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# ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME HAMILTON OFFICIAL No. V-77366  
CHRISTIAN NAMES William Ainslie MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>1150 Woodstock Avenue, VICTORIA, B. C.</u>	<u>Church of England</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>15th July, 1922</u>	Town <u>Yorkton,</u> County Province <u>Saskatchewan</u>	<u>Mr. William G. Hamilton (Father)</u> <u>1150 Woodstock Avenue,</u> <u>VICTORIA, B. C.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Canadian</u> Mother <u>American</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>38 1/2</u>	<u>Dark Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Appendectomy scar.</u>
Inches. <u>11 1/2</u>	Deflated. <u>34</u>				
<u>16 1/2</u>	Mean. <u>35</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Senior Matriculation</u> <u>2 1/2 yrs. University of Washington.</u>	<u>Student</u> <u>University of Washington.</u> <u>Seattle, Washington.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>21st January, 1944</u> <u>(Active Service)</u>	<u>E.R.A. 5th Class</u> <u>R.C.N.V.R. (Temp)</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "MALAHAT".</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.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>

(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.

Not in possession of Unemployment Insurance Book.

*Ledger checked*

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I as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and  
serve from the date thereof for the duration of hostilities, being subject to the provisions of the  
Act, and of the Regulations made in pursuance thereof for the government of the Royal  
Naval Volunteer Reserve; and to the customs and usages of His Majesty's Canadian Naval  
vice.

(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 E.R.A. 5th Class by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 21st day of January, 1944

Signature of applicant W. A. Hamilton

(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 21st day of January, 1944

My authority for attestation is RD 7-5-5 H. of 7th January, 1944

M. S. Owen  
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, William Ainslie HAMILTON 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 W. A. Hamilton

Witness M. S. Owen

Date 21st January, 1944 Rank Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

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

*William Ainslie* HAMILTON

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

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Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number.....
	<i>Esquimalt</i>	<i>V-77366</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth..... *15<sup>th</sup> July 1922*  
 Place of Birth..... *Yorkton, Saskatchewan*  
 Place of Residence..... *Victoria, British Columbia*  
 Trade brought up to..... *Student*  
 Religion..... *Church of England*  
 Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....  
 P.S.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)  
*Father*  
*Mr. William J. Hamilton*  
*1150 Woodstock Avenue*  
*Victoria B.C.*

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>21 Jan '44</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>ERA 5c</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Appendectomy Scar</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







V77366

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113-H-5101

OFFICIAL NUMBER V77366

NAME Hamilton (Surname) William Ainslie (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 15th. July, 1922  
 PLACE OF BIRTH Yorkton, Sask. OCCUPATION Student  
 RELIGION C. of E. EDUCATION Senior Matriculation 2 1/2 yrs. University of Washington  
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 1150 Woodstock Ave. Town Victoria 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
21	1	44	H.O.	5'11 1/2"	D. Brown	Blue	Medium	Appendectomy scar				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mr. William G. Hamilton NAME (in pencil) Mr. William G. Hamilton  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 1150 Woodstock Ave. Town Victoria Province, etc. B.C.

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	
				1	5	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		

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

H.Q. 35-35M-2-43 (8309)  
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FILM NO. WSR-6074-5  
 DATE

V77366

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME HAMILTON  
(Surname)

William Ainslie  
(Given Names)

P.I.B.  
OFFICIAL NUMBER V77366

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
HMCS Malahat	E.R. A. 5th. Cl.	21	1	44	Act. Service Esquimalt	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
York	"	31	1	44	DL 31-1-44 #22-1	V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45							
Stadacona	"	18	4	44	DRD #131 P.6												
Cornwallis	"	24	4	44	DRD S#142 P).6												
Stadacona	"	17	6	44	DRD #189 P.#4												
Peregrine	"	1	10	44	DRD #1200 P.49												
Scotian	"	7	12	44	DRD S.#68 P.8												
Peregrine	"	12	1	45	DRD #103 P.2.												
Guyshorough	"	8	2	45	DRD S.#38 P.1.												
DISCHARGED	"	18	3	45	"Missing" (Per Cas. List) "Presumed DEAD" (Cas. List)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Granted Can. Memorial Cross to Mother. to date 5.6.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL. ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT				
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH		MAIN	SUB.	GION.	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK	
15	7	22	19		XYV	0	30	8	9	05	10	0	25	0	35	96
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		
21	01	44	21	01	44							9880	0	35	96	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M.	CODED			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.	E.P.D.			R.P.S.						
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FORM "A"

File: N.S. V-77366

FERS. (N)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
- NAVAL SERVICE -

OTTAWA, Canada.

26 March, 1945.

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(Date)

Sir:

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME	RANK or RATING	NAVAL NO., UNIT
HAMILTON, William Ainslie	Engine Room Artificer 5/c	V-77366, RGNVR

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 21 January, 1944

DATE OF DISCHARGE - Will be reported later

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 when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred.  
"MISSING" at sea from the ship in which he was serving as a result of enemy action. Should no information be received to the contrary, you will be notified when official presumption of death with date has been set.

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. William G. Hamilton

ADDRESS - 1150 Woodstock Ave., VICTORIA, B.C.

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.

Copies Form "B" fwd. to Allots. (N) on .....N.P.R./5

*Noted  
D. K. P. A.  
31-3-45  
C. L.*

*H.B. Money*  
For SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *C*

Secretary,  
Canadian Pension Commission,  
Room 228, Daly Building,  
Ottawa, Ont.

NOTE: Duplicate copies of this form (Form "B") have been forwarded to the Chief Treasury Officer (Allotment Section), Department of National Defence, Naval Service, for completion respecting the details of Marriage Allowance, Dependents Allowance, etc., and subsequent transmission to you.

(See reverse side for further instructions)



23 April, 1945. 28

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

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, William Ainslie Hamilton, Engineerroom Artificer Fifth Class, Official Number V.77366, 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. While there is no official confirmation of these statements, they are believed to be authentic, considering their source:

"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.

"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 had helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

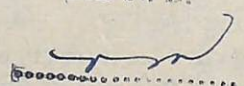


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. William G. Hamilton,  
1150 Woodstock Ave.,  
Victoria, B.C.



Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.



Date 22.4.45  
Time 1200

DECEASED 18 March 1945

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

HAMILTON	William Ainslie	V-77366	E.R.A. 5/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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
C.V.S. Medal	1461 . . . . . 24 November 1949
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Feb.46 "GUYSBOROUGH"

**MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL**

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. William G. Hamilton - Father

ADDRESS: 1150 Woodstock Ave.,  
VICTORIA, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. H. A. Hamilton

ADDRESS: 1150 Woodstock Avenue  
VICTORIA, B.C.

**M MORIAL BAR**

(1)

DATE DESP

REGN NO. 666

(2)

(3)

5 June 1945