



CANADA

# ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME McGRATH OFFICIAL NO. 411616

CHRISTIAN NAMES Joseph MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 118 Ave 2. So Saskatoon Sask. RELIGION R. C.

DATE OF BIRTH <u>31st May 1919.</u>	*PLACE OF BIRTH Town <u>Kindersley</u> County Province <u>Sask.</u>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <u>Mrs Margaret Mc Grath (mother)</u> <u>118 Ave 2. So</u> <u>Saskatoon Sask.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Canadian</u> Mother <u>Canadian</u>		

\*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page.

## 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>Transversive</u> <u>appendectomy scar</u>
Inches <u>6 1/4</u>	Deflated <u>32 1/2</u>				
	Mean <u>33 1/2</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT <u>2nd Jan 1941</u>	RATING ENROLLING FOR <u>Ord. Sea (Temp.)</u>	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY <u>Service Man.</u> <u>Early Metals</u> <u>Saskatoon Sask.</u>
R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled <u>SASKATOON DIVISION R.C.N.V.R.</u>		

## (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 2nd Bn S.R.I. for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>2nd Bn</u> <u>S.R.I. N.P.A.M (MSG)</u>	<u>Private</u> <u># L532229</u>	<u>9th Oct. 1940</u>	<u>7th Nov. 1940</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.

Personnel Records Division

1. Noted in Records MM

2. MM

3. Non-Sub. Card MM

4. MM

5. Roneo Strip MM

6. Pension Card MM

7. MM

8. MM

DATE 6-2-41

Dick Carr been at Bay.

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the **SASKATOON** 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 2nd day of Jan. 1941.

Signature of applicant Joe Mc Grath

(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 2nd day of Jan 1941.

[Signature]  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer. Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Joseph Mc Grath 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 Joe Mc Grath

Witness [Signature]

Date 2nd Jan 1941 Rank 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

Joseph Mc Grath 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 **SASKATOON** Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

[Signature]  
Attesting Officer.  
**SASKATOON DIVISION R.C.N.V.R.**  
R.C.N.V.R. Division  
(or other establishment)

2nd Jan 1941

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.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Joseph M'GRATH*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

*ICNS 7667*

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimalt</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Saskatoon</i>	Official Number <i>V. 11616</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth *31 May 1919*

Place of Birth *Kindersley, Sask.*

Place of Residence *118 Ave T So Saskatoon Sask*

Trade brought up to *Service Man*

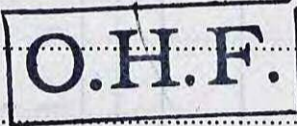
Religion *R.C.*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date 19 Signature Rank

P.S.T. Date 19 Signature Rank

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)

*(Mother)*  
*Mr. Margaret M'Grath*  
*Same address*



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>20 Aug '40</i>	<i>2 Jan '41</i>	<i>Host.</i>	<i>Red Sea</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6 1/4</i>	<i>33 1/2</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>transverse appendectomy scar</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







V11616

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-M-1957

OFFICIAL NUMBER V11616

NAME McGRATH (Surname) Joseph (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 31st May, 1919.

PLACE OF BIRTH Kindersley, Sask. OCCUPATION Serviceman

RELIGION R.C. EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 118 Ave., T., South, Town Saskatoon, Province, etc. Sask.

Table with columns: ENGAGEMENTS (Date, Period), DESCRIPTION (Height, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Marks or Scars), PREVIOUS SERVICE (Served in, Rank or Rating, Dates).

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mrs. Margaret Mc Grath NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Margaret Mc Grath ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 118 Ave "S" South, Town Saskatoon, Province, etc. Sask.

Table with columns: MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY (Date, Particulars), EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC. (Date, Particulars).

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. (Date, 1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S., Granted Deprived Restored), BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date, BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT).

FILM NO. WSP-5356-1 DATE

Approved to count 30 days N.P.A.M. Service towards award of G.S.B.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT From To

Table with columns: Date (in figures), DAYS FORFEITED (Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.), O.H.F. Received.

W.S.G. APPLICATION 16526 RECEIVED

7/6/45

V11616 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **McGRATH**  
(Surname) **Joseph**  
(Given Names)

**P.I.B.**  
OFFICIAL NUMBER V11616

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			F. i. e. d		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Saskatoon Div. Str.	Ord. Smn.	2	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	A.A. III	2	7	42			
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	" "	30	4	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Naden	" "	12	8	41		V.G.	Sat.	28	8	43							
Sans Peur	" "	21	10	41													
" "	Able Smn.	28	1	42													
Givenchy	" "	6	3	42													
Naden	" "	28	4	42													
Cornwallis	" "	10	5	42													
Stadacona	" "	23	7	42	DRD												
Hoch. (Mng. Pool)	" "	20	8	42													
Stadacona	" "	22	8	42													
Niobe	" "	28	10	42	S.C.												
Athabaskan	" "	4	2	43	S.C.												
<b>DISCHARGED</b>	" "	28	8	43	<b>"Died of Wounds Received in Action" (Casualty List) and W/T0950/11/9/43.</b>												

**GENERAL REMARKS**  
Hosp. 17-5-42 to 1-6-42.  
CANADIAN MEMORIAL CROSS sent to:  
MOTHER: Mrs. Margaret McGrath,  
118 Avenue "T" South,  
SASKATOON, Sask.  
to date 18-9-43.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH	CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV.	ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
31	5	19	19	622	D	10	K	7	11	29	0	22	0	0895
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	
02	01	41	30	04	41					0230	0	0894		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
28	01	42	09	16	00	20	28-08-43			ER M9				



NAME IN FULL *Mc. GRATH... Joseph*.....RANK/RATING ..... *A.B.*.....

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIOD		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1937-
<i>Saskatoon</i>	<i>30.4.41</i>	<i>11.8.41</i>	<i>104</i>				
<i>Sano Quest</i>	<i>21.10.41</i>	<i>5.3.42</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>West Coast.</i>			
<i>Miska</i>	<i>28.10.42</i>	<i>3.2.43</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>U.K.</i>			
<i>Athabaskan</i>	<i>4.2.43</i>	<i>28.8.43</i>	<i>206</i>	<i>atlantic</i>			
<i>Discharged Dead</i>							
<i>to Date 28 Aug 43</i>							

VERIFIED BY ... *h. Blamhit* .....

VERIFIED BY .....

VERIFICATION FORM

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

RATING ..... *A.B.* ..... OFF.NO. *V-11616* ..... 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.	2	<i>@ clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *Lockett* .....

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

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H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" at Plymouth, Devon.

Name McGRATH Joseph  
(Christian names in full)Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-11616 R.C.N.V.R.  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Kindersley, Sask Date of Birth 31st May, 1919

Occupation in Civil Life Service Man 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) TwoDate of Death 28th August, 1943. Place of Death At Sea 43° 00' N.  
12° 30' W.Cause of Death Wounds received on 27th August, 1943, from explosion  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)  
of a bomb dropped by enemy aircraft.Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Margaret McGrath Relationship Mother  
Address 118 Avenue "T",  
South Saskatoon, Sask.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship By Naval Service Headquarters.

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, accord-  
ing to NationalityPlace of Burial At Sea 43° 28' N.  
12° 46' W. Date of Burial 28th August, 1943.  
(if known) (if known)

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

Undertaker employed (if any)

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

(G.R. Miles) COMMANDER, R.C.N.  
Commanding Officer,

31st August, 1943.

The NAVAL SECRETARY,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Canada.In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the  
Regulations.

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

*Handwritten scribbles and signature*

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14th September, 1943.

Dear Mrs. McGrath:

Further to my letter of the 6th of September, 1943, respecting the sad loss of your son, Joseph McGrath, Able Seaman, Official Number V-11616, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, information has been received from Overseas that his death occurred on the 28th of August, 1943, and that he was buried at sea with full Naval Honours.

No details of the action in which your son lost his life are available in this Department, but should further particulars of this incident of war be received, you will be informed.

As mentioned in my previous letter, it is requested that news, other than the fact that your son has been killed on active service, may be treated as confidential.

*→ Noted  
15/9/43 N.P.R./S*

May I again express the sincere sympathy of the Department in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

*J.J.*

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Despatched by  
S. N. B.  
*Yuu*  
Date 14.9.43  
Time 1800

Mrs. Margaret McGrath,  
118 Ave. "T" South,  
Saskatoon, Sask.

ARMY TRAINEE

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

McGRATH, Joseph		L532229	M Pte	FILE No. 315597
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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
	30 Days Training

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

DECEASED 28 August 1943

## AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

MCGRATH	Joseph	V-11616	A.B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	1693-16-1-50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

( THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES )

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR "ATHABASKAN" Mar. /44.

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Michael McGrath - Father

ADDRESS: 118 Ave., "T" South,  
Saskatoon, Sask.

DATE DESP.....

(1)

REGN. NO.....

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(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. M. McGrath

ADDRESS:

118 Avenue "T" South  
SASKATOON, Sask.

(3) 18 September 1943