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555 Beverley
V-9654
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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME **WATSON** OFFICIAL NO. **9654**

CHRISTIAN NAMES **Norman Russell** MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
252 Beverley St., Winnipeg, Manitoba	Presbyterian

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
16th July 1921 <i>UK NAVY.</i>	Town Burnbridge County Muiravonside Province England	Robert Watson (Father) Same

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... 5	Inflated..... 36	Blonde	Blue	Fair	nil
Inches..... 10 1/2	Deflated..... 31				
Mean.....	33				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
23rd Sept. 1939	O.Sea	Unemployed

(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..... ~~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

- (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 WINNIPEG Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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 23rd day of September, 1939.

Signature of applicant.....

(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 23rd day of September, 1939

Signature of Commanding Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Norman Russell WATSON 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.....

Witness.....

Date 23rd Sept. 1939. Rank.....

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

Norman Russell Watson 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 Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

Commanding Officer.

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.

COPY

252 Beverly St.,
Winnipeg, Man.
March 14/40.

Minister of National Defence,
Naval Division,
Ottawa.

10704

Dear Sirs:-

I belong to the R.C.N.V.R. in
Winnipeg, and have been training since
October first, three nights a week. I would
like very much to be put on Active Service,
as I am not working.

I like the Navy very much and
would like to stay in the Navy after the war.

It would be greatly appreciated if
my request was granted. Any other particulars
may be had from C.P.O. Pegg of Winnipeg Division.

(Sgd.) Norman Watson,
O.S. Number 9654.

113-W-365#827

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

94136

H.M.C.S. "NIOBE" (LOUISBURG) at

Name WATSON, Norman Russell (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Stoker 1st Class Official No. V-9654 (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Burnbridge, Muiravonside, England Date of Birth 16th July, 1921

Occupation in Civil Life Nil Religion Presbyterian

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) Three years - four months

Date of Death 6th February, 1943 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Loss of ship due to enemy action. (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend Name Robert WATSON Relationship father Address 252 Beverley Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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, according to Nationality

Place of Burial (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

A. Ruggley Commander, R.C.N., Commanding Officer,

10th March, 1943.

The NAVAL SECRETARY, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada.

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

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

C.N.S. 1121 15M-7-40 (5849) N.S. 815-9-1121

Duplicates on file NFA 12/15 (20) N.P.R/15.

V9654 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME WATSON Norman Russell (Surname) (Given Names) OFFICIAL NUMBER V9654

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Div. Str. Wpg.	Ord. Smn.	23	9	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39							
Du	Stoker 11	1	6	40													
Duty Div. Hdqtrs	"	14	6	40													
Naden	"	21	6	40	Lent Naden 2-8-40--16-9-40	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Wetaskiwin	"	2	1	41													
Naden	"	20	1	41													
Agassiz	"	21	1	41													
Chicoutimi	"	12	2	42													
Cornwallis	"	9	5	42	187488												
Stadacona	"	17	7	42	W.K.A.												
Louisburg	"	14	8	42	H.N.O.#13 2015												

DISCHARGED " 6 2 43 "Missing, presumed killed action". (Louisburg Casualty List.)

GENERAL REMARKS
To Absence 31-10-41-2-11-41

DATE OF BIRTH	PLUSE	CIVIL	OCCU.	REL.	ED	PERM.	RESIDENCE	PREV.	ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V9654

NAME WATSON Norman Russell DATE OF BIRTH 16th July, 1921
 (Surname) (Given Names)
 PLACE OF BIRTH Burnbridge, Muiravonside, England OCCUPATION Unemployed
 RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATION _____
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 252 Beverley St. Town Winnipeg Province, etc. Man.

ENGAGEMENTS			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Date (in figures)				Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates
Day	Month	Year								From	To
23	9	39	e 3 yrs & Hostilities	5'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	blond	blue	fair	nil.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) _____ NAME (in pencil) _____
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. _____ Town _____ Province, etc. _____

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY			EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.						
Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	
			15	3	40	P.P.S.T. Fair			
			23	1	42	Granted Auxiliary W/K Cert.			
			16	7	42	Qual. Prof. for Sto. P.O. and Prov. selec. for Mech. Cand.			

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES							
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year		

FILM
NO. WAR 5270-3
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

O.H.F. Received

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
 From _____ To _____



12th February, 1943.

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Dear Mr. Watson:

REFS (NAVAL)	
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DEP	
P.A.	
B.F.	

I deeply regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 11th of February, 1943, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your son, Norman Russell Watson, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-9654, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed killed in action.

I regret that I have no further information at present other than a report from Overseas that your son is missing, presumed killed when the ship in which he was serving was sunk by enemy action. I can assure you, however, that immediately further details are available you will be informed.

It is for the public interest that the name of the ship and the fact that she has been lost should not find its way to the enemy until such time as it is decided to publish this information in a Naval Casualty List. For this reason it is requested that you will regard as confidential anything beyond the fact of your son's death on war service until such time as an official announcement is made.

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement 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 son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

DEPUTY SECRETARY NAVAL BOARD.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.
[Handwritten initials]

[Handwritten initials]
Date 12/2
Time 4:00

Mr. Robert Watson,
252 Beverley Street,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

[Handwritten initials]

(SGD) J. W. C. BARCLAY
DEPUTY SECRETARY PERSONNEL

[Handwritten initials]

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

NAME IN FULL WATSON, Norman Russell RANK/RATING Stoker 1/c OFF. NO. 9654 ADDRESS

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL
												1939-45	1	8 star
<i>Spadi</i>	<i>14-6-40</i>											ATLANTIC	1	8 star
<i>Westashwin</i>	<i>2-1-41</i>	<i>19-1-41</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>u coast</i>								FRANCE G.		
<i>Agansey</i>	<i>23-1-41</i>	<i>17-9-41</i>	<i>238</i>	<i>atlantic</i>								AFRICA	2	4 clasps
<i>Chicoutimis</i>	<i>12-2-42</i>	<i>24-3-42</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>"</i>								PACIFIC		
<i>Louiseburg</i>	<i>27-8-42</i>	<i>6-2-43</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>" AFRICA</i>								BURMA		
												ITALY		
		<i>12-1-43</i>		<i>W coast</i>								DEFENCE		
		<i>6-2-43</i>										C.V.S.M.	2	4 clasps
												" CLASP		
												WAR 1945	1	medal
												WAR 1915		
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AWARDS NAVY

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WATSON Norman Russell		V-9654	Sto.1	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT


WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	<p><i>Medals Ret'd Undelivered</i></p> <p>CANCELLED 49 RET'D TO STOCK.</p>
Atlantic Star	
Africa Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	<p>03-79538 M</p>  <p>P</p>

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

RCNVR Nov. 45 "LOUISBURG"

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Robert Watson - Father

555 ~~252~~ Beverley Street,

ADDRESS: Winnipeg, Man. Corres. on file.

*No later
address
24.2.43*

(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER deceased

ADDRESS:

(3)

SERVICE

NAME: *Watson, Norman Russell*

O.N. *09654*

PRESENT RANK/RATING: *Stoker II*

DATE TAKEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE: *14/6/40.*

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SERVICE

<u>SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<i>Naden</i>	<i>21. 6. 40.</i>	<i>1. 1. 41</i>
<i>Utasquin</i>	<i>2. 1. 41</i>	<i>19. 1. 41.</i>
<i>Naden</i>	<i>20. 1. 41.</i>	<i>20. 1. 41</i>
<i>Agassiz</i>	<i>21. 1. 41.</i>	<i>11. 2. 42</i>
<i>Chicoutimi</i>	<i>12. 2. 42.</i>	<i>8. 5. 42</i>
<i>Cornwallis</i>	<i>9. 5. 42.</i>	<i>16. 7. 42</i>
<i>Stadacona</i>	<i>17. 7. 42.</i>	<i>13. 8. 42</i>
<i>Louisburg</i>	<i>14. 8. 42.</i>	

*Canada - High Seas
13/2/43*

WILL: *No.*

NAME & ADDRESS OF
NEXT OF KIN: *Father:
Robert Watson,
252 Beverley St
Winnipeg, Mani*

~~DISCHARGED PREVIOUSLY?~~

~~REASON:~~

~~DATE:~~

Initialled by: *M. Ferguson* Date: *13/2/43* Section: *R.C. 21*

Naval Personnel Reco