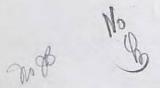
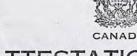


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DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

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.

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- (5) On being enrolled as a member of the H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL" Division 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 12th day of May 1942 Signature of applicant (C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my

day of May, 1942

Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer. eut. R.C.N.V.R. Sub-Lieut.

(D)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Reginald John Watson 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......

Date 12th May

Rank Sub-Lieut.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

......Reginald John Watson 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 H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL"Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

Sub-Lieut. R.C.N.V. RAttesting Officer.

.....12th May 1942

R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) H.M.C.S.

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 nter the Seaman Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future

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AIR MAIL

MS. V-35953 Pers. (N)

1 May, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Watson:

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 husband, Reginald John Watson, Telegraphist, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-35953, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your husband's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpeded 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 Telegraphist Watson 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 husband 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely, NAVAL

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SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Ann E.J. Watson, 2440 Amsterdam Avenue, NEW YORK, N.Y., U.S.A. An An

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE PERS. (N) "N" 1A.

OTTAWA Ontario, 8th June, 194 50

Dear Mrs. Watson:

Shortly after the sinking of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" bodies from this ship were recovered and buried along the coast of Finistere, France, at Brignogan, Plouescat, Santec and L'Aberwrach. France at the time was under German occupation and in most cases all positive means of identification were taken from the bodies by the Germans. The citizens of the above mentioned French towns looked after the burials and held funeral services.

On the cessation of hostilities the Army Graves Services, Overseas, conducted searches on the Continent in an effort to locate graves and identify bodies. Exhumation reports, dental records, etc., of casualties from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" have since been turned over by them to the Secretary of the Imperial War Graves Commission, Wooburn House, Wooburn Green, High Wycombe, Bucks., England, who, in turn, has forwarded them to Naval Headquarters with a view to definitely establishing the identity of bodies which were exhumed and over whose graves temporary markers have in some cases been placed.

As the dental particulars on the exhumation reports respecting your husband, the late Telegraphist Reginald John Watson, Official Number V-35953, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, are similar to those on file at Naval Headquarters, such particulars have been accepted as positive identification.

Telegraphist Watson's grave is located in the Plouescat Civil Cemetery, Plouescat, Finistere, France, in Plot Number 1, Row 'A', Grave Number 3. It is understood a permanent headstone will be erected in due course by the Imperial War Graves Commission (Overseas). It is suggested that any inquiries regarding your husband's grave should be addressed direct to the Secretary of that Commission.

Yours very truly,

NAVAT. SECRETARY

Mrs. Ann E. Watson, 2440 Amsterdam Avenue, NEW YORK, New York, U.S.A.

REGISTERED AIR MAIL

N.S. V-35953, PERS.(N)

/3 January, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Watson:

Further to my letter of the 10th October, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Reginald John Watson, Telegraphist, Official Number V-35953, 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.

Mrs. Ann E.J. Watson, 2440 Amsterdam Avenue, NEW YORK, N.Y., U. S. A.

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