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# ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME KENDALL OFFICIAL NO. V42009  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Robin Dirk Harding MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>345 West 27th Street, North Vancouver, B.C. North 1022</u>	<u>Church of England</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>23rd August, 1926</u>	Town <u>Hamilton,</u> County Province <u>Ontario</u>	FATHER: <u>Mr. Arthur L. Kendall, Lloyd's Warf, Foot of Bidwell Street, Vancouver, B.C.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>English</u> Mother <u>English</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> Inches <u>10 1/2</u>	Inflated <u>34</u> Deflated <u>32</u> Mean <u>33</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Scar at base of left thumb.</u>
EDUCATIONAL STANDING			TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
<u>Completed Grade Eleven</u>			<u>STUDENT</u>		

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>27th June, 1942</u>	<u>STOKER II (TEMP.)</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "DISCOVERY"</u>
DIVISIONAL STRENGTH		

## (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.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
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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.

In possession of U.I. Book - NO

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Vancouver 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 27th day of June, 1942

Signature of applicant Robin D Kendall

(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 27th

day of June, 1942

W. D. Brown Sub-Lieut. RCNVR  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Robin Dirk Harding Kendall 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 Robin D Kendall

Witness W. D. Brown

Date 27th June, 1942 Rank Sub-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

Robin Dirk Harding Kendall 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 Vancouver Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

W. D. Brown Sub-Lieut. RCNVR  
Attesting Officer.

27th June, 194 2 R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) H.M.C.S. "Discovery"

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

Robin D Kendall  
Signature



CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Robin Sirk Harding* KENDALL

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

ICNS 43848

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number..... V 42009
	<i>HMS "Discovery"</i>	" " " " " "

Date of Birth..... <i>23<sup>rd</sup> August 1925</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth..... <i>Hamilton, Ont</i>	<i>Friend 16-11-43</i>
Place of Residence..... <i>345 W 27 Ave, North Vancouver</i>	<i>Mrs J Jones</i>
Trade brought up to..... <i>Student</i>	<i>RR#1 Stanley Prairie</i>
Religion..... <i>Church of England</i>	<i>BC</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>27 June 42</i>	<i>Survation of Hostilities</i>	<i>Sto 4c</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Med.</i>	<i>scar at base of left thumb</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







VL2009

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-K-1195

OFFICIAL NUMBER

VL2009

NAME KENDALL (Surname) Robin Dirk Harding (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 23rd August, 1925.  
 PLACE OF BIRTH Hamilton, Ont., OCCUPATION Student  
 RELIGION Church of England. EDUCATION Completed Grade XI.  
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 345 West 27th St., (North 1022) Town North Vancouver Province, etc. B.C.

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
27	6	42	H.O.	5 (10 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	Brown	Brown	Medium	Scar at base of left thumb.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mr. Arthur J. Kendall  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 1111 #1 Town North Vancouver Province, etc. B.C.

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	
				3	11	42	Passed E.T. 1. RCN 2431 CNS				

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		

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NO. WAR 5703-6  
DATE

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V42009

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME KENDALL  
(Surname)

Robin Dirk Harding  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V42009 **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 "Discovery"	Stoker 11.	27	6	42	Vancouver Div. Str.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "	"	30	6	42	Active Service D.L.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Tecumseh	"	1	7	42	D.L. 1-7-42	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
Tecumseh Div.Str.	"	2	7	42	E.R.A.Course.												
Tecumseh Act.Ser.	"	5	9	42	D.L. 7-9-42												
Cornwallis.	"	30	3	43	D.L.29.3.43.												
Stadacona.	"	23	4	43	D.R.D.#H-1254.												
Hochelaga.	"	27	4	43	D.R.D.#H-1283.												
Chaleur II	"	25	5	43	WRD # 42												
Avalon	"	20	6	43	WRD 047												
Stadacona	"	20	7	43	DRD # H2123												
Chaleur II	"	22	7	43	DRD # H2132												
Hochelaga	"	4	8	43	Water Barge Crew WRD												
Shawinigan	A/Stoker I	2	9	43	Rated 249A 27606												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	"Missing" (Per Cas.List) Presumed Dead												

GENERAL REMARKS

*allotted to crew of HMCS (H) and assigned R.P. and assigned to HMCS (H-11-43)*

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			
23	8	25	11	X	X	0	30	49	04	09	0	08	0	15	93	
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE				
DY	MO.	YR.	DY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY	MO.	YR.	A	BR.	RANK				
27	06	42	30	06	42					2550	1	15	94			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED						
DY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
02	09	43	1/3	00	00		23			23						



VERIFICATION

CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR M  
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE ME

NAME IN FULL *KENDALL, Robin Dick. Harding* RANK/RATING *A./St.*

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	FROM	TO
	FROM	TO	DAYS			
	30-6-42					
<i>Shawinigan</i>	<i>7-3-44</i>	<i>24-11-44</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>St.</i>		
				<i>Dis. <u>Dead</u></i>		
				<i>24-11-44</i>		

VERIFIED BY ..... *M. J. Bloudeau* .....

VERIFIED BY .....

VERIFICATION FORM

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

Rank/RATING *A./Sts. 1/c* OFF. NO. *V-42009* ADDRESS .....

S	AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
								1939-45	/	<i>star</i>
								ATLANTIC	/	<i>star</i>
								FRANCE G.		
								AFRICA		
								PACIFIC		
								BURMA		
								ITALY		
								DEFENCE		
								C.V.S.M.		<i>2<sup>nd</sup> clasp</i>
								" CLASP		
								WAR 1945	/	<i>medal</i>
								WAR 1915		

*sk.*  
*Dead*  
*24-11-44*

VERIFIED BY *J.B.* .....

Dormant  
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Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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### REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name KENDALL, Robin Dirk HARDING  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Stoker 1st Class Official No. V42009  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Hamilton, Ontario Date of Birth 23rd August, 1925

Occupation in Civil Life Student 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) 30th June, 1942 - 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 Mr. Arthur L. Kendall Relationship Father  
R.R. # 1. LADYSMITH, B.C.  
Address General Delivery, Victoria, B.C.

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

Noted  
D. No. P.A.  
13.4.45  
E.L.

*[Signature]*  
Commanding Officer,

11th April 1945

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.

(Copy)

December 18, 1944,  
General Delivery,  
Nanaimo, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Mackie:

I was so pleased to get your letter to-day and if I had known where to write I would have written before.

Robin has talked so much of you and your folks and home, as he called your place, and it was his home that I thought of you and your sorrow immediately on getting the wire about him.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your family for all you have done for him and in that, I mean, that it is your upbringing that made him what he turned out to be. We failed, and you took over what was left and made a man out of it.

I am not sorrowing over the way things were, but rather rejoicing over the way they turned out. The boy went the way he wanted and is now beyond all grief and woe and actually it is only ourselves and our loss we are grieving for. Yours must be infinitely more than ours as he was so close to you.

Thank you again for your letter and please give our best regards to the rest of Robins other family.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Arthur L. Kendall.

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REGISTERED  
AIR MAIL

N.S. V-42009 PERS. (N)

8 December, 1944.

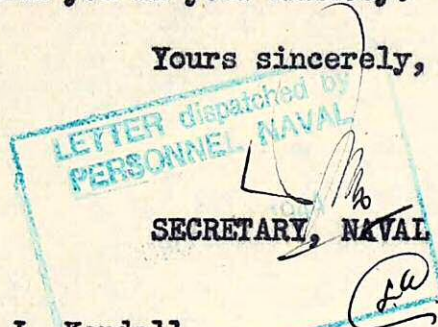
Dear Mr. Kendall:

Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, a copy of which is attached in case you have not received it, details of the disaster in which your son has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", a Royal Canadian Navy corvette, was lost while on operational duty at sea. Seven officers, including her Captain, Lieutenant W. J. Jones, R.C.N.R., and seventy-eight ratings are missing. The bodies of five other ratings have been recovered and identified. There are no known survivors.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,



SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Arthur L. Kendall,  
General Delivery,  
Victoria, B. C.

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mr. Kendall:

Further to my letter of the 16th of March, 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.

Dispatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 29.8.45  
Time 1430

Yours sincerely,

Approval on  
N.S.O-3690, FD 76  
See also N.S.S.1156-  
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Mr. Arthur L. Kendall,  
R.R. 1, Ladysmith, B.C.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.  
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R.C.N.V.R. Oct.45 "SHAWINIGAN" (Taken from Correction List)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Arthur L. Kendall - Father  
R.R. #1,  
ADDRESS: Ladysmith, B.C.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO.....

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(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER

DECEASED

ADDRESS:

(3)

DECEASED 24 November 1944

(NAVY)

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
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AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS  
D.D.

KENDALL Robin Dirk Harding		V-42009	Sto.1.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

<u>WAR SERVICE</u>			
<u>BADGE</u>			
(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:	

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star,	9630
Atlantic Star,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)