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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(NAVAL SERVICE)

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APPLICATION FOR CADETSHIP
IN THE
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

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Halifax, Nova Scotia
(Place)
March 4, 1940.
(Date)

THE NAVAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA.

SIR:—

I hereby make application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy as a Naval Cadet. I understand that I am required to make a first choice between the Executive and Engineering Branch. My first choice is the Engineering Branch.
(Insert branch chosen)

I declare that I am a British subject, and the son of a natural born or naturalized British subject, and that I have resided in Canada for the past two years. I understand that I must pass the Cadetship entrance examinations, and also that I will be required to undergo a strict medical examination by Departmental Medical Authorities before final acceptance, and must be accepted by an Interview Committee appointed by the Department.

I wish to write the examination in the { *English } language, and I choose the following subjects for examination:—
*Cancel word not applicable.

Part I—

To be taken by all candidates:

- (a) English; (b) General Knowledge; (c) One of the following subjects:—
Modern Language (*.....),
or General History, or
Everyday Science.

NOTE.—Cross out subjects not chosen. *Insert language chosen.

Part II—

Any three of the following subjects of which Lower Mathematics must be one:—

- (a) Latin or Greek; (b) French or German; (c) Modern History; (d) Lower Mathematics; (e) Higher Mathematics; (f) Physics (state whether Schedule A or Schedule B chosen) or Chemistry; or Biology.
Schedule—(State whether Schedule A or Schedule B chosen).
(Cross out subjects not chosen.)

NOTE.—No candidates are allowed to offer similar subjects in Parts I and II, i.e., a candidate taking a Modern Language in Part II may not offer a Modern Language in Part I; a candidate taking Physics, Chemistry, or Biology, may not offer Everyday Science; a candidate taking Modern History, may not offer General History.

The following questions are to be answered by the applicant in his own handwriting, in ink:—

Name in full Ralph Miles Lawrence

Address in full Nashwaakasis York County New Brunswick
(Block letters)
(City or town, Province)

NOTE.—In case of change in address the Department should be immediately notified.
Date of birth March 17th 1920
(Certificate of birth, or sworn declaration to be attached)

Place of birth Dumfries York Co. N.B.

How far advanced educationally 2 1/2 years Royal Military College
(Certificate from School Authorities to be attached)

Character:—Attach two certificates of character from persons well known, and of standing in locality.

Ability to swim:—Attach certificate of ability to swim 50 yards, signed by a responsible person.

Height 5' 10"

Chest measurement 36"
(Normal)

Colour of hair Brown

Colour of eyes Grey

Complexion Fair

Wounds, scars or distinguishing marks Nil.

Religious denomination Anglican

Are you in all respects physically fit for naval service? Yes.
(Attach certificate from family physician)

NOTE.—This medical certificate is provisional only, and applicant will be required to pass a medical examination before a Medical Officer of the Department before final acceptance.

Declaration to be signed by Candidate—

I T.M. Lawrence do hereby

declare that I have carefully considered the regulations for the entry of Cadets in the Royal Canadian Navy, and that I consent to abide by the same in every particular, as well as to observe and follow all such orders and directions as I shall from time to time receive from the naval authorities, and to conform in every respect to His Majesty's regulations, and to the rules and discipline of the service. I also declare that all answers to questions and other information given are true and correct.

Dated at Halifax N.S. T.M. Lawrence
Signature of Candidate.

this 4 day of March 1940

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Information required to be supplied by Parent or Guardian:—

Name, in full, of Father Frederick B. Lawrence
Address of Father Nashwaaksis N.B.
Occupation and Profession of Father Carpenter
Nationality of Father Canadian
How long domiciled in Canada Life
Domicile Permanent or Temporary Permanent
Nationality of Paternal Grandfather Canadian
Nationality of Paternal Grandmother Canadian
Name of Mother Frances Miles
(Maiden name to be given)
Nationality of Mother British
Nationality of Maternal Grandfather British
Nationality of Maternal Grandmother British
Name and address of Guardian*
Occupation and Profession*

*To be given only if both parents are deceased.

Do you know of any disability from whatever cause which would debar the applicant from entry as a Cadet in the Royal Canadian Navy? No

DECLARATION BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I hereby declare that I consent to the admission of Ralph Miles Lawrence
Son the above-signed Candidate for admission to the Royal Canadian Navy, and that it is my intention that he should adopt the Royal Canadian Navy as his profession in life.

I consent to withdraw him upon receipt of an official request to do so in accordance with the regulations prescribed, and to fully abide by the conditions as contained in the regulations (outlined in "Conditions of Entry, Service, etc., of Officers of the Royal Canadian Navy").

NOTE.—The usual causes requiring withdrawal are misconduct, lack of application to study, unsuitability for commission as Naval Officer, and physical disability.

I agree to accept the decision of the Department in case of non-compliance with the regulations for entry and discipline by the candidate.

I undertake, on behalf of my Son that he is prepared to serve in any branch of the Royal Canadian Navy for which he may be selected.

I understand that Naval Officers are appointed during pleasure and that the Governor in Council has authority to relieve any officer from duty.

I am prepared to pay \$20 when called on, for the expenses of the educational examination.

F.B. Lawrence
Signature of Parent or Guardian.

Dated March 8th 1940
this day of, 19.....

JPP.

H.M.C.S. "SAGUENAY"

22nd. January, 40

Sir,

I have the honour to submit that my name may be forwarded as an applicant for a Cadetship in the Royal Canadian Navy.

I have been very keen on the Navy as a career since doing my first training period as a Cadet, R.C.N.V.R., in H.M.C.S. "SATADACONA" during the summer of 1938. I wanted to join the Royal Canadian Navy after completing two years at the Royal Military College in Kingston, but my parents desired that I graduate from that institution, which meant that I would then be over age for the Navy. When war was declared and it was made known that my class would not be able to finish its normal course at Royal Military College, I applied, with my parent's consent, for the Royal Canadian Navy with the view of proceeding to England in January, but my application did not go through, so I asked for an appointment to the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, on leaving Royal Military College in December, 1939.

I believe that I am still within the age limit for the entry of Officers to the Royal Canadian Navy, as my 20th. birthday is not until March 17th, 1940.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R.M. Lawrence

(R.M. Lawrence)
Acting Sub Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

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

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

60-L.49) 0-40930

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **LAWRENCE**
(Surname)

Ralph Miles
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH **17th March 1920.**

PLACE OF BIRTH **Dumfries, York Co., N.B.**

OCCUPATION

RELIGION **Anglican.**

EDUCATION **2½ years Royal Military College.**

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town **Nashwaaksis, York Co.,** Province, etc. **N.B.**

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
									R.M.C. and Temporary Cadet R.C.N.V.R.		1/1/40-16/4/40	

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	
30	7	40	Awarded King's Dirk.	25	7	42	Awarded 2nd class Certificate on completion of Signal Course for A/Sub.Lieut.	7	7	42	Obtained 2nd cl. Cert. in "J" & "Q" Groups Exam. for A/Sub.Lt.
21	11	43	Awarded 1939-43 Star Ribbon.	22	8	42	Awarded 2nd class Certificate in Torpedo for rank of Lieutenant.	3	6	43	Obtained W/K Cert.
		37	Awarded King George VI Coronation Medal.	15	6	42	Obtained 2nd cl. Cert. in Gunnery for Sub.Lieut.				
14	4	44	Replacement of King George VI Coronation Medal.								

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. **W3R-4400-5**
DATE **2-6-45**

DATE (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

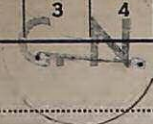
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Last Will & Testament #6629 dated 4.12.42. Rec'd.
Last Will & Testament #28397 of 21.4.44. Rec'd.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To





OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **LAWRENCE**
(Surname)

Ralph Miles
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Quoted		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Stadacona	Cadet	17	4	40	For passage to England and training in R.N.												
"	Cadet (E)		5	40													
HMS. Britannia	Midshipman	1	9	40													
" Nelson	"	14	9	40													
" Royal Sovereign	"	13	7	41													
" Ambuscade	"	16	9	41													
" Nigeria	"	8	12	41													
" Nelson	"	30	12	41													
" Excellent	"	4	5	42	add'l. for crses. 1027-1-10												
" "	A/Sub. Lieut.	1	5	42	60-2.49												
Stadacona	"	10	9	42	Add'l for Foreign Service Leave.												
HMS Buxton	"	13	10	42	(Temporary).												
Stadacona	"				Add'l for passage to United Kingdom.												
Niobe-Athabaskan	"																
Athabaskan	"				on Comm												
Athabaskan	Lieutenant	16	4	43	per Appt. 22-4-43.												
"	"	19	7	43	As Executive Officer (Temporary)												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing. Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

19.2.45 Canadian Memorial Cross issued to -
 Wife - Mrs. Agnes C Lawrence,
 Kennishead, Ave.,
 Thornliebank,
 Glasgow, Scotland.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL. ED.		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
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DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
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VERIFICATION FORM
 GN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

Miles RANK/RATING *Lieut.* OFF.NO. ... *0-40930* 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	/	<i>star</i>
<i>atl</i>							ATLANTIC	/	<i>star</i>
<i>atl.</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>UK.</i>							AFRICA	/	<i>star</i>
<i>at</i>							PACIFIC		
<i>med of sea et.</i>							BURMA		
<i>at</i>							ITALY		
<i>at</i>							DEFENCE	/	<i>medal</i>
<i>at</i>							C.V.S.M.	<i>27</i>	<i>clasp</i>
<i>UK</i>							" CLASP		
<i>atl</i>							WAR 1945	/	<i>medal</i>
<i>UK</i>							WAR 1915		
<i>atl.</i>									

Dead *79-4-44*

VERIFIED BY *sl*

Naval Service

26th March, 1940.

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MEMORANDUM:

With reference to Headquarters' Memorandum N.S. 103-L.12 of the 21st March, 1940, with regard to arrangements for the entry of Acting Sub-Lieutenant R.M. Lawrence, R.C.N.V.R. as a Naval Cadet R.C.N., it is notified for information that this Officer should join the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth on the 2nd May, 1940. His passage should be arranged on or about the 16th April. He is to be directed to report to the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, England. The High Commissioner will arrange his transportation to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

BY ORDER.

J.O. Cossette
(J.O. Cossette)
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Commanding Officer,
R.C.N. Barracks,
(D) HALIFAX, N.S.

*B.F.
14-4-40
g/H*

C O P Y

"Officer in Charge, "Frobisher Cadets",
Royal Naval College,
Dartmouth.

To

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The Secretary,
Canada House.

I am pleased to inform you that Cadet R.M. Lawrence, R.C.N., has been awarded the King's Dirk for high qualities of influence and leadership. The entry here being what it is, I can assure you that the standard is no mean one, and Cadet Lawrence should prove to be a very capable young officer.

(Sgd.) Richard C. Pedder, Lieut. Comdr. R.N.

NAVAL SERVICE

31st July, 1940.

MEMORANDUM TO THE MINISTER (NAVAL SERVICE)-

Information has just been received that Cadet R.M. LAWRENCE, R.C.N., who joined the R.C.N. 1st of May this year and is now completing his term in the Shore Training Establishment of the Royal Navy employed for training Direct Entry Cadets, has been awarded the King's Dirk in that establishment.

2. This Dirk is presented by His Majesty to the Cadet showing the best all-round influence during the period he is under instruction in the training establishment.

3. This is the fourth King's Dirk which has been awarded to Cadets of the R.C.N. in the past few years, previous recipients being Lieutenant-Commander H.F. PULLEN, Lieutenant M.A. MEDLAND and Lieutenant (E) J.B. CALDWELL.

Rear Admiral

Rear Admiral, R.C.N.,
Chief of the Naval Staff.

Ottawa, July 31, 1940.

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My dear Colleague:

Information has just been received that Cadet R.M. Lawrence of Naskwaaksis, York County, N.B., an ex-cadet of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., who joined the R.C.N. 1st of May this year and is now completing his term in the Shore Training Establishment of the Royal Navy employed for training Direct Entry Cadets, has been awarded the King's Dirk in that establishment.

This Dirk is presented by His Majesty to the Cadet showing the best all-round influence during the period he is under instruction in the training establishment.

This is the fourth King's Dirk which has been awarded to Cadets of the R.C.N., in the past few years, previous recipients being Lieutenant-Commander H.F. Pullen, Lieutenant M.A. Medland and Lieutenant (V) N.B. Caldwell.

Yours very truly,

Minister of National Defence
for Naval Services.

The Honourable J.L. Ralston,
Minister of National Defence,
Ottawa.

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N.S. 60-L-49

(Naval Service)

7th August, 1940. 83

Sir:

I am pleased to advise you that your son, Cadet R.M. Lawrence, has been awarded the King's Dirk.

This Dirk is presented by His Majesty to the Cadet showing the best all-round influence during the period he is under instruction in the training establishment.

I have noted his success with gratification.

Yours truly,



Rear-Admiral, R.C.N.,
Chief of the Naval Staff.

Frederick B. Lawrence, Esq.,
NASHWAAKSIS, N.B.

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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

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, Ottawa, Ont.

Name. LAWRENCE, Ralph Miles (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating. Lieutenant Official No. Unit. R.C.N. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth. Dunfermlie, N.B. Date of Birth. 17th March, 1920

Occupation in Civil Life. Student Religion. Anglican

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N. or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. Previous Service R.C.N.V.R. 5-1-40 to 18-1-40 (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) From 17 April, 1940 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. Agnes C. Lawrence Relationship. Wife Address. Alderwood House, Kennishead Ave., Thornliebank, GLASGOW, Scotland.

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 S.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 20 1945 g.p. CLERK No. 1

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

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

Date. 12 January, 1945. EMC

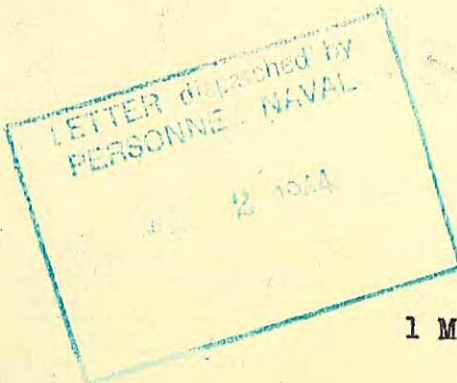
In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

TFH/JM

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N.S. O-40930 Pers.(N)



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1 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Lawrence:

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, Lieutenant Ralph Miles Lawrence, Royal Canadian Navy 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 Lieutenant Lawrence 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. Frances B. Lawrence,
NASHWAAKSIS, York Co.,
N.B.

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Lawrence:

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. Frances B. Lawrence,
Nashwaaksis,
York Co.,
N.B.

A.S.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.Date 10/10/44
Time 1835

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AIR MAIL

N.S. O-40930 Pers.(N)

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15th January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Lawrence:

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, Lieutenant Ralph Miles Lawrence, Royal Canadian Navy, 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. Frances B. Lawrence,
Nashwaaksis,
York Co., N.B.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

.....
Date 15/1/45
Time 1500

RCN Oct. 45 "Athabaskan"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

JOHNSON (REMARIED)

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Ann C. Y. ~~Lawrence~~ -- Widow
Alderwood House, Kennishead Ave,
Thornliebank,
ADDRESS: Glasgow, Scotland.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP _____

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. A. C. Lawrence
Alderwood House
Kennishead Avenue

ADDRESS: THORNLIEBANK, GLASGOW, Scotland

REGN. CANCELLED

(2)

19 February 1945

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. F. B. Lawrence

ADDRESS: NASHWAAKSIS
York Co., N.B.

(3) 19 February 1945

DECEASED 29 April 1944

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

LAWRENCE Ralph Miles	0-40930	Lieut.	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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star,	156 14/10/49
Atlantic Star,	
Africa Star,	
Defence Medal,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)