

ATTESTATION

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT A Sqn 2/10 Dragoons REGTL. No. B400639

1. Surname? (Block letters) COBBIERE
2. Christian names? VINCENT Gerald
3. Present address? 7 Leeper St. St. Catharines
Phone No.
4. Date of Birth?* 26-2-1924
5. British subject? YES
6. Occupation?
7. Religion? R.C.
8. Next of Kin Mrs J. Corbiere
Address 7 Leeper St. St. Catharines
9. Relationship? Father
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service.....
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)
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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height..... Weight..... Chest max..... min.....
 Descriptive marks.....
 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.....
 Date..... Signature.....

DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned, Vincent G. Corbiere.....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, Vincent G. Corbiere.....do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.
Gerald Corbiere Signature of Man
G.D. Davis Signature of Witness
 Dated this 2 day of July 1941 at St. Catharines

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.

G. Middleton P.
 Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer

*To be shown day, month, year—Example:—25-8-39.



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..... <i>2-7-41</i>	<i>28-7-41</i>	<i>R.O. P.H. No 47. 1941</i> Officer Commanding Unit.....
<i>att Nia Camp</i>	<i>6-7-41</i>	<i>Daylin d/1941</i>
<i>S.O.S. to R.C.N.</i>	<i>15-4-42</i>	<i>R.O. P.H. No 15 1942</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.

Attestations to be made out in duplicate, the original being forwarded to be filed in Regimental Orderly Room, the duplicate to be kept in the Battery, Squadron, Company, etc

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Unemployment Insurance - yes

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P.D. P.o.



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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME CORBIERE OFFICIAL NO. 134003
CHRISTIAN NAMES Vincent Gerald MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS: 7 Leeper Street, ST. CATHARINES, Ontario
RELIGION: R.C.

DATE OF BIRTH: February 26, 1924
*PLACE OF BIRTH: Town DETROIT, County _____, Province Michigan, U.S.A.
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: (mother) Mildred Corbiere, same address.
*Original Nationality of: Father British, Mother British

*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>33 1/2</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Tattoo 'G.C. left forearm</u>
Inches..... <u>6 1/2</u>	Deflated..... <u>32</u>				
<u>123</u>	Mean..... <u>32 3/4</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING: Entrance
TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY: Inspector, Hayes Steels Limited, MERRITTON, Ontario.

DATE OF ENROLMENT: April 16 1942
RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED: Ord. Shm.
R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED: H.M.C.S. 'STAR'

(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 Army for the period _____ record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Records. [Signature]

2. Non-Sub. Card. [Signature]

3. Reserve or Territorial [Signature]

4. Rense Strip [Signature]

5. Pension Card shown, and attach my [Signature]

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

DATE: 2-14-42

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>2nd Tenth Dragoons</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>June 1941</u>	<u>March 16, 1942</u>

(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.....HAMILTON.....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 18th day of April, 1942

Signature of applicant.....G. Corbiere.....

(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.....18th.....

day of.....April, 1942.....

S. S. S. Sub-Lieut RCNVR
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Vincent Gerald Corbiere.....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.....G. Corbiere.....

Witness.....S. S. S......

Date.....April 18th, 1942.....

Rank.....Sub-Lieut RCNVR.....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

.....Vincent Gerald Corbiere.....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. or in the appropriate official documents.

S. S. S. Sub-Lieut RCNVR
Attesting Officer.

.....April 18th.....194.....2.....R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment).....H.M.C.S. 'STAR'.....

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.

G. Corbiere
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Vincent Gerald Corbiere

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-34003</i>
<i>Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	<i>N. M. C. S. 'Star'</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>February 26th, 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mother Mildred Corbiere Same address</i>
Place of Birth <i>Detroit Michigan U.S.A.</i>	
Place of Residence <i>7 Leeper St. St. Catharines Ont</i>	
Trade brought up to <i>Inspector</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	
<i>Jan 19/42</i>	<i>April 18/42</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Ord. Sqn. 21 Nov 43</i>			<i>Ribbon for 1939-43 Star</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6 1/2</i>	<i>32 3/4</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>tattoo G.C. left forearm.</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

V34003

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-C-2448

OFFICIAL NUMBER V34003

NAME CORBIERE (Surname) Vincent Gerald (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 26 Feb., 1924PLACE OF BIRTH Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. OCCUPATION InspectorRELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION EntranceRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 7 Leeper St., Town St. Catharines, 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
18	4	42	H.O.	5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Brown	Brown	Fair	Tattoo "G.C." left forearm.	2nd. Tenth Drag- oons.	Pte.	6-41.	16-3- 42.

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mildred CorbiereADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 7 Leeper St., Town St. Catharines, 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	
21	11	43	1939-1943 Star	3	12	43	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		

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

H.Q. 35-15M-10-41 (2177)
N.S. 815-7-35

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19. 0242-5637-3
DATE

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V34003

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

(Surname)

CORBIERE

Vincent Gerald

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V34003

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 Star	Ord. Smn.	18	4	42	Div. Str. Hamilton.	V. G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
HMCS Star	" "	21	4	42	Active Service.	V. G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Cornwallis	" "	1	7	42	D.L.	V. G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
STADACONA	" "	9	9	42	(DRD)												
Tribal 11	" "	28	10	42	DRD #H-35.												
Niobe	" "	28	10	42													
Athabaskan	" "	4	2	43	S.C.												
DISCHARGED	" "	9	4	44	Missing Per C.L. Presumed Dead Per C.L.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Rockhead Hosp. PM 19-7-42 to Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to Mother: Mrs. Mildred Corbiere, 7 Leeper Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, 31/1/45

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
26	2	24	30	222	0	10	1	28	05	9	20	0	08	95
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	
18	04	42	21	04	42					9740	0	08	94	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
21	04	43	13	00	00	20	48	29-04-42						

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

NAMING *A.P.* OFF. NO. ... *V-34003* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS							STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL			
							1939-45	/	<i>star</i>
							ATLANTIC	/	<i>star</i>
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
<i>79-4-44</i>							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.		<i>7 + clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	/	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *P.L.*

Y DIR. OF PERSONNEL 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 Ontario

Name CORBIERE, Vincent Gerald
 (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-34003 R.C.N.V.R.
 (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Detroit, Michigan Date of Birth 26th February, 1924

Occupation in Civil Life Inspector 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) From 18th 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. "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. Mildred Corbiere Relationship Mother
 Address 7 Leeper Street
St. Catharines, Ontario

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.Q. or invalidated.....

H.B. Money
 Commanding Officer,
 for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD,
 OTTAWA, Ont. 12 Jan. 1945 5 E.M.C.

The ~~NAVAL~~ 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.

C.N.S. 1121
 15M-6-41 (831)
 N.S. 815-9-1121

ENTERED IN
 O.N.P.A.'S LOG BOOK
 JAN 18 1945
 G.P.
 CLERK No. 1

MRS. MILDRED CORBIERE
7 LEEPER STREET,
ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO.

From:
NSHQ

CNF

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES
DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR SON VINCENT GERALD CORBIERE,
ABLE SEAMAN, ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE, OFFICIAL
NO V-34003 IS MISSING FROM H.M.C.S. "AMHABASKAN". LETTER
FOLLOWS.

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REGISTERED
AIRMAIL
N.S. V-34003 Pers.(N)

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1 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Corbiere:

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, Vincent Gerald Corbiere, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-34003, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

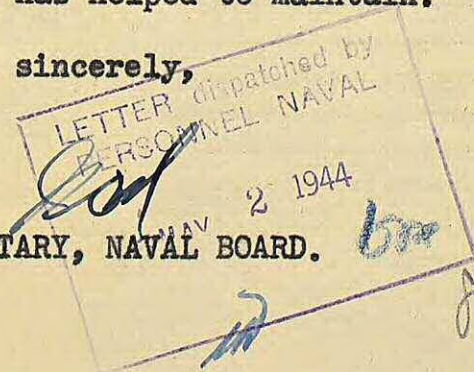
According to the report received from overseas, your son's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Able Seaman Corbiere 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.



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Mrs. Mildred Corbiere,
7 Leeper Street,
ST. CATHARINES, Ont.

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Corbiere:

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. "ATHADASKAN" 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. Mildred Corbiere,
 7 Leeper Street,
 ST. CATHARINES, Ontario.

Despatched
 Sec. N. I

Date 10/11
 Time

RCNVR Feb. 46 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Thomas V. Corbiere - Father

7 Leeper St.,

ADDRESS:

ST. CATHERINES, Ont.

(1)

English

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 2028

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. M. Corbiere

7 Leeper St., St. Catherines, Sask.

ADDRESS:

(3)

31-1-45

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NAVY

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

CORBIERE	Vincent Gerald	V-34003	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	890
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)