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(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 Toronto.

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 Head-quarters 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.

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(d) To under priate authorities		tion, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appro-						
Dated this	13th day of	June '41						
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(C)		OF ATTESTING OFFICER						
I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my								
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day ofJune								
		Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.						
(D)	OATH (Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R. OF ALLEGIANCE						
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I, Richard declare) that I w	d Stanley SLADE	do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly llegiance to His Britannic Majesty, His heirs and successors						
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Date 13 Jur	ne '41	Rank Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.						
The Oath of	Allegiance may be administe	red by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.						
(E)	CERTIFICATE	OF ATTESTING OFFICER						

Richard Stanley SLADE 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 Toronto Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

R.C.N.V.R. Division
(or other establishment) Toronto

13 June 194 1

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.

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By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

To Lieutenant Richard S. Slade (Acting), R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary), --

> You are hereby appointedx confirmed and re-appointed

> > Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship GUYSBOROUGH (Temporary).

confirmation Dour appointment is to take effect from 14th September, 1944.

(With seniority of 15th February, 1944).

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R.S. Department of National Defence Naval Service

Ottawa, 14th November, 194 re-apptd.

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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,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Helen L. Slade, 1133 Dovercourt Road, TORONTO, Ontario.

c/o C.F.M.O., London, E.C.2, April 3rd, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Slade:

It is with deep regret that I write this letter. I am the former Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH" in which your son was serving.

I know there is nothing I can say that will take away the grief you are suffering, but I do want you to know how extremely sorry I am.

Stan and I were shipmates for a long time and became very good friends. He was a very clever and highly spirited boy, and was a credit to you and his ship at all times. I cannot praise him too highly. His cheerfulness was spontaneous and he was most popular in the ship, his death being deeply felt by those of us who survived.

Regulations prevent me from giving a detailed description of all that happened but I can say that he got away from the ship to a carley float where he died from a cut in his forehead. He rapidly lost consciousness and I am certain passed away without suffering.

I have already had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Slade and I hope I may have the opportunity of visiting you both, to express my condolences in person. In the meantime, if there is anything I can do please let me know and I will be only too pleased to oblige.

Yours sincerely,

"B.R. Russell"

Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.

FILE NO.: N.S. 0-67550 PERS. (N)

21 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Slade:

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, Lieutenant Richard Stanley Slade, 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. While there is no official confirmation of these statements, they are believed to be authentic, considering their source:

"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."

One of the survivors is reported to have stated:

"The navigating officer, Lieut. Thomas Holland, of Souris, P.E.I., was one of those who made my raft but he died in it of a broken back. Lieut. R. Stanley Slade of Toronto was another and he died of head injuries."

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. Helen L. Slade, 1133 Dovercourt Road, Toronto, Ont.

Despatched by Sec. N. B.

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