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N.S. 123-C361  
CANADA**ATTESTATION FORM****FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL RESERVE**SURNAME.....CURRIE,.....OFFICIAL No. A2925

CHRISTIAN NAMES.....William Patrick.....MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER.....Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
32 Elmwood Ave., Dartmouth, N.S.	R.C.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
16th July, 1910	Town Motherwell County Province Scotland	Mrs. Mary Currie, (mother) 32 Elmwood Ave., Dartmouth, N.S.

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT**

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet.....5.....	Inflated.....	Brown	Blue	Fair	Tattoo left forearm. Three fingers right hand amputated.
Inches.....7½.....	Deflated.....				
.....	Mean.....36.....				
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY			
11th November, 1940.	Stoker (temp)	Shipper, Liquid Carbonic Canadian Corp Dartmouth, N.S.			
12th November, 1940.	Ldg. Sto (temp)	Ex sea going stoker.			

**(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 Fireman, 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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2. Ind. Card	J. W.
3. Non-Su. Card	J. W.
4. Statistical Card	J. W.
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6. Pension Card	
7. ....	
8. ....	
DATE 25-11-40	



Cross out clause not applicable.

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

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

(b)\* I served in Nil. for the period shown

Served in	Rank	From	To
	..... Nil .....		

(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 11th day of November, 1940.

*William P. Currie*  
(Signature of Applicant)

(C) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Signature of Applicant *William P. Currie*

Witness *[Signature]*

Date 11th November, 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 11th day of November, 1940

*[Signature]*  
(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.



If a copy of this Form is required, Form C.N.S. 1243 is to be used

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.

# CERTIFICATE of the Service of

*William Patrick CURRIE*

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN ~~NAVY~~ NAVAL RESERVE

Official Number *A2925*

*Halifax, Nova Scotia*

Date of birth *16 July, 1910*

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

Where born { Province *Scotland*  
Town or county *Wetherwell*

Name: *Mrs Margaret J. Currie*

Relationship: *Wife*

Trade brought up to *Shipper*

Address: *30 Fairbank St.*

Religious denomination *Roman Catholic*

*Parsonage, Nova Scotia*

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>11 Nov '40</i>	<i>Duration 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
<i>Received 3 Feb 44</i>	<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal &amp; clasp. Provisional Award.</i>		
<i>Received 3 Feb 44</i>	<i>1939-43 Star. Provisional Award.</i>		

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as a boy.....	<i>5</i>	<i>6 1/4</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Tattoo left forearm Blue fingers &amp; hand amputated</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.....							















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OFFICIAL NUMBER

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NAME CURRIE, William Patrick DATE OF BIRTH 16 July, 1910  
 (Surname) (Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH Motherwell, Scotland OCCUPATION Shipper, Liquid Carbonic Canadian Corp., Dartmouth, N.S.

RELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 32 Elmwood Avenue, Town Dartmouth, Province, etc Nova Scotia

ENGAGEMENTS			DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year								From	To
11	11	40	5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Brown	Blue	Fair	Tattoo left forearm Three fingers r. hand amputated				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Margaret Jane Currie  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 30 St. Andrew's Street, Town Dartmouth, Province, etc N.S.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY			EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.						
Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	
3	2	44	5	5	41				Prof. for Sto. P.O. (NO)
3	2	44	1	6	42				Granted Stokehold Certificate

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		
11	11	43	1st GCB	Granted							

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

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(Surname)

William Patrick  
(Given Names)

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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"	Stoker I	11	11	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
" "	Ldg. Stoker	12	11	40													
HMCS "Naden"	" "	2	2	41	for Ldg Stoker course												
HMCS "Stadacona"	" "	5	5	41													
HMCS "Alberni"	" "	17	5	41	(N.I.)												
"	A/Sto. P.O. (ty)	1	12	41	Advanced (Memo of 8-1-42)	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
"	Sto. P.O.	1	12	42	Confirmed	V.G.	Supr.	31	12	43							
DISCHARGED	"	21	8	44	"Missing" (249A) 229PP <i>(lost from insignia)</i>												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross forwarded 17-1-45 to Wife: Mrs. Margaret Jane Currie, 30 Fairbanks St., Dartmouth N.S. and Mother: Mrs. Mary Currie, 32 Elwood Ave., Dartmouth, N.S. Widow has been awarded pension in respect of her husband's death, with effect from 22-8-44. (CPC's sub. of 12-3-45)

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION			P.	CTV.	TOWN	SEV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK
16	9	10	22	740	0		10	4	08	01	0	19	0	15	94	
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP. CR.	RANK OR RATE					
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A.	BR.	RANK			
11	11	40	11	11	40						15-20	0	15	92		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB.		M.	CODED			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A.	B.	ST.										
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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

### REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

NAVY NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ont.  
H.M.C.S. ....

Name CURRIE, William Patrick  
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Stoker Petty Officer Official No. A-2925 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. RECONV. R.

Place of Birth Hetherwell, Scotland Date of Birth 16th July, 1910

Occupation in Civil Life Shipper Religion Roman Catholic  
Ex Sea going stoker.

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 11th November 1940 to 21st August 1944.

Date of Death 21 August, 1944. Place of Death AT SEA

Cause of Death Missing, presumed killed when the ship in which he was serving  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)  
H.M.C.S. "ALBERT" was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.

Nearest known relative or friend. { Name Mrs. Margaret Jane Currie Relationship Wife  
Address 30 Fairbanks St., BATHURST, N.S.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 23 Aug. 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.....

for H.B. Money  
(Commanding Officer)  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

Date OTTAWA, Ont. February 28 1945

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.

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D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
MAR 17 1945  
CLERK No. 1



23 August, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Currie:

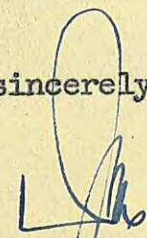
It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 23rd of August, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, William Patrick Currie, Stoker Petty Officer, Official Number A2925, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your husband is missing at sea when the ship in which he was serving was lost by enemy action in the English Channel. As soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

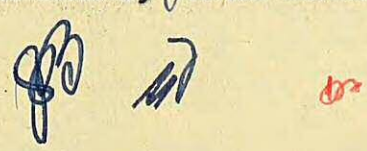
Should you know the name of the ship in which he was serving, it is requested that, for security reasons, you will regard this information as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Margaret Jane Currie,  
30 Fairbanks St.,  
DARTMOUTH, N. S.





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AIR MAIL

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LETTER dispatched by  
PERSONNEL NAVAL  
AUG 30 1944

A-2925 Pers. (N)

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29th August, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Currie:

Further to my letter of the 23rd August, details of the disaster in which your husband has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI" was sunk while on invasion duties in the English Channel. Four officers and fifty-five ratings are missing, with three officers and twenty-eight ratings having survived.

It is regretted that the position of the loss cannot be given, but it is considered unlikely that prisoners of war will be taken.

It is requested that you will keep this information in confidence until an official announcement is made.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

FILE  
ACTION TAKEN

P.A. CHECKED IN  
C.R. B. [Signature]

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Mrs. Margaret Jane Currie,  
30 Fairbanks Street,  
DARTMOUTH, N.S.





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F.M.O., Halifax, N.S.,  
August 26th, 1944.

N.S. A-2925. PERS.(N)

My dear Mrs. Currie:

I was the captain of H.M.C.S. "Alberni" and I know there is nothing I can say that will help you in your great loss. I just wanted you to know that you have my sincerest sympathy. Bill was an excellent Chief Stoker and was very well liked by all the officers and men. He had been with me for two years and we had become more friends than officer and rating.

The only minor comfort I can give you is that he was down below at the time the ship was hit and as the ship sank instantly I am sure he did not suffer any pain.

I hope that if I am ever in Halifax you will give me the pleasure of allowing me to call on you.

If there is any way in which I can help you, do not hesitate to write me.

Yours sincerely,

"Ian Bell"

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

Mrs. Margaret Jane Currie,  
30 Faibanks St.,  
DARTMOUTH, N.S.

P.A.'S CHECKED IN

C.R. BY *J*



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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

CURRIE	William Patrick	A-2925	Sto. P.O.	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	152 5-10-49.
Atlantic Star & Clasp	
Africa Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



RCNR Sept. 45 "ALBERNI"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON  
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Margaret J. Currie - Widow

ADDRESS: 30 Fairbanks St.,  
DARTMOUTH, N.S.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW Mrs. M.J. Currie

ADDRESS: 30 Fairbanks St., Dartmouth, N.S.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL B R  
DATE DESP  
REGN. NO 609

(2)  
17-1-45

(3)



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(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER  
ADDRESS:

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