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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME DILLEN OFFICIAL NO. V34261
CHRISTIAN NAMES Stewart Casselman MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
209½ King St., W., Brockville, Ont.		Baptist
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
27 October 1916	Town <u>Brockville</u> County <u>Leeds & Grenville</u> Province <u>Ontario</u>	
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>British</u> Mother <u>British</u>		Mrs. Ethel Dillen (Mother) same address

*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>34</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Vacc. scar on L. arm</u>
Inches <u>11</u>	Deflated <u>32</u>				
	Mean <u>33</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Grade 10</u>	<u>Steward Canadian National Steamship Lines Montreal</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Div. Str. 22 April 1942 Act. Serv. 22 April 1942</u>	<u>Stwd. Prob. " "</u>	<u>Kingston</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 I had previously served in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force.~~

* (b) I served in Brockville Rifles 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
<u>Brockville Rifles</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>15 Sept. 1941</u>	<u>1 October 1941</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.

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS
H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"
FAIR J. L. Brooking
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE
[Signature]

Personnel Book
1 October 1941
1. Noted in Honor's
2. Index Card
3. Non-Sub's Forces on Statistical Card
5. Feno's Strip
7. Pension Card
8.
DATE 2-5-42

(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 22nd day of April 1942.

Signature of applicant Stewart Dillen

(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 22nd day of April 1942.

Stewart Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Stewart Casselman DILLEN 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 Stewart Dillen

Witness Stewart

Date 22 April 1942 Rank Lieut. 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

Stewart Casselman DILLEN 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.

Stewart Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.
Attesting Officer.

22 April 194 2. R.C.N.V.R. Division Kingston
(or other establishment)

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 Steward Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Stewart Dillen
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Stewart Lanebman DILLEN

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

I.C.N.V.S. 57011

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number.....
	<i>H.M.C.S. "Leteraqui"</i>	<i>V-34261</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth..... *27 October, 1916*

Place of Birth..... *Brookville, Ontario*

Place of Residence..... *209 1/2 King St. Brookville, Ont.*

Trade brought up to..... *Steward*

Religion..... *Baptist*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) *12/11/43*
Mrs. Edel (mother)
same address

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>22 Apr '43</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>Steward Prob.</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>158</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Med.</i>	<i>Vaccination scar on left arm.</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

V34261

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-D-1561

OFFICIAL NUMBER V34261

NAME DILLEN, (Surname) Stewart Casselman (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 27 October, 1916.PLACE OF BIRTH Brockville, Ontario. OCCUPATION Steward.RELIGION Baptist. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 209¹/₂ King St., W., Town Brockville, 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
22	4	42	Hostilities only	5'11"	Brown	Brown	Medium	Vacc. scar on Lt. arm.	Brockville Rifles	Pte.	15-9-41 to	1-10-41

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mr. E. H. DillenADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 209¹/₂ King St., W., Town Brockville, 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	
				6	2	43	Passed Technical Course (Sat.)				
				14	1	45	Qual. Pre. Fire Fighting Course				
							Qual. Anti-Gas 2 days				

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		

FILM
NO. 113-D-5600-6
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.	



V34261

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

DILLEN

(Surname)

Stewart Casselman

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V34261

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 "Cataragui"	Stwd. Prob.	22	4	42	Div. Str. Kingston.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
HMCS Cataragui	" "	22	4	42	Active Service	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
York	" "	27	10	42	DL of 26-10-42.	V.G.	Sat.	29	1	44							
Naden	" "	3	1	43	DRD No. 387												
Stadacona	" "	28	2	43	DRD No. 637												
Cornwallis	" "	23	3	43	DRD No. H-996												
" "	Steward	20	1	43	Rated. 249A/24255												
Stadacona	" "	1	6	43	DRD No. H-1657												
Niobe (R.C.#6)	" "	14	9	43	DRD H-2611.												
Athabaskan	" "	18	11	43	S.C.												
DISCHARGED	" "	29	1	44	Missing Per C.L. Presumed Dead Per C.L.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Hosp PM 20/6 to 23-6-42.
 Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to
 Mother: Mrs. Ethel Dillen,
 209 1/2 King St. West, Saskatoon, Sask.
 to date 31/1/45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELT. DIV.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL. DIV.	RANK OR RATE ON ENTRY			
DY.	MO.	YR.	MAIN	SUB	MAIN	SUB		P.	CTY.	TOWN		SERV.	A	BR	RANK
27	0	16	11	792	0	60	1	26	02	9	05	0	21	95	
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR. CAT.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.			RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.		DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK		
22	04	42	22	04	42				9740	0	21	74			
SENIORITY			STR. CAT.	NON-SUB		M ST.	CODED			CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.		A	B		H ENR. 1015	70	10						
20	01	43	13	00	00	20	29	04	44						

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, Ottawa, Ont.

Name DILLEN Stewart Casselman (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Steward Official No. V-54261 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Brockville, Ont. Date of Birth 27th October, 1916

Occupation in Civil Life Steward, C.M.S. Religion Baptist

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 22 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.

Nearest known relative or friend Name Mrs. Ethel Dillen Relationship Mother Address 209 1/2 King Street W., Brockville, Ont.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship 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 D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 19 1945 CLERK NO. 1

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

The SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada.

Date 12 Jan., 1945

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

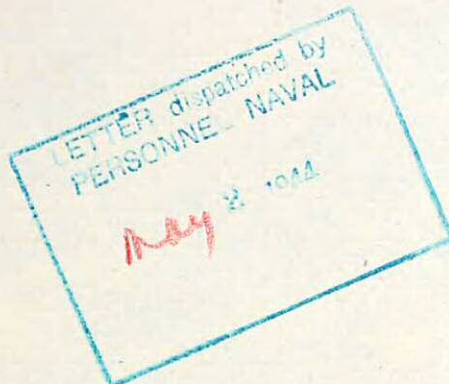
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AIR MAIL

N.S. V 34261 Pers.(N)



1 May, 1944. 16

Dear Mrs. Dillen:


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, Stewart Casselman Dillen, Steward, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V 34261 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.

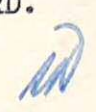

While Stewart Dillen is reported as "missing", there is a possibility of his survival. It is understood that a number of the crew have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy. The Red Cross have been informed and are attempting to obtain from the German Government a list of those taken. Please be assured 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.

Mrs. Ethel Dillen,
209 $\frac{1}{2}$ King Street West,
BROCKVILLE, Ontario.

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10th October, 1944

Dear Mrs. Dillen:

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.

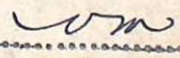
Should no information be received to the contrary your son will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

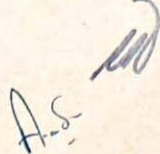
Yours sincerely,



SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 10/10/44
Time 1800

Mrs. Ethel Dillen,
209½ King Street W.,
BROCKVILLE, Ont.



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AIR MAIL
N.S. V-34261 PERS.(N)

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5 January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Dillen:




Further to my letter of the 10th of October, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Stewart Casselman Dillen, Steward, Official Number V-34261, 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. Ethel Dillen,
209 $\frac{1}{2}$ King Street West,
BROCKVILLE, Ontario.

  
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

.....
Date 15/1/45
Time 1800

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY . 02-78844
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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

DILLEN	Stewart Casselman	V-34261	Stwd.	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:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	346-24.11.49
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Sept. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Herbert J. Dillen - Father

ADDRESS: 209½ King Street, West,
BROCKVILLE, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Ethel Dillen

ADDRESS: 209½ King St. West, Brockville, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 1966.....

(2)

(3)

31-1-45