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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

V-83333

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME MUTCHESON, OFFICIAL No. 183333
CHRISTIAN NAMES John Edwin MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
206 Lorne Ave., Portage la Prairie, Man.	Roman Catholic

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
1st November, 1925	Town Portage la Prairie, County Province Manitoba.	Mother, Mrs. Maggie MUTCHESON, 206 Lorne Ave., Portage la Prairie, Man.
*Original Nationality of:		
Father Chinese		
Mother Polish		

*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 5	Inflated 35				
Inches 6 1/2	Deflated 32	Black	Brown	Fair	Nil.
135	Mean 33				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Grade IX.	Apprentice Machinist, (Unemployed)

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
Divisional Strength 24th March, 1944	Sto. 2/c	H.M.C.S. "CHIPPAWA"

(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, Air Force, Reserve or Territorial Force.

* (b) ~~I have served in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force for the period shown and have been credited with service to the extent of this statement.~~

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM

(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.

Personnel Records
Division.

1. Noted in Records

2. Index Card

3. Non-Suicide Card

4. Statistical Card

5. Bonus Card

6. Pension Card

7. ...

8. ...

DATE 19.4.44

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and 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 Sto. 2/c by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1944.

Signature of applicant X J. E. Mutcherson

(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 24th

day of March, 1944.

My authority for attestation is NAVAL ORDER 2653
C.O.R.D.'s 162035 of March, 1944.

Howard Janin
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.
LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John Edwin MUTCHESON 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 X J. E. Mutcherson

Witness Howard Janin

Date 24th March, 1944. Rank LIEUTENANT 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.

R. C. M. P. CHECK OF
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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

John Edwin MUTCHESON

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V 83333</i>
	<i>Chippawa</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>1st November 1925</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth <i>Portage la Prairie, Man.</i>	<i>Mother</i>
Place of Residence <i>206 Lorne Ave. Portage la Prairie, Man.</i>	<i>Mr. Maggie Mutcherson</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Apprentice Machinist</i>	<i>206 Lorne Ave.</i>
Religion <i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>Man. 51-11-40</i>
Can Swim:—P.P.T. (G) Date <i>9 Aug</i> 19 <i>44</i> Signature <i>J. Burr</i> Rank <i>SL-VR</i>	
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>24 Mar. 44</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>SL 2/c</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>6 1/4</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Nil</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

V83333

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME MUTCHESON
(Surname)

John Edwin
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V83333

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 "Chippawa"	Stoker 2/c	24	3	44	Div. Str. Manitoba	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
"	"	27	3	44	Act. Serv. (DL. 23.3.44.)	V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45							
"	Ord. Seaman	20	6	44	Trans. (240A/35804)												
" Div. Str.	"	21	8	44	Harvest Leave (S.C.)												
" Act. Serv.	"	21	9	44	S.C.												
Cornwallis	"	16	10	44	S.C.												
St. Francis	"	20	1	45	S.C.												
Cornwallis	"	27	1	45	S.C.												
Scotian	"	23	2	45	DRD S#537 P.#3												
Guysborough	"	26	2	45	DRD S#544 P.#3												
DISCHARGED	"	18	3	45	"Missing" Presumed Dead (Casualty List)												

GENERAL REMARKS

AWARDED CANADIAN MEMORIAL CROSS
 MOTHER: -Mrs. Margaret Mutcheson,
 206 Lorne Ave.,
 Portage La Prairie, Manitoba
 to date 5.6.45.

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V83333

NAME MUTCHESON (Surname) John Edwin (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH Portage la Prairie, Manitoba OCCUPATION Apprentice Machinist

RELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION Grade IX

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 206 Lorne Ave. Town Portage la Prairie Province, etc. Manitoba

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To	
24	3	44	H.O.	5' 6 1/2"	Black	Brown	Fair					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mr. Margaret J. J. J.

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 206 Lorne Ave Town Portage la Prairie Province, etc. Manitoba

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				9	11	44	P.P.T. (Good)				
				8	12	44	Qual Anti-gas 1 day				
				8	2	45	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. WSP 6227-8
DATE

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

O.H.F. Received
Last Will & Testament # 25151 Received

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To

W.S.G.
APPLICATION
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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 MITCHESON John Edwin RANK/RATING O. Gunn OFF. NO. V-83333 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	
													1939-45	1	star
	27.3.44												ATLANTIC		
<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>20.1.45</u>	<u>26.1.45</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>AT</u>									FRANCE G.		
<u>Guyboro</u>	<u>27.2.45</u>	<u>18.3.45</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>AT</u>									AFRICA		
													PACIFIC		
	<u>Desch</u>	<u>dead</u>		<u>18.3.45</u>									BURMA		
													ITALY		
													DEFENCE		
													C.V.S.M.	2	+ clasp
													" CLASP		
													WAR 1945	1	medal
													WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY R.S.
SM.

VERIFIED BY Robert Saunders

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DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS

INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS' RECORDS

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

HMKCSX NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name MUTCHESON John Edwin (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Ordinary Seaman Official No. V-83333 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Portage la Prairie, Man. Date of Birth 1 November, 1925.

Occupation in Civil Life Apprentice Machinist Religion Roman Catholic

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 24 March, 1944 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 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. Margaret Mutcheson, Relationship Mother Address 206 Lorne Avenue, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Manitoba

Date on which the above was informed by SMSR 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 on PA. C.P. 11.5.45

H.B. Money 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.

23 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Mutcheson:

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, John Edwin Mutcheson, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V.83333, 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.



"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. Margaret Mutcherson,
206 Lorne Ave.,
Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.

 
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 22.4.45
Time 1200

HMCS "GUYSBOROUGH" Nov/45 R.C.N.V.R.
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED to Mr. Margaret Mutcheson - Mother

ADDRESS: 206 Lorne Ave.,
Portage La Prairie, Man.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. M. Mutcheson

ADDRESS: 206 Lorne Avenue
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO 293

(2)

(3) 5 June 1945

DECEASED 18 March 1945

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

MUTCHESON	John Edwin	V-83333	O.Smn.	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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star C.V.S.M. & Clasp War Medal	4556 24 . 1149

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