

V22559
GRIFFIN
EARLE

FREDE

DECEASED 6 February 1943

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

GRIFFIN	Earle Frederick	V-22559	A.B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS) No. DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	9364
Africa Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR May 44 "LOUISBURG"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO

Mrs. Margaret J. Griffin, Widow

DATE DESP

(1)

ADDRESS:

Dalhousie Junction, N.B.

10-11-48

REGN. NO.

552

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. M. J. Griffin

(2) 19 March 1943

ADDRESS:

DALHOUSIE JUNCTION, N.B.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. H. B. Griffin

(3) 5 April 1943

ADDRESS:

STANLEY, N.B.

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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME GRIFFIN OFFICIAL NO. V22559
CHRISTIAN NAMES Earle Frederick MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
528 Huron St., Toronto, Ontario		Baptist
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Nov. 25, 1917	Town Cross Creek County York Province New Brunswick	Mother: Mrs. Mary Griffin As above

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... 5	Inflated..... 35 1/2	Brown	Blue	Fair	None
Inches..... 9 1/4	Deflated..... 33 1/2				
Mean.....	34 1/2				
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY			
Dec. 4, 1940	Ord. Sea.	Student			

(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 Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, 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 served in..... for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
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- (c) I have never been rejected 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.

Personal Records Division.

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4. Statistical Card.....
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6. Pension Card.....
7.....
8.....
DATE 17-12-40

TORONTO, ONT.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the Regulations made in pursuance thereof for the government of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, 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 ashore or afloat as may be directed, according to where my services are required.

(c) To keep in good repair and condition the articles of uniform and any articles of outfit which may be issued to me and to return them to the nearest Divisional Commanding Officer or to Training Headquarters prior to my discharge or when required so to do by any authorized person, or to pay compensation for any loss or damage thereto other than fair wear and tear; and also not to wear such uniform or outfit (which is and remains the property of the Crown) except when on naval duty.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1940

Signature of applicant X Earle F. Griffin

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 4th day of December, 1940

Signature of Commanding Officer. R. Mackenzie
LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Earle Frederick Griffin 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 X Earle F. Griffin

Witness R. Mackenzie
LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

Date Dec. 4, 1940 Rank

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

Earle Frederick Griffin having been duly enrolled to serve in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the Record Book of the TORONTO, ONT. Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

Signature of Commanding Officer.

NOTE.—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Divisional Commanding Officer's Record Book, is to be forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

The Certificate of medical examination, B-207, and certificates of previous service are to be sent to Headquarters, Ottawa, with this form.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.

V22559

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-G-690

OFFICIAL NUMBER V22559

NAME GRIFFIN, (Surname) Earle, Frederick. (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 25 November, 1917PLACE OF BIRTH Cross Creek, York, N.B. OCCUPATION StudentRELIGION Baptist. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 528 Huron St. Town Toronto Province, etc. Ont.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
4	12	40	H.O.	5'9 1/4"	brown	blue	fair	-nil-				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs Margaret J. GriffinADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 12/41 Town Dalhousie Province, etc. N.S.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				18	3	41	Passed P.P.T. "Good"				
				20	10	41	Marked "Tr"				

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.					BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES							
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT	
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year			

FILM
 NO. W.A. 5406-6
D. T. E.

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.E. received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	
									O.H.E. received.
									LAST WILL & TESTAMENT RECEIVED DATED-11-1-41

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V22559

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME GRIFFIN

(Surname)

Earle, Frederick

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V22559

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Div. Str. Toronto	Ord. Smm.	4	12	40							A/S.D.	11	11	41			
Duty Div. Hdqrs.	"	7	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	"	19	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	6	2	43							
Louisburg	"	22	11	41													
	A/A.B.	7	1	42	Rated. (249A/21927)												
	A.B.	22	3	42	Confirmed. "												
Niobe	"	6	1	43	D.R.D. #103 near Stadacona												
Louisburg	"	7	1	43	" #103												
DISCHARGED	"	6	2	43	Missing presumed killed in action per Casualty list.												

GENERAL REMARKS

X-ray approved.
 Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to:-
 Wife:-Mrs. Margaret J. Griffen,
 Dalhousie Junction, N.B.
 March 19, 1943.
 Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to:-
 Mother:-Mrs. Harold B. Griffen,
 Stanley, N.B.
 April 5, 1943.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU.	RELI.	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE							
BY MO YR. BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	SIGN	R	CTY.	TOL.	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK				
25	X	17	18	XXX	0	60	X	1	26	4	0	23	0	08	93
ENL. DATE	ACT. DATE	SERV. DATE	SHIP	CS	RANK OR RATE										
BY MO YR.	BY MO YR.	BY MO YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK									
04	12	40	07	01	41	2/60			0	08	94				
SENIORITY	STR.	NON-SUB	IN	CHECKED											
BY MO YR. CAT.	A	0	01	McG			OK								
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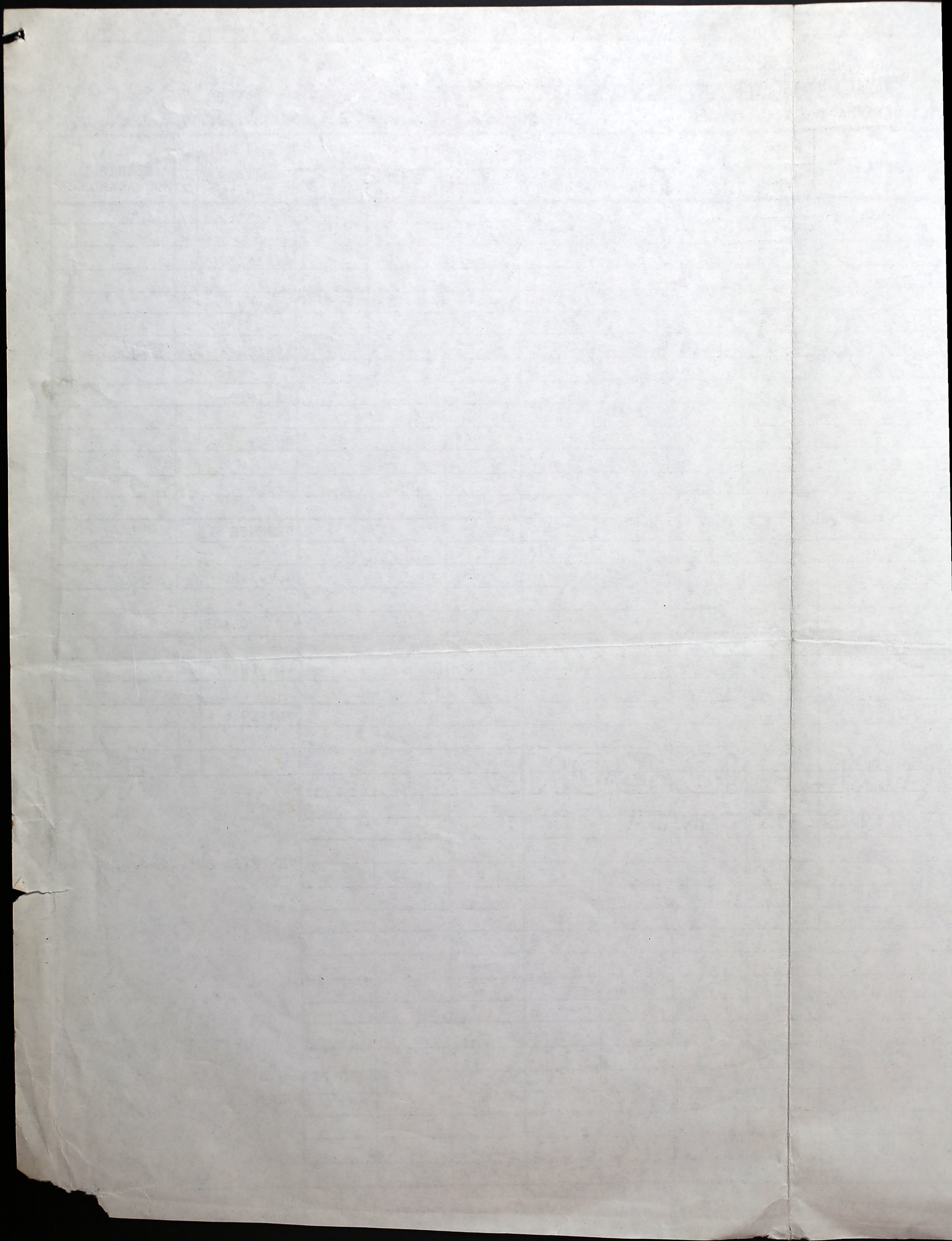
VERIFICATION FORM

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

ick...RANK/RATING *A.B.* OFF.NO. *V 2255-9* ADDRESS

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
							1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>atl.</i>							ATLANTIC		
<i>uk.</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>atlap.*</i>							AFRICA	2	<i>& Clasp</i>
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>& Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *C. Wright*



OR

Griffin

No Record
W.S.R.

~~Tag V-22559~~



CANADA

NATIONAL DEFENCE
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N.S. 815-2-207
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CANADA

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Certificate of Medical Examination of Officers, Men and Boys

NAVAL SERVICE OF CANADA

(R.C.N. OR RESERVE FORCES)

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 GRIFFIN, E.F. V-22559
candidate for entry as ORDINARY SEAMAN W/T.
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. unfit for His Majesty's Service for the reason stated below.

†Strike out if inapplicable. * Delete one.

This examination has been made in accordance with the current Instructions as to Medical Standards.

(a) Age (Years Months)	(b) Weight without Clothes	(c) Height with Bare Feet	(d) General Development	(e) Chest Girth	(f) Vision by— (i) Snellen's Types (ii) Colour Vision	(g) Vaccinated or revaccinated for Small Pox (Date)	(h) Lungs, Heart, etc.	(i) Abdomen, Hernia, etc.	(k) Limbs and Joints	(l) Skin	(m) Ears and Hearing	(n) Testes, Varicocele, etc.	(o) Mouth, Teeth (No. deficient and No. defective, if any), Nose, Tonsils, etc.	(p) Anus, Hemorrhoids, etc.
23-1 month	135	5'9 1/4	Fair	inches (a) maximum 35 1/2 (b) minimum 33 1/2 (c) mean 34 1/2	right eye 20/15 left eye 20/15 colour vision NORMAL	childhood	NORMAL *X-Ray	NORMAL	NORMAL	NORMAL	NORMAL	NORMAL	2 deficient non defective	NORMAL

*Insert either:—NT (not taken) App. (approved) Pos. (positive) ~~Do~~ Doubt. (doubtful)

If colour vision is not normal by Ishihara test, degree of colour blindness to be indicated.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY 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, vaccination, or inoculations as may be authorized.

E. F. Griffin

Signature of Candidate

†The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.
‡Strike out if inapplicable.

When a Candidate is subject to a defect or disability, the following information is to be inserted:

This Candidate is the subject of.....

*which renders him medically unfit for service,
not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects.

*Delete one.

IF REJECTED
insert here
UNFIT
in block letters

Dated at.....TORONTO, ONT. the.....of.....DEC 2 - 1940.....19.....

Almaek
Examining Medical Officer

SURGEON LIEUT. R. C. N. V. R.

(Rank).....

18 December, 1940.

From: The Director of Naval Personnel,
Naval Service Headquarters.

To: The Commanding Officer,
Toronto Division, R.C.N.V.R.
165 Lakeshore Blvd.,
TORONTO, Ontario.

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The enrolment of the undermentioned ratings in the Toronto Division, R.C.N.V.R., is approved:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RATING</u>	<u>O.N.</u>	<u>DATE</u>
ANDERSON, Alan	Ord. Sea.	V.22555	4 Dec./40.
CARR, Philip John M.	Stoker II	V.22556	" " "
DAVIES, George Evan	Ord. Sea.	V.22557	6 Dec./40.
GRIFFIN, Earle Fredk.	" "	V.22559	4 Dec./40.
JULL, Gordon Henry	" "	V.22560	" " "
LOWE, Alexander Morrison	" "	V.22561	9 Dec./40.
PRATT, William Cecil	S.B. Prob.	V.22562	4 Dec./40.

H. T. W. Grant
for (H. T. W. Grant),
Captain, R.C.N.,
Director of Naval Personnel.
Hmt

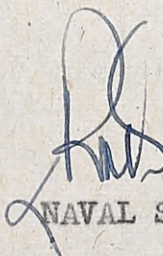
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CAP

OTTAWA, Ontario, 8th October, 8

N.S. V-22559, PERS.(N). "N"/4.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT according to official information Able Seaman Earle Frederick Griffin, Official Number V-22559, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed killed on the 6th of February, 1943, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "LOUISBURG", was sunk by enemy action.


NAVAL SECRETARY.

(22)



Department of National Defence

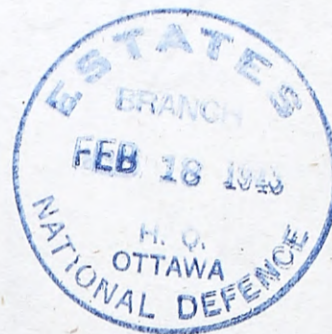
Naval Service

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. N.S. 113-G-690

Ottawa, Canada.

15th February, 1943.



Sir:

In accordance with Naval Order No. 839, it is notified for your information that the following casualty in the Naval Forces of Canada has been reported:

<u>NAME, RANK/RATING NO.</u>	<u>PLACE, DATE & CAUSE of DEATH</u>	<u>NEXT OF KIN</u>
GRIFFIN, Earle Frederick Able Seaman, Official No. V-22559, R.C.N.V.R.	Missing, presumed killed in action to date the 6th of February, 1943, when the ship in which he was serving was sunk by enemy action Overseas.	Wife: Mrs. Margaret J. Griffin, DALHOUSIE JUNCT., N.B.

ALLOTMENTS IN FORCE

<u>In favor of:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Initials</u>
Mrs. Mary Griffin, Dalhousie Junction, New Brunswick (Wife)	\$76.00	L.D.
Receiver General of Canada War Saving Certificates, Ottawa, Ontario.	\$4.00	L.D.

WILL: Attached.

Yours truly,

J.P.N.
15/2/43

R. A. ...
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Administrator of Estates,
Estates Branch,
Department of National Defence,
OTTAWA.



113-H-690
#801

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

94134

H.M.C.S. **"NIOBE" (LOUISBURG)** at

Name **GRIFFIN, Earle Frederick**
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating **Able Seaman** Official No. **V-22559**
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth **Cross Creek, York,
New Brunswick** Date of Birth **25th November, 1917**

Occupation in Civil Life **Student** Religion **Baptist**

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) **Two years - two months.**

Date of Death **6th February, 1943** Place of Death **At Sea.**

Cause of Death **Loss of ship due to enemy action.**
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name **Maggaret Jean GRIFFIN** Relationship **Wife**
Address **Dalhousie, J.A., New Brunswick.**

Date on which the above was informed by Ship **Informed by N.S.H.Q.**

Date on which death was registered with local Officials

In the case of Imperial Service men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality

Place of Burial (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

V. Kingley **Commander, R.C.N.,
Commanding Officer,**

10th March 1943.

The NAVAL SECRETARY,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

C.N.S. 1121
15M-7-40 (5849)
N.S. 815-9-1121

*Duplicates on file. NFA
@ NFR/5 12/5.*

FORM 100-440 (Rev. 1-25-60)

MAIN FILE
CHARGED TO *Magister*
SINCE *1-5-43*
REC'D. CENTRAL REGISTRY
MAY 10 1943
REFERRED TO
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Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Reference: [Faint text]

Classification of Information Disclosed
This document contains information which is exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, and is being furnished to you for your information only.

TO: SAC, [Faint text]

Re: [Faint text]

Enclosed are [Faint text]

Information [Faint text]

Reference is made to [Faint text]

On [Faint text]

It is noted that [Faint text]

Enclosed for [Faint text]

Very truly yours,
[Faint signature]

Special Agent in Charge

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



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House of Commons
Canada

O t t a w a ,
May 14th, 1943.

Captain E. R. Mainguy,
Chief of Naval Personnel,
Department of National Defence for Naval Services,
O t t a w a .

Dear Sir:

Re: Earle F. Griffin

This is the young man who went down on the "Louisburg" and about whom I have had considerable correspondence with your Minister regarding (a) a pension for his wife and daughter, and (b) a decoration.

I understood from the Minister that he had spoken with you about this case, and in his letter to me of the 7th of May he indicated what your statement was, namely that as the action in which H.M.C.S. "Louisburg" was engaged took place in the Mediterranean any award received would have to be granted by the British Admiralty, and that his name had not been included in any signal which had come to Naval Service Headquarters from the Admiralty in connection with honours and awards.

I have now received from Mr. Griffin's father a letter dated May 15th from Leading Stoker James A. Willett, of H.M.C.S. Stadacona. Mr. Willett is from my community. In this letter Leading Stoker Willett states:

"I saw Earl last, just after we were hit, and knew we were sinking. He said 'I must set the depth charges to safe', and ran towards the stern of the ship.

"I must explain that some of the depth charges were set, that is they were ready to be thrown over the side in case of a submarine attack. These depth charges can be set to 'safe' so that they will not explode when thrown into the water. If they were not set to safe, they would naturally explode when the ship sank to a certain depth.

"Well, that was Earl's job, and I will say, at the cost of his life he did set them all to safe, and there were none that exploded. If he had not done that, you can readily see that a great many more would have been killed than actually were.

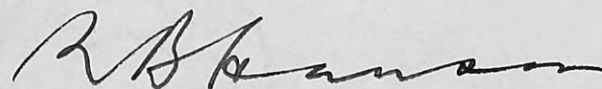
"I am sending you a small clipping taken from a naval paper, stating that by his action he probably saved many lives. There is no doubt in my mind that he did.

"That was the very last I ever saw of him, and I am sorry I cannot tell you more."

I hope that every effort will be made to get a post-humous decoration for this man. It seems to me that he at the risk of his own life saved the lives of many others when he could have saved his own.

I am hoping you will call the attention of the Admiralty to the situation, and if I can be of any assistance or if you think my writing a letter to Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald would be of any assistance I should be glad to hear from you to that effect.

Yours very truly,



R. B. Hanson

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" But over and beyond this I feel certain from what I have been told that this man was a real hero and his valour should be recognized by the award of a decoration, even if post humous.

I have the following statement of facts. His vessel was torpedoed by an enemy submarine. He was below deck at the stern of the ship when the first torpedo hit her, after which the Commanding Officer gave the order to abandon ship. Griffin could at once have left his post and possibly have saved his own life, but he chose to stay behind to put the depth charges on board away to safety otherwise they would have exploded after going down to a certain depth of water in which case a great many men struggling in the water would have been killed. His father has received a newspaper clipping from a man in Vancouver saying that no doubt Earle's action saved many lives.

He not only died doing his duty, but in effect I believe he gave his life for others and I call that valour with a capital V and worthy of full recognition by this nation.

" Further to my letter of the 28th ultimo. I have now gathered together some further information.

This man was a Submarine Detector on H.M.C.S. "LOUISBURG" which was sunk as a result of enemy action in the Mediterranean on the 6th of February last. The ship was attacked from the air and torpedoed.

Griffin and a companion, A. B. Rhodes, R.C.N.V.R. of New Westminster, B.C. were below deck at the depth charge rail. When the Lt. Commander Campbell, R.C.N.V.R. of Saskatoon gave the order to abandon the ship, Griffin (in company with A. B. Rhodes, R.C.N.V.R. of New Westminster), instead of immediately leaping into the water and saving his own life, remained behind to set the depth charges to safety. This took some time and when it was accomplished it was too late to save himself.

It is explained that if the depth charges had not been set to safety they would have exploded when the ship went down to a certain depth and the explosion would have resulted in great loss of life for those who were swimming to safety in the immediate vicinity.

The Corvette is said to have sunk in from 3 to 4 minutes after the Lt. Commander gave the order to abandon ship.

James Cornell, one of the survivors, of Carleton Place, Ontario, wrote to Mrs. Griffin, the boy's mother, that he was an eye witness to Earle's setting the depth charges to safety position. He adds in his letter to Mrs. Griffin of April 25, 1943, that "it was through his action that so many of the survivors owe their lives."

MB/HFW

113-G-690.

26 July, 1943.

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Dear Mr. Hanson:

Further to my letter of 26 May, 1943 concerning a posthumous decoration for Able Seaman Earle F. Griffin, R.C.N.V.R., a reply has now been received from Admiralty advising that no recommendations for awards in connection with H.M.C.S. "LOUISBURG" have been submitted as yet.

The letter states further that should Able Seaman Griffin's name not appear among the recommendations, they would be prepared to consider submitting his name for a Posthumous Mention in Despatches, providing the facts of the case are substantiated.

Yours very truly,

TWB

E. R. Mainguy
(E.R. Mainguy,
Captain, R.C.N.
Chief of Naval Personnel.)

LETTER dispatched by
PERSONNEL NAVAL
JUL 26 1943

The Honourable R.B. Hanson, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

NB - After action, please return to H. & A.

TWB
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Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa, Canada. May 2nd, 1944.

OUR FILE..... N.S. 113-G-690 FD 48

YOUR FILE.....

Mrs. Margaret J. Griffin,
DALHOUSIE JUNCTION,
New Brunswick.

GRIFFIN, Earle Frederick, A.B. (Deceased)
No. V.22559, R.C.N.V.R.

Dear Mrs. Griffin:

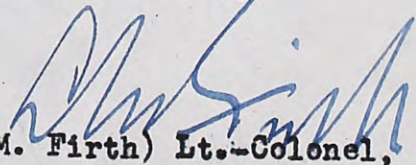
All documents in connection with your late husband have now been received and it is desired to make legal distribution of an amount representing the balance at his credit.

Your husband died without having made a Will, and the sum of \$112.56, comprising his Service estate is therefore, in accordance with the law of his Province of domicile, distributable equally between you and your son.

In accordance with information supplied, this child is a minor and his share cannot be paid directly to him. Authority has been obtained, however, to pay amounts distributable to minors, to the parent or guardian or such other person, as the case may be, who has the custody of such minors, so that their share may be applied for the maintenance, education and benefit of each such minor. In this instance the sum of \$56.28, representing his share, may be paid to you providing you undertake to use the money accordingly, and sign and return, in the meantime, the form of receipt annexed hereto.

If the form, duly signed, reaches us within the next few days, it is anticipated that the cheque can be forwarded within a short time thereafter.

Yours faithfully,


(L.M. Firth) Lt.-Colonel,
Administrator of Estates.

EQ:TL

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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Yours faithfully,
 [Signature]
 [Title]

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CANADA

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ACCOUNTS OF MEN DISCHARGED

Account of the Balance of Wages, the Sale of Clothes and Effects and the other Credits of Men Discharged to the Shore, D. D. or Run

Name..... GRIFFIN, Earl Rating..... Able Seaman
 Official No. V-22559 H.M.C.S. "LOUISBURG" List 12/2-17
 Who* Discharged Dead on the 6 February, 1943

Net sum due on ledger on account of Wages..... to the 28 February 43	\$	cts.
Proceeds of sale of Effects charged against Wages, brought from the other side	71	42
CASH—		
Proceeds of sale of Effects, paid for in Cash, brought from the other side.....	\$	cts.
Found amongst Effects.....		
Debts collected \$.....		
Cash debited in the Accountant Officer's Cash Acct.....		
If in debt in ledger, amount to be stated (in red ink).....		28
Rate of allotment (in words)..... \$76.00; \$4.00 charged to Feb.		
Name of ship from which transferred.....		
Total†..... Creditor	71	42

Credit

We hereby certify that we have every reason to believe that the above account contains a true statement of all wages, Effects, and other Credits or Debts on the Ledger of..... H.M.C.S. "LOUISBURG" amounting to a net balance†..... Creditor of..... Seventy-one..... dollars..... forty-two..... cents.

Dated on board H.M.C.S. "NIOBE"..... at..... this Twenty fourth day of February 19 43

Approved *[Signature]* Accountant Officer
 Pay Lieut. Cmdr., RCNR.
[Signature] { Initials of the Assistant Accountant Officer
 Pay. Lieut., RCNVR.
 Commanding Officer. Ledgers: R: *[Signature]*
 F: *[Signature]*
[Signature] Commander, R.C.N.

For Use at Headquarters. \$.....cts..... credited on Inspector's certificate

No..... to.....

Signature.....

Date..... 19.....

*State whether discharged on shore, D.D. or Run. †State whether "debtor" or "creditor".
 §Subscription for Charitable or other purposes should not be shown hereon, but on a Remittance List, and dealt with as laid down in the King's Regulations.

C.N.S. 46

10M-10-40 (7450)
H.Q. N.S. 815-9-45

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MEMORANDUM

TO - J.A.G. (Estates Branch)

Salvage Money - H.M.C.S. "LOUISBURG"

Enclosed herewith is Official Cheque No. B14-127578 in the amount of \$323.43, for deposit to credit of Service Estates of deceased personnel as outlined on the attached folio.

This cheque represents 159 shares of the Salvage Money awarded to the Ship's Company of HMCS "LOUISBURG" in respect of salvage services rendered to the Motor Vessel "G. S. WALDEN" on 4th August, 1942. The total distribution amounted to \$805.50 divided in 396 shares on the following basis:

Lieut. Commander in Command	- 40 shares
Lieutenant in Command	- 20 shares
Sub. Lieut. not in Command	- 15 shares
Commissioned Officer not in Command	- 15 shares
Chief Petty Officer	- 10 shares
Petty Officer	- 8 shares
Leading Rating	- 6 shares
Able Rating	- 5 shares
Ordinary Rating	- 3 shares

R. S. Mad
DIRECTOR OF NAVAL PAY ACCOUNTING.

Ottawa, Ont.
8th December, 1948.

MEMORANDUM FOR

P. 64

Mrs. Margaret J. Griffin,

Dalhousie Junction,

N.B.

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

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

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. N.S.113-G-690 FD 48

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
OTTAWA, ONT.

February 20th 1943

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

..... GRIFFIN, Earle Frederick, A/B. V-22559

..... R.C.N.V.R.

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.....
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, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

(H.R. Wade) Lt/Cdr., R.C.N.V.R.
for (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.,
Administrator of Estates.



ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

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.....	Margaret Jean Griffin	28	Salthouse Jct N.B.	
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	Graham Eric Aug 22/1942		7 Mrs Salthouse Jct	
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Harold B. Griffin	59	Cross Creek N.B.	
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Mary B. Griffin	52	Cross Creek N.B.	
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Wendell S Griffin	26	Arvida P.O.
		Half Blood	nil		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	nil		
		Half Blood	nil		
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		
		nil.			

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....			
9	Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Deceased (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage).....		Age	

FULL PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

10	What is the full name of the deceased?	<i>Earl Frederick Griffin</i>
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	<i>Nov 25th 1917</i>
12	Where and when were his parents married?	<i>Fredericton NB 18/12/12</i>
13	If deceased was married, state place and date of marriage. Was there a marriage contract? (Quebec)	<i>Campbellton NB 15/11/41</i>
14	Did he leave a Will? If so, a copy should be attached hereto.	<i>NO -</i>
15	Did he leave a bank account? If so, give full particulars.	<i>See remarks - last page</i>
16	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration of the estate?	<i>NO</i>
17	State <i>your own</i> postal address in full.	<i>Dalhousie Jct NB.</i>

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

18	Where was deceased born?	<i>Cross Creek NB.</i>
19	State, in order, the Province (or State) and country in which the deceased resided and the period of time in each, and in which last.	<i>Resided in New Brunswick going to Toronto as a Bible Student in 1938</i>
20	What was the nature of his employment?	<i>Student - Toronto Bible College</i>
21	Did he own the premises in which he lived? If so, where?	<i>NO.</i>
22	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	<i>NO.</i>

OTHER PARTICULARS

23	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.	<i>NO.</i>
24	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. (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, 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.)	<i>NO.</i>

(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

* widow of the deceased.

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

Margaret Jean Griffin

{ Signature of Informant

CERTIFICATE

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

Margaret J Griffin

*See above

{ Name of Informant

is the* widow 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 Campbellton this 19th day of March 1943

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public

Raymond J. Dwyer

Qualification

Commissioner for taking Affidavits

Address

Duncan Centre West G. B.

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 enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

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

Re Item # 15

I have a letter from my late husband dated January 7th 1943 in which he states that he was placing \$90.00 in the Post Office Savings Bank - I presume in London, England.

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CANADA

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN

I, *Earle Frederic Giffin O.D.*
Majesty's Ship *Frontenac Wilson R.C.N.V.R.*
(now a Patient* in *4*),

*If in Hospital or in Hospital Ship.
Insert the degree of relationship (if of any) and place of residence of the Legatee or Legatees.
See instructions on the back hereof.

being sound of mind, do hereby make this my last Will and Testament: I give and bequeath unto my *Mother, Mary Belle Giffin*
Cross Creek New Brunswick.

all such Wages, Prize Money, Allowances, and other Sum or Sums of Money, as now are, or hereafter may be due to me for my service on board the said Ship, or any other Ship or Vessel, of the Royal Navy, together with all other my Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever.

Insert the degree of relationship (if of any) and place of residence of the Executor or Executors.

And I do hereby appoint *Wendell G. Giffin,*
(Brother) Cross Creek, N. B.

Executors of this my last Will and Testament; and hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, I declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have at *Montreal* hereunto set my hand, this *eleventh (11th)* day of *January*, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred *forty-one*

Earle F. Giffin

Signed by the said Testator, as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us present at the same time, who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses.

Witnesses

W. Milton Craig
[Signature]

NOTE.—As Wills of Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines must be executed with the formalities required by the Law of England in the case of other persons, every such Will must be executed in the presence of, and be attested by, *two disinterested* Witnesses.

Where the Will is made on board one of His Majesty's Ships, one of the two requisite attesting Witnesses shall be a Commissioned Officer, Chaplain, or Warrant or Subordinate Officer belonging to His Majesty's Naval or Marine or Military Force.

Where the Will is made elsewhere than on Board one of His Majesty's Ships, one of the two requisite attesting Witnesses shall be a Commissioned Officer, or Chaplain, or Warrant or Subordinate Officer, or the Governor, Agent, Physician, Surgeon, Assistant-Surgeon, or Chaplain of a Naval Hospital at home or abroad, or a Justice of the Peace, or the Incumbent, Curate, or Minister of a Church or Place of Worship in the Parish where the Will is executed, or a British Consular Officer, or an Officer of Customs, or a Notary Public, or a Solicitor, or in Scotland a Law Agent.

A Will made by any person while serving as a Seaman or Marine will not be valid for any purpose if it is written or contained on or in the same Paper, Parchment, or Instrument with a Power of Attorney.

The Certificate on the back hereof, is to be signed by the person by whom the Will is prepared.

Noted in Service
Records by *LB*

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

Instructions for filling up the Form

If a special legacy is to be given, the name, residence (and relationship if any) of the person interested is to be inserted in the space after the words " I give and bequeath," or if more than one person, the respective names, &c., also the particulars of the property bequeathed.

Then the words " And I give and bequeath unto " should be inserted together with the names, &c., of the person or persons to whom the residue of the Testator's property is to be given, and the words printed in italics commencing " all such wages," should be struck out.

If, however, the *whole* of the Testator's property is to be given to one person, or between several, all that is necessary is to insert in the space, the names, &c., of the person or persons to be benefited.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the Will on the other side hereof was previously to its execution read over to the Testator who appeared perfectly to understand the same.

Eve F. Griffin

} Signature of the person
} by whom the Will was prepared.

BJ

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE
STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

4
 NAVY

Deceased Member's

NAME **Earle Frederick GRIFFIN**
 (CHRISTIAN NAMES) (SURNAME)
 Payee **Mrs. Margaret Jean GRIFFIN**
 ADDRESS **Dalhousie Junction,
 N.B.**

dm

REGISTER NO. **5056**
 FILE NO. **V22559**
 DATE **26 Feb 45**
 SERVICE NO. **V22559**
 FINAL RANK OR RATING **A.B.**
 DATE OF DISCHARGE **6 Feb 43**

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE **6 Feb 43** DATE OF DISCHARGE **6 Feb 43**

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE
 NO. OF DAYS **761** EQUAL TO **25** COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50 **\$ 187.50**

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE
 NO. OF DAYS **442** LESS **11** INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO **431** DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY **107.75**
 SEE PAR. 2 OVERLEAF FOR EXPLANATION

SUB TOTAL

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE
 DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE
 PAY \$ **1.85**
 SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE \$ **1.45**
 ADDITIONAL PAY **A.S.O.** \$ **.15**
H.L.M. \$ **.25**
 DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$ **1.55**
 TOTAL \$ **5.25** X7 = \$ **36.75**
 NO. OF DAYS **431** X \$ **36.75** **86.56**
 183

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY **381.81**

E. DEDUCTIONS
 OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$
 DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY \$ **NIL**
 OTHER DEDUCTIONS \$

F. AMOUNT PAYABLE **381.81**
 (THIS AMOUNT IS PAYABLE IN MONTHLY INSTALMENTS OF \$ EACH)

~~THE WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT, 1944, PROVIDES FOR YOUR RE-ESTABLISHMENT CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN IN SUB TOTAL OF A. & B. THIS CREDIT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. INQUIRY IN THIS CONNECTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.~~

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR EXPLANATION OF ITEMS A, B & C

MONTHLY INSTALMENT NOT TO EXCEED DAILY RATE OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$ X30 \$

MONTHLY INSTALMENT NOT TO EXCEED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
AMOUNT PAYABLE	381.81								
No.	111864								
DATE	10/3-45								
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN CORRECTLY COMPUTED AND IS PAYABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT, 1944 AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER.

TREASURY
 CHECKED BY **J. M. Campbell** DATE **5/2/45**

M. J. ...
 Dir. of Naval Pay Accounting
 SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

ESTATES BRANCH

HQ.NS.113-G-690 FD.48

May 24, 1944.

Mrs. Margaret Griffin,
Dalhousie Junction, N.B.

GRIFFIN, Earle Frederick, A.B. (Deceased)
No. V.22559, R.C.N.V.R.

Dear Mrs. Griffin:

Enclosed is Dominion of Canada cheque No.007072 dated May 9, 1944, payable to your order in the amount of \$112.56. ✓

This is the total amount to the credit of your husband's Service estate, and is made up as follows:

Balance of Service pay.....	\$ 71.42
Cash found in effects.....	41.14
Total..	<u>\$112.56</u>

This cheque covers your personal share of the estate (\$56.28), together with the share of the minor son of the deceased (\$56.28). You have signed an undertaking to use his share for his benefit.

There were no personal effects received at this Branch for distribution.

Will you kindly sign and return the enclosed form covering your personal share to the Administrator of Estates, Department of National Defence, 308 Sparks Street, Ottawa. ✓

Yours faithfully,

R	OTTAWA, CAN.
	ORIGINAL NO. 726

HRW/JN
Encls.
Registered

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(L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.
Administrator of Estates.