

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

C.N.S. 2417
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N.S. 815-9-2417

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APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
OTTAWA.

(Place)

(Date)

15 1939
67-21-248

SIR:-

I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a Writer Second choice - Steward
(Insert rating chosen)

I certify that the following particulars are in my own handwriting and are true in every respect:

1. Name (to be given in full in Block Letters) George Eaton Stuart 1918
2. Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian *must* be attached) November twenty-first
3. Place of Birth. Town Saskatoon, Province Saskatchewan
4. Permanent Place of Residence. No. none Street Main
Town Olive, Province British Columbia
5. Are you a British Subject? yes
6. How long have you resided in Canada? all my life
7. What is your Mother Tongue? English
8. What other language do you speak? none
9. Are you of the White Race? yes
10. Are you Single, Married or a Widower? Single
11. How far advanced educationally are you? Finished grade ten. wrote
Grade Eleven in Olive and partially failed.
(Certificates of School Authorities *must* be attached)
12. What practical experience have you had?
(Details and certificates from employers, trade credentials, etc., *must* be attached to substantiate employment reported.)
Two and one half years practical photography under professional teacher
13. Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? no
14. If so, give details. none
15. Have you ever served in such forces? no
16. If so, give dates and details. none
17. Have you ever been discharged from His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? no
18. Have you ever offered to serve in His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? no
Why? No reason
19. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence?
(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19) no
20. What is your weight? 141 Height 5' 11 1/2" Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 34 1/4
21. Have you ever had fits? no
22. Do you suffer from any deformity? no
23. Have you suffered the loss of any fingers, toes, etc.? no
24. Do you suffer from any disease? no
25. Do you wear glasses? no
26. Are you subject to any disability which might cause your rejection?
none
27. Give details. none
28. Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? yes
A. W. G. Lipton Signature of Witness George Eaton Stuart Signature of Applicant

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF CANDIDATES UNDER 21 YEARS OLD

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for transportation to a Naval Base of the above applicant, should he, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval Service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within his own control. Signed and Sealed at Olive, B.C., this 12th day of January, 1939, in the presence of
Terrance C. MacLaughlin Signature of Witness A. W. G. Lipton Signature of Parent or Guardian

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY CANDIDATES OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for my transportation to a Naval Base, should I, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval Service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within my own control.
Signed and Sealed at....., this..... day of....., 19....., in presence of.....
Signature of Witness Signature of Candidate

H. M. S. "NADEN"

40618. OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN Space to be left vacant if not known

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CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT

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

Form with fields: CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL (George Eaton STUART), NEXT OF KIN (Ruth Mother- Adeline), PRESENT RATING (Steward), DATE OF BIRTH (21st November, 1918), PLACE OF BIRTH (Saskatoon), NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER (R.I. Agnew Commander RCN. Barracks, Esquimalt, BC)

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Table with 8 columns: Height (5'10"), Chest (34 1/2), Hair (Light Brown), Eyes (Grey), Complexion (Fair), WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS (Scars right & left knee caps. Scar over left eye.), Religious Denomination (United), TRADE OR OCCUPATION (Labourer)

Table with 4 columns: Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement (31st July, 1939), Period of Engagement or Re-engagement (Seven years), Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage (31st July, 1939), Date of entering present ship (31st July, 1939)

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:—

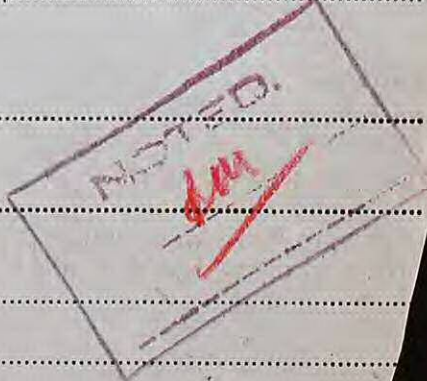
- 1. Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct? Yes
2. Are you a British subject? Yes
3. Nationality of parents—Father Canadian Mother French-Canadian
4. Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R.C. Mounted Police? No
5. 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
6. 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
7. Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army or R. C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
9. Can you swim? Yes

* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form. † Foreigners are not to be entered. ‡ 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.

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Noted in Service Records by [Signature] 22-9-39



H. M. S. "NADEN"

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NATIONAL DEFENCE
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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 George Eaton STUART		NEXT OF KIN Rank Mother- Adeline Name. Box 265, Address. Oliver, BC	PRESENT RATING Steward
DATE OF BIRTH* 21st November, 1918	Town Saskatoon	PLACE OF BIRTH† County Sask. Province ask.	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER R.I. Agnew Commander RCN. Barracks, Esquimalt, BC

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'10"	34½	Light Brown	Grey	Fair	Scars right & left knee caps. Scar over left eye.	United	Labourer

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	31st July, 1939	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	Seven years
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	31st July, 1939	Date of entering present ship	31st July, 1939

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.—1248.

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..... **Canadian** Mother..... **French-Canadian**
- 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?..... **Yes**

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* 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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Noted in Service
Records by *Am*
22-9-39

I.—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, **George Eaton STUART**, 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 a period of seven years** from † **31st July, 1939** 193, 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 **8th** day of **August, 1939** 193.

George Eaton Stuart Man's Signature in full
Witness to Signature *M.A.A.*

Attested before me this **8th** day of **August, 1939** 193.

J. Edwards { Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service
COMMANDER
Date **8th August, 1939** 193.

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.

W. Rodwell **COMMANDER** Commanding Officer
CAPTAIN, RCAMC. Medical Officer

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date..... 193.....

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 of 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..... 193.....

..... { 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..... 193.....

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of §..... years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period**..... from ††..... 193..... provided my services should be so long required.

..... Man's Signature in full
..... 193.....

..... 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.)
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.
At 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.

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME STUART
(Surname)

George Eaton
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 40618

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
Naden	Stwd.	31	7	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39							
Comox	"	20	10	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
Naden	"	11	3	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Haro	"	15	4	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	"	14	3	41		Ind.	Sat.	31	12	43							
N.S.H.O.	"	19	3	41		GOOD SUP		31	12	44							
Naden	"	16	4	41		VG	SAT	31	12	45							
Royal Roads	"	10	5	41													
Wasaga	"	29	6	41													
Naden	"	20	8	41													
Stadacona	"	24	8	41													
Burlington	"	3	9	41													
	Idg. Stwd(Ty)	1	12	41													
Stadacona	"	26	12	41													
Annapolis	"	2	1	42	98025												
Stadacona	"	11	6	42	SRA												
Fort Ramsay	"	19	6	42	94081												
	Stwd.	18	1	43	Disrated. 249A# 9712												
Stadacona	"	15	3	43	RRD 4-925												
Givenchy(379)	"	25	3	43	RRD 4-1019												
Chignecto	"	29	4	43	RRD 971												
Givenchy	"	1	5	43	RRD 979												
C.N. 379	"	31	7	43	RRD 10144												
St. Catherines	"	1	8	43	RRD 1431												
Givenchy	"	28	8	43	RRD 1526												
Prince Rupert	"	28	9	43	RRD 1649												
Stadacona	"	4	11	43													
Ingonish	"	10	11	43	RRD 14315 X												
Stadacona	"	11	11	43	RRD 43159												
	Idg/Stwd.(Ty)	1	7	44	249A 144783												
Hochelaga II	"	9	5	44	RRD 15728												
St. Therese	"	28	5	44	RRD 893												
	Stwd.	18	11	44	Reverted for unsuitability (249A 23591)												
HMS Ferret	"	19	11	44	RRD H833P-1												
St. Lambert	"	25	11	44	RRD H833P-1												
Avalon	"																
Seacliffe	"	2	2	45	RRD 5399 P7												
AVALON					270445 ADO 53202												
LONGUEUIL					050545 ADO 53982												
UGANDA	L STWD				190545 ALT 1850												
DISCHARGED	"				221045 EDB 65231												
					"Accidentally Killed" (1122, 472)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Passed away due to a freak accident while ironing on 11 April, 1946, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, South America.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELIED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY	MO	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P	CTY	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	BR	RANK	
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OFFICIAL NUMBER 40618

NAME STUART (Surname) George Eaton (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 21 Nov. 1918PLACE OF BIRTH Saskatoon, Sask. OCCUPATION LabourerRELIGION United Church EDUCATION Grade XI.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. _____ Town Oliver 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
31	7	39	Seven years	5'10"	L.Br.	Grey	Fair	Scars R. & L. knee caps, scar over L. eye				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife 21/11/45 NAME (in pencil) Mrs Dorothy StuartADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 3227 King St. 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
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				4	12	40	Passed pro. Ldg. Stwd.				
				4	5	43	Passed B.T. "One".				
				20	4	44	Qual. Prof. for P.O. Stwd. <u>File</u>				

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			
31	7	42	1st G.C.B.	Granted	Fort Ramsay	36	18	1	43	1. Property Without the consent of owners.	Deprived one G.C.B.	
18	1	43	1st. GCB.	Deprived.						2. Appropriate one bottle of spirits.	Disrated to Stwd.	
10	19	43	1st.	Granted						3. Smuggling spirits ashore.	66 dys. detention.	
12	10	44	1st	Deprived						4. Did forge names with intent to deceive.		
12	10	45	1st G.C.B.	Restored	Ste. Therese	3	12	10	44	Improperly leave	Deprived of 1 G.C.B.	

FILM
NO. WAR-5039-4
DATE 2-11-65

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
18	1	43		53	2496	9751		

O.H.F. Received.

W. S. G.
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

INVENTORY

Date... October 29, 1946

The Estates Branch has received the following personal effects of

NAME..... STUART George Leading Steward 40618E

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| Two (2) Canvas cases for white uniforms | 1 civilian pullover |
| 3 Pyjama coats | 1 swimming trunks |
| 10 handkerchiefs | 1 sweatshirt |
| 1 pyjama trousers | 1 Pair white socks |
| 1 Underwear singlet | 2 soap bags |
| 2 white silk scarves | 1 soap box |
| 1 canvas collar case | 1 Pair cuff links |
| 1 wallet | 1 wooden box of photograpic supplies |
| 1 small picture (nickel frame | 1 Leather sewing kit |
| 1 civilian hat | 1 blue sweatshirt |
| 1 pr. blue gloves | 1 pr. black leather shoes |
| 1 tooth brush | 1 pr. white sports shorts |
| 1 comb | 5 handkerchiefs |
| 3 black note books | 1 leather belt |
| 1 leather case and photos | 1 book |
| 3 collars, white | 1 marriage certificate |
| 2 leather shaving cases and contents <i>less water</i> | 4 keys |
| 2 neckties, civilian | 4 bank of Commerce Savings Books |
| 1 Package used postcards | |
| 1 Set ribbons | |
| 1 leather case of small pictures | |
| 1 album and pictures | |
| 1 tin box (with pictures) | |
| 1 album and pictures | |
| 1 camera folding No. A150and case | |
| 2 towels | |
| 3 shirts, civilian | |
| 1 Kodak instruction book | |
| 2 pair braces | |
| 1 leather change purse and buttons | |

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- 1 duplicated of
*All sent to her hands. *Mrs.**
to with draw any credit.



Received the effects as listed

except what in Bracket
SIGNATURE *George Stewart*

DATE REC'D.... *Nov 18, 1946*

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N.S.N-40618,
Pers.(N) "N"/5

4th June, 1946.

Dear Sir:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm my telegram of the 3rd June, 1946, informing you of the death of George Eaton Stuart, Leading Steward, Official Number 40618, Royal Canadian Navy, on the 11th of April, 1946, due to an accident in H.M.C.S. "UGANDA" at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, South America.

In the case of a death, it is the practice of the Department to notify only the designated next-of-kin and any other relatives or friends whom the deceased had previously indicated should be informed in the case of serious illness or death. Accordingly, in this case only the wife of the late Leading Steward Stuart, Mrs. Dorothy Stuart, 227 King Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, was informed.

It would be appreciated if the attached copies of my letters dated the 15th of April and 13th of May, 1946, to Mrs. Dorothy Stuart, might be passed on to his mother and also if her full name and mailing address were forwarded to the Department in order that a silver Memorial Cross might be sent to her.

Yours truly,

Encl.

Mr. C.M. Kemp,
BIGGAR, Sask.

A.S.
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Date 5.6.46
Time 9:00

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

UNCLASSIFIED

From:

MRS. DOROTHY STUART
227 KING STREET
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

NSHQ

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THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES
DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR HUSBAND
GEORGE EATON STUART LEADING STEWARD, ROYAL CANADIAN
NAVY OFFICIAL NO. 40618 HAS PASSED AWAY DUE TO AN
ACCIDENT ON 11TH APRIL 1946. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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ADDRESSEE AT 152200Z

(DELIVERY CONFIRMED IN CHIPPAWA'S 160235Z)

HM PL 15-4-46 BK 2952

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REGISTERED

AIR - MAIL

N.S. N-40618, PERS.(N) "N"/5.

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15 April, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Stuart:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 15th of April, 1946, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, George Eaton Stuart, Leading Steward, Official Number 40618, Royal Canadian Navy, has passed away due to an accident on the 11th of April, 1946.

It is understood the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "UGANDA" previously forwarded this sad news to you to 237 Smith Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba. As this address differs from the one on file in the Department, this information is again being passed to you in case you did not receive the previous message.

The only additional information available at this time is that H.M.C.S. "UGANDA" was at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, South America, at the time of your husband's death. As soon as any further particulars are received, you will be informed immediately.

As the Canadian Naval Regulations do not permit the return of bodies of Canadian Naval Forces who die while serving at points outside Canada or the United States of America, to Canada it is presumed that Leading Steward Stuart will be interred in South America. The exact location of his grave, however, will be forwarded to you at an early date.

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.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
NAVAL SECRETARY.

NOTED
ESTATES CARD
APR 27 1946
D.N.P.A. SEC. 11
Date 17.4.46
Time 10 00

[Signature]

Mrs. Dorothy Stuart,
227 King Street,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

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REGISTERED

AIR - MAIL

N.S. N-40618, PERS.(N) "N"
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13 May, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Stuart:

Further to my letter of the 15th of April, 1946, the following are particulars which have now been received in the Department respecting the death of your husband, George Eaton Stuart, Leading Steward, Official Number 40618, Royal Canadian Navy.

The mishap occurred while your husband was ironing his uniform in the Warrant Officers' Pantry, of H.M.C.S. "UGANDA" on Thursday the 11th of April, 1946. After testing the electric iron with his hand, he appeared to receive a severe shock and collapsed to the deck. Another rating who was working in the room with him at the time disconnected the switch and immediately summoned medical aid. The medical Officer who attended your husband, however, was unable to revive him, in spite of the fact that artificial respiration was carried out for two hours.

According to the findings of the Naval Board of Inquiry held to investigate the circumstances surrounding the accident, death was caused by cardiac (heart) collapse presumably brought on by a freak electric shock. No electrical or mechanical defects were found either in the iron which Leading Steward Stuart was holding at the time of the accident, the cord or the electrical outlet to which the iron was connected. It was also considered that no person was at fault nor any negligence attributable to anyone.

Your husband was buried in the Gamboa Cemetery, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, South America, on the 12th of April, 1946.

A letter from the Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. "UGANDA", which was forwarded to 237 Smith Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and returned by the postal authorities for re-direction, is attached.

I am forwarding under separate cover photographs of your husband's funeral.

May I again express the sincere sympathy of the Department with you in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

NAVAL SECRETARY.

Encl.

Mrs. Dorothy Stuart,
c/o Mr. A.J.H. Dubuc,
Barrister, Solicitor, Notary,
185 Provencher,
ST. BONIFACE, Manitoba.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

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

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CONFIDENTIAL

29th October, 1946.

Re: George E. Stuart, Leading Steward,
Official Number 40618

Reference is made to your 4-6 of 26th September, 1946, in connection with the Board of Inquiry held to inquire into the death of George E. Stuart, Leading Steward, Official Number 40618, which occurred on board H.M.C.S. "UGANDA" on the 11th April, 1946. The Department does not concur in paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (5) of the Findings of the Board, for the following reasons:-

- (1) Death was not brought on by a "freak" electric shock. The shock was the not-unnatural consequence of the conditions that existed.
- (2) The officer who was responsible for electrical equipment in H.M.C.S. "UGANDA" at the time of the accident was at fault in that he did not ensure that the equipment installed was in accordance with Section 41 of Standard Electrical Specification No. 1 "Installation of Electrical Equipment on Board H.M. Ships".
- (3) No details are given in the evidence of the nature of the test of the equipment carried out by Lt. (T) S.G. Moore, R.C.N., and in the absence of such details it cannot be confirmed that no electrical or mechanical defects existed.
- (5) It is considered that death was attributable to faulty electrical equipment which had not been protected in accordance with the requirements of Section 41 referred to above.

2. Lt. (T) S.G. Moore, R.C.N., 0-5290, is to be informed that he has incurred the severe displeasure of the Department for his failure to ensure that the safety measures referred to above were taken.

3. The Department also wishes it to be known that failure on the part of the Electrical Officer on the Board of Inquiry to appreciate the real issues involved in the subject matter of the inquiry is viewed with concern. Particular emphasis is placed upon the fact that this Electrical Officer apparently failed to observe that the regulations had not been followed. Your attention is also drawn to the statement contained in paragraph 2 (b) of your submission of 12th July, which, after inquiries were made by this Headquarters, was shown to have been inaccurate.

AS
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

The Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "UGANDA".

COPY TO: The Commanding Officer
Pacific Coast.

Date
Time

D. Walker
7/11
9 a.m.

17th June, 1946.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 9th June, 1946, the Department appreciates your feelings on the manner in which Mrs. C. M. Kemp received the news of the death of her son. However, as indicated in my letter dated the 4th June, Mrs. C. M. Kemp had not been designated by her son as one who should be informed in the event of serious illness or death. In view of these circumstances, I am sure that you will appreciate the Department's position in this regard.

Copies of photographs of your stepson's funeral are now being printed and will be forwarded to you within the next few days.

With respect to the perpetual care of your stepson's grave, steps have been taken to obtain full particulars in this regard. As soon as complete details are available you will be informed.

Yours sincerely,

AS
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date *18/6.46*
Time *8:45*

Mr. C. M. Kemp,
Box 20,
Biggar, Sask.

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FROM: The Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "ONTARIO",
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

DATE: 18 November, 1952. FILE: C00: 1200/6/52.

TO : The Flag Officer Pacific Coast,
H.M.C. Dockyard,
Esquimalt, B.C.

PROVISION OF HEADSTONE.

Submitted.

2. On Sunday, 9th November a small unofficial ceremony was held in Gaboria Cemetery, Rio de Janeiro, and a wreath was laid at the grave of Leading Steward STUART, who died in 1946 during the visit of H.M.C.S. UGANDA.

3. It has been reported to me by my Supply Officer, who conducted the ceremony, that there was no marker on the grave other than a small metal slab recording the grave plot number 541.

4. It is recommended that the Canadian Embassy at Rio de Janeiro be approached to arrange for the provision of a suitable headstone, with payment to be recovered from Naval Headquarters, in accordance with Q.R.C.N. Article 210.27.


(E.P. Tisdall)
CAPTAIN, RCN.

7th March, 1947.

Dear Sir:

Further to my letter of the 2nd of December, 1946, information has now been received from the Canadian Embassy at Rio de Janeiro that no temporary wooden marker has as yet been placed over the grave of the late George Eaton Stuart, Leading Steward, Official Number 40618, Royal Canadian Navy. Under ordinary circumstances the Commanding Officer of one of His Majesty's Canadian ships is expected to make the necessary arrangements to have a temporary wooden marker placed on a grave but in this case this was not done possibly due to the fact that H.M.C.S. "UGANDA" sailed immediately after the unfortunate mishap.

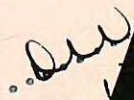
Steps have been taken through the Imperial War Graves Commission (Overseas) to have a temporary marker placed on Leading Steward Stuart's grave until such time as the permanent headstone can be erected.

When any news has been received in this connection you will be informed.

Yours very truly,



Despatched by
N. Sec.



NAVAL SECRETARY
Date
Time

Mr. C. M. Kemp,
Box 20,
BIGGAR, Saskatchewan.

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February 10, 1953.

THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, RIO DE JANEIRO.

Our Despatch No. C.-8 of January 7.

Headstone for grave of late George Eaton Stuart,
No. 40618 R.C.N.

A despatch has been received under date of January 29 from the High Commissioner for Canada, London stating the Imperial War Graves Commission was consulted in the above matter, and they informed the High Commissioner they had received a notification from the British Consulate at Rio de Janeiro that a Commission headstone had now been erected over the grave of the late Leading Steward Stuart in the Gamboa British Cemetery. The British Consulate advised that "Headstones have also been erected over the other two war graves in the Gamboa Cemetery."

Imperial
War Graves
Commission

National
Defence

2. It would therefore appear that this work was undertaken since the visit of H.M.C.S. "Ontario" to Rio de Janeiro last November. If this understanding is not correct would you kindly let me know.

Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
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War Medal	

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MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) <u>MEDALS</u>		
<u>PERSON</u>		
ENTITLED TO	Mrs. Dorothy Stuart, Widow	<i>Widows address unknown at NO. DVA. Letter (1) funding application SR 5/50</i>
ADDRESS:	c/o A.J.H. Dubuc, Barrister, 185 Provencher Street, St. Boniface, Man. <i>No later address 23.7.51</i>	
(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u>		
WIDOW	Mrs. Dorothy Stuart	(2)
ADDRESS:	227 King St., Winnipeg, Man.	29-10-46
(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u>		
MOTHER	Mrs. C.M. Kemp	(3)
ADDRESS:	Biggar, Sask.	29-10-46