

V25717  
BOWSER

FRED

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# OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

113-B-1700

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE INFORMATION SOUGHT IS FOR THE USE OF GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEMOBILIZATION AND REHABILITATION, A COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO STUDY PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING IN INDUSTRIAL LIFE THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AFTER DISCHARGE. ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS IN ANSWERING WILL BE OF MUCH HELP TO THE COMMITTEE.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON THE INSIDE OF COVER BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

## Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full..... BOWSER, T. L. Douglas ..... (b) Reg'l. No. V25717
2. (a) Arm of service..... NAVAL ..... (b) Unit..... RONVR 7 ..... (c) Rank..... 1st Lt
3. (a) Date of birth..... 22/5/1917 ..... (b) Have you any dependents?..... NO ..... (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment..... HALIFAX, NS
4. (a) Place of enlistment..... HALIFAX, NS ..... (b) Date of enlistment..... 4 October 1940

PLEASE LEAVE BLANK

## Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school..... 16 ..... (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment?..... NO
6. State definitely highest standing reached at public, technical or high school (for instance—"4 years, Public School", "two years, High School", "Junior Matriculation", or "4 years technical course in printing", etc.)..... 2 yrs High School
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured..... NO
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship?..... NO ..... (b) If so, for what occupation?..... — ..... (c) Did you finish it?..... — ..... (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it?..... —
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently?..... NONE ..... (b) What languages do you read well?..... ENGLISH

## Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING or NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working", as case may be; particulars are asked for below)..... WORKING ..... (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member?..... —

## Section D—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 11 TO 17 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "NOT WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a)

11. Had you ever been employed fairly regularly since leaving school?.....
12. (a) If answer to 11 be "Yes", state exact trade or occupation at which you actually worked..... (b) State how long you had worked at this trade or occupation.....
13. If answer to 11 be "No", state exact trade or occupation for which you feel qualified.....
14. If you had been employed after leaving school, state when you last worked fairly regularly before enlistment.....
15. Give details of last employer, if any: Name..... Address.....
16. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.).....
17. (a) If your last employment was in a business of your own, state nature and address of business..... (b) Date of discontinuing it.....

## Section E—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE EMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 18 TO 23 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a). PLEASE READ THESE QUESTIONS AND REPLY TO THOSE APPLYING TO YOU AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

IF YOU WERE AN EMPLOYEE WORKING FOR AN EMPLOYER UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 18 TO 21

18. Name of employer..... MARSHALL WALLACE ..... Address..... 24 MOTT STREET, HALIFAX, NS.
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.)..... RETAIL STORE (GROCERY)
20. (a) Your specific occupation..... CLERKING ..... (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer..... 4 YRS
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge?..... NO ..... (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge?..... NO ..... (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment?..... NO

IF YOU WERE WORKING ON YOUR OWN UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, THAT IS TO SAY, OPERATING A FARM, A STORE, AN AGENCY, OR IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, OR AS A PARTNER IN ANY SUCH LINE, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 22 AND 23

22. (a) State nature of business, or professional practice..... (b) Where was it located?.....
23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business..... (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge?.....

## Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war?..... (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm?..... (c) If so, in what kind of farming?.....
25. (a) Were you born on a farm?..... (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had?..... (c) In what provinces did you have experience?.....

## Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for re-establishment in civil life after discharge?.....
27. If so, state nature of your plans (for example, do you plan to return to school, or have you been assured of a job, etc.).....
28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form..... ACCOUNTING



DATE..... 25 March ..... 194..... SIGNATURE..... T. L. Bowser



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## MEMORANDUM FOR

P. 64

Mrs. Janet Viola Bowser  
 170 Sydney Street  
 Saint John, N.B.

Any further communication on this subject should  
 be addressed to:—

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES,  
 DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,  
 OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q.N.S. 113-B-1200 FD. 232

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
 ESTATES BRANCH  
 OTTAWA, ONT.

January 4, 1944

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any Service estate  
 available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

BOWSER, Fred Douglas, S.P.O.

No. V. 25717, R.C.N.V.R.



it is necessary that the requisite information regarding the deceased and his relatives  
 should be furnished on the inside of this form in strict accordance with the printed  
 instructions. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration  
 on the back should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local  
 Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public, who should be asked to com-  
 plete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

A deceased's Service estate, the administration of which is the responsibility of  
 the Estates Branch, consists of any balance of pay and allowances at credit, cash on  
 hand and the personal effects which are under the control of the Service authorities.  
 To obtain such assets, it is not necessary for the person(s) legally entitled thereto to  
 obtain through the Courts Probate of the Will, or if none, Letters of Administration  
 of his estate.

In addition to the administration of those Service assets, the Administrator of  
 Estates is authorized to withdraw into Government account any funds (within a  
 defined amount) on deposit to the deceased's credit in Banks, Post Offices or other  
 financial institutions in Canada and Overseas, without expense or trouble to the  
 person(s) legally entitled to the estate, and to distribute such funds at the same time  
 as any balance of pay is distributed. Also, War Savings Certificates and Victory  
 Loan Bonds owned by the deceased may be redeemed and similarly distributed, or  
 transmitted into the name(s) of the person(s) legally entitled. Such Certificates and  
 Bonds should not be forwarded to the Administrator of Estates until they are requested.

If there are other assets which necessitate an application for Probate or Letters  
 of Administration, the Administrator of Estates may transfer and hand over the  
 Service assets to the executor or administrator appointed by the Court so that all  
 the estate, Service and otherwise, may be dealt with as a whole.

The information given by you on Pages 2 and 3 of this form is therefore of import-  
 ance in determining whether or not the deceased's assets are such that they may all  
 be administered by the Administrator of Estates to the person(s) legally entitled,  
 that is, without the need for Probate or Administration.

If there is insufficient space for complete particulars to be given opposite any  
 question on Pages 2 and 3 of this form, the space under "additional remarks" on  
 page 4 should be used.

*H.R. Wade*  
 (H.R. Wade) Edr. RCNVR,  
 for (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.  
 Administrator of Estates.

HRW/JN



ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below.

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT		
		NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree specified	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative
1	Widow of the Deceased.....	Jant Viola Bowers	27	170 Sydney St Saint John N.B.
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	Egda Grace Bowers. July 28 <sup>th</sup> 1943.	7 months Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	170 Sydney St. Saint John N.B.
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Louis Herman Bowers.	56	Kestville N.S.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Egda Edith Mitchell Bowers.	54.	Not living
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Ray Victor Bowers.	25. Quebec.
		Half Blood	X	X
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	X	X
		Half Blood	X	X
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, who are dead, and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)	Address of their children	
	X	X	X	



## ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE

## PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased	Fred Douglas Bawser.
9	Date of his birth	March 22 <sup>nd</sup> . 1917
10	Place and date of his marriage.	St John New Brunswick. November 3 <sup>rd</sup> . 1941
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	June 6 <sup>th</sup> 1916 Halifax. N.S.

## PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Lake C Charlotte.
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or Country in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) Nova Scotia (b) (c) (d) all his life.
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Motor Transport.
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived and, if so, where situated.	X
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	X

## PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will?	NO
18	If married, and domiciled in the Province of Quebec or in a State in the U.S.A. or in a Country under the laws of which there is community of property between spouses, — was there a marriage contract dealing with property?	X
19	Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? If so, give name and address of bank, etc. and the amount on deposit.	X
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased.	X
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased.	X
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary there. Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof.	X
23	Is application for Probate or Letters of Administration necessary (see page 1)?	X

## OTHER PARTICULARS

24	Did the deceased after enlistment incur any debts for:— (a) His own separate board and lodging while on service. (b) Service clothing and equipment. An itemized account for each such debt should be attached hereto, and if same is correct you should mark the bill "approved" and sign same. If believed incorrect, give particulars.	X
25	Have you or any other relative paid the funeral expenses or any part thereof? If so, attach itemized accounts showing amount paid, and by whom.	X

(NOTE:—The Government pays funeral expenses within the amounts authorized in the Regulations, where death occurs and burial is made Overseas as well as where death occurs and burial is made in Canada or elsewhere in the North American zone, and if a relative has already paid those expenses the Government will reimburse such relative to the extent of the amount authorized in the Regulations. Any amount of such expenses in excess of those authorized in the Regulations is not payable by the Government nor is it chargeable against the service estate of the deceased.)

(PLEASE TURN OVER)



DECLARATION

\*Insert degree of relationship for example, "Widow", "Father", "Brother", etc.

I hereby declare that all the particulars shown on this form are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees specified; and that I am the

\* Widow of the deceased.

N. B. To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public.

(Mrs) Janet Viola Bower {Signature of Informant  
170 Sydney Street St. John's N.B. Address

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief Janet Viola

\*See above. Bower {Name of Informant} is the\* Widow of the Deceased

above described, and I believe the above Declaration and the Statement of Relatives and of particulars made by the Informant and signed in my presence to be complete and correct.

Dated at Saint John's N.B. this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1944

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public } Glenn Wetmore Qualification Clergyman  
Address 107 Orange St. Saint John, N.B.

NOTE.—Before granting the above Certificate, care should be taken to see that the Informant gives particulars concerning the death of any Relative stated by him or her to have died, and that the full name and address and age of each surviving Relative specified is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

(If the deceased has no living relatives of the degrees shown on page 2, the names and addresses and relationship of other relatives should be set out below.)

USE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE



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N.S. 815-11-5

### ATTESTATION FORM

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

SURNAME **BOWSER,** ..... OFFICIAL NO. ....

CHRISTIAN NAMES **Fred Douglas** ..... MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<b>16 Kings St., Halifax, N.S.</b>	<b>Presbyterian</b>

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<b>22nd March, 1917</b>	Town <b>Lower Lakeville</b> County <b>Halifax</b> Province <b>N.S.</b>	<b>Mr. Louis H. Bowser, (father)</b> <del>222</del> <b>Kentville, N.S.</b>

#### PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <b>5</b>	Inflated.....	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Nil.</b>
Inches <b>7 1/2</b>	Deflated.....				
Mean <b>35</b>	Mean.....				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<b>4th October, 1940.</b>	<b>Vict. Prob. (temp)</b>	<b>Salesman, Beatty Bros, Moncton, N.B.</b>

#### (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 **Nil.** ..... 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
	<b>..... Nil ..... Nil .....</b>		

- (c) I have never been rejected 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 Special Service Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, <sup>AND/OR DURATION OF HOSTILITIES</sup> 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.

Dated this 4th day of October, 1940.

Signature of applicant Fred Bowser.

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING 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 4th day of October, 1940.

Signature of Commanding Officer. [Signature]  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.  
for Commander, R.C.N.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Fred Douglas BOWSER. 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 Fred Bowser.

Witness [Signature]

Date 4th October, 1940. 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 DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

Fred. Douglas BOWSER 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 Special Service. Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

Signature of Commanding Officer. [Signature]  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.  
for Commander, R.C.N.

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.





DUPLICATE

Can. B. 207  
20M-8-38  
N.S. 615-2-207

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR THE ENTRY OF OFFICERS, MEN AND BOYS FOR THE NAVAL SERVICE OF CANADA

(R.C.N. OR RESERVE FORCES)

NOTE—This Certificate is to be completed by the Examining Medical Officer and forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

I, the undersigned, have examined Fred W. Bowser candidate for entry as V.A. and I believe him to be in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service. He has signed the Certificate given below in my presence.

Dated at Halifax the 3rd of Oct 1940.

W. J. [Signature]  
Examining Medical Officer  
(Rank) A Surgeon Lieutenant R.N.M.R.

This examination has been made in accordance with the Instructions for Recruiting.

Table with columns: Age, Weight without Clothes, Height with Bare Feet, General Development, Chest Girth, Vision by Snellen's Types, Vaccinated or re-vaccinated for Small Pox, Lungs, Heart, etc., Abdomen, Hernia, etc., Limbs and Joints, Skin, Ears and Hearing, Testes, Varicocele, etc., Mouth, Teeth, etc., Anus, Haemorrhoids, etc. Handwritten entries include: 23 Mo., 7 mos, 142 lbs, 5' 7 1/2", Good, 33 inches max, 31 min, 32 mean, Childhood, normal, 6 deficient, 1 defective, N.P. - normal.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my belief I have never suffered from Fits, \*Incontinence of Urine, Discharge from the Ears, or any other disease likely to render me unfit for His Majesty's Service. I am willing to undergo, after entry, such dental treatment as may be authorized.

Signature of Candidate

When a Candidate is passed, notwithstanding a slight defect or disability, the following Certificate is to be filled up

This Candidate is the subject of... not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects.

Examining Medical Officer

(Rank)

\* The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.



DOD 20-9-43

## AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

BOWSER	Fred Douglas	Sy.P.O.	V-25717	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	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	1487 23/11/49

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL  
RCNVR May 44 "ST. CROIX"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO

Mrs. Janet V. Bowser - Widow

ADDRESS:

~~170 Sydney St.,~~ 280 Prince William St.,

ST. JOHN, N.B.

24-7-51

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. Janet V. Bowser

ADDRESS:

170 Sydney St.,  
Saint John, N.B.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

deceased

ADDRESS:

(1)

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP 4/11/51

REGN. NO. 4024

(2)

31-12-43

(3)



V25717

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-1200

OFFICIAL NUMBER V25717

NAME **BOWSER** **Fred Douglas** DATE OF BIRTH **22 March 1917.**  
 (Surname) (Given Names)  
 PLACE OF BIRTH **Lower Lakeville, Halifax, Co., N.S.** OCCUPATION **Salesman**  
 RELIGION **Presbyterian** EDUCATION  
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. **16 Kings St.,** Town **Halifax,** Province, etc. **N.S.**

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To	
4	10	40	H.O.	5'7½	Brn.	Brn.	Fair	Nil.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *Wife* NAME (in pencil) *Ms. Janet Viola Bowser*  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. *170 Sydney St.* Town *Halifax* Province, etc. *N.S.*

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				18	11	41	Passed Prof. for Leading V.A.				
				17	11	42	Qual. Prof. for Supply P.O.				
				28	5	43	Qual. Anti-Gas (2nd issue)				

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	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

H.O. 35-60M-6-43 (609)  
N.S. 815-7-35



V25717

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

BOWSER

(Surname)

Fred Douglas

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V25717

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
Stadacona	V.A.Prob.	4	10	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
Captor 11	" "	25	11	40		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	41							
	Vict.Asst.	3	1	41	Service Cert.	V.G.	Supr.	31	12	42							
	Ldg.V.A.	1	12	41		V.G.		20	9	43							
	Ldg.S.A.	1	3	42													
	Supply P.O.	1	12	42	ADVANCED (MEMO.27.1.43)												
Stadacona	" " "	24	5	43	DRD H-1545.												
St. Croix.	" " "	9	6	43	DRD H-1750.												
DISCHARGED	" " "	20	9	43	Missing on Active Service Per Casualty List.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to Wife: Mrs. Janet Viola Bowser, 170 Sydney St., Saint John, N.B.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE			CIVIL OCCU.			REL.			RESIDENCE			ENL.			RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
BY	MO	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GIO				P	CTV	TOW	CR	DIV.	A	BR	RANK			
27	3	17	14	660	0	50	X	4	08	02	0	19	0	22	95					
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.			SHIP OR			RANK OR RATE								
BY	MO	YR.	BY	MO	YR.	CAT.				ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK							
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BY	MO	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.				EX										
01	12	42	09			20	20	09	43											



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

NAME IN FULL *Bowser, Fred Douglas* RANK/RATING *Supply P.O.*

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45
<i>S. Grant</i>	<i>7/10/40</i>						
	<i>9/6/43</i>	<i>20/9/43</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>Atl.</i>			

*Discharged "Dead."*  
~~*20/9/43*~~

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

VERIFIED BY .....



VERIFICATION FORM

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

*Douglas* RANK/RATING *Supply PO* OFF.NO. *V. 25717* ADDRESS .....

DAYS	AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE			
							1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
							ATLANTIC		
<i>104</i>	<i>Atl.</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		

*Discharged "Dead."*  
*20/9/43*

VERIFIED BY *Ima* .....

..... VERIFIED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.



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R. C. N. V. R.

DURATION OF HOSTILITIES.

*lives at 170 Sydney St.  
58*

N.V. 17

3M-12-28 (3289)  
N.S. 11-17

# CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

BOWSER, Fred Douglas.

## in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V. 25717</i>
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.	<b>SPECIAL SERVICE</b>	<i>St. Kilda N.S. 10705</i>

Date of Birth 22nd. March, 1917.

Place of Birth Lower Lakeville, Halifax, N.S.

Place of Residence 170 SYDNEY ST. ST. JOHN, N.B.

Trade brought up to Salesman, Beatty Bros., Moncton, N.B.

Religion Presbyterian.

**O.H.F.**

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend

*Wife. Janet Beatty Bowser  
170 Sydney St.  
Saint John  
N.B.*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. ( ) Date.....19..... Signature.....

P.S.T. ( ) Date.....19..... Signature.....

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
	<del>17th. Feb</del> 4th. Oct '40	<del>Temp</del> Duration of Host.	Temp Vict. Prob			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	5	7½	35		Brown	Brown	Fair	Nil.
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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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
NAVY                      ARMY                      AIR FORCE

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STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

Deceased member's NAME **Fred Douglas BOWSER** (CHRISTIAN NAMES) (SURNAME)  
 Payee: **Mrs. Janet Viola BOWSER**  
 ADDRESS **1477 Mackay St., 862 Richmond Square Montreal, Que. Montreal, P.Q.**  
 REGISTER NO. **2422**  
 FILE NO. **NSV-25717**  
 DATE **26 Feb/45**  
 SERVICE NO. **V-25717**  
 FINAL RANK OR RATING **Supply P.**  
 DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE **20 Sep/43** DATE OF DISCHARGE **20 Sep/43**

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE		\$	
NO. OF DAYS	<b>1082</b> EQUAL TO <b>36</b> COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50		<b>270.00</b>
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE			
NO. OF DAYS	<b>104</b> LESS <b>2</b> INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO <b>102</b> DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY <small>SEE PAR. 2 OVERLEAF FOR EXPLANATION</small>		<b>25.50</b>

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE		<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	
DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE			
PAY	\$ <b>2.65</b>		
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE	\$ <b>1.45</b>		
ADDITIONAL PAY	<b>H.L.M.</b> \$ <b>.30</b>		
	\$		
	\$		
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$	\$ <b>1.55</b>		
TOTAL	\$ <b>5.95</b>	X7 = \$ <b>41.65</b>	
NO. OF DAYS	<b>102</b>	X\$ <b>41.65</b>	<b>23.21</b>
	<small>183</small>		

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY	<b>318.71</b>
E. DEDUCTIONS	
OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$	
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY \$	
OTHER DEDUCTIONS \$	<b>NIL</b>

F. AMOUNT PAYABLE  
 (THIS AMOUNT IS PAYABLE IN MONTHLY INSTALMENTS OF \$ **318.71** EACH)

THE WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT, 1944, PROVIDES FOR YOUR RE-ESTABLISHMENT CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN IN SUB TOTAL OF A. & B. THIS CREDIT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. INQUIRY IN THIS CONNECTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR EXPLANATION OF ITEMS A, B & C

G. MONTHLY INSTALMENT NOT TO EXCEED DAILY RATE OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$ **X30** \$

INSTALM. PAYABLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
AMOUNT	<b>318.71</b>								
CHEQUE No.	<b>111039</b>								
DATE	<b>10/3-45</b>								
INSTALM. PAYABLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AMOUNT									
CHEQUE No.									
DATE									

CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN CORRECTLY COMPUTED AND IS PAYABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT, 1944 AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER.

TREASURY  
 CHECKED BY **V.H. Connor** DATE **6/3/45**  
 for Dir. Naval Pay. Accting. **W. H. ...** SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE



TO: D.N.P.A.

FILE No. NS-125717<sup>u</sup>

"WAR SERVICE GRATUITY"

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE

<u>BOWSER</u>	<u>Fred Douglas</u>	<u>125717</u>	<u>Supply P.O.</u>
SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL	OFFICIAL NUMBER	RANK OR RATING ON DISCHARGE

CAUSE OF DISCHARGE: DD (no record of pension on 7.2 or History Card).  
Application - wife

4 Oct '40 - 30 Sep '43 - 1095  
 Less 20 Sep '43 - 13  
 1082

TOTAL SERVICE

Date of Active Service 4 Oct '40<sup>u</sup>  
 Date of Discharge 20 Sep '43<sup>u</sup>  
 Total No. of Days 1082<sup>u</sup>  
 # Less non qualifying service -

Total Days 1082<sup>u</sup>

OVERSEAS SERVICE

% Total No. of Days 104<sup>u</sup>  
 # Less non qualifying service -

Total Days 104<sup>u</sup>

Record of Service in other Forces (per Naval Records)

Branch of Service -  
 Date of Active Service -  
 Date of Discharge -

# & % Overleaf

Computed By [Signature]  
 Checked By [Signature]

[Signature]  
 for (H.B. Money)  
 Payr. Cmdr. R.C.N.R.  
 Officer-in-Charge  
 Naval Personnel Records

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



NON QUALIFYING SERVICE

Overseas

(#) Date	Reason	No. of Days		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
"	"	"	_____	_____
"	"	"	_____	_____
"	"	"	_____	_____
"	"	"	_____	_____
"	"	"	_____	_____
"	"	"	_____	_____
			Total Days	=====

(%)  
OVERSEAS SERVICE:

<u>Where Serving</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
<i>St Croix</i>	<i>9 June 43</i>	<i>20 Sep. 43</i>	<i>104</i>

22  
 31  
 31  
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 20  
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 104

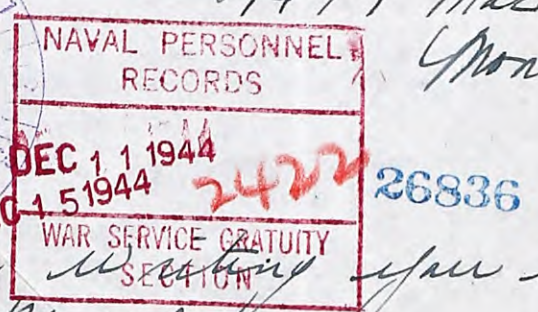
Naval Personnel Records  
 Officer-in-Charge  
 Fort. Ord, Calif.  
 (H.B. Henry)



# 910

Mrs. Janet Viola Bawser.  
1477 Mac Kay Street.  
Montreal Que.

NAVY



Dear Sir:- I am writing you in reference to my Enticement Money.

My husband. Supply Petty Officer Fred Douglas Bawser. V. 25717. R.C. N. V. R. joined the Navy in October 3rd. 1940 he went overseas July 1943 and gave his life on September 20th 1943 in the North Atlantic. We have one baby girl. "Egolda Grace Bawser. of 16 months old. She was born on July 28th 1943. just after her Daddy was drafted.

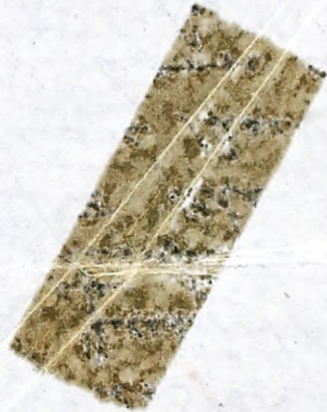
My husband gave his life in the sinking of the Destroyer H.M.S. C. S. St. Croix.

I hope I have given you all the information you need. if not please let me know.

Yours Truly  
Janet Bawser.



RECEIVED  
DEC 7 1944  
N. S. H. Q.  
CENTRAL  
REGISTRY  
(Personnel Section)



DEC 2 1944  
DEC 1 1944



V-25717(B)

862 Richmond Square.  
Montreal, Que.  
March 1st/1945.

025085

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you in  
inquiry to my gratuity money.

I rec'd a letter saying  
if I was eligible I would rec'd my  
money shortly after January 1st. 1945. To-day  
being 1st March I thought I would drop  
you a line as I haven't rec'd any money  
as yet.

It was said that widows  
would get gratuity money, but you people  
tell me if I am eligible I would get the  
money. Just what do you mean by that  
you know that I am a widow you  
have the loss of my husband on record  
in Ottawa. So if it isn't too much trouble  
will you please explain why I wouldn't  
be eligible.

I have moved from

1477 Mackay Street.

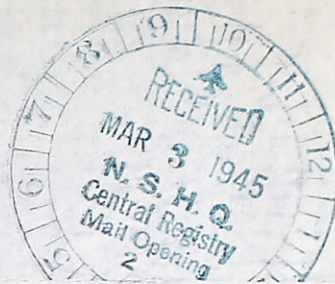
To

862 Richmond Square.  
Montreal, Que.

Mrs. Janet Viola Dawson.

N.F.A. change of  
address noted  
9/3/45  
cheque in  
mail  
C.M.R.





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1477 Mackay St.  
Montreal Que.  
Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

~~Phone~~

V. 25717 (P)

Dear Sir:

19120

I received your letter  
this morning <sup>telling</sup> me that you owe  
me no back money and also  
that I had not received a letter  
from your people through "D. King  
Hazen". Well I did get a letter  
and I have it here. - and you  
also owe me back money. When  
my husband gave his life on  
the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1943.  
I was suppose to receive the  
same amount of money for the  
following six months as I  
had when he was living which  
I didn't so I called "D. King Hazen"



<sup>3.</sup>  
and my cheque in March was  
\$86.12 then I went on pension  
in April. and you cant say  
that what I have written isnt  
true or that you do not owe  
me the money or that I did  
not receive a letter from you  
people through "W. King Hozer"  
for each cheque you sent me  
you enclosed a letter telling  
me the amount of the cheque  
so you see I kept running on  
of your letter and I have  
them for proof. also the letter  
from your people through "W.  
King Hozer" now you can  
look this up in your records  
and perhaps you will find

<sup>2.</sup>  
by phone and told him he said  
that I was entitled to that money  
and so I am. When my husband  
was living I drew \$89.40 which  
you people know. I dont have  
to tell you that after my  
husband was reported missing  
my September cheque wasnt  
touched it was \$89.40 but October  
cheque was cut down to \$71.40  
which is should not have been  
then November's cheque was  
\$71.40 December's cheque was \$72.00  
January I received a cheque for  
\$126.44 which was \$86.12 (my cheque)  
and \$40.32 for my baby (Galdia)  
February my cheque was \$86.12



4.

Your error instead of telling me  
I am mistaken. I want you  
to please give this prompt  
attention.

Your Truly.

Genl. V. Bauer  
1477 MacKay Street  
Montreal.  
Que.





**DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES**

TL Estates Form "P. 4"

R.C.N.V.S.

Name: BOWSER Surname Christian Names Fred D. No: V.25717

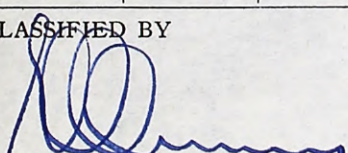
Rank R.P.O. Unit H.M.C.S. "ST. CROIX" Date of Death 20/9/43.

AMOUNT

Date: February 26, 1944.

L.P.C.....\$ 44.06  
 Other Credits.....  
 Total..... 44.06

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
all	Widow <b>103694</b>	Mrs. Janet V. Bowser, 170 Sydney Street, Saint John, N.B.  (1/3 as next of kin) (2/3 for use and benefit of 1 minor)  (as next of kin entitled)	44.06

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
9999	531	00	50	000	44.06
CLASSIFIED BY 			EXAMINED BY SIGNED BY <b>E. G. COLLYER</b>  For Chief Treasury Officer		

DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

Original signed by  
**L. M. FIRTH**

(L. M. FIRTH) Lt.-Colonel  
Administrator of Estates

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
**E. G. COLLYER**

.....  
For Chief Treasury Officer



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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
ESTATES BRANCH



Ottawa, Canada

Date.... March 6.....194 4

Received this date from the Administrator of Estates cheque  
of the Receiver General of Canada, payable to my order for the  
sum of TWENTY/NINE DOLLARS 37/100 Dollars. (\$29.37 ),  
being that portion of the Service estate of the belowmentioned  
deceased representing 1 shares of \$29.37 each, legally devolving  
upon persons under the age of twenty-one years, being.....  
.....daughter..... of the deceased, now under the care and custody  
of me their mother . I undertake with the Department of National  
Defence, Ottawa, Canada, to use the amount of one of such shares  
for the benefit of each of such minors entitled thereto, namely:-  
Egald Gail Bowser,

all residing with me at 170 Sydney Street, SAINT JOHN, N.B.

*Mrs Janet Viola Bowser*  
Signature

BOWSER, Fred Douglas S.P.O. (Deceased)  
No. V.25717, R.C.N.V.R.

44.06  
29.37  
14.69



REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S. AVALON (ST. CROIX) at ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

NAME Fred Douglas BOWSER  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating SUPPLY P.O. Official No. 7-25717 PCNVR  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth HALIFAX, N.S. Date of Birth 22 March, 1917  
LOWER LAKEVILLE, N.B.

Occupation in Civil Life SALESMAN, BRASSY Religion PRESBYTERIAN

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N.)

(Temporary of Reserve ratings) 2 years 352 days

Date of Death 20th Sept. 1943 Place of Death AT SEA

Cause of Death LOSS OF H.M.C.S. SHIP  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Janet Viola BOWSER Relationship wife  
Address 170 Sydney Street, St. John's, N.B.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship SEP 27 1943

Date on which death was registered with local officials N.B.

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 NO BURIAL Date of Burial NOT APPLICABLE  
(if known) (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave NOT APPLICABLE  
(if known)

Undertaker employed NOT APPLICABLE  
(if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalid NOT APPLICABLE  
(S.W. Davis)

Commanding Officer,

14th October 1943

The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Canada.

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Department of National Defence

Naval Service

Ottawa, Canada. DEC 29 1943

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. N.S. 113-B-1200.  
PERS. (N)

Sir:

In accordance with Naval Order No. 839, it is notified for your information that the following casualty in the Naval Forces of Canada has been reported:

<u>NAME, RANK/RATING NO.</u>	<u>PLACE, DATE &amp; CAUSE of DEATH</u>	<u>NEXT OF KIN</u>
BOWSER, Fred Douglas, Supply Petty Officer, O.N. V-25717, R.C.N.V.R.	Missing, presumed dead to date 20 September, 1943. He was serving in H.M.C.S. "ST. CROIX", which was lost while serving on convoy duty in the Atlantic, due to enemy action.	Wife: Mrs. Janet Viola Bowser 170 Sydney Street, SAINT JOHN, N.B.

ALLOTMENTS IN FORCE

<u>IN FAVOUR OF</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>INITIALS</u>
Mrs. Janet O. Bowser, 170 Sydney St., St. John, N.B.	D.A. \$35.00 A.P. 53.00 Bonus 1.40 <hr/> 89.40	Stopped Sept. 30/43  <i>hob</i>
Special Allotment of \$25.60 to cover M.A. arrears from July 28-Sept. 30/43 paid.		
Rec. Gen. War Savings Certificates	8.00	Stopped Sept. 30/43

WILL: No Record

Yours truly,

*H.B. Money*

for  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Administrator of Estates,  
Estates Branch,  
Department of National Defence,  
O T T A W A.





NS 113-B-1200

DAB/NAVY/LGD

*Dormant*

# DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE BOARD

DECISION OF THE BOARD IN RESPECT OF THE APPLICATION  
FOR DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCES SUBMITTED—

Official No. V-25717 Rank or Rating Supply Petty Officer  
BOWSER Fred Douglas  
(Surname) (Christian names)

Unit .....  
Branch of Service Navy

## DECISION OF THE BOARD ALLOWANCES AWARDED AS UNDER:

	RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT	DATE OF BIRTH	MONTHLY AWARD AMOUNT
101(a) Mrs. Janet Viola Bowser	wife		55.00 PCLB
Name.....	(.....)	(.....)	\$.....
101(b) Egolda Grace Bowser	dau.	July 28, 1943	12.00
Name.....	(.....)	(.....)	\$.....
Name.....	(.....)	(.....)	\$.....
Name.....	(.....)	(.....)	\$.....
Name.....	(.....)	(.....)	\$.....
Name.....	(.....)	(.....)	\$.....

Pay allowance to wife  
Address 170 Sydney St., Saint John, N.B.  
Total . . . \$ 47.00

Proof of marriage folio 17  
Proof of birth folio 17

Payable from August 1, 1943 to October 1, 1943.

Award for period from October 1, 1943 forwarded on D.A.B. 20c dated January 18, 1944.

*CR.*  
*Please PA*  
*23 Feb 44*  
*gt*  
*men pa*

Reviewer..... (Chairman)  
Date ~~January 28, 1944~~ Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 44 (Board Member)  
*[Signature]* (Board Member)







170 Sydney Street  
Saint John  
N.B.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you in regards to my babies money which was born July 28<sup>th</sup> 1943. and all I have received it \$25.60 I havent recived any of her money for the last three months, and I would like to know what is holding it up. you have all details as to the birth of our daughter which is E<sup>c</sup> golda Grace Bawson. so would you please send her money on as soon as possible as I need it. to buy her clothing and food with. And another thing my husband had a hundred. dollars. coming to him at his quarterly pay which was suppose to be the last of September but he didnt get the chance to. So would you please let me know



about it.

I here is something else I would like you to tell me. In the write up at the time of my husband's death it said he had been mentioned in despatches which means he had done something brave and as I am his wife I feel I had a right to know what it is all about. would you please answer this as soon as possible.

Thanking you kindly.

Genl. Viola Brewster

No award recorded in 12 O.O. 12



COPY

REPORT OF PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION FOR  
RATING OF SUPPLY PETTY OFFICER(TY)

H.M.C.S. "STADACONA".

Name of Candidate(In Full)..... BOWSER, Fred D.

Present Rating..... Ldg. S.A. .....Official Number..... V.25717

We consider the Candidate (to be qualified)  
(~~to have failed~~) professionally for  
the rating of SUPPLY PETTY OFFICER(TY)

In accordance with N.M.O. 2219.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>POSS.</u>	<u>OBT.</u>
VICTUALLING	400	218
NAVAL STORES	400	248
TYPING	50	33
ARITHMETIC	100	52
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>551</b>

Dated on board H.M.C.S. "STADACONA  
at Halifax, N.S. on the 17th Nov./42

*G.L. Buchanan*  
Paymaster Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

*H.K. Galden*  
Acting Payr. Lieut. Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

Signatures and Ranks of  
Examining Officers.

Drafting Commander, H.M.C.S. "STADACONA".  
Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. " CAPTOR II " - 1 copy  
(For S.C. action and enclosure.)

File - 1 copy.

Forwarded

*H.K. Galden*  
.....  
Acting Captain, R.C.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.



## EMPLOYMENT RECORD.

NOTE:—To be filled up on termination of service under a particular Accountant Officer. The record is not normally to be completed in respect of periods of less than three months. The Accountant Officer may, however, at his discretion make an entry for a shorter period if he has particular reasons for so doing.

SHIP 1	Rating 2	Date		Capacity in which employed *	Remarks as to ability, special qualifications Any special knowledge and characteristics 6	Signature of Accountant Officer if of Paymaster-Lieutenant's Rank or above; otherwise Captain 7
		From 3	To 4			
Stadacona	U.F. (Prob)	4 Oct '40	24 Nov '40	G.M. & classes	Low entry class 79%.	W.E. Don-Porter
Venture (A.O.C. type)	- " -	25 Nov '40	2 Jan '41	G.M.	A keen and loyal worker. Has shown marked improvement. Good knowledge of General Messing.	C. Sillett Pay Lt RCNA
Venture (A.O.C. type)	V.A.	3 Jan '41	31 Mar '41			
Captain II	V.A.	1 Apr '41	30 Nov '41	S.M.	In charge of main office Central Vintalling Dept. Discharged duties faithfully and accurately.	McDoyle Pay Lt (VR) for A.O.
Captain II	Ldy. V.A.	1 Dec '41	5 Feb '42			
Captain II	L.S.A.	6 Feb '42	30 Nov '42			
Captain II	Sy P.O.	1 Dec '42	23 May '43	C.V.D.	Under three months.	M. Buchanan Pay Lt
Stadacona	Sy. P.O.	24 May '43	8 June '43			
St. Croix	Sy. P.O.	9 June '43				



S. 1246F.  
 300-3-40 (4220)  
 N.S. 815-9-1246F  
 (Revised—May, 1933.)

*copy to ship (at camp)*

To be kept attached to the rating's Service Certificate and handed to him with it on final discharge from the Service.

## SUPPLY RATINGS' HISTORY SHEET.

(See K.R. & A.I., Articles 609 and 610.)

Full Name BOWSER, Fred Louglac  
 Port Division Halifax, N.S.  
 Official Number V-25717

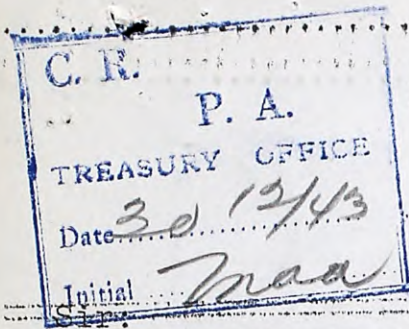
### Examinations for Higher Rank or Rating and in Special Subjects.

Date	Examined for	Result	Marks obtained in each Subject	Signature of Commanding Officer
18 Nov '41	Ldg. V.A.	Passed	Virtualling 139 Naval Stores 82 Typing 31.	
17 Nov '42	Supply P.O.	Passed	Virtualling 218 - Naval Stores 248 Typing 33 Arithmetic 52	



FILE:

N.S. 113-B-1200. PERS.(N)



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
- Naval Service -  
Ottawa, Canada

DEC 29 1943

(Date.)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME BOWSER, Fred Douglas RANK or RATING Supply Petty Officer NAVAL NO. V-25717, R.C.N.V.R.  
 DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 4th October, 1940.  
 DATE OF DISCHARGE - 20th September, 1943.

HOSPITAL -  
 (If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)

SERVICE -  
 (Indicate whether in Canada & high seas, or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere.)

Reason for discharge and when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred.  
Missing, presumed dead. He was serving in H.M.C.S. "ST. CROIX", which was lost while serving on convoy duty in the Atlantic, due to enemy action.

(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada.)

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP  
 RELATIONSHIP Wife NAME Mrs. Janet Viola Bowser,  
 ADDRESS 170 Sydney Street, SAINT JOHN, N.B.

NOTE: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the Separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

FORM "A" RESPECTING THE ABOVE NAMED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS OF MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE, DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE, etc.



REMARKS: .....

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THIS PORTION OF FORM COMPLETED BY CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, NAVAL SERVICE.

<u>Names of Dependents</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Maiden name of wife</u>	<u>Date of marriage and/or date of birth of children</u>
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Mrs. Janet V. Bowser, 170 Sydney St., St. John, N.B.	Wife.		
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Rec. Gen. War Savings Certificates \$8.00 Stopped Sept. 30/43.

	<u>D. A.</u>	<u>A. P.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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Monthly Rate: 35.00 53.00 \$88.00

To whom Paid: Supp. \$25.60 covering arrears D.A. 28 July-30th Sept/43.

Date of Enlistment: Mrs. Janet V. Bowser 170 Sydney St., St. John, N.B.

Date of Discharge:

Inclusive date to which D.A. and/or A.P. was Paid:

The final deduction of Assigned Pay for September 30/43. has been made for the period

from 1st to 30th of September 1943 of 53.00

Remarks: .....

Computed by: m.w.

Checked by: L. Chabochelle

Alec J. Boswell  
for  
Chief Treasury Officer,  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,  
(Naval Service.)

The Secretary, The Canadian Pension Commission,  
Room 228, Daly Building, OTTAWA, Ontario.

The Secretary, The Department of Pensions & National Health,  
Daly Building, OTTAWA, Ontario.



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AIR MAIL

LA/CM

N.S.113-B-1200. PERS.(N)

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DEC 29 1943

Dear Mrs. Bowser:

Further to my letter of the 27th of September, 1943, in view of the length of time that has elapsed since your husband, Fred Douglas Bowser, Supply Petty Officer, Official Number V-25717, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported "missing" after the sinking of H.M.C.S. "ST.CROIX", and as no information has since been received of his having survived, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 20th of September, 1943.

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

Yours sincerely,

DEC 28 1943

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Janet Viola Bowser,  
170 Sydney Street,  
SAINT JOHN, N.B.

*HAM*  
E. B. MONEY  
PAT. LIUT. CDR. R. C. N. B.  
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE  
NAVAL PERSONNEL RECORDS



MEMORANDUM:

With reference to your submission  
of the  
Headquarters' message, reading  
as follows, is hereby confirmed:

Medical Board Proceedings ( )  
respecting the above named, returned herewith  
for record purposes.

BY ORDER

*J. O. Cossette*  
for (J. O. Cossette),  
Naval Secretary.



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## ENDORSEMENTS

from  
Chiefs of Staff of all three Services

"This is one way in which everyone can help the War Effort. No matter how small the contribution it all adds up to an immense sum and, may I remind you that in helping your country you are also helping yourselves, as you will receive your money back with interest in due course. It's going to be a long hard war, so let's all tighten our belts if necessary and do our damndest and so 'Stop Hitler'."

PERCY W. NELLES,  
*Chief of the Naval Staff*

"I commend this form of saving to all ranks of the Canadian Military Forces. By supporting it you are doing both Canada and yourself a good turn."

T. L. ANDERSON,  
*Major-General,  
Chief of General Staff.*

"I heartily commend the purchase of these War Savings Pledges to the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Aircraftmen of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

I feel that in this vital period, when the very existence of the British Empire is being threatened, the members of the R.C.A.F. will be glad of this opportunity to assist in making Canada's War Effort as great as possible."

L. S. BREADNER,  
*Air Commodore,  
Chief of the Air Staff.*

## WAR SAVINGS PLEDGE

NAME OF PURCHASER  PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS  SURNAME OF REGISTERED HOLDER  PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

BOWSER

CHRISTIAN NAME  
MRS. JANE T

REG'T OR OFFICIAL No. *V. 25712*  
*H.M.C.S. Capstan II*

SHIP, UNIT OR ESTABLISHMENT

Until further notice please deduct the sum of \$ *8.00* each month, from any pay and allowances which may be payable to me, for the purchase of War Savings Certificates.

It is understood that for each . . . . .	\$4	\$8	\$20	\$40	\$80	Strike out units not applicable
	so deducted I will receive one . . . . .	\$5	\$10	\$25	\$50	
	CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATE

registered in my name or that of anyone else I may designate. Purchases are to be made in each month during which my accumulated savings are sufficient to buy a certificate of any denomination.

Date *JAN 22 1942* Signature *Edward Bowser*



TFH/JM

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113-B-1200 Pers (N)

Air Mail

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27th September, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Bowser:

I deeply regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 27th of September, 1943, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your husband Fred Douglas Bowser, Supply Petty Officer, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-25717 is missing on war service.

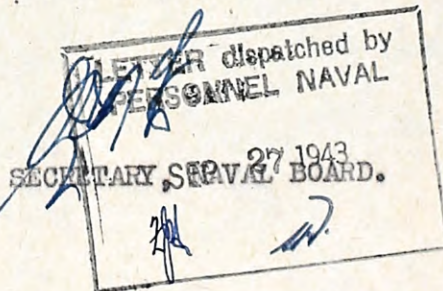
According to the report received, your husband is listed as missing, due to enemy action, while serving on Convoy duty in the Atlantic. For reasons of security further details of this incident of war cannot be released at this time.

It is requested that you will regard as confidential anything beyond the fact of your husband's loss on war service until such time as an official announcement is made, as this information might prove useful to the enemy.

While your husband is listed as missing and virtually no hope can be held out for his having survived, Canadian Naval Authorities are unable to make an official presumption of death until a period of not less than three months has elapsed. If further information has not been received at that time, it is probable that official certification of death will then be made and you will be informed accordingly.

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Janet Viola Bowser,  
170 Sydney Street,  
SAINT JOHN, N.B.

*J.H. Money*  
NAVAL PERSONNEL RECORDS



952 A. Barrington St.,  
Halifax, N.S.  
April 2, 1938.

Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

DEPT. OF  
NATIONAL DEFENCE

APR 4 1938

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Dear Sir:-

M 7774

In answer to your letter which I received April 11<sup>th</sup>, I did not quite understand the qualifications, in regard to age, for seaman.

I would now like to make application for Stoker 2nd Class. I haven't had any practical experience as a stoker but would like to learn.

Yours truly  
Fred D. Bowser.



MAIN FILE
CHARGED TO <i>Recruits</i>
SINCE <i>Feb 1917</i>
REC'D. CENTRAL REGISTRY
APR 5 1938
REFERRED TO <i>Recruits</i>

*APR 11 1938*



STOKER, 2nd CLASS

No. Name BOWSER, Frederick D. Nationality Br. (Can.) File F.D. 157

Date of Birth 22nd March, 1917 Married Single Religion 9

Date of Application 23rd March, 1938. Medically Examined

Address 952A Barrington Street, Halifax, N.S.

Education In Grade 10 - Completed course in Double Entry Bookkeeping 1.

Previous Experience

Remarks 6-4-38 D.N.E. Place on Roster.

Directions Re Entry 7-4-38 Letter to Applicant.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
(Naval Service)

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N.S. 815-9-2417

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APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

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The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Halifax, N.S.  
(Place)  
Mar. 23, 1938.  
(Date)

SIR:— I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a Seaman.

(Insert rating chosen)

I certify that the following particulars are in my own handwriting and are true in every respect:

- Name (to be given in full in Block Letters)..... FRED DOUGLAS BOWSER
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian *must* be attached)..... Mar. 22, 1917
- Place of Birth. Town..... Ship Harbour, Province..... Nova Scotia
- Permanent Place of Residence. No..... 952A Street..... Barrington  
Town..... Halifax, Province..... Nova Scotia
- Are you a British Subject?..... Yes
- How long have you resided in Canada?..... 21 years
- What is your Mother Tongue?..... English
- What other language do you speak?..... None
- Are you of the White Race?..... Yes
- Are you Single, Married or a Widower?..... Single
- How far advanced educationally are you?..... Grade X

(Certificates of School Authorities *must* be attached)

- What practical experience have you had?  
(Details and certificates from employers, trade credentials, etc., *must* be attached to substantiate employment reported.)  
General work.
- Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force?..... No
- If so, give details.....
- Have you ever served in such forces?..... No
- If so, give dates and details.....
- Have you ever been discharged from His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit?..... No
- Have you ever offered to serve in His Majesty's Forces and been rejected?..... No

Why?.....

- Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence?..... No  
(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19)
- What is your weight?..... 147 lbs. Height..... 5' 8 1/4" Chest Measurement (Not inflated)..... 34 3/4 in.
- Have you ever had fits?..... No
- Do you suffer from any deformity?..... No
- Have you suffered the loss of any fingers, toes, etc.?..... No
- Do you suffer from any disease?..... No
- Do you wear glasses?..... No
- Are you subject to *any* disability which might cause your rejection?  
None
- Give details.....
- Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities?..... Yes

Fred C. Kennedy Signature of Witness  
Fred D. Bowser Signature of Applicant

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF CANDIDATES UNDER 21 YEARS OLD

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for transportation to a Naval Base of the above applicant, should he, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval Service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within his own control. Signed and Sealed at....., this..... day of....., 19....., in the presence of

Signature of Witness

Signature of Parent or Guardian

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY CANDIDATES OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for my transportation to a Naval Base, should I, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval Service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within my own control.

Signed and Sealed at..... Halifax, N.S., this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1938, in the presence of.....  
Fred C. Kennedy Signature of Witness  
Fred D. Bowser Signature of Candidate