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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME **CLARKE** OFFICIAL No. **V77991**
CHRISTIAN NAMES **James Peter** MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS **566 Wellington St, Ottawa, Ont.** RELIGION **C. of E.**

DATE OF BIRTH 15 January, 1925	*PLACE OF BIRTH Town Ottawa County Carleton Province Ontario	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mother, Huna same address
*Original Nationality of: Father British Mother same		

*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 5	Inflated 34	Brown	Blue	Medium	none
Inches 8 1/2	Deflated 32				
135	Mean 33				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING 3 yrs. Tech. High School	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Student
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DATE OF ENROLMENT 2 February, 1944	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Ord. Smn. for V/S	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED "Carleton"
DIVISIONAL STRENGTH		

(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 **Not applicable** 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

(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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Trans to Seaman Branch as Ordinary Seaman to date 20 July 44: St. Hy. Alt. Sht. #48500.

(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 Ord. Sqn. for V/S by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 1944

Signature of applicant James Peter Clarke

(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 2nd

day of February, 1944

My authority for attestation is nil

G. H. Ball
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

Lieutenant, RCNVR.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, James Peter CLARKE 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 James Peter Clarke

Witness G. H. Ball

Date 2 February, 1944 Rank Lieutenant RCNVR.

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.

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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.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

James Peter CLARKE

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

ICNS 129383

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>Carleton</i>	<i>V77951</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth	<i>15 January 1925</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)		
Place of Birth	<i>Ottawa, Ontario</i>			
Place of Residence	<i>566 Wellington St., Ottawa Ont.</i>			
Trade brought up to	<i>Student</i>			
Religion	<i>Church of England</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>Duration 2 Feb 1944</i>	<i>1st Lt (V/5)</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>8 1/2</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</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

V77951

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V77951

NAME CLARKE (Surname) James Peter (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 15th Jan., 1925PLACE OF BIRTH Ottawa, Ontario OCCUPATION StudentRELIGION C. of E. EDUCATION 3 yrs. Tech. High SchoolRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 566 Wellington St., Town Ottawa, Province, etc. Ontario.

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
2	2	44	H.O.	5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Brown	Blue	Med.	NONE	NIL			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. M. J. ClarkeADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 566 Wellington St. Town Ottawa Province, etc. Ont

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				6	4	44	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 day.				
				28	4	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. WSR 6129-6
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Received.	
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.		
									LAST WILL & TESTAMENT RECEIVED? # 19712.	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To



V77951

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME CLARKE
(Surname)

James Peter
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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P.L.B.

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 Carleton	Ord.Smn V/S	2	2	44	Div. Str. Ottawa	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
"	"	4	2	44	Act. Serv. 4.2.44.	V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45							
Montcalm	"	7	2	44	(DL. 7.2.44.)												
Cornwallis	"	14	3	44	(DL. 14.3.44.)												
St. Hyacinthe	"	3	5	44	Serv. Cert.												
Stadacona	"	22	7	44	DRD.#221. P.#6.												
Protector	"	28	7	44	DRD sh.235 p.13.												
Scotian	Ord: Seaman	20	7	44	Transferred to Seaman Branch. (249-A-48500)												
Guysborough	"	10	2	45	DRD S.#511 F.l.												
DISCHARGED	"	15	2	45	DRD S.#522 F.l.												
	"	18	3	45	"Missing" (Per Cas. List)												
	"				"Presumed DEAD" (Cas. List)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Can. Memorial Cross to Mother to date 4.6.45.

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DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		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
15	1	25	11	XXX	0	30	4	1	05	02	0	03	0	08	95
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		
02	02	44	04	02	44					9625	0	08	95		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED	CHECKED				
DY	MO	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
04	02	44	13	00	00										

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

~~XXXXXX~~ NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Name **CLARKE, James Peter**
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating **Ordinary Seaman** Official No. **V-77951** Unit **R.C.N.V.R.**

Place of Birth **OTTAWA, Ontario.** Date of Birth **15 January, 1925.**

Occupation in Civil Life **Student** Religion **Church of England**

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) **From 2nd February, 1944 to 18th March, 1945.**

Date of Death **18th March, 1945** Place of Death **At sea.**

Cause of Death **"Missing, PRESUMED DEAD". He was serving in H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH"**
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)
which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action at sea.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name **Mrs. Huna Clarke,** Relationship **Mother**
 Address **566 Wellington St., OTTAWA, Ontario.**

Date on which the above was informed by ~~XXXX~~ Naval Service Headquarters: **21 March, 1945.**

Date on which death was registered with local Officials.....

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.....

If applicable { Place of Burial **No burial.** Date of Burial.....
 Location, Number, etc., of grave.....
 Undertaker employed.....

H.B. Money
 for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. (Commanding Officer)

The SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD
 Department of National Defence,
 Ottawa, Canada.

Date **OTTAWA, Ontario. 1 May, 1945.**

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, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

*Noted
 D.N.P.A.
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N.S. V-77951 Pers. (N)

21 March, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Clarke:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 21st of March, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, James Peter Clarke, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-77951, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

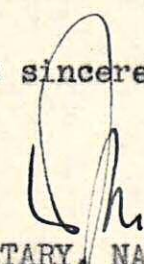
The only information that can be given at this time is that your son is missing at sea as the result of enemy action. The position of the action is such that there is little possibility of him being a prisoner of war and slight hope can be held for his survival.

Please be assured that as soon as further particulars can be released or any other news received, you will be informed.

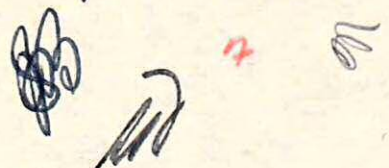
For security reasons, it is requested that you regard the name of your son's ship in connection with his loss as confidential at this time.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Huna Clarke,
566 Wellington Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario.



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23 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Clarke:

Further to my letter of the 21st of March, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, James Peter Clarke, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-77951, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", 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 18th of March, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty at sea. Five Officers and 48 ratings, including one Royal Navy Officer and one rating who were taking passage, are missing and now presumed dead.

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. While there is no official confirmation of these statements, they are believed to be authentic, considering their source:

"Only one death occurred from the explosion but many died during the 19 hours the men who had survived the explosion spent in the water clinging to five Carley floats. Only six men of 42 on one overcrowded float lived until the rescue ship, a Royal Navy frigate, arrived.

"Both the air and the water were cold," said one of the survivors. "Most of the men who died, died smiling. If they suffered any, you'd never have known it."

"With the whaler overturned and the ship's motor boat holed by the explosion, only the Carley floats remained for the survivors. Four of the five floats were lashed together and from these the majority of the survivors were picked up. Seven hours after the men abandoned ship only 10 men remained alive on the one overcrowded Carley float. Four others died before rescue came.

"Exposure accounted for the largest number of deaths. Survivors were unanimous in saying that those who died did so quietly and with little apparent suffering.

"When the torpedo struck the Guysborough so much debris littered the decks that the Commanding Officer, Lieut. B. T. R. Russell, R.C.N.R., at first glance, thought his ship had been the victim of two simultaneous torpedoes.

"It looked at first as if the ship would survive. Guns crews were closed up, water-tight doors were closed, bulkheads shored up and every effort made to save the little vessel.

"There was just one fatality from the torpedoing,
although some members of a gun's crew were injured."

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 sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Huna Clarke,
566 Wellington Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

.....
Date 22. 4. 45
Time 1300

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c/o C.F.M.O.
London, E.C.2.
April 3, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Clarke:

It is with deep regret that I write this letter. I am the former Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Guysborough in which your **son** was serving.

I know there is nothing I can say that will take away the grief you are suffering, but I do want you to know how extremely sorry I am.

Your **son** was one of the ship's company ~~for some time~~ and I can truthfully say there was not a better **seaman** under my command, a fine boy cheerfully disposed under the most trying situations. He was a credit to you and his ship at all times and died gallantly for his country.

If I am ever in your vicinity I hope you will allow me to call on you to express my condolences in person. In the meantime if there is anything I can do please let me know and I will be only too pleased to oblige.

Yours sincerely,

B.R. Russell,
Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

CLARKE	James Peter	V-77951	O.Smn.	FILE No. <i>270 172</i>
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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
<i>Repl</i>	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	<i>5490 - 23.11.49</i>

Atlantic Star

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED

5490 - 23.11.49

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

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RCNVR Nov. 45 "GUYSBOROUGH"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Una Clarke - Mother

ADDRESS: 566 Wellington St.,
OTTAWA, Ont.

DATE DESP.....

(1)

REGN. NO. 564

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(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. H. Clarke

ADDRESS: 566 Wellington Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

(3)

4-6-45