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ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME GOHIER OFFICIAL No. V60493
CHRISTIAN NAMES JOSEPH VICTOR MAURICE MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
3036 Workman Street, Montreal, Que.		Roman Catholic
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
17th May, 1924	Town Montreal	Mother: Mrs Anna GOHIER Same Address
*Original Nationality of:		
Father Fr. Can.	County	
Mother Fr. Can.	Province Quebec	

*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>37</u>	Brown	Brown	Medium	Nil
Inches <u>9</u>	Deflated <u>34</u>				
<u>150</u>	Mean <u>35 1/2</u>				
EDUCATIONAL STANDING			TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
9th Grade Commercial			Riveter Noorduyn Aviation Ltd, Cartierville, Que.		
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED			
Divisional Strength 10th May, 1943	Ord. Seaman	H.M.C.S. " CARTIER "			

(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.

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*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
----NOT APPLICABLE----			

- (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.

Personnel Records	
1. Noted in Record
2. Index Card
3. Non-Sub. Card
4. Statistical Card
5. Photo Strip
6. Pension Card
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8.

(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. Seaman.....by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this.....10th.....day of.....May, 1943.....

Signature of applicant xx Maurice Gohier

(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.....10th.....

day of.....May, 1943.....

My authority for attestation is.....

J. P. Colby
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub. Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, JOSEPH VICTOR MAURICE GOHIER.....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 xx Maurice Gohier

Witness J. P. Colby

Date.....10th May, 1943..... Rank.....Sub. Lieutenant, 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.

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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

Joseph Victor Maurice GONIER

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

R.C.N.V.S. 77225

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>H.M.C.S. "Cartier"</i>	<i>V. 60493</i>

Date of Birth..... *17 May 1924*

Place of Birth..... *Montreal, Que*

Place of Residence..... *3036 WORKMAN ST MONTREAL QUE*

Trade brought up to..... *Riveter*

Religion..... *Roman Catholic*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
MOTHER - ANNA same address

O.H.F.

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>10 May '43</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Smn</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>35 1/2</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>brwn</i>	<i>brwn</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>nil</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

V60493

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-G-2881

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V60493

NAME GOHLER, Joseph Victor Maurice (Surname) (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 17 May 1924PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Que. OCCUPATION RiveterRELIGION R.C. EDUCATION 9th Grade CommercialRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 3036 Workman St. Town Montreal Province, etc. Que.

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
10	5	43	H.O.	5'9"	Brown	Brown	Med.	Nil.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Genny GohlerADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 3036 Workman St. Town Montreal Province, etc. Que.

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	
				12	10	43	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 day 249A/A7760.				
				3	12	43	Marked "TR"				
				9	9	43	Night Vision (Good) Ser. Cert.				

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		
					HMCS Chaleur	66	10	8	44	Improperly leave 249A/15100	28 days detention

FILM
NO. WSP-5980-1
DATE 23-3-59

Date (in figures)				DAYS FORFEITED					O.H.E. RECEIVED.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	
10	8	44		28					

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V60493

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

GOHLER, Joseph Victor Maurice

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V60493

PIB

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 Cartier	Ord. Smm.	10	5	43	Div. Str. Montreal	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
"	"	26	5	45	Act. Ser. D.L. 27-6-40	Fair	Sat.	31	12	44							
Cornwallis	"	8	9	43	DL 8-9-43.	V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45							
Stadacona	"	19	1	44	DRD # 42 P.#. 3												
Chaleur II	"	10	5	44	WRD # 91.												
"	A/Able Smm.	26	5	44	Rated, 219A #15063.												
Quesnel	"	12	9	44	DRD No. 293 P. 4.												
Chaleur II	"	2	10	44	DRD No. 313 P. 1.												
Peregrine	"	9	12	44	DRD No. 381 P. 2.												
Guyborough	"	5	1	45	DRD S. 4 P. 9.												
DISCHARGED	"	18	3	45	"Missing" Per Casualty List. Presumed Dead. Casualty List.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to (Mother) Mrs. Anna Gohier, 303⁶ Workman St., Montreal, Que. to date 5.6.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL. ED.		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENLI.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERN.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK		
17	5	24	12	244	0		10	2	23	02	0	0	09	75		
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK			
10	05	43	26	05	43					9830	0	09	75			
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M		CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK			
26	05	43	13	00	00		8	8								

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario.

Name GOHIER, Joseph Victor Maurice
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-60495 Unit R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Montreal, P.Q. Date of Birth 17th May, 1924

Occupation in Civil Life Riveter Religion Roman Catholic

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 10th May, 1943 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. Anna Gohier Relationship Mother
Address 3036 Workman Street, MONTREAL, P.Q.

Date on which the above was informed by ~~Ship~~ 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

Noted in D.N.P.A. G.P. 11.5.45

H.A. Money
for ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
(Commanding Officer)
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *9*

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

Date Ottawa, Ont., 1st 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.

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL
NS. V. 60493 *23*

- NAVAL SERVICE -

21 March, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Gohier:

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, Joseph Victor Maurice Gohier, Able Seaman, Official Number V.60493, 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. ANNA GOHIER,
3036 WORKMAN ST.,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

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AIR MAIL

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE



Department of National Defence

Naval Service

Ottawa, Canada

23 April, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Gohier:

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, Joseph Victor Maurice Gohier, Able Seaman, Official Number V-60493, 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.

"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.



Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa, Canada

AIR MAIL

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

NO.....

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"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. Anna Gohier,
3036 Workman St.,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

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GOHIER

Joseph Victor

O/Smn.

V-60493

26th May '43

Montreal, Que.

17th May, 1924

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H.M.C.S. "CARTIER"

Single

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Not available

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III EDUCATION:

Completed Grade IX - Victor Rousselean Montreal Que - 7 - 17.

IV OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY:

1942 - Worked at Noorduyn as riveter and refitter - 13 mos.

V SERVICE HISTORY:

- 26 May '43 - "CARTIER" - basic training.
- 8 Sep '43 - "CORNWALLIS" - new entry training.
- 19 Jan '44 - "STADAGONA" - harbour craft.

VI GENERAL:

Tall, well-built, 5'10" - 165 lbs - neat and good appearance. Healthy. Moderately active in sports - some team games, hockey - boxing and swimming. Limited interest in reading - Digest and newspapers. Collected a few stamps. Four brothers - one in Army - one sister - father died when he was young, brought up by mother who went to work. He helps at home. Thinks he'll work in aeroplane plant post war. Refused English speaking course at "Prestost" preferring to try and learn English by himself. Likes shows and parties - doesn't dance. Doesn't smoke nor drink. Likes the Navy fairly well. Is quite desirous of obtaining a W.T. course, although he admits he knows little about it.

Seems ambitious, is still struggling with his English and trying to improve it. Appears willing and good natured - stable, alert and attentive. His French M test score indicates average learning ability.

VII RECOMMENDATION:

Gohier should advance in sub and non-sub rates. Recommended as suitable for W.T.

Date: 2 May, 1944. H.M.C.S. "STADAGONA"

S.R. Davis

S.R. Davis, S/Lieut.(S.B.) R.C.N.V.R.


JK

Re: Request for W.T. Course.

Recommended as suitable for W.T. - no seatime.

2 May, 1944.

H.M.C.S. "STADACONA"


S.R. Davis, S/Lieut.(SB) RCNVR

Copy to: Lt. Cdr. Nicholls.



VERIFICATION FORM

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

NAME IN FULL COTTIER, Joseph Victor RANK/RATING P/P B OFF. No.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIOD		1939-45	ATLANTIC
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO		
	26-5-43							
<i>Quersnel</i>	13-9-44	11-10-44	29	<i>Att.</i>				
<i>Carysborough</i>	6-1-45	18-3-45	72	<i>Att.</i>				
	<u><i>Dirch. Dead.</i></u>							
	18-3-45							

VERIFIED BY J. Harris

VERIFIED BY

QUALIFICATION FORM
 FOR THE WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

P/P/B OFF.NO. *U-60493* ADDRESS

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>
						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]*
[Signature]

..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
DECEASED 18 March 1945

AWARDS

(NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

GOHIER	Joseph Victor Maurice	V-60493	A.A.B.	FILE No.
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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	7400

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Oct.45 "GUYSBOROUGH"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Anna Gohier - Mother

ADDRESS: 3036 Workman St.,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs A. Gohier

ADDRESS:

3036 Workman Street
MONTREAL 30, Que

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO.....

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(2)

(3)

5 June 1945