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**ATTESTATION FORM**  
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME EPPLER, OFFICIAL No. V/93222  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Clifford MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| PERMANENT ADDRESS                     | RELIGION        |
| <u>341 Powers St., Winnipeg, Man.</u> | <u>Lutheran</u> |

|                            |   |  |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| DATE OF BIRTH              | *PLACE OF BIRTH   | NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  |
| <u>15th December, 1924</u> | Town <u>Winnipeg</u><br>County<br>Province <u>Manitoba.</u> | Father<br><u>Charles EPPLER,</u><br><u>341 Powers Street,</u><br><u>Winnipeg, Man.</u> |
| *Original Nationality of:  |   |  |
| Father <u>Austrian</u>     |   |  |
| Mother <u>Russian.</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>35 1/2</u> | <u>D. Brown</u> | <u>Brown</u> | <u>Fair</u> | <u>Blue Oval Scar</u><br><u>Dorsum Right Hand.</u> |
| Inches <u>8</u> | Deflated <u>32 1/2</u> |                 |              |             |  |
|                 | Mean <u>33 1/2</u>     |                 |              |             |  |

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| EDUCATIONAL STANDING | TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY   |
| <u>Grade X.</u>      | <u>Truck Driver,</u><br><u>Dominion Construction Co.,</u><br><u>Winnipeg, Man.</u> |

|   |                           |  |
|---|---------------------------|--|
| DATE OF ENROLMENT   | RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED | H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED |
| <u>Divisional Strength</u><br><u>10th September, 1943</u> | <u>Ord. Smn.</u>          | <u>. H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA.</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, Air Force, Reserve or Territorial Force.

\* (b) ~~I served in xx for the period shown and attach my record of service in corroboration of this statement xxx~~

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

| SERVED IN | RANK | FROM |
|-----------|------|------|
|           |      |      |

Personnel Records  
To  
Division.

1. Note in Rec. mcp
2. Inde. Card mcp
3. Non Sub. Card mcp
4. Status Card mcp
6. Pension Card
7. ....
8. ....

DATE 28-10-43

(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.

**R. C. M. P. CHECK UP**  
**SATISFACTORY**



(5) On being enrolled as a member 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 when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, 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.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as Seaman by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 10th day of September, 1943.

Signature of applicant X Clifford Eppler

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 10th day of September, 1943.

My authority for attestation is N.S. 30-34-1, 16th June, 1942.

M. L. L. L.  
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

I, Clifford EPPLER 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 Clifford Eppler

Witness M. L. L. L.

Date 10th September, 1943. Rank LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

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

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters **immediately** after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.



The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Clifford E. P. LEP*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

*I.C.N.S. 71676*

|                       |                     |                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Training Headquarters | R.C.N.V.R. Division | Official Number |
|                       | <i>Chippawa</i>     | <i>V-73222</i>  |
|                       |                     | "               |
|                       |                     | "               |

|                     |                                      |  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Date of Birth       | <i>15th December 1924</i>            | Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) |
| Place of Birth      | <i>Winnipeg, Manitoba</i>            | <i>Charles</i>   |
| Place of Residence  | <i>341 Powers St. Winnipeg, Man.</i> | <i>(Father)</i>  |
| Trade brought up to | <i>Truck Driver</i>                  | <i>same address</i>  |
| Religion            | <i>Lutheran</i>                      |  |
| Can Swim:—P.P.T.    | <i>non-swimmer</i>                   |  |
| Date                | <i>March 1 1944</i>                  | Signature  |
| P.S.T.              |                                      | Rank   |
| Date                | <i>19</i>                            | 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                     | Preseutation |                      |
|                             | <i>10th Sept 1940</i>             | <i>Duration 4 1/2 yrs</i> | <i>Ord Smm</i>                      |                           |              |                      |
|                             |                                   |                           |                                     |                           |              |                      |
|                             |                                   |                           |                                     |                           |              |                      |
|                             |                                   |                           |                                     |                           |              |                      |

| PERSONAL DESCRIPTION              |          |          |               |            |                   |              |             |   |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|---|
|                                   | Height   |          | Chest (mean)  | Weight     | Hair              | Eyes         | Complexion  | MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS                        |
|                                   | Feet     | Inches   |               |            |                   |              |             |   |
| On Entry                          | <i>5</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>33 1/2</i> | <i>133</i> | <i>Dark Brown</i> | <i>Brown</i> | <i>Hair</i> | <i>Blue oval scar<br/>Dorsum right hand</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 |
|                            |    |      |                        |      |           |
|                            |    |      |                        |      |           |
|                            |    |      |                        |      |           |



















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

NAME ..... *J. Smith* ..... OFF. NO. *V-73222* ..... ADDRESS .....

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

*11-44*

VERIFIED BY *R.L.*



V73222

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113 - E - 1125.

OFFICIAL NUMBER V73222.

NAME EPPLER Clifford. DATE OF BIRTH 15th December, 1924.  
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Winnipeg, Man. OCCUPATION Truck Driver.RELIGION Lutheran. EDUCATION Grade X.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 341 Powers St., Town Winnipeg, Province, etc. Man.

| 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 |
| 10                | 9     | 43   | H.O.   | 5' 8"       | D. Brown | Brown | Fair       | Blue oval scar dorsum right hand. |                  |                |       |    |

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mr Charles Eppler  
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 341 Powers St. Town Winnipeg Province, etc. Man.

| 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 |             |
|  |       |      |             | 14                               | 3     | 44   | Passed E.T.I. R.C.N.  |                   |       |      |             |
|  |       |      |             | 10                               | 5     | 44   | Qual. Anti-Gas 1 day. |                   |       |      |             |
|  |       |      |             | 9                                | 6     | 44   | Marked "TR"           |                   |       |      |             |

| 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 |                              |            |

FILM NO. WSR-6104-8  
DATE

| Date (in figures) |       |      | DAYS FORFEITED |       |       |          |          |                |
|-------------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Day               | Month | Year | Prison         | Det'n | Cells | C. Power | W. Trial | In diff. Char. |

O.H.F. RECEIVED.  
Last Will and Testament 14366



V73222 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME EPPLER Clifford.  
(Surname) (Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V73222. **D.I.B.**

| 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 |
| H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA     | ORD. SMN. | 10   | 9     | 43   | Div. Str. Winnipeg.                                | V.G.      |            | 31   | 12    | 43   | Radar III       | 4         | 8     | 44   | 2484         | 48574 |      |
| "                     | "         | 14   | 2     | 44   | Act. Serv. Ledger                                  | V.G.      | Sat.       | 24   | 11    | 44   |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Cornwallis            | "         | 16   | 4     | 44   | DL.16.4.44 (Hamilton 3-6-44 to 9-6-44 Serv. Cert.) |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| St. Hyacinthe         | "         | 27   | 6     | 44   | DL.27.6.44.  |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Stadacona             | "         | 9    | 8     | 44   | DRD #239 P.#2                                      |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Scotian               | "         | 17   | 8     | 44   | DRD S.#157 Pl.                                     |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| Shawinigan            | "         | 1    | 9     | 44   | DRD Sh.188 P.4                                     |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |
| DISCHARGED            | "         | 24   | 11    | 44   | "Missing" Presumed Dead Casualty List.             |           |            |      |       |      |                 |           |       |      |              |       |      |

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to  
Mother: Mrs. Molly Eppler,  
341 Powers St.,  
Winnipeg, Man.  
to date 26-3-45

| DATE OF BIRTH |     |     | PLACE           |         | CIVIL OCCU. |      | RELI.           | ED.  | PERM. RESIDENCE |           |              | PREV. ENL. | RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT |      |  |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----------------|---------|-------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|------|--|
| DY.           | MO. | YR. | BIRTH           | MAIN    | SUB         | GION | P.              | CTV. | TOWN            | SERV.     | DIV.         | A          | BR                         | RANK |  |
| 15            | 11  | 16  | 580             | 0       |             |      | 703             | 6    | 06              | 06        | 0            | 06         | 008                        | 95   |  |
| ENLIST. DATE  |     |     | ACT. SERV. DATE |         |             | STR. | ACT. SERV. DATE |      |                 | SHIP. CR. | RANK OR RATE |            |                            |      |  |
| DY.           | MO. | YR. | DY.             | MO.     | YR.         | CAT. | DY.             | MO.  | YR.             | ESTAB.    | A            | BR         | RANK                       |      |  |
| 10            | 09  | 43  | 08              | 10      | 43          |      |                 |      |                 | 9610      | 008          | 95         |                            |      |  |
| SENIORITY     |     |     | STR.            | NON-SUB |             | M    | CODED           |      |                 | CHECKED   |              |            |                            |      |  |
| DY.           | MO. | YR. | CAT.            | A       | B           | ST.  |                 |      |                 |           |              |            |                            |      |  |
| 08            | 10  | 43  | 13              | 00      | 00          |      |                 |      |                 | Jew       |              |            |                            |      |  |



Six 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 EPPLER, Clifford (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Ordinary Seaman. Official No. V73222 R.C.N.V.12

Place of Birth Winnipeg, Man. Date of Birth 15th December, 1924.

Occupation in Civil Life Truck Driver Religion Lutheran

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) 14th Feb., 1944 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 Charles Eppler Relationship Father Address 341 Powers Street, Winnipeg, Man.

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 of Commanding Officer, dated 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.

Handwritten note: Noted on file 16/4/45



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N.S. V-73222, PERS.(N) "N"/5.

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mr. Eppler:

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.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Yours sincerely,

*om*  
Date 29.8.45  
Time 1400

*[Signature]*  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Charles Eppler,  
341 Powers Street,  
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

*[Signature]*  
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8  
Approval on N.S. O-3690, F.D. 76,  
See also N.S.S. 1156 - 331/93



DECEASED 24 Nov. 1944

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

|                            |                 |          |                   |               |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|
| EPPLER                     | Clifford        | V-73222  | O.S.              | 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 AN DATE DESPATCHED |
|------------------|--|
| 1939-45 Star     | 5430 24/11/49                          |
| C.V.S.M. & Clasp |  |
| War Medal        |  |
|                  |  |
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|                  |  |
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RCNVR Oct. 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Charles Eppler - Father

ADDRESS:

~~341 Powers St.,~~ Room 215  
615 West Pender St.  
WINNIPEG, Man. VANCOUVER B.C.  
12.7.50

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs M. Eppler

ADDRESS:

341 Powers Street  
WINNIPEG, Man.

MEMORIAL BAR

CANCELLED

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN NO

(2)

(3)

26 Mar. 1945