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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

(A) DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

SURNAME.....	WILKIE	PERMANENT ADDRESS
CHRISTIAN NAME.....	Agnes Wightman	Carman,
RELIGION.....	United	Manitoba.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
5th September, 1904	Town Oakbluff, County Province Manitoba. Country	John Wilkie(Father), Carman, Manitoba.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet.....5.....	Inflated.....34.....	Brown	Blue	Fair	Nil.
Inches..... $\frac{1}{2}$	Deflated.....31.....				
	Mean..... $32\frac{1}{2}$				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RANK IN WHICH ENROLLED	MARRIED, SINGLE, OR WIDOWER	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Divisional Strength 24th February, 1942.	Naval Nursing Sister	Single	Registered Nurse, Pursuing her own profession.

(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 an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and will 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 served in~~ for the period shown, and attach my ~~record of service~~

* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM

Personnel Records	
Division	To
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2. Index Card	J.M.T.
3. Non Sub. Card	
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6. Pension Card	

(c) I have never been rejected for 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.

DATE 28. 3. 42 (over)

(5) On being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I understand and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for as long as my services may be required, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the regulations made in pursuance thereof for the governing 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 provide myself with the necessary uniform as laid down in R.C.N.V.R. Regulations.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1942.

Agnes W. Wilkie
Signature of Applicant.

The above declaration was made and signed in my presence this 24th day of February, 1942.

W. B. Kinsman
Signature of Enrolling Officer.
Sub-Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.

(C) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I Agnes W. WILKIE 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 *Agnes W. Wilkie*

Signature of Witness *W. B. Kinsman*

Date 24th February, 1942.

Rank Sub-Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by any commissioned officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—This form when completed is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, together with Certificate of medical examination B-207, and record of any previous service.

The record of previous service will be returned after examination at Naval Service Headquarters.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the *Aviation Section* Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Agnes W. Wilkie
Signature



Department of National Defence
583 Ellice Avenue, WINNIPEG, Canada.
Naval Service

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

N-4

NO.

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26th January 1942.

FROM: THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.C.S. "CHIPPAWA".

TO: THE NAVAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

NO 44

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Miss Agnes W. WILKIE

Submitted for the consideration of the
Department:

2. Attached hereto is an application of the above mentioned lady for entry into the Service as a Naval Nursing Sister.
3. She is 37 years of age and has had a great deal of experience doing private duty in Winnipeg for over ten years.
4. She is outstanding amongst the nurses in Winnipeg and was asked by the Manitoba Nurse's Association to place her application with us.
5. As one would expect, she has developed a keen sense of her responsibilities and her tact, personality, and ability, leave nothing to be desired, and she would no doubt fit in any important supervisor's capacity.
6. I have no hesitation in strongly recommending that her application be accepted.

Per (N)
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interviewed by
Nursing Sister in
Charge Stibbard.

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(E.T.C. ORDE)
Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

593 Wellington Crescent,
January 23, 1942.

Commander Order,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve,
583 Ellice Ave,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Dear Sir:

I wish to make application as a Nursing Sister in
the Royal Canadian Navy Nursing Service.

My academic standing is grade XI and my education
was received at Carman Public and Carman High School
at Carman, Manitoba.

In February 1924, I was admitted as a pupil nurse
to the Misericordia General Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba,
from which institution I was graduated in March 1927. Having
been awarded the Dr James McKeuty gold medal for highest
standing in theory, I passed my registered Nurses examination
in June 1927.

After completing my training I acted as operating room
supervisor for 1 year in Misericordia Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Since that time have been doing private duty nursing in
City of Winnipeg.

My parents, Mr + Mrs John Wilkie, reside at Carman,
Manitoba. I am a Canadian citizen, 37 years of age, of Scotch
racial origin. My health has always been excellent. Am a member
of United Church of Canada.

For references you may apply to the following:

Rev. Sr. St. Berthe - Misericordia General Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Miss Gertrude M. Hall - Executive Secretary, Nurses Association, M.A.R.N.,
212 Balmoral St. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dr D. McIntyre - 258 Dromore Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dr W. G. Beaton - 302 Montrose St. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Yours respectfully,

Agnes W. Wilkie R.N.
593 Wellington Crescent.

Phone 41079.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.

OFFICIAL NUMBER | FILE NUMBER 139-V.4 | OFFICIAL NUMBER 0-78010
 NAME **WILKIE** (Surname) **Agnes Nightman** (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH **5th September 1904.**
 PLACE OF BIRTH **Oakbluff, Manitoba.** OCCUPATION **Registered Nurse.**
 RELIGION **United Church** EDUCATION _____
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. _____ Town **Carmen** Province, etc. **Manitoba.**

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
24	2	42	Hostilities	5' 1/2"	Brown	Blue	Fair	Nil			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) **FATHER** NAME (in pencil) **John Wilkie**
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. _____ Town **Carmen** Province, etc. **Manitoba**

Date (in figures)			Particulars	EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.		
Day	Month	Year		Date (in figures)	Particulars	Particulars

Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd O.C. or O.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENSE	PUNISHMENT
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Department of National Defence
 Naval Service
 583 Ellice Avenue, WINNIPEG, Man.

AIR MAIL

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. WPG-W-104

H.M.C.S. "CHIPPAWA" - 7th March 1942

MUS WILKIE

FROM: THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
 H.M.C.S. "CHIPPAWA".

TO: THE SECRETARY - NAVAL BOARD,
 DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
 OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

COPY
 TO: THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
 H.M.C.S. "STADACONA",
 HALIFAX, N.S.

 Nursing Sister Agnes W. WILKIE, RCN. (Temp)

Submitted for the information of the Department:

2. With reference to your N.S. 24-1-14 F.D. → ORD 1041, of the 19th of February, 1942.

3. The above mentioned Officer will come on to Active Service Wednesday, the 11th of March, entraining for Halifax via Toronto for one day's uniform fitting and will arrive in Halifax p.m. Sunday, the 15th of March.

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ORO
 COMMANDING OFFICER
 H.M.C.S. "STADACONA"
 1194
 MAR 11 1942
 R.C.N. BARRACKS,
 HALIFAX, N.S.

(E.T.C. ORDE)
 Commander, R.C.N.V.R.



Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa, Canada

AIR MAIL

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO. N.S. 24-1-14
F.D. 1041

19th February, 1942.

MISS WILKIE

MEMORANDUM:

With reference to your N-4 of the 26th January, 1942, Miss Agnes W. Wilkie is to be medically examined and if fit is to be entered as Nursing Sister, R.C.N. (Temporary) and drafted at the earliest opportunity to H.M.C.S. Stadacona to await passage to H.M.C.S. Avalon, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Miss Wilkie should order her uniforms but may proceed without them and will be permitted to carry out her duty in her civilian nursing uniforms until such time as her service gear arrives.

Date of enrolment and date of reporting to Stadacona should be signalled to N.S.E.Q. and Stadacona.

BY ORDER,

Secretary, Naval Board.

*Plus
OK*

The Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "CHIPPAWA",
583 Ellice Avenue,
WINNIPEG, Man.

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The Commanding Officer,
R.C.N. Barracks,
HALIFAX, N.S.

The Commanding Officer,
Atlantic Coast,
H.M.C. Dockyard,
HALIFAX, N.S.

The Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "AVALON".

OK
COMMANDING OFFICER
H.M.C.S. "STADACONA"
FEB 22 1942
R. C. N. BARRACKS,
HALIFAX, N. S.

) For information.

BY ORDER,

[Signature]
Secretary, Naval Board.

OTTAWA, 19th February, 1942.

DRAFTED BY NPR PER T.L.B.
N.S. 138-W-4

S. 1320D
10 MH. 12-41 (2799-2800)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

NAVAL MESSAGE

OFFICIAL COPY

To:

MR. JOHN WILKIE,
CARMAN, MANITOBA

From:

N. S. H. Q. OTTAWA

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CNF
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MINISTER

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE DEEPLY REGRETS TO
INFORM YOU THAT YOUR DAUGHTER, NURSING SISTER AGNES
WIGHTMAN WILKIE, ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY, IS MISSING
BELIEVED KILLED DUE TO ENEMY ACTION.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

MR. JOHN WILKIE,
CARMAN, MANITOBA.

From:

N.S.H.Q., OTTAWA.

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VCNS
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THE REMAINS OF YOUR DAUGHTER, NURSING SISTER,
AGNES W. WILKIE, RCN, HAVE BEEN WASHED ASHORE
IN NEWFOUNDLAND. THE FLAG OFFICER, NEWFOUNDLAND
FORCE, WILL ARRANGE FUNERAL WITH FULL NAVAL
HONOURS. LETTER FOLLOWS BY AIR MAIL.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D
10 MIL 12-41 (2799-2800)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

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From:

NSHQ OTTAWA

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NSHQ'S 0222/16. FULLEST POSSIBLE DETAILS REGARDING THE
ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR FUNERAL. NURSING SISTER AGNES WILKIE
R.C.N. ARE TO BE FORWARDED BY AIR RAIL TO NEXT OF KIN
FATHER MR. WILKIE, GAMMA MANITOBA, INCLUDING IF POSSIBLE
PICTURES OF FUNERAL AND GRAVE. COPY IS TO BE FORWARDED
TO N.S.H.Q.

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T.T. P/L 17/10/42

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320L
10 MR. 12-41 (2799-2800)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

From:

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SECRETARY NAVAL SERVICE DND OTTAWA ONT.

WINNIPEG MANITOBA.
JOHN WILKIE
CARMAN MANITOBA

CNS
VCNS
CMP
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DSS
PDG

RECEIVED YOUR WIRE INFORMING ME OF RECOVERY OF BODY
OF MY DAUGHTER NURSING SISTER AGNES WILKIE AND GIVING
PARTICULARS OF BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS. MY WISH IS TO
HAVE BODY RETURNED TO HER HOME CARMAN MANITOBA
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. PLEASE WIRE REPLY IF THIS CAN BE
ARRANGED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D
10 MIL. 12-41 (2799-2800)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

MR. JOHN WILKIE,
CARMAN, MANITOBA

From:

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N.S.H.Q. OTTAWA

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DEEPLY REGRET THAT WARTIME REGULATIONS DO NOT
PERMIT RETURN OF BODY OF YOUR DAUGHTER
NURSING SISTER AGNES WILKIE RCN TO CANADA.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

N. S. F. Q. OTTAWA
(R) AVALON

From:

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YOUR 0222/16 AND 1745/17.

DUE TO INADQUATE FACILITIES AT PORT AUX BASQUES
FUNERAL FOR NURSING SISTER AGNES WILKIE RCN WAS
HELD AT ST. JOHNS 1500/19. REQUIRED ACTION IS
BEING TAKEN.

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(RE: LOST ON "CARABOU".)

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Registered Mail

Air Mail

17th October, 1942.

Dear Sir:

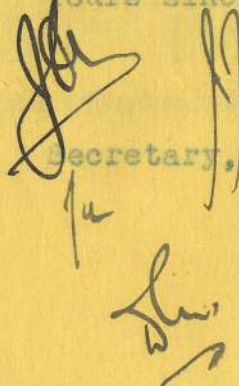
I deeply regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 16th October from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you of the loss of your daughter, Nursing Sister Agnes Wightman Wilkie, R.C.N. 26

As stated in my second telegram of the 16th October, the remains of your daughter have been washed ashore in Newfoundland, and the Flag Officer Newfoundland Force has arranged for the funeral with full Naval honours. I have further instructed the Flag Officer Newfoundland Force to forward to you by air mail full information regarding the arrangements made for the funeral of your daughter.

I deeply regret that under a recent wartime regulation it was not possible to comply with your request of the 17th October to have your daughter's body returned to her home for interment. In this connection, the following is an extract from the regulations "During hostilities, bodies of personnel of The Canadian Naval Forces who die while serving at points outside Canada or the United States of America will not under any circumstances be returned to Canada or the United States for interment, either at public expense or at the request of relatives". I trust that under these circumstances, the arrangements made by the Flag Officer Newfoundland Force will prove satisfactory.

May I express the sincere sympathy of the Chief of the Naval Staff, Officers, Nursing Sisters and men of the Royal Canadian Navy in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary, Naval Board.

Mr. John Wilkie,
CARMAN, Man.

Royal Letter Card sent
Canadian " " *LW*
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St. John's, Newfoundland,
21st October, 1942.

My dear Mr. Wilkie,

I am sure there is nothing I can possibly say to assuage the grief felt by yourself, Mrs. Wilkie and other members of your family in the loss of your beloved daughter, Nursing Sister Agnes W. Wilkie, R.C.N. The knowledge that she sacrificed her life for her country and in the cause of freedom may afford you some comfort.

Your late daughter's funeral was conducted with full Naval honours and she now rests on the slope of a hill in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. John's. The esteem with which she was held by her comrades at the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital, St. John's, and by all others with whom she was associated, was shown by the profusion of flowers that covered the casket.

Miss Margaret M. Brooke, R.C.N., your late daughter's companion on the ill-fated voyage attests to the fortitude with which Nursing Sister Wilkie met death. She was not injured and her suffering could not have been of long duration. She slipped away from the raft without a sound. Her body was the first to be recovered and was brought from Port aux Basques to St. John's yesterday, escorted by a Naval Officer from her native Province.

Enclosed you will find an account of the funeral services, together with a set of pictures which describe scenes during the funeral. These, perhaps, will in some measure alleviate the sorrow that has befallen you in the loss of your daughter.

On behalf of the Newfoundland Command of the Royal Canadian Navy, I extend to you and your family our sincere condolences.

Yours very sincerely,

(SGD.) E. R. Mainguy,
Acting Commodore First Class, RCN.,
Flag Officer Newfoundland Force.

Mr. Herbert Wilkie,
Carman,
Manitoba, Canada.

St. John's, Nfld.,
20th October, 1942.

On a rugged, windblown hillside in Newfoundland, her Naval comrades laid to rest all that was mortal of Agnes W. Wilkie, first Nursing Sister of the Royal Canadian Navy to make the supreme sacrifice in the present war. She lost her life when S.S. "CARIBOU", Newfoundland Ferry Ship was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Cabot Strait early last Wednesday morning. 37

In the chill of a blustery autumn afternoon, as the day was slowly mellowing into dusk, they bore her Union Jack draped casket down the slope of St. John's Mount Pleasant Cemetery to her last resting place....a spot that is forever Manitoba. Because she was a Manitoba woman and, having dedicated her life to the healing of others, she answered her country's call early and went forth to serve. She was appointed to the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital at St. John's where she became Assistant Matron and, she had just completed her first leave as a Naval Nursing Sister - a visit to her parents in Carman, Manitoba - when the Hun in his ruthlessness cut her off in the prime of life.

She and her hospital companion, Miss Maragret M. Brooke R.C.N. of Ardath, Saskatchewan, kept together after the torpedo struck. They clung determinedly to the same raft for more than two hours and then Nursing Sister Wilkie lost consciousness. Just before dawn, the seas became so rough that Miss Brooke could not hold on to her friend any longer, so Nursing Sister Wilkie floated away to her death.

"She wasn't hurt, neither did she suffer for long," Miss Brooke, who was rescued when a rating on the rescue ship fell overboard and picked her up. "I think the cold and the constant splashing of the waves over us was just too much for her. Had I had two hands with which to hold her, but I had to hang on with one and I was so cold and numb that I didn't seem to have any strength."

The body of Nursing Sister Wilkie was the first to be reclaimed from the sea. The remains were brought to Port aux Basques and thence were sent on to St. John's by train, ESCORTED by a Naval Officer from the late Nursing Sister's native province. The casket arrived in St. John's on Monday afternoon and the funeral, with full Naval honours, took place the same day from Cochrane Street United Church. The service was conducted by Rev. G. Roy Inglis, Chaplain of the Royal Canadian Navy, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Clifford Knowles.

Commodore H.R. Mainguy, R.C.N., Flag Officer Newfoundland Force paid his respects both at the church service and at the graveside while the Nursing Sisters from the R.C.N. Hospital, led by Matron E.I. Stibbard, attended in a body, as did the R.C.N. Surgeons, headed by Commander A.L. Anderson, Base Medical Officer. All other Naval establishments were represented as well as medical officers and nurses from all other services including those of the United States.

Colours of the ships in Harbour and of the shore establishments were at half mast and the Firing Party and Naval Escort were lined up outside the Church as six Sick Berth Attendants, who had worked in close association with the late Nursing Sister, carried the casket along the aisle to the chancel and the assembly sang the hymn:

"O Love that wilt not let me go,
 I rest my weary soul in Thee;
 I give Thee back the life I owe,
 That in Thine ocean depths its flow
 May richer, fuller be."

Then followed the reading of the lesson by the chaplain and the prayer by Rev. Mr. Knowles.

"O God of all comfort and sustaining grace, be very near us we beseech Thee, to her loved ones far distant from here" was an invocation offered by the pastor. "Though they must mourn her death, comfort them with lovely memories and fair hopes. Assure them of Thy unfailing Providence and the knowledge that all devoted and noble qualities of character are preserved of Thee. May they not feel that she lies in a strange land, for all the earth is Thine and."

own good time, all shall be gathered together".

Following the Benediction the Organist, Arthur News, played the Dead March in Saul after which the flower laden casket borne to the waiting hearse and the firing party presented arms.

The rain beat down as the cortege wended its way along the cemetery path to the graveside. The Chaplain intoned the burial prayer "ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Three volleys rang out over the grave and, as the last note of the "Last Post" died away in the stillness of the afternoon, Commodore Mainguy stepped to the open grave and brought his right hand up in a final salute. It was then that a shaft of sun breached the slanting rain and threw its ray on the casket.

As the procession filed past the grave, Officers saluted, while the Nursing Sisters paused in farewell tribute.

Floral wreaths and sprays heaped around the graveside were from: Mother and Dad; The Naval Nursing Sisters; Officers of Naval Medical Service; Sick Berth and Hospital Staff ratings; Wardroom Officers, Fort William; Nurses of St. John's General Hospital; Lieutenant-Commander Thomson; and the Whiteheads, of Winnipeg.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS (NAVY)

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

WILKIE Agnes Wightman		0-78010	N/S	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

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No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER	AN DATE DESPATCHED
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	1268	18-10-49
War Medal.		

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCN Aug. 45 "CARIBOU"
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. John Wilkie - Father

ADDRESS: Carman, Man.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. John Wilkie

ADDRESS: Carman, Man.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 195

(2)

(3) 5-1-43

LA/CAM

N.S. 1440-12,
N.S. C-78010,
PERS.(N) "N"/4.

13 January, 1948.

Dear Mr. Wilkie:

A Memorial has been erected at Port-aux-Basques, Newfoundland, to the memory of those who died in the torpedoing of S.S. "CARIBOU" on the 14th of October, 1942. As your daughter was a passenger on this ill-fated ship it is felt that the following particulars regarding the unveiling and dedication of this Memorial may be of interest to you.

The Memorial consists of a twenty-five foot cenotaph erected on a large base designed to depict a miniature cemetery. The shaft is topped by a permanently burning amber light on top of which is a bronze caribou. On each of the four sides of the shaft there is a bronze plaque with the names of the casualties inscribed thereon.

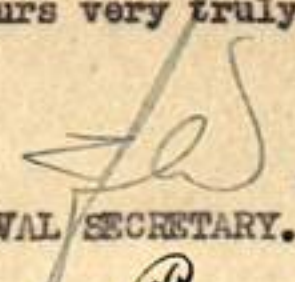
The funds for this monument were raised by public subscription and sponsored by the Newfoundland Railway owners of the ill-fated Caribou.

The Memorial was unveiled by the Honourable H.W. Quinton, Commissioner for Public Health and Welfare, representing the Governor of Newfoundland. Officials of many national and local organizations were present, including a representative of the Canadian Government. The United States Army sent a detachment from Harmon Field to fire a three volley salute and the Officer-in-Charge laid a wreath on behalf of the United States Government.

Although the weather was somewhat inclement the simple but impressive ceremony was well attended and particularly so by the residents of Port-aux-Basques and Channel most of them having had relatives on the vessel at the time of the disaster.

Enclosed is a copy of the program of the unveiling and dedication.

Yours very truly,


NAVAL SECRETARY.

Encl.

Mr. John Wilkie,
CARMAN, Manitoba.

to A.M.S.
for Dept.
Date 16.1.48
Staff M.J.