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**ATTESTATION FORM**  
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME EARP OFFICIAL No. 168995  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Ralph Neil MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
587 Beresford Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba	C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
15th February, 1926	Town Winnipeg	Lillian EARP (Mother) 587 Beresford Ave., Winnipeg, Man.
*Original Nationality of:		
Father English	County	
Mother English	Province Manitoba	

\*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..... 37 1/2				
Inches..... 8 1/2	Deflated..... 33 1/2	D. Brown	Brown	Dark	Appendectomy Scar.
	Mean..... 36 1/2				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Grade X	Office Clerk, City Hydro, Winnipeg, Man.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
Divisional Strength 16th August, 1943	Ord. Smn.	H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA

(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 ..... for the period shown, and attach my record of service in corroboration of this statement.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM

**Personnel Records**

Division. TO

1. N. in file rts

2. I. Card ...

3. N. S. Card.

4. P. Card.

5. P. no Str.

6. P. no Str.

8. ...

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

Dated this 16th day of August, 1943

Signature of applicant X Ralph N. Earp.

(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 16th

day of August, 1943

My authority for attestation is NS 30-34-1, 16 June, 1943

H. Lebl  
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

**LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.**

I, Ralph Neil EARP 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 X Ralph N. Earp.

Witness H. Lebl

Date 16th August, 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.



CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Ralph Neil FARP*

*1.C.N.S. 51822*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-68995</i>
	<i>Chippawa</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth..... <i>15th February 1926</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth..... <i>Winnipeg, Manitoba</i>	<i>Mother</i>
Place of Residence..... <i>587 Beresford Ave Upg man</i>	<i>Lillian Farp</i>
Trade brought up to..... <i>Office Clerk</i>	<i>587 Beresford Ave</i>
Religion..... <i>Church of England</i>	<i>Upg man</i>
Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date <i>Nov. 1</i> 19 <i>43</i> Signature <i>J.L. Sherman</i> Rank <i>Sgt.</i>	
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>16 Aug 43</i>	<i>duration of hostilities</i>	<i>Ord Sers</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>8 1/2</i>	<i>36 1/4</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>Appendectomy Scar</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















V68995

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113-E-1056

OFFICIAL NUMBER V68995

NAME EARP (Surname) Ralph Neil (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 15th February, 1926PLACE OF BIRTH Winnipeg, Manitoba OCCUPATION Office ClerkRELIGION C. of E. EDUCATION Grade XRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 587 Beresford Avenue Town Winnipeg Province, etc. Manitoba

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	8	43	H.O.	5' 8 1/2"	D. Brown	Brown	Dark	Appendectomy Scar.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Lillian E. EarpADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 587 Beresford Avenue Town Winnipeg Province, etc. Manitoba

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	
				25	1	44	Qual. Anti-G's 1 day.				
				31	1	44					
				3	3	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		

FILM  
NO  
DATE  
WSR-6060-2

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

O.H.F. Received  
Last will and Testament #10914 Rec.





V68995

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **EARP**  
(Surname)

**Ralph Neil**  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER **V68995**

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
H.M.C.S. "Chippawa"	Ord. Smn.	16	8	43	Div. Str. Winnipeg	V.G..		14	2	44	S.D.	22	4	44	24	4	44
"	"	20	10	43	A/S DL. 1.11.43	V.G.		31	12	43							
Cornwallis	"	20	12	43	DL. 23.12.43	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
Stadacona	"	28	4	44	DRD N.140 P.5 (Ambler 19-2-45 to 25-2-45)												
Gananoque	"	6	5	44	DRD S. 153 P. 3												
Stadacona	"	5	6	44	DRD No. 177 P. 2.												
Shawinigan	"	11	6	44	DRD S. 192. P.-5.												
	A.B.	20	10	44	Rated 349A/A 10836 (Ser. Cert.)												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	"MISSING" Presumed Dead Casualty												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to  
Mother: Mrs. Lillian Earp,  
587 Beresford Ave.,  
Winnipeg, Man.  
to date 26-3-45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL. DIV.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION		P.	CTY.	TOWN		SERV.	A	BR.
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DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.		MO.	YR.	A		BR.	RANK	
16	08	43	20	10	43					9625	0	08	95	
SENIORITY			STR. CAT.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name EARP, Ralph Neil. (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Ordinary Seaman. Official No. V68995 R.C.N.V.R. (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Winnipeg, Man. Date of Birth 15th February, 1926

Occupation in Civil Life Office 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) 20th October, 1943 to 24th November, 1944

Date of Death 24th 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 Lillian Earp Relationship Mother. Address 587 Beresford Avenue, WINNIPEG, MAN.

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 and title: Commanding Officer

11th April 1945

Noted D.N.P.A. 19.4.45

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.



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R E G I S T E R E D

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N.S. V-68995, PERS.(N) "N"/5.

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Earp:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 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 that 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.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Lillian Earp,  
587 Beresford Ave.,  
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

*J.M.*  
Date 29.8.45  
Time 1200

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*EMC*  
(Approval on NS 0-3690 F.D. 76  
See also NSS 1156-331/92.)



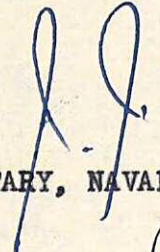
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N.S. V-68995, F.D. 930 PERS. (N)

28 April, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Ralph Neil Earp, Able Seaman, Official Number V-68995, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 24th of November, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", was lost while on operational duty at sea.

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.  
  




REGISTERED

LA/CM

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-68995. PERS.(N) 14

7 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Earp:

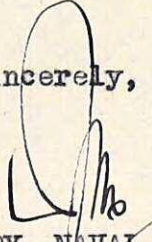
Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, details of the disaster in which your son has been reported missing are now being released.

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. Lillian Earp,  
587 Beresford Ave.,  
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.





RCNVR Jan. 46 "SHAWINIGAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Lillian Earp.- Mother

587 Beresford Ave.,

ADDRESS:

WINNIPEG, Man.

OK - 22-11-49

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER

~~Medals~~

Mrs Lillian Earp

ADDRESS: 587 Beresford Avenue

WINNIPEG, Man

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO 264

(2)

(3)

26 March 1945



Deceased 24 Nov. 1944  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

EARP	Ralph Neil	V-68995	A.B.	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	
Atlantic Star	1366 21-3-50
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)