



CANADA



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OCT - 1 1941 N.S. 11361902 CANADA.

ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME CLAYTON OFFICIAL NO. V27741 CHRISTIAN NAMES ALFRED ERNEST JOSEPH MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS 2879 Dundas St. W., Toronto, Ont. RELIGION C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH 24 Aug. '20 PLACE OF BIRTH Toronto, York, Ontario. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mother: Alice: Same address.

\*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page

(A) PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

Table with columns: HEIGHT, CHEST MEASUREMENT, HAIR, EYES, COMPLEXION, WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS. Includes measurements like 5 feet, 35 inches chest, Auburn hair, Brown eyes, Fair complexion, and Tattoo on left forearm.

EDUCATIONAL STANDING 1 year High School TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Assistant Manager: Loblaw Groceterias, 932 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto, Ont.

DATE OF ENROLMENT 2 Oct. '41 RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Vict. Prob. R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED Toronto, Ont.

(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.

Table with columns: SERVED IN, RANK, FROM, TO. Includes a stamp: ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"

(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.

ROUGH [Signature]

Personnel Records Division. 1. Noted in Records... 2. Index Card... 3. Non-Sub. Card... 4. Statistical Card... 5. Photo Strip... 6. Pension Card... 7. ... 8. ... DATE 3-10-41

(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 2 Oct. '41 day of .....

Signature of applicant X *A. E. Clayton*

(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 2nd day of Oct. '41

*C. W. Sperten*  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, ALFRED ERNEST JOSEPH CLAYTON 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 *A. E. Clayton*

Witness *C. W. Sperten*

Date 2 Oct. '41

Rank 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

ALFRED ERNEST JOSEPH CLAYTON 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.

*C. W. Sperten*  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.

2 Oct. '41

R.C.N.V.R. Division

Toronto, Ont.

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.

# ATTESTATION

# B 455556

## NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT 2nd Bn. The Toronto Scottish Reg't. (M.G.) REGTL. No. 4027

1. Surname? (Block letters) CLAYTON
2. Christian names? Alfred Ernest
3. Present address? 2879 Dundas St. W. Toronto Can.  
Phone No. ....
4. Date of Birth? \*24-8-20
5. British subject? Yes
6. Occupation? Clerk
7. Religion? C.of E.
8. Next of Kin Alice Jessie Clayton 9. Relationship? Mother  
Address 2879 Dundas St. W. Toronto Can.
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service Nil  
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5'7½" Weight 120 Chest max. 33½ min. 30

Descriptive marks Tattoo of ~~wheat~~ house on right arm  
I have examined the above named man with W. Nave in accordance with instructions laid down in Instructions for the R.C.A.M.C. and C.D.C. 1937 Appendix V and find him fit for Category A

Date 85-7-40 Signature [Signature] MAJOR R.C.A.M.C.

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned Alfred Ernest Clayton do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers (made by me) to the foregoing questions are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of three years or until legally discharged, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement; that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, or my next of kin, to my Commanding Officer.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN

I, Alfred Ernest Clayton do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Signature of Witness [Signature] Signature of Man [Signature]

Dated this 25- day of July 1940 at Toronto Can.

### CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

The recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished by law. The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question and that his answer to each question has been duly entered and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath.

Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer [Signature]

\* To be shown day, month, year—Example:—25-8-39.

Statement of Services

Promotion, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Annual Training, Qualification Certificates, etc.	Effective Date	Authority for Entry	Signatures of Officers Certifying Correctness of Entries
Accepted for Service with effect from <i>July 25/40</i>	<i>25/7/40</i>	<i>Pt. II order / 27/8/40</i>	<i>[Signature]</i> Officer Commanding 2nd Bn. The Tor. Scot. Rgt. (M.G.) Unit.....
Attended annual training at Camp and included on pay list for <i>S.O.S.</i> <i>(Unable to attend parades regularly)</i>	<i>21-9-40</i> <i>3-6-41</i>	<i>Pt. II order #28 / 10-6-41</i>	<i>[Signature] Capt. &amp; Adj.</i> <i>[Signature] Capt. &amp; Adj.</i>
Medals and Decorations			

NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur and certified by the Officer making the entry.

Attestations to be made out in duplicate, the original being forwarded to be filed in Regimental Orderly Room, the duplicate to be kept in the Battery, Squadron, Company, etc.

Statement of Services

M.F.B. 235d  
10M-7-40 (4403)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1545

Promotion, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Annual Training, Qualification Certificates, etc.	Effective Date	Authority for Entry	Signatures of Officers Certifying Correctness of Entries
Accepted for Service with effect from			Officer Commanding Unit.....

NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur and certified by the Officer making the entry.

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# CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

.....Alfred Ernest Joseph CLAYTON.....

## in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <b>V- 27 741</b>
<b>Halifax</b>	<b>Toronto</b>	“
		“

Date of Birth..... <b>24th August, 1920.</b>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend <small>(in pencil)</small>
Place of Birth..... <b>Toronto, Ontario.</b>	
Place of Residence..... <b>2879 DUNDAS ST. W., TORONTO, ONT.</b>	
Trade brought up to..... <b>Assistant Manager.</b>	
Religion..... <b>C. of E.</b>	
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	
	2nd Oct., '41.	Dur. Host.	Vict. Prob.		FEB, 1944	Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp Provisional Award 1939-1943 STAR. Provisional Award.
					FEB, 1944	

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	5	7½	33½	124	Auburn	Brown	Fair	Tattoo left forearm.
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









CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, VERIFICATION NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE

NAME IN FULL CLAYTON, Alfred Ernest Joseph ..... RANK/RATING S.O.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	FROM
	FROM	TO	DAYS		
	2/10/41				
Analon	22/10/41	23/7/42	276	atf.	
Malpague	23/7/42	22/8/42	31	atf.	
Analon	23/8/42	4/9/42	13	atf.	
Ohillivack	4/9/42	12/8/43	343	atf.	
Shawinigan	9/3/44	24/11/44	261	atf.	
				Discharged "Disch"	
				24/11/44	

VERIFIED BY Johnson .....

VERIFIED BY .....

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

NAMING *S.A.* ..... OFF. NO. *V-27441* ..... 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>Star</i>
							ATLANTIC	✓	<i>Star</i>
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	✓	<i>2 x Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	✓	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

*ack"*

VERIFIED BY *J.M.* .....

Y ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

V27741

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-C-1902

V27741

OFFICIAL NUMBER V27741

NAME **CLAYTON** **Alfred Ernest Joseph** DATE OF BIRTH **24 Aug., 1920**  
 (Surname) (Given Names)  
 PLACE OF BIRTH **Toronto, Ont.** OCCUPATION **Assistant Manager**  
 RELIGION **Church of England** EDUCATION **1 year High School.**  
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. **2879 Dundas St., West,** Town **Toronto,** Province, etc. **Ont.**

Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year							Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
										From	To	
2	10	41	H.O.	5'7½	Auburn	Brn.	Fair	Tattoo on left forearm.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *Wife* NAME (in pencil) *Mrs. Olive May Clayton*  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. *216 Mackay St.* Town *Toronto* Province, etc. *Ont.*

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
4	2	44	C.V.S.M. (R&C) (249A, A8564)	16	11	43	Failed for Idg. S.A. (21-13-8)				
4	2	44	1939-1943 Star (249A, A8564)								

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		
						CP	28	5	42	Convicted by Civil Power	1 days pay and fine

**FILM**  
 NO. *WMP-5468-7*  
**DATE**

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
28	5	42				1		

O.H.F. Received.  
 Last Will and Testament dated 2.10.41 received  
 Last Will and Testament NO. 25298 received.



P.L.B

V27741

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME CLAYTON

(Surname)

Alfred Ernest Joseph

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V27741

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
Toronto Div. Str.	Vict. Prob.	2	10	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Duty Div. Hdqts.	"	2	10	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	"	8	10	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Avalon	"	28	10	41		V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
"	Vict. Asst.	1	1	42	RATED (249A, 21451)												
"	S.A.	1	3	42													
Malpeque	"	23	7	42	DRD 34.												
Avalon	"	23	8	42													
Chilliwack	"	4	9	42	DRD 78.												
Stadacona	"	13	8	43	DRD 2313.												
Shawinigan	"	9	2	44	DRD S.96 P.6.												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	MISSING. Per Casualty List.												
		24	11	44	Presumed DEAD. Correction Sheet P.73.												

GENERAL REMARKS

AWARDED CANADIAN MEMORIAL CROSS to:  
 Wife: Mrs. Olive May Clayton,  
 216 Mavety St.,  
 TORONTO, Ont.  
 May 18, 1945.



Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

426086

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

Name CLAYTON, Alfred Ernest Joseph (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Supply Assistant Official No. V27741 RCNVR (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Toronto, Ontario Date of Birth 24th August, 1920

Occupation in Civil Life Asst. Manager. 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) 2nd October, 1941 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 Olive May Clayton Relationship Wife Address 216 Mavety Street, Toronto, 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 invalided

Handwritten signature and date 11/4/45

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.

C.N.S. 1121 15M-7-40 (5849) N.S. 815-9-1121

Handwritten notes: Noted D in PA M.M.A. 17/4/45

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21 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs Clayton:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "York", Toronto, Ontario, has been referred direct to me for attention.

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the information that your son, Alfred Ernest Joseph Clayton, Supply Assistant, Official Number V-27741, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing when H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", a Royal Canadian Navy corvette was lost while on operational duty at sea.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for your son's survival and 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.

Seven officers, including her Captain, Lieutenant W. J. Jones, R.C.N.R., and seventy-nine ratings are now missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN". The bodies of five other ratings have been recovered and identified. There are no known survivors.

All available information regarding your son's loss has been previously forwarded to your daughter-in-law but when any further news or an official presumption of death is made, you will also be notified.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Alice Clayton,  
"Clay Acres",  
WOLVERTON, Ontario.

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N.S. V-27741, PERS.(N)

21 February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Clayton:

With reference to your letter of the 9th of February, 1945, you have no doubt by this time received my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, informing you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Alfred Ernest Joseph Clayton, Supply Assistant, Official Number V-27741, 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. Mrs. Olive May Clayton was also given this information in a letter dated 15th February, 1945.

It is regretted that there is no further news regarding the loss of H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" beyond that which you have already received and details published in the newspapers. There were no survivors from this ship.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Alice J. Clayton,  
"Clay Acres",  
WOLVERTON P.O., Ontario.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 22.2.45  
Time 1700

REGISTERED

28 August, 1945.

N.S.V-27741, PERS.(N) 'N' 5

Dear Mrs. Clayton:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your husband'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.

Date 30.8.45  
Time 1615

Mrs. Olive May Clayton,  
216 Mavety St.,  
TORONTO, Ont.

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



MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Oct. 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Olive M. Clayton - Widow

ADDRESS: 216 Mavety St.,  
TORONTO, Ont.

19-8-48

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW Mrs. O.M. Clayton

ADDRESS: 216 Mavety,  
Toronto, Ontario.

(2) 18-5-45

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. A.J. Clayton

ADDRESS: "Clay Acres", Wolverton, Ont.

(3) 18-5-45

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN. NO

2005

AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

CLAYTON	Alfred Ernest Joseph	V-27741	S.A.	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	680 
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)