

N.R.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

SHADFORTH

Hubert G. (Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
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Stadacona	A/Lt. Cdr.	9	11	39	for travelling time.												
"	Lt. Cdr.	15	11	39	R.C.N.B. (New Entry Course.)												
"	" "	28	11	39	E.D.O's Staff, Halifax.												
Skeena	" "	1	3	40													
Acadia	" "	13	4	40													
Stad. (Spikenard)	" "	1	11	40	in command.												
<del>DISCHARGED</del>	<del>" "</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>42</del>	<del>"Spikenard Casualty"</del>												

GENERAL REMARKS

Mrs. Georgina C. Shadforth, wife of Lieut. Cdr. Hubert G. Shadforth, has been awarded pension in respect of her husband's death, with effect from 11 February, 1942.  
Canadian Memorial Cross sent to Wife, Mrs. Georgina Shadforth, 4613 Belleyue Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
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NAME SHADFORTH (Surname) Hubert G. (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH OCCUPATION

RELIGION EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Town Province, etc

ENGAGEMENTS			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Date (in figures)				Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates
Day	Month	Year								From	To
9	11	39	Hostilities only								

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Miss Margaret Shadforth  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 4613 13th Street Town New York Province, etc. NYC

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
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BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES							
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**DATE**

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H.M.S. "DAUNTLESS"

14th December 1918.

No. D.3/1

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the name of Lieutenant Hubert Shadforth, R.N.R. with a view to his promotion to Acting Lieutenant Commander, Royal Naval Reserve.

Lieutenant Shadforth, R.N.R. is 29 years of age and has served under my command for 2 years and 9 months. He holds an Extra Masters Certificate and 1st Class certificates in Gunnery and Signals.

He is a most zealous officer who has an excellent command of men and has acquired a thorough knowledge of the Naval Service; and I am able to strongly recommend him for promotion.

I would further submit that this officer, who at present holds a commission as Temporary Lieutenant R.N.R., may be transferred to the permanent list of the Royal Naval Reserve.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) "F.P. Loder-Symonds"  
C A P T A I N

the Rear Admiral Commanding  
Harwich Force

DEPT. OF  
NATIONAL DEFENCE  
APR 24 1939  
M.S. 46-10365  
CANADA

B.C. Pilotage Authority,  
Federal Building,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.  
April 20th, 1939.

P6222

Sir,

I have the honour to make application  
for appointment to the temporary R.C.N.R.

My qualifications are as follows:

Service in the B.C. Coast Service,  
C.P.R. from Junior Officer to Master.

Lieutenant R.N.R. 10th Cruiser Squadron  
and Harwich Striking Force

Extra Master's Certificate; 1st Class  
in Gunnery and Naval Signals.

18 years continuous employment as a  
B.C. Coast Pilot.

I am 49 years of age, and in excellent health.  
Attached is copy of testimonial.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Hubert Shadforth

B.C. Pilot

The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA

*Imp. Over age for  
R. with ant. 57 m. RR  
E.S.*



VERIFICATION FORM

DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.  
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

RANK/RATING *St. bdr* OFF. NO. *0-66110* ADDRESS .....

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
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<i>Atlantic</i>							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
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							DEFENCE		
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							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	Medal
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *J. Roe* .....

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

H.M.C.S. "SPIKENARD" CASUALTY LIST

DATE: 10th FEBRUARY, 1942

OFFICERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/RATING</u>	<u>O. NO.</u>	
FAWCETT, Charles Cavour	Lieut.		R. C. N. V. R.
HUGHES, Robert Alexander	Lieut.		R. C. N. V. R.
MARKHAM, Gerald Arthur	Sub. Lieut.		R. C. N. V. R.
MILTHORP, Patrick Reginald	Lieut.		R. C. N. R.
SHADFORTH, Hubert G.	Lieut. Cdr.		R. C. N. R.

RATINGS

ANDERSON, John	Steward. Prob.	V-13860	R. C. N. V. R.
BATE, Leonard	A/Ldg. Tel.	V-7646	R. C. N. V. R.
BLOUIN, Joseph Arthur Ivan	Able Smn.	V-3582	R. C. N. V. R.
BOUDREAU, John Raymond	Able Smn.	A-4557	R. C. N. R.
BOUTIN, Conrad William	Albe Smn.	V-23077	R. C. N. V. R.
CAMPBELL, Alan Dickson	Able Smn.	V-22882	R. C. N. V. R.
CANAVAN, Lloyd Frederick	Stoker 1/c	V-25810	R. C. N. V. R.
CONDIE, James Ritchie	Signalman	V-9836	R. C. N. V. R.
CONNOR, John Walter	Stoker 1/c	V-2408	R. C. N. V. R.
COVE, Gilbert Lloyd	A/E. R. A. 4/c	V-26057	R. C. N. V. R.
COWAN, Murray Allen	A/Ldg. Sto.	21586	R. C. N.
CURR, Stanley Raymond	Able Smn.	V-5972	R. C. N. V. R.
DEARLOVE, Kenneth Harold	Signalman	4085	R. C. N.
DONNET, Daniel Heron	Able Smn.	V-22305	R. C. N. V. R.
DUNN, Rupert Maxwell	Cook (s)	A-2473	R. C. N. R.
EDWARDS, Norman Jack	Stoker 1/c.	V-6522	R. C. N. V. R.
FISHER, Edmund Jas.	Able Smn.	V-23034	R. C. N. V. R.
GAMBLE, John McIlveon	A/E. R. A. 4/c	V-8328	R. C. N. V. R.
GALBRAITH, Stuart	Stoker 1/c	A-2105	R. C. N. R.
GILBOE, Arthur Francis	Able Smn.	V-19071	R. C. N. V. R.

GREENBLATT, Moses	Telegraphist	V-23388	R.C.N.V.R.
GRIFFIN, Patrick Bernard	Signalman	V-5682	R.C.N.V.R.
HALL, John Robert	Able Smn.	V-18166	R.C.N.V.R.
HOUNSELL, Lionel R. E.	Ord.Smn.	V-23734	R.C.N.V.R.
JAMIESON, Robert David	A/Ldg.Smn.	3838	R.C.N.
JORDAN, Donald	Able Smn.	V-19161	R.C.N.V.R.
KENNEDY, Thomas Robert	Stoker 1/c	V-5831	R.C.N.V.R.
KETTLE, Alfred Smedley	C.P.O.	A-2382	R.C.N.R.
KITCHEN, Cyril Frederick	A/Ldg.Sto.	A-1571	R.C.N.R.
LAMOUREUX, Romeo Joseph	Able Smn.	A-1705	R.C.N.R.
LEGENDTRE, Jean Marie	S.P.O.	A-2115	R.C.N.R.
MacLEAN, John Arthur	Ch.E.R.A.	A-2742	R.C.N.R.
MEACOE, William Arthur	Coder	V-5988	R.C.N.V.R.
MORLEY, William	Able Smn.	V-22326	R.C.N.V.R.
OXBOROUGH, George William	A/Ldg.Smn.	3009	R.C.N.
PRYOR, Albert Lorne	Ord.Smn.	V-24421	R.C.N.V.R.
REAL, Clare Andrew	Ord.Smn.	V-12453	R.C.N.V.R.
REGALBUTO, Charles Cerino	Ord.Smn.	V-6987	R.C.N.V.R.
RENNIE, William Allan	S.B.A.	V-18336	R.C.N.V.R.
RICHARDS, Donald P.	V.A.	V-2589	R.C.N.V.R.
RING, Norman Eldon	Able Smn.	V-22923	R.C.N.V.R.
SEAMAN, William John	Stoker 1/c	V-2412	R.C.N.V.R.
SENNETT, John Peter	Stoker 1/c	V-19061	R.C.N.V.R.
SMITH, Harold Wesley	Able Smn.	A-2780	R.C.N.R.
STEPHENS, William Dawson	Able Smn.	V-16322	R.C.N.V.R.
STEWART, Albert Mathers	Albe Smn.	V-12454	R.C.N.V.R.
UPTON, Charles Michael A.	Ord.Coder	V-3475	R.C.N.V.R.
WALKER, Samuel Charles	Telegraphist	V-22378	R.C.N.V.R.
WATTS, Dan James	Stwd. Prob.	V-27265	R.C.N.V.R.
WEBB, William Lawrence A.	Able Smn.	V-17387	R.C.N.V.R.
WILCOX, Russell Harold	Stoker 1	V-16140	R.C.N.V.R.
WHITTEMORE, Edwin George	Cook (S)	V-23517	R.C.N.V.R.



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AIR MAIL

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, Hubert G. Shadforth, Lieutenant Commander R.C.N.R., 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,

*cut*   
Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Georgina Shadforth,  
4613 Bellevue Drive,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

RCNR May 44 "SPIKENARD"  
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Toronto General Trusts Corp. Executrix

ADDRESS: 470 Granville Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Widow  
Mrs. Georgina C. Shadforth  
875 Esquimalt, Ave.,  
Vancouver, BC 15-1-51

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. Georgina Shadforth

ADDRESS: 4613 Bellevue Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

*Hold until applied for. SR. 14/51  
see file*  
(2) 1-4-42

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

deceased

ADDRESS:

(3)

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D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SHADFORTH Hubert (G)		0-66110	Lt Cdr.	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:

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CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION N
1939-45 Star, Atlantic Star, C.V.S.M. & Clasp, War Medal.	<i>made Rtl by executive.</i> <i>2-6-50</i>
	<i>5017</i> <i>10-3-50</i>

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

COPY.

38 Woodlands Park Rd.,  
GREENWICH S.E.10

4th March 1942.

Dear Sir:-

Today I received your letter enquiring for your brother my late commander. I'm sorry I cannot give you any hope of his survival. You no doubt would like to know why and also what happened to convince me Lt. Commander Shadforth was lost.

On the night of Tuesday 10th February at 11:30 p.m. a torpedo struck the Spikenard just forward of the bridge and must have killed anyone of the officers who happened to be in the wardroom. Your brother, I believe, was on the bridge at the time of the explosion. I was asleep in the petty officer's mess at the time and on arrival on deck saw part of the bridge blown away and the forward end of the ship, right back to the life-boats, this included the bridge, in flames.

Someone on the bridge, I think Lieutenant Commander Shadforth, was blowing 'Abandon Ship' on the whistle. She went down by the head very fast and had disappeared in three minutes. She was a small ship and the torpedo must have nearly broken her in halves.

Eight of us were picked up the next evening after 18½ hours on a raft. The port life-boat was smashed in the explosion. The starboard boat was in flames and one Carlie float was lashed near the boats and could not be reached and went down lashed to the ship.

There was one other float and the raft back aft. I got the float free and three others got the lashings off the float and picked up four others who were in the water. Immediately after she sunk there followed an underwater explosion. It may have been the boilers or a depth charge. I had a miraculous escape after being blown off the raft and coming to under the water going down with the ship.

I made the surface, heard them talking on the float and swam to them. We changed over to the raft and heard a few cries in the water. We managed to pick up two, an ordinary seaman and a leading stoker but both were injured internally and died before noon next day. There were no more cries and we settled down to wait.

On being picked up by the English corvette, I learned we had not been reported sunk as no one knew we were lost. The English corvette queried our whereabouts at 11:00 am., and obtained permission to return and search for survivors. The first definite information regarding her loss was gained from us. Wherefore I fail to see how any others were picked up before us or they would have known and I don't think anyone in the water at the time of the explosion would have escaped injury. I fancy one did get clear I don't think they could have survived, as the

temperature of the water was 42<sup>0</sup> F.

I am very sorry I am unable to give you more pleasant news, but think you would rather know the truth.

The spikenard was a very happy ship due to the consideration shown the crew members by her officers. Your brother, Sir, did not stand on formality, but treated us all as human beings, however he was regarded with the greatest respect. We lost a man we could ill afford to lose.

You have every reason to be proud of your brother. Thank you for your good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Alex A. Day.

P.S. If I can be of any further use to you, Sir, please do not hesitate to let me know.