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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME MacEachern OFFICIAL NO. V47760
CHRISTIAN NAMES William Campbell MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
19 Bishop Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I.		Presbyterian
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Apr. 6th, 1925	Town Cambridge County Massachusetts Province U.S.A.	William A. McEachern, 19 Bishop Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

*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>36</u>	Dark Brown	Gray	Fair	Nil
Inches <u>8 1/4</u>	Deflated... <u>34 1/2</u>				
	Mean... <u>35</u>				
EDUCATIONAL STANDING			TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
Grade 8			Plumber's assistant -- Stanley Shaw & Peardon Charlottetown, P.E.I.		
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED			
Sept. 8th, 1942	Ord. Sea.	Charlottetown, P.E.I.			

(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.

Personnel Records	
1. Noted in Records	<u>MB</u>
2. Index Card	<u>MB</u>
3. Non-Sub. Card	<u>MB</u>
4. Statistical Card	<u>MB</u>
5. Roneo Strip	<u>MB</u>
6. Pension Card	
7.	
8.	
DATE	<u>21.9.42</u>

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM

(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.

Have you an Unemployment Insurance Booklet?---Yes

Charlottetown, P.E.I.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the..... 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.....Eight..... day of.....September....., 1942.....

Signature of applicant.....William MacEachern.....

(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.....eight..... day of.....September....., 1942.....

.....W. Trotter.....
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub. Lieut. RCNVR

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....William Campbell MacEachern.....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.....William C MacEachern.....

Witness.....W. Trotter.....

Date.....Sept. 8th....., 1942..... Rank.....Sub. Lieut. RCNVR.....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

.....William Campbell MacEachern..... 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.....Charlottetown, P.E.I...... Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

.....W. Trotter.....
Sub. Lieut. Attesting Officer.

September 8th, 194..... 2. R.C.N.V.R. Division Charlottetown, P.E.I.
(or other establishment).....

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.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the.....Seaman..... Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch,

.....William MacEachern.....
Signature

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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

William Campbell MacEachern

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

J.P. [unclear]
8 Feb

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>HMCS "Queen Charlotte"</i> <i>Charlottetown, P.E.I.</i>	<i>V-47760</i>

Date of Birth *6 April 1925*

Place of Birth *Cambridge, Mass*

Place of Residence *19 Bishop St. Ch. town P.E.I.*

Trade brought up to *Plumber's Assistant*

Religion *Presbyterian*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date *19* Signature *[Signature]* Rank *[Blank]*

P.S.T. Date *19* Signature *[Signature]* Rank *[Blank]*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Father
William A. MacEachern
Same Address



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 Sep-42</i>	<i>8 Sep-42</i>	<i>Hostilities Ad. Service</i>		<i>24 Feb '44</i>	<i>1939-43</i>	<i>Star - Provisional Award</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>8 1/4</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Grey</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>nil</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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
1942	HMCS "Queen Charlotte"			Adm. 8 Sep '42	30 Sep '42	
	Active Service					
1942	HMCS "Queen Charlotte"			1 Oct '42	7 Dec '42	
	Levernallie			Adm. 8 Dec '42	8 Feb '43	
	Stadacona			9 Feb '43	9 Feb '43	
1943	Stadacona (Shawinigan)			10 Feb	30 Sep '43	5903
		A.B.		1 Oct '43	24 Nov '44	D. D.

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
8 Aug 44	SETWT: B106960	

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS

RECORD OF RATING

Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
13 Jan 43	Qual 1/9, 1 day	P. Lake			
30 Feb 43	"IR"	P. Lake			

V47760

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

V47760

NAME MacEACHERN William Campbell DATE OF BIRTH 6 April 1925
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. OCCUPATION Plumber's assistant.RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATION Grade 8RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 19 Bishop St. Town Charlottetown, Province, etc. P.E.I.

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	9	42	H.O.	5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Dk. Brn.	Grey	Fair	Nil.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) William CampbellADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 19 Bishop St. Town Charlottetown, Province, etc. P.E.I.

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	
24	2	44	Awarded 1939-43 Star, 'A-A10297.	13	1	43	Qual. anti-gas ldy. 249A#25192				
				8	2	43	Marked "TR" 249A#25326				

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.	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To



FILM
NO. WSR-5728-3
DATE

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

RATING *a-13* OFF.NO. *✓ 47760* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS							STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL			
							1939-45	/	<i>5 stars</i>
							ATLANTIC	/	<i>5 stars</i>
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>8 clasps</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	/	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *EB*

BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name MACEACHERN, William Campbell (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V47760 RCMVR (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Cambridge, Mass. Date of Birth 6th April, 1925

Occupation in Civil Life Plumbers Asst. 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) 1st October, 1942 - 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 Mr. William MacEachern Relationship Father Address 19 Bishop St., Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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 11/4/44

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.

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-47760 . PERS.(N)

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mr. MacEachern:

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, William Campbell MacEachern, Able Seaman, Official Number V-47760, 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.

Mr. William A. MacEachern,
19 Bishop Street,
CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

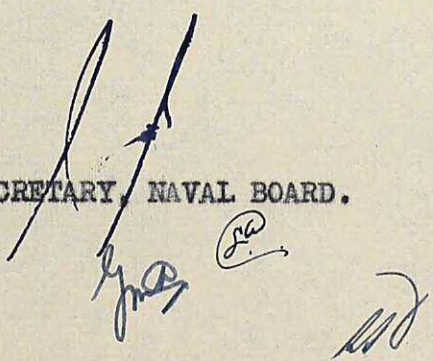
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N.S. V-47760 PERS(N)

15 February, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information William Campbell MacEachern, Able Seaman, Official Number V-47760, 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.

The block contains several handwritten signatures and initials in blue ink. A large, stylized signature is written over the typed text 'SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.'. To the right of this signature are two smaller initials, 'J.M.' and 'D.W.', and further to the right is another set of initials, 'M.D.'.

V-47760
Per (N) N5

, 28 August, 1945.

Dear Mr. MacEachern:

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. bmc

Mr. William A. MacEachern,
19 Bishop Street,
CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.Date 29.8.45
Time 1430(Approval on N.S. O-3690, F.D. 76)
(See also N.S.S. 1156-331/93)

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL
N.S. V-47760 PERS(N)

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February, 1945.

Dear Mr. MacEachern:

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, William Campbell MacEachern, Able Seaman, Official Number V-47760, 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,

[Signature]
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. William A. MacEachern,
19 Bishop Street,
CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

[Signature]
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

[Signature]
Date 15.2.45
Time 1700

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-47760 PERS.(N)

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7 December, 1944.

Dear Mr. MacEachern:

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.

Mr. William A. MacEachern,
19 Bishop St.,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

A.S. [Handwritten initials] B.R.T.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL
HMCS "SHAWINIGAN" Aug. /45. R.C.N.V.R.

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Mary R. MacEachern - Mother

ADDRESS: 19 Bishop St.,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Mary MacEachern

ADDRESS: 19 Bishop Street
CHARLOTTETOWN; P.E.I.

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN. NO. 189

(2)

(3) 6 April 1945

DECEASED 24 November 1944

MACEACHERN	William Campbell	V-47760	A.B.	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	1973
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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