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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME Agnew OFFICIAL NO. V1383
CHRISTIAN NAMES John MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS Central Royalty P.E.I. RELIGION Protestant

DATE OF BIRTH 21 April 1922 PLACE OF BIRTH Central Royalty P.E.I. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN (7) Alexander Agnew, Same address

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>35 1/2</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>None</u>
Inches <u>3 3/4</u>	Deflated <u>32</u>	<u>Brown</u>			
<u>121</u>	Mean <u>33 1/4</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>18th Sept. 1940</u>	<u>Ord. Seaman</u>	<u>messenger C.N. Telegraphs</u>

(B) DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:—

- That I am a British Subject domiciled in Canada.
- 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.
- 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

- I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.
- That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Personnel Records Division

1. Index Card.....
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3. Statistical Card.....
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5. Pension Card.....
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DATE 1/10/40

Handwritten initials

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Charlottetown Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for ^{duration of war} ~~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 18th day of September 1940

Signature of applicant John Agnew

(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 September 1940 day of September 1940

B. Bicknell
Signature of Commanding Officer,
A/Lieut R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John Agnew 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 John Agnew

Witness B. Bicknell

Date 18-9-40 Rank A/Lieut (R.C.N.V.R.)

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

John Agnew 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 Charlottetown Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

B. Bicknell
Commanding Officer,
A/Lieut R.C.N.V.R.

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.

SERVICE CERTIFICATE

N. V. No. 17
3M-10-39 (2176)
N.S. 815-11-17

OF

Name in full John Agnew, Company / Charlottetown Division

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Training Headquarters Charlottetown H.Q. Official Number V-1383

Date of Birth 21st April, 1922.

Place of Birth Central Royalty, P.E.I.

Usual Place of Residence Central Royalty, P.E.I. *Mrs. Jean A. (mother) & Charlottetown Royalty, P.E.I.*

Trade brought up to Messenger, CN Telegraph.

Name and Address of next of kin (F) Alexander Agnew, same address.

Religious Denomination Protestant.

Can Swim _____

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE

DATE OF ACTUAL VOLUNTEERING	DATE OF ENROLMENT	PERIOD VOLUNTEERED FOR	RATING ON ENROLMENT	MEDALS, DECORATIONS, ETC.	
				DATE RECEIVED	NATURE OF DECORATION
18th Sept., 1940.	18th Sept. 1940.	Duration of War.	Ord. Sea.	21 Nov 43	Ribbon for 1939-43 Star

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

	HEIGHT		COMPLEXION	HAIR	EYES	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	FEET	INCHES				
On Entry	5-	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fair.	Brown	Blue.	None.
On attaining 28 years						
Further Description if necessary						

V1383

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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NAME AGNEW John DATE OF BIRTH 21st April, 1922.
 (Surname) (Given Names)
 PLACE OF BIRTH Central Royalty, P.E.I. OCCUPATION Messenger.
 RELIGION Protestant. EDUCATION _____
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. _____ Town Central Royalty. Province, etc. P.E.I.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
18	9	40	H.O.	5' 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	D.Brn.	Blue	Fair				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs Alex Agnew
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. R.R.#6 Royalty Town Charlottetown Province, etc. P.E.I.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
9	2	44	C.V.S.M. & Clasp. 1939-43 Star. Atlantic Star. War Medal 1939-45								

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		
					HMCS Athabaskan.	24	29	5	43	Improper leave. (19521).	Reduced to 2nd class for Conduct

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

FILM

NO.

W1A-5216-7

DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

29.5.43(19521)

To

28.8.43 (19791).



V1383 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME AGNEW John
(Surname) (Given Names)

P.I.B. OFFICIAL NUMBER 383

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
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	Ord. Snn.	18	9	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40	A.A. 111.	8	9	42			
Stadacona	"	2	10	40		V.G.	Sat.	30	12	41							
Prince Henry	"	30	11	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
"	Able Snn.	18	9	41		Fair	Mod.	31	12	43							
Naden	"	20	7	42		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Cornwallis	"	10	8	42													
Stadacona	"	10	9	42													
Athabaskan	"	27	10	42													
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing Per Casualty List. Presumed Dead per Casualty List page #-63.												

GENERAL REMARKS
 CANADIAN MEMORIAL CROSS:
 MOTHER: Mrs. Alex. AGNEW,
 R.R. #-6 Royalty,
 CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE ME
NAVAL GENERAL

NAME IN FULL *AGNEW John* RANK/RATING ..

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	FR
	FROM	TO	DAYS		
	18-9-40				
<i>Pr. Henry</i>	<i>4-12-40</i>	<i>19-7-42</i>	<i>593</i>	<i>W.C. Atl.</i>	
<i>Tribal II</i>	<i>28-10-42</i>	<i>4-11-42</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>atl.</i>	
<i>nohe</i>	<i>5-11-42</i>	<i>4-3-43</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>UK</i>	
<i>Sherness</i>	<i>5-3-43</i>	<i>8-6-43</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>atl.</i>	
<i>nohe</i>	<i>9-6-43</i>	<i>4-9-43</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>UK</i>	
<i>Athabasca</i>	<i>5-9-43</i>	<i>29-4-44</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>atl.</i>	
	<i><u>Dutch Dead 29-4-</u></i>				

VERIFIED BY *Roger Leggett*

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CERTIFICATION FORM
 MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

A. B. OFF. NO. *V-1383* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
						1939-45	/	<i>star</i>
						ATLANTIC	/	<i>star</i>
						FRANCE G.		
						AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE	/	<i>medal</i>
						C.V.S.M.	2	<i>clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
<i>64</i>						WAR 1945	/	<i>medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *R.L.*

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 DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

Information extracted from Naval Service Headquarters' Records.

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. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name ACNEW, John (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-1383 R.C.M.V.R. (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Central Royalty P.E.I. Date of Birth 21st April, 1922

Occupation in Civil Life Messenger Religion Protestant (Denomination Unknown)

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) From 18th Sep., 1940 to 29th April, 1944

Date of Death 29th April, 1944 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

Nearest known relative or friend. Name Mrs. Alex Agnew Relationship Mother Address R.R. #6 Royalty, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 1st May, 1944

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 No 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

ENTERED IN S.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 19 1945 S.P. CLERK No. 1

H.B. Money Commanding Officer for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. OTTAWA, Ont. Jan. 1945

The NAVAL SECRETARY, Naval Board 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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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL
N.S. V-1383 Pers.(N)



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1 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Agnew:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, John Agnew, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-1383, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your son's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Able Seaman Agnew is reported as "missing", there is a possibility of his survival. It is understood that a number of the crew have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy. The Red Cross have been informed and are attempting to obtain from the German Government a list of those taken. Please be assured that as soon as any further information respecting your son has been received you will be informed.

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.

Handwritten initials in red ink.

Mrs. Alex Agnew,
R.R. # 6 Royalty,
CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

D OF D 29-4-44

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

AGNEW	John	V-1383	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	3. 5.10.49
Atlantic Star	
Defence Medal	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Oct. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEMORIALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Alexander Agnew - Father

ADDRESS:

R.R. # 6,
Royalty, CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS Mrs. Alex Agnew
MOTHER

ADDRESS:

RR # 6, Royalty,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

MEMORIAL B R

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 203

(2)

(3) 31-1-45