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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME MacARTHUR, OFFICIAL No. 176456
CHRISTIAN NAMES David, Alexander. MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single.

PERMANENT ADDRESS: RED DEER, Alberta. RELIGION: Church of England.

CEP

DATE OF BIRTH: 9th. December, 1925. *PLACE OF BIRTH: Town Alliance, County _____, Province Alberta. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: (Father) Mr. Malcolm Mac Arthur. RED DEER, Alta.

*Original Nationality of:
Father Scottish.
Mother Welsh.

*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>6</u>	Inflated <u>40</u>	<u>BLACK.</u>	<u>BROWN</u>	<u>FRESH.</u>	<u>NONE VISIBLE.</u>
Inches <u>1</u>	Deflated <u>36</u>				
	Mean <u>38½</u>				

CEP

EDUCATIONAL STANDING: Grade 9. Passed.
Grade 10. 4 mos. TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY: Employed as a bottle washer in a soft drink bottling plant at Red Deer, Mr. R. Truant is the manager.

DATE OF ENROLMENT: (DIVISIONAL) 4th. January, 1944. RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED: ORD. SEAMAN. H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED: H.M.C.S. "NONSUCH".

(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 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

Personal Records
 1. Division
 2. Inj. Rec.
 3. Card
 4. Sub. Card
 5. Pension Card
 6. Pension Card
 7.
 8.
 DATE 12.1.44

(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.

(5) On being enrolled as a member 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 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 ORD. SEAMAN by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 4th day of JANUARY, 1944.

Signature of applicant David Alexander MacArthur

(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 4th day of JANUARY, 1944.

My authority for attestation is.....

C. B. Puffer
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, David Alexander MacARTHUR 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 Alexander MacArthur

Witness C. B. Puffer

Date 4th. January, 1944 Rank Sub-Lieut. 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.

MacArthur has an Unemployment Insurance Book.

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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

David Alexander MacArthur

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

9,7089

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>2-76156</i>
<i>N.M.C.S. "Nonsuch"</i>		"

Date of Birth *9 December, 1925*

Place of Birth *Alliance, Alberta*

Place of Residence *Red Deer, Alberta*

Trade brought up to *Boiler Maker*

Religion *Church of England*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
*James MacArthur
100 Main St. W. Calgary
Red Deer, Alberta*

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 of 1st enlistment</i>	<i>Ord. 1st</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>38 1/2</i>	<i>160 1/2</i>	<i>Black Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>None visible</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

V76456

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-M-9383

OFFICIAL NUMBER V76456

NAME

MacARTHUR
(Surname)David Alexander
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 9th December 1925

PLACE OF BIRTH

Alliance, Alberta

OCCUPATION

Bottle Washer

RELIGION

Church of England

EDUCATION

Completed Grade 9

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town

Red Deer

Province, etc.

Alberta

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
4	1	44	H.O.	6'1"	black	brown	fresh	none visible.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Father

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs Malcolm MacArthur

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Red Deer

Province, etc.

Alberta

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	
				22	3	44	Qual. Anti/Gas lday				
				21	4	44	Marked "TR"				

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. WSR 6163-5

DATE

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

Last Will & Testament #17824

Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
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O.H.F. Received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



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Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at Sea

Name MACARTHUR, David Alexander (Christian names in full) "Sommer"

Rank of Rating Ordinary Seaman Official No. V76456 R.C.N.M.R. (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Alliance, Alta. Date of Birth 9th December, 1925

Occupation in Civil Life Bottle Washer 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) 4th January, 1944 - 24th November, 1944

Date of Death 24th November, 1944 Place of Death At sea

Cause of Death Enemy action - lost at sea (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mr. Malcolm MacArthur Relationship Father Address Red Deer, Alta.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not known

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not known

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

Place of Burial (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalided

[Signature]
Commanding Officer,

11/4/45

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

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.

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*Noted on PA
M.M.A.
17/4/45*

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AIR MAIL
N.S. V-76456 PERS. (N)

7 December, 1944.

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Dear Mr. MacArthur:

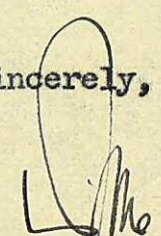
Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, details of the disaster in which your son has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", a Royal Canadian Navy corvette, was lost while on operational duty at sea. Seven officers, including her Captain, Lieutenant W. J. Jones, R.C.N.R., and seventy-eight ratings are missing. The bodies of five other ratings have been recovered and identified. There are no known survivors.

It is requested that you will regard this information as confidential until an official announcement is made.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Malcolm MacArthur,
Red Deer, Alberta.

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL //

N.S. V-76456 Pers.(N)

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mr. MacArthur:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th of November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, David Alexander MacArthur, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V76456, 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 when the ship in which he was serving was lost. Please be assured, however, that as soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for your son's survival. When it is considered, beyond all reasonable doubt, that no further hope exists and should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of death will be made by the Canadian Naval Authorities.

It is requested that, for security reasons, you regard the name of the ship in which your son was serving, as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

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

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Malcolm MacArthur,
Red Deer, ALBERTA.

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Red Deer, Alberta
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Hon. A. MacDonald,
Minister, National Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for letter of December 9th in regard to my dear boy. If it is all you can tell us it must be so.

There is one request I will make; if his body is recovered, I would like it sent home to Red Deer in whatever condition it may be. I have one son stationed at St. John's, Newfoundland. The two boys were inseparable and he feels this terribly. Is there any way he could come home for a little while during this anxious time. He is V-44933, Telegraphist D. H. MacArthur,
W. T. Station,
c/o Fleet Mail Office,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

I have said nothing to him about this request.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. A. MacArthur.

P.S. I am proud my sons are fighting for Canada but hope Canada is worthy of the sacrifice.

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27th December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. MacArthur,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 14th December, 1944, addressed to the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, and regret that no further information has been received regarding your son, David Alexander MacArthur, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-76456, other than contained in my letters of the 29th November and 7th December addressed to your husband.

It is regretted that the body of your son has not been recovered, but if it is found every effort will be made to forward the remains to his home.

A copy of your letter has been sent to the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "AVALON", St. John's, Newfoundland, who, it is felt, will give every consideration to granting leave to your son, Donald Hector MacArthur, Telegraphist, Official Number V-44933, subject to the exigencies of the service.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours truly,

LETTER DEMAND BY
PERSONNEL

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. M. A. MacArthur,
Red Deer, Alberta.

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REGISTERED
AIR-MAIL

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N.S. V-76456, PERS. (N)

February, 1945.



Dear Mr. and Mrs. MacArthur:

I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, David Alexander MacArthur, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-76456, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", 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 24th of November, 1944.

Please allow me to express since 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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. J. ...', is written over the typed name of the Secretary of the Naval Board.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacArthur,
RED DEER, Alberta.

Handwritten initials, possibly 'JMS', are written in dark ink below the typed name of the Secretary of the Naval Board.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

FEB 21 1945

Date 15.2.45
Time 1600

HMCS "SHAWINIGAN" Sept. /45. - R.C.N.V.R.
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Malcolm MacArthur - Father

ADDRESS: Red Deer, Alta.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Liliias G. MacArthur

RED DEER, Alta.

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO.

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(3) 6 April 1945

DECEASED 24 November 1944

NAVY

D.D. M-263

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

MACARTHUR	David Alexander	V-76456	O. Smn.	FILE NO. 312841
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	4653 24.11.49
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)