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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME HEATHERINGTON OFFICIAL NO. V 31647
CHRISTIAN NAMES John Thomas MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 3539 - 5th Ave., Regina, Saskatchewan. RELIGION United.

DATE OF BIRTH 21st October, 1922. PLACE OF BIRTH Regina, Sask. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mother: Mrs. Martha Heatherington, 3539 - 5th Ave., Regina, Sask.

Original Nationality of:
Father English.
Mother Scotch.

*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
Fect. <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>38"</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Vacci. left arm; Scar 4th finger rt. hand.</u>
Inches <u>8</u>	Deflated <u>35"</u>				
	Mean <u>36 1/2"</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING Grade 10 - Scott Collegiate, Regina, Sask. TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Sheet Metal Apprentice - Western Steel Products Ltd., Regina, Sask.

DATE OF ENROLMENT 27th March, 1942. Active Service. RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Sto. II R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED REGINA.

(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 have never served in any other branch of the armed forces of His Majesty's Government or in any other branch of the armed forces of any other Government.~~

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>10.4.42</u>	
	<u>ROUGH</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.

Has Unemployment Insurance Book.

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Records MM

2. Index Card MM

3. Non-Sub. Card MM

4. Best of my knowledge MM

5. Non-Strip MM

6. Pension Card MM

7. MM

8. MM

DATE

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS
H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"
[Signatures]

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the..... R E G I N A 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 twenty-seventh day of March, 1942.

Signature of applicant X John Thomas Heatherington

(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 twenty-seventh day of March, 1942.

E. Schouen Lieut. RCNVR.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, John Thomas HEATHERINGTON 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 John Thomas Heatherington

Witness E. Schouen

Date 27th March, 1942. 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 ATTESTING OFFICER**

John Thomas HEATHERINGTON 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 R E G I N A Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

E. Schouen Lieut. RCNVR.
Attesting Officer.

27th March, 1942. R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) R E G I N A.

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

Witness: E. Schouen

X

John Thomas Heatherington
Signature

201 Regina
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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

John James HEATHERINGTON

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-31647</i>
	<i>REGINA</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>21st October, 1922</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth <i>Regina, Sask.</i>	<i>Mother.</i>
Place of Residence <i>3539-5th Ave. Regina, Sask.</i>	<i>Mrs. Marda same address.</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Sheet metal apprentice</i>	
Religion <i>United</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>6. Oct. '41</i>	<i>27 Mich. '42</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Sto. II</i>	<i>7 July '44</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>C.V.S.M. & clasp (Prov. Award)</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>36 1/2</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Med.</i>	<i>Wasc. left arm, moly rt. shoulder blade; par 4th finger right hand.</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.				
A CT I V E S E R V I C E							
1942	H. M. C. S. "Queen"			Sto. II	27 Mch '42	27 Mch '44	
	Divisional Ste						
1942	H.M.C.S. "Star"			Sto II	28 Mar '42	4 Sept '42	
	Active Service						
1942	H.M.C.S. "Star"			Sto II	5 Sept '42	25 Nov '42	
	H.M.C.S. Nonsuch			Sto 2/c	26 Nov '42	5 April '43	
	Stadacona			Sto 2/c	5 April '43	10 Aug '43	
	St. Hyacinthe			—	11 Aug '43	3 Sept '43	
	—			Asst. 1/c	4 Sept '43	7 Oct '43	
	Stadacona			—	8 Oct '43	30 Jan '44	
	Niobe			—	31 Jan '44	7 April '44	
	Niobe (Athabaskan)			—	8 April '44	29 April '44	reported missing (20140)
							presumed dead (21064)
							ENMO's signal 132109 Jan '45.

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

Date	Details	Captain's Signature

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V31647

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-H-2000

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V31647

NAME HEATHERINGTON John Thomas DATE OF BIRTH 21 Oct. 1922
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Regina, Sask. OCCUPATION Sheet Metal ApprenticeRELIGION United Church of Canada EDUCATION Grade 10RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 3539 - 5th Ave. Town Regina Province, etc. Sask.

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
27	3	42	H.O.	5'8"	Brown	Hazel	Medium	Vacc. left arm Mole rt. shoulder blade. Scar 4th finger rt. hand				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother (John Thomas) NAME (in pencil) Mrs Myrtle HeatheringtonADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 3539 - 5th Ave Town Regina Province, etc. Sask.

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	
7	7	44	C.V.S.M. (R. & C.)	18	11	42	Passed Examination for Radio Art. Course.				

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. MSR 5526-7
DATE

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

C.H.F. Received
Last Will & Testament Dated 27-3-42 Received
Un. Ins. Book, Regina, Sask.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To

W.S.G.
APPLICATION
10803
REC'D 10/15/45

P.I.B.

V31647

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

HEATHERINGTON

(Given Names)

John Thomas

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V31647

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 "Queen"	Stoker II	27	3	42	Regina Div. Str.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "	"	27	3	42	Active Service	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
HMCS "Star"	"	28	3	42	" "	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
" "	"	30	3	42	Div. Str. for Galt T.E.												
" "	"	5	9	42	Active Service												
HMCS "Nonsuch"	"	26	11	42	D.L. 26-11-42												
" "Stadacona"	"	5	4	43	D.L. 4-4-43												
" "St. Hyacinthe"	"	11	8	43	DRD H-2295												
" "	A/Stoker I	4	9	43	Rated (249A #33879)												
Stadacona	"	9	10	43	DRD H-2834												
HMS Seynour	"	31	1	44	S.#58 P.6												
Niobe	"																
Athabaskan	"	8	4	44	DRD #.468 P.1.												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing. Per Casualty List.												
		29	4	44	Presumed Dead. Per Casualty List.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to Mother: Mrs. Martha Heatherington, 3539-5th Ave., Regina, Sask. dated 19.2.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	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
21	0	22	19	3/3	0		40		3	706	35	0	17	0	15	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			
27	03	42	27	03	42					9830	1	15	94			
SENIORITY		STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED							
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
09	09	43	23	00	00	20	OR			JAB						

VERIFICATION FORM

CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL,

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1

NAME IN FULL HEATHERINGTON, John Thomas RANK/RATING W. O. 1/C.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIOD		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-
	27-3-42						
Probe	31-1-44	7-4-44	68	UK			
Athabaskan	8-4-44	29-4-44	22	atf.			
<u>Disch Dead 29-4-44</u>							

VERIFIED BY P. Leguin

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VERIFICATION FORM

S, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

RANK/RATING *M/Star 1/c* OFF.NO. *V-31647* ADDRESS

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

UK
ad.

Lead 29-4-44

VERIFIED BY *P.L.*

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, OTTAWA, Ontario

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Name HEATHERINGTON, John Thomas
 (Christian names in full)
 Rank or Rating Stoker 1st Class Official No. V-31647 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.
 Place of Birth Regina, Sask Date of Birth 21st October, 1922.
 Occupation in Civil Life Sheet Metal apprentice. Religion United Church
 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 27th March, 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. Martha Heatherington Relationship mother
 Address 3539 - 5th Avenue, Regina, Sask.

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

EN. 1121
 D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
 JAN 20 1945
 CLERK No. 1
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H.B. Money
 (Commanding Officer)
 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

Date 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.

10th October, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Heatherington:

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.

Mrs. Martha Heatherington,
3539 - 5th Avenue,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.Date 10/10/44
Time 1800

A.S.

LA/CM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-31647, PERS.(N)

27

15 January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Heatherington:

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, John Thomas Heatherington, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-31647, 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,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Kell.
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

Mrs. Martha Heatherington,
3539 - 5th Avenue,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.

DECEASED 29 April 1944

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

HEATHERINGTON	John Thomas	V-31647	Sto. 1	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	2417
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Sep. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Martha Heatherington - Mother

ADDRESS: 3639 - 5th Ave.,
REGINA, Sask.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

ADDRESS: Mrs. M. Heatherington
3539 - 5th. Avenue
REGINA, Sask.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 160

(3) 19 February 1945