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## ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME **EDWARDS** OFFICIAL No. **V. 77053**  
 CHRISTIAN NAMES **Charles** MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<b>351 Wiley St. Port Arthur, Ont.</b>	<b>Church of England</b>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<b>21 May 1926</b>	Town <b>Port Arthur, Ont.</b>	<b>Mother: Mrs. Hilda EDWARDS 351 Wiley St. Port Arthur, Ont.</b>
*Original Nationality of:	County	
Father <b>England</b> Mother <b>do</b>	Province <b>Ont.</b>	

\*If not the son 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
Fect. <b>5</b>	Inflated <b>32</b>	<b>dark</b>	<b>brown</b>	<b>medium</b>	<b>none</b>
Inches <b>6<math>\frac{3}{4}</math></b>	Deflated <b>30</b>				
	Mean <b>31</b>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<b>GRADE X</b>	<b>Laborer: Pool Terminal No.7 Port Arthur, Ont.</b>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<b>18th January 1944</b>	<b>Ord.Smn.</b>	<b>HMCS "GRIFFON" PORT ARTHUR ONT.</b>

### (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) ~~served~~ in ~~for the period shown, and attach my~~  
~~records of service, in corroboration of this statement.~~

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any account of unfitness.

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HAS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOOK.

Personnel Records  
Division.

1. Noted in Records .....
2. Index Card .....
3. Name & Address Card .....
4. Statistical Card .....
5. R. No. Strip .....
6. Pension Card .....
7. ....
8. ....

DATE **28-1-44**

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, 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 Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, and to the customs and usages of His Majesty's Canadian Naval Service.

(b) To report for active service when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, not to wear such uniform or outfit (which is and remains the property of the Crown) except when on naval duty.

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

(e) I have not been induced to enter as.....Ord. Smm......by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this.....18th.....day of.....January 1944.....

Signature of applicant.....Charles Edwards.....

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this.....18th.....

day of.....January 1944.....

My authority for attestation is.....NS 114-1-46 NS 114-1-47 (no date).....

Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.....Douglas Murray.....

Lieut. (S.B.) R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Charles EDWARDS.....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.....Charles Edwards.....

Witness.....Douglas Murray.....

Date.....18th January 1944..... Rank.....Lieut. (S.B.) R.C.N.V.R......

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

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters **immediately** after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.

V77053

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-E-1190

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V77053

NAME

EDWARDS  
(Surname)Charles  
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

21st May, 1926

PLACE OF BIRTH

Port Arthur, Ont.

OCCUPATION Laborer

RELIGION

Church of England

EDUCATION

Grade X

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

351 Wiley St.,

Town

Port Arthur

Province, etc.

Ont.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank Rating	Dates From To
18	1	44	H.O.	5'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Dark	Brown	Medium	None			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Mother  
351 Wiley Street

NAME (in pencil)

Miss Violet Edwards  
Port Arthur

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc.

Ontario  
24-10-44

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	
				19	7	44	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 day.				
				18	8	44	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. WSK-6113-8  
DATE

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
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O.H.F. Received.

Last Will &amp; Testament #18564

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

H.O. 35-60M-6-43 (609)  
N.S. 815-7-35

V77053

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

EDWARDS

(Surname)

Charles

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V77053

Pit. B. V.

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
HMCS Griffon	Ord. Smn.	18	1	44	Port Arthur Div. Str.	V.G.	Sat.	20	5	44	S.T.	23	10	44			
"	"	14	2	44	Act. Serv. (DL. 15.2.44.)	VG	SAT	3	11	44							
Cornwallis	"	28	6	44	DL. 28.6.44. (Ambler 11.8.44. to 18.8.44.)												
Stadacona	"	26	8	44	DRD #256 P.#6	V.G.	Supr.	16	4	45							
Peregrine	"	27	10	44	DRD #27 P.5												
Scotian	"	4	11	44	DRD S.#35 P.5.												
Esquimalt	"	8	11	44	DRD S.#324 P.2.												
	AB	14	02	45	ALT 33541												
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	"Killed In Action" (Per C.I.)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Granted Can. Memorial Cross to Mother to date 28.6.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
21	5	26	11	900	0	30	3	1	49	03	0	10	2	08195
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK	
18	01	44	14	02	44					9670	0	08	95	
SENICITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED		CHECKED		
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
14	02	44	13	00	00									

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The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Charles EDWARDS*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

*C.S.N.S. 123099*

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>H.M.C.S. "Griffon"</i>	<i>V-77053</i>
		"
		"

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)

Date of Birth..... *21<sup>st</sup> May 1926*

Place of Birth..... *Port Arthur Ont.*

Place of Residence..... *351 Wiley St. Port Arthur Ont.*

Trade brought up to..... *Labourer*

Religion..... *Church of England*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date..... 19..... Signature..... Rank.....

P.S.T. Date..... 19..... Signature..... Rank.....

*Mother:*  
*Mrs. Hilda EDWARDS*  
*351 Wiley St.*  
*Port Arthur Ont.*

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
	<i>18 Jan '44</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Sarg.</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>6 3/4</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>dark brown</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>none</i>	
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service.....								
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service.....								
Further Description if necessary.....								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority









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

NAME IN FULL EDWARDS Charles RANK/RATING P/Smn OFF.NO. V. 77053 ADDRESS .....

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF	
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.
	14.2.44											1939-45	1 star
<u>Arcturion</u>	11.8.44	18.8.44	8	<u>Atl.</u>								ATLANTIC	1 star
<u>Esquimaux</u>	8.11.44	16.4.45	160									FRANCE G.	
		<u>16.4.45</u>										AFRICA	
												PACIFIC	
												BURMA	
												ITALY	
												DEFENCE	
												C.V.S.M.	2 Clasp
												" CLASP	
												WAR 1945	1 medal
												WAR 1915	

VERIFIED BY [Signature] .....

VERIFIED BY [Signature] .....

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DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OTTAWA, Canada.  
- NAVAL SERVICE -

26 April, 1945.

(Date)

Sir: The following casualty has been reported -

NAME	RANK or RATING	NAVAL NO., UNIT
EDWARDS, Charles	Ordinary Seaman	V-77053, R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 18th January, 1944 Active Service: 14th February, 1944.

DATE OF DISCHARGE - 16 April, 1945.

HOSPITAL - (If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)

SERVICE - Canada & High Seas.  
(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the High seas or elsewhere)

Reason for discharge and - "DEAD". Killed in action due to enemy action.  
when and where any disability Body recovered and buried in Canada.  
was incurred, or where death occurred.

Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada.)

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP - Mother NAME - Mrs. Hilda M. Edwards,

ADDRESS - 351 Wiley Street, PORT ARTHUR, Ontario.

Note: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

Copies Form "B" fwd. to Allots. (N) on

26-4-45. N.P.R./5

*Noted  
D.N.P.A.  
30.4.45  
E.L.*

*H.B. Monell.*  
For SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *c*

Secretary,  
Canadian Pension Commission,  
Room 228, Daly Building,  
Ottawa, Ont.

NOTE: Duplicate copies of this form (Form "B") have been forwarded to the Chief Treasury Officer (Allotment Section), Department of National Defence, Naval Service, for completion respecting the details of Marriage Allowance, Dependents Allowance, etc., and subsequent transmission to you.

(See reverse side for further instructions)

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7 May, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I am passing on the following particulars regarding the loss of H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which your son was serving. This information is now being released for publication.

H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty off the east coast of Canada. One Officer and fifteen ratings were killed at the time of the disaster, four Officers and twenty-four ratings are missing and now presumed dead, while two Officers and twenty-four ratings survived the sinking.

The following is an excerpt from the report of a Canadian Naval Press Relations Officer who was in contact with survivors of the ill-fated ship.

"Struck by a torpedo on the starboard side, H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT" listed heavily, and sank stern first in a few minutes. The ship's list had the seaboard under water and flooded before it could be released from the davits, but carley floats were freed quickly before the ship went down, and those who escaped from the ship gathered on four of these floats.

"It was from the four floats that a sister Bangor mine-sweeper, H.M.C.S. "SARNIA", picked up the survivors nearly six hours later. Many who had reached the floats safely had died of exposure on the floats, from the soaking in the cold sea water, and sixteen bodies were taken aboard the rescue craft.

"In spite of the rapidity with which the ship heeled over and slid under the surface there was no panic or confusion", a surviving Officer reported. Everyone he had seen had been calmly and quickly abandoning ship.

"Many men had died in the floats, and their bodies were brought aboard H.M.C.S. "SARNIA" with the survivors.

"Artificial respiration was given to some of the unconscious men for hours after they were picked up, but only two men were revived."

May I again express the sincere sympathy of the Department with you in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

*L.F.G.*  
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Hilda M. Edwards,  
351 Wiley Street,  
PORT ARTHUR, Ontario.

*L.F.G.*  
*D.P.R.S.*  
Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

*L.F.G.*  
Date 8/5/45  
Time 11 30

DIRECTORATE  
OF  
PERSONNEL RECORDS  
*ARR/S.*

SERVICE

NAME EDWARDS, Charles

O.N. V-77053

PRESENT RANK/RATING: Ord. Smn.

DATE TAKEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE: 14th. Feb. 1944

SERVICE

SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT

FROM

TO

HMCS Griffon (Div. Str.)  
Active Service  
Cornwallis  
Stadacona  
peregrine  
Scotian  
Esquimalt

18.1.44.  
14.2.44.  
28.6.44.  
26.8.44.  
27.10.44.  
4.11.44.  
8.11.44.

IMPORTANT

(WILL): #18564

NAME & ADDRESS  
OF NEXT OF KIN:

MOTHER:  
Mrs. Wilda Edwards,  
351 Wiley Street,  
Port Arthur, Ont.

HAS DISCHARGE FOR ANY REASON  
BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED?

No

REASON: Nil

DATE: Nil

INITIALED L/V

DATE 20/4/45

SECTION: III

(TO BE COMPLETED IN INK)

RCNVR Nov. 45 "ESQUIMALT"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Hilda M. Edwards - Mother

ADDRESS:

351 Wiley St.,  
PORT ARTHUR, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs H. E. Edwards

ADDRESS:

351 Wiley Street  
PORT ARTHUR, Ontario

**MEMORIAL BAR**

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 2265.....

(2)

(3)

28 June 1945

DECEASED 16 Apr. 1945

NAVY

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

EDWARDS	Charles	V-77053	A/Smn.	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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	5-33. 24/11/49
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)