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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME PHILLIPS OFFICIAL NO. 419152

CHRISTIAN NAMES John David MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
3810 Glendale Ave., Windsor, Ontario	Baptist

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Oct. 10th, 1919	Town Birmingham, County England Province	Maurice D. Phillips--father 3810 Glendale Ave., Windsor, Ontario

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>34</u>	Blond	Brown	Ruddy	Scar on lt. forefinger
Inches <u>5 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>30 1/2</u>				
Mean <u>32</u>					

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>OCT 1 1940</u> <u>NS 4/11/40</u>	Ord. Seaman	Student--Sandwich High School, Windsor, Ontario

(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.

* I served in _____ for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO

Personnel Records
Division.

(c) I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness. L.F.

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief. L.F.

1. Non-Dep. Card.....
2. Statistical Card.....
3. Service Strip.....
4. Pension Card.....
5.....
6.....
7.....
8.....
DATE 11 Oct. 1940

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the WINDSOR Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—
and/or for duration of the war

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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.

Dated this 20th day of September, 1940

Signature of applicant John Phillips

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING 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 20th day of September, 1940

Ernie Bence
for
Signature of Commanding Officer.
Lieutenant, R. C. N. V. R.
Commanding Officer

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John David PHILLIPS 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 John Phillips

Witness Cliff Hatch
A/sub lieut.

Date Sept. 20th, 1940 Rank A/sub lieut.

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

John David PHILLIPS 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.

Ernie Bence
for
Commanding Officer.
Lieutenant, R. C. N. V. R.
Commanding Officer

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.

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 N.S. 815-11-17

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

PHILLIPS, John David

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	Windsor, Ontario	V. 19152
Date of Birth	October 10th, 1919	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend
Place of Birth	Birmingham, England	Maurice D. Phillips (father)
Place of Residence	3810 Glendale Ave., Windsor, Ontario	3810 Glendale Ave., Windsor, Ontario
Trade brought up to		
Religion	Baptist	
Can Swim:—P.P.T. (F) Date	2 January 1941	Signature
Yes	P.S.T. () Date	

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
Aug. 15, 1940	Oct. 1st, 1940	Duration of war	Ord. Seaman	21 Nov 43		Awarded Ribbon for 1939-43 Star

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	5	5½	32	121	Blond	Brown	Ruddy	Scar on lt. forefinger
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
Windsor, Ont.	Halifax, N.S.	Nov. 18, 1940			

Name PHILLIPS, John David 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
		V.G.	Sat. (Ord. Smm)	31 Dec '40	J. Edward
		V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec '41	A. W. Wams
		V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec '42	H. Kingley
		V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec '43	E. Brock
		V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	29 Apr '44	J. M. W. Wood

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
4 Nov '43	G.C.B.	1st	Granted

TIME FORFEITED

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

V19152

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME PHILLIPS
(Surname)

John David
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V1915 P.I.D.

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
Windsor Div. Str.	Ord. Snn.	1	10	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40	S.T.	5	4	41			
Duty Div. Hdqts.	" "	4	11	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Stadacona	" "	20	11	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
H.M.S. Chitral	" "	8	4	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Stadacona	" "	13	7	41		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
St. Clair	" "	19	7	41													
" "	Able Snn.	13	8	41													
Stadacona	" "	13	9	41													
NOIC Sydney	" "	28	4	42													
Stadacona	" "	27	5	42													
" "	" "																
Stadacona	" "	24	7	42													
Niobe	" "	5	11	42	DRD #92.												
Athabaskan	" "	3	2	43	DRD #107												
DISCHARGED	" "	29	4	44	"Missing" Casualty List. "Presumed Dead" per Casualty List. P.#68.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Rockhead Hosp. Diphteria 26-1/18-2-41
 Granted 14 days convalescent leave.
 Granted Canadian Memorial Cross to
 Mother: Mrs. Marion Phillips,
 3810 Glendale Ave.,
 Windsor, Ont. 17-3-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELIGION	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SEV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK
10	0	19	22	Xxx	0	60	1	12	12	0	11	0	08	93
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.	ESTAB.	A.	BR.	RANK	
01	10	40	04	11	40					0230	0	08	94	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M.				CODED		CHECKED		
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A.	B.	ST.								
13	08	41	13	25	00	40								

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-P-606

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V19152

NAME PHILLIPS John David DATE OF BIRTH 10th October, 1919
(Surname) (Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH Birmingham, England OCCUPATION Student

RELIGION Baptist EDUCATION _____

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 3810 Glendale Ave. Town Windsor 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
1	10	40	H.O.	5'5½	Blond	Brown	Ruddy	Scar on left fore-finger.				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mr. Marshall P. Phillips

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 3810 Glendale Ave. Town Windsor 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	1939-1943 Star. <u>4494 (20072)</u>	2	1	41	Passed Prov. Sw. Test.				

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		
4	11	43	1st. G.C.P.	Granted							

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
 From _____ To _____

FILM
 NO. WM 5438-2
 DATE _____

W.S.G.
 APPLICATION
 6972
 RECEIVED

VERIFICATION FORM

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

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

RANK/RATING *A.B.* OFF.NO. *V-19152* 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>
							ATLANTIC	/	<i>star</i>
<i>ATL</i>									
<i>atl.</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>uk</i>							AFRICA		
<i>atl.</i>							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.		<i>2 x clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	/	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

Lead 99-4-44

VERIFIED BY

VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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

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H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name..... PHILLIPS, John David
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... Able Seaman..... Official No. V-19152..... Unit..... **R.C.N.V.R.**

Place of Birth..... Birmingham, England..... Date of Birth..... 10th October, 1919

Occupation in Civil Life..... Student..... Religion..... Baptist

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 1st October, 1940 to 29th April, 1944.

Date of Death..... 29 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..... Mr. Maurice D. Phillips, Relationship..... Father
Address..... 3810 Glendale Ave., Windsor, Ontario.

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.....

ENTERED IN
D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
JAN 20 1945
CLERK No. 1

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

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

Date..... OTTAWA, Ont., 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.

TFH:PMB

m REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

V-19152 (Pers.N.)

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1 May, 1944

Dear Mr. Phillips:

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, John David Phillips, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-19152, 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 Phillips 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,

[Handwritten signature]
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Mr. Maurice D. Phillips,
3810 Glendale Ave.,
WINDSOR, Ontario

LA/GFM

R E G I S T E R E D

A I R M A I L

N.S. V-19152 PERS. (N)

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15 January, 1945

Dear Mr. Phillips:

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 David Phillips, Able Seaman, Official Number V-19152, 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.

It would be appreciated if the Department might be informed as to whether Able Seaman Phillips' mother is living. If so, a Memorial Cross will be forwarded to her as a memento of her personal loss and sacrifice.

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.

Mr. Maurice D. Phillips,
3810 Glendale Ave.,
WINDSOR, Ontario.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 15/1/45
Time 1600

Ontario, 8th June, x 50.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Shortly after the sinking of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" bodies from this ship were recovered and buried along the coast of Finistere, France, at Brignogan, Plouescat, Santec and L'Aberwrach. France at the time was under German occupation and in most cases all positive means of identification were taken from the bodies by the Germans. The citizens of the above mentioned French towns looked after the burials and held funeral services.

On the cessation of hostilities the Army Graves Services, Overseas, conducted searches on the Continent in an effort to locate graves and identify bodies. Exhumation reports, dental records, etc., of casualties from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" have since been turned over to the Secretary of the Imperial War Graves Commission, Wooburn House, Wooburn Green, High Wycombe, Bucks., England, who in turn, has forwarded them to Naval Headquarters with a view to definitely establishing the identity of bodies which were exhumed and over whose graves temporary markers have in some cases been placed.

As the dental particulars on the exhumation reports respecting your son, the late Able Seaman John David Phillips, Official Number V-19152, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, correspond to those on file at Naval Headquarters, such particulars have been accepted as positive identification. It is also noted that a naval issue overcoat with the name Phillips painted on the inside lining was found on his body.

Able Seaman Phillips' grave is located in the Plouescat Civil Cemetery, Plouescat, Finistere, France, in Plot Number 1, Row 'B', Grave Number 36. His grave has been marked with a temporary wooden marker until such time as a permanent headstone can be erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission (Overseas). It is suggested that any inquiries regarding your son's grave should be addressed direct to the Secretary of that Commission.

Enclosed is a snapshot of your son's grave.

Yours very truly,


NAVAL SECRETARY.

Encl.

Mr. Maurice D. Phillips,
3810 Glendale Avenue,
WINDSOR, Ontario.

Dispatched by
N. Sec.
.....
Date
Time 19.6.50

RCNVR Dec. 45 ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Maurice D. Phillips Father

ADDRESS: 3810 Glendale Avenue,
Windsor, Ontario.

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN. NO. 2108

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Marion Phillips

ADDRESS: 3810 Glendale Avenue
WINDSOR, Ontario

(3) 17 March 1945

H DECEASED 29 April 1944

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS **NAVY**

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

PHILLIPS	John David	V-19152	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	3982 1-16-50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)