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CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM
 (HOSTILITIES FORM)

112-77-5649

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME MITCHELL OFFICIAL NO. V47940
 CHRISTIAN NAMES George Thomas MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Married

PERMANENT ADDRESS Kapuskasing, Ontario. RELIGION Anglican Church.

DATE OF BIRTH <u>6th December, 1916</u>	*PLACE OF BIRTH Town <u>New Castle</u> County Province <u>Ontario.</u>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <u>Wife: Mrs. Janette Mitchell, Kapuskasing, Ontario.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Canadian</u> Mother <u>Canadian.</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>6</u>	Inflated <u>33½</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Scar from an appendectomy.</u>
Inches <u>¼</u>	Deflated <u>31</u>				
	Mean <u>32</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING <u>Grade Eight Public School.</u>	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY <u>Oiler: Spruce Falls Power & Paper Co., Kapuskasing, Ontario.</u>
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DATE OF ENROLMENT <u>16th September, 1942.</u>	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED <u>Stoker 1</u>	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED <u>H.M.C.S. "BYTOWN".</u>
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(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 Force or Territorial Force.

* (b) I served in Not Applicable. for the period shown and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM

Personal Records Division.

1. Name Record and attach my
 2. Index Card
 3. Non-Sub. Card
 4. Statistical Card
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 6. Pension Card
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 8.
 DATE 23.9.42

(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 O T T A W A 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.

(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.

(d) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this 16th day of September.

Signature of applicant Geo. Mitchell X

(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 16th day of September.

T. W. Harrison - Lt. Col.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, George Thomas Mitchell 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 Geo. Mitchell X

Witness T. W. Harrison - Lt. Col.

Date 16th September, 1942 Rank Sub-Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

George Thomas Mitchell 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 OTTAWA Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

T. W. Harrison - Lt. Col.
Sub-Lieut., R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.
R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. "BYTOWN"
(or other establishment)

16th September, 1942

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.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the engine room Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Geo. Mitchell X
Signature

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read
KB
CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

George Robert MITCHELL

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-47940</i>
	<i>R.M.S. "Beytown"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth *6 December, 1916*

Place of Birth *Newcastle, Ont.*

Place of Residence *R.R. 4, Cobourg, Ont.*

Trade brought up to *ailer*

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)
(Wife)
Janette
1100 Dufferin St.
Toronto, 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	
	<i>16 Sep '42</i>	<i>duration hostilities</i>	<i>Sto 1/c</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>6</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
	<i>On Active Service - 16 Sep 1942</i>					
	<i>"Bytown"</i>		<i>Sto. 1/c</i>	<i>16 Sep '42</i>	<i>11 Oct '42</i>	
	<i>"York"</i>		<i>---</i>	<i>12 Oct '42</i>	<i>14 Dec '42</i>	
	<i>Cornwallis</i>		<i>---</i>	<i>15 Dec '42</i>	<i>25 Jun '43</i>	
	<i>Stadacona</i>		<i>---</i>	<i>26 Jun '43</i>	<i>26 Aug '43</i>	
	<i>HMS Caldwell</i>		<i>---</i>	<i>27 Aug '43</i>	<i>12 Dec '43</i>	
	<i>Stadacona</i>		<i>---</i>	<i>13 Dec '43</i>	<i>11 Jan '44</i>	
	<i>Nishe</i>		<i>---</i>	<i>12 Jan '44</i>	<i>19 Apr '44</i>	
	<i>Medic (Gyphoraph)</i>		<i>---</i>	<i>18 Apr '44</i>	<i>29 Mar '44</i>	
	<i>Stadacona (Gyphoraph)</i>		<i>---</i>	<i>30 Mar '44</i>	<i>28 Feb '45</i>	
	<i>Nishe (---)</i>		<i>---</i>	<i>1. Mar '45</i>	<i>19 Feb '45</i>	<i>A-61046</i> <i>Reported "Drinking"</i> <i>"Drunk and Dead" 10</i> <i>date 18 March 1945</i> <i>C.N.M.O.'s Log # 241758</i> <i>May 1945 - A-60194</i>

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



Date	Details	Captain's Signature
<i>23 Feb '45</i>	<i>Annual leave 28.3</i>	
<i>2nd Aug '43</i>	<i>A.C.T.W. B80717</i>	

Year
<i>16 Sep</i>
<i>17 March</i>

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
1046	USS "Training"					
	USS "Albatross"					
18 March 1945						

1046
 USS "Training"
 USS "Albatross"
 18 March 1945
 V.A. Log # 2417518
 1945 - R - 60184

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS			RECORD OF RATING		
Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
16 Sep. '42	Identification card Issued No: 77543				
17 March 1944	Created Cox WX cert.				

's Signature

V47940

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-M-5649

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V47940

NAME MITCHELL (Surname) George Thomas (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 6 Dec., 1916.
 PLACE OF BIRTH New Castle, Ont. OCCUPATION Oiler
 RELIGION Anglican EDUCATION Grade 8
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. _____ Town Kapuskasing, Province, etc. Ont.

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
16	9	42	H.O.	6' $\frac{1}{4}$	Brn.	Blue	Med.	Scar from an appendectomy.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Janette Mitchell
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 1100 Rufferin St. Town Toronto Province, etc. Ont.

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			
				27	1	43	Qual Anti-Gas 1 dy. (249A#25291)						
				1	3	44	Granted Aux. W/K. Cert. 'A-40490.						

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

FILM NO. NSR-5730-8
DATE



V47940

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME MITCHELL
(Surname)

George Thomas
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V47940

P.I.B.

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 BYTOWN	Stoker 1	16	9	42	Div. Str. Ottawa.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "	" "	16	9	42	Active Service D.L.# 2	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
" "YORK"	" "	12	10	42	D.I. 12-10-42	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
Cornwallis	" "	28	12	42	DRD H-266	V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45							
Stadacona	" "	26	6	43	DRD H-1907												
HMS Caldwell	" "	27	8	43	DRD H-2436												
Stadacona	" "	13	12	43	D.R.D.S. 10.P.1.												
Narborough (Niobe)	" "	12	1	44	D.R.D.S. 39.P.20. Ser. Pass.												
Niobe	" "	13	3	44	D.R.D. #442.P.18.												
Guyshorough	" "	24	5	44	D.R.D. #215.												
DISCHARGED.	" "	18	3	45	"Missing" Per Casualty List (Presumed Dead)												

GENERAL REMARKS

The Canadian Memorial Cross is awarded to Wife: Mrs. Jantje Mitchell, 1100 Dufferin St., Toronto, Ont., to date the 4-6-45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		REL-ED		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	STION	A	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK		
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ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	A	BR	RANK				
16	09	42	16	09	42						98300	15794				
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M		CHECKED							
DY.	MO.	YR.	A	B	ST.	A	B	ST.	A	B	ST.					
16	09	42	23	00	00											

INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS RECORDS

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

~~XXXXXX~~ NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

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Name **MITCHELL, George Thomas**
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating **Stoker First Class** Official No. **V-47940** Unit ~~R.C.N.V.R.~~
~~R.C.N.V.R.~~
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth **New Castle, Ontario.** Date of Birth **6th December, 1916**

Occupation in Civil Life **Oiler** Religion **Anglican 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 16th September, 1942 to 18th March, 1945.**

Date of Death **18th March, 1945** Place of Death **At sea**

Cause of Death **"Missing, PRESUMED DEAD". He was serving in H.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 **Mrs. Jantje L. Mitchell.** Relationship **Wife**
Address **1100 Dufferin Street, TORONTO, Ontario.**

Date on which the above was informed by ~~Ship~~ **Naval Service Headquarters: 21 March, 1945.**

Date on which death was registered with local Officials.....

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.....

If applicable { Place of Burial **No burial** Date of Burial.....
Location, Number, etc., of grave.....
Undertaker employed.....

*Noted
D.N.P.D.
7.5.45
E.L.*

H.B. Money

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

Date **OTTAWA, Ont., 1 May, 1945.**

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, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING *Sta. 1/c* OFF. NO. *V-47940* ADDRESS

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
							1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>TL.</i>							ATLANTIC	2	
	<i>Alto - From Gen (Lost)</i>						FRANCE G.	1	<i>clasp</i>
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

IFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

23 April, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

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 husband, George Thomas Mitchell, Stoker First Class, Official Number V.47940, 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.

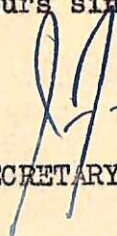
"It looked at first as if the ship would survive. Guns crews were closed up, water-tight doors were closed, bulkheads shored up and every effort made to save the little vessel.

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"There was just one fatality from the torpedoing,
although some members of a gun's crew were injured."

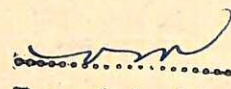
Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you
in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence
for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers
and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which
your husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Jantje L. Mitchell,
1100 Dufferin Street,
Toronto, Ontario.


Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 22.4.45
Time 1.30

RCNVR Jan.45 "GUYSBOROUGH"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Jantje L. ~~Mitchell~~ ^{Huntley (Re-married)} - Widow

ADDRESS: ~~1100 Dufferin St.,~~ 891 King St. W.
TORONTO, Ont. HAMILTON,

23-11-49

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW Mrs. J. Mitchell

ADDRESS: 1100 Dufferin Street
TORONTO, Ontario

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. H. Mitchell

ADDRESS: KAPUSKASING, Ontario

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)
DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 875

(2) 4 June 1945

(3) 5 June 1945

L DECEASED 18 March 1945

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS
D.D.

MITCHELL	George Thomas	V-47940	Sto. 1/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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	5610
France G. & Clasp	
C.V.S.M & Clasp	
War Medal	

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