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| Personnel Records Division. |      |
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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

30588

SURNAME GAMBLE OFFICIAL NO. 8328

CHRISTIAN NAMES John McIlveen MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Married

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| PERMANENT ADDRESS                    | RELIGION            |
| <u>82 Selkirk Street, Galt, Ont.</u> | <u>Presbyterian</u> |

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|---------------------------|---|---|
| DATE OF BIRTH             | PLACE OF BIRTH  | NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN                       |
| <u>25th November 1902</u> | Town <u>Belfast,</u><br>County <u>North Ireland</u><br>Province | <u>(Wife) Elizabeth Gamble</u><br><u>same address</u> |

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

| HEIGHT           | CHEST MEASUREMENT  | HAIR         | EYES        | COM-<br>PLEXION | WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Feet <u>5</u>    | Inflated <u>36</u> | <u>Brown</u> | <u>Grey</u> | <u>Fair</u>     | <u>Nil</u>           |
| Inches <u>7½</u> | Deflated <u>32</u> |              |             |                 |                      |
| <u>Wt. 135</u>   | Mean <u>34</u>     |              |             |                 |                      |

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| DATE OF ENROLMENT    | RATING ENROLLING FOR                  | TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY  |
| <u>8th Dec. 1939</u> | <u>Blacksmith</u><br><u>4th Class</u> | <u>Blacksmith.</u><br><u>Canada Machinery Corp. Ltd.</u><br><u>Galt, Ont.</u> |

(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 Non-permanent Active Militia 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>Highland Light Inf.</u><br><u>of</u><br><u>Canada</u> | <u>Private</u> | <u>1st May 1932</u> | <u>6th Dec. 1939</u> |

- (c) I have never been rejected 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.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Hamilton Division Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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.

Dated this Eighth day of December 1939

Signature of applicant J. M. Gamble

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING 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 Eighth day of December 1939

J. Hart  
Signature of Commanding Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John M. Gamble 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 J. M. Gamble

Witness J. Hart

Date 8th Dec. 1939 Rank Lieut R.C.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

John M. Gamble 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 Hamilton Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

J. Hart  
Commanding Officer.

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.

Secretary,  
Naval Branch,  
National Defence Headquarters,  
Ottawa.

82 Selkirk St.,  
Galt, Ont.  
15th. October, 1939.

W. d. 2.60  
1. d. 2.90

DEPT. NATIONAL DEFENCE  
OCT 17 1939  
N.S. 62-21-3-19 2  
CANADA

Sir,

32695

Having an earnest desire to enlist in the Royal Canadian Navy, I hereby give full particulars about myself, & hope my application will be accepted. Am 36 years of age, married, having a wife & 2 children, a British subject, having been born at Belfast, N. Ireland. And, a Blacksmith by trade, serving my apprenticeship in Harland & Wolff's, Engine Works, Belfast, N. Ireland. being employed there for 8 years. Also, was employed for 3 years with the Belfast Ropeworks Co. Ltd. as assistant Fireman. Since coming to Canada in 1929. have been employed as Blacksmith by the Canada Machinery Corporation, Galt, Ont. for 2 years. Sheldon's Ltd. Galt, Ont. as Erector in their Fan-building Dept. 5 years with Stauffer-Dobbie Ltd., Galt, as dye-house worker. Was a member of the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, Galt, Ont. for 3 years, 1932-33-34. during which time I qualified as Sergeant. Would be available immediately. Thanking you for your consideration.

P.S. In any position, where you think my abilities could be best employed. Yours very truly,  
John M. Gamble.  
card made  
ED

# SERVICE CERTIFICATE

N. V. No. 17  
3M-10-39 (2176)  
N.S. 815-11-17

OF

Name in full JOHN MCGILVEREN GAMBLE Company Hamilton Division

## ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

|                       |         |                             |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Training Headquarters | HALIFAX | Official Number <u>8328</u> |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|

Date of Birth 25th November 1902

Place of Birth Belfast, North Ireland

Usual Place of Residence 82 Selkirk Street, Galt, Ontario

Trade brought up to \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of next of kin (Wife) Elizabeth Gamble, 82 Selkirk St, Galt, Ontario

Religious Denomination Presbyterian

Can Swim \_\_\_\_\_

### PARTICULARS OF SERVICE

| DATE OF ACTUAL VOLUNTEERING | DATE OF ENROLMENT | PERIOD VOLUNTEERED FOR  | RATING ON ENROLMENT | MEDALS, DECORATIONS, ETC. |                      |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
|                             |                   |   |                     | DATE RECEIVED             | NATURE OF DECORATION |
| 15/10/39                    | 8/12/39           | Duration of Hostilities and longer if required<br>( N.G.O. #683 ) | Blacksmith<br>4/c   |                           |                      |
|                             |                   |   |                     |                           |                      |
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### PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

|                                  | HEIGHT |        | COMPLEXION | HAIR  | EYES | MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|-------|------|----------------------|
|                                  | FEET   | INCHES |            |       |      |                      |
| On Entry                         | 5      | 7½     | Fair       | Brown | Grey | Nil                  |
| On attaining 28 years            |        |        |            |       |      |                      |
| Further Description if necessary |        |        |            |       |      |                      |





MAIL OR BOX  
SPIKENARD ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND

Name... **GAMBLE** John (McIlveen (names in full)) 71

Rank of Rating... **A/E.R.A.4** Official Number... **V-8328**  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth... **BELFAST NORTH IRELAND** Date of Birth... **25th November 1902**

Occupation in Civil Life... **NOT KNOWN** Religion... **PRESBYTERIAN**

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)

**Two years, 60 days Active Service R.C.N.V.R.**

Date of Death... **10th February 1942** Place of Death... **At Sea**

Cause of Death... **Loss of H.M.C SHIP**

Nearest known (Name... **Mrs. Elizabeth GAMBLE** Relationship... **WIFE**  
relative or friend (Address... **82 Selkirk Street**  
**Galt, Ontario**)

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

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 London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to the 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.O. or invalided.....

*J.S. Hope*  
for CAPTAIN R.C.N.

.....27th February.....194..2..

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. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register

V8328

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-G-326

OFFICIAL NUMBER V8328

NAME GAMBLE (Surname) John McIlveen (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 25th Nov. 1902  
 PLACE OF BIRTH Belfast, North Ireland OCCUPATION Blacksmith  
 RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 82 Selkirk St. Town Galt Province, etc. Ontario

| 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         |
| 8                 | 12    | 39   | H.O.   | 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Brown | Grey | Fair       | Nil            | Highland Light Infantry of Can. | Pte.           | 1-5<br>32 | 6-12<br>39 |

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) wife NAME (in pencil) Elizabeth Gamble  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 82 Selkirk St. Town Galt Province, etc. Ont

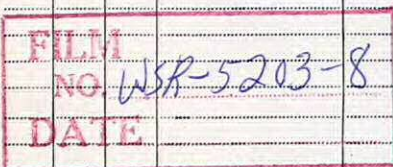
| MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY |       |      |             | EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC. |       |      |             |                   |       |      |             |
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| Date (in figures)                              |       |      | Particulars | Date (in figures)                |       |      | Particulars | Date (in figures) |       |      | PARTICULARS |
| Day  | Month | Year |             | Day                              | Month | Year |             | Day               | Month | Year |             |

| 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 |                              |            |
| 9                    | 12    | 39   | 1st G.S.B.                   | Granted                   |   |         |                   |       |      |                              |            |
| 1                    | 5     | 40   | 2nd                          | Granted                   |   |         |                   |       |      |                              |            |

| Date (in figures) |       |      | DAYS FORFEITED |       |       |          |          |                |
|-------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Day               | Month | Year | Prison         | Det'n | Cells | C. Power | W. Trial | In diff. Char. |
|                   |       |      |                |       |       |          |          |                |

To count 7 years, 220 days Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada Service towards Good Service Badges to date 6 Dec., 1939

| SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT |    |
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| From                     | To |
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V8328

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **GAMBLE**  
(Surname)

**John McIlveen**  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V8328

| 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 |
| Hamilton Div. Str.    | Blacksmith 4/c    | 8    | 12    | 39   |                                | V.G.      | Sat.       | 31   | 12    | 39   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Stadacona             | "                 | 11   | 12    | 39   |                                | V.G.      | Sat.       | 31   | 12    | 40   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Avalon (Spikenard)    | A/E.R.A. 4/c      | 26   | 9     | 40   |                                | V.G.      | Sat.       | 31   | 12    | 41   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
|                       | "                 | 26   | 11    | 41   |                                | V.G.      |            | 10   | 2     | 42   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
|                       | <b>DISCHARGED</b> | 10   | 2     | 42   | <b>Missing Believed Killed</b> |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |

GENERAL REMARKS

Memorial Cross sent to:  
Wife: Mrs. Elizabeth Gamble  
82 Selkirk St.  
GALT, Ont.

|                  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |              |    |       |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----|-------|
| DATE OF BIRTH    | PLACE       | CIVIL       | OCCL        | RELI.       | ED.         | PERM.       | RESIDENCE   | PREV.       | ENL.        | RANK OR RATE |    |       |
| BY: MO. YR.      | BY: MO. YR. | BY: MO. YR. | BY: MO. YR. | BY: MO. YR. | BY: MO. YR. | BY: MO. YR. | BY: MO. YR. | BY: MO. YR. | BY: MO. YR. | A            | BR | RANK  |
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| SERVICEMEN       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | CODED        |    |       |
| BY: MO. YR. CAT. |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             | CHECKED      |    |       |
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VERIFICATION FORM  
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.  
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME IN FULL GAMBLE John D. C. [unclear] RANK/RATING [unclear] OFF. NO. V 8328 ADDRESS .....

| SHIP                     | SERVICE         |                 |           | AREA            | QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS |    |         |          |         | STARS MEDALS | ✓<br>1<br>2 | ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF |                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------|----|---------|----------|---------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                          | FROM            | TO              | DAYS      |                 | FROM                       | TO | 1939-45 | ATLANTIC | DEFENCE |              |             |                        | CLASP C.V.S.M.    |
| <i>Stadson</i>           | <i>11/12/39</i> | <i>31/12/39</i> | <i>21</i> |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | 1939-45                | <i>1 star</i>     |
| <i>Spithead</i>          | <i>26/11/41</i> | <i>10/2/42</i>  | <i>77</i> | <i>Atlantic</i> |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | ATLANTIC               |                   |
| <i>Discharged "Dead"</i> |                 |                 |           |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | FRANCE G.              |                   |
| <i>to date 10/2/42</i>   |                 |                 |           |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | AFRICA                 |                   |
| <i>Discharged</i>        |                 |                 |           |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | PACIFIC                |                   |
|                          |                 |                 |           |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | BURMA                  |                   |
|                          |                 |                 |           |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | ITALY                  |                   |
|                          |                 |                 |           |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | DEFENCE                |                   |
|                          |                 |                 |           |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | C.V.S.M.               | <i>2 @ clasp.</i> |
|                          |                 |                 |           |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | " CLASP                |                   |
|                          |                 |                 |           |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | WAR 1945               | <i>1 Medal</i>    |
|                          |                 |                 |           |                 |                            |    |         |          |         |              |             | WAR 1915               |                   |

VERIFIED BY [Signature]

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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFTED BY NPS 1320D  
PER J C 10 MIL-5-40 (5005)  
NS 113-G-326 N.S. 815-9-1320D

To: MRS. ELIZABETH GAMBLE  
62 SHELKIRK STREET  
GALT ONTARIO

From:

N S H Q OTTAWA

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CNS  
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MIN

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES  
DREPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR HUSBAND, JOHN  
MC MILVEEN GAMBLE, ENGINE-ROOM ARTIFICER, ROYAL CANADIAN  
NAVAL V OLUNTEER RESERVE OFFICIAL NO V-8328 IS MISSING,  
BELIEVED LOST ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

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(DELIVERED)

L/T

P/L

16-2-42

DA

5432

19th February, 1942.

Dear Madam:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th February from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your husband, John McIlveen Gamble, Acting Engine Room Artificer 4th Class, R.C.N.V.R., O.N. V.8328, is missing and must be presumed lost on Active Service.

Your husband was serving in H.M.C.S. "SPIKENARD" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 10th February, 1942. Details of the action are not, however, available at this time.

The possibility of your husband having been rescued by other ships cannot be estimated but it has been established that he was not among the survivors landed at a United Kingdom port and very little hope is held out for the survival of the remainder. You will be informed immediately should any further information be received.

I wish to express the sincere sympathy of the Chief of the Naval Staff, Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy the high traditions of which your husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

*R. A. L.*

*Curt* Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gamble,  
82 Selkirk Street,  
GALT, Ontario.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Aug.42 "SPIKENARD"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Elizabeth R. Gamble - Widow

ADDRESS: 82 Selkirk St.,  
GALT, Ont.

(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW Mrs. E. Gamble

ADDRESS: 82 Selkirk Street  
GALT, Ontario

(2) 1 April 1942

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER DECEASED

ADDRESS:

(3)

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.

REGN. NO. 2249

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

DECEASED 10 February 1942 AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

|                            |                 |          |                   |               |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|
| GAMBLE John McIlveen       |                 | V-8328   | ERA.4             | FILE No.      |
| SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS) | CHRISTIAN NAMES | REG. No. | RANK ON DISCHARGE | C.A.S.F. UNIT |

WAR SERVICEBADGECLASS

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

| CAMPAIGN MEDALS  | REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED |
|------------------|---|
| 1939-45 Star     |   |
| C.V.S.M. & Clasp | 205                                     |
| War Medal        | 24-11-49                                |
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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)