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(5) On being enrolled as a member of the WINNIPEG Division 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. day of May, 1940. Dated this..... Signature of applicant X W6 ballan (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 31st OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (D) I, William Edward Callan 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 Rank Cu Date 31st May, 1940. The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service. CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER (E) William Edward Callan 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 WINNIPEG

all Lieut Me Mussay.

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.

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

To Lieutenant William E. Callan, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary), --

Dou are hereby appointed

Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.,

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship SHAWINIGAN in command.

Pour appointment is to take effect from 15th March, 1944.

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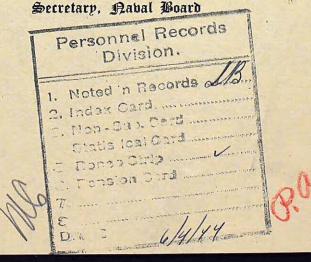
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By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

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To Lieutenant William E. Callan, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary), --

you are hereby appointed

Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.,

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship SHAWINIGAN as Executive Officer.

Pour appointment is to take effect from 6th June, 1944.

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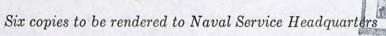
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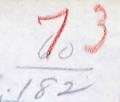
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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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Name CALL	AN, William Edward (Christian names in full)
	Lieutenant, RCNVR Temp Official No. (If unknown, date of first entry)
	nipeg, Man Date of Birth 16th January, 1914
Occupation in Civil	Life Accountant Religion United Church of Canada
Number of years set (Temporary)	ervice in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. 13th Aug., 1942 - 24th Nov., 1944
	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)
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	Commanding Officer, " 2 2nd May 1945

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

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FULL RATE TO DAY LETTER

MRS. MINNIE ANNA CALLAN. 637 RATHGAR AVE.. WINNIPEG. Man.

FROM: MAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS. . OTTAWA. Ont.

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A I R M A I L N.S. 0-11250 PERS. (N)

7 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Callan:

Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, details of the disaster in which your son has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", a Royal Canadian Navy corvette, was lost while on operational duty at sea. Seven officers, including her Captain, Lieutenant W. J. Jones, R.C.N.R., and seventy-eight ratings are missing. The bodies of five other ratings have been recovered and identified. There are no known survivors.

It is requested that you will regard this information as confidential until an official announcement is made.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Minnie Anna Callan, 637 Rathgar Ave., Winnipeg, Man. M.s.

N.S. 0-11250, PERS.(N) "N"/5.

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Callan:

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

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINICAN" 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 rendez-vous 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 postion 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.

Sec. N. B.
Date 29.8.45

Mrs. Minnie Anna Callan, 637 Rathgar Avenue, WINNIPEG, Manitoba. Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. & MC

Approval on NS 0-3690, F.D. 76, See also NSS 1156-331/93 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 son, Lieutenant William Edward Callan, 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 son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Minnie Anna Callan, 637 Rathgar Avenue, WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

Despatched by Sec. N. B.

15.2,45 Time 1730

ESTATES BRANCH H.Q. 0-11250 FD.979 April 27, 1945. Mrs. Minnie A. Callan. 637 Rathgar Avenue, Winnipeg, Man. CALLAN, William E., Lieut. (Deceased) RCNVR Dear Mrs. Callan: I have to advise you that certain personal effects consisting of laundry which belonged to your late son and apparently left ashore by him have been received here from Halifax and these articles are being forwarded direct to you at the above address by prepaid express, contained in one parcel. These personal effects are being released to you as the sole beneficiary under the Service Will of your late son and when you have received them kindly sign the enclosed form of receipt and return same to the Director of Estates, Department of National Defence, 308 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario. No other personal effects may be expected as none are anticipated from any of the casualties of H.M.C.S. Shawinigan in which your late son was lost. I understand from the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. Chippawa, Winnipeg, that you are proceeding with Probate of your late son's Will and he has advised that on completion of Probate a certified copy of same will be forwarded to this Directorate to admit of distribution of any available Service estate which we may have here. Yours faithfully. Director of Estates. HRW/BW Encl.1

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