

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

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APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY
(PERMANENT FORCE)

NATIONAL DEFENCE

JUN 17 1941

The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
OTTAWA

(Place) N.S. CANADA
(Date)

SIR:-

I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a Boy Seaman Telegraphist
(Insert rating chosen)

I certify that the following particulars are in my own handwriting and are true in every respect:

- Name (to be given in full in Block Letters) FRANCIS GEORGE SKYVINGTON
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) SEPTEMBER 10th /24.
- Place of Birth. Town TORONTO, Province ONTARIO
- Permanent Place of Residence. No. 90 Street WYLIE AVENUE
Town TORONTO, Province ONTARIO
- Are you a British Subject? YES.
- Where was your father born? ENGLAND (THROOP) GHRISTCHURCH
- Where was your mother born? ENGLAND (NORTHUMBERLAND)
- How long have you resided in Canada? ALL MY LIFE (16 YEARS).
- What is your Mother Tongue? ENGLISH
- What other language do you speak? A LITTLE FRENCH.
- Are you of the White Race? YES.
- Are you Single, Married or a Widower? SINGLE
- How far advanced educationally are you? I HAVE HAD NEARLY 3 YEARS
HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION - In Second Term Cert.
(Certificates of School Authorities must be attached) Statement of Educ. of Mr. W. Donaldson Principal, East York Collegiate Institute
- What practical experience have you had?
(Details and certificates from employers, trade credentials, etc., must be attached to substantiate employment reported) I HAVE BEEN IN TORONTO SEA CADET CORP 1 1/2 YEARS
- Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? TORONTO SEA CADET CORP.
- If so, give details I WAS MADE A PETTY OFFICER IN A YEAR. 20/6/41.
- Have you ever served in such forces? JUST TRAINING AT NIGHTS.
- If so, give dates and details.
- Have you ever been discharged from His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? NO.
- Have you ever offered to serve in His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? NO.

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- Why?
- Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? NO.
(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19)
- What is your weight? 134 lbs. Height 5' 10" Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 32"
- Have you ever had fits? NO.
- Do you suffer from any deformity? NO.
- Have you suffered the loss of any fingers, toes, etc.? NO.
- Do you suffer from any disease? NO.
- Do you wear glasses? NO.
- Are you subject to any disability which might cause your rejection?
NO.

29. Give details

30. Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? YES.
Edgar Cyril Skyrington Signature of Witness
Francis George Skyrington Signature of Applicant

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF CANDIDATES UNDER 21 YEARS OLD

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for transportation to a Naval Base of the above applicant, should he, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval Service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within his own control. Signed and Sealed at Toronto Ont.
 this 15 day of June 1941, in the presence of
Edgar Cyril Skyrington Signature of Witness
Edgar George Skyrington Signature of Parent or Guardian

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY CANDIDATES OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for my transportation to a Naval Base, should I, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval Service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within my own control.

Signed and Sealed at _____ this _____ day of _____, 19____, in the presence of
Edgar Cyril Skyrington Signature of Witness
 _____ Signature of Candidate

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**ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)**

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME SKYVINGTON OFFICIAL NO. V46829
CHRISTIAN NAMES Francis George MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
90 Wylie Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.	C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
10 Sep., 1924.	Town Toronto	Mother: Frances Elizabeth
*Original Nationality of:	County York	Same address.
Father English	Province Ontario	
Mother English		

*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>	Fair	Blue	Fair	None.
Inches <u>11</u>	Deflated <u>32</u>				
Mean <u>33 1/2</u>					

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
2 yrs. High High School.	Court clerk: R. Buckley, K. C., Parliament Bldgs., Toronto, Ontario.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
26th Aug., '42.	S.B.A. Prob.; RCNVR (Temp.)	HMCS "YORK", Toronto.

(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

(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.

Personnel Records Division.	
1. Noted in Reports	<i>[Signature]</i>
2. Index Card	<i>[Signature]</i>
3. Non-Sub. Card	<i>[Signature]</i>
4. Statistical Card	<i>[Signature]</i>
5. Bonus Slip	
6. Pension Card	
7.	
8.	
DATE	10/9/42

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....Toronto.....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.....26th.....day of.....August, 1942......

Signature of applicant.....Francis George Skyvington.....

(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.....26th.....day of.....August, 1942......

[Signature]

Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Francis George Skyvington.....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.....Francis George Skyvington.....

Witness.....[Signature].....

Date.....26th August, 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

.....Francis George Skyvington.....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.....Toronto.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

[Signature]

Lieutenant, RCNVR. Attesting Officer.

.....26th August, 1942...... R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment).....HMCS "YORK"......

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

Francis George Skyvington
Signature

ACCT.
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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Francis George SKYVINGTON

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve
IC NS5965X

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>"York"</i>	Official Number <i>V-46829</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth <i>10 September 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mother: Frances Elizabeth (same address)</i>
Place of Birth <i>Toronto, York Co. Ontario</i>	
Place of Residence <i>90 Wylie Ave. Toronto, Ont.</i>	
Trade brought up to <i>court clerk</i>	
Religion <i>C of England</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>Aug 42</i>	<i>duration</i>	<i>P/S.B.A</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>33 1/2</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>fair</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

V46829

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

V46829

NAME SKYVINGTON, Francis George DATE OF BIRTH 10th, September, 1924.
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Toronto, York, Ontario. OCCUPATION Court Clerk.RELIGION Church of England. EDUCATION 2 Years High School.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 90 Wylie Avenue, Town Toronto, Province, etc. Ontario.

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
26	8	42	H. O.	5' 11"	Fair	Blue	Fair	None				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Francis Elizabeth SkyningtonADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 90 Wylie Avenue Town Toronto Province, etc. Ontario

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	
				8	2	43	Qual. S.B.A. 249A/28832				
				27	3	44	Qual. I/S.B.A. Main File				

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. W.D.P. 5173-5
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					In diff. Char.	O.H.F. Received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial		
									<u>Last Will & Testament dated 26-8-42, Received. #29643</u>

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME SKYVINGTON.
(Surname)

Francis George
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V46829

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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.C.S. "York"	Prob. S.B.A.	26	8	42	Div. Str. Toronto.	V.G.	Sat.	9	9	42							
H.M.C.S. "York"	"	26	8	42	Active Service Ledger	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
H.M.C.S. "Cornwallis"	"	28	9	42	D.L. 28-9-42	V.G.	Mod.	31	12	43							
H.M.C.S. "Stadacona"	"	6	1	43	DRD	V.G.	Mod.	29	4	44							
H.M.C.S. "Stadacona"	S.B.A.	8	2	43	Rated 249A/28832												
H.M.C.S. "Niobe"	"	8	3	43	DRD H-868												
Huron	"	21	9	43	Service Certificate												
Niobe	"	17	12	43	D.R.D.#355.												
Ferret CMP	"	16	2	44	Service Cert.												
Niobe	"	27	2	44	" "												
Athabaskan	"	29	2	44	" "												
DISCHARGED.	"	29	4	44	"Missing"presumed "Dead" per casualty List.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Mother: Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Skyvington, 90 Wylie Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. awarded the Canadian Memorial Cross to date 14-3-45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELIED		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY	MO	YR	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	A	CTV	TOWN	SCN	DIV	A	BR	RANK		
10	9	24	11	8	3	0	20	31	56	14	0	23	0	2495		
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE			
DY	MO	YR	DY	MO	YR	CAT	DY	MO	YR	ESTAB	A	BR	RANK			
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SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB.		M		CODED			CHECKED				
DY	MO	YR	CAT	A	B	ST	3	9	16							
08	02	43	13	00	00	20	29	25	44							

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

RATING *S.B.A.* OFF. NO. *V-46879* ADDRESS

A	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
							1939-45	/	<i>star</i>
							ATLANTIC		
<i>K.</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>tl.</i>							AFRICA		
<i>K.</i>							PACIFIC		
<i>F.</i>							BURMA		
							ITALY		
<i>d</i>	<i>39-4</i>	<i>44</i>					DEFENCE	/	<i>medal</i>
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	/	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *P.L.*

(Information compiled from records in Naval Service Headquarters)

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, Ottawa, Ont.

Name SKYVINGTON, Francis George (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Sick Berth Attendant Official No. V-16829 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Toronto, Ont. Date of Birth 10th Sept., 1924

Occupation in Civil Life Court Clerk Religion Church of England

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 26th August, 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.

Nearest known relative or friend Name Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Skyvington Relationship Mother Address 90 Wylie Ave., TORONTO, Ont.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship 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 D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 20 1945 CLERK No. 1 for

H.B. Money (Commanding Officer) SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. emc

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

Date 12 Jan., 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.

10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Skyvington:

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. Frances Elizabeth Skyvington,
90 Wylie Avenue,
TORONTO, Ont.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 10/10/44
Time 18.30

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N.S.V-46829, F.D. 345, PERS. (N)

Policy No. 520903 A3

12 February, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Francis George Skyvington, Sick Berth Attendant, Official Number V-46829, 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 in blue and black ink]

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SKYVINGTON	Francis George	V-46829	S.B.A.	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			
Defence Medal			
C.V.S.M. & Clasp			
War Medal	2306		16 .1. 50

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Jan. 46 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Frances E. Skyvington - Mother

90 Wylie Avenue,

ADDRESS: Toronto, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Frances E. Skyvington

90 Wylie Ave., Toronto, Ont.

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 1897

(2)

(3)

14-3-45