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ATTESTATION FORM

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL RESERVE (F)

SURNAME.....SMITH.....OFFICIAL No. A2780

CHRISTIAN NAMES...Harold Wesley...MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER...Single.

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
Port Hood Island, Inverness Co., N. S.		United Church of Canada.
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
2nd August, 1922	Town Port Hood Island, County Inverness, Province N. S.	Mrs. Myrtle Smith, (Mother) Port Hood Island, Inverness Co., N. S.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet.....6.....	Inflated.....	Brown	Blue	Fair	Nil.
Inches..1.....	Deflated.....				
.....	Mean..... 38				
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY			
2nd October, 1940	Able Seaman, (Temp)	Fisherman.			

(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 Reserve, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) (a) That it is my intention to follow the sea for a period of at least five years from this date.

~~(b) That it is my intention to follow the calling of a Fisherman, either at sea or on shore, for a period of five years from this date.~~

~~(c) That it is my intention to follow the sea in an Engine-room capacity for a period of five years from this date.~~

NOTE.—Candidates for enrolment as *Seaman* are to cross out clauses (b) and (c) above.
 Candidates for enrolment as *Stoker* are to cross out clauses (a) and (c) above.
 Candidates for enrolment as *E.R.A.* are to cross out clauses (a), (b) and (c) above.
 Candidates for enrolment as *Engineman* are to cross out clauses (a) and (b) above.

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3. Non-Su. Card	J.W.
4. Statistical Card	J.W.
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6. Pension Card	J.W.
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DATE	18/10/40.

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(4) That I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

*Cross out clause not applicable.

(5) That (a)* I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force.

(b) ~~I served~~ ~~for the~~ period shown.

Served in	Rank	From	To
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(6) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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

and/or duration of hostilities

- (a) To serve from the date thereof for five 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 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 Registrar 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.

(8) I am willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 1940

Harold Smith
(Signature of Applicant)

(C)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Harold Wesley Smith do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty.

Signature of Applicant *Harold Smith*

Witness *Some*

Date 2nd October, 1940 Rank Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

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

(D)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICIAL

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the man above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration and has taken the oath of

allegiance in my presence this 2nd day of October, 1940

Some
(Signature of Officer and rank)

Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

NOTE.—When this form has been completed it is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

R. C. N. R.

DURATION OF HOSTILITIES.

~~True Copy of the~~
CERTIFICATE of the Service of

SMITH, Harold Wesley

in the Naval Service of Canada

The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off whenever it is considered that the man's antecedents and character are such as to render his re-entry at any future time undesirable. Whenever the corner is cut off the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

PORT DIVISION	HALIFAX	OFFICIAL NUMBER. <i>A. 2780</i>
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Date of birth..... *2nd. August, 1922.*

Where born { Town..... *Port Hood Island,*
County and province..... *Inverness County, Nova Scotia.*

Usual place of residence..... *Port Hood Island, Inverness Co., N.S.*

Trade brought up to..... *Fisherman*

Religious denomination..... *United Church of Canada.*

Next of kin..... *Mother - Myrtle - same address*

Can swim.....

Man's signature on discharge to pension.....

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENTS			MEDALS, CLASPS, Etc.	
Date of actual volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date Received	Nature of Decoration
	<i>2nd. Oct. '40</i>	<i>Duration of Host.</i>		

DESCRIPTION OF PERSON	STATURE		COLOUR OF			MARKS, WOUNDS AND SCARS
	Feet	In.	Complexion	Hair	Eyes	
On entry as a boy.....						
On advancement to man's rating, or on entry under 28 years.....	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Nil.</i>
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....						
Further description if necessary.....						

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

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NAME SMITH

(Surname)

Harold Wesley

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 2 August, 1922

PLACE OF BIRTH Port Hood Island, Inverness Co., N.S.

OCCUPATION Fisherman

RELIGION United Church of Canada

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town Port Hood Island,

Province, etc Inverness Co., N.S.

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
2	10	40	Hostilities only	6' 1"	brown	blue	fair	nil.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother

NAME (in pencil) Mrs Myrtle Smith

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town Port Hood Island

Province, etc Inverness Co., N.S.

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	

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		

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DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

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

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A 2780 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME SMITH
(Surname)

Harold Wesley
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER A 2780

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 "Stadacona"	A.B.	2	10	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
HMCS "Spikenard"	"	4	12	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
DISCHARGED	"	10	2	42	Spikenard Casualty	V.G.											

GENERAL REMARKS

R.C.N. Hosp., common cold, from 23-10-40 to 24-11-40.
 Canadian Memorial Cross sent to his Mother: Mrs Myrtle Smith, Port Hood Isl and, Inverness Co., Cape Breton, N.S.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU	RELE	ED	PERM	RESIDENCE	REV	VAL	RANK OR RATE		
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ENLIST. DATE	SERV. DATE		SHIP		RANK OR RATE		SERV. DATE		SHIP		RANK OR RATE	
02 10 40	02 10 40		40		2615		008194		12		CHECKED	
SENIORITY	SERV. DATE		SHIP		RANK OR RATE		SERV. DATE		SHIP		RANK OR RATE	
02 10 40	09		20		10-02-42						All	

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

NAME IN FULL SMITH, Harold Wesley RANK/RATING A.B. OFF. NO.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS I			
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC
	2-10-40							
<u>Spikenard</u>	<u>4-12-40</u>	<u>10-2-42</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>AT.</u>				
				<u>Deck Dead</u>				
				<u>10-2-42</u>				

VERIFIED BY [Signature]

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

NAME *A.B.* OFF. NO. *A-2780* 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 / <i>star</i>
								ATLANTIC / <i>star</i>
								FRANCE G.
								AFRICA
								PACIFIC
								BURMA
								ITALY
								DEFENCE
								C.V.S.M. / <i>2 clasp</i>
								" CLASP
								WAR 1945 / <i>medal</i>
								WAR 1915

Dead
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VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

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CWD/MMac.

19th February, 1942.

AIR MAIL

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 son, Harold Wesley Smith, Able Seaman, R.C.N.R., A.2780, is missing and must be presumed lost on Active Service.

Your son 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 son 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 son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

CWD
Rai
Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Myrtle Smith,
Port Hood Island,
Inverness County,
CAPE BRETON, N.S.

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H.M.S. SPIKENARD ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND

Name SMITH Harold Wesley (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating A.R. Official Number A-2780 (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth PORT HOOD ISLAND NOVA SCOTIA Date of Birth 2nd August 1922

Occupation in Civil Life FISHERMAN Religion UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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) One year, 132 days Active Service R.C.N.R.

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

Cause of Death Loss of H.M.C SHIP

Nearest known relative or friend Mrs. Myrtle SMITH Relationship MOTHER Address PORT HOOD ISLAND CAPE BRETON NOVA SCOTIA

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.C. or invalided

CAPTAIN R.C.N. Commanding Officer

27th February 1942

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.

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RCNR Aug. 42 "SPIKENARD"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Bert T. Smith - Father

ADDRESS: Port Hood Island,
Inverness Co., N.S.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Myrtle Smith

ADDRESS: Port Hood Island, Inverness Co., C.B., NS

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO.....

1019

(2)

(3)

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NAVY

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SMITH	Harold Wesley	A-2780	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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	2956 16-1-50

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)