

V22559
GRIFFIN

EARLE

FREDE

DECEASED 6 February 1943

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

GRIFFIN Earle Frederick

V-22559

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 AND DATE DESPATCHED

1939-45 Star

Africa Star & Clasp

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

9364

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR May 44 "LOUISBURG"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO

Mrs. Margaret J. Griffin, Widow

DATE DESP

(1)

ADDRESS:

Dalhousie Junction, N.B.

10-11-48

REGN. NO.

552

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. M. J. Griffin

(2) 19 March 1943

ADDRESS:

DALHOUSIE JUNCTION, N.B.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. H. B. Griffin

(3) 5 April 1943

ADDRESS:

STANLEY, N.B.

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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME GRIFFIN OFFICIAL NO. V22559 2
 CHRISTIAN NAMES Earle Frederick MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
528 Huron St., Toronto, Ontario		Baptist
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Nov. 25, 1917	Town Cross Creek County York Province New Brunswick	Mother: Mrs. Mary Griffin As above

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>35½</u>	Brown	Blue	Fair	None
Inches <u>9¼</u>	Deflated <u>33½</u>				
	Mean <u>34½</u>				
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY			
Dec. 4, 1940	Ord. Sea.	Student			

(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
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- (c) I have never been rejected 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.	
1. Noted in Records	<i>LS</i>
2. Index Card	<i>LS</i>
3. Summary Card	<i>LS</i>
4. Statistical Card	<i>LS</i>
5. Roneo Strip	<i>LS</i>
6. Pension Card	<i>LS</i>
7. _____	
8. _____	
DATE <u>17-12-40</u>	

TORONTO, ONT.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1940

Signature of applicant X Earle F. Griffin

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING 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 4th day of December, 1940

Signature of Commanding Officer. R. C. Mackenzie
LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Earle Frederick Griffin 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 Earle F. Griffin

Witness R. C. Mackenzie
LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

Date Dec. 4, 1940 Rank

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

Earle Frederick Griffin 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, ONT. Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

Signature of Commanding Officer. R. C. Mackenzie
Commanding Officer.

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.

OFFICIAL NUMBER V22559

NAME	GRIFFIN, Earle, Frederick.	DATE OF BIRTH	25 November, 1917
	(Surname) (Given Names)		

PLACE OF BIRTH.....Cross Creek, York, N.B.....OCCUPATION.....Student.....

RELIGION.....Baptist..... EDUCATION.....

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 528 Huron St. Town Toronto Province, etc Ont.

[illegible]

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)..... *Wife*..... NAME (in pencil)..... *Mrs. Margaret J. Sullivan*.....

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 13/41 Town Lalhouse Jinnah Province, etc. N.W.F.P.

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

V22559 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME GRIFFIN Earle, Frederick OFFICIAL NUMBER V22559
(Surname) (Given Names)

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
Div. Str. Toronto	Ord. Smm.	4	12	40							A/S.D.	11	11	41			
Duty Div. Hdqrs.	"	7	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	"	19	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	6	2	43							
Louisburg	"	22	11	41													
	A/A.B.	7	1	42	Rated. (249A/21927)												
	A.B.	22	3	42	Confirmed. "												
Niobe	"	6	1	43	S.R.D. #103												
Louisburg	"	7	1	43	" 103												
DISCHARGED	"	6	2	43	Missing presumed killed in action per Casualty list												

GENERAL REMARKS

X-ray approved.
Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to:-
Wife:-Mrs. Margaret J. Griffin,
Dalhousie Junction, N.B.
March 19, 1943.
Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to:-
Mother:-Mrs. Harold B. Griffin,
Stanley, N.B.
April 5, 1943.

DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU.	REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT	
BY	MO	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	SIGN	R	CTY.	TOWNSHIP	SERV. DIV.
25	X	17	18	XXX	0	60	X	1	26	40
ENLIST. DATE		ACT. SERV. DATE	SHIP		CS	RANK OR RATE				
DY	MO	YR.	DY	MO	YR.	ES	A	BR	RANK	
04	12	40	07	01	41		2	60	0	08
SENIORITY		STR.	NON-SUB		M		CODED		CHECKED	
DY	MO	YR.	CAT.	A	B	C	MCA		OK	
02	03	42	09	32	00	20	06	02	43	

NAME IN FULL GRIFFIN, Earl Frederick RANK/RATING A-1B

VERIFIED BY Chen Wright VERIFIED BY

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

...RANK/RATING ... A.B. ... OFF. NO. ... V 2 2 3 3 9 ... ADDRESS ...

VERIFIED BY


DIR. OF BUREAU

CAP

OTTAWA, Ontario, 8th October, 8

N.S. V-22559, PERS.(N). "N"/4.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT according to official information Able Seaman Earle Frederick Griffin, Official Number V-22559, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed killed on the 6th of February, 1943, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "LOUISBURG", was sunk by enemy action.


NAVAL SECRETARY.



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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

94134

H.M.C.S. "NIOBE" (LOUISBURG) at

Name **GRIFFIN, Earle Frederick**
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating **Able Seaman** Official No. **V-22559**
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth **Cross Creek, York,
New Brunswick** Date of Birth **25th November, 1917**

Occupation in Civil Life **Student** Religion **Baptist**

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) **Two years - two months.**

Date of Death **6th February, 1943** Place of Death **At Sea.**

Cause of Death **Loss of ship due to enemy action.**
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend. { Name **Maggaret Jean GRIFFIN** Relationship **Wife**
Address **Dalhousie, J.A., New Brunswick.**

Date on which the above was informed by Ship **Informed by N.S.H.Q.**

Date on which death was registered with local Officials

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

W. Kingley **Commander, R.C.N.,**
Commanding Officer,

10th March 1943.

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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House of Commons
Canada

O t t a w a ,
May 14th, 1943.

Captain E. R. Mainguy,
Chief of Naval Personnel,
Department of National Defence for Naval Services,
O t t a w a .

Dear Sir:

Re: Earle F. Griffin

This is the young man who went down on the "Louisburg" and about whom I have had considerable correspondence with your Minister regarding (a) a pension for his wife and daughter, and (b) a decoration.

I understood from the Minister that he had spoken with you about this case, and in his letter to me of the 7th of May he indicated what your statement was, namely that as the action in which H.M.C.S. "Louisburg" was engaged took place in the Mediterranean any award received would have to be granted by the British Admiralty, and that his name had not been included in any signal which had come to Naval Service Headquarters from the Admiralty in connection with honours and awards.

I have now received from Mr. Griffin's father a letter dated May 15th from Leading Stoker James A. Willett, of H.M.C.S. Stadacona. Mr. Willett is from my community. In this letter Leading Stoker Willett states:

"I saw Earl last, just after we were hit, and knew we were sinking. He said 'I must set the depth charges to safe', and ran towards the stern of the ship.

"I must explain that some of the depth charges were set, that is they were ready to be thrown over the side in case of a submarine attack. These depth charges can be set to 'safe' so that they will not explode when thrown into the water. If they were not set to safe, they would naturally explode when the ship sank to a certain depth.

"Well, that was Earl's job, and I will say, at the cost of his life he did set them all to safe, and there were none that exploded. If he had not done that, you can readily see that a great many more would have been killed than actually were.

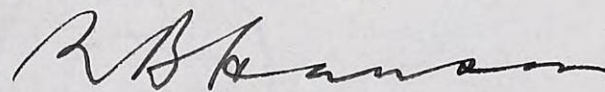
"I am sending you a small clipping taken from a naval paper, stating that by his action he probably saved many lives. There is no doubt in my mind that he did.

"That was the very last I ever saw of him, and I am sorry I cannot tell you more."

I hope that every effort will be made to get a post-humous decoration for this man. It seems to me that he at the risk of his own life saved the lives of many others when he could have saved his own.

I am hoping you will call the attention of the Admiralty to the situation, and if I can be of any assistance or if you think my writing a letter to Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald would be of any assistance I should be glad to hear from you to that effect.

Yours very truly,



R. B. Hanson

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26 July, 1943.

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Dear Mr. Hanson:

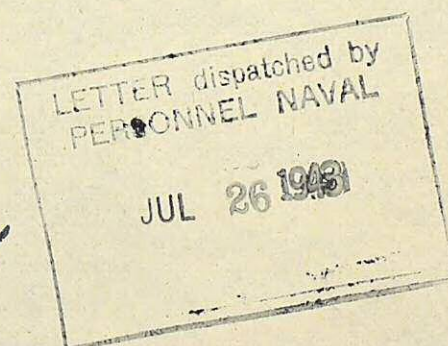
Further to my letter of 26 May, 1943 concerning a posthumous decoration for Able Seaman Earle F. Griffin, R.C.N.V.R., a reply has now been received from Admiralty advising that no recommendations for awards in connection with H.M.C.S. "LOUISBURG" have been submitted as yet.

The letter states further that should Able Seaman Griffin's name not appear among the recommendations, they would be prepared to consider submitting his name for a Posthumous Mention in Despatches, providing the facts of the case are substantiated.

Yours very truly,

W.B.

(E.R. Mainguy)
Captain, R.C.N.
Chief of Naval Personnel.



The Honourable R.B. Hanson, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

NB - After action, please return to H. & A.

W.B.
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