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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME Barnett OFFICIAL NO. 14304 12587

CHRISTIAN NAMES Charles Austin MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
<u>2216 - E. BROADWAY, Ave., Vancouver, B. C.</u>		<u>Anglican</u>
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>Aug. 26, 1920</u>	Town <u>Vancouver</u> County <u>Vancouver</u> Province <u>British Columbia</u>	<u>Father</u> <u>2216 - E. Broadway,</u> <u>Vancouver, B. C.</u> <u>Charles Ambrose Barnett</u>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>34 1/2</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Scar on left foot.</u>
Inches <u>7 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>31</u>				
	Mean <u>3 1/2</u>				
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY			
<u>Sept. 13, 1938</u>	<u>Ord. Seaman</u>	<u>Student</u>			

Approved
[Signature]

(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 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

- (c) I have never been rejected 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.

Entered on History
Card by..... L.A.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....Vancouver.....
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.....13th.....day of.....September.....1938.....

Signature of applicant.....Charles Barnett.....

(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.....13th.....day of.....September.....1938.....

.....Or. Leigh Spence.....
Signature of Commanding Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Charles Austin Barnett.....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.....Charles Barnett.....

Witness.....Or. Leigh Spence.....

Date..... Rank.....Lieutenant.....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

.....Charles Austin Barnett.....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. Leigh Spence.....
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.

SERVICE CERTIFICATE

N. V. No. 17
3M-937
N.S. 815-11-17

OF

Name in full Charles Austin BARNETT Company Vancouver Division

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

I.C.N.S. 23060 *Cancelled*

Training Headquarters	E S Q U I M A L T, B. C.	Official Number <u>14304</u>
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Date of Birth 26th August 1920

Place of Birth Vancouver, B.C.

Usual Place of Residence 2951 Parker St Vancouver B.C.

Trade brought up to Student

Name and Address of next of Kin Mother Mary E., same address 3009 42

Religious Denomination Church of England *8-11-43*

Can Swim _____

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE

DATE OF ACTUAL VOLUNTEERING	DATE OF ENROLMENT	PERIOD VOLUNTEERED FOR	RATING ON ENROLMENT	MEDALS, DECORATIONS, ETC.	
				DATE RECEIVED	NATURE OF DECORATION
<u>13 Sep/38</u>	<u>13 Sep/38</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>Ord. Smn.</u>	<u>16 Feb. '44</u>	<u>Canadian Voluntary Service Medal and Clasp. Provisional award. 1939-1943 "Star"</u>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

	HEIGHT		COMPLEXION	HAIR	EYES	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	FEET	INCHES				
On Entry	<u>5</u>	<u>7½</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Scar on left foot</u>
On attaining 28 years						
Further Description if necessary						

V14304

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-491

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V14304

NAME BARNETT
(Surname) Charles Austin
(Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 26 August, 1920PLACE OF BIRTH Vancouver, B.C. OCCUPATION StudentRELIGION C. of E. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 2216 E. Broadway Ave Town Vancouver 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
13	9	38	3 years.	5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Brown	Brown	Fair	Scar on L. foot.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Wife Mary BarnettADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 3251 Parkside St Town Vancouver 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	
16	2	44	CVSM (R & C) 1939-43 Star. (A10057) Atlantic Star (R&C) War Medal 1939-45	12	33	40	Passed E.T. 1 R.C.N.V.R.				
				2	8	40	Marked "TR"				
				7	9	40	Suppl'd A/G Appr.				

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		
13	9	42	1st. GSB	Granted							

FILM
NO. W3R 5289-4
DATE

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

O.H.F. Received.
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT RECEIVED DATED 10-11-40.
Last Will & Testament number 21497 received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V14304 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BARNETT
(Surname)

Charles Austin
(Given Names)

P.I.B.

OFFICIAL NUMBER V14304

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
Vancouver Div. Str.	Ord. Smn.	13	9	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40	A/Q.R. 111	12	10	40			
Duty Div. Hdqrs.	"	18	5	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	Q.R. 11	14	6	41			
Naden	"	16	6	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Naden	A.B.	12	2	41		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	43							
Givenchy (Norsal)	"	12	10	40		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	44							
Naden	"	2	6	41		V.G.	Supr.	18	3	45							
Guysborough	"	29	10	42													
DISCHARGED	"	18	3	45	"Missing" Per Casualty List.												
					"Presumed Dead" Per Casualty List.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Can. Memorial Cross awarded to:
Mother: Mrs. Mary Barnett,
2951 Parker St.,
Vancouver, B.C. on 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.	MAIN	SUB.	MAIN	SUB.	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK
26	8	20	18	XXX	0	30	X	9	04	10	3	08	0	08	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		
13	09	39	18	05	40					3290	0	08	94		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB.		M.				CODED		CHECKED			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A.	B.	ST.									
12	02	41	13	11	00		E2P			DHB		G.W. 28			

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REGISTERED

Ref
N.S. V-14304 PERS. (N)

21 March, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Barnett:

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, Charles Austin Barnett, Able Seaman, Official Number V-14304, 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,

[Signature]
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Mary Barnett
2951 Parker Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

[Handwritten marks]

N.S. V-14304, PERS.(N)

23 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Barnett:

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, Charles Austin Barnett, Able Seaman, Official Number V-14304, 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. Mary Barnett,
2951 Parker Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 22. 4. 45
Time 1200

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Oct. 45 "GUYSBOROUGH"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL B R

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Mary E. Barnett - Mother

ADDRESS: 2951 Parker St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

DATE DESP.....

(1)

REGN. NO. 349.....

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Mary Barnett

ADDRESS:

2951 Parker St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

(3)

4-6-45

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AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

BARNETT	Charles Austin	V-14304	A.B.	FILE No. <i>257185</i>
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No. *Nil*

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	<i>R 6/13.</i>
Atlantic Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)