

# ATTESTATION

## NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT 17th Field Battery Ca. REGT. No. 1456

1. What is your surname? (Block letters) BRANDSON
2. What are your Christian names? Thomas Leonard
3. What is your present address? 214 Waverley St Phone No. 403288
4. Employer's name and address? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Birth June 28 1915 6. (a) Country of Birth Canada (b) Nationality Canadian
7. Are you Single? yes Married? \_\_\_\_\_ Widower? Lutheran
8. What is your trade or calling? student 9. Religious persuasion? Lutheran
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service. \_\_\_\_\_  
Give particulars, qualifications, etc.  
scouts.

11. Name, Relationship and Address of Next of Kin.  
B. J. Brandson 214 Waverley St. wife

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5'11 1/2 Weight 155 Chest max. 34 1/2 min. 32  
Descriptive marks none

I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in Regulations for the Canadian Medical Services and find him fit Category A  
Date June 28 1933 Signature [Signature]

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned Thomas Brandson do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers to the foregoing questions made and signed by me 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, my employer or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN

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

[Signature] Signature of Witness [Signature] Signature of Man

Dated this 22nd day of June 1933 at Winnipeg

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

M.F.B. 235d.

100M-6-30

H.Q. 1772-39-545



## 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.....  June 22, 1933	22-6-33	Pt. 11 Or. 21 1/8/33	<i>J. P. Russell</i> Officer Commanding  Unit 17th. Fld. Bty.
Completed Annual Training in Camp from 24-6-33 to 1-7-33	1-7-33	Pt. 11 Or. 21 1/8/33	<i>J. P. Russell</i> Major
<i>Promoted P/Bombardier S. O. S.</i>	<i>17-5-34</i>	<i>P. O. 47, 21-5-34</i>	
	<i>5/3/35</i>	<i>P. O. 18, 14/3/35</i>	
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.

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# ATTESTATION

## NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT **University of Manitoba C. O. T. C.** REGTL. No. **H446683**

1. Surname? (Block letters) **BRANDSON**
2. Christian names? **Thomas Leonard**
3. Present address? **214 Waverley Street**  
Phone No. **403-288**
4. Date of Birth?\* **28-6-15** 5. British subject? **Yes**
6. Occupation? **Investment Analyst** 7. Religion? **Lutheran**
8. Next of Kin **Dr. B. J. Brandon** 9. Relationship? **Father**  
Address **214 Waverley St. Wpg.**
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service  
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)  
**Range taker 17th Battery R.C.A. Camp Hughes June 1933**

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height **7 1/8 inch** Weight **196 lb** Chest max **42"** min **40 1/4"**

Descriptive marks **Slightly wavy, the flat right.**

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..... Category **A.**

Date **October 3rd 1940.** Signature **[Signature]**

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned **THOMAS L. BRANDSON** 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, **THOMAS LEONARD BRANDSON** do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Signature of Witness **[Signature]** Signature of Man **[Signature]**

Dated this **4th** day of **Oct** 19**40** at **Winnipeg**

### 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.

**John Walker Major**  
Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer

**C.O.T.C.**



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Accepted for Service with effect from.....  OCT 4 1940	OCT 4 1940	Part II No. 29/40	J. L. Patton <i>Opt.</i> for. Officer Commanding  Unit..... 007.C.
S.O.2. on appointment to a commission in the R.C.N.V. 12.	10/12/40	Part II No. 2/41	J. L. Patton <i>Capt.</i>
Medals and Decorations			

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In accordance with N.S.H.Q. NS.62-21-5 B  
of 3rd December, 1940.



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2M-2-40 (4016)  
N.S. 815-11

NATIONAL ID  
**P095414**  
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NS. 103B.149

## ATTESTATION FORM

FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

### (A) DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

SURNAME <u>BRANDSON</u>		PERMANENT ADDRESS
CHRISTIAN NAME <u>Thomas Leonard</u>		<u>214 Waverley Street,</u>
RELIGION <u>Lutheran</u>		<u>WINNIPEG, Manitoba.</u>
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>28th June, 1915.</u>	Town <u>WINNIPEG</u> County Province <u>Manitoba.</u> Country	<u>Mother (Adalbjorg BRANDSON)</u>  <u>Same Address.</u>

### PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>41</u>	<u>Dark Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Nil.</u>
Inches <u>10</u>	Deflated <u>36<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub></u>				
	Mean <u>38</u>				
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RANK IN WHICH ENROLLED	MARRIED, SINGLE, OR WIDOWER	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
<u>11th December, 1940.</u>	<u>Probationary Paymaster Sub- Lieutenant.</u>  <u>Temp.</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Investment analyst (Great West Life Co.)</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 an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and will abide by the rules of the said Force.

(3) ~~I have never served and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force.~~

\* (b) I served in U. of M. C.O.T.C. for the period shown, and attach my record of service.

\* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>U. of M. C.O.T.C.</u>	<u>Cadet</u>	<u>4th October, 1940.</u>	<u>10th December, 1940.</u>

(c) I have never been rejected for 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.

(OVER)



(5) On being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I understand and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for as long as my services may be required, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the regulations made in pursuance thereof for the governing 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 provide myself with the necessary uniform as laid down in R.C.N.V.R. Regulations.

Dated this 11th day of December, 19 40.

Thomas L. Branson  
Signature of Applicant.

The above declaration was made and signed in my presence this 11th day of December, 19 40.

J. J. Payne  
Signature of Enrolling Officer.

(C) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Thomas Leonard BRANSON 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 Thomas L. Branson

Signature of Witness.....

Date 11th December, 1940.

Rank J. J. Payne

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by any commissioned officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—This form when completed is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, together with Certificate of medical examination B-207, and record of any previous service.

The record of previous service will be returned after examination at Naval Service Headquarters.



OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

103-B-149

0-8360

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

BRANDSON  
(Surname)

Thomas Leonard  
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

28 June 1915

PLACE OF BIRTH

Winnipeg, Manitoba.

OCCUPATION

Investment Analyst.

RELIGION

Lutheran

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

214 Waverley St.

Town

Winnipeg

Province, etc.

Manitoba

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
11	12	40	Hostilities only	5'10	D. Brn.	Brown	Fair	Nil	U. of Manitoba, C.O.T.C.	Cadet	4/10/40	10/12/40

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

WIFE

NAME (in pencil)

SHIRLEY BRANDSON

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

96 MRS. JAMES STEWART 6 "THE ALCALDE"  
DORCHESTER AVE.

Town

WINNIPEG

Province, etc.

MAN.

21.12.40

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY

DORCHESTER AVE.

EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
12	6	41	Result of Accountant Off. C 60%								

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. WSR 43-43-4  
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
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To

W.S.G.  
APPLICATION  
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V.R.  
0-8360

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BRANDSON  
(Surname)

Thomas Leonard  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 0-8360

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. Winnipeg	Pro Py Sub-Lt T	11	12	40													
Duty Div Hdqs Winnipeg	" " " "	1	3	41													
Stadacona	" " " "	9	3	41	for travelling time												
"	" " " "	12	3	41	for training and disposal												
Bytown addl.	Pay Sub-Lt. (T)	14	6	41	for duty at Hdqts. Ottawa												
"	Pay. Lieut. T.	1	3	42	for duty at Hdqtrs. Ottawa												
H.M.C.S. Bytown	" " "	12	7	43	addl. for duty with Asst.	Chief of Naval Personnel											
" Stadacona	" " "	10	1	44	addl. for disposal to sea	Appt. 17-7-43											
"	" " "	25	1	44	addl. for passage to U.K.	appointment-Appt. 22-12-43											
" Athabaskan	" " "	15	2	44		-Appt. 22-1-44											
DISCHARGED	" " "	29	4	44	Missing @ after sinking of	HMCS Athabaskan Per Casualty List											

Presumed dead 29-4-44-  
per Correction Sheet #62

GENERAL REMARKS

Seniority as Pay. Lieut. T. adjusted to 1-9-41-per N.C. 2639.  
Memorial Cross sent to Wife:-  
Mrs. Shirley Brandson,  
c/o Mrs. James Stewart,  
6 "The Alcalde", Dorchester Ave.,  
WINNIPEG, Man. ---31-1-45.  
Mother:-  
Mrs. Adalbjorg Brandson,  
214 Waverley Street,  
WINNIPEG, Man. ----sent 31-1-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCUP.		RELIGION		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	B.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK		
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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.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK			
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SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB.		M.		CODED			CHECKED				
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VERIFICATION FORM  
 FOREIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.  
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

RANK/RATING ..... *Pay. Lieut* ..... OFF. NO. *0-8360* ..... ADDRESS .....

YS	AREA	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	1	Star
	<i>Atlantic</i>							ATLANTIC		
								FRANCE G.		
								AFRICA		
								PACIFIC		
								BURMA		
								ITALY		
								DEFENCE		
								C.V.S.M.	2	Clasp
								" CLASP		
								WAR 1945	1	Medal
								WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *J. Roe* .....

VERIFIED BY .....

DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.



Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

# REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name BRANDSON, Thomas Leonard  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Paymaster Lieutenant Official No. R.C.N.V.R.  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Winnipeg, Manitoba Date of Birth 28th June, 1915

Occupation in Civil Life Investment Analyst Religion Lutheran

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 11th December, 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. Shirley Brandson Relationship Wife  
Address c/o Mrs. James Stewart, 6 "The Alcalde", Dorchester Avenue, WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

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 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.O. or invalidated.....

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

~~Commanding Officer,~~

OTTAWA, Ont., January, 1945

H.B. Money  
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

The ~~NAVY~~ 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.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.



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By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence *Swain*  
for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

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To Paymaster Lieutenant Thomas L. Brandson, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),

You are hereby appointed

Paymaster Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.,

*45*

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship **BYTOWN** additional for duty with  
Assistant Chief of Naval  
Personnel.

Your appointment is to take effect from 12th July, 1943.

*R. A. Lenington*

Secretary, Naval Board

*DN*  
Department of National Defence  
Naval Service

Ottawa, 17th July, 1943.

H.Q. 36  
15M-2-43 (8619)  
N.S. 815-7-36

*Bytown addl for  
duty with D.N.P.*

Personnel Records Division	
1. Noted in Records	<i>S.M.</i>
2. Index Card	.....
3. Non-Sus. Card	.....
4. Statistical Card	.....
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6. Pension Card	.....
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DATE	26.7.43

*P.O.*

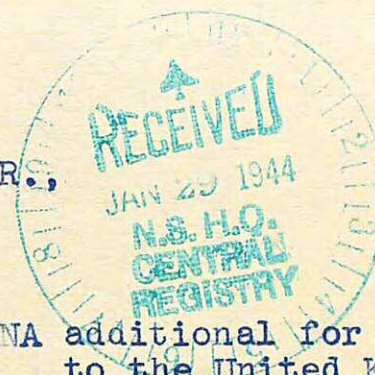


Command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence  
for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

To Paymaster Lieutenant Thomas L. Brandson, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),--

You are hereby appointed

Paymaster Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.,



of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (1) STADACONA additional for passage to the United Kingdom;  
(2) ATHABASKAN.

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Your appointment is to take effect from (1) 25th January, 1944;  
(2) Date of joining.

*R. A. MacIntosh*

Secretary, Naval Board

Personnel R. c. o. ds Division.	
1. Noted in Records	<i>[Signature]</i>
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*BH*  
Department of National Defence  
Naval Service

Ottawa, 22nd January, 1944.

STAD. addl. for disposal to Sea appt.

28.1.44



0-8360 (PERS (N))  
NPR PER TPN  
NAVAL MESSAGE

To: MRS. SHIRLEY BRANDSON  
C/O MRS. JAMES STEWART  
6 "THE ALCALDE"  
DORCHESTER AVENUE  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

From:  
NSHQ

CNP

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL  
SERVICES DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR  
HUSBAND PAYMASTER LIEUTENANT THOMAS LEONARD  
BRANDSON ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE  
OFFICIAL NO --p IS MISSING FROM H.M.C.S.  
"ATHABASKAN" . LETTER FOLLOWS.

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DELIVERY CONFIRMED

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*et M.* *MS.*



TFH/DJW.

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

NS. O-8360 Pers.(N).

1 May, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Brandson:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, informing you that your husband, Paymaster Lieutenant Thomas Leonard Brandson, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your husband'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 the Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Lieutenant Brandson 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 husband 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 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.

LETTER attached by  
PERSONNEL NAVAL  
MAY 2 1944  
ba

Wad

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Mrs. Shirley Brandson,  
c/o Mrs. James Stewart,  
6 " The Alcalde ",  
Dorchester Avenue,  
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.



10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Brandson:

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,

  
 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Shirley Brandson  
 c/o Mrs. James Stewart  
 6 "The Alcalde"  
 Dorchester Ave.  
 WINNIPEG, Man.

Despatched by  
 Sec. N. B.

Date 10/10/44  
 Time 1800