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**ATTESTATION FORM**  
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

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*V-78521*  
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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BALLANTYNE OFFICIAL No. V 78521  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Roswell Alexander MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>1223 Dufferin St., Toronto, Ontario</u>	<u>Pres.</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>22nd May 1925</u>	Town <u>Toronto</u> County <u>York</u> Province <u>Ontario</u>	<u>Father Mr. Thomas Ballantyne,</u>  <u>Same address</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>British</u> Mother <u>Same</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>	Inflated <u>33</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Inches <u>6</u>	Deflated <u>29</u>				
<u>118</u>	Mean <u>31½</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>1 Yr. High School</u>	<u>Bill Distributor,</u> <u>Toronto Hydro Electric System,</u> <u>14 Carlton St.,</u> <u>Toronto, Ontario.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>DIV. STRENGTH</u> <u>9th Feb. 1944</u>	<u>STOKER II</u> <u>RCNVR (TEMP)</u>	<u>"YORK"</u>

(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, Air Force, 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.

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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.

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Records *[initials]*

2. Index Card *[initials]*

3. Non-Sub. Statistical Card. *[initials]*

4. Photo Strip *[initials]*

5. Return Card *[initials]*

6. *[initials]*

7. *[initials]*

8. *[initials]*

DATE 17/2/44



(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and 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 when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, 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.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as STOKER II by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 9th day of Feb. 1944

Signature of applicant Roswell Alexander Ballantyne

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 9th day of Feb. 1944

My authority for attestation is .....

J. W. [Signature]  
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.  
LIEUT RCNVR

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, R. Roswell Alexander Ballantyne 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 Roswell Alexander Ballantyne

Witness [Signature]

Date 9th Feb. 1944

Rank LIEUT RCNVR

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

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters **immediately** after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.



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The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Roswell Alexander BALLANTYNE*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

5-075.140201

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>Am. C. S. York</i>	<i>U. 78521</i>
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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Place of Residence	Trade brought up to	Religion	Can Swim:—P.P.T.	Date	Signature	Rank	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
<i>22nd May 1925</i>	<i>Toronto - Ontario</i>	<i>1223 Dufferin St Toronto</i>	<i>Bill Distributor</i>	<i>Presbyterian</i>					<i>Father</i>
									<i>Thomas</i>
									<i>Same Address</i>

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>9 Feb '44</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities</i>	<i>No II</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>31 1/2</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Nil</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















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NAME BALLANTYNE Roswell Alexander DATE OF BIRTH 22nd, May, 1925  
(Surname) (Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH Toronto, York, Ontario OCCUPATION Bill Distributor

RELIGION Pres. EDUCATION 1 yr. High School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 1223 Dufferin St. Town Toronto Province, etc. Ontario

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
9	2	44	H.O.	5'6"	Fair	Blue	Fair	Nil			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mrs Thomas Ballantyne

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 1223 Dufferin St. Town Toronto Province, etc. Ontario

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				19	5	44	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 day.				

Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	Date (in figures)				Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
Day	Month	Year			SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		

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

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N.S. 815-7-35

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NO. W.S.R.-6187-5  
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C. R.  
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D.P.R./5-2  
NAVAL TREASURY  
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FORM "B" LA/YB

FILE: N.S. V-78521, PERS. (N)

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
- Naval Service -  
OTTAWA, Canada.

Sir:

..... 1 May, 1945 .....  
(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME BALLANTYNE, Roswell Alexander RANK or RATING Stoker Second Class NAVAL NO. V-78521, R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 9th February, 1944 Active Service - 7 March, 1944

DATE OF DISCHARGE - 18 March, 1945

HOSPITAL - \_\_\_\_\_  
(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)

SERVICE - CANADA & HIGH SEAS  
(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere)

Reason for discharge and - "Missing, PRESUMED DEAD". He was serving in H.M.C.S.  
when and where any disability "GUYSBOROUGH" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy  
was incurred, or where death action at sea.  
occurred.

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(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada.)

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP - Father NAME - Mr. Thomas Ballantyne

ADDRESS - 1223 Dufferin Street, TORONTO, Ontario.

NOTE: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

FORM "A" RESPECTING THE ABOVE NAMED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS OF MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE; DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE, etc.

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P.A.'S CHECKED IN  
O.R. BY J



c/o C.F.M.O.  
London, E.C.2.  
April 3, 1945.

Dear Mr. Ballantyne:

It is with deep regret that I write this letter. I am the former Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Guysborough in which your son was serving.

I know there is nothing I can say that will take away the grief you are suffering, but I do want you to know how extremely sorry I am.

Your son was one of the ship's company ~~for some time~~ and I can truthfully say there was not a better stoker under my command, a fine boy cheerfully disposed under the most trying situations. He was a credit to you and his ship at all times and died gallantly for his country.

If I am ever in your vicinity I hope you will allow me to call on you to express my condolences in person. In the meantime if there is anything I can do please let me know and I will be only too pleased to oblige.

Yours sincerely,

B.R. Russell,  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.



AIR MAIL

N.S. V-78521. PERS. (N) 27

23 April, 1945.

Dear Mr. Ballantyne:

Further to my letter of the 21st of March, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Roswell Alexander Ballantyne, Stoker Second Class, Official Number V-78521, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", 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 18th of March, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty at sea. Five Officers and 48 ratings, including one Royal Navy Officer and one rating who were taking passage, are missing and now presumed dead.

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.

"Only one death occurred from the explosion but many died during the 19 hours the men who had survived the explosion spent in the water clinging to five Carley floats. Only six men of 42 on one overcrowded float lived until the rescue ship, a Royal Navy frigate, arrived.

"Both the air and the water were cold", said one of the survivors. "Most of the men who died, died smiling. If they suffered any, you'd never have known it."

"With the whaler overturned and the ship's motor boat holed by the explosion, only the Carley floats remained for the survivors. Four of the five floats were lashed together and from these the majority of the survivors were picked up. Seven hours after the men abandoned ship only 10 men remained alive on the one overcrowded Carley float. Four others died before rescue came.

"Exposure accounted for the largest number of deaths. Survivors were unanimous in saying that those who died did so quietly and with little apparent suffering.

"When the torpedo struck the Guysborough so much debris littered the decks that the Commanding Officer, Lieut. B. T. R. Russell, R.C.N.R., at first glance, thought his ship had been the victim of two simultaneous torpedoes.

"It looked at first as if the ship would survive. Guns crews were closed up, water-tight doors were closed, bulkheads shored up and every effort made to save the little vessel.




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"There was just one fatality from the torpedoing,  
although some members of a gun's crew were injured."


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.

Mr. Thomas Ballantyne,  
1223 Dufferin Street,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

  
Date 22.4.45  
Time 1300



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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

BALLANTYNE Roswell Alexander		V-78521	Sto. 2/c	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS) No. DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	9061 22/11/49

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



RCNVR Mar. 46 "GUYSBOROUGH"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Thomas Ballantyne - Father

1223 Dufferin St.,

ADDRESS:

TORONTO, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Deceased

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)  
DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 1931

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