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N.S. 815-11-5

ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BUTLER OFFICIAL No. V 69293
CHRISTIAN NAMES Arthur Herbert MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>Morden Road, OAKVILLE, Ontario.</u>	<u>Church of England</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>12th September 1924</u>	Town <u>Oakville</u> County <u>Halton</u> Province <u>Ontario.</u>	<u>Mother, Mrs. Edith Mabel Butler, same address.</u>
*Original Nationality of:		
Father <u>English</u>		
Mother <u>English</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>37</u>	<u>brown</u>	<u>blue</u>	<u>dark</u>	<u>none.</u>
Inches. <u>11</u>	Deflated..... <u>35</u>				
<u>163 1/2</u>	Mean..... <u>36</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Grade 10</u>	<u>Assembler, Victory Aircraft, Ltd. MALTON, Ontario.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>23rd Aug. 1943</u> <u>JAN 1.0 1944</u>	<u>Div str. Ordinary</u> <u>Seaman</u>	<u>STAR</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, Air Force, Reserve or Territorial Force.

* (b) I served in Militia. for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>Lorne Scots C A</u> <u>2nd (RES) Bn.</u>	<u>Pte.</u>	<u>27th Apl 1943</u>	<u>21st Aug '43</u>

(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 and 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 Ord. Snn. by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 23rd day of August 1943

Signature of applicant Arthur H. Butler

(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 23rd

day of August 1943

My authority for attestation is XX

Harry P. Cairns
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieutenant RCNVR

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Arthur Herbert BUTLER 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 Arthur H. Butler

Witness Harry P. Cairns

Date 23rd Aug 1943 Rank Sub-Lieutenant RCNVR.

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.

THE CANADIAN ARMY—RESERVE PERSONNEL
CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

This Certifies that **B- 437696** Pte. **Butler, Arthur Herbert**
(Regtl. No.) (Rank) (Name in full)
of **Oakville** County of **Halton**
Province of **Ontario** served continuously in the
"B" Coy, 2nd. (Res.) Bn. The Lorne Scots (P.D. & H. Reg't.) C.A.
(Regiment or Corps)
from the **27th** day of **April** **1943**, to
the **21st** day of **August** **1943**, and is now **discharged**
~~therefrom~~, and that he attended and completed Annual Training for the years
to R.C.N.V.R. **1943**
(Each year separately, in figures)

Arthur H. Butler
(Signature of Soldier)

Place **Oakville, Ont.**

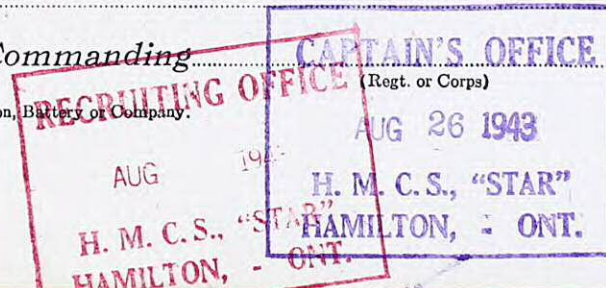
Date **21st August** **1943**

† NOTE—Not required in the case of an Independent or Detached Squadron, Battery or Company.

M. F. B. 350
50M-7-41 (1067)
H.Q. 1772-39-62

Four Months
(Total number of years, in words)
H. Chambré Major
Commanding **"B" COY, 2nd. (RES.) BN. THE LORNE SCOTS**
(P.D. & H. REG'T.) C.A.

† Commanding



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 60M-9-42 (5043)
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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

Arthur Herbert BUTLER

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

NS 116 032

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. STAR	Official Number <i>V. 69293</i>
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Date of Birth <i>12th September 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>"Mother"</i>
Place of Birth <i>Oakville, Ontario</i>	<i>Mrs. Edith Mabel Butler</i>
Place of Residence <i>Morden Road, Oakville, Ont.</i>	<i>same address</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Assembler</i>	
Religion <i>Church of England</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>23rd Aug '43</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities</i>	<i>of 5mm</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>163½</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>None</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

V69293

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-6243

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V69293

NAME BUTLER (Surname) Arthur Herbert (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 12 Sept. 1924

PLACE OF BIRTH Oakville, Ont. OCCUPATION Assembler

RELIGION Church of England EDUCATION Grade 10

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Morden Road Town Oakville Province, etc. Ont.

Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year							Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates
23	8	43	H.O.	5'11"	Brown	Blue	Dark	None	Lorne Scots C.A. 2nd (R) Bn.	Pte.	From: 27-4-43 To: 21-8-43

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mr. Edith M. Butler

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Morden Road Town Oakville Province, etc. Ont.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				29	3	44	Qual. Anti-Gas.				
				12	5	44	Marked "TR"				

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.	
									Last will and Testament #11005 Rec.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To



FILM
NO. WR-6064-4
DATE

V69293

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

BUTLER

Arthur Herbert

(Surname)

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V69293

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	Ord. Smn.	23	8	43	Hamilton D v. Str.	V.G.		31	12	43							
"	"	10	1	44	A/S DL. 19.1.44	V.G. Supr.		24	11	44							
Comwallis	"	1	3	44	DL. # 92												
Stadacona	"	8	6	44	DRD No. 180 P. 6.												
Shawinigan	"	11	6	44	DRD S. 192. P.-8.												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	"MISSING" Presumed Dead" Casualty List												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to
 Mother: Mrs. Edith Mabel Butler,
 Morden, Road,
 Oakville, Ont.
 to date 26-3-45

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DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GIOR		P	CTY.	TOWN	SERL	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
12	9	24	11	264	0	60	3	1	19	06	20	0	18	95	
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		
23	08	43	10	01	44										
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED		CHECKED			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
10	01	44	13	00	00					SPD		25			

MB Star

V69293

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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(Given Names)

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MB Star

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

NAME IN FULL BUTLER Arthur Herbert RANK/RATING Opd Smr OFF. NO. 169293 ADDRESS

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF	
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.
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												FRANCE G.	
												AFRICA	
												PACIFIC	
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AIR MAIL

N.S.V-69293 PERS(N)

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Butler:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th of November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Arthur Herbert Butler, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-69293, 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. Please be assured, however, that as soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for your son's survival. When it is considered, beyond all reasonable doubt, that no further hope exists and should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of death will be made by the Canadian Naval Authorities.

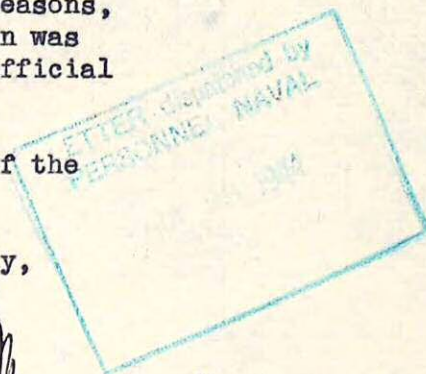
It is requested that, for security reasons, you regard the name of the ship in which your son was serving, as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

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

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Edith Mabel Butler,
Morden Road,
OAKVILLE, Ont.



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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-69293 PERS. (N)

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7th December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Butler:-

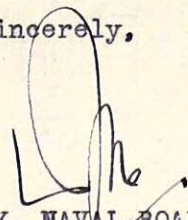
Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, details of the disaster in which your son has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", a Royal Canadian Navy corvette, was lost while on operational duty at sea. Seven officers including her Captain, Lieutenant W. J. Jones, R.C.N.R., and seventy-eight ratings are missing. The bodies of five other ratings have been recovered and identified. There are no known survivors.

It is requested that you will regard this information as confidential until an official announcement is made.

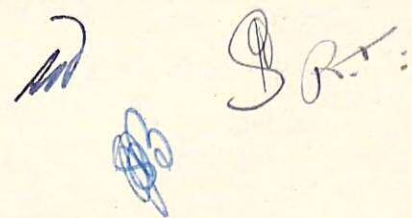
May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,



SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Edith Mabel Butler,
Morden Road,
OAKVILLE, Ontario.



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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-69293 PERS(N)

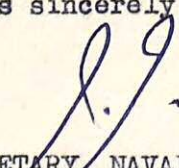
15 February, 1945. 23

Dear Mrs. Butler:



Further to my letter of the 7th of December, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Arthur Herbert Butler, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-69293, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", 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 24th of November, 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. Edith M. Butler,
Morden Road,
OAKVILLE, Ontario.

 
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


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PERS. (N) "W" 5. 222

N.S. V-69293 PERS.(N)

, 28 August, 1945.

Dear Mr. Butler:

Further to my letter of the 10th of July, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your son's ship and I am accordingly passing on the following particulars which will, no doubt, be of interest to you.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" sailed from Sydney, N.S., on the 24th of November, 1944, to escort a merchant ship to Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and arrived off Port Aux Basques that night. In accordance with orders she was then to carry out a patrol in the area for the duration of the night, after which she was to meet the same merchant ship the next morning and return with her to Sydney.

The merchant ship arrived in Sydney unescorted on the night of the 25th of November and after it was ascertained that "Shawinigan" had not appeared at the designated rendezvous to provide escort as instructed, searches were instituted and "Shawinigan" was discovered to be missing.

It was the opinion of the Department at the time that the ship had been torpedoed by an enemy submarine during the night of the 24th/25th of November, 1944, as submarines were known to be operating in the area; and this has since been confirmed from German evidence. Although no survivors were found, a few bodies were recovered by later searches, due to tidal movements, some distance from the area in which "Shawinigan" was known to be operating. As a result, the position of the sinking can not be exactly ascertained, although from German evidence and the Department's computation, it is estimated to be in the vicinity of the three mile limit off Channel Head, near Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

With reference to your inquiry concerning the possibility of your son having been advanced to a higher rating on board ship shortly before his death, it is regretted that at the time of his death your son had not fulfilled the necessary requirements for advancement to Able Seaman. It is considered that he was a Requestman for the purpose of receiving pay as Ordinary Seaman over six months and it has been confirmed that this request was granted and the Department's records show that at the time of his death he was receiving this higher rate of pay.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Approval on N.S.O-3690, F.D. 76
See also N.S.S. 1156-331/93

Mr. Arthur E. Butler,
Morden Road,
Oakville, Ont.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date
Time

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at Sea. 30

Name BUTLER Arthur Herbert. (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Ordinary Seaman. Official No. V69293 R.C.N.V.R. (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Oakville, Ont. Date of Birth 12 September, 1924.

Occupation in Civil Life Assembler 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) 10 Jan. 1944 to 24 November, 1944

Date of Death 24 November, 1944 Place of Death At Sea.

Cause of Death Enemy action. Lost at sea. (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Edith Mabel Butler Relationship Mother. Address Morden Road, Oakville, Ont.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not known.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not known.

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 (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

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

Undertaker employed (if any)

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

Handwritten signature of Commanding Officer, dated 11/4 1945

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

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.

Handwritten note: Noted DnPa memo 16/4

RCNVR Nov.45 "SHAWINIGAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Edith M. Butler - Mother

ADDRESS: ~~Morden Road,~~ 24 Mac Donald Ave.,
~~OAKVILLE, Ont.~~ Oakville, Ont. 4-1-51

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. E.M. Butler

ADDRESS: Morden Road, Oakville, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

9-1-52
DATE DESP 5277

RES. ~~2299~~
CANCELLED

(2)

(3)

26-3-45

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)WAR SERVICE RECORDS
D.D.

BUTLER	Arthur Herbert	V-69293	O/Sqn	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	9628 23-11-49
C.V.S.M & Clasp	
War Medal	
259-A	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)