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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME Summerfield OFFICIAL NO. V32952
CHRISTIAN NAMES Samuel Whitney MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER single

PERMANENT ADDRESS Box 1, Nutana, Saskatoon, Sask. RELIGION Methodist

DATE OF BIRTH 1 Dec. 1923 *PLACE OF BIRTH
Town Saskatoon NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mrs. May Summerfield (mother)
County Saskatoon Box 1, Nutana,
Province Sask. Saskatoon,
Sask.

*Original Nationality of:
Father American
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>37</u>	<u>black brown</u>	<u>brown</u>	<u>fair</u>	<u>1st phalange middle finger right hand missing.</u>
Inches <u>7 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>35</u>				
Mean <u>36</u>					

EDUCATIONAL STANDING Grade IX TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY farming at home

DATE OF ENROLMENT MAR 26 1942 RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Admiral's Seaman (Temp) R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED H.M.C.S. "UNICORN" H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS
H.M.C.S. "UNICORN"
H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"
ROUGH
J. J. [Signature]

(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, 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	Division
 	 	 	1. Noted in Records <u> </u>
 	 	 	2. Index Card <u> </u>
 	 	 	3. Non-Sub. Card <u> </u>
 	 	 	4. Statistical Card <u> </u>
 	 	 	5. Pension Card <u> </u>
 	 	 	6. Pension Card <u> </u>

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any account of unfitness.

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE 2/14/42

H.M.C.S. UNICORN

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

Signature of applicant Sam Sommerfeld

(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 26 day of March, 1942

J.B. Foubister (Sub Lieut) Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I Samuel Whitney Sommerfeld 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 Sam Sommerfeld

Witness J.B. Foubister

Date MAR 26 1942

Rank Sub Lieut

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

Samuel Whitney Sommerfeld 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 H.M.C.S. UNICORN Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

J.B. Foubister Attesting Officer.

MAR 26 1942 R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. UNICORN (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.

Father came to Canada as small boy - the grandfather was naturalized

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Oedunay Seaman Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Sam Sommerfeld Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Samuel H. Litney SOMMERFELD

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

ICNS ~~#2785~~ +

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
<i>Esquimalt</i>	<i>Unicorn</i>	<i>V-32952</i>

Date of Birth.....*1 December 1923*

Place of Birth.....*Saskatoon Sask*

Place of Residence.....*Box 1 Nutana, Saskatoon, Sask*

Trade brought up to.....*Farming*

Religion.....*Mazereene*

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

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

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

Matthew
Mrs Mary
Box 1 Nutana
Saskatoon

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>24 Feb '42</i>	<i>26 Mar '42</i>	<i>Hostile</i>	<i>Ord Seaman</i>	<i>21 Nov '43</i>		<i>Awarded Ribbon for 1939-43 Star</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Brown</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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				
1942	Unicorn			Ord Seaman	26 Mch '42	26 Mch '42	
				On Active Service			27 March 1942
--	Unicorn			Ord Seaman	27 Mch '42	20 Apr '42	
--	Naden (N.S.H.Q.)			--	21 Apr '42	22 Apr '42	
--	Naden			--	23 Apr '42	26 July '42	
	Cornwallis			--	17 July '42	26 Aug '42	
	Stadacona			--	27 Aug '42	27 Oct '42	
	Niobe			--	28 Oct '42	3 Feb '43	
	Niobe (Achabaskan)			--	4 Feb '43	26 Mch '43	
				40356 Act A.B.	27 Mch '43	29 Apr '44	
							"Presumed Dead" to date 29 Apr '44.
							Auth: CNO's signal 132109 of Jan '45.
							Niobe to AIS #21059.

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
11 Sep '42	S.C.T.W. # B 36046	4094

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NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

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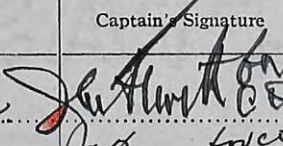
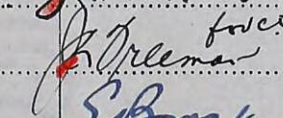
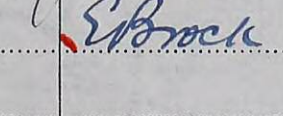
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Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS

RECORD OF RATING

Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
28 April '42	O.P.G. 2 Day				
4 July '42	"Tr"	 forced			
26 Aug '42	O & R. "HA." "				

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Name Samuel Whitney SOMMERFELD Conduct

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (Inclusive Dates)		CHARACTER, ABILITY IN RATING ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE, AND ANNUALLY, 31st DECEMBER, WHILE MOBILIZED			
From	To	Character	Efficiency in Rating Noting Substantive Rating in Brackets	Date	Captain's Signature
		V.G.	Sat. (off/low)	31 Dec '42	A. Kingley
		V.G.	Sat. (u/w.B.)	31 Dec '43	E. Brown
		V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	29 Apr. '44	A. Hansen

R.C.N.V.R.
GOOD CONDUCT AND GOOD SERVICE BADGES

Date	G.S.B. or G.C.B.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Granted, Deprived, Restored
Reduced to 2nd class for leave from 21st April '44 (40366)			

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served

V32952

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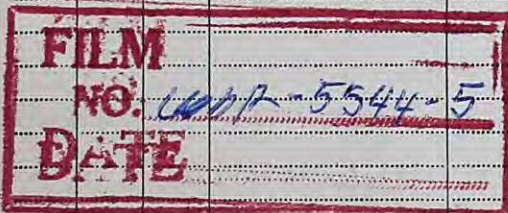
NAME SOMMERFIELD (Surname) Samuel Whitney (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 1 December, 1923PLACE OF BIRTH Saskatoon, Sask. OCCUPATION FarmingRELIGION Nazerene EDUCATION Grade 9RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Box 1 Nutana Town Saskatoon Province, etc. Sask.

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	3	42	H.O.	5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Black	Brown	Fair	1st phalange middle finger right hand missing.				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Mary SommerfieldADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Box 1 Nutana Town Saskatoon Province, etc. Sask.

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	1939-1943 Star	4	7	42	Qual. "TR"				
				28	4	42	Qual. Anti-Gas 2 days				

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		



SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

H.Q. 35-15M-10-41 (2177)
N.S. 815-7-35

O.H.F. Received.



P.I.B.

V32952

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

SOMMERFIELD

(Given Names)

Samuel Whitney

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V32952

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
HMCS "Unicorn"	Ord. Smn.	26	3	42	Div. Str. Saskatoon	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	A/A.A. 111	26	8	42	-249A	13614
"	"	27	3	42	Active Service	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43						
HMCS "Naden"	"	21	4	42	D.I.	V.G.	Sat.	29	1	44						
Cornwallis	"	27	7	42	DRD <i>Eq. of 24/7/42</i>											
Stadacona	"	28	8	42	DRD											
Tribal 11 (<i>waitrose</i>)	"	28	10	42	DRD											
Sheerness	"	26	12	42	Niobe DR #102.											
Athabaskan	"	1	2	43	S.C.											
"	A/Able Seaman	27	3	43	(249A #19574)											
"	Able Seaman	27	3	43	Conf. (249A #40356)											
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Presumed Dead Per C.I.											

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to Mother: Mrs. Mary Sommerfield, Box 1, Nutan, Saskatoon, Sask. 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.	MAIN	SUB.	MAIN	SUB.	GIOM.	P.	CTV.	TOWN.	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK	
01	R	23	19	09	0	U	X4	27	11	29	0	22	0	08	95	
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP. CR.		RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAS.	A.	BR.	RANK			
26	03	42	27	03	42											
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB.		M.		CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	A.	B.	A.	B.	ST.									
27	03	43	15	16	00	20	29	02								

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 at OTTAWA, Ont.

Name SOMMERFELD Samuel Whitney
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-32952 Unit R.C.N.
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Saskatoon, Sask. Date of Birth 1 December, 1923

Occupation in Civil Life Farming Religion Nazarene

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 March, 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.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Mary Sommerfeld, Relationship Mother
Address Box 1, Nutana, Saskatoon, Sask.

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
R.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
JAN 20 1945
S.P.
CLERK No. 1

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

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

Date OTTAWA, 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.

TELEGRAM

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MRS. MARY SOMMERFIELD,
BOX 1, NUTANA,
SASKATOON, SASK.

FROM: NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS
OTTAWA ONTARIO

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THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR

SON SAMUEL WHITNEY SOMMERFIELD

(FATHER, HUSBAND, SON, ETC.)

(FULL NAME)

ABLE SEAMAN

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

V-32952

(RATING)

OFFICIAL NO.

IS MISSING FROM H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN". LETTER

FOLLOWS.

FILE

V-32952 (Pers.N.)

DRAFTED BY

R.P.R. per TFH

CHECKED BY

mb

DATE

1 May, 1944

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CHARGE NAVAL

V-32952 (PERS (N))
N. P. S. PPS TTH

NAVAL MESSAGE

To: *[Handwritten mark]*

From:
NSHQ

MRS. MARY SOMMERFIELD P.A.'S CHECKED IN
BOX 1, NUTANA?
SASKATOON, SASK

V-32952

C.R. BY *[Handwritten signature]*

CNP

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL
SERVICES DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR
SON SAMUEL WHITNEY SOMMERFIELD ABLE SEAMAN,
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.
OFFICIAL NO. V-32952 IS MISSING FROM H.M.C.S.
"ATHABASKAN". LETTER FOLLOWS.

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DELIVERY CONFIRMED

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TFH:PMB

AIR MAIL

V-32952 (Pers.N.)



1 May, 1944

Dear Mrs. Sommerfield;

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 son, Samuel Whitney Sommerfield, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-32952, is missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN".

According to the report received from overseas, your son'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 Able Seaman Sommerfield 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 son 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 son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Mrs. Mary Sommerfield,
Box 1, Nutana,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.

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ms mb

10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Sommerfeld:

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. Mary Sommerfeld,
Box 1, Nutana,
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date / 10 / 10 / 44
Time 1 8 30

lmd

A.S.

DOD 29-4-44

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SOMMERFELD	Samuel Whitney	V-32952	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:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	1723. 16/1/50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mr. Herbert H. Sommerfeld - Father

ADDRESS: Box 1,
Nutana, Saskatoon, Sask.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. Mary Sommerfeld

ADDRESS: Box 1, Nutana, Saskatoon, Sask.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP

REGN NO

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(2)

(3)

14-3-45