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CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM

FOR WOMEN'S ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL SERVICE

SURNAME RECH OFFICIAL NO. W 3431

CHRISTIAN NAMES Mary MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOW Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
9360 - 103A Ave., Edmonton, Alberta	Beula Tabernacle

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
26 October, 1924	Town Carbondale County Province Alberta	Father: Charles Rech Carbondale, Alta.
*Original Nationality of: Father German Mother German		

*If not the Daughter 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 5 Inches 1¼	Inflated 32 Deflated 30 Mean 31	Light Brown	Brown	Medium	Scar on back of right hand. Small birth mark on left side of chest.

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	HAVE YOU ANY DEPENDENTS? RELATIONSHIP
Grade VII	No

DATE OF ENTRY	RATE IN WHICH ENTERED	ESTABLISHMENT AT WHICH ENTERED
3 July, 1943	Probationary Wren	H.M.C.S. "Conestoga", on leave of absence without pay.

(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 Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.

(3) That * (a) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force.

~~*(b) I accredix ..... for the periods shown, and attached my record of service in corroboration of this statement.~~

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
Nil	Nil	Nil	

TO
Personnel Records
Division
NPI

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3. Non-Sub. Card . . . . .
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DATE 20-7-43

(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.

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(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, 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 Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, 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 as may be directed, according to where my services are required.

(c) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated at Edmonton, Alta. this 3 day of July, 1943

Signature of applicant Mary Rech

(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 she has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 3 day of July, 1943

Grace A Rich Sub-Lt., WRCNS
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Mary Rech 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 Mary Rech

Witness Grace A. Rich

Date 3 July, 1943 Rank Sub-Lieutenant, W.R.C.N.S.

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by any Commissioned Officer of His Majesty's Service or Officer of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service.

*Particulars of Parentage (if not natural born British).

NOTE—
This form is to be completed in triplicate.

Two copies are to be forwarded immediately to N.S.H.Q. together with one copy of Medical Examination sheet B207(W) and relevant papers.

One copy is to be forwarded immediately to the Officer in charge at the W.R.C.N.S. Training Establishment, Galt, Ontario, together with two copies of the form WNV7, (Certificate re Marriage Allowance or Dependents' Allowance).

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(N.S. 815-25-3)

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W.R.C.N.S.
Naval Service Headquarters,
Ottawa.

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CANADA

Dear Sir
Madam

Miss Mary Rech

An applicant for enrolment in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service having given your name as a reference, I am to request that you will be so good as to fill up and return, in the enclosed envelope, the "Statement" below.

F.D. 2924

The favour of an early answer is requested.

Yours faithfully,

Joan Carpenter.

Superintendent, Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service.

OK

Mrs. Prior, 9537, 102A Ave., Edmonton.

CONFIDENTIAL.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. Are you related to the candidate? If so, what is the relationship?	1. NO.
2. Are you well acquainted with the candidate? How long have you known her and in what capacity?	2. I have known the candidate a year, during which time she performed Household Duties for me.
3. Is she entirely honest and trustworthy?	3. yes
4. Has she, to your knowledge, the requisite qualifications to undertake the work of?	4.
5. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify her for service in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service?	5. No
6. Would you yourself trust her with employment requiring undoubted honesty, and would your recommend her to your personal friends?	6. Yes
7. Any further remarks.	7.

Signature Mrs. Prior

Address 9537 - 102A Ave.

Date Jan. 19, 19/43

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Naval Service Headquarters,
Ottawa.

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Superintendent, Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service.

Mrs. Dickinson.

OK

CONFIDENTIAL.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. Are you related to the candidate? If so, what is the relationship?	1. No
2. Are you well acquainted with the candidate? How long have you known her and in what capacity?	2. Yes, have known her all her life as a Neighbour
3. Is she entirely honest and trustworthy?	3. yes
4. Has she, to your knowledge, the requisite qualifications to undertake the work of?	4. yes
5. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify her for service in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service?	5. no
6. Would you yourself trust her with employment requiring undoubted honesty, and would your recommend her to your personal friends?	6. yes
7. Any further remarks.	7. I think she will do very well if given the chance

Signature Mrs W. Dickinson

Address R R 2 St. Albert
Alberta Canada

Date .....

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Naval Service Headquarters,
Ottawa.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE
JAN 16 1943
H.Q. 120-2-1 R.
CANADA
F.D. 2924

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Yours faithfully,

Joan Carpenter.

Superintendent, Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service.

Miss Minnie Stubbs.

CONFIDENTIAL.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. Are you related to the candidate? If so, what is the relationship?	1. No.
2. Are you well acquainted with the candidate? How long have you known her and in what capacity?	2. Since about 4 years old
3. Is she entirely honest and trustworthy?	3. yes.
4. Has she, to your knowledge, the requisite qualifications to undertake the work of? Waitress	4. yes.
5. Are you aware of any circumstances tending to disqualify her for service in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service?	5. No.
6. Would you yourself trust her with employment requiring undoubted honesty, and would your recommend her to your personal friends?	6. Yes.
7. Any further remarks.	7. No.

Signature Miss M Stubbs.

Address Suite 12 Powell Blk.
Edmonton Alberta.

Date Jan. 12. 1943.

NON QUALIFYING SERVICE

(#)				TOTAL SERVICE	OVERSEAS SERVICE
Date	_____	Reason _____	No. of Days	_____	_____
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			Total days	_____	_____

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OVERSEAS SERVICE:

Where Serving	From	To	No. of Days

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

CANADA

Department of National Defence

No. [redacted]

Naval Service

Ottawa, Canada.

MEMORANDUM:

Attestation Forms (W.N.V.4) for the undermentioned new entry Probationary Wrens, are forwarded herewith:

NAME	RATING	O.N.	DATE OF ENTRY

WOMEN'S ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL SERVICE. Interview Form.

17A

1. Name Rech, Mary
2. Address 9360, 103A Ave, Edmonton.
3. Birth Certificate: (a) Checked (insert date of birth) ✓ 26/10/1924
   (b) To be sent
4. Length of Notice Required 1 week
5. Technical or other qualifications not given on Application Form which might be noted for future possible use:
6. Willingness to undertake exacting work or night watches Yes
7. Impression as to:
   Capability Fair
   Reliability Fairly good
   Appearance Good Bright little face, neat figure.
   Speech Fair
8. For what categories is Applicant suitable? Perhaps cook, or Steward
9. Does Interviewer recommend this Applicant? Yes
10. Interview taken before or after references seen? after
11. Any further remarks: Intelligence not of high order, but a very pleasant, willing-looking little girl. Very keen to be trained in cooking & would like to see her get a chance at it. (Not the type of Dorothy Stewart who had to be discharged) & think she will be no trouble in discipline or in willingness to work. Quiet shy manner.

Place of Interview: Edmonton

Date: 3/7/43

Signature of Interviewer: Grace A. Rich
S/Lr.

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20-12-42 (7599)
N.S. 815-25-2

WOMEN'S ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL SERVICE. Interview Form.

17B

1. Name RECH, Mary (Miss)
2. Address 9360 - 103A Ave., Edmonton, Alberta.
3. Birth Certificate: (a) Checked (insert date of birth) 25 th, October, 1924.
   (b) To be sent
4. Length of Notice Required one week.
5. Technical Qualifications :
6. Qualifications for W.R.C.N.S. not given on Application Form which might be noted for future possible use, i.e. Languages ? Domestic Experience, etc.: She has done housework, but very little cooking.
7. Willingness to undertake exacting work or night watches Doesn't mind at all.
8. Impression as to :
   Capability fair to poor. Appearance She looks younger than 18.
   Reliability Fair Speech Only Fair.
9. For what categories is Applicant suitable ? Steward, third class.
10. Does Interviewer recommend this Applicant ? I'm not sure. It depends on how much need there is for Stewards. If the need is great enough I would recommend her.
11. Interview taken before or after references seen ? After.
12. Any further remarks : ~~Miss~~ Mrs. Prior (see references) says she is absolutely reliable. Miss Rech is very quiet and seemed not too bright. She only has her Grade Vl. This may be partly beaause her school was four miles from home.However, her age in Grade Vl was 14. When asked about cooking, her remark was "Well, you don't have to be very bright for that do you?" She lacks confidence in herself. Certainly, I don't think she could manage the cooking. It would be appreciated if Headquarters would pass an opinion as to whether Miss Rech should be accepted into the Service.

Place of Interview : Edmonton,Alta.

Date : March 4th, 1943.

Signature of Interviewer : M. Holmes
(M.HOLMES)
Act.Ldg.Wren.,W.R.C.N.S.

W.N.V. 2
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N.S. 815-25-2

Naturalization Papers see attached letters

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Application for Entry in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service

To be completed in applicant's own handwriting and forwarded to: "Superintendent, W. R. C. N. S. Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa".

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A Name Mary Rich (Surname (in Block Letters) / Christian Names) Miss (Mrs. Miss)

Maiden Name (if married) ..... National Registration N° 217

Address 9360 (Number) 103 ave (Street) City (Town or City) Edmonton Alberta (Province)

Edmonton

Age 18 Date of Birth 26 Oct 1924 (Day / Month / Year) Place of Birth Carbondale Alberta (City / Country)

Germany

Nationality Canadian Are you British by Birth? yes or by Naturalization? .....

Are you (a) Single? yes (b) Married ..... (c) Widow ..... N° of Children .....

Have you any Relatives Dependent on you for financial support? No

Birth Place of (a) Father Germany (b) Mother Nanaimo Alta

Are Parents Naturalized British Subjects? yes Year? Sept 3rd 1914.

Father's Occupation Miner Mother's Maiden Name Pearl Smith

Nationality of Husband ..... Husband's Occupation .....

Is Husband Naturalized British Subject? ..... If so, give date .....

B **Education: —**

Public School (Highest Grade Passed Successfully) Seven Gr. 11 complete M. H. Matriculation .....

University (a) Name ..... (b) N° Years Attended ..... (c) Course and Degree .....

Technical Qualifications: (a) Typing ..... (b) Shorthand ..... (c) Bookkeeping .....

Special Studies .....

Languages Spoken .....

C **Occupation: —**

What is your profession, trade or occupation in civil life? Haus work

Are you (a) Actively pursuing your profession or trade on your own account? .....

(b) Employed; if so, in what capacity and under what employer? Mrs Prior, House work

Any Previous Occupation (with Dates) Seven months for Mrs Prior, four months for Mrs Carter / boarding house.

Have you ever applied to serve in any of His Majesty's Forces? No If so, which? .....

How long do you need to settle your private affairs? 1 week

D **Any Other Qualifications**

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Give names and addresses of three responsible persons (not relatives), one, if possible, a recent employer.

Refs and Ops.

(1) Employer Mrs Prior 9537 103 ave Edmonton

(2) Mrs Dickinson, Carbondale Alberta

(3) Miss Minnie Stubbs, Powell blk Edmonton Alta

I wish to be considered for service in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service

Duties you wish to perform in W.R.C.N.S.. 1st choice: Cook 2nd choice: Steward.

Date of Application 19 November Signature Miss Mary Rich

Telephone N° (a) Business: ..... (b) Residence: 9360-103a ave Edmonton Alta.

Completion of this form is in no way binding upon either the applicant or the Naval Service

W.N.V. 1
10M—5-42 (4673)
(NS 815-25-1)

SS. 1/2143

FOR W.R.C.N.S. OFFICE USE ONLY

	Date	Initials
Acknowledgment		
References		
Birth Certificate Seen	4/3/43 m. H	
(Insert Date of Birth)	26/10/24 m. H.	
Medical Exam at:	Edmonton	29/7/43

W 3431

NAME RECH (Surname)

R120-7-172 (S)

DATE OF BIRTH 26

PLACE OF BIRTH Carbondale, Alta.

RELIGION Beula Tabernacle

EDUCATION Grade VII

OCCUPATION Housework

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 9360 -103A Ave., Town Edmonton Province, etc. Alta.

Engagements				Description					Previous Ser.		
Date (in figures) Day	Month	Year	Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Ratings	From
3	7	43	Hostilities Only	5' 1½"	L.Brn.	Brown	Medium	Scar on back of rt hand Small birth mark on left side of chest			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Pearl Rech

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 319 W. Georgia Street Town Vancouver Province, etc. BC

Medals, Clasps, Hurt Certificates, Prize Money				Examinations, Certificates, etc.							
Date (in figures) Day	Month	Year	Particulars	Date (in figures) Day	Month	Year	Particulars	Date (in figures) Day	Month	Year	Particulars

Badges, G.C. or G.S.					Brief Particulars of Warrant or C.M. Punishments and C.P. Charges						
Date (in figures) Day	Month	Year	1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	Ship or Establishment	Wt. No.	Date (in figures) Day	Month	Year	Brief Particulars of Offence	Punishment

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DATE

Second Class For Conduct	
From	To

Date (in figures)			Days Forfeited					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

O.H.F. received
Last Will & Testament reg. # 7471 received

W. S. G. APPLICATION 56754 RECEIVED 14/6/45

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N.S. 815—7-35

W 3431 OFFICIAL NUMBER | NAME RECH (Surname) Mary (S) (Given Names) | OFFICIAL NUMBER W 3431

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From Day	From Month	From Year	Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date Day	Date Month	Date Year
Conestoga	Prob Wren	3	7	43	On leave of absence without pay					
Conestoga	Prob Wren	9	8	43	Commencement of Pay (R.D. G-314)					
Conestoga	Wren	11	9	43	Rated per 249A 47178					
Protector	Wren	2	11	43	H.D.O. 49653 R.D. G-395	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43
Conestoga	Wren	7	10	43	Advanced per 249A 32559					
DISCHARGED	Wren	24	7	44	"Death by Drowning" (per signal)					

Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified Day	Qualified Month	Qualified Year	Re-Qualified Day	Re-Qualified Month	Re-Qualified Year
Gen. Duty	7	10	43			

GENERAL REMARKS

Enrolled at Edmonton, Alta.

B.C. Issued
Oath of Allegiance

Mother issued Can. Memorial Cross

DATE OF BIRTH DY	MO	YR.	PLACE OF BIRTH	CIVIL OCCU. MAIN	SUB	RELIGION	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE PROV.	CTY	TOWN	PREV. ENL. SERV.	ENL. DIV.	ENL. SHIP OR ESTAB.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT A	BR.	RANK
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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:
N3HQ
(R) C IN C CNA
~~RON DEPOT~~

CONFIDENTIAL NOT W/T
IMPORTANT

From:
NOIC SYDNEY

W-3431/48

MY 25[illegible]6. BODY OF WREN MARY RECH W-3431 WAS RECOVERED AND IDENTIFIED ABOUT 1315 P TODAY 25TH JULY NEXT OF KIN HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED WREN PENTELUICK RECOVERING SATISFACTORILY.

CNP
CSOR

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RE REPORT OF DROWNINGS

T/T P/L 251840Z/7/44 KT 23995

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N.S. W-3431, Pers. (N)

13th October, 1944.

Sir:

With reference to Naval Service Headquarters' letter of the 1st of September, 1944, enclosing a report of death for the late Mary Rech, Wren (G.D.), Official Number W-3431, Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, the following information respecting her burial has now been received from the next of kin:

Date of Burial:	3rd August, 1944.
Name of Cemetery:	Beachmount.
Location of Grave:	Block 206, Lot No. 11.
Undertaker Employed:	Toster and McGarry.

Yours truly,

H.B. Money

for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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The Secretary,
Imperial War Graves Commission,
Room 312, Transportation Bldg.,
OTTAWA, Ont.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

F. 237

DIVISION 'H' DIVISION FILE No.....
SUB-DIVISION DETACHMENT
PROVINCE Nova Scotia Sydney DATE Sydney July 26th 1944

FILE REFS.

RE: Mary RECH, W.3431 and Imelda STEVER, W.3419 - W.R.C.N.S.
H.M.C.S. Protector, Pt.Edward, C.B., N.S. - Members of H.M. Forces.
~~Accidental Death by Drowning - Stone Quarry, Pt. Edward, C.B., N.S.~~

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

44-7-232

DETACHMENT

44-7-67
P.C.R.

FIRST

A. R. V. No.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR.....

1. At 9:15 a.m. of 26-7-44 a call was received from Lieut. Bernard, Naval Shore Patrol, H.M.C. Dockyard, Sydney N.S., to the effect that two members of the W.R.C.N.S. had been drowned in the Stone Quarry at Point Edward, and only one body had been recovered. A few minutes later Coroner Arthur McDonald called from the Hospital at HMCS Protector, Pt.Edward, and stated that he would await the arrival of the writer there.

2. The writer accompanied by Cst. Dearing patrolled at once to HMCS Protector where it was learned that the Coroner had gone to the Stone Quarry. Patrol immediately proceeded there, and it was found that dragging operations were in progress. An R.C.N. Diver from Boom Defence Depot at North Sydney arrived immediately, and diving operations were commenced. Coroner Arthur McDonald was interviewed, and it was learned that two girls had been drowned, and the body of one Imelda STEVER, age 20 years, had been recovered immediately (5:30 p.m. 24-7-44). This body had been examined by Surg/Lt. A. Johnston of HMCS Protector, and pronounced dead at 7 p.m. of 24-7-44. Examination had shown no signs of foul play, and from the circumstances death was presumed due to accidental drowning. The body of Mary RECH, age 20 years, had not been recovered at that time. It was also learned that in all six Wrens and three Naval ratings had been in the original swimming party, and were all at HMCS Protector.

3. The patrol then returned to HMCS Protector where the following statements were taken.

Statement of O.D.Frederick James HAMPSON #V.84238, R.C.N.V.R.

"I am 18 years of age and am stationed at HMCS Protector, Point Edward, N.S. At about 4:30 p.m. of 24-7-44 I left Protector with the intention of swimming at the Quarry at Pt. Edward, which is about 1½ miles from the base. I was accompanied by O.D's B.T. GOFF and C. PHILLIPS, and also six Wrens G.K. WILSON, B.E. DAVEY, E.M. SMITH, M. RECH, I.STEVER, and L. PENTELIUK. The three last-mentioned girls went on ahead reached the Quarry about 10 minutes ahead of the rest of us. When we reached the edge of the Quarry we heard a scream for help. There were three heaps of clothing on the bank. We saw a white bathing-cap just under the water, and ran down the bank. I swam out immediately and brought the two girls in; they were clinging together and I could not separate them. I had to swim about fifteen feet to reach the girls; they were floating about one foot below the surface. From a distance about 5 feet from shore the water was so deep that I could find bottom. Both girls were unconscious, but PENTELIUK revived after about five minutes. We performed artificial respiration on STEVER, but she never revived. The Doctor at the Naval Base was called by PHILLIPS and he arrived and took charge in about ten minutes' time. We did not see any sign of the third girl RECH. We thought that she had gone somewhere for help, until PENTELIUK revived about five minutes later

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later and told us that she was still in the water. By that time help had arrived and someone went for a boat and a diver."

(sgd) Fred HAMPSON

"The above statement was taken from Frederick James HAMPSON in my presence at the Naval Hospital, and it is correct; I have nothing more to add."

(sgd) Bruce GOFF
O.D. Bruce Thornton GOFF, V.84239, RCNVR.

(sgd) Charles PHILLIPS
O.D. Charles PHILLIPS, #V.84003, R.C.N.V.R.

Statement of Eleanor Mary SMITH, #W.3624, W.R.C.N.S.

"I am 19 years of age, and am stationed at HMCS Protector, Point Edward, N.S. At about 4:30 p.m. of 24-7-44 I left Protector with the intention of swimming in the Quarry at Pt.Edward, which is about 1½ miles from the base. I was accompanied by O/Ds F.J. HAMPSON, B.T.GOFF, and C. PHILLIPS, also five Wrens, Mary RECH, Imelda STEVER, Lillian PENTELIUK, Germaine K. WILSON, and Barbara E. DAVEY. We walked to the Quarry and arrived there at about 5:20 p.m. RECH, STEVER, and PENTELIUK went ahead of the rest of us. They seemed to be in a hurry, and must have reached the Quarry about ten minutes before we did. When we arrived at the edge of the Quarry we saw a bathing-cap in the water and heard a scream. There were three heaps of clothes on the bank. Theyboys ran down to the water and we followed. HAMPSON swam out about ten feet and brought two of the girls in. They were clinging together and he could not separate them until he got them out of the water. PENTELIUK was alive but STEVER showed no signs of life. We performed artificial respiration on her until the naval Doctor arrived about ten minutes later. The doctor had been called immediately by PHILLIPS. HAMPSON told us that he felt himself sinking into a hole before he reached the girls in the water."

(sgd) Eleanor Mary SMITH

"The above statement was taken from E.M. SMITH in my presence at the Naval Hospital, and it is correct. I have nothing more to add."

(sgd) Germaine K. WILSON
Germaine Katherine WILSON #W.3651, WRCNS

(sgd) B. E. DAVEY
Barbara Ellen DAVEY, #W.3706, W.R.C.N.S.

Wren Lillian PENTELIUK was still suffering from shock, and the Doctor advised that no attempt be made to interview her until that afternoon.

4. Patrol again returned to the Quarry, and a few minutes after arrival Bosun Charles Wm. Wilmot, R.C.N. Diving Officer, found the body of Mary RECH wedged between rocks at the bottom of the Quarry, in approximately 33 feet of water, at 12:40 p.m. This body was brought to the surface and taken to HMCS Protector where it was examined by S/Lt. Burros, and superficial examination showed no marks of violence, and death was presumed due to accidental drowning. Coroner Arthur McDonald was notified of this by telephone, and he advised that the body be released to Lowden's Funeral Home, as he had previously instructed regarding the body of Imelda STEVER. In view of the circumstances surrounding these deaths he stated that no Inquest would be necessa as he was satisfied death was due to accidental drowning.

5. During the p.m. of 25-7-44 the following statement was taken from Lillian PENTELIUK.

Statement of Lilliam PENTELIUK, #W.3792, W.R.C.N.S.

"I am 19 years of age and am stationed at HMCS Protector, Pt.Edward, N.S. At about 4 p.m. of 24-7-44 I left Protector with the intention of swimming in the Quarry at Pt. Edward. I was accompanied by five other Wrens, Mary RECH, Imelda STEVER, Germaine WILSON, Ellen DAVEY, and Mary SMITH. There were two Naval ratings with the other girls; I do not know their names. RECH, STEVER, and myself went on ahead of the others, and I imagine we reached the Quarry about 15 minutes ahead of them. STEVER was the first to go into the water; she forgot her bathing-cap and came back for it. Then the three of us went in together; we were all holding hands. When we were about four feet from shore, STEVER said: "Mary, there is a hole". Then the two of us went in to try and help her. All I can remember after that is that we were struggling for a while in the water, and I called for help. None of us could swim. We had not had any supper before leaving the base. That was the first time I had ever been to the Quarry."

(sgd) Lillian N. PENTELIUK

6. When the patrol returned to Sydney the following telegram was dispatched to O.C. 'H' Div. via R.C.A.F. teletype service.
MARY RECH AND IMELDA STEVER W.R.C.N.S. HMCS PROTECTOR ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED EVENING OF JULY TWENTYFOURTH WHILE SWIMMING AT OLD STONE QUARRY POINT EDWARD BODIES RECOVERED

7. From the above it appears that the two deceased were accidentally drowned when they walked into a deep hole at the Stone Quarry at Point Edward. None of the three girls were able to swim, and they were about 15 minutes ahead of the other three Wrens and three Naval ratings, who were in the same party and some of whom could swim. The bodies and personal belongings of the two deceased are being attended to by Naval Authorities. Their home addresses and next-of-kin were given as follows.
Mary RECH - Mother, Mrs. Pearl RECH, 9360 103-Ave., Edmonton, Alta.
Imelda STEVER - Father, Mr. Vincent STEVER, McWatter, Quebec.

8. Concluded - HANDED OVER.

jgt.mn
O.C.Sydney S/Div.
Forwarded 26-7-44.
This was clearly a case of accidental drowning; there was no evidence of foul play. Naval Authorities are arranging for the disposal of the bodies to their respective homes for burial.
HANDED OVER.

J. G. Town Cst.
(J. G. Town) Reg.No.13528.

igc.mn
The O.C. "H" Division.
1. Forwarded 28-7-44. This is an abandoned stone quarry, practically filled with fresh water. The side that the girls entered sloped gradually toward the centre for a short distance and then dropped sharply to a depth of approximately 60 ft. The girls were not familiar with construction of the quarry and were unable to swim.
2. CONCLUDED - HANDED OVER.

Cpl.
(I.G.Corkum) Reg.#11649
i/c Sydney Detachment.

(F. T. Evens) Inspector.

W.S.G. Application No. 56754

TO: D.N.P.A."G"

FILE NO. N.S. W-3431

"WAR SERVICE GRATUITY"

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL	OFFICIAL NUMBER	RANK OR RATING ON DISCHARGE
RECH — Mary	W-3431		Wren (G.D)

CAUSE OF DISCHARGE: D. D.

(App. made by Mother — Pearl Rech

1052 Harwood St.
Vancouver. B.C.

TOTAL SERVICE

Date of Active Service 9 Aug '43 ✓

Date of Discharge 24 July '44 —

Total No. of Days 351 ✓

1789
1439
350

Less non qualifying service —

Total Days 351 ✓

OVERSEAS SERVICE

% Total No. of Days —

Less non qualifying service —

Total Days NIL

Record of Service in other Forces (per Naval Records)

Branch of Service —

Date of Active Service —

Date of Discharge —

& % Overleaf

Computed By W. P. Eddy

Checked By [illegible]

W. P. Eddy
for (R.W. Underhill)
A/Captain (S) R.C.N.V.R.
Director of Naval Pay Accounting.

DATE: MAR 31 1948

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H.M.C.S. "PROTECTOR"

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - RE MARY RECH, WREN MESSWOMAN, W-3431, DISCHARGED DEAD 24TH JULY, 1944.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS:

— 1 kit bag containing:
- 1 Greatcoat
- 1 Burberry
- 2 Navy smocks
- 1 pr. Gym shorts
- 3 pr. black oxfords
- 6 white shirts
- 3 white men's handkerchiefs
- 1 pr. bedroom slippers
- 1 black belt
- 1 shoe brush
- 1 clothes brush
- 2 pochettes
- 2 pr. black bloomers
- 11 white collars
- 1 sports hose
- 1 pr. wool gloves
- 1 pr. leather mitts
- 1 pr. leather gloves
- 1 box containing letters and snapshots
- 1 pr. braces
- 6 brassieres
- 7 pr. panties
- 1 white scarf
- 1 man's handkerchief
- 2 Canada badges (gold)
- 1 bag clothes pegs

— 1 black suitcase containing:
- 1 green fountain pen
- 2 wallets containing snapshots
- 1 man's watch
- 1 box cosmetics (soap, creams, toothbrush, etc.)
- 1 pipe
- 2 writing tablets
- 1 kit bag handle
- 1 package of letters
- 1 New Testament
- 1 hair net
- 1 pyjama top
- 3 pink slips
- 2 prs. white gloves
- 1 pr. cotton pyjamas
- 1 pr. blue flannelette pyjamas
- 1 pr. pink " "
- 1 pink cotton housecoat
- 1 fawn coat

— 1 hat box containing:
- 1 beret
- 1 tricorne
- 1 box black hose
- 1 kit bag

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - RE MARY RECH, WREN MESSWOMAN, W-3431, DISCHARGED DEAD 24TH JULY, 1944.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT SHOWING BALANCE OF FORTY-ONE DOLLARS AND NINETY-NINE CENTS ($41.99) PAID TO THE RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA BY OFFICIAL RECEIPT # 19038 DATED 31ST JULY, 1944 IS ATTACHED.

Grace A. Brodie
(G.A. Brodie)
Lieutenant, WRCNS

H. Bacon
(H. Bacon)
Lieutenant, WRCNS

R.D. Minnion
(R.D. Minnion)
Pay S/Lt., RCNVR

Read this whole Form and Instructions on other side before commencing to complete.

Can. S. 545
30M—1-43 (8044)
N.S. 815-9-545

WILL

(1) I, MARY RECH, of His Majesty's Canadian Ship "NONSUCH" do hereby revoke all former wills by me made and declare this to be my last will.

(2) I Give, Devise and Bequeath unto MY MOTHER, MRS. PEARL RECH, WHO RESIDES AT 9360 - 103A Ave., EDMONTON, ALBERTA, ALL MY ESTATE.

Relationship, names and addresses of beneficiaries, and what each is to receive.

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(3) ~~I Give, Devise and Bequeath the rest and residue of my property to be both real and personal of whatever kind and wheresoever situate unto~~

Relationship, names and addresses of residuary beneficiaries.

(4) I appoint Mrs. Pearl Rech (Name) 9360 - 103A Ave., Edmonton, Alta. (Address) Housewife (Civil Occupation), to be the ~~Executrix~~ Executrix of this my Last Will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 3 day of July 19 43.

Signed, published and declared by the above-named testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us both present at the same time, who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Mary Rech (Name)

Probationary Wren (Rank or Rating) W 3431 Official No.

First witness sign here.

(5) Signature Grace A. Rich Sub-Lt., WRCNS

Civil Address Winnipeg, Man.

Civil Occupation Music Teacher

Second witness sign here.

Signature M. Catherine Kelley Wren

Civil Address Liverpool, N. S.

Civil Occupation Stenographer

(Beneficiaries are not to be Witnesses.)

[OVER]

Noted in Service Records by L.S. 20-7-43

NOTE

(1) Example: I, John Charles Jones, of H.M.C.S. *Snowberry*.

(2) If only *one* beneficiary for all your estate, complete as example: "my wife, Mary Jones of 26 Cherry Ave., Ottawa, Ont., all my estate", in which event, strike out clause (3) entirely.

If *more than one* beneficiary, set out in clause (2) what each is to receive, such as

"my wife, Mary Jones, 26 Cherry Ave., Ottawa, Ont., $.....00, and my household goods and effects,"
"my brother, Thomas Jones, 80 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., $.....00,"
"my sister, Margaret Jones, 80 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., $.....00,"
"my friend John Smith, 60 LaSalle St., Winnipeg, Man., $.....00,"

and any personal gift, if desired. Then complete clause (3) as to the balance of your estate.

(3) If balance of estate is to one person, complete as example: "my wife, Mary Jones, 26 Cherry Ave., Ottawa, Ont." Another example: "my father, Jack Jones, and mother, Jessie Jones, 80 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., equally" or as desired.

(4) Fill in name of Executor or Executrix, example: "John Doe, 24 Smith Street, Blankville, Ontario, Salesman", or if Executrix, "Jane Doe" and address. A beneficiary under the Will may be appointed Executor or Executrix. It is preferable that the person appointed as Executor should not be on, or likely to be on, Active Service.

(5) The testator will date the Will and sign same. Two witnesses must sign in the presence of the testator, and each witness should fill in his or her full civil address and occupation. No one who is a beneficiary shall act as a witness. It is preferable, though not essential, that the witnesses be persons not on Active Service.

GENERAL

The laws of all but one of the Provinces of Canada provide that marriage subsequent to the date of the Will revokes that Will. Therefore, an officer or rating immediately upon his marriage must make a new Will in order that in the event of his death, his estate may be distributed in accordance with his wishes as set out in such new Will.

FOR COMPLETION AND RETURN BY

Mrs. Pearl Rech,
9360 - 103rd Ave.,
EDMONTON, Alta.

Form P. 64

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

THE DIRECTOR OF ESTATES,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. NS. W-3431 FD 510

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ESTATES BRANCH
OTTAWA, ONT.

AUGUST 10 1944

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

RECH Mary Wren (T.G-D.) W-3431,

W.R.C.N.S.

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.

ESTATES BRANCH AUG 24 1944 H.Q. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

A. L. Roach Commander
Director of Estates.

J/L.

M.F.W. 77
6-44 (4878)
H.Q. 1772-39-972

ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased 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 specified	Age	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT: 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.....				
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....				
3	Father of the Deceased.....		CHAS. RICH	75	CARBONDALE, Alta.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....		Pearl RICH	48	9360-103rd A Ave. Edmonton, Alta.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Chas. Rich Frank Rich Tom Rich Jack Rich Harold Rich Gordon Rich	31 26 24 22 18 16	Carbondale, Alt Overseas Overseas 9360-103 AAve. Camrose, Alta. Carbondale, Alt
		Half Blood			
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Rosie Crocker (Mrs.) Helen Rich	33 10	9360-103A Ave. 9360-103 A Ave.
		Half Blood			
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, *who are dead*, and date of death of each.		Names and ages of their children (if any)		Address of their children
	Wm. Rich Dec. 21-43 Geo. Nov. 22-43				

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE

PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	MARY RICH
9	Date of his birth.	Oct. 19, 1924
10	Place and date of his marriage.	Not married
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Morinville, Alta. 1911

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	CARBONDALE, Alta.
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) Alta. (b) (c) " (d)
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Housework
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	--------
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	9360-103 A Ave.

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	Yes not with mother
18	If married, and domiciled in the Province of Quebec or in a State in the U.S.A. or in a Country under the laws of which there is community of property between spouses,—was there a marriage contract dealing with property?	-------
19	Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? If so, give name and address of bank, etc., and the amount on deposit. Do you wish it administered with the pay account?	Not known of.
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	No
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	Not known of.
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	No.
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	None.

OTHER PARTICULARS

24	Did the deceased after enlistment incur any debts for:— *(a)* His own separate board and lodging while on service. *(b)* Service clothing and equipment. An itemized account for each such debt should be attached hereto, and if same is correct you should mark the bill "approved" and sign same. If believed incorrect, give particulars.	No.
25	Have you or any other relative paid the funeral expenses or any part thereof? If so, attach itemized accounts showing amount paid, and by whom.	No.
	(NOTE:—The government pays funeral expenses within the amounts authorized in the Regulations, where death occurs and burial is made Overseas as well as where death occurs and burial is made in Canada or elsewhere in the North American zone, and if a relative has already paid those expenses the Government will reimburse such relative to the extent of the amount authorized in the Regulations. Any amount of such expenses in excess of those authorized in the Regulations is not payable by the Government nor is it chargeable against the service estate of the deceased.)	

(PLEASE TURN OVER)

DECLARATION

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

I hereby declare that all the particulars shown on this form are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees specified; and that I am the

*mother of the deceased.

N.B.—To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

Mrs Pearl Rich (X) Signature of Informant

9360-103 A Ave., Edmonton, Alta. Address

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief

See above. Mrs. Pearl Rich {Name of informant} is the mother of the Deceased above described. The above Declaration was made by the Informant and signed in my presence.

Dated at Edmonton, Alta. this 21st day of August 1944

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

W. J. Williams Qualification A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of Alberta.

Address Memorial Hall, Edmonton, Alta.

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 and age of each surviving Relative specified is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

(If the deceased has no living relatives of the degrees shown on page 2, the names and addresses and relationship of other relatives should be set out below.)

USE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL SERVICE

CAMPAIGN AND SERVICE AWARDS

This is to certify that:-

W/3431 (Number) LS/C (Rank) Beck, Harry (Name)

is entitled to the following Campaign and Service Awards in respect of service with the Royal Canadian Navy:

Theatres of Service:-

Canada ✓

Newfoundland Zone

United Kingdom Zone

Atlantic Zone

Pacific Zone

Mediterranean Zone

Other Zones:-

1939-45 Star

Atlantic Star

(or) France & Germany Star

(or) Aircrew Europe Star

Africa Star

Pacific Star

(or) Burma Star

Italy Star

Defence Medal

C.V.S.M. O/C
with
Clasp

War Medal 1939-45 O/C

Verified by Roy Thomas

Date 7.1.48

(Deceased) 24-7-44