



ATTESTATION FORM

(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME **DENSMORE** OFFICIAL NO. **✓ 76094**

CHRISTIAN NAMES **Wilfred Harding** MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
Densmore's Mills, Hants County, Nova Scotia.	C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
24th March 1925	Town Densmore's Mills County Hants Province Nova Scotia.	Mrs. Ruby Densmore (Mother) Densmore's Mills, Hants Co., Nova Scotia.
*Original Nationality of:		
Father British		
Mother British		

*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet 5	Inflated 39	Brown	Hazel	Medium	None
Inches 8	Deflated 37				
140	Mean 38				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
22nd December, 1943 Active Service	Ass't Cook (s) (Temp)	Farmer, - George Densmore Densmore's Mills, N. S.
R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled	Haligonian	

(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, Reserve, or Territorial Force.

* ~~(b) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force.~~

~~(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.~~

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
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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.

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the Halifax Division of the 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 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 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 appropriate authorities.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1943.

Signature of applicant Wilfred Harding Densmore

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING 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 22nd day of December, 1943.

W. J. Lovelle
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Wilfred Harding Densmore 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 Wilfred Harding Densmore

Witness W. J. Lovelle

Date 22nd December, 1943 Rank Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

Wilfred Harding Densmore 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 Halifax Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

W. J. Lovelle
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.

22nd December 194 3 R.C.N.V.R. Division Haligonian
(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.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Cook Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Wilfred Harding Densmore
Signature

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60M-9-42 (5943)
N.S. 815-11-17

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

Wilfred Harding DENSMORE

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-76094</i>
<i>Amel' Kaligorian</i>		"
		"

Date of Birth <i>24 March 1925</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>mother Mrs Ruby Densmore, (same address)</i>
Place of Birth <i>Densmore Mills, Nova Scotia</i>	
Place of Residence <i>Densmore Mills, N.S.</i>	
Trade brought up to <i>Farmer</i>	
Religion <i>Church of England</i>	

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....

P.S.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....

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>Duration asst</i>	<i>Cook (2)</i>			
	<i>22 Dec '33</i>					

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Med</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

V76094

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V76094.

NAME **DENSMORE** **Wilfred Harding.** DATE OF BIRTH **24th March, 1925.**
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH **Densmore's Mills, N.S.** OCCUPATION **Farmer**RELIGION **Church of England.** EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. **Town Densmore's Mills, Hants Co, Province, etc N.S.**

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
22	12	43	H.O.	5' 8"	Brown	Hazel	Medium	None.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *Mother* NAME (in pencil) *Miss Lucy Densmore*ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. *Densmore's Mills, Hants Co, Province, etc N.S.*

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				5	7	44	Qual. Anti/Gas 1 day				

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		

FILM
NO. *WR 6198-3*
DATE

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 & Testament #17362 Received.



V76094

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME DENSMORE

Wilfred Harding

OFFICIAL NUMBER V76094

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Referred		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
H.M.C.S. STADACONA	ASS'T CK. (S)	22	12	43	Active Service	VG	SAT	31	12	44							
Hunter	"	29	12	43	DL. 29.12.43.	V.G.		31	12	45							
Cornwallis	"	1	3	44	DL. 29.2.44	V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45							
Stadacona	"	6	11	44	DRD S. #311 P.6.												
	Cook (S)	20	9	44	Rated (249 AA 20916)												
Peregrine	"	27	1	45	DRD #118 P.5.												
Guyborough	"	15	2	45	DRD S. #45 P.5.												
DISCHARGED/	"	18	3	45	"Missing" (Per Cas. List) "Presumed DEAD" (Cas. List)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Can. Memorial Cross to Mother to date 4.6.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION		P	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
24	3	25	14	090	0	30	X	4	09	00	0	19	0	18	95
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE	SHIP OR		RANK OR RATE					
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.		DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK	
22	12	43	22	12	43					9625	0	18	95		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
29	12	43	13	00	00										

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

~~HANTS~~..... NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ontario.....

Name..... DENSMORE..... Wilfred Harding
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... Cook (S)..... Official No..... V-76094..... Unit..... R.C.N.R.
(R.C.N. / R.C.N.V.R.)

Place of Birth..... Densmore's Mills, Hants..... Date of Birth..... 24 March, 1925.....
Co. N.S.

Occupation in Civil Life..... Farmer..... Religion..... Church of England.....

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)..... From 22 December, 1943 to March 18, 1945.....

Date of Death..... 18 March, 1945..... Place of Death..... At sea.....

Cause of Death..... Missing, presumed dead. He was serving in H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH"
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action at sea.

Nearest known relative or friend. { Name..... Mrs. Ruby Densmore,..... Relationship..... Mother.....
 Address..... Densmore's Mills,.....
HANTS Co., N.S......

Date on which the above was informed by Ship..... Naval Service Headquarters: 21 March, 1945.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials..... --.....

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, according to Nationality..... --.....

If applicable { Place of Burial..... No burial...... Date of Burial.....
 Location, Number, etc., of grave.....
 Undertaker employed.....

*Noted
11.5.45
D.N.P.A
G.P.*

H.B. Money
(Commanding Officer)
 for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

The SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD
 Department of National Defence,
 Ottawa, Canada.

Date..... Ottawa, Ontario, 1 May, 1945.

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

VERIFICATION FORM
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
Leading NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

76094

NAME IN FULL *DENSMORE, Wilfred* RANK/RATING *Cook* OFF. NO. *V-76094* ADDRESS

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL
	<i>22-12-45</i>											1939-45	/	<i>Star</i>
<i>Gay Slough</i>	<i>15-2-45</i>	<i>18-3-45</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>at.</i>								ATLANTIC		<i>Star</i>
												FRANCE G.		
												AFRICA		
												PACIFIC		
												BURMA		
												ITALY		
												DEFENCE		
												C.V.S.M.	<i>2</i>	<i>v-clasp</i>
												" CLASP		
												WAR 1945	<i>1</i>	<i>medal</i>
												WAR 1915		

Det Dead 18-3-45

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

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DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-76094 Pers. (N)

21 March, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Densmore:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 21st of March, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Wilfred Harding Densmore, Cook (S), Official Number V-76094, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

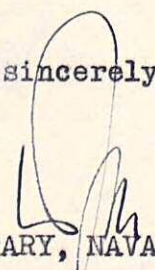
The only information that can be given at this time is that your son is missing at sea as the result of enemy action. The position of the action is such that there is little possibility of him being a prisoner of war, and slight hope can be held for his survival.

Please be assured that as soon as further particulars can be released or any other news received, you will be informed.

For security reasons, it is requested that you regard the name of your son's ship in connection with his loss as confidential at this time.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Ruby Densmore,
Densmore's Mills,
Hants Co., N.S.



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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-76094, PERS.(N) 29

23 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Densmore:

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, Wilfred Harding Densmore, Cook (S), Official Number V-76094, 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.

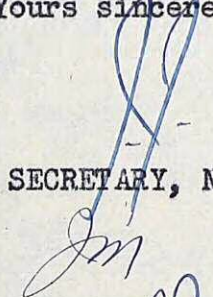
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"There was just one fatality from the torpedoing, although some members of a gun's crew were injured."


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.

Mrs. Ruby Densmore,
Densmore's Mills,
HANTS CO., N. S.



Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

.....
Date 22.4.45
Time 1300

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

Dear Mrs. Densmore:

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 cook 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.

RCNVR Nov. 45 "GUYSBOROUGH"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Ruby Densmore - Mother

ADDRESS: Densmore's Mills,
HANTS COUNTY, N.S.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. R. Densmore

ADDRESS: Densmore's Mills, Hants Co., N.S.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

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(2)

(3)

4-6-45

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NAVY

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

D.D.

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

 DENSMORE	Wilfred Harding	V-76094	(S)Cook.	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	7856 24-11-49
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)