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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME ALLISON OFFICIAL NO. V-8402
CHRISTIAN NAMES ALBERT ERNEST MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 166 Grosvenor Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario. RELIGION Presbyterian

DATE OF BIRTH September 1st, 1913 PLACE OF BIRTH Town Hamilton, County Wentworth, Province Ontario. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN (brother) James Allison, 27 Munroe Street, Hamilton, Ontario.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... <u>5</u>	Inflated..... <u>37</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Scar on right lower leg.</u>
Inches..... <u>9</u>	Deflated..... <u>34</u>				
<u>wt. 148</u>	Mean..... <u>35½</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT 18th July, 1940 RATING ENROLLING FOR Ordinary Seaman TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY (Wire Inspector) Boston Insulated Wire Co., Hamilton, Ontario.

(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 not applicable 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.

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Records llh
 2. Index Card llh
 3. Non-Sub. Card llh
 4. Statistical Card llh
 5. Ribbon Strip llh
 6. Pension Card llh
 7.
 8.
 DATE July 31, 1940

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(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Hamilton 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 Eighteenth day of July, 1940

Signature of applicant Albert Ernest Allison

(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 eighteenth day of July, 1940

M. R. Morrison
Signature of Commanding Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, ALBERT ERNEST ALLISON 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 Albert Ernest Allison

Witness R. Stewart Jr.

Date 18th July, 1940 Rank Acting Lieutenant

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

ALBERT ERNEST ALLISON 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 Hamilton Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

M. R. Morrison
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.

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SERVICE CERTIFICATE

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

OF

Name in full ALLISON Albert Ernest Company HAMILTON

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

N.S. I.D. 22535

Training Headquarters Halifax Official Number V 8402

Date of Birth September 1st 1913

Place of Birth Hamilton, Ontario,

Usual Place of Residence 166 Grosvenor Avenue, Hamilton, Ont.

Trade brought up to Wire Inspector

Name and Address of next of kin *(Mrs) Dorothy J. Allison, 143 Young Street, Hamilton, Ont.*

Religious Denomination Presbyterian *24/11/41*

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
July 13/40	July 18/40	Hostilities	Ord. Smn.	21 Nov 1943	Ribbon for 1939-43 Star

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

	HEIGHT		COMPLEXION	HAIR	EYES	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	FEET	INCHES				
On Entry	5	9	Fair	Brown	Blue	Scar on right lower limb.
On attaining 28 years						
Further Description if necessary						

ACTIVE SERVICE

SHIP'S NAME	LIST AND No.	RATING	FROM	TO	CHARACTER	ABILITY	CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE
Stadacona (Ham D. 42)		Ord Imm.	18 Aug 1940	2 Oct '40			
"Stadacona"	-	-	3 Oct '40	19 Nov '40			
Venture	-	-	20 Nov '40	31 Dec. '40	VG	Sat.	<i>W. Beary</i>
"	-	-	1 Jan. '41	26 Mch '41			
Stadacona	-	-	27 Mch '41	27 Mch '41			
Salopian	-	-	28 Mch '41	28 Apr '41			
Stadacona	-	-	29 Apr '41	1 June '41			
St. Laurent	-	-	2 June '41	31 July '41			
"	-	act. A.B.	1 Aug '41	29 Aug '41			
"	-	A.B.	30 Aug '41	27 Nov '41	"R"		
St. Laurent	-	-	10 Dec '41	31 Dec '41	Fair	Sat.	<i>H. Adams</i>
"	-	-	1 Jan '42	7 Jan '42			
Stadacona	-	-	8 Jan '42	8 Jan '42			
Venture (Sunbeam)	-	-	9 Jan '42	30 Apr '42			
Stad (- - -)	-	-	1 May '42	18 May '42			
Stadacona	-	-	19 May '42	27 Oct '42			
Noble	-	-	28 Oct '42	31 Dec '42	Good	Sat.	<i>H. Kingley</i>
"	-	-	1 Jan '43	3 Feb '43			
Noble (Schabacker)	-	-	4 Feb '43	31 Dec '43	Fair	Sat.	<i>E. Brock</i>
"	-	-	1 Jan '44	29 Apr '44	VG	Sat.	<i>Chisum</i>
					Presumed Dead	2 18 59	

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES			SERVICE BADGES		SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT		TIME FORFEITED			
DATE	1st, 2nd, 3rd	GRANTED, DEPRIVED, RESTORED	DATE	NUMBER	FROM	TO	FROM	P.D.G. C.P. W.T.	DATE DAYS	TO
							10 Dec '41	W.T.	4	
							15 Dec '41	D	28	
							17 Apr '42	D	14	
							16 Aug '43	D	28	

V8402

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-A-283

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V8402

NAME ALLISON,

(Surname)

Albert Ernest

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

1 September, 1913

PLACE OF BIRTH Hamilton, Ont.

OCCUPATION

Wire Inspector

RELIGION Presbyterian

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

166 Grosvenor Ave.

Town

Hamilton

Province, etc

Ont.

ENGAGEMENTS			DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year								From	To
18	7	40	5'9"	brown	blue	fair	Scar on R. lower leg.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

449

Town

Province, etc.

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	
21	11	43	1939/43 Star. (20069) Atlantic Star C.V.S.M. (R&C) War Medal 1939-45	14	10	40	Qual. A/G 1 day				
				16	11	40	Marked "TR"				

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		
					SAMBRO (ST. LAURENT)	17	15	12	41	Desertion	28 days detention
					VENTURE (Sunbeam)	391	17	4	42	Drunk on duty	14 days detention
					ATHABASCAN	36	16	8	43	Drunk on board	28 days detention

O.H.F. Received.

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					In diff. Char.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	
15	12	41		28				
17	4	42		14				
28	8	43		28				

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

FILM
NO. N58-5205-4
DATE

N.S.G.
APPLICATION
4380
RECEIVED

V8402

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME ALLISON,
(Surname)

Albert, Ernest.
(Given Names)

P.I.B. 1
OFFICIAL NUMBER

V8402

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
Div. Str. Hamilton	Ord. Snn.	18	7	40		V.G.	Sat.	27	11	41							
Duty Div. Hdqrs.	"	1	8	40		Good	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	"	1	10	40		Fair	Sat.	31	12	43							
Venture	"	5	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	"	27	3	41													
HMS Salopian	"	28	3	41													
Stadacona	"	29	4	41													
St. Laurent	"	2	6	41													
"	A.B.	1	8	41													
"	"	27	11	41	"Deserted" (SC)												
"	"	10	12	41	"Returned" (SC)												
Stadacona	"	7	1	42	Via Detention.												
Venture (Sunbeam)	"	9	1	42													
Stadacona	"	1	5	42	DRD												
Nicobe	"	28	10	42	D.R.D. Athabaskan 4-2-43.												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing (Casualty List)												
					Presumed "DEAD" Casualty List Page 63												

GENERAL REMARKS
 Awarded Can. Memorial Cross to:
 Wife: Mrs. Dorothy Allison,
 449 Barton St. East, Apt. I,
 Hamilton, Ont. on 31-1-45.

Recd "27/1/41" 134347 22749

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION		P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	TRAF
01	9	13	11	272	0	50	X	1	55	02	0	30	0	08	95
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.	RANK OR RATE				
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.		A	BR	RANK		
18	07	40	01	08	40					0230	0	08	94		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED	CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
01	08	41	13	00	00	20	29-08-44				SW				

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

HMCS NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ont.

Name ALLISON, Albert Ernest (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-8402, R.C.N.V.R. (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Hamilton, Ontario Date of Birth 1st September, 1913

Occupation in Civil Life Wire Inspector 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) From 18th July, 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. (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend Name Mrs. Dorothy Allison Relationship Wife Address 449 Barton Street East, Apt. I, HAMILTON, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by HMCS 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 D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 19 1945 CLERK [signature]

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

Commanding Officer, OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January, 1945 [signature] for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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.

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

NAME IN FULL Amison, Albert Ernest..... RANK/RATING AB..... OFF. NO. U8407..... 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.
<u>STADACONA</u>	<u>1-8-40</u>											1939-45	1 Star
<u>SALOPIAN</u>	<u>28-3-41</u>	<u>28-4-41</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>atl</u>								ATLANTIC	1 Star
<u>ST. LAURENT</u>	<u>2-6-41</u>	<u>27-11-41</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>atl</u> <u>R</u>								FRANCE G.	
<u>ST. LAURENT</u>	<u>11-12-41</u>	<u>7-1-42</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>atl (C)</u>								AFRICA	
<u>SUNBEAM</u>	<u>9-1-42</u>	<u>18-5-42</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>atl</u>								PACIFIC	
<u>ATHABASKAN</u>	<u>28-10-42</u>	<u>29-4-44</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>atl</u>								BURMA	
<u>Disch-Dead</u>												ITALY	
<u>to date 29/4/44</u>												DEFENCE	
												C.V.S.M.	2 + Clasp
												" CLASP	
												WAR 1945	1 Medal
												WAR 1915	

Medals Forfeited. Earned Prior to Run.

1939-45 Star.

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

1 Medal

2 cards free

VERIFIED BY J. Rae.....

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DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

LAMER M

N.S. V8402 PERS(N)

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Allison:

I must regretfully inform you that since your husband was reported missing no further information has been received of his survival or that he is a prisoner of war.

I wish to assure you, however, that the Department makes every endeavour to discover the fate of missing men and draws upon all likely sources of information about them.

In the case of men who are believed to be prisoners of war continuous efforts are made to speed up the machinery whereby their names and camp addresses can reach this country. The official means is by lists of names prepared by the enemy government. These lists take some time to compile, especially if there is a long journey from the place of capture to a prisoners of war camp. Consequently "capture cards", filled in by the prisoners themselves soon after capture and sent home to their relatives, are often the first news received in this country that a man is a prisoner of war.

Very slight hope is now held, however, that your husband is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.

Even if no news is received that a missing man is a prisoner of war, endeavours to trace him do not cease. Enquiries are pursued, not only among those who were serving with him, but also through diplomatic channels and the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. The moment reliable news is obtained from any of these sources it is sent to the Department and is immediately passed on to the next of kin.

Should no information be received to the contrary your husband will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 10/10/44
Time 18:30

Mrs. Dorothy Allison,
449 Barton St. E.,
Apt. 1,
HAMILTON, Ont.

[Handwritten initials]

[Handwritten initials]

LA/CAM

28 October, 1946.

N.S.V-8402, PERS.(N) "N"/4a

Dear Mrs. Allison:

With reference to your letter of the 19th of October, 1946, every effort to locate the graves of Canadian Naval Personnel who lost their lives in the European Theatre of War is being made by the Canadian Naval Authorities Overseas in conjunction with the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries, London, England, and the Searcher Parties, representative of the three Services, which are still operating on the Continent. Any news is immediately passed on to the next-of-kin concerned. No information has been received, however, of a grave for your husband, the late Albert Ernest Allison, Able Seaman, Official Number V-8402, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.

From various reports received, it has been learned that along the coast of Finistere, France, at Brignogan, Plouescat, Santec and L'Aberwrach shortly after the tragic sinking of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", bodies from this ship were recovered and buried. Of approximately seventy bodies known to have been recovered in this region, only three however, were definitely identified. In many cases all positive means of identification were surreptitiously taken from the bodies by the Germans and retained by them and these bodies were buried as unidentified.

It is understood that the citizens of these French towns looked after the burials and held funeral Services even against the wishes of the Germans.

Should any news regarding your late husband ever be received, you will be informed immediately.

Yours sincerely,

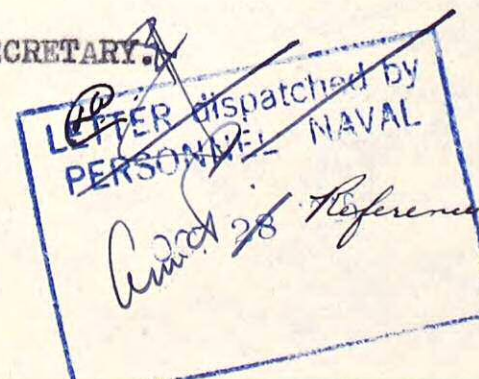
AS.

NAVAL SECRETARY.

Mrs. Dorothy Allison,
141 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sherman Ave. N.,
HAMILTON, Ontario.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

J. de la
Date 30/10
Time 1030



D of D 29-4-44

F DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

(1) AWARDS RUN

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

ALLISON	Albert Ernest	V-8402	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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR "ATHABASKAN" Nov. 45

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Dorothy Allison - Widow

ADDRESS: ~~449 Barton St., East, 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Bend Ave., N.~~
~~Apt. #1, HAMILTON, Ont.~~

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

Mrs. Dorothy Allison

ADDRESS: 141 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sherman Avenue, N.
Hamilton, Ontario.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Deceased

ADDRESS:

(1) MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 1920

(2)

31-1-45

(3)