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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME **BENOIT** OFFICIAL NO. **3888**
CHRISTIAN NAMES **Joseph Bertrand Alphonse** MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS **77 Notre Dame Street, Cap de la Madeleine, P.Q.** RELIGION **R.C.**

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| DATE OF BIRTH 5th June 1914 | *PLACE OF BIRTH Town St Cyrille de Wendover County Co, Drummondville Province | NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mother ; Ernestine BENOIT same Address, |
| *Original Nationality of: Father Canadian Mother " | | |

*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 5 | Inflated 35 | Brown | Grey | Dark | Vaccinated left arm, |
| Inches 9 | Deflated 33 | | | | |
| | Mean 34 | | | | |

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| EDUCATIONAL STANDING | TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Cook, |
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| DATE OF ENROLMENT Div. Strength 3rd August 1941 | RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Asst. Cook, | R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED Quebec |
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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 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 **not applicable,** 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 |
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(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 Quebec 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 3rd day of August, 1941

Signature of applicant Alphonse Benoit

(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 3rd day of August, 1941

John L. Hone
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Joseph Bertrand Alphonse BENOTT, 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 Alphonse Benoit

Witness John L. Hone

Date 3rd August, 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 Bertrand Alphonse BENOIT 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 Quebec Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

John L. Hone
Lieut. R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.

3rd August, 1941 194..... R.C.N.V.R. Division Quebec
(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.

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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Joseph Bertrand Alphonse BENOIT

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

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| Training Headquarters | R.C.N.V.R. Division | Official Number <i>V3888</i> |
| HALIFAX | QUEBEC, | " |
| | | " |

Date of Birth..... 5th June, 1914

Place of Birth..... St Cyrille de Wender, Co. Drummond, *Mother: Ernestine Benoit*

Place of Residence *77 Notre Dame St. Cap de la Madeleine* *Same address*

Trade brought up to..... Cook

Religion..... R.C.

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 | |
| 3rd May 1941 | 3rd August 1941 | Duration of Hostilities | Asst. Cook | | <i>24 Feb 44</i> | <i>Canadian Voluntary Service Medal & Clasp 1939-43 Star - Priv Award.</i> |
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| PERSONAL DESCRIPTION | | | | | | | | MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS |
|--|--------|--------|--------------|--------|-------|------|------------|----------------------|
| | Height | | Chest (mean) | Weight | Hair | Eyes | Complexion | |
| | Feet | Inches | | | | | | |
| On Entry..... | 5 | 9 | 37 | 155 | Brown | Grey | Dark | Vaccinated left arm, |
| 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 |
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NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

| Year | SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT | LEDGER | | RATING | FROM | TO | CAUSE OF DISCHARGE |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-----|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | List | No. | | | | |
| <i>Divisional Strength</i> | | | | | | | |
| 1941 | <i>Zulec Dec RCNVR</i> | | | <i>Asst. Cook</i> | <i>3 AUG</i> | <i>30 NOV</i> | |
| <i>Active Service</i> | | | | | | | |
| 1941 | <i>H.M.C.S. Montreal</i> | | | <i>Asst. Cook</i> | <i>1st Dec</i> | <i>1 Feb/42</i> | |
| 1942 | <i>H.M.C.S. "Montreal"</i> | | | <i>Asst. Cook</i> | <i>2 Feb '42</i> | <i>30 Mar '42</i> | |
| 1942 | <i>Stadacona</i> | | | <i>Asst. Cook</i> | <i>31 Mar '42</i> | <i>30 Apr '42</i> | |
| | <i>H.M.C.S. "Cornwallis"</i> | | | <i>—</i> | <i>1 May '42</i> | <i>25 May '42</i> | |
| | <i>Stadacona</i> | | | <i>—</i> | <i>26 May '42</i> | <i>2 June '42</i> | |
| | <i>Cornwallis</i> | | | <i>—</i> | <i>3 June '42</i> | <i>30 Aug '42</i> | |
| | <i>—</i> | | | <i>Cook (s)</i> | <i>31 Aug '42</i> | <i>22 Jan '43</i> | |
| | <i>Stadacona (Quebec)</i> | | | <i>—</i> | <i>23 Jan '43</i> | <i>23 May '43</i> | |
| | <i>Stadacona</i> | | | <i>—</i> | <i>24 May '43</i> | <i>23 June '43</i> | |
| | <i>Stadacona (St. Lawrence)</i> | | | <i>—</i> | <i>24 June '43</i> | <i>24 Nov '44</i> | <i>D.D.</i> |

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

| Date | Details | Captain's Signature |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>31 May '43</i> | <i>Issued S.C.J. # B 75397</i> | <i>25904</i> |

8 Feb '44 280 annual leave 7771.

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113-B-2191

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V3888

NAME BENOIT (Surname) Joseph, Bertrand, Alphonse (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 5th June 1914
 PLACE OF BIRTH St Cyrille de Wendover, Co Drummondville OCCUPATION Cook
 RELIGION R.C. EDUCATION Commercial Course
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 77 Notre-Dame Street, Town Cap de la Madaleine Province, etc. Quebec

| 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 |
| 3 | 8 | 41 | H.O. | 5' 9" | Brown | Grey | Dark | Vaccinated left arm. | | | | |

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs Alphonse Benoit
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 204 Manseau St., Ville St-Joseph Town Drummondville Province, etc. Quebec

| 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 | |
| 24 | 2 | 44 | C.V.S.M. (R&C) 1939-43 Star. (A10273) | 5 | 6 | 42 | Passed Prof. for Cook (S) | | | | |

| BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. | | | | BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | | |

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

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **BENOIT**

(Surname)

Joseph Bertrand Alphonse

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V3888

| 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 |
| Quebec Div. Str. | Asst. Cook. | 3 | 8 | 41 | | V.G. | Sat. | 31 | 12 | 42 | | | | | | | |
| Montcalm. | " " | 3 | 2 | 42 | Active Service. | V.G. | Sat. | 31 | 12 | 43 | | | | | | | |
| Montreal. (Est) | " " | 3 | 2 | 42 | | V.G. | Supr. | 24 | 11 | 44 | | | | | | | |
| Stadacona | " " | 30 | 3 | 42 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cornwallis | " 2 | 2 | 5 | 42 | 187413 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stadacona | " " | 27 | 5 | 42 | (1311686) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cornwallis | " " | 2 | 6 | 42 | (139845) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " | Cook (S) | 31 | 8 | 42 | 249A#24875 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quesnel | " " | 23 | 1 | 43 | DRD H-488 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stadacona | " " | 24 | 5 | 43 | DRD H-1546 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shawinigan | " " | 24 | 6 | 43 | DRD H-1881 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISCHARGED | " " | 24 | 11 | 44 | "Missing" per Casualty List. | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Presumed Dead, per Casualty List. #-124.

GENERAL REMARKS

X-Ray approved
 Rockhead Hospital-3-4-42--
 23-4-42
 Rockhead Hospital-11-6-42--17-6-42
 Rockhead Hospital-17-10-42--17-10-42.
 Approved to pay difference of pay as Leading Cook (S) while carrying out the duties from 22-7-43. (249A #A-4792).
 Canadian Memorial Cross:
 MOTHER: Mrs. Alphonse BENOIT
 204 Manseau St.,
 Ville St. Joseph,
 DRUMMONDVILLE, Que.

| DATE OF BIRTH | | | PLACE OF BIRTH | | CIVIL OCCU | | RELI | ED | PERM RESIDENCE | | | PREV. | ENL | RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT | | |
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| DY | MO | YR. | BIRTH | MAIN | SUB | GION | P. | CTY. | TOWN | SERV. | DIV. | A | BR | RANK | | |
| 05 | 6 | 14 | 12 | 779 | 0 | 10 | 22 | 12 | 01 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 18 | 95 | | |
| 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 | | | |
| 03 | 08 | 41 | 3 | 02 | 42 | | | | | 2550 | 0 | 18 | 94 | | | |
| SENIORITY | | | STR | NON-SUB | | M | CODED | | | CHECKED | | | | | | |
| DY | MO | YR. | CAT. | A | B | ST | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | 08 | 42 | 13 | 00 | 00 | | | | | WS ER | | | | | | |

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

NAME IN FULL *Benoit, Joseph Bertrand* ^{*alphonse*} RANK/RATING *Cook (B)* OFF. NO. *V-3888* ADDRESS

| SHIP | SERVICE | | | AREA | QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS | | | | | STARS MEDALS | ✓ 1 2 | ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----|---------|----------|---------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | FROM | TO | DAYS | | FROM | TO | 1939-45 | ATLANTIC | DEFENCE | | | | CLASP C.V.S.M. | 1915 MEDAL |
| <i>Montreal</i> | <i>3-2-42</i> | <i>30-3-42</i> | <i>56</i> | | | | | | | | | 1939-45 | <i>1</i> | <i>Star</i> |
| <i>Tuarek</i> | <i>23-1-43</i> | <i>23-5-43</i> | <i>121</i> | <i>atlantic</i> | | | | | | | | ATLANTIC | <i>1</i> | <i>Star</i> |
| <i>Shawigan</i> | <i>24-6-43</i> | <i>24-11-44</i> | <i>520</i> | <i>atlantic</i> | | | | | | | | FRANCE G. | | |
| <i>Dischgs. Missing presumed Dead</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | AFRICA | | |
| <i>Do Saw: 24-11-44</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | PACIFIC | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | BURMA | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | ITALY | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | DEFENCE | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | C.V.S.M. | <i>2</i> | <i>@ Clasp</i> |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | " CLASP | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | WAR 1945 | <i>1</i> | <i>Medal</i> |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | WAR 1915 | | |

VERIFIED BY *L. Robert...*

VERIFIED BY *P. Gadaio* VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at sea.

Name Joseph Bertrand Alphonse BENOIT
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Cook (S) Official No. V-3888 R.C.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth St. Cyrille de Wender, Co. Drummond. Date of Birth 5 June, 1914.

Occupation in Civil Life Cook 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 Active Service 1 Dec., 1941 - 24 Nov., 1944.

Date of Death 24 November, 1944. Place of Death At sea

Cause of Death Enemy action. Ship lost at sea.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Ernestine Benoit Relationship Mother
Address 204 Manseau St., Ville St. Joseph, Drummondville, P. Q.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not known.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not known.

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 Not known.

Place of Burial --- (if known) Date of Burial --- (if known)

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

Undertaker employed --- (if any)

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

H. K. Kegan
Commanding Officer,

11/4 1945

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.

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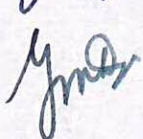


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N.S. V-3888, F.D. 192 PERS(N)

15th February, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Joseph Bertrand Alphonse Benoit, Cook (S), Official Number V-3888, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 24th of November, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", was lost while on operational duty at sea.


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Nov, 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Alphonse Benoit - Mother

ADDRESS: 204 MANSEAU St.,
Ville St. Joseph,
DRUMMONDVILLE, Que

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. A. Benoit

ADDRESS: 204 Manseau St., Ville St. Joseph,
Drummondville, Que.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP

REGN. NO

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(3) 26-3-45

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D OF D 24-11-44

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|---|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| BENOIT Joseph Bertrand Alphonse Ck. (S) | | V-3888 | FILE No. |
| SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS) | CHRISTIAN NAMES | REG. No. | RANK ON DISCHARGE |
| WAR SERVICE BADGE (CLASS) | | No. Nil | DATE DESPATCHED: |

ADDRESS:

| CAMPAIGN MEDALS | REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1939-45 Star | 3094 |
| Atlantic Star C.V.S.M. & Clasp | |
| War Medal | |
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