



CANADA

# ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME STRACHAN OFFICIAL NO. 200462  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Edward Eloi MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS  
654 Sandhurst Avenue,  
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

RELIGION  
United

DATE OF BIRTH 6th August, 1923 PLACE OF BIRTH  
Town Winnipeg  
County  
Province Manitoba

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  
Mrs. Helen STRACHAN (Mother)  
654 Sandhurst Avenue,  
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

\*Original Nationality of:  
Father Scottish  
Mother Scottish

\*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>35½</u>				
Inches <u>10½</u>	Deflated <u>33½</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Grey</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Scar on right forearm</u>
	Mean <u>34</u>				
EDUCATIONAL STANDING <u>Grade X</u>			TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY <u>Typewriter Inspector</u> <u>Remington Rand Limited,</u> <u>Winnipeg, Man.</u>		

DATE OF ENROLMENT 27th October, 1941. RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Ord. S'mn R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED WINNIPEG DIVISION

## (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 the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the period shown, and attach my record of service, or a copy of the same.~~

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

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

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Records
2. Index Card
3. Non-Sub. Card
4. Statistical Card
5. Photo Strip
6. Pension Card
- 7.
- 8.

DATE 3/11/41



(5) On being enrolled as a member of the WINNIPEG, MAN. 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 27th day of October, 1941.

Signature of applicant E. E. Strachan

(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 27th day of October, 1941.

R. C. N. V. R.  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.  
LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Edward Eloi STRACHAN 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 E. E. Strachan

Witness R. C. N. V. R.

Date 27th October, 1941. 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

Edward Eloi STRACHAN 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 WINNIPEG, MAN. Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

R. C. N. V. R.  
LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R. Attesting Officer.

27th October 1941. R.C.N.V.R. Division WINNIPEG, MAN.  
(or other establishment)

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.





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Can. B. 207

100 M-11-40 (7881)  
N.S. 815-2-207

N.S. 113/10 1954  
CANADA

Certificate of Medical Examination of Officers, Men and Boys  
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 Edward Strachan  
† candidate for entry as Ordinary Seaman  
and I believe him to be \* in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service. He has signed  
unfit for His Majesty's Service for the reason stated below.  
the Certificate given below in my presence.

† Strike out if inapplicable. \* Delete one.

This examination has been made in accordance with the current Instructions as to Medical Standards.

(a) Years Months	(b) Weight without Clothes	(c) Height with Bare Feet	General Development	Chest Girth	Vision by— (i) Snellen's Types (ii) Colour Vision	Vaccinated or revac- cinated for Small Pox (Date)	Lungs, Heart, etc.	Abdomen, Hernia, etc.	Limbs and Joints	Skin	Ears and Hearing	Testes, Varicocele, etc.	Mouth, Teeth (No. deficient and No. defective, if any), Nose, Tonsils, etc.	Anus, Hemorrhoids, etc.	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	
18 2	138½ lbs.	5 10½ ft. ins.	Fair	34 inches maximum 39½ minimum 38½ mean	right eye 20/40 left eye 20/20 colour vision O.K.	yes	Infancy	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Left Hydrocele	7 Defecient 0 Defective	Normal

\*If colour vision is not normal by Ishihara test.  
degree of colour blindness to be indicated.

Pupils react to A.&L. Reflexes Normal

X-ray

Not taken.  
Approved.  
Positive.  
Doubtful.

X-RAY APPROVED OCT. 23. 1941. FILM No. A-8833

Write in the appropriate notation, and any remarks necessary.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY 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, vaccination, or inoculations as may be authorized.

Edward Strachan

† The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.  
† Strike out if inapplicable.

Signature of Candidate

When a Candidate is subject to a defect or disability, the following information is to be inserted:

This Candidate is the subject of.....

\* (which renders him medically unfit for service,  
(not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects.

\* Delete one.

IF REJECTED  
insert here  
UNFIT  
in block letters

Dated at WINNIPEG, MAN. the 21st of October 1941

James D. Dyer

Examining Medical Officer

(Rank) SURGEON LIEUT. R. C. N. V. R.



### III. BOYS EXAMINATIONS

#### (I) ON PASSING OUT OF TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT

Date		Paper	Oral	School	Procedure Practical	Buzzer		Passed or Failed	Training Establishment	Initials of Examining Officer
						Trans- mitting	Receiving			
	% Required	75	65	40	75	80	85	—	—	—
	% Obtained									

#### (II) FOR ACCELERATED ADVANCEMENT TO ORDINARY TELEGRAPHIST

Date			Technical Practical	Procedure Practical	Coding Practical	Buzzer		Passed or Failed	Ship or Establishment where examined	Initials of Examining Officer
						Trans- mitting	Receiving			
	% Required		Good Ability	65	70	85	95	—	—	—
	% Obtained									
	% Obtained									

#### IV. EXAMINATION FOR ORDINARY TELEGRAPHIST (S.S.)

Date		Techni- cal Practical	School	Procedure		Coding Practical	V/S Paper	Flash- ing	Sema- phore	Buzzer		Passed or Failed	Initials of Examining Officer
				*Paper	Pract.					Trans.	Recg.		
	% Required	65	50	65	65	70	75	85	86	85	90		
18. 4. 42	% Obtained	83			70	71				85	95	P.	SBW
	% Obtained												

#### V. TRAINING CLASS CERTIFICATE

No Ordinary Telegraphist is eligible for advancement to the rating of Telegraphist until this Certificate has been obtained.

Ordinary Telegraphists (S.S.) are not required to undergo the Training Class in V/S or Electricity and Mag. unless they have failed to obtain the requisite percentages in the V/S Paper and School in Section IV.

Date of Completion	Subject	% Required	% Obtained	Passed or Failed	Ship or Establishment where examined	Initials of Examining Officer
	Seamanship	75				
	Field Training	70				
	V/S	75				
	Electricity & Mag.	50				

#### VI. EXAMINATION FOR TELEGRAPHIST

Date		Tech. Prac.	Procedure		Cod- ing Prac.	Flash- ing	Sema- phore	Buzzer		Passed or Failed	Ship or Establishment	Initials of Examining Officer
			Paper	Prac.				Trans.	Recng.			
	% Required	65	75	75	75	85	85	80	95			
JUN 13 1942	% Obtained	85	85	80	85	90	88	89	98	P.	H.M.C.S. "St. Hyacinthe"	SBW
	% Obtained											
	% Obtained											



## VII. EXAMINATION FOR WARRANT TELEGRAPHIST

[illegible]

### VIII. RECORD OF EXPERIENCE

To be filled in on discharge from a Ship or Establishment

[illegible]

## IX. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE RATES

To be filled in as soon as the rating is eligible; considered deserving of a recommendation and Form S. 1303A has been rendered

[illegible]



## X. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Only to be filled up when a rating is discharged from a Ship or Establishment or on completion of any special course, and it is desired to report on him for special knowledge or ability, not otherwise recorded, e.g., D/F Operator; Mechanical and Instructional ability, Fire Control or laboratory experience; care and maintenance of W/T installations, Alternators, Dynamos, Secondary Batteries; ability to take charge of W/T department; knowledge of a foreign language; typewriting. Efficiency as T.A.G., including Air Gunner or Bomb Aimer, where applicable, is to be included in this Section on each occasion of returning to General Service from the F.A.A.

[illegible]

*For Directions for completing this part of the Form, see Article 610, K.R. & A.I.*

## XI. VOCATIONAL TRAINING CERTIFICATE

(To be filled up on completion of a Vocational Training Course, other than a Correspondence Course)

Vocation.....

We certify that (name).....

(residence).....

has satisfied us that he possesses a\*.....knowledge of the vocation

mentioned, and we consider that †.....

Examiners.....

Business and Business Address.....

Date of Examination (Signed).....*President*

.....19..... *Vocational Training*

\*Here insert qualification. †Special notation as applicable. ‡Vocational Training is optional. *Committee†*

To be filled up by Ship or Establishment, from which rating is sent to Depot for final discharge

## XII. SPECIAL REMARKS

Include power of command, intelligence, initiative, energy, and any qualification not otherwise recorded

### XIII. TO BE FILLED IN ONLY ON FINAL DISCHARGE

His character during service was\*.....

His general efficiency in carrying out his duties was\*.....

His efficiency on discharge was assessed as\* .....

\*See Art. 610, K.R. & A.I., clauses 3 to 7

..... Captain

For Record of Experience see Section VIII, on p. 3.

Date \_\_\_\_\_



V50046

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-S-1954

V50046

NAME

STRACHAN

(Surname)

(Given Names)

Edward Eloi

DATE OF BIRTH

6th August, 1923

PLACE OF BIRTH

Winnipeg, Man.

RELIGION

United

EDUCATION

Grade X

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 654 Sandhurst Ave.

Town Winnipeg

Province, etc

Man.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
27	10	41	H.O.	5'10 1/2"	brown	gray	fair	scar on rt. forearm.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Mother  
654 Sandhurst Avenue

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs Helen M Strachan  
Winnipeg

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc.

Man.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HUNT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.			
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
4	4	44	1939-43 Star. File 30-23-8. Eligible for award for CVSM & Clasp (249A#A18914)	13	6	42	Qualified for Telegraphist.
				13	9	43	Qual. anti-gas 1 day.

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE		PUNISHMENT	
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT					
Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year							
					13	11	3	42	St. Hyacinthe	Sleep on watch.	7 D's. cells.				

FILM  
NO. 4472-5604-5  
DATE

Date (in figures)				DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Received
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det's	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.		
11	3	42								

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT  
From To



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37

V50046	OFFICIAL NUMBER	NAME (Surname)	STRACHAN	NAME (Given Name)	Edward Eloi	OFFICIAL NUMBER	V50046 P.I.B.
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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
Winnipeg Div. Str.	Ord. Snn.	27	10	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	T.O.(W/T)	23	1	44	10-4-42	12-10-44	
Duty D.v. Hdqrs	" "	29	12	41													
St. Hyacinthe	" "	18	2	42	6356 1st Lt.												
"	Ord. Tel	18	4	42	249A#4477												
Stadacona	" "	1	7	42	249A												
Halifax	" "	2	7	42	249A												
"	Tel.	29	12	42	Rated 249A29578												
Valleyfield	"	17	4	44	D.R.D.#186.												
DISCHARGED:	"	7	5	44	"Missing" Casualty List.	V.G.	Sat.	7	5	44							
					Presumed Dead.Corr.(Sh.104)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Mother: Mrs. Helen M. Strachan 654 Sandhurst Winnipeg, Man. awarded the Canadian Memorial Cross to date the 13-10-44

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	ED	PERM RESIDENCE			PRV.	ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION			A	CTY	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
06	8	23	16	280	0	40	3	6	06	06	0	06	0	08	92	
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			
27	10	41	29	12	41					1950	0	12	94			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	6.26			CODED			CHECKED			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.				8.7						
29	12	42	10	53	00	21	T.F.			71.10			71.10			



## HOSTILITIES

WEEKLY TEST AND FINAL RESULTS

NAME STRACHAN, Edward E.

O.N. V50046.

CLASS ~~"2X"~~

YA

WEEK ENDING	SBX	P&O	COD- ING	THE- ORY	TECH	AV'G	REMARKS
MAR 28 1942	94.4			88	(31.3.42)		
PR 4 1942	96.4					11.3.42	10 days cells.
APR 11 1942	97.2			85	(13.4.42)	12.3.42	10 days lost to work
APR 18 1942	95.5						forming up of YA.
APR 25 1942	96.2	52					
MAY 2 1942	98.7						
MAY 9 1942	96.2	64					
MAY 16 1942							
MAY 23 1942	95.6	70.5					
MAY 30 1942	98.8						
JUN 6 1942							

[illegible]



To be kept attached to the Service Certificate until final discharge from the Service

# WIRELESS HISTORY SHEET

ORIGINAL

(Revised—May, 1938.)

Name STRACHAN, Edward E.

## I. EXAMINATION RECORD

Official No. V-50046.

To be filled up according to the result obtained after examination

Date	Nature of Examination Qualifying or Requalifying		Technical		Theory	School	Procedure and Organization		Coding		V/S Paper	Flashing	Sema- phore	Buzzer		Passed or Failed	Ship or Establishment where examined	Initials of Examining Officer
			Paper	Practical			Paper	Practical	Paper	Practical				Trans- mitting	Re- ceiving			
	For T.O. (W/T) (PROVISIONAL)	% Required	—	80	—	—	—	80	—	80	—	85	86	85	95	—	—	—
		% Obtained																
		% Obtained																
23 Jan 44	FOR T.O. (W/T) (FINAL)	% Required	—	80	—	—	—	80	—	80	—	85	86	85	95	—	—	—
		% Obtained		89				80		87		88		87	96	P	REN WIT Lt. Lt. John M. Ed.	
		% Obtained																
	FOR W/T 3	% Required	75	80	*	*	80	80	80	80	75	85	86	85	95	—	—	—
	State whether after a qualifying course	% Obtained																
		% Obtained																
	FOR W/T 2	% Required	75	80	70	70	80	80	80	80	75	85	86	85	95	—	—	—
		% Obtained																
		% Obtained																
	FOR W/T 1	% Required	75	85	70	70	80	85	80	80	80	85	86	90	95	—	—	—
		% Obtained																
		% Obtained																

\* Insert either (a) the examination marks obtained during the qualifying course, or (b) the marks obtained after a separate School course, these being initialed by the Schoolmaster.

## II. DATE OF GRANTING OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE RATE

Rate	Date	Initials of Captain	Rate	Date	Initials of Captain	Rate	Date	Initials of Captain	Rate	Date	Initials of Captain
T.O. (W/T)			W/T 3			W/T 2			W/T 1		



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## Time in Signal School Only

H.M.C.S. St Hyacinthe  
29<sup>th</sup> June, 1942.

*W. H. M. M. M.*  
Divisional Officer  
SIGNAL BOATSWAIN,  
H.M.C.S. SIGNAL SCHOOL

Is a very good operator providing he pays attention to his work.

J. A. Hogan Lt  
H.M.C.S. Halifax

A trouble maker with little, if any, interest in his work. No initiative, inclined to be slovenly in appearance and sullen in attitude. Not recommended

H.M.C.S. Halifax  
17 April 44.

J. H. McClellan  
Lieut RCNVR



CLASS OF  
SERVICE

# TELEGRAM

RECEIVER'S NO.

TIME FILED

CHECK

FULL RATE  
DAY LETTER

TO: MRS. HELEN M. STRACHAN,  
654 SANDHURST AVENUE,  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

FROM: NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

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AM

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR

SON

EDWARD ELOI STRACHAN,

(FATHER, BROTHER, SON, ETC.)

(FULL NAME)

TELEGRAPHIST,

OFFICIAL NO.

V-50046

(RATING)

IS MISSING. LETTER FOLLOWS.

FILE	N.S. V-50046
	PERS. (N)
DRAFTED BY	NPR per TFH
CHECKED BY	for LL
DATE	8 May, 1944.

NAVAL

CHARGE NAVAL



8th May, 1944. 11

Dear Mrs. Strachan:

I deeply regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 8th of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Edward Eloi Strachan, Telegraphist, Official Number V-50046, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.


According to the report received, your son is listed as missing when the ship in which he was serving was lost by enemy action, but it is not known as yet whether any hope can be held out for his survival. You may rest assured, however, that as soon as further information is available, you will be notified.

For reasons of security it may be some time before details of this incident of war may be released.

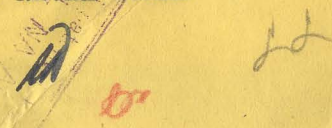
It is requested that you will regard as confidential anything beyond the fact of your son's loss on war service, until such time as an official announcement is made, as this information might prove useful to the enemy.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Mrs. Helen M. Strachan,  
654 Sandhurst Avenue,  
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.





DATE: MAR 8 1942

DATE: MAR 8 1942

11 March '42

Cells

Days 7 ✓

CHUCK 4 1/2  
CHUCK 4 1/2

DATE OF DISCOVERY

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"Halifax"

2 July '42

17 Apr. '44

656

"Valleyfield"

18 Apr. '44

7 May '44 ✓

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

Mrs. Helen Strachan,  
654 Sandhurst Avenue,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. V - 50046 FD. 526

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
ESTATES BRANCH  
OTTAWA, ONT.

September 12 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

STRACHAN, Edward Eloi, Telegraphist,

Official Number V-50046, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.

it is necessary that certain information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished the Estates Branch. You are asked therefore to read the enclosed memorandum before completing pages 2 and 3 of this form. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on page 4 should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public or a Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

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.

GC/

ESTATES  
BRANCH  
SEP 22 1944  
H. Q.  
OTTAWA  
NATIONAL DEFENCE  
*H. H. Meacham*  
Commander R.C.N.  
Director of Estates.



## 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.....	—			
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	—			
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Alexander Strachan	55	654 Sandhurst Ave Winnipeg	
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Helen 'Mackie' Strachan	52	" " "	
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Alexander Strachan	18	" " "
		Full Blood	Charles Strachan	12	" " "
		Half Blood	—		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	M <sup>rs</sup> Ernst Rudolph (Helen)	23	" " "
		Half Blood	—		
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		
	—	—	—		



ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE  
PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	Edward Eloi Strachan
9	Date of his birth.	August 6 <sup>th</sup> 1923
10	Place and date of his marriage.	—
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Winnipeg 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 1919

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Grace Hospital Winnipeg Manitoba
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) (b) Manitoba only. (c) (d)
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Repairing Typewriters
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	No
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	Didn't say.

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	Not to my knowledge
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?	—
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. Do you wish it administered with the pay account?	Royal Bank of Canada Main & William Winnipeg yes - \$7818 - \$79.82
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	—
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	One - \$100 Bond VI A 020034 - Reg - 654 Sandhurst Ave Winnipeg
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	London Life - \$1500 (Bon) Mother - M <sup>rs</sup> Helen Strachan.
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	—

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.	No
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.	—

(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

\* mother of the deceased.

N.B.—To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

Mrs Helen M Strachan

Signature of Informant

654 Sandhurst Ave Winnipeg Address

## CERTIFICATE

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

\*See above. Mrs Helen M Strachan { Name of Informant } is the \* mother of the Deceased above described. The above Declaration was made by the Informant and signed in my presence.

Dated at Winnipeg this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 19 44

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

Address

J. O. Newman

NOTARY PUBLIC

Qualification

Manitoba

Expires Dec. 31st. 1944

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

We do not know if our boy bought Victory Bonds on the H M C S Halifax or not but he spoke of the crew doing so. As for the Valleyfield he was transferred to her just before that trip when she was lost so we didn't know he was on her.



**Name** STRACHAN, Edward Eloi  
 Sub-Rating and Seniority *27/10/41* Ord. S'mm Non-Sub.  
 O.N. V-50046 S.B. No. W.B. No.  
 Joined Ship *29 Dec '41* from Divisional Strength  
 Engagement: Period Hostilities Expires  
 Date of Birth 6th August, 1923 Religion United  
 Character *V.C.* Efficiency *Sat* Date *Feb 12-42*  
 Badges Class for Conduct *1st* Class for Leave *1st*  
**Date due for:** Next Badge  
 Progressive Pay  
 L.S. & G.C. Recommended  
**Advancement.** Wishes to Pass? Recommended? Date Qualified?  
 Educ. Test Pt. 1 *Failed* *Nov 6-41*  
 Higher Educ. Test.  
 Professional for  
 higher Sub-rating  
 do Non-Sub.

**Any Non-Service Attainments** *Toy funder, Mechanic*  
**Swimming Qualification** *Passed P.P.T. Free style 15 sec.*  
**Athletic capabilities** *Hockey, Baseball, Rugby*  
**General Remarks** (including intelligence, energy, initiative, powers of command). *average intelligence, energetic, shows good initiative, power of command needs developing.*

H.M.C.S. "Chippawa" *H. Shoop, Lieut.*  
 Date *Feb 12-42* *Officer of Division.*

- Notes:—(1) This form is to be kept for each rating by the Officer of his Division.  
 (2) The form is to be completed to date, and signed by the Officer of the Division before the rating changes his Division or Ship.  
 (3) On a rating changing his Ship or Establishment, Form S.264 is to be transferred with his other papers for the information of the next Officer of Division.

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*P.T.O.*



TO: D.N.P.A. "G"

W.S.G. Application No. 7110 ✓

FILE NO. N.S. - V-50046 ✓

"WAR SERVICE GRATUITY"

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE

STRACHAN, Edward Elot ✓ V-50046 ✓ Tel. ✓  
SURNAME CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL OFFICIAL NUMBER RANK OR RATING ON DISCHARGE

CAUSE OF DISCHARGE: Missing - presumed Dead (Valleyfield)

Applicant - Mother - A.P. 35

TOTAL SERVICE  
Date of Active Service 29 Dec '41 ✓  
Date of Discharge 7 May '44 ✓  
Total No. of Days 861 ✓  
# Less non qualifying service 7 ✓

130  
3  
31  
29  
31  
30  
7  
861

Total Days 854 ✓

OVERSEAS SERVICE  
% Total No. of Days 676 ✓  
# Less non qualifying service —

Total Days 676 ✓

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]

J.B. McGregor  
for (H.B. Money)  
Payr. Cmdr. R.C.N.R.  
Director of Personnel Records

DATE: MAR 8 1945



TFH/ERM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V50046 PERS.(N)

11th May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Strachan:

Further to my letter of the 8th of May, 1944, particulars respecting the loss of H.M.C.S. "Valleyfield", from which your son has been reported "missing" are being released to the press, and I am accordingly passing them on for your information.

H.M.C.S. "Valleyfield" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action while on Convoy Escort duty in the North Atlantic. Details of the action are not being released beyond the fact that the ship sank almost immediately after being hit.

Thirty-eight members of her complement are listed as survivors; five were killed in action; the remaining one hundred and twenty-one, including the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander D.T. English, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, are missing.

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

Yours sincerely,

LETTER dispatched  
PERSONNEL NAVAL

MAY 12 1944

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Mrs. Helen M. Strachan,  
654 Sandhurst Avenue,  
WINNIPEG, Manitoba



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File NO: N.S. V-50046

30th August, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Strachan:

Further to my letter of the 11th of May, 1944, in view of the length of time that has elapsed since your son, Edward Eloi Strachan, Telegraphist, Official Number V-50046, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported "missing" after the sinking of H.M.C.S. "VALLEYFIELD", 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 7th of May, 1944.

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

Yours sincerely,



SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

noted on Estates Card  
5-9-44 G.P.

Mrs. Helen M. Strachan,  
654 Sandhurst Avenue,  
WINNIPEG, Man.

Royal ✓

Message

Date Sent 30/8/44 NPR 5

Canadian ✓

Ordinance

30/9/44  
NPR/5



ESTATES BRANCH

HQ. NS. V-50046 FD. 526

March 27, 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Strachan,  
654 Sandhurst Avenue,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

STRACHAN, Edward E., Tel. (Deceased)  
No. V. 50046, R.C.N.V.R.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Strachan:

Distribution can now be made of the amount of money here  
at credit of your late son.

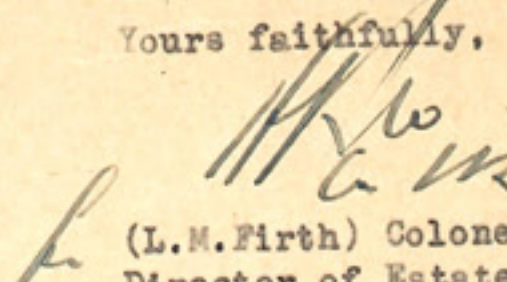
The total amount available for distribution is made up as  
follows:

Balance of pay and allowances.....	\$ 54.38
Royal Bank of Canada, Winnipeg.....	80.74
Refund from Fit-Rite Tailors, Halifax....	2.70
Sale of \$100 Victory Loan Bond.....	<u>100.73</u>
Total.....	\$238.55

Your son died without having made a Will and his Service  
estate is, therefore, distributable equally between yourselves as  
the next of kin entitled under the Intestacy Laws of his province  
of domicile.

Treasury has been requested to send you direct cheques  
for \$119.28 and \$119.27, representing your respective shares of the  
estate, and on receipt of same will you kindly sign the enclosed  
forms of acknowledgment and return them to the Director of Estates,  
Department of National Defence, 308 Sparks Street, Ottawa.

Yours faithfully,

  
(L.M. Firth) Colonel,  
Director of Estates.

HRW/JN  
Encls.