



CANADA

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 RD 7-5-1
 7th Feb. 1943

ATTESTATION FORM
 (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME SMITH OFFICIAL NO. V-54925
 CHRISTIAN NAMES Gerald John MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>707 Hibernia Rd. MONTREAL, QUE</u>	<u>ROMAN CATHOLIC</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>14th November 1924</u>	Town <u>Montreal,</u> County Province <u>Que.</u>	Father : <u>Mr. William SMITH</u> <u>same address.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Irish Canadian</u> Mother <u>Irish 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>36</u>	<u>Dk. Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Small scar left fore-head. Small scar left thumb.</u>
Inches <u>6 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>34</u>				
<u>131 lbs</u>	Mean <u>35</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>2 years High School</u>	<u>Apprentice upholsterer: Henry Morgan & Co. Beaver Hall Hill, MONTREAL, QUE</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>DIVISIONAL STRENGTH 22nd February 1943</u>	<u>ORD/SEAMAN</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL"</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 RESERVE ARMY for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM
<u>Canadian Grenadier Guards</u> <u>////</u>	<u>Corporal</u> <u>////</u>	<u>April 1940</u> <u>////</u>

Personnel Records Division.
 1. Noted in Records
 2. Index Card
 3. Non-Sub. Card
 4. Statistical Card
 5. Roneo Strip
 6. Pension Card
 7.
 8 of His Majesty's Forces on
 DATE 20th February 1943.

(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.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the..... 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 22nd day of February 1943

Signature of applicant Gerald John Smith

(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 22nd

day of February 1943

K. Forbes

Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

Sub. Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, GERALD JOHN SMITH 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 Gerald John Smith

Witness K. Forbes

Date 22nd February 1943 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

GERALD JOHN SMITH 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..... Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

K. Forbes

Sub. Lieutenant, R. Attesting Officer.

22nd February 1943 R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL" (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..... Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Gerald John Smith

Signature

R 20/40
L 20/40

without glasses

F. D.

R 20/40
L 20/40

with glasses

ATTESTATION

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT **BUGLE BAND** REGTL. No. 534974

- Surname? (Block letters) SMITH.
- Christian names? GERALD - JOHN.
- Present address? 707 HIBERNIA RD. PT. ST. CHAS.
Phone No. WI. 3056.
- Date of Birth?* Nov 14/34
- British subject? YES.
- Occupation? SHIPPER
- Religion? P.C.
- Next of Kin MRS. SMITH
- Relationship? MOTHER
- Address 707 HIBERNIA RD.
- Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)
1st RIVERSIDE BOYS SCOUTS 2 1/2 YRS.
368326

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5'7" Weight 125 Chest max 34 1/2 min 32
Descriptive marks None at present

I have examined the above named man 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 Category E (O.K. but)
Date May 22, 1941 Signature Stake Keeney M.D. (M. 092)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned Gerald Smith 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, Gerald Smith do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Signature of Witness L. Evans Signature of Man Gerald Smith
Dated this 22nd day of May 1941 at Montréal Que

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.

L. Burpee Capt.
Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer.

Summary
 MAY 22 1941

Statement of Services

Promotions, 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
	22/5/4	PT II Ser. 34 285/4	Unit <i>2nd L Sq</i>
Posted to H.Q. Coy.	22/5/4	PT II Ser. 34	285/4
Attended <i>Sanham Camp</i> 1944	14/7/4	PT II Ser. 48	
" <i>Int. Bums</i>		PT II Ser. 40	13/7/42
Camps - 1942 -			
Promoted to A/Cpl	1/2/43	PT II No 6	8-2-43
S.O.S. & R.C.M. V.R.	20-2-43	PT II No 9	5-3-43
Medals and Decorations			
<p>All clothing and equipment issued to the soldier named on the other side of this card has been returned to the Q. M. Stores.</p> <p><i>JS</i> Quartermaster</p>			
	1 Mch 43		

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.

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N.S. 815-11-17

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

Gerald John SMITH

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

L.C. N.S. 26998

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>R.M.C.S. Montreal</i>	<i>V-54925</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth *14th November 1924*

Place of Birth *Montreal, P.Q.*

Place of Residence *707 Hibernia Road Montreal, P.Q.*

Trade brought up to *Apprentice Upholsterer*

Religion *Roman Catholic*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. *Fair* Date *10 May* 19*43* Signature *G. Beue* Rank *Pay Sublieut*

P.S.T. Date..... 19..... Signature..... Rank.....

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) *20/11/43*
Father
Mr. William Smith



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>22 Feb 43</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities</i>	<i>O/Smn.</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6 1/2</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Small scar left forehead. Scar left thumb.</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

V54925

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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V54925

NAME SMITH (Surname) Gerald John (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 14 Nov. 1924PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Que. OCCUPATION Apprentice Upholsterer:RELIGION R.C. EDUCATION 2 Years High SchoolRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 707 Hibernia Road Town Montreal Province, etc. Que.

ENGAGEMENTS			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)				Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year								From	To	
22	2	43	H.O.	5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	D. Brown	Brown	Medium	Small scar left forehead. Small scar left thumb.	Canadian Grenadier Guards	Cpl.	4-40	20-24

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) William Smith
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 707 Hibernia Road Town Montreal Province, etc. Que.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY			EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.						
Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	
						10	5	43	Passed P. Swim T. Fair 249a 6000

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. WR 5901-2
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To



V54925

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME SMITH
(Surname)

Gerald John
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V54925

P.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
HMCS MONTREAL	Ord. Smn.	22	2	43	Div. Str. Montreal	V.G.	S.t.	31	12	43	Bugler	6	8	43			
" "	"	5	3	43	A/S. D.L. 8-3-43	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
" Naden	"	4	5	43	DRD 1012												
" Cornwallis	"	31	5	44	DRD #2630.												
Stadacona V/O	Stoker II,	10	5	44	Transferred, Back Dated, 249A #7015.												
Avalon	"	12	8	44	D.R.D.#242.P.5.												
Shawinigan	"	21	8	44	D.R.D.#234.P.14.												
DISCHARGED:	"	9	9	44	Ser. Cert.												
		24	11	44	"Missing". Casualty List. Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to;
Mother; Mrs. Mary Smith,
707 Hibernia Rd.,
MONTREAL, P.Q. 6-4-45

Handwritten notes:
249A #7015
5-4-45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			ENLISTMENT				
DY	MO	YR	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P	CTY	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	BR	RANK	
14	X	24	12	334	0	10	3	2	23	02	9	09	0	08	45
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR		RANK OR RATE			
DY	MO	YR	DY	MO	YR	CAT.	DY	MO	YR	FESTAB.	A	BR	RANK		
22	02	43	05	03	43					1730	0	08	45		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED					
DY	MO	YR	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
05	03	43	18	00	91										

Handwritten: J.S. smep

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

NAME OFF. NO. *V/54925* 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>1 star</i>
							ATLANTIC		
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.		<i>2 clasps</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945		<i>1 medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

Y DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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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 SMITH, Gerald John
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Stoker 2nd Class Official No. V54925 RC.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Montreal, Que. Date of Birth 14th November, 1924

Occupation in Civil Life Apprentice Upholsterer 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) 5th March, 1943 - 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 Mr. William Smith Relationship Father
Address 707 Hibernia Rd., Montreal, Que.

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,
11/25/45

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.

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N.S. 815-9-1121

Noted Dada memo 14/4/45

TFH/EFM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

V-54925 PERS. (N) 9

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mr. Smith:

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 son, Gerald John Smith, Stoker Second Class, Official Number V-54925, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your son 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 son'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 son 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.

Mr. William Smith,
707 Hibernia Rd.,
Montreal, Quebec.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Oct. 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. William Smith - Father

707 Hibernia Road,
ADDRESS: Montreal, Que.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Mary Smith

707 Hibernia Road, Montreal, Que.
ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL B R

(1)

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 350

(2)

(3)

6-4-45

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

D OF D 24-11-44

AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

SMITH	Gerald John	V-54925	Sto.2	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	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	4254

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)