

Burial: Halifax

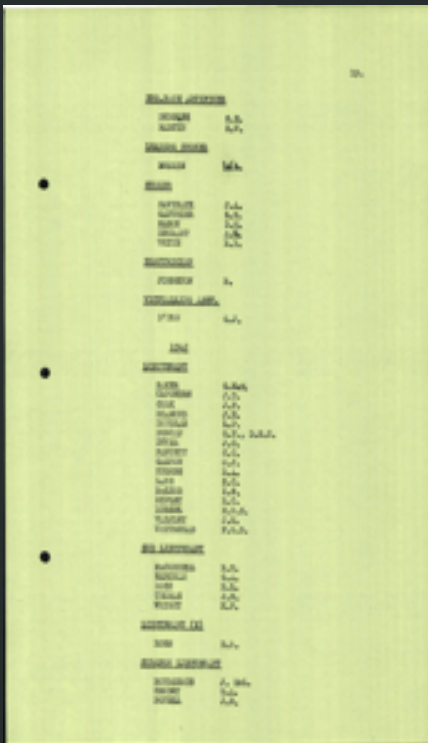
M e m o r i a l

Location: Nova Scotia

Panel: 8



John F. Cook didn't have a grave, his name was commemorated on memorials or screen walls.



John Frederick Cook



JOHN F. COOK
LIEUT. R.C.N.V.R.
LOST AT SEA

DATE OF BIRTH: 1916

A g e : 2 6 y e a r s o l d

D A T E O F D E A T H : M o n d a y

September 7th, 1942

Parents of John F. Cook

Mother: Mabel G. Cook

Father: Charles James Cook

Location: Westmount, Province Of Quebec

Rank: Lieutenant

Force: Navy

Division: H.M.C.S
Raccoon

Service Number: O15360

Unit: Royal Canadian
Navy Volunteer Reserve
(RCNVR)

“The RCNVR was a naval
reserve force of the Royal
Canadian Navy.”

Role: The RCNVR was
recruiting officers and
sailors for the Navy. It
was used to enlist and
build the Navy.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/w
iki/Royal_Canadian_Naval
Volunteer_Reserve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Canadian_Naval_Volunteer_Reserve)

Memorial Chamber of the Peace Tower



[www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/
memorials/books/page?page=66&book=2&sort=pageAsc](http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/books/page?page=66&book=2&sort=pageAsc)

Battle Details And Circumstance of Death

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‘In Memory Of Former Pupils Of Westmount High School Who Made The Supreme Sacrifice’

John F. Cook was on a Canadian Armed Yacht that was used by the Royal Canadian Navy during the World War II, which was named the H.M.C.S Raccoon. It was initially known as the Halonia.

He was drafted to the Raccoon on July 23 1941 as Lieutenant, RCNR (Royal Canadian Navy Reserve).

The Raccoon was used to guard/watch the river and Gulf of the St. Lawrence and escort convoys of ships that were coming from Quebec to Sydney, Newfoundland or Halifax.

At the time the HMCS Raccoon was escorting the QS-33 in the evening of September 6th, 1942.

On these nights, the 6th and 7th of September 1942, the convey QS-33 was attacked by the U-165 (German Submarine) in the St-Lawrence River. It was reported of three ships sunk, which resulted the Aeas (Greek Steam Merchant) and the HMCS Raccoon being hit and sunk due to the attack.

The Raccoon was then said to be missing after it left for a convey at midnight to engage the U-165. After a few days went by, only debris and one body was found.

There were 37 people on board, and John F. Cook was one of the people on board. Due to this attack, none of the 37 people survived.



Where the H.M.C.S Raccoon sunk



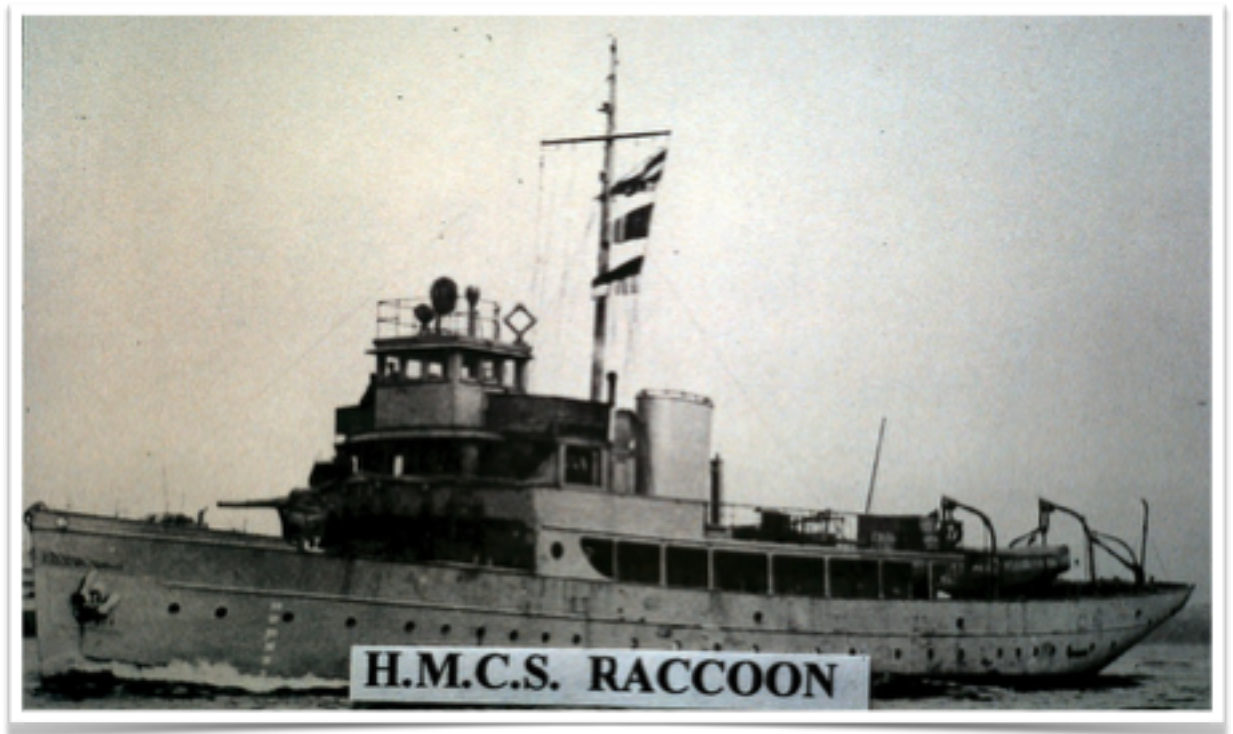
Location of attack on **HMCS Raccoon**.



Everyone who was on board on the Raccoon

Adams, George Manuel , RCNVR	41	Motor Mechanic	Lafamme, Joseph Wilbrod Guy , RCNVR	24	Ordinary Signalman	HMCS Raccoon +
Allen, John Henry , RCNR	38	Motor Mechanic	Lucas, Henry Baker , RCNVR	31	Able Seaman	HMCS Raccoon +
Anderson, James Cowie , RCNVR	34	Steward	Martindale, Ralph Omar , RCNVR	20	Ordinary Seaman	HMCS Raccoon +
Ashmall, Royden George , RCNVR	25	Telegraphist	McConnell, Russell Henry , RCNVR	24	Sub-Lieutenant	HMCS Raccoon +
Belanger, Roger , RCNVR	23	Able Seaman	McDonald, John Hugh , RCNVR	24	Able Seaman	HMCS Raccoon +
Boudreau, John Jeremiah , RCNR	32	Leading Seaman	Monkley, Harry Frederick , RCNVR	25	Able Seaman	HMCS Raccoon +
Champion, Charles Roy , RCNR	22	Able Seaman	Muller, Howard Joseph , RCNVR	26	Leading Stoker	HMCS Raccoon +
Cherpeta, John Edward , RCNVR	19	Able Seaman	Parsons, John George , RCNVR	19	Ordinary Seaman	HMCS Raccoon +
Cook, John Frederick , RCNVR	26	Lieutenant	Payne, Albert James , RCNVR	24	Able Seaman	HMCS Raccoon +
Dillabough, Guy , RCNVR	31	Leading Stoker	Prowse, Louis Henry , RCNVR	19	Stoker	HMCS Raccoon +
Duncan, William , RCNVR	24	Ordinary Seaman	Sheflin, John Edward , RCNVR	26	Supply Assistant	HMCS Raccoon +
Fowler, George , RCNVR	51	Chief Motor Mechanic	Smith, John Norman , RCNR	38	Lieutenant Commander	HMCS Raccoon +
Fralic, Owen William , RCNVR	34	Motor Mechanic	Stewart, Beverley George , RCNVR	20	Able Seaman	HMCS Raccoon +
Gallant, Frank James , RCNVR	23	Telegraphist	Sweeney, Michael , RCNVR	21	Telegraphist	HMCS Raccoon +
Hamilton, William Couttie , RCNVR	20	Ordinary Seaman	Taylor, Glenwood Lawrence , RCNVR	21	Ordinary Seaman	HMCS Raccoon +
Harvie, William Aubrey , RCNVR	35	Cook	Thomas, James Edward , RCNVR	20	Sub-Lieutenant	HMCS Raccoon +
Henderson, Robert Harry , RCNVR	21	Signalman	Thomas, Percy Jack , RCNVR	20	Ordinary Signalman	HMCS Raccoon +
Holmes, Arthur Garfield , RCNVR	24	Able Seaman				
Howe, Ernest Frank , RCNVR	24	Stoker				
Hughes, John Joseph , RCNR	27	Leading Seaman				

HMCS Raccoon



Facts

Cook name meaning: Cooked meats seller, worked as a cook or a keeper of an eating house

The Naval Reserves headquarters were in Quebec City.

RCNVR was created in 1923 March 15th.

RCNVR was known as the “Wavy Navy” due to their uniforms.

The HMCS Raccoon was built in 1931.

Tonnage of the Armed Yacht was 358 tons.

Route: Quebec to Sydney

H.M.C.S = Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship

The Halifax Memorial have casualties from the First and Second World Wars.

Lieutenant is the naval rank. It is equal to a Captain in the army force.

Uniform of a Lieutenant:



Typical appointments for a Lieutenant (N) include:

- **Combat Director or Head of Department of a frigate, destroyer, supply ship**
- **Training officer at Naval Fleet Schools or Naval Reserve divisions**
- **Executive officer of a minor warship or submarine**
- **Staff officer on a formation or task group headquarters staff.**

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