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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER

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DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:-

(B)

- (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.

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......Division of 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 (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 affoat 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 appro-

priate authorities. Jan. '41 20thday of..... Dated this..... Signature of applicant Bonald Bertrand Mc Weil

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (C)

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

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (D)

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the......

Service.

I DONALD BERTRAND MCNEIL 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.

20 Jan.

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (E)

DONALD BERTRAND MCNEIL Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the Record Book of the Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

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(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.

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N.S. 0-50584, PERS.(N) "N"/5.

2% August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. McNeil:

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 Sec. N. B.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. Em (Time 1200)

(Approval on NS 0-3690, F.D.76. (See also NSS 1156-331/93

Mrs. Pearl McNeil, 10335 - 81st St., ELMONTON, Alta.

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16th September THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.C.S. "NADEN". THE NA AL SECRETARY, DEPT. OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, OTTAWA, Ont. Donald B. McNEIL, A/E.R.A.4/c, R.C.N.V.R., O.N. V-22838 Submitted for the consideration of the That the above-mentioned rating be advanced from A/E.R.A. 4/c, R.C.N.V.R. to E.R.A. 4/c (Confirmed) R.C.N.V.R., under the provisions of N.M.O. 1052, Para. 3, Section V, (b). D.B. McNeil has had the following qualifying experience:-14 months' at Camlaren Mines Installation and operation of Diesel engines. 3 months' installation of Diesel plant at Eldorado Radium mine. 27 months! at Negus Mining Co,, installation and operation of internal compustion engines. 6 months' as fitter in National Steel Car Co., Melton, Ont. He was reported as Superior during his training in Commercial Ships. This rating is considered qualified and is recommended for this advancement. Service Certificate enclosed. I. W. McLANDRESS PAY-LIEUT, R. C. N. K. (W.B. Holms) A/CLPTAIN, R.C

FROM:

TO :

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N.S. 0-50584, PERS.(N) Policy No. #486,452.

10 March, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Mr. Donald Bertrand McNeil, Warrant Engineer, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 24th of November, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", was lost while on operational duty at sea.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. 0-50584 PERS(N)

February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. McNeil:

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, Mr. Donald Bertrand McNeil, Warrant Engineer, 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. Pearl McNeil, 10409 - 78th Street, EDMONTON, Alberta.

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Despatched by Sec. N. B.

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Dear Mrs. McNeil:

Further to my letter of the 1st December, 1944, 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.

It is requested that you will regard this information as confidential until an official announcement is made.

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

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Pearl McNeil, 10409-78th Street, EDMONTON, Alberta. By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

To Donald Bertrand McNeil, Chief Engine Room Artificer, (Acting), O.N. V-22838, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary), --

> promoted and appointed Dou are hereby appointed

Acting Warrant Engineer, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (1) NANAIMO additional.

- (2) STADACONA additional.
- (3) STADACONA additional for leave.
- (4) STADACONA additional for disposal.
- (5) SHAWINIGAN in charge of machinery.

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(1) 15th April, 1944. (2) 1st August, 1944.

(3) 7th August, 1944. (4) 31st August, 1944.

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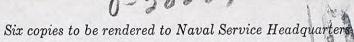
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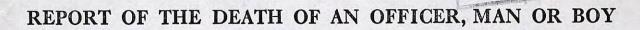
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H.M.C.S. SHAWINIGAN at Sea
Name McNEIL, Donald Bertrand (Christian names in full)
Rank of Rating Wt. Engineer, RCNVR Temp. Official No. (If unknown, date of first entry) Edmonton, Alberta Date of Birth Date of Birth United Church
Occupation in Civil Life Machinist Religion United Church
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) 5th August, 1944 - 24th Nov., 1944
Date of Death 24th Nov., 1944 Place of Death At Sea
Cause of Death
Nearest known relative or friend. Pearl McNeil mother Name 10409-78th St. Relationship Address Edmonton, Alberta.
Date on which the above was informed by Ship
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, accord-
ing to Nationality
Place of Burial
Location, Number, etc., of grave(if known)
Undertaker employed (if any)
If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalided
Commanding Officer, May 1945
The Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence,

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(1)	MEDALS PERSON ENTITLED TO	Mrs. Pearl McNeil - Mother	MEMORIAL BAR
	ADDRESS:	10409 - 78Th Street, EDMONTON, Alta. (Sask on file)	DATE DESP
(2)	MEMORIAL CROSS		REGN. NO.
	ADDRESS:		
(3)	MEMORIAL CROSS		
	MOTHER	Mrs. Pearl McNeil	26 March 1945
	ADDRESS:	10335 - 81st Street EDMONTON, Alta.	

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