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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME ANDERSON OFFICIAL NO. 113860
CHRISTIAN NAMES John MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>R. R. #3, ECKVILLE, Alberta.</u>	<u>Presbyterian</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>20th May, 1917</u>	Town <u>Seven Persons,</u> County Province <u>Alberta.</u>	<u>Mother, Mrs. Gonda ANDERSON, same address.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Danish</u> Mother <u>Dutch</u>		

*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>6</u> Inches <u>3/4</u>	Inflated <u>36 1/2</u> Deflated <u>33 3/4</u> Mean <u>34 3/4</u>	<u>Blond</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fresh</u>	<u>Deformed small finger right hand.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>17th May, 1941</u>	<u>Prob. Steward</u> <u>CALGARY</u>	<u>Waiter, Picardy Candy Company of Alberta.</u>
R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled.....		

(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 R.C.E. (N.P.A.M.) 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>Royal Canadian Engineers</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>18 August, 1940</u>	<u>5 November, 1940</u>

Personnel Records
Division.

1. Noted in Records *Small*

2. Index Card *Small*

3. Service Card *Small*

4. Statistical Card *Small*

5. Post Office Knowledge

6. Pension Card

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DATE 27.5.41.

(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.

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the CALGARY 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 May, 1941.

Signature of applicant John Anderson

(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 May, 1941.

[Signature]
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John ANDERSON 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 John Anderson
Witness [Signature]

Date 17th May, 1941. 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

John ANDERSON 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 CALGARY Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

[Signature]
Attesting Officer.

17th May, 1941. R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) CALGARY

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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TRUE COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE of the Service of

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.

John Anderson

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

RCNVR Calgary

Official Number V13860 Ident Card 8932

Date of birth 20 May 1917, Where born Alberta, Seven persons, Trade brought up to Waiter, Religious denomination Presbyterian, Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)

All Engagements, including N.C.S., to be noted in these Columns

Table with 6 columns: Date of actually volunteering, Commencement of time, Period volunteered for, Date of actually volunteering, Commencement of time, Period volunteered for. Includes handwritten entry: 17 May 1941, Duration of Hostilities.

Medals, Clasps, Etc.

Table with 4 columns: Date received or forfeited, Nature of decoration, Date received or forfeited, Nature of decoration.

Table with 7 columns: Description of Person, Stature (Feet, In.), Chest, In., Colour of (Hair, Eyes, Complexion), Marks, Wounds and Scars. Includes handwritten entry: Deformed small fingers - right hand.

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V13860

NAME ANDERSON, John DATE OF BIRTH 20 May, 1917

PLACE OF BIRTH Seven Persons, Alta. OCCUPATION Waiter

RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. R.R.No. 3. Town Eckville Province, etc. Alta.

Table with columns: ENGAGEMENTS (Date, Period), DESCRIPTION (Height, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Marks or Scars), PREVIOUS SERVICE (Served in, Rank or Rating, Dates)

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) NAME (in pencil) ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Town Province, etc.

Table with columns: MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY; EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC. (Date, Particulars)

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.; BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date, OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT)

Table with columns: DAYS FORFEITED (Date, Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.); SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (From, To); O.H.F. received.



V13860 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME ANDERSON, John
(Surname) (Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V13860

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
Div. Str. Calgary	Prob. Stwd	17	5	41		V.G.		10	2	42							
Duty Div. Hdqrs.	"	17	5	41													
Stadacona	"	19	5	41													
Duty Edmonton Div.	"	20	8	41													
Edmonton Div. Str.	"	30	8	41													
Duty Div. Hdqts.	"	1	11	41													
Stadacona	"	7	11	41													
Avalon (Spikenard)	"	26	11	41	5/1/42												
<u>DISCHARGED</u>	"	10	2	42	"Spikenard Casualty.												

GENERAL REMARKS

X-ray approved.
To be drafted to Div. Hdqrs. and demobilized to Div. Str. till 1-11-41
Awarded Can. Memorial Cross to Mother--Mrs. Gonda Anderson
R.R.# 3, Eckville Alberta.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED		PERM. RESIDENCE		PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE	
BY	MO	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	CATION	2	CTV.	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	SR.	RANK
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SERV. CAT.			NON-SUB.		CODED		CHECKED							
BY	MO	YR.	A	B	20	10	02	42						
17	05	41	00	00										

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
- Naval Service -

Ottawa, Canada,

... February 24, 1942.
(Date)

Sir:

The following casualty has been reported -

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NAME RANK or RATING NAVAL NO.
ANDERSON, John Probationary Steward V-13260.
DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 17 May, 1941.
DATE OF DISCHARGE - 10 February, 1942.
HOSPITAL - _____
(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)

SERVICE - Canada and High Seas.
(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and on high seas or elsewhere).

Reason for discharge and when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred. Missing, presumed lost on Active Service.
He was serving in H.M.C.S. "SPIDERHARK",
which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action
on 10 February, 1942.

(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada).

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -
RELATIONSHIP Mother NAME Mrs. Gonda Anderson,
ADDRESS R.R. #3, HOKVILLE, Alta.

NOTE: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the Separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

OFFICER'S OR RATING'S MONTHLY PAY ALLOTTED TO WIFE AND/ OR DEPENDENT -
\$ NIL PAID TO NIL
MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE AT \$ NIL PER DIEM PAID TO - NIL
DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE AT \$ NIL PAID TO NIL
TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENT TO - WIFE \$ NIL
DEPENDENTS \$ NIL

Computed by [Signature]
Checked by [Signature]

DEPENDENTS \$ _____

[Signature]
SECRETARY,
NAVAL BOARD.
(See reverse side for further instructions.)

The Secretary,
The Canadian Pension Commission.

VERIFICATION FORM

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

.....RANK/RATING *Prob Stud*OFF.NO. *V-13860*ADDRESS

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
							1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>(in ltr.)</i>							ATLANTIC		
							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 *E. Parkes*

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August 14, 1941.

MEMORANDUM:

John Anderson, Probationary Steward, O.N. V.13860
Policy regarding discharge of ratings on compassionate grounds

With reference to your H-55-A-76 - of the 6th August, 1941, the Policy of the Department is that only in very exceptional cases can discharge be granted in War time on compassionate grounds. All cases of this nature must be referred to Naval Service Headquarters.

The above rating is to be drafted to the nearest R.C.N.V.R. Headquarters, (Edmonton), where he is to be discharged to Divisional strength.

The Commanding Officer, Edmonton Division, R.C.N.V.R., is to be informed that he should be recalled for active service on the 1st November, 1941.

BY ORDER,

(Sgd.) G. A. Y.

for

(J. O. Cossette)
Naval Secretary.

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The Commanding Officer,
R.C.N. Barracks,
HALIFAX, N.S.

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The Commanding Officer,
Atlantic Coast,
H.M.C. Dockyard,
HALIFAX, N.S.

For information.

BY ORDER,

(Sgd.) G. A. Y.

for

(J. O. Cossette)
Naval Secretary.

OTTAWA, August 14, 1941.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
Naval Service

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6th August, 1941.

FROM: The Commanding Officer,
R.C.N. Barracks,
Halifax, N.S.

TO : The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ontario.

COPY: The Commanding Officer,
Atlantic Coast,
H.M.C. Dockyard,
Halifax, N.S.

John Anderson of Dept. is that only in very exceptional cases can we have a rating in war time on compassionate grounds. All cases must be referred to us. This rating is to be drafted to front near where he is when he is to be discharged. I wish to see the rating to be discharged. I wish to see the rating to be discharged. I wish to see the rating to be discharged.

John ANDERSON, Probationary Steward, O.N. V.13860

Submitted for the consideration of the Department.
The above named rating has requested that he may be discharged from the service on compassionate grounds.

2. Attached is a letter which this rating received from his mother pressing him to ask for his discharge in order to return to work on his father's farm in Alberta. I have carefully investigated this case and feel that, although Anderson does not personally wish to leave the service, he feels that he must do so to help his parents. Anderson has been informed that the Department frown on requests for discharge on compassionate grounds of this nature.

3. It is my suggestion that this rating be demobilized for three months, commencing as soon as possible in order that he may return to work on the farm during the harvest. This condition he is quite willing to accept if the Department concurs.

4. The number of requests of this nature being proferred by ratings is increasing daily due to the acute shortage of outside civilian labour which necessitates their returning to their civil employment to keep things going. It is requested that the policy of the Department in this respect may be defined for future guidance.

J. Edwards
ACTING CAPTAIN, R.C.N.,
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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Encl. *m J.*

AIR MAIL

19th February, 1942.

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Dear Madam:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th February from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your son, John Anderson, Steward Probationer, R.C.N.V.R., O.N. V.13860, is missing and must be presumed lost on Active Service.

Your son was serving in H. M. C. S. "SPIKENARD" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 10th February 1942. Details of the action are not, however, available at this time.

The possibility of your son having been rescued by other ships cannot be estimated but it has been established that he was not among the survivors landed at a United Kingdom port and very little hope is held out for the survival of the remainder. You will be informed immediately should any further information be received.

I wish to express the sincere sympathy of the Chief of the Naval Staff, Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

CWD
Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Gonda Anderson,
R.R. No. 3,
ECKVILLE, Alberta.

CWD/IM

REGISTERED.

17th March, 1942.

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Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of 22nd February 1942, concerning your son, John Anderson, Probationary Steward, R.C.N.V.R., O.N. V.13860, it is with regret that I must inform you that no further information has been received concerning your son, and any hope for his survival must now be considered gone.

Very little information is available concerning the loss of H.M.C.S. "Spikenard", but it has been ascertained that she was torpedoed late at night.

The names of the survivors of your son's ship are:

COWAN, Denis Hugh, Able Seaman, R.C.N.V.R., V.6481
 DEANS, Thomas Russell, A/Ldg. Seaman, R.C.N., 3212.
 MILLS, Wilfred Edward, Telegraphist, RCNVR, V.22962
 WHITWORTH, John Lindley, Signalmán, RCNVR, V.8411
 DAY, Alexander Albert, A/C.E.R.A., RCNVR., V.5825
 LAABS, Harold John, Stoker Petty Officer, RCNVR, V.16182
 McMILLAN, Reginald, Stoker I, RCNVR, V.1328
 MORRISON, George Anderson, Stoker I, RCNVR., V.25797

Mail addressed c/o Fleet Mail Office, Halifax, will be forwarded to them.

A copy of the only available picture of H.M.C.S. "Spikenard" which was taken prior to her commissioning is enclosed.

Yours truly,

Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Conda Anderson,
 R.R. # 3,
 BECKVILLE, Alta.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL
RCNVR July 42 "SPIKENARD"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Simon C. Anderson -Father

ADDRESS: R.R. # 3,
ECKVILLE, Alta.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

Mrs. Gonda Anderson

MOTHER

ADDRESS:

RR # 3, Eckville, Alta.

(1) MEMORIAL B R

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 315.....

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AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

ANDERSON	John	V-13860	P/Stwd.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	4496 23/11/49
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)