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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME MEADWELL OFFICIAL NO. 49203
CHRISTIAN NAMES Richard George MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS Sioux Lookout, Ontario RELIGION C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH 1st August 1923 PLACE OF BIRTH Town Sioux Lookout NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mother: Mrs. Elsie Meadwell, SIOUX LOOKOUT, Ontario.
*Original Nationality of: Father English Mother English 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>37</u>	<u>dark brown</u>	<u>grey</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Small scar on end of 3rd finger, right hand</u>
Inches..... <u>9 ³/₄</u>	Deflated..... <u>33</u>				
Mean..... <u>35</u>					

EDUCATIONAL STANDING GRADE X TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Engineer's Helper: C.N. Railways, Graham Sub, Ontario (Port Arthur Division)

DATE OF ENROLMENT 17th October 1942. RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Ord. Smn. R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED R.C.N.V.R. PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO.

(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 records of service, in corroboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
			Personnel Records Division.
			1. Noted in Records <i>M.S.D.</i>
			2. Index Card <i>M.S.D.</i>
			3. Non-Sub. Card
			4. Statistical Card
			5. Roneo Strip
			6. Pension Card
			7.
			8.
			DATE <u>31.10.42</u>

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

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

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....Port Arthur.....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.....17th.....day of.....October.....1942.....

Signature of applicant.....R. Meadwell.....

(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.....17th.....day of.....October.....1942.....

.....
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Richard George Meadwell.....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.....R. Meadwell.....

Witness.....
.....

Date.....17th October 1942..... Rank.....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

.....Richard George Meadwell.....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.....Port Arthur.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

.....
Attesting Officer.

.....17th October.....1942..... R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) Port Arthur, Ont.

NOTE.—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Divisional Commanding Officer's Record Book, is to be forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

The Certificate of medical examination, B-207, and certificates of previous service are to be sent to Headquarters, Ottawa, with this form.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the.....Seaman.....Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

.....R. Meadwell.....
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Richard George MEADWELL

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

R.C.N.V.R. 65929

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V. 49203</i>
	<i>H.M.C.S. "GRIFFON"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth *1st August 1923*

Place of Birth *Simsby Lookout Ontario*

Place of Residence *Simsby Lookout, Ontario*

Trade brought up to *Engineer's Helper*

Religion *Church of England*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. *FAA* Date *15 April* 19 *43* Signature *J. Buie* Rank *Pay Sub Lieut*

P.S.T. Date _____ 19 _____ Signature _____ Rank _____

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
MOTHER: Mrs. Elsie MEADWELL (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>17 Oct. 42</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Sman</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>9 3/4</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>dark brown</i>	<i>grey</i>	<i>dark</i>	<i>small scar on end 3rd finger, right hand.</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

Name Richard George MEADWELL Conduct

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (Inclusive Dates)		CHARACTER, ABILITY IN RATING ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE, AND ANNUALLY, 31st DECEMBER, WHILE MOBILIZED			
From	To	Character	Efficiency in Rating Noting Substantive Rating in Brackets	Date	Captain's Signature
		V. G.	Sat (Ad. Ins)	31 Dec '43	J. P. Bryan
		NG	Sat (A/A.B.)	31 Dec '43	signature
		Good	Sat (A/A.B.)	31 Dec '44	signature

R.C.N.V.R.
GOOD CONDUCT AND GOOD SERVICE BADGES

Date	G.S.B. or G.C.B.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Granted, Deprived, Restored
14 Jan '44			

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served
14 Jan '44	C	A-7896 14	

VERIFICATION FORM

DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME/RATING ... *A.B.* ... OFF. NO. *V-49203* ... ADDRESS

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

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ad.

29-4-44

VERIFIED BY *PK*

ED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

V49203

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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V49203

NAME MEADWELL (Surname) Richard George (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 1st August, 1923

PLACE OF BIRTH Sioux Lookout, Ontario. OCCUPATION Engineer's Helper

RELIGION C. of E. EDUCATION Grade X

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. _____ Town Sioux Lookout, Province, etc. Ontario.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
17	10	42	H.O.	5' 9 ³ / ₄	Dk.Br.	Grey	Dark	Small scar on end of 3rd finger, right hand.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother 18-3-43 NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Elsie Meadwell

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. _____ Town Sioux Lookout Province, etc. Ont

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	
				15	4	43	P.P.T. Fair				
				28	5	43	"TR"				
				22	3	43	Qual. A/G 2 days S.Cert.				
				3	11	43	Night Vision Good "				

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		
					HMCS "STADACONA"	182	14	1	44	Improperly leave.	14 days cells. 249A-A7896

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						In diff. Char.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial		
14	1	44			14				

O.H.F. Received
Last Will & Testament dated 21-10-43

FILM
NO. W.S.R. 5842-2
DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

in _____ To _____



V49203

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME MEADWELL
(Surname)

Richard George
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V49203 P.I.S.

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
HMCS "GRIFFON"	Ord. Smn.	17	10	42	Div. Str. Port Arthur.												
" "	" "	12	11	42	Active Service D.L.13-11-42	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	Q&R P/S.T.	24	7	43	10	12	43
" NADEN	" "	14	3	43	D.L. 14-3-43	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43	S.T.	6	12	43			
Givenchy	" "	3	8	43	DRD #1428	Good.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Chatham	" "	19	8	43	DRD #1488												
Protector 11	" "	22	9	43	DRD #1630												
Stadacona	" "	2	11	43	D.R.D.#H-3065.												
	A/A.B.	12	11	43	Rated. 249A-5934.												
Niobe	"	16	2	44	D.R.D.S.74.P.8.												
Athabaskan	"	28	3	44	D.R.D.#456.P.1.												
DISCHARGED:	"	29	4	44	"Missing". Casualty List.												
		29	4	44	"Presumed Dead"C.I.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Mother: Mrs. Elsie Meadwell, Sioux Lookout, Ontario, awarded the Canadian Memorial Cross to date the 19-2-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GIOR	P.	CTV.	TOUR	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK		
01	8	23	11	900	030		1	22	04	0	10	0	08	95		
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP CR.		RANK OR RATE				
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK			
17	10	42	12	11	42					0230	1	08	94			
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M		CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.	29-04-44									
12	11	43	09	55	00	20	e.g.			C.P. 2/2/44						

W.P.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
- Naval Service -
Ottawa, Canada,

Sir:

9 May, 1944

(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME	RANK or RATING	NAVAL NO.
MEADWELL, Richard George	Able Seaman	V-29203, R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 17 October, 1942. Active Service: 12 Nov. 1942.

DATE OF DISCHARGE - Will be reported later.

HOSPITAL -
(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D. P. & N. H.)SERVICE - Canada & High Seas.
(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere.)Reason for discharge and - "Missing" from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" which was tor-
when and where any disability pedged and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel
was incurred, or where death occurred, on the 29th of April, 1944. While this casualty is listed as missing, it is impos-
sible to make an estimate as to his chances of survival. Should no information be
received to the contrary, you will be informed when official presumption of death
with date has been set.(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action,
accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or
elsewhere outside Canada).

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP- Mother: NAME Mrs. Elsie Meadwell,

ADDRESS- Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

NOTE: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally
or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order,
the separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.Copies Form "B" fwd,
to Allots, (N) on

..... N.P.R./5.

A.B. Money
for
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Secretary, Canadian Pension Commission,
Room 228, Daly Building, OTTAWA, Ont.

ENTRÉED IN
D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK

FEB 9 1945

NOTE: Duplicate copies of this form (Form "B") have been forwarded to the
Chief Treasury Officer (Allotment Section), Department of National
Defence, Naval Service, for completion respecting the details of
Marriage Allowance, Dependents Allowance, etc., and subsequent
transmission to you.

(See reverse side for further instructions)

TFH/AT

REGISTERED
AIR MAIL
V-49203, (Pers. "N")

1 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Meadwell:

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 Richard George Meadwell, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V49203, 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 Able Seaman Meadwell 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.

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Mrs. Elsie Meadwell,
SIOUX LOOKOUT,
Ontario.

LETTER dispatched by
PERSONNEL NAVAL

MAY 2 1944

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Meadwell:

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. 20

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~~ DM

Bx

Mrs. Elsie Meadwell,
SIOUX LOOKOUT, Ont.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 10/12/44
Time 1.50 PM






LA/CM

N.S.V-49203, F.D.123, PERS. (N)

Policy No. DC 246825, M3

1st February, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Richard George Meadwell, Able Seaman, Official Number V-49203, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 29th of April, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
  


HMCS "ATHABASKAN" Nov. /45. R.C.N.V.R.
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DISPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mr. Frederick C. Meadwell - Father

ADDRESS: Sioux Lookout, Ont.

DATE DESP.....

(1)

REGN. NO.....

445

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. E. Meadwell

ADDRESS: SIOUX LOOKOUT, Ontario

(3) 19 February 1945

DECEASED 29 April 1944

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY] !

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

MEADWELL

Richard George

V-49203

A.B.

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

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

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24.11.47

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)