

[F] Oath of Allegiance.\*

I Walter Lueman Brennan do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Signature Walter Lueman Brennan

Witness Robert A. Wood

Date 6th October 1915

Mc. Com. Rank. RC.N.V.R.  
R.H.R.

[G] Certificate of Commanding Officer.

Walter Lueman Brennan having been duly enrolled to serve in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the Record Book of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commanding Officer,

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Company.

Note:—This form is to be forwarded on completion, to the Sub-Divisional Commander who will cause a number to be given to each Volunteer, provide and fill in a Service Certificate and return this form to the Commanding Officer of the Company, who is to file it. Applications of men rejected are also to be filed.

\*The oath of allegiance may be administered by any Commissioned Officer in the Naval Service.

[E] Undertaking to be signed by Naval Volunteers when accepted as fit for Enrolment in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.

To the Commanding Officer of the Atl Sub-Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve—

SIR,

In consideration of your enrolling me a member of the Atlantic Sub-Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve in Class 2A I undertake and bind myself:—

1. To serve ~~for at least 3 years from the date hereof (unless previously discharged)~~ from the date hereof at fourteen days notice on either side 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 Naval Service.

2. I recognise my liability to be called out for actual service in war or emergency, and that I must serve in Canadian waters as directed by the Department of the Naval Service.

3. To keep in good repair the kit and any articles of outfit which may be issued to me, and, when required to do so by the Commanding Officer of my Company, or other authorised person, or in the event of my leaving the Service before completing 3 years' service, to return them to headquarters, and to pay compensation for any loss or damage thereto other than that due to fair wear and tear.

4. \*I hereby certify that I gain my living by the sea and intend to follow the sea as my profession during my period of enrolment.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1915.

Signature Walter Trueman Brennan

Address C. G. S. Delverance

Name and designation of witness to Volunteer's Signature.

W. H. Brown  
act. Ch. White

\*To be lined through in the case of Volunteer joining class 1.

January 19, 1977

Mr. G.H. Brannen  
1 - 131 Woodridge Crescent  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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1325-40076 (ACT/12)  
National Defence Headquarters  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0B2  
19 December 1976 CFRC 1A

Re: Walter Trueman BRANNEN

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of December 9 kindly note that we have record of the above named having been allotted service number VR-399 when he was attested for service in the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve on October 6, 1915. There is nothing on file to suggest that he was actually called out for active service.

It is possible that he had some service with the Merchant Marine but we have learned that records of individuals who served prior to 1937 are no longer available.

Respectfully

*WZ*

Head

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Directorate of History,  
National Defence Headquarters,  
Ottawa, Ontario,  
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December 9, 1976.

Dear Sir:

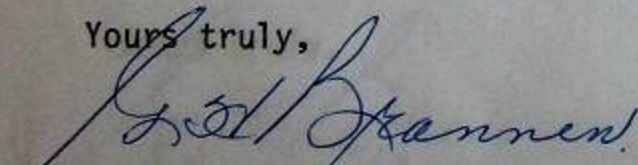
During the latter part of September, I received a letter from my aunt who lives in Onset, Mass., U.S.A., asking me to find out if her late husband Walter Truman Brannen was a member of the Canadian Navy or Merchant Seaman during the war of 1914-18.

I contacted the Maritime Command Museum, Admiralty House, CFB Halifax, but was unable to find any Naval connection.

Walter Truman Brannen was First Mate on the "Stella Maris" and his father H.H. Brannen was the Captain. This vessel or ship was involved in the Halifax Explosion 1917 and Capt. Horatio Harris Brannen was killed.

It would be appreciated if you can supply me with any information as Walter Brannen widow is seeking a pension.

Yours truly,

  
G.H. Brannen



# APPLICATION TO BE ENROLLED

IN THE

## ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

To be filled in by the Commanding Officer of Sub-Division.		
Sub-Divisional No. Allotted.	Class.	Initials of C. O.
1985		

**(A) Description of Applicant.**

Seaman

Names of Applicant in full		Date of Birth	Full Address	Trade or Calling and in whose employ
Surname	Christian Names			
Brannen	Walter Trueman	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1896	b.s.s. "Deliverance"	Fisherman

Height	Chest Measurement in inches	Colour of		Personal marks (if any)	Nature of any sea experience	Name and Address of Next of Kin
		Hair	Eyes			
Feet 5	Inflated	Brun	Hazel	/	6 months	Father:- Horatio H. Brannen Clark's Harb. N. S.
Inches 8	Deflated					
Mean	38					

**(B) Declaration to be made by Applicant.**

I hereby declare as follows:—

1. That I am a British Subject.
2. That I am desirous of being enrolled to serve as a member of the ~~ATLANTIC~~ Sub-Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve and that I accept the rules of the said Force.
3. That (a)\*I have never served, and am not serving, in the Navy, Militia, or Royal North West Mounted Police.  
 (b) I have never been rejected for any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.  
 (c)\*Having served in one of His Majesty's Forces I now produce my Certificate of Discharge therefrom.
4. That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\*Delete clause not applicable.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1915

Walter Trueman Brannen

Signature of Applicant.

**Certificate of Recruiting Officer, or Officer of the Force.**

I Wm B. Graham H. H. Deh. Wood do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing statements were made by the Volunteer above-named, and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1915.

Herbert H. Wood

Signature of Recruiting Officer  
(or Officer of the Force.)