



CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME..... BAIRD OFFICIAL NO. V 48 796
CHRISTIAN NAMES..... Hadow Frederick MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Married

PERMANENT ADDRESS: Heron Bay South, Ontario
RELIGION: Presbyterian

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 December 1917
PLACE OF BIRTH: Town Frederickton, County New Brunswick, Province New Brunswick
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Wife: Mrs. H. F. Baird, Heron Bay South, Ontario
Original Nationality of: Father Scotch, Mother Scotch

*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>5</u>	Inflated..... <u>38</u>	<u>Light Brown</u>	<u>Grey</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Scar on right upper lip</u>
Inches <u>8</u>	Deflated..... <u>36</u>				<u>Scar on left knee</u>
Mean..... <u>37</u>					

EDUCATIONAL STANDING: Completed Course in Forestry obtained Degree of B.Sc. Forestry at University of New Brunswick
TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY: Forest Engineer: Ontario Paper Co., Heron Bay South, Ontario

DATE OF ENROLMENT: 5th October 1942
RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED: O. Smn.
R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED: Port Arthur, Ontario

(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, 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 or Air Force~~
* (b) I served in N.P.A.M. (Mobile) Artillery for the period 1939 to 1940, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

Personnel Records Division

1. Noted in Records	<u>mk</u>
2. Index Card	<u>mk</u>
3. Non-Sub. Card	
4. Special Card	<u>mk</u>
5. Roneo Strip	
6. Pension Card	
7. ...	
8. ...	<u>mk</u>

DATE: 12/10/42

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>N.P.A.M. (Mobile) Artillery</u>	<u>Quartermaster-Sergeant</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>

- (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.

HAS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOOK

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....Port Arthur.....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.....5th.....day of.....October 1942.....

Signature of applicant.....Haddock Baird.....

(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.....5th.....day of.....October 1942.....

[Signature]
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Haddock Frederick BAIRD.....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.....Haddock Baird.....

Witness.....[Signature].....

Date.....5th October 1942..... Rank.....[Signature].....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

.....Haddock Frederick BAIRD.....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.....Port Arthur.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

[Signature]
Attesting Officer.

.....5th October.....1942..... R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment).....Port Arthur.....

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.....Seaman.....Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Haddock Baird
Signature

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TRUE COPY
OF THE
CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Hadow Frederick BAIRD ICNS 65920

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V. 48796</i>
	<i>Griffon</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth *19th December, 1917* Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)

Place of Birth *Fredericton, New Brunswick* *W.I.F.F.*

Place of Residence *Heron Bay South, Ontario* *Mrs. H.F. BAIRD*

Trade brought up to *Forest Engineer* *Heron Bay South, Ontario*

Religion *Presbyterian*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. (FAIR) Date *15 April* 19 *43*. Signature

P.S.T. () Date 19 Signature

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>5 Oct. '42</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Imm.</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>Light Brown</i>	<i>Grey</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Scar on right upper lip Scar on left knee</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

ATTESTATION

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT U.N.B. Conty. C.O.T.C. REGT. No.

1. What is your surname? (Block letters) B A I R D
2. What are your Christian names? Haddow Frederick
3. What is your present address? 685 Charlotte St. Phone No.
4. Employer's name and address? Phone No.
5. Date of Birth 19/12/17. 6. (a) Country of Birth Can. (b) Nationality Can.
7. Are you Single? Yes Married? Widower?
8. What is your trade or calling? Student 9. Religious persuasion?
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service.
Give particulars, qualifications, etc.
11. Name, Relationship and Address of Next of Kin.
A. B. Baird 5 Alexander St Bellville Ont.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5'-10" Weight 155 Chest max. 38 min. 36
Descriptive marks

I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in Regulations for the Canadian Medical Services and find him fit Category A.
Date 30/4/40 Signature

DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned Haddow F. Baird do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers to the foregoing questions made and signed by me are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of three years or until legally discharged, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement, that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, my employer or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN

I, Haddow F. Baird do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

W. W. Clark Signature of Witness
Haddow Baird Signature of Man
Dated this First day of October 1937 at U.N.B.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

The recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished by law. The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question and that his answer to each question has been duly entered and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath.

Statement of Services

Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Annual Training, Qualification Certificates, etc.	Effective Date	Authority for Entry	Signatures of Officers Certifying Correctness of entries
Accepted for Service with effect from 1 - 10 - 37	1/10/37	Pt. II Orders.	<i>W. H. James Maj.</i> Officer Commanding Unit <i>WMB Coy.</i>
EFFICIENT 1938			<i>G. A. Campbell</i>
<i>Q. V. / T. Class I Prov. School. 7th Lon. N. B. Cert No 3706.</i>	21.3.39	D.O. 94/39	<i>Drummond</i>
EFFICIENT 1939	31.3.39		<i>M. N. Rogers Adj. S.</i>
<i>Promoted C. Q. M. S.</i>	1/10/39	Bn Orders. AI #9 12-3-40	<i>M. N. R.</i>
EFFICIENT 1940	27/9/40		<i>H. J. W.</i>
<i>S. O. S. Cert. (Lient) A.F. M. (94659)</i>	1.10.40	640	<i>H. J. W.</i>
<i>Training 1940-41. Camp Sussex: 14 days</i>	14/6/40	M.O # 156	<i>H. J. W. - adjt. H. J. Richards.</i>
Medals and Decorations			

NOTE:—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur and certified by the Officer making the entry.

Attestations to be made out in duplicate, the original being forwarded to be filed in Regimental Orderly Room, the duplicate to be kept in the Battery, Squadron, Company, etc.

0-3690
V48796

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BAIRD
(Surname)

Hadow Frederick
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V-48796

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 "GRIFFON"	Ord. Smn.	5	10	42	Div. Str. Port Arthur	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	Q&R Prob. S.	24	6	43			
" "	" "	13	1	43	Active Service D.L. 13-1-43	V.G.	Supr.	22	8	43	T.						
" NADEN	" "	14	3	43	D.L. 13-3-43												
Givenchy	" "	21	8	43	DRD #1505												
DISCHARGED:	" "	22	8	43	"Prom. to Comm. Rank". as per App't. 25.9.43.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Prom. to Prob. Sub. Lieut 23.8.43 (2497/12409)

DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL OCCUPATION		DELETED PERM. RESIDENCE		PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT				
DY	MO	YR	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	DOM	P	CTY	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
19	R	17	15	7	11	0	509	1	49	00	9	10	0	08 95
ENLIST. DATE		ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.		SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE						
DY	MO	YR	DY	MO	YR	EST.			A	BR	RANK			
05	10	42	13	01	43				766	0	08 95			
SENIORITY		STR.		NON-SUB		M		CODED		CHECKED				
DY	MO	YR	CAT	A	B	ST.								
13	01	43	09			30		22-08-45	HK					

V48796

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-4302

OFFICIAL NUMBER V48796

NAME

BAIRD

(Surname)

Haddock Frederick

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 19 December, 1917.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Fredericton, New Brunswick.

OCCUPATION

Forest Engineer Ontario Paper Co.

RELIGION

Presbyterian

EDUCATION Completed course in Forestry obtained Degree of B.Sc.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town Heron Bay South

Province, etc Ontario.

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	
5	10	42	H.O.	5'8"	L. Brown	Grey	Fair	Scar on right upper lip. Scar on left knee	N.P.A.M. (Mobile) Artillery	Quarter-master Sergeant	1939	1940

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Wife (deceased 1871)

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs. H. J. Baird

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

173 Regent Street

Town

Fredericton

Province, etc

N.B.

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	4	43	P.P.T. Fair				
				4	5	43	E.T. 1 R.C.N.				
				28	5	43	"TR"				
				2	7	43	Passed Selection Board for Prom. to Commissioned Rank (A/12330)				
				22	3	43	Qual. Anti-gas 2 days.				

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					In diff. Char.	O.H.F. Received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial		
									Last Will and Testament received (2754)

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

103-B-557

0-3690

OFFICIAL NUMBER

0-3690

BAIRD
(Surname)Hadow Frederick
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

19 December, 1917

PLACE OF BIRTH

Fredericton, N.B.

OCCUPATION

Forest Engineer.

RELIGION

Presbyterian

EDUCATION

PLACE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town

Heron Bay South,

Province, etc.

Ont.

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	
23	8	43	Hostilities Only	5' 8"	Lt. Brn.	Grey	Fair	Scar on rt. upper lip. Scar on lt. knee.	NPAM (Mobile) Art. R.C.N.V.R.	C.M.S. Ord. Smn.	1939-42	1940-43

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc.

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	
				25	2	44	N.E. Off. A/S Crse. 93%				
				26	5	44	Result Trng. report 89.3%				

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. 4012-4297-5

DATE

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

O.H.F. Received.

Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

Last Will & Testament #2754 received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V.R.

0-3690 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BAIRD Haddow Frederick
(Surname) (Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 0-3690
EX-V-48796

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
H.M.C.S. Givenchy	P/Sub.Lieut.T.	23	8	43	addl. for leave and disposal-	Promoted from Ord. Smn.											
" York	" " "	16	9	43	for initial trng. and duty												
" Cornwallis	" " "	18	10	43	for Divisional duties-	Appt. 18-10-43											
Cornwallis & Kings	" " "	7	1	44	addl. for trng. and disposal-	Appt. 11-12-43											
H.M.C.S. Shawinigan	Sub.Lieut. T.	10	6	44	Confirmed with sen'y 26-1-44-	Pay. to commence 23-11-43-											
DISCHARGED	" " "	24	11	44	"Missing"-presumed-dead"-	per Casualty List pg. 122 of 2-12-44-											

GENERAL REMARKS
 Memorial Cross sent to Wife:
 Mrs. Patricia Helen Baird,
 5 Alexander St.,
 BELLEVILLE, Ont.-----26-3-45.
 Memorial Cross sent to Mother:
 Mrs. Alfred Baird,
 5 Alexander St.,
 BELLEVILLE, Ont.----26-3-45.
Annual Leave for 14 days from 29.5.44

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION			P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
19	R	17	15	711	0	50	X	1	49	00	X	13	2	1	12	
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			
23	08	43	23	08	43											
											9625	2	01	12		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
23	08	43	13	00	00											

McCoy 2.2

By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence
for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada *35*

To Probationary Sub-Lieutenant Haddow F. Baird, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),

You are hereby appointed

1110150

Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship SHAWINIGAN.

Your appointment is to take effect from 10th June, 1944.

(Confirmed in rank with seniority of 26th January, 1944)

(Pay as Sub-Lieutenant to commence 23rd November, 1943)

P.A.'S CHECKED IN

C.R. BY.....

Joseph Jeffery

Secretary, Naval Board

DN
Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa, 31st May, 1944.

H.Q. 36a
20M-1-44 (88)
N.S. 815-7-36

CORNWALLIS & KINGS addl. for trg. & dspsl.

Personnel File Card Division	
1. Noted in Records	<i>AM</i>
2. Index Card	
3. Non-Su. Card	
4. Statistical Card	<i>LD</i>
5. Romb Strip	<i>LD</i>
6. Pension Card	<i>LD</i>
7.	
DATE	<i>14.6.44 PA</i>

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

GRADE/RATING *Sub Lt* OFF. NO. *0-3690* ADDRESS

GRADE	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>lie</i>							ATLANTIC	1	<i>Star</i>
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *Joyce Rose*.....

0-3690

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

No.	60 180
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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

430753

H.M.C.S. SHAWINIGAN at Sea

Name Haddow Frederick BAIRD

(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating ^{Sub} Lieutenant, RCNVR (Temp) Official No. _____

(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth 19th December, 1917

Occupation in Civil Life _____ 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) 18th Oct., 1943 - 24th Nov., 1944

Date of Death 24th Nov., 1944 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Lost at Sea - enemy action
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Patricia Helen Baird Relationship wife

Address 173 Northumberland St., 5 Alexander St.,

Fredericton, N. B. Bellefleur, Ont

Not Known

Date on which the above was informed by Ship _____

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not Known

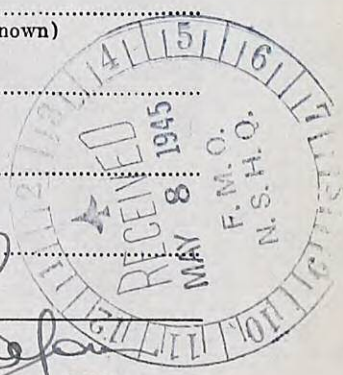
In the case of Imperial Service men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality _____

Place of Burial _____ Date of Burial _____
(if known) (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave _____
(if known)

Undertaker employed _____
(if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalided _____



[Signature]
Commanding Officer,

1945

58 nely
M.L.

Noted in
DPR 15
MB, 8/15/45

Noted
D.M.P. 15
29.5.45
C.P.

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

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.

IA/ERM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. 0-3690 PERS(N)

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February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Baird:

Further to my letter of the 7th of December, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Sub-Lieutenant Hadow Frederick Baird, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", 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 24th of November, 1944.

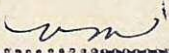
Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Patricia Helen Baird,
5 Alexander Street,
BELLEVILLE, Ontario.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 15.2.45
Time 1700

FEB 20 1945

REGISTERED

February, 1945.

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August ^{22nd.} 8th, 1945.NS. O-3690
FD.74 (Sec.N.B.)Re: Haddow Frederick Baird

Dear Sirs:

Receipt is duly acknowledged of your letter of the 13th July, 1945, and the contents of the report have been carefully considered and examined.

While the position of the sinking of H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" cannot be exactly ascertained, the statements which have been made in the report which you have submitted are not supported by the information which the Department has at hand. From the evidence which has been adduced from German sources and from all available documents which the Department has in its possession, the position of H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at the time the sinking took place is estimated to be in the vicinity of the 3-mile limit off Channel Head, near Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and there is a strong possibility that her position at the time the sinking occurred might well have been within the 3-mile limit.

For your information it is drawn to your attention that the information which is contained in the report apparently emanated from an unauthorized and improper source and did not receive the consent of the Department for its publication.

For your further information a copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. John A. Tuck, General Counsel for the Canadian Life Underwriters Association in order that he may be fully apprised of the information which the Department has at hand and, as indicated to you in the foregoing paragraphs of this letter, in order that the necessary steps can be taken to inform all Insurance Companies concerned accordingly.

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Yours very truly,

Messrs. Winslow & McNair,
Barristers & Solicitors,
FREDERICTON, N.B.

(W.G. Mills)
DEPUTY MINISTER.

August ^{22nd} 8th, 1945.NS. 0-3690
FD. 74 (Sec.N.B.)Re: Haddow Frederick Baird

Dear Mr. Tuck:-

With further reference to our various conferences concerning the position of H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at the time of her sinking, I am attaching hereto copy of a letter which has been forwarded to Messrs. Winslow & McNair, Attorneys for one of the beneficiaries, Sub-Lieutenant Haddow Frederick Baird, who was lost at the time of the sinking of H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", which is self-explanatory.

As apparently certain erroneous reports have been circulated to certain Insurance Companies regarding the position of H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at the time of her sinking, it would be appreciated if the information contained in the letter to Messrs. Winslow & McNair could be circulated to the Insurance Companies concerned in order that any inaccurate information which is in their possession may be dispelled.

Yours very truly,

W.G.C.

(W.G. Mills)
DEPUTY MINISTER.John A. Tuck, Esq.,
General Counsel,
Canadian Life Underwriters Association,
TORONTO, Ontario.

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28 August, 1945.

N.S.O-3690, PERS.(N) 'N' 5

Dear Mrs. Baird:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your husband's ship and I am accordingly passing on the following particulars which will, no doubt, be of interest to you.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" sailed from Sydney, N.S., on the 24th of November, 1944, to escort a merchant ship to Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and arrived off Port Aux Basques that night. In accordance with orders she was then to carry out a patrol in the area for the duration of the night, after which she was to meet the same merchant ship the next morning and return with her to Sydney.

The merchant ship arrived in Sydney unescorted on the night of the 25th of November and after it was ascertained that "SHAWINIGAN" had not appeared at the designated rendezvous to provide escort as instructed, searches were instituted and "SHAWINIGAN" was discovered to be missing.

It was the opinion of the Department at the time that the ship had been torpedoed by an enemy submarine during the night of the 24th/25th of November, 1944, as submarines were known to be operating in that area; and this has since been confirmed from German evidence. Although no survivors were found, a few bodies were recovered by later searches, due to tidal movements, some distance from the area in which "SHAWINIGAN" was known to be operating. As a result, the position of the sinking can not be exactly ascertained, although from German evidence and the Department's computation, it is estimated to be in the vicinity of the three mile limit off Channel Head, near Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by
Sec. N. E.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Patricia Helen Baird
5 Alexander St.,
BELLEVILLE, Ontario.

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MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Patricia H. Baird - Widow

ADDRESS: ~~5 Alexander St.,~~ 393 St. John St.,
~~BELLEVILLE, Ont.~~ Fredericton, N.B.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. P.H. Baird

ADDRESS: 5 Alexander St.,
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(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Alfred Baird

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BAIRD	Haddow Frederick	0-3690	Sub. Lt.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
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Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. and Clasp	
War Medal	6207 23-11-49

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