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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME WHITEHEAD OFFICIAL NO. V31653
CHRISTIAN NAMES Arthur John MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 942 Ominica St. West, Moose Jaw, Sask. RELIGION C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH 8 January, 1922. *PLACE OF BIRTH
Town Moose Jaw,
County
Province Sask.
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Father:
Mr. Robert Whitehead,
942 Ominica St. West,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

*Original Nationality of:
Father English
Mother English

*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>37½"</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue-Grey</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Round scar right posterior; Vacci. left arm; 2 scars base of spine</u>
Inches <u>8½</u>	Deflated <u>35"</u>				
	Mean <u>36"</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING Grade 7 - Moose Jaw, Sask. plus 6 months pre-Vocational class at Technical School and 3 years Woodworking at Technical School.
TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Plumber's Helper - unemployed at present.

DATE OF ENROLMENT 26th March, 1942. RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Ord. Smn. R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED R E G I N A.
Active Service.

(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 have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force.~~

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
		<u>10-4-42</u>	
		<u>Plumber</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.

Has Unemployment Insurance Book.

H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"

1. Noted in Records ✓

2. Index Card ✓

3. Non-Suh. Card ✓

4. Majesty's Forces on ✓

5. Roneo Strip ✓

6. Post of my knowledge ✓

7.

8.

DATE

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the..... **R E G I N A** 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 twenty-sixth day of March, 1942.

Signature of applicant X Arthur John Whitehead

(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 twenty-sixth day of March, 1942.

E. Schou Lieut. RCNVR.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, Arthur John WHITEHEAD 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 X Arthur John Whitehead

Witness E. Schou

Date 26th March, 1942. Rank Lieutenant, 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**

Arthur John WHITEHEAD 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 R E G I N A Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

E. Schou Lieut. RCNVR.
Attesting Officer.

26th March, 1942. R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) R E G I N A.

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.

Witness: E. Schou

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

X Arthur John Whitehead
Signature

12-2-23

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N.S. 815-11-17

I.C. NS # 50387

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Arthur John WHITEHEAD

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimaut</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Regina</i>	Official Number <i>V-31653</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth *8th January, 1922* **O.H.F.** Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)

Place of Birth *Moose Jaw, Sask.* (wife) *Bertha*

Place of Residence *447 Ontario St. W. Moose Jaw Sask.* *622 Athabasca St. 10. Moose Jaw Sask.*

Trade brought up to *Blumber's Helper*

Religion *Church of England.*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. *Good* Date *25th April* 19*42* Signature *[Signature]* Rank *Lt. Cmdr. R.C.N.V.R.*

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>16th March '42</i>	<i>26th March '42</i>	<i>Lurakoi</i>	<i>Ord. Sm.</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>8 1/2</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue Grey</i>	<i>Med.</i>	<i>Round scar right posterior 3 scars - base of spine</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	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				
	On: ACTIVE SERVICE	26	March 1941				
1942	H.M.C.S. "QUEEN"			Ord Sm.	26 March 42	8 Nov '42	
	H.M.C.S. "NADEN"			-	9 Nov. '42	8 Feb '43	
	Chatham			"	9 Feb '43	25 Mch '43	
	"			"	26 Mch '43	25 Mch '43	
	Stadacona			A/AB	26 Mch '43	27 Apr '43	
	"			a.s.	"	"	
	Stadacona			"	28 Apr '43	11 May '43	
	Stadacona (Hamilton)			"	12 May '43	5 July '43	
	Cornwallis ("")			"	16 July '43	9 Aug '43	
	Stadacona			"	10 Aug '43	18 Sep '44	
	Stadacona (Shawinigan)			"	19 Sep '44	5 June '44	
				"	16 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
16 June '43	SETW# B75909	

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS

RECORD OF RATING

Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
16 Nov '42	Q. A/G (2 days)	<i>J. P. Drelman</i>			
14 Jan '43	"TR"	<i>J. P. Drelman</i>			
31 May '43	Q & R. Prot. R. D. F. 7/c	<i>L. Davis</i>			
31 May '43	Conf. Radar III	<i>Sid. L. Hart</i>			

SCT W-1324343-21 Jan '43

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

NAMING *A.B.* OFF. NO. *V-31653* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
						1939-45	1	<i>star</i>
						ATLANTIC	1	<i>star</i>
						FRANCE G.		
						AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE		
						C.V.S.M.	2	<i>+ clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

24-11-44
(casualty)

VERIFIED BY *R. Leguin*
SS

BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

*Dormant
Revised 5/4/45*

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Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name WHITEHEAD, Arthur John
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V31653 B.C.D. V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Moose Jaw, Sask. Date of Birth 8th January, 1922

Occupation in Civil Life Plumbers Helper Religion Church of England

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) 26th March, 1942 - 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. Bertha Whitehead Relationship Wife
Address 622 Athabaska St., W., Moose Jaw, Sask.

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 (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 invalided

*noted
D.N.P.A.
13.4.45
E.L.*

[Signature]
Commanding Officer,

11th April 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
2M-5-40 (4893)
N.S. 815-9-1121

SELL-FAST BOND

TFH/MEM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-31653 PERS.(N)

Dear Mrs. Whitehead:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Arthur John Whitehead, Able Seaman, Official Number V-31653, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

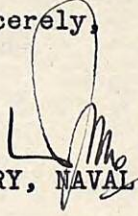
The only information that can be given at this time is that your husband is missing at sea when the ship in which he was serving was lost. Please be assured, however, that as soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for your husband'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 husband 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,


7 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Bertha Whitehead,
622 Athabaska Street West,
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

ABL/C

REGISTERED
N.S. V-31653, PERS.(N) "N"45

, 28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Whitehead:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your husband'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,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *cam*

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Date 29.8.45
The

Mrs. Bertha Whitehead,
622 Athabaska St. West,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

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Approval on N.S.C-3690, FD 76
See also N.S.S. 1156-331/93

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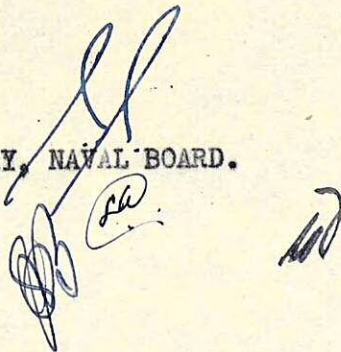
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N.S. V-31653, PERS.(N)

7 April, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Arthur John Whitehead, Able Seaman, Official Number V-31653, 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.

The block contains several handwritten signatures and initials. A large, stylized signature is written over the typed text 'SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.'. Below it, there are several smaller, more legible initials and signatures, including one that appears to be 'S.E.' and another that looks like 'M.D.'.

V31653

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-W-1672

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V31653

NAME WHITEHEAD (Surname) Arthur John (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 8 January, 1922PLACE OF BIRTH Moose Jaw, Sask. OCCUPATION Plumber's HelperRELIGION C.of.E. EDUCATION Grade 7 plus 6 months pre-Vocational class and 3 yrs. Woodworking at Tech. School.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 942 Ominica St. West, Town Moose Jaw, Province, etc. Sask.

ENGAGEMENTS			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Date (in figures)				Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates
Day	Month	Year								From	To
26	3	42	H.C.	5' 8 1/2"	brown	Blue grey	medium	Round scar rt. posterior Vacci. left arm; 2 scars base of spine			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Bertha Whitehead
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 622 Athabasca St. West Town Moose Jaw Province, etc. Sask.

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			
						31	12	42	P.P.P. Fair.								
						14	1	43	Qual. "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				
					Hamilton	CP.	29	11	43	Convicted by the Civil Power			1 day's pay & time.

FILM
NO. WSR 5526-8
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					O.H.F. Received			
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.			
29	11	43				1			Un. Ins. Book, Regina, Sask.		
									Last Will & Testament dated 26-3-42 received		

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To



P.I.B.
V31653

V31653

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME WHITEHEAD

(Surname)

Arthur John

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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 "Queen"	Ord. Smn.	26	3	42	Div. Str. Regina	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	Prob. RDE 2	31	5	43			
" "	"	26	3	42	Active Service	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43	Radar 3/c	31	5	43			
HMCS "Naden"	"	8	11	42	DRD #135 Esq.	V.G.	Supr.	31	12	44							
HMCS Chatham	"	8	2	43	DRD #534 Giv.												
"	A/A.B.	26	3	43	Rated. (249A, #13066)												
HMCS "Naden"	" " "	28	4	43	Givenchy DRD #1005.												
Stadacona	" " "	12	5	43	Givenchy DRD #1042.												
	Able Smn.	26	3	43	Back Dated (249A/A/18262)												
Hamilton	"	9	7	43	DRD H-2005												
Stadacona	"	18	4	44	DRD #130 P.8												
Shawinigan	"	6	6	44	DRD #976 P.3												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	MISSING Per Casualty List.												
		24	11	44	Presumed DEAD. Correction Sheet. P.73.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to
Wife: Mrs. Bertha Whitehead,
622 Athabaska St., West,
Moose Jsw, Sask.
dated 6.4.45.

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to,
Mother: Mrs. Lillian Whitehead,
4450 Quesnelle Drive,
Vancouver, B.C.
dated 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
08	1	22	19	900	0	30		7	07	23	0	17	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		
26	03	42	26	03	42					0280	0	08	94		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED	CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
26	03	43	13	62	00										

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Aug. 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

Steele (Re-married)

ENTITLED TO

Mrs. Bertha ~~Whitehead~~ - Widow

~~622 Athabaska Street, W.,~~ 1035 Connaught Ave⁽¹⁾,

ADDRESS:

Moose Jaw, Sask.

25-1-50

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. Bertha Whitehead

622 Athabaska St. W. Moose Jaw, Sask.

ADDRESS:

(2)

6-4-45

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Lilian Whitehead

4450 Quesnelle Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

ADDRESS:

(3)

6-4-45

MEMORIAL B K
DATE DESP
REGN. NO. 164

D OF D 24-11-44

AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

WHITEHEAD	Arthur John	V-31653	A.B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	4921, 14.3.50

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)