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ATTESTATION FORM
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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME O'GORMAN OFFICIAL NO. V39419
CHRISTIAN NAMES Michael Bernard MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
<u>60 Baby Point Cres. Toronto, Ontario.</u>		<u>R.C.</u>
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>9 Sept. 1921</u>	Town <u>Toronto</u> County <u>York</u> Province <u>Ontario.</u>	<u>Mother: Ella May</u> <u>same address as above</u>
*Original Nationality of:		
Father <u>Canadian</u> Mother <u>Canadian</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>34</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Med</u>	<u>Second Toe Left foot missing.</u>
Inches..... <u>9</u>	Deflated..... <u>31</u>				
	Mean..... <u>32½</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>2 Years High School</u>	<u>Toolmaker</u> <u>Canadian Aircraft Instruments & Accessories</u> <u>Leaside, (Toronto) Ont.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Div. Strength</u> <u>11 June, 1942</u>	<u>A/ERA 4th Class</u> <u>R.C.N.V.R. (TEMP)</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "YORK"</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 0 - - - - - 0 for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM
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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.

Personnel Records
Division: _____
TO _____

1. Noted in Records. MB
2. Index Card. MB
3. ~~Non-Sub. Card~~. MB
4. Statistical Card. MB
5. Reneo Strip. MB
6. ~~His Majesty's Forces or~~ MB
7. _____
8. _____
DATE 8.7.42

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Toronto 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 11 day of June, 1942

Signature of applicant Michael B. Gorman

(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 11 th day of June, 1942

DeLoth
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

Sub-Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Michael Bernard O'Gorman 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 Michael B. Gorman

Witness DeLoth

Date 11 June, 1942 Rank Sub-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

Michael Bernard O'Gorman 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 Toronto Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

DeLoth
Sub-Lieutenant RCNVR Attesting Officer.

11 June 1942 R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. "YORK"
(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 ARTISAN Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Michael B. Gorman
Signature

V39419

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-0-460

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V39419

NAME

O'GORMAN

Michael Bernard

DATE OF BIRTH

9th September, 1921

PLACE OF BIRTH

Toronto, Ontario.

OCCUPATION

Toolmaker

RELIGION

R.C.

EDUCATION

2 years High School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

60 Baby Point Cres.

Town

Toronto

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
11	6	42	H.O.	5' 9	Brown	Blue	Med.	Second toe left foot missing.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Wife

24/10/44

NAME (in pencil)

Mary H. O'Gorman

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

57 Hoyle Oaks Gate

Town

Toronto

Province, etc

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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	
3	7	44	C.V.S.M. (R.&C)								

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		
					H.M.C.S. AVALON	377	9	4	43	Was absent from his place of duty. 2. Was Drunk.	14 Day's Detention.

FILM
NO. WAP-5664-3
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					O.H.F. Received	
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial		In diff. Char.
9	4	43		14					O.H.F. Received U.I.B., 171 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ont. Last will and testament dated 11-6-42 received. (Invalid--returned.) Last will and testament dated 7/12/42 received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

W.S.G.
APPLICATION
9528
RECEIVED

P.I.B.

V39419

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME O'GORMAN
(Surname)

Michael Bernard
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V39419

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 "YORK"	A/E.R.A. 4/c	11	6	42	Div. Str. Toronto	V.G.	Sat	31	12	42							
" "	" "	22	6	42	Active Service	Good	Sat.	31	12	43							
" "Naden"	" "	28	6	42	D.R.D.	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
" York	" "	18	9	42	E.D.O. 1762												
" Stadacona	" "	28	12	42	D.L.												
" Avalon	" "	27	2	43	D.R.D. 324												
" Stadacona	" "	21	3	44	D.R.D. #102 P6												
Miscow (R) HMS Canada	" "	31	5	44	D.R.D. S/180 p-22												
Stadacona	" "	1	6	44	D.R.D. #173 p-6												
Shawinigan	" "	14	6	44	S.C.												
DISCHARGED	" "	24	11	44	"Missing" (Per Cas. List.) Presumed Dead												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to Wife:
 Mrs. Mary Kathleen O'Gorman
 57 Four Oaks Gate
 Toronto, East York, Ontario 6.4.45
 Mother:
 Mrs. Daniel R. O'GORMAN,
 179 Parkside Drive,
 Toronto 3, Ontario.
 to date. 18-5-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELIED		PERM. RESIDENCE			ENLI		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GIOW	P	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK		
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ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE				
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK			
11	06	42	22	06	42					9830	1	35	95			
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M		CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
22	06	42	13	00	00		7m			C.L.A.		JW				

"Dormant"

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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 O'GORMAN, Micheal Bernard (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating E.R.A. 4th Class Official No. V39419 R.C.N.V.R. (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Toronto, Ontario Date of Birth 9th Sept., 1921

Occupation in Civil Life Toolmaker Religion Roman Catholic

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) 22 June, 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 Mrs. Mary K. O'Gorman Relationship Wife Address 57 Four Oaks Gate, Toronto, East York, 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

[Signature] Commanding Officer,

11/4/45 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.

C.N.S. 1121 2M-5-40 (4893) N.S. 815-9-1121

Noted on file memo 14/4/45

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mrs. O'Gorman:

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 husband, Michael Bernard O'Gorman, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class, Official Number V-39419, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your husband 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 husband'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 husband 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. Mary Kathleen O'Gorman,
57 Four Oaks Gate,
TORONTO, East York, Ont.

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL
N.S. V-39419 PERS. (N)

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7 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. O'Gorman:

Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, details of the disaster in which your husband 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. Mary Kathleen O'Gorman,
57 Four Oaks Gate,
TORONTO, East York, Ont.

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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-39419 PERS. (N)

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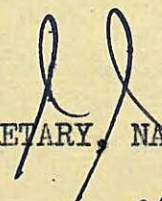
February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. O'Gorman:

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 husband, Michael Bernard O'Gorman, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class, Official Number V-39419, 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Mary Kathleen O'Gorman,
57 Four Oaks Gate,
TORONTO, East York, Ont.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 15.2.45
Time 18 00

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR "SHAWINIGAN" Sept. /45.

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Corrigan (Re-married)
Mrs. Mary K. ~~O'Gorman~~ - Widow
59 Lothian Avenue, TORONTO 18, 16.7.51
~~57 Four Oaks Gate, 7 Elm Grove Ave.,~~
ADDRESS: Toronto, Ont. ~~--28-11-49~~

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW Mrs. Mary Kathleen O'Gorman
57 Four Oaks Gate
ADDRESS: TORONTO, EAST YORK, Ontario

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. Daniel R. O'Gorman
179 Parkside Drive
ADDRESS: TORONTO 3, Ontario

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

(2)

6 April 1945

(3)

18 May 1945

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CANCELLED

