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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME STEWART OFFICIAL NO. 18866
CHRISTIAN NAMES WILLIAM GEORGE MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>190 Wood Street East, Hamilton, Ontario.</u>	<u>Presbyterian</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>December 11, 1921</u>	Town <u>Hamilton,</u> County <u>Wentworth,</u> Province <u>Ontario.</u>	<u>(mother)</u> <u>Hilda Stewart,</u> <u>same address</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>English</u> Mother <u>"</u>		

*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>38 1/2</u>				
Inches <u>11 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>35 1/2</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Scar on left forefinger.</u>
<u>145</u>	Mean <u>37</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>3 yrs. High School.</u>	<u>Retoucher,</u> <u>Photo Engravers,</u> <u>Toronto, Ontario.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>(Divisional Strength)</u> <u>June 25th, 1941</u>	<u>Ord. Gun. V/S</u>	<u>Hamilton Division</u>

(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 NOT APPLICABLE 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.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Hamilton Division 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 Twenty-fifth day of June 1941

Signature of applicant William Stewart

(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 Twenty-fifth day of June 1941

E. Sulenberg Lt. Rcvr
William Stewart
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, William George Stewart 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 William Stewart

Witness E. Sulenberg

Date June 25th, 1941

Rank Lieut. Rcvr

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

William George Stewart 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 Hamilton Division Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

E. Sulenberg Lt. Rcvr
Attesting Officer.

June 25th, 1941 R.C.N.V.R. Division Hamilton Division
194 (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.

Attestation

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

STEWART William George

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
HALIFAX Nova Scotia	Hamilton	18866

Date of Birth Dec. 11th, 1921

Place of Birth Hamilton Ontario.

Place of Residence 190 Wood St. E., Hamilton, Ontario.

Trade brought up to Retoucher.

Religion Presbyterian

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
(MOTHER)
HILDA STEWART
SAME ADDRESS

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	
June 23 1941	June 25 1941	Host.	Ord. Smn. V/S	21 Nov 43		Awarded Ribbon for 1939-43 Star.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	5	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	37	145	Fair	Blue	Fair	Scar on left fore-finger.
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

V8866

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-9-1608

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V8866

NAME STEWART William George DATE OF BIRTH 11 Dec. 1921
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Hamilton Ont. OCCUPATION RetoucherRELIGION Pres. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 190 Wood St. Town Hamilton Province, etc. Ont.

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
25	6	41	H.O.	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Fair	Blue	Fair	Scare on L. fore-finger				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) MOTHER NAME (in pencil) MRS. HILDA STEWARTADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 190 Wood Street E. Town HAMILTON 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	
5	9	43	Granted Hurt Cert. (249A-19824)	27	2	42	Qual. for Sig.				
21	11	43	1939/43 Star. (20072)								

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		

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

FILM
NO. 489A-5799-3
DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
From To

W.S.G.
APPLICATION
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V8866

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME STEWART
(Surname)

William George
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER **P.I.B.** V8866

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified	
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Month	Year
Hamilton Div. Str.	Ord. Smn. V/S	25	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	T.O.	5	11	43		
Duty Div. Hqts	Ord. Smn.	7	8	41	D.											
St. Hyacinthe	"	5	11	41	D.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43						
	Ord. Sig.	2	1	42		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44						
Venture	"	4	3	42	197265											
Stadacona	"	1	5	42	144545											
"	Sig.	7	8	42	249A/9519											
Niobe	"	12	12	42	D.R.D. #H-169											
HMS Weyland	"	28	12	42	Niobe DRD #102.											
Niobe	"															
Athabaskan	"	3	2	43	N.DRD 107											
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing, Casualty List											

Presumed "DEAD" Casualty List Page 70

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Can. Memorial Cross to:
Mother: Mrs. Hilda Stewart,
190 Wood St. E., ...
Hamilton, Ont. on 14-3-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK		
11	R	21	11	H50	0	50	X	1	35	02	0	20	0	08	95	
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			
25	06	41	07	08	41					97400			11	94		
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M		CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.	ER			94						
07	08	42	23	00	00	20	27-04-44			ER						

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 STEWART William George (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Signaller Official No. V-8866 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Hamilton, Ont. Date of Birth Dec. 11., 1921

Occupation in Civil Life Photo Retoucher Religion Presbyterian

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 June 25, 1941 to 29th April, 1944

Date of Death April 29, 1944 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "AT ABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

Nearest known relative or friend Name Mrs. Hilda Stewart Relationship Mother Address 190 Wood St. E. Hamilton, 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 S.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 19 1945 CLERK No. 1 SP

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

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

Date JAN 12 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.

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL
NS: V-8866 (Pers."N")

1 May, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Stewart:

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 William George Stewart, Signalman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-8866, 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 Signalman Stewart 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. Hilda Stewart,
190 Wood Street, East,
HAMILTON, Ontario.

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LETTER DISPATCHED
PERSONNEL, NAVAL
MAY 2 1944
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10th, October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

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.

Mrs. Hilda Stewart,
190 Wood Street East,
HAMILTON, Ont.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 10/10/44
Time 1800

LA/ERM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-8866 PERS(N)

15 January, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Stewart:

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 son, William George Stewart, Signalman, Official Number V-8866, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, 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,

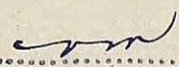


Deputy ~~SECRETARY~~, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Hilda Stewart,
190 Wood St. E.,
HAMILTON, Ont.

A.S. 

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 15/1/45
Time 1800

DD FORM D - 29-4-44

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

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D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

STEWART	William George	V-8866	Sig.	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:

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CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	<i>16/1/50</i> <i>6263</i>
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Sept. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. George T. Stewart - Father

ADDRESS: 190 Wood Street, E.,
Hamilton, Ont.

*no later
address*

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. Hilda Stewart

190 Wood St. East, Hamilton, Ont.

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN. NO ~~CANCELLED~~ 659

(2)

(3)

14-3-45