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### ATTESTATION FORM

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#### FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BURROW OFFICIAL NO. 7988  
CHRISTIAN NAMES WILLIAM Oliver MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS <u>28 IVY AVE</u>		RELIGION <u>C. of E.</u>
DATE OF BIRTH <u>FEB. 13 1922</u>	PLACE OF BIRTH Town <u>TORONTO</u> County Province <u>ONTARIO</u>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <u>MOTHER</u> <u>FLORENCE BURROW</u> <u>(as above)</u>

#### PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Fect. <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>38</u>	<u>BROWN</u>	<u>BROWN</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>NIL</u>
Inches <u>9 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>35</u>				
	Mean <u>33 1/2</u>				
DATE OF ENROLMENT <u>JULY 2 - 1940</u> <u>AS 16/9/40</u>	RATING ENROLLING FOR <u>O. SERMAN</u>	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY <u>PUNCH PRESS OPERATOR,</u> <u>COULTER MANF. 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 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 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	<u>27.2</u>
2. No. of Service Card	<u>27.2</u>
3. Statistical Card	<u>27.2</u>
4. Roneo Strip	<u>27.2</u>
5. Pension Card	
6. ....	
7. ....	
8. ....	
DATE	<u>July 12, 1940</u>

TORONTO, ONT.

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

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, <sup>AND OR DURATION OF HOSTILITIES</sup> 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 ..... day of ..... JUL 3 - 1940

Signature of applicant *x William Burrow*

(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 ..... JUL 3 - 1940 day of .....

*OB Mackenzie*  
Signature of Commanding Officer.  
LIEUTENANT R. C. N. V. R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, *William Burrow* 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 *x William Burrow*

Witness *OB Mackenzie*

Date ..... JUL 3 - 1940 Rank LIEUTENANT 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

*William Burrow* 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, ONT. Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

*OB Hedden*  
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.

COPY

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*William O. BURROW*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-7988</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth <i>13 February 1922</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth <i>Toronto, Ontario</i>	<i>Mother:</i>
Place of Residence <i>28 Dwy Ave, Toronto, Ont</i>	<i>Florence Burrow</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Punch Press Operator</i>	<i>28 Dwy Ave, Toronto, Ont</i>
Religion <i>Church of England</i>	<i>31/10/42</i>
Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date <i>Very Good 16 Oct 1940</i> 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>2 July '40</i>	<i>Duration Ord Smn</i>				

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>9 1/2</i>	<i>33 1/2</i>	<i>145 1/4</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>nil</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





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Name WALTER V. BROWN Conduct

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (Inclusive Dates)		CHARACTER, ABILITY IN RATING ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE, AND ANNUALLY, 31st DECEMBER, WHILE MOBILIZED			
From	To	Character	Efficiency in Rating Noting Substantive Rating in Brackets	Date	Captain's Signature
		V.G.	Sat (Ord Smm)	1:10:40	
		V.G.	Sat (Ord Smm)	31 Dec 40	
		V.G.	Sat (A.B.)	31 Dec 41	
		V.G.	Supr (A.B.)	31 Dec 42	
		V.G.	Sat (A/L Smm)	31 Dec 43	
		V.G.	Sat (L Smm)	29 Dec 44	

R.C.N.V.R.  
GOOD CONDUCT AND GOOD SERVICE BADGES

Date	G.S.B. or G.C.B.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Granted, Deprived, Restored
16 Sep 43	G.S.B.	1st	Granted

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served

V7988

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-866

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V7988

NAME

BURROW  
(Surname)William O.  
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

13th February 1922

PLACE OF BIRTH

Toronto Ontario

OCCUPATION

Punch Press Operator

RELIGION

Church of England

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

28 Ivy Ave.

Town

Toronto

Province, etc

Ont.

ENGAGEMENTS			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Date (in figures)				Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates
Day	Month	Year								From	To
2	6	40	H.O.	5'9 1/2"	Brown	Brown	Fair	Nil			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

NAME (in pencil)

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	
1	4	44	1939-1943 Star	18	10	40	Passed Provisional Sw. Test (G)				
				16	11	40	Tr.				
				28	11	42	Passed Prof. for Ldg. Smn.				

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			
16	9	43	1st GCB	Granted								

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						Last Will & Test. 26-9-40
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

W.S.G.  
APPLICATION  
8.6.7  
RECEIVED

V7988 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BURROW William O.  
(Surname) (Given Names)

P.I.B. V7988 OFFICIAL NUMBER

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. Toronto	Ord. Smn.	2	7	40		V.G.	Sat.	1	10	40	L.R. III	21	12	40			
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	" "	16	9	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
Stadacona	" "	1	10	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Assiniboine	" "	24	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
"	A.B.	2	5	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
"	A/Ldg. Smn.	1	12	42	Rated (Memo of 24/12/42)	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
"	Ldg. Smn.	1	12	43	Confirmed (249A-40623)												
Niobe	"	29	7	43	N.DRD 215												
Athabasca	"	8	11	43	DRD 317												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing (Casualty List) Presumed "DEAD" Casualty List Page 64												

GENERAL REMARKS  
Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to:  
Mother: Mrs. Florence Burrow,  
28 Ivy Ave,  
Toronto, Ont. On 31-1-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV.	ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DY	MO	YR	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GEN	P	CTY	TOWN	SERV	DIV	4	BR	RANK		
13	2	22	11	399	X	30	X	1	56	14	0	23	0	0275		
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE					
DY	MO	YR	DY	MO	YR	EST.	DY	MO	YR	ESTAB.	2	BR	RANK			
02	07	40	16	09	40						0230	1	0893			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED						
DY	MO	YR	EST.	A	B	ST										
01	12	42	13	08	00	21										



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

NAME IN FULL Burrow, William Oliver..... RANK/RATING Ldg. Smn..... OFF. NO. V-7988..... 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.
TORONTO JNQ	16.9.40												
ASSINIBOINE	1.1.41	3.6.43	(365)	atlantic								1939-45	1 star
NIobe	4.6.43	8.11.43	158	UK								ATLANTIC	1 star
ATHABASKAN	9.11.43	29.4.44	✓	ad								FRANCE G.	
												AFRICA	
<u>Deck Dead</u>												PACIFIC	
to date 29/4/44												BURMA	
												ITALY	
												DEFENCE	
												C.V.S.M.	2 + Clasp
												" CLASP	



(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, Ont.

Name..... **BURROW** **William Oliver**  
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... **Leading Seaman** Official No. **V-7988** Unit **R.C.N.**  
**R.C.N.R.**  
**R.C.N.V.R.**

Place of Birth..... **Toronto, Ontario.** Date of Birth..... **13th February, 1922**

Occupation in Civil Life..... **Punch Press Operator** 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 2nd 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. Florence Burrow** Relationship..... **Mother**  
Address..... **28 Ivy Avenue, 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  
N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
JAN 20 1945  
C.P.  
CLERK No. 1

*H.B. Money*  
for.....  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *Emc*  
(Commanding Officer)

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.

AIR MAIL

REGISTERED  
V 7988 (Pers.N)  
TFH/DD

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1 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Burrow;

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, William Oliver Burrow, Leading Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-7988, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

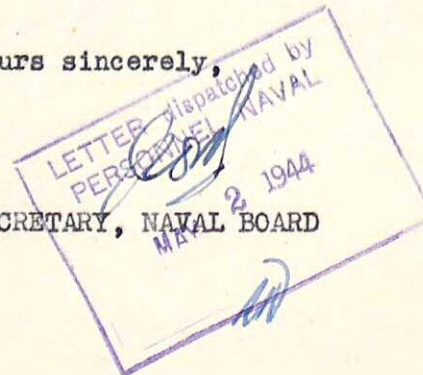
According to the report received from overseas, your son's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Leading Seaman Burrow 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



*de 7*  
Mrs. Florence Burrow,  
28 Ivy Avenue,  
Toronto, Ontario.

*ML*  
*MP*

*BM*

LA/JM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-7988 Pers. (N)

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15 January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Burrow:

Further to my letter of the 10th October, 1944 I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, William Oliver Burrow, Leading Seaman, Official Number V-7988, 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. Florence Burrow,  
28 Ivy Avenue,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 15/1/45  
Time 1800

D OF D 24-11-44

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### AWARDS

**NAVY**

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

BURROW	William Oliver	V-7988	L.Smn.	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	4877-
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Aug. 45 "ATHABASKAN"  
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Florence Burrow - Mother

ADDRESS: 28 Ivy Ave.,  
TORONTO, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP  
(1)

REGN. NO 2294

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER

Mrs. F. Burrow

ADDRESS: 28 Ivy Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

(3)

31-1-45