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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

ASHTON

SURNAME..... OFFICIAL NO. U-31508
CHRISTIAN NAMES PERCY GEORGE MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
4 Humbert St., Toronto, Ont.		C. of E.
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
18 July '24	Town Toronto, County York, Province Ontario.	Mother: Elizabeth: Same address.
*Original Nationality of: Father English Mother English		

*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
5 Feet.....	Inflated..... 34	Black	Brown	Med.	None.
7 1/2 Inches.....	Deflated..... 31				
	Mean..... 32 1/2				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
1 year Technical	Shipper: Chantler Manufacturing Co., 364 Richmond St. W., Toronto, Ont.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
Divisional Strength 19 Mch. '42	Ord. Smn. RCNVR. (Temp)	H.M.C.S. "YORK"

(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 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 Toronto Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake to 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 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.

(d) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this 19th day of Me. 142

Signature of applicant P. Ashton

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING 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 19th day of Me. 142

W. S. Wright
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, PERCY GEORGE ASHTON 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 P. Ashton

Witness W. S. Wright

Date 19 Me. 142 Rank Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

PERCY GEORGE ASHTON 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 Toronto Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

W. S. Wright
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.

19 Me. 142 R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. "YORK"
194 (or other establishment)

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.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Seaman Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

P. Ashton
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Percy George Ashton

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Amcs "York" Toronto</i>	Official Number <i>V-31508</i>
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Date of Birth *18 July '24*
 Place of Birth *Toronto, Ont.*
 Place of Residence *4 Humbers St., Toronto, Ont.*
 Trade brought up to *Shipper*
 Religion *C. D. C.*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
*Mother: Elizabeth:
Same address*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date *19* Signature _____ Rank _____
 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>19 Feb '42</i>	<i>Overboard</i>	<i>Ord. Sman</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>7 1/4</i>	<i>32 1/4</i>	<i>173</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Med</i>	<i>None</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

V31508

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-A-854

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V31508

NAME ASHTON (Surname) Percy George (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 18 July, 1924PLACE OF BIRTH Toronto, Ontario OCCUPATION ShipperRELIGION Church of England EDUCATION 1 yr. TechnicalRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 4 Humbert St., Town Toronto, Province, etc. Ontario.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
19	3	42	H.O.	5' 7 1/2"	black	brown	medium	none				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs Elizabeth AshtonADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 4 Humbert St. Town Toronto Province, etc. Ontario

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	
				17	10	42	Marked "TR" (249A, #11092)				

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		
					CORNWALLIS	309	6	9	43	Wilfully disobey 2. Superior Officer	5 days cells

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					O.H.F. Received	
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial		In diff. Char.
6	9	43			5				Last Will & Testament dated 19-3-42 received

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

FILM
NO. WAR 5524-4
DATE



P.I.B.

V31508 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME ASHTON
(Surname)

Percy George
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V31508

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
HMCS "York"	Ord. Smn.	19	3	42	Div. Str. Toronto	V.G.	Sat.	14	6	42	Q&B Q.R.3	9	11	43			
" "	"	28	4	42	Active Service	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
HMCS "Cornwallis"	"	19	8	42	8161-176828	V.G.*	Sat.	31	12	43							
HMCS "Protector"	"	21	10	42	2161-55703	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
"Cornwallis"	A/A.B.	28	4	43	Rated, 219A/14559												
" "	"	25	8	43	DRD H-2121												
Protector	"	17	11	43	WRD #37												
Stadacona	"	16	2	44	#68 P.1												
Niobe	"	6	3	44	S.#93 P.9 for Whalman												
Athabaskan	"	21	3	44	DRD N-150												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	"Missing" per Casualty list.	Presumed Dead.											

Per Casualty List.

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to
Mother: Mrs. Elizabeth Ashton,
4 Humbert St.,
Toronto, Ont. 22.2.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE	CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV.	ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK		
18	7	24	11	840	0	30	2	156	14	0	23	0	08	45		
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.				ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE				
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.				DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK
19	03	42	28	04	42								9740	1	01	98
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	H.P.			CODED			CHECKED			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
28	04	43	12	12	00	20	24-04-44			7/4			L.H.			

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, Ont.

Name ASHTON Percy George (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-31508 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Toronto, Ontario Date of Birth 18th July, 1924

Occupation in Civil Life Shipper Religion Church of England

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 19th March, 1942 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 Mrs. Elizabeth Ashton Relationship Mother Address 4 Humbert Street, TORONTO, Ontario

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters, 1 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

If applicable Place of Burial No burial Date of Burial Location, Number, etc., of grave Undertaker employed

ENTERED IN S.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 20 1945 G.P. CLERK No. 1

JAN 12 1945 for H.B. Money Commanding Officer SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

Date Ottawa, Ont., 12 January, 1945.

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, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

LA/YB

N.S.V-31508, F.D.119, PERS. (N)

14 February, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Percy George Ashton, Able Seaman, Official Number V-31508, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 29th of April, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.









LA/EY

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL
N. S. V-31508 PERS. (N)

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1/5 January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Ashton:

Further to my letter of the 10th of October, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Percy George Ashton, Able Seaman, Official Number V-31508, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 29th of April, 1944.

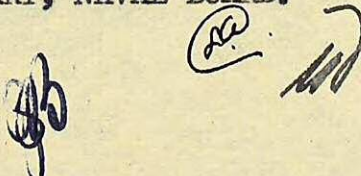
May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ashton,
4 Humbert Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.



Despatched by
Sec. N. E.

Date 15/1/45
Time 1800

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Ashton:

I must regretfully inform you that since your son 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 son 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 son 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,


 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ashton,
4 Humbert Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

.....
Date 10/10/44
Time 1800

RCNVR Sept. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Elizabeth Ashton - Mother

ADDRESS:

4 Humbert St.,
TORONTO, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. E. Ashton

ADDRESS:

4 Humbert St.,
Toronto, Ontario.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 1938

(2)

(3)

22-2-45

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

ASHTON	Percy George	V-31508	A.B.	FILE No.
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SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT
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WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	9092 22/11/49

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