

**CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT**

To be forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, with Form S. 59

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| CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL<br>Kenneth Harry DEARLOVE |                  | NAME OF NEXT OF KIN (mother)<br>Mrs. Margaret Dearlove<br>Address: 5720 Waverley St.,<br>Montreal, P.Q. | PRESENT RATING<br>74<br>Ord. Signalman.   |
| DATE OF BIRTH*<br>29th May, 1921                        | Town<br>Montreal | Province<br>P.Q.  | NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER<br>M. J. L. MacDonald,<br>Mate, R.C.N.R.,<br>Halifax, N.S. |

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

| Height | Chest | Hair  | Eyes | Complexion | WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS | Religious Denomination | TRADE OR OCCUPATION |
|--------|-------|-------|------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 5-11   | 34    | Blond | Blue | Fair       | Nil.                   | Presb.                 | Clerk.              |

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| Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement }<br>15th November, 1940.       | Period of Engagement or Re-engagement }<br>Seven years. |
| Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage }<br>2nd September, 1940. | Date of entering present ship }<br>4th August, 1940.    |

Particulars of former Continuous Service Engagements, if any; but, if none, and the person engaging has had previous Service, the date of his First Entry should be given. If the person has not previously served, write the words "First Entry" here.

If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded in to office, with the Engagement, on Form S.-1243.

R.C.N.V.R.  
Ord. Sea. 30 May'40 - 25 Oct'40  
Ord. Sig. 25th Oct'40 - 14 Nov 1940.

Declaration of Entry or Re-Entry from Shore for Continuous Service

The following questions are to be put by the Commanding Officer to the person about to engage for Continuous Service, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

- Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct? **Yes**
- Are you a British subject? **Yes**
- Nationality of Parents—Father **British** Mother **British**
- Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R.C. Mounted Police? **Yes R.C.N.V.R.**
- Do you now belong to the Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force or any Regiment or Corps in His Majesty's Army, or to any established Naval or Army Reserve Force, or to the R.C. Mounted Police? **Yes**
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date. **No**
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army, or R.C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct? **No**
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? **Yes**
- Can you swim? **Yes**

NOTED ON ESTIMATE CARD  
Date 6.1.41  
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Personnel Records Division

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| 1. Noted in Records | LN   |
| 2. Index Card       | LN   |
| 3. Non-Sub. Card    | LN   |
| 4. Statistical Card | LN   |
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| 6. Pension Card     | 2 LN |
| 7. Estimate Card    | LN   |
| 8. DATE             |      |

\* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.  
† Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject, and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."  
‡ Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H.M. Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal Fleet Reserve Instructions). If an R.N.R. man, state number of R.V. 2.

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*Noted mvc Recruits 4/1/41.*

I.—Declaration and Certificate for Men newly entered and Men who have been out of the Service since expiration of the previous C. S. Engagement

Kenneth Harry DEARLOVE, do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Naval Service of Canada for the term of seven years from 15th November, 1940, provided my service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this 6th day of December, 1940.

Kenneth Harry Dearlove Man's Signature in full

Witness to Signature M J L Macdonald

Attested before me this 6th day of December, 1940.

M J L Macdonald Mate, R.C.N.R.

Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

Date 6th December, 1940.

This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active and intelligent, and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

Commanding Officer

Medical Officer

M.O. R.C.N. Barracks.

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date 19

This is to certify that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent lad, of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation, and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

The consent of his parents or guardian has been obtained in writing, and they are willing and desirous that the boy should be entered for years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant

Medical Officer

I declare that to the best of my knowledge or belief the answers to the questions on the other side of this form are true and that I am not indentured as an apprentice.

I am willing to enter and serve in the Naval Service of Canada for years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, provided my service should be so long required, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till I attain that age. And I do sincerely promise and swear, (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Boy's Signature in full

Witness to Signature

Attested before me this day of 19

Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

III.—Re-engagement for Continuous Service

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used.

I, now serving as a

on board H.M.C.S., who on the of 19

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of § years, do hereby

engage to serve for a further period\*\* from †† 19

provided my services should be so long required.

Man's Signature in full

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Witness Commanding Officer

\* Insert "for the term of (number in words) years," or "to complete (number) years for pension" or until I attain the age of years."

† Insert the date from which the engagement commences.

‡ The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths over 17 years of age.)

§ To be written in words.

\*\* Insert as follows:—"Of (number) years," or "to complete time for pension," or until I attain the age of years," as the case may be.

†† Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement, which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is ante-dated) earlier than the date of execution.

If a copy of this Form is required, Form C.N.S. 1243 is to be used

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**

*Kenneth Harry* **DEARLOVE**

**IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY**

*Halifax*

Official Number *4085*

Date of birth *29<sup>th</sup> May, 1921.*

Where born { Province *Quebec.* Name: *Margaret*  
 Town or county *Montreal.* Relationship: *Mother*

Trade brought up to *Clerk.* Address: *5720 Haverley St., Montreal, P.Q.*

Religious denomination *Presbyterian*

Date passed swimming test \_\_\_\_\_

Man's signature on discharge to pension \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)

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

| Date of actually volunteering             | Commencement of time | Period volunteered for | Date of actually volunteering | Commencement of time | Period volunteered for |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. <i>15<sup>th</sup> November, 1940.</i> |                      | <i>Seven years</i>     | 5.                            |                      |                        |
| 2.  |                      |                        | 6.                            |                      |                        |
| 3.  |                      |                        | 7.                            |                      |                        |
| 4.  |                      |                        | 8.                            |                      |                        |

**Medals, Clasps, Etc.**

| Date received or forfeited | Nature of decoration | Date received or forfeited | Nature of decoration |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
|                            |                      |                            |                      |
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|                            |                      |                            |                      |

| Description of Person  | Stature  |           | Chest, In. | Colour of     |             |             | Marks, Wounds and Scars |
|--|----------|-----------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|
|  | Feet     | In.       |            | Hair          | Eyes        | Complexion  |                         |
| On entry as a boy.....   |          |           |            |               |             |             |                         |
| On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....     | <i>5</i> | <i>11</i> | <i>34</i>  | <i>Blonde</i> | <i>Blue</i> | <i>Fair</i> |                         |
| On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years..... |          |           |            |               |             |             |                         |
| Further description if necessary.....                              |          |           |            |               |             |             |                         |







V5780

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-D-435

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V5780

NAME DEARLOVE, Kenneth Harold DATE OF BIRTH 29 May, 1921.  
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Quebec. OCCUPATION Clerk.RELIGION Presbyterian. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 5720 Waverley St., Town Montreal, Province, etc. Quebec.

| Date (in figures) |       |      | Period | DESCRIPTION                        |        |      |            |                   | PREVIOUS SERVICE |                |                  |
|-------------------|-------|------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|------|------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Day               | Month | Year |        | Height                             | Hair   | Eyes | Complexion | Marks or Scars    | Served in        | Rank or Rating | Dates<br>From To |
| 30                | 5     | 40   | H.O.   | 5'10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " | Blonde | Grey | Fresh      | Scar on Rt. shin. |                  |                |                  |

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Margaret MacLellan  
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 5720 Waverley St. Town 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 |             |

| 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 |                              |            |
|                      |       |      | N/D                          |   |                       |         |                   |       |      |                              |            |
|                      |       |      | N/E                          |   |                       |         |                   |       |      |                              |            |

  

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

  

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| From                     | To |



V5780 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME DEARLOVE, Kenneth Harold  
(Surname) (Given Names)

N-4085  
OFFICIAL NUMBER V5780

| Ship 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. Montreal | Ord. Smn. | 30   | 5     | 40   |                                      |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Duty Div. Hdqtrs.  | "         | 25   | 6     | 40   |                                      |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
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| DISCHARGED         | "         | 14   | 11    | 40   | "Transferred to R.C.N."<br>62-D-296. |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |



GENERAL REMARKS

|               |                 |             |             |                  |                  |            |                            |
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| DATE OF BIRTH | PLACE OF BIRTH  | CIVIL OCCU. | RELIGION    | ED               | PERM. RESIDENCE  | PREV. ENL. | RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT |
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| DY. MO. YR.   | DY. MO. YR.     | CAT.        | DY. MO. YR. | ESTAB. A BR RANK |                  |            |                            |
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| DY. MO. YR.   | CAT.            | A B         | ST.         | ER               |                  |            |                            |
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4085

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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4085

NAME DEARLOVE Kenneth Harold DATE OF BIRTH 29th May, 1921.  
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Que. OCCUPATION Clerk.RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 5720 Waverley St., Town Montreal Province, etc. Que.

| 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        |
| 15                | 11    | 40   | Seven Years. | 5' 11"      | Blonde | Blue | Fair       | Nil            | RCNVR. V5780     | -              | 30/5/40 | 14/11/40. |

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Margaret Dearlove  
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 5720 Waverley St. Town Montreal Province, etc. Que.

| 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 |             |
|  |       |      |             | 7                                | 3     | 31   | Qual. Prof. for Sig. |                   |       |      |             |

| BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. |       |      |                              | BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES |                       |         |                   |       |      |                              |            |
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| Day                  | Month | Year |                              |   |                       |         | Day               | Month | Year |                              |            |
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| Date (in figures) |       |      | DAYS FORFEITED |       |       |          |          |                |
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| Day               | Month | Year | Prison         | Det'n | Cells | C. Power | W. Trial | In diff. Char. |
|                   |       |      |                |       |       |          |          |                |

Allowed to count 143 days' RCNVR. time towards G.C. Badges.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_





CWD/ML

AIR MAIL N.S.62-D-296

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19th February, 1942.



AIR MAIL

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, Kenneth Harold Dearlove, Signalman, R.C.N., O.N.4085 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*

*R. C.*

Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Margaret Dearlove,  
5720 Waverley Street,  
Montreal, P.Q.

LA:FMW

N.S. 62-D-296.



27 April, 1942.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Kenneth Harold Dearlove, Signaller, Official Number 4085, Royal Canadian Navy, is missing, presumed lost on Active Service. He was serving in H.M.C.S. "SPIKENARD" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 10th of February, 1942.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

5720 Waverly Street,  
Montreal, Que.,  
November 12th, 1942.

Lieutenant-Commander M. R. Campbell,  
Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL",  
1464 Mountain Street, Montreal, Que.



Dear Sir:

I beg of you to investigate the following information concerning my son, Signalman Kenneth Harold Dearlove, V.4085, "X" Spikenard, who was reported missing lost at sea in February 1942, and later reported "presumed killed".

Since then I have heard all sorts of rumours that my son may be alive, one of the prevalent rumours being that he was an inmate of an asylum in England.

Last week a Miss Leona Best of 1414 Fort Street, Montreal, a former friend of my son, arrived from Halifax and came to see me. She told me that my son was seen in Halifax approximately three months ago by her girl friend, Miss Pauline Murphy of 49 Birmingham Street, Halifax, N.S.

The following is Miss Murphy's story: My son was supposed to have met Miss Murphy in Halifax, when he approached her saying "Hello Pauline!" Miss Murphy's response was "I'm sorry I don't know you", as he had changed so much. My son said "Oh yes you do, I'm Kenny Dearlove", showing her his papers, identification cards and so forth. His story was that his ship was torpedoed and that he had been lucky enough to climb on a raft. The survivors on the raft were supposed to have been picked up by a ship and set down on an island where they lived on birds and raw fish. Miss Murphy had said my son looked like a skelton and that she would not have known him. Miss Murphy's story then went on that she had asked my son if I knew he was saved, and that he said he was not writing home. "They think I'm dead and I won't let them know I'm alive until after the war because ~~they won't~~ they won't know me in this condition". She asked him where he was going and he said "I'm going on another ship".

I wrote to Miss Murphy on November 6th and received a reply on the 11th, copy of which is enclosed.



This news as you can readily understand has been most upsetting to me and my husband, and I should be most grateful if you will investigate this unusual story, thereby putting our minds at rest.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Margaret Sealove*



January 15, 1943.

Dear Inspector Drysdale:

1. Enclosed herewith will be found a copy of a letter written by Mrs. Margaret Dearlove, 5720 Waverly Street, Montreal, addressed to the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL", Montreal, Quebec, dated November 12th, 1942. Also attached is a copy of a letter addressed to Mrs. Dearlove from one, Pauline Murphy, Halifax.
2. It will be noted that this correspondence concerns the loss of Mrs. Dearlove's son, Ordinary Signalman Kenneth Harry Dearlove, R.C.N. This rating was lost through enemy action when the H.M.C.S. "SPIKENARD" was torpedoed and sunk February 10th, 1942.
3. As it would appear that some person, purporting to be this deceased rating and provided with necessary identification, has been seen in Halifax, the Commanding Officer, R.C.N. Barracks, Halifax, was asked to make inquiry.
4. For your information, the following is an excerpt from the report of the C.O., R.C.N. Barracks, Halifax:

"Miss Pauline Murphy, who has since married and is now Mrs. Pauline Doig, living at 49 Birmingham St., Halifax, N.S., was interviewed with reference to the statements she is supposed to have made as stated in Mrs. Dearlove's letter to the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL". She stated that while she was working in the Cameo Grill, Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N.S. this last summer, a man dressed in Seaman's uniform with one Good Conduct Badge, came into the restaurant and approached her. A short conversation took place during which the rating tried to tell her that he was Kenny DEARLOVE. She stated that he showed her his registration card with that name on it. She further stated that she could not say if it really was DEARLOVE as she had not seen him for some seven or eight months and even then she had not known him very well. He was an occasional customer of the Cameo Grill and in this way she had come to know him. Mrs. Doig also said that although she had written to Mrs. Dearlove and told her this story she had not said anything concerning the torpedoed ship, subsequent rescue and life on an island living on birds and raw fish.

Inspector A. Drysdale,  
R.C.M.P. Headquarters,  
Justice Building,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

B. F. for \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

B. F. for \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

~~DNH~~  
~~15/2/43~~



"In view of the serious nature of this case, it is recommended that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would be the most suitable authorities to investigate the matter with the object of definitely establishing the veracity of the statement made by Mrs. Doig."

5. Unfortunately Dearlove was a casualty before having been fingerprinted and photographed by our Personnel Identification Bureau, and we have no photograph of him.

6. It would be appreciated if efforts would be made to determine the veracity of Mrs. Doig's (née Pauline Murphy) statement.

Yours very truly,

(C.H. LITTLE)  
A/Lieut. Commander, R.C.N.V.R.,  
Director of Naval Intelligence.

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"H" Division



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Halifax, N. S., March 19, 1943

Your file COAC 1-2-2

C.O.A.C., R.C.N., Halifax, N.S.

Re: Sgn. Kenneth DEARLOVE, O.N. V-4085,  
H.M.C.S. "Spikenard" - Inquiry re:

1. Further to previous correspondence in connection with the above, a list of survivors from H.M.C.S. "Spikenard," together with their photographs, was obtained through the Headquarters of this Force from the Department of National Defence (Naval Service), Ottawa, and these photographs were shown to waitresses of the Cameo Restaurant in Halifax with a view to possible identification of the person who represented himself to Pauline MURPHY (Mrs. DOIG) as the above named. However, the results proved negative and none of the survivors could be so identified. In addition, three of the men listed were interviewed with a view to ascertaining whether or not they might have been responsible. The results in this instance were also negative.

2. Of the remaining surviving members of the crew of the H.M.C.S. "Spikenard," one, O.N. V-25797, Stoker George Anderson MORRISON, was killed in an automobile accident in October, 1942. Inquiries are being made in an effort to locate and interview the remainder. An attempt is also being made by the investigating member to secure a photograph of the crew of the H.M.C.S. "Spikenard" prior to the sinking with a view to finding out whether or not some former member of this vessel who may have been drafted to another ship before the "Spikenard" was lost may have been responsible for the alleged impersonation.

3. You will be further informed with regard to our inquiries in this matter.

/LM

I/O

(T. W. Chard)

Insp.,

C. I. B.

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

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DIVISION 'C' SUB-DIVISION DETACHMENT Montreal  
 PROVINCE 'Que.' DATE Dec. 2nd. 1942.

RE: Sglman. Kenny DEARLOVE, R.C.N. S.S. 'Spikenard'.  
 Inquiry re:

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P. C. R.

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A. R. V. NO.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR 31-12-42.

1. Mrs. M. DEARLOVE, 5720 Waverly St. Montreal, P.Q., contacted this office requesting our assistance in locating her son, Kenny DEARLOVE, a Signalman in the R.C. Navy, who is reported to be missing since Feb. 10th. 1942. Mrs. DEARLOVE received a telegram from the Dept. of National Defence dated Feb. 18th. 1942, informing her son that Kenny was reported to be missing from the S.S. 'Spikenard' which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on Feb. 10th. 1942. On Feb. 19th. 1942 she received a letter from the Dept. of Nat. Defence confirming the above telegram, which further stated that her son was not listed amongst several survivors landed at a United Kingdom Port.

2. On about Nov. 1st. 1942 Mrs. DEARLOVE received a phone call from Miss Leona BEST, 1414 Fort St. Montreal, informing her that her son Kenny was still alive and was at Halifax, N.S. Miss BEST had recently arrived from Halifax, and although she did not see Kenny herself, she informed Mrs. DEARLOVE that a girl-friend of hers had spoken to Kenny about two weeks previous to this; being about Oct. 15th. 1942; this girl-friend is a Miss Pauline MURPHY, 49 Birmingham St. Halifax, N.S.

3. Mrs. DEARLOVE immediately wrote to Miss MURPHY asking her for complete details of what had taken place, and if she could give any information as to the present whereabouts of her son Kenny. An answer was received after a few days, and is as follows:

49 Birmingham St.  
 Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mrs. Dearlove:

I rec eive your letter this morning. I know how you must feel thinking of Kenny. Now Mrs. Dearlove if he was alive you would be the one that would know, for they would send you word from Ottawa. For what Miss Best told you is quite through (true) about him coming in and takeing my hand and saying 'How are you Pauline'. I look and said; do I know you, and he said, 'after me haunting this place for the past two years and you don't know Kenny'. So I said, Kenny they are only one Kenny I know, and that is Kenny Dearlove. And then he showed his card and it was the same name on it. And he asked to take me home and I refuse him, because I could not believe it was Kenny and cannot believe it to this day. Mrs. Dearlove, Halifax is not the best place in the world and a girl today just has to watch her stept. Because it may have been a boy that knew Kenny and heard him talk of me or of us girls such

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GIRLS SUCH as Margaret, Leone and myself; but I cannot believe it because he recall all the fun we had together. I also said Kenny is it really you and what did your mother do when she seen you. All he said was don't talk about it, Pauline please. From what he said, I thought he was home and just returning back to get another ship. They are so maney bad things happen here in Halifax that I don't know what to think of it, because he did not look much like Kenny to me but the rest of the girls said it was him. I have never seen him since and that is three months ago. But no one can ever make me think it was Kenny if it was, and I hope for your sake, he certainly did change in his looks. And if he is alive he would sure write to his mother because he spoke of you so many times. Now Mrs. Dearlove that is all I can tell you, I hope you can understand the way I am ststeing this letter to you, I am not very good to write. But I only hope my dear that he is still alive and you will hear from him soon. I hope to hear from you real soon, Yours,

4. SGD: Pauline Murphy.

4. It would appear from the above that someone is impersonating this subject, as he produced a card with the name 'Kenny Dearlove' on it; and as Miss MURPHY is well acquainted with KENNY she would undoubtedly recognize him

5. Mrs. DEARLOVE has contacted the Naval Authorities in Montreal, who could give her little information other than her son was on board the 'Spikenard' which was sunk by enemy action.

6. May enquiries be made at 'H' Division please, where Miss Pauline MURPHY could again be contacted; also a Miss Margaret HIGGINS, address unknown, but who is a friend of Miss MURPHY. Photograph is attached hereto for the information of 'H' Div.

CARRIED FORWARD:  
EXP. SHOWN F93 PERIOD DEC. 1-15.

*G.A. Brunelle*  
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G.A. Brunelle. Reg. No. 12465.

The C. C. "H" Division,  
R.C.N.P. - Halifax, N. S.

1. Three copies herewith together with photograph of the captionally noted subject. The information advanced by Pauline MURPHY sounds a little fantastic in view of the fact that the subject was reported lost on the "S.S. Spikenard" Mrs Dearlove is living in a great anxiety over this affair and with a view to clearing the matter, it would be appreciated if you would cause the necessary enquiries to be made at Halifax and advise me of the results. Copies of this report are being forwarded to the Commissioner for the information of Headquarters and the Department concerned.  
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Htl.  
9-12-42  
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(H.A. R. Gagnon) SGT.,  
Commanding "G" Division.

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17-3-43

A. R. V. No.

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1. Receipt of Memorandum from the Officer in Charge C. I. B. under date April 21st 1943 is hereby acknowledged. Further to P. C. R. submitted in the above connection no further information is available concerning the person responsible for representing himself as Kenny DEARLOVE.
2. A.P.O.3212 Thomas Russell DEANS, and Harold John LAABS, Engineman, V16182 have been interviewed but have no knowledge of the affair nor can they give any assistance in this investigation whatsoever. Denis Hugh COWAN Able Seaman, V6481 and John Lindley WHITORTH, A/L S.V4811 were not in this district at the time of the alleged impersonation. The photographs of these subjects have been viewed by the waitresses in the restaurant but in no way correspond with the description of the alleged impersonator. The eighth survivor, namely George A. MORRISON, was killed in an automobile accident on October 2nd 1942.
3. Investigation in this connection has been active since Dec. 2nd 1942 when Mrs. M. DEARLOVE, mother of the above noted received information from a Miss Leona BEST, ex-waitress in the Cameo Grill, Halifax N. S. to the effect that her son, who had been previously reported missing as a member of the crew of the S. S. "SPIKENARD", had presented himself at the Cameo Grill in Halifax N. S. sometime after the mother had been notified of his death.
4. Statements were taken from all the girls who were in the restaurant at the time of the alleged impersonation and all insisted that they did not feel that the rating who presented himself was Kenny DEARLOVE. With this point established investigation then turned to an endeavour to learn who was responsible for the impersonation. On the presumption that a shipmate of DEARLOVE'S was responsible photographs of the survivors of the "SPIKENARD" were obtained and each of the waitresses present in the restaurant at the time were given an opportunity to view the photographs but none were able to identify any of the survivors as being responsible for the impersonation. All available survivors were interviewed but no information obtained of any assistance. One fact has definitely been established and that is the fact that DEARLOVE could not possibly be alive. Who committed the impersonation and why such an impersonation should be made could not be learned.
5. There appears to be no criminal offence committed and investigation in this regard was conducted for the purpose of obtaining some definite information for the mother of DEARLOVE. Every possible effort has been made to reach this objective but no results have been obtained. In view of this it is respectfully requested that this file be closed out.

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under the following terminal.

- 6. Photographs of the survivors and of DEARLOVE are returned, having served their purpose.
- 7. No Mileage. No Expenses Incurred.
- 8. FURTHER INVESTIGATION UNWARRANTED

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