

LANCASTER  
FRANKLIN E.  
V49510

V49510

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-L-2360

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NAME LANCASTER (Surname) Earl Franklin (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 3rd April, 1923

PLACE OF BIRTH Carleton Place, Ontario. OCCUPATION Bobbin Boy

RELIGION C. of E. EDUCATION Second Form High School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town Carleton Place Province, etc. Ontario.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
27	10	42	H.O.	5' 10	Black	Brown	Dark					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Sarah

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town Carleton Place Province, etc. Ontario

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	
				23	6	43	Qual. Anti-gas 1 day. 249A-42222.				
				23	7	43	Marked "Tr". 249A-A17504.				

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		

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

FILM  
NO. WSP 574 9-1  
DATE





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50M-10-41 (1994)  
N.S. 815-11-5

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*Mr. D. H. H. H.*

### ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

8261902

#### FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME LANCASTER OFFICIAL NO. 149510  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Earl Franklin MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single.

PERMANENT ADDRESS: Carleton Place, Ontario. RELIGION: Church of England.

DATE OF BIRTH: 3rd April, 1923  
PLACE OF BIRTH: Town Carleton Place  
County Lanark.  
Province Ontario.  
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Mother: Sarah Same Address.

\*Original Nationality of:  
Father Eng. Canadian  
Mother English Can.

\*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>Black</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>None.</u>
Inches <u>10</u>	Deflated <u>34</u>				
	Mean <u>35</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING: Second Form High School.  
TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY: Bobbin Boy: Bates & Innes Mills, Carleton Place, Ontario.

DATE OF ENROLMENT: 27th October, 1942.  
RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED: Divisional Strength  
R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED: Ordinary Seaman  
H.M.C.S. "BYTOWN".

#### (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 Not Applicable for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	Personnel Records Division
			1. Noted in Records <u>M.S.H.</u>
			2. Index Card <u>M.S.H.</u>
			3. Non-Sub. Card <u>M.S.H.</u>
			4. Statistical Card <u>M.S.H.</u>

(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. Form 50  
6. Pension Card  
7. to the best of my knowledge  
8. DATE 7.11.42.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the O T T A W A 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 27th day of October

Signature of applicant Earl Lancaster X

(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 27th day of October

T. Wammian - Wood  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Sub-Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Franklin Earl Lancaster 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 Earl Lancaster X

Witness T. Wammian - Wood

Date 27th October, 1942 Rank Sub-Lieut., 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

Franklin Earl Lancaster 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 OTTAWA Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

T. Wammian - Wood  
Attesting Officer.  
Sub-Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.

27th October, 1942 R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) H.M.C.S. "BYTOWN"

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 seaman Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Earl Lancaster X  
Signature



CANADA

113-2-2360  
Can. B. 207

100M-3-42 (3733)  
N.S. 815-2-207

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# 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 Franklin Earl Lancaster

candidate for entry as O/P.  
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 reason 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. <u>19</u> Mos. <u>6</u>	(j) Date of last Vaccination for Smallpox	<u>1938</u>
(b) Height with bare feet	Feet <u>5</u> In. <u>10</u>	(k) General Development	<u>Fairly good</u>
(c) Weight without clothes	<u>147</u>	(l) Nose, Throat and Tonsils	<u>tonsils appear moderately infected - N</u>
(d) Ears and Hearing	<u>N</u>	(m) Heart and Lungs	<u>N</u>
(e) Chest Girth	Max. <u>36</u> Min. <u>34</u> Mean <u>35</u>	(n) Abdomen Hernia, etc.	<u>N</u>
(f) Teeth	Deficient <u>9</u> Defective <u>0</u> Dentures <u>0</u>	(o) Limbs and Joints	<u>N</u>
(g) Vision by Snellens Types	without glasses <u>15/15</u> Rt. <u>15/15</u> Lt. <u>15/15</u> with glasses where worn	(p) Skin	<u>Essentially fine - N</u>
(h) Colour Vision	Ishihara <u>normal</u> R.C.N. Lantern	(q) Anus Haemorrhoids	<u>N</u>
(i) Chest x-ray	<u>approved</u> <small>not taken approved positive doubtful</small>	(r) Testes Varicocele	<u>N</u>
		(s) Urine	

### 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.

Earl Lancaster

Signature of Candidate

†The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.  
‡Strike out if inapplicable.

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

This Candidate is the subject of.....

\*~~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 Ottawa, Ontario the 24th of October 19 42

Quon Chapman  
Examining Medical Officer  
Surgeon Lieut. RCNVR  
(Rank)

DECEASED 7 November 1944

## AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

LANCASTER	Earl Franklin	V-49510	A.A.B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPACHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPACHED
1939-45 Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	6183.

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Dec./45.

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL B R

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Francis G. Lancaster - Father

DATE DESP

(1)

ADDRESS: Carleton Place, Ont.

REGN. NO. 1995

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

(2)

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. S. Lancaster

(3) 17 March 1945

CARLETON PLACE, Ontario

ADDRESS:

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N.S. V-49510, F.D. 328 PERS(N)

15 December, 1944.

Sir:

With reference to Naval Service Headquarters' form letter of the 18th of November, 1944, the following particulars respecting burial of the late Franklin Earl Lancaster, Able Seaman, Official No. V-49510, R.C.N.V.R. are forwarded for your records:

Name of Cemetery: St. James,  
Carleton Place, Ont.

Date of Burial: November 11, 1944.

Location, No., etc.  
of Grave: Section I, Lot 21.

Undertaker employed: J. Patterson & Son,  
Carleton Place, Ont.

Yours truly,

*H.B. Money*  
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Secretary,  
Imperial War Graves Commission,  
312 Transportation Bldg.,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Noted in Service  
Records by *[Signature]*



Department of National Defence  
Naval Service

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OUR FILE.....

YOUR FILE.....

A I R M A I L

MEMORANDUM:

Re:

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Approval to discharge the above named as  
"Medically Unfit" has been forwarded to-day to the

2. In accordance with Naval Order 3321,  
will probably be drafted to your establishment for discharge.  
Should this be the case, the date of discharge is to be  
reported by Air Mail, at an early date.

BY ORDER,

for  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD,

D 2258

1000M-7-43 (1189)  
N.S. 815-5-2258

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S. "FORT ERIE" ..... at .....

Name..... LANCASTER, Franklin Earl .....

Rank or Rating..... Able Seaman, R.C.N.V.R. ..... O.No..... V-49510 .....

Service documents not yet received for this rating.

Place of Birth..... Carleton Place, Ont. .... Date of Birth..... ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 9 April, 1923 .....

Occupation in Civil Life..... ~~Not known~~ Bobbin Boy ..... Religion..... C of E .....

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) From 27 October, 1942 to ~~Not known~~ 7 November, 1944 .....

Date of Death..... 7th November 1944 ..... Place of Death..... Jeffery Hale Hospital Quebec, P.Q. ....

Cause of Death..... Accidental death due to fall from aloft (M.C. 1712) Fractured Skull. ....

Nearest known ( Name..... Mrs. Sarah Lancaster ..... Relationship..... Mother relative or ( Address..... Carleton Place friend. ( ..... ONTARIO ( ..... ) .....

Date on which the above was informed by Ship..... 7th November, 1944 .....

Date on which death was registered with local Officials..... 8th November, 1944 .....

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..... Carleton Place, ONTARIO .....

Place of Burial..... Carleton Place, ONTARIO ..... Date of Burial..... Not Known .....

Location Number etc of grave..... Not Known .....

Undertaker employed..... Herbert Maison Funeral Home, QUEBEC, P.Q. ....

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

A/Lieutenant Commander, RCNR, Commanding Officer.

G. W. Poed 1944.

The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Canada

Distribution: File, Imp. W.G.Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

CNR 1121

Noted D.N.P.O.  
2-1-45  
R.P.

N.V. 17A  
50M-7-42 (5319)  
N.S. 915-11-17

TRUE COPY  
OF THE  
CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Earl Franklin LANCASTER*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-49510</i>
	<i>H.M.C.S. "Brytown"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth..... <i>3 April 1923</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth..... <i>Carlton Place Ont.</i>	
Place of Residence..... <i>Carlton Place Ont.</i>	
Trade brought up to..... <i>(Bobby Boy) - Woollen Mills</i>	
Religion..... <i>Church of England</i>	
Can Swim:—P.P.T. ( ) Date.....19.....	Signature.....
P.S.T. ( ) Date.....19.....	Signature.....

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>27 Oct 42</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Surgeon</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>Black Brown</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>Brown</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







# OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM 261904

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 Franklin Earl Lancaster (b) Reg'l. No. V 49 510
2. (a) Arm of service Navy (b) Unit R.C.N.V.R. (c) Rank Ord. Smn.
3. (a) Date of birth April 13, 1923 (b) Have you any dependents? Yes (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment Carleton Place, Ontario
4. (a) Place of enlistment H.M.C.S. "BYTOWN", Ottawa. (b) Date of enlistment 27th Oct., 1942.

PLEASE  
LEAVE  
BLANK

## Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 17 (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.) Second Form High 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? Yes (b) If so, for what occupation? Painter (c) Did you finish it? No (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it? 2 Years.
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 Bates & Innes Limited Address Carleton Place, Ont.
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.) Mfg. Woollen Goods.
20. (a) Your specific occupation Bobbin Boy (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer 8 Months.
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? No (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? No (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? No (c) If so, in what kind of farming?.....
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? No (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? None (c) In what provinces did you have experience?.....

## Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for re-establishment in civil life after discharge? No
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. Would like to learn Motor Mechanics.



DATE 27th October, 1942. 194.....

SIGNATURE Earl Lancaster

Copy To  
VWD  
ES

NOV 14 1942

## CERTIFICATE OF PROGRESS OF BOYS AND ORDINARY SEAMEN

(To be used in conjunction with Form S. 399 Divisional Training Progress Book.)

NAME	OFFICIAL No.	Date of Birth
<i>Carl Franklin LANCASTER</i>	V 49510	<i>30 Apr '23</i>

**ON LEAVING HARBOUR TRAINING SERVICE**

Subject	Ability	REMARKS (percentages obtained, etc.)	Initials of Instructing Officer
*School.....	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Arith 52% "M" Test - 1380 Eng 75%</i>	<i>ES</i>
Seamanship— Boat work:			
(a) Pulling.....	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Seamanship - 84%</i>	<i>CSH.</i>
(b) Sailing.....			
Gunnery and Disciplinary Training.....			
Shooting.....			
Swimming—P. P. T. ....	<i>Good</i>	Date qualified..... <b>2 FEB 1943</b>	<i>ES</i>
Physical and Recreational Training.....			
Special qualifications.....			
Call Boy.....			
Bugler (Sea Service).....			
Special Remarks			
e.g., C. W. Candidate.....			
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On joining:— Weight..... Height..... Date.....

On leaving:— Weight..... Height..... Date.....

\* State in remarks column whether G.C.I., II or III, or Advanced Class, or V/S or W/T.

H.M.C.S. ".....". Date..... Captain.

## PROGRESS UNDER TRAINING FOR ABLE SEAMAN

Educational Examinations	Date	Ship	Signature and Rank of Divisional Officer
Passed Educationally	Accelerated Advancement.....		
	For Able Seaman (if G.C. III).....		
	Educational Test I.....		
Rated Ordinary Seaman.....			

SEAMANSHIP	Subject	Boat Work	Anchors and Cables	Compass and Wheel Rule of the Road	Rigging Sheers and Derricks	Sounding Machine, Lead and Line	Bends and Hitches, Blocks and Tackles	Part of Ship Evolutions	Signals	TOTAL	* Date of Passing	Signature and Rank of Divisional Officer, and Ship
	Hours		75	70	75	80		70	70	29	73.2	
%												
GUNNERY	Subject	Field Training	Gun Drill	Stripping	Fire Control	Ammunition	Director and Sighting	Machine Gun		TOTAL	* Date of Passing	Signature and Rank of Divisional Officer, and Ship
	Hours											
%		60	65		69	70				26.4	6/6/43.	
%										66		
TORPEDO	Subject	Whitehead	Low Power	High Power	Instruments	Explosives	Paravanes			TOTAL	* Date of Passing	Signature and Rank of Divisional Officer, and Ship
	Hours											
%										64%	27/6/43.	
%												

\* In the event of failure to pass any examination, the percentage is to be noted in RED. and the word "FAILED" noted.  
 † The letters Q.R. III, L.R. III, C.R. III, A.A. 3, S.T., S.D., etc., are to be entered by the Divisional Officer in the case of men so recommended. If not recommended, the word "NO" is to be entered.

Ship	Total Period of Practical Experience as Ord. Seaman in part of Ship	Recommended for Advancement to Able Seaman on (Date)

Divisional Officer's Remarks	Recommendation for non-sub. rate†
<p style="font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Requested</i></p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Trained 23/7/43.</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;"><i>S/T.</i></p>

Ordinary Seaman (Special Service).

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Qualified for advancement to Able Seaman (S.S.)

on..... Date.....

Commodore

..... Depot ..... Date.....

Rated Able Seaman and Recommendations inserted on History Sheet

H.M.C.S. .... Date .....

..... Captain.

CORNWALLIS POOL AWAITING  
DRAFT TO SEA  
23-7-43

**C.N.S. 264 (S. 264)**  
30M-10-41 (2181)  
N.S. 815-9-264

Jellicoe Dec. 14 - Feb. 12  
O/Impr

**Name**..... Franklin Earl Lancaster  
**Sub-Rating and Seniority** *Ord. Seaman 4/12/42* Non-Sub.....  
**O.N.** *✓ - 49510* **S.B. No.**..... **W.B. No.**.....  
**Joined Ship**..... from.....  
**Engagement: Period**..... **Duration**..... **Hostilities**..... **Expires**..... **Termination**.....  
**Date of Birth**..... 3rd April, 1923..... **Religion**..... Church of England.  
**Character**..... *J.G.* **Efficiency**..... *Sat.* **Date**..... *Dec. 12/42*  
**Badges**..... *n.d.* **Class for Conduct**..... *1st* **Class for Leave**..... *1st*

**Date due for:** **Next Badge**.....  
**Progressive Pay**.....  
**L.S. & G.C. Recommended**.....

<b>Advancement.</b>	<b>Wishes to Pass?</b>	<b>Recommended?</b>	<b>Date Qualified?</b>
Educ. Test Pt.1	.....	.....	.....
Higher Educ. Test.	.....	.....	.....
Professional or higher Sub-rating	.....	.....	.....
do Non-Sub.	.....	.....	.....

(For ordinary Seamen Form T.S.34 (S.536D) must be used in addition).

**Any Non-Service Attainments**..... None.....

**Swimming Qualification**..... *P.P.T. Good* **2 FEB. 1943**.....

**Athletic capabilities**..... *Swimming & Hockey*.....

**General Remarks** (including intelligence, energy, initiative, powers of command).

H.M.C.S. "BYTOWN"....."  
*J. Davidson*  
Sub-Lieut. V.R. Officer of Division.  
Date..... *13 Dec '42*.....

**Notes:**—(1) This form is to be kept for each rating by the Officer of his Division.  
(2) The form is to be completed to date, and signed by the Officer of the Division before the rating changes his Division or Ship.  
(3) On a rating changing his Ship or Establishment, Form S.264 is to be transferred with his other papers for the information of the next Officer of Division.

P.T.O.





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

2  
 NAVY

DECEASED  
 MEMBER'S  
 NAME

Earl Franklin  
 (CHRISTIAN NAMES)

LANCASTER  
 (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

73234

FILE NO.

NSV-49510

PAYEE Director of Estates  
 ADDRESS 308 Sparks Street  
 Ottawa Ont

For Service estate of  
 Earl F Lancaster  
 N S V-49510

DATE

16-1-46

SERVICE NO.

V-49510

FINAL RANK OR RATING

A/AB

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE

7 Nov 44

DATE OF DISCHARGE

7 Nov 44

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 795 EQUAL TO 23 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50

172.50

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 13 LESS 15 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO NIL DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY

NIL

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY	\$	1.85	
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE	\$	1.25	
ADDITIONAL PAY	\$	.13	H L M
	\$		
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$	\$	NIL	
TOTAL	\$	3.23	x7 = \$ 22.61
NO. OF DAYS		13	x\$ 22.61

1.61

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

174.11

E. DEDUCTIONS OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$  
 DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY \$

OTHER DEDUCTIONS \$ NIL

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

174.11

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ 174.11  
 TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 CH  
 CHECKED BY *[Signature]*

TREASURY  
 CHECKED BY *[Signature]* DATE 19.11.44

*[Signature]*  
 SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

**DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES GMV**  
**NAVY**

Estates Form "P. 4"

Name..... LANCASTER, Earl F...... No. NSV 49510  
Surname Christian Names

Rank A/AB Unit RCNVR Date of Death 7-11-44

AMOUNT

W.S.G.	174.11
L.P.C.....\$	108.52
Other Credits.....	472.26
Total.....	754.89
Prev. Dist.	580.78
This Dist.	174.11

Date 5-3-46

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
5/11	Mother	Mrs. Sarah Lancaster Box 131 Carleton Place, Ont.	79.14
		(1/11 as next of kin entitled) (4/11 for benefit of 4 minors)	
1/11	Father	Francis G. Lancaster (As above)	15.83
1/11	Brother	John G. Lancaster (As above)	15.83
1/11	Brother	William D. Lancaster (As above)	15.83
1/11	Brother	Raymond C. Lancaster (As above)	15.83
1/11	Sister	Irene E. C. Lancaster Almont, Ont.	15.83
1/11	Sister	Gladys M. Lancaster (As above)	15.82
		(As next of kin entitled)	

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
9999 <del>9999</del>	831 <del>833</del>	90 <del>91</del>	50 <del>70</del>	000	174.11
CLASSIFIED BY			EXAMINED BY		
			For Chief Treasury Officer		

DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

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

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

.....  
For Chief Treasury Officer

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

W.S.G. Application No. 73234 ✓

FILE NO. N.S. V-49510 ✓

"WAR SERVICE GRATUITY"

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE

<u>LANCASTER</u>	<u>Carl Franklin</u>	<u>V-49510</u>	<u>A.A.B.</u>
SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL	OFFICIAL NUMBER	RANK OR RATING ON DISCHARGE

CAUSE OF DISCHARGE: (Dead)

MOTHER Applicant Mrs. Sarah Lancaster  
Carleton Place  
Ont.

TOTAL SERVICE

Date of Active Service 4 Dec. 42 ✓

Date of Discharge 7 Nov. 44 ✓

Total No. of Days 705 ✓

Less non qualifying service \_\_\_\_\_

Total Days 705 ✓

1895  
1191  
704

OVERSEAS SERVICE

Total No. of Days 13

Less non qualifying service \_\_\_\_\_

Total Days 13 ✓

Record of Service in other Forces (per Naval Records)

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Active Service \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

# & % Overleaf

Computed By L. Cooney

Checked By J. Williams

Comms  
[Signature]

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

DEC 6 1945

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NON QUALIFYING SERVICE

(#) Date	Reason	No. of Days	TOTAL	OVERSEAS
			SERVICE	SERVICE
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
Total days			<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

(%)  
OVERSEAS SERVICE:

<u>Where Serving</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
<i>Atusky</i>	<i>21 July 43</i>	<i>- 22 July 43</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Fort Erie</i>	<i>28 Oct. 44</i>	<i>- 7 Nov. 44</i>	<i>11</i>
			<u><u>13</u></u>

True extract from the ledger of H.M.C.S. "Chaleur 11 for Fort Erie" ending 31 Decembe 19 44

List No. 12 (Name) Lancaster Earl Rank Rating A/A.B. No. V-49510

When entered 27 October P.M. Date of appearance 26 October '44 Whither discharged D.D. 7 November P.M.

CREDIT from former account	H.M.C.S. Hochelaga	12/2/599	\$	c.
Pay as	A/A.B. (Rank Rating)	from 1 Nov. to 30 Nov. (30 days at \$ 1.85 a day)	55	50
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
Kit Upkeep Allowance	Credited to 7 November 1944 P.M.		4	56
OTHER CREDITS:	G.M. credited from 26 October to 7 November '44 inc.			66
Total credits			62	42

DEBT from former account

PAYMENTS:—	1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		Total
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	
1st month											
2nd month											
3rd month					52.42						52 42
Allotment	#10.00 Charged for November #16.80 Stopped paid 31/10/44										10 00
Pension deduction (Officers) charged to	#10.00 Stopped paid 30/11/44 Information										
Hospital stoppages											
Mulcts											
OTHER CHARGES:											
Total debits											62 42
Balance Cr. or Dr.											NIL

(Balance Dr. to be shown in red)

Number of days actually victualled during period mentioned above 11

NOT VICTUALLED	LENT, SICK OR LEAVE	INCLUSIVE DATE		No. OF DAYS	SHIP, HOSPITAL, etc., IN WHICH BORNE
		FROM	TO		

Date 29 November 1944

*D. Shore Secy*  
A/Pay Commander R.C.N.V.R. ACCOUNTANT OFFICER

C.N.S. 2426  
25M-8-43 (1468)  
N.S. 815-9-2426

# ACCOUNTS OF MEN DISCHARGED

60

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.....LANCASTER EARL.....Rating.....A/A.B.  
Official No. V-49510.....H.M.C.S. Chaleur 11 for Fort Erie.....List 12/2/12  
Who\*.....was discharged dead.....on the 7 November P.M. 1944

"chaleur II" CNS 249A #15187 dated 24 November 1944	\$	cts.
Net sum due on ledger on account of Wages.....	--	--
Proceeds of sale of Effects charged against Wages, brought from the other side	---	---
<b>CASH—</b>		
Proceeds of sale of Effects, paid for in Cash, brought from the other side.....	--	--
Found amongst Effects.....	--	--
Debts collected \$.....	--	--
<b>FOR ALL CREDITS DUE THE ESTATE SEE BELOW</b>		
Cash debited in the Accountant Officer's Cash Acct.....	--	--
If in debt in ledger, amount to be stated (in red ink).....	--	--
Rate of allotment (in words).....Ten dollars.....	30/11/44	44
Rate of allotment (in words).....Sixteen dollars eight cents.....	31/10/44	44
Name of ship from which transferred.....H.M.C.S. "Chaleur II"		
Total.....	104	38

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.....H.M.C.S. Chaleur 11 for Fort Erie.....

Dated on board H.M.C.S. Chaleur 11.....at.....Quebec.....  
P.O. this Twenty eight day of November 1944

Approved.....  
A/Captain R.C.N. (Signature)  
A/Pay Commander R.C.N.V.R. (Signature) Accountant Officer  
Pay. Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R. (Signature) 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.      †State whether "debtor" or "creditor".  
‡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** Note: N.O. 3255- Balance Creditor accrued on Discharge  
Bead brought to account by O.R. 124-065672 of  
28 th November 1944 - \$52.42  
N.O. 3819- Credit in respect to Clothing  
purchased by Naval Service, brought to account by  
O.R. 124-065655 of 21 st November 1944 - \$51.96  
\$104.38

*Noted D.M. P.O.  
8-12-44*



Mrs. Sarah Lancaster,  
Carleton Ont.

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. NS V-49510 FD-704

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
ESTATES BRANCH  
OTTAWA, ONT.

Nov., 22, 1944

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

LANNCASTER Earl Franklin A/ S

V-49510 R.C.V.N.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.

HS

*H. J. Wachs*  
Commander  
Director of Estates.

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## 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.....	Francis Haden Lancaster	58	Box 131 Forleton Place Ont
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Sarah Lancaster	58	Box 131 Forleton Place
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Raymond Clark Lancaster 35 John Haden Lancaster 33 <del>Alamby &amp; Donald Lancaster</del> Born 1913 died April 11 1936 William Douglas " 29 C33272/29 files R.C.L. <del>George Duncan</del> " Born 1921 died April 20 1923 <del>Franklin Carl</del> " Born 1923 Died Nov 7 1944 Leslie Stewart " 19 V69392 HMCS. NADEN. BC. James Stanley " 17 Box 131 Forleton Place Ont	Forleton Place P. Office Forleton Place Box 131
		Half Blood		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Irene Elizabeth Ciele Toronto 27 Hedys May Lancaster 25 Grace Dorene " 15 Mary Sadie " 13	Almont Ont Almont Ont Box 131 Forleton Place Box 131 Forleton Place
		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	

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE  
PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	Franklin Earl Lancaster
9	Date of his birth.	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1923
10	Place and date of his marriage.	
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Ottawa Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> 1908

## PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Carleton Place
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) (b) Carleton Place Ont (c) (d)
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Painting
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	No
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	

## PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	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?	<del>401.43 The Royal Bank of Canada Carleton Place account no 1283</del>
19	Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? If so, give name and address of bank, etc., and the amount on deposit. Do you wish it administered with the pay account?	The Royal Bank of Canada account number 1283 Balance 401 43 would like to draw
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	\$ 3.500 at home ✓
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	1 was to be sent to me 6 <sup>th</sup> V.L. Sarah Lancaster ✓
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	The Prudential insurance company Policy number 121 20117 for 1 thousand with double in accidental death payable to Sarah Lancaster
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	

## 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.	No
25	Have you or any other relative paid the funeral expenses or any part thereof? If so, attach itemized accounts showing amount paid, and by whom.	No
<p>(NOTE.—The government pays funeral expenses within the amounts authorized in the Regulations, where death occurs and burial is made Overseas as well as where death occurs and burial is made in Canada or elsewhere in the North American zone, and if a relative has already paid those expenses the Government will reimburse such relative to the extent of the amount authorized in the Regulations. Any amount of such expenses in excess of those authorized in the Regulations is not payable by the Government nor is it chargeable against the service estate of the deceased.)</p>		

(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.

Mrs Sarah Lancaster

Signature of Informant

Carlton Place Box 131 Cent

Address

CERTIFICATE

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

\*See above Mrs Sarah Lancaster 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 Carlton Place this 4th day of December 1944

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

H. E. Sinclair

Qualification Justice of the Peace

Address Carlton Place Cent Box 145

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

I have two Sons & two Daughters married  
Raymond Clark Lancaster with three Sils under 13  
John Jordan " with 1 son under 3  
Irene Mrs F Toop with three 2 boys 1 girl under 6  
Glades Mrs O Bridges with three 2 boys 1 girl under 6  
J. J. Lancaster

R E S T R I C T E D

S. 1320 D  
20000M-7-44 (839)  
7570 - S. 1320 D  
K.P. 13337

C IN C CNA  
(R)NSHQ  
To: RCN DEPOT  
FORT ERIE  
CHALEUR II

NAVAL MESSAGE

NOIC QUEBEC

From:

V-49510

DNI  
CNP  
DJAF  
CSOR

REGRET TO ADVISE THAT FRANKLIN EARL LANCASTER, A/AB,  
V-49510, (P/S FORT ERIE) DIED IN JEFFERY HALE HOSPITAL  
PM 7TH NOVEMBER 1944. RATING ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL PM  
7TH NOVEMBER 1944. WITH M.G. 1712 AND DIED 2 HOURS  
LATER NEXT OF KIN HAS BEEN INFORMED. BOARD OF ENQUIRY  
BEING HELD IN CHALEUR II

080315Z

T/T

P/L

TOR080530Z/11/44

HP

6985

IMPORTANT  
NAVAL MESSAGE

To: NOIC QUEBEC

BYTOWFrom:

V-49510 30

GNP  
BYTOWN  
CSOR

YOUR 080130. MRS. SARAH LANCASTER HAS BEEN CONTACTED THROUGH CANON T.H. IVESON, CARLETON PLACE. DESIRES FUNERAL TO BE HELD IN CARLETON PLACE. MR. JOSEPH PATTERSON, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, BRIDGE STREET, CARLETON PLACE, WILL ARRANGE FUNERAL THERE. REQUEST E.T.A. OF BODY BE SIGNALLED TO MR. PATTERSON. FAMILY WILL APPRECIATE NAVAL REPRESENTATION AT FUNERAL. MRS. LANCASTER HAD NOT RECEIVED YOUR SIGNAL ADVISING OF HER SON'S DEATH WHEN VISITED BY MR. IVESON ABOUT 1100

081642Z

PASSED TO QUEBEC AT 081755Z

080130-RE: REQUEST BYTOWN CONTACT MRS S LANCASTER

T/T P/L 08/11/44 IC 1994  
C.O. BYTOWN JHR

9th November

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F.E. 1-C.O.

Mrs. Sarah Lancaster,  
Carleton Place, Ontario.

My Dear Mrs. Lancaster:

It was with sincere regret that I had to inform you of your son's accident.

Franklin was carrying out his duties in a seamanlike manner, working aloft in the rigging. He slipped and fell to the deck below, suffering a fractured skull. Every possible aid was given to him and he was rushed to the hospital immediately by ambulance.

He died about two and a half hours later without recovering consciousness.

Your son was with me only a short time but already had shown himself to be above average.

My Officers, men, and myself offer you our deepest sympathies.

Very sincerely yours,

*A. W. Ford*

A. W. FORD,

Lieutenant Commander, RCNR.,

Commanding Officer

WR

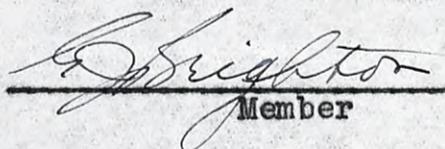
H.M.C.S. "CHALEUR II"  
Quebec, P. Q.

22nd November 1944.

FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF ENQUIRY ASSEMBLED  
ON BOARD H.M.C.S. "CHALEUR II" on Thursday  
9th November 1944, to investigate the cir-  
cumstances attending the death of Franklin  
Earl Lancaster, reconvened at 1600Q on  
Wednesday 22nd November 1944.

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1. Upon reconvening, the Board has viewed the letter (Exhibit A) written by Lieut. Commander Ford to Mrs. Sarah Lancaster and has heard the evidence of Lieut. Commander Ford.
2. This Board finds that Lieut. Commander Ford had no first hand knowledge of the accident, and based his impression of the incident upon information given him by the officer of the day, Lieut. D. A. Woodcroft.
3. Lieut. Woodcroft has already given his evidence, which evidence does not warrant a finding of a service casualty.
4. This Board confirms and re-affirms its finding of the 9th of November 1944 that death was not a service casualty.

  
Member

  
Member

  
President.

E.R. MAYBEE, A.B., O.N. V.57025, HMCS "FORT ERIE" called

210. Your full name, rating and number?

A. Eugene Robert Maybee, Able Seaman, V.57025.

CAUTIONED

211. You were a party of six detailed to work aboard HMCS FORT ERIE on the 7th of November?

A. Yes, Sir.

212. What work were you detailed to do?

A. Put linseed oil on all the railings from the fo'c'sle aft on the main deck.

213. Who was working with you?

A. A.B. Rieu and A.B. McVarish. Rieu and I were on the port side, McVarish on the starboard.

214. Do you know at what time Lancaster had his fall?

A. As near as I can say, it was between ten to and 3 o'clock.

215. Where were you when he fell?

A. Right at the bow of the sea boat standing at the railing at the end of the ladder going to the bridge.

216. You were on the port side?

A. Yes.

217. Would that be approximately where the after port stay of the mast is secured to the deck?

A. No, Sir, it would be 10 feet aft.

218. You were in that position when Lancaster fell?

A. Yes, Sir.

219. Who was with you?

A. Able Seaman Rieu.

220. Did you see Lancaster fall?

A. Yes, Sir.

221. Did you see Lancaster go aloft?

A. Yes, Sir.

222. Will you tell us in your own words just what you saw from the time he went aloft to the time he fell?

A. When we came up after stand easy and were talking at the rail we mentioned something about the stays that he was greasing. He offered to bet me a dollar that he could climb the stay from the main deck to the yard arm. So I offered to take him up and he backed down.

Testimony of E.R. Maybee, A.B., O.N. V. 57025, Cont'd.

223. Did anyone else hear this conversation?
- A. Yes, Rieu.
224. Continue.
- A. So he backed down and said "I'll see if I can do it anyway." I thought nothing of it. Rieu and I were talking and he walked away and when I turned around he was standing at the foot of the stay looking up at the yard arm. He started going up. He seemed to be going up pretty easily until he got to the aerial from the yard arm of the after mast. He had some trouble getting past that and got by and tried to reach out for the ladder and couldn't make it. So he started going down again. Apparently on the way down (I never paid much attention) he seemed to fall through the air.
225. From what position on the stay, in relation to its fixture to the mast, would you say he fell - how far from the mast?
- A. He must have been 30 feet from the yard arm - 25 or 30 feet off the bridge.
226. Off the flag deck, you mean?
- A. Yes, Sir.
227. I did not see him hit the deck - I just saw him flying through the air.
227. Did he have any means of securing himself by way of a bos'n's chair or rope, or any other safety device?
- A. Not a thing. He had leather mitts on.
228. Did you <sup>hear</sup> Lancaster make any other remark other than the wager you spoke of?
- A. No, Sir. Not at that time.
229. What other remark did you hear him make at any other time?
- A. Just mentioning things he could do and what he could do with his strength. Things that would lead you to think he was extra strong.
230. Did you hear him make any such remark as "Tarzan has nothing on me"?
- A. No, Sir.

DISMISSED

W.M. Rieu, A/A.B. O.N. V. 65516, HMCS "FORT ERIE" called

231. Your full name, rating and number?
- A. Walter Marcel Rieu, Acting Able Seaman, O.N. V. 65516.

CAUTIONED

232. Do you know at what time Lancaster had his fall?

A. I couldn't tell you the exact time, Sir, - just after stand easy.

233. You were present aboard at the time?

A. Yes, Sir.

234. Where were you at the time of the fall?

A. On the main deck below the flag deck.

235. Was anyone with you?

A. Yes, Able Seaman Maybee.

236. What were you doing at the time?

A. We were oiling the rails around the ship.

237. Did you see Lancaster go aloft?

A. Yes, Sir.

238. Did you see him fall?

A. Yes, Sir.

239. Will you tell us in your own words just how he went aloft and explain his fall?

A. Well he was going up the after stay on the port side. He got to the top and just stayed there for a minute and then started coming down. He got to one of the coconuts on the stay and just seemed to let go from there and just fall.

240. Did you hear any remark that he made prior to going aloft?

A. The only thing I know is about the bet.

241. Did you hear that bet?

A. Yes.

242. Explain that bet to us.

A. Able Seaman Maybee was going to bet him \$1.00 that he couldn't do it and A/B Maybee pulled out his dollar and Lancaster called it off. So Maybee put his money back and the next thing we knew he was going up the wire.

243. Did you hear any other remark made by Lancaster?

A. No, Sir.

244. Did Lancaster have any safety device or rope to secure himself?

A. None at the time, Sir.

245. Would you say that Lancaster went aloft in line of duty to work?

A. No, Sir; he went up on his own.

246. You were one of a party of six detailed to do this work, including Lancaster?

A. Yes, Sir. He was to go up aloft and I was to oil the rails on the main deck.

DISMISSED.

H.M.C.S. "CHALEUR II"  
Quebec, Que.,  
9th November 1944.

FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF ENQUIRY ASSEMBLED  
ON BOARD H.M.C.S. "CHALEUR II" on Thursday  
9th November 1944, to investigate the cir-  
cumstances attending the death of Franklin  
Earl LANCASTER, Acting Able Seaman, O.N.  
V.49510 of H.M.C.S. "FORT ERIE" on Tuesday,  
7th November 1944.

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1. Upon consideration of all the evidence available with reference to the death of Franklin Earl Lancaster, Acting Able Seaman, O.N. V.49510, having called all witnesses present at the time of the accident, and all persons having any knowledge of the facts, this Board finds that Acting Able Seaman Lancaster met death from a fracture of the skull, sustained in a fall from the after port stay of the mainmast (foremast) aboard H.M.C.S. "FORT ERIE" at Quebec City, P.Q., at or about 1440 on Tuesday, November 7th 1944.
2. This Board further finds that A/A.B. Lancaster had this day been detailed to a work party to work aloft in greasing down the rigging, but at the time of his fall had gone aloft in other than a service manner, unauthorized and of his own volition, while awaiting the preparation of a boatswain's chair.
3. It appears from the evidence that Acting Able Seaman Lancaster's fall was the result of his going aloft as a stunt of his own and not in the execution of his duty.
4. It is the recommendation of this Board that, in future, closer supervision be kept of work parties and more precautions be taken for the general safety of men performing hazardous tasks and that unauthorized and dangerous stunts be discouraged and prohibited.

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