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# ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME **KONSMO** OFFICIAL NO. **V-16766**  
CHRISTIAN NAMES **Ole Burnett** MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
Shell Lake, Saskatchewan		United Church
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
24 Jan. 1910	Town <b>Grandforks</b>	Mrs. I. B. Konsmo (Mother) Shell Lake, Saskatchewan.
*Original Nationality of:	County	
Father <b>Norwegian</b> Mother <b>do</b>	Province <b>North Dakota, U.S.A.</b>	

\*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 <b>5</b>	Inflated <b>35</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Kaix Blue</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>1" circular scar on left leg below knee cap.</b>
Inches <b>8 1/2</b>	Deflated <b>33</b>				
	Mean <b>34</b>				
EDUCATIONAL STANDING			TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
<b>Grade VIII</b>			<b>Cooking: R. MacDonald, Lumber Camp, North Dakota, U.S.A.</b>		
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED			
<b>14th February 1942</b>	<b>Asst. Cook</b>	<b>Port Arthur, Ontario.</b>			

## (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	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.

Unemployment Insurance filed at Port Arthur Post Officer, Port Arthur, Ont.  
Investigated by R.C.M.P.-Favourable report received.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the..... Port Arthur ..... 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..... 14th ..... day of..... February 1942 .....

Signature of applicant..... Burnett Koonsmo .....

(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..... 14th .....

day of..... February 1942 .....

F. A. Bryan Lieut (Temp.)  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I,..... Ole Burnett KONSMO ..... 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..... Burnett Koonsmo .....

Witness..... F. A. Bryan .....

Date..... 14th February 1942 ..... Rank..... Lieut (Temp.) .....

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

(E) **CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER**

..... Ole Burnett KONSMO ..... 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..... Port Arthur ..... Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

F. A. Bryan  
Attesting Officer.

..... 14th February ..... 194 2 ..... R.C.N.V.R. Division  
(or other establishment)..... Port Arthur, Ontario. .....

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

Burnett Koonsmo  
Signature

*B*

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of *I.C.N.S. 46166X*

*Ole Burnett KONSMO*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimault</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Port Arthur</i>	Official Number <i>V-16766</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth *24 January 1910*

Place of Birth *North Dakota U.S.A.*

Place of Residence *948 - North Drive, Fort Garry Man.*

Trade brought up to *cooking*

Religion *United Church of Canada*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. *Yes Good (FAIR)* Date *30 April, 1942*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)  
*Wife RIVERS, MAN.*

Signature *W. Sharp* Rank *1st Lieut*

P.S.T. Date *14/12/44*

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>14 Feb '42</i>		<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>Asst. Cook</i>		<i>19 Feb 44</i>	<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal</i>
					<i>19 Feb 44</i>	<i>9 Bars Provisional award</i>
					<i>19 Feb 44</i>	<i>1939-43 Star Provisional award</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>8 1/2</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>fair</i>	<i>blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>"circular scar on left leg below knee cap"</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







V16766

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-K-626

OFFICIAL NUMBER V16766

NAME KONSMO Ole Burnett DATE OF BIRTH 24 Jan. 1910  
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Grandforks, North Dakota, U.S.A. OCCUPATION CookRELIGION United Church EDUCATION Grade VIIIRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town Shell Lake Province, etc. Sask.

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
14	2	42	H.O.	5'8½"	Fair	Blue	Fair	1" circular scar on left leg below knee cap.				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Kathy Arecta KonsmoADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town Rivers Province, etc. Manitoba

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	
19	2	44	C.V.S.M. (R.& C.) 1939-43 Star. 219A (A11138)	20	4	42	P.P.T. "Fair"				

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		

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

O.H.F. Received.

Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

Ins. Book-Port Arthur P.O. Port Arthur Ontario.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

H.Q. 35-15M-10-41 (2177)  
N.S. 815-7-35

FILM NO. WSR-5382-7  
DATE

V16766 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME Konsmo Ole Burnett  
(Surname) (Given Names)

**P.L.B.**  
OFFICIAL NUMBER V16766

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
"Griffon"	Asst. Cook	14	2	42	Div. Str. Port Arthur	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
"Griffon"	" "	14	2	42	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Chippawa	" "	17	2	42	D.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
Naden	" "	13	4	42	D. Lent Givenchy 9-13/7/42	V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45							
Wolf	" "	9	7	42													
Givenchy	" "	23	7	42	DRD												
Unicorn	" "	3	8	42	Agriculture leave. E.B.O. 232												
Givenchy	" "	3	10	42	DRD #77												
" 00-68	" "	23	10	42	DRD #77												
"	Cook (S)	14	1	43	Rated. (249A/12184)												
Givenchy	" "	6	3	43	DRD #688												
Guysborough	" "	17	3	43	DRD #741												
DISCHARGED	" "	18	3	45	"Missing" Per Casualty List.												

"Presumed Dead" Per Casualty List.

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to  
Wife: Mrs. Ruby Areta Konsmo,  
Rivers, Man. 5-6-45.  
Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to  
Mother: Mrs. Inando B. Konsmo,  
Shell Lake, Sask. 28-6-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		SELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENLL	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERK	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK
74	1	10	30	779	0	40	1	7	16	21	0	10	0	18 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	
14	02	42	14	02	42					3290	0	18	94	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED	CHECKED			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
14	01	43	13	00	00									



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

NAME IN FULL KANSMO Ole Bennett RANK/RATING Cook (S) OFF. NO. V16766 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.
<u>Port Arthur</u>	<u>14.2.42</u>	<u>16.2.42</u>										1939-45	<u>1 Star</u>
<u>WOLF</u>	<u>14.7.42</u>	<u>22.7.42</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>W.C.</u>								ATLANTIC	<u>1 Star</u>
<u>M. S. 165</u>	<u>23.10.42</u>	<u>5.3.43</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>W.C.</u>								FRANCE G.	
<u>Sight Comm</u>	<u>17.3.43</u>	<u>19.3.43</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>atl</u>								AFRICA	
<u>Alisch Demol</u>	<u>18.3.45</u>											PACIFIC	
												BURMA	
												ITALY	
												DEFENCE	
												C.V.S.M.	<u>2 + Clasp</u>
												" CLASP	
												WAR 1945	<u>1 Medal</u>
												WAR 1915	

VERIFIED BY J. P. ...

VERIFIED BY Therese ... VERIFIED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO

Name **KONSMO, Ole Burnett**  
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating **Cook (S)** Official No. **V-16766** Unit **R.C.N. R.C.N.V.R.**

Place of Birth **Grandforks, North Dakota, USA.** Date of Birth **24 January, 1910**

Occupation in Civil Life **Cook** Religion **United**

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 14th February, 1942 to 18th March, 1945**

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

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

Nearest known relative or friend { Name **Mrs. Ruby A. Konsmo** Relationship **Wife**  
 Address **RIVERS, Manitoba**

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*

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.

*Noted  
 9.71.P.A.  
 7.5.45  
 E.L.*

23 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Konsmo:

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, Ole Burnett Konsmo, Cook (S), Official Number V.16766, 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.


"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. Ruby A. Konsmo,  
Rivers, Manitoba.

  
Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

  
Date 22.4.45  
Time 12.00

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
DECEASED 18 March 1945

AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS  
D.D.

KONSMO Ole Burnett		V-16766	Cook (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	6289
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Nov. 45 "GUYSBOUOUGH"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Ruby A. Konsmo - Widow

RIVERS, Man.

ADDRESS:

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW Mrs. R. A. Konsmo

RIVERS, Manitoba

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. I. Konsmo

SHELL LAKE, Sask.

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 295

(2) 5 June 1945

(3) 28 June 1945