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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME HOUISON, OFFICIAL NO. V 23114
CHRISTIAN NAMES George Douglas MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
1687 Aird Ave., Montreal, Quebec		Pres.
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
May 3rd, 1919	Town <u>Hamilton,</u> County Province <u>Ontario</u>	Father <u>George Houison</u> same address

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>37</u>	Dark Brown	Hazel	Dark	Rupture scar. right side.
Inches <u>11</u>	Deflated <u>33</u>				
<u>155</u>	Mean <u>35</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Sept. 26th, 1940 <i>A.S. 29, Sept 1940</i>	Writer	Cost Clerk, Canadian Fairbanks Morse Co. Ltd.

(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.

Personnel R. co. ds
Division.

1. Noted in Records *J.F.*

2. Index Card *J.F.*

3. Non-SI Card *J.F.*

4. Status Card *J.F.*

5. Rones Strip *J.F.*

6. Pension Card

7. _____

8. _____

DATE 4 Oct. 1940

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(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Montreal 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 26th day of September 1940

Signature of applicant George D. Houison

(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 26th day of September 1940

W. B. Campbell
Signature of Commanding Officer
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, George Douglas Houison 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 George D. Houison

Witness W. B. Campbell

Date September 26th, 1940 Rank 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

George Douglas Houison 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 Montreal Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

J. McFetrick
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R. for 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.

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N.S. 815-11-17

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

George Douglas Houison

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number V.23114
	Montreal	"
		"

Date of Birth May 3rd, 1919
 Place of Birth Hamilton, Ontario
 Place of Residence 1687 Aird Ave., Montreal, Quebec
 Trade brought up to Cost Clerk
 Religion Presbyterian
 Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date 19 Signature _____
 P.S.T. Date 19 Signature _____ Rank _____

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Wife
Jean Bourgeois
10 Jackson Ave.
Mickleover in
Derby England.



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	
26-9-40	26-9-40	Duration	Writer			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	5	11	35	155	Dark Brown	Hazel	Dark	Rupture scar - right side
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 <i>H.M.C.S. Montreal Divisional Strength</i>	LEDGER		RATING <i>Wt.</i>	FROM <i>26 Sep '40</i>	TO <i>28 Sep '40</i>	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE <i>H-55-4-514</i>
		List	No.				
1940	<i>Stadacona</i>	-	-	<i>Writer</i>	<i>29 Sep '40</i>	<i>30 Sep '40</i>	<i>H-55-H-646</i>
	<i>Niobe</i>			<i>"</i>	<i>21 Jan '42</i>	<i>21 May '42</i>	
	<i>"</i>			<i>Adj. St. (TY)</i>	<i>1 Jun '42</i>	<i>30 Sep '43</i>	
	<i>Niobe (Athabaskan)</i>			<i>"</i>	<i>1 Oct '43</i>	<i>29 Apr '44</i>	<i>reported missing (2003)</i> <i>Presumed dead (21063)</i> <i>comm'd sig 13209 Jan '45</i>

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

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
<i>29 Aug '41</i>	<i>Issued S.C.T.W. # B-6892</i>	<i>254 3-9-41</i>
<i>24 Oct '41</i>	<i>Issued S.C.T. Wt # 10911</i>	<i>1180-</i>

Name George Douglas Houison, Writer, V. NK Conduct

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (Inclusive Dates)		CHARACTER, ABILITY IN RATING ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE, AND ANNUALLY, 31st DECEMBER, WHILE MOBILIZED			
From	To	Character	Efficiency in Rating Noting Substantive Rating in Brackets	Date	Captain's Signature
		V.G.	Sat. (Wtr.)	31 Dec '40	J. Richards
		V.G.	Sat. (Wtr.)	31 Dec '41	H. Adams
		V.G.	Sat. (Wtr.)	31 Dec '42	H. Kingley
		V.G.	Sat. (L/Wtr.)	31 Dec '43	E. Brodie
		N.G.	Sat. (L/Wtr.)	29 Apr '44	A. Goldspink

R.C.N.V.R.
GOOD CONDUCT AND GOOD SERVICE BADGES

Date	G.S.B. or G.C.B.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Granted, Deprived, Restored
29 Aug '43	M.G.B.	1st	Granted

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served

V23114 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME HOUISON, George, Douglas, OFFICIAL NUMBER V23114 P.I.B.
 (Surname) (Given Names)

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
Div. Str. Montreal	Writer	26	9	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
Duty Div. Hdqrs.	"	29	9	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Stadacona	"	30	9	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Niobe (Quebec)	"	21	1	42	Via Ocean Passage HMT "Volendrook"	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
"	Ldg. Wtr.	1	6	42	Rated. (249A/18833)	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Athabaskan	"	3	10	43	N. DRD #279												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	"Missing" Casualty List.												
					"Presumed Dead" per Gas. List. P#66												

GENERAL REMARKS

X-ray 62807 approved.

AWARDED CANADIAN MEMORIAL CROSS to:
 Mother: Mrs. Geo. Houison,
 1697 Aird Ave.,
 MONTREAL, Quebec.
 March 17, 1945.

AWARDED CANADIAN MEMORIAL CROSS to:
 Wife: Mrs. Joan B. Houison,
 10 Jackson Ave.,
 Mickelover,
 Near Derby, England.
 February 19, 1945.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL		OCCU.		RELI-ED		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	MAIN	SUB.	GION	A	B	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK				
03	5	19	11	8	30	0	50	Y	2	23	02	0	09	0	23	95		
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.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK					
26	09	40	29	09	40					0230	0	23	95					
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB.		M.		CODED		CHECKED							
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ST.	A	BR.	RANK					
07	06	42	13	00	00	20	29	60	44									

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name HOULSON, George Douglas
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Leading Writer Official No. V-23114 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Hamilton, Ontario Date of Birth 3rd May, 1919

Occupation in Civil Life Cost Clerk Religion Presbyterian

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 26th September, 1940 to 29th April, 1944

Date of Death 29th April, 1944 Place of Death At sea

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Joan B. Houison Relationship wife
Address 10 Jackson Avenue, MICKLEOVER, Nr. Derby, England.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 1 May, 1944.

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 ---

ENTERED IN
N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
JAN 19 1945
S.P.
CLERK No. 1

for H.B. Money
(Commanding Officer)
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. EMC

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

Date OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January, 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.

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL
N.S. V-23114 Pers. (N)

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1 May, 1944.

Dear Mr. Houison:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, George Douglas Houison, Leading Writer, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-23114, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your son's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Leading Writer Houison is reported "missing", there is a possibility of his survival. It is understood that a number of the crew have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy. The Red Cross have been informed and are attempting to obtain from the German Government a list of those taken. Please be assured that as soon as any further information respecting your son has been received you will be informed.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy 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,

LETTER dispatched by
PERSONNEL NAVAL
MAY 2 1944
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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Mr. George Houison,
1687 Aird Avenue,
Maisonneuve, MONTREAL, Quebec.

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R E G I S T E R E D

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-23114, PERS.(N)

15 January, 1945. 76

Dear Mr. Houison:

Further to my letter of the 10th of October, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, George Douglas Houison, Leading Writer, Official Number V-23114, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", 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 29th of April, 1944.

It would be appreciated if the Department might be informed as to whether Leading Writer Houison's mother is living. If so a Memorial Cross will be forwarded to her as a memento of her personal loss and sacrifice.

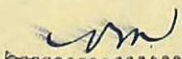
May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Yours sincerely,


Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. George Houison,
1687 Aird Avenue,
MAISONNEUVE, Montreal,
Quebec.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 15/1/45
Time 1800

RCNVR Sep.45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Joan B. Houison - Widow

ADDRESS: 10 Jackson Ave.,
MICKLEOVER, New Derby,
ENGLAND

10-5-49

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO.....

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(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

Mrs. J. B. Houison

ADDRESS: 10 Jackson Avenue
MICKLEOVER
Near DERBY, England

(2) 19 February 1945

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. G. Houison

ADDRESS: 1687 Aird Avenue
MONTREAL, Que.

(3) 17 March 1945

DECEASED 29 April 1944

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

HOUISON	George Douglas	V-23114	L/Wtr.	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	1422
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)