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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME WHITEHEAD OFFICIAL NO. V1490 3
P 78138

CHRISTIAN NAMES Bruce Mansell MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>5765 McKinnon St. Vancouver, B.C. Dex 1721Y</u>	<u>United Church</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>3th June 1917</u> Father-English Mother-English	Town <u>Oldham</u> County Province <u>Lancaster</u> <u>England</u>	Father-Mr. Maurice Bruce Whitehead <u>5765 Mckinnon St. Vancouver, BC</u>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u> Inches <u>11</u>	Inflated <u>40</u> Deflated <u>36</u> Mean <u>38</u>	<u>Light</u> <u>Brown</u>	<u>Greenish</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Scar on Forehead</u> <u>over Left eye</u> <u>Scar on Left hand</u> <u>on Wrist</u> <u>Scar right Wrist</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>18th June 1941</u> <u>Active Service</u> <u>RCNVR</u>	<u>Ordinary Seaman</u> <u>For V/S</u> <u>Vancouver</u>	<u>Mill Worker</u> <u>B. C. Plywood</u>

ENTERED IN
PAY LEDGER N.S.H.Q.
7/7/41
ROUGH
J. J. [Signature]

(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) ~~XXXXXX served in XXXX 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>NIL</u>		

- (c) I have never been rejected 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.

Personnel Records
Division.

1. Noted in records
2. Index Card
3. Non-Sup. Card
4. Statistical Card
5. Roneo Strip
6. Pension Card
7.
8.
DATE 30-6-41

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Vancouver Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:— and/or Duration of Hostilities

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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.

Dated this 18th day of June 1941

Signature of applicant Bruce Whitehead

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING 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 18th day of June 1941

E. F. Fox
Signature of Commanding Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Bruce Mansell Whitehead 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 Bruce Whitehead

Witness E. F. Fox

Date 18th June 1941 Rank Lieutenant RCVR

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

Bruce Mansell Whitehead 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 Vancouver Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

E. F. Fox
Commanding Officer.

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.

V14903

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-W-1109

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V14903

NAME WHITEHEAD (Surname) Bruce Mausell (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 8 June 1917

PLACE OF BIRTH Oldham, Lancaster, England OCCUPATION Mill worker

RELIGION United Church EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 5765 Mc Kinnon St. Town Vancouver 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
18	6	41	H.O.	5'11"	L. Br.	Green	Fair	Scar on forehead over Lt. eye. Scar on Lt. hand on wrist. Scar on R. wrist.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Miss Betty Whitehead
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 645 West 11th Ave. Town Vancouver 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	
24	3	44	CVSM (R & C) 1939-43 Star.	21	8	41	P.P.T. (Fair)				
				7-8	7	41	Passed E.T. "one" R.C.N.V.R.				
				29	11	41	Qual. Sig.				
				9	10	42	Passed Sig. T.O.				
				19	3	43	Passed E.T. II RCN				

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		

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					In diff. Char.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	

O.H.F. Received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
 From _____ To _____



VI4903 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME WHITEHEAD
(Surname)

Bruce Mausell
(Given Names)

PLB OFFICIAL NUMBER VI4903

0-77558

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
Vancouver Div. Str.	Ord. Smn.	18	6	41		V.G.	Mod.	31	12	41	Granted T.O.	9	10	42	249A/5382		
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	" "	18	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	V.S. 3	28	5	43			
Naden	" "	13	8	41	D.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
	Ord. Sig.	26	9	41		V.G.	Supr.	1	5	44							
Moolock	" "	6	12	41	S-161												
Billow	" "	-1	4	42													
Naden	" "	3	9	42	FFD #1192												
"	Sig.	18	6	42	Rated(249A/11899)												
Givenchy	" "	1	11	42	DRD #104 (Naic Eng Staff)												
Burrard	" "	27	11	42	C.O.P.C. (DRD #1796)												
Meander	" "	15	12	42	DRD #240												
St. Hyacinthe	" "	14	4	43	DRD #887												
Stadacona	" "	23	6	43	DRD H-1876												
"	A/Ildg. Sig.	1	6	43	Rated(249A/28459)												
Cornwallis	" "	23	3	44	S.#110:P#10.												
DISCHARGED	" "	1	5	44	"Promoted to Commissioned Rank" per App't. 13-5-44.												

GENERAL REMARKS
Hosp. Shaughnessy-(Cellulitis Rt. Foot) 3-8/11/41
Mausell, Bruce
11012-5-52 F0656

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY	MO	YR	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION		P.	CTV	TOWN	SERV	DIV	A	BR	RANK
08	6	17	22	900	0	40	X	904	10	0	08	0	0	0	95
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE			
DY	MO	YR	DY	MO	YR	CAT.	DY	MO	YR	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK		
18	06	41	18	06	41					9830	1	0	93		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED					
DY	MO	YR	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
01	06	43	13	42	00		JCP M.P. M.P.			Us					

OFFICIAL NUMBER _____ FILE NUMBER 0-77555 OFFICIAL NUMBER _____
 NAME WHITEHEAD Bruce Mansell DATE OF BIRTH 8 June, 1917
 (Surname) (Given Names)
 PLACE OF BIRTH Oldham, Lancaster, England OCCUPATION Mill Worker
 RELIGION United EDUCATION _____
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 5765 McKinnon St. Town Vancouver Province, etc. B.C.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
2	5	44	H.O.	5'11"	L.Brn.	Green	Fair	Scar on forehead over lt. eye Scar on lt. hand on wrist Scar on rt. wrist	R.C.N.V.R.	L/Sig.	18.6.41 -- 1.5.44	

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Betty Whitehead
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 645 West 17th Ave Town Vancouver Province, etc. B.C.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
24	3	44	C.V.S.M. (Ribbon & Clasp)	31	10	44	Result Radar Course 90%				
24	3	44	1939-43 Star (Ribbon)	2	12	44	Prov. Swimming Test (Good)				
				26	11	44	Conf. Trng. Report 84.6%				

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		

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

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FILM
W912-4464-4
DATE

W.S.G.
 APPLICATION
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 1/6/45



OFFICIAL NUMBER _____ NAME **WHITEHEAD** **Bruce Mansell** OFFICIAL NUMBER _____
 (Surname) (Given Names)

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
H.M.C.S. Cornwallis	P/Sub-Lieut. T	2	5	44	addl. Promoted from Ldg. Sig. O.N. V14903			Appt.	13	5	44						
H.M.C.S. York	" "	23	5	44	for initial training and duty												
H.M.C.S. Kings	" "	5	8	44	addl. for trng. and disposal			Appt. list 15-44									
Kings & Cornwallis	" "	5	8	44	addl. for training and disposal			Amended appt.	7	10	44						
H.M.C.S. Esquimalt	Sub-Lieut. T	27	12	44	Confirmed (Sen. of 22-10-44)			Pay to commence	2	8	44	Appt.	6	1	45		
DISCHARGED	Sub-Lieut. T	16	4	45	"Killed in Action" Per Casualty List			24-4-45	Page	143							

GENERAL REMARKS

21-8-45 Promotion from Lt. to Lt. J.C. 44-45

Memorial Cross Sent to Wife:
 Mrs. Betty Whitehead,
 4572W-2nd Ave.,
 Vancouver B.C. 28-6-45

Memorial Cross Sent to Mother:
 Mrs. Morris B. Whitehead,
 General Delivery,
 Alberni, B.C. 28-6-45

TRUE COPY OF

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Bruce Mansell WHITEHEAD

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

I.C.N.S. No. 9941

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
ESQUIMALT	VANCOUVER	V-14903
		"
		"

Date of Birth: 8th June, 1917

Place of Birth: Oldham, Lancaster, England

Place of Residence: 5765 McKinnon St, Vancouver, B.C.

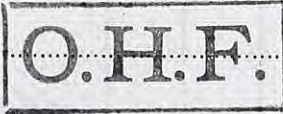
Trade brought up to: Mill worker

Religion: United Church

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date: 29 July 1941 Signature: [Signature] Rank: [Rank]

P.S.T. Date: 21 August 1941 Signature: [Signature] Rank: [Rank]

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil):
(Wife)
Caroline Betty [Name]
1015 West 17th Ave
Vancouver, 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	
	18 June '41	Hostil-ities.	Ord. Sea. for V/S.	24 March		Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp Pro. Award
				24 March		1939-43 Star Pro. Award

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	5	11	38	151	Light Brown	Green	Fair	Scar over left eye. Scar on left wrist. Scar on right wrist.
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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS			RECORD OF RATING		
Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
9 July '41	E.T. I				
9 Oct '42	Rated T.O.				
19 Mar '43	Passed E.T. II				
28 May '43	Qual. & Rated 1/5 3				
23 Feb '44	N.O. "Normal"	H.O. 2986			
2 May '44	Passed Prom. Board				

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. MINERAL at Sea

Name WHITHEAD, Bruce Mansell
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Sub Lieutenant, RCNVR File No. (C-77535)
Official No. B.C. 2223
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Oldham, Lancashire, Eng. Date of Birth 8 June, 1917

Occupation in Civil Life Religion United Church of Canada.

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) 18 June, 1941 - 16 Apr., 1945.

Date of Death 16 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 Betty Whithead Relationship wife
Address 645 West 17th Ave.,
Vancouver, 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 Vancouver, B.C. 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. J. G. [Signature]
Commanding Officer,

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*Noted
DPR / 5
YB 30 1:5 145.*

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.

NOTED
ESTATES CARD
JUN 4 1945
D.N.P.A. SECT. 11
M. M. O.

By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence
for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

To Probationary Sub-Lieutenant Bruce M. Whitehead, R.C.N.V.R.,
(Temporary), --

You are hereby ~~appointed~~ confirmed and appointed

Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship ESQUIMALT.

Your ~~appointment~~ confirmation and appointment is to take effect from 27th December, 1944.

(With seniority of 22nd October, 1944).

(Pay as confirmed Sub-Lieutenant to commence 2nd August, 1944).

Secretary, Naval Board

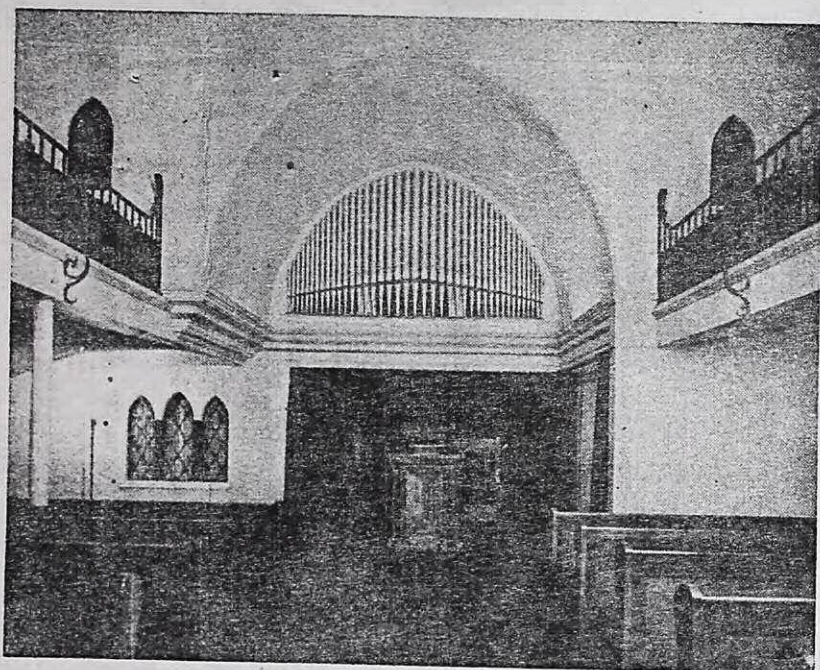
R.S.
Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa. 6th January, 1945.

H.Q. 36a
20M-1-44 (68)
N.S. 815-7-36
KINGS AND CORNWALLIS addl. for trg. & dsp

Personnel Records Division.	
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DATE 23-1-45	

"Chapel of Chimes"



Harron Bros. Ltd.

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REFINED SERVICE

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301 1589 Martin St in Rock BC



Funeral Service

of the Late

Sub. Lieut. Bruce M. Whitehead

Born in England, June 8th, 1917

Killed in Action.



ORGAN PRELUDE

SOLO: "O Love That Wil't Not Let Me Go"

SCRIPTURE READING

ADDRESS

PRAYER

HYMN—"Nearer, my God, to Thee"

Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross, That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

Though like a wanderer, The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.

BENEDICTION

Officiating Clergyman—Rev. Walter Goos, Chaplain,
(P)R.C.N.
Rev. E. F. Church

Funeral Service with full Naval Honors, Thursday, April
25th, 1945, at 2:30 p.m., from the "Chapel of Chimes,"
Harron Bros. Ltd., 55 East Tenth Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

INTERMENT—Ocean View Burial Park.

[You may retain this copy]

LA/C

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

FILE NO.: N.S. O-77555 PERS(N)

18 April, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Whitehead:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 17th of April, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Sub-Lieutenant Bruce Mansell Whitehead, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been killed in action.

For security reasons, the only information which may be released at this time is that your husband's death was due to enemy action.

As you are aware, his body was recovered and, in accordance with your wishes, is being sent, at public expense, to Vancouver, B.C. You will be informed of the date and time of arrival by the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "BURRARD", who will be pleased to assist you in making any necessary arrangements for the funeral. The Protestant Chaplain, Reverend J. L. L. Graham, Royal Canadian Navy, who has already contacted you, is also available should you require any further assistance.

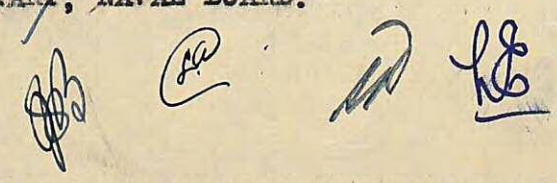
It is requested that you will regard the name of the ship in which Sub-Lieutenant Whitehead was serving, together with the fact that she has been in contact with the enemy, as secret until an official announcement is made.

Please allow me to express 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 husband has helped to maintain.

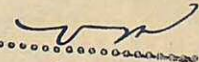
Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Betty Whitehead,
645 West 17th Ave.,
Vancouver, B.C.



Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 19. 4. 45
Time 1300

LA/C

REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

FILE NO.: N.S. O-77555 PERS.(N)

7 May, 1945. 53

Dear Mrs. Whitehead:

Further to my letter of the 18th of April, 1945, I am passing on the following particulars regarding the loss of H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which your husband was serving. This information is now being released for publication.

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 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.

"On the bridge when the explosion came was Sub-Lieutenant B. Whitehead, R.C.N.V.R., Vancouver, who perished later on one of the carley floats."

May I again express the sincere sympathy of the Department with you in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

L.B.
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Betty Whitehead,
645 West 17th Ave.,
Vancouver, B.C.

A/A
D.P.R./5.

W
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date *8/5/45*
Time *1200*

14 Dundas Esplanade,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
May 10, 1945.

0-77555

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Mrs. Betty W. Whitehead,
645 W-17th. Ave.
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Whitehead:

Your husband, Bruce, was serving under me as Signals officer during the recent action in which he lost his life.

At the time of the action Bruce was officer of the watch and managed to get to a life raft but died a few hours later of exposure.

In line of duty he was willing and competent and in the wardroom a pleasant and popular companion.

To express sympathy just the right way is always difficult. However, your loss is felt deeply by myself and all surviving shipmates.

Yours sincerely,

Robert C. Macmillan,
Lieut., R. C. N. V. R.

COPIES CHECKED IN

BY.....

LA/CM

N.S.O-77555, F.D.66, PERS.(N)

28 June, 1945.

Sir:

With reference to Report of Death respecting the late Sub-Lieutenant Bruce Mansell Whitehead, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, forwarded to you on the 30th of May, 1945, the following information has now been received:

Name of Cemetery: Ocean View Burial Park,
Vancouver, B.C.

Date of Burial: April 26th, 1945.

Location of Grave: Plot 125, Grave 2,
Heather Section.

Undertaker employed: Harron Bros. Ltd.

Yours truly,



for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.



Secretary,
Imperial War Graves Commission,
312 Transportation Building,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

RCNVR Nov. 45 "ESQUIMALT"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO

Mrs. Betty Whitehead - Widow

ADDRESS:

4572 W 2nd Ave.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

Mrs. Earldine Betty Whitehead

ADDRESS:

4572 W 2nd Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

(2)

28-6-45

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. Morris B. Whitehead

ADDRESS:

General Delivery
Albernie, B.C.

(3)

28-6-45

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 706

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS (NAVY)

D.D.

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

WHITEHEAD	Bruce Mansell	0-77555	Sub Lt.	FILE No. 381213
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	

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