



CANADA

**ATTESTATION FORM**  
 (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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

SURNAME R I G B Y OFFICIAL No. V-7034  
 CHRISTIAN NAMES John Joseph MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
9 Bourcier Ave., Chateauguay Basin, Quebec.		Roman Catholic
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
29 May 1925	Town <u>Verdun</u>	Mother, Mrs. Lilly Rigby, Same address.
*Original Nationality of:		
Father <u>English</u>	County	
Mother <u>English</u>	Province <u>Quebec</u>	

\*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..... <u>5</u>	Inflated..... <u>36</u>	<u>Light Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>None</u>
Inches..... <u>7</u>	Deflated..... <u>34</u>				
<u>149</u>	Mean..... <u>35</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Two years High School</u>	<u>Stock chaser Noorduyn Aviation Ltd., Cartierville, Que.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Divisional Strength 25th November 1943.</u>	<u>ORDINARY SEAMAN</u>	<u>"DONNACONA"</u>

(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 or Air Force Reserve of Her Majesty's Forces~~

\* (b) I served in Reserve Army for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM
<u>R.C.C.S.</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>July 1942</u>

(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.

Personnel Records  
 Division  
 TO  
 1. Noted in Record  
 2. Index  
 3. Non-Sub. Card  
 4. Statistical Card  
 5. Roneo Strip  
 6. Pension  
 7. Aug. 1942.  
 8. DATE  
6-12-43

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and 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 when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, 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.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as Ordinary Seaman by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 25th day of November 1943.

Signature of applicant John Joseph Rigby

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 25th day of November 1943.

My authority for attestation is .....

J. M. Burton  
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John Joseph Rigby 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 John Joseph Rigby  
Witness J. M. Burton

Date 25th November 1943 Rank Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR

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

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters **immediately** after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.

ORIGINAL

# ATTESTATION

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT "B" (RESERVE) CORPS SIGNALS RCCS. REGTL. No. 432 981

- 1. Surname? (Block letters) RIGBY
- 2. Christian names? JOHN
- 3. Present address? 9 BOURCIER AVE. CHATEAUGUAY BASIN.  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Date of Birth? MAY 29-1925 5. British subject? YES
- 6. Occupation? CLERK 7. Religion? CATHOLIC
- 8. Next of Kin MR. J.W. RIGBY 9. Relationship? FATHER  
Address SAME AS ABOVE
- 10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service \_\_\_\_\_  
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)
- 11. EATON'S ADVERTISING  
360 PL. 9211 Loc. 676

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5' 6 3/4" Weight 132 Chest max 34 min. 32  
 Descriptive marks Vaccination marks left arm

I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in Instructions for the R.C.A.M.C. and C.D.C. 1937 Appendix V and find him fit to serve Category \_\_\_\_\_

Date 7/7/42 Signature J. Rigby

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned JOHN RIGBY do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers (made by me) to the foregoing questions are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of three years or until legally discharged, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement, that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN

I, JOHN RIGBY do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Man J. Rigby  
 Dated this 7th day of July 1942 at Montreal

### CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

The recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished by law. The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question and that his answer to each question has been duly entered and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath.

Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer. \_\_\_\_\_

### Statement of Services

Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Annual Training, Qualification Certificates, etc.	Effective Date	Authority for Entry	Signatures of Officers Certifying Correctness of entries
Accepted for Service with effect from.....  July 7, 1942.			<i>R. H. [Signature]</i> Officer Commanding  Unit "B" CORPS SIGS
T.O.S. and posted to No. 3 Section, No.1 Coy.	7-7-42	R.O.Pt. II No. 30/42.	<i>R. H. [Signature]</i> Capt
Posted to No. 4 Section, No.1 Company.	4-8-42	R.O.Pt. II No. 33/42.	<i>R. H. [Signature]</i> Capt
S.O.S., unable to attend parades regularly.	17-9-42	R.O.Pt. II No. 39/42.	<i>R. H. [Signature]</i> Capt
Medals and Decorations			
<p><b>ATTENDED FARNHAM CAMP</b></p> <p><b>★ JULY★12 TO 25★1942</b></p>			

NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur and certified by the Officer making the entry.

Attestations to be made out in duplicate, the original being forwarded to be filed in Regimental Orderly Room, the duplicate to be kept in the Battery, Squadron, Company, etc.

N.V. 17  
60M-9-42 (5943)  
N.S. 815-11-17

The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

# CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*John Joseph RIGBY*

## in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

I.C.#N3107938

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R Division	Official Number <i>V75314</i>
	<b>H.M.C.S. DONNACONA</b>	"
		"

Date of Birth..... <i>29 May 1925</i>	<b>O.H.F.</b>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth..... <i>Verdun - Que.</i>		<i>Mother</i>
Place of Residence..... <i>9 Bourcier Ave - Chateauguay Basin - Que.</i>		<i>Lilly</i>
Trade brought up to..... <i>Stock broker</i>		<i>(same address)</i>
Religion..... <i>Roman Catholic</i>		

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>25 Nov 43</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>0/merit</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>Light Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Nil</i>
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









V75314

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-3418

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V75314

NAME RIGBY (Surname) John Joseph (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 29th May 1925PLACE OF BIRTH Verdun Quebec OCCUPATION Stock ChaserRELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION 3 yrs. High SchoolRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 9 Bourcier Ave. Town Chateauguay Basin Province, etc. Quebec

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
25	11	43	H.O.	5'7"	light brown	blue	fair	Nil	RCCS	Pte.	7-42	8-42

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) mother NAME (in pencil) Miss Kelly RigbyADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. #9 Bourcier Ave. Town Chateauguay Basin Province, etc. Quebec

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				12	4	44	Qual. Anti/Gas 1 day				
				12	5	44	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		

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	
									O.H.F. Received.
									Last Will & Testament #16271

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

H.Q. 35-35M-2-43 (8309)  
N.S. 815-7-35

FILM  
NO. NSR 6090-5  
DATE

P.I.B.

V75314 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME RIGBY  
(Surname)

John Joseph  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V75314

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
HMCS "Donnacora"	Ord. Smn.	25	11	43	Div. Str. Montreal	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
"	"	17	1	44	Act. Service DL. 17.1.44	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
Cornwallis	"	24	3	44	DL. 24.3.44 (Reindeer 6-5-44 to 12-5-44)												
Stadacona	"	7	6	44	DRD #180 P.6												
Shawinigan	"	13	6	44	Serv. Cert.												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	"Missing"- Presumed Dead Casualty List.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Cacadian Memorial Cross awarded to  
Mother: Mrs. Lilly Rigby,  
#9 Bourcier Ave.,  
Chateauguay Basin, Que.  
to date 6-4-45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION			P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK
29	5	25	12	830	0	10	2	2	14	00	9	09	0	08	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			
25	11	43	17	01	44					9623	0	08	95			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB.		M.	CODED.			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A.	B.	ST.										
17	01	44	13	00	00					SM-SP						

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Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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

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

Name RIGBY, John Joseph .....  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Ordinary Seaman ..... Official No. V75314 R.C.N.V.R.  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Verdun, Quebec ..... Date of Birth 29th May, 1925 .....

Occupation in Civil Life Stock Chaser ..... 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) ..... 17th January, 1944 - 24th November 1944

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

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

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Lilly Rigby ..... Relationship Mother .....  
Address #9 Bourcier Ave., Chateauguay Basin, Que. ....

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 .....

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

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

Undertaker employed .....  
(if any)

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

*A. P. [Signature]*  
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.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

C.N.S. 1121  
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N.S. 815-9-1121

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REGISTERED  
AIR MAIL  
NS V-75314 (PERS N).

10

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Rigby:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th of November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, John Joseph Rigby, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V75314, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your son is missing at sea when the ship in which he was serving was lost. Please be assured, however, that as soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for your son's survival. When it is considered, beyond all reasonable doubt, that no further hope exists and should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of death will be made by the Canadian Naval Authorities.

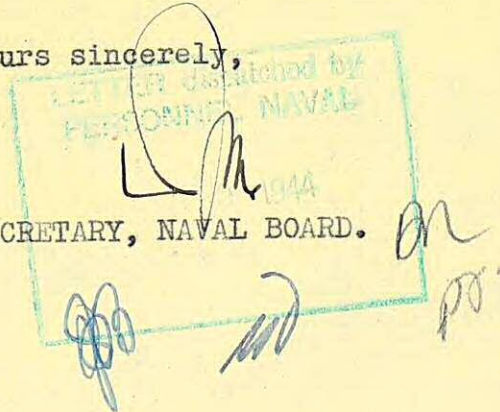
It is requested that, for security reasons, you regard the name of the ship in which your son was serving, as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Lilly Rigby,  
#9 Bourcier Ave.,  
Chateauguay Basin, Que.



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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL *21*

N.S. V-75314, PERS.(N)

*15* February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Rigby:

Further to my letter of the 7th of December, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, John Joseph Rigby, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-75314, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", 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 24th of November, 1944.

Please allow me to 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, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Lilly Rigby,  
9 Bourcier Avenue,  
Chateauguay Basin, Que.

FEB 21 1945

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

*[Signature]*  
Date 15.2.45  
Time 1800

RCNVR 5Mar.46 "SHAWINIGAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Lillian Rigby - Mother -Benef.

ADDRESS: 9 Bourcier Ave.,  
CHATEAUGUAY BASIN, P.Q.  
UA

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO.....

876

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Lillian Rigby

ADDRESS:

# 9 Bourcier Ave., Chateaugay Basin, Que.

(3)

6-4-45

D OF D 24-11-44

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

# AWARDS

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

RIGBY	John Joseph	V-75314	<i>NAVY</i> O.S.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS) No. DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	5012

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)