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CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME..... BISHOP OFFICIAL NO. 135169
CHRISTIAN NAMES..... Robert John MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
2940-17th Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta.	C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
28th March, 1924	Town Drumheller, County Province Alberta.	Mother, Mrs. Hanna BISHOP, same address.
*Original Nationality of:		
Father English		
Mother Welsh		

*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..... 37½	Light Brown	Blue	Fresh	Scars left shin Scar index finger left hand.
Inches..... 9½	Deflated..... 34½				
Mean.....	35				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
3rd October, 1941	Ord. Seaman R.C.N.V.R. (T)	Core Maker's Apprentice
DIVISIONAL STRENGTH	CALGARY	
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	Personnel Records Division
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			2. Index Card
			3. Non-Sub. Card
			4. Statistical Card
			5. Royal Strg. Forces on
			6. Pension Card
			7. the best of my knowledge
			8.
			DATE 20/10/41

- (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 and belief.

(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 3rd day of October, 1941.

Signature of applicant Robert John Bishop

(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 3rd day of October, 1941.

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

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Robert John BISHOP 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 Robert John Bishop.

Witness A. C. M. Gowan

Date 3rd October, 1941. 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

Robert John BISHOP 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.

3rd October, 1941. R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) CALGARY

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.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Robert John Bishop

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimalt</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Calgary</i>	Official Number <i>V-35169</i> <i>"Ob. # 36965"</i>
Date of Birth <i>28th March, 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mother Mrs. Hannah Bishop</i>	
Place of Birth <i>Drumheller, Alta.</i>	Place of Residence <i>2940-17th Ave. W. Calgary, Alta.</i>	
Trade brought up to <i>Coze Maker's Apprentice</i>	Religion <i>C of E</i>	
Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date <i>6 Mar. 1942</i>	Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Rank <i>S/Lt.</i>
P.S.T. Date <i>6 Mar. 1942</i>	Signature <i>[Signature]</i>	Rank <i>S/Lt.</i>

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>3rd Oct. '41</i>	<i>'41</i>	<i>Hostilities and Sea.</i>			<i>18 Feb '44</i>	<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp - Provisional Award</i>
					<i>18 Feb '44</i>	<i>1939-1943 Star</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>9 1/2</i>	<i>35 1/2</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fresh</i>	<i>Scars left. thigh. Scars left index fingers 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

V35169

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-2276

OFFICIAL NUMBER V35169

NAME

BISHOP

(Surname)

Robert John

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

28th. March 1924

PLACE OF BIRTH

Drumheller, Alberta.

OCCUPATION

Core Maker's Apprentice

RELIGION

Church of England

EDUCATION

2 yrs. High School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

2940-17th Avenue West.

Town

Calgary

Province, etc

Alberta.

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
3	10	41	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	L. Brown	Blue	Fresh	Scars left shin Scar index finger left hand.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Mother

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs. Hannah Bishop

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

2940-17th Ave. West.

Town

Calgary

Province, etc.

Alberta

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY			EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS	
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year		
18	2	44	C.V.S.M. (R&C) & 1939-1943 Star			4-5	11	41	Passed E.T.I. RCNVR.	
			3	7	42	Qual. for Sig.				
			6	3	42	Passed P.P.T.				
			6	3	42	Passed P.S.T.				
			8	5	42	Qual. for Ord. Sig.				

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 4912-5657-3
NO. 5658
DATE

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

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From

To

W.S.G.
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V35169

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

BISHOP

Robert John
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V35169

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
Calgary Div. Str.	Ord. Smn.	3	10	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
"	"	26	1	42	Active Service.	V.G.	Supr.	31	12	43							
St. Hyacinthe	"	24	3	42	130.6.1	V.G.	Supr.	31	12	44							
Stadacona	"	17	4	42		V.G.	Supr.	18	3	45							
St. Hyacinthe	"	29	4	42													
Protector	"	1	5	42													
	Ord. Sig.	8	5	42	249A.												
Stadacona	" "	10	7	42	DRD												
Q-079	" "	16	7	42	DRD												
"	Sig.	26	1	43	249A/25944												
Stadacona	"	12	6	43	DRD # H1776												
Guyshorough	"	15	6	43	DRD # H1800												
DISECHARGED	"	18	3	45	MISSING Per C.L.												

Presumed Dead (page #139)

GENERAL REMARKS

X-Ray Approved.
Failed for T.O.V/S. to date 21-2-45.
Canadian Memorial Cross to mother:
Mrs. Hanna Bishop, 2940-17th Ave. W.,
Calgary, Alta. 5-6-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK		
28	3	24	17	294	0	303	8	06	05	0	21	0	08	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			
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SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M		COBED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
26	01	43	13	00	00											

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

~~H.M.C.S.~~ ~~NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO,~~

Name..... BISHOP, Robert John.....
 (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... Signaller..... Official No. V-35169..... Unit R.C.N.
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth..... DRUMHELLER, Alberta..... Date of Birth..... 28th March, 1924.....

Occupation in Civil Life..... Care Maker's Appra- Religion..... Church of England
tice

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)..... From 3rd Oct. 1941 to 18th March, 1945.....

Date of Death..... 18th March, 1945..... Place of Death..... At Sea.....

Cause of Death..... Missing, PRESUMED DEAD, when H.M.C.S. "COYBROUGH" was tor-
 (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)
pedoed and sunk by enemy action at sea.

Nearest known relative or friend. { Name..... Mrs. Hanna Bishop, Relationship..... Mother
 Address..... 2940-17th Ave., West,
CALGARY, Alta.

Date on which the above was informed by ~~Ship~~ Naval Service Headquarters, 21 March, 1945

Date on which death was registered with local Officials..... ---

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.....

If applicable { Place of Burial..... No Burial..... Date of Burial.....
 Location, Number, etc., of grave.....
 Undertaker employed.....

H.B. Money
 (Commanding Officer)
 for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

Date..... Ottawa, Ont., 1 May, 1945.

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, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

C.N.S. 1121
 10M-6-44 (774)
 N.S. 7570-S-1121

*noted in On PA.
 9-5-45 G.P.*

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23 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Bishop:

Further to my letter of the 21st of March, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Robert John Bishop, Signalman, Official Number V-35169, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", 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 18th of March, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty at sea. Five Officers and 48 ratings, including one Royal Navy Officer and one rating who were taking passage, are missing and now presumed dead.

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.

"Only one death occurred from the explosion but many died during the 19 hours the men who had survived the explosion spent in the water clinging to five Carley floats. Only six men of 42 on one overcrowded float lived until the rescue ship, a Royal Navy frigate, arrived.

"Both the air and the water were cold," said one of the survivors. "Most of the men who died, died smiling. If they suffered any, you'd never have known it."

"With the whaler overturned and the ship's motor boat holed by the explosion, only the Carley floats remained for the survivors. Four of the five floats were lashed together and from these the majority of the survivors were picked up. Seven hours after the men abandoned ship only 10 men remained alive on the one overcrowded Carley float. Four others died before rescue came.

"Exposure accounted for the largest number of deaths. Survivors were unanimous in saying that those who died did so quietly and with little apparent suffering.

"When the torpedo struck the Guysborough so much debris littered the decks that the Commanding Officer, Lieut. B. T. R. Russell, R.C.N.R., at first glance, thought his ship had been the victim of two simultaneous torpedoes.

"It looked at first as if the ship would survive. Guns crews were closed up, water-tight doors were closed, bulkheads shored up and every effort made to save the little vessel.

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"There was just one fatality from the torpedoing.
although some members of a gun's crew were injured."

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,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *SB*

Mrs. Hanna Bishop,
2940-17th Ave., West,
CALGARY, Alberta.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

W.M.
Date 22.4.45
Time 1245

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AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

BISHOP	Robert John	V-35169	Sig.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	2250
Atlantic Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Mar. 46 "GUYSBOROUGH"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Albert Bishop - Father

ADDRESS: 2940 - 17th Ave. West,
CALGARY, Alta.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 321

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Hannah Bishop

ADDRESS: 2940 - 17th Avenue, West,
Calgary, Alta.

(3)

5-6-45