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H. M. C. S. STADAGONA "

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**CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT**

To be forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, with Form S. 59

CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL		NEXT OF KIN		PRESENT RATING
George Dennis SIGSTON,		Mother: Lilian Sigston, Name: 366 Portland St. Address: Dartmouth N.S.		Ordinary Sea.
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER	
15th October 1911	Town: Ottawa	County: Carleton		Province: Ontario.
		Commander V. G. Brodeur, Senior Naval Officer		NATIONAL DEFENCE

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5' 7 1/4"	34	Dk. Brn.	Brown	Dark	NIL	U.C. of	Press Hand C. in Skate Factory.

DEC 30 1929  
62-8159  
CANADA

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	25th November 1929	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	Seven Years
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	25th November 1929	Date of entering present ship	25th November 1929

Particulars of former Continuous Service Engagements, if any; but, if none, and the person engaging has had previous Service, the date of his First Entry should be given. If the person has not previously served, write the words "First Entry" here.  
If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded in to office, with the Engagement, on Form S.-1243.

First Entry.

Declaration of Entry or Re-entry from Shore for Continuous Service

The following questions are to be put by the Commanding Officer to the person about to engage for Continuous Service, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

- Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct? ..... Yes
- Are you a British subject? † ..... Yes
- Nationality of parents—Father..... British ..... Mother..... British
- Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R.C. Mounted Police? ‡ ..... No.
- Do you now belong to the Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force or any Regiment or Corps in His Majesty's Army, or to any established Naval or Army Reserve Force, or to the R.C. Mounted Police? ‡ ..... No.
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date..... No.
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army or R.C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct? ..... No.
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? ..... Yes
- Can you swim? ..... Yes.

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\* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.  
† Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."  
‡ Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H. M. Indian or Colonial Military forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal Fleet Reserve Instructions). If an R.N.R. man, state number of R.V. 2.

C.N.S. 55

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N.S. 815-9-55

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Records by 30

I—Declaration and Certificate for Men newly entered and Men who have been out of the Service since the expiration of their previous C. S. Engagement

I, George Dennis SIGSTON, do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Naval Service of Canada\* for Seven Years, ----- from 25th November 1929, provided my service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this 25th day of November 1929.

Witness to Signature George Dennis Sigston Man's Signature in full

Attested before me this 25th day of November 1929.

Lieutenant Commander R.C.N. } Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service  
Date 25th November 1929

This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

Commander R.C.N. Senior Naval Officer Commanding Officer  
Captain R.C.A.M.C.M.O. R.C.N. Medical Officer

II—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date..... 192.....

This is to certify that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent lad, of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation, and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

‡The consent of his parents or guardian has been obtained in writing, and they are willing and desirous that the boy should be entered for..... years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age.

..... Commanding Officer  
..... Lieutenant  
..... Medical Officer

I declare that to the best of my knowledge or belief the answers to the questions on the other side of this form are true, and that I am not indentured as an apprentice.

I am willing to enter and serve in the Naval Service in Canada for..... years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, provided my service should be so long required, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till I attain that age. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

..... Boy's Signature in full

Witness to Signature.....

Attested before me this..... day of..... 192.....

..... } Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

III—Re-engagement for Continuous Service

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used.

I,....., now serving as a..... on board H.M.C.S....., who on the..... of..... 192.....

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of §..... years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period ||..... from ¶..... 192..... provided my services should be so long required.

..... Man's Signature in full  
..... 192.....

Witness..... Commanding Officer

\* Insert "for the term of (number in words) years," or "to complete (number) years for pension," or "until I attain the age of..... years."  
† Insert the date from which the engagement actually commences.  
‡ The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths over 17 years of age.)  
§ To be written in words.  
|| Insert as follows:—"Of (number) years," or "to complete time for pension," or "until I attain the age of..... years," as the case may be.  
¶ Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement, which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is ante-dated) earlier than the date of execution.

NAME SIGSTON (Surname) George D. (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 15, 1911.

PLACE OF BIRTH Ottawa, Ont. OCCUPATION Press Hand - Skate Factory

RELIGION United Church EDUCATION RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 366 Portland St. Town Dartmouth Province, etc. N.S.

ENGAGEMENTS			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Date (in figures)				Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates
Day	Month	Year								From	To
25	11	29	7 yrs.	5'7 1/2"	D.Br.	Brown	Dark	Nil.			
25	11	36	7 yrs.	5'11 1/2"	"	"	"				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Dorothy May Sigston  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 73 Hasbun Rd. Town Dartmouth 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	
				4	3	30	Passed E.T. Pt. 1.				
				18	8	33	Passed Prof. for Idg. Smn.				
				17	6	38	Qual. Anti-Gas.				
				16	6	41	Passed Smnshp. exam. for W.P.				
				7	7	41	H.E.T. Gen. Know. 61%				
				7	2	42	Qual. A/Gnr.(T)				

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		
25	11	32	1st	Granted							
25	11	37	2nd	" (RN)							

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

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2443

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

SIGSTON

George D.  
(Given Names)

066930

OFFICIAL NUMBER

2443

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
Stadacona	Ord. Smn.	25	11	29		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	29	S.T.	6	4	34			
H.M.S. Warspite	"	9	8	30		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	30	L.T.O.	8	5	36			
" " " Victory 1	"	1	1	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	31	T.G.M.	13	5	38			
" " " Excellent	"	7	1	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	32							
" " " Iron Duke	"	19	2	31		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	33							
" " " Victory 1	"	23	3	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	34							
" " " Dolphin	"	9	4	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	35							
Victory "Saguenay"	"	22	5	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	36							
Saguenay	"	25	6	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	37							
	Able Smn.	30	7	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	38							
Stadacona	"	6	12	32		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	39							
H.M.S. Vernon	"	22	1	34													
	A/Ildg. Smn.	26	3	34													
H.M.S. Hood	"	8	5	34													
Stadacona	"	25	11	34													
Champlain	"	6	1	35													
	Ildg. Smn.	26	3	35	Confirmed												
Stadacona	"	8	9	35													
H.M.S. Vernon	"	26	1	36	Pembroke 16/1-18/2/37												
" " " Curacoa	"	9	7	36	Approved to undergo Course												
St. Laurent	"	15	1	37	in Seamanship 18/5-5/6/36												
	A/P.O.	1	7	37													
Stadacona	"	19	10	37													
H.M.S. Vernon	"	6	11	37	S.S. Alaunia 5/11/37												
	P.O.	1	7	38	Confirmed												
Ottawa	"	22	7	38													
Stadacona	"	12	10	38													
Saguenay	"	1	12	38													
Stadacona	"	1	1	39	Lent Saguenay 24-30/6/39												
Saguenay	"	1	7	39													
	C.P.O.	1	6	40													
Stadacona	"	4	10	40	<i>Sailing 2.2.40 with a Prize</i>												
H.M.S. Vernon	"	15	7	41	Vernon for Course.												
<b>DISCHARGED</b>	"	6	2	42	<b>Promoted to Warrant Rank</b>												

GENERAL REMARKS

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE BIRTH	CIVIL OCCU.	RELIED	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
01 06 40	49	22 00	30	06 02 H 2		A	BR	RANK
ENLIST. DATE	ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.	ESTAB.	SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE			
25 11 29	25 11 29			9330	0 08 91			
SENIORITY	STR.	NON-SUB	CODED		CHECKED			
01 06 40	49	22 00	30	06 02 H 2				

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME SIGSTON  
(Surname)

George D.  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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
H.M.S. Vernon	A/Gnr. (T)	7	2	42	Add'l for Courses.												
H.M.C.S. Niobe	"	2	4	42													
Stadacona	"	17	4	42	Add'l for F.S. Leave and disposal.												
"	"	20	5	42	Add'l for duty with Naval Officer-in-Charge, Halifax.												
"	"	11	9	42	Add'l for passage to the United Kingdom.												
Niobe	"	4	10	42	Add'l for service with the Royal Navy (HMS VERNON)												
" Athabaskan	"	18	12	42	Add'l for (Sept 5, 10, 43)												
Athabaskan	"	3	2	43													
"	Gunner (T)	7	2	43	Confirmed (With seniority of 7.2.42.)												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing. Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Leave 29.8.42 - 10.2.43  
 17.3.45. Canadian Memorial Cross issued to -  
 Mother - Mrs. Lillian F. Sigston,  
 366 Portland St.,  
 DARTMOUTH, N.S.  
 14.3.45. Canadian Memorial Cross issued to -  
 Wife - Mrs. Dorothy M. Sigston,  
 73 Hastings Drive,  
 DARTMOUTH, N.S.

Order-in-Council P.C.130/2990 of 18.7.46. Dorothy M. SIGSTON widow of the late Gunner (T) George D. Sigston granted a gratuity of \$84.95 being the amount of deductions made under Section 10 (1) Of the Militia Pension Act from the pay of Gunner (T) G.D. Sigston during his service.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL	OCCU.	RED.	ED.	PERM.	RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DAY	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION	R	CTV.	TOWN	SCEN.	DIV.	A	SR	RANK
15	0	11	11	380	0	40	11408	01	X	99	1	01	27	
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SNIP. CR.	RANK OR RATE			
DAY	MO.	YR.	DAY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DAY	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	SR	RANK	
07	02	42	07	02	42					0230	0	01	27	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB.		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DAY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
07	02	42	09				61	29	04	44	11			

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME SIGSTON (Surname) GEORGE D. (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 15 October, 1911

PLACE OF BIRTH Ottawa, Ont. OCCUPATION Press Hand in Skate Factory

RELIGION United Church EDUCATION Grade VIII

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 366 Portland Street Town Dartmouth 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
7	2	42							R.C.N. O.N. 2/43	C.P.O.	25/11	6/2
											29	42

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife 25/9/42 NAME (in pencil) Mrs Dorothy M Sigston  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 73 Hantsville Drive Town Dartmouth 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	Awarded 1939-43 Star Ribbon.	1	4	42	Obtained 302/400 marks in Navigation for A/Wt. Officers.				
				1	9	43	Awarded W/K Cert.				

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES							
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**FILM**  
 NO. W.R. 4441-7  
 DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED*						Last Will & Testament dated 19.8.42. Received. O.H.F. Received. (Will numbered 22110)
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	

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W.S.G.  
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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name SIGSTON, George Dennis  
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Gunner (T) Official No. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Ottawa, Ontario. Date of Birth 15 October, 1911.

Occupation in Civil Life Press Hand Religion United Church

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) 25th November, 1929 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. Dorothy M. Sigston, Relationship wife  
Address 73 Hastings Drive,  
BATHURST, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

ENTERED IN  
N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
JAN 18 1945  
CLERK I S.P.

JAN 12 1945 H.B. Money  
(Commanding Officer)  
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. EM C

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/JM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. O 66930 Pers. (NO)

1 May, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Sigston:

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 husband Gunner George Dennis Sigston, Royal Canadian Navy, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your husband'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 Gunner Sigston 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 husband 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

LETTER dispatched by  
PERSONNEL NAVAL  
MAY 2 1944  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *bs*

*DM*  
Mrs. Dorothy May Sigston,  
73 Hastings Drive,  
DARTMOUTH, N.S.



10th October, 1944. 211

Dear Mrs. Sigston:

I must regretfully inform you that since your husband 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 husband 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 husband 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. Dorothy M. Sigston,  
73 Hastings Drive,  
DARTMOUTH, N.S.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 10/10/44  
Time 1800

LA/CM

R E G I S T E R E D

AIR MAIL

N.S. 0-66930. PERS.(N)

15 January, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Sigston:

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 husband, Mr. George Dennis Sigston, Gunner, Royal Canadian Navy, 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,

*W.H.*  
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Sigston,  
73 Hastings Drive,  
DARTMOUTH, N.S.

*A.O.S.*  
Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

*W.H.*  
Date 15/1/45  
Time 1800

4 June, 1946.

Dear Mr. Sigston:

Further to my letter of the 11th of April, 1946, every effort is being made by the Canadian Naval Authorities Overseas in conjunction with the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries, London, England, to locate the graves of Canadian Naval personnel who lost their lives in the European theatre of war. Any news is immediately passed on to the next-of-kin concerned. No information has been received, however, of a grave for your son, the late Mr. George Dennis Sigston, Gunner, Royal Canadian Navy, 0-66930.

From various reports received, it has been learned that along the coast of Finistere, France, at Brignogan, Plouescat, Santec and L'Aberwrach, shortly after the tragic sinking of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", bodies from this ship were recovered and buried. Of approximately seventy bodies known to have been recovered in this region, only two, however, were definitely identified. In many cases all positive means of identification were surreptitiously taken from the bodies by the Germans, who are known to have later used the data contained in documents so obtained, in the interrogation of prisoners of war from the ship.

It is understood that the citizens of these French towns looked after the burials and held funeral services, even against the wishes of the Germans.

Your letter, however, is being referred to the Canadian Naval Authorities Overseas and when a reply has been received you will be informed.

Yours sincerely,

*A.S.*  
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Despatched by  
Sec. No. P.

*13 F*  
*17/7*  
*CC*  
Date *5.16.46*  
Time *3:15*

Mr. E. T. Sigston,  
366 Portland Street,  
DARTMOUTH, N. S.

*SRH*  
*D/Sec. Pers. (N)*  
*5.6.46.*

*Similar letter*  
*on N-2563 - P. E. Sigston*  
*despatched 27/4/46.*

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D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS (NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SIGSTON George Dennis		0-66930	Gnr.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star,	<del>47</del> 470 - 15.10.49
Atlantic Star,	
Defence Medal,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCN Nov. 45 "ATHABASKAN"  
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN. NO.

677

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON  
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