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V-11325

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Richard PARTINGTON

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>Saskatoon</i>	<i>V-11325</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth..... *10th October 1919*
 Place of Birth..... *Saskatoon, Sask.*
 Place of Residence..... *239 - 1st St - Saskatoon Sask.*
 Trade brought up to..... *Labourer*
 Religion..... *C. of E.*
 Can Swim:—P.P.T. () Date..... *16 Jan 1940* Signature.....
 P.S.T. () Date..... 19..... Signature.....

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
(Wife) Laura
907 Callison St.
Victoria, B. C.

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>16 Nov '38</i>	<i>3 May '39</i>	<i>3 yrs.</i>	<i>Ord. Imm.</i>	<i>6 Nov '40</i> <i>15 Apr '45</i>	<i>Can. Volunteer Service Medal</i>	<i>Can. Volunteer Service Medal</i> <i>1939-43 Star (Hon. Award.)</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5'</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>			<i>lt. Brn.</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Appendectomy Scar</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

NAVAL TRAINING AND ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
1939	Naalden		Ord. Smm	31 July '39	31 Aug '39	
			Active Service			
1939	Naalden		Ord. Smm	1 Sep '39	31 Dec '39	
	Naalden		Ord. Smm	1 Jan '40	10 Feb '40	
	Naalden (Sans Peur)		Ord. Smm	11 Feb '40	5 Apr '40	
	Naalden (—"")		A. B.	6 Apr '40	14 Apr '40	
	Naalden		A. B.	15 Apr '40	14 Aug '40	
	Naalden (Mary Hill)		—" "	15 Aug '40	9 Oct '40	
	Naalden		—" "	10 Oct '40	10 Oct '40	
	Prince Robert		—" "	11 Oct '40	31 Dec '40	
	—" "		—" "	1 Jan '41	7 Oct '41	
	Naalden		—" "	8 Oct '41	29 Oct '41	
	Givenschy (Armentiers)		—" "	30 Oct '41	31 Dec '41	
	Givenschy (—"")		—" "	1 Jan '42	31 Feb '42	
	Chatam (—"")		—" "	1 Apr '42	1 Apr '42	
	Chatam (B.V.D.#6)		—" "	2 Apr '42	31 Aug '42	
	Chatam (—"")		1 st Ldg. Smm (73)	1 Sep '42	31 Aug '43	
	Chatam (—"")		Ldg. Smm (73)	1 Sep '43	31 Feb '44	
	Chatam		—" "	1 Apr '44	28 May '44	
	—" (Courtenay)		—" "	29 May '44	19 June '44	
	Givenschy (—"")		—" "	20 June '44	22 Aug '44	
	Cornwallis		—" "	23 Aug '44	30 Aug '44	
	Stadacona		—" "	31 Aug '44	30 Sep '44	

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
6 Apr '44	S.C. J.W. # B 70446	
24 Sep '43	S.C. J.W. # 40998	

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
	Penguin		A/1g. Imm (7y)	1 Oct '44	20 Oct '44	
	Scotian		"	21 Oct '44	6 Dec '44	
	" (Castore)		"	7 Dec '44	19 Jan '45	
	Scotian		"	20 Jan '45	29 Jan '45	
	Stadacona (Esquimaux)		"	30 Jan '45	31 Jan '45	
	" (")		L/Imm (7y)	1 Feb '45	16 Apr '45	D.D. 33958

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS

RECORD OF RATING

Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
9 Mch. '40	Suppld. A/G. Apppt.				
6 Apr. '40	Rated A/B				
25 Aug. '42	Passed Prof. Edg. Imm (Good)				
	Passed Prof. (Substituted)				
3 Feb. '44	Board. for P.O. A 7242				
31 Aug. '44	Issued A/9 app.				

Name Richard PARTINGTON Conduct ●

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (Inclusive Dates) CHARACTER, ABILITY IN RATING ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE, AND ANNUALLY, 31st DECEMBER, WHILE MOBILIZED

From	To	Character	Efficiency in Rating Noting Substantive Rating in Brackets	Date	Captain's Signature
		V.G.	Sat. (Ord. Imm)	31 Dec. '39	
		V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec. '40	
		Fair	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec. '41	
		V.G.	Sat. (A/Hlg Imm)	31 Dec. '42	
		V.G.	Sat. (Hlg. Imm)	31 Dec. '43	
		V.G.	Supr. (Hlg. Imm)	31 Dec. '44	

R.C.N.V.R.
GOOD CONDUCT AND GOOD SERVICE BADGES

Date	G.S.B. or G.C.B.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Granted, Deprived, Restored
3 Oct. '43	G.C.B.	1st	Granted

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served
6 Sep. '41	D	30	26
16 June '43	C.P.	1	1

Character	Efficiency in Rating Noting Substantive Rating in Brackets	Date	Captain's Signature
V.G.	Sat. (Ord. Imm)	31 Dec. '39	
V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec. '40	
Fair	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec. '41	
V.G.	Sat. (A/Hlg Imm)	31 Dec. '42	
V.G.	Sat. (Hlg. Imm)	31 Dec. '43	
V.G.	Supr. (Hlg. Imm)	31 Dec. '44	
V.G.	Supr. (Hlg. Imm)	16 Apr. '45	

Certificate # 2.

N.V. 17
60M-9-42 (5943)
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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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Richard PARTINGTON

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Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Saskatoon</i>	Official Number <i>V-11325</i>

Date of Birth..... <i>10 October, 1919</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>(Wife) Laura 207 Bellman St. Victoria, B.C.</i>
Place of Birth..... <i>Saskatoon, Sask.</i>	
Place of Residence..... <i>239 1st St. Saskatoon, Sask.</i>	
Trade brought up to..... <i>Laborer</i>	
Religion..... <i>C of E</i>	
Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date..... 19.....	Signature..... Rank.....
P.S.T. Date..... 19.....	Signature..... Rank.....

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>3 May '39</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>O/Sman</i>	<i>6 Feb 44</i>		<i>C. V. S. M.</i>
				<i>15 April 45</i>		<i>1939-43 Star Award</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>			<i>Light Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Appendectomy Scar</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

V11325

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-P-301

OFFICIAL NUMBER V11325

NAME PARTINGTON Richard DATE OF BIRTH 10th October, 1919.
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Saskatoon, Sask. OCCUPATION LabourerRELIGION C. of E. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 239 - 1st St., Town Saskatoon, Province, etc. Sask.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
3	5	39	Three years & H.O.	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Lt.Br.	Brn.	Fair	Appendix scar.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Laura H.W. PartingtonADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 930 Calidonia Ave. Town Saskatoon Province, etc. Sask.

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	
				16	1	40	P.P.T.				
				25	8	42	Passed Prof. for Ldg. Smn.				
				3	2	44	Passed Prof. for P.O.				

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		
3	10	43	1st GCB (249A-33423)	Granted	HMCS "PRINCE ROBERT"	39	6	9	41	Improper leave.	30 days Detention.
					HMCS "CHATHAM"	CP	18	6	43	Convicted by C.P. (249A/13108)	1 days pay and time.

FILM

NO. WAR 5284-5

DATE

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
6	9	41		30				
18	6	43				1		

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



P.I.B.

V11325 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME PARTINGTON Richard (Surname) (Given Names) OFFICIAL NUMBER V11325

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year
Naden	Ord. Smn.	31	7	39	31/ 8/39.	V.G.	Sat.	31	8	39
Naden	" "	1	9	39		V.G.	Sat.	10	10	40
Sans Peur	" "	11	3	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42
" "	Able Smn.	6	4	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43
Naden	" "	15	4	40		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	44
Mary Hill	" "	15	8	40						
Naden	" "	10	10	40						
Prince Robert	" "	11	10	40						
Naden	" "	8	10	41						
Armentieres	" "	30	10	41						
Chatham (BDV #6)	" "	2	4	42						
"	A/Ldg.Smn.	15	11	42	Rated(249A-13028)					
Chatham	"	1	4	44	DRD 2415					
Courtenay	"	29	5	44	DRD 2628					
Cornwallis	"	22	8	44	Out 1206,P.4.					
Stadacona	"	31	8	44	No.261,P.6.					
Peregrine	"	1	10	44	DRD 1200-134					
Eastore	"	7	12	44	No.1616					
Scotian	"	21	1	45	S.477,P.1.					
Esquimalt	"	30	1	45	S.488,P.1.					
	LDG SMNO10943ALT 33423									
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	Missing at Sea due to Enemy Action (Casualty List Page 146)					
					Presumed "DEAD" (Casualty List Page 146)					

Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year

GENERAL REMARKS
 To Hosp. 22-4-42 to 2-5-42.
 To Hosp. 18-9-42 to 1-9-42.
 AWARDED: Canadian Memorial Cross:
 WIFE: Mrs. Laura R.W.PARTINGTON,
 930 Calidonia Ave.,
 VICTORIA, B.C.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELIGION	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	MAIN	SUB.	MAIN	SUB.		P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK	
10	0	19	19		900	0	30	X	7	11	29	3	22	0	01	90
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR. CAT.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE				
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.		DY.	MO.	YR.			A.	BR.	RANK		
29	07	31	11	12	40						9600	1	01	93		
SENIORITY			STR. CAT.	NON-SUB		M ST.	CODED			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.		A.	B.											
15	11	42		00	00									ER		

Handwritten initials/signature

VERIFICATION
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR M
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE ME

NAME IN FULL PARTINGTON *Richard* RANK/RATING *V/S*

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO
<i>Stad</i>	<i>10-9-39</i>					
<i>Lans Penn</i>	<i>11-3-40</i>	<i>14-4-40</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>W.C.</i>		
<i>Prince Robert</i>	<i>11-10-40</i>	<i>7-10-41</i>	<i>362</i>	<i>W.C.</i>		
<i>Ormentiers</i>	<i>30-10-41</i>	<i>1-4-42</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>W.C.</i>		
<i>Courtney</i>	<i>29-5-44</i>	<i>22-8-44</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>W.C.</i>		
<i>Eastore</i>	<i>7-12-44</i>	<i>19-1-45</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>atlantic</i>		
<i>Esquimaux</i>	<i>30-1-45</i>	<i>16-4-45</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>"</i>		
		<i>16-4-45</i>		<i>W.C.</i>		
				<i>"Dead"</i>		

VERIFIED BY *G. Gual*

VERIFIED BY

VERIFICATION FORM

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

rd...RANK/RATING *V/Sun*OFF.NO. *V/11325*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	Star
<i>w.c.</i>							ATLANTIC	1	Star
<i>w.c.</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>w.c.</i>							AFRICA		
<i>w.c.</i>							PACIFIC		
<i>atlantic</i>							BURMA		
"							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
<i>"Dead"</i>							C.V.S.M.	2	clasp
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	medal
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *G. Sunde*

SERVICE

NAME Richard PARTINGTON

O.N. V-11325

PRESENT RANK/RATING: Ldg.Smn.

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DATE TAKEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE: 1-9-39

SERVICE

SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT

FROM

TO

Naden	31-7-39	31-8-39
Naden	1-9-39	
Sans Peur	11-3-40	
Naden	15-4-40	
Mary Hill	15-8-40	
Naden	10-10-40	
Prince Robert	11-10-40	
Naden	8-10-41	
Armentieres	30-10-41	
Chatham	1-4-44	
Courtenay	29-5-44	
Cornwallis	22-8-44	
Stadacona	31-8-44	
Peregrine	1-10-44	
Eastore	7-12-44	
Scotian	21-1-45	
Esquimalt	30-1-45	

IMPORTANT

(WILL): No

NAME & ADDRESS
OF NEXT OF KIN:

Wife: Mrs. Laura R.W. Partington,
2042 Meadow Place,
Victoria, B.C.

930 Calidonia Ave

HAS DISCHARGE FOR ANY REASON
BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED? No

REASON:

DATE:

INITIALS A.T.

DATE 20-4-45

SECTION: 3

(TO BE COMPLETED IN INK)

N.S. V-11325, PERS.(N)

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7 May, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Partington:

Further to my letter of the 20th of April, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Richard Partington, Leading Seaman, Official Number V-11325, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which he was serving, the fact that all circumstances surrounding his loss have been carefully reviewed, and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 16th of April, 1945.

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 above information is now being released for publication.

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 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."

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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

LB
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

[Signature]
Date 8/5/45
Time 1:20

Mrs. Laura R.W. Partington,
54 Gladstone Avenue,
YORKTON, Sask.

[Signature]

[Signature]

LA/CM

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N.S.V-11325, F.D.271, PERS.(N)
100493.

20 July, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Richard Partington, Leading Seaman, Official Number V-11325, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 16th of April, 1945, when H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which he was serving, was lost due to enemy action while on operational duty at sea.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

[Signature]
[Signature] 20/7 *[Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DECEASED 16 April 1945

AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

P-635 D.D.

PARTINGTON	Richard	V-11325	L/Smn.	FILE No. 353392
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	9341.
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR "ESQUIMALT" Feb./46

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Stephenson (Re-married)
Mrs. Laura R. ~~Partington~~ - Widow

ADDRESS: ~~930 Caledonia Ave,~~ Box 62,
~~Victoria, B.C.~~ ALIDA, Sask 5-12-49

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW Mrs. Laura R. W. Partington

ADDRESS: 930 Caledonia Avenue
VICTORIA, B.C.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER DECEASED

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP

REGN NO 248

(2) 28 June 1945

(3)