, but carley floats were freed quickly before the ship went down, and those who escaped from the ship gathered on four of these floats.

"It was from the four floats that a sister Bangor mine-sweeper, H.M.C.S. "SARNIA", picked up the survivors nearly six hours later. Many who had reached the floats safely had died of exposure on the floats, from the soaking in the cold sea water, and sixteen bodies were taken aboard the rescue craft.

"In spite of the rapidity with which the ship heeled over and slid under the surface there was no panic or confusion", a surviving Officer reported. Everyone he had seen had been calmly and quickly abandoning ship.

"Many men had died in the floats, and their bodies were brought aboard H.M.C.S. "SARNIA" with the survivors.

"Artificial respiration was given to some of the unconscious men for hours after they were picked up, but only two men were revived."

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

LL
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *Sam*

Date
Time

8/5/45
1200

Mrs. Anne Hedstrom,
623-14th Ave. West,
CALGARY, Alta.

LA/CC

R E G I S T E R E D

A I R M A I L

N.S. V-35221 PERS. (N)

19 April, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Hedstrom:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th of April, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Arnold Douglas Hedstrom, Leading Sick Berth Attendant, Official Number V-35221, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea due to enemy action.

From information available, little hope can be held for his survival and there is no possibility of his having been taken prisoner. For security reasons, this is the only information which can be released at this time.

Should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of his death will be made at a later date, when you will be informed. Please be assured, however, that as soon as any further news is received or more details can be released, you will be informed immediately.

It is requested that you will regard the name of the ship in which Leading Sick Berth Attendant Hedstrom was serving, together with the fact that she has been in contact with the enemy, as secret until an official announcement is made.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy of the Department with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Anne Hedstrom,
623-14th Ave., West,
CALGARY, Alberta.



AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

DECEASED 16 April 1945

HEDSTROM Arnold Douglas

V-35221

L/SBA.

FILE No.

SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

CHRISTIAN NAMES

REG. No.

RANK ON
DISCHARGE

C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS

1939-45 Star

Atlantic Star

Pacific Star

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED

165- 7/10/49

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR No date "ESQUIMALT"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Douglas Hedstrom - Father

SMITHERS, B.C.

ADDRESS:

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. A. Hedstrom

623 - 14th. Avenue West
CALGARY, Alta.

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

692

(2)

(3) 28 June 1945