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ATTESTATION FORM

89897

FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

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(A) DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| SURNAME <u>HAMILTON</u> | | PERMANENT ADDRESS |
| CHRISTIAN NAME <u>John Peter</u> | | <u>4667 Belmont Ave.,</u> |
| RELIGION <u>Church of England</u> | | <u>Vancouver, B. C.</u> |
| DATE OF BIRTH | PLACE OF BIRTH | NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN |
| <u>2nd January, 1922</u> | Town <u>Vancouver</u> County Province <u>B. C.</u> Country | Father: <u>James Herbert HAMILTON,</u> <u>4227 Belmont Ave.,</u> <u>Vancouver, B. C.</u> |

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

| HEIGHT | CHEST MEASUREMENT | HAIR | EYES | COM- PLEXION | WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| Feet <u>6'</u> | Inflated <u>40</u> | <u>Brown</u> | <u>Hazel</u> | <u>Fair</u> | <u>Scar on third finger - right hand.</u> |
| Inches | Deflated <u>34.5</u> | | | | |
| | Mean <u>37</u> | | | | |
| DATE OF ENROLMENT | RANK IN WHICH ENROLLED | MARRIED, SINGLE, OR WIDOWER | TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY | | |
| <u>14th April, 1942</u> DIVISIONAL STRENGTH | <u>Prob. Sub. Lieutenant, R. C. N. V. R. (Temp)</u> | <u>Single</u> | <u>Articled Student to C. A. Frederick Field & Co., C. A.'s Vancouver, B. C.</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 an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and will 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.~~

* Cross out Clause not applicable.

| SERVED IN | RANK | FROM | TO |
|-----------|-------|--------------|-------|
| ----- | ----- | <u>-NIL-</u> | ----- |

- (c) I have never been rejected for 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.

In possession of U.I. Book

Yes.

(OVER)
Noted in Service
Records by M.R.
14/5/42

(5) On being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I understand and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for as long as my services may be required, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the regulations made in pursuance thereof for the governing 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 provide myself with the necessary uniform as laid down in R.C.N.V.R. Regulations.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1942


Signature of Applicant.

The above declaration was made and signed in my presence this 14th
day of April, 1942


Lieut. RCNVR.
Signature of Enrolling Officer.

(C) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

John Peter HAMILTON

Ido 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.....

Signature of Witness.....

Date.....14th April, 1942

Rank.....Lieut. RCNVR.

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by any commissioned officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—This form when completed is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, together with Certificate of medical examination B-207, and record of any previous service.

The record of previous service will be returned after examination at Naval Service Headquarters.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

0 - 30360

103-H-240

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

HAMILTON
(Surname)John Peter
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

2 January 1922

PLACE OF BIRTH

Vancouver, B. C.

OCCUPATION

articled student to C. A.

RELIGION

C of E

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

4667 Belmont Ave.,

Town

Vancouver

Province, etc

B. C.

| Date (in figures) | | | Period | DESCRIPTION | | | | | PREVIOUS SERVICE | | | |
|-------------------|-------|------|------------------|-------------|------|-------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------|--|
| Day | Month | Year | | Height | Hair | Eyes | Complexion | Marks or Scars | Served in | Rank or Rating | Dates | |
| | | | | | | | | | | From | To | |
| 14 | 4 | 42 | Hostilities only | | 6' | Brown | Hazel | Fair | Scar 3rd finger rt. hand | | | |

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

father

NAME (in pencil)

James Herbert Hamilton

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Beaufort Ave.

Town

Sidney

Province, etc.

B. C.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY

| Date (in figures) | | | Particulars |
|-------------------|-------|------|--|
| Day | Month | Year | |
| 10 | 1 | 45 | C.V.S.M. (R&C) <i>and to deceased father</i> |

EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.

| Date (in figures) | | | Particulars | Date (in figures) | | | PARTICULARS |
|-------------------|-------|------|-------------|-------------------|-------|------|-------------|
| Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year | |
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BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.

| Date (in figures) | | | 1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S. | Granted Deprived Restored |
|-------------------|-------|------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Day | Month | Year | | |
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BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES

| SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT | Wt. No. | Date (in figures) | | | BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE | PUNISHMENT |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|-------|------|------------------------------|------------|
| | | Day | Month | Year | | |
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Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

O. H. F. received

| Day | Month | Year | Prison | Det'n | Cells | C. Power | W. Trial | In diff. Char. |
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SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



0-30360

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **HAMILTON,**
(Surname)

John Peter
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

0-30360

| Ship or Establishment | Rating | From | | | Remarks | Character | Efficiency | Date | | | Non-Sub. Rating | Qualified | | | Re-qualified | | |
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| | | Day | Month | Year | | | | Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year | Day | Month | Year |
| Div. Str. Vancouver | P/Sub Lt. T. | 14 | 4 | 42 | per appt. 7-5-42 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H.M.C.S. Discovery | P/Sub Lt. T. | 9 | 11 | 42 | Per Appt. 16-11-42 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H.M.C.S. Kings | P/Sub-Lt. T. | 19 | 11 | 42 | addl. for training and disposal | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H.M.C.S. Fort Ramsay | Sub-Lieut T. | 1 | 3 | 43 | for duty with N.O.I.C. Gaspe | Confirmed | | | | | | | | | | | |
| H.M.C.S. Alberni | Sub-Lieut. T. | 25 | 1 | 44 | per Appt. 7-2-44 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " | A/Lieut. T. | 15 | 1 | 44 | (Prom. anti-dated) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISCHARGED | A/Lieut. T. | 21 | 8 | 44 | Missing on Active Service | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Per Casualty List of 24-8-44 - Presumed Dead List 68/45

GENERAL REMARKS

*Annual leave from 20-3-43
to 20-12-43
Address 4172 Beaconfield
1104 4th Street
Vancouver B.C.
20-12-43
Address 930 Chilco St.
Vancouver B.C.
Memorial Cross sent to Mother:
Mrs. J.H. Hamilton,
Ste. 201, 930 Chilco St.,
Vancouver, B.C. 31-1-45*

| DATE OF BIRTH | | | PLACE OF BIRTH | | CIVIL OCCU. | | RELI-ED | | PERM. RESIDENCE | | | PREV. ENLI | | RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT | | |
|---------------|----|-----|-----------------|------|-------------|------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| DY | MO | YR. | BIRTH | MAIN | SUB | GIOR | P | CTY | TOWN | SERV | DIV. | A | BR | RANK | | |
| 02 | 1 | 22 | 18 | XXX | 0 | 30 | X | 9 | 04 | 10 | 0 | 08 | 2 | 0112 | | |
| 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 | | | |
| 14 | 04 | 42 | 09 | 11 | 42 | | | | | 1520 | | | 09 | | | |
| SENIORITY | | | STR. | | NON-SUB | | M | | CODED | | | CHECKED | | | | |
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(Information extracted from Naval Service Headquarters' Records,)

Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name Lieutenant John Peter HAMILTON
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Official No. R.C.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Vancouver, B.C. Date of Birth 2nd January 1922

Occupation in Civil Life Articled Student to Religion Church of England

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) 2 year and 4 months

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. "ALBERNI" was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mr. James Herbert Hamilton Relationship Father
Address 930 Chilco Street, VANCOUVER, B.C.

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.....

Place of Burial No burial Date of Burial
(if known) (if known)

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

Undertaker employed.....
(if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalided.....

*Noted
D.N.P.A.
8-3-45
C.L.*

Commanding Officer

OTTAWA, Ont. 28 February 1945

The NAVAL SECRETARY, Naval Board,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

H.B. Money
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

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By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence
for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

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To Sub-Lieutenant John P. Hamilton, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),--

You are hereby appointed promoted and re-appointed

Acting Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship ALBERNI (Temporary).

Your ^{promotion} appointment is to take effect from 15th January, 1944.



R. A. Hamilton

Secretary, Naval Board

Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa, 24th February, 1944.

H.Q. 36a
15M-2-43 (8622)
N.S. 815-7-36

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| Personnel Records Division | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Noted in Records. | <i>W.H.</i> |
| 2. Index Card | |
| 3. Non Sub. Card | |
| 4. Statistical Card | |
| 5. Report Strip | <i>W.H.</i> |
| 6. Pension Card | |
| 7. | |
| 8. | |
| DATE | <i>11. 3. 44</i> |

P.A.

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R E G I S T E R

AIR MAIL

N.S. 0-30360. PERS.(N)

23 August, 1944.

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

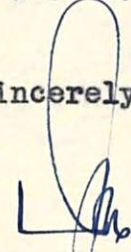
It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 23rd of August, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Lieutenant John Peter Hamilton, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

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.

Mr. James Herbert Hamilton,
930 Chilco Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

COPY

N.C.R.

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

N.S. 0-30360.PERS.(N)

My dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I am sitting here to-night and my mind is in an awful turmoil. I thought so much of Peter and was so very fond of him that I just can't express what I feel. God alone knows what you and Mr. Hamilton have gone through these last few days. I will try and do my best to tell you what happened.

It all happened so quickly it seems unreal. One moment we were sailing along and the next our ship was gone with most of the crew. It was just before noon when it happened and Peter was having his lunch in the Wardroom. He was to have relieved the officer of the watch at noon. The ship sank almost immediately and I am afraid that no one had a chance in the Wardroom.

Peter was a very good Officer and as soon as we got back to Canada I was recommending him for a job as First Lieutenant. He was very well liked by all the officers and men.

There is one thing I would like you to know and that is that Peter thought far more of his parents than most men. We had many talks about home and Peter always had something nice to say about his father and mother.

As soon as I get back to Vancouver please allow me to call on you.

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

Yours sincerely,

"Ian Bell"

Mr. James Herbert Hamilton,
930 Chilca St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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TFH/JM



AIR MAIL

0-30360 Pers. (N)

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28th August, 1944.

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

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.

FILE
ACTION TAKEN

Mr. James Herbert Hamilton,
930 Chilco Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

CHECKED IN
BY.....

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

FILE: N.S.O-30360 PERS. (N/

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18 December, 1944.

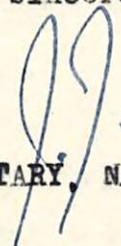
Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Further to my letter of the 28th of August, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Lieutenant John Peter Hamilton, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI", and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 21st of August, 1944.

It would be appreciated if I might be informed as to whether Lieutenant Hamilton's mother is living. If so, a Memorial Cross will be forwarded to her as a memento of her personal loss and sacrifice.

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,



SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.



Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

.....
Date 26.12.44
Time 1030.

Mr. James Herbert Hamilton,
930 Chilco St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Noted D.N.P.A.
29-12-44
L.P.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL
RCNVR Oct. 45 "ALBERNI"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. James H. Hamilton - Father.

ADDRESS: ~~930 Chilco St,~~ **SIDNEY**
~~VANCOUVER, B.C.~~ **B.C. #17-11-47.**

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. J. Hamilton

ADDRESS: Beaufort Avenue
SIDNEY, B.C.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP.

REGN. NO.

669

(2)

(3)

31 January 1945

DECEASED 21 August 1944

D.D.

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|
| HAMILTON | John Peter | 0-30360 | Lieut | 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 | |
| Fr. Ger. Star and Clasp | 6530 27/3/50 |
| C.V.S.M. and Clasp | |
| War Medal | |
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