ARCHER GEORGE N2556

62-057 HTWG/RM 1st November, 1940. Dear Madam: It is with deep regret that I must confirm the telegram sent out by the Minister of National Defence, reporting that your husband, George Archer, Chief P.O., O.N. 2556, R.C.N., was missing, believed killed. Few details are available, but it is known that H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" was sunk in collision in the North Atlantic whilst steaming without lights, on convoy duty, and in the submarine zone. 142 Officers and ratings are missing and must be presumed lost at sea. I am requested to express to you the sincere sympathy of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services and the Chief of the Naval Staff in your bereavement. Any further information, which is received, will be at once communicated to you. Yours very truly, (J.O. Cossette), NAVAL SECRETARY. Mrs. Mary A. Archer, 538 Lampson Street, ESQUIMALT, B.C.



Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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

H.M.C.S. STADACONA at HALIFAX? N. S.
Name George ARCHER (Christian names in full)
Rank of Rating C. P. O. Official No. 2556 (If unknown, date of first entry
Place of Birth West Preston, Englandate of Birth 24th December, 1905
Occupation in Civil Life Ex. Able Sea. R. N. Religion Church of England
Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N.
(Temporary) or Reserve ratings) 10 years 1 month
Date of Death 22nd October, 1940. Place of Death At Sea
Cause of Death Loss in collision of H.M.C.S. MARGAREE (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)
,
Nearest known Name Mary Agnes ARCHER Relationship Wife
friend. Address 538 Lampson Street, Esquimalt, B. C.
Date on which the above was informed by Ship Informed by N.S.H.Q.
Date on which death was registered with local Officials
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, accord
ing to Nationality
Place of Burial Date of Burial (if known)
Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)
Undertaker employed(if any)
If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalided
COMMANDER R.C.N. Commanding Officer,
Sth November 194 0

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

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

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ARCHER	George		N-2556	C.P.O.	FILE No.
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### RCN Aug. 41 "MARGAREE" MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1)	MEDALS PERSON ENTITLED TO MY	s. Mary Agnes Archer - Widow	(1)
	ADDRESS:	SQUIMALT, B.C. 1091 Colville Rd.,	
(2)	MEMORIAL CROSS WIDOW	Mrs. Mary A. Archer	(2) 28-4-41
	ADDRESS:	538 Lampson St., Esquimalt, B.C.	28-4-41
(3)	MEMORIAL CROSS MOTHER	Mrs. Wm. N. Archer	(3) 28-4-41
_	ADDRESS:	50 Owens Rowe, Giants Grave, Briton Ferry, Glam. South Wales, Grt. Britain	MEMORIAL BAR
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The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of the Naval Service. If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

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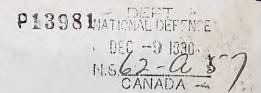
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<sup>\*</sup> The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR

Mrs. Mary Agnes Archer.	be addressed to:—
538 Lampson St.	THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, OTTAWA, ONTARIO
Esquimalt, B.C.	ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES
	and the following number quoted:—

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OTTAWA, ONT.

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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 or Local Magistrate, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

(L.M. Firth) Major, Administrator of Estates.



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.

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RELATIVES on the control of the cont			NAME IN FULL  of any Relative, if any, in each degree inquired for	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 De	eceased	MARY AGNES ARCHER	39	538 LAMPSON ST. ESQUIMALT. B.C.	
2	Children of the dates of their	Deceased and Births	DOROTHY ARCHER 14 FEB. 1933.	8.	538 LAMPSON ST ESQUIMALT. B.C.	
3	Father of the De	eceased	WILLIAM ARCHER.		50 OWENS ROW. C. GRABRITON FERRY S. WALES	
4	Mother of the Deceased		ANNIE ARCHER.		17	
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	WILLIAM. ARCHER.		BRITON FERRY GLAM. SOUTH WALES	
		Half Blood				
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	DRISY. DAVIES. (MRS)		READING ENGLAND	
		Half Blood				
	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	
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## ONLY IF NO RELATIVES IN THE DEGREES ABOVE ARE NOW LIVING, THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS SHOULD BE GIVEN

	-	NAMES OF THOSE LIVING	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL
8	Grand-Parents of the Deceased			
9	Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Deceased (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage)		Age	

10	What is the full name of the deceased?	GEORGE ARCHER. 24-DECEMBER. 1905			
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	24 DECEMBER. 1905			
12	Where and when were his parents married?	Preston Lanco Englan			
13	Was he ever married? If so, state exact place and date of marriage.	JES. 28- Feb. 1931 Si Marko Church Bottomouth Engli			
14	Did he leave a (later) Will? If so, it should be forwarded.	NO			
15	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate or Letters of Administration?	NO			
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16	Where was deceased born?	PRESTON ENGLAND			
17	In what Province, Country or State did he reside, and in which last?	CANADA. LAST. GT. BRITAIN.			
18	How long in each?	9 YEARS, IN CANADA.			
19	What was the nature of his employment?	ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY			
20	Did he own the house or homestead in which he lived? If so, where?	NO			
21	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	NO			
22	State your postal address in full.	538, LAMPSON STREET ESQUIMALT. B. C.			
	PARTICULARS AS				
23	Have the funeral expenses been paid? If so, by whom?	DIED AT SEA.			
24	Are there any outstanding claims against the estate? If so, furnish full name and address of each Creditor in this space and enclose his Bill of Account.  (See Note Below).				
	Note.—Paragraph 24 refers to debts incurred for board and lodging, medical and funeral expenses, money borrowed, goods purchased, etc.; the following information to be embodied in all accounts submitted:—  1. Name and address of Creditor.				
	2. Detailed statement of particulars of claim with date or dates incurred.  3. At the end of his statement the creditor should certify that the account is just and reasonable, that no payments save				
	as shown, have been made thereon and that he land if you admit that the claim is correct, then you	holds no security therefor; the creditor should then sign same,			

#### DECLARATION

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Signature of Clergyman, Priest or Magistrate	James Hood Qualification Clar ess. 465 frayer st. Sojuin	gyman

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 of each surviving Relative enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.



# DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OTTAWA, CANADA



		***************************************	6th November, 1936	5
AT	THE HIGHER ED	UCATIONAL T	EST HELD ON	
	6th	November 19	36	
Name	George Archer	Rating		
			0.N. 2556	
	obtained the marks s	shown in the follow	ing subjects	
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(NOTE - 75% and over = 1st class marks. 55% and over = 2nd class marks)

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This form is a statement FOR INFORMATION ONLY. It is NOT a "Higher Educational Certificate" or a Certificate of Qualification for Warrant Rank, both of which require a certain standard to be obtained in several specified subjects.

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Previous	Correspondence

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# PARTICULARS REGARDING R.C.N. RATINGS PROCEEDING TO R.N. AND A 19 29 29 31 A 19 29 29 A 19 29 A

0306 Rating Able Souman Seniority 24th December, 1923. The above named rating is proceeding overseas from Canada for approximately..... months service in one of H.M. Ships for sea experience and subsequently to qualify for substantive Rating of Cun Layer End of. non-substantive provided he is recommended, on conclusion of service afloat. Date of leaving Canada S.S. Montolare Sailing on 16th January 1930 from St John N.B. to Liverpoll On 1.6th January 1951 to join H. H. S. Wietery # approximately on day of January 19.33. Approximate date due back in Canada Ship or Establishment he should join on completion of Foreign Service Leave (if any)..... H.M.C.S. "Saguenay" To be drafted to New destroyers on completion Commanding Officer

Copy to be sent to:-

Secretary of the Admiralty—For retention.

R.N. Training Establishment—For information and retention.

H.Q. Ottawa-For retention.

One copy to be attached to Service Certificate.

One copy to be retained at R.C.N. Barracks.

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INTERNAL DEFENCE CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT
To be forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, with Form S. 59

PRESENT RATING A -... CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL NEXT OF KIN Mother, Anne, 50 Owens Row, Giants Grave Briton Ferry, George ARCHER Glamorgan, Able Seaman NAME, RANK AND STATION DATE OF BIRTH\* PLACE OF BIRTH RECRUITING OFFICER West Preston Commander Town 24th December, 1905 G.C.Jones County..... Commander-in-Charge Preston Personal Description at the Date of this Document Religious Hair Eves Complexion WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS Height Chest Denomination OR OCCUPATION Dagger and scrobl 42/2" 5' 7' 38 1/2 " Brown on right forearm C. of E. Ex R.N. Brown Fresh 40/2" Able Sea. Weight 152 Period of Engage-Commencing date of ment or Re-Engagement or Seven Years 2nd October, 1930 Re-engagement engagement Date of actually volunteering to en-gage or re-engage Date of entering 22nd March 1930 2nd October, 1930 present ship Royal Navy from 8th July 1921 to 1st October, 1930. Particulars of former Continuous Service Engagements, if any; but, if none, and the person engaging has had previous Service, the date of his First Entry should be given. If the person has not previously served, write the words "First Entry" here.

If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded in to office, with the Engagement, on Form S.—1243. Declaration of Entry or Re-entry from Shore for Continuous Service The following questions are to be put by the Commanding Officer to the person about to engage for Continuous Service, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:-1. Are the particulars given above of your name and date and) Mother English 3. Nationality of parents—Father English 4. Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R.C. Mounted Police? ‡...... Royal Navy as above 5. Do you now belong to the Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force or any Regiment or Corps in His Majesty's Army, or to any established Naval or Army Reserve Force, or to the R.C. Mounted Police? ‡...... No. 6. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state No. No. duct?.... Yes 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?.... Yes.

9. Can you swim?....

\* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.

† Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."

‡ Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H. M. Indian or Colonial Military forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal Fleet Reserve Instructions). If an R.N.R. man, state number of R.V. 2.

expi	ration of their previous C. S. Engageme	nt
I. George ARCHER the answers to the questions overleaf a	do solemnly declare that the true, and I do hereby agree to serve	o the best of my knowledge and belief honestly and faithfully in the Naval
Service of Canada* for a period service should be so long required. And	years  l. of Seven from 2nd ( d I do sincerely promise and swear (or so	october 19230, provided my plemnly declare) that I will be faithful
and bear true allegiance to His Majesty	. As witness my hand this 19th	day of November 1920
Witness to Signature	George Orches!	
Witness to Signature	Pulles /	
Attacted before me this 19th	November 1930	100
	itenant commander R.O.N.	Signature of a Commissioned
Lieu	Date	oth November 1930
Service of Canada, and we find as follo	nined the person named on the other side ows:—He is of perfectly sound and heal and we consider film in all respects fit for	thy constitution, free from all physical
	Consinder R.C.N.	Commanding Officer
	There's and	M.O. R.C.N.
	I—Certificate and Declaration for Boys	M. O · II · O · M ·
	Date	192
This is to certify that we have ex-	amined the boy named on the other side	
Service of Canada, and we find as follo constitution, and free from all physical r	ws:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent malformation, and we consider him in all ardian has been obtained in writing, and	nt lad, of perfectly sound and healthy respects fit for His Majesty's Service.
boy should be entered forto whatever period may be necessary til	years' continuous and general all he attains that age.	service from the age of 18, in addition
		Lieutenant
· I declare that to the best of my kh	welledge or belief the answers to the ques	
I am willing to enter and serve in general service from the age of 18, provi be necessary till I attain that age. An and bear true allegiance to His Majesty	the Naval Service in Canada forided by service should be so long required I do sincerely promise and swear (or se	years' continuous and ed, in addition to whatever period may blemnly declare) that I will be faithful
_		Boy's Signature in full
Witness to Signature		
Attested before me this	day of	192
		Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service
		Officer of the Naval Service
III To be executed by men who	—Re-engagement for Continuous Service have not been out of the Service since the expiration	e of their first engagement
The particulars indicated on the	, now serving a	
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Witness,	Commanding Officer	
4 Trans the date from which the engagement actually	to complete (number) years for pension," or "until I attain the age commences. I to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths o	
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