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(5) On being enrolled as a member of the HAMILTON Divisi	on (ine
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- (a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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 Head-quarters 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.

Dated this EIGHTEENTH day of JUNE 1940

Signature of applicant David a Highes

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING 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. EIGHTEENTH day of JUNE 1940

Signature of Commanding Officer.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

(D)

I, DAVID A. HUGHES 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 David a Hughes.

Witness M. Morrows

Date 18th June 1940

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

DAVID A. HUGHES 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 HAMILTON Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

M. R. Mausin Commanding Officer.

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.



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The Naval Secretary,
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NAVAL SERVICE FILE NO.: N.S. V-8384, PERS.(N) N.S.S. 14160-442/18, Volume I. THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT David Anderson HUGHES, Leading Stores Assistant, V-8384, R.C.N.V.R. is missing, presumed dead to date the 16th of April, 1945, when H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which he was serving, was lost due to enemy action while on operational duty at sea. Staff approval on N.S.S. 14160-442/18, Volume I. for CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL OTTAWA, Ont., 3 May, 1945.

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-8384 PERS(N)

19 April, 1945.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th of April, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, David Anderson Hughes, Leading Stores Assistant, Official Number V-8384, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea due to enemy action.

From information available, little hope can be held for his survival and there is no possibility of his having been taken prisoner. For security reasons, this is the only information which can be released at this time.

Should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of his death will be made at a later date, when you will be informed. Please be assured, however, that as soon as any further news is received or more details can be released, you will be informed immediately.

It is requested that you will regard the name of the ship in which Leading Stores Assistant Hughes was serving, together with the fact that she has been in contact with the enemy, as secret until an official announcement is made.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy of the Department with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, WAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Edwin Hughes, DUNDAS, Ont.

, 7 May, 1945.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, David Anderson Hughes, Leading Stores Assistant, Official Number V-8384, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which he was serving, the fact that all circumstances surrounding his loss have been carefully reviewed, 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 16th of April, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty off the east coast of Canada. One Officer and fifteen ratings were killed at the time of the disaster, four Officers and twenty-four ratings are missing and now presumed dead, while two Officers and twenty-four ratings survived the sinking.

The above information is now being released for publication.

The following is an excerpt from the report of a Canadian Naval Press Relations Officer who was in contact with survivors of the ill-fated ship.

"Struck by a torpedo on the starboard side, H.M.C.S.
"ESQUIMALT" listed heavily, and sank stern first in a few
minutes. The ship's list had the seaboat under water and
flooded before it could be released from the davits, but
carley floats were freed quickly before the ship went down,
and those who escaped from the ship gathered on four of
these floats.

"It was from the four floats that a sister Bangor minesweeper, H.M.C.S. "SARNIA", picked up the survivors nearly six hours later. Many who had reached the floats safely had died of exposure on the floats, from the soaking in the cold sea water, and sixteen bodies were taken aboard the rescue craft.

""In spite of the rapidity with which the ship heeled over and slid under the surface there was no panic or confusion", a surviving Officer reported. Everyone he had seen had been calmly and quickly abandoning ship.

"Many men had died in the floats, and their bodies were brought aboard H.M.C.S. "SARNIA" with the survivors.

"Artificial respiration was given to some of the unconscious men for hours after they were picked up, but only two men were revived."

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,

Sec. N. B.

Deputy secretary, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Edwin Hughes, DUNDAS, Ont. Ja.

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