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#### (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 Reserve, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
  - (3) (a) That it is my intention to follow the sea for a period of at least five years from this date.
    (b) That it is my intention to follow the calling of a Fireman, either at sea or on shore, for a period of five years from this date.

(c) That it is my intention to follow the sea in an Engine-room capacity for a period of five years from this date.

Note.—Candidates for enrolment as Seaman are to cross out clauses (b) and (c) above.

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(4) That I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

\*Cross out clause not applicable. (5) That (a)\* I have never served, and amonot serving in any Naval. Military. Reserve or Territorial Force.

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

(7) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

AND/OR DURAATION OF HOSTILITIES.

- (a) To serve from the date thereof for five consecutive years, 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 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 Registrar 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.

(8) I am willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

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AIR MAIL

File No. A.5492 Pers (N)

1 May, 1944

Dear Mrs. Oliver:

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 Kenneth Walter Williams. Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class. Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, Official Number A.5402, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, Engine Room Artificer Williams' 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 Engine Room Artificer Williams 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 has been received you will be informed.

Yours sincerely, TER dispatched by PERSONNEL NA AL

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NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Vernon Oliver. R.R. #4. Peterboro, Ont.

/3' January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Williams:

I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Kenneth Walter Williams, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class, Official Number A-5402, Royal Canadian Naval 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. Elsie Williams, 118 King St., Wast, HAMILTON, Ontario.

Despatched by Sec. N. B.

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N.S. A-5402, PERS.(N) "N" 1A. N.S.C. 4160-355/3, Vol. 1.

Ontario, 26th April,

Dear Mrs. Williams:

Naval Headquarters is now in the process of rechecking exhumation reports, dental records, etc., received from the Army Graves Services, Overseas, in an effort to definitely confirm the identity of bodies recovered from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN".

As the dental particulars on the exhumation reports respecting your husband, the late Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class Kenneth W. Williams, A-5402, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, correspond to those on file at Naval Headquarters, such particulars have been accepted as positive identification.

Engine Room Artificer Williams' grave is located in the Plouescat Communal Cemetery, Plouescat, Finistere, France, in Plot 1, Row B, Grave 6. His grave has been marked with a temporary wooden marker until such time as a permanent headstone can be erected by the Imperial War Craves Commission (Gverseas).

Yours truly.

NAVAL SECRETARY.

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Dear Mr . Williams:

Receipt of your letter dated 5 December, 1958 is acknowledged.

I have to inform you that your father the late Kenneth Walter Williams, Engine Room Artificer, Fourth Class, Official Number A-5402, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve was reported missing when HMCS ATHABASKAN was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel on 29 April, 1944. Later his body was recovered and the Canadian Naval Authorities presumed his death to have occurred on 29 April, 1944.

Engine Room Artificer Williams' grave is located in the Communal Cemetery, Plouescat, Finistere, France, Plot 1, Row B, Place 6.

Yours truly.

LETTER dispatched by PERSONNEL NAVAL

JAN 7 1956

Mr. Robert K. Williams, 58 Queen St., Apt. # 3, KINGSTON, Ont.