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WORTMAN  
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OTTAWA, Ontario, 5 September,

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FROM: Secretary, Naval Board,  
Naval Service Headquarters,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

TO: Director of Estates,  
Estates Branch,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

In accordance with Naval Order No. 839, it is notified for your information that the following casualty in the Naval Forces of Canada has been reported:

<u>NAME, RANK/RATING, OFFICIAL NO., UNIT</u>	<u>PARTICULARS RE DEATH</u>	<u>NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN</u>
WORTMAN, Robert Chambers Able Seaman, V-53851, R. C. N. V. R.	Accidentally drowned on the 4th of September, 1945, at Lunenburg, N.S. (Body recovered.)	Mother: Mrs. Lillian Wortman, 304 High Street, MONCTON, N.B.

<u>IN FAVOR OF</u>	<u>ALLOTMENTS IN FORCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>INITIALS</u>
Receiver General of Canada, Eight Victory Loan, Ottawa.		33:60	L.D.

WILL: No Record.

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for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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### REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. "STADACONA" at Halifax, Nova Scotia

Name Robert Chambers WORTMAN  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-53851  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Moncton, N. B. Date of Birth 5th August, 1922

Occupation in Civil Life Chainman Religion United Church

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) 2 years, 7 months, 4 days

Date of Death 4th September, 1945 Place of Death Lunenburg, N. S.

Cause of Death Drowning (accidental)  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Lillian Wortman, Relationship Mother  
Address 304 High Street,  
MONCTON, New Brunswick.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship 4th September, 1945

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 Not known (if known) Date of Burial Not known (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave Not known (if known)

Undertaker employed - - - (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

Reports of Death

*H. Adams* - Commanding Officer,

20th September, 1945

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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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
- Naval Service -  
OTTAWA, Canada.

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Sir:

5 September, 1945.

(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME	RANK or RATING	NAVAL NO.
WORIMAN, Robert Chambers	Able Seaman	V-53851, R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 1st February, 1943. Active Service: 17th February, 1943.

DATE OF DISCHARGE - 4 September, 1945.

HOSPITAL -

(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)

SERVICE -

Canada & High Seas

(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere)

Reason for discharge and -

"DEAD" - Accidentally drowned at Lunenburg, N.S.

when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred.

(Body recovered)

(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 -

Mother

Mrs. Lillian Wortman

RELATIONSHIP -

(Father)

NAME -

(Mr. Otto George Wortman,)

ADDRESS -

304 High Street, MONCTON, N.B.

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.

FORM "A" RESPECTING THE ABOVE NAMED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS OF MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE, DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE, etc.

C. R.  
P. A.  
TREASURY OFFICE  
DATE 6/10/45  
INITIAL C.R.

REMARKS:.....

THIS PORTION OF FORM COMPLETED BY CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, NAVAL SERVICE.

<u>Names of Dependents</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Maiden name of wife</u>	<u>Date of marriage and/or date of birth of children</u>
NIL	NIL	N IL	N IL

	<u>D.A.</u>	<u>A.P.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Monthly rate:</u>	NIL	NIL	N IL

<u>To Whom Paid:</u>	NIL	<u>Address</u>	N IL
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Date of Enlistment: See other side.

Date of Discharge: See other side.

Inclusive date to which D.A. and/or A.P. was Paid:

The final deduction of Assigned Pay for nil has been made for the period from 1st to nil of n il 194

REMARKS:

Computed by ..... L.D. ....  
Checked by ..... *[Signature]* .....

for *Alec J. Boswell*  
Chief Treasury Officer,  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,  
(Naval Service).

Secretary, The Canadian Pension Commission,  
Room 228, Daly Building, OTTAWA, Ontario.

5th September, 5.

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FROM: The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.C.S. "LEVIS"

TO : The Senior Naval Officer,  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

SUBJECT: Board of Inquiry.

Reference: (A) Your 051458Z  
(B) C.N.R.'s Article 256 Para., (3).

Enclosures: 1. Minutes and Findings of  
Board of Inquiry.  
2. Coroner's Certificate.  
3. Form C.N.S. 1121.  
4. Your 051458Z.

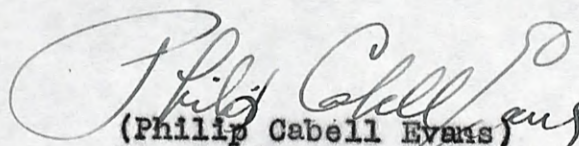
In accordance with reference (A) Board of Inquiry convened on board H.M.C.S. "LEVIS" at Lunenburg, N.S., at 1400 on Wednesday 5th September, 1945, consisting of the following:

Lieut. Cdr. Philip Cabell Evans, R.C.N.R. -- 022620  
Lieut. William Adair Simonton, R.C.N.V.R. -- 067147  
Lieut. (S) Joseph Meyerovitz, R.C.N.V.R. -- 051482

The last was designated to act as Secretary of the Board.

3. Various witnesses were interrogated, their testimony being reported in the enclosed minutes.

4. A finding was reached and is appended to the enclosed minutes, signed by the three members of the Board.

  
(Philip Cabell Evans)  
Lieut. Cdr., R.C.N.R.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

Enclosure 1: Minutes and Findings

The questions were asked by Lieut. Cdr.,  
Philip Cabell Evans, R.C.N.R. (unless  
otherwise noted).

First witness entered.

David Bruce Douglas, Lieutenant (n) R.C.N.V.R.  
Navigating Officer, H.M.C.S. "LEVIS", Acting Executive Officer.

The purpose of this inquiry is to investigate into the  
death of one Robert Chambers WORTMAN attached to this ship.  
Is the deceased known to you?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. Will you please tell the board in your own words what you  
know of this occurrence?

A. I have no first hand information but was on board H.M.C.S.  
"LEVIS" when the drowning accident, believed to be one of  
our crew, was reported by the Senior Naval Officer,  
Lunenburg. That is all.

Q. Can you give the names of any persons attached to this ship  
who may have some detailed knowledge of the occurrence?

A. Yes. FEENEY, Able Seaman and GAUTHIER, Telegraphist.  
That is all.

Second Witness.

Able Seaman FEENEY.

Q. Give the board your full name.

A. Marvin Thomas FEENEY, Able Seaman, V69347, attached to  
H.M.C.S. "LEVIS".

Q. We are inquiring into the death of Able Seaman WORTMAN  
of this ship. Did you know this man?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know anything of the occurrence in connection with  
his death?

A. He went into the water first and I coaxed him out. Then he  
went in again. I went in after him and brought him out  
and then I layed down on the beach. He went in again and  
I did nothing until he started to holler for help. Then I  
started to go in after him and by that time GAUTHIER was in  
diving for him. Then I layed down on the beach and the Shore  
Patrol came along and asked me if I was alright and then I  
went to Camp Norway with them. Petty Officer WRIGHT brought  
me over to see the Captain and I told the Captain I didn't  
know anything until he started to holler and then I went back  
to Camp Norway and went to bed. That is all.

Q. When and where did this accident take place?

A. Mason's Beach.

Q. When?

A. Approximately 3 P.M. Tuesday September 4th, 1945.

Q. Were you in company with WORTMAN at the time?

A. Yes, I was down to the beach with him.

Q. Did you go to the beach with WORTMAN?

A. Yes.

Q. From where?

A. Camp Norway.

Q. Were you on Shore Leave or on Duty at that time?

A. Shore Leave.

Lieutenant William Adair SIMONTON asked the next question.

Q. How much leave were you on?

A. Twenty eight hours.

Q. Were there any other men in company with you?

A. No Sir.

Q. Did you go to the beach with the intention of going swimming?

A. No. We were supposed to meet some girls down there with pictures for us.

Q. Did you go in swimming yourself?

A. No, just after WORTMAN.

Q. Did you know anything about WORTMAN'S ability to swim?

A. No Sir.

Q. Can you give any other information which may help the Board to determine the cause of WORTMAN'S death?

A. No Sir.

The President of the Board asked the members of the Board whether there were any further questions. There were no questions.

First witness, Lieutenant David Bruce DOUGLAS, R.C.N.V.R., re-entered and offered the following information:

WATTS, Leading Sick Berth Attendant may also have some information of this accident.

Third witness entered.

Roland Girard GAUTHIER, Telegraphist, V73308 attached to H.M.C.S. "LEVIS".

Q. Your name has been given as one who could throw some light on the circumstances concerning the death of Able Seaman WORTMAN, of this ship. Did you know Able Seaman WORTMAN?

A. Yes Sir, not very well. I knew him about as well as one man can know another man rooming with him approximately two weeks.

Q. Can you tell the Board in your own words the story of what happened yesterday afternoon in this connection.

A. Yes Sir. I'll start earlier in the afternoon. Able Seaman



WORTMAN left party of which he and I were amongst, a party of girls, and he went farther down the beach and jumped in the water in dungarees. He was wading around but definitely not over his head from what I could see. He was in the company of Able Seaman FEENEY and I told him to keep from going in because I know it was dangerous to him going in fully clothed. Then WORTMAN came out on the beach and he removed his dungarees and then he went into the water just toddling around and so forth. Then Able Seaman FEENEY went after him and tried to talk some sense into him and then brought him back to the beach. It was approaching supper time and I proceeded back to the barracks in company with the girls I was spending the afternoon with. We were at the bottom of the hill, I would say the hill is 400 or 500 yards from the beach at the spot where I last saw him when I heard his calls for help. When I left for the barracks I thought there would not be any more trouble as WORTMAN assured me that there would not be. These girls and myself ran back as fast as we could and I was in sight of the spot where he had been in swimming and then all I could see when I was running was his head bobbing up in the water. I could not make out whether it was a head of someone in trouble or someone hunting for someone in trouble. Then I removed my trousers and threw my jacket off before I hit the water. I jumped in after the man or where I thought he was. I dived into the water at an angle with the water and with the waves held back my progress. When I reached the spot there was nothing in sight. I dived under the water and swam around for the space of five minutes and saw nothing. In the meantime some people on the shore, I just don't know who, produced a dory with oars and oar locks and I took the dory out and hunted around for a space of another five minutes possibly longer. Then the Shore Patrol arrived and I turned it over to them and jumped into warm clothing. That is all I have to say.

- Q. Tell as accurately as you can when this occurred.
- A. I would say this took place between 1600 and 1610 in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 4th, 1945.
- Q. What was the <sup>condition</sup> ~~temperature~~ of the water in regards to temperature and degree of roughness?
- A. In my anxiety and haste I didn't notice the temperature of the water whether it was cold or warm, but I suffered no shock from any cold temperature. I estimate that the water was somewhat rough as I received several mouthfuls of salt water due to roughness.
- Q. Do you know anything of WORTMAN'S qualifications as a swimmer?
- A. Yes, I would say he was a capable swimmer, as earlier in the afternoon when he was in swimming he was navigating well and in my estimation that the stroke he used was a fairly strong one. I might add in regards to the question that was asked earlier that the site of WORTMAN'S drowning was about five or six yards beyond his own depth. That is my estimation when I saw him or where I first looked for him.

Q. You mean where you heard the calls for help. Did you know then who was calling?

A. No Sir, I couldn't say, as I said before I was 400 or 500 yards away at the base of the hill and I was out of sight of the beach as well and the calls were fairly faint.

Q. Did you see anyone else go or attempt to get to the assistance of the drowning man.

A. I cannot actually say I did. No, as I approached the drowning man there was a head in the water and that head could be the drowning man or some one looking for him and as I understood when I returned from searching in the dory Able Seaman Feeney had gone out as far as he could before I had gotten there.

Lieutenant William Adair SIMONTON asked the next question.

Q. Was Able Seaman FEENEY in the water when you arrived?

A. I could not say as I was taking off my trousers. I might say that I had reached the site of the drowning or what I thought was the site of the drowning and I was alone.

Q. Did you see anything of his head any time after this?

A. No, I did not.

Q. Have you anything further to add?

A. No sir, nothing that I can think of now.

Fourth witness entered.

Q. Would you please state your full name?

A. Reginald MacKeen SAUNDERS, M.D., Coroner for the Town of Lunenburg and vicinity.

Q. Dr. Saunders, we are inquiring into the death of one Able Seaman WORTMAN attached to this ship and understand that you have some information regarding this hearing. Will you be kind enough to tell us what you can?

A. Last evening, September 4th, 1945, about five o'clock I was called over the telephone by Lieutenant Commander MUNRO and he asked me if I was the coroner for the town of Lunenburg. I told him I was and he told me that there had been a drowning accident at Mason's Beach, and wanted to know what were my proceedings as Coroner. I told him that when the body was recovered I should be informed and I would go to the scene of the accident and view the remains and then tell them whether an inquest was necessary or not. About 7 o'clock same evening, September 4th, 1945, I heard the door bell ring and going to the door Stewart WALTERS was there and told me that they had the remains of this sailor at Mason's Beach. I told him that I would go to the scene of the accident which I did. When I got there I could tell where to go by the crowd of people gathered around and going through the crowd I saw the remains of a man practically unclad, laying on a blanket or something of that nature face down, head resting on one hand and some man using artificial respiration. The body was cold and cynosed and pulseless. As the body had been in the water as near as I can find out over two hours, I concluded it was to no avail to carry out further artificial respiration. This was about 10 minutes

after I got there. After stopping the artificial respiration I told Lieutenant Commander MUNRO that he could tell his men to take the remains to Mr. SWEENEY's Undertaking Parlours which they did. Previous to this I had spoken to Mrs. Thelma ABRAHAMSON and she told me what she knew about the accident. I questioned Mrs. ABRAHAMSON and she told me what she knew about the accident. During the evening I also questioned two other girls who saw the accident and from the information I could gather concluded an inquest was unnecessary.

At this point Dr. SAUNDERS submitted a signed statement of the above facts which is appended hereto.

Then in the evening I also questioned a sailor by the name of GAUTHIER as to what he knew about the accident, and from what he told me coupled with that of the other girls I found it unnecessary to hold an inquest and I told Corporal GUNTHER of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to inform Lieutenant Commander MUNRO to that effect.

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Q. Can you tell us how you satisfied yourself to the identity of the deceased?

A. I satisfied myself as to his identity by obtaining such from Lieutenant Commander MUNRO who was present on the beach when I was.

Q. Then is there anything further you might add?

A. I think that covers it.

Lieutenant (S) Joseph MEYEROVITZ, R.C.N.V.R., asked the next questions.

Q. You made a statement to the effect that the body was submerged for two hours and you deemed it useless to continue artificial respiration. Would you mind telling us what is the longest time to your knowledge a body has been submerged and revived by means of artificial respiration?

A. I believe they have been revived after two hours being submerged but not very often.

Q. Is there anything special you based your observations on in this case?

A. I just base it on the fact that he had been in the water for a long length of time and his color.

Q. That is all.

A. Mr. SWEENEY came to my office this morning September 5th, 1945 with the Death Certificate for me to fill out as Coroner which I did. Also particulars for the transportation of said body.

Lieutenant William Adair SIMONTON asked the next question.

Q. What was the cause of death written on the Death Certificate?

A. Accidental drowning.

Fifth witness entered.

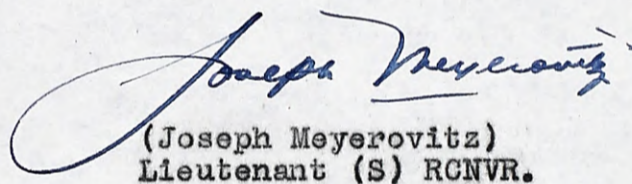
- Q. Will you please give your full name, rank and present duty.
- A. William Hamilton WATTS, Leading Sick Berth Attendant V36366, H.M.C.S. "LEVIS".
- Q. We are inquiring into the death of Able Seaman WORTMAN of this ship. Was the deceased known to you?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Will you tell us in your own words what you know of the circumstances surrounding the occurrence of yesterday afternoon.
- A. I received word at approximately five to five, a rating from H.M.C.S. "LEVIS" had been drowned at Mason's Beach. I proceeded immediately to the beach where I aided in the search for his body. After approximately two hours searching the body was located by a local fisherman and was taken ashore where I applied artificial respiration for half an hour. Artificial respiration was kept up until the body was pronounced dead by the Coroner.
- Q. It is important that we identify the remains beyond question. Can you help us to do this?
- A. In identifying him there was a silver naval ring on his ring finger left hand and as I knew the body personally I knew it was Able Seaman WORTMAN.
- Q. You had known the man some time as a SHIPmate?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And you would be prepared to state, beyond any question that the body to which you applied artificial respiration was that of Able Seaman WORTMAN of this ship?
- A. Yes sir.
- Lieut (S) Meyerovitz asked the next questions.
- Q. In your opinion was everything possible done to revive him?
- A. No sir.
- Q. Would you mind giving the court your reasons?
- A. In other cases of drowning the artificial respiration had been carried out for a period of not less than two hours. Also there is usually a pulmotor squad who are trained to use the apparatus. This was not present last night.
- Q. Do you know if this apparatus is available in Lunenburg.
- A. Yes, if there is a fire department. Artificial respiration was carried out for about 45 minutes until the doctor arrived.
- Q. What doctor?
- A. I do not know. The doctor that was at the beach last night. He stated it was no use.

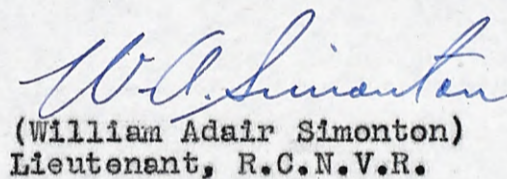
The Board decided to call no further witnesses.

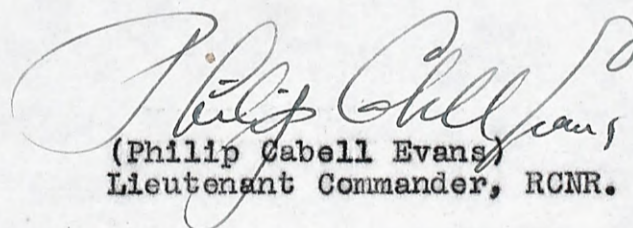
The Board adjourned at 1545.

FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF ENQUIRY

On the basis of the foregoing testimony, this Board finds that Robert Chambers WORTMAN, Able Seaman, V53851 attached to H.M.C.S. "LEVIS" met his death by accidental drowning at about 1600P on Tuesday 4th September, 1945 at Mason's Beach near Lunenburg, Nova Scotia; the deceased being at the time on authorized leave from his ship and engaged in recreation; that his death was not due to service and was not the result of his own misconduct.

  
(Joseph Meyerovitz)  
Lieutenant (S) RCNVR.

  
(William Adair Simonton)  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

  
(Philip Cabell Evans)  
Lieutenant Commander, RCNR.

5th September, 1945,  
H.M.C.S. "LEVIS"  
at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

C O P Y

R. McK SAUNDERS, M.D., C.M.

Physician & Surgeon

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

5th September, 1945.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that about 7 P.M., last evening I was called to Mason's Beach to view the remains of a sailor that had just been taken out of the water. The remains were those of Able Seaman Robert Chambers WORTMAN, R.C.N.V.R., H.M.C.S. "LEVIS". From information I gathered from his shipmate, GOUCHER, and several other eye-witnesses of the happening, I concluded it was a case of accidental drowning and deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Signed.  
R. McK. Saunders, M.D., &  
CORONER.

FROM: The Senior Naval Officer,  
Lunenburg, N.S.

DATE: 6th September, 1945.

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Ottawa, Ontario.

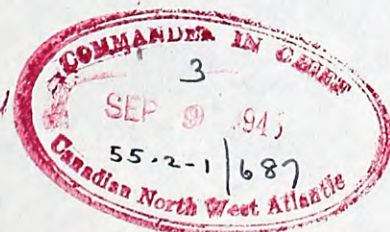
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Canadian Northwest Atlantic,  
Area Combined Headquarters,  
Halifax, N.S.

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BOARD OF ENQUIRY RE:  
DEATH OF Robert Chambers WORTMAN, A/B, V 53857  
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Submitted:

Enclosed are the findings of a board of Enquiry ordered to investigate the death of Robert Chambers WORTMAN, A.B., V 53857 which occurred at Mason's Beach, Lunenburg, N.S. on 4th September, 1945.

2. The findings of the board are in agreement with the Coroners report of accidental drowning. William Hamilton WATTS, L/S.B.A., V 36366 of H.M.C.S. "LEVIS" in his testimony states that a Pulmotor is available in Lunenburg. This is a false statement based only on his own supposition. There is no Pulmotor nor Pulmotor squad in the town of Lunenburg.
3. I consider that every effort was made to revive the body until the Coroner pronounced life as being definitely extinct.
4. The body has been shipped to the next of Kin, Mrs. Lillian WORTMAN, 304 High Street, Moncton, N.B., in accordance with her request. A Naval Escort is accompanying the body.
5. H.M.C.S. "LEVIS" has provided an appropriate Funeral Cortege from the Funeral Home to the C.N.R. Station.
6. The local Pilot, Captain Joseph Himmelman rendered valuable assistance and was the person who actually recovered the body.
7. Respectfully request that a letter of appreciation from the Naval Service be sent to Captain Himmelman for his valuable service.



*R. D. Munro*  
R. D. Munro,  
Lieutenant-Commander, R.C.N.V.R.,  
Senior Naval Officer.

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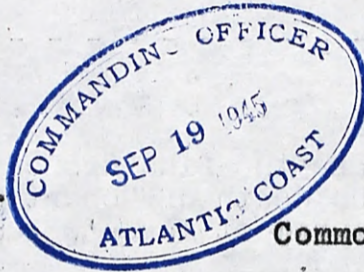
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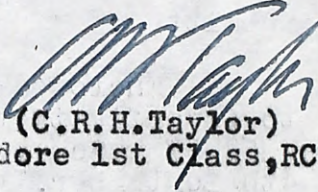
The Secretary, Naval Board,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

Submitted for the consideration of the Department, enclosures to Minute I are attached with copy of letter written the next of kin by the Commanding Officer HMCS LEVIS and copy of Royal Canadian Mounted Police report 45H-637-2-71 of 17th September.

2. I concur in the Minutes and Findings of the Board and the remarks of Senior Naval Officer, Lunenburg.

The Commanding Officer  
Atlantic Coast,  
H.M.C.S. STADACONA,  
18th September 1945.



  
(C.R.H. Taylor)  
Commodore 1st Class, RCN.



"H" Division  
(C.I.B.)

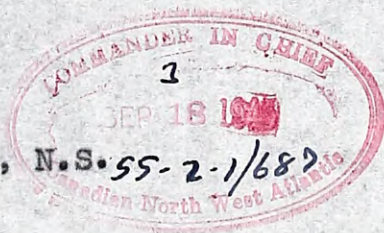
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The Commanding Officer,  
Atlantic Coast,  
H.M.C.S. "Stadacona"  
HALIFAX, N. S.

Re: V.53851, Robert Chambers WORTMAN,  
A.B., R.C.N.V.R., H.M.C.S. "LEVIS"  
Lunenburg, N.S., Accidental Drowning.

1. FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION - Copies of report of the Lunenburg Detachment of the 7th instant together with copies of statements referred to therein, concerning an investigation into the death by drowning of the above named at Lunenburg, N.S., on September 4th, 1945.
2. Under the circumstances outlined in this report, the Coroner decided that it would not be necessary to hold an Inquest and as there is no indication that death was by other than accidental means, the file is being closed.

Halifax, N.S. 55-2-1/682  
17-9-45  
Encls.  
C3:MR



Asst. Comm'r  
(A. N. Eames)  
Commanding "H" Division.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION

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SUB-DIVISION  
YARMOUTH

DETACHMENT  
LUNENBURG

PROVINCE Nova Scotia

DATE 7-9-45.

FILE REFS.

RE: V.53851, Robert Chambers WORTMAN, A. B., R.C.N.V.R.,  
H.M.C.S. "LEVIS", Lunenburg, N. S.,  
Accidental Drowning.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

45-1-277

DETACHMENT

45-7-18.

P.C.R.

FIRST.

A. R. V. No.

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DIARY DATE

SET FOR.....

1. With reference to the above, at 5.00 p.m. of the 4th inst a telephone call was received at this office from Lt/Comm'dr MUNROE, S.N.O., Lunenburg, N. S. to the effect that the above named had drowned at Mason' Beech and that the body had not yet been recovered. On receipt of this information Cst Hansen patrolled to Masons Beech where he found dragging operations already begun. As few people were there at this time Cst Hansen assisted in these operations until 7.p.m. when the undersigned arrived. Inquiries were then made and it was learned that Wortman went in swimming between 4.00 and 4.30 P.M. and disappeared under water shortly after he went in. Dragging operations were started within about three quarters of an hour after and it was not until 7.27 p.m. that his body was recovered by Capt. Joe HIMMELMAN of Lunenburg, N.S. It was found about forty yards from the shore where he went in bathing. It was brought into shore and artificial respiration was administered until 8.25 p.m. when the Coroner, Dr. R. McK. SAUNDERS, Lunenburg, N.S. arrived and advised that further efforts were useless. The body was examined by Dr. Saunders and myself and then released to the Naval Officials who had it removed to SWEENEY'S Undertaking Parlor in Lunenburg.

2. Prior to the arrival of the Coroner and after the body had been released, inquiries were made along the beech where it was learned that the only persons who saw what happened were the following;- V.69340, Marven T. FEENEY, A.B., R.C.N.V.R. H.M.C.S. "LEVIS"; V.73308, Roland G. GAUTHIER, Tel. R.C.N.V.R., H.M.C.S. "LEVIS"; Kay NAAS (13 yrs) and Joan V. FRALIC (13 yrs) both of Lunenburg, N. S. Other persons were on the beech at the time but were approximately one half mile away. These persons were all interviewed but did not see Wortman go into the water and did not know what happened until after being told by the aforementioned persons.

3. After the body was released the Coroner interviewed Gauthier and the two girls. These were interviewed in my presence and after telling their story to the Coroner he decided that an inquest would not be necessary. Feeney's condition at this time was such that he was unable to give a coherent account of/actually took place. This condition was due to intoxication and shock. He was not interviewed by the undersigned until the 6th inst when a statement was obtained from him. Copies of which are attached hereto.

4. From Gauthier and the two young girls it was learned that Wortman and Feeney had gone to the beech on the afternoon in question. That they had taken one bottle of rum with them and after drinking this they returned to barracks where they got another bottle of rum and returned to the beech. At this time they joined Gauthier who had a drink with them. By this time both Feeney and Wortman were evidently very much under the influence of the liquor. Wortman went into the water first with

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4. FIRST WITH his clothes on. He was coaxed out by Feeney and shortly after this he again went in. This time Feeney went in after him and brought him out forcibly. At this time the two of them evidently got into an argument which was settled by Gauthier, who left after obtaining a promise from Wortman that he would stay out. However it is evident from the evidence of the two girls that both Wortman and Feeney were quite drunk and it was not long after that Wortman again went into the water. At this time he was dressed only in his underwear, shoes and stockings. According to Feeney's statement he did not know or see Wortman going into the water at this time but heard him calling and immediately went into the water after him. Wortman kept going out further until he really came in difficulty and by this time he was out too far for Feeney to go after him as he, Feeney, was a very poor swimmer. At this time he asked the girls to help Wortman. According to the girls statement they say that they heard Wortman asking Feeney to go in too and it was just after this that they saw him disappear under the water. At first they thought he was only fooling but later realized he was actually in difficulty. Since they were poor swimmers and the fact that no one else was near they were unable to do anything. In the meantime Gauthier heard someone call for help and immediately ran back but was too late to be of any assistance although he did swim out and dived for Wortman for approximately 10 minutes after which he came in and went out in a dory that was about half a mile up the beach. About  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an hour later other boats arrived from Lunenburg and assisted in the search for Wortman's body, which as stated above, was recovered by Capt. Himmelman at 7.27 P.M.

5. From the foregoing and statements of the witnesses, copies attached, it can be seen that this drowning was purely accidental. This is also born out by examination of the body which showed absolutely no signs of violence having been used. The Coroner's decision in regards to an inquest not being necessary is therefor concurred in.

6. With regard to subject's personal belongings, these were taken over by the Naval Shore Patrol, prior to our arrival, and turned over to the Senior Naval Officer at Lunenburg, N.S. who also notified the mother. It may be added here that Wortman was 23 years of age and his home address is 304 High St., Moncton, N.B.

7. In view of the foregoing this file is being considered closed at this detachment unless otherwise instructed.

No Expense Incurred.  
CONCLUDED - HANDED OVER.

  
Cpl.  
(J. Guenther, 11193.)  
I/C. Lunenburg Det.

O. C. "H" Division.

FORWARDED: It is apparent from the enquiries conducted that this fatality was purely accidental, and I concur in the findings of the Coroner that no Inquest was necessary.

CONCLUDED, HANDED OVER.

Yarmouth, N.S.

(J. M. McIntosh) Insp.  
Comm'r. Yarmouth S/Div.

No. STATEMENT OF V. 69340, Marven T. FEENEY, A.B., R.C.N.V.R. Sept. 6th, 1945.  
H.M.C.S. "LEVIS", Lunenburg, N.S.

1. On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 4th, 1945, I left Camp Norway with Robert WORTMAN. We walked over to Mason's Beech. We had a bottle of rum with us. After we got to the beech we drank the biggest part of this rum. We layed around the beech and then came back to barracks and got another bottle of rum. After getting this second bottle we went back to the beech again. At this time another sailor, by the name of GAUTHIER, joined us and we drank about one drink each out of this second bottle. By this time Wortman and I were feeling pretty good, and it was shortly after this that Wortman went into the water. This would be sometime after 3.00 p.m. When I saw Wortman go into the water I coaxed him out. Shortly after he went in again. This time I went in and brought him out. He didn't want to come out but I brought him out anyway. After I brought him out this time I thought he was going to stay out. I wnet and laid on the beach and before I knew it he had taken off his pants and shirt and was back in the water. At this time I heard him call to me. I wnet in again but I am a poor swimmer and before I could get to him he ~~went~~ dissappeared under the water. About this time Gauthier came running and went in after Wortman. When Gauthier came I come out and laid on the beach until the Shore Patrol brought me back to Camp Norway.

2. Wortman was not a very good swimmer and this together with the fact that he had been drinking did not help him when he went in the water, which was fairly rough for swimming at that time.

Witness.

Cpl. J. Guenther, 11193.

Signed.

Marven T. FEENEY

STATEMENT OF V. 73308, Roland G. GAUTHIER, Tel. R.C.N.V.R.,  
H.M.C.S. "LEVIS", Lunenburg, N. S.

1. On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 4th, 1945, I went over to Mason's Beach. This would be about 2.30 p.m. About half an hour later Robert WORTMAN and FEENEY, both sailors on the "LEVIS", came over to the beach too. They came to me with a bottle of rum and the three of us had a drink. I had a fairly large one. We sat around for 20 minutes or half an hour and then they went down the beach further. After they left me I saw that Feeney was having trouble trying to keep Wortman out of the water. I went over and together Feeney and I got him out and made him promise to stay out. I then left them and started back to barracks. When I got about  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a mile away I thought I heard someone shouting for help. I could not see anything because of a small knoll between me and the beach but I immediately ran back. On getting nearer I could see someone in the water. This was Wortman. Feeney was also in the water but could not do much as he is not a good swimmer. I immediately went in the water after Wortman but was too late. He went under water and I couldn't find him. I swam around trying to locate him but couldn't. I then came in to shore and went out in a dorey but couldn't find a sign of him. After a short time other help arrived and I went in to shore for some clothes and later came back to barracks.

Witness.

Cpl. J. Guenther.

Signed.

Roland G. GAUTHIER.

STATEMENT OF Joan V. FRAELIC (13 yrs) Lunenburg, N. S.  
& Kay NAAS (13 yrs)

1. On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 4th, 1945, Kay NAAS and Mon MEISNER and myself went over to Mason's beach for the afternoon. We arrived there about 2.30 p.m. and stayed around the beach. As we were walking over to the beach we met two sailors coming towards town. After we were at the beach for a while these same two sailors came back and joined another sailor who was at the beach when we first arrived. We didn't pay any attention to them until two of them went into the water with their clothes on. At this time they acted as though they were drunk. They only stayed in the water for a minute and then came out. Shortly after they went back into the water again. This time they took part of their clothes off. They only stayed in a few minutes when they came out again and this time they appeared to be fighting. The other sailor who was there when we got there, was sober. He came over and parted them and they shook hands. This sailor then left and the other two stayed on the beach. A little while after this one sailor, the one that drowned, went back in the water. When he was in the water he called the other one and asked him to come on in. The other sailor then went in but not very far as he said he couldn't swim. The other one kept on going out further. After a few minutes he started to call for help. The other one then came out and asked us girls to go in and help him. We thought he was only fooling until the last when we realized he really meant it. None of us could swim good enough to go out anyway. Just before the sailor went under the other sailor who was sober, came running and he went in to try to save him but he had gone down and this sailor couldn't find him.

2. Witness.  
Cpl. J. Guenther.

Signed. Joan V. FRAELIC,  
Kay NAAS.

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7570-S, 1320D  
K.P. 32460

NAVAL MESSAGE

NSHQ (R) C SUPT CAPT D RFX HCN DEPOT  
SNO LUNENBURG 1 2 3 4 9 10 15 18

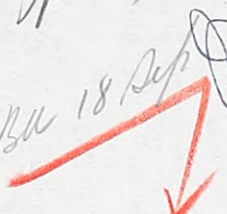
From:  
C IN C CNA

SNO LUNENBURG'S 042202 REFERENCE ACCIDENTAL DEATH BY  
DROWNING OF ROBERT C WORTMAN AB V53851 ASSUME NAVAL  
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS HAS TAKEN NECESSARY ACTION TO INFORM  
NEXT OF KIN. ALTHOUGH NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 7  
NAVAL ORDER 4389.

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SEC  
STAD  
PEREGRINE  
C SUP TP TO NSHQ LT TO LUNENBURG.

P-L HQ NR 6 05-09-45 TB-FH

*Richard J. Forman*  
*BU 18, Sep 18*  


HQ NS V-53851

ESTATES BRANCH

June 14, 1946.

Mrs. Lillian Wortman,  
304 High St.,  
MONCTON, N.B.

WORTMAN, Robert C. A.B. (Deceased)  
No. V-53851 - R.C.N.V.R.

Dear Mrs. Wortman:

In accordance with the provisions of the War Service Grants Act, the War Service Gratuity due to your son is now available for distribution as part of his Service Estate. This amount has been computed as outlined in the enclosed award form.

As your son died without having made a Will, this amount is distributable in accordance with the Intestacy Laws of his Province of domicile. Accordingly this whole amount is paid to you as next-of-kin entitled.

A cheque has been requisitioned from Treasury payable to your order and on receipt of same, will you kindly sign and return the enclosed form of acknowledgment.

May we take this opportunity to express once more our sincere sympathy for your irreparable loss.

Yours faithfully,

(L.M. Firth) Colonel,  
Director of Estates.

Enc.  
HLV/DVS

MRL

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
 NAVY        ARMY        AIR FORCE  
 STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

2  
 NAVY

DECEASED  
 MEMBER'S  
 NAME

Robert Chambers  
 (CHRISTIAN NAMES)

WORTMAN  
 (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO. 64077

FILE NO. NS V-53851

DATE 18th Mar '46

SERVICE NO. V-53851

PAYEE  
 ADDRESS

Director of Estates ( for Service Estate of  
 308 Sparks St., Robert Chambers  
 OTTAWA, Ont. NS V-53851

FINAL RANK OR RATING AB

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 4th Sept '45

DATE OF DISCHARGE 4th Sept '45

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 930 EQUAL TO 31 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50

\$ 232.50

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 462 LESS nil INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 462 DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY

115.50

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY \$1.85  
 SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING  
 AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE \$1.25  
 ADDITIONAL PAY \$

H.L.M. \$ .13

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$ nil \$ nil

TOTAL \$ 3.23 X7 = \$ 22.61

NO. OF DAYS 462 X\$ 22.61

57.08

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

405.08

E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$ .33  
 DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE  
 AND ASSIGNED PAY \$

OTHER DEDUCTIONS \$

.33

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

404.75

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE \$

404.75

CERTIFICATE I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN CORRECTLY COMPUTED AND IS PAYABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT, 1944 AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER.

PREPARED BY

JB

TREASURY

CHECKED BY

DATE

PK Bayce 2/3/46

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE  
 FOR DIR. OF NAV. PAY ACCT





**DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES** GMW  
NAVY

Estates Form "P. 4"

Name WORTMAN, Robert C. No. V53851  
Surname Christian Names

A.B. R.C.N.R. 4-9-45  
Rank Unit Date of Death

AMOUNT W.S.G. 404.75  
L.P.C......\$ 247.23

Date.....27-5-46.....

Other Credits.....  
Total.....6 51.98  
Prev. Dist. 247.23  
This Dist. 404.75

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
All	Mother	Mrs. Lillian Wortman, 304 High St., Moncton, N.B.  <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>  (As next of kin entitled)	404.75

WSG

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
9999	831	00	50	000	404.75
CLASSIFIED BY			EXAMINED BY		
			For Chief Treasury Officer		

DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
.....  
(L. M. FIRTH) Colonel  
Director of Estates

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

# ACCOUNTS OF MEN DISCHARGED

Account of the Balance of Wages, the Sale of Clothes and Effects  
and the other Credits of Men Discharged to the  
Shore, D. D. or Run

Name WORTMAN, Robert C Rating Able Seaman  
Stadacona Pay II for  
 Official No. V53851 H.M.C.S. "LEVIS" List 12<sup>2</sup>/70  
 Who\* "D.D." on the 4 September 1945

Net sum due on ledger on account of Wages..... <u>O.R. 163-93592</u>	\$	cts.	
Proceeds of sale of Effects charged against Wages, brought from the other side	NIL		36 01
<b>CASH—</b>			
Proceeds of sale of Effects, paid for in Cash, brought from the other side.....	\$	cts.	
Found amongst Effects... <u>O.R. # 163-093590</u>	2	30	2 30
Debts collected \$.....	NIL		
On acct. of clothing purchased by N.S. O.R. 163/093591 for \$40.92			40 92
(26/9/45) Cash debited in the Accountant Officer's Cash Acct.....			NIL
If in debt in ledger, amount to be stated (in red ink).....			- - -
Rate of allotment (in words) <u>Thirty three and Sixty/100 dollars</u> charged to.....			30 Sep '45
Name of ship from which transferred..... <u>"LEVIS"</u>			
\$36.01 deposited to credit Naval Estates Present War. O.R. 163/093592			79 23
of 26 SEP '45			NIL

We hereby certify that we have every reason to believe that the above account contains a true statement of all wages, Effects, and other Credits or Debts on the Ledger of LEVIS amounting to a net balance of NIL of NIL dollars NIL cents.

Dated on board H.M.C.S. ST ADA CONA Pay Div II at Halifax, N.S.  
 this 26th day of September 1945  
 Approved H. Adams CAPTAIN, R.C.N.  
 Lieut. Comdr (S) RCNVR Supply Accountant Officer  
 S/Lieut (S) RCNVR Initials of the Assistant Accountant Officer  
 Commanding Officer.

For Use at Headquarters. \$.....cts.....credited on Inspector's certificate  
 No.....to.....  
 Signature.....  
 Date.....19.....

\*State whether discharged on shore, D.D. or Run.  
 †Subscription for Charitable or other purposes should not be shown hereon, but on a Remittance List, and dealt with as laid down in the King's Regulations.

**C.N.S. 46**  
 10M-10-40 (7450)  
 H.Q. N.S. 815-9-45

NOTED  
 ESTATES CARD  
 OCT 9 1945  
 D.N.P.A. SECT. 11

Mrs. Lillian Wortman.

304 High Street.

Moncton. N.B.

Any further communication on this subject should  
be addressed to:—THE DIRECTOR OF ESTATES,  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. V53851 FD. 215

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

## ESTATES BRANCH

OTTAWA, ONT.

12 Sep. 1945.

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any Service estate  
available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

WORTMAN. Robert Chambers. Able Seaman.

V53851 R.C.N.V.R.



it is necessary that certain information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished the Estates Branch. You are asked therefore to read the enclosed memorandum before completing pages 2 and 3 of this form. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on page 4 should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public or a Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

If there is insufficient space for complete particulars to be given opposite any question on pages 2 and 3 of this form, the space under "additional remarks" on page 4 should be used.

*Robert Smith Col.*

HRW/IMF

Director of Estates.

ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below:—

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT		
		NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree specified	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative
1	Widow of the Deceased.....	_____		
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	_____		
3	Father of the Deceased.....	George Otto Wortman	57	died May 6th 1945
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Edith Lillian Wortman	<sup>(62)</sup> 57	304 High St. } Moncton, N.B.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Stanley Otis Wortman	27	304 High St. } Moncton, N.B.
		James Chapman Wortman	23	304 High St. }
		Douglas Arthur Wortman	20	H.M.L.S. Mont Joli
		Ronald Eldon Wortman	16	304 High St. }
		Arnold Murray Wortman	15	304 High St. } Moncton, N.B.
	Half Blood	_____		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Florence Lillian Wortman Gardner	26	1122, 17th Ave. W., Calgary, Alta.
		Geraldine Wortman Taylor	21	Thetford, Norfolk, England.
	Half Blood	_____		
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, who are dead and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)	Address of their children	
		Pauline Alva Wortman	June 30, 1921	
		Stuart Emerson Wortman	Sept 1929	
		Lloyd Wortman	Feb. 1927	

see page 4  
discharged ✓

V 2754 ✓  
V 35307 ✓  
V 76189 Full Blood

Moncton, N.B.

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE  
PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	Robert Chambers Wortman.
9	Date of his birth.	August 5th. 1922.
10	Place and date of his marriage.	
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Saint John, N.B. June 18, 1917.

## PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Moncton, N.B. 22 Summer St.
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) New Brunswick (b) Westmorland County (c) (d) all his life.
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Engineer (Surveyor) helper. C.N.R.
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	Moncton, N.B.

## PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did the deceased leave a Will other than a Service Will? If in your custody, please forward. If not, can you state where it is?	No.
18	If married, and domiciled in the Province of Quebec or in a State in the U.S.A. or in a Country under the laws of which there is community of property between spouses,—was there a marriage contract dealing with property?	
19	(a) Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? (b) Give name and address of bank, etc., and the amount on deposit. (c) Do you wish it administered with the pay account? (d) If it is a joint account, state the survivor's name and relationship to the deceased.	
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates purchased by the deceased and registered in his name. State where located.	None in his name.
21	(a) Amount of Victory Loan Bonds left by deceased. (b) State whether bearer or registered. (c) State in whose name they are registered. (d) During what loan were they purchased? (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) (e) In whose possession, and address, are they?	Six hundred and fifty Dollars. Both Mrs Lillian Wortman 1st. 3rd \$50. ea. 4th \$100 Bearer Bonds 5th. 7th. 8th Registered Lillian Wortman \$100 \$200 \$200 Mrs Lillian Wortman, 304 High St. Moncton, N.B. Govt has 8th. Bond
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	Included in Mrs acc'd

## OTHER PARTICULARS

24	Did the deceased after enlistment incur any debts for:— (a) His own separate board and lodging while on service. (b) Service clothing and equipment. An itemized account for each such debt should be attached hereto, and if same is correct you should mark the bill "approved" and sign same. If believed incorrect, give particulars.	
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(PLEASE TURN OVER)

## DECLARATION

\*Insert degree of relationship for example, "Widow", "Father", "Brother", etc.

I hereby declare that all the particulars shown on this form are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees specified; and that I am the

\* Mother of the deceased.

N.B.—To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

Lillian Wortman {Signature of Informant  
304 High St. Moncton NB Address

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief Mrs Lillian

\*See above. Wortman {Name of informant} is the\* Mother of the Deceased above described. The above Declaration was made by the Informant and signed in my presence.

Dated at Moncton NB this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 19 45

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

Geo. P. Farney Qualification Clergyman

Address 154 Queen St. Moncton NB

NOTE.—Before granting the above Certificate, care should be taken to see that the informant gives particulars concerning the death of any Relative stated by him or her to have died, and that the full name and address and age of each surviving Relative specified is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

(If the deceased has no living relatives of the degrees shown on page 2, the names and addresses and relationship of other relatives should be set out below.)

USE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE

See letters Sept. 26, Oct. 25, 1945  
 Naval Pay Accounting.

Stanley & James living only at 304 High St.  
 till they can find a place of their own.  
 Both are married, and have a child each.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

INVENTORY

Date .....

The Estates Branch has received the following personal effects of:

V.53851 A.B. WORTMAN, R.C.

NAME .....

1 pkg. playing cards	1 letter
1 sewing kit	1 pkg. snapshot mounting corners
1 leather belt	Snapsh album contg; snaps & negatives
1 pr. skates and boots	Wallet, contg;
1 pr. swimming trunks	Money Order receipt for \$60.
3 vest fronts	4 snapshots
2 suits woollen underwear	C.N.R. Railway pass, 1942
1 blue sweater	C.N.R. Railway pass, 1943
4 stocking stretchers	1 letter addressed to deceased
1 fingernail file	1 letter, unaddressed, unsigned
Writing case, contg;	1 pr. earmuffs
Writing pad	2 boot laces
Photograph	1 paper bag contg; rubber bands
Fountain pen <i>and case</i>	1 safety razor
Propelling pencil	1 shaving brush
Two fountain pen caps	1 eye cup
Newspaper clippings	2 toothbrushes
HMCS "LEVIS" crest and Christmas card	
Black note pad	1 pkg. Gillette blades
Leather note pad	1 New Testament
Loose leaf Memo pad	1 red and yellow address book
8 empty envelopes	1 small padlock
	1 cardigan sweater
	1 dungaree trousers
	1 work shirt
	6 pr. socks
	1 throat and chest protector, wool
	1 pr. wool mitts
	Ditty bag
	1 wool mitt
	1 leather mitt
	1 pr. woollen mitts

Received the effects as listed

SIGNATURE .....

DATE REC'D .....

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NON QUALIFYING SERVICE

(#)	Date	Reason	No. of Days	TOTAL SERVICE	OVERSEAS SERVICE
	10 Jan '44	Civil Power	1	1	
"		"	"		
"		"	"		
"		"	"		
"		"	"		
"		"	"		
"		"	"		
			Total days	1	

(%)  
OVERSEAS SERVICE:

<u>Where Serving</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
Port Hope	23 May '44	17 July '44	56
Lewis	6 July '44	4 Sep '45	406
			<u>462</u>

P.H.	L
<u>1782</u>	<u>2196</u>
1727	1791
55	405
<u>56</u>	406



W.S.G. Application No. 64077  
FILE NO. N.S. V-53851

TO: D.N.P.A. "G"

"WAR SERVICE GRATUITY"

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE

WORTMAN, Robert Chambers V-53851 A.B.  
SURNAME CHRISTIAN NAMES OFFICIAL RANK OR RATING  
IN FULL NUMBER ON DISCHARGE

CAUSE OF DISCHARGE: Discharged Dead.

Accidentally Killed in Action  
Next of Kin. Mrs. Lillian Wortman 304 High Street  
Moncton, N.B.

TOTAL SERVICE

Date of Active Service 17 Feb '43 ✓  $\begin{matrix} 2196 \\ 1266 \\ \hline 930 \\ 1 \\ \hline 931 \end{matrix}$   
Date of Discharge 4 Sep '45 ✓  
Total No. of Days 931 ✓  
# Less non qualifying service 1 day ✓ Total Days 930 ✓

OVERSEAS SERVICE

% Total No. of Days 462 ✓  
# Less non qualifying service 0 ✓ Total Days 462 ✓

Record of Service in other Forces (per Naval Records)

Branch of Service                     

Date of Active Service                     

Date of Discharge                     

# & % Overleaf

R. Howley  
Computed By

Checked By R. Force

J. Underhill  
for (R.W. Underhill)  
A/Captain (S) R.C.N.V.R.  
Director of Naval Pay Accounting.

OCT 4 1945  
DATE:

Copy: Naval Service Headquarters,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

H.M.C.S. "LEVIS"  
c/o Fleet Mail Officer  
Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
5th September, 5.

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Mrs. Lillian Wortman,  
304 High Street,  
Moncton, New Brunswick.

My dear Mrs. Wortman:

It was my sad duty last evening to have to despatch to you a telegram reporting the loss of your son Robert in a drowning accident. The telegraph office here in Lunenburg being closed at that hour, the message was telephoned to Halifax, there to be put on the wire. When I learned this morning, however, that there had apparently been a delay in the delivery of that first message, I sent a duplicate by direct wire from here.

Your son, together with a young shipmate, left his barracks at Camp Norway to spend yesterday afternoon at Mason's Beach, a short distance from here. There were a number of people on the beach at the time, and apparently the youngsters were skylarking in and out of the water. Shortly after four o'clock your son apparently stepped off beyond his depth, and possibly was seized with a cramp. In any case, the chap with him, Able Seaman FEENEY, endeavored to assist him but was unable to reach him. Another lad from the ship, Telegraphist GAUTHIER, heard his cry from some distance away, and raced into the water. Although GAUTHIER is a good swimmer, he was unable to reach your son before he disappeared. He dove beneath the surface repeatedly in an effort to locate your boy, without success.

Meanwhile help from ashore was summoned, and boats proceeded to the spot. At about seven o'clock, as a result of continuous search, your son was recovered from the water. Artificial resuscitation was applied by a qualified man, Leading Sick Berth Attendant WATTS, of this ship, but proved to no avail. After persisting for nearly an hour, the effort was abandoned on the advice of Doctor SAUNDERS, the local physician.

I was not a personal witness to the accident, but have learned the above facts by thorough investigation. It grieves me to have to set forth to you these painful details, but I feel that you are entitled to know the facts. It seems that this was an unavoidable accident, and I can assure you that everything that could be done, was done.

I understand that you desire your son's remains to be sent to you at his home. Arrangements for this have been completed by the Senior Naval Officer, Lunenburg, who is taking care of all expenses at this end, together with the

costs of transportation to Moncton. You will, of course, have to make the arrangements for interment and settle the accounts for expenses there. You may, however, on presentation of your receipted bills to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, be re-imbursed up to a reasonable expenditure. I regret that I am unable to give you the exact amount allowed, but suggest you refer to the Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast, H.M.C.S. "STADACONA", Halifax, Nova Scotia, for this information; I am sending him a copy of this letter. 34

Regarding a headstone, no re-imbusement will be made to you for private expenditure. But should you desire a headstone to be supplied at Government Expense, you should make application to the Secretary General, Imperial War Graves Commission, Transportation Building, 48 Rideau Street, Ottawa.

Robert had served in this ship under my command almost since we first commissioned, a little over a year ago. I shall always remember him as a very fine boy, clean-cut and faithful in his duties. He was respected and loved by all of his shipmates. It may be some slight comfort to you to know that we are grieving with you and sharing your loss.

I am delivering this letter to you by the hand of your son's shipmate, Able Seaman Thomas TIMOTHY, who is acting as escort for the remains.

If I can be of service to you in any manner, do not hesitate to call on me. Please accept my deepest sympathy and all good wishes.

Very Sincerely Yours,

*Philip Cabell Evans*

(Philip Cabell Evans)  
Lieutenant Commander, R.C.N.R.,  
COMMANDING H.M.C.S. "LEVIS".

WORTMAN	Robert Chambers	V-53851	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	1333- 17/1/50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL  
RCNVR June 46

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Lillian Wortman - Mother

ADDRESS: 304 High Street,  
Moncton, N.B.

(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)



(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Lillian Wortman

ADDRESS: 304 High Street, Moncton, N.B.

(3) 8-11-45

MEMORIAL BAR


DATE DESP

REGN. NO

536

SERVICE

NAME: WORTMAN Robert *Chambers*

O.N. *1-53821*  


PRESENT RANK/RATING: Able Smn.

DATE TAKEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE: 17-2-43

SERVICE

*16*

SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT

FROM

TO

H.M.C.S. "Brunswicker  
" Stadacona  
" Cornwallis  
" Stadacona  
" Port Hope  
" Stadacona  
" Levis

1-2-43  
30-8-43  
8-10-43  
23-5-44  
18-7-44  
26-7-44

*Canada & High Seas  
5-9-45*

*"this  
mother, see  
is not a will" form  
on file, dated 25/10/44*

IMPORTANT

(WILL): NO.

NAME & ADDRESS

OF NEXT OF KIN; Father: Mr. Otto George Wortman,  
304 High Street, Moncton, N.B.

HAS DISCHARGE FOR ANY REASON  
BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED? NO.

REASON:

DATE:

INITIALLED *mpb*

DATE 5-9-45

SECTION: RCNVR (3)

(TO BE COMPLETED IN INK)

LA

71  
N.S. V-53851.  
F.D. 946, PERS.(N) "N"/5

12 November, 1945.

Sir:

With reference to Naval Service Headquarters' form letter dated the 3rd of October, 1945, enclosing a Report of Death respecting the late Robert Chambers Wortman, Able Seaman, Official Number V-53851, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, the following additional particulars have been received from the next of kin:

Name of Cemetery: Elmwood Cemetery, Moncton, N.B.

Date of Burial: September 9th, 1945.

Location, Number, etc., of Grave: Lot 62-B.

Undertaker employed: Tuttle Bros. Ltd.,  
171 Leutz St.,  
Moncton, N.B.



Secretary,  
Imperial War Graves Commission,  
312 Transportation Building,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.



VERIFICATION FORM  
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.  
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (191

NAME IN FULL WORTMAN Robert ..... RANK/RATING AT3 .....

SHIP	SERVICE			Chambers AREA	QUALIFYING		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45
	17-2-43						
<u>Port Hope</u>	<u>23-5-44</u>	<u>17-7-44</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>ex</u>			
<u>Lewis</u>	<u>26-7-44</u>	<u>4-9-45</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>ex</u>			
		<u>dis</u>					
			<u>Dead</u>				
			<u>4-9-45</u>				



VERIFIED BY [Signature] .....

VERIFIED BY .....



VERIFICATION FORM

PAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

.....RANK/RATING *AT3* .....OFF.NO. *✓ 53851* .....ADDRESS .....

DAYS	Chambers AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
								1939-45	✓	<i>5 for</i>
<i>56</i>	<i>ex</i>							ATLANTIC	✓	<i>5 for</i>
<i>406</i>	<i>ex</i>							FRANCE G.		
								AFRICA		
								PACIFIC		
								BURMA		
								ITALY		
								DEFENCE		
								C.V.S.M.	✓	<i>2 &amp; clasp</i>
								" CLASP		
								WAR 1945	✓	<i>medals</i>
								WAR 1915		



*Dead*  
*4-9-45*

VERIFIED BY *SP* .....

..... VERIFIED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

V53851

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

WORTMAN

Robert Chambers  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V53851

PIP

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. Brunswicker	Ord. Snn.	1	2	43	Saint John Div. Str.	V.G.	SAT.	31	12	43.							
" "	" "	17	2	43	A.S.DL. 17-2-43.	Good	Sat.	31	12	44							
Stadacona	" "	30	6	43	DL. 30-6-43.	V.G.	Sat.	4	9	45							
Cornwallis	"	8	10	43	H.D.O. #27565												
Stadacona	"	23	5	44	DRD S-171 P/22												
Port Hope	"	18	7	44	DRD #217 P/2												
Stadacona	"	26	7	44	DRD S-234 P/5												
Levis	"	17	2	44	Rated(S.C.)												
DISCHARGED	"	4	9	45	Accidentally Drowned (W/T. 050110Z/9/45.)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross to Mother:  
Mrs. Lillian Wortman,  
304 High St.,  
Moncton, N.B. 8-11-45.



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
05	08	22	15	P.P.R.	0		40		05	14	01	0	02	0	08	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			
01	02	43	17	02	43					7830 P			08 95			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED	CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
17	02	43	13	00	00											

8-11-45

V53851

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

V53851

NAME

WORTMAN

Robert Chambers

DATE OF BIRTH 5-8-22.

(Surname)

(Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH

Moncton, N.B.

OCCUPATION C.N.R.

RELIGION

United Church.

EDUCATION

Grade 7.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

304 High St.

Town

Moncton,

Province, etc.

N.B.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
1	2	43	H.O.	5'9 1/2"	Dk. Brown	Brown	Dark	Scar on little lt. finger.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc.

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	
22	2	46	C.V.S.M. (R&C)	12	8	43	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 dy.				
22	2	46	1959-45 Star(R)	20	9	43	Marked "TR"				
22	2	46	Atlantic Star(R)								

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		
					H.M.C.S. STADACONA	C.P.	10	1	44	Convicted by Civil Power.	Break in continuity of V.G. Conduct for badge purposes; Inferior character at end of year "GOOD".

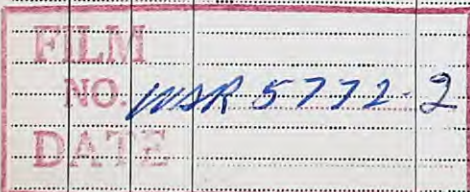
O.H.F. RECEIVED.

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
10	1	44				C.P.		

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



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

Robert Chambers WORTMAN

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <u>V-53851</u>
	<u>HMCS "Brunswick"</u>	"
		"

<b>O.H.F.</b> Date of Birth <u>5<sup>th</sup> August, 1922</u> Place of Birth <u>Moncton, N.B.</u> Place of Residence <u>304 High St. Moncton, N.B.</u> Trade brought up to <u>Chainman</u> Religion <u>United Church</u>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <u>Mother</u> <span style="float: right;">31-10-43</span> <u>Lillian</u> <u>same address</u>
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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	
	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Feb '43</u>	<u>Duration of hostilities</u>	<u>Ord Smm</u>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<u>5</u>	<u>9 1/2</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>136 1/4</u>	<u>Dark Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Small scar on little finger, left hand.</u>
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

48692

## NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
	<i>Divisional Strength</i>					
	<i>Brunswick</i>		<i>Ord Smm</i>	<i>1 Feb '43</i>	<i>16 Feb '43</i>	
	<i>On Active Service</i>					
	<i>Brunswick</i>		<i>Ord Smm</i>	<i>17 Feb '43</i>	<i>29 June '43</i>	
	<i>Barnwallis</i>		<i>— " —</i>	<i>30 June '43</i>	<i>8 Oct '43</i>	
	<i>Stadacona</i>		<i>— " —</i>	<i>9 Oct '43</i>	<i>16 Feb '44</i>	
	<i>Avalon (1st Flot)</i>		<i>A.B.</i>	<i>17 Feb '44</i>	<i>27 Mar '44</i>	<i>48116</i>
	<i>S Stadacona</i>		<i>— " —</i>	<i>23 Mar '44</i>	<i>16 July '44</i>	
	<i>Stadacona (Lewis)</i>		<i>— " —</i>	<i>17 July '44</i>	<i>25 July '44</i>	
	<i>Stadacona (—" —)</i>		<i>— " —</i>	<i>26 July '44</i>	<i>27 July '44</i>	
			<i>— " —</i>	<i>28 July '44</i>	<i>4 Sep '45</i>	<i>"D.D." #8692</i>



**Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants**

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
<i>14 Dec '43</i>	<i>setw 700999.9-28</i>	
<i>20 April '45</i>	<i>F-341472 - 7 days</i>	
<i>21 May '45</i>	<i>Provt - 10 days leave</i>	









(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I hereby 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.....Ordinary Seaman.....by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this.....1st.....day of.....February, 1943.....

Signature of applicant.....R.C. Wortman.....

(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.....1st.....

day of.....February, 1943.....

My authority for attestation is.....

.....Thos. L. Peckett, Lieut. R.C.N.V.R......  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I.....Robert Chambers Wortman.....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.....R.C. Wortman.....

Witness.....Thos. L. Peckett.....

Date.....1/2/43..... Rank.....Lieut. 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.



113-W-2881  
2881

# OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE INFORMATION SOUGHT IS FOR THE USE OF GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEMOBILIZATION AND REHABILITATION, A COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO STUDY PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING IN INDUSTRIAL LIFE THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AFTER DISCHARGE. ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS IN ANSWERING WILL BE OF MUCH HELP TO THE COMMITTEE.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON THE INSIDE OF COVER BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

## Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full WORTMAN, Chambers Robert (b) Reg'l. No. 153851
2. (a) Arm of service Navy (b) Unit R.C.N.V.R. (c) Rank Ord/Smo.
3. (a) Date of birth 5th Aug./22 (b) Have you any dependents? no (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment Moncton, N.B.
4. (a) Place of enlistment Saint John, N.B. (b) Date of enlistment 1/2/43

PLEASE LEAVE BLANK

## Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 17 years (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment? No.
6. State definitely highest standing reached at public, technical or high school (for instance—"4 years, Public School", "two years, High School", "Junior Matriculation", or "4 years technical course in printing", etc.) 7 years public school.
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured.....
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? No. (b) If so, for what occupation?..... (c) Did you finish it?..... (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it?.....
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? English (b) What languages do you read well? English.

## Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING or NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working", as case may be; particulars are asked for below) Working. (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member? None.

## Section D—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 11 TO 17 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "NOT WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a)

11. Had you ever been employed fairly regularly since leaving school?.....
12. (a) If answer to 11 be "Yes", state exact trade or occupation at which you actually worked..... (b) State how long you had worked at this trade or occupation.....
13. If answer to 11 be "No", state exact trade or occupation for which you feel qualified.....
14. If you had been employed after leaving school, state when you last worked fairly regularly before enlistment.....
15. Give details of last employer, if any: Name..... Address.....
16. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.).....
17. (a) If your last employment was in a business of your own, state nature and address of business..... (b) Date of discontinuing it.....



## Section E—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE EMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 18 TO 23 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a). PLEASE READ THESE QUESTIONS AND REPLY TO THOSE APPLYING TO YOU AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

IF YOU WERE AN EMPLOYEE WORKING FOR AN EMPLOYER UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 18 TO 21

18. Name of employer C.N.R. Address Moncton, N.B.
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.) Railroad.
20. (a) Your specific occupation Chainman. (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer 2 years.
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? Yes. (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? No. (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment? Yes.

IF YOU WERE WORKING ON YOUR OWN UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, THAT IS TO SAY, OPERATING A FARM, A STORE, AN AGENCY, OR IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, OR AS A PARTNER IN ANY SUCH LINE, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 22 AND 23

22. (a) State nature of business, or professional practice..... (b) Where was it located?.....
23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business..... (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge?.....

## Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war? Yes. (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? Yes. (c) If so, in what kind of farming? Mixed Farming.
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? No. (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? 4 Yrs. (c) In what provinces did you have experience? N.B.

## Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for re-establishment in civil life after discharge?.....
27. If so, state nature of your plans (for example, do you plan to return to school, or have you been assured of a job, etc.).....
28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form. Engineer.



DATE 1/2/43 194..... SIGNATURE R. C. Wortman

# ATTESTATION

## NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT 1st Bn., N.B. Reg't. (Tank) REGTL. No. 675

1. Surname? (Block letters) Wortman W-635
2. Christian names? Robert Chambers
3. Present address? 304 High St., Moncton, N.B.  
Phone No. Nil.
4. Date of Birth? 5-8-21 5. British subject? Yes.
6. Occupation? Laborer 7. Religion? P
8. Next of Kin Mrs. Lillian Wortman 9. Relationship? Mother  
Address 304 High St., Moncton, N.B.
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service Nil.  
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5' 10 1/2 Weight 127 Chest max 35 min 33

Descriptive marks Scar on forehead above left eye

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 Q Category A

Date 15-5-40 Signature [Signature]

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

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

[Signature] Signature of Witness Robert Wortman Signature of Man

Dated this 17th day of July 19 40 at Moncton, N.B.

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

19th (R) Army Tank Regt.

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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.....	17-7-40	Pt II 36 d/26-7-40	..... Officer Commanding
S.O.S. Out of Area	14-8-40	Pt II 49	d/15-8-40 Unit.....



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.



# Certificate of Medical Examination of Officers, Men and Boys

## NAVAL SERVICE OF CANADA

(R.C.N. OR RESERVE FORCES)

Note—This Certificate is to be completed by the Examining Medical Officer and forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

I, the undersigned, have examined WORTMAN, Robert Chambers  
candidate for entry as Ordinary Seaman, R.C.N.V.R. (Temp.)  
and I believe him to be <sup>in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service</sup> ~~unfit for His Majesty's Service for the reasons stated below~~ He has signed the Certificate given below in my presence.  
†Strike out if inapplicable      \*Delete one.

This examination has been made in accordance with the current Instructions as to Medical Standards.

(a) Age	Yrs.	Mos.	(j) Date of last Vaccination for Smallpox	Childhood.
	20	7		
(b) Height with bare feet	Feet	In.	(k) General Development	Good.
	5	9½		
(c) Weight without clothes	136½		(l) Nose, Throat and Tonsils	Normal.
(d) Ears and Hearing	Drums Normal.		(m) Heart and Lungs	Normal. BP 120/75
(e) Chest Girth	Max.	Min.	Mean	(n) Abdomen Hernia, etc.
	35½	32½	34	Normal.
(f) Teeth	Deficient	Defective	Dentures	(o) Limbs and Joints
	11	3	0	Normal.
(g) Vision by Snellens Types	without glasses	Rt.	Lt.	(p) Skin
		6/6	6/6	Normal.
	with glasses where worn	Rt.	Lt.	(q) Anus Haemorrhoids
				Normal.
(h) Colour Vision	Ishihara	R.C.N. Lantern		Normal.
		Normal.		(r) Testes Varicocele
(i) Chest x-ray	Approved.		(s) Urine	P.G. 1025 Sug. Neg. Alb. Neg.
	not taken approved positive doubtful			

### CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY CANDIDATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my belief I have never suffered from Fits, †Incontinence of Urine, Discharge from the Ears, or any other disease likely to render me unfit for His Majesty's Service. †I am willing to undergo, after entry, such dental treatment, vaccination, or inoculations as may be authorized.

R. G. Wortman  
Signature of Candidate

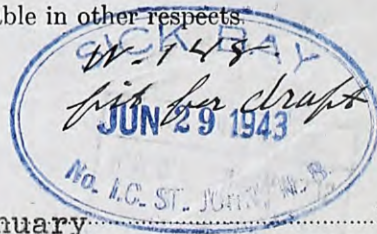
When a Candidate is subject to a defect or disability, the following information is to be inserted:

This Candidate is the subject of Functional Systolic murmur.

\* ~~which renders him medically unfit for service,~~  
not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects.

\*Delete one

IF REJECTED  
insert here  
UNFIT  
in block letters



Dated at Saint John, N.B. the 29th of January 1943

*Recheck  
17-Feb-43  
R. Richardson*

O. B. Richardson  
Examining Medical Officer  
(Rank SURG. Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.)

