



CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE,

SURNAME McCLUSKEY OFFICIAL NO. 39921
 CHRISTIAN NAMES Henry MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>236 Good St., Winnipeg, Man.</u>	<u>C. of E.</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>1st December 1923</u>	Town <u>Winnipeg</u> County Province <u>Manitoba</u>	<u>Martha McCLUSKEY, (Mother)</u> <u>236 Good Street,</u> <u>Winnipeg, Man.</u>
*Original Nationality of:		
Father <u>Irish</u>		
Mother <u>Irish</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>35</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Inches <u>5 1/4</u>	Deflated <u>33</u>				
	Mean <u>32</u>				
EDUCATIONAL STANDING			TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
<u>Grade X</u>			<u>Apprentice Mason,</u> <u>A.T. Thomas (Contractor),</u> <u>Winnipeg, Man.</u>		

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Divisional Strength</u> <u>17th June, 1942.</u>	<u>Ordinary Seaman</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA</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, 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 H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA 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 17th day of June, 1942.

Signature of applicant X Henry McCluskey

(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 17th day of June, 1942.

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

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Henry McCluskey 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 X Henry McCluskey

Witness E. J. W.

Date 17th June, 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

Henry McCluskey 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 H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R. Attesting Officer.

17th June, 194 2 R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA
(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.

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

X Henry McCluskey
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of 658

Henry McCLUSKEY

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V39921</i>
	<i>Chippawa</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth *1st December, 1923*

Place of Birth *Winnipeg, Manitoba*

Place of Residence *236 Good St. W. Wpg. Man*

Trade brought up to *Apprentice Mason*

Religion *Church of England*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) *(Mother) Martha same address*

Can Swim—P.P.T. *Yes* Date *22 January* 19*43* Signature *H. Tremant* Rank *Lieut.*

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>17 June '42</i>	<i>Hostel</i>	<i>O. Smn</i>		<i>3 Feb '44</i>	<i>1939-1943 Star Provisional Award</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>5 1/4</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>129 1/4</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</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

V39921

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-M-4658

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V39921

NAME McCLUSKEY Henry DATE OF BIRTH 1 Dec. 1923
 (Surname) (Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH Winnipeg, Manitoba. OCCUPATION Apprentice Mason

RELIGION C. of E. EDUCATION grade 10

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 236 Good St., Town Winnipeg, Province, etc. Manitoba.

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
17	6	42	H.O.	5' 5 1/2"	brown	blue	fair	nil				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Mollie McCluskey
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 236 Good St. Town Winnipeg Province, etc.

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	
3	2	44	1939-1943 Star	22	1	43	Passed P.P.T. (Fair) 249A 5631				
				8	2	43	Qualified "TR" 249A 5669				

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. WSP-5589-8
DATE

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

O.H.F. Received

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S./A NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO

Name **McCLUSKEY Henry**
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating **Able Seaman** Official No. **V-39921** Unit **R.C.N. RECORDER R.C.N.V.R.**

Place of Birth **Winnipeg, Manitoba** Date of Birth **December 1, 1923**

Occupation in Civil Life **Apprentice Mason** 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 17th June, 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.**
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

"GUYSBOROUGH", which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action at sea.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name **Mrs. Martha McCluskey** Relationship **Mother**
Address **236 Good St., WINNIPEG, Manitoba**

Date on which the above was informed by Ship **RCS 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.S. Money
(Commanding Officer)

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.

C.N.S. 1121
10M-6-44 (774)
N.S. 7570-S-1121

*Noted in DAPP.
9-5-45. G.P.*

VERIFICATION FORM

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

NAMING *AB* OFF. NO. *V-39921* ADDRESS

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

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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21 April, 1945.

Dear Mfs. McCluskey:

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, Henry McCluskey, Able Seaman, Official Number V-39921, 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."

One of the survivors is reported to have stated:




"When I got up on deck I made my way to the fo'c'sle and there Able Seaman McCluskey, of Winnipeg, and I saw the U-boat's periscope and the wake of it about a half mile off. I didn't shout any alarm for the captain immediately ordered the guns' crews to close up and I figured he'd seen it. I went back amidships. What happened to McCluskey I don't know, for I never saw him again."

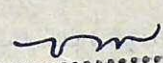
Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Martha McCluskey,
236 Good St.,
Winnipeg, Man.

  
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 22.4.45
Time 1200

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c/o C.F.M.O.
London, E.C.2.
April 3, 1945.

Dear Mrs. McCluskey:

It is with deep regret that I write this letter. I am the former Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Guysborough in which your **son** was serving.

I know there is nothing I can say that will take away the grief you are suffering, but I do want you to know how extremely sorry I am.

Your **son** was one of the ship's company ~~and I can truthfully say there was not a better~~ **seaman** under my command, a fine boy cheerfully disposed under the most trying situations. He was a credit to you and his ship at all times and died gallantly for his country.

If I am ever in your vicinity I hope you will allow me to call on you to express my condolences in person. In the meantime if there is anything I can do please let me know and I will be only too pleased to oblige.

Yours sincerely,

B.R. Russell,
Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DECEASED 18 March 1945

AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

MCCLUSKEY Henry	V-39921	A.B.	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	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	3161. 12/9/50
	Medals Refd. Undel. v'rd RET TO STOCK.
	CANCELLED 8832

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

HMCS "GUYSBOROUGH" Nov/45.

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

Mrs. Martha McCloskey, (Mother)

Ste 10, 302 Main St.,

ENTITLED TO ~~Mr. John McCloskey - Father~~ Winnipeg, Man. 12 Sep 50

ADDRESS:

~~236 Good Street,
Winnipeg, Man.~~

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

(2)

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. M. McCloskey

236 Good Street

WINNIPEG, Manitoba

(3) 5 June 1945

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

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