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# ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME RIENDEAU, OFFICIAL NO. V6869  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Joseph Arthur Lucien, MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single,

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>388 St. Andrew Street, Ottawa, Ontario.</u>	<u>R.C.</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>March 16th, 1923</u>	Town <u>OTTAWA,</u> County <u>Carleton,</u> Province <u>Ontario.</u>	<u>Mother: Mrs. Yvonne Riendeau,</u> <u>388 St. Andrew St.</u> <u>OTTAWA, Ontario.</u>
Original Nationality of: Father <u>French</u> Mother <u>French</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
Fect. <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>35</u>				
Inches <u>7</u>	Deflated <u>31</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Burn Scar Left Shoulder.</u>
	Mean <u>33</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>5th Grade Low School</u>	<u>Plumber's Helper: Band &amp; Cole,</u> <u>Co. Ottawa.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>June 5th, 1941.</u> <u>Divisional Strength</u>	<u>Ord. Seaman,</u>	<u>OTTAWA.</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 Not Applicable 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

(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.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the O T T A W A. 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 5th day of June, 1941.

Signature of applicant Lucien Riendeau

(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 5th day of June, 1941.

John N. Dunn  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Lieut. RCNVR.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Joseph Arthur Lucien Riendeau, 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 Lucien Riendeau

Witness John N. Dunn

Date June 5th, 1941. 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

Joseph Arthur Lucien Riendeau, 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 O T T A W A. Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

John N. Dunn  
Lieut. RCNVR. Attesting Officer.

June 5th, 1941 R.C.N.V.R. Division O T T A W A.  
(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.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Joseph Arthur Lucien RIENDEAU*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number..... <i>V-6869</i>
	<i>Ottawa</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth..... <i>16th March, 1923</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend
Place of Birth..... <i>Ottawa, Ontario</i>	<i>MOTHER (in pencil)</i>
Place of Residence..... <i>388 St. Andrew St. Ottawa, Ont</i>	<i>Mrs. Yvonne Riendeau</i>
Trade brought up to..... <i>Plumber's Apprentice</i>	<i>388 St. Andrew St.</i>
Religion..... <i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>Ottawa, Ont</i>

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....

P.S.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....

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>5th June 1941</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Ord. Sea</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Burn scar left shoulder.</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







V6869

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-R-886

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V6869

NAME RIENDEAU (Surname) Joseph Arthur Lucien (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH March 16, 1923

PLACE OF BIRTH Ottawa Ont. OCCUPATION Plumbers helper

RELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 388 St. Andrew St. Town Ottawa 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
5	6	41	H.O.	5'7	Black	Brown	Fair	Burn scar left shoulder.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Josephine Lucien

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 388 St. Andrew St. Town Ottawa 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	
				22	9	41	"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		

FILM  
NO. 447-5276-3  
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					O.H.F. Received
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT  
From To

W.S.G.  
APPLICATION  
6609  
D.B.

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V6869 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME RIENDEAU  
(Surname)

Joseph Arthur Lucien  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V6869

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
Ottawa Div. Str.	Ord. Seaman	5	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	Q.R. III	6	10	43		
Duty Div. Hdqts.	Ord. Seaman	12	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42						
H.M.C.S. Bytown	Ord. Seaman	4	7	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43						
Duty Div. Hdqrs.	" "	4	8	41		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44						
Stadacona	" "	12	8	41												
Sambro (Morden)	" "	23	9	41												
Morden	Able Smn.	12	3	42	249A-21822											
Avalon	" "	25	9	42	A.DRD 99											
Morden	" "	28	10	42	A.DRD 131											
Stadacona	" "	9	7	43	DRD H-2013											
Cornwallis	" "	19	7	43	DRD H-2111											
Stadacona	" "	14	10	43	DRD H-2892											
Niobe (Arethusa)	" "	29	11	43	T.L.											
Niobe	" "	2	2	44	No. 402, P. 6.											
Algonquin	" "	25	2	44	No. 425, P. 1.											
Niobe	" "	5	3	44	No. 434, P. 5.											
Athabaskan	" "	29	3	44	No. 458, P. 4.											
<del>DISCHARGED</del>	" "	29	4	44	<del>MISSING (W/T 1610427/6/44)</del>											

Presumed "DEAD" Casualty List Page 67.

GENERAL REMARKS

X-Ray Approved.  
Awarded Can. Memorial Cross to:  
Mother: Mrs. Yvonne Riendeau,  
388 St. Andrew St.,  
Ottawa, Ont. on 14-3-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI. ED.		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE	
DAY	MO.	YR.	MAIN	SUB.	MAIN	SUB.	REL.	ED.	P.	CITY	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	BR.	RANK
16	3	23	11		900	0	10	X	105	02	0	03			
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE		SHIP OR		RANK OR RATE				
DAY	MO.	YR.	DAY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DAY	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	BR.	RANK			
05	06	41	13	06	41					9740	0	08	94		
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB.		M.		CODED		CHECKED				
DAY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A.	B.	ST.									
12	03	42	13	12	00										

AC. [Signature]



16th June, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Riendeau:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 16th of June, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your son, Joseph Arthur Lucien Riendeau, Able Seaman, Official Number V-6869, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN".

The delay in forwarding you this sad news was occasioned by the fact that it was necessary to ascertain definitely whether your son was on board the ill-fated ship. It is now established that he was on board and must be considered as missing.

As it is understood that a number of the crew of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy, there is a possibility of your son's survival. Every effort is being made to obtain, as soon as possible, a list of those taken. Please be assured that when any further information has been received you will be informed immediately.

Although you have probably learned at this late date from the newspaper accounts, particulars of the sinking of your son's ship, the following details are forwarded for your information. H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. At the present time fifteen Officers and one hundred and ninety-six Royal Canadian Naval ratings are reported as missing. There were also a number of survivors landed in the United Kingdom.

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.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Don 17/6/44  
Time 1245

Mrs. Yvonne Riendeau,  
388 St. Andrew Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

*RM*  
*SB*

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Riendeau,

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. Yvonne Riendeau,  
388 St. Andrew Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date  
Time

10/10/44  
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A.S. M.F. J.Y.

LA/GFM

N.S. V-6869 PERS. (N)

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15 January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Riendeau:

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, Joseph Arthur Lucien Riendeau, Able Seaman, Official Number V-6869, 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.

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,

*K.M.*  
Deputy ~~SECRETARY~~, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Yvonne Riendeau,  
388 St. Andrew Street,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 15/1/45  
Time 1800

LA/CM

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N.S. V-6869, F.D. 909, PERS. (N)

10 February, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Joseph Arthur Lucien Riendeau, Able Seaman, Official Number V-6869, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead 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.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*  
449 Ptd  
re recovered

DHJ/DC

20th June, 1945.

N.S.V-6869 (PERS.(N))(18)

Dear Madam:

Further to your application for War Service Gratuity in respect of your late son, Joseph Arthur Lucien RIENDEAU, I am directed to inform you that the Dependents' Allowance Board has found that you cannot be considered as a dependent for the purpose of the War Service Grants Act, 1944.

A recent amendment to the above mentioned Act, however, provides that unpaid Gratuities must be paid to the Director of Estates for distribution as part of the Estate of the deceased member.

To allow for necessary legal procedure a short delay may be expected but you may rest assured that the Estates Branch will make every effort to hasten final disposal of the amount.

Yours truly,



Mrs. Yvonne Riendeau,  
388 St. Andrew St.,  
Ottawa, Ont.

D OF D 29-4-44

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

# AWARDS

**NAVY**

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

RIENDEAU	Joseph Arthur Lucien	V-6869	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	1060 15-10-49
Africa Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Nov. 45 HMCS "ATHABASKAN"  
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON  
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Yvonne Riendeau - Mother- Benef.

ADDRESS: 388 St. Andrew St.,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

(1)

*English*

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

**MEMORIAL BAR**  
(2)  
DATE DESP .....  
REGN. NO. 578

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER Mrs. Yvonne Reindeau

ADDRESS: 388 St. Andrew St., Ottawa, Ont.

(3)

14-3-45