

NAVY
15M-4-40 (4717)
N.S. 815-11-17

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Richard Riley Johnson

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <u>V-5801</u>
	<u>Montreal Division</u>	"

Date of Birth..... January 23rd, 1921.
 Place of Birth..... Hamilton, Ontario.
 Place of Residence..... 4 Oldfield Avenue, Apt. 11, Montreal.
 Trade brought up to..... Clerk, Lunch counter Y.M.C.A.
 Religion..... United Church.
 Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date..... 19 Signature..... Rank.....
 P.S.T. Date..... 19 Signature..... Rank.....

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend
(in pencil)
Father
Arthur Hope
Johnson
same address.



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	
<u>30-5-40.</u>	<u>7-6-40.</u>	<u>3 years. Duration</u>	<u>Stoker 2nd. Class.</u>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>34 1/2</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fresh</u>	<u>Nil.</u>
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

V5801

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

JOHNSON
(Surname)

Richard Riley
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

23rd January, 1921.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Hamilton, Ont.

OCCUPATION

Clerk.

RELIGION

United Church.

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

4 Oldfield Ave., Apt. #11.

Town

Montreal

Province, etc.

Que.

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
7	6	40	H.O.	5' 9	Fair	Blue	Fresh					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Wife 8/3/45

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs Isabella Johnson

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

4 Oldfield Ave

Town

Montreal 25

Province, etc.

Que

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	9	42	Granted Aux. W/K.Cert.				

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. 1017-5725-5

DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
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O.H.F. Received.



V5801 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME JOHNSON Richard Riley OFFICIAL NUMBER V5801
 (Surname) (Given Names)

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
Montreal Div. Str.	Stoker 11.	7	6	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	"	1	5	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	"	19	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Collingwood	"	31	7	41		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	"	7	3	42													
	Stoker 1.	1	5	42													
Niobe	"	2	6	42													
HMS Quebec	"	27	6	42													
Niobe	"	21	3	43													
	A/Ldg. Sto.	1	5	43													
Stadacona	"	26	6	43													
Niobe	"	20	10	43													
L.C.I. (S) #166	"	4	12	43	N-342.												
Niobe	"	19	2	44													
Athabaskan	"	7	4	44	N-468, P-1.												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	"Missing" per Casualty List. Presumed Dead, per Casualty List page 66.												

GENERAL REMARKS
 Category "A" Memo of 30.10.43.
 AWARDED Canadian Memorial Cross:
 Wife: Mrs. Isabella JOHNSON,
 1 St. Andrews St.,
 Greenock, Scotland.
 MOTHER: Mrs. Ida JOHNSON,
 4 Oldfield Ave., Apt-11,
 Montreal, Quebec.

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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HEADQUARTERS... NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ontario

Name... JOHNSON, Richard Bailey (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating... Leading Stoker... Official No. 7-5801... Unit { R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R. }

Place of Birth... Hamilton, Ontario... Date of Birth... 27th January, 1911

Occupation in Civil Life... Clerk... 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 7th June, 1940 to 29th April, 1944

Date of Death... 29th April, 1944... Place of Death... At Sea

Cause of Death... Missing, presumed dead, when H.R.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name... Mrs. Isabella Johnson... Relationship... Wife... Address... 1 St. Andrew Street, GLENROCK, Scotland.

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...

If applicable { Place of Burial... No burial... Date of Burial... Location, Number, etc., of grave... Undertaker employed...

ENTERED IN N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 19 1945 G.P. CLERK No. 1

H.B. Money

for SECRETARY, (Commanding Officer),

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

OTTAWA, Ont. 12 January, 1945 Date... EMC

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.

COPY

4105 Cote Des Neiges
Apartment 16 C
Montreal Quebec

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am the wife of L/S to Richard Riley Johnson V-5801 he was on the Athabaskan and was reported missing and now presumed dead.

I know some friends whose husband's were on it and theyre wife got theyre assurance money, when my husband and I got married he put me next to kin and he told me if anything ever happened to him which we hoped and prayed wouldnt, he said that all his assurance money and all the rest of anything he had to get would come to me and it would keep me the rest of my days to come.

Well what I would like to know is why my Mother-in-law got it she has her Husband's pay and her daughter's pay coming into her, I am the dependant of my husband. I do not stay with my in laws as we don't get along, they say it is my fault my husband is reported missing why I do not know.

My Mother-in-law has never told me she got the money but I know she did, as her friends told me and they think I should have got it.

Please o'blidge,

(Sgd) Mrs. R. R. Johnson.

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4262 Dorchester St.W.,
Montreal, Que.

October 31, 1945.

The Paymaster General,
R.C.N.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs,

I wish to take this opportunity of notifying you of a change in my address. It was formerly 4105 Cote des Neiges Road, Montreal and is now 4262 Dorchester Street West, Montreal.

I understand that my monthly cheque which I receive from you was returned yesterday because I was no longer at the address on Cote des Neiges Road where the cheque was sent. Would you kindly note this change in my address on your records and forward the cheque there as soon as possible.

In case such information is needed, my husband who has been assumed dead by the R.C.N.V.R. was L/Sto. R.R. Johnson, V-5801, R.C.N.V.R. My maiden name was Isa McColl and we were married in Greenock, Scotland in March, 1943.

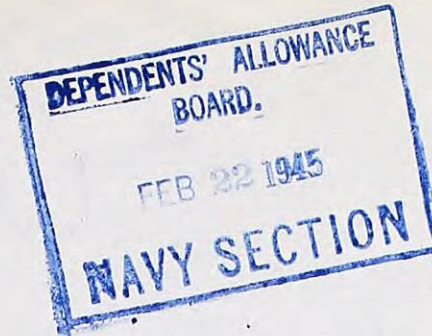
I trust the above information will be sufficient to allow you to trace my cheque and forward it to me.

Yours very truly,

Mrs J. Johnson

*Noted
SPR/15 - cam
21/11/45*

4 Oldfield Ave., Apt
Montreal, 25, Que.
February 18, 1945



Chief Treasury Officer,
D.A. & A.P. Branch,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing you with regards to my monthly allowance as I have recently arrived in Canada from Greenock, Scotland.

My husband is in the R.C.N.V.R. His name is Richard Riley Johnson he is a leading stoker; his naval number is V5801. He was on the Athabasca and is at present presumed dead.

We were married in Greenock, Scotland on March 25th., 1944. My maiden name was Isabella McColl.

I have been in Canada about a week and I read in a book that was given me when I arrived here that I should write to you in order that the money which was previously sent to my home at 1 St. Andrew Street, Greenock Scotland, would in the future be sent to my Canadian address. I am living with my mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hope Johnson who reside at 4 Oldfield Ave., Montreal.

I hope that this is all the information that you need but if not will you kindly write to me at the above address. If it is alright, I would appreciate a reply to this letter so that I will know that this matter is being attended to.

Thanking you for your prompt attention and consideration of this letter, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Address noted
7-3-45
Abbey
Dn PA*



J Johnson

*Y 21. CTO
L. M. Johnson*

TFH/SH

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

O.N. V-5801. Pers(N)

1 May, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Johnson:

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, Richard Riley Johnson, Leading Stoker, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-5801, 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 Stoker Johnson 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.

Don
Mrs. Ida Johnson,
4 Oldfield Avenue, Apt. 2,
MONTREAL, Quebec.

LETTER dispatched by
PERSONNEL NAVAL
1944

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VERIFICATION FORM
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL,
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1)

NAME IN FULL JOHNSON, Richard Riley RANK/RATING O/Ldg/Lt

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939
	1.5.41						
Collingwood	31.7.41	6.3.42	219	act			
NIOBE	2.6.42	26.8.42	25	UK			
Quebec QUEBEC (Hosp)	27.6.42	20.3.43		UK			
NIOBE	21.3.43	25.6.43	(180)	UK			
NIOBE	20.10.43	3.12.43		UK			
LCI LCI (L) 166 Squib	4.12.43	18.2.44	77	act			
NIOBE	19.2.44	7.4.44	✓				
ATHBASKAN	8.4.44	29.4.44	22	act			
<u>Disch: Dead</u>							
to date 29/4/44.							

VERIFIED BY J.Roe

VERIFIED BY

VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING .. *Sdg/Slt* OFF.NO. *V-5801* 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
<i>ad</i>							ATLANTIC	1	Star
<i>r</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>UK</i>							AFRICA		
<i>UK</i>							PACIFIC		
<i>UK</i>							BURMA		
<i>ad</i>							ITALY		
							DEFENCE	1	Medal
<i>ut</i>							C.V.S.M.	2	+ Clasp
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	Medal
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *J.P. Rose*

VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

RCNVR Apr. 46 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO	Labrosse (Re-married) Mrs. Isabella Johnson - Widow 4262 Dorchester St., W., MONTREAL, Que. 9-12-46	(1) 6034 Christopher Columbus,
(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW	Mrs. I. Johnson 4262 Dorchester Street MONTREAL, Que.	(2) 19 February 1945
(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER	Mrs. I. Johnson 4 Oldfield Avenue - Apt. 11 MONTREAL, Que.	(3) 19 February 1945

DECEASED 29 April 1944

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

JOHNSON	Richard Riley	V-5801	L/Sto.	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:

03-02862 M

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CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION No.
1939-45 Star	CANCELLED 8/6/50
Atlantic Star	CANCELLED 7/10/49
Defence Medal	MEDALS RET'D UNDELIVERED AND RET'D TO STOCK
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	MEDALS RET'D UNDELIVERED RET'D TO STOCK 4/7/50
	(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)