

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the.....Montreal..... Division of
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.....9th..... day of.....December 1940.....

Signature of applicant.....W. E. Sardon.....

(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.....9th..... day of.....December 1940.....

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

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Walter Edwin Sardon..... 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.....W. E. Sardon.....

Witness.....L. S. Finley.....

Date.....December 9th, 1940..... 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

.....Walter Edwin Sardon..... 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.....Montreal..... Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

.....L. S. Finley.....
Lieut. R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.

.....December 9th, 1940..... R.C.N.V.R. Division.....Montreal.....
(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.

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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

Walter Edwin SMARDON

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
<i>Halifax</i>	<i>Montreal, Quebec</i>	<i>V23409</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth.....	<i>22 May, 1920</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth.....	<i>Montreal, Quebec</i>	<i>Mother: Daisy</i>
Place of Residence.....	<i>228 Belland Ave. Outremont Mont.</i>	<i>228 Belland Ave.</i>
Trade brought up to.....	<i>Collector</i>	<i>Outremont Montreal</i>
Religion.....	<i>United Church</i>	<i>Quebec</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>9 Dec '40</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities Ord. Sm.</i>		<i>16 Oct '41</i>	<i>1939-43</i>	<i>#20940 Star (Prov. Ord.)</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>	<i>34 3/4</i>	<i>125 1/2</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Slight scar back of ear</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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
1945	<i>Peregrine</i> <i>USS (S-36)</i>		<i>Aldy Jelley</i>	<i>Jan '45</i>	<i>5 Jan '45</i>	
	<i>USS (S-36)</i>		<i>28 Feb '45</i>	<i>6 Jan '45</i>	<i>28 Feb '45</i>	
	<i>USS (S-36)</i>		<i>18 Mar '45</i>	<i>18 Mar '45</i>	<i>18 Mar '45</i>	<i>"MISSING"</i>
						<i>Reported MISSING to date 18 Mar '45.</i>
						<i>Auth: - CNMO's Sig. 201720A Mar '45.</i>
						<i>AIS # 61047</i>
						<i>"D.D"</i>
						<i>"Presumed Dead" to date 18 Mar '45.</i>
						<i>Auth: - CNMO's Sig. 241751B of May '45.</i>
						<i>A-60195.</i>

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS

RECORD OF RATING

Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
<i>3 May '41</i>	<i>Qual. Sub.</i>				
<i>20 Feb '44</i>	<i>QTR. T.O. W/T</i>	<i>E. Brown</i>			
<i>15 Dec '44</i>	<i>Qual. rated W/T</i>	<i>Paul Hamilton</i>			

Name Walter Edwin SMARDON

Conduct

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (Inclusive Dates)		CHARACTER, ABILITY IN RATING ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE, AND ANNUALLY, 31ST DECEMBER, WHILE MOBILIZED			
From	To	Character	Efficiency in Rating Noting Substantive Rating in Brackets	Date	Captain's Signature
		V.G.	(Out. Jan)	31 Dec '40	
		V.G.	(Tel.)	31 Dec '41	
		V.G.	(Tel.)	31 Dec '42	
		V.G.	Supr. (Tel.)	31 Dec '43	<i>[Signature]</i>
		V.G.	Supr. (Tel.)	31 Dec '44	<i>[Signature]</i>
		V.G.	Supr. (Tel.)	18 Mch '45	<i>[Signature]</i>

R.C.N.V.R.
GOOD CONDUCT AND GOOD SERVICE BADGES

Date	G.S.B. or G.C.B.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Granted, Deprived, Restored
9 Dec 43	G.C.B.	1st	Granted

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served

VERIFICATION FORM
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

NAME IN FULL SMARDON, Walter Edwin RANK/RATING Plg. Tel.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALITY		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	19
	9-12-40						
<i>Pecten</i>	14-5-41	19-2-42	292	<i>Alt.</i>			
<i>Maquis</i>	25-2-42	15-6-42	111	<i>Alt.</i>			
<i>Baddock</i>	22-6-42	8-10-43	474	<i>Alt Africa & base</i>			
<i>Merke</i>	20-10-43	7-11-43	18	<i>UK</i>			
<i>Dunbar</i>	8-11-43	30-11-43	23	<i>UK</i>			
<i>Can LCI (L) 177</i>	1-12-43	31-8-44	275	<i>Far East</i>			
<i>Merke</i>	1-9-44	16-9-44 333	16	<i>UK</i>			
<i>Guyborough</i>	6-1-45	18-3-45	72	<i>Alt.</i>			
<i>Lisich Head</i>	<i>In date</i>	<i>18-3-45</i>		<i>Guyborough</i>			

VERIFIED BY *Morgan*

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

RATING *Ag. Tel.* OFF. NO. *V23409* 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>stars</i>
							ATLANTIC	1	<i>clasp</i>
							FRANCE G.	2	
							AFRICA	2	<i>clasp</i>
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *m/cogan*
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BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

P.I.D.

V23409

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME SMARDON
(Surname)

Walter Edwin
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V23409

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Qualified	
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Month	Year
Montreal Div. Str.	Ord. Smn.	9	12	40		V.G.		31	12	40	T.O. W/T	20	2	44		
Duty Div. Hdqs.	" "	9	12	40		V.G.		31	12	41	W/T 3	15	12	44		
Stadacona	" "	27	12	40		V.G.		31	12	42						
"	" Tel.	8	3	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43						
Pictou	" "	14	5	41		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	44						
"	" Tel.	8	9	41		V.G.	Supr.	18	3	45						
Ventura (Staff)	" "	20	2	42												
Niagara	" "	25	2	42												
Stadacona	" "	16	6	42												
Baddeck	" "	22	6	42												
Stadacona	" "	9	10	43	DRD H-2833											
Niobe	" "	22	10	43	TL											
HMS Dundonald	" "	7	11	43	DRD #315											
ICI (L) 177	" "	30	11	43	N. DRD #350											
2605-141 (S) -1104	" "															
Niobe	" "	19	9	44	N. DRD #71.2.P#9											
Stadacona	" "	28	9	44	No. 288.P#15 (Ocean Passage)											
Peregrine	" "	1	10	44	DRD #1200											
St. Hyacinthe	" "	31	10	44	S#31.P#1											
Peregrine	" "	20	12	44	No. 80.P#10											
Guysboro	A/Idg. Tel.	6	1	45	S#5.P#9 A/Idg. Tel. 1-1-45 849A-61029											
DISCHARGED	" "	18	3	45	"Missing" per Casualty List.											

GENERAL REMARKS

W-ray #67425 App.
R.C.N. Hosp. 4-7-42 to 13-7-42.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELIED		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	MAIN	SUB.	MAIN	SUB.	GION	A	CTY.	TOWNSHIP	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK	
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ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE		SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE					
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	A	BR.	RANK				
09	12	40	09	12	40					8177	0	12	94			
SENIORITY			NON-SUB.		M		CODED		CHECKED							
DY.	MO.	YR.	A	B	ST.											
08	19	41	13	0000			4-J									

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V23409

NAME SMARDON Walter Edwin DATE OF BIRTH 22 May, 1920
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Quebec. OCCUPATION CollectorRELIGION United EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 828 Dollard Avenue, Town Outremont, Montreal, Province, etc. Quebec.

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
9	12	40	H.O.	5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Brown	Blue	Fair	Slight scar back of lt. ear				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mr. Walter SmardonADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 828 Dollard Avenue Town Outremont, Montreal Province, etc. Quebec

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	10	44	1939/43 Star.	3	5	41	Qual. Tel.				
4	9	44	C.V.S.M.(R.&C.)								

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			
9	12	43	1st G.C.B.	Granted								

Date (in figures)				DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Rec.	
Day	Month	Year		Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	Last Will & Testament Dated 7-10-42 Received	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

H.Q. 35-30M-5-41 (337)
N.S. 815-7-35

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

NAME..... **NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ontario.**

Name..... **SMARDON, Walter Edwin**
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... **Leading Telegraphist**..... Official No..... **V-23409**..... Unit **{ R.C.N.
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.**

Place of Birth..... **Montreal, Que.**..... Date of Birth..... **22 May, 1920.**

Occupation in Civil Life..... **Collector**..... Religion..... **United Church of Canada.**

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 9 December, 1940 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. "QUISBOROUGH"**
(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. Walter Smardon,**..... Relationship..... **Father**
 Address..... **628 Dollard Ave.,
 OUTREMONT, MONTREAL, Que.**

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.....

*noted
D.N.P.A.
1.5.45
E.L.*

H.B. 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.

23 April, 1945.

Dear Mr. Smardon:

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, Walter Edwin Smardon, Telegraphist, Official Number V-23409, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", the ship in 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 mine-sweeper, 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.

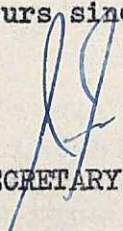
"It looked at first as if the ship would survive. Guns crews were closed up, water-tight doors were closed, bulkheads shored up and every effort made to save the little vessel.

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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 son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Walter Smardon,
828 Dollard Avenue,
OUTREMONT,
Montreal, Quebec.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 22.4.45
Time 1300

AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

SMARDON	Walter Edwin	V-23409	L/Tel.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPACHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPACHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star & Clasp	3790 15/10/45
Africa Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL
RCNVR Nov. 45 "GUYSBOROUGH"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Walter Reginald Smardon - Father

ADDRESS: ~~828 Dollard Street,~~ 493 Elm Ave., Westmount
~~Outremont,~~ Montreal, Que.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER deceased

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR
(1)

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO.....

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(2)

(3)