Name: Anderson, Stewart William

Rank: OS

Service Number: V-69461



Stewart William Anderson was born the 20 Dec 1924 at Bothwell Ontario. He worked as an Aircraft factory employee and enjoyed scrub hockey, badminton and stamp collecting. He had been a Boy Scout. However when he failed his Morse code course he was designated an Ordinary Seaman. 18 April 1944 he joined HMCS Shawinigan which appears to have been torpedoed by a German submarine off Port Aux Basques Newfoundland on the 24th November 1944. He was lost at sea with all of the crew of HMCS Shawinigan. His name appears on a memorial in Halifax Nova Scotia.

SERVICE RECORD

Date	Particulars Particulars
25 Aug 1943	Personnel Selection Personal History Sheet: Born Bothwell Ontario 20 Dec 1924.
	Age 19, Reserve Division: PREVOST, education Grade 10 left school at 16, Aircraft
	factory employee 1940-1943, Service History: Prevost, Montcalm, Cornwallis, St
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	Good looking well groomed rating of slim build. A likeable chap. Played scrub
	hockey, badminton, stamp collecting reading. Was a Boy Scout, failed his Morse
	course.
	Recommended as an Ordinary Seaman
25 Aug 1943	Certificate of Service and Attestation Form
	Accountant, Methodist, Next of Kin: Gladys Anderson (mother) 5'5 ½" 128 lebs,

	Brown Hair and eyes, Medium complexion, birth mark on chest.
25 Aug 1943	HMCS PREVOST
5 Dec 1943	Leaves HMCS PREVOST
6 Dec 1943	Considered on Active Service
10 Dec 1943	Joins HMCS MONTCALM
11 Jan 1944	Leaves HMCS MONTCALM
12 Jan 1944	Joins HMCS CORNWALLIS
9 Feb 1944	Leaves HMCS CORNWALLIS
1 Mar 1944	Joins HMCS HYACINTHE
11 Apr 1944	Leaves HMCS HYACINTHE
12 Apr 1944	Joins HMCS STADACONA as an Ordinary Seaman
17 April 1944	Leaves HMCS STADACONA
18 April 1944	Joins HMCS SHAWINIGAN
24 Nov 1944	Card: Anderson, Stewart William V-69461, Ordinary Seaman, Campaign Medals: 193-45 Star, Atlantic Star, CVSM and Clasp, War Medal RCNVR Dec 1945 SHAWINIGAN, Medals to Mrs Gladys Anderson Mother, Mount Brydges Ont. Memorial Cross to Mrs Gladys Anderson Mt Brydges, Ont.
24 Nov 1944	Province of Ontario Certificate of Registration of Death showing date of death as 24 Nov 1944.
24 Nov 1944	Discharged presumed dead HMCS SHAWINIGAN
7 Dec 1944	Letter from Secretary Naval board stating that HMCS SHAWINIGAN a RCN Corvette, was lost while on duty and no-one survived and that five bodies from the ship were recovered.
15 Feb 1945	Letter from Secretary Naval board stating they have presumed that OS Stewart William Anderson is dead.
26 Feb 1945	Estates Branch form completed
30 Aug 1945	Details on the sailing and arrival of HMCS SHAWINIGAN at Port Aux Basques from Sydney NS and its disappearance during that night when it failed to keep a rendezvous. It appeared to be sunk by an enemy submarine off Port Aux Basques Newfoundland
9 April 1949	Letter from War Service Records office concerning the cost of carving of an inscription on the family monument in Mount Brydges Cemetery. Denied.



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OTTAWA, 9th April, 1949.

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> Mr. E.S. Goodhand, Secty., Caradoc Post, No. 251, Canadian Legion of the B.E.S.L., Mount Brydges, Ontario.

V.69461, Ord. Smn. Stewart W. ANDERSON

Dear Sir:

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of March 29th making enquiry on behalf of the mother of the above named deceased concerning the carving of an inscription on the family monument in Mount Brydges Cemetery.

In reply, kindly note that while Ord. Smn.
Anderson has no grave but the sea, arrangements will
be made in due course for his official commemoration
in a manner and place yet to be decided upon. As
there is no authority under which a deceased member
of the Forces may be commemorated in more than one
place at public expense, it is regretted that no
grant or allowance of money can be made toward the
cost of making an appropriate inscription on the family
tombstone as requested by Mrs. Anderson.

Yours truly,

H.M. Jackson, Director, War Service Records.

7 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

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. Gladys Anderson. Mt. Brydges, Ontario.

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-69461 PERS. (N)

/s February, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Anderson:

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 Stewart William Anderson, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-69461, 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. Gladys Anderson, Mt. Brydges, Ontario.

> Despatched by Sec. N. B.

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N. S. V-69461 PERS. (N) "N" 5.

. 30 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Andersons

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. "SHAWINIGAN" sailed from Sydney, N.S., on the 24th of November, 1942, 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 Movember, 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. B.

SECRETARY, WAVAL BOARD.

Approval on N.S. 0-3690, F.D. 76 See also N.S.S. 1156-331/93

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Mrs. Gladys Anderson, Mt. Brydges. Ontario.

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

THE DIRECTOR OF ESTATES,
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OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

and the following number quoted:-

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE ESTATES BRANCH OTTAWA, ONT.

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For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any Service estate available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

ANDERSON, S, ewart William 0/S V-69461

R.C.N.V.R.

it is necessary that certain information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished the Estates Branch. You are asked therefore to read the enclosed memorandum before completing pages 2 and 3 of this form. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on page 4 should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public or a Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

If there is insufficient space for complete particulars to be given opposite any question on pages 2 and 3 of this form, the space under "additional remarks" on page 4 should be used.

Director of Estates

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NOTE: TO BE ATTACHED TO SERVICE DOCUMENTS

Personnel Selection

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With the exception of French and Latin. Age 16 left school because a good job was offered and he felt his progress at school was not satisfactory. Says he had to repeat Latin and French in Grade IX.

IV OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY:

' 40 - ' 43 - 3 years - Aircraft factory employee, first as time keeper then supervising work of 15 other time keepers. Earned about \$ 140 per month. Left to enter Navy.

V SERVICE HISTORY:

A.S. - 6 Dec. ' 43 - "PREVOST"

10 Dec. ' 43 - "MONTCAIM" - Basic Trg.

12 Jan. ' 44 - "CORNWALLIS" - N.E. Trg.

25 Feb. ' 44 - Trained man.

I Mch. ' 44 - "ST. HYACINTHE" - For W/T course.

Failure in Morse Pool.

VI GENERAL: A good looking, well-groomed rating of slim build. A likeable chap. Inclined to be somewhat quiet but of a pleasing disposition.

Would consider him to be conscientious lad whe would try to do his best. His conversation seems to indicate sound common sense and a good idea of the fitness of things.

Rating says his health is good. Reports he had never had any serious sickness.

The scope of the ratings interest may have been limited by his residence in village community- at least he thinks so. A small school did not offer great opportunity for sport. However, he says he played on scrub teams for hockey. Evidently likes sports. Plays considerable badmington. Anderson reports some hobby interest in stamp collecting. Says he liked reading. Evidently this has been rather limited to fiction. He admits that a good deal of his spare time was lost.

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RCNVR.

VII RECOMMENDATION:

Suitable for Ordinary Seaman duties.

Date: 4 Apl 8 44. Ship."ST. HYACINTHE" Sub. Lt. (SB) W.C.

C.N.S. 2448 10M-244 (108) 28.2. 615-9 (448) VI GENERAL:
States, however, that he was once member of boy Scout group. In view of rather low learning ability it would seem that this rating is a doubtful case for further non-sub trg. Although his conversation would lead one to believe that his ability is not so low as "M" score would suggest.

7 Apl '44 "ST. HYACINTHE".
Failure in W/T. (Morse Pool) - reason: The lad said he had difficulty in distinguishing between various sound units. Would judge that he did his best. Divisional Officer reports on C.N.S. 264 seem to indicate that he is conscientious.

Sub. Lt. (SB) W.C. Kennedy.

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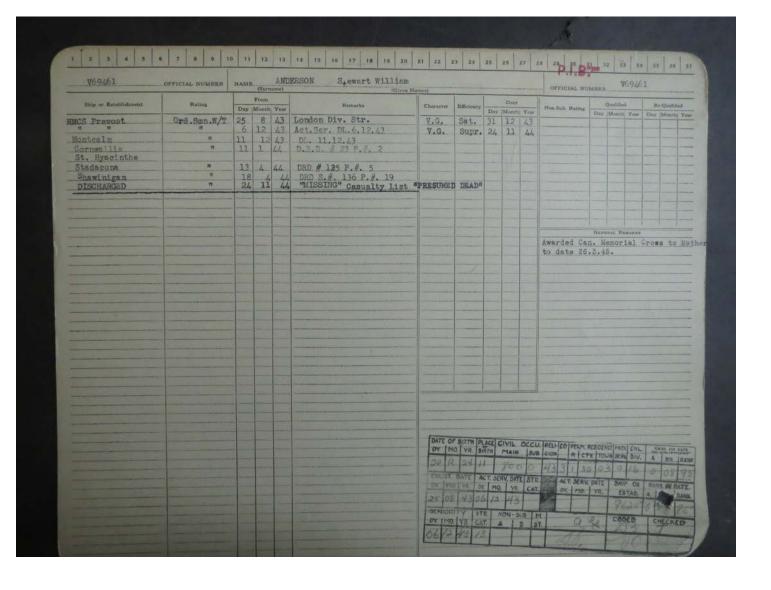
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Stewart anderson R.C.NY.R. enlisted Dec 14. 1943. and war listed as Missing in action Nov. 24-1944 He is the son of Mr. + Mrs. James anderson.



STEWART WILLIAM ANDERSON

Ordinary Seaman Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

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Stewart Anderson was born December 20, 1924, son of James Arthur and Gladys Anderson of Mount Brrydges. He attended the Continuation School in Mount Brydges and enlisted in the RCNVR at HMCS Prevost, London. He served in Bermuda before joining the crew of the corvette HMCS Shawinigan. On November 24, 1944 the Shawinigan left Sydney Nova Scotia for convoy duty across the Atlantic Ocean. With hours and in sight of land the corvette was torpedoed and sank with the loss of over 90

crewmen. Stewart Anderson was a month away from his 20th

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