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ATTESTATION

M. O. Report page

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT U. of T. CONT. C. O. T. C.

REGTL. No. 3419087

1. Surname? (Block letters) WHITE W-300
2. Christian names? Donald Winchester
3. Present address? 1836 Queen St. E. Toronto
- Phone No. GR 9036
4. Date of Birth?* 11-6-40
5. British subject? yes
6. Occupation? clerk
7. Religion? Protestant
8. Next of Kin Mrs. Helen Mae White
9. Relationship? Wife
- Address 1836 Queen St. E. Toronto
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)
- 248706

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 6-0 Weight 140 Chest max 34 min 32

Descriptive marks.....

I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in Instructions for the R.C.A.M.C. and C.D.C. 1937 Appendix V and find him fit Category 1A

Date 1-10-40 Signature J. McCallum
Major, Reserve (M.A.)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned D. H. White do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers (made by me) to the foregoing questions are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of three years or until legally discharged, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement, that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN

I, D. H. White do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Signature of Witness P. P. P. Signature of Man D. H. White



Dated this first day of October 1940 at Toronto

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

The recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished by law. The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question and that his answer to each question has been duly entered and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath.

Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer [Signature]

Statement of Services

Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Annual Training, Qualification Certificates, etc.	Effective Date	Authority for Entry	Signatures of Officers Certifying Correctness of entries
Accepted for Service with effect from.....	1.10.40	PL II D-16 IF H 6	 Lt. Col. Officer Commanding  Unit.....
Completed Completed	days trng. L.H.Q. days trng. Camp	Paylist	
S.O.S.	1-3-41	D.O.17/41	A. Ragan (Lt. Col.)
S.O.S. date amended to	6-10-40	D.O.18/41	A. Ragan (Lieut)
Medals and Decorations			

NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur and certified by the Officer making the entry.

Attestations to be made out in duplicate, the original being forwarded to be filed in Regimental Orderly Room, the duplicate to be kept in the Battery, Squadron, Company, etc

THE CANADIAN ARMY—RESERVE PERSONNEL
CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

o/s
✓ 108056
30 June '44
Present

This Certifies that Lieut. Donald Winchester WHITE
(Regtl No.) (Rank) (Name in full)
of Toronto County of York
Province of Ontario served continuously in the
2nd (Res) Battalion, The Irish Regiment of Canada
(Regiment or Corps)
from the 8th day of February 1943, to
the 15th day of May 1944, and is now discharged
therefrom, and that he attended and completed Annual Training for the years
1943.

(Each year separately, in figures)

Fifteen Months

(Total number of years, in words)

D. W. White LT
(Signature of Soldier)

Place Toronto

Date 30 May 19 44

Commanding D. W. White
(Sqn, Bty or Coy.)
Major & Adjutant,
2nd (R) Bn. Irish Regt.
of Canada.
† Commanding
(Regt. or Corps)

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† Note: Not required in the case of an Independent or Detached Squadron, Battery or Company.

M. F. B. 650

25M-4-43 (10/56)
H.Q. 1772-39-65





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75M-8-43 (1526)
N.S. 815-11-5

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[Handwritten signature]

ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME WHITE OFFICIAL No. V-28056
CHRISTIAN NAMES Donald Winchester MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Married

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>464 Spadina Rd, Toronto, Ontario</u>	<u>Pres.</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>11th June, 1911</u>	Town <u>Moose Jaw</u>	(wife) <u>Mrs. Ida-Mae White,</u> <u>SAME ADDRESS.</u>
*Original Nationality of:	County	
Father <u>British</u>	Province <u>Saskatchewan</u>	
Mother <u>British</u>		

*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 32</u>	Inflated <u>35</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hazel</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Scar on right wrist</u>
Inches <u>108</u>	Deflated <u>32</u>				
<u>134</u>	Mean <u>33</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Senior Matric</u> <u>4 yrs University</u>	<u>Sales Manager,</u> <u>Gray-Bonney Tool Co., Ltd.,</u> <u>710 St. Clarens Ave.,</u> <u>Toronto, Ont.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>DIV. STRENGTH</u> <u>30th May, 1944</u>	<u>ORD SEN</u> <u>RCNVR (Tom)</u>	<u>"YORK"</u>

(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, Air Force, Reserve or Territorial Force.
- * (b) I served in RESERVE ARMY 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
<u>2nd (R) Btn The Irish</u> <u>Regiment of Canada</u>	<u>2nd LIEUT.</u>	<u>8th Feb, 1943</u>	<u>15th May, 1944</u>

(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.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I 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 when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, 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.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as..... by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 30th day of May, 1944

Signature of applicant *D. J. White*

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that 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 30th

day of May, 1944

My authority for attestation is.....

B. B. Kealey
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

SUB. LIEUT. RCNVR

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, *Donald Winchester* 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 *D. J. White*

Witness.....

Rank *B. B. Kealey*
SUB. LIEUT. RCNVR

Date 30th May, 1944

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

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters immediately after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.

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 National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Donald Winchester WHITE

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

N.S. 141081

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number... <i>U-88056</i>
	<i>H.M.B.S. "York"</i>	"

Date of Birth... <i>11 June 1911</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Wife - Mrs. Elsie Mae White - Same</i>
Place of Birth... <i>Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan</i>	
Place of Residence... <i>464 Spadina Rd. Toronto Ontario</i>	
Trade brought up to... <i>Sales Manager</i>	
Religion... <i>Presbyterian</i>	
Can Swim:—P.P.T. <i>✓</i> Date <i>14 Sep</i> 19 <i>44</i> Signature <i>D.L. Grayling</i> Rank <i>St.</i>	
P.S.T. Date 19 Signature Rank	

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
	<i>30 May 44</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities Ord Emn.</i>				

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>	<i>33 1/2</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>Black Hazel</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Scar on right wrist</i>	
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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
	<i>Divisional strength</i>					
	<i>York</i>		<i>Ord Smn</i>	<i>30 May 44</i>	<i>27 June 44</i>	
	<i>On Active Service</i>					
	<i>York</i>		<i>-11-</i>	<i>28 June 44</i>	<i>30 June 44</i>	
	<i>Penob</i>		<i>-11-</i>	<i>July 44</i>	<i>28 Aug 44</i>	
	<i>Cornwallis</i>		<i>-11-</i>	<i>29 Aug 44</i>	<i>7 Oct 44</i>	
	<i>(Sans Pareil)</i>		<i>-11-</i>	<i>8 Oct 44</i>	<i>14 Oct 44</i>	
	<i>Cornwallis</i>		<i>-11-</i>	<i>15 Oct 44</i>	<i>20 Oct 44</i>	
	<i>- " - St. Francis</i>		<i>-11-</i>	<i>21 Oct 44</i>	<i>18 Nov 44</i>	
	<i>Cornwallis</i>		<i>-11-</i>	<i>19 Nov 44</i>	<i>27 Dec 44</i>	
	<i>- " -</i>		<i>A.B</i>	<i>27 Dec 44</i>	<i>19 Jan 45</i>	<i>169109</i>
	<i>Sealion</i>		<i>-11-</i>	<i>20 Jan 45</i>	<i>25 Jan 45</i>	
	<i>Stadscna (Esquimaux)</i>		<i>-11-</i>	<i>26 Jan 45</i>	<i>16 Apr 45</i>	<i>D.D. 33846</i>

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

Date	Details	Captain's Signature

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20.
20.

V88056

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V88056

NAME WHITE Donald Winchester DATE OF BIRTH 11th June, 1911.
 (Surname) (Given Names)
 PLACE OF BIRTH Moose Jaw, Sask. OCCUPATION Sales Manager.
 RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATION Senior Matric., 4 yrs. University.
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 464 Spadina Road, Town Toronto, Province, etc. Ont.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
30	5	44	H.O.	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Black	Hazel	Medium	Scar on right wrist.	2nd (R) Btn. The Irish Regt of Canada	2nd Lieut	8/2/'43	15/5/'44.

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mrs. Ida Mae NAME (in pencil) Wife
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Burda Town Shawanaga Province, etc. Ont.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				14	9	44	P.P.T. "Good"				
				20	9	44	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 Day				
				19	12	44	P.P.T. (Good)				

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		

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

Eligible to count 1 Year, 98 Days
 Can. Army Reserve Service towards GSB.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From _____ To _____

O.H.F. RECEIVED.
 Last Will & Testament #30939 Received



V88056 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME WHITE
(Surname)

Donald Winchester.
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V88056

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualif.	
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month
H.M.C.S. YORK	Ord. Smn.	30	5	44	Div. Str. Toronto.	V.G.	Sat	31	12	44						
		28	6	44	Act.Serv. DL. 17.12.44	V.G.	Supr	16	4	45						
Prevost	"	1	7	44	DL. 1.7.44											
Cornwallis	"	28	8	44	DL. 28.8.44											
Scotian	"	19	1	45	DRDS#467 P.8											
Esquimalt	"	26	1	45	DRD. S. #489 P.2											
	Able Seaman	27	12	44	Rated 249A/A69109)											
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	"Killed in Action" (Casualty List)											

GENERAL REMARKS

Failed to pass Promotion Bard held in HMCS Cornwallis 27.12.44 (249A/A69108)
 Candian Memorial Cross Awarded to Wife. Mrs. Ida M. White Box 261 Cananoque Ontario Date 5.6.45
 Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to Mother Mrs. Olive Mowat White 628 Homewood Ave., Peterborough Ont. Date 19.7.45

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S. RECONQUER at Sea

Name WHITE, Donald Winchester
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-88056 RCMVR
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Kross Bay, Sask. Date of Birth 11th June, 1911

Occupation in Civil Life Sales Manager 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) 30th May, 1944 - 16th April, 1945

Date of Death 16th April, 1945 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Boat at Sea - enemy action
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Ida White Relationship wife
Address Box 261, Gannock, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not Known

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not Known

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 Peterboro, Ont. Date of Burial * * * * *
(if known) (if known)

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

Undertaker employed * * * * *
(if any)

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

H. J. Gagan
Commanding Officer,
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*Noted,
1/3-2/15
DPAIS*

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

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ESTATES CARD
JUN 1 1945
D.N.P.A. SECT. 11
 M. M. O.

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

COP HALIFAX

From:

NSHQ

V-88056

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CNF BODY OF DONALD W WHITE ABLE SMN O.N. V-88056 TO BE
FORWARDED TO MR H J WHITE 628 HOMEWOOD AVENUE PETERBORO
WHO IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNERAL. REQUEST NSHQ
BE INFORMED ETA

181935Z

PASSED TO HALIFAX AT 182140Z

T/T

P/L

18/4/45

SW

4460

DRAFTED BY DPR (LIEUT (S) T F HEARD)
FILE NO NS V-88056 PERS (N)

19 April, 1945. 16

Dear Mrs. White:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 17th of April, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Donald Winchester White, Able Seaman, Official Number V-88056, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been killed in action.

For security reasons, the only information which may be released at this time is that your husband's death was due to enemy action.

As you are aware, his body was recovered, and, in accordance with your wishes, is being sent, at public expense, to Peterboro, Ont. As soon as the date and time of arrival in Peterboro of your husband's body is known, you will be notified immediately.

It is requested that you will regard the name of the ship in which he was serving, together with the fact that she has been in contact with the enemy, as secret until 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.


Mrs. Ida M. White,
Box 261,
Gananoque, Ont.

7 May, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. White:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I am passing on the following particulars regarding the loss of H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which your husband was serving. This information is now being released for publication.

H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty off the east coast of Canada. One Officer and fifteen ratings were killed at the time of the disaster, four Officers and twenty-four ratings are missing and now presumed dead, while two Officers and twenty-four ratings survived the sinking.

The following is an excerpt from the report of a Canadian Naval Press Relations Officer who was in contact with survivors of the ill-fated ship.

"Struck by a torpedo on the starboard side, H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT" listed heavily, and sank stern first in a few minutes. The ship's list had the seaboard under water and flooded before it could be released from the davits, but carley floats were freed quickly before the ship went down, and those who escaped from the ship gathered on four of these floats.

"It was from the four floats that a sister Bangor minesweeper, H.M.C.S. "SARNIA", picked up the survivors nearly six hours later. Many who had reached the floats safely had died of exposure on the floats, from the soaking in the cold sea water, and sixteen bodies were taken aboard the rescue craft.

"In spite of the rapidity with which the ship heeled over and slid under the surface there was no panic or confusion", a surviving Officer reported. Everyone he had seen had been calmly and quickly abandoning ship.

"Many men had died in the floats, and their bodies were brought aboard H.M.C.S. "SARNIA" with the survivors.

"Artificial respiration was given to some of the unconscious men for hours after they were picked up, but only two men were revived."

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

Yours sincerely,

Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

DIRECTORATE
OF
PERSONNEL RESEARCH

Mrs. Ida M. White,
Box 261,
Gananoque, Ont.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 8/5/45
Time 1200

D OF D 16-4-45

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

WHITE	Donald Winchester	V-88056	A.B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	1789
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Oct. 45 "ESQUIMALT"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

<p>(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO Mrs. Ida M. White - Widow ADDRESS: Box 261, Gananoque, Ont.</p>	<p>(1)</p>
<p>(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW Mrs. Ida M. White ADDRESS: Box 261, Gananoque, Ont.</p>	<p>(2) 5-6-45</p>
<p>(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER Mrs. Olive M. White ADDRESS: 628 Homewood Ave., Peterborough, Ont.</p>	<p>(3) 19-7-45</p>
	<p>MEMORIAL BAR DATE DESP..... REGN. NO. 34</p>