



N. V. 5

P085914

25M-9-40 (6793)  
N.S. 815-11-5

NOV 20 1940

N.S. 13-R-616  
CANADA

2

# ATTESTATION FORM

(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME Richards OFFICIAL NO. V2589

CHRISTIAN NAMES Donald P. Patterson MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Married

PERMANENT ADDRESS 10 1/2 Cherry Street  
Halifax N.S. RELIGION Anglican

DATE OF BIRTH April 3rd 1913 \*PLACE OF BIRTH St John NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mrs Donald P. Richards (wife)  
10 1/2 Cherry St  
Halifax

Attested correct  
P/S

\*Original Nationality of:  
Father } Canadians  
Mother }

\*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page.

## PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>37</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Med</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Inches <u>7</u>	Deflated <u>34</u>				
	Mean <u>36</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>14 / 11 / 40</u>	<u>V.A</u>	<u>Commercial Traveller H. G. Marshall</u>
R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled <u>St John.</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 \_\_\_\_\_ for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM

Personnel Records Division.	
TO	
1. Noted in Records	<u>LS</u>
2. Index Card	<u>LS</u>
3. Non-Sub. Card	<u>LS</u>
4. Statistical Card	<u>LS</u>
5. Roneo Strip	<u>LS</u>
6. Pension Card	
7. _____	
DATE	<u>23-11-40</u>

(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.

ENTERED IN  
FAIR LEDGER, S.H.Q.  
FAIR D. J. 29.11.40  
ROUGH

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the St John N.B. 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 14th day of November 1940

Signature of applicant D. Richards

(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 14th day of November 1940

A/Sub Lieut Wm Mackay V.R (Temp)  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Donald Richards 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 D. Richards

Witness William Mackay

Date Nov 14th 1940 Rank A/Sub Lieut V.R (Temp)

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

Donald Richards 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 St John Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

A/Sub Lt Wm Mackay V.R (Temp)  
Attesting Officer.

Nov 14th 1940 R.C.N.V.R. Division St John N.B.  
(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.

*3-32-32 V-2589*

TRUE COPY

OF THE

CERTIFICATE of the Service of

*RICHARDS, Donald Peterson*

*Naval Volunteer Reserve*

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN ~~NAVY~~

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.

*Port Division*

*Halifax, N.S.*

JCNS 601

Official Number *V-2589*

Date of birth *3 April 1913*

Nearest known Relative or Friend  
(To be noted in pencil)

Where born { Province *New Brunswick*  
Town or county *Saint John*

Name: *Mrs D.P. Richards*

Relationship: *wife*

Trade brought up to *Commercial Traveller*

Address: *Robbsey,  
New Brunswick*

Religious denomination *Anglican*

Date passed swimming test

Man's signature on discharge to pension }

All Engagements, including N.C.S., to be noted in these Columns

Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for
1.	<i>14 Nov '40</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	5.		
2.			6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Medals, Clasps, Etc.

Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration	Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as <del>boy</del> .....	<i>5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>Red brown</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>Nil</i>	
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....							
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							







V2589

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-R-616

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V2589

NAME RICHARDS (Surname) Donald P. (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 3 April 1913

PLACE OF BIRTH St. John St. John N.B. OCCUPATION Commercial Traveller

RELIGION Anglican EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 10 1/2 Cherry Street Town Halifax Province, etc. N.S.

Table with columns: ENGAGEMENTS (Date, Period), DESCRIPTION (Height, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Marks or Scars), PREVIOUS SERVICE (Served in, Rank or Rating, Dates).

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mrs. Marie J. Richards ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. ... Town ... Province, etc. ...

Table with columns: MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY (Date, Particulars); EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC. (Date, Particulars).

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. (Date, 1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S., Granted Deprived Restored); BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date, BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT).

FILM NO. 5148-2 DATE

Table with columns: DAYS FORFEITED (Date, Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.); SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (From, To).

W.S.G. APPLICATION 13207 RECEIVED

V2589

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME RICHARDS  
(Surname)

Donald P.  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V2589

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
Div. Str. St. John	Prob. V.A.	14	11	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
Duty Div. Hdqtrs	" "	18	11	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Stadacona	" "	1	12	40		V.G.		10	2	42							
Venture	" "	22	1	41													
Spikenard	V.A.	17	2	41	Prescott 10-7-41												
<del>DTSCHARGED</del>	"	10	2	42	"Spikenard Casualty"												

GENERAL REMARKS

X-ray App.  
 Memorial Cross to  
 Wife: Mrs. Doris J. Richards.  
 R.R.#1.  
 Rothesay, N.B.  
 Memorial Cross to  
 MOTHER: Mrs Richards,  
 Rockingham,  
 Halifax Co., N.S.

*The boy has succeeded in getting with  
 effect from 11.2.42 with a deposit  
 allowed for the same.*

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU.	REIPEP	DEPT.	RESIDENCE	FROM	ENL.	RANK OR RATE
03 4 13 15	6300	30 X 4	08 02	0 02 0	2295				
ENLIST. DATE	ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.							
14 11 40	18 11 40								26 N 012294
SENIORITY	STR.	NON SUB	M						
17 02 41	09 00	00 20	10-02-42						



VERIFICATION FORM  
CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL  
NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

NAME IN FULL Richard S. Donald Paterson RANK/RATING V.A.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	193
<u>St John</u>	<u>18-11-40</u>	<u>1-12-40</u>	<u>14</u>				
<u>Prescott</u>	<u>18-7-41</u>	<u>8-8-41</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>atlantic</u>			
<u>Sphinx</u>	<u>9-8-41</u>	<u>10-2-42</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>atlantic</u>			
<u>Discharged "Dead"</u>							
<u>on date 10-2-42</u>							

VERIFIED BY C. Gaine Forget

VERIFIED BY .....

VERIFICATION FORM

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

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

*Wald Paterson* RANK/RATING ..... *V.A.* ..... OFF.NO. .... *V.2589* ..... ADDRESS .....

DAYS	AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF		
		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.				1915 MEDAL	
<i>14</i>										1939-45	<i>1</i>	<i>Star</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>atlantic</i>									ATLANTIC	<i>1</i>	<i>Star</i>
<i>186</i>	<i>atlantic</i>									FRANCE G.		
										AFRICA		
										PACIFIC		
<i>2</i>										BURMA		
										ITALY		
										DEFENCE		
										C.V.S.M.	<i>2</i>	<i>@ clasp</i>
										" CLASP		
										WAR 1945	<i>1</i>	<i>Medal</i>
										WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *L. A. Albert* .....

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

AIR MAIL

19th February, 1942

2/6

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, Donald Paterson Richards, Victualling Assistant, R.C.N.V.R., O.N. V.2589, 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,



CWD SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Doris J. Richards,  
R. R. 1,  
ROTHESAY, N.B.

26A

February 20, 1942.

AIR MAIL

Memorandum:

With reference to Naval Service  
Headquarters Memorandum N.S. 30-17-1 of the 5th  
November, 1941, you are informed with regret  
(casualty has )  
that the following (casualties have) been reported  
to the Next-of-kin in your area:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/RATING &amp; OFFICIAL NO.</u>	<u>NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF NEXT-OF-KIN.</u>
CONNOR, John Walter	Stoker I, V-2408, R.C.N.V.R.	Wife: Mrs. Alice Helena Connor, 83 Ludlow Street, ST. JOHN, West, N.B.
SEAMAN, William John	Stoker I, V-2412, R.C.N.V.R.	Father: Mr. William J. Seaman, 90 Somerset Street, ST. JOHN, N.B.
RICHARDS, Donald P.	V.A., V-2589, R.C.N.V.R.	Wife: Mrs. Doris J. Richards, R.R. No. 1, ROTHESAY, N.B.

Cause of Death: Loss of H.M.C.S. "SPIKENARD"  
on 10 February, 1942.

By Order,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.C.S. "BRUNSWICKER",  
McPartland Building,  
221 Prince William Street,  
ST. JOHN, N.B.