

STEPHENS  
OSWALD BERTMAN  
N21661



MEMORANDUM FOR

P. 64

Mrs. Marie A. Stephens,

83 Kitchener Avenue,

Long Branch, Ontario.



Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES,  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q.N.S. 62-S-415 FD 81

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
OTTAWA, ONT.

October 14 1942

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any balance of pay, medals or memorials available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

STEPHENS Oswald Bertman Stoker 1st Cl.

O. N. 21661, R.C.N.

it is necessary that the requisite information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished on the inside of this form in strict accordance with the printed instructions. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on the back should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

(H. R. Wade) Lt.-Cdr. R.C.N.V.R.  
for (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.,  
Administrator 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 inquired for	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.....	Marie O Stephens	28	83 Kitchin rd over Long Branch out,
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	No		
3	Father of the Deceased.....	George Stephens		
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	verna Stephens		
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Charles Stephens	
		Half Blood		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Petty Stephens	
		Half Blood		
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the De- ceased, who are dead, and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)	Address of their children	
	I dont know			

ONLY IF NO RELATIVES IN THE DEGREES ABOVE ARE NOW LIVING, THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS SHOULD BE GIVEN

		NAMES OF THOSE LIVING	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL
8	Grand-Parents of the Deceased....			
9	Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Deceased (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage).....		Age	



# FULL PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

10	What is the full name of the deceased?	Oswald B Stephens
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	Dec. 25 1918
12	Where and when were his parents married?	I dont know
13	If deceased was married, state place and date of marriage.	Dec. 31st 1937 710 copwell ave W. Church
14	Did he leave a Will? If so, a copy should be attached hereto.	I dont know
15	Did he leave a bank account? If so, give full particulars.	I dont know
16	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration of the estate?	No
17	State your own postal address in full.	83 Kitchiner ave <del>Cornwall</del> Long Branch ont

## PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

18	Where was deceased born?	Toronto Ont
19	State, in order, the Province (or State) and country in which the deceased resided and the period of time in each, and in which last.	I dont know
20	What was the nature of his employment?	cold storage plant
21	Did he own the premises in which he lived? If so, where?	No
22	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	in Long Branch

## OTHER PARTICULARS

23	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.	I dont know
24	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.  (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, 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.)	No

(PLEASE TURN OVER)



DECLARATION

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

I hereby declare that the foregoing particulars are correct, and a true and complete statement  
of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees inquired for ; and that I am the

\*

*widow*

of the deceased.

*Oswald B Stephens*

*Mrs Marie A Stephens*

N.B. To be signed in  
full in the presence of a  
Clergyman, Priest, Local  
Magistrate, Commissioner  
or Notary Public.

{ Signature  
of  
Informant

CERTIFICATE

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

\*See above

*Mrs Marie A Stephens*

{ Name of  
Informant }

is the \*

*Wife*

of the Deceased

above described, and I believe the above Declaration and the Statement of Relatives made by the  
Informant and signed in my presence to be complete and correct.

Dated at

*Long Branch*

this

*fifth*

day of

*November*

19

*42*

Signature of Clergyman,  
Priest, Magistrate,  
Commissioner or  
Notary Public

*Stephen M. M. M.*

Qualification

*Parish priest*

Address

*1554 2nd Shore Rd Long Branch*

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 enquired after is stated in  
its proper place in the Statement opposite.

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



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
(Naval Service)

C.N.S. 2417  
3M-2-35  
N.S. 815-9-2417

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY<sup>M</sup> 3088

The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA.

*Port Credit, Ontario*  
(Place)

*February 10th, 1936*  
(Date)

SIR:—

I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a *Stoker 2nd class*  
(Insert rating chosen)

I certify that the following particulars are in my own handwriting and are true in every respect:

1. Name (to be given in full in Block Letters) *OSWALD BERTMAN STEPHENS*
  2. Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) *December 25/18 1917*
  3. Place of Birth. Town *Toronto*, Province *Ontario*
  4. Permanent Place of Residence. No. Street Town *R.R. #1 Port Credit*, Province *Ontario*
  5. Are you a British Subject? *yes*
  6. How long have you resided in Canada? *18 years*
  7. What is your Mother Tongue? *English*
  8. What other language do you speak? *none*
  9. Are you of the White Race? *yes*
  10. Are you Single, Married or a Widower? *Single*
  11. How far advanced educationally are you? *1 year High School*  
(Certificates of School Authorities must be attached)
  12. What practical experience have you had?  
(Details and certificates from employers, trade credentials, etc., must be attached to substantiate employment reported.)  
*None*
  13. Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? *no*
  14. If so, give details.
  15. Have you ever served in such forces? *no*
  16. If so, give dates and details.
  17. Have you ever been discharged from His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? *no*
  18. Have you ever offered to serve in His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? *no*  
Why?
  19. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence?  
(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19)
  20. What is your weight? *155 lbs* Height *5 ft 10 in* Chest Measurement (Not inflated) *35"*
  21. Have you ever had fits? *no*
  22. Do you suffer from any deformity? *no*
  23. Have you suffered the loss of any fingers, toes, etc? *no*
  24. Do you suffer from any disease? *no*
  25. Do you wear glasses? *no*
  26. Are you subject to any disability which might cause your rejection?  
*no*
  27. Give details.
  28. Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? *yes*
- Geo P Stephens* Signature of Witness. *Oswald Stephens* Signature of Applicant.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF CANDIDATES UNDER 21 YEARS OLD

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for transportation to a Naval Base of the above applicant, should he, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within his own control. Signed and Sealed at *Home* this *24* day of *February*, 19*36*, in the presence of

*Mrs George P Stephens*  
Signature of Witness.

*Geo P Stephens*  
Signature of Parent or Guardian.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY CANDIDATES OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for my transportation to a Naval Base, should I, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within my own control.

Signed and Sealed at....., this.....day of....., 19....., in the presence of

Signature of Witness

Signature of Candidate.



H. M. C. S.

"NADEN"

OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN  
Space to be left vacant  
if not known

## CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT

To be forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, with Form S. 59

CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL		NEXT OF KIN	PRESENT RATING
Oswald Bertman STEPHENS		Wife - Marie Name. 83 Kitchener Ave Address. Long Branch, Ont.	Sto. 2/c
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER
25th December, 1917	Town..... County..... Province.....	Toronton  Ont.	R.I. Agnew Commander RON. Barracks, Esquimalt, BC.

## Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'10"	33	Fair	Blue	Fresh	—	United	Labourer

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	15th January, 1940	Period of Engage- ment or Re- engagement	Seven years
Date of actually vol- unteering to en- gage or re-engage	15th January, 1940	Date of entering present ship	15th January, 1940

Particulars of former Continuous Service Engagements, if any; but, if none, and the person engaging has had previous Service, the date of his First Entry should be given. If the person has not previously served, write the words "First Entry" here.

If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded in to office, with the Engagement, on Form S.—1243.

First Entry

## Declaration of Entry or Re-Entry from Shore for Continuous Service

The following questions are to be put by the Commanding Officer to the person about to engage for Continuous Service, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

- Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct?..... Yes
- Are you a British subject?..... Yes
- Nationality of parents—Father..... English Mother..... English
- Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R. C. Mounted Police?..... No.
- Do you now belong to the Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force or any Regiment or Corps in His Majesty's Army, or to any established Naval or Army Reserve Force, or to the R. C. Mounted Police?..... No.
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date..... No.
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army or R. C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct?..... No.
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?..... Yes
- Can you swim?..... Yes

\* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.

† Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject, and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."

‡ Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H. M. Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal Fleet Reserve Instructions). If an R.N.R. man, state number of R.V. 2.

(OVER)

C.N.S. 55

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N.S. 815—9—55



I.—Declaration and Certificate for Men newly entered and Men who have been out of the Service since the expiration of their previous C. S. Engagement

I, **Oswald Bertman STEPHENS**, do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Naval Service of Canada\* **for a period of seven years** from **15th January, 1940**, provided my service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this **17th** day of **January, 1940**

Witness to Signature.....*[Signature]* Man's Signature in full

Attested before me this **17th** day of **January, 1940** 193.....

*[Signature]*  
A/Commander

{ Signature of a Commissioned  
Officer of the Naval Service

Date **17th January, 1940** 193.....

This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

*[Signature]* **COMMANDER** Commanding Officer.....  
*[Signature]* **Surg. Lt. Cdr.** Medical Officer.....

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date..... 193.....

This is to certify that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent lad, of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation, and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

The consent of his parents or guardian has been obtained in writing, and they are willing and desirous that the boy should be entered for..... years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age.

..... Commanding Officer  
..... Lieutenant  
..... Medical Officer

I declare that to the best of my knowledge or belief the answers to the questions on the other side of this form are true and that I am not indentured as an apprentice.

I am willing to enter and serve in the Naval Service of Canada for..... years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, provided my service should be so long required, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till I attain that age. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

..... Boy's Signature in full

Witness to Signature.....

Attested before me this..... day of..... 193.....

..... { Signature of a Commissioned  
Officer of the Naval Service

III.—Re-engagement for Continuous Service

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used.

I,....., now serving as a.....  
on board H. M. C. S....., who on the..... of..... 193.....  
engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of §..... years, do hereby  
engage to serve for a further period\*\*..... from ††..... 193.....  
provided my services should be so long required.

..... Man's Signature in full  
..... 193.....

Witness,..... Commanding Officer

\* Insert "for the term of (number in words) years," or "to complete (number) years for pension," or "until I attain the age of..... years."

† Insert the date from which the engagement actually commences.

‡ The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths over 17 years of age.)

§ To be written in words.

\*\* Insert as follows:—"Of (number) years," or "to complete time for pension," or "until I attain the age of..... years," as the case may be.

†† Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement, which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is ante-dated) earlier than the date of execution.





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20M-8-38  
N.S. 815-2-207

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# CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR THE ENTRY OF OFFICERS, MEN AND BOYS FOR THE 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 Oswald Bertman Stephens  
candidate for entry as Stoker, 2nd class.  
and I believe him to be in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service. He has signed the Certificate given below in my presence.

Dated at Port Credit the 25th of November 1939.

M. M. Fletcher, M.D.  
Examining Medical Officer  
(Rank) Medical Practitioner

This examination has been made in accordance with the Instructions for Recruiting.

(a) Age { Years Months	(b) Weight without Clothes	(c) Height with Bare Feet	(d) General Development	(e) Chest Girth	(f) Vision by— (i) Snellen's Types (ii) Colour Vision	(g) Vaccinated or re- vaccinated for Small Pox (Date)	(h) Lungs, Heart, etc.	(i) Abdomen, Hernia, etc.	(j) Limbs and Joints	(k) Skin	(l) Ears and Hearing	(m) Testes, Varicocele, etc.	(n) Mouth, Teeth (No. def- icient and No. defective, if any), Nose, Tonsils, etc.	(o) Anus, Hæmorrhoids, etc.
21 yrs 11 mos	148 lbs.	5'9 1/2" ft. ins.	good	inches (a) maximum 35 1/4 (b) minimum 32 (c) mean 34	right eye normal left eye normal colour vision normal	no small pox vacc- ination	good	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal	3 molars absent 3 with canines light cotton of nose-light	normal

## CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE 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 as may be authorized.

Oswald Stephens  
Signature of Candidate

When a Candidate is passed, notwithstanding a slight defect or disability, the following Certificate is to be filled up

This Candidate is the subject of Dental canines and  
cotton of nose.  
not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects

M. M. Fletcher, M.D.  
Examining Medical Officer  
(Rank) Medical Practitioner

\* The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.



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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## AWARDS (NAVY)

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

STEPHENS	Oswald Bertram	21661	Sto. 1/c	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	<p><i>Medals Ret'd Under Deliv' Rd. Ret'd to Stock. Jan 1950</i></p> <p><b>CANCELLED</b></p> <p>Mr. George P. Stephens, (Father) R.R. #2, Acton, Ont. (req.)</p> <p>DEC - 8 1966</p>
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



RCN April 43 "OTTAWA"  
 MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO Mrs. M.O. Stephens - Widow	Hold pending application 16-8-50 (1)
ADDRESS: 83 Kitchener Avenue, Long Branch, Ont. <i>DVA, Same address 16-3-43</i>	DESP. <i>16-3-43</i> REGN No.
(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW Not Eligible	(2)
ADDRESS:	
(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER Mrs. Verna Stephens	(3)
ADDRESS: 25 Walnut Ave., Long Branch, Ont.	25-11-42
Memorial Bar: Mr. George P. Stephens, (Father) <i>AND MEDALS.</i> R.R. #2, Acton, Ont.	DESP. DEC - 8 1966 REGN No.



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 Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the Service of  
*Oswald Bertman STEPHENS.*  
IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

*Esquimalt B.C.*

Official Number... *21661*.....

Date of birth... *25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1917.*

Where born { Province... *Ontario.*  
Town or county... *Toronto.*

Trade brought up to... *Labourer.*

Religious denomination... *United Church*

Date passed swimming test

Man's signature on discharge to pension }

Nearest known Relative or Friend  
(To be noted in pencil)

Name: *VERNA STEPHENS*

Relationship: *Mother*

Address: *RR#1 Port Credit  
ONTARIO  
30/10/41*

All Engagements, including N.C.S., to be noted in these Columns

Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for
1. <i>15<sup>th</sup> Jan 1940.</i>		<i>Seven years</i>	5.		
2.			6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Medals, Clasps, Etc.

Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration	Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as a boy.....							
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fresh</i>	
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							

Further description if necessary.....







Examinations passed and Notations or Qualifications other than those entered on History Sheets[illegible]



Name Oswald Bertman STEPHENS Conduct

[illegible]

### Efficiency in Rating—ARTICLE 607—K.R.

3. Definition of Terms—As a guide to Commanding Officers when making their award the following definitions are given of the terms to be used:—

Superior.....A man who performs his duties with more than average  
to be written Supr. efficiency.

“ Satisfactory .....A man who performs his duties with average efficiency.  
Sat.

Moderate.....A man who performs his duties in an efficient manner  
“ Mod. but with less than average efficiency.

Inferior..... A man who performs his duties in an inefficient manner.

*Note.*—In these definitions "duties" means the general duties of the substantive rating held, and "average efficiency" means the average efficiency of all men in the Service holding the same substantive rating.

The substantive rating held by the man at the time is to be noted in brackets after each assessment thus: Supr. (A.B.).

[illegible]



Name OSWALD BERTMAN STEPHENS  
Sub-Rating and Seniority S90% 15-1-40 Non-Sub  
O.N. 21661 S.B. No. W.B. No.  
Joined Ship 15th. JAN. 1940 from LONG BRANCH ONT.  
Engagement: Period 7 YEARS Expires 14-1-47  
Date of Birth 25th. DEC. 1917 Religion UNITED  
Character V.S. Efficiency Sub Date 16 March 40  
Badges NIL Class for Conduct 1st Class for Leave 1st

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

Advancement.	WISHES TO PASS?	RECOMMENDED?	DATE QUALIFIED?
Educ. Test Pt. 1			
Higher Educ. Test			
Professional for higher Sub-rating			
do Non-Sub.			

(For Ordinary Seamen Form T.S. 34 must be used in addition)

Any Non-Service Attainments

Swimming Qualification

Athletic Capabilities

General Remarks (including intelligence, energy, initiative, powers of command). *Not more than average in intelligence and ability. Could do better if he tries*

*Completed Technical  
Training - Sat*

H.M.C.S. "Haller" 9/201 Engineer  
Officer of Division

Date 16 March 1940

- 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.



S. 264. (Revised August, 1939.)

Headings marked \* to be completed *in ink*, other headings in pencil.

\*Name.....STEPHENS.....Gerald Bertram.....  
Sub-Rating and Seniority.....Sta. II 15-1-40.....Non-Sub.....  
\*O.N.....21661.....S.B. No.....W.B. No.....  
Joined Ship.....4-6-40.....from.....Madagascar.....  
Engagement: Period.....7 Years.....Expires.....15-1-47.....  
\*Date of Birth.....25-12-1917.....\*Religion.....United.....  
Character.....V.G.....Efficiency.....Satisfactory.....Date.....  
Badges.....Class for Conduct.....Class for Leave.....  
Date due for :—Next Badge.....

Progressive Pay.....

L.S. & G.C. Recommend.....

Advancement.	RECOMMENDED?	WISHES TO PASS?	DATE QUALIFIED.
Educ. Test I	.....	.....	.....
Educ. Test II	.....	.....	.....
Higher Educ. Test	.....	.....	.....
Professional for higher Sub-Rating and Warrant Rank.....	.....	.....	.....
Do. Non-Sub. ....	.....	.....	.....

(For Ordinary Seamen Form T.S. 34 must be used in addition).

V/T. Noted for.....course at.....Depot.  
(To be filled in if within 12 months of completing time for pension).

Any Non-Service Attainments.....

Swimming Qualification.....

Athletic Capabilities.....

\*General Remarks (including power of command, influence, intelligence,  
energy, and initiative).

*6 of Average Intelligence & Efficiency  
Recommended for 1st Class Stevedore.*

The above particulars are correct to date.

H.M.S. ".....Emerald....."  
Date.....21st Nov. 1940.....  
.....J. W. Longbone.....  
.....Officer of Division.....  
.....W. H. Longbone.....

2.

The above particulars are correct to date.

H.M.S. "....."  
Date.....  
.....Officer of Division.....

Sta. 60/37.

Sta. 21/39.

[P.T.O.]



**S. 1246A.** (Revised—February, 1936.)

## HISTORY SHEET FOR STOKER RATINGS.

This form is to be kept by the Engineer Officer, and is to be completed :—

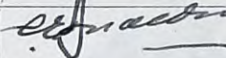

- (a) When a man leaves a ship after a period of not less than four months' service in her.
- (b) Annually on 31st December, unless completed within the previous four months.
- (c) As directed under special headings.

To be handed to the man, together with Service Certificate, on discharge to shore. See Art. 609, K.R. & A.I.

Surname	NAME Christian	Official Number	Port Division
STEPHENS	Oswald Bertman	21661	Esquimalt, B.C.

REPORT OF PROGRESS AND CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL EFFICIENCY  
AS STOKER 2ND CLASS, DURING NEW ENTRY COURSE AND  
TECHNICAL TRAINING IN ENGINEERING.

(To be filled in on completion of courses in Dépôt)

Course	Date of		Class of Certificate awarded on completion*	Remarks	Signature and Rank of Examining Officer
	Commencing	Completing			
New Entry Course	15 Jan 1940	16 Mar	SAT	Just average	 Training Commander.
Technical Training at Stokers' Training Establishment :—					
(1) Marine Engineering	18 MCH. 40	8 APR. 40	SAT.		 LT. COMMANDER
(2) Electrical					Engineer Officer.

\* Insert :—" Superior," " Satisfactory " or " Moderate." (Failure to be noted in RED INK).

Issued with Stoker's Manual:—Date March 16th, 1940

Signature and Rank :—

Entered H.M. Service as Stoker 2nd Class 15th, Jan. 1940

Completed 2 years' training for Mechanician

Advanced to Stoker 1st Class.

Advanced to Leading Stoker.

Advanced to Stoker Petty Officer

Advanced to Chief Stoker.

Rated Mechanician 2nd Class

1st Class

Advanced to Chief Mechanician

## RECORD OF EXAMINATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS, COURSES, ETC. (see Footnote.)

Examinations, etc.	Date	Signature of Engineer Officer	Captain's Initials
<p>Award of Auxiliary Watchkeeping Certificate and results of all professional and school examinations, courses and qualifications for promotion are to be inserted in this space.</p>			<p>S. 1246A</p>

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# Employment and Ability Re

## STOKER RATING.

EFFICIENCY :--To be indicated as "Superior," "Satisfactory," "Me

Date	← Watchkeeper →										← In Charge of →							
	1 Coal Fireman or Burning Oil Fuel, including Boats	2 Engineroom Watch Keeping at Sea	3 Electric Light Engine	4 Distilling Plant	5 Refrigerating Machinery	6 Air Compressing Machinery, including E. A. Plant	7 Internal Combustion Machinery	8 Hydraulic Pumping Machinery	9 Boiler Furnace Bricklaying	10 Electrical Duties (H. P. E.)	11 Steamboat Machinery	12 Motor Boat Machinery	13 Boiler Water Tender	14 Boiler Cleaning Party	15 Engineroom Watch Keeping at Sea	16 General Charge of Firing in a Boiler Room	17 Double Bottom Party	
31 MAY 40 21-11-40	-	-	-	-	NEW ENTRY, TRAINING Watchkeeping and Daywork in Boiler Rooms (Sat)												-	-

### Special Remarks.

Has a knowledge of the trade of \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE.—When a Stoker rating has become a Mechanician the words "Refitting and Maintenance" are to be inserted over columns 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

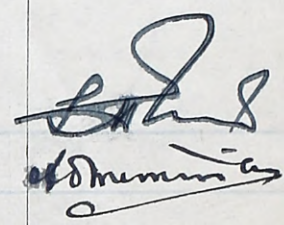


# employment and Ability Record.

NAME STEPHENS Oswald Bertman

Official Number 21661

be indicated as "Superior," "Satisfactory," "Moderate," or "Inferior."

In Charge of →								19	20	21	22	23	24	25
12	13	14	15	16	17	18								
Motor Boat Machinery	Boiler Water Tender	Boiler Cleaning Party	Engineer's Watch Keeping at Sea	General Charge of Firing in a Boiler Room	Double Bottom Party	Regulating Duties	Engineer's Writer	Charge of Engineers' Stores and Tools	Power of Command	Present Rating	REMARKS	SHIP	Signature of Engineer Officer, if of Lieutenant's Rank or above, otherwise Captain of Ship	
TRAINING Boiler Room (Sat)							-	-	-	-	-	Sto II	"NADEN" Emerald	



(To be filled in immediately on completing Course).

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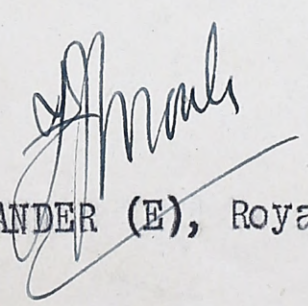




H.M.S. "EMERALD",

20th. November, 1940.

This is to certify that Oswald B.  
STEPHENS, Stoker 2nd. class, R.C.N. Official  
Number Esquimalt 21661, has been examined for  
advancement to Stoker 1st. class and is recommended  
to be rated.

  
COMMANDER (E), Royal Navy.



NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME WILLIAM J. STEPHENS RANK/RATING SP-1 OFF. NO. 100

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

.....RANK/RATING *Sto 1/c*.....OFF. NO. *N 21661*.....ADDRESS .....

VERIFIED BY .....

DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.



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

4  
NAVY

DECEASED  
MILITARY  
NAME

Oswald Bertram  
(CHRISTIAN NAMES)

STEPHENS  
(SURNAME)

PAYEE  
ADDRESS

Mrs. Verna Stephens,  
25 Walnut Crescent,  
Long Branch, Ont.

REGISTER NO. 1829  
FILE NO. NS N-21661  
DATE 7 Aug. '45  
SERVICE NO. 21661  
FINAL RANK OR RATING Sto.1/C  
DATE OF DISCHARGE 13 Sept. 1942

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE  
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 973 EQUAL TO 32 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 832 LESS 13 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 819 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY \$ 2.00  
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING  
AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE \$ 1.45  
ADDITIONAL PAY H.L.M. \$ .13

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$

TOTAL \$ 3.58 X 7 = \$ 25.06  
NO. OF DAYS 832 X \$ 25.06

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

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

OTHER DEDUCTIONS

NIL

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$ OF \$  
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  
JM

CHECKED BY

TREASURY  
CHECKED BY  
H. L. M.  
DATE 9/8/45

for Dir. Naval Pay Accounting.



# Memorandum

To:

The Naval Secretary

Department of National Defence

H.Q. N.S. 62-S-415 (JAG)

OTTAWA,

December 24th, 1941.

Re: Oswalt Stephens, Stoker, 2nd Class.

1. In reply to your memorandum of the 22nd of December, 1941, as the letter to which you refer indicates that the Rating concerned was apparently aware of all the activities of his wife, it would appear that whatever action might be necessary should be taken by himself and it would not be proper for the Department to intervene in any way whatsoever.

2. However, in cases where information is obtained that the wife of any Rating is guilty of misconduct while he is absent, it is recommended that the Rating be apprised as to this without indicating the source of the information so that he may take whatever action he may consider necessary under the circumstances.

*H. J. Orde*

Brigadier,  
Judge Advocate-General.

WWC/am



December 30, 1941.

## MEMORANDUM:

The following extract from a letter received at Headquarters is to be brought to the attention of Oswald B. Stephens, Stoker 1, R.C.N., O.N. 21661:

"I wish to put a complaint in against Mrs. O. Stephens which lives at 83 Kitchener Avenue. Her husband which is in the Navy, and I wish to ask you if it is right for a woman to live a life as she is doing.

Her husband was home on leave from England this last August, during the little time he was home, she could not hold herself down, she came home one morning between the hours of 3-4 in a car, drunk, she could not stand, the men just put her on the front porch and left her. Her husband asked her what she meant by it, this was on the Thursday, on the following Monday, he found more things, she had gone out. Her husband waited for her to return, then he told her he was through with her. So he phoned his mother and she came and fetched him, he stayed with her for the rest of his leave.

If you wish to check up, write to Claremont Police Station, in May, 1940, she was on a charge of vagrancy. She and another girl were found with two soldiers with all kinds of drink, the case was brought up in court, the fine was 30 days, if she had done the time her husband would have found her in jail, when he came on leave before going to England. Someone lent her the money to pay the fine, to put the police off their track when arrested, she gave a different name, as a single woman, because she thought her pay would be stopped. I think she should be checked up. She is a strong woman, able to go to work, if she did that, she would not be able to stay in bed until 2 o'clock midday. She nearly always comes home through the back field so people will not notice her.

Wishing you would give this your attention".

While it would appear that this rating has already had information of the above nature, and while the above extract in itself is not sufficient evidence to warrant a cancellation of Allotment in favour of his wife, it is however reasonable that the rating should be advised so that he may take such action as he may consider necessary to confirm the said allegations to the satisfaction of his Commanding Officer should he desire to discontinue his Allotment.

BY ORDER.

(J.O. Cossette)  
NAVAL SECRETARY.

The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.C.S. "AVALON",  
ST. JOHN'S,  
Newfoundland.



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ) WEDNESDAY, the 6th DAY  
PLAXTON ) of MAY, A. D. 1942.

B E T W E E N :

OSWALD BERTRAM STEPHENS

Plaintiff,

Seal

AND

ANTOINETTE STEPHENS  
and ANDRE DUPRES

Defendants.

THIS ACTION coming on this day for Trial at the Sittings holden at Toronto, for the trial of actions without a jury, in the presence of Counsel for the Plaintiff, no one appearing for the Defendants Antoinette Stephens and Andre Dupres, although duly served with the Writ of Summons, Statement of Claim, Affidavit of Verification and Notice of Trial; And upon hearing read the pleadings and the affidavits filed herein and hearing the evidence adduced and what was alleged by Counsel aforesaid;

1. THIS COURT DOTH ORDER AND ADJUDGE that the marriage between the Plaintiff Oswald Bertram Stephens and the Defendant Antoinette Stephens, which was solemnized at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, on the 31st day of December, 1937, be dissolved by reason of the adultery of the said Antoinette Stephens with the Defendant Andre Dupres, unless sufficient cause be shewn to this Court within six months from the date hereof, why this Judgment should not be made absolute.

JUDGMENT signed this 7th day of May, A. D. 1942.

"Chas. W. Smyth"

REGISTRAR, S. C. O.



TAKE NOTICE that after the expiration of six months from the date of this Judgment Nisi, a motion will be made for Judgment Absolute, without further notice to you, unless you Antoinette Stephens, have within such time, filed in the Registrar's Office at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and served the Solicitor for the Plaintiff with a notice that you desire to have notice of the time and place of the hearing of such motion.

H. A. COON,  
1022 Federal Bldg.,  
Toronto 2, Ontario.

Solicitor for the  
Plaintiff.

S.

C.

O.

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OSWALD BERTRAM STEPHENS

VS

ANTOINETTE STEPHENS  
and ANDRE DUPRES

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JUDGMENT NISI

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H. A. COON,  
Solicitor, etc.,  
85 Richmond St., W.,  
Toronto 2, Ontario.



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N.S. 62-S-415  
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October 12th, 1942. 79

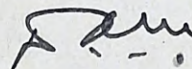
Dear Sir:

Re: The Late Oswald B. Stephens,  
H.M.C.S. OTTAWA.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant.

As it would appear from the statement contained in the second paragraph of your letter that no judgment Absolute was obtained in the divorce action, in which Oswald B. Stephens was plaintiff, it is believed that the Marriage between Oswald B. Stephens and his wife Antoinette Stephens must be regarded as a subsisting marriage.

Yours truly,



DEPUTY SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

H. Augustus Coon, Esq., B.A.,  
Barrister, Solicitor etc.,  
1022 & 1023 Federal Building,  
85 Richmond Street West,  
Toronto 2, Canada.

*W. L. 4. 11. 42*  
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*Antoinette Coon*



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November 17, 1941. NS 62-8-415.

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Naval Headquarters,  
Ottawa,  
Ontario.

Dear Sirs:-

Information is asked from  
our Overseas Office regarding Second Stoker  
O. Stephens H.M.C.S., Ottawa.

Please wire collect.

Yours faithfully,

*A. N. Plumptre*

(Mrs. H. P. Plumptre)  
Vice-Chairman Executive Committee.

AMP/RB



JOC/RJW


29th November, 1941. 47

Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of 24th November, 1941, I am directed to inform you that due to the vagueness of the enquiry received regarding Oswald Stephens, Stoker 2nd Class, I can only say that he is serving in H.M.C.S. OTTAWA, and that as far as the records show he is in perfect health.

I regret my inability to be more specific as I do not know what type of information is required by your London office.

Yours faithfully,

  
(J.O. Cossette)  
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Mrs. H.P. Plumptre,  
Vice-Chairman, Executive Committee,  
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December 2nd, 1941.

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MS 62-8-415

J. O. Cossette,  
Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
Naval Service,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

(Re. your File No. 62-S-415):

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 29th, with regard to Oswalt Stephens, Stoker, 2nd Class. The request for information which we received by cable from London was extremely vague, but it appeared likely that there must be some reason for sending such a request, and I therefore forwarded it to your office as the only place from which I could obtain any information about this man. I think that there must have been some misunderstanding about him, which prompted the sending of a cable of enquiry from London, and I regret that we should have troubled you unnecessarily about a man who is quite well and serving with his ship.

Yours truly,

Mrs. H. P. Plumptre,  
Vice-Chairman, Executive Committee,  
The Canadian Red Cross Society.

AMP/MA



(Naval Service)

11th December, 1939.

Sir:

I am directed to advise you that you are now under consideration for entry into the Royal Canadian Navy as a Stoker, 2nd Class, at R.C.N. Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C., under a Seven Years' Continuous and General Service Engagement to date 15th January, 1940.

Before your entry can be approved, it will be necessary for you to undergo final medical examination. You are to report to the District Medical Officer of Military District No. 2, 159 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, at Nine A.M. on Wednesday, 10th January, 1940, and request him to examine you, showing him this letter as your authority. You should hand him the enclosed Forms B207 in triplicate (Medical Examination Form) and B207(a) (Physical Qualifications Required).

Transportation Warrant No. 19535, Port Credit, Ontario, to Toronto, Ontario, is enclosed, which you should exchange at your local Canadian National Railways' Ticket Office for a railway ticket.

Provided you are found physically fit, the Military Authorities will supply you with the following transportation from Toronto, Ontario, to Victoria, B.C.:-

- 1 Second Class Railway Ticket - Toronto, Ont., to Vancouver, B.C.
- 1 Upper Tourist Berth - Toronto, Ont., to Vancouver, B.C.
- 1 Steamship Ticket - Vancouver, B.C., to Victoria, B.C.

You are to report to the Commander, R.C.N. Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C., on Monday, 15th January, 1940, when you will be given a further medical examination and educational test.

If you are not physically fit, the Military Authorities will supply you with the following transportation back to your home:-

- 1 Second Class Railway Ticket - Toronto, Ont., to Port Credit, Ont.

You should acknowledge receipt of this letter: enclosed addressed envelope is for this purpose.

Yours truly,

Mr. Oswald Stephens,  
R.R. No. 1,  
PORT CREDIT, Ontario.

(D) The District Officer Commanding,  
Military District No. 2,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

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(J. C. Cossette)  
Naval Secretary.

-Forwarded for information. X-Ray Examination is to be carried out.

(D) The Commander,  
R.C.N. Barracks,  
ESQUIMALT, B.C.

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-Forwarded for information. Provided Stephens reports and is suitable in all respects, Naval Secretary. he is to be entered in the R.C.N. as a Stoker, 2nd Class, to date 15th January, 1940. X-Ray Examination has not been carried out. Date of 25th December, 1917, certified by Statement of Deputy Registrar General. Copy of Continuous Service Engagement Form is to be forwarded to Headquarters in due course.

BY ORDER.

Naval Secretary



Port Credit, Ontario.  
February 3, 1936.

The Department of  
National Defence,  
Ottawa, Canada.

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Dear Sir:

I am very interested in becoming a  
seaman and joining the British Navy.  
I have completed one year at High school.  
And this last year I have been working  
on a fruit farm, & still wishing for the  
the job as a seaman.

Hope you will send me an application  
form

Thanking you very much,

Yours truly,

Osuald Stephens

R. R. #1. Port Credit, Ont.  
% Geo. P. Stephens



MAIN FILE	
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CENTRAL REGISTRY.	
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(NAVAL SERVICE)

February 5, 1936. 3

Sir,-

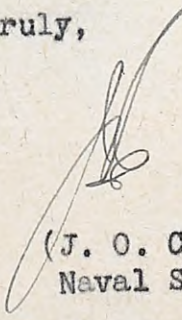
With reference to your letter of 3rd February, I am directed to advise you that information regarding entry in the Royal Navy can be obtained from "The Director of Naval Recruiting, 55 Whitehall, London S.W.1, England".

It is observed that a British Subject, resident in Canada, would have to apply personally at the place of enlistment in England, and to pay his own travelling expenses in the event of his wishing to join the Royal Navy.

In case you are interested in the Royal Canadian Navy, I am enclosing for your information copy of Particulars of Service for Entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, together with Application for Entry.

If, after reading the attached Particulars, you are desirous of filing an application, you should return to this Department the Application Form properly filled in, together with certificates, etc., called for, when careful consideration will be given to your request.

Yours truly,



(J. O. Cossette),  
Naval Secretary.

Mr. Oswald Stephens,  
R.R.#1,  
Port Credit, Ontario.

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DRAFTED BY: WPR PER HBM  
62-8-415

## NAVAL MESSAGE

10 MIL. 12-41  
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To: MRS. VERA STEPHENS,  
R.R. #1,  
PORT CREDIT, ONTARIO.

From: NSHQ OTTAWA

OFFICIAL COPY

62-8-415

CNP  
WPR  
DEF  
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MINISTER

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES  
DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON, OSWALD  
STEPHENS, STOKER 1ST CLASS, ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY,  
OFFICIAL NO. 21661, IS MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED IN  
ACTION.

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(DELIVERY CONFIRMED)

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19/9/42

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19th September, 1942.

Dear Madam:

It is with deep regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th September from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your son, Oswald Bertman Stephens, Stoker 1st Class, R.C.N., O.N. 21661, is missing believed killed in action.

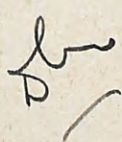
It is in the public interest that the name of his ship and the fact that she has been in action should not find its way to the enemy until such time as it is decided to publish the fact in a Naval Casualty List. It is therefore requested that this news, other than the fact that your son is missing, may be treated as confidential.

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, 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,

  
Deputy Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Verna Stephens,  
R.R. # 1,  
PORT CREDIT, Ont.





21661

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME STEPHENS  
(Surname)

Oswald Bertram  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 21661

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
Naden	Sto.2.	15	1	30	40	V.G.	Sat	31	12	41							
Stadacona	"	3	6	40		V.G.		13	9	42							
HMS. Emerald	"	4	6	40													
"	Sto. I.	20	11	40													
Dominion	"	22	11	40													
Ottawa	"	3	1	41													
Discharged	"	13	9	42	DEAD-Missing-Believed Killed in Action.												

GENERAL REMARKS

24/11/42- Canadian Memorial Cross  
issued to Mother:  
Mrs. Verna Stephens,  
25 Walnut Avenue,  
LONG BRANCH, Ont.

DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE		CIVIL	OCCE	REL	ED	PREV	ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT	
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DAY	MO.	YR.	DAY	MO.	YR.	DAY	MO.	YR.	DAY	MO.	YR.
18	01	30	15	01	30						
SENIORITY		STR.		NON-SUB		M		ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE	
DAY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	0	ST.					
20	11	40	09	-	-	20	13	09	42		



21661

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 62-S.415

OFFICIAL NUMBER 21661

NAME STEPHENS (Surname) Oswald Bertram (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 25th December, 1917

PLACE OF BIRTH TORONTO, Ont. OCCUPATION Labourer

RELIGION United Church EDUCATION High School Entrance

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. R.R. #1, Town Port Credit Province, etc. Ont.

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
15	1	40	Seven Years	5' 10"	Fair	Blue	Fresh.					

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

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 83 Litchener Ave. Town Long Branch Province, etc. Ont.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
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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		

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT				DAYS FORFEITED							
Date (in figures)			From	To	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	
Day	Month	Year									

