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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME HUGHES OFFICIAL NO. 8384

CHRISTIAN NAMES DAVID ANDERSON MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS <u>DUNDAS ONTARIO</u>	RELIGION <u>UNITED CHURCH</u>
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DATE OF BIRTH <u>NOVEMBER 20 1920</u>	PLACE OF BIRTH Town <u>GALT</u> County <u>WATERLOO</u> Province <u>ONTARIO</u>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <u>FATHER</u> <u>SAME ADDRESS</u> <u>EDWIN A. HUGHES</u> <u>SAME ADDRESS</u>
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PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>36</u>	<u>BROWN</u>	<u>GREY</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>APPENDIX SCAR</u>
Inches <u>8</u>	Deflated <u>33</u>				
	Mean <u>34 1/2</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT <u>EIGHTEENTH OF</u> <u>JUNE</u>	RATING ENROLLING FOR <u>PROBATIONARY</u> <u>V. A.</u>	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY <u>STUDENT</u> OF <u>WESTDALE COLLEGIATE</u>
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(B) DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:—

NOT APPLICABLE

- That I am a British Subject domiciled in Canada.
- 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.
- That * (a) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, 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
			Personnel Records Division.
			1. Noted in Records <u>gk</u>
			2. Index Card <u>gk</u>
			3. Non-Sun Card <u>gk</u>
			4. Statistical Card <u>gk</u>
			5. Roneo Strip <u>gk</u>
			6. Pension Card
			7.
			8.
			DATE <u>June 28, 1940</u>

- I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.
- That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ENTERED IN
PAID LEDGER SHEET

FAIR D. Turner 3-7-41

ROUGH J. Turner 8-7-41

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the HAMILTON Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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.

Dated this EIGHTEENTH day of JUNE 1940

Signature of applicant David A. Hughes

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING 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 EIGHTEENTH day of JUNE 1940

M. R. Morrison
Signature of Commanding Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, DAVID A. HUGHES 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 A. Hughes

Witness M. R. Morrison

Date 18th June 1940

Rank Acting Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

DAVID A. HUGHES 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 HAMILTON Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

M. R. Morrison
Commanding Officer.

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.



Certificate #2

N.V. 17
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

HUGHES David Anderson

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
<u>Halifax N.S.</u>	<u>Hamilton</u>	<u>V 8384</u>
		"
		"

Date of Birth..... November 20th 1920

Place of Birth..... Galt, Waterloo, Ontario

Place of Residence..... Dundas, Ontario

Trade brought up to..... Student

Religion..... United Church

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) Edwin A. Powerwood Rd. Dundas Ont

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	
<u>June 13/40</u>	<u>June 13/40</u>	<u>Hostilities</u>	<u>Prob. O.A.</u>	<u>15 April 45</u>		<u>Assessably awarded C.U.S.M.</u>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>			<u>Brown</u>	<u>Grey</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Appendix Scar</u>
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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
	<i>Continued from Certificate #1</i>					
	<i>Stadacona</i>		<i>R/S.A.</i>	<i>29 July 44</i>	<i>2 Aug 44</i>	
	<i>Chaleur</i>			<i>3 Aug 44</i>	<i>31 Sep 44</i>	
	<i>Chaleur (Cap de la Madeleine)</i>			<i>1 Oct 44</i>	<i>20 Oct 44</i>	
	<i>Stadacona</i>			<i>21 Oct 44</i>	<i>19 Dec 44</i>	
	<i>Chaleur (Cap de la Madeleine)</i>			<i>20 Dec 44</i>	<i>13 Mar 45</i>	
	<i>Peregrine</i>			<i>14 Mar 45</i>	<i>28 Mar 45</i>	
	<i>Esquimaux (Stadacona)</i>			<i>29 Mar 45</i>	<i>16 Apr 45</i>	<i>D.D. 33957</i>

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
<i>21 Feb 45</i>	<i>Issued S.C.T.W. 351870</i>	

V.8384

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-H-593

OFFICIAL NUMBER V.8384

NAME

HUGHES
(Surname)David Anderson
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

20 Nov. 1920

PLACE OF BIRTH

Galt Waterloo, Ont.

OCCUPATION

Student

RELIGION

United Church

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town

Dundas

Province, etc

Ont.

Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year							Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
18	6	40	H.O.	5'9"	Brown	Grey	Fair	Appendectomy Scar			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Father

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs. Edwin A. Hughes

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Dundas

Province, etc

Ontario

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
29	1	44	C.V.S.M. (R.&C.) (24946802)	2	7	40	Rated E.T.I. R.C.N.V.R.				
16	2	44	1939-43 Star. (6840)	19	5	42	Passed Prof. for Ldg. S.A.				
				16	11	43	Failed for Supply P.O.				
				12	7	44	Failed Promotion Board				
				27	6	44	P.P.T. (Good) (24946802)				

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		
1	10	43	1st GCB	Granted							

FILM
NO. WSB-5205-1
DATE

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

WSB
103676
11/6/45

V 8384

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME HUGHES

(Surname)

David Anderson

(Given Names)

P.I.B. OFFICIAL NUMBER V 8384

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qual		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Hamilton Div. Stp.	Prob. V.A...	18	6	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	" "	1	10	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Stadacona	V.A.	1	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	"	23	7	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
M.T.E. Pictou	"	12	8	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
Stadacona	"	2	10	41		V.G.	Supr.	16	4	45							
Venture	"	29	10	41													
Stadacona	"	7	11	41													
Hochelaga 11	"	8	11	41													
Vegreville	"	10	12	41	N.I.												
"	S.A.	1	3	42													
"	Ldg. S.A.	1	6	42	Rated												
Stadacona	"	13	2	43	DRD 4676												
Naden	"	24	4	43	DRD H. 1258												
NOIC Esquimalt	"	7	4	44	DRD 2/12												
Cornwallis	"	18	5	44	DRD 2593												
Stadacona	"	29	7	44	No. 228, P. 2.												
Chaleur	"	2	8	44	S. 241, P. 6.												
Cap De La Madelaine	"	30	9	44	No. 311, P. 3.												
PEREGRINE	"	1	10	45	HDO 18373												
Esquimalt	"	29	3	45													
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	Missing at Sea due to Enemy Action (Casualty List Page 146) Presumed "DEAD" (Casualty List Page 146)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Passed Selection Board and recommended for temporary commission as Paymaster Sub-Lieut., RCNVR to date 22/2/43. (249A/29922)

Form C.W. IA on file dated 7-4-43.
Form C.W. IA on file dated 3-8-43.
Form C.W. IA dated 22-11-43 on file.
Form C.W. IA dated 3-3-44 on file.

AWARDED: Canadian Memorial Cross:
MOTHER: Mrs. Isabel R. HUGHES,
Rowanwood Road,
DUNDAS, Ont.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL		OCCU.		RELI. ED.		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE		
DAY	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	CION					P	CTY	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	SR	RANK
30	X	20	11	XXX	0	XXX	1	53	0	10	20	0	22	93				
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE		SHIP OR		RANK OR RATE							
DAY	MO.	YR.	DAY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DAY	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	SR	RANK					
18	06	40	01	10	41					9830	0	22	93					
SECURITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M.		CODED		CHECKED							
DAY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.												
01	06	42	13	00	00													

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

NAME IN FULL HUGHES DAVID ANDERSON RANK/RATING A.S.A. OFF. NO. 8384 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>Hamilton Lin</i>	<i>1-10-40</i>											1939-45	<i>1</i>	<i>Star</i>
<i>Vegreville</i>	<i>10-12-41</i>	<i>8-1-43</i>	<i>375</i>	<i>atlantic</i>								ATLANTIC	<i>1</i>	<i>Star</i>
<i>Cap De la Madeline</i>	<i>1-10-44</i>	<i>13-3-45</i>	<i>164</i>	"								FRANCE G.		
<i>Esquimaux</i>	<i>29-3-45</i>	<i>16-4-45</i>	<i>19</i>	"								AFRICA		
	<i>recharged</i>			" <i>head</i> "								PACIFIC		
	<i>16-4-45</i>											BURMA		
												ITALY		
												DEFENCE		
												C.V.S.M.	<i>2</i>	<i>clasp</i>
												" CLASP		
												WAR 1945	<i>1</i>	<i>medal</i>
												WAR 1915		
											VERIFIED BY <i>J. Guale</i>			
VERIFIED BY <i>J. Guale</i>				VERIFIED BY							DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.			

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S. ESCHINALT at Sea

Name HUGHES, David Anderson
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Ldg. Stoker Asst. / Leading Stoker Assistant Official No. V-8784 R.C.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Galt, Ontario Date of Birth 20th Nov., 1900

Occupation in Civil Life Student 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) 18 June, 1940 - 16th April, 1945

Date of Death 16th April, 1945 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Lost At Sea - enemy action.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mr. Edwin Hughes Relationship Father
Address Galt, Ontario

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 invalidated ***

*Noted
D.N.P.W.
29.5.45
b.A.*

H. B. [Signature]
Commanding Officer,
.....194.....

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.

NAVAL SERVICE

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FILE NO.: N.S.V-8384, PERS.(N)
N.S.S. 14160-442/18,
Volume I.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

David Anderson HUGHES,
Leading Stores Assistant,
V-8384, R.C.N.V.R.

is missing, presumed dead to date the
16th of April, 1945, when H.M.C.S.
"ESQUIMALT", the ship in which he was
serving, was lost due to enemy action
while on operational duty at sea.

2. Staff approval on N.S.S.
14160-442/18, Volume I.

P. G. Heard
.....
LIEUTENANT (S), R.C.N.V.R.
for CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

OTTAWA, Ont.,
3 May, 1945.

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-8384 PERS(M) 50

19 April, 1945.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th of April, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, David Anderson Hughes, Leading Stores Assistant, Official Number V-8384, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea due to enemy action.

From information available, little hope can be held for his survival and there is no possibility of his having been taken prisoner. For security reasons, this is the only information which can be released at this time.

Should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of his death will be made at a later date, when you will be informed. Please be assured, however, that as soon as any further news is received or more details can be released, you will be informed immediately.



It is requested that you will regard the name of the ship in which Leading Stores Assistant Hughes was serving, together with the fact that she has been in contact with the enemy, as secret until an official announcement is made.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy of the Department with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Edwin Hughes,
DUNDAS, Ont.

N.S. V-3331 PERS. (N)

, 7 May, 1945.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, David Anderson Hughes, Leading Stores Assistant, Official Number V-8384, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", 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 16th of April, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty off the east coast of Canada. One Officer and fifteen ratings were killed at the time of the disaster, four Officers and twenty-four ratings are missing and now presumed dead, while two Officers and twenty-four ratings survived the sinking.

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.

"Struck by a torpedo on the starboard side, H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT" listed heavily, and sank stern first in a few minutes. The ship's list had the seaboard under water and flooded before it could be released from the davits, but carley floats were freed quickly before the ship went down, and those who escaped from the ship gathered on four of these floats.

"It was from the four floats that a sister Bangor minesweeper, H.M.C.S. "SARNIA", picked up the survivors nearly six hours later. Many who had reached the floats safely had died of exposure on the floats, from the soaking in the cold sea water, and sixteen bodies were taken aboard the rescue craft.

"In spite of the rapidity with which the ship heeled over and slid under the surface there was no panic or confusion", a surviving Officer reported. Everyone he had seen had been calmly and quickly abandoning ship.

"Many men had died in the floats, and their bodies were brought aboard H.M.C.S. "SARNIA" with the survivors.

"Artificial respiration was given to some of the unconscious men for hours after they were picked up, but only two men were revived."

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,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

h.C.
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Edwin Hughes,
DUNDAS, Ont.

[Signature]
Date 8/5/45
Time 1200

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
DECEASED 16 April 1945

AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

SURNAMES GHES		CHRISTIAN NAMES David Anderson	REG. No. V-8384	RANK ON DISCHARGE L.S.A.	FILE No.
SURNAMES (IN BLOCK LETTERS)		CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

CLASS)

No Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	7145
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR May 46 "ESQUIMALT"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Isabel M. Hughes - Mother

ADDRESS: Rowanwood Rd.,
DUNDAS, Ont.

MEMORIAL BA

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 1913

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. I. Hughes

ADDRESS: Rowanwood Road
DUNDAS, Ontario

(3)

28 June 1945