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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME RITZER OFFICIAL NO. V-35810
CHRISTIAN NAMES Edward Ralph MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS: 86 Oxford Street, London, Ontario
RELIGION: C of E

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 October, 1915
PLACE OF BIRTH: Town MacGregor, County Manitoba
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Florence B. Ritzer (Mother) Magregor, Manitoba.
Original Nationality of: Father German, Mother British

*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>41</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Gray</u>	<u>Med.</u>	<u>Scar above left eye</u>
Inches: <u>8 3/4</u>	Deflated: <u>39</u>				
<u>122 1/2</u>	Mean: <u>40</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING: One Year High - MacGregor High School, MacGregor Man.
TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY: Dairy Man - Operating Mount Bernard Dairy, London, Ontario.

DATE OF ENROLMENT: Divisional Strength 11th May, 1942
RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED: Stoker II (Temp)
R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED: H.M.C.S. "Prevost" LONDON

(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	TO
	<u>NIL.</u>		

- (c) ~~I have never been rejected for or discharged from any account of unfitness.~~
- (4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ENTERED IN RAY RITZERS
H.M.C.S. "RYTOWN"
FAIR *[Signature]*
ROUGH *[Signature]*

Personnel Records Division.
1. Noted in Records...
2. Index Card...
3. Non-Sub. Card...
4. Statistical Card...
5. Home Strip...
6. Pension Card...
7. ...
8. ...
DATE: 22/5/42

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....London.....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.....11th.....day of.....May, 1942

Signature of applicant.....E R Ritzer.....

(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.....11th.....day of.....May, 1942

.....R E Mallick.....
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Edward Ralph RITZER.....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.....E R Ritzer.....
Witness.....R E Mallick.....

Date.....11th May, 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

.....Edward Ralph RITZER.....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.....London.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

.....R E Mallick.....
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.
R.C.N.V.R. Division
(or other establishment).....London.....

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.

Unemployment Insurance Book - Yes.

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

.....E R Ritzer.....
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Edward Ralph Ritzger

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>London, Ontario</i>	Official Number <i>V.35810</i>
" " " " " "		" " " " " "

Date of Birth *1st October 1915* Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Miss Florence Ritzger (Mother)

Place of Birth *Mac Gregor, Manitoba*

Place of Residence *86 Oxford St. London, Ontario*

Trade brought up to *Navigator*

Religion *Church of England* **O.H.F.** *22/11/43*

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>7 May 42</i>	<i>11 Aug 42</i>	<i>(Dress) Hostilities</i>	<i>Star II (T)</i>		<i>24 Feb 44</i>	<i>Canadian Voluntary Service Medal O Class 1939-43 Star. Pres Award.</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>8 3/4</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>122 1/2</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Grey</i>	<i>Med</i>	<i>Scarabone left eye</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	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				
1942	(active service) HMS Blyton (PREVOST)			Stoker "	3 June 42	4 June 42	
	Protector			- " -	3 June 42	3 Aug 42	
	Cornwallis			- " -	4 Aug 42	26 Nov 42	
	Shawinigan			- " -	27 Nov 42	27 Mar 43	
	"			STO I	28 Mar 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
1 Jan 43	Sc Y W # B-48408	
26 July 43	" # B-80102-28-4	27 Aug 43

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS			RECORD OF RATING		
Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
15 July 43	Qual A/B 1 day	<i>L. Davis</i>			

V35810

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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V35810

NAME RITZER (Surname) Edward Ralph (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 1 October 1915PLACE OF BIRTH MacGregor, Manitoba OCCUPATION DairymanRELIGION Church of England EDUCATION 1 yr. High SchoolRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 86 Oxford Street Town London 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	5	42	H.O.	5' 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Brown	Grey	Medium	Scar above l. eye.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother 27/10/43 NAME (in pencil) John Thomas R. FitzroyADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. MacGregor Town MacGregor Province, etc. Manitoba

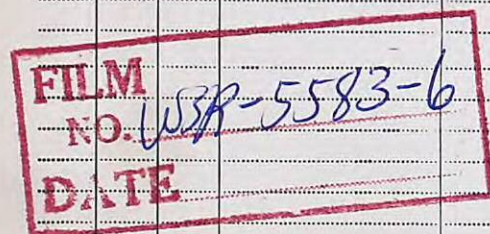
MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
24	2	44	C.V.S.M. (R&C) & 1939-1943 Star	15	7	43	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 day.				

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						Last Will & Testament dated 3.6.42 Received
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	
									O.H.F. Received

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To



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

NAME IN FULL *Ritzler, Edward Ralph* RANK/RATING *Sta 1/c* OFF. NO. *V 35810* 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.
	<i>3/6/42</i>											1939-45	<i>star</i>
<i>Shaninigan</i>	<i>27/11/42</i>	<i>24/11/44</i>	<i>729</i>	<i>Ad.</i>								ATLANTIC	<i>star</i>
<i>Disch. "Head"</i>												FRANCE G.	
<i>to date 24/11/44</i>												AFRICA	
												PACIFIC	
												BURMA	
												ITALY	
												DEFENCE	
												C.V.S.M.	<i>2c clasp</i>
												" CLASP	
												WAR 1945	<i>Medal</i>
												WAR 1915	

DEFENCE

C.V.S.M.

20 clasp

" CLASP

WAR 1945

Medal

WAR 1915

VERIFIED BY

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DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OTTAWA, Canada.
- NAVAL SERVICE -

21
2nd December, 1944...
(Date)

Sir:

The following casualty has been reported -

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK or RATING</u>	<u>NAVAL NO., UNIT</u>
<u>RITZER, Edward Ralph</u>	<u>Stoker First Class</u>	<u>V-35810, R.C.N.V.R.</u>
<u>DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 11 May, 1942</u>	<u>Active Service 3rd June, 1942.</u>	
<u>DATE OF DISCHARGE - Will Be Reported Later</u>		
<u>HOSPITAL -</u>	<u>(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)</u>	
<u>SERVICE - Canada & High Seas</u>	<u>(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the High seas or elsewhere)</u>	

Reason for discharge and - "Missing" at sea since 24th of November, 1944
 when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred. Presumption of death will be reported later.

Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada.)

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

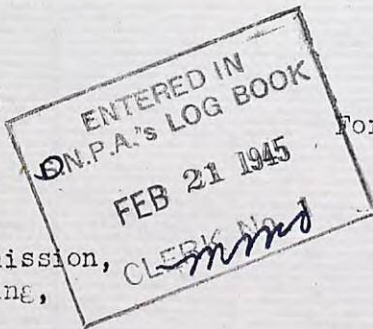
RELATIONSHIP - Mother: NAME - Mrs. Florence B. Ritzer

ADDRESS - MacGREGOR, Man.

Note: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

Copies Form "B" fwd. to Allots. (N) on

.....N.P.R./5



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For SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *e*

Secretary,
Canadian Pension Commission,
Room 228, Daly Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

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NOTE: Duplicate copies of this form (Form "B") have been forwarded to the Chief Treasury Officer (Allotment Section), Department of National Defence, Naval Service, for completion respecting the details of Marriage Allowance, Dependents Allowance, etc., and subsequent transmission to you.

(See reverse side for further instructions)

TFH/VB

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL
N.S. V-35810 Pers.(N)

7 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Ritzer:

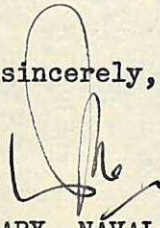
Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, details of the disaster in which your son has been reported missing are now being released.

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. Florence B. Ritzer,
MAC GREGOR, MANITOBA.

LA/CM

N.S. V-35810, F.D. 209.PERS.(N) 25

21st December, 1944.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 7th of December, 1944, received in the office of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, has been referred to me for attention.

I regret to inform you that Edward Ralph Ritzer, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-35810, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, when H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" was lost while on operational duty at sea.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for the survival of this rating. 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.

Stoker Ritzer's next of kin is his mother, Mrs. Florence B. Ritzer, MacGregor, Manitoba.

Yours truly,



SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Miss Estelle Mainster,
1016 Mountain Street,
MONTREAL, Quebec.



LA/CM

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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-35810. PERS.(N)

15 February, 1945.

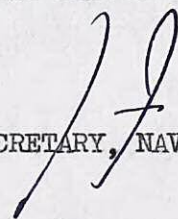
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Dear Mrs. Ritzer:

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, Edward Ralph Ritzer, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-35810, 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.

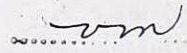
Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Florence B. Ritzer,
MacGREGOR, Manitoba.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 15.2.45
Time 1630

FEB 21 1945

N.S. V-35810 F.D. 772, PERS(N)

12 April, 1945.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Edward Ralph Ritzer, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-35810, 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.

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SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
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ALB/YB

R E G I S T E R E D

N.S. V-35810, PERS.(N) 'N' 5

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Ritzer:

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,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Florence B. Ritzer,
MACGREGOR, Man.

Despatched by *JAG*
Sec. N. B. *8*

Approval on N.S. 0-3690 F.D. 76
See also N.S.S. 1156-331/93

Date *29.8.45*
Time *15.45*

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Nov. 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Florence B. Ritzer - Mother - Benef.
MacGREGOR, Man.

ADDRESS:

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Florence B. Ritzer

MacGREGOR, Man.

ADDRESS:

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN. NO. 287

(2)

(3)

6-4-45

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

D OF D 24-11-44

AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

RITZER	Edward Ralph	V-35810	Sto.1	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	7327 16/1/50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)