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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME KARNS OFFICIAL No. V 52383
CHRISTIAN NAMES Robert John MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
119 Melrose Avenue North, HAMILTON, Ontario		Presbyterian
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
15th January 1924	Town Hamilton County Wentworth Province Ontario	(Father) Hugh Karns Same Address
*Original Nationality of: Father United States Mother United States		

*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..... 5	Inflated..... 38	Brown	Blue	Fair	scar right pos. kidney region scar lateral right shin scar post. left thigh and left upper lip
Inches..... 62	Deflated..... 35				
146	Mean..... 36 1/2				
EDUCATIONAL STANDING			TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
Grade 8			Apprentice Tool & Die Maker International Harvester Co. Ltd. HAMILTON, Ontario.		

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
8th January 1943	Stoker I	H.M.C.S. 'STAR'

(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
11th Battery R.C.A.	Gunner	March 1942

Personnel Division	
1. Notes in Record
2. Index Card
3. Non-Sub. Card
4. Statistical Card
5. January 1943
6. Pension Card
7.
8.
DATE 14-1-43	

(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 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 when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, 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.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as Stoker I by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1943

Signature of applicant Robert John Karns

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 8th day of January, 1943

My authority for attestation is attached

~~X~~ J. R. Agnew
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Robert John Karns 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 Robert John Karns

Witness J. R. Agnew

Date 8th January 1943 Rank Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R.

The Oath of Allegiance must be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters immediately after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.

PERS (NAVAL)		REFER.	INIT	DATE
P.A.				
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DEP.				
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DCNP				
CNP				

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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

Robert John Karns

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number.....
	<i>HMCS Star</i>	<i>U52383</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth.....	<i>15th January 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)	
Place of Birth.....	<i>Hamilton, Ontario</i>		
Place of Residence.....	<i>119 Melrose Ave N. Hamilton Ont</i>		
Trade brought up to.....	<i>Apprentice tool & Die maker</i>		
Religion.....	<i>Presbyterian</i>		
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>8 Jan 1943</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>Stoker I</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>6 3/4</i>	<i>36 1/2</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Scar right post kidney region: scar lateral right chin</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service.....								<i>Scar post. left thigh & left upper lip.</i>
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service.....								
Further Description if necessary.....								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority

V52383

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-K-1504

OFFICIAL NUMBER V52383

NAME KARNS (Surname) Robert John (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 15th January, 1924.PLACE OF BIRTH Hamilton, Ontario OCCUPATION Apprentice Tool & Die Maker:RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATION Grade 8RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 119 Melrose Avenue North Town Hamilton 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
8	1	43	H.O.	5'6 ³ / ₄ "	Brown	Blue	Fair	Scar right pos. kidney region. Scar lateral right shin. Scar post. left thigh and left upper lip.	11th Bty. R.C.A.	Gnr.	1942	1943

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mr. Hugh Karms
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 56 Connaught Ave South Town Hamilton Province, etc. Ont.

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	
5	7	44	C.V.S.M. R & C	9	6	43	Qual. Anti-gas 1 day 249a 42135				
				28	4	44	Qual. Prel. F.F. 249A/40826.				

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						O.H.F. Received
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	
									O.H.F. Received Last Will and Testament, dated 8-1-43

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From	To



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V52383 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME KARNIS
(Surname)

Robert John
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V52383

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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 "STAR"	Sto. I	8	1	43	Div. Strength Hamilton	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
" "	" "	8	1	43	Active Service D.L. 9-1-43	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
" Cornwallis	"	20	4	43	D.L. 20-4-43												
" Stadacona	"	26	6	43	D.R.D. H-1704												
York.	"	1	9	43	D.R.D. #H-2471.												
" Stadacona	"	18	11	43	DRD H-3237.												
HMS STAYNER (Niobe)	"	1	2	44	DRD S. 59. P.-3. (Service Passage).												
Alberni	"	5	7	44	Service Cert.												
DISCHARGED.	"	21	8	44	"Missing" Per Casualty List. Sub. 3-8-45												

(Presumed Dead) AA 22987

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to
Mother: Mrs. Marguerite Karnis,
56 Connaught Ave. S.
HAMILTON, Ont. 17-1-45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	PERM RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTM.			
DAY	MO.	YR.	MAIN	SUB.	MAIN	SUB.	GION.	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	R
15	1	24	11	333	0	30	1	1	35	02	9	20	0	15	94
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE			
DAY	MO.	YR.	DAY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DAY	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK		
08	01	43	08	01	43					9830	0	15	94		
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB.		M.			CODED		CHECKED			
DAY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
08	01	43	23	00	00										

The particulars stated on this form are important. It is to be retained with the Service documents of the rating concerned. A notation of the award of this certificate is to be made on the man's Service Certificate and History Sheet.

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSES

This is to certify that KARNS, Robert J.

O. N. V-52383 Rating Stoker 1/c Seniority 6/1/43

Date of Birth 15/1/24 Completed a course of training
in as Motor Operator

of 8 weeks duration at Danforth Tech. - Toronto

commencing Sept. 7th, 1943

He secured marks as follows:

Subjects:	Grading:*
<u>Gen. Knowledge</u>	<u>B -</u>
<u>Shop</u>	<u>B -</u>
<u>Diesel</u>	<u>B+</u>
<u>Application</u>	<u>B -</u>
_____	_____
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_____	_____

Order of merit 13 - 55th Number in class 20

Dated October 29/43 Qualified for: _____

Remarks:

Signature *W. W. Porteous*

W. W. Porteous
(W.W. Porteous)
A/CAPTAIN (E), R.C.N.,
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING PERSONNEL.

* A. (80 - 100)
B. (40 - 79)
C. (0 - 39)

VERIFICATION FORM
 DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAMING *Stoke* OFF. NO. *V-52383* ADDRESS

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>Germany</i>						ATLANTIC		
						FRANCE G.	1	<i>Star</i>
						AFRICA		
<i>44</i>						PACIFIC		
						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE		
						C.V.S.M.	2	<i>6 Clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

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Four 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 KARNS Robert John
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Stoker First Class Official No. V-52383 R.C.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Hamilton, Ontario. Date of Birth 15th January, 1924.

Occupation in Civil Life Apprentice Tool & Die Maker Religion Presbyterian

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) 1 year and 7 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. Hugh Karns Relationship Father
Address 56 Connaught Ave. S., HAMILTON, Ont.

Date on which the above was informed by ~~Ship~~ Naval Service Headquarters: 23rd 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 invalidated.....

Commanding Officer,
OTTAWA, Ont. 28 February 5.
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~~SECRET~~ Naval Board,
The NAVAL SECRETARY,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

for.....
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. C

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.

*Noted D.N.P.A.
m.m.d.
27-3-45*

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N. S. 815-9-1
K. P. 95440

NAVAL MESSAGE

To: MR. HUGH KARNES
56 CONNAUGHY AVE. SOUTH
HAMILTON, ONT

From: NSHQ

J. 52383

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CNP

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES
DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON ROBERT
JOHN KARNES STOKER FIRST CLASS V-52383
IS MISSING AT SEA. LETTER FOLLOWS.

/24

DELIVERY CONFIRMED

W/T P/L

24/8/44

AMB

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V-52383 STO.1 KARNS, Robert J.

P. & N. H.

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The Department of National Defence,
officially reports that the marginally named was reported -
Missing, presumed dead.

NAVAL SERVICE,

on the 21st August, 1944 ~~at~~ on service CANADA & HIGH SEAS.

His next of kin is reported as - Father -
Mr. Hugh Karns,
56 Connaught Ave. South,
Hamilton, Ont.

The Addressograph Stencil shows payment of Assigned Pay of

\$ 30.00 a month to - Mrs. Marguerite Karns,
56 Connaught Ave. S.,
Hamilton, Ont.
(Presumably mother)

As no D.A. was payable the Commission will not take
any action unless a claim is filed.

-AS

E. Clewes,
for
Canadian Pension Commission.

c. 91.

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23 August, 1944.

Dear Mr. Karns:

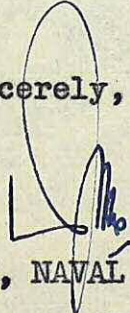
It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 23rd of August, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Robert John Karns, Stoker First Class, V-52383, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

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.

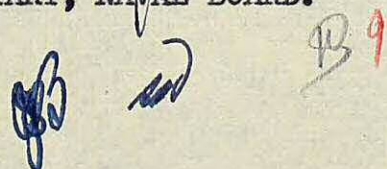
Should you know the name of the ship in which he was serving, it is requested that, for security reasons, you will regard this information as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

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

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Hugh Karns,
56 Connaught Ave. South,
Hamilton, Ont.



DECEASED 21 August 1944

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

KARNS	Robert John	V-52383	Sto.1/c	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	6075
France Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR April 46 "ALBERNI"
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR
DATE DESP.....
1)
REGN. NO. 2012

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mr. Hugh P. Karns - Father

ADDRESS: 56 Connaught Avenue, S.,
Hamilton, Ontario.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER
Mrs. M. Karns

ADDRESS: 56 Connaught Avenue
HAMILTON, Ontario

(2)

(3) 17 January 1945