



ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME GIBSON OFFICIAL No. Y65575
CHRISTIAN NAMES ALYON ROBERT MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>Youbou, Vancouver Island, B. C.</u>	<u>United Church</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>6 August 1925</u>	Town <u>Mission City</u>	Father <u>Ingvald Joset Gibson</u> Same Address.
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Canadian</u> Mother <u>Canadian</u>	County Province <u>British Columbia</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>33</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>None.</u>
Inches..... <u>5</u>	Deflated..... <u>29</u>				
<u>117</u>	Mean..... <u>31</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Entrance Public School</u>	<u>Proof Maker,</u> <u>Toronto Daily Star</u> <u>80 King St. West,</u> <u>Toronto, Ontario.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>DIV. STRENGTH</u> <u>6th July, 1943.</u>	<u>ORDINARY SEAMAN</u> <u>R.C.N.V.R. (TEMP)</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "YORK"</u>

(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, Air Force, 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	TO

(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 Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and 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 when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, 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.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as DRD. SMR. by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 6th day of July, 1943.

Signature of applicant Robert A. Gibson

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 6th day of July, 1943.

My authority for attestation is.....

[Signature]

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

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Alvon Robert Gibson 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 A. Gibson

Witness [Signature]

Date 6th July, 1943. Rank Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R.

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

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters **immediately** after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.

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The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Alvon Robert GIBSON

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

N.S. - 94432

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>H.M.C.S. York</i>	<i>V. 65575</i>

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Place of Residence	Trade brought up to	Religion	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
<i>6 August 1925</i>	<i>Mission City, British Columbia</i>	<i>Youbou, Vancouver Island, B.C.</i>	<i>Proof Maker</i>	<i>United Church</i>	<i>Father Inglald same address</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>6 July 43</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Sqn</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>Nil</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

V65575

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-G-3135.

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V65575.

NAME Gibson (Surname) Alvon Robert. (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 6-8-25.PLACE OF BIRTH Mission City, B.C. OCCUPATION Proof maker.RELIGION United Church EDUCATION Entrance Public School.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. _____ Town Youbou, Vancouver Island 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
6	7	43	H.O.	5'5"	Black	Brown	Dark	NIL.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Parents NAME (in pencil) Mr. Sigvald Oset GibsonADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. _____ Town Youbou, Vancouver Island Province, etc. B.C.

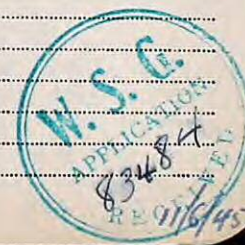
MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				25	10	43	Qual. Anti-Gas, 1 day, 249A A17494				
				3	12	43	Marked "TR"				
				23	9	43	Night Vision Good. M.F.				

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.	<u>W.S.R. 6038-8</u>
DATE	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

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

O.H.F. RECEIVED
Last will and Testament #7174 rec.

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

~~XXXXXX~~ NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name GIBSON Alvon Robert
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Ordinary Seaman Official No. V-65575, Unit ~~FRONT~~ ~~FRONTIER~~ R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Mission City, B. C. Date of Birth 6 August, 1925

Occupation in Civil Life Proof Maker Religion United Church

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 6th July, 1943 to 18 March, 1945.

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

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead. He was serving in H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH"
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)
which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action at sea.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mr. Ingvald J. Gibson, Relationship Father
 Address Youbou, Vancouver Island, B.C.

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, Ontario, 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.
 10-5-45
 b.s.*

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

NAME IN FULL GIBSON, Alvon Robert RANK/RATING O. Sqn

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIOD		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45
	19.7.43						
Hamilton	20.11.43	26.11.43	7	AT.			
Vegreville	30.1.44	1.2.44	3	AT.			
Kingsborough	2.2.44	17.3.45	410	France. Germany	29.11.44		
				<u>Disch - Dead</u>			
				17.3.45			

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VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING *O. Imm* OFF. NO. *V-65575* ADDRESS

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE			
						1939-45	1	medal
<i>AT.</i>						ATLANTIC	2	
<i>AT.</i>						FRANCE G.	1	<i>+ clasp</i>
<i>France. Germany</i>		<i>29.11.44</i>				AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
<i>Disch - Dead</i>						BURMA		
<i>17.3.45</i>						ITALY		
						DEFENCE		
						C.V.S.M.	2	<i>+ clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

- NAVAL SERVICE -

21 March, 1945.

Dear Mr. Gibson:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 21st of March, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Alvon Robert Gibson, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V.65575, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.


The only information that can be given at this time is that your son is missing at sea as the result of enemy action. The position of the action is such that there is little possibility of him being a prisoner of war and slight hope can be held for his survival.

Please be assured that as soon as further particulars can be released or any other news received, you will be informed.

For security reasons, it is requested that you regard the name of your son's ship in connection with his loss as confidential at this time.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Ingvald J. Gibson,
YOUBOU, Vancouver Island, B.C.

Ymd *W* *2-10*

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23 April, 1945.

Dear Mr. Gibson:

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, Alvon Robert Gibson, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-65575, 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.


"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.

Mr. Ingvald J. Gibson,
YOUBOU,
Vancouver Island, B.C.



Despatched by
Sec. N. B.




Date 22.4.45
Time 12 15

RCNVR Jan.46 "GUYSBOROUGH"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Ingvald J. Gibson - Father

ADDRESS: YUBOU,
Vancouver Island, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 284

(2)

(3)

DECEASED 18 March 1945

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

GIBSON	Alvon Robert	V-65575	O.S.	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	9345
Fr. Ger. Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)