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(To be completed in triplicate. Copy designation to be shown by striking out terms not applicable.)

Unit The Essex Regiment (Tank) ~~FRIT~~ Regimental Number 264 A.500313

CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE ATTESTATION PAPER

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1. Surname McKenzie
2. Christian Names Alexander
3. Present address 220 Elinor St. Windsor, Ontario
4. Date of birth Sept. 26, 1920
5. Place of birth Canada, Ontario Windsor
(Country) (County or Province) (Town or Township)
6. Religion (state denomination) United Church of Canada
7. Trade or Calling Painter
8. Married, Widower or Single single
9. Name of next of kin James-McKenzie
10. Relationship father
11. Address of next of kin 220 Elinor St. Windsor, Ontario
12. Have you served in any Naval, Military or Air Force? nil
13. If previous war service, state arm, force and regimental particulars nil
14. Do you now belong to or have you served in the Active Militia of Canada? The Essex Regiment (Tank)
(Give unit and date of attestation)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Alexander McKenzie do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve in the Canadian Active Service Force so long as an emergency, i.e., war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, exists, and for the period of demobilization after said emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.

Date _____
(Signature of recruit)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Alexander McKenzie do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.
(Signature of Recruit)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by law.

The above questions and answers were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me,

at Windsor, Ontario this 30 day of May 19 40

} Signature of Magistrate, Justice
or Attesting Officer.

} Office or Rank and Unit
or appointment.

N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT

Record of Service of McKenzie
(Surname)

Alexander
(Christian Names)

Regimental Number ~~ETL 247~~ A.S.00313

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Military..... nil
Business or Professional..... Painter
Trade or Civil..... nil
Technical..... nil
Languages..... English

High School } 2 yrs
or }
Collegiate } (years completed)
*College..... nil
*University..... nil

Graduation } nil
or }
Matriculation } (specify)

*(Name of institution, courses or years completed, and degrees obtained to be shown)

All enlisted personnel will be taken on as Private soldiers, appointments and promotions to higher rank to be shown as provided in the space below.

Report		Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc., from date taken on Strength of Field Force	Rank Shown	Effective Date	Unit	Place	Authority	
Date	From whom received						Part II D.O. No. Cas. List, etc.	Dated
		Joined on appointment From Civil Life; Taken on Strength of Active Service Co. y,	Pts.	31 5. 40.	Essex R.T.	Windsor	Pt. II, Order NO.14	1. 6. 40.
		S.O.S. on ceasing to be employed under G.O. 108.	Pte.	3/10/40.	E.R.T.	Windsor.	Pt 11 order 68.	4/10/40

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ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME MackENZIE OFFICIAL NO. U19785
CHRISTIAN NAMES Alexander MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 220 Elehor Street, Riverside, Ontario. RELIGION Presbyterian

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
26th September, 1921	Town <u>Windsor.</u> County <u>Essex</u> Province <u>Ontario.</u>	Mr. James MacKenzie--father-- (same address)
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Scotch</u> Mother <u>Scotch.</u>		

*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
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>38½</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Mole between the eyes</u>
Inches <u>11½</u>	Deflated <u>35½</u>				
	Mean <u>36½</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Grade 8</u>	<u>Machinist--Ford Motor Co., Windsor, Ontario.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Divisional Strength 23rd March, 1942</u>	<u>Ordinary Seaman</u>	<u>Windsor, Ontario.</u>

(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 served in 30th Reconnaissance for the period shown and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

Personnel Records Division	
1. Name in Records	<u>He</u>
2. In-Card	<u>He</u>
3. No. Sub. Card	<u>He</u>
4. Status Card	<u>He</u>
5. Pension Card	<u>He</u>
6. ...	
7. ...	
8. ...	
DATE	<u>31. 3. 42</u>

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>30th Reconnaissance Bn. (Essex R.)</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>28/10/37</u>	<u>19/3/42.</u>

Discharged to R.C.N.V.R. 19th March, 1942. RS

(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.

L. Roy
ROUGH Ally

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the WINDSOR 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 23rd day of March, 1942.

Signature of applicant Alexander MacKenzie

(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 23rd day of March, 1942.

A.R. Baker S/L R.C.N.V.R.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Alexander MacKENZIE 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 Alexander MacKenzie

Witness A.R. Baker

Date 23rd March, 1942. Rank S/L 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

Alexander MacKENZIE 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 WINDSOR Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

A.R. Baker S/L R.C.N.V.R.
Attesting Officer.

23rd March 1942 R.C.N.V.R. Division Windsor, Ontario.
(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.

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

Alexander MacKenzie
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

O.H.F. *Alexander MacKenzie* *I.P.N.S. 49915*
in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax, N.S.</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Windsor, Ont.</i>	Official Number <i>419785</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth.....*26th September 1921*

Place of Birth.....*Windsor Ontario*

Place of Residence.....*220 Elenor St. Riverside, Ont.*

Trade brought up to.....*Machinist*

Religion.....*Presbyterian*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. *1945* Date *21st May* 19 *45* Signature *A. Rowne* Rank *S/Lt.*

P.S.T. *1942* Date *25 June* 19 *42* Signature *A. Rowne* Rank *S/Lt.*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Mrs. James MacKenzie father (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	
<i>12th Mar. 1942</i>	<i>23 Mar. 1942</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Seaman</i>	<i>21 Nov 43</i>		<i>Awarded ribbons for 1939-1943 Star.</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>	<i>36 1/2</i>	<i>156</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Wid between the eyes</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

Name

Alexander MacKenzie

Conduct

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
(Inclusive Dates)

CHARACTER, ABILITY IN RATING ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, DISCHARGE FROM THE
SERVICE, AND ANNUALLY, 31st DECEMBER, WHILE MOBILIZED

From	To	Character	Efficiency in Rating Noting Substantive Rating in Brackets	Date	Captain's Signature
<i>29 May '43</i>	<i>28 Aug '43</i>	<i>V.M.</i>	<i>Sat (O/S.M.)</i>	<i>31 Dec '42</i>	<i>A. Kingley</i>
		<i>Fair</i>	<i>Sat. (A/A.B.)</i>	<i>31 Dec '43</i>	<i>E. Brock</i>
		<i>V.S.</i>	<i>Sat (A/A.B.)</i>	<i>29 Apr '44</i>	<i>J. McElroy</i>

R.C.N.V.R.
GOOD CONDUCT AND GOOD SERVICE BADGES

Date	G.S.B. or G.C.B.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Granted, Deprived, Restored
<i>Count 2 years</i>	<i>176 days</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>To</i>
<i>G.S.B. 113-B-2741</i>		<i>2 April '42</i>	

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served

V19785

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113-M-3721

OFFICIAL NUMBER V19785

NAME MackENZIE (Surname) Alexander (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 26th September, 1921

PLACE OF BIRTH Windsor, Ont. OCCUPATION Machinist

RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATION Grade 8

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 220 Elenor St. Town Riverside 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
23	3	42	H.O.	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Brown	Blue	Fair	Mole between eyes.	30th Reconnaissance Bn. (Essex R)	Pte.	28-10-37	19-3-42

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mr. James Mackenzie

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 220 Elenor St. Town Riverside Province, etc. Ont.

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	
21	11	43	1939/43 Star. (20071)	25	6	42	P.S.T. (Fair)				
				24	7	42	"Tr."				

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		
					Athabaskan	30	29	5	43	Absent over leave (2492-19523)	Reduced to 2nd class for conduct.

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Received.	Ins. Book, Windsor, Ont.	
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.			

Eligible to count 2 Years, 175 Days
Can. Army Reserve Service towards GSB

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To
29-5-43.	28/8/43. (2492-19741)



FILE NO. WSP-5426-2
DATE

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V19785

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **MackENZIE**
(Surname)

Alexander
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V19785

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
Hunter	Ord. Smn.	23	3	42	Windsor Div. Str.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	A/AA 111	20	1	43			
Hunter	" "	30	3	42	Active Service.	Fair	Sat.	31	12	43							
Cornwallis	" "	18	5	42	T.L.	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	" "	28	8	42													
Niobe (Tribal 11)	" "	28	10	42													
Excellent	" "	20	11	42													
Niobe	" "	22	1	43													
Athabaskan	" "	3	2	43													
"	A/A.B.	30	3	43	Rated. (249A #19507)												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	"Missing" per Casualty List.												
					"Presumed Dead" Per Cas. List. P#68.												

GENERAL REMARKS

AWARDED CANADIAN MEMORIAL CROSS to:
 Mother: Mrs. Rachael MacKenzie,
 220 Eleanor St.,
 RIVERSIDE, Ont.
 6 March, 1945.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	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
26	9	21	11	270	X	50	1	1	12	09	9	11	0	08	95	
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE				
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.			A	OR	RANK		
23	03	42	30	03	42						0230	1	08	94		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
30	03	43	13	16	00	20										

N.S. V-19785, F.D.305
PERS. (N) "N"/5.

8th February, 1946.

Sir:

Attached is a self-explanatory copy of a letter which has been received from the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, Windsor, Ontario, regarding the late Alexander MacKenzie, Able Seaman, Official Number V-19785, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.

This rating is missing and presumed dead for official purposes to date the 29th of April, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

While very thorough investigations and searches have been conducted on the Continent to ascertain the fate of Naval Personnel missing from this Ship no information has come to light regarding the fate of Able Seaman MacKenzie and no hope is now held that he is still alive. However, in view of the statement made in the attached letter it would be appreciated if an investigation might be made through the Department of Veterans Affairs to ascertain whether this rating might be a patient in the Psychiatric Section of Westminster Hospital, London, Ontario, possibly under an assumed name.

Attached is a photograph and identification card of this rating.

Despatched by
N. Sec.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Date 8.2.46
Time 1630

NAVAL SECRETARY. *enc(3)*

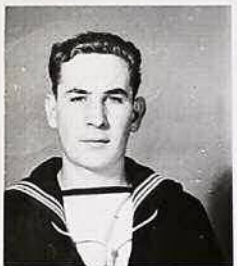
Secretary,
Department of Veterans Affairs,
Daly Building,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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25 Feb/46



ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY



Name MackENZIE, Alexander Official No. V-19785

Rank or Rating	<u>Ordinary Seaman</u>	R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.
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Age 20 Height 5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Weight 156

Hair Brown Eyes Blue Hair on face Dark

Marks, scars, etc. Mole Between the eyes.

.....
Alexander MacKenzie (Signature of holder)

H. J. Pelt (Signature of issuer)

Place HALIFAX, Nova Scotia Date 20th, May 1942.

Card serial number (To be inserted at N.S.H.Q.)

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 impressions forwarded to
 Headquarters P.I.B. by Rank Date

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VERIFICATION FORM

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

BRANCH/RATING *A.B.* OFF.NO. *V-19785* ADDRESS

SEA	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	<i>star</i>
							ATLANTIC	1	<i>star</i>
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>+ clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
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ad 29-4-44

VERIFIED BY *P.L.*

NS V 19785

PERS (N) NPR PER TFM

NAVAL MESSAGE

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20000M-11-43 (2867-0-9-70)
N. S. 815-9-1320-D.
K. P. 95440

To:

JAMES MACKENZIE
220 ELENOR STREET
RIVERSIDE ONTARIO

From:

NSHQ

CNP

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES
DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR SON
ALEXANDER MACKENZIE ABLE SEAMAN RCNVR V 19785
IS MISSING FROM HMCS "ATHABASKAN" LETTER FOLLOWS

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DELIVERY CONFIRMED

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R E G I S T E R E D

AIR MAIL

V-19785 Pers(N)

1 May, 1944.

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Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

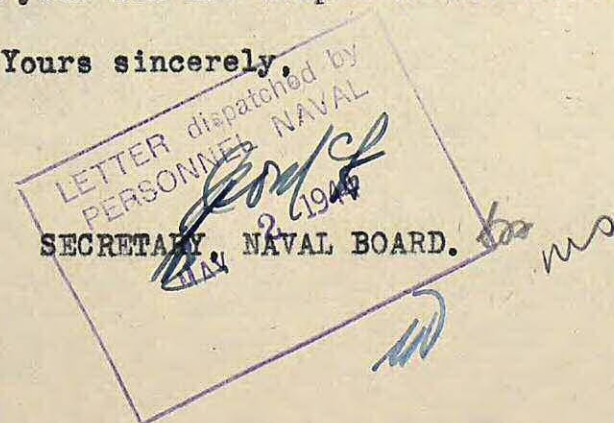
It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Alexander MacKenzie, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-19785 is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

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 Able Seaman MacKenzie 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,



167
Mr. James MacKenzie,
220 Elenor Street,
RIVERSIDE, Ontario.

[Handwritten initials]

N.S. V-19785 PERS. (N)

25

25 July, 1944.

Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

With reference to your letter of the 19th of July, 1944, please be assured that everything possible has been done to secure a complete list of the men taken prisoners of war by the Germans from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN". At the present time the names of 29 of those taken have been received from the International Red Cross through the Department of External Affairs.

The reason for the delay in receiving further names is not known, but it is believed that, as those already listed were temporarily in a German hospital in France, they may have been separated from the other prisoners of the above-mentioned ship.

It is sincerely hoped that the Department may be able to forward you more definite information in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

sd
sd
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
sd

Mr. James MacKenzie,
220 Elinor St.,
Riverside, Ont.

10th October, 1944.

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Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

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.

A.S. [Handwritten initials]

Despatched
Sec. N. I.

Date 10/11
Time 18

Mr. James MacKenzie,
220 Elinor St.,
RIVERSIDE, Ont.

WADE
28-12-5A



MEMORANDUM

TO: Estates

9 Jan 46

A.B. MacKENZIE, Alexander
V.19785 R.C.N.V.R.

Reference your H.Q.N.S.V.-
19785 F.D. 884 dated 13 Dec.

2. As only the regimental number held by this soldier in the Navy was quoted by you, it is not possible to make proper identification. It is noted by comparison of signatures of Alexander MacKenzie who served under regimental particulars quoted in the Navy, and the signatures of one Alexander MacKenzie who previously served in the Army and whose Will was forwarded to you, that you seem satisfied these two Alexander MacKenzies are one and the same man; still, without the Canadian Army regimental number, we are at a loss to put this correspondence on the correct file and so take action upon this death. For your information, there are over 50 Alexander MacKenzies enlisted in the Canadian Army.

HMG/EKG

[Handwritten Signature]
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HMCS "ATHABASKAN" Feb./46 R.C.N.V.R.
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO	Mrs. Rachael MacKenzie - Mother	(1)
ADDRESS:	220 Elenor St., Riverside, Ont.	
(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW		(2)
ADDRESS:		
(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER	Mrs. Rachael MacKenzie	(3) 6 March 1945
ADDRESS:	220 Eleanor Road RIVERSIDE, Ontario	

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 1843

DECEASED 29 April 1944

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MACKENZIE Alexander		V-19785	A.B.	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	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	2628 29/10/69

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