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ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME WATSON OFFICIAL NO. 44290
CHRISTIAN NAMES WILFRED MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
1166 Ossington Ave., Toronto, Ont.	Presbyterian

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
2 July '21	Town Toronto, County York, Province Ontario.	Mother: Dorothy: Same address.
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>English</u> Mother <u>English</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 1/3</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Med.</u>	<u>None.</u>
Inches..... <u>8 3/4</u>	Deflated..... <u>33</u>				
Mean..... <u>34 5/4</u>					

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>1 yr. High School</u>	<u>Telephone Maintenance: Northern Electric Co. Ltd., 1090 Shaw St., Toronto, Ont.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>6 Aug. '42</u>	<u>Electrician RCNVR. (Temp)</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "YORK"</u>

APPROVED FOR ENTRY BY LIEUT. COMMANDER (E) J.A. READER, 13 JULY '42

(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.....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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Personnel Records Division	
1. Noted in Records	<u>A.T.</u>
2. Index Card	<u>A.T.</u>
3. Noted in Majesty's Forces on	
4. Statistical Card	<u>A.T.</u>
5. Open Strip	
6. Pension Card	
7.	
8.	
DATE	<u>12.8.42</u>

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any 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..... Toronto Division of
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..... 6th day of..... Aug. '42

Signature of applicant..... *Wilfred Watson*

(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..... 6th

day of..... Aug. '42

..... *W. Munro*

Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieut. RCNVR.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,..... WILFRED 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..... *Wilfred Watson*

Witness..... *W. Munro*

Date..... 6 Aug. '42 Rank..... Sub-Lieut. RCNVR.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

..... WILFRED 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..... Toronto Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

..... *W. Munro*

Attesting Officer.

Sub-Lieut. RCNVR.

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

..... 6 Aug. '42 194.....

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 enter the..... Electrical Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

..... *Wilfred Watson*

Signature

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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Milfred WATSON

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-44390</i>
	<i>H.M.C.S. "York"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth..... *2 July, 1921*

Place of Birth..... *Toronto, York, Ontario*

Place of Residence..... *1166 Ossington Ave. Toronto, Ont*

Trade brought up to..... *Telephone Maintenance Man*

Religion..... *Presbyterian*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Mother: Dorothy same address 17-11-43

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>17/s 6 Aug '42</i>	<i>Quar. Elect. Host.</i>	<i>Elect. (TEMP.)</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>9 3/4</i>	<i>34 3/4</i>	<i>144 1/2</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Med.</i>	<i>None</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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
<i>On Active Service - 6 August, 1942</i>						
1942	H.M.C.S. "York" "Stat"		Elect. (TEMP)	6 Aug. '42	7 Aug. '42	
			Elect.	8 Aug. '42	26 Mch '43	
	Cornwallis		O/E A 41c (1)	27 Mch '43	11 Apr. '43	
	Stadacona		"	12 Apr. '43	22 Apr. '43	
	Stadacona		"	23 Apr. '43	12 Dec. '43	
	Cornwallis (Beaver)		"	13 Dec. '43	10 Mch '44	
	Stadacona (Beaver)		"	11 Mch '44	26 Mch '44	a 5481
	Stadacona		E A 41c	27 Mch '44	5 June '44	
	Stadacona		"	6 June '44	7 June '44	
	Stadacona (Barric)		"	8 June '44	7 June '44	
	Stadacona		"	8 June '44	27 June '44	
	Stadacona (Shavinsigan)		"	28 June '44	24 Nov. '44	D.D.

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

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
5 July '43	Granted S.C.J.R. NO. 77750	

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-W-2343

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V44390

NAME WATSON (Surname) Wilfred (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 2 July, 1921

PLACE OF BIRTH Toronto, Ont. OCCUPATION Telephone Maintenance

RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATION 1 yr. high school

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 1166 Ossington Ave., Town Toronto, Province, etc. Ont.

Table with columns: ENGAGEMENTS (Date, Period), DESCRIPTION (Height, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Marks or Scars), PREVIOUS SERVICE (Served in, Rank or Rating, Dates)

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 1166 Ossington Ave., NAME (in pencil) Mrs Dorothy Watson, Town Toronto, Province, etc. Ont.

Table with columns: MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY (Date, Particulars), EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC. (Date, Particulars)

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. (Date, 1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S., Granted Deprived Restored), BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date, BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT)

FILM NO. WAR 5754-7 DATE

Table with columns: DAYS FORFEITED (Date, Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.), O.H.F. Received Un. Ins. Book, Toronto, Ont.

Table with columns: SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (From, To)

W.S.G. APPLICATION 10280 RECEIVED 10/45

V44390

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME WATSON

(Surname)

Wilfred

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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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 "York"	Electrician	6	8	42	Div. Str. Toronto	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "	"	6	8	42	Active Service Sub. 8-8-42	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
" Star	"	7	8	42	D.L. 7.8.42												
" Cornwallis	"	12	4	43	D.L. 12-4-43												
" Stadacona	"	23	4	43	D.R.D. #H-1255												
Beaver	A/E. A. 4/c	27	3	43	Transferred. 249 A 27516												
Stadacona	"	13	12	43	D.R.D. # S/10 P/8												
Shawinigan	"	6	6	44	D.R.D. #178 p-2												
	E.A. 4/c	28	6	44	D.R.D. S/207 p-1												
DISCHARGED	"	27	3	44	Conf. (249A/A5481) Bk. Dated												
	"	24	11	44	"Missing" per Casualty List												

(Presumed Dead)

GENERAL REMARKS

Attended Maritime Tech School for ASA course (Pres. 11/10-3-42 to 24-10-42) Sub. 10/2/42

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to:
 Mother: Mrs. Dorothy Watson,
 1166 Ossington Ave.,
 TORONTO, Ont. to date 6th
 April, 1945.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH			CIVIL OCCU.			RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.			RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SER.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK				
02	7	21	11	5	2	6	0	5	0	2	15	6	14	0	23	0	26	93
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.			ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP CO.			RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK					
06	08	42	06	08	42													
SENIORITY			STR.			NON-SUB			M			CODE			CHECKED			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.	E.P. #			CODE			CHECKED					
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REGISTERED

28 August, 1945.

N.S. V-44390, PERS.(N) 'N' 5

Dear Mrs. Watson:

Further to my letter of the 23rd of March, 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 November, 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 torpedoed 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,

Dispatched by
Sec. N. B.

Wm

Date 29.8.45

Time 1430

Mrs. Dorothy Watson,
1166 Ossington Ave.,
TORONTO, Ontario.

[Signature]
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

J.B.
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[Signature]

Approval on
N.S. O-3690 FD76.
Also see
N.S.S.1156-331/93.

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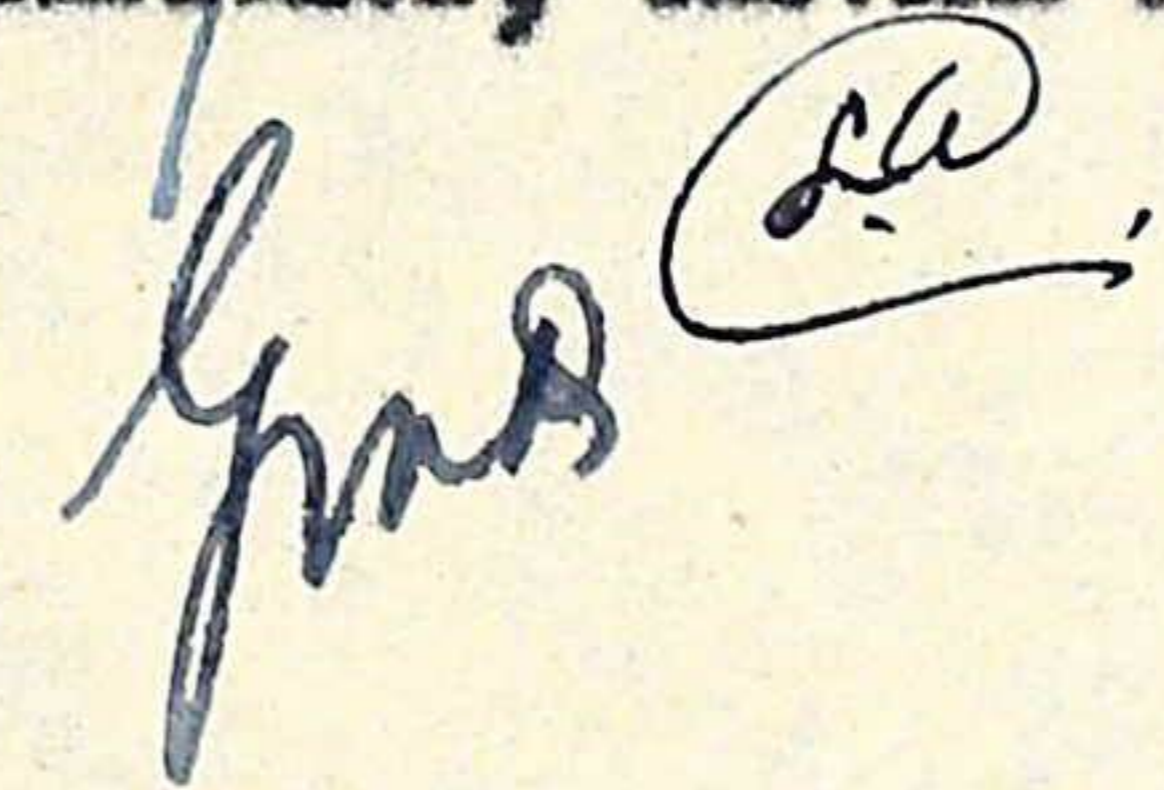
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N.S. V-44390, F.D.823, PERS

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20 April, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Wilfred Watson, Electrical Artificer Fourth Class, Official Number V-44390, 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.





Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" AT SEA

Name WATSON Wilfred (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Electrical Artificer 4/c Official No. V-44390 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Toronto, Ont. Date of Birth 2nd July, 1921.

Occupation in Civil Life Telephone Maintenance Man Religion Presbyterian

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) 6th August, 1942- 24th November, 1944

Date of Death 24 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. Dorothy Watson Relationship Mother Address 1166 Casington Ave., Toronto, Ont.

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

If applicable Place of Burial Date of Burial Location, Number, etc., of grave Undertaker employed

NOTED ESTATES CARD JUL 28 1945 D.N.P.A. SECT. 11

Sgd. H. Balfour (Commanding Officer)

The SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada.

Date 11th April 1945

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, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

29 November, 1944. 9

Dear Mrs. Watson:

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 Wilfred Watson, Electrical Artificer Fourth Class, Official Number V-44390, 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.

A.S. h

Mrs. Dorothy Watson,
1166 Ossington Ave.,
TORONTO, Ont.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Oct. 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Dorothy Watson - Mother

ADDRESS: 1166 Ossington Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

2190

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Dorothy Watson

ADDRESS: 1166 Ossington Ave., Toronto, Ont.

ADDRESS:

(3)

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AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

WATSON	Wilfred	V-44390	E.A.4	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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	2471 16/1/50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)