

(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 Sto. 2/c by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 11th day of August, 1943

Signature of applicant

A. H. Schmidt

(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 11th

day of August, 1943

My authority for attestation is NS 30-34-1, 16 June, 1942

Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

H. Robertson

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE Sub. LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

I, Alfred Hugo SCHMIDT 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

A. H. Schmidt

Witness

H. Robertson

Date 11th August, 1943

Rank Sub. 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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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Alfred Hugo SCHMIDT

I.C.N.S 71562.

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-68505</i>
	<i>Chippawa</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>9th June 1909</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth <i>Glauchau, Germany</i>	<i>Friend</i>
Place of Residence <i>Prairie House, Man.</i>	<i>Jack Boychuk</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Neon Tube Bender</i>	<i>Prairie House</i>
Religion <i>Lutheran</i>	<i>Man.</i>
Can Swim—P.P.T. Date <i>Passed U.S. Dec. 7 1943</i>	Signature <i>[Signature]</i> Rank <i>Sgt. RCNVR.</i>
P.S.T. Date	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>11 Aug 43</i>	<i>Duraffoi</i> <i>Masklike Sto 7/8</i>				

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>7 1/4</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Scar Right Chin</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

V68505

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113-S-5376

OFFICIAL NUMBER V68505

NAME SCHMIDT

Alfred Hugo

DATE OF BIRTH 9th June, 1909

(Surname)

(Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH Glauchau, Germany

OCCUPATION Neon Tube Bender

RELIGION Lutheran

EDUCATION Grade XI

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town Prairie Grove,

Province, etc

Man.

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
11	8	43	H.O.	5'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	D. Brown	Blue	Fair	Scar right shin				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Wife

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs. E. L. Schmidt

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

c/o Mrs. R. Supply

Town

Prairie Grove

Province, etc

Man.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.			
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				1	5	44	Marked "TR"

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. W.S.A. 6047-8
DATE

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

Q.H.F. Rec.
Last Will and Testament #10371 Received
Last Will & Testament dated 5.9.44. Received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
From To

W.S.G.
APPLICATION
11342
1944

V68505 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME SCHMIDT Alfred Hugo (Surname) (Given Names) OFFICIAL NUMBER V68505 P.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
H.M.C.S. "CHIPPAWA"	Sto. 2/c	11	8	43	Div. Str. Winnipeg.	V.G.		31	12	43							
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Cornwallis	"	20	12	43	DL. 23.12.43.	V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45							
Stadacona	"	30	6	44	DL. 182												
Stadacona	"	28	7	44	DRD #227 Pg. 6 (Cancelled Serv. Cert)												
Hochelaga	"	2	8	44	DRD Sh. 241 Pg. 8												
St. Pierre	"	22	8	44	DRD #198 Pg. 10 A/sto 1/c	20-10-44	249A/A	39409									
Peregrine	"	12	12	44	DRD #72 Pg. 9												
Guysborough	"	4	1	45	DRD Sh. 3 Pg. 4												
DISCHARGED	"	18	3	45	"Missing" Per Casualty List "Presumed DEAD" Per Casualty List												

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Can. Memorial Cross to Wife to date 5.6.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELIED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
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23 April, 1945.

Dear Mr. Boychuk:

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 Alfred Hugo Schmidt, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-68505, 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
Stoker Alfred Hugo Schmidt has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Jack Boychuk,
Prairie Grove,
Manitoba.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

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Date 22.4.45
Time 1.30

C O P Y

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

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Dear Mr. Baychuck:

You have been officially notified of the death of Alfred Hugo Schmidt, Stoker 1st Class, as you are recorded to be a friend he wished to have notified in case of serious illness or death.

I wish to convey the sincere sympathy of those of us who survived to you and his other friends at home. He was a good Stoker - at all times cheerful, doing his job for his country. He died from exposure after being in a carley float for some hours. Although he was not in the ship long, he was a popular shipmate from the time he joined.

Yours sincerely,

"B.R. Russell"

Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.

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

NAME IN FULL *Schmidt, Alfred Hugo*

RANK/RATING *A/Sgt/1e* OFF.NO. *11*

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN				
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	<i>20/10/43</i>								
<i>St Pierre</i>	<i>23/8/44</i>	<i>11/12/44</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>atl.</i>					
<i>Guyborough</i>	<i>4/1/45</i>	<i>18/3/45</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>"</i>					
<i>Ship "Kend"</i>									
	<i>18/3/45</i>								

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

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

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VERIFIED BY *J. Howard*

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SCHMIDT	Alfred Hugo	V-68505	Sto. 1/c	FILE No.
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WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	6653.
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR May 46 "GUYSBOROUGH"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Elinor J. Schmidt - Widow

~~c/o Mrs. R. Guppy,~~
ADDRESS: Prairie Grove, Man.

(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. Elinor J. Schmidt

c/o Mrs. R. Guppy, Prairie Grove, Man.
ADDRESS:

(2)

5-6-45

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

deceased

ADDRESS:

(3)

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO 236