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ATTESTATION FORM

(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME GUEST OFFICIAL NO.....

CHRISTIAN NAMES Earlton Gordon MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>65 Cathcart St., London, Ontario.</u>	<u>United.</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>31st May, 1923</u>	Town <u>London</u>	<u>Mrs. Mabel Guest. Mother. Same Add.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Canadian</u> Mother <u>Canadian</u>	County Province <u>Ontario.</u>	

*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>36</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Med.</u>	<u>Nil.</u>
Inches <u>11</u>	Deflated <u>33</u>				
<u>133</u>	Mean <u>34½</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>7th April, 1941.</u>	<u>Ord. Smn. R.F.D.</u>	<u>Apprentic. C. N. R. Carshops</u>
R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled	<u>London</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	TO
	<u>NIL</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.

(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 7th day of April, 1941.

Signature of applicant Earlton G. Guest

(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

day of Earlton Gordon Guest.

W Kemp
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
LT R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Earlton Gordon Guest 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 Earlton G. Guest

Witness W Kemp

Date 7th April, 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

Earlton Gordon Guest. 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.

W Kemp
Attesting Officer.

7th April 194 1 R.C.N.V.R. Division London
(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.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Burne

Earlton Gordon Guest.

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters Halifax, N. S.	R.C.N.V.R. Division London	Official Number <i>V17487</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth.....	31st May, 1923.	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mrs. M. Guest Mother 65 Cathcart St London Ont 31/10/41</i>
Place of Birth.....	London, Ontario.	
Place of Residence.....	65 Cathcart St., London, Ont.	
Trade brought up to.....	Apprentice. C.N.R.	
Religion.....	United.	
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	
Mar. 31*41	Apr. 7*41	Hostilities.	Ord. Smn. R.D.F.	<i>21 Nov 43</i>		<i>Awarded Ribbon for 1939-43 Star</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	5	11	<i>34½</i>	133	Fair.	Blue	Med.	Nil.
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

V17487

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-G-841

OFFICIAL NUMBER V17487

NAME GUEST (Surname) Carlton Gordon (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 31st May, 1923
 PLACE OF BIRTH London, Ont. OCCUPATION Apprentice
 RELIGION United EDUCATION _____
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 65 Cathcart St. Town London Province, etc. Ont.

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
7	4	41	H.O.	5' 11	Fair	Blue	Med.	NIL				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Mahel Guest
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 65 Cathcart St. Town London Province, etc. Ont.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.			
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
21	11	43	1939-1943 Star. <u>2494 (20070)</u>	8	10	41	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		
					HMCS "Niobe"	84	18	6	43	Did remain absent over leave.	14 days cells
					Saskatchewan	7	10	9	43	Absent over leave. <u>2494 (43673)</u>	2nd Class for Conduct.

FILM
NO WAR 5345-8
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
18	6	43			14			

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From 10-9-43. To 17-12-43



VL7487

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME GUEST
(Surname)

✓ **Carlton Gordon**
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

VL7487

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
London Div. Str.	Ord. Smn.	7	4	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	R.D.F. 2C1	30	9	41			
Duty Div. Hdqs.	" "	7	4	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	R.D.F. 1/c	13	11	42			
Stadacona	" "	26	7	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Avalon "Nanaimo"	" "	7	10	41		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Sorel	" "	9	10	41													
Stadacona	" "	8	6	42													
	Able Smn.	7	4	42	Back Dated (249A/2072)												
Shediac	" "	18	7	42	DRD												
Stadacona	" "	13	9	42	DRD												
Barrie	" "	14	11	42	RRR H-52												
Stadacona	" "	2	3	43	DRD H-819												
Niobe	" "	21	3	43	DRD H-989												
Fortune	" "	9	5	43	DRD #135												
Niobe (Saskatchewan)	" "	17	6	43													
Saskatchewan	" "	4	7	43	DRD #190												
Niobe	" "	3	11	43	DRD #313 via Ferret												
Saskatchewan	" "	8	11	43	DRD #317												
Athabaskan	" "	9	11	43	S.C. via Niobe												
DISCHARGED	" "	29	4	44	"Missing" Casualty List.												

"Presumed Dead" per Casualty List. P.#65.

GENERAL REMARKS

Camp Hill Hosp. 10-10-41 to 15-10-41.
Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to
Mother: Mrs. Mabel Guest,
65 Cathcart St.,
London, Ontario. 19-2-45.

*Grand: Miss Len Kemp
17 Southgate St.
London, Ont
11/19/43*

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	MAIN	SUB	MAIN	SUB	GI	ON	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
31	5	23	RRR	D	40	X	1	30	03	0	16	0	08	95		
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.			ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK			
07	11	41	07	11	41					0420	0	08	94			
SENIORITY			NON-SUB.		M.		CODED			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	A	B	ST.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ST.							
07	04	42	13	60	00	20	29	04	44							

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ontario.

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Name..... **GUEST, Earleton Gordon**
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... **Able Seaman**..... Official No. **V-17487**..... Unit **R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.**

Place of Birth..... **London, Ontario**..... Date of Birth..... **31st May, 1923**

Occupation in Civil Life..... **Apprentice C.N.R. Carshops**..... Religion..... **United church**

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)..... **from 7 April, 1941 to 29 April, 1944.**

Date of Death..... **29th April, 1944**..... Place of Death..... **At sea**

Cause of Death..... **Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action.**
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend. { Name..... **Mrs. Nabel Guest**..... Relationship..... **Mother**
 Address..... **65 Cathcart Street, LONDON, Ontario.**

Date on which the above was informed by Ship..... **NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS: 1 May, 1944.**

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 in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality..... --

If applicable { Place of Burial..... **No burial**..... Date of Burial.....
 Location, Number, etc., of grave.....
 Undertaker employed.....

ENTERED IN
 D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
 JAN 19 1945
 CLERK No. 1
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H.B. Money
 For.....
 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
(Commanding Officer)

The SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD
 Department of National Defence,
 Ottawa, Canada.

Date..... **12 January, 1945.** *EMC*

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Guest:

I must regretfully inform you that since your son was reported missing no further information has been received of his survival or that he is a prisoner of war.

I wish to assure you, however, that the Department makes every endeavour to discover the fate of missing men and draws upon all likely sources of information about them.

In the case of men who are believed to be prisoners of war continuous efforts are made to speed up the machinery whereby their names and camp addresses can reach this country. The official means is by lists of names prepared by the enemy government. These lists take some time to compile, especially if there is a long journey from the place of capture to a prisoners of war camp. Consequently "capture cards", filled in by the prisoners themselves soon after capture and sent home to their relatives, are often the first news received in this country that a man is a prisoner of war.

Very slight hope is now held, however, that your son is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.

Even if no news is received that a missing man is a prisoner of war, endeavours to trace him do not cease. Enquiries are pursued, not only among those who were serving with him, but also through diplomatic channels and the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. The moment reliable news is obtained from any of these sources it is sent to the Department and is immediately passed on to the next of kin.

Should no information be received to the contrary your son will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Despatched by
Sec. N, B.

Date 10/10/44
Time 1830

Mrs. Mabel Guest,
65 Cathcart Street,
LONDON, Ontario.

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Dear Mrs. Guest:

Shortly after the sinking of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" bodies from this ship were recovered and buried along the coast of Finistere, France, at Brignogan, Plouescat, Santec and L'Aberwrach. France at the time was under German occupation and in most cases all positive means of identification were taken from the bodies by the Germans. The citizens of the above mentioned French towns looked after the burials and held funeral services.

On the cessation of hostilities the Army Graves Services, Overseas, conducted searches on the Continent in an effort to locate graves and identify bodies. Exhumation reports, dental records, etc., of casualties from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" have since been turned over by them to the Secretary of the Imperial War Graves Commission, Wooburn House, Wooburn Green, High Wycombe, Bucks., England, who, in turn, has forwarded them to Naval Headquarters with a view to definitely establishing the identity of bodies which were exhumed and over whose graves temporary markers have, in some cases, been placed.

As the dental particulars on the exhumation reports respecting your son, the late Able Seaman Earlton Gordon Guest, Official Number V-17487, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, correspond to those on file at Naval Headquarters, such particulars have been accepted as positive identification.

Able Seaman Guest's grave is located in the Plouescat Communal Cemetery, Plouescat, Finistere, France, in Plot Number 1, Row 'B', Grave Number 9. It is understood that a permanent headstone will be erected in due course by the Imperial War Graves Commission (Overseas). It is suggested that any inquiries regarding your son's grave should be addressed direct to the Secretary of that Commission.

Yours very truly,

Dispatched by
N. Sec.
Date
Time
M.D.
19.6.50


NAVAL SECRETARY.


Mrs. Mabel Guest,
65 Cathcart Street,
LONDON, Ontario.

RCNVR No date "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS - DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Gordon L. Guest - Father

ADDRESS: 65 Cathcart St.,
LONDON, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. M. Guest

ADDRESS: 65 Cathcart Street
LONDON, Ontario

(1) **MEMORIAL BAR**

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 1815

(2)

(3) 19 February 1945

DECEASED 29 April 1944

NAVY

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

GUEST		Earlton Gordon	V-17487	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	3874
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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