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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BIANCO OFFICIAL NO. V34263
CHRISTIAN NAMES Anthony Dominic MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 284 Parkhill Road., Peterboro, Ont. RELIGION R.C.

DATE OF BIRTH 2 October 1924 *PLACE OF BIRTH
Town Peterboro NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mr. Nicola Bianco
County Peterboro (Father) same address
Province Ontario
*Original Nationality of:
Father Italian
Mother Italian

*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</u>	Inflated <u>36 1/2</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Birthmark on stomach</u>
Inches <u>7 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>34</u>				
	Mean <u>34 3/4</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING Grade 9 TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Student-Trade School
Canadian General Electric
Peterboro

DATE OF ENROLMENT Div.Str. 21 April 1942 RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Ord. Smn. R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED Kingston
Act.Serv. 21 April 1942 " " " "

(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.

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS
H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"
FAIR
Chapman
ROUGH
Robert

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*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.

Personnel Records Division.
1. Noted in Records... 2/13
2. Index Card... 2/13
3. Statistical Card...
4. Pension Card...
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6. ...
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8. ...
DATE

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Kingston 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 21st day of April 1942.

Signature of applicant Anthony Bianco

(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 21st day of April 1942.

Blainey Pty. Liout. R.C.N.V.R.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Anthony Dominic BIANCO 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 Anthony Bianco

Witness Blainey

Date 21 April 1942 Rank Pty Liout. 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

Anthony Dominic BIANCO 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 Kingston Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

Blainey Pty Liout. R.C.N.V.R.
Attesting Officer.

21 April 1942 R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) Kingston

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.

Anthony Bianco
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Anthony Dominic Bianco

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Kingston</i>	Official Number <i>V34263</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth <i>Oct 2nd 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mrs Nicole Bianco</i>
Place of Birth <i>Peterboro Ont</i>	<i>(Father)</i>
Place of Residence <i>284 Parkhill Rd Peterboro Ont</i>	<i>Same address</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Student Grade School (C.G.E.)</i>	<i>31-10-42</i>
Religion <i>R.C.</i>	

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	
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	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>	<i>34 3/4</i>	<i>143 1/2</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Tan</i>	<i>Bathmark on stomach</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

V34263

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-2937

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V34263

NAME BIANCO, (Surname) Anthony Dominic (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 2 October, 1924.PLACE OF BIRTH Peterboro, Ontario. OCCUPATION Student.RELIGION Roman Catholic. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 284 Parkhill Road, Town Peterboro, 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
21	4	42	Hostilities only	5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Brown	Brown	Medium	Birthmark on stomach				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Matthew 284 Parkhill Rd 26-4-43 NAME (in pencil) Mr. Michael BiancoADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 284 Parkhill Rd Town Peterboro 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	
1	4	44	1939-1943 Star	24	10	42	Marked "TR" (249A, #22554)				

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		

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NO. WAR 5600-7
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Received.
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									Last Will and Testament dated 26-11-42 received.

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Anthony Dominic

(Given Names)

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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 "Catarraqui"	Ord. Smn.	21	4	42	Div. Str. Kingston.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
HMCS Catarraqui	" "	21	4	42	Active Service	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
CORNWALLIS	" "	19	8	42	Kamloops 18/24-10-42.	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Restigouche (Via Stad)	" "	27	10	42	DRD #H/34.												
Avalon (CANCEL)	" "	30	10	42	Avalon DRD #133.												
Niebs	Able Seaman	21	4	43	Rated 219A 23/85												
Marlborough	"	8	10	43	DRD #284												
Niebs	"	29	10	43	DRD #307												
Athaskan	"	16	12	43	DRD #354 P1												
DISCHARGED	"	4	1	44	Ledgers												
		29	4	44	Missing Per C.L. Presumed Dead Per C.L.												

GENERAL REMARKS

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P	CTV	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	BR	RANK	
02	0	24	11	XXX	0	10	X	1	40	03	015	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			
21	04	42	21	04	42					9740	0	08	94		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB.		M.	H. FUTURE			CODED	CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
21	04	43	13	00	00	20	20/20/44								

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ont.

Name BIANCO Anthony Dominic (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-34263 R.C.N.V.R. (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Peterboro Date of Birth 2nd October, 1924.

Occupation in Civil Life Student-Trade School Religion Roman Catholic

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) 21st April, 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. "ATLABASKAN" 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 Mr. Nicola Bianco Relationship Father Address 284 Parkhill Road, Peterboro, Ont.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship's 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

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 R.N.P.'s LOG BOOK JAN 20 1945 G.P. CLERK No. 1

Commanding Officer, Ottawa, Ont., 12 January, 1945. Enc

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

H.B. Money 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.

LETTER DISPATCHED BY
PERSONNEL NAVAL
2-10-44

REGISTERED
AIR MAIL
NS: V-34263 Pers. (

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1 May, 1944.

Dear Mr. Bianco:

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, Anthony Dominic Bianco, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V34263, 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 Bianco 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,

[Handwritten Signature]
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Nicola Bianco,
284 Parkhill Road,
PETERBORO, Ontario.

[Red handwritten mark]

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mr. Bianco:

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,

[Handwritten signature]

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

A.S.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date *10/10/44*
Time *1800*

[Handwritten initials]
Mr. Nicola Bianco
284 Parkhill Road
PETERBORO, Ont.

RCNVR Dec. 44 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO **Mr. Nicola Bianco - Father**

ADDRESS: **284 Parkhill Road,
PETERBORO, Ont.**

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER **deceased**

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR
1) DATE DESP
REGN. NO <u>1948</u>

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)

D.D. WAR SERVICE RECORDS

BIANCO	Anthony Dominic	V-34263	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	10-3-10-49
Atlantic Star	
Africa Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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