

HENDERSON
JAMES MERVIN
N2939

C. S. " N A D E N "

OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN
Space to be left vacant
if not known

2939

624263

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT

To be forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, with Form S. 59

CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL James Marvin HENDERSON		Mother NEXT OF KIN Mrs. Iris HENDERSON. Name..... U S K , BC. Address.....	PRESENT RATING B o y .
DATE OF BIRTH* 24th October, 1919	PLACE OF BIRTH† Town..... KAMLOOPS. County..... Province..... British Columbia.		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER J. E. W. Oland. Commander, RCN. HMCS. "NADEN" at ESQUIMALT, BC.

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5' 9½"	36 33 34½	Brown	Blue	Medium	Scar Left Leg.	Methodist	Labourer.

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	24th October, 1937	Period of Engage- ment or Re- engagement	SEVEN YEARS.
Date of actually vol- unteering to en- gage or re-engage	10th M a y , 1937	Date of entering present ship	10th M a y , 1937

Particulars of former Continuous Service Engagements, if any; but, if none, and the person engaging has had previous Service, the date of his First Entry should be given. If the person has not previously served, write the words "First Entry" here.

If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded in to office, with the Engagement, on Form S.—1243.

FIRST ENTRY.

Declaration of Entry or Re-Entry from Shore for Continuous Service

The following questions are to be put by the Commanding Officer to the person about to engage for Continuous Service, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

- Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct?..... Yes.
- Are you a British subject?†..... Yes
- Nationality of parents—Father..... American..... Mother..... American.....
- Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R. C. Mounted Police?†..... No.
- Do you now belong to the Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force or any Regiment or Corps in His Majesty's Army, or to any established Naval or Army Reserve Force, or to the R. C. Mounted Police?†..... No.
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date..... No.
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army or R. C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct?..... No.
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?..... Yes
- Can you swim?..... No.

* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.

† Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject, and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."

‡ Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H. M. Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal Fleet Reserve Instructions). If an R.N.R. man, state number of R.V. 2.

(OVER)

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I.—Declaration and Certificate for Men newly entered and Men who have been out of the Service since the expiration of their previous C. S. Engagement

I,....., do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Naval Service of Canada*..... from†..... 193....., provided my service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this..... day of..... 193.....

Man's Signature in full

Witness to Signature.....

Attested before me this..... day of..... 193.....

{ Signature of a Commissioned
Officer of the Naval Service

Date..... 193.....

This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

Commanding Officer

Medical Officer

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date..... 10th M a y , 1937..... 193.....

This is to certify that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent lad, of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation, and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

The consent of his parents or guardian has been obtained in writing, and they are willing and desirous that the boy should be entered for SEVEN years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age.

J. E. W. Oland. COMMANDER, RCN. Commanding Officer

Lieutenant. Cdr.

G. L. Morgan Smith. Captain, RCAMG. Medical Officer

I declare that to the best of my knowledge or belief the answers to the questions on the other side of this form are true and that I am not indentured as an apprentice.

I am willing to enter and serve in the Naval Service of Canada for SEVEN years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, provided my service should be so long required, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till I attain that age. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

James Marvin Henderson. Boy's Signature in full

Witness to Signature..... M. A. A.

Attested before me this..... 10th..... day of..... M a y..... 1937.....

{ Signature of a Commissioned
Officer of the Naval Service

III.—Re-engagement for Continuous Service

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used.

I,....., now serving as a..... on board H. M. C. S....., who on the..... of..... 193.....

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of \$..... years, do hereby

engage to serve for a further period**..... from ††..... 193..... provided my services should be so long required.

Man's Signature in full

193.....

Witness,..... Commanding Officer

* Insert "for the term of (number in words) years," or "to complete (number) years for pension," or "until I attain the age of..... years."

† Insert the date from which the engagement actually commences.

‡ The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths over 17 years of age.)

§ To be written in words.

** Insert as follows: "Of (number) years," or "to complete time for pension," or "until I attain the age of..... years," as the case may be.

†† Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement, which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is ante-dated) earlier than the date of execution.



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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR THE ENTRY OF OFFICERS, MEN AND BOYS FOR THE NAVAL SERVICE OF CANADA

(R.C.N. OR RESERVE FORCES)

M 8786

NOTE—This Certificate is to be completed by the Examining Medical Officer and forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

I, the undersigned, have examined.....James Marvin Henderson (of white race) candidate for entry as.....Boy (Seaman Class) and I believe him to be in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service. He has signed the Certificate given below in my presence.

Dated at.....Terrace, B.C. the 5th. of April 1937

Examining Medical Officer
(Rank) Capt (C.A.M.C., (R.O.))

This examination has been made in accordance with the Instructions for Recruiting.

Age { (a) Years (b) Months	Weight without (b) Clothes	Height with Bare (c) Feet	General (d) Development	Chest (e) Girth	Vision by— (f) Snellen's Types (ii) Colour Vision	Vaccinated or re- (g) vaccinated for Small Pox (Date)	Lungs, Heart, etc. (h)	Abdomen, Hernia, (i) etc.	Limbs and Joints (k)	Skin (l)	Ears and Hearing (m)	Testes, (n) Varicocele, etc.	Mouth, Teeth (No. def- (o) cient and No. defective, if any), Nose, Tonsils, etc.	Anus, (p) Hemorrhoids, etc.
17 yrs 5 mos.	155 lbs.	5 11 1/2	Good	inches (a) maximum 38 1/2 (b) minimum 35 1/2 (c) mean 37	right eye 6/6 left eye 6/6 colour vision O.K.	yes 1928	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.	O.K.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my belief I have never suffered from Fits, *Incontinence of Urine, Discharge from the Ears, or any other disease likely to render me unfit for His Majesty's Service. I am willing to undergo, after entry, such dental treatment as may be authorized.

James Marvin Henderson
Signature of Candidate

When a Candidate is passed, notwithstanding a slight defect or disability, the following Certificate is to be filled up

This Candidate is the subject of.....
.....
not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects

Examining Medical Officer
(Rank).....

* The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.

CHARGED TO
SINCE
RECD. CENTRAL REGISTRY
JUN 28 1967

REFERRED TO

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME HENDERSON
(Surname)James Mervin
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

2939

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			ed
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
Naden	Boy Smn.	10	5	37		V.G.	Sat.	23	10	37	T.O.V/S	11	3	40	
	Ord. Smn.	24	10	37		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	37	V/S 3	7	8	40	
Stadacona	"	1	11	37		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	38					
	Ord. Sig.	3	12	37		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39					
Hms. Victory	"	1	1	38		V.G.	Supr.	22	10	40					
" Danae	"	28	9	38											
" Victory	"	29	10	38											
Naden	"	3	12	38											
Fraser	"	17	1	39											
	Sig.	17	3	39											
Margaree	"	6	9	40											
DISCHARGED	"	22	10	40	DEAD-Missing presumed dead.										

GENERAL REMARKS

28.4.41. Memorial Cross Issued to
Mother:Mrs. Iris Henderson,
820 B Street, N.E.,
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.Checked with Service Certificate
on discharge.

DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL	OCCU.	REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT					
DAY	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	CION	P	CTV	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	BR	RANK	
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SENIORITY		STR.		NON-SUB.		CODED		CHECKED							
DAY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
17	03	39	09	42			20	22-10-40							

DECEASED 22 October 1940

RSE 2-651

NAVY

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

HENDERSON	James Marvin	N-2939	Sig.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

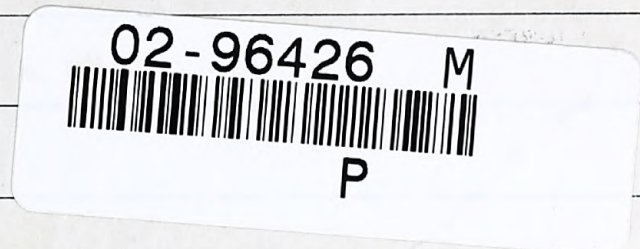
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No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	



(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCN

"MARGAREE"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) <u>MEDALS</u> Mother Deceased 27 November 1943 <u>PERSON</u> N of K. Son - Mr. Harry Henderson ENTITLED TO <i>brother</i> Beverly Hotel 724 Yates Street ADDRESS: VICTORIA, B.C. 3.7.44	(1)
(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW ADDRESS:	(2)
(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER Mrs. I. Henderson ADDRESS: 3218 Wisconsin Avenue - Apt. #15 WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.	(3) 28 April 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—

THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO
ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES

and the following number quoted:—

N. SH. O. 62-H-263 FD 162

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OTTAWA, ONT.

July 23, 1941

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any balance of pay, medals or memorials available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

SIG. James Marvin HENDERSON,

No. 2939, R.C.N., H.M.C.S. "Margaree"

it is necessary that the requisite information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished on the inside of this form in strict accordance with the printed instructions. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on the back should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest or Local Magistrate, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

(L.M. Firth) Major,
Administrator of Estates.



STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses, or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below.

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT			
		NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree inquired for	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative	
1	Widow of the Deceased.....	None			
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	None			
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Deceased 1929		U.S.K. - B.C. Canada	
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Gris U. Henderson	52	3218 Wisconsin Ave NW. Apt 15 Wash DC U.S.A.	
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Harry H. Henderson	23	Great Central, B.C. Canada
		Half Blood			
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Pauline E. Henderson	19	3218 Wisconsin Ave NW. Apt 15 Washington D.C.
		Half Blood	Gris D. Bradley	17	San Diego Cal. U.S.A.
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the De- ceased, who are dead, and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)		Address of their children	
		Ralph R. Henderson		Dec 1916	

ONLY IF NO RELATIVES IN THE DEGREES ABOVE ARE NOW LIVING, THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS SHOULD BE GIVEN

		NAMES OF THOSE LIVING	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL
8	Grand-Parents of the Deceased.....	Deceased		
9	Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Deceased (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage).....	None Deceased	Age	

FULL PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

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10	What is the full name of the deceased?	James Marvin Henderson
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	Oct 24 th 1919
12	Where and when were his parents married?	Louisiana Feb 14 1916
13	Was he ever married? If so, state exact place and date of marriage.	no
14	Did he leave a (later) Will? If so, it should be forwarded.	no
15	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate or Letters of Administration?	no

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

16	Where was deceased born?	Kamloops B.C.
17	In what Province, Country or State did he reside, and in which last?	British Columbia
18	How long in each?	17 yrs in B.C.
19	What was the nature of his employment?	Signalman in H.M.C. Navy
20	Did he own the house or homestead in which he lived? If so, where?	no
21	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	Canada.
22	State <u>your</u> postal address in full.	3218 Wisconsin Ave. N.W. Apt. 15 Washington D.C.

PARTICULARS AS TO CLAIMS

23	Have the funeral expenses been paid? If so, by whom?	Lost at sea Oct 22 - 1940
24	Are there any outstanding claims against the estate? If so, furnish full name and address of each Creditor in this space and enclose his Bill of Account. (See Note Below).	none

NOTE.—Paragraph 24 refers to debts incurred for board and lodging, medical and funeral expenses, money borrowed, goods purchased, etc.; the following information to be embodied in all accounts submitted:—

1. Name and address of Creditor.
2. Detailed statement of particulars of claim with date or dates incurred.
3. At the end of his statement the creditor should certify that the account is just and reasonable, that no payments save as shown, have been made thereon and that he holds no security therefor; the creditor should then sign same, and if you admit that the claim is correct, then you "O.K." the bill and sign same.

(PLEASE TURN OVER)

DECLARATION

*Insert degree of relationship, for example "Widow," "Father," "Brother," etc.

I hereby declare that the foregoing particulars are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees inquired for; and that I am the

* Mother of the deceased.

N.B. To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest or Local Magistrate

Mrs L. U. Henderson {Signature of Informant

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief Mrs L. U. Henderson {Name of Informant} is the * mother of the Deceased above described, and I believe the above Declaration and the Statement of Relatives made by the Informant and signed in my presence to be complete and correct.

Dated at DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CITY OF WASHINGTON this 14th day of August 1941.

Signature of Clergyman, Priest or Magistrate

Alfred H. Cameron

Qualification

My Commission Expires Sept. 2, 1945.

Address 3206 Wisconsin Ave.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CITY OF WASHINGTON

NOTE—Before granting the above Certificate, care should be taken to see that the Informant gives particulars concerning the death of any Relative stated by him or her to have died, and that the full name and address of each surviving Relative enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

Naval - Military - Air Force

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Name HENDERSON James Marvin No. 2939
Surname Christian Names

Sig. Rank : H.M.C.S. PHARMACEUT Unit 22-10-40 Date of Death

AMOUNT

L. P. C. \$ 169.43

Other Credits _____

Total 169.43

Shares Retained _____

NET TOTAL 169.43

Date August 22nd, 1941

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT																																																								
all	mother	Mrs. Iris U. Henderson, 3218 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Apt. 15, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (next-of-kin entitled)	\$169.43																																																								
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Distribution approved and authorized

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

[Signature]
(L.M. Firth) Major,
Administrator of Estates.

[Signature]
For Chief Treasury Officer

If a copy of this Form is required, Form C.N.S. 1243 is to be used

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

James Marvin HENDERSON

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Port Division	Esquimalt, B.C.	Official Number 2939
Date of birth	24 October, 1919	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province	British Columbia	Name: Iris
born { Town or county	Kamloops	Relationship: Mother
Trade brought up to	Labourer	Address: 202 1/2 1st St Washington DC U.S.A.
Religious denomination	Methodist	
Date passed swimming test	PPT (Good) 30 Sep 37 J.E.W. Hand	
Man's signature on discharge to pension		

All Engagements, including N.C.S., to be noted in these Columns

Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for
1. 10 May '37	24 Oct. 1937	Seven years	5.		
2.			6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Medals, Clasps, Etc.

Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration	Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as a boy.....	5	9 1/2	36 3/4	Brown	Blue	Medium	Scar Left Leg
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....							
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

[illegible]

6 July
11th Mar

Examinations passed and Notations or Qualifications other than those entered on History Sheets

[illegible]

[illegible]

NAME IN FULL HENDERSON, James RANK/RATING Lieut

VERIFIED BY *W. H. Moore* VERIFIED BY

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

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915):
 RANK/RATING Lieut. OFF. NO. V-2939 ADDRESS

DAYS	AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS							STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL			
									1939-45	1	Star
62	at								ATLANTIC	1	Star
47	at								FRANCE G.		
									AFRICA		
									PACIFIC		
									BURMA		
									ITALY		
									DEFENCE		
									C.V.S.M.	2	Clasp
									" CLASP		
									WAR 1945	1	medal
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									DIR.OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.		

1140 Martin Ave.

Elmwood,

Winnipeg

Man.

Oct. 28. 1940.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

OCT 31 1940

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CANADA

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The Officer Commanding

Name Barracks,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir

In the list of missing of
H. N. C. S. Margaret is the name of
Signaller James Martin Henderson of
Washington. D. C. When in Canada this
lad made his home with me and we
looked on him as a son. I would
be greatly obliged if to forward

to me the address of his next of kin
in Washington. Thanking you in
anticipation.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Gertrude Williams.

(Mrs. G. Williams.)

2nd November, 1940.

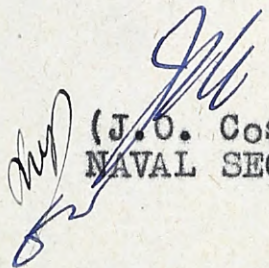
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Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of the 28th October, 1940, the name and address of next-of-kin of James Marin Henderson, Signalman, R.C.N., O.N. 2939, are as follows:

Mother: Mrs. Iris Henderson,
820 B Street, N.E.,
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.

Yours truly,


(J.O. Cossette),
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Mrs. Gertrude Williams,
140 Martin Avenue,
Elmwood,
WINNIPEG, Man.

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MAY 14 1941
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R.C.M.C.
CANADA

Mrs. J. D. Thompson E.B. 50. 186.3

34 Holland Road.

Southsea P 50354

Hants

England.

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9.4.1941

Dear Sirs,

Just a few lines hoping you
would be so kind as to send me the
home address of my friend James Marvin
Henderson. Signalman. Official number 2939.
posted missing on H.M.B.S. Margaret as
I would very much like to get in
touch with his people.

I wrote to the Commanding Officer, R.C.N.
who had no record here, and so
advise me to write to this address.

Yours Sincerely
(Mrs.) J. D. Thompson

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Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of the 9th of April, 1941, I wish to advise you that the last known address of Mrs. Iris Henderson, mother of the late James Marvin Henderson, Signaller, Official Number 2939, Royal Canadian Navy, who was reported missing when H.M.C.S. "Margaree" was lost in collision in the North Atlantic, is 820 B. St., N.E., Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Yours very truly,


(J. O. Cossette)
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Ans

Miss F. D. Thompson,
34 Holland Road,
Southsea,
Hants, ENGLAND.

File No. NS. 62-H.263.

1. NAME -- HENDERSON..... James Marvin.
2. O.N. -- 2939.
3. Date of Birth -- 24th October, 1919.
4. Date of Entry -- 10th May, 1937.

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5. Rating on Entry -- Boy.
6. Date of Expiration
of Engagement -- 23rd October, 1944.

7. PROMOTIONS.

Substantive.
Ord. Sig. - 3/12/37.

Non-Substantive.

8. Recommendations --

9. Educational and other
Qualifications -- 6/7/37. PASSED Educational Test I:
16/9/38. Qualified as Ord. Sig. S.S. at H.M.Signal School, Portsmouth.
3.11.38 - Passed for Signaller PORTSMOUTH:

10. Punishments --

11. Remarks -- Sailed ASCANIA 3.12.38 from London en route Esquimalt;

Passing Certificate

This is to Certify

that James Marvin HENDERSON,

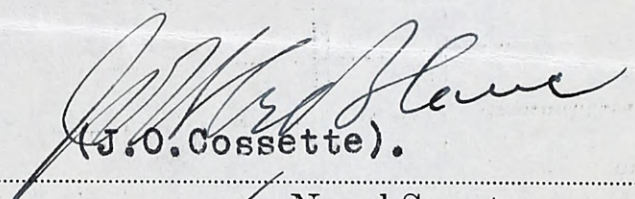
Rating Boy Official Number 2939

has passed

THE EDUCATIONAL TEST, PART I

held on 6th July, 1937.

For advancement to Petty Officer


(J.O. Cossette).

for Naval Secretary

Department of National Defence,

Ottawa, this 31st day of July, 193 7.

COPY FROM SIGNAL HISTORY SHEET.

Name .. - J. Henderson.

Rating .. -

Port. Div. and Official No. - R.C.N.2939

Examined for - Ord. Sig. S.S.

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PASSED or FAILED. - PASSED.

H.M.Signal School, Portsmouth.

16th September, 1938.

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April 24, 1937.

Sir,-

I am directed to advise you that you are now under consideration for entry into the Royal Canadian Navy on the 10th May, 1937, as a Boy (Seaman Class) under a Seven Years' Continuous and General Service Engagement.

Before your entry can be approved, it will be necessary for you to undergo final medical examination. You should report to the District Medical Officer of Military District No. 11 (Major J.A. Murray, R.C.A.M.C.) Work Point Barracks, Victoria, B.C., at Nine A.M. on Monday, 10th May, 1937, and request him to examine you, showing him this letter as your authority. You should hand him the enclosed Forms B207 in triplicate (Medical Examination Form) and B207A (Physical Qualifications Required).

Transportation Warrant No. 10155, Uak, B.C. to Victoria, B.C., is enclosed, which you should exchange at your local Canadian National Railways' Ticket Office for a railway and steamship ticket.

Provided you are found physically fit, the Military Authorities will instruct you to report to the Commander, R.C.N. Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C., on the 10th May, 1937 (Monday).

If you are not physically fit, the Military Authorities will supply you with the following transportation back to your home:-

1 Steamship Ticket	- Victoria, B.C. to Prince Rupert, B.C.
1 Second Class Railway Ticket	- Prince Rupert, B.C. to Uak, B.C.

You should acknowledge receipt of this letter: enclosed addressed envelope is for this purpose.

Yours truly,

Mr. James M. Henderson,
USK, B.C.

(J. O. Connette)
Naval Secretary.

(D) The Commander/
R.C.N. Barracks,
ESQUIMALT, B.C.

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- Forwarded for information. Provided Henderson reports, and is suitable in all respects, he is to be entered in the R.C.N. as a Boy (Seaman Class) to date 10th May, 1937.

Date of Birth - 24 October, 1919, certified by Certificate of Birth.

Copy of Continuous Service Engagement Form is to be forwarded to Headquarters in due course.

BY ORDER.

Naval Secretary.



Department of National Defence

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. V.92-1-18-2.

H.Q. M.D. No. 11.,
Victoria, B. C.,
12th. April,

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The Naval Secretary,
Dept. of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Mr. Jas. Marvin Henderson,
Usk, B. C.
Candidate for entry in RCN.,
as Boy (Seaman Class)

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Your NS.62-21-4H f.d. 456
d/- March 24th relative medical of Mr.
Jas. Marvin Henderson, Usk, B. C.

1. Forms Can.B.207 in this case have been received at the D.M.O's. office from which it is noted the examining doctor has found the candidate "Fit".
2. In view of the fact that notation as to whether candidate was of "White Race" has not been made, and the fact that the weight of the candidate was not recorded on Form Can.B.207, papers have been returned to the medical examiner with a request that the necessary information be entered.
3. The above information is forwarded because of the distance of Usk, from Esquimalt and the length of time in which it takes for mail to be returned to this office.

J. A. Murray
(J.A.MURRAY)
Major, R.C.A.M.C.
D.M.O. M.D.No.11.

/JD

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† The assertion of the boy himself should not be taken as sufficient warrant for this statement.

stated herein to be true.

OR *A. McSullivan* Resident Householder }
Wash Hotel Keeper Occupation }

Wash Hotel Keeper Occupation

Wm B Address.

Jan 31st 1936

Date of Father's death.....Feb 4th 1929

Place of death.....Usk - B.S.....

Signed I. H. Henderson Mother.

Date of Father's death.....

Place of death.....

Date of Mother's death.....

Place of Mother's death.....

SignedGuardian.

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Place of death...
Date of Mother's...
Place of Mother's...

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CONSENT PAPER

(This paper is required in all cases where the Candidate is under the age of 18 years, in addition to the Certificate of Birth or Declaration.)

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*Strike out "son" or "ward" as the case may be.

I hereby certify that my son,* James Marvin has my full consent (being himself willing) to enter the Naval Service of Canada for a period of seven years' continuous and general service, from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary until he attains that age, agreeably to the King's Regulations.

He has not been in a Reformatory, nor has he been sentenced to imprisonment.

I declare that he has never had fits.

† No alteration or erasure is to be made in the date of birth given.

The date of the boy's birth is Oct 24th - 1919

His Religious persuasion is Protestant

Witness my hand at USK - 135

.....day of January 3rd 1936

††Strike out "Parent's" or "Guardian's" as the case may be.

†† Parent's Signature in full Iris Ursula Henderson

† Must be signed by the Father, if alive or satisfactory explanation made.

† Parent's Address USK - 135

In the case of a Guardian see other side.

I, the above named James M. Henderson do consent to enter the Naval Service of Canada.

§ The Boy and Parent or Guardian must sign in the presence of the witness to their signatures.

§ Boy's signature in full James Marvin Henderson

Signed by the said James M. Henderson

And Iris W. Henderson

In the presence of J. Chateau Witness to signature of Boy, and Parent or Guardian.

USK - 135 Address.

[OVER]

Questionnaire for Candidates for Entry in the Royal Canadian Navy

(NOTE.—Reply to question 1 to be in Block Letters. Replies to other questions to be in the handwriting of the Candidate)

1. Name (in full) **JAMES MARVIN HENDERSON.**
2. Date and Place of Birth **October 24th 1919, Nanaimo B.C.**
*Birth Certificate, declaration by parents or affidavit as to date of birth must be attached.
3. Permanent place of residence **U.S.K., British Columbia.**
(Address in full)
4. How long resident in Canada? **Life.**
5. Are you a British Subject? **Yes.**
6. Are you single, married or a widower? **Single.**
7. In what capacity do you wish to engage? **Boy Seaman.**
8. How far advanced educationally are you? **High School Entrance.**
*Attach certificate, diploma, etc, if any.
9. Statement of present and previous employment. (Details of all previous employment should be given)
None.
*Attach any testimonials or recommendations from employers.
10. Do you belong to any Naval, Military Reserve or Territorial Force? **No.**
11. Have you ever served in such forces? Give dates and details **None.**
12. Have you ever been discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? **No.**
13. Have you ever offered to serve in any of His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? **No.**
14. What is your weight? **142 1/4 lbs.**
15. What is your height? **5 ft. 7 1/2 in.**
16. What is your chest measurement? (Not inflated) **33 1/2 inches.**
17. Are you free from all physical defects and malformation, and not subject to fits? **Yes.**
18. Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? **Yes.**
19. If accepted and sent at Government expense to a Naval Base, do you agree to join the Royal Canadian Navy for seven years' continuous and general service? Should you fail to do so for any reason within your own control, do you agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for your transportation to the Naval Base?
I do.

I HEREBY DECLARE that the above answers are true in every respect.

Signature **James Marvin Henderson.**
Address **U.S.K., British Columbia.**
Date **October 7th 1935.**

L. E. Henderson.
Witness to Signature

*NOTE.—The Certificates, Recommendations, etc., called for in questions 2, 8 and 9 must be attached, otherwise your application can not be considered.

C.N.S. 2417.

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N.S. 815-9-2417

(NAVAL SERVICE)

October 18, 1935.

Sir,-

I am directed to acknowledge your application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy.

It is noted that the following document required with applications has not been forwarded:-

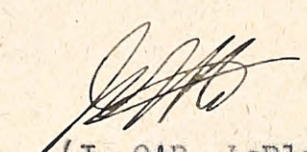
Certificate of Character from some responsible person living in Usk.

As it is not possible to consider your application unless all the information required is produced, it is requested that you please forward the above document without delay.

Upon its receipt your application will be given careful consideration.

Certificate of Birth, and High School Entrance Certificate are returned herewith, the necessary notations having been made on your application.

Yours truly,



(J. O'B. LeBlanc),
Assistant Naval Secretary.

Mr. James M. Henderson,
USK,
B.C.

C O P Y .

Box 112,
Terrace. B.C.,
November 15th, 1935.

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Your file :

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The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

Re : James Marvin Henderson.

I have on hand your letter of October 18th, in which you ask the above named person for :

Certificate of Character from some responsible person living in Usk.

I propose to deal with this matter at some length, and I, therefore, ask for your patient consideration of all that follows.

On June 24th, 1935 I received a request from The Attorney General of British Columbia, that I act as Judge of The Juvenile Court for the trial of James Marvin Henderson and Harry Herbert Henderson.

The cases came up for hearing on July 16th, when the two youths were charged with Breaking and Entering. They pleaded "Guilty."

Before making any determination as to what should be done in the way of correction I took full statements from the youths, from Mrs Henderson, mother of the boys, and from J. Lee Bethurem, general merchant, whose store they had entered. I then ~~adjourned~~ adjourned the court, and made other enquiries and offered suggestions to the youths as to their conduct pending a final determination of the case.

The following are the facts secured.

Usk is a small village, the people chiefly being occupied with mining and railway work. No organised recreational facilities are available for the younger generation and they have been left to their own devices.

The two youths live with their mother, and with their two sisters who are younger than themselves. Mrs Henderson is a

widow, and has spent some years in The United States following the death of her husband. She, therefore, was not eligible for The Mother's Allowance when she returned to Canada.

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A special allowance was made by the Government of British Columbia to enable her to keep the family together and take care of and bring up the children.

Mrs Henderson is an invalid, somewhat neurotic, and in her speech and actions very disjointed. Her home, which I have inspected, shows every sign of irresponsibility, and the children have grown up without anything that would suggest a planned course for the present or for the future.

Under these circumstances many things that the children have needed have not been forthcoming, and in my estimation the delinquencies have been largely due to this home condition.

The youths spoke freely in giving their statements. Harry who is the older one, stated that sometimes there was plenty of food in the house; at times there was little food. They had stolen food and clothing from the store so that they could eat in their room, and thus they would not eat so much when the meals were served. By this means, he said, they were able to have more food for the mother and sisters.

James spoke frankly of the means he had devised whereby they had entered the store - and left it again so that their entry would not be detected. His explanations showed that he had a distinct flair for mechanics.

Before adjourning Court I arranged for an appraisal of the food and goods stolen. The appraisal was made by Mr Bethurem, and Harry, who was working for the summer, agreed to pay the amount in instalments. Before his seasonal employment ended in the fall he had paid about half of the amount and in the final hearing of his case I placed him on probation until his 23rd birthday, and ordered that payment of the balance in instalments of \$15.00 a month be made from the time he becomes re-employed in the spring of 1936.

I may say frankly that in the case of James I was not so well satisfied.

He is a youth of more life than his brother, he could not get work to do and was greatly dissatisfied with his lot.

I planned to take the final hearing of his case on the same day I made the determination of the case of his brother.

My attitude was :

1. That, under the haphazard home conditions in which he lived he would be under the urge of his desire for some other outlet, and that as there seemed no way to satisfy it legitimately further trouble was to be expected.

2. That he needed proper supervision and discipline and, if possible, to be in such a place where his ingenuity

mechanical flair, and adolescent energy could be moulded to his future good.

3. That only one way seemed to present itself - that of committing him to an Industrial School.

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When the case came up I was informed that he had made application for enlistment in The Naval Service, and I, therefore, took a further adjournment pending the outcome of the application.

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In doing so I felt that such an enlistment would be an ideal solution of the problem. That in your Service he would be under strict discipline, that in whatever branch he served he would find an outlet for his craving for mechanics, and that with the release from the drab round of life in a small village, close rimmed with mountains, he would find those conditions of life that would give him an outlet for the energy he possesses.

I drew these conclusions from my experiences while serving with The Canadian Forces during the years 1915 - 1919,

Your letter of October 18th has placed him in a difficult position. Naturally, no person in Usk, knowing the circumstances can give him a clear recommendation.

He, therefore, wrote to Constable H.L. McKenney, B.C. Police, in charge of The Terrace Detachment. Constable McKenney has handled this case from its inception.

Constable McKenney took the matter up with me to-day, and it was agreed that the best course to pursue was for me to write you and state the facts.

Personally, I feel that the delinquency was, in the main, due to home surroundings, and lack of leadership in his formative years. I feel also, that he, with his brother, entered into the matter from a misguided idea of responsibility to his family - especially to his mother and sisters.

Naturally I could not take the course of making a clear character statement on his behalf, but I would strongly urge that his case be given a careful, and, in so far as possible, a sympathetic consideration.

If you can see your way clear to accept him in The Naval Service I can assure you that no difficulties will be placed in his way in The Juvenile Court.

I feel that he has learned his lesson during the past months, and that he would prove amenable to discipline, and anxious to do all things in his power to prove worthy of the confidence reposed in him.

I am most anxious, if possible, to avoid committing him to an Industrial School. I feel that such an atmosphere would not be the best one for him. That, while it appeared to be the

only alternative , still it was far from being the best for his future.

But I do feel that in The Naval Service of Canada he would have every chance to make good , and definitely place behind him the error into which he has fallen.

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In conclusion: I can quite appreciate the desirability of securing recruits of good character. But may I quote the Juvenile Delinquents Act. Section 33 , in part, says " Every Juvenile Delinquent shall be treated not so much as a criminal, but as a misdirected and misguided child, and one needing aid, encouragement, help and assistance."

Therefore , I would again urge as sympathetic consideration of this application as it is allowable to give so that what appears to be a happy outcome of the problem may be reached and the lad given a chance to re-establish himself in the eyes of all.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

"Will Robinson."

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Quote No.NS 62.21.4 H.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE.

(NAVAL SERVICE.)

OTTAWA. CANADA.

November 28.1935.

Sir ,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 18th November regarding the application of James Marvin Henderson, candidate for entry into The Royal Canadian Navy as a Boy (Seaman Class.)

Taking for granted that you are desirous of having an immediate solution of the problem regarding the above mentioned candidate, I wish to state that in view of the large number of applicants on the Recruiting Roster , and the extremely small number of vacancies anticipated in The Royal Canadian Navy, no definite promise can be given as to when it will be possible to effect the entry of new candidates.

If , in view of the above conditions, Mr Henderson 's name is placed on the Recruiting Roster for entry in any capacity, he would in all probability have to wait several years before his name would be reached, and his name is not , therefore, being placed on The Recruiting Roster.

You will understand that no exception can be made in the case of Mr Henderson's entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, as this would be manifestly unfair to applicants of the highest character whose names have , many of them , been on the Recruiting Roster for several years.

I regret that such is the case but under the circumstances there is nothing I can do to further Mr Henderson's entry in The Royal Canadian Navy.

Yours truly,

" J.O.COSSETTE "

Naval Secretary.

Will Robinson Esq.,
Box 112,
Terrace. B.C..

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Box 112,
Terrace. B.C.,
December 11th. 1935.

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Your file:

NS 62-21-4 H.

The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your very full explanation of the situation with reference to the application of James Marvin Henderson for enlistment in The Royal Canadian Navy as a Boy, (Seaman Class.)

As a result of receiving your letter I made a trip to Usk on the 9th, and yesterday held a final hearing and determination of the case.

I was pleased to find that a very definite interest in the lad's welfare was shown by some of the young men of the community, and that they seemed anxious that he be allowed to remain at home. Under that condition they were prepared to do all they could for his future guidance.

The information contained in your letter came as a heavy blow to the lad - he, evidently, had built great hopes on enlisting.

My decision was as follows :

1 That he be placed on probation until October 24th, 1942 - his 23rd birthday.

2. That he report to the B.C. Police at Terrace B.C., at any time he plans to change his address.

3. That he recommence his studies of Mechanical Drawing under The Extension Branch of The British Columbia Department of Education.

I was very pleased to note in your letter that you did not refuse to place his name on The Recruiting Roster, but refrained from so doing owing to my evident desire to have an immediate settlement of the matter, and in view of the years that will most probably elapse before his name will be reached.

In view of the determination I have made in his case these considerations no longer apply, and I should greatly appreciate his name being placed on the Roster if you can see your way clear to have it so entered.

I may say frankly that in all probability by such a time comes as he will be called for he - like many other youths - will

have found his niche in life elsewhere.

But I do feel that if you place his name on the Roster it will do much to strengthen his morale, it will give him the feeling of having something definite to look forward to, and that he can still take his place with other lads of his age.

I quite appreciate your stand that nothing can be done to give the lad preference. That , as you say , would be manifestly unfair.

But I do feel that such an action as I have suggested will do much along the lines in which I am most interested - of placing him in a position where he can put behind him the mistakes of his past, and go on to develop into a good citizen of our Dominion.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

"Will Robinson."

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(NAVAL SERVICE)

December 19, 1936.

Sir,-

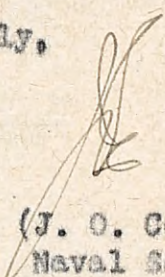
With reference to your application to join the Royal Canadian Navy, I am directed to advise you that your name has been entered on the list of candidates for consideration in your turn when a vacancy occurs as a Boy (Seaman Class).

When your name is reached, instructions regarding your provisional medical examination will be forwarded to you. Pending receipt of these instructions you should keep the Department advised of any change of address.

For your information I may state that in view of the large number of applicants on the Recruiting Roster, and the extremely small number of vacancies anticipated in the Royal Canadian Navy, no definite promise can be given as to when it will be possible to effect your entry.

As you are under the age of 18 years, the attached Consent Paper should be properly filled in and returned to this Department.

Yours truly,


(J. O. Cossette),
Naval Secretary.

Mr. James M. Henderson,
USK, B.C.

WILL ROBINSON

Birchlands
Terrace, B. C.

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February 27th.1938.

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The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

Re. File: N S 62-21-4 H.

F.D.456.

Henderson, James Marvin.

Further to our previous correspondence with the above named lad I have made enquiries from time to time as to his progress since he was called up for service in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Such information as I have received has been from his friends, and has, in all respects appeared to vindicate the confidence you reposed in him.

The latest word I received is that he has been transferred to the British Navy and is specialising in signals.

I should appreciate word from you as to the exact state of affairs in his connection.

Also, if he has progressed as I have been told I have been wondering if you would consider it desirable that I make a court order ending the probation under which I placed him.

My idea is that if his conduct has been good it might still further build up his morale to know that favorable action has followed his personal efforts to make good.

I should appreciate your views on this matter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Will Robinson

Will Robinson.

JOC/ETN

(NAVAL SERVICE)

9th March, 1938.

Sir:

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 27th February regarding James Marvin Henderson, Ordinary Signaller, R.C.N.

Henderson has undergone a preliminary course for Signal ratings at Halifax, and is at present in England qualifying in that branch of the Service. He will be returned to Canada after completion of this course and sea time in the Royal Navy.

His Character assessment to date has been "Very Good" and no disciplinary offences have been recorded against him.

It is suggested that you take the above record into consideration when deciding on the question of ending his period of probation.

Yours truly,


(J. O. Cossette)
Naval Secretary.

Will Robinson, Esq.,
Birchlands,
TERRACE, B.C.

18th March, 1941.

Dear Sir:

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With reference to your letter of the 10th March, 1941 concerning the late James Marvin Henderson, Signaman, R.C.N., O.N. 2939, the following remarks on the history of his Service in the Royal Canadian Navy are forwarded for your information.

During the whole time this rating served he was not punished for any serious disciplinary offence. His character assessment from date of entry to the time of his death was "Very Good", and his efficiency as a Signaman was rated from "Satisfactory" as a Boy Seaman to "Superior" as a Signaman to the time he was lost. Henderson served in H.M.C. Establishments on the West and East Coasts, attended courses at the Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, served in H.M.S. "DANAE". At the outbreak of war, he was serving in H.M.C.S. "FRASER". Following the unfortunate loss of this vessel, he was drafted to H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" and was one of the 143 casualties sustained when this ship was sunk by collision while escorting a convoy.

From this record, it will be seen that Henderson turned out to be a good average rating, and it is felt that the faith you put in him was not misplaced. It is suggested that should you wish for more personal observations on this man, you might communicate with the ex-First Lieutenant of H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" - Lieutenant P. F. X. Russell, R.C.N., who can be reached c/o The Fleet Mail Office, Halifax.

Yours faithfully,

(J.O. Cossette),
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Will Robinson, Esq.,
Birchlands,
TERRACE, B.C.

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TERRACE, B.C.

March 10th.1941.

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N.S. 62-11-263
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Your File:

NS-62.H.263.

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J.O.Cossette Esq.,
Navah Secretary,
Naval Service,
Department of Defence,
Ottawa.

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Dear Sir,

Re: James Marvin Henderson Deed.

In view of my primary interest in the enlistment of Jim I wondered how he shaped up in the Service?

From all reports I could get he seemed to like the life and to fit in to the duties and life.

I watched the casualty lists carefully and was relieved to see he had survived the Fraser wreck.

I was sorry to see he went with the Margaree.

However, I still think we were right. We made a man of him when his surroundings and impulses would in all probability have made him into a menace to society.

If you can find time to drop me a line -off the record - on his history I should appreciate it.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Will Robinson

Will Robinson

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D
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N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

MRS. IRIS HENDERSON
820 B STREET N.E.
WASHINGTON D.C., U.S.A.

From:

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THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE DEEPLY REGRETS
TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON JAMES MARIN HENDERSON
SIGNALMAN R.C.N. O.N. 2939 IS MISSING BELIEVED KILLED.

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1st November, 1940.

Dear Madam:

It is with deep regret that I must confirm the telegram sent out by the Minister of National Defence, reporting that your son, James Marin Henderson, Signalman, O.N. 2939, R.C.N., was missing, believed killed.

Few details are available, but it is known that H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" was sunk in collision in the North Atlantic whilst steaming without lights, on convoy duty, and in the submarine zone. 142 Officers and ratings are missing and must be presumed lost at sea.

I am requested to express to you the sincere sympathy of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services and the Chief of the Naval Staff in your bereavement.

Any further information, which is received, will be at once communicated to you.

Yours very truly,

(J. O. Cossette),
Naval Secretary.

Mrs. Iris Henderson,
820 B. Street, N.E.,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
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SIGNALMAN J HENDERSON
C/O STATION MASTER
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Requests for leave en route Esquimalt approved FULLSTOP All ratings are
are to communicate address on leave to Commanding Officer NADEN
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