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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

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*Original Nationality of: Father English MotherEnglish	TownCrandall County Province Mani toba	(Mother) Mrs. Fannie Johnston, 959E 35th Ave. Vancouver

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(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.

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

6. Pension Card

8. DATE 26,4,41



^{*}If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page

- (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 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.
- priate authorities.

(d) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appro-Dated this 15th day of April 1941. Signature of applicant %. & Thusler CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (C) 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 15th Lieutenant. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (D) I Howard Elmer Johnston 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..... Rank Lieutenant The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service. CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (E) Howard Elmer Johnston, having been duly enrolled to serve in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to beDivision of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents. Attesting Officer. Lieutenant

R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) Edmonton.

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.

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FILE NO.: N.S. V-12610 PERS.(N)

19 April, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Johnston:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 17th of April, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Howard Elmer Johnston, Motor Mechanic, Official Number V-12610, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been killed in action.

For security reasons, the only information which may be released at this time is that your son's death was due to enemy action.

As you are aware, his body was recovered and, in accordance with your wishes, is being sent, at public expense, to Vancouver, B.C. You will be informed of the date and time of arrival by the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "BURRARD". Vancouver, who will be pleased to assist you in making any necessary arrangements for the funeral. The Protestant Chaplain, Rev. J.L.L. Graham, Royal Canadian Navy, who has already contacted you, is also available should you require any further assistance.

It is requested that you will regard the name of the ship in which he was serving, together with the fact that she has been in contact with the enemy, as secret until an official announcement is made.

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours wincerely,

(SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Fannie Johnston, 2205 Lonsdale Ave. North, Vancouver, B.C.

N.S. V.12610



7 May, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Johnston:

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.

"ESQUIMALT" listed heavily, and sank stern first in a few minutes. The ship's list had the seaboat 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 minesweeper, 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,

EG.
Deputysecretary, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Fannie Johnston, 2205 Lonsdale Ave. North, VANCOUVER, B.C. Despatched by Sec. N. B.

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N.S.V-12610, PERS.(N)

27 June, 1945.

Sir:

With reference to Report of Death respecting the late Howard Elmer Johnston, Motor Mechanic, Official Number V-12610, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, forwarded to you on the 30th of May, 1945, attached for your information and whatever action you may deem necessary is a copy of a letter regarding the grave of this rating, which is self-explanatory.

It has also been learned that the deceased was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 3390 Grandview Highway, New Westminster, B.C., on the 25th of April, 1945, in grave number 3, lot 281 of Timberland Section. The Undertaker employed was the Burrard Funeral Chapel, North Vancouver, B.C.

Yours truly.

Encl.

for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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Secretary, Imperial War Graves Commission, 312 Transportation Building, OTTAWA, Ontario.

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