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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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CANADA

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME IRVING OFFICIAL NO. V17668
CHRISTIAN NAMES James Crawford. MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single.

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
261 Regent St., London, Ontario.		C. of E.
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
13th July, 1921.	Town XXXX Montreal	Mrs. M. Irving. (Mother) Same Address.
*Original Nationality of:		
Father <u>English</u>		
Mother <u>English</u>		
	County	
	Province <u>Quebec.</u>	

*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
Feet..... <u>5</u>	Inflated..... <u>35$\frac{3}{4}$</u>	<u>Blond</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Med.</u>	<u>Scar on right groin. Scar on right forehead.</u>
Inches..... <u>7</u>	Deflated..... <u>33</u>				
<u>143</u>	Mean..... <u>33$\frac{1}{2}$</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>5 Years Central Collegiate Institute London, Ontario.</u>	<u>Clerk. Leblaws Ltd., London, Ontario.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>16th July, 1941.</u>	<u>Ordinary Coder.</u>	<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 and attached my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM
	<u>NIL</u>	

Personnel Records Division

1. Show in and attach my
2. Index Card
3. Non Sub. Card
4. Statistical Card
5. Roneo Strip TO
6. Pension Card
7.
8.
DATE 14/8/41

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS
H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"
FAIR *Percheron 2/8-41*
and belief.
F.C.I.C. *Perfurner*

(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.

(5) 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.....16th.....day of.....July, 1941.....

Signature of applicant.....James Crawford Irving.....

(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.....16th.....day of.....July, 1941.....

.....Lieut. J.V.C. MacDonald.....
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....James Crawford Irving.....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.....James Crawford Irving.....

Witness.....Lieut. J.V.C. MacDonald.....

Date.....16th July, 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

.....James Crawford Irving.....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.

.....Lieut. J.V.C. MacDonald.....
Attesting Officer.

.....16th July.....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

James Crawford IRVING

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>✓-17668</i>
Halifax Nova Scotia	London, Ontario	"
		"

Date of Birth..... <u>July 13, 1921</u>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend <small>(in pencil)</small> <i>Mrs. M. Irving 261 Regent St. London Ont (Mother)</i>
Place of Birth..... <u>Montreal, Quebec</u>	
Place of Residence..... <u>261 Regent St., London, Ontario.</u>	
Trade brought up to <i>Student A 22985</i> Clerk: Loblaws, London, Ontario.	
Religion..... <u>C. of E.</u>	
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	
July 14/41	Jul. 16/41	Hostili- ties	Od. Coder		3 Feb 44	<i>Canadian Volunteer Service medal + clas. Provisional award.</i>
					3 Feb 44	<i>1939-43 Star. Provisional Award.</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	5	7	33½	143	Blond	Blue	Med.	Scar on right groin Scar on right forehead
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

V17668

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113-I-92

OFFICIAL NUMBER V17668

NAME IRVING
(Surname)

James Crawford
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 13 July, 1921

PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Quebec
RELIGION Church of England

OCCUPATION Clerk, Loblaws Ltd. *Student 2497 (C.A. 1925)*
EDUCATION 5 Years Central Collegiate Institute

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 261 Regent St. Town London 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
16	7	41	H.O.	5'7"	Blond	Blue	Medium	Scar on right groin Scar on right fore-head				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *Mother 164 Bruce St.*

NAME (in pencil) *Mrs. M. Irving*
Town *London* Province, etc. *Ontario*

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY			
Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year	
3	2	44	C.V.S.M. (R.&C.) 1939-1943 Star <i>(4856)</i>

EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.			
Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year	
7	11	41	Qual. for Ord. Coder
4	11	41	Passed E.T.1 R.C.N.
6	7	43	Passed Prof. for Ldg. Coder.

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored
Day	Month	Year		

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		

FILM NO. *WJA 5348-8*
DATE

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
From To



V17668

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME IRVING
(Surname)

James Crawford
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V17668

P.I.D.

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. Coder	16	7	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Duty Div. Hqts.	Ord Coder	16	7	41	D	V.G.	Supr.	31	12	42							
H.M.C.S. Stadacona	" "	14	8	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
St. Hyacinthe	" "	6	10	41	via Stad.	V.G.	Sat.	21	8	44							
Venture	" "	9	11	41													
Niagara	" "	12	11	41													
"	Coder	15	4	42	Rated. (249A/2260)												
Stadacona	"	16	6	42													
Chicoutimi	"	19	6	42													
Stadacona	"	21	6	43	DRD H-1859												
Alberni	"	29	7	43	DRD H-2183												
"	A/Ldg.Coder	15	7	43	Adv. Memo 20-7-43. Conf. Ldg.Coder 15-7-44. (A22993)												
DISCHARGED	"	21	8	44	"Missing" per Casualty List.												

GENERAL REMARKS

X-Ray approved
 Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to
 Mother: Mrs. Mildred Irving,
 164 Bruce Street,
 London, Ont. 17-1-45.

Granted

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY	MO	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION			P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
13	7	21	12	8	30	0	30	5	1	30	03	0	16	0	09	95
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			
16	07	41	16	07	41					1520		09	93			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED	CHECKED					
DY	MO	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
15	07	45	13	00	00					TF.						

VERIFICATION FORM
CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. &
NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME IN FULL IRVIN ^{Lt} James Crawford RANK/RATING A/Ldg. Cook OFF.NO.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45 ATLANTIC
<i>London</i>	<i>16/7/41</i>	<i>13/8/41</i>					
<i>Niagara</i>	<i>12/11/41</i>	<i>15/6/42</i>	<i>216</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>			
<i>Chicoutimi</i>	<i>19/6/42</i>	<i>20/6/43</i>	<i>367</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>			
<i>Albemi</i>	<i>29/7/43</i>	<i>21/8/44</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>Atl. Tr. Serv.</i>			
<i>Discharged "Pearl"</i> <i>to date</i>	<i>21/8/44</i>						

VERIFIED BY G. Belanger VERIFIED BY

VERIFICATION FORM

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

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

RANK/RATING *A/Ldg. Cooker* OFF. NO. *V-17668* 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>
<i>Atlantic</i>							ATLANTIC	1	<i>Clasp</i>
<i>Atlantic</i>							FRANCE G.	2	
<i>Atl. Sr. Gunn.</i>							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *A. Bling*

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VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS' RECORDS

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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~~H.M.C.S.~~ Naval Service Headquarters, OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name..... IRVING, James Crawford
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... Leading Coder..... Official No. V-17668..... Unit } ~~FRONT~~
R.C.N.V.R.

Date.....
Place of Birth..... 13th July, 1921..... Place of Birth..... Montreal, Quebec

Occupation in Civil Life..... Clerk..... 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)..... from 16th July, 1941 to 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. Mildred Irving,..... Relationship..... Mother
Address..... 164 Bruce Street,
LONDON, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by ~~SEA~~ 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..... Date of Burial.....
Location, Number, etc., of grave.....
Undertaker employed.....

H.B. Money

for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

Date OTTAWA, Ont., 28 Feb. 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.

C.N.S. 1121
10M-6-44 (774)
N.S. 7570-S-1121

*Noted D.M.P.A.
M. M. Q.
9/3/45*



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

N.S. V-17668. PERS.(N)

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My dear Mrs. Irving:

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 Leading Coder and was both reliable and efficient. He was very well liked by all the officers and men, and as we had been together for such a long time we have 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 London 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. Mildred Irving,
164 Bruce St.,
LONDON, Ont.

P.A.'S CHECKED IN
C.R. BY *R*

R E G I S T E R E D
A I R M A I L
 N.S. V-17668 EERS. (N)

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16 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Irving:

Further to my letter of the 28th August, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, James Crawford Irving, Leading Coder, Official Number V-17668, 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.

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.

Mrs. Mildred Irving,
 164 Bruce St.,
 LONDON, Ontario.

Despatched by
 Sec. N. E.

Date 26.12.44
 Time 10 30

Noted D.M.P. a d P.
 29-12-44 d P.

YB

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N.S.V-17668, F.D.216, PERS.(N)

Policy No. 101912341

27th January, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information James Crawford Irving, Leading Coder, Official Number V-17668, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed killed on the 21st of August, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI", was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.






MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR No date "ALBERNI"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Henry Irving - Father

ADDRESS: 164 Bruce St.,
LONDON; Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. M. Irving

ADDRESS: 164 Bruce Street
LONDON, Ontario

MEMORIAL BAR
(1)
DATE DESP.....
REGN. NO. 13

(2)

(3) 17 January 1945

AWARDS NAVY

~~DECEASED~~ 31 AUGUST 1944

D.D.

IRVING	James Crawford	V-17668	L/Coder	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	3838
Atlantic Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)