



(3) On being enrolled as a member of the Halifax 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 4th day of March, 1942.

Signature of applicant Charles L Pothier

(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 4th day of March, 1942.

A Fleming  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Charles Louis Pothier 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 Charles L Pothier

Witness A Fleming

Date 4th March, 1942 Rank Lieutenant, 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

Charles Louis Pothier 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 Halifax Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

A Fleming  
Attesting Officer.  
R.C.N.V.R. Division Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.  
(or other establishment) Stadacona

4th March, 1942

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.

Charles L Pothier  
Signature

V4752

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-P-1395

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V4752

NAME POTHIER Charles, Louis, DATE OF BIRTH 26th June, 1924.  
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Yarmouth, N.S. OCCUPATION Textile Worker.RELIGION Roman Catholic. EDUCATION Grade 7RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. P.O. Box 834 Harten Str. Town Yarmouth, Province, etc. N.S.

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
4	3	42	H.O.	5'8"	Brown	Brown	Medium	One scar on index finger left hand.				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Sister 12/43 NAME (in pencil) Mrs Donald MardonADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Box #175 Town Yarmouth Province, etc. N.S.

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. (20072).	10	6	42	P.P.T. (Good)				
				3	8	42	"TR"				
				17	8	42	P.S.T. (Fair)				

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		

FILED  
NO. W.P.R. 5151-3  
DATE

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

O.H.F. received.  
Ins. Book- Halifax N.S.

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W.S.G.  
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V4752

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **POTHIER**  
(Surname)

**Charles, Louis,**  
(Given Names)

**P.I.B.**

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V4752

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	
HMCS "Halifax"	Ord. Smn.	4	3	42	Halifax Div. Str.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	S.T.	11	9	43	249A #19819			
Stadacona	" "	22	4	42	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43								
Protector	" "	28	4	42	105050	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44								
Cornwallis	" "	1	5	42	DRD													
Stadacona	" "	9	9	42	DRD H-35													
Tribal 11	" "	28	10	42	DRD N-102													
R.N.B. Chatham	" "	3	1	43														
"	A/Able Smn.	22	4	43	249A #19487													
Niobe	" "	4	7	43	DRD N-190													
Marlborough	" "	20	7	43	DRD N-206													
Niobe	" "	16	9	43	DRD N-263													
Athabaskan	" "	8	10	43	DRD N-284													
"	Able Smn.	22	4	43	249A #19896													
<del>DISCHARGED</del>	" "	29	4	44	"Missing" per Casualty List. Presumed Dead per Casualty List, Page 68.													

GENERAL REMARKS

AWARDED: Canadian Memorial Cross:  
MOTHER: Mrs. Elizabeth POTHIER,  
Albert St., Box-834,  
YARMOUTH, N.S.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU		RELI-ED	PERM RESIDENCE			PREV ENL	RANK OR RATE		
DY	MO	YR	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P	CTY	TOWN	SERV	DIV	4	BR	RANK
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ENLIST DATE			ACT SERV DATE			STR	ACT SERV DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE			
DY	MO	YR	DY	MO	YR	CAT	DY	MO	YR	ESTAB	A	BR	RANK	
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DY	MO	YR	CAT	A	B	ST								
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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, Ont.

Name..... POTHIER Charles Louis  
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... Able Seaman Official No..... V-4752 Unit..... ~~R.C.N.~~  
R.C.N.R.  
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth..... Yarmouth, N.S. Date of Birth..... 26th June, 1924

Occupation in Civil Life..... Textile Worker Religion..... Roman Catholic

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 4th March, 1942 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.  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend. { Name..... Mrs. Donald Morton Relationship..... Sister  
Address..... Box 175, YARMOUTH, N.S.

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.....

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

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

Date..... OTTAWA, Ont., 12th 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.

C.N.S. 1121  
10M-6-44 (774)  
N.S. 7570-S-1121

*Noted in DXPA-18-1-45  
S.P.*

VERIFICATION FORM  
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and  
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME IN FULL POTHIER... Charles Louis..... RANK/RATING ..... A.B...... OFF. NO.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45 ATLANTIC
STADACONA	22.4.42						
CHARNY	29.8.42	4.9.42	7	atl			
NIobe	28.10.42	3.2.43	99	UK			
ATHABASKAN	4.2.43	12.2.43	(180)	atl			
NIobe	13.2.43	19.2.43	7	UK			
MARLBOROUGH	20.2.43	14.9.43	57	UK			
NIobe	15.9.43	7.10.43	23	UK			
ATHABASKAN	8.10.43	29.4.44	(180)	atl			
<u><del>Ditch Dead</del></u>							
to date 29/4/44							

VERIFIED BY J. Roe.....

VERIFIED BY .....

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

RATING ..... *A.B.* ..... OFF. NO. .... *V-4752* ..... ADDRESS .....

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS							STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL			
							1939-45	1	Star
							ATLANTIC	1	Star
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE	1	Medal
							C.V.S.M.	2	+ Clasp
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	Medal
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY ..... *J. Roe* .....

1 May, 1944. 10

Dear Mrs. Morton:

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 brother, Charles Louis Pothier, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V4752, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your brother'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 Pothier 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 brother 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 brother has helped to maintain.

LETTER dispatched by  
Yours sincerely,  
PERSONNEL NAVAL

MAY 10 1944

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Donald Morton,  
Box 175,  
YARMOUTH, N.S.



10th October, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Morton:

I must regretfully inform you that since your brother 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 brother 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 brother 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. Donald Morton,  
 Box 175,  
 YARMOUTH, N.S.

  
  
 Despatched  
 Sec. N. P.

 Date 10/10/44  
 Time

DECEASED 29 April 1944

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

POTHIER	Charles Louis	V-4752	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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	1246. 17/10/49
Atlantic Star	
Defence Medal	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR "ATHABASKAN" <sup>Aug./45.</sup>  
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON  
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Elizabeth Pothier - Mother

(1)

ADDRESS: Box 175, Yarmouth, N.S.

*English*

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:



(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER Mrs. Elizabeth Pothier

(3)

ADDRESS: Albert Street, Box 834  
YARMOUTH, N.S.

17 March 1945