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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME SMITH OFFICIAL No. V-70955
CHRISTIAN NAMES Kenneth Harry MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>3633 Jersey Ave., Burnaby, B.C.</u>	<u>Church of England</u>
<u>Dex 0545 R</u>	

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>7th May 1925</u>	Town <u>Burnaby,</u>	Mother: <u>Mrs. Ethyl SMITH,</u>
*Original Nationality of:	County	<u>3633 Jersey Ave.,</u>
Father <u>English</u>	Province <u>B.C.</u>	<u>Burnaby, B.C.</u>
Mother <u>English</u>		

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

(A) PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>6</u>	Inflated <u>37</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Inches <u>3</u>	Deflated <u>33</u>	<u>Brown</u>			
<u>148 lbs</u>	Mean <u>35</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>8 Years Public School</u>	<u>Machine Man, Central Park Sash & Door, Burnaby, B.C.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>1st Sept. 1943.</u>	<u>Ord. Smn.</u>	<u>HMCS "DISCOVERY"</u>
DIVISIONAL STRENGTH		

(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
<u>---</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(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.

IN POSSESSION OF U.I. BOOK? YES

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and 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 when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, 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.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as.....Ord. Seaman.....by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this.....1st.....day of.....September, 1943.....

Signature of applicant.....Kenneth Harry Smith.....

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this.....1st.....

day of.....September, 1943.....

My authority for attestation is.....NS 114-1-46 of 3rd Nov. 1942.....

W. J. Leonard
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Kenneth Harry SMITH.....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.....Kenneth Harry Smith.....

Witness.....W. J. Leonard.....

Date.....1st Sept. 1943..... Rank.....Lieutenant, RCNVR.....

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

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters **immediately** after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.

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The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Kenneth Harry SMITH

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Identification Card No. *52379* Issued

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>H.M.C.S. Discovery</i>	<i>V-70955</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth *7 May, 1925*

Place of Birth *Burnaby B.C.*

Place of Residence *3633 Jersey Ave. Burnaby B.C.*

Trade brought up to *Machine Man O.H.E.*

Religion *Church of England*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Father Harry Smith same 221114

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

P.S.T. Date 19 Signature Rank

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>1 Sep '43</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Smm</i>	<i>15 April 45</i>		<i>Provisionally awarded C.J.S.M.</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>6</i>	<i>3/4</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Nil</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

V70955

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-S-5599

OFFICIAL NUMBER V70955

NAME SMITH Kenneth Harry DATE OF BIRTH 7 May, 1925
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Burnaby, B.C. OCCUPATION Machine ManRELIGION C. of E. EDUCATION 8 Yrs. P.S.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 3633 Jersey Ave., Town Burnaby Province, etc. B.C.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
1	9	43	H.O.	6' $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Dk. Brn.	Blue	Fair	Nil				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mr Harry Kenneth
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 3633 Jersey Ave., Town Burnaby Province, etc. B.C.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				23	7	44	Marked "TR"				

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				

FILM
NO. WSR 6137-4
DATE

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V70955

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

SMITH

(Given Names)

Kenneth Harry

P.I.B.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V70955

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	L	Month	Year
H.M.C.S. Discovery	Ord. Smn.	1	9	43	Div. Str. Vancouver	V.G.		31	12	43	Q.R.111	2	8	44			
"	"	29	12	43	Act. Serv. D.L. 29.12.43.	VG	SAT	3	11	44							
Cornwallis	"	25	2	44	D.R.D. # 448 P.#. 3	V.G.	Supr.	16	4	45							
Stadacona	"	8	8	44	DRD #238 P.#7 HAMILTON from 17-6-44 to			23	6	44							
Avalon	"	28	8	44	DRD S.#267 P.#6												
Esquimalt	"	12	9	44	DRD #256 Pg.1												
	A/A.B.	29	12	44	Rated 249A/32433												
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	"Dead" Sub. 23-5-45												

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Canadian Memorial cross to:
 Mother- Mrs. Ethel Smith,
 3633 Jersey Ave.,
 Burnaby, New Westminister, B.C.
 28-6-45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL	OCCU.	RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT				
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
07	5	25	18	180	D	30	1	9	04	00	0	08	0	08
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	
11	09	43	29	12	43					9625	0	08	95	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
29	12	43	13	00	00		M.D.			J.P.				

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. REGIMENTAL at Sea

Name SMITH, Kenneth Harry
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating (A.B.) Able Seaman Official No. V-70955 R. C. F. V. R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Burnaby, B.C. Date of Birth 7th May, 1925

Occupation in Civil Life Machine Man. 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) 1st Sept., 1943 - 16th Apr., 1945.

Date of Death 16th Apr., 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 Harry Smith Relationship Father
Address 3633 Jersey Ave.,
Burnaby, New Westminister, B.C.

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..... Date of Burial.....
(if known) (if known)

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

Undertaker employed.....
(if any)

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

H. Deegan
Commanding Officer,
.....194.....

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

*Noted
DTP
MMD
30.5.45*

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

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

FILE NO.: N.S. V-70955 PERS.(N)

19 April, 1945. 17

Dear Mr. Smith:

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 Kenneth Harry Smith, Able Seaman, Official Number V.70955, 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 Able Seaman Smith 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,

L. M.
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *g*
[Handwritten initials]

Mr. Harry Smith,
3633 Jersey Ave.,
Burnaby,
New Westminster, B.C.

7 May, 1945. 25

Dear Mr. Smith:

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, Kenneth Harry Smith, Able Seaman, Official Number V-70955, 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 minesweeper, 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.

LB
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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Date *8/5/45*
Time *1,200*

Mr. Harry Smith,
3633 Jersey Ave.,
Burnaby,
New Westminster, B.C.

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

MR HARRY SMITH
3633 JERSEY AVE
BURNABY
NEW WESTMINSTER BC

From:

NSHQ

V. 70955

11-31

CNP
DPR

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES
DEEPLY REGRET TO REPORT THAT YOUR SON KENNETH HARRY
SMITH ABLE SEAMAN V-70955 IS MISSING AT SEA DUE TO ENEMY
ACTION LETTER FOLLOWS

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DELIVERY CONFIRMED

L/T

P/L

19-4-45

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NS V-70955 PERS (N)
DRAFTED BY DPR LIEUT (S) T F HEARD.

RCNVR Nov. 45 "ESQUIMALT"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO

Mr. Harry Smith - Father

ADDRESS

3633 Jersey Avenue,
Burnaby, New Westminister, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Ethel Smith

ADDRESS:

3633 Jersey Ave., Burnaby,
New Westminister, B.C.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN NO

(2)

(3)

28-6-45

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NAVY

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SMITH	Kenneth Harry	V-70955	A.B.	FILE No.
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SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT
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WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	9863 16/1/50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)