

ATTESTATION

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT 1st A A Betty REGT. No. 1312

1. What is your surname? (Block letters) CROSS
2. What are your Christian names? Alfred Thomas
3. What is your present address? 353 Main St. Halifax Phone No. 42154
4. Employer's name and address? Student Phone No.
5. Date of Birth 29/5/186. (a) Country of Birth Can. (b) Nationality Can.
7. Are you Single? Yes Married? Widower?
8. What is your trade or calling? Student 9. Religious persuasion? R.C.
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service
Give particulars, qualifications, etc.
4 years Cadets
11. Name, Relationship and Address of Next of Kin A J Cross
Father 130 Allen

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5'7" Weight 134 Chest max. 33 min. 31
Descriptive marks Average build

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 29/11/36 Signature Crossland Capt.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned A J Cross 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, A J Cross do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Alfred Thomas Cross Signature of Man
Alfred Thomas Cross Signature of Witness

Dated this 30 day of Nov 1936 at Halifax

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.

C. W. Harris
Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer

M.F.B. 235d.

50M-134
H.Q. 1772-39-1545

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..... 30/11/36		 Officer Commanding Unit... 1st A.A.
Trained at Local Hdqrs. Attended Annual Camp Trained at Local Hdqrs. Attended Annual Camp } 1938		Brigade Order No. 3698 Brigade Order : 3798 Brigade Order No..... Brigade Order No.....	
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.

Personnel Records
Division.

1. Noted in Records *L.K.*
 2. Index Card
 3. Non-Su. Card
 4. Statistical Card
 5. Roneo Strip
 6. Pension Card
 7.
 8.
 DATE



CANADA

14 VR # 32
SS

12/9 Fair
Lodge *013*
Branch *W.*

N. V. 5
1M-9-39
N.S. 815-12-5

11 1939
140/13-C-514
CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surname..... **CROSS** Official No. *25039*

Christian Names..... **Alfred Thomas** Married, Single or Widower..... **Single**

Permanent Address	Religion
383 Quinpool Rd. Halifax, N.S.	R.C.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name and Address of Next of Kin
29 May, 1917.	Town Halifax, County Halifax, Province N.S.	Mother. Mrs. G. CROSS, 383 Quinpool Rd. Halifax, N.S.

a.s. 11/9/39

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION OF ENROLMENT

Height	Chest Measurement	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Wounds, Scars, Marks
Feet 5 Inches 8	Inflated Deflated Mean..... 33	Dark.	Grey.	Fresh.	Nil

Date of Enrolment	Rating Enrolled for	Trade or Calling and in whose Employ
11 Sep. 1939.	O.Tel. (T)	Unemployed.

(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 in any of His Majesty's Forces, or in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, or in any other Force.~~

* (b) I served in **First Antiaircraft Battery.** 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
1st. Antiaircraft Battery.	Private.	April, 1937	August, 1937.

- (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.

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

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years/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 Company 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 11th day of September, 1939

Signature of applicant Alfred Thomas Cross

(C) **CERTIFICATE OF COMPANY 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 11th

day of September, 1939

John Stedden Paynter
Signature of C. C. O. R.C.N.V.R.

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Signature of Applicant Alfred Thomas Cross

Witness Pay. Lieut. Cdr. R.C.N.V.R.

Date 11th. September, 1939. Rank John Stedden

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

(E) **CERTIFICATE OF COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER**

Alfred Thomas Cross 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 Special Service Company of the R.C.N.V.R.

John Stedden
COMMANDER, Company Commanding Officer.

NOTE—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Company 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.

medically fit.
A. McCallum
Surgeon Lt. Col. V.R.

attached to

COPY

True Copy of the R.C.N.V.R.
CERTIFICATE of the Service of

Alfred Thomas CROSS
In the Naval Service of Canada

The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off whenever it is considered that the man's antecedents and character are such as to render his re-entry at any future time undesirable. Whenever the corner is cut off the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

PORT DIVISION OFFICIAL NUMBER 25039

Date of birth 29th May 1917

Where born { Town Halifax
County and province Nova Scotia

Usual place of residence

Trade brought up to Unemployed **O.H.F.**

Religious denomination Roman Catholic

Next of kin Wife - Marguerite Cross, Herring Cove Rd Halifax, N.S.

Can swim

Man's signature on discharge to pension

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENTS.			MEDALS, CLASPS, Etc.	
Date of actual volunteering.	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date Received.	Nature of Decoration
<u>11 September</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>Duration of Hostilities.</u>	<u>21 Nov 43</u>	<u>Ribbon for 1939-43 Star</u>

DESCRIPTION OF PERSON.	STATURE		COLOUR OF			MARKS, WOUNDS AND SCARS.
	Feet.	In.	Complexion.	Hair.	Eyes.	
On entry as a boy.....						
On advancement to man's rating, or on entry under 28 years.....	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Fresh</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Grey</u>	<u>nil.</u>
On re-entry for C. S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....						
Further description if necessary.....						

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NAME CROSS (Surname) Alfred T. (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 29th May, 1917
 PLACE OF BIRTH Halifax, N.S. OCCUPATION Unemployed
 RELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION _____
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 383 Quinpool Road, Town Halifax Province, etc. N.S.

Date (in figures)			ENGAGEMENTS	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates
11	9	49	H.O.	5'8"	Dark	Grey	Fresh	Nil	Anti Aircraft	Pte.	4/37	8/37

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs. M. Cross
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Harriet Lane Road Town Halifax Province, etc. N.S.

Date (in figures)			MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY	EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Day	Month	Year		Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars			
21	11	43	Awarded 1939/43 Star.	Day	Month	Year	Particulars	Day	Month	Year	Particulars

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		
11	9	42	1st G.C.B.	Granted							

FILM NO. WSR-5391-6
 DATE _____

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
 From _____ To _____

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

H.O. 35-60M-5-43 (609)
 N.S. 815-7-35



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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

CROSS

(Surname)

Alfred T.

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V25039

P.I.B.

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Stadacona	Ord. Tel.	11	9	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39							
NCSO Halifax	"	1	1	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
Stadacona	"	1	4	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Ulna	"	25	4	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Raccoon	"	18	5	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Moose	"	19	10	40		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Andre Dupre	"	5	5	41													
Moose	"	11	2	42													
Andre Dupre	"	14	3	42													
Stadacona	"	8	9	42													
Niobe	"	17	12	42	N.DRD #99												
Athabaskan	"	3	2	43	N.DRD #107												
DISCHA RGED	"	29	4	44	"Missing" per Casualty list. "Presumed Dead" Per Cas. List P#64												

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to
 Wife: Mrs. Marguerite Cross,
 Herring Cove Road,
 Armdale P.O., N.S.
 January 31, 1945.

AWARDED CANADIAN MEMORIAL CROSS to:
 Mother: Mrs. Alfred G. Cross,
 383 Quinpool Road,
 HALIFAX, N.S.
 March 17, 1945.

VERIFICATION FOR
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

NAME IN FULL *CROSS Alfred Thomas* RANK/RATING *Ord. Tel.*

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFICATION	
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO
	11/9/39					
<i>Allina</i>	<i>25/4/40</i>	<i>19/5/40</i>		<i>atl.</i>		
<i>Raccoon</i>	<i>18/5/40</i>	<i>18/10/40</i>		<i>atl.</i>		
<i>Moose</i>	<i>19/10/40</i>	<i>4/5/41</i>		<i>atl.</i>		
<i>Archa Dupa</i>	<i>5/5/41</i>	<i>10/2/42</i>		<i>atl.</i>		
<i>Moose</i>	<i>11/7/42</i>	<i>13/3/42</i>		<i>atl.</i>		
<i>Archa Dupa</i>	<i>14/3/42</i>	<i>7/9/42</i>	<i>(500)</i>	<i>atl.</i>		
<i>Mislu</i>	<i>12/12/42</i>	<i>2/2/44</i>		<i>II. 15.</i>		
<i>Atlabaskan</i>	<i>3/2/44</i>	<i>29/4/44</i>	<i>(500)</i>	<i>atl.</i>		
<i>Disch. "Dead"</i>	<i>29/4/44</i>					

VERIFIED BY *H. B. [Signature]*

VERIFIED BY

VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING *Ord. Tel* OFF. NO. *V-25039* ADDRESS

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE			
						1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>b.</i>						ATLANTIC	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>d.</i>						FRANCE G.		
<i>h.</i>						AFRICA		
<i>tb.</i>						PACIFIC		
<i>l.</i>						BURMA		
<i>ll.</i>						ITALY		
<i>T.H.</i>						DEFENCE	1	<i>Medal</i>
<i>tb.</i>						C.V.S.M.	1	<i>Clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*
[Signature]

VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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

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

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Name... CROSS, Alfred Thomas (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating... Ordinary Telegraphist Official No. V-25039 Unit R.C.N.
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth... Halifax, Nova Scotia Date of Birth... 29 May, 1917.

Occupation in Civil Life... Unemployed 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 11 September, 1939 to 29 April, 1944.

Date of Death... 29 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. Marguerite Cross, Relationship... Wife
 Address... Herring Cove Road,
ARMDALE P.O., N.S.

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
 S.P.
 CLERK No. 1

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

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.

TFH:PMB

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

V-25039 (Pers.N.)

1 May, 1944

Dear Mrs. Cross:

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 husband, Alfred T. Cross, Ordinary Telegraphist, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-25039, 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 this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Ordinary Telegraphist Cross 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 the 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,

LETTER dispatched by
PERSONNEL NAVAL
1944
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

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Mrs. Marguerite Cross,
Herring Cove Road,
Armdale P.O., N.S.

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10th October, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Cross:

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.

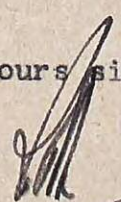
Very slight hope is now held, however, that your husband is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.

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. Marguerite Cross,
Herring Cove Rd.,
ARMDALE P.O., N.S.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 10/10/44
Time 1800

D OF D 29-4-44

D.D.

CROSS	Alfred Thomas	V-25039	O/Tel.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	731 cancelled 6-10-49
Atlantic Star	
Defence Medal	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	45 48 16-11-49

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Aug. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

Mrs. M. Buckingham

ENTITLED TO

~~Mrs. Marguerite J. Cross - Widow~~

ADDRESS:

~~Herring Cove Road,~~ 1238 Esquimalt Rd.
~~ARMDALE, N.S.~~ ESQUIMALT, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. M. Buckingham (remarried)

ADDRESS:

Box 556, Armdale, N.S.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. A.G. Cross

ADDRESS:

383 Quinpool Road, Halifax, N.S.

DATE DESP.....

(1)

REGN. NO

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31-1-45

(3)

17-3-45