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- (5) On being enrolled as a member of the London 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 Head-quarters 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	17th day of August, 1940	356
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(C)	CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER	
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(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the Record Book of the Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

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SURNAME SINGLETON OFFICIAL NO.... CHRISTIAN NAMES John Clifford MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single RELIGION PERMANENT ADDRESS Baptist 21 Wolseley Ave. London, Ontario. *PLACE OF BIRTH NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN DATE OF BIRTH Mrs. Lurie Singleton (Mother) Sept. 21, 1914 London Original Nationality of: County Same Address. Father Canadian Ontario Province Mother Canadian *If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT (A)CHEST MEASUREMENT WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS HEIGHT COMPLEXION HAIR 5 45 늘 Inflated Scar first finger 8 Ruddy 42点 Dark Hazel right hand. 211 44 Mean EDUCATIONAL STANDING TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Knitter: Supersilk Hosiery London, Ontario. RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED DATE OF ENROLMENT 22 November 1940 Ord.Smn. London Division R.C.N.V.R. DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT (B) 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. record of service, in corroboration of this statement. *Cross out Clause not applicable. SERVED IN RANK FROM TO NIL.

⁽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 London 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 22nd day of November 1940 Signature of applicant A J C Singleton CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (C) 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 day of November 1940 Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (D) I John C. Singleton 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. Date 22 November 1940 The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service. CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (E) John Clifford Singleton 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 London Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents. Attesting Officer. R.C.N.V.R. Division

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

Name	SINGLETON, John Clifford (Christian names in full)
	(Christian names in full) Able Seamen Official No. V-17334 Unit {R.C.N.R. (R.C.N.R.)
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Number of year	s service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N.
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Nearest known relative or friend.	Name Mrs. Laura Singleton Relationship Mother Address 6/0 Mr. George Ashby, R.R. #1, London, Delaware, Ont.
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In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

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10th October, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Singleton:

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 sixcerly,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Mrs. Laura Singleton PORT STANLEY, Ontario

Despatched by Sec. N. B.

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AIR MAIL

FILE NO: N.S. V-17334 PERS (N)

16th June, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Singleton:

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, John Clifford Singleton, Able Seaman, Official Number V-17334, 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.

Mrs. Laura Singleton, Port Stanley, Ontario.

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N.S. V-17334, F.D. 928 PERS. (N)

2 February, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information John Clifford Singleton, Able Seaman, Official Number V-17334, 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.

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