



ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME STEVENSON OFFICIAL No. V.60554
CHRISTIAN NAMES Robert Gordon MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>17 Hillcrest Ave. Flin Flon, Man.</u>	<u>United Church</u>

DATE OF BIRTH <u>(sighted) 16 August, 1924</u>	*PLACE OF BIRTH Town <u>Emo,</u> County Province <u>Ont.</u>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <u>Mr. Herbert Stevenson, (Father) 17 Hillcrest Ave., Flin Flon, Man.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Irish</u> Mother <u>Canadian</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>37</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Birthmark left hip One Vacc. mark</u>
Inches <u>96</u>	Deflated <u>35 1/2</u>				
	Mean <u>36 1/2</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING <u>Grade X</u>	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY <u>Boilermaker, Hudson Bay Mining & smelting Co., Flin Flon, Man.</u>
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DATE OF ENROLMENT <u>Divisional Strength 6 May, 1943</u>	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED <u>Stoker 1/c (Temp)</u>	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED <u>H.M.C.S. "UNICORN"</u>
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(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
<u>XXXXXXXXXX</u>	<u>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</u>	<u>XXXXXXXXXXXXXX</u>	<u>XXXXXXXXXXXXXX</u>

(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 Stoker 1/C by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this Sixth day of May, 1943

Signature of applicant Gordon Stevenson

(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 Sixth day of May, 1943.

My authority for attestation is RD 7-5-2 S, 26 April, 1943.

W. C. Helbert Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Robert Gordon STEVENSON 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 Gordon Stevenson

Witness W. C. Helbert

Date 6 May, 1943 Rank Lieut. 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.



N.I.C. 98951

N.V. 17
COM-9-42 (5943)
N.S. 815-11-17

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

Robert Gordon STEVENSON

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimaux</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>H.M.S. "UNICORN"</i>	Official Number <i>V.60554</i>
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Date of Birth <i>16 Aug. '24</i>	Place of Birth <i>Essex, Ont.</i>	Place of Residence <i>17 Hillcrest Ave; Hillcrest Manor</i>	Trade brought up to <i>Boilermaker</i>	Religion <i>United Church</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Wife: Jean Gillies (Same address) 2/11/44</i>
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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>19 April '43</i>	<i>1 May '43</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>5 to 1 (Temp)</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>9 1/4</i>	<i>36 1/4</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>birthmark left hip. one wad mark</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
			<i>Active Service</i>			
	H.M.C.S. UNICORN		Str I (Temp)	7 May '43	25 June '43	
	Cataraqui		Sto E (Temp)	26 June '43	6 Mch '44	
	Stadacona		---	7 Mch '44	6 July '44	
	Cornwallis		---	7 July '44	6 Sep '44	
	Stadacona		---	9 Sep '44	22 Feb '45	
	Peregrine		---	23 Feb '45	24 Jul '45	
	Stadacona (Gungaharaugh)		---	25 Jul '45	28 Feb '45	
	Provo (---)		---	1 Mch '45	18 Mch '45	Presumed Dead (CNMO'S Sig. 2417518) May, 1945 Mobis 249A-#A60193

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
2 Mch '44	Issued S.C.T.W. #B-5924	Cataraqui att. Lt. #36734 of Provo '44
18 Sep '44	SCTW # B150190	

Year

Date

28 Mch

7 Sep

V60554

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113 - S - 1733

OFFICIAL NUMBER V60554

NAME STEVENSON (Surname) Robert Gordon (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 16 - 8 - 24

PLACE OF BIRTH Emo Ont. OCCUPATION Boilmaker

RELIGION United EDUCATION Grade X

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 17 Hillcrest Ave. Town Flin Flon 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
6	5	43	H.O.	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Red	Blue	Fair	Birth mark l.hip. Vacc. mark l.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *Wife* NAME (in pencil) *Mr. Gordon*ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. *17 Hillcrest Ave.* Town *Flin Flon* Province, etc *Man.*

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	
				28	4	44	Qual. anti-gas 1 day				
				7	9	44	Passed Boilermakers' Course (Sat.).				

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. WSR 5980-7
DATE

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To



V60554 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME STEVENSON
(Surname)

Robert Gordon
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V60554

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	Month	Year
HMCS Unicorn	Sto.1/c	6	5	43	Div. Str. Sask.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43						
"	"	7	5	43	Active Service D.L. 7-5-43	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44						
" Cataraqui	"	26	6	43	D.L. 28/6/43.	V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45						
" Stadacona	"	7	3	44	D.L. 6-3-44											
" Cornwallis	"	6	7	44	DRD Sh. 214 Pg. 15											
" Stadacona	"	8	9	44	DRD No. 254 P. 3.											
" Peregrine	"	23	2	45	DR N. 145. P. -3.											
" Gysborough	"	25	2	45	DRD S. 55 P. 4.											
DISCHARGED	"	18	3	45	"Missing" per Casualty List.											

Presumed Dead. Casualty List.

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to (Wife) Mrs. Jean L. Stevenson, 36 Edward St., Halifax, N.S. to date 5.6.45.

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to (Mother) Mrs. Herb Steverson, 17 Hillcrest Ave., Flin Flin, Man. to date 28.6.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV.	ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION			P.	CTY	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK	
16	8	24	11	2	4	0	4	0	3	6	16	00	0	22	0	15	94
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				
06	05	43	07	05	43					9830	0	15	94				
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED		CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.											
07	05	43	13	00	00					J.T.		M.P.					

INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS' RECORDS

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

FORM 151X NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Name STEVENSON, Robert Gordon (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Stoker 1st Class Official No. V-60554, Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Eno, Ontario Date of Birth 16 August, 1924.

Occupation in Civil Life Boilermaker 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 6 May, 1943 to 18th of 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" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action at sea.

Nearest known relative or friend Name Mrs. Jean L. Stevenson, Relationship Wife Address 17 Hillcrest Avenue, FLIN FLON, 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

(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. 11-5-45 b.D.

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

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N.S. V-60554, PERS.(N)

21 March, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Stevenson:

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 husband, Robert Gordon Stevenson, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-60554, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.


The only information that can be given at this time is that your husband 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 husband's ship in connection with his loss as confidential at this time.

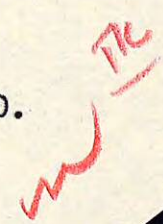
Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Jean L. Stevenson,
17 Hillcrest Avenue,
FLIN FLON, Manitoba.





21 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Stevenson:

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, Robert Gordon Stevenson, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-60554, 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.

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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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Jean L. Stevenson,
17 Hillcrest Avenue,
FLIN FLON, Manitoba.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

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Date 22.4.45
Time 12.00

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Sept. 46 "GUYSBOROUGH"

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL B K

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Jean L. ~~Stevenson~~ White (Re-married) - Widow

ADDRESS: Box 42, 709,
Flin Flon, Man.

DATE DESP

(1) REGN. NO 156

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW Mrs. Jean L. Stevenson

ADDRESS: 36 Edward St., Halifax, N.S.

(2) 5-6-45

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Herb Stevenson

ADDRESS: 17 Hillcrest Ave., Flin Flon, Man.

(3) 28-6-45

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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AWARDS (NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

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STEVENSON	Robert Gordon	V-60554	Sto.1	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	6675.
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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