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100M-2-41 (9296)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1795

**MILITIA ACT**

**THE NATIONAL RESOURCES MOBILIZATION ACT, 1940**

**ENROLMENT**

**CANADIAN ARMY  
(RESERVE FORMATIONS)**

N.R.M.A. Serial Number of Notice of Call..... **1-1725** ..... Regimental Number..... **F610056** .....

1. Taken on Strength of..... **6a Clearing Depot.** .....

2. Surname (Block Letters)..... **SANDERSON.** .....

3. Christian Names (in full)..... **Earl Henry.** .....

4. Present Address..... **Midgell, Prince Edward Island,** .....

**P.E.I.**

5. Place of Birth..... **Midgell,** ..... 6. Date of Birth..... **20-12-19** ..... 7. Religious Denomination..... **U.C.C.** .....

8. Physical Description: Height..... **5' 8"** ..... Weight..... **162** ..... Eyes..... **Blue** ..... Hair..... **Brown.** .....

Complexion..... **White.** ..... Identification marks..... .....

9. Next-of-Kin..... **Della Sanderson.** ..... Relationship..... **Mother.** .....

(Name)

**Midgell, P.E.I.** .....

(Address)

10. Married, Single, Widower?..... **Single** ..... 11. Mother Tongue..... **English.** .....

12. What other languages do you: (a) Speak?..... **Nil** ..... (b) Read?..... **Nil.** ..... (c) Write?..... **Nil.** .....

13. High School or Collegiate?..... **Grade VIII.** ..... Graduation or Matriculation?..... **-** .....

(years completed) ..... (Specify)

14. College?..... **-** ..... University?..... **-** .....

(Specify) ..... (Specify)

(Courses and years completed, Degrees obtained)

15. Trade or Occupation..... **Farmer.** ..... Technical Qualifications and Experience..... **Lifetime.** .....

16. Previous Military Service..... **P.E.I. Light Horse From Aug. 1, 1940** .....  
(Show Units and Dates of Service)  
**to Aug. 6th, 1940.** .....

17. Preference, if any, for Naval, Army or Air Service..... **Air Service.** .....

(Give particulars and qualifications)

18. Employment in War Industry, if any..... **Nil.** .....

19. Can Drive a Car?..... **Yes.** ..... Repair a Motor?..... **Yes.** ..... Cooking Experience..... **Nil.** .....

20. Hobbies..... **Nil.** .....

**Earl Henry Sanderson**  
(Signature of Man)

**L. H. Clarke RA**  
(Signature and Rank of Enrolment Officer)

**April 17th,** ..... **1941.** .....

(Date of Signature)



**TRIPPLICATE**

MILITIA ACT

THE NATIONAL RESOURCES MOBILIZATION ACT, 1940

N.R.M.A. PERSONNEL

**ENROLMENT FORM**

N.R.M.A. Serial Number of Notice of Call 1-1725 Regimental Number F610056

- 1. Taken on Strength of No. 6 N.R.M.A. Clearing Depot Halifax, N.S.
- 2. Surname (Block Letters) SANDERSON
- 3. Christian Names (in full) Earl Henry
- 4. Present Address Midgell, Prince Edward Island
- 5. Place of Birth Midgell, Prince Edward Island  
(Country) (County or Province) (Town or Township)
- 6. Date of Birth 20-12-19 7. Religion— U.C.G.  
Denomination
- 8. Physical Description: Height 5'8" Weight 162 Eyes Blue Hair Brown  
Complexion White Identification marks Nil
- 9. Married, Single, Widower? Single
- 10. Next-of-Kin Della Sanderson Relationship Mother  
(Name)  
Midgell, P.E.I.  
(Address)
- 11. Trade or Occupation Farmer
- 12. Previous Naval, Military or Air Service P.E.I. Light Horse from Aug. 1-40 to  
(State Units and Dates of Service)  
Aug. 6-40
- 13. Preference, if any, for, R.C.N.? Nil Army? Nil R.C.A.F.? Yes  
(Arm of Service)
- 14. Employment in War Industry, if any Nil

E H Sanderson  
Earle Henry Sanderson  
(Signature of Man)

(L.H. Clarke - Lieut)  
(Signature and Rank of Enrolment Officer)

April 17th. 1941 194  
(Date of Signature)

**TRAINING CENTRE PARTICULARS**

- A. Attached to Basic T.C. No. 62 at Charlottetown, P.E.I. Date April 17th. 1941  
Completed 49 Days Basic Training.  
June 23rd. 1941 W.J. Robinson Capt  
(Date, Signature, and Rank of Recording Officer)
- B. Attached to Advanced T.C. No. 14 at Aldershot, N.S. Date 25-6-41  
Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Days Advanced Training.  
Qualities of Leadership, Positive \_\_\_\_\_ Becoming Evident?  Dormant? \_\_\_\_\_  
Transferred to Pictou Highlanders Date 28-8-41  
(R.C.N., formation or unit of the C.A., R.C.A.F.)  
W.M. Clark Capt  
(Date, Signature and Rank of Recording Officer)
- C. Medical Category on acceptance at Basic Training Centre A

RECORD OF SERVICE of SANDERSON (Surname) EARLY HENRY (Christian Names) Regimental Number F610056

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Naval, Military, or Air Nil
- 2. Business or Professional Nil
- 3. Trade or Civil Farmer
- 4. Technical Lifetime
- 5. Languages, etc. English (mother tongue) Can speak? nil Can read and write? nil

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 6. High School } Grade VIII } Graduation } Nil }  
 or } (years completed) } or } (specify)  
 Collegiate } Matriculation }  
  - 7. \*College Nil
  - 8. \*University Nil
- \*(Name of institution, courses or years completed, and degrees obtained to be shown)

Can drive a car? Yes Repair a motor? Yes Cooking experience? Nil Hobby? Nil

All N.R.M.A. Personnel will be taken on as Private soldiers, appointments and promotions to higher rank to be shown as provided in the space below.

Report		Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc., from date taken on Strength of Field Force	Rank Shown	Effective Date	Unit	Place	Authority	
Date	From whom received						Part II D.O. No. Cas. List, etc.	Dated
		Joined on TRANSFER from N.R.M.A. Clearing Depot No. <u>6</u>						
		T.O.S. from #62 BTC Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Pte.	25-6-41	I.T.C.	Aldershot, N.S.	D.O. #17	
		S.O.S. No. 6a N.R.M.A. Clearing Depot and Ceases to be attached for all purposes on transfer to Pictou Highrs.	"	28-8-41	"	"	49	28-8-41
		<i>T.O.S. Pictou Highlanders</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>29-8-41</i>	<i>Pic High</i>	<i>Part II Order #84</i>		<i>2-9-41</i>
		<i>Reposted to "D" from "A" Coy</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>3-9-41</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>3-9-41</i>
		<i>Proceeded to R.C.A. McNab's Island</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>19-9-41</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>20-9-41</i>
		<i>Ret. from McNab's Island</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>3-10-41</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>4-10-41</i>

ACTIVE ARMY  
~~CANADIAN FIELD FORCE~~

M.F.M. 7  
400 M-8-39 (1704)  
H.Q. 1777-45-18

## DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE

This is to Certify that No. F2419 (Rank) PRIVATE

Name (in full) EARL HENRY SANDERSON enlisted in  
the PICTOU HIGHLANDERS, C. A.  
ACTIVE ARMY  
~~CANADIAN FIELD FORCE~~ at DARTMOUTH, N. S. on the TWENTY-NINTH  
day of OCTOBER 1941.

HE served in CANADA "R" Recruit 17-4-41 to 2-8-41 Pictou High'rs.  
H.D.) 29-8-41 to 28-10-41, Active Army 29-10-41  
and is now discharged from the service ~~by reason of~~ for the purpose of enlistment in  
the R.C.N.V.R., R.O. 1029 (13) Auth. H.S-1089 d/19-2-42

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THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SOLDIER on the DATE below is as follows:—

Age..... <u>22 Years 4 Months</u>	Marks or Scars..... <u>Vaccination Scar</u>
Height..... <u>5 Ft. 5<math>\frac{3}{4}</math> inches.</u>	<u>Left Arm.</u>
Complexion..... <u>Ruddy</u>	
Eyes..... <u>Blue</u>	
Hair..... <u>Brown</u>	

E. H. Sanderson  
Signature of Soldier

Date of Discharge 20th April, 1942

H. G. S. [Signature]  
Issuing Officer

Major  
Rank

Date..... 20th April, 1942

N.B.—As no duplicate of this Certificate will be issued, any person finding same is requested to forward it in an unstamped envelope to the Record Office, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada.

DUPLICATE FOR FILE

(P.T.O.)

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NATIONAL DEFENSE  
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CANADA

# ATTESTATION FORM

(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME SANDERSON, OFFICIAL NO. 134973  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Earl Henry MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single.

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PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
Midgell, P.E.I.	United C.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
20th December, 1919	Town Midgell County Kings Province P:E.I.	Mrs. Dell Sanderson, (mother) Midgell, P.E.I.
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>British</u> Mother <u>British</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>37</u>	Blond	Blue	Fair	Scar on l. foot.
Inches <u>6</u>	Deflated <u>34</u>				
<u>148</u>	Mean <u>35</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
22nd April, 1942. Active Service.	Ord Smn. (temp)	Farmer and fisherman.
R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled	Stadacona.	

## (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 Reserve Army, Pictou High'rs. for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

Personnel Records Division

Naval Volunteer Reserve

1. Noted in Records

2. Index Card

3. Service Card

4. Status Card

5. Pension Card

6. Pension Card

7. ....

8. ....

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
Reserve Army.	Private.	17 Apl '41	28 Aug '41.
Pictou Highlanders	Private. (H.D.)	29 Aug '41	28 Oct '41
F 2419	Active	29 Oct '41	21 Apl '42

(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.

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the Halifax. 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 22nd day of April, 1942.

Signature of applicant X E H Sanderson

(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 22nd day of April, 1942.

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

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Earl Henry SANDERSON. 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 X E H Sanderson

Witness A Plennor

Date 22nd April, 1942. Rank 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

Earl Henry Sanderson. 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 Halifax. Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

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

22nd April, 1942. R.C.N.V.R. Division Stadacona.  
(or other establishment)

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.

X E H Sanderson  
Signature

*at the barracks*

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Earl Henry SANDERSON*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>34973</i>
<i>Halifax</i>	<i>Halifax</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth *20 Dec 1919*

Place of Birth *Midgell, Kings, P.E.I.*

Place of Residence *Midgell, P.E.I.*

Trade brought up to *Farmer & Fisherman*

Religion *United Church*

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

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>22 April 1942</i>		<i>Host only</i>	<i>O/Sman (top)</i>	<i>21 Nov '43</i>		<i>Awarded Ripton for 1939-43 Star</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>Blond</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Farmer &amp; fisherman</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service								<i>man</i>
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service								
Further Description if necessary								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority









V34973

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-S-2570

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V34973

NAME SANDERSON (Surname) EARL, Henry. (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 20th December, 1919

PLACE OF BIRTH Midgell, P.E.I. OCCUPATION Farmer and Fisherman.

RELIGION United Church. EDUCATION Grade 7

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Town Midgell Province, etc P.E.I.

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
22	4	42	H.O.	5'6"	Blond	Blue	Fair	Scar on left foot.	Reservé Army	Private.	17-4-41	28-8-41
									Pictou Highlanders	Pte. H.D.	29-8-41	28-10-41
									F. 2419	Active	29-10-41	21-4-42.

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother 8/12/42 NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Bell Sanderson

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Town Midgell Province, etc P.E.I.

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	
21	11	43	Star 1939-1943 249A 20072	3	8	42	Marked "TR"				

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		
					H.M.C.S. Athabaskan	14	29	5	43	Absent over Leave	Reduced to 2nd class for conduct.

FILM NO. WSK-5565-3  
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	
29	5	43							O.H.F. received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To
29.5.43	28.8.43.

H.Q. 35-15M-10-41 (2177)  
N.S. 815-7-35

W.S.G.  
APPLICATION  
8520  
RECEIVED

GL.

P.I.B.

V34973

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME SANDERSON

Earl, Henry.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V34973

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
Stadacona	Ord. Smm.	22	4	42	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Protector	" "	29	4	42		Fair	Mod.	31	12	43							
Cornwallis	" "	7	7	42	Ledger	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	" "	1	9	42	"												
Niobe (Athabaskan)	" "	12	12	42	DRD H-168												
"	A/Able Smm.	22	4	43	RATED (249A, #19783) Conf.	A.B.	14	7	44	249A	40670						
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing per Casualty List												
					Presumed Dead per Casualty List page #69												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to Mother: Mrs. Dell Sanderson, Midgell, P.E.I. to date 14/3/45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH	CIVIL MAIN	OCCU. SUB.	RELI. GION	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE P.	CITY	TOWN	PREV. ENL. SER.	ENL. DIV.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION		P.	CTY.	TOWN	SER.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
20	R	19	13	00	0	0	440	0	301	00	9	19	0	05	05
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE	STR. CAT.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.	RANK OR RATE						
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK		
22	04	42	22	04	43					02301	08	94			
SENIORITY			STR. CAT.	NON-SUB A	M B	CODING			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
22	04	43	13	00	00										



VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING *W/AB* OFF.NO. *V-34973* 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	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>UK</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 *J. Rose* .....

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

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ontario.

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Name SANDERSON, Earl Henry (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-34973 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Miggell, Kings, P.E.I. Date of Birth 20th December, 1919.

Occupation in Civil Life Farmer & Fisherman Religion United Church

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 22nd April, 1942 to 29th April, 1944.

Date of Death 29th 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.

Nearest known relative or friend Name Mrs. Dell Sanderson Relationship Mother Address MIDGELL, P. E. I.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship H.M.C.S. 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 - -

If applicable Place of Burial No burial Date of Burial Location, Number, etc., of grave Undertaker employed

ENTERED IN S.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 20 1945 S.P. CLERK No. 1

for H.B. Money (Commanding Officer) SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. emc

The SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada.

Date 12 January, 1945.

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, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

C.N.S. 1121 10M-6-44 (774) N.S. 7570-S-1121

Noted D.N.P.A. 29-1-45 R.P.



LA/CM

R E G I S T E R E D

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-34973, PERS.(N)

13 January, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Sanderson:

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, Earl Henry Sanderson, Able Seaman, Official Number V-34973, 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,

Deputy

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *Wm*

Mrs. Dell Sanderson,  
MIDGELL, P. E. I.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

*Wm*  
Date / 5/1/45  
Time / 800

LP

REPORT OF PARTICULARS OF PERSONNEL REPORTED  
DEAD, MISSING, PRISONER OF WAR OR INTERNEE.

CASUALTY NO. 386

FILE NO: N.S. V-34973 (Pers. N)

NAVAL INFORMATION

D. N. P. A.  
C.T.O. (N), (N. ALLOTS.)  
C.T.O. (N) Re: Dependents' Allowance

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It is notified for your information that Earl Henry Sanderson, Able Seaman, Official No. V-34973, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is "missing" from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel on the 29th of April, 1944.

While this casualty is listed as missing, it is impossible to make an estimate as to his chances of survival. Should no information be received to the contrary, you will be notified when official presumption of death with date has been set.

Next of kin as recorded in this office is:

Mother: Mrs. Dell Sanderson,  
Midgell, P.E.I.

*H. B. Money*

(H. B. Money),  
Paymr. Lieut. Cdr., R.C.N.R.,  
Officer i/c, Naval Personnel Records.

*EMC*

Ottawa, Ont.,  
Date - 8 May, 1944.

CURRENT	
D.A.	
A.P.	
TOTAL	
CHECKED	
LEDGER	

Certified that Ledger Action has been taken

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for C. T. O. (N)

10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Sanderson:

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.

Mrs. Dell Sanderson,  
MIDGELL, P.E.I.

Despatched by  
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