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75M-8-43 (1526)  
N.S. 815-11-5

**ATTESTATION FORM**  
(HOSTILITIES FORM) **NS 140522**

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME COLE OFFICIAL No. V 78192  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Harry Charles Beverly MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
<u>34 Beresford Ave., Toronto, Ontario</u>		<u>United</u>
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>20th Sep. 1924</u>	Town <u>Simsco</u> County <u>Norfolk</u> Province <u>Ontario</u>	<u>Mother Mrs. Radio Cole,</u> <u>Same address</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Canadian</u> Mother <u>U.S.A.</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>34</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>scar on instep of R foot</u>
Inches <u>7 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>31</u>				
<u>125</u>	Mean <u>32 1/2</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Completed Public School</u>	<u>Machine Operator</u> <u>York Arsenal Arsenal Ltd.,</u> <u>832 Old Weston Road,</u> <u>Toronto, Ontario.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>DIV. STRENGTH</u> <u>28th Jan. 1944</u>	<u>ORD 1511</u> <u>RCHVR (ZEMF)</u>	<u>"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, Air Force, 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.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO

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

Dated this ~~27th~~ 28th day of Jan. 1944

Signature of applicant Harry Cole

(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 28th

day of Jan. 1944

My authority for attestation is

[Signature]

Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

LIEUT RCNVR

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Harry Charles Beverly Cole 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 Harry Cole

Witness [Signature]

Date 28 ~~27th~~ Jan. 1944

Rank LIEUT RCNVR

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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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

"SHAWINIGAN" at Sea. H.M.C.S. .... at .....

Name COLE, Harry Charles Beverly (Christian names in full) "sawmunt"

Rank of Rating Ordinary Seaman. Official No. V78192 R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Simcoe, Ontario (If unknown, date of first entry)

Date of Birth 20th September, 1924.

Occupation in Civil Life Machine Operator Religion United Church of Canada.

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) 2nd February, 1944 to 24th November, 1944

Date of Death 24th November, 1944 Place of Death At Sea.

Cause of Death Enemy action - lost at sea. (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Sadie Cole Relationship Mother Address 84 Beresford Avenue, TORONTO, ONT.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not known

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not known.

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

Place of Burial (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

Handwritten signature and date: 11th April 1945. Commanding Officer.

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

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.

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60M-0-42 (5943)  
N.S. 815-11-17

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

*Harry Charles Beverly COLE*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

*2278140522*

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>Am B S York</i>	<i>U- 78192</i>

Date of Birth	<i>20th September 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth	<i>Simcoe - Ontario</i>	<i>Mother</i>
Place of Residence	<i>84 Berrford Ave Toronto</i>	<i>Sadie</i>
Trade brought up to	<i>Machine Operator</i>	<i>Same Address</i>
Religion	<i>United Church of Canada</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>28/Jan/44</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities Over/On</i>				

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>	<i>32 1/2</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Scar on instep of right foot</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







V78192

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V78192.

NAME COLE  
(Surname)Harry Charles Beverly  
(Given Names)DATE OF BIRTH 20th Sept. 1924.PLACE OF BIRTH Simcoe, Ontario.OCCUPATION Machine operator.RELIGION United.EDUCATION Public school completed.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

84 Beresford Ave.

Town

Toronto,

Province, etc.

Ontario.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
										From	To	
28	1	44	H.O.	5'7½"	Brown	Blue	Fair	Scar on instep of rt. foot.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				17	5	44	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 day				
				16	6	44	Marked "TR"				

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			

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 &amp; Testament Received #19855

FILM  
NO. WSR-6183-2  
DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

H.Q. 35-60M-6-43 (609)  
N.S. 815-7-35

MB.





P.I.B.

V78192 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME COLE Harry Charles Beverly  
(Surname) (Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V78192.

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. "YORK"	Ord. Smn.	28	1	44	Toronto Div. Str.	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44	Q&R S/T	21	8	44	(1492122401)		
"	"	21	2	44	Act. Serv. (DL.22.2.44)												
Cornwallis	"	25	4	44	DL.26.4.44												
Stadacona	"	23	6	44	DRD.#195 P.7.												
Scotian	"	24	8	44	DRD S/171 p-1.												
Shawinigan	"	1	9	44	DRD S# 188 P.4												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	"Missing" Presumed "DEAD" (C.L.)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Can. Memorial Cross to Mother to date 26.3.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY	MO	YR	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK		
20	9	24	11	399	X	HD	1	56	14	0	23	0	08	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		
28	01	44	21	02	44					1500	0	08	PS		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED					
DY	MO	YR	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
21	02	44	13	00	00										





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29 November, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Cole:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th of November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son Harry Charles Beverly Cole, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V.78192, 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 when the ship in which he was serving was lost. Please be assured, however, that as soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for your son's survival. When it is considered, beyond all reasonable doubt, that no further hope exists and should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of death will be made by the Canadian Naval Authorities.

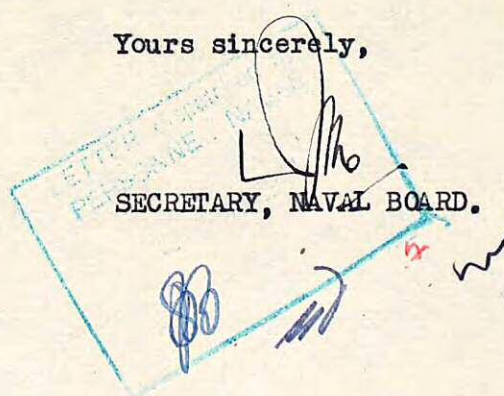
It is requested that, for security reasons, you regard the name of the ship in which your son was serving, as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Sadie Cole,  
84 Beresford Avenue,  
Toronto, Ontario.



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AIR MAIL  
N.S. V-78192 PERS. (N)

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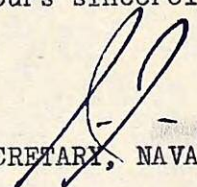
15 February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Cole:




Further to my letter of the 7th of December, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Harry Charles Beverly Cole, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-78192, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", 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 24th of November, 1944.

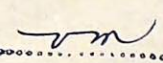
Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son, has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Sadie Cole,  
84 Beresford Avenue,  
Toronto, Ontario.

    
Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

  
Date 15.2.45  
Time 16 30

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REGISTERED  
N.S. V-78192 PERS. (N) "N"5.

, 28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Cole:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your son's ship and I am accordingly passing on the following particulars which will, no doubt, be of interest to you.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" sailed from Sydney, N.S., on the 24th of November, 1944, to escort a merchant ship to Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and arrived off Port Aux Basques that night. In accordance with orders she was then to carry out a patrol in the area for the duration of the night, after which she was to meet the same merchant ship the next morning and return with her to Sydney.

The merchant ship arrived in Sydney unescorted on the night of the 25th of November and after it was ascertained that "Shawinigan" had not appeared at the designated rendezvous to provide escort as instructed, searches were instituted and "Shawinigan" was discovered to be missing.

It was the opinion of the Department at the time that the ship had been torpedoed by an enemy submarine during the night of the 24th/25th of November, 1944, as submarines were known to be operating in that area; and this has since been confirmed from German evidence. Although no survivors were found, a few bodies were recovered by later searches, due to tidal movements, some distance from the area in which "Shawinigan" was known to be operating. As a result, the position of the sinking can not be exactly ascertained, although from German evidence and the Department's computation, it is estimated to be in the vicinity of the three mile limit off Channel Head, near Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by  
Sgt. N. B.

Date 29.8.45  
Time 1400

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Approval on N.S. O-3690, F.D.76  
See also N.S.S. 1156-331/93

Mrs. Sadie Cole,  
84 Beresford Ave.,  
Toronto, Ont.

RCNVR Dec. 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON  
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Sadie Cole - Mother  
84 Beresford Ave.,  
ADDRESS: TORONTO, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER Mrs. Sadie Cole

ADDRESS: 84 Beresford Ave., Toronto, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 2018

(2)

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26-3-45

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### AWARDS

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

COLE	Harry Charles Beverly	V-78192	O. Smn.	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:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
Atlantic Star	9892 - 24/11/49.
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)