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ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

NATIONAL RESERVE
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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME COX OFFICIAL NO. V 35391
CHRISTIAN NAMES JOHN DANIEL MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER MARRIED

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
217 Chatham Ave., Toronto, Ont.	C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
28 Sep. '13	Town Toronto, County York, Province Ontario	Wife: Marion: Same address.
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>English</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>5</u>	Inflated <u>40</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>None.</u>
Inches <u>6</u>	Deflated <u>37</u>				
	Mean <u>39</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
2 years High School	Steamfitter: E. A. Jones Co. Ltd., 239 McRae Dr., Leaside, Ont.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
5 May '42	E.R.A. 5th RCNVR. (Temp)	H.M.C.S. "YORK"

(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 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
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Person of British Reserve Division.
Military Reserve, or Territorial Force.
2. Interview Card
3. Non-Sub. Card
4. Statistical Card
5. Progress Card
6. Progress Card
7.
8.
DATE 16/5/44

- (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.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Toronto 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 May '42

Signature of applicant John Daniel Cox

(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 May '42

[Signature]
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, JOHN DANIEL COX 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 John Daniel Cox

Witness [Signature]

Date 5 May '42 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

JOHN DANIEL COX 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 Toronto Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

[Signature]
Attesting Officer.
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.
R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. "YORK"
(or other establishment)

5 May '42 194

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 Engine Room Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

John Daniel Cox
Signature

DUPLICATE

To Guysborough

N.V. 17
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N.S. 815-11-17

TRUE COPY OF

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

John Daniel Cox

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

I.C.N.S. 42844

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimaux</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>R.M.C.S. York Point</i>	Official Number "
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Date of Birth <i>28 Sept '13</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth <i>Toronto, Ont</i>	<i>Wife</i>
Place of Residence <i>217 Chatham Ave Toronto, Ont</i>	<i>Marion</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Steam fitter</i>	<i>Same address</i>
Religion <i>C of E</i>	

Can Swim:— P.P. (GOOD) Date *28 May* 19*42* Signature _____ Rank _____

O.H.F. 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>5 May '42</i>	<i>Durham E.R.d 5th</i>				

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fair</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

V35391

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-C-2571

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V35391

NAME COX John Daniel DATE OF BIRTH 28 Sept., 1913.
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Toronto, Ont. OCCUPATION Steamfitter.RELIGION Church of England. EDUCATION 2 yrs. High School.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 217 Chatham Ave., Town Toronto, Province, etc. Ont.

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
5	5	42	H.O.	5'6	Fair	Brown	Fair	None.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Margaret CoxADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 217 Chatham Ave Town Toronto Province, etc. Ont

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	
				25	5	42	Passed P.P.T. "Good"				
				2	11	42	Granted Boiler R. W/K Cert.				
				26	2	45	Qual. for E.R.A. 4pc.				
				22	5	42	Qual. A/G. 2 days.				

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. WHP-5659-7
DATE

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

O.H.F. Received.
Un. Ins. book, 172 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ont.
Last Will and Testament dated 5-5-42 received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
From To



V35391

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME COX
(Surname)

John Daniel
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V35391

R.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 York	E.R.A. 5/c	5	5	42	Div. Str. Toronto.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
York	"	5	5	42	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Naden	"	10	5	42	D.L. 9.11/5/42	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
Prince David	"	23	7	42		V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45							
Givenchy	"	12	1	43	DRD No. 397												
York	"	13	3	43	DRD #726												
Stadacona	A/E.R.A. 4/c.	21	11	42	Back Dated (249A/12202)												
Guysborough	"	16	6	43	DRD # H1818												
DISCHARGED	"	23	8	43	DRD H-2397.												
	"	18	3	45	MISSING Per C.L.												

Body recovered & buried at sea. (page #139)

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross to wife:
Mrs. Marion Cox, 217 Chatham Ave.,
Toronto, Ont. 4th June, 1945.
Canadian Memorial Cross to mother:
Mrs. Roy Cox, 322 Riverdale Ave.,
Toronto, Ont. 5th June, 1945.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI. ED.		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENLI.		RANK OR RATE		
BY	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTZ	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK		
28	9	13	11	470	0	30	31	26	14	0	23	0	35	96		
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE		SHIP OR		RANK OR RATE					
BY	MO.	YR.	BY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	BY	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK			
05	05	42	05	05	42					3290	1	35	96			
SENIORITY			NON-SUB		M		CODED		CHECKED							
BY	MO.	YR.	A	B	01.											
21	11	42	13	00	00					S.A.D.						

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

HEADQUARTERS NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, Ottawa, Ont.

Name C O X, John Daniel (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Engine Room Artificer 4th Class Official No. V-35391 Unit R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Toronto, Ont. Date of Birth 28 September, 1913.

Occupation in Civil Life Steamfitter 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) From 5 May, 1942 to 18 March, 1945.

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

Cause of Death Killed when H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action at sea.

Nearest known relative or friend Mrs. Marion Cox, 217 Chatham Ave., TORONTO, Ont. Relationship Wife

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 At Sea 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 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.

Noted D.N.P.A. 9-5-45 G.D.

N.S. V-35391, PERS.(N) 41

23 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Cox:

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 husband, John Daniel Cox, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class, Official Number V-35391, 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."

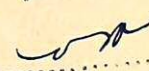
Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. 

Mrs. Marion Cox,
217 Chatham Ave.,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 22.4.45
Time 1300

NAME IN FULL *C.O.X. John Daniel* RANK/RATING *A/AE*

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO
	<i>5-5-42</i>					
<i>Punice David</i>	<i>23-7-42</i>	<i>11-1-43</i>	<i>173</i>	<i>W.C. Pac.</i>		
<i>Guysborough</i>	<i>23-8-43</i>	<i>18-3-45</i>	<i>574</i>	<i>all F-9.</i>		
<i>Dis. Dead (Guysborough)</i>						
<i>to date</i>		<i>18-3-45</i>				

VERIFIED BY *C. Mung*

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VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING ... *A/AE.P.A. 4/c* ... OFF.NO. ... *V.33-991* ... ADDRESS

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
							1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>Pacif.</i>							ATLANTIC	1	<i>+ Clasp</i>
<i>A.G.</i>							FRANCE G.	2	
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC	1	<i>Star</i>
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>+ Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY ... *C M Wright* ...
End.

... VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

AWARDS NAVY

D.D. *LB*

COX	John Daniel	V-35391	ERA.4	FILE No. <i>V. 15,056</i>
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 <i>(F.G. sent only)</i>	<i>Sept '69</i>
Atlantic Star & Clasp	<i>841-5-10-49</i>
Pacific Star	
U.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	<i>2-73964</i>

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Oct. 45 "GUYSBOROUGH"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Marion Cox. - Widow

ADDRESS: 217 Chatham Ave.,
TORONTO, Ont.

(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW Mrs. M. Cox

ADDRESS: 217 Chatham Ave., Toronto, Ont.

(2) 4-6-45

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Roy Cox

ADDRESS: 322 Riverdale Ave., Toronto, Ont.

(3) 5-6-45

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 2159.....