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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME POOL OFFICIAL No. 87252
CHRISTIAN NAMES Ralph Bradford MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Married

PERMANENT ADDRESS 11117 University Ave., Edmonton, Alta. RELIGION Methodist Church.

DATE OF BIRTH <u>31 Aug. 1908.</u>	*PLACE OF BIRTH Town <u>Taupa</u> County Province <u>Oklahoma, U.S.A.</u>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <u>(Wife)</u> <u>Mrs. Kathleen E. Pool,</u> <u>11117 University Ave.,</u> <u>Edmonton, Alta.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>English</u> Mother <u>Norwegian</u>		

*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
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>41½</u>	<u>Light</u> <u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>1" scar on left</u> <u>thumb.</u>
Inches <u>9½</u>	Deflated <u>37½</u>				
<u>169</u>	Mean <u>40</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING <u>Completed Grade 8.</u>	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY <u>(Not employed at present, previously employed as Carpenter, Aircraft Repair Ltd., Edmonton, Alta.)</u>
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DATE OF ENROLMENT <u>(Divisional)</u> <u>16 May, 1944.</u>	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED <u>A/Shipwright 4/c</u>	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED <u>H.M.C.S. "NONSUCH"</u>
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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, Air Force, Reserve or Territorial Force.~~
* (b) I served in Canadian Army (Reserve) 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
<u>4th (R) Arm. Div.</u> <u>Trps. Co. RCASC</u>	<u>Private</u> <u>M 585722</u>	<u>9 November, 1942.</u>	<u>2 May, 1944.</u>

(c) ~~I have never been rejected for or discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.~~ Rejected by Army account Eye Disease.

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

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and 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 A/Shipwright 4th Class. by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 16th day of May, 1944.

Signature of applicant R B Pool

(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 16th day of May, 1944

My authority for attestation is RD 7-5S-13-P - 31 March, 1944. Lieut. (SB), B.C.N.V.R.
J. C. Hewson
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Ralph Bradford Pool 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 R B Pool

Witness J. C. Hewson

Date 16th May, 1944. Rank Lieutenant, (SB), 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.

Applicant has an unemployment insurance book.

Mother: Born in Wisconsin, came to Canada in 1909.

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I.C.N.S. 158256

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.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Ralph Bradford POOL

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>HMCS "Norsuch"</i>	<i>V 87252</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth	<i>31st August, 1908</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth	<i>Tampa, Oklahoma, U.S.A.</i>	<i>11-11-44</i>
Place of Residence	<i>1117 University Ave Edmonton</i>	<i>Mr Walter E Pool</i>
Trade brought up to	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>1117 University Ave</i>
Religion	<i>Methodist Church</i>	<i>Edmonton, Alberta</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>16 May 1940</i>	<i>Duration of 6/12 yr Hostilities</i>	<i>4/c</i>	<i>15 April 45</i>		<i>Presumably awarded C. U. S. M.</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>9 1/4</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>Light Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>1" scar on left thumb</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

Name Ralph Bradford POOL

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
		VG	Sak (A/S) (4/10)	31 Dec 44	<i>cc - Rotter</i> <i>GT Bernstein</i>
		V.H.	Supr. (A/S) (4/10)	16 Apr 45	
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		
TIME FORFEITED					
Date	P. D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days			
		Awarded	Served		

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

V-87252

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NAME **POOL** (Surname) **Ralph Bradford** (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH **31st August, 1908.**PLACE OF BIRTH **Taupa, Oklahoma, U.S.A.** OCCUPATION **Unemployed**RELIGION **Methodist** EDUCATION **Grade 8**RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. **11117 University Ave.,** Town **Edmonton,** Province, etc. **Alta.**

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
16	5	44	H.O.	5' 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	Lt.Br.	Blue	Medium	1" scar on left thumb.	4th (R) Arm Div. Pte. Trns.Co.RCASC (R)		9/11	2/5
											42	44

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc.

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	
				24	7	44	qual. A/G 2 days				

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.S.R. 6320-4*
DATE

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

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

O.H.F. Received.

Last Will & Testament #30 73

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME POOL

(Surname)

Ralph Bradford

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V87252

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 "NONSUCH"	A/Shwpt. 4/c	16	5	44	Div. Str. Edmonton.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
"	"	22	5	44	DI 22.5.44 Act. Serv.	V.G.	Supr.	16	4	45							
York	"	28	5	44	D.L. 28-5-44												
Stadacona	"	5	7	44	DRD#205 P.4												
Scotian	"	11	10	44	D.R.D. SH# 285 pg.7												
Esquimalt.	"	13	4	45	S.C.												
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	"Missing" (Casuatly List)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross
 Mother:-Mrs. Mina Pool.
 Beaverlodge, Alberta.
 Dated:-28.6.45.
 Canadian Memoria Cross Awarded to
 Wife Mrs. Kathleen E. Pool
 11117 University Ave. Edmonton
 Alberta Date 28.6.45

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. RECONVALT at Sea

Name POOL, Ralph Bradford

(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Subt. 4/c Shipwright 4th Class Official No. V-57252 RCNVR
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Teapa, Oklahoma, U.S.A. Date of Birth 31 Aug., 1908

Occupation in Civil Life Carpenter Religion Methodist

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) 16th May, 1944 - 16th Apr., 1945

Date of Death 16th Apr., 1945 Place of Death at sea

Cause of Death Lost at sea - enemy action
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Kathleen E. Pool Relationship wife
Address 1117 University Ave., Edmonton, Alberta.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not Known

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not Known

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

H. J. Selman
Commanding Officer,
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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.

N.S. V-87252, PERS.(N)

7 May, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Pool:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Ralph Bradford Pool, Shipwright Fourth Class, Official Number V-87252, 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 sea boat 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.

Wm
Date *8/5/45*
Time *1200*

Mrs. Kathleen E. Pool,
11117 University Ave.,
EDMONTON, Alta.

*gnd**MD**@am*

THE CANADIAN ARMY—RESERVE PERSONNEL
CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

This Certifies that M585722 Pte. POOL, Ralph Bradford
(Regtl. No.) (Rank) (Name in full)
of 9832-149th St. County of Edmonton

Province of Alberta. served continuously in the

4th (R) Arm'd Div. Troops Company R.C.A.S.C.

(Regiment or Corps)

from the 9th day of November 1942, to

the 2nd day of May 1944, and is now discharged
therefrom, and that he attended and completed Annual Training for the years

1942-1943-1944

(Each year separately, in figures)

One year six months

(Total number of years, in words)



(Signature of Soldier)

Place Edmonton, Alberta.

Date 8th May 44 1944

Commanding

(Sqn., Bty. or Coy.)

Capt. T.W. Cogland M.C.

† Commanding 4th (R) Arm Div Trps Co. RCASC

(Regt. or Corps)

† NOTE—Not required in the case of an Independent or Detached Squadron, Battery or Company.

M. F. B. 350

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H.Q. 1772-39-62

RCNVR

"ESQUIMALT" Nov/45.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALSPERSON

ENTITLED TO

Mrs. Kathleen E. Pool - Widow

ADDRESS:

11117 University Ave.,
Edmonton, Alta.

(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. Kathleen E. Pool
11117 University Avenue
EDMONTON, Alta.

ADDRESS:

(2) 28 June 1945

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Mina Pool

ADDRESS:

BEAVERLODGE, Alta.

(3) 28 June 1945

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO 278

