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ATTESTATION FORM

(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME..... **SHINEWALD** OFFICIAL NO. **142020**

CHRISTIAN NAMES..... **Sydney James** MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER..... **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS..... **Ste.10-St.Johns Block, Winnipeg.** RELIGION..... **Jewish**

DATE OF BIRTH..... **4th January, 1925** PLACE OF BIRTH..... **Winnipeg** NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN..... **Jean Shinewald (Mother)
Ste.10-St.Johns Block,
Winnipeg, Man.**

Original Nationality of:
 Father..... **English** County.....
 Mother..... **Jewish** Province..... **Manitoba**

*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 5	Inflated 37 1/2	light brown	blue	fair	nil.
Inches 9 1/4	Deflated 35				
Mean.....	35 1/2				

DATE OF ENROLMENT..... **Divisional strength
6th July, 1942.** RATING ENROLLING FOR..... **Ordinary SEAMAN** TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY..... **Sales-clerk -
Gaults Ltd.,
Winnipeg.**

R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled..... **H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA.**

(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.

* ~~XXXXXX~~ record of service in or discharge from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

RECORDED IN PAY LEDGERS
H.M.C.S. "CHIPPAWA"
SERVED IN
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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.

Personnel Records TO Division
1. Noted in Records.....
2. Index Card.....
3. Non-Sub. Card.....
4. Statistical Card.....
5. Report Card.....
6. Pension Card.....
7. ...
8. ...
DATE 7/9/42

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(3) On being enrolled as a member of the H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA 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 6th day of July, 1942.

Signature of applicant S. J. Shinewald

(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 6th day of July, 1942.

E. J. R.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Sydney James SHINEWALD 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 S. J. Shinewald

Witness E. J. R.

Date 6th July, 1942. 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

Sydney James SHINEWALD 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 H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

E. J. R.
Attesting Officer.

6th July 194 2. R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA.
(or other establishment)

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 Seaman Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

S. J. Shinewald
Signature

V42020

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-S-3144

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V42020

NAME SHINEWALD (Surname) Sydney James (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 4 January, 1925

PLACE OF BIRTH Winnipeg, Man. OCCUPATION Sales Clerk

RELIGION Jewish EDUCATION Grade IX

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Ste. 10 St. Johns Block Town: Winnipeg Province, etc. Man.

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	7	42	H.O.	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	L. Brown	Blue	Fair	Nil					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Jean Shinewald

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Ste. 10 St. Johns Block Town Winnipeg Province, etc. Man.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
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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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NO. WAR 5703-8
DATE

Date (in figures)				DAYS FORFEITED						In diff. Char.
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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

HMCSXX NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name SHINEWALD Sydney James
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Telegraphist Official No. V-42020 Unit R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Winnipeg, Man. Date of Birth 4 January, 1925.

Occupation in Civil Life Sales-clerk Religion Jewish

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 July, 1942 to 18 March, 1945.

Date of Death 18 March, 1945 Place of Death At Sea.

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead. He was serving in H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH" (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly) which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action at sea.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Jean Shinewald, Relationship Mother Address Ste #10 St. Johns Block, WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 21 March, 1945.

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, Ontario, 1 May, 1945.

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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Noted in RnPA 9.5.45 S.P.

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

REGISTRATION NO. *42020* OFF. NO. 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	2	
						FRANCE G.	1	<i>@ clasp</i>
						AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE		
						C.V.S.M.	2	<i>@ clasp</i>
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						WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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D.P.R. 5-2
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FORM "B"

FILE: N.S. V-42020, PERS(N)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
- Naval Service -
OTTAWA, Canada.

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Sir:

...1 May, 1945.....
(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME SHINEWALD, Sydney James RANK or RATING Telegraphist NAVAL NO. V-42020, R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 6th July, 1942 Active Service: 29 November, 1942.

DATE OF DISCHARGE - 18 March, 1945.

HOSPITAL -
(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)

SERVICE - CANADA & HIGH SEAS
(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere)

Reason for discharge and - "Missing, PRESUMED DEAD". He was serving in H.M.C.S.
when and where any disability "CHYLSBOROUGH" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy
was incurred, or where death action at sea.
occurred.

(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. Jean Shinewald
ADDRESS - Ste #10 St. Johns Block, WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

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.

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FORM "A" RESPECTING THE ABOVE NAMED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY
FORWARDED. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS OF MARRIAGE
ALLOWANCE; DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE, etc.

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FULL RATE
DAY LETTER

TO: MRS. JEAN SHINEWALD,
STE. #10 ST. JOHNS BLOCK,
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

FROM: NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

[Handwritten mark]

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR

SON
(FATHER, HUSBAND, SON, ETC.)

SYDNEY JAMES SHINEWALD
(FULL NAME)

TELEGRAPHIST
(RATING)

OFFICIAL NO. V-43020

IS MISSING AT SEA. LETTER FOLLOWS.

*noted
D.N.P.A.
7.4.45
E.L.*

FILE N.S.V-42020
PERS. (N)
DRAFTED BY D.P.R.
LIEUT. (S) T.F. HEARD
CHECKED BY *[Signature]*
DATE 21-3-45

NAVAL

CHARGE NAVAL

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-42020 (PERS. N)

21 March, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Shinewald:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 21st of March, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Sydney James Shinewald, Telegraphist, Official Number V.42020, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

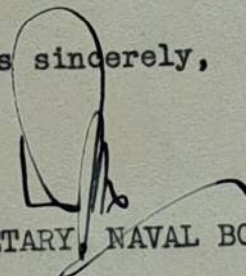
The only information that can be given at this time is that your son is missing at sea as the result of enemy action. The position of the action is such that there is little possibility of him being a prisoner of war and slight hope can be held for his survival.

Please be assured that as soon as further particulars can be released or any other news received, you will be informed.

For security reasons, it is requested that you regard the name of your son's ship in connection with his loss as confidential at this time.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Jean Shinewald,
Ste. #10 St. Johns Block,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-42020, PERS.(N) 37

23 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Shinewald:

Further to my letter of the 21st of March, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Sydney James Shinewald, Telegraphist, Official Number V-42020, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", the ship in which he was serving, the fact that all circumstances surrounding his loss have been carefully reviewed, 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 18th of March, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty at sea. Five Officers and 48 ratings, including one Royal Navy Officer and one rating who were taking passage, are missing and now presumed dead.

The above information is now being released for publication.

The following is an excerpt from the report of a Canadian Naval Press Relations Officer who was in contact with survivors of the ill-fated ship.

"Only one death occurred from the explosion but many died during the 19 hours the men who had survived the explosion spent in the water clinging to five Carley floats. Only six men of 42 on one overcrowded float lived until the rescue ship, a Royal Navy frigate, arrived.

"Both the air and the water were cold," said one of the survivors. "Most of the men who died, died smiling. If they suffered any, you'd never have known it."

"With the whaler overturned and the ship's motor boat holed by the explosion, only the Carley floats remained for the survivors. Four of the five floats were lashed together and from these the majority of the survivors were picked up. Seven hours after the men abandoned ship only 10 men remained alive on the one overcrowded Carley float. Four others died before rescue came.

"Exposure accounted for the largest number of deaths. Survivors were unanimous in saying that those who died did so quietly and with little apparent suffering.

"When the torpedo struck the Guysborough so much debris littered the decks that the Commanding Officer, Lieut. B.T.R. Russell, R. C. N. R., at first glance, thought his ship had been the victim of two simultaneous torpedoes.

"It looked at first as if the ship would survive. Guns crews were closed up, water-tight doors were closed, bulkheads shored up and every effort made to save the little vessel.

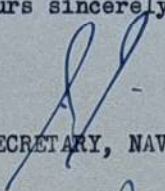
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"There was just one fatality from the torpedoing,
although some members of a gun's crew were injured."


Please allow me to 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, the high traditions of which
your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Jean Shinewald,
Ste. #10 St. Johns Block,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 22.4.45
Time 1200

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c/o C.F.M.O.
London, E.C.2.
April 3, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Shinewald:

It is with deep regret that I write this letter. I am the former Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Guysborough in which your son was serving.

I know there is nothing I can say that will take away the grief you are suffering, but I do want you to know how extremely sorry I am.

Your son was one of the ship's company for some time and I can truthfully say there was not a better telegraphist under my command, a fine boy cheerfully disposed under the most trying situations. He was a credit to you and his ship at all times and died gallantly for his country.

If I am ever in your vicinity I hope you will allow me to call on you to express my condolences in person. In the meantime if there is anything I can do please let me know and I will be only too pleased to oblige.

Yours sincerely,

B.R. Russell,
Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.

RCNVR Jan. 46 "GUYSBOROUGH"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO	Mrs. Jean Shinewald - Mother	(1)
ADDRESS:	Ste. #10, 10 984 $\frac{1}{2}$ Main St., St. John Bleek, Winnipeg, Man.	
(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW		(2)
ADDRESS:		
(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER	Mrs. Jean Shinewald	(3) 5-6-45
ADDRESS:	Ste. # 10, 10 St. Johns Blk. Winnipeg, Man.	
		MEMORIAL BAR
		DATE DESP
		REGN. NO. CANCELLED 154

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SHINEWALD	Sydney James	V-42020	Tel.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE


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No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION	RECORDED
1939-45 Star	8925 - 167-50	03-66434 M  P
Fr. Ger. Star & Clasp		
C.V.S.M. & Clasp		
War Medal		

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)