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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

(A) DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

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| SURNAME <u>HUGHES</u> | | PERMANENT ADDRESS | |
| CHRISTIAN NAME <u>Robert Alexander</u> | | <u>42 Albert Street, Apt. #7</u> | |
| RELIGION <u>United</u> | | <u>Hamilton, Ontario.</u> | |
| DATE OF BIRTH | PLACE OF BIRTH | NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN | |
| <u>March 12th, 1913</u> | Town <u>Galt</u> County <u>Waterloo</u> Province <u>Ontario</u> Country | (Wife) <u>Esther Hughes,</u> <u>same address</u> | |

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

| HEIGHT | CHEST MEASUREMENT | HAIR | EYES | COM- PLEXION | WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Feet..... <u>5</u> | Inflated..... <u>41</u> | <u>Black</u> | <u>Gray</u> | <u>Dark</u> | <u>Nil</u> |
| Inches..... <u>10</u> | Deflated..... <u>37½</u> | | | | |
| | Mean..... <u>39</u> | | | | |
| DATE OF ENROLMENT | RANK IN WHICH ENROLLED | MARRIED, SINGLE, OR WIDOWER | TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY | | |
| <u>21st November 1939</u> | <u>Act. Lieutenant</u> | <u>Married</u> | <u>Reporter,</u> <u>Toronto Daily Star.</u> | | |

(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 an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and will 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.....not applicable.....for the period shown, and attach my record of service.

* Cross out Clause not applicable.

| SERVED IN | RANK | FROM | TO |
|-----------|------|------|----|
| | | | |

- (c) I have never been rejected for 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.

Noted in Service
Records by [Signature]

(OVER)

(5) On being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for as long as my services may be required, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act and of the regulations made in pursuance thereof for the governing 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 provide myself with the necessary uniform as laid down in R.C.N.V.R. Regulations.

Dated this twenty-first day of November 1939.

R.A. Hughes

Signature of Applicant.

The above declaration was made and signed in my presence this Twenty-first

day of November 1939.

J. Hart

Signature of Enrolling Officer.

(C)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Robert Alex. Hughes 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

R.A. Hughes

Signature of Witness

J. Hart

Date 21st November 1939

Rank

Lieut R.C.N.V.R.

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by any commissioned officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—This form when completed is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, together with Certificate of medical examination B-207, and record of any previous service.

The record of previous service will be returned after examination at Naval Service Headquarters.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES

FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

DEFENCE
OCT 14 1939
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Name (in full)..... **HUGHES, Robert Alexander**.....

Date and place of birth..... **March 12, 1913**..... **Galt, Ontario.**.....
(Birth certificate, declaration by parents or affidavit as to date of birth must be attached)

Permanent place of residence..... **43 Albert St., Apt. 7, Hamilton, Ontario**.....

Nearest town to residence (if living in country).....

Are you a British subject?..... **Yes.**.....

Are you single, married or a widower?..... **Married.**.....

In what capacity do you wish to enrol?..... **Acting Lieutenant.**.....
(See standards of qualifications in attached pamphlet)

Present occupation or trade..... **Reporter, Toronto Star.**.....
(Attach any testimonials or recommendations)

Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force?..... **No.**.....

Have you ever served with such forces? Give dates and details..... **No.**.....

Have you ever been discharged from any of H. M. Forces as medically unfit?..... **No.**.....

Have you ever offered to serve in any of H. M. Forces and been rejected?..... **No.**.....

What is your weight?..... **165**..... What is your height?..... **5' 10½ "**.....

What is your chest measurement (not inflated)?..... **37½ "**.....

Are you free from all physical defects or malformation, and not subject to fits?..... **Yes.**.....

Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities?..... **Yes.**.....

I hereby declare that the above answers are true in every respect.

..... *R.A. Hughes*..... Signature

..... *Oct 5, 1939*..... Date

..... *43 Albert St. Hamilton Ont.*..... Address

..... *E.A. Hughes*.....
(Witness to Signature)

This is to certify that I have personally seen the birth certificate of this applicant, or a sworn declaration as to his date of birth.

I certify his date of birth, according to legal documentary evidence, to be **March 12/1913**.....

Signed..... *J. Hart*.....
Commanding Officer

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5M-9-39 (1815)
N.S. 815-11-3

V.R.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **HUGHES,**
(Surname)**Robert Alexander.**
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

0-34750

| Ship or Establishment | Rating | From | | | Remarks | Character | Efficiency | Date | | | Non-Sub. Rating | Qualified | | | R | | |
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| | | Day | Month | Year | | | | Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year | Day | Month | Year |
| Div. Str. HAMILTON | A/Lieut. (T) | 21 | 11 | 39 | A.S. 7/6/40. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H.M.C.S. "STADACONA" | " " | 30 | 7 | 40 | For barracks, per Appt. 5-9-40. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H.M.C.S. "ASSINBOINE" | " " | 19 | 9 | 40 | Per Appt. 27-9-40. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H.M.C.S. "STADACONA" | Lieut. (T) | 13 | 1 | 41 | Additional for disposal, per Appt. 18-1-41. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " | " " | 14 | 1 | 41 | For R.C.N. Barracks, (Divisional Duties) per Appt. 27-1-41. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " | " " | 26 | 5 | 41 | Add'l for training and disposal, per Appt. 11-7-41. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| "AVALON" (SPIKENARD) | " " | 27 | 6 | 41 | As Executive Officer, per Appt. 12-7-41. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISCHARGED | " " | 10 | 2 | 42 | "Lost in H.M.C.S. "SPIKENARD", per Casualty List. | | | | | | | | | | | | |

GENERAL REMARKS

MEMORIAL CROSSES SENT TO:-

(Wife)

Mrs. Esther Hughes,

Hamilton Hill,

DUNDAS, Ontario. (1-4-42).

and

(Mother)

Mrs. E.A. Hughes,

Hamilton Hill,

DUNDAS, Ontario. (23-4-42).

Mrs. Mary E. Hughes, widow of Lieut. Robert A. Hughes has been awarded pension in respect of her husband's death with effect from the 11th of February, 1942, with additional allowances for her child per 103-H-47, F.D. #147.

| DATE OF BIRTH | | | PLACE | | CIVIL OCCU | | RELIED | | PERM. RESIDENCE | | PREV. ENL. | | RANK OR RATE | | |
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19th February, 1942.

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 husband, Robert Alexander Hughes, Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R., is missing and must be presumed lost on Active Service.

Your husband 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 husband 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

and *Ral*
Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Esther Hughes,
Hamilton Hill,
DUNDAS, Ontario.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Aug. 42 "SPIKENARD"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BANK

1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO ^{Mary}
Mrs. Esther Hughes - Widow

DATE DESP

(1)

ADDRESS: ~~Hamilton Hill,~~ 68 Thorpe,
Dundas, Ontario.

4-11-48

REGN. NO. 2023

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW Mrs. Esther Hughes

ADDRESS: Hamilton Hill
DUNDAS, Ontario

(2)

1 April 1942

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. E. H. Hughes

ADDRESS: Hamilton Hill
DUNDAS, Ontario

(3) 23 April 1942

DECEASED 10 February 1942

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| HUGHES | Robert Alexander | 0-34750 | Lieut | FILE No. |
| SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS) | CHRISTIAN NAMES | REG. No. | RANK ON DISCHARGE | C.A.S.F. UNIT |

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

| CAMPAIGN MEDALS | REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1939-45 Star | 4007 |
| Atlantic Star | |
| C.V.S.M. and Clasp | |
| War Medal | |
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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)