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ATTESTATION FORM
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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME EDHOUSE OFFICIAL No. 138286
CHRISTIAN NAMES DONALD WILLIAM MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>288 Mortimer Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.</u>	<u>C of E.</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>15 November 1924</u>	Town <u>Mimico</u> County <u>York</u> Province <u>Ontario</u>	<u>Mother</u> <u>Elizabeth Ada</u> <u>Same Address.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>English</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>35</u>	<u>Dark Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Med</u>	<u>1/4" mole on left chest</u>
Inches..... <u>6 3/4</u>	Deflated..... <u>34</u>				
<u>122 1/2</u>	Mean..... <u>34 1/2</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Entrance Public School</u>	<u>Apprentice Tool Maker,</u> <u>Research Enterprises, Limited,</u> <u>Leaside, Ontario.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>DIV. STRENGTH</u> <u>6th April, 1943.</u>	<u>STOKER 2nd CLASS</u> <u>R.C.N.V.R. (TEMP)</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "YORK"</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 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..... for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

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(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 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 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 II by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this Sixth day of April, 1943.

Signature of applicant D. Edhouse

(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 April, 1943.

My authority for attestation is

J. M. Lawson
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R.

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, Donald William Edhouse 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 D. Edhouse

Witness J. M. Lawson

Date Sixth April, 1943. Rank Lieutenant 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.

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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

Harold M. EDHOUSE

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

ICWS 46478

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-58286</i>
	<i>Yorks</i>	"
		"

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)

Date of Birth *15 Mar. 1924*

Place of Birth *Mimico, York, Ontario*

Place of Residence *288 Montmartre Ave. Toronto, Ont.*

Trade brought up to *Apprentice Tool maker*

Religion *Church of England*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....

P.S.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....

Mother
Edinburgh, Ont.
Same address

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>Duration of Hostilities 20 2/6</i>				
	<i>6 Apr. /43</i>					

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>6 3/4</i>	<i>34 1/2</i>	<i>122 1/2</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Med.</i>	<i>1" 4" mole on left chest</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
			D I V I S I O N A L S T R E N G T H			
	<i>York</i>		<i>St. 1c</i>	<i>6 April 43</i>	<i>29 April 43</i>	
	<i>In Active Service - 30 April, 1943.</i>					
	<i>"York"</i>		<i>St. 2c</i>	<i>30 April 43</i>	<i>11 July 43</i>	
	<i>Staducord</i>		— " —	<i>12 July 43</i>	<i>1 Nov 43</i>	
	<i>Nisbe</i>		— " —	<i>2 Nov 43</i>	<i>10 Feb 44</i>	
	<i>Miche (Athabaskan)</i>		— " —	<i>11 Feb 44</i>	<i>29 April 44</i>	<i>Presumed Dead (CNMO's Sig. 132,109 Jan. '45.)</i>

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

Date	Details	Captain's Signature

22 Sep 43 SGTW B 92737

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V58286

NAME EDHOUSE Donald William DATE OF BIRTH 15 November 1924

PLACE OF BIRTH Mimico, Ont. OCCUPATION Apprentice Tool maker
RELIGION Church of England EDUCATION Entrance Public School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 288 Mortimer Avenue Town Toronto 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
6	4	43	H.O.	5'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	D.Brown	Brown	Med.	$\frac{1}{2}$ " mole on left chest				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs Elizabeth (A. E. Edhouse)
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 288 Mortimer Ave Town Toronto 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	
				9	7	43	Completed Tech. Training Course, "Sup".				
				15	7	43	Qual. Anti-Gas, one day.				
				13	3	44	Qual. Prel. F.F. crse (1 day) Ser. Cert.				

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. WSA 59043
DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
From To

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

O.H.F. RECEIVED

Last Will and Testament dated 6-4-43; RECEIVED



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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME EDHOUSE
(Surname)

Donald William
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V58286

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	Day	Month	Year
HMCS "York"	Sto. 2/c	6	4	43	Div. Str. Toronto	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
" "	"	30	4	43	Active Service D.L. 30/4/43	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	"	15	7	43	DRD H-2060.												
Niobe	"	1	11	43	DRD # H-3071												
Athabaskan	"	11	2	44	Ser. Cert.												
DISCHARGED:	"	29	4	44	"Missing" (Presumed Dead) Casualty List.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to
(Mother) Mrs. Elizabeth A. Edhouse,
288 Mortimer Ave., Toronto, Ont.,
dated 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	GNON	R	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
15	X	24	11	3	33	0	30	1	156	14	023	0	15	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	
06	04	43	30	04	43					0230	0	15	95	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
30	04	43	10	00	00	20	29-04-44							

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

NAME IN FULL EDHOUSE Donald William RANK/RATING Sto 2/C OFF. NO. V-58286 ADDRESS

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF			
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL	
													1939-45	1	star
	30-4-43												ATLANTIC		
<i>Neobe</i>	1-11-43	16-2-44	102	<i>UK</i>									FRANCE G.		
<i>Athabaskan</i>	11-2-44	29-4-44	79	<i>atl</i>									AFRICA		
													PACIFIC		
													BURMA		
													ITALY		
													DEFENCE		
													C.V.S.M.	2	+ clasp
													" CLASP		
													WAR 1945	1	medal
													WAR 1915		

Dutch Lead 29-4-44

VERIFIED BY *R.S.*

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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

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name..... **EDHOUSE, Donald William**
 (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... **Stoker Second Class**..... Official No. **V-58286**..... Unit { **R.C.N.**
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth..... **Minico, Ontario**..... Date of Birth..... **15 November, 1924.**

Occupation in Civil Life..... **Apprentice Tool Maker**..... Religion..... **Church of England.**

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 April, 1943 to 29 April, 1944.**

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

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

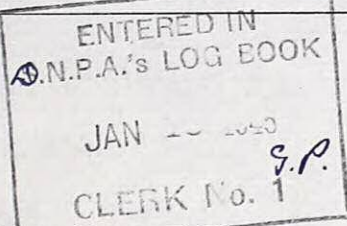
Nearest known relative or friend. { Name..... **Mrs. Elizabeth A. Edhouse,** Relationship..... **Mother**
 Address..... **288 Mortimer Avenue,**
TORONTO, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship..... **Naval Service Headquarters: 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.....



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

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

Date..... **OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January, 1945.**

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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.

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Edhouse:

I must regretfully inform you that since your son 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 son 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 son 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. Elizabeth A. Edhouse,
288 Mortimer Ave.,
TORONTO, Ontario.

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-58286, PERS.(N)

15 January, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Edhouse:

Further to my letter of the 23rd November, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Donald William Edhouse, Stoker Second Class, Official Number V-58286, 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,


Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Edhouse,
288 Mortimer Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.

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Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 15/1/45
Time 1,800

Deceased 29 Apr. 1944
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

EDHOUSE	Donald William	V-58286	Sto. 2	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	9723. 23/11/49
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Sept. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Elizabeth A. Edhouse - Mother

ADDRESS: 204 Browning Ave.,
TORONTO, Ont.

MEMORIAL B R

DATE DESP.....

(1)

REGN. NO. 2266

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs E. A. Edhouse

ADDRESS: 288 Mortimer Avenue
TORONTO, Ontario

(3)

31 Jan. 1945