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**ATTESTATION FORM** 

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#### FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

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June 11th, 1923.  Original Nationality of:  Father Scottish.  Mother Hollander.	County	ainwrig Alberta.	at,		(Mother) therine Johnson, n, Alberta.
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July 7th, 1942.	Ord.	Coder,		H.M.C.S."	NONSUCH".
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I hereby declare as follows:- (1) That I am a British S		iciled in Car	nada.		
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(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

4th Nov 1941

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

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- (5) On being enrolled as a member of the Edmonton. 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 7th. day of uly 1942. Signature of applicant Maurice Il Johnson

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (C)

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my 

day of July ,1942.

Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Maurice Walter JOHNSON. 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.

Date July 7th. 1942.

Rank Sub-Lieux nant, R.C.N.V.R.

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

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (E)

Maurice Walter JOHNSON. 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 Edmonton. Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

> Sub-lieutenant, R.C. MLVAttesting Officer. R.C.N.V.R. Division

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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, O'DELL has an Unemployment InsuranceBook and it will be deposited with the onemployment Insurance Commission when he comes On Active Service.

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

Maurice Il Johnson Signature

I.C.N.S. 57683.

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### in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

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#### REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. SHAWINIGAN at Sea JOHNSON, Maurice Walter
(Christian names in full) Rank of Rating Coder Official No. V-42995 RCMVR (If unknown, date of Place of Birth Wainwright, Alberta of Birth 11th June, 1923. Occupation in Civil Life Student Religion United Church of Canada. 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) 7 July 142 - 24 Nov. 144 ( Date of Death 24 November, 1944. Place of Death A t Sea Cause of Death Lost at sea-- enemy action (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly) Name Mrs. Katherine Johnson Relationship Mother Nearest known relative or Address R.R.1, Fabyan, Wainright, Alberta, friend. NOT KNOWN Date on which the above was informed by Ship..... NOT KNOWN 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 known) Date of Burial ———— Place of Burial..... (if known) Location, Number, etc., of grave..... Undertaker employed (if any) If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalided..... Commanding Officer, The Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence,

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N.S. V-42995, PERS.(N) "N"/5.

2 January, 1946.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT according to official information Maurice Walter Johnson, Coder, Official Number V-42995, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was killed on active service on the 24th of November, 1944, when H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", the ship in which he was serving, was lost at sea.

The body of the above named was recovered and identified.

NAVAL SECRETARY

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V-42995 PERS. (N) "N"5

. 28 August. 1945.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Further to my letter of the 23rd of January, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your son's ship and I am accordingly passing on the following particulars which will, no doubt, be of interest to you.

H.M. C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" sailed from Sydney, N.S., on the 24th of Movember, 1944, to escort a merchant ship to Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and arrived off Port Aux Basques that night. In accordance with orders she was then to carry out a patrol in the area for the duration of the night, after which she was to meet the same merchant ship the next morning and return with her to Sydney.

The merchant ship arrived in Sydney unescorted on the night of the 25th of November and after it was ascertained that "Shawinigan" had not appeared at the designated rendezvous to provide escort as instructed, searches were instituted and "Shawinigan" was discovered to be missing.

It was the opinion of the Department at the time that the ship had been torpedeed by an enemy submarine during the night of the 24th/25th of November, 1944, as submarines were known to be operating in that area; and this has since been confirmed from German evidence. Although no survivors were found, a few bodies were recovered by later searches, due to tidal movements, some distance from the area in which "Shawinigan" was known to be operating. As a result, the position of the sinking can not be exactly ascertained, although from German evidence and the Department's computation, it is estimated to be in the vicinity of the three mile limit off Channel Head, near Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Yours sincerely. Despatched by

Sec. N. B.

De 29.8.45 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. Cam.

Approval on N.S.O-3690, F.D.76 See also N.S.S.1156-331/93

Mrs. Katherine Johnson. R. R. #1. FABYAN, Wainwright, Alta.

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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-42995 PERS(N)

7 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Further to my letter of the 1st of December, 1944, the details of the disaster in which your son has been reported killed are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", a Royal Canadian Navy corvette, was lost while on operational duty at sea. Seven officers, including her Captain, Lieutenant W. J. Jones, R.C.N.R., and seventy-eight ratings are missing. The bodies of five other ratings have been recovered and identified. There are no known survivors.

It is requested that you will regard this information as confidential until an official announcement is made.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Mrs. Katherine Johnson, R. R. #1, Fabyan, Wainwright, Alberta.

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AIR MAIL

V-42995, PERS. (N)

1st December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, as you are aware, the body of your son, Maurice Walter Johnson, Coder, Official Number V-42995, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been recovered, and, in accordance with your wishes, is being sent at public expense to Fabyan, Alberta.

As soon as the date and time of arrival in Fabyan of your son's body is known, you will be notified immediately.

May I again express the sincere sympathy of the Department in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely.

SECRETARY NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Katherine Johnson, R. R. #1,

Fabyan,

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