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ATTESTATION FORM  
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME GRAINGER OFFICIAL NO. U17877  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Roy James MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 145 Davis Street., Sarnia, Ontario. RELIGION R.C.

DATE OF BIRTH 4th December, 1916 PLACE OF BIRTH Kingston NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mrs. Edith Grainger, (Mother)  
24 Walton Street.,  
Port Hope, Ontario.  
\*Original Nationality of:  
Father Canadian  
Mother Canadian  
County  
Province Ontario.

\*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>35 3/4</u>	<u>Auburn</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Med.</u>	<u>Nil.</u>
Inches <u>7 1/4</u>	Deflated <u>34</u>				
<u>145</u>	Mean <u>34 1/2</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING 2 Years Peterboro High School.  
Peterboro, Ontario. TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Meat Manager. Loblaw Groceteria  
Ltd., Sarnia, Ont.

DATE OF ENROLMENT 27th November, 1941.  
Divisional Strength RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Prob. V.A. R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED H.M.C.S. Prevost., London.

(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 \_\_\_\_\_ for the period \_\_\_\_\_ shown and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement \_\_\_\_\_ Division.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM
	<u>NIL.</u>	

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Records AG

2. Index Card JA

3. Non-Sub. Card JA

4. Statistical Card JA

5. Roneo Strip WB

6. Pension Card

7. \_\_\_\_\_

of His Majesty's Forces on

DATE 3/12/41

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any account of unfitness.

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the London 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 November, 1941.

Signature of applicant Roy James Grainger

(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 November, 1941.

Sub Lt. C. B. Hunt  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Roy James Grainger, 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 Roy James Grainger

Witness C. B. Hunt

Date 27th November, 1941. Rank SUB. LIEUTENANT, R.C.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

Roy James Grainger, 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 London Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

C. B. Hunt  
Attesting Officer.

27th November, 1941. R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) London

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.

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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Ray James GRAINGER*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>London, Ontario</i>	Official Number <i>V-17877</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth.....	<i>4th December 1916</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth.....	<i>Kingston, Ontario</i>	
Place of Residence.....	<i>145 Davis St. Sarnia, Ont.</i>	<i>Mrs. Edith Grainger</i>
Trade brought up to.....	<i>Meat Manager - Loblaws</i>	<i>Mother</i>
Religion.....	<i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>24 Walton St. Port Hope, Ont.</i>
Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date.....	19.....	Signature..... Rank.....
P.S.T. Date.....	19.....	Signature..... Rank.....

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
<i>27-Nov-41</i>	<i>27-Nov-41</i>	<i>Hostilities Prob. V.C.</i>				

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>7 1/4</i>	<i>34 1/2</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>Auburn</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Med</i>	<i>Nil</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









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

RATING *Ldg. S.A.* OFF.NO. *V. 17877* ADDRESS .....

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS							STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL			
							1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
							ATLANTIC	1	<i>Star</i>
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.		<i>2 + Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *J. Rose* .....

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



**P.I.B.**

V17877 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME GRAINGER Roy James OFFICIAL NUMBER V17877  
 (Surname) (Given Names)

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
Prevost	V.A. Prob.	27	11	41	London Div. Str.												
Prevost	" "	27	12	41	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
York	" "	5	1	42		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
"	Supply A. Prob.	1	3	42		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	"	2	3	42	D.												
"	Supply Asst.	1	5	42	Rated. (249A/2019)												
Tribal II (Athabaskan)	"	12	12	42	DRD H-169 <i>near Hope</i>												
"	Ldg. S.A.	1	2	43	Rated Memo 3-2-43	Sy. P.O.	1/2/44	Memo	15/3/44								
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	"Missing" Casualty List.												
					"Presumed Dead" per Casualty List.	P.#65											

GENERAL REMARKS

X-Ray Approved.  
 Rockhead Hosp. 17-9-42 to 24 PM-9-42  
 Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to  
 Mother: Mrs. Edith Grainger,  
 24 Walton St.,  
 Port Hope, Ontario. 31-1-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
04	R	16	11	200	X	10	3	1	24	08	0	16	0	22 95
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK	
27	11	41	27	12	41					0230	0	22	93	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
01	02	43	13	00	00	20								

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-G-1301

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V17877

NAME

GRAINGER  
(Surname)Roy James  
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

4th December, 1916

PLACE OF BIRTH

Kingston, Ont.

OCCUPATION

Mear Manager

RELIGION

R. C.

EDUCATION

2 years High School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

145 Davis St.

Town

Sarnia

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
27	11	41	H.O.	5'7 $\frac{1}{4}$	Auburn	Blue	Medium	Nil				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
1	4	44	1939-43 Star.	17	11	42	Qual. Prof. for Ldg. S.A.				
				17	5	43	Qual. Prof. for Supply P.O.				

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES							
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year		

**FILM**  
NO. MSR 5366-8  
**DATE**

Date (in figures)				DAYS FORFEITED						Last Will & Testament Dated 27-11-41 Received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.		

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



Information Extracted from NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS RECORDS.

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

~~XXXX~~ NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name GRAINGER, Roy James  
 (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Supply Petty Officer Official No. V-17877 R.C.N.V.R.  
 (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Kingston, Ontario Date of Birth 4th December, 1916.

Occupation in Civil Life Meat Manager Religion Roman Catholic

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) From 27 November, 1941 to 29 April, 1944.

Date of Death 29 April, 1944 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.  
 (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Edith Grainger, Relationship Mother  
 Address 24 Walton Street, Port Hope, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by ~~Ship~~ XXXX Naval Service Headquarters: 1 May, 1944.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials --

In the case of Imperial Service men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality --

Place of Burial No burial Date of Burial --  
 (if known) (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave --  
 (if known)

Undertaker employed --  
 (if any)

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

ENTERED IN  
 S.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
 JAN 20 1945  
 CLERK *[Signature]*

~~XXXX~~ The NAVAL SECRETARY, Naval Board,  
 Department of National Defence,  
 Ottawa, Canada.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~  
 Commanding Officer,  
OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January, 1945  
*[Signature]*  
 FOR SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.  
*[Signature]*

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

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

TFH:MC

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AIR MAIL

File No. V-17877 Pers (N)

1 May, 1944

Dear Mrs. Grainger:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Roy James Grainger, Leading Supply Assistant, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-17877, is missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN".

According to the report received from overseas, your son's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Leading Supply Assistant Grainger is reported as "missing", there is a possibility of his survival. It is understood that a number of the crew have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy. The Red Cross have been informed and are attempting to obtain from the German Government a list of those taken. Please be assured that as soon as any further information respecting your son has been received you will be informed.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy 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,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Edith Grainger,  
24 Walton St.,  
Port Hope, Ont.

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LETTER dispatched by  
PERSONNEL NAVAL  
MAY 2 1944  
m mb

10th October, 1944. 27

Dear Mrs. Grainger:

I must regretfully inform you that since your son was reported missing no further information has been received of his survival or that he is a prisoner of war.

I wish to assure you, however, that the Department makes every endeavour to discover the fate of missing men and draws upon all likely sources of information about them.

In the case of men who are believed to be prisoners of war continuous efforts are made to speed up the machinery whereby their names and camp addresses can reach this country. The official means is by lists of names prepared by the enemy government. These lists take some time to compile, especially if there is a long journey from the place of capture to a prisoners of war camp. Consequently "capture cards", filled in by the prisoners themselves soon after capture and sent home to their relatives, are often the first news received in this country that a man is a prisoner of war.

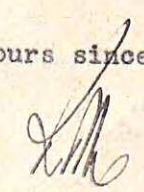
Very slight hope is now held, however, that your son is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.

Even if no news is received that a missing man is a prisoner of war, endeavours to trace him do not cease. Enquiries are pursued, not only among those who were serving with him, but also through diplomatic channels and the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. The moment reliable news is obtained from any of these sources it is sent to the Department and is immediately passed on to the next of kin.

Should no information be received to the contrary your son will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.Date 10/10/44  
Time 1830

Mrs. Edith Grainger,  
24 Walton Street,  
PORT HOPE, Ontario.

LA/JM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-17877 Pers.(N)

15/ January, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Grainger:

Further to my letter of the 10th of October, 1944 I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Roy James Grainger, Supply Petty Officer, Official Number V-17877, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", 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 29th of April, 1944.

May I again 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.

Yours sincerely,

*L.H.*

Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

*L.H.* *W*

Mrs. Edith Grainger,  
24 Walton Street,  
PORT HOPE, Ontario.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date *15/1/45*  
Time *500*

DECEASED 29 April 1944

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
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AWARDS

(NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

GRAINGER	Roy James	V-17877	S.P.O.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	7746 No Date
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Sept. 45 "ATHABASKAN"  
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

**MEMORIAL BAR**  
REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH  
DATE DESP .....  
REGN. NO. 2110 .....

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON  
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Edith M. Grainger - Mother  
ADDRESS: 24 Walton Street,  
Port Hope, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER Mrs E. Grainger  
ADDRESS: 24 Walton Street  
PORT HOPE, Ontario

(2)

(3) 31 January 1945