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P 1583

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT

To be forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, with Form S. 59

CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL		NEXT OF KIN		PRESENT RATING			
Eric Whitehouse,		Friend, Charles Wm. Kerridge, R.N.I. Chillawack, Address..... B.C.		Ord. Sea.			
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER				
June. 19 th 1908.	Town.....	London	Comdr, L.W. Murray, R.C.N. S.W.O. Esquimaux, B.C. NATIONAL DEFENCE				
	County.....						
	Province.....	England.					
Personal Description at the Date of this Document							
Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	OR OCCUPATION
5.5"	35 33 1/2 32.	Light Brown	Blue	bud.	Wound scar on left side of neck.	C.P.C.	Dairy Hand.
Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	27th. January 1930.		Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	Seven Years.			
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	27th. January 1930.		Date of entering present ship	27th. January 1930.			

Particulars of former Continuous Service Engagements, if any; but, if none, and the person engaging has had previous Service, the date of his First Entry should be given. If the person has not previously served, write the words "First Entry" here.

First Entry.

If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded in to office, with the Engagement, on Form S.—1243.

Declaration of Entry or Re-entry from Shore for Continuous Service

The following questions are to be put by the Commanding Officer to the person about to engage for Continuous Service, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

- Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct?..... Yes.
- Are you a British subject? †..... Yes.
- Nationality of parents—Father..... English. Mother..... English.
- Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R.C. Mounted Police? ‡..... No.
- Do you now belong to the Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force or any Regiment or Corps in His Majesty's Army, or to any established Naval or Army Reserve Force, or to the R.C. Mounted Police? ‡..... No.
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date..... No.
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army or R.C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct?..... No.
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?..... Yes.
- Can you swim?..... No.

* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.

† Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."

‡ Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H. M. Indian or Colonial Military forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal Fleet Reserve Instructions). If an R.N.R. man, state number of R.V. 2.

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Declaration and Certificate for Men newly entered and Men who have been out of the Service since the expiration of their previous C. S. Engagement

I, Eric Whitehouse, do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Naval Service of Canada* for the Term of 7 Years from 27th. January 30. 19230., provided my service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this 27th. day of January 19230.

..... Eric Whitehouse Man's Signature in full

Witness to Signature..... Henry Finch

Attested before me this 27th. day of January 19230.

..... J. Edwards Lt. Cdr. } Signature of a Commissioned
Officer of the Naval Service

Date 27th. January 19230.

This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

..... J. Edwards Lt. Cdr. Commanding Officer

..... J. E. Hunter Capt R.C.M.D. Medical Officer

II—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date..... 192.....

This is to certify that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent lad, of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation, and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

‡The consent of his parents or guardian has been obtained in writing, and they are willing and desirous that the boy should be entered for..... years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age.

..... Commanding Officer
..... Lieutenant
..... Medical Officer

I declare that to the best of my knowledge or belief the answers to the questions on the other side of this form are true, and that I am not indentured as an apprentice.

I am willing to enter and serve in the Naval Service in Canada for..... years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, provided my service should be so long required, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till I attain that age. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

..... Boy's Signature in full

Witness to Signature.....

Attested before me this..... day of..... 192.....

..... } Signature of a Commissioned
Officer of the Naval Service

III—Re-engagement for Continuous Service

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used:
I,....., now serving as a.....
on board H.M.C.S....., who on the..... of..... 192.....

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of §..... years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period ||..... from ¶..... 192..... provided my services should be so long required.

..... Man's Signature in full
..... 192.....

Witness,..... Commanding Officer

* Insert "for the term of (number in words) years," or "to complete (number) years for pension," or "until I attain the age of years."
† Insert the date from which the engagement actually commences.
‡ The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths over 17 years of age.)
§ To be written in words.
|| Insert as follows:—"Of (number) years," or "to complete time for pension," or "until I attain the age of years," as the case may be.
¶ Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement, which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is ante-dated) earlier than the date of execution.

*Leaves
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The corner of this certificate is to be cut off whenever it is considered that the man's antecedents and character are such as to render his re-entry at any future time undesirable. Whenever the corner is cut off the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the Service of

Eric Whitehouse

In the Naval Service of Canada

R.C.N.S. 25596

PORT DIVISION	<i>Esquimaux B.C.</i>	OFFICIAL NUMBER	<i>2464</i>
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Date of Birth..... *19 June 1904*

Where born { Town..... *London*
County and Province..... *England*

Usual place of residence.....

Trade brought up to..... *Sailor*

Religious denomination..... *Church of England*

Next of kin..... *Wife Alice Olivia 3165 Earl Grey, Victoria B.C.*

Can swim..... *No. P.P.T. (Fini) 18-11-32*

Man's signature on discharge to pension.....

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENTS			MEDALS, CLASPS, etc.	
Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteering for	Date Received	Nature of Decoration
<i>27 Jan '30</i>	<i>27 Jan '30</i>	<i>7 years</i>	<i>29 Jan '44</i>	<i>C.V.M. (Return Clasp)</i>
<i>10 Dec '36</i>	<i>27 Jan '37</i>	<i>Seven years</i>		
<i>26 Jan '44</i>	<i>27 Jan '44</i>	<i>Seven years</i>		

DESCRIPTION OF PERSON	STATURE		COLOUR OF			MARKS, WOUNDS AND SCARS
	Feet	In.	Complexion	Hair	Eyes	
On entry as a boy.....						
On advancement to man's rating, or on entry under 28 years.....	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Med.</i>	<i>Light Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Round scar on left side of neck.</i>
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years....						
Further description if necessary....						

Noted in Service Records by [Signature] 22.10.44

This is an Official Document. Any alteration made to it render the offender liable to severe penalties.

Name Eric Whitehouse

SHIP'S NAME	LIST AND No.	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
USS "Haden"	5 th 510	Ord. Sea.	27 Jan '30	6 June '30	
Tanconer	155	"	7 June '30	28 July '31	
"	5 th 155	Able Seaman	29 July '31	8 Aug '32	
Naden	" 751	"	9 Aug '32	30 Nov '32	
Armenteres	12 th 153	A.B.	1 Dec '32	13 July '34	
Naden	5 th 940	"	14 July '34	4 Jan '35	
Tanconer	5 th 294	"	3 Jan '35	25 Nov '36	
"NADEN"		"	26 Nov '36	20 Jan '37	
Traser		"	22 Jan '37	27 Feb '37	
Skelso		"	24 Feb '37	9 Aug '37	
Naden		"	10 Aug '37	16 Aug '37	
Excellent		"	17 Aug '37	31 Dec '37	
Victory (Forester)		"	1 Jan '38	1 Apr '38	
Pembroke (Cruiser)		"	2 Apr '38	1 July '38	
Excellent		"	2 July '38	30 Sep '38	
Naden		"	1 Oct '38	16 Jan '39	
Ottarow		"	17 Jan '39	4 July '39	
Naden		"	5 July '39	9 Aug '40	
"Givenchy" (Guard Boat)		"	10 Aug '40	13 Sep '40	
"Naden"		"	14 Sep '40	30 Nov '40	
"		A/Z. SEA (TY)	1 Dec '40	28 Aug '41	
Givenchy (Quint)		"	29 Aug '41	31 Oct '41	
Venture (Quint)		"	1 Nov '41	19 Nov '41	
Strascona		"	20 Nov '41	22 Nov '41	
Hochelaga		L/Smn	23 Nov '41	30 Nov '41	
			1 Dec '41	8 Dec '41	

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Sambro
Diada
Protector
Stad
Naden
H.M.S. No

DATE	Wounds received in Action and Hurt Certificate; also any meritorious Service, Special recommendations, Prize or other grants	CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE
22 Sep '38	Hurt Certificate Granted	J. Edwards
10 Jan '42	Granted S.C. In. Lt. No. B. 15211	
29 Feb '43	Granted S.C. In. Lt. No. B. 57187	

Exam
DATE
15 July '31
11 Aug '39
24 Sep '40
29 Nov '41
5 May '42
8 July '41

SHIP'S NAME	LIST AND No.	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
Sambre (Frederickton)		Lt. Smb. (try)	9 Dec '41	31 Mch '42	
Stadacona		Asst. P.O. (try)	1 Apr '42	8 Apr '42	
Protector (Grandmere)		"	9 Apr '42	16 Jun '42	
Stadacona		"	12 Jun '42	30 Dec '42	X
"		"	31 Dec '42	31 Mch '43	
"		P.O.	1 Apr '43	14 Mch '43	
"		H. R.P.O. (try)	15 Mch '43	19 Nov '43	
Naden		"	20 Nov '43	7 Feb '44	
H.M.S. Nabob		"	8 Feb '44	14 Mch '44	
"		R.P.O. (try)	15 Mch '44	22 Aug '44	D.D.

Examinations and Notations other than those entered on Gunnery and Torpedo History Sheet.

DATE	PARTICULARS	CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE	DATE	PARTICULARS	CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE
15 July 31	"Tr."	Alkharidlaw	25 Mch '42	Qual. prof. P.O.	Alkharidlaw
11 Sep 39	Suppld. A/G. App.	Alkharidlaw	1-43	Passed for R.P.O.	H.M. Collier
24 Sep 40	Passed Prof. for Fly Smb (fair)	Alkharidlaw			
29 Mch '41	Suppld. A/G. App. Issued by Recoverable	Alkharidlaw			
5 May '41	Warrant # 37702	Alkharidlaw			
8 July '41	Passed E.T. 1.	Alkharidlaw			

Name Eric Whitehouse

Conduct.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT INCLUSIVE DATES CHARACTER, ABILITY IN RATING, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEDAL AND GRATUITY (R.M.G.) ON 31st DECEMBER EACH YEAR AND ON DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE.

From	To	Character	Ability in Rating noting Seaman's duty, e.g., Coxswain, etc.,	R.M.G.	Date	Captain's Signature
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"Efficiency" in substantive rating replaced "ability" on 31st May, 1926, and the terms used now have the following meanings:—
 Superior—above average efficiency
 Satisfactory—average efficiency
 Moderate—efficient but below average efficiency
 Inferior—inefficient
 The "Exceptional" notation is abolished.
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without regard to fitness for advancement.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES

Date	1st, 2nd 3rd	Granted, Deprived Restored
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27 Jan '33 1st Granted
 24 Jan '38 2nd Granted
 27 Jan '43 3rd Granted

V.G.	Inv. (Old Ser)	31 Dec 30	W. H. H. [Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 31	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 32	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 33	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 34	F. C. Jones
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 35	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 36	J. E. W. Stand.
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 37	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 38	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 39	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 40	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec 41	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.) R.M.	31 Dec 42	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (A.R.P.O.) R.M.	31 Dec 43	[Signature]
V.G.	Sat. (R.P.O.) R.M.	22 Aug 44	[Signature]

Date	P. D.C., C.P., or W.T.	Days	Date	P. D.C., C.P., or W.T.	Days	Date	P. D.C., C.P., or W.T.	Days	Date	P. D.C., C.P., or W.T.	Days

Time Forfeited

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER 2464

NAME **WHITEHOUSE.** (Surname) **Eric.** (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH **19th June, 1908.**
 PLACE OF BIRTH **London, England.** OCCUPATION **Dairy Hand.**
 RELIGION **Church of England.** EDUCATION
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. **Victoria** Town **B.C.** Province, etc.

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
27	1	30	Seven Years.	5' 5"	Lt. Brn.	Blue	Med.	Round scar on left			
27	1	37	Seven Years.	5' 5"	"	"	"	side of neck.			
27	1	44	Seven Years.	5' 5"	Dk. Brn.	"	Fair.	Scar on rt. forearm.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *Wife (de 14/6/44)* NAME (in pencil) *Mrs. Alice Whitehouse*
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. *3165 Earl Grey Ave.* Town *Esquimalt* Province, etc. *B.C.*

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
22	9	38	Granted Hurt Certificate.	24	9	40	Passed Prof. for Ldg. Smn.				
	2	44	Awarded C.V.S.M. Ribbon & Clasp.	8	7	41	Passed E.T. "ONE".				
				25	3	42	Passed Prof. for P.O.				
				10	3	43	Passed Prof. for R.P.O.				

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 or Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year		
27	1	33	1st	Granted.							
27	1	38	2nd	Granted.							
27	1	43	3rd	Granted.							

FILM
NO. *442-4565-3*
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 & Test. dated 3.6.41. Received.

2464 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME **WHITEHOUSE** Eric. OFFICIAL NUMBER 2464
 (Surname) (Given Names)

P.I.B.

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Q		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Naden	Ord.Smn.	27	1	30		V.G.	Mod.	31	12	30	S.G.	11	11	37			
Vancouver	"	7	6	30		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	31	Q.R.3.	1	1	39			
"	A.B.	29	7	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	32							
Naden	"	9	8	32		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	33							
Armentieres.	"	1	12	32		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	34							
Naden	"	14	7	34		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	35							
Vancouver	"	5	1	35		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	36							
Naden	"	26	11	36	Armentieres 14-27/12/36.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	37							
Fraser	"	22	1	37		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	38							
Skeena	"	28	3	37		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39							
Naden	"	10	8	37		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
HMS.Excellent.	"	17	8	37		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Victory II-Forester	"	1	1	38	S.S.Montrose 17/8/37.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Pembroke-Crusader.	"	2	4	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
HMS.Excellent.	"	2	7	38		V.G.	Sat.	22	8	44							
Naden	"	1	10	38													
Ottawa	"	17	1	39													
Naden	"	5	7	39													
"	A/Ldg.Smn.(Ty)	1	12	40													
Quinte	"	29	8	41													
Stadacona	"	20	11	41													
Hoch.Manning Pool	"	23	11	41													
"	Idg.Smn.(Ty)	1	12	41	Confirmed.												
Fredericton.	"	9	12	41													
"	A /P.O.(Ty)	1	4	42													
Stadacona	"	9	4	42													
Grandmere	"	12	6	42													
Stadacona	"	31	12	42													
"	A/R.P.O.(Ty)	15	3	43	Transferred.												
Naden	"	20	11	43													
HMS.Nabob.	"	8	2	44													
"	R.P.O.(Ty)	15	3	44	Confirmed.												
DISCHARGED	"	22	8	44	Missing-Presumed Dead. Casualty List												

GENERAL REMARKS

9.9.44-Memorial Cross issued to
 Wife: Mrs.Alice Whitehouse,
 3165 Earl Grey Ave., Esquimalt, B.C.

Body recovered. Buried at Douglas
 Bank Cemetery, Dunfermline, Fife,
 Scotland 29.9.44.

Checked with Service Certificate
 27.10.44.

Orig. on NS. 21-8-3

N.2026/38.

ADMIRALTY, S.W. 1, 35

20th April, 1938.

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REFERENCE
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CANADA

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 5th August, 1937, NS: 21-5-3, NS: 21-8-3, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that Joseph M. Paul, Acting Leading Seaman, (G.L.) R.C.N. 2264 and Eric Whitehouse, Able Seaman, (S.G.) R.C.N. 2464, have been recommended for the non-substantive ratings of Director Layer and Gunlayer respectively. These ratings can be received to qualify as convenient and I am therefore to enquire whether they can be allowed to take these additional courses.

Form S.1303 is attached.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) H. Eastwood

The Chief of the Naval Staff,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

BM:IEB.

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5th May, 1938.

Sir:

With reference to Admiralty Letter N.2026/38 of 20th April, 1938, be pleased to inform Their Lordships that it will be appreciated if Joseph M. Paul, Acting Leading Seaman, (G.L.), R.C.N.2264, and Eric Whitehouse, Able Seaman, (S.G.), R.C.N.2464, may be given courses for Director Layer and Gunlayer respectively.

2. It is requested that they be given the courses as soon as possible in order that they may be available for H.M.S. CRUSADER and H.M.S. COMET.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Percy W. Nelles),
Commodore, R.C.N.,
Chief of the Naval Staff.



The Secretary of the Admiralty,
Whitehall,
LONDON, S.W.1,
England.

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3rd October, 1944.

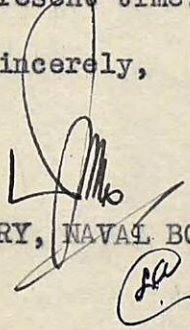
Dear Mrs. Whitehouse:

Further to my letter of the 29th of August, 1944, it has now been learned from the Canadian Naval Authorities overseas that the body of your husband, Eric Whitehouse, Regulating Petty Officer, Official Number 2464, Royal Canadian Navy, has been recovered and positively identified.


He was buried with full Naval honours at Douglas Bank Cemetery, Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland, on Friday, the 29th of September, 1944. The exact location of the grave in this cemetery is not yet known.

Your husband's grave is being cared for and will be temporarily marked with a specially designed wooden cross bearing his official particulars. While the Imperial War Graves Commission is the authority for permanently marking, by the use of a uniform headstone, the graves of His Majesty's forces who die on active service, it is understood that due to war conditions these headstones cannot be erected at the present time.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Alice Whitehouse,
3165 Earl Grey Ave.,
VICTORIA, B.C.



29th August, 1944. 91

Dear Mrs. Whitehouse:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th of August, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Eric Whitehouse, Regulating Petty Officer, Official Number 2464 Royal Canadian Navy, is missing, presumed dead due to enemy action.

According to the report received, your husband is missing at sea due to enemy action overseas. The circumstances of his loss, however, are such that no hope is held for his survival and it is with regret that I must inform you that he is presumed dead.

No details of the action can be released at this time but you may rest assured that as soon as further particulars may be given they will be forwarded to you.

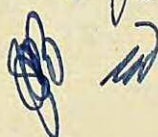
Should you know the name of the ship in which your husband was serving, it is requested that you will regard it, together with the fact that she has been in contact with the enemy, as strictly confidential, until such time as an official announcement is made.

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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Alice Whitehouse,
3165 Earl Grey Avenue,
ESQUIMALT, B.C.



, 23 July, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Whitehouse:

Further to my letter of the 3rd of October, 1944, I am passing on the following particulars regarding the Naval action during which your husband lost his life. This information has been released for publication.

H.M.S. "NABOB", a Canadian-manned aircraft carrier, in which your husband was serving, while operating with other units of the British Home Fleet was torpedoed by an enemy U-boat off North Cape, Norway, in August, 1944. Eleven Canadian Naval ratings lost their lives as a result of the disaster and several Canadian Naval ratings were seriously injured. The ship, although sustaining severe damage, returned to a north British port five days later.

The following is a synopsis of the newspaper account of the disaster in case you may not have read it:

H.M.S. "NABOB" was preparing to fuel three escort vessels when a U-boat fired a torpedo which caught her on the starboard side. A terrific explosion followed and the vessel listed to starboard and settled at the stern. Shortly thereafter two other torpedoes were fired at the ship, both of which missed. However, the first of these severely damaged H.M.S. "BICKERTON", a destroyer escort, which was later sunk.

H.M.S. "NABOB" was very seriously damaged by the torpedo but when it became apparent that there was a possibility of saving her, every effort was made by the crew to keep her afloat: aircraft were secured in the hangars and on flight decks, hatches and doors were closed, sealing off compartments of the ship, ventilators and fans were repaired and smoke and fumes were cleared from the engine room. In four hours the ship was able to make way slowly through the water.

After the torpedoing, a screen was maintained around H.M.S. "NABOB" by three Royal Naval destroyer escort ships. Nevertheless it was later found that the submarine was still trailing the ship, so two bombers were flown off the sloping deck and drove off the U-boat, while H.M.S. "NABOB" altered her course.

After a perilous trip due to the threat of enemy aircraft and U-boats, rough seas and her damaged condition, the ship finally reached a north British port.

May I again extend to you the sincere sympathy of the Department and express the hope that you may be afforded some small measure of consolation in knowing that your husband died in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country.

Yours sincerely,


 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
Despatched by
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 Mrs. Alice Whitehouse,
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