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ATTESTATION FORM  
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

**PORTER**

SURNAME..... OFFICIAL NO.....  
CHRISTIAN NAMES **John Clifford**..... MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<b>577 Hamilton Rd., London, Ont.</b>	<b>United</b>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<b>9th September, 1923</b>	Town <b>London</b>	<b>Mrs Ada Porter, mother, same address</b>
*Original Nationality of: Father <b>Canadian</b> Mother <b>Canadian</b>	County	
	Province <b>Ontario</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
Feet <b>5</b>	Inflated <b>32</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Med</b>	<b>mole right side</b>
Inches <b>6</b>	Deflated <b>29</b>				
<b>130</b>	Mean <b>30½</b>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<b>Graduate in Motor Mechanics, H.B.Beal Technical School. (four year course)</b>	<b>Motor Mechanic, unemployed</b>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<b>12th May, 1941</b>	<b>Stoker I (M)</b>	<b>London</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) I served in **R.C.C.S.**..... 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
<b>R.C.C.S.</b>	<b>Signalman</b>	<b>November, 1937</b>	<b>June, 1940</b>

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged 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.

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(5) On being enrolled as a member of the London Division 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 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.

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

Dated this 12th day of May, 1941

Signature of applicant Jack Porter

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING 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 12th day of May, 1941

Lieut. J.V.C. MacDonald  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

Lieutenant RCNVR

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John C. PORTER 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 Jack Porter

Witness M. G. M. [Signature]

Date 12th May, 1941 Rank Lieutenant, RCNVR

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

John C. PORTER 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 London Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

Lieut. J.V.C. MacDonald  
Attesting Officer.

12th May, 1941 R.C.N.V.R. Division London  
(or other establishment)

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.

TRUE COPY  
OF THE  
CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

V-19539

*John Clifford PORTER*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>117539</i>
	<i>H.M.C. Depot</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>9 September 1923</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>mother - Old same address</i>
Place of Birth <i>London, Ontario</i>	
Place of Residence <i>577 Hamilton Rd London Ont</i>	
Trade brought up to <i>Motor Mechanic</i>	
Religion <i>United Church</i>	

Can Swim:—P.P.T. ( ) Date..... 19..... Signature.....  
P.S.T. ( ) Date..... 19..... Signature.....

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>12 May '41</i>	<i>Duration of Substituted</i>	<i>Stoker T 4</i>		<i>20 Feb '44</i>	<i>can. Vol. Service Medal</i>
					<i>20 Feb '44</i>	<i>Clasp - Pres awarded</i>
					<i>20 Feb '44</i>	<i>1939-43 Star - Pres awarded</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>30 1/2</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>Wound right side</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

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS			RECORD OF RATING		
Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
	2cAs 5349	NS-113-P-860			
8-9 July '41	Passed F.T. One	8-1-8-41			
22 June '42	Granted R.W.K. Cert. (M)	4/32			
9 Sep '42	Passed M. M. Trade				
	Detail H55-P-400				
	Passed Lt. 2nd				
10 Dec '41	#18 3338 2				
	Passed advanced				
11 Dec '42	M. M. Course (M)				
	(3rd NP)				
14 Aug '44	Granted Chg Cert. I.				
14 Sep '44	Granted Chg Cert. II.				

Name

*John Clifford PORTER*

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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
		<i>V.M.</i>	<i>Det. (1st Lt)</i>	<i>3/Dec '41</i>	
		<i>V.M.</i>	<i>Det. (A/R/1st Lt)</i>	<i>3/Dec '42</i>	
		<i>V.M.</i>	<i>Det. (A/C/M/M)</i>	<i>3/Dec '43</i>	
		<i>V.M.</i>	<i>Det. (C/M/M 3/4)</i>	<i>3/Dec '44</i>	
		<i>V.L.</i>	<i>Supr. (C/M/M 3/4)</i>	<i>16 Apr '45</i>	

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
<i>12 May '44</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Granted</i>

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served

V17539

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113-P-860

OFFICIAL NUMBER V17539

NAME PORTER (Surname) John Clifford (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 9th Sept. 1923

PLACE OF BIRTH London, Ont. OCCUPATION Motor Mechanic

RELIGION United EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 577 Hamilton Rd. Town London 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
12	5	41	H. O.	5' 6"	Brown	Brown	Med.	Mole right side.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs Elizabeth Porter  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 398 Burwell St Town London Province, etc. Ont.

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			
20	3	44	C.V.S.M. (R. & C.) 1939-43 Star.	8-9	7	41	Passed E.T. "One" R.C.N.V.R.						
				22	6	42	Granted Aux. W/K. Cert.						
				9	9	42	Qualified Ldg. Sto (M) rec. M.M.						
				14	8	44	Granted Charge Cert. (A. 14353)						
				14	9	44	Granted Charge Cert. 11. (A. 1471)						

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				
12	5	44	1st. G.C.B.	Granted									

**FILM**  
 NO. WAR 5346-6  
**DATE**

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						In diff. Char.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial		
									O.H.F. Received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT  
 From To

**A.W.S.G.**  
 APPLICATION  
 11749  
 RECEIVED  
 11/16/45  
 LT

P.I.B.

V17539

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME PORTER  
(Surname)

John Clifford  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V17539

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
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	Stoker I (M)	12	5	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Stadacona	" " "	6	8	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Fleur de Lis <i>Mulgrave</i>	" " "	28	10	41		V.G.	Mod.	31	12	43							
Stadacona	" " "	25	5	42	31943	VG	SAT	31	12	44							
Cornwallis	" " "	25	5	42	DRD	V.G.	Supr.	16	4	45							
Stadacona	" " "	11	9	42	DRD												
York	" " "	17	9	42	DRD												
Stadacona	A/Idg. Sto. (M)	1	7	42	Back Dated (249A/24142)												
Stadacona	" " "	1	1	43	DRD H-301												
	A/Ch. M.M. 4	1	1	43	Transferred. (Memo/19-1-43)												
Esquimalt	" " "	29	3	44	S.#116: P.#1.												
"	Ch. M.M. 4/c	1	1	43	Confirmed. (249A/A14215)												
	Ch/MM 3	0	1	0	1 45 ALT 32892												
DISCHARGED	" " "	16	4	45	"Missing" Per Casualty List. "Presumed Dead" Page #147												

GENERAL REMARKS

Mulgrave Mil.Hosp. 15--16-11-41.  
 Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to  
 Wife: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Porter,  
 230 Talbot St.,  
 London, Ont. 28-6-45.  
 Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to  
 Mother: Mrs. Ada Porter,  
 277 Hamilton Rd.,  
 London, Ont. 28-6-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
09	9	23	11	280	0	40X	1	30	03	0	30	0	15	92
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	
12	05	41	12	05	41					3200			129	95
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED	CHECKED			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
01	01	43	13	00	00									



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

..... 26 April, 1945.....  
(Date)

Sir: The following casualty has been reported -

NAME PORTER, John Clifford RANK or RATING Ch. M.M. 3/c NAVAL NO., UNIT V-17539 R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT 12 May, 1941

DATE OF DISCHARGE Will be reported later.

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 when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred. "MISSING" at sea due to enemy action, since 16 April, 1945. Should no information be received to the contrary, you will be notified when official presumption of death with date has been set.

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 - Wife: NAME Mrs. Elizabeth M. Porter.

ADDRESS - 230 Talbot Street, London, 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

.....N.P.R./5

*Noted  
D.N.P.A.  
26.4.45  
E.L.* *H.B. Money*

for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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)

## NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

MRS. ELIZABETH M. PORTER  
230 TALBOT STREET  
LONDON, ONTARIO.

From: NSHQ

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CNP  
DPR

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES  
DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR HUSBAND  
JOHN CLIFFORD PORTER CHIEF MOTOR MECHANIC THIRD CLASS  
V-17539 IS MISSING AT SEA DUE TO ENEMY ACTION.  
LETTER FOLLOWS.

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DELIVERY CONFIRMED

L/T P/L 19/4/45 DCB 4655

DRAFTED BY D.P.R. (LIEUT. (S) T.F. HEARD)  
N.S. V-17539 PERS (M)

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LA/CM

REGISTERED

AIR - MAIL

N.S. V-17539. PERS (N)

7 May, 1945. 43

Dear Mrs. Porter:

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, John Clifford Porter, Chief Motor Mechanic Third Class, Official Number V-17539, 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.

Deputy *HL*  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Porter,  
230 Talbot Street,  
LONDON, Ontario.

Date *8/5/45*  
Time *12:00*

NAME IN FULL *PORTER John Clifford* RANK/RATING *C/M.M.*

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QT	
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO
<i>London Wh.</i>	<i>12/5/41</i>	<i>14/5/41</i>	<i>3</i>			
<i>Esquimaux</i>	<i>29/3/44</i>	<i>16/4/45</i>	<i>384</i>	<i>Atl.</i>		
<i>Discharged</i>	<u><i>"Head"</i></u>					
<i>to date</i>	<i>16/4/45</i>					

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]* VERIFIED BY .....

VERIFICATION FORM

IGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

RANK/RATING ..... *E/M.M. 3/c* ..... OFF.NO. *V. 17539* ..... ADDRESS .....

STARS	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	1	<i>star</i>
								FRANCE G.		
								AFRICA		
								PACIFIC		
								BURMA		
								ITALY		
								DEFENCE		
								C.V.S.M.		<i>2@clasp.</i>
								" CLASP		
								WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
								WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY ..... *[Signature]* .....

VERIFIED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
DECEASED 16 April 1945

AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

PORTER	John Clifford	V-17539	C.M.M. 3	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

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

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR "ESQUIMALT" Oct./45.

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

Hammond (Re-married)

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Elizabeth M. ~~Porter~~ - Widow

ADDRESS: <sup>252</sup>~~230~~ Talbot St.,  
London, Ont.

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(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. E. M. Porter

230 Talbot Street

ADDRESS: LONDON, Ontario

(Issued 28 June 1945)

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Ada Porter

577 Hamilton Avenue

LONDON, Ontario

ADDRESS:

(Issued 28 June 1945)

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

<sup>(3)</sup> REGN. NO. 2230.....