RESERROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE 1022 1

(ATTESTATION PAPER)

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28th Nov. 1920 *Original Nationality of: Father Scottish Mother British	Town Humboldt County Province Sask.	Father-Dr. Robert H.McCUTCHEON 3831 Dundas St., Vancouver, B. C.

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DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:-

(B)

- (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 served in R.C.A.F. for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

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

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE 26,4,41

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

- (3) On being enrolled as a member of the Vancouver 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.
- 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 14th day of April, 1941 Signature of applicant W. William

(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 day of April, 1941

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, William Albert McCutcheon 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.

Date 14th April, 1941

Rank Lieuteusai CENVR

Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

William Albert McCutcheon 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 Vancouver Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

Attesting Officer.

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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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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS , OTTAWA, Onterio.
Name McCUTCHEON William Albert (Christian names in full)
Rank or Rating Leading Titer Official No. V-14727 Unit R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.
Place of Birth Busholdt, Sask. Date of Birth 28 Rovember, 1920. Occupation in Civil Life Canadian Air Force Religion United Church
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 14th April, 1941 to 18 March, 1945.
Date of Death 18 March, 1945 Place of Death At Sea.
Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead. He was serving in M.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 Dr. Robert H. McCutcheon Relationship Father Address 675 Davie Street VANCOUVER, B. C.
Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 21 March, 194
Date on which death was registered with local Officials.
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9.0 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.

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AIR MAIL



N.S. V-14727 Pers. (N)

21 March, 1945.

Dear Dr. McCutcheon:

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, William Albert McCutcheon, Leading Writer, Official Number V-14727, 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,

NSECRETARY NAVAL BOARD

Dr. Robert H. McCutcheon, 675 Davie Street, VANCOUVER, B.C.

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23 April, 1945.

Dear Dr. McCutcheon:

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 elasped since your son, William Albert McCutcheon, Leading Writer, Official Number V-14727, 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. "GUYSBOROUCH", 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 has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Dr. Robert H. McCutcheon, 675 Davie Street, VANCOUVER, B.C.

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