



Clark Anderson Rutherford



RUTHERFORD, Clark Anderson
LCdr, RCN

MPK - 13 Sep 1942



Age : 28

Date of birth : 1913

Date of death : September 14, 1942

Year of graduation at WHS : 1931

Rank : Lieutenant Commander*

Unit : Royal Canadian Navy

Circumstances of the death : HMCS Ottawa - Destroyer

On 14 September 1942, U-91, the German submarine fired a spread of two torpedoes at a destroyer and observed a hit. Then they saw another destroyer, made a full circle and fired at 02.15 hours one torpedo, which hit the center of the ship and caused the ship to explode and sink. The U-boat commander Captain Heinz Walkerling thought that they had sunk two destroyers, but HMCS Ottawa (A/Lt.Cdr. Clark Anderson Rutherford, RCN) was hit twice and sank in position German naval grid BC 6191 with the loss of more than 100 crews. Unfortunately, his final resting place is unknown.



Name	HMCS Ottawa (H 60)	
Type:	Destroyer (C)	
Tonnage	1,375 tons	
Completed	1932 - Portsmouth Dockyard, Portsmouth	
Owner	Royal Canadian Navy	
Homeport		
Date of attack	14 Sep 1942	Nationality: Canadian

Burial site: The Halifax Memorial in Nova Scotia

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Lieutenant Commander Clark Anderson Rutherford was the son of Stewart Fleming Rutherford and Gertrude Jessie Rutherford, of Westmount, Quebec. He was the husband of Marjorie Rutherford. He was a Commanding Officer aboard H.M.C.S in the Royal Canadian Navy Ottawa. His record is written on Page 112 of the World War II Book of Remembrance. His name is listed on the Halifax Memorial.

The Ottawa's commanding officer, Lt.-Cmdr. C. A. R. Rutherford, of Halifax, was listed as missing and believed killed in action, along with four other officers and 107 ratings. One rating died of wounds.



*Lieutenant Commander: a commissioned officer rank in many navies. The rank is superior to a lieutenant and subordinate to a commander.

Battle Details

The name "**Battle of the Atlantic**", coined by Winston Churchill in 1941, is the longest military campaign in World War II which running from 1939 to 1945. When war broke out, Germany sank the British merchant ships which conveyed all war supplies for the British army by U-boats in order to cut off the transporting route of supplies. However, the British and their allies gradually gained the upper hand, driving the German surface raiders from the ocean by the end of 1942 and decisively defeating the U-boats in a series of convoy battles between March and May 1943. New German submarines arrived in 1945, but they were too late to affect the course of the war.



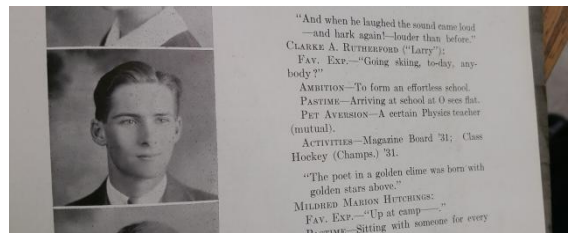
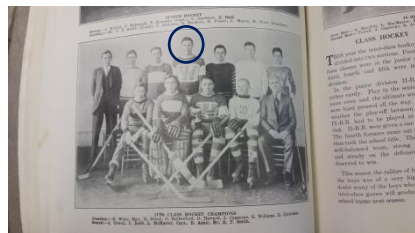
When war broke out, Canadian navy personnel amounted to just 3,684 officers and crew, including RCN Reserve and Volunteer Reserve.

The Merchant Navy lost 1,629 citizens, or others who served on ships registered in Canada or Newfoundland. Many other Canadians died serving on ships of Allied merchant navies.

Also, about 200 Canadian seamen were taken prisoner when their ships were captured or sunk, often in the very early years of the war. Many spent more than four years interned and eight died as prisoners of war or during repatriation.

The RCN lost 1,965 men and 24 ships during the War, most of them in the Atlantic.

Lieutenant Commander Clark Anderson Rutherford, R.C.N., 28-year-old commanding officer of H.M.C.S. "Ottawa," torpedoed Canadian destroyer, was well known in Ottawa, having visited the Capital frequently before he joined the navy. Lieut. Commander Rutherford is listed as missing, believed killed in action. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart F. Rutherford of Westmount, Que., Commander Rutherford was born in that city and joined the navy in 1933 after he graduated from the Royal Military College at Kingston. Clarke Anderson of 152 Manor road, Rockcliffe, is an uncle, and Mrs. Charles W. Hall, 405 Elgin street, an aunt. His grandfather, the late William Anderson, was at one time a prominent official of the J. R. Booth Company.



His name on the plaque / Clark. A. Rutherford was a Class Hockey Player / He graduated in 1931

Interesting Fact

<http://www.crms.ednet.ns.ca/>

There is a school for memorial of Clark Rutherford

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About Our School
 We are one of 41 schools with the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board offering a high quality public education program.
 Clark Rutherford Memorial School began as a military base school. It opened in 1957. At that time, there was a primary school and a grades 4-9 school. In the early 1990's, word of CBRS Cornwallis closing began to be heard. As a result, in 1993 three neighborhood schools closed and the children came to Clark Rutherford Memorial School. The enrollment at that time was 325 students.
 When it was built, Clark Rutherford Memorial School was named for and dedicated to Lieutenant-Commander Clark Rutherford of HMCS OTTAWA who gave his life for his country. LCDR C.A. Rutherford RCN Captain lost his life when his ship was sunk by enemy action during the Battle of the Atlantic on September 14, 1942.

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