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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME GRIFFITHS OFFICIAL NO. 42952
CHRISTIAN NAMES Edward Steward MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
9 Chestnut Street E., ST. CATHARINES, Ontario		United
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Mar. 3rd, 1922	Town St. Catharines County Lincoln Province Ontario	(Mother) Florence Griffiths same address
*Original Nationality of:		
Father British		
Mother British		

*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page

(A) PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
5 Feet	Inflated 39 1/2	Brown	Hazel	Dark	Scar left side of fore head.
6 1/4 Inches	Deflated 35 1/2				
146	Mean 37				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
one year High School	Machine Operator Hayes Steel Products, MERRITTON, Ontario

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
Divisional Strength July 17th, 1942	Stoker II	H.M.C.S. 'STAR' HAMILTON

(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 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.

ENTERED IN RECORDS
H. M. C. S. "BYTON"
FAIR *Cross out Clause not applicable.
ROUGH

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM
	NOT APPLICABLE	

1. Noted in Records	✓
2. Index Card	✓
3. Non-Sub. Card	✓
4. Statistical Card	✓
5. Pension Card	✓

(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.

6/18/42

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the HAMILTON 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 17th day of July, 1942

Signature of applicant Edward Griffiths

(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 17th day of July, 1942

J. W. D. Sessel
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, EDWARD STEWARD GRIFFITHS 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 Edward Griffiths

Witness J. W. D. Sessel

Date July 17th, 1942 Rank Lieut. 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

EDWARD STEWARD GRIFFITHS 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 H.M.C.S. 'STAR' HAMILTON Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

J. W. D. Sessel
Attesting Officer.

JULY 17th, 1942 R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. 'STAR'
(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.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Star Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Edward Griffiths
Signature

N.V. 17
60M-9-42 (5943)
N.S. 815-11-17

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

Edward Steward, GRIFFITHS
ICNS. 62854

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V. 42952</i>
	<i>HMCS "STAR"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth *3rd March 1922*
 Place of Birth *St. Catharines, Ontario*
 Place of Residence *9 Chestnut St. E. St. Catharines, Ontario*
 Trade brought up to *Machine Operator*
 Religion *United Church*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
(Mother)
Florence Griffith
same address

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	
	<i>17 July '42</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>Stoker 2nd Class</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6 1/4</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hazel</i>	<i>dark</i>	<i>Scar left side forehead.</i>
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

V42952

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-G-1984

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V42952

NAME GRIFFITHS (Surname) Edward Steward (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 3rd March, 1922

PLACE OF BIRTH St. Catharines, Lincoln, Ontario OCCUPATION Machine Operator

RELIGION United EDUCATION One year high school

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 9 Chestnut Street, E. Town St. Catharines 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
17	7	42	H. O.	5'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Brown	Hazel	Dark	Scar left side of forehead.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother 39-10-43 NAME (in pencil) Margaret Griffiths
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 9 Chestnut St. E. Town St. Catharines 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	

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					In diff. Char.	O. H. F. Received
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial		

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To



FILM
NO. W.M.H. 5670-4
DATE

P.I.B.

V42952= OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME GRIFFITHS
(Surname)

Edward Steward
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V42952

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
HMCS "STAR"	Stoker 2	17	7	42	Div. Str. Hamilton	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "	"	9	2	43	Active Service DL 9.2.43	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
" York	"	12	2	43	DL 12.2.43 (York)	V.G.	Sat.	21	8	44							
" Cornwallis	"	7	12	43	York D.L. 7-12-43												
" Stadacona	"	12	2	43	D.R.D. No 64 P 2												
" Alberni	"	29	2	44	D.R.D. Sh 87 P3												
	Stoker 1/c	31	1	44	Rated. 249A 2619												
DISCHARGED	"	21	8	44	"MISSING--Presumed Dead" <i>per Casualty list</i>												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross granted to:
Mother:
Mrs. Florence Griffiths,
9 Chestnut St., E.,
ST. CATHARINES, Ont. to date
17th Jan., 1945.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		REIN ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	DATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION		R	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	BR.	RANK
03	3	02	11	399	X	40	2	1	28	05	0	20	0	15
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK	
17	07	42	09	02	43					1520	0	15	95	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
09	02	43	13	00	00									

VERIFICATION FOR
CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL
NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

NAME IN FULL G.R.IFFITHS Edward Stewart RANK/RATING Sto II/C

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUAL		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1
	9-2-43						
<i>Alberni</i>	29-8-44	31-8-44	175				
	<i>Disch Dead</i>						

VERIFIED BY R. Seguin

VERIFIED BY

VERIFICATION FORM

N STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

Stewart RANK/RATING *Sto VC* OFF.NO. *V-42952* 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		
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>x clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

21-8-44

VERIFIED BY *R. Leguier*
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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

~~XXXXXX~~
H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ont.

Name GRIFFITHS Edward Steward
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Stoker First Class Official No. V-42952 Unit R.C.N. / R.C.N.R. / R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth St. Catharines, Ontario. Date of Birth 3 March, 1922.

Occupation in Civil Life Machine Operator 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 the 17th of July, 1942 to the 21st of August, 1944.

Date of Death 21st 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. "ALBERNI", was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.

Nearest known relative or friend. { Name Mrs. Florence Griffiths Relationship Mother
Address 9 Chestnut Street East
ST. CATHARINES, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship ccc Naval Service Headquarters: 23 August, 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 ---

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

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

Date Ottawa, Ont., 28 February, 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
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F.M.O., Halifax, N.S.,
August 26th, 1944.

N.S. V-42952. PERS. (N)

My dear Mrs. Griffiths;

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. Your son was an excellent stoker and ever since joining the ship he has done an excellent job of work. He was very well liked by all the officers and men and appeared to be very happy aboard.

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 St. Catharines 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. Florence Griffiths,
9 Chesnut St. E.,
ST. Catharines, Ont.

P.A.'S CHECKED IN

C.R. BY.....

"AIR MAIL"

TFH/JAG

LETTER
PERSONNEL

AUG 30 1944

V-42952 PERS. (N).

28th August, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Griffiths:-

Further to my letter of the 23rd August, details of the disaster in which your son 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.

P.A.'S CHECKED IN

C.R. BY *M*

Mrs. Florence Griffiths,
9 Chestnut St., E.,
ST. CATHERINES, Ont.

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MWM/TFH

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL /0

N. S. V-42952 Pers. (N)

23 August, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Griffiths:

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 son, Edward Steward Griffiths, Stoker First Class, V-42952, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your son 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. 7

Mrs. Florence Griffiths,
9 Chestnut St. E.,
ST. CATHERINES, ONT.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Extract from the ledger of H.M.C.S. ".....NIOBE for ALBERNI" ending 30th September 19 44

List 12.2 No. 57 (Name) GRIFFITHS, Edward Rank Rating STO.II. No V42952

When entered F.B. Date of appearance F.B. Whither discharged Missing.

		\$	c.
CREDIT from former account.....		60	36
Pay as.....	STO II from 1 July to 30 June (- days at \$ 1.60 a day)		
"	Adj./STO.I. " 9 Feb. " 30 June (143 " .40 ")	57	20
"	STO:I. " 1 July " 31 Aug. (62 " 2.00 ")	124	00
"	" " " " (" " ")		
"	" " " " (" " ")		
Kit Upkeep Allowance.....		7	32
OTHER CREDITS:.....			
	HLM	12	00
	LA	2	00
	GM	3	12
Total credits.....		266	00
DEBT from former account.....		3	00
PAYMENTS:—			
	1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th		
	\$ c. \$ c. \$ c. \$ c. \$ c.		
1st month.....			Total.....
2nd month.....	4th Aug. '44 Pay List \$ 26.82		Total..... 26.82
3rd month.....			Total.....
Allotment.....	\$25.20 chg'd July & Aug. St.Pd. 31st Aug.	50	40
Pension deduction (Officers) charged to..... of.....			
Hospital stoppages.....			
Mulcts.....			
OTHER CHARGES:.....			
Total debits		80	22
Balance Cr. of XXX		185	78
(Balance Dr. to be shown in red)			

Number of days actually victualled during period mentioned above..... 52

NOT VICTUALLED	LENT, SICK OR LEAVE	INCLUSIVE DATE		No. OF DAYS	SHIP, HOSPITAL, etc., IN WHICH BORNE
		FROM	TO		
	Leave	15 Aug.	18 Aug.	4	

Date 14th MAY 19 45

H. E. Bell
Lieutenant (S) for Supply ACCOUNTANT OFFICER

C.N.S. 2426
25M-4-44 (543)
N.S. 815-9-2426

Ledgers: R: *8*
F: *3*

~~DECEASED~~ 21 August 1944

GRIFFITHS Edward Stewart		V-42952	Sto.1/c	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
C.V.S.M. and Clasp	492 25 11 49
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Sep.46 "ALBERNI"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DISPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Howard F.S. Griffiths - Father

ADDRESS: 9 Chestnut St. E.,
ST. CATHERINES, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. F. Griffiths

ADDRESS: 9 Chestnut Street East
ST. CATHERINES, Ontario

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 1818.....

(2)

(3) 17 January 1945