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### ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

#### FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME SENECAL OFFICIAL NO. 15272  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Jean George Lionel MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 174 LaFabrique St. Vincent de Paul, P.Q. RELIGION R.C.

DATE OF BIRTH 14th Nov, 1923 PLACE OF BIRTH Town Plantagenet ON NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN FATHER: Albert  
County Same address  
Province Ontario  
\*Original Nationality of:  
Father Canadian  
Mother Canadian

\*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>33 1/4</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Inches <u>5</u>	Deflated <u>31</u>				
<u>113</u>	Mean <u>32</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING 9th Grade Commercial TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY In possession of an unemployment insurance Book. Not working at present.

DATE OF ENROLMENT 13th March, 1942 RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Ord. Smn. R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED Cartier

#### (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~~ 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 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.

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS  
M.C.S. "BYTOWN"  
*[Signatures]*

Personnel Records Division  
1. Noted in Records...  
2. Index Card...  
3. ...  
4. Statistical Card...  
5. Rango Strip...  
6. Pension Card...  
7. ...  
8. ...  
DATE 25/3/42

3) On being enrolled as a member of the Cartier 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 13th day of March 1942

Signature of applicant X

*J. Senechal*

(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 13th day of March 1942

*W. Bark*

Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Jean Georges Lionel SENECALE 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 X

*J. Senechal*

Witness

*W. Bark*

Date 13th March 1942 Rank Sub-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

Jean Georges Lionel SENECALE 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 Cartier Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

*W. Bark*

Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.  
Attesting Officer.  
R.C.N.V.R. Division Cartier  
(or other establishment)

13th. 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 Cartier Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

*J. Senechal*

Signature

N.V. 17  
60M-11-40 (7836)  
N.S. 815-11-17

*File*

# CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Jean George Lionel SENECAL

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-15272</i>
HALIFAX, N.S.	Cartier	"
		"

Date of Birth *14th November 1923*

Place of Birth *Plantagenet, Ontario.*

Place of Residence *174 La Fabrique St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. ALBERT*

Trade brought up to **O.H.F.** *Same Address.*

Religion *R.C.*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)

*FATHER*

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>12 Mch, 42</i>	<i>13 Mch, 42</i>	<i>Duration Ord. Smn.</i>				

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Nil</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







V15272

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-S-2280

OFFICIAL NUMBER V15272

NAME SENECAL Jean George Lionel DATE OF BIRTH 14 Nov. 1923.  
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Plantagenet, Qua. OCCUPATION In possession of Unemployment ins. books.RELIGION R.C. EDUCATION 9 Grade Commercial.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 174 Lafabrique St. Town Vincent de Paul Province, etc. Quebec.

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
13	3	42	H.O.	5'5"	Brown	Blue	Fair	NIL.				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) father NAME (in pencil) Mrs. A. HuntADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 174 La Fabrique St. Town St. Vincent de Paul Province, etc. Quebec

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			
				26	9	42	Marked "TR"						
				13	3	44	Qual. Pre. F.F.						

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				
					HMS Excellent	1068	7	1	43	Absent over leave			5 days cells
					Assiniboine	40	16	7	43	1. Absent over leave. 2. Improper leave.			60 Days Detention

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NO. W SR 5415-1  
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Received.	
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.		
7	1	43			5				Ins. Book-275 Notre Dame St. W., Montreal, Que.	
16	7	43								

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From To

W.S.G.  
APPLICATION  
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V15272

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME SENECAI

(Surname)

Jaen George Lionel

(Given Names)

P.I.B.  
OFFICIAL NUMBER V15272

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified	
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	nth	Year
H.M.C.S. Cartier	Ord. 3mn.	13	3	42	Cartier Div. Str.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	A/A.A.3	23	2	43		
"	"	16	3	42	Active Service	Ind.	Mod.	31	12	43						
Cornwallis	"	29	7	42	Kamloops 20-9 to 27-9-42.	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44						
Stadacona	"	30	9	42	DRD											
Niobe	"	28	10	42	DRD											
"	A/A.B.	16	3	43	Rated. 249A(19349)											
15 C.G.H.	"	30	3	43	Niobe DRD #115											
Niobe	"	5	5	43	" " #131											
Assiniboine	"	5	5	43	" " #131											
Niobe	"	29	8	43	Niobe DRD #215											
Athabaskan	"	6	10	43	Niobe DRD #282											
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	"Missing" (Casualty List)											

"Presumed Dead" per Casualty List. P.#69.

GENERAL REMARKS  
Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to Mother: Mrs. Albert J. Senecal, 176 La Fabrique St., St. Vincent De Paul, Quebec 14 March, 1945.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENLI.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	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			
13	03	42	16	03	42					0230			10894			
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M		CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
16	03	43	13	16	00	20	29-00-04	870								





IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
No. N.S. V-15272,.....  
PERS.(N) "N" 1A.  
N.S.C. 4160-355/3, Vol. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

OTTAWA, Ontario, ..... 194.....

FOR FRENCH TRANSLATION

Dear Mrs. Senecal:

Naval Headquarters is now in the process of re-checking exhumation reports, dental records, etc., received from the Army Graves Services, Overseas, in an effort to definitely confirm the identity of bodies recovered from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", and over whose graves temporary wooden markers have already been placed.

As the dental particulars on the exhumation reports respecting your son, the late Able Seaman Jean G.L. Senecal, V-15272, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, correspond to those on file at Naval Headquarters such particulars have been accepted as positive identification.

Able Seaman Senecal's grave is located in the Plouescat Communal Cemetery, Plouescat, Finistere, France, in Plot 1, Row A, Grave 4, and is temporarily marked with a wooden marker. A permanent headstone will be erected in due course by the Imperial War Graves Commission (Overseas).

An effort will be made to obtain a snapshot of your son's grave if at all possible.

Yours truly,

NAVAL SECRETARY.

*AC*

Mr. Albert Senecal,  
176 La Fabrique Street,  
ST.VINCENT DE PAUL, Quebec.



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TRANSLATION



Department of National Defence

Naval Service

Ottawa, Canada.

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FOR FRENCH TRANSLATION

OUR FILE N.S. V-15272, F.D. 223 PERS(N)

YOUR FILE.....

3 February, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Jean George Lionel Senecal, Able Seaman, Official Number V-15272, 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 in the English Channel.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

*[Handwritten initials]*

D.P.R./5-2  
**C. R. P. A.**  
 NAVAL TREASURY  
 DATE: 12/1/45  
 INITIAL: Sir

FORM "B"

N.S.  
 FILE: V-15272 Pers.N.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
 - Naval Service -  
 OTTAWA, Canada.

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**JAN 15 1945**  
 (Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME	RANK or RATING	NAVAL NO.
SENECAL, Jean George Lionel	Able Seaman	V-15272 R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 13th March, 1942. Active Service: 16th March, 1942.

DATE OF DISCHARGE - 29th April, 1944.

HOSPITAL -  
 (If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)

SERVICE - Canada and High Seas.  
 (Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere)

Reason for discharge and when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred. "Missing", presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada.)

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP - Father NAME - Mr. Albert Senecal,

ADDRESS - 174 LaFabrique Street, St. Vincent de Paul, Quebec.

NOTE: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

FORM "A" RESPECTING THE ABOVE NAMED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS OF MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE, DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE, etc.

P.A.'S CHECKED IN  
 C.R. BY: J. L. B.

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mr. Senecal:

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.

Mr. Albert Senecal,  
176 LaFabrique Street,  
St. Vincent de Paul, Quebec.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 11/10/44  
Time 1800

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N.S. V-15272. PERS.(N)

14th September, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Senecal:

Your letter of the 4th of September, 1944, addressed to the Honourable the Minister of National Defence, has been referred to me for attention. I regret to inform you that no information has been received in the Department that your son is a prisoner of war.

The International Red Cross and the Department of External Affairs have been endeavouring to obtain from the German Government a complete list of prisoners of war from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", but at the present time the names of only twenty-nine men have been officially reported by the German authorities.

Eighty-five men are now known to be prisoners of war from this ship. This list was compiled from the twenty-nine names officially communicated and from capture cards and letters which have been forwarded to next of kin by prisoners of war from German camps. Five of these prisoners of war have now returned to the United Kingdom.

It is regretted that very slight hope is now held for your son's survival. If no information is received to the contrary, it is probable that a presumption of death will be made for your son later and you will be informed accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

  
 Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Albert J. Senecal,  
 176 LaFabrique Street,  
 St. Vincent De Paul,  
 Laval Co., Quebec.

Despatched by  
 Sec. N. B.

.....  
 Date 12/9/44  
 Time 1610

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

NAME IN FULL SENECAL Jean George Lionel RANK/RATING A. B. OFF. NO. V15-272 ADDRESS .....

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL
	13-3-42											1939-45	1	Star
												ATLANTIC	1	Star
<u>Tribe</u>	28-10-42	5-5-43	190	U.K.								FRANCE G.		
<u>Assiniboia</u>	6-5-43	28-8-43	115	atc								AFRICA		
<u>Tribe</u>	29-8-43	5-10-43	39	U.K.								PACIFIC		
<u>Athabaskan</u>	<del>15-10-43</del>	29-4-44	326	atc								BURMA		
												ITALY		
<u>Dis. Dead</u>		29-4-44										DEFENCE	1	Medal
<u>Athabaskan</u>												C.V.S.M.	2	Clasp
												" CLASP		
												WAR 1945	1	Medal
												WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY C. Murray

VERIFIED BY C. Murray VERIFIED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

RCNVR Sept. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Albert J. Senecal - Father

ADDRESS: 174 LaFabrique Street,  
Vincent de Paul, Que.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP.....

REGN NO.....

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(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Albert J. Senecal

ADDRESS:

298 Penitentiary St., St. Vincent de Paul,  
Laval Co., Que.

(3)

14-3-45

D OF D 29-4-44

NAVY

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

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<b>SENECAL</b>	<b>Jean George Lionel</b>	<b>V-15272</b>	<b>A.B.</b>	<b>FILE No.</b>
<b>SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN NAMES</b>	<b>REG. No.</b>	<b>RANK ON DISCHARGE</b>	<b>C.A.S.F. UNIT</b>

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

<b>(CLASS)</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>DATE DESPATCHED:</b>
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ADDRESS:

<b>CAMPAIGN MEDALS</b>	<b>REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED</b>
<b>1939-45 Star</b>	<i>2529 19-10-49</i>
<b>Atlantic Star</b>	
<b>Defence Medal</b>	
<b>C.V.S.M. &amp; Clasp</b>	
<b>War Medal</b>	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)