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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME COONEY OFFICIAL NO. 35579
CHRISTIAN NAMES Stewart Ray MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS: 241 George St., Belleville, Ont. RELIGION: United

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 Oct. 1922 PLACE OF BIRTH: Town Belleville, County Hastings, Province Ontario
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Lily Cooney, (Mother) same address
*Original Nationality of: Father British, Mother British

*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>35 1/2</u>	<u>Light Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Vacc. mark on left arm.</u>
Inches <u>4 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>33 1/2</u>				
	Mean <u>34 1/2</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING: Grade 7
TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY: Polishing glass, Consolidated Optical Co., Belleville, Ont.

DATE OF ENROLMENT: Div. Str. 4 May 1942. Act. Serv.
RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED: Steward Prob.
R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED: Kingston

(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 have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force, and I have never been in receipt of any pension or gratuity from any of the above mentioned forces.~~

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO

Personnel Records Division.

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2. Index Card . . .
3. Non-Sub. Card . . .
4. Statistical Card . . .
5. Pension Card . . .
6. Pension Card . . .
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DATE 20.5.42

(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.

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS
H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"
FAIR
D. L. Brockings
POUCHER

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Kingston 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 4th, day of May 1942.

Signature of applicant Stewart Ray Cooney

(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 4th, day of May 1942.

J. W. Green Sub Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Stewart Ray COONEY 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 Stewart Ray Cooney

Witness J. W. Green

Date 4 May 1942 Rank Sub Lieut. 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

Stewart Ray COONEY 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 Kingston Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

J. W. Green Sub Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.
Attesting Officer.

4 May 1942 R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) Kingston

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.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Steward Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Stewart Ray Cooney
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Stewart Ray Cooney

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Kingston</i>	Official Number... <i>U35579</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth... <i>Oct 9, 1922</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mrs. Lily Cooney Same as above address</i>
Place of Birth... <i>Belleville, Ont</i>	
Place of Residence... <i>241 St. St. Belleville</i>	
Trade brought up to... <i>Polishing glass</i>	
Religion... <i>United</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>d.s. May 1/42</i>		<i>Duration</i>	<i>Stretcher</i>			
<i>a.s. June 15/42</i>						

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>4 1/2</i>	<i>34 1/2</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>Brn</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Med</i>	<i>Three scars on left arm.</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

V35579

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113-C-2565

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V35579

NAME COONEY (Surname) Stewart Ray (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 9th October, 1922.

PLACE OF BIRTH Belleville, Ont. OCCUPATION Polishing Glass

RELIGION United EDUCATION Grade 7

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 241 George St., Town Belleville, Province, etc. Ont.

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
4	5	42	H.O.	5'4 1/8"	L.Br.	Blue	Med.	Vac. mark on lt. arm.				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs. J. Cooney ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 241 George St., Town Belleville, Province, etc. Ont.

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		

FILM NO. WSR-5579-8 DATE

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

Un. Ins. book, Kingston, Ont. O.H.F. Received

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT From To



V35579

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

COONEY

Stewart Ray

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V35579

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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
H.M.C.S. Cataraqi	Stwd. Prob.	4	5	42	Div. Str. Kingston	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Cataraqi	" "	15	6	42	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
York	" "	20	6	42	D.L.	V.G.	Sat.	29	11	44							
Cornwallis	" "	17	8	42	(DL OF 17/8/42)												
Stadacona	" "	31	8	42	(DRD)												
Niobe	" "	21	3	43	DRD H-987												
Athabaskan	Steward	15	3	43	ADVANCED (Memo. 7/5/43) Back Dated.												
DISCHARGED	"	1	1	44	S.C.												
	"	29	4	44	Missing Per C.D. Presumed Dead Per C.L.												

GENERAL REMARKS

RCN HOSP. PM7/9/42 to PM15/9/42.

Wife: Mrs. Isobel J. Cooney, 124 West Blackhall St., Greenock, Scotland, 31/1/45

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to
Wife: Mrs. Isobel J. Cooney,
124 West Blackhall St.,
Greenock, Scotland, 31/1/45

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to
Mother: Mrs. Lilly May Cooney,
241 George Street,
Belleville, Ontario, 31/1/45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	R	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK	
19	02	11	391		0	40	0	120	02	0	05	0	21	95	
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		
04	05	42	15	06	42					9740	0	21	94		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
15	03	43	13	00	00	20	29 09 44			MSM					

(Information compiled from records in Naval Service Headquarters)

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

~~H.M.C.S.~~ NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, Ottawa, Ont.

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Name GOONEY, Stewart Ray
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Steward Official No. V-35579 Unit R.C.N.
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Belleville, Ont. Date of Birth 9 October, 1922.

Occupation in Civil Life Polishing glass. Religion United

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 4th May, 1942, to 29th April, 1944.

Date of Death 29 April, 1944 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASTIAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name (Mrs. Lilly Cooney,) Relationship Mother.
Address (241 George Street,) WIFE: Mrs. Isobel Josephine Cooney,
(Belleville, Ont.) 124 West Blackhall St.,
GREENOCK, Scotland.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship 1 May, 1944.

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.....

ENTERED IN
N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
JAN 18 1945
CLERK No. 1 *G.P.*

H.B. Money
(Commanding Officer)
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

The SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

Date 12 Jan., 1945. *eme*

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.

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

NAME *Studd* OFF. NO. *V-35579* 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>Star</i>
							ATLANTIC		
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE	1	<i>Medal</i>
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>+ Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *J. Rae*

10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Cooney:

I must regretfully inform you that since your husband was reported missing no further information has been received of his survival or that he is a prisoner of war.

I wish to assure you, however, that the Department makes every endeavour to discover the fate of missing men and draws upon all likely sources of information about them.

In the case of men who are believed to be prisoners of war continuous efforts are made to speed up the machinery whereby their names and camp addresses can reach this country. The official means is by lists of names prepared by the enemy government. These lists take some time to compile, especially if there is a long journey from the place of capture to a prisoners of war camp. Consequently "capture cards", filled in by the prisoners themselves soon after capture and sent home to their relatives, are often the first news received in this country that a man is a prisoner of war.

Very slight hope is now held, however, that your husband is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.

Even if no news is received that a missing man is a prisoner of war, endeavours to trace him do not cease. Enquiries are pursued, not only among those who were serving with him, but also through diplomatic channels and the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. The moment reliable news is obtained from any of these sources it is sent to the Department and is immediately passed on to the next of kin.

Should no information be received to the contrary your husband will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Isobel Josephine Cooney,
124 West Blackhall Street,
Greenock, Scotland.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.Date 10/10/44
Time 1830

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL
N.S. V-35579 PERS. (N)

13th January, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Cooney:

Further to my letter of the 10th of October, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Stewart Ray Cooney, Steward, Official Number V-35579, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", 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 29th of April, 1944.

May I again 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.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Lilly Cooney,
241 George Street,
BELLEVILLE, Ontario.

[Handwritten initials]

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date *15/1/45*
Time *1800*

D OF D 29-4-44

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

Navy

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

COONEY	Stewart Ray	V-35579	Stwd.	FILE No.
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SURNAME (in block letters)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	UNIT
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WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	682 6-1-50
Defence Medal	
CVSM & Clasp	
War Medal 1939-45	

(The reverse to be used for estate purposes)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS
PERSON Mrs. Isobel J. Cooney - Widow
ENTITLED TO

ADDRESS: 91 Hamilton St.,
Greenock, Scotland 10-9-51

DATE DESP.....
(1)
REGN. NO. 516

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW Mrs. I.J. Cooney

WSR 128 241 George St., Belleville, Ont.
ADDRESS: 2nd Issue to: 91 Hamilton St., Greenock, Scotland

(2) 31-1-45
DESP. Oct 6 1953
REGN No. 14941

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. Lilly M. Cooney

ADDRESS: 241 George St., Belleville, Ont.

(3) 31-1-45