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CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BURY OFFICIAL NO. V-42625
CHRISTIAN NAMES James Edward MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 166 Brock St., Brantford, Ontario RELIGION U.C. of C.

DATE OF BIRTH 6th Nov., 1920 *PLACE OF BIRTH
Town Brantford,
County Brant
Province Ontario
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Mrs. Lillian G. BURY (Mother),
166 Brock St., Brantford,
Ontario.

*Original Nationality of:
Father British
Mother British

*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>5</u>	Inflated <u>38</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown Ruddy</u>	<u>Ruddy</u>	<u>None.</u>
Inches <u>9 1/4</u>	Deflated <u>36</u>				
<u>172</u>	Mean <u>37</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING 3 years High School - Brantford Collegiate Institute, Brantford, Ont. 3 mos. drafting and mathematics - Brantford Collegiate Institute, Brantford, Ontario.
TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Labourer - Cockshutt Plow Co., Brantford, Ontario.

DATE OF ENROLMENT (Divisional Strength) 21st July, 1942. RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Stoker II(T) R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED H.M.C.S. "Prevost", London, Ont.

(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 the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force from the period shown on each of the following pages:~~

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS
H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"
ROUGH *[Signature]*

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
	<u>N11</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.

Personnel Records Division.
1. Noted in Records... *[Signature]*
2. Index Card... *[Signature]*
3. Majesty's Forces on... *[Signature]*
4. Statistical Card... *[Signature]*
5. Report on...
6. Pension Card...
7. ...
8. ...
DATE 3/8/42

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the London 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 21st day of July, 1942.

Signature of applicant J. Bury

(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 21st day of July, 1942.

R. C. Gannon
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

Sub-Lieutenant R. C. N. V. R.

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, James Edward BURY 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 J. Bury

Witness R. C. Gannon

Date 21st July, 1942. Rank Sub-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**

James Edward BURY 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 London, Ontario Division of the R. C. N. V. R. or in the appropriate official documents.

R. C. Gannon
Attesting Officer.

Sub-Lieutenant R. C. N. V. R.

21st July, 194 2. R. C. N. V. R. Division London Division
(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.

Unemployment Insurance Book -Yes.

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

J. Bury
Signature

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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

James Edward Bury

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>London, Ontario</i>	Official Number <i>V-42625</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth <i>6th November 1920</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mrs Lillian E. Bury (mother)</i>
Place of Birth <i>Brantford, Ontario</i>	<i>Same Address</i>
Place of Residence <i>166 Brock St. Brantford, Ont</i>	<i>31/10/42</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Labourer</i>	
Religion <i>United</i>	

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>9 June 42</i>	<i>20 July 42</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>Stoker II (T)</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>9 1/4</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Ruddy</i>	<i>None</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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS			RECORD OF RATING		
Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
21 Jan '43	Qual. A/G 1 day	B. Lake			
13 Apr '43	Re-issued I.C.N.S. #84125				

Issued Iden. Card No. **7164354**

V42625

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-3701

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V42625

NAME BURY

(Surname)

James Edward

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 6 Nov., 1920

PLACE OF BIRTH Brantford, Ont.

OCCUPATION

Labourer

RELIGION U.C. of C.

EDUCATION

3 yrs. High School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

166 Brock St.,

Town

Brantford,

Province, etc

Ont.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
21	7	42	Hostilities only	5'9 1/4"	Brown	Brown	Ruddy	Nil			From	To

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Mother

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs. Lillian G. Bury

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

166 Brock St.,

Town

Brantford

Province, etc.

Ont.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
30	9	44	C. V. S. M. R&C	21	1	45	Qual Anti-Gas 1 day (249A/25266)				

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. NSR-5594-7
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					O.H.F. Received	
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial		In diff. Char.
									O.H.F. Received
									Last Will & Testament Dated 21-7-42 Received

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V42625

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BURY
(Surname)

James Edward
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V42625 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
H.M.C.S. "Prevost"	Stoker II	21	7	42	Div. Str. LONDON	V.G.	SAT	31	12	42							
" "	"	21	9	42	Active Service D.L.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Protector	"	25	9	42	D.L. 24.9.42	V.G.	SAT	31	12	44							
Cornwallis	"	2	12	42	Ledger	V.G.	SAT	18	3	45							
Avalon	"	19	2	43	DRD H-762												
	A/Stoker 1/c	21	9	43	Rated. 249A 43412												
Stadacona	"	21	3	44	D.R.D. #102 P 7												
Mahone	"	4	5	44	D.R.D. Sh 152 P27												
"	Stoker 1/c	21	9	44	Conf. (249A/A9180)												
Peregrine	"	30	1	45	DRD #121 p-3												
Guysborough	"	8	2	45	DRD S/38 p-1 NIOBE 1.3.45												
DISCHARGED.	"	18	3	45	"Missing" per Casualty List.												

Presumed dead

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross granted to:
MOTHER: Mrs. Lillian G. Bury,
166 Brock St.,
BRANTFORD, Ontario, to date
5th June, 1945.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH			CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION			P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A.	SR.	RANK
06	X	50	11	900	0	40			4	103	010	0	16	0	15	93
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.	SR.	RANK			
21	07	42	21	09	42					9830	1	15	94			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A.	B.	ST.										
21	07	43	13	50	00		7-5									

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

NAME IN FULL BURY James Edward RANK/RATING St. V/c OFF. NO. V-42625 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.
	21/9/42											1939-45	1 Star
<u>Walton</u>	19/2/43	16/3/44	365 (over)	<u>Nfld</u>								ATLANTIC	1 Star
<u>Mahone</u>	4/5/44	29/1/45	271	<u>Atl.</u>								FRANCE G.	
<u>Guyborough</u>	7/2/45	18/3/45	40	<u>Atl.</u>								AFRICA	
												PACIFIC	
												BURMA	
												ITALY	
												DEFENCE	1 Medal
												C.V.S.M.	2 Clasp
												" CLASP	

Dis "Dead" D date
18 March 45

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Dis "Dead" D date
18 March 45

C. R. P. A.
D.P.R./5-2
NAVAL TREASURY
DATE.....
INITIAL.....

FORM "B"

FILE: N.S. V-42625 PERS. (N)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
- Naval Service -
OTTAWA, Canada.

1 May, 1945.

(Date)

Sir:

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME BURY, James Edward RANK or RATING Stoker First Class NAVAL NO. V-42625 R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 21st July, 1942 Active Service: 21 September, 1942.

DATE OF DISCHARGE - 18th March, 1945.

HOSPITAL -
(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)

SERVICE - CANADA & HIGH SEAS
(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere)

Reason for discharge and - "Missing, presumed dead". He was serving in H.M.C.S.
when and where any disability "CHYSBOROUGH" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy
was incurred, or where death action at sea.
occurred.

(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada.)

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP - Mother NAME - Mrs. Lillian G. Bury.

ADDRESS - 166 Brock St., BRANTFORD, Ontario.

NOTE: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

FORM "A" RESPECTING THE ABOVE NAMED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS OF MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE, DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE, etc.

N.S. V-42625, PERS. (N)

23 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Bury:

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, James Edward Bury, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-42625, 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. While there is no official confirmation of these statements, they are believed to be authentic, considering their source:

"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.

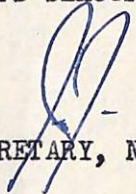
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"There was just one fatality from the torpedoing,
although some members of a gun's crew were injured."

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. *sh*

Mrs. Lillian G. Bury,
166 Brock Street,
BRANTFORD, Ontario.


Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

W.M.
Date 22.4.45
Time 1300

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL
RCNVR Feb. 46 "GUYSBOROUGH"

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Lillian G. Bury - Mother

ADDRESS: 166 Brock St.,
BRANTFORD, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Lillian G. Bury

ADDRESS: 166 Brock Street,
Brantford, Ontario.

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.

(1)

REGN. NO.

442.

(2)

(3)

5-6-45

AWARDS

NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

BURY	James Edward	V-42625	Sto.1	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	206 3/10/49
Atlantic Star	
Defence Medal	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War 1945 Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)