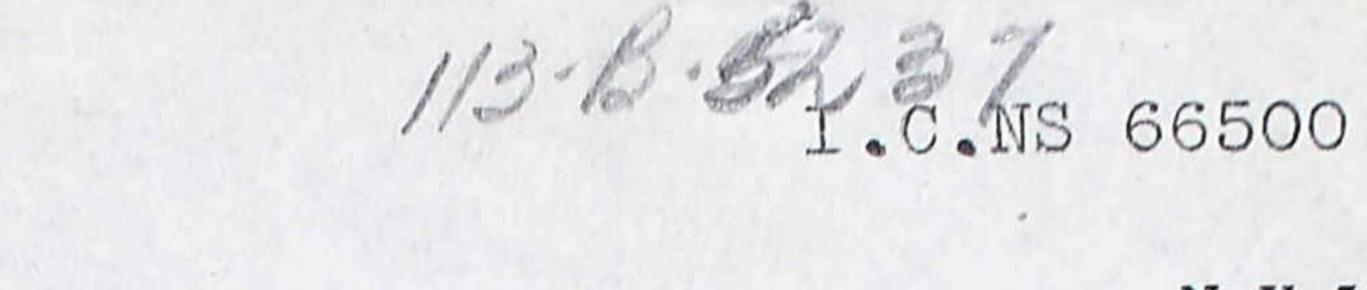
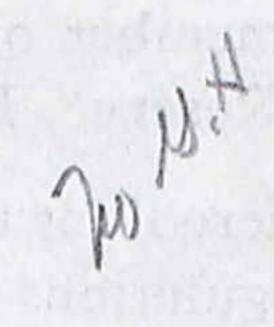
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DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:-

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That I am a British Subject domiciled in Canada.

CHEST MEASUREMENT

- 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.

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- (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 Head-quarters 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 5th day of April, 1943.

Signature of applicant Busil Black

(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 day of April, 1943.

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

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John Basil Bland 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 & Lasel Blance
Witness Witness

Date 5th April, 1943.

Rank Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

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

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

John Basil Bland 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 Special Service Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

or in the appropriate official documents.

Attesting Officer. Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

5th April, 194 3.

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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 Stoker Branch of the Nava Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

J. Busil Bland
Signature

If a copy of this Form is required, Form C.N.S. 1243 is to be used

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

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

REGISTERED AIR MAIL N.S. V 58685 Pero (w) 19th April, 1945. Dear Mrs. Bland: It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th of April, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, John Basil Bland, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-58685, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea due to enemy action. From information available, little hope can be held for his survival and there is no possibility of his having been taken prisoner. For security reasons, this is the only information which can be released at this time. Should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of his death will be made at a later date, when you will be informed. Please be assured, however, that as soon as any further news is received or more details can be released, you will be informed immediately. It is requested that you will regard the name of the ship in which Stoker Bland was serving, together with the fact that she has been in contact with the enemy as secret until an official announcement is made. Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy of the Department with you in your anxiety. Yours sincerely, SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. Mrs. Dorothy Bland, Norton, R.R. #5, King's Co., N.B.

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-58685 PERS(N)

, 7 May, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Bland:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, John Basil Bland, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-58685, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which he was serving, the fact that all circumstances surrounding his loss have been carefully reviewed, and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 16th of April, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty off the east coast of Canada. One Officer and fifteen ratings were killed at the time of the disaster, four Officers and twenty-four ratings are missing and now presumed dead, while two Officers and twenty-four ratings survived the sinking.

The above information is now being released for publication.

The following is an excerpt from the report of a Canadian Naval Press Relations Officer who was in contact with survivors of the ill-fated ship.

"Struck by a torpedo on the starboard side, H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT" listed heavily, and sank stern first in a few minutes. The ship's list had the seaboat under water and flooded before it could be released from the davits, but carley floats were freed quickly before the ship went down, and those who escaped from the ship gathered on four of these floats.

"It was from the four floats that a sister Bangor mine-sweeper, H.M.C.S. "SARNIA", picked up the survivors nearly six hours later. Many who had reached the floats safely had died of exposure on the floats, from the soaking in the cold sea water, and sixteen bodies were taken aboard the rescue craft.

""In spite of the rapidity with which the ship heeled over and slid under the surface there was no panic or confusion", a surviving Officer reported. Everyone he had seen had been calmly and quickly abandoning ship.

"Many men had died in the floats, and their bodies were brought aboard H.M.C.S. "SARNIA" with the survivors.

"Artificial respiration was given to some of the unconscious men for hours after they were picked up, but only two men were revived."

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the
Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy,
the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by Sec. N. B.

DeputySECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Dorothy Bland, NORTON, R.R. #5, King's Co., N.B. MI

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