

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the London 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 12th day of September, 1941.

Signature of applicant Bill Frith

(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 12th day of September, 1941.

John G. Harcourt Sub. Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, William Alexander Frith 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 Bill Frith

Witness John G. Harcourt

Date 12 September 1941 Rank Sub. 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

William Alexander Frith 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 London Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

John G. Harcourt Sub. Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.
Attesting Officer.

12th September 1941 R.C.N.V.R. Division London Division
(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.

Port Arthur

COPY

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

William Alexander F R I T H

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-17806</i>
Halifax, N.S.	London, Ont.	"
		"

Date of Birth.....	<i>26th October, 1923.</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mrs Welhemie Frith</i> (mother) Same address.
Place of Birth.....	<i>London, Ont.</i>	
Place of Residence.....	<i>904 Dufferin Ave, London, Ont.</i>	
Trade brought up to.....	<i>Leather Sorter.</i>	
Religion.....	<i>Baptist.</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>12 July 1941.</i>	<i>12 Sep. 1941.</i>	<i>Hostilities only.</i>	<i>O/Smn.</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

COPY

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>6½</i>	<i>31½</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair.</i>	<i>Ridge on forehead. Append. Scar.</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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS			RECORD OF RATING		
Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated

Ident card NS 46304 issued.

A. L. Brown Aug 1 43

8 May 42 "Yu" Oct 1993 of 12 May 42

23 July 43 Qual Petty Officer (V. 6)

1/9/43 Aug A/S. Seaman

V17806

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-F-787

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V17806

NAME

FRITH

(Surname)

William Alexander

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

26th October, 1923

PLACE OF BIRTH

London, Ont.

OCCUPATION

Leather Sorter

RELIGION

Baptist

EDUCATION

Entrance to High School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

904 Dufferin Ave.

Town

London

Province, etc

Ont.

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
12	9	41	H.O.	5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Black	Blue	Fair	Ridge on forehead. Appendectomy scar.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

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	
				8	5	42	Marked Tr.				
				23	7	43	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		

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						Last Will & Testament Dated 12-9-41 Received 2276 O.H.F. Received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	

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V17806

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME FRITH
(Surname)

William Alexander
(Given Names)

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

V17806

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
London Div. Str.	Ord. Smn.	12	9	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	O.R. 3	9	11	43			
Duty Div. Hdqts.	" "	27	12	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	" "	15	3	42	D.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Cornwallis	" "	1	5	42		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	" "	9	5	42													
Hochelaga 11	" "	16	5	42	101236												
Port Arthur	" "	26	5	42													
" "	Able Smn.	27	12	42	Rated 249A/23519												
Stadacona	" "	15	9	43	DRD H-2618												
Cornwallis	" "	16	9	43	DRD H-2641												
" "	A/Ldg. Smn.	1	8	43	Back Dated 249A(43345)												
Protector	" "	17	11	43	Prot. WRD #37												
Stadacona	" "	16	2	44	DRD #68: P.#1.												
Niobe	" "	6	3	44	S.#93: P.#9. (per Athabaskan)												
Athabaskan	" "	21	3	44	S.C.												
DISCHARGED	" "	29	4	44	"Missing" Casualty List. "Presumed Dead" per Casualty List. P.#65.												

GENERAL REMARKS

X-Ray Approved
Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to
Mother: Mrs. Wilhemina Frith,
904 Dufferin Ave.,
London, Ont. 31-1-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE	CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE			
DY	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
26	6	23	11	900	0	60	1	130	63	0	16	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	
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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name FRITH, William Alexander
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Leading Seaman Official No. V-17806, R.C.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth London, Ontario Date of Birth 26 October, 1923

Occupation in Civil Life Leather Sorter 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 12 September, 1941 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. Wilhemina Frith Relationship Mother
Address 904 Dufferin Ave., London, 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: ---

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.C. or invalidated: ---

ENTERED IN
S.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
JAN 18 1945
S.P.
CLERK P.O. 1

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Commanding Officer,
OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January, 1945
H.B. Money
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *EMC*

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.

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

NAME IN FULL FRITH, William Alexander RANK/RATING 1st Lt. Smn OFF. NO.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIOD		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45 ATLANTIC
PREOST	27.12.41						
PORT ARTHUR	26.5.42	14.9.43	477	Allat. Africa & East.			
NIobe	6.3.44	20.3.44	55				
ATHABASKAN	21.8.44	29.4.44					
Discharged Dead							
to date 29/4/44							

PREPARED BY J. Roe

VERIFIED BY

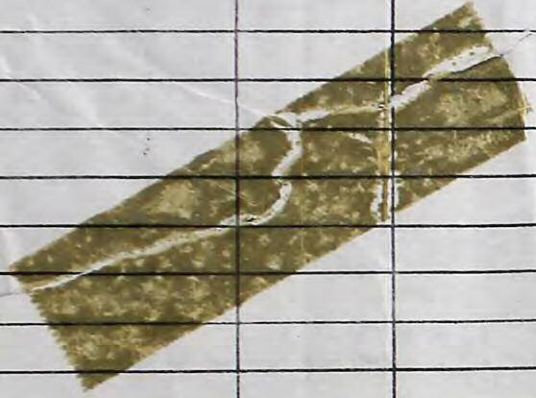
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STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

...RANK/RATING *1. Edg. Smn* OFF. NO. *V-17806* ADDRESS

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
							ATLANTIC	1	Star
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA	2	* Clasp
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	* Clasp
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	Medal
							WAR 1915		

Medal Africa clasp.



VERIFIED BY *J. Rone*

VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

TFH/VR

REGISTERED
AIR - MAIL
NS V-17806.Pers.(N)

1 May, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Frith:

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 Alexander Frith, Leading Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-17806, 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 Frith 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.

W.F.
Mrs. Wilhemina Frith,
904 Dufferin Avenue,
LONDON, Ont.

LETTER DISPATCHED BY
PERSONNEL NAVAL
MAY 2 1944
W.F.
W.F.

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

N.S. V-17806, PERS.(N)

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15th January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Frith:

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 Alexander Frith, Leading Seaman, Official Number V-17806, 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,

[Signature]
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *Carroll*

Mrs. Wilhelmina Frith,
904 Dufferin Ave.,
LONDON, Ontario.

Despatched by
Sec. N. E.

[Signature]
Date 15/1/45
Time 1800

Ontario, 8th June, x 50

Dear Mrs. Frith:

Shortly after the sinking of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" bodies from this ship were recovered and buried along the coast of Finistere, France, at Brignogan, Plouescat, Santec and L'Aberwrach. France at the time was under German occupation and in most cases all positive means of identification were taken from the bodies by the Germans. The citizens of the above mentioned French towns looked after the burials and held funeral services.

On the cessation of hostilities the Army Graves Services, Overseas, made searches on the Continent in an effort to locate graves and identify bodies. Exhumation reports, dental records, etc., of casualties from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" have since been turned over by them to the Secretary of the Imperial War Graves Commission, Wooburn House, Wooburn Green, High Wycombe, Bucks., England, who, in turn, has forwarded them to Naval Headquarters with a view to definitely establishing the identity of bodies which were exhumed and over whose graves temporary markers have in some cases been placed.

As the dental particulars on the exhumation reports respecting your son the late Leading Seaman William Alexander Frith, Official Number V-17806, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, are similar to those on file at Naval Headquarters, such particulars have been accepted as positive identification.

Leading Seaman Frith's grave is located in the Plouescat Communal Cemetery, Plouescat, Finistere, France, in Plot Number 1, Row 'B', Grave Number 14. It is understood a permanent headstone will be erected in due course by the Imperial War Graves Commission (Overseas). It is suggested that any inquiries regarding your son's grave should be addressed direct to the Secretary of that Commission.

Yours very truly,

Despatched by
N. Sec.
..... M.S.
Date 19-6-50
Time

NAVAL SECRETARY.
[Signature]

Mrs. Wilhemina Frith,
904 Dufferin Avenue,
LONDON, Ontario.



Department of National Defence

Naval Service

25th., November 1944 8

OUR FILE ND LN 4160-1

YOUR FILE

The War Graves Commission,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: L/Sea Wm. Alexander FRITH, RCNVR V17806 (deceased)

Sir:-

The above named man was reported lost with H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" on the 29th., April, 1944 off the coast of France.

The mother of the above has contacted this Division as a result of a recent newspaper report to the effect that a large number of "Athabaskan" graves have been found in France. She is unable to state in what newspaper, or when the report was published.

If there is any further word or knowledge of the whereabouts of the place of her sons burial, it is requested that such knowledge be forwarded this Division for transmission to Mrs. Frith.

Yours truly,

W.A. Childs,
Commander, R.C.N.(R)
Commanding Officer

H.M.C.S. "PREVOST",
London, Ontario.

~~Naval Secretary~~

Ref. our phone conversation
would you kindly reply to this
letter?

A/Sec General, I. W. G. C. (Canada.)

D 2258

500M-2-45 (1536)
N.S. 7570-D2258

29-11-48

RCNVR Sept. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Wilhelmina Frith - Mother

ADDRESS: 904 Dufferin Ave.,
LONDON, Ont.

(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs W. Frith

ADDRESS: 904 Dufferin Avenue
LONDON, Ontario

(3) 31 January 1945

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 2272.....

DECEASED 29 April 1944

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

FRITH	William Alexander	V-17806	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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	88-6/10/49
Atlantic Star	
Africa Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)