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# ATTESTATION FORM

(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

DEPT. NATIONAL DEFENCE

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N.S. 113-8-917  
CANADA

SURNAME WEBB OFFICIAL NO. V17387

CHRISTIAN NAMES William Laurence Albert MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
Box 563 Goderich, Ont.	R.C.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
10th August, 1915	Town Goderich County Province Ontario	Mr, John Webb, father, <del>HOME</del> Goderich, Ont.
*Original Nationality of: Father Canadian Mother Canadian		

\*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..... 5	Inflated..... 40½	Dark	Brown	Med	Nil
Inches..... 5½	Deflated..... 36				
..... 151	Mean..... 38				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
27th January, 1941	Ord. Smn.	Seaman, W. L. Forrest
R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled..... London		

## (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.
	NIL		

(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.

1. Noted in Records.....	2. Index Card.....	3. Non-Sub. Card.....	4. Photo.....	5. Roneo Strip.....	6. ....	7. ....	8. ....
DATE 15-2-41							

W.  
M.P.



(3) On being enrolled as a member of the.....London.....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.....27th.....day of.....January.....1941.....

Signature of applicant.....x W. L. A. Webb.....

(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.....27th.....day of.....January, 1941.....

.....  
Lieut RCNVR Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer. J. R. Hunter RCNVR

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, William L. A. Webb.....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.....W. L. A. Webb.....

Witness.....J. R. Hunter.....

Date.....27th January, 1941..... Rank.....Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

William L. A. Webb.....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.....London.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

.....  
Attesting Officer. J. R. Hunter

.....27th January.....1941..... R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment).....London.....

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.



## CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

.....  
 William Laurence Albert WEBB  
 .....

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number..... <i>V17387</i>
<b>HALIFAX N.S.</b>	<b>LONDON</b>	" .....
" .....	" .....	" .....

Date of Birth..... <b>10th August, 1915</b>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)  <i>Mr John Webb</i> <i>father, Goderich, Ont.</i>
Place of Birth..... <b>Goderich, Ontario</b>	
Place of Residence..... <b>Box 563 Goderich, Ontario</b>	
Trade brought up to..... <b>Seaman, Great Lakes</b>	
Religion..... <b>R.C.</b>	

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	
<b>Jan 22/41</b>	<b>Jan 27/41</b>	<b>Hostilities</b>	<b>Ord. Smn.</b>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<b>5</b>	<b>5½</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>Dark</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Med</b>	<b>Nil</b>
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	



# NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				
<i>Active Service</i>							
1941	R.C.N.V.R. London			Ord. Sma.	Jan 27	July 26/41	drafted to "Stadacona"
1941	Stadacona			- 4 -	27 July 41	1 Sep '41	
1941	R.M.C. Signal School			- - -	2 Sep '41	15 Sep '41	
1941	R.M.C. Shipboard			- - -	16 Sep '41	14 Jan '42	
1942	" "	-	-	A. B.	15 Jan '42	10 Feb '42	"D.D."

**Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants**

Date	Details	Captain's Signature

Date  
12 Sep.  
15 Jan



# NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE	Year
		List	No.					
1941	<i>R.C.N.R. London</i>			<i>Ord. Amn.</i>	<i>Jan. 27</i>	<i>July 26/41</i>	<i>Drafted to "Stadacona"</i>	
1941	<i>Stadacona</i>			<i>- " -</i>	<i>27 July '41</i>	<i>1 Sep '41</i>		
1941	<i>R.M.C. Signal School</i>			<i>---</i>	<i>2 Sep '41</i>	<i>15 Sep '41</i>		
1941	<i>H.M.S. Sheikhanand</i>			<i>---</i>	<i>16 Sep '41</i>	<i>14 Jan '42</i>		
1942	<i>---</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>A.B.</i>	<i>15 Jan '42</i>	<i>10 Feb '42</i>	<i>"D.D."</i>	

**Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants**

Date	Details	Captain's Signature

*15. Sep*  
*15 Jan*







V17387

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME WEBB  
(Surname)

William, Lawrence, Albert  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V17387

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Qualified			
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	
Div. Str. London	Ord. Smn.	27	1	41		V.G.		10	2	42	R.D.F.O.2	C	15	9	41			
Duty Div. Hdqts.	" "	27	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42								
Stad.	" "	26	7	41														
Spikenard	" "	16	9	41														
	Able Smn.	15	1	42	Rated (249A/21540)													
<del>DISCHARGED</del>	"	10	2	42	<del>Spikenard-Casualty-</del>													

GENERAL REMARKS

X-Ray App'd.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL	STATUS	RANK OR RATE
DY. MO. YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	A BR. RANK
10 8 15	11	540	0	10 K12106 0 16 0 58 95
ENLIST. DATE	ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.	SHIP OR DIV.	RANK OR RATE
DY. MO. YR.	DY. MO. YR.	CAT.	SHIP OR DIV.	A BR. RANK
27 6 14	27 01 41			26 15 0 08 94
SENIORITY	STR.	NON-SUB	MS	CODED
DY. MO. YR.	CAT.	A	B	C
15 01 42	09	61	00	20 10 02 42



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NAME WEBB (Surname) William, Lawrence, Albert (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 10th Aug., 1915PLACE OF BIRTH Goderich, Ontario OCCUPATION SeamanRELIGION R.C. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Box 563 Town Goderich 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
27	1	41	H.O.	5'5 1/2"	Dark	Brn.	Med.	Nil				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mr. J. Webb  
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town Goderich Province, etc. Ontario

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	
				15	1	42	Marked "TR"				

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		

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

**FILM**  
NO. NSR-5402-8  
**DATE**

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

NAME IN FULL WEBB, WILLIAM LAWRENCE ALBERT ..... RANK/RATING A.B. ..... OFF. NO. ....

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN			
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45 ATLANTIC	DI
<i>Londan</i>	<i>27.1.41</i>	<i>26.7.41</i>						
<i>Spikenard</i>	<i>16.9.41</i>	<i>10.2.42</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>				
	<i>Discharged 'Dead' to date</i>							
		<i>10.2.42</i>						

VERIFIED BY *AS Macpherson* .....

VERIFIED BY .....



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

NAME/RATING ..... *AB* ..... OFF. NO. *V17387* ..... 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.			
							1939-45	1	<i>star</i>
							ATLANTIC		
<i>Atlantic</i>							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
<i>read to date</i>							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE	2	
							C.V.S.M.		
							" CLASP	2	<i>+ clasp</i>
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

APPROVED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.



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**SPIKENARD** **ST. JOHN'S** **NEWFOUNDLAND**

Name.....**WEBB**.....**William Laurence Albert**.....  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating **ABLE SEAMAN**..... Official Number **V-17387**.....  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth **GODERICH ONTARIO**..... Date of Birth **10th August 1915**.....

Occupation in Civil Life **SEAMAN**..... Religion **ROMAN CATHOLIC**.....

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service C.F., or Mobilized service in case of R.C.F. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings)

..... **One year, 14 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 relative or friend { Name **John WEBB**..... Relationship **FATHER**.....  
Address **GODERICH 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 de ported return was rendered to the Registrar General London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to the nationality

Place of burial..... Date of burial.....  
(if known) (if known)

Location, Number, etc. of grave.....  
(if known)

Undertaker employed.....  
(If any)

borne for discipline only, date D.S.C. or invalided.....

*[Signature]*  
for **CAPTAIN R.C.N.**

**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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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

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N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

MR. JOHN WEBB,  
CODERICH, ONT.

From:

N.S.H.Q. OTTAWA

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THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES  
DREPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON WILLIAM  
LAWRENCE ALBERT WEBB, ORDINARY SEAMAN, ROYAL  
CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE, OFFICIAL NO.  
V-17387 IS MISSING, BELIEVED LOST ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

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19th February, 1942.

Dear Sir:

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, William Lawrence Albert Webb, Ordinary Seaman, R.C.N.V.R., O.N. V.17387, 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*  
*Rad*  
Secretary, Naval Board.

Mr. John Webb,  
GODERICH, Ontario.