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# ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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## FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME EDDY. OFFICIAL NO. V34597  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Donald, Cecil MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single.

PERMANENT ADDRESS Ponoka, Alberta. RELIGION United Church.

DATE OF BIRTH <u>April 20th 1923.</u>	*PLACE OF BIRTH Town <u>Provost.</u> County Province <u>Alberta.</u>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <u>(Mother)</u> <u>Mrs. Mabel EDDY,</u> <u>9940 - 101st. Street,</u> <u>Edmonton, Alberta.</u>
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\*Original Nationality of:  
Father Scottish.  
Mother Norwegian.

\*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>36 1/2</u>	<u>Light Brown.</u>	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Fair.</u>	<u>(none)</u>
Inches <u>9</u>	Deflated <u>32 1/2</u>				
	Mean <u>34.</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING <u>Grade 9. Passed.</u>	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY <u>Attendant at the .....</u> <u>.....Ponoka Mental Hospital,</u> <u>Ponoka, Alberta.</u>
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DATE OF ENROLMENT <u>21st. April 1942.</u>	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED <u>Sick Berth Attendant.</u>	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED <u>"NONSUCH".</u>
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### (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 for the period shown and attach my record of service in connection with this statement.~~

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	FAIR RANK <u>Pay Bracket</u>	FROM
	ROUGH <u>Label</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.

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS  
BY TOWN

Personal Records  
Division  
Noted in Records  
Index Card  
Noted in  
Status Card  
Noted in  
Personnel Card  
DATE

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(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Edmonton 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 ~~20~~ 21 St. day of April 1942.

Signature of applicant D. Eddy

(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 April 1942.

H. M. Colton  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Donald Cecil EDDY, 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 D. Eddy

Witness H. M. Colton

Date 21st April 1942 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

Donald Cecil EDDY, 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 Edmonton Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

H. M. Colton  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.

21st April 1942 R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) H.M.C.S. "NONSUCH"

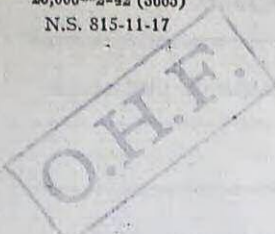
NOTE.—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Divisional Commanding Officer's Record Book, is to be forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

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. EDDY does not possess and Unemployment Insurance Book.

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

D. Eddy  
Signature



**CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of**

*Ronald Cecil EDDY*

**in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve**

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number.....
	<i>Ames Inonsuck</i>	<i>34597</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth.....	<i>20 April 1923</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth.....	<i>Provost, Alberta</i>	
Place of Residence.....	<i>Provost, Alberta</i>	
Trade brought up to.....	<i>Hospital Attendant</i>	
Religion.....	<i>United Church</i>	
Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date.....	19.....	Signature.....
P.S.T. Date.....	19.....	Signature.....

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>21 April '42</i>	<i>Duration of Hospital</i>	<i>Sick Berth Prob</i>		<i>16 Feb '44</i>	<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. Provisional Award.</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>Right Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</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







V34597

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-E-472

OFFICIAL NUMBER V34597

NAME EDDY (Surname) Donald Cecil (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 20 April, 1923PLACE OF BIRTH Provost, Alta. OCCUPATION Attendant at the Ponoka Mental HospitalRELIGION United EDUCATION grade 9RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town Ponoka, Province, etc. Alta.

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
21	4	42	H.O.	5' 9"	L. brown	blue	fair	none				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife 15/10/43 NAME (in pencil) Thelma Jean EddyADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town Provost Province, etc. Alta.

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	
16	2	44	C.V.S.M. (249A #A10058)	7	9	42	P.P.T. Good. (249A, #5286)				
				6	11	42	Qual. "First Aid to the Injured" (249A, #3455)				
				13	7	43	Not Qual. for Ldg. S.B.A.				
				5	10	44	Qual. for Ldg. S.B.A.				
				10	9	42	Qual. A/G. (3 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. WR 5531-6  
DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

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



P.I.B.

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME EDDY  
(Surname)

Donald Cecil  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks
		Day	Month	Year	
HMCS "Nonsuch"	S.B.A. Prob.	21	4	42	Div. Str. Edmonton
HMCS Nonsuch	"	1	5	42	Active Service
DISCOVERY	"	1	7	42	DL
NADEN	"	1	9	42	(EDO #1181)
"	S. B. A.	31	7	42	Back Dated 249A #5558
Stadacona	"	5	12	43	DRD S. 2 P. 1
Guysborough	"	16	12	43	DRD S 13 P. 1
DISCHARGED	"	18	3	45	MISSING Per C.L.
Presumed Dead (page #140)					

Character	Efficiency	Date		
		Day	Month	Year
V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42
V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43
V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44
V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45

Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Qualified		
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross to wife:  
Mrs. Thelma June Eddy,  
Rimbey, Alta. 4th June, 1945.  
Canadian Memorial Cross to mother:  
Mrs. J.C. Eddy, 473 - 38 Ave. E.,  
Vancouver, B.C. 5th June, 1945.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV.	ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK			
20	4	23	17	1999	0	40	2	F	08	28	0	15	0	24	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			
21	04	42	01	05	42					2290	0	24	94			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
31	07	42	13	00	00											





Department of National Defence

Naval Service

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

NO. P.F. ....

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2nd June 1942

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Naval Barracks,  
9722 - 102nd Street,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

From: The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.C.S. "Nonsuch",  
Edmonton, Alberta.

To: The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: Donald C. Eddy, S.B.A., O.N. V34597.

RECEIVED  
NAVY DEPARTMENT  
OTTAWA  
JUN 11 1942  
S. 113 8 472  
CANADA

Submitted for the information of Headquarters.

The above named was enrolled in this Division on May 7th, 1942, as a Sick Berth Attendant. This rating was not qualified for entry as S.B.A. and should have been entered as a Prob. S.B.A. but, due to an error by a Prob. Writer on duty in the Recruiting Office temporarily, he was entered in the former rating.

It is respectfully requested that your permission be granted for the alteration of our records covering this rating, including his Service Certificate, to read Prob. S.B.A. instead of S.B.A.

Eddy has been paid as an S.B.A. up to May 31st, 1942, and it is respectfully requested that I be advised as to what steps should be taken for recovery of the overpayment should he revert to the rating of Prob. S.B.A.

DBD:B

*G.L. Crawford*  
(G.L. Crawford)  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.,  
Commanding Officer,  
H.M.C.S. "Nonsuch".



LA/JM

N.S. V-34597 Pers.(N)

AIR MAIL

21 April, 1945. 51

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

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, Donald Cecil Eddy, Sick Berth Attendant, Official Number V-34597, 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."

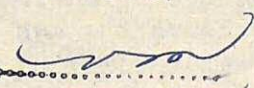
Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you  
in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence  
for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers  
and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which  
your husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Thelma J. Eddy,  
RIMBEY, Alberta.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

  
Date 22.4.45  
Time 1330

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Apr. 45 "GUYSBOROUGH"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

Randall (Re-married)

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Thelma J. ~~Eddy~~ - Widow

ADDRESS: c/o D.T.O.-R-Dist. D.V.A., Box #8,  
EDMONTON,  
~~RIMBEY~~, Alta. 1-11-49

DATE DESP.....

(1)

REGN. NO.....

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(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW Mrs T. J. Eddy

ADDRESS: RIMBEY, Alta.

(2)

4 June 1945

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

ADDRESS:

(3)

Deceased 18 Mar. 1945

## AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

EDDY	Donald Cecil	V-34597	S.B.A.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	3414
Fr. Ger. Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)