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MAR 24 1939  
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CANADA

### ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME Yeadon OFFICIAL NO. 272  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Robert, Lawrence MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS Herring Cove Road, Halifax N.S. RELIGION United

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>31st May 1920</u>	Town <u>Halifax</u> County <u>Halifax</u> Province <u>N.S.</u>	<u>Mr A Yeadon (Father)</u> <u>Herring Cove Road Halifax</u>

#### PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>36</u>				<u>3 Scars R lower part of Jaw, Vaccination L Arm</u>
Inches <u>5½</u>	Deflated <u>32½</u>				
	Mean <u>34</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Fresh</u>	

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Feb 28/39</u> <u>A.S. 23/10/39</u>	<u>Ord Seaman</u>	<u>Labourer</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 P.L.Fus, (M.G) for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	DATE OF SERVICE FROM	TO
<u>P.L.Fus</u>	<u>M.G.</u>	<u>29th Sept, 1938</u>	<u>Twentieth Oct 1938</u>

- (c) I have never been rejected 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.

Entered in Service  
Records by [Signature]  
6.3.39



(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Halifax Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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.

Dated this Feb 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sweden 1939

Signature of applicant Robert Yeadon

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING 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 Feb 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sweden 1939

Charles H Connolly  
Signature of Commanding Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Robert, Lawrence, Yeadon 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 Robert Yeadon

Witness Charles H Connolly

Date Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1939 Rank Lieut R.C.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

Robert, Lawrence, Yeadon 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 Halifax Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

Charles H Connolly  
Commanding Officer.

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.



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N.S. 815-11-17

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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Robert Lawrence YEADON.*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-272</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth..... <i>31 May 1920</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mother</i>
Place of Birth..... <i>Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	<i>Mrs Florence L. Yeadon</i>
Place of Residence..... <i>Herring Cove Rd. Halifax NS</i>	<i>same address</i>
Trade brought up to..... <i>Salesman</i>	
Religion..... <i>United Church</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>28 Feb 1939</i>		<i>3 years</i>	<i>Ord. Sm.</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>5 1/2</i>			<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fresh</i>	<i>3 Scars Rt lower Part of jaw. Vaccination left arm</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











Name YEADON, Robert Lawrence 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.	Mod. (O. Sum)	31 Dec '39	
		V.G.	Mod. (A.B.)	31 Dec '40	
		Good	Mod. (A.B.)	31 Dec '41	R. Adams
		V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec '42	S. Randall
		Fair	Sat. (A.B.)	31 Dec '43	E. Brock
		V.G.	Sat. (A.B.)	29 Apr '44	W. Thompson

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
6 Feb '43	G.C.B.	1st	Granted
17 Aug '43	G.C.B.	1st	Deprived

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served
16 Jan '41	"D"	21	
17 Aug '43	"D"	28	



V272

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113-Y-24

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V272

NAME YEADON (Surname) Robert Lawrence (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 31st. May 1920

PLACE OF BIRTH Halifax, N.S. OCCUPATION Labourer

RELIGION United Church EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Herring Cove Rd. Town Halifax 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
28	2	39	3 yrs. Duration of Host.	5'5 1/2"	Brown	Brown	Fresh	5 scars right lower part of jaw. Base left arm				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) mother 5/15/44 NAME (in pencil) Mrs Florence Yeaton ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Herring Cove Rd. Town Armdale P.O. 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	
1	4	44	1939-1943 Star.								

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		
6	2	43	1st. GCB	Granted	St. Laurent	7	16	1	41	Did Sleep on Watch	21 days Detention
17	8	43	1st. GCB(26654)	Deprived.	Kamsack(26654).	13	17	8	43	Improper leave. Improper dressed.	28 days detention. *

FILM  
NO WAR 5125-7  
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
16	1	41		21 D.				
17	8	43		*				

Granted remission of 4 days on sentence of 28 days detention. 249A#2318.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To





V272 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME YEADON Robert Lawrence  
(Surname) (Given Names)

P.I.B. OFFICIAL NUMBER V272

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualif.			Re-Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Div. Str. Halifax	Ord. Smn.	28	2	39	Training	V.G.	Sat.										
H.M.C.S. Stadacona	"	16	7	39	12-8-39 "	V.G.	Sat.										
" "	"	23	10	39	L. Fraser 7/11/39	V.G.	Mod.	31	12	39							
" Fraser	"	7	11	39	L. Stadacona 25/2/40	V.G.	Mod.	31	12	40							
" Stadacona	"	1	3	40		Good	Mod.	31	12	41							
" St. Laurent	"	10	3	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" St. Laurent	Able Smn.	13	3	40		Fair	Sat.	31	12	43							
" Stadacona	"	3	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Avalon	"	18	2	42													
Kamsack	"	4	3	42													
Stadacona	"	10	9	43	DRD H-2571												
Niobe	"	1	11	43	DRD H-3070												
Athabasca	"	16	12	43	DRD #354 P2.												
<u>Discharged</u>		29	4	44	"Missing" Presumed Dead per Casualty List Page 71.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross:  
MOTHER: Mrs. Florence YEADON,  
Herring Cove Road,  
Armdale P.O.,  
Halifax, N.S.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV.	ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	MAIN	SUB	GION				P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK
31	5	20	14	900	0	40	X		4	08	02	3	19	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.			A.	BR.	RANK		
28	02	39	23	10	39							02	30	0	08	94
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
13	03	40	13	00	00	21										

29-04-44



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
- Naval Service -  
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir: ..... 9 May 1944 .....  
(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME RANK or RATING NAVAL NO.  
YEADON, Robert Lawrence Able Seaman V-272 R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 28 February, 1939 Active Service: 23 October, 1939

DATE OF DISCHARGE - Will be reported later. 21

HOSPITAL -  
(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D. P. & N. H.)

SERVICE - Canada & High Seas.  
(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere.)

Reason for discharge and - "Missing" from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" which was tor-  
when and where any disability peded and sunk by enemy action in the English  
was incurred, or where death Channel on the 29th April, 1944. While this casualty is listed as missing, it  
occurred.

is impossible to make an estimate as to his chances of survival.. Should no

information be received to the contrary, you will be notified when official  
~~presumption of death with date has been set.~~

(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action,  
accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or  
elsewhere outside Canada).

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP- Mother, NAME- Mrs. Florence Yeadon

ADDRESS- Armdale P.O.  
Herring Cove Road, Halifax, N.S.

NOTE: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally  
or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order,  
the separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

Copies Form "B" fwd.  
to Allots. (N) on

..... N.P.R./5.

AB Money  
for  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.  
BFE  
10/8/44  
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Secretary, Canadian Pension Commission,  
Room 228, Daly Building, OTTAWA, Ont.

NOTE: Duplicate copies of this form (Form "B") have been forwarded to the  
Chief Treasury Officer (Allotment Section), Department of National  
Defence, Naval Service, for completion respecting the details of  
Marriage Allowance, Dependents Allowance, etc., and subsequent  
transmission to you.

(See reverse side for further instructions)







VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING ..... *A.B.* ..... OFF. NO. .... *V-272* ..... ADDRESS .....

AREA	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>
<i>atl.</i>							ATLANTIC	/	<i>star</i>
<i>atl.</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>WC atl.</i>							AFRICA		
<i>UK</i>							PACIFIC		
<i>atl.</i>							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
<i>Dead</i>	<i>39-4-44</i>						C.V.S.M.		<i>7 + clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	/	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY ..... *R.L.* .....

VERIFIED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.



EMC/HS

N.S. V-272 PERS. (N)

Policy 10039651.

25 May, 1944.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 19th of May, 1944, as Robert Lawrence Yeadon, Able Seaman, Official No. V-272, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is still listed as "missing" from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", a Certificate of Death cannot be issued at this time. Should this rating be officially presumed dead at a later date, the required Certificate will be forwarded to you. You will also be notified if he is reported a prisoner of war or found to be alive.

Date of birth for the above named is recorded at Naval Service Headquarters as the 31st of May, 1920.

Yours truly,

*H.B. Money*

for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Senior Approver,  
Ordinary Claim Department,  
The Prudential Insurance Co. of  
America,  
Newark, N.J., U.S.A.



10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Yeadon,

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. Florence Yeadon,  
Herring Cove Road,  
Armdale Post Office,  
Halifax, N.S.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 10/10/44  
Time 18

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*Handwritten initials*



LA/CM

N.S. V-272 PERS.(N)

Policy 10039651.

15 January, 1945.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Robert Lawrence Yeadon, Able Seaman, Official Number V-272, 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.

*Xch.*  
Deputy ~~SECRETARY~~, NAVAL BOARD.

*[Handwritten signature]*



LA/YB

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-272, PERS.(N)

15<sup>th</sup> January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Yeadon:

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, Robert Lawrence Yeadon, Able Seaman, Official Number V-272, 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,

*[Signature]*  
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Florence Yeadon,  
Herring Cove Road,  
Armdale Post Office,  
HALIFAX, N.S.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 15/1/45  
Time 1800



D OF D 29-4-44

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS **NAVY**

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

YEADON	Robert Lawrence	V-272	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:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	4137 - 16/1/50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

03-84626 M



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RCNVR Aug. 46 "ATHABASKAN"  
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Andrew W. Yeadon - Father

ADDRESS: 190 Clifton Street,  
Halifax, N.S.

DATE DESP

(1)

REG

**CANCELLED**

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Florence Yeadon

ADDRESS:

Herringcove Road, Armdale P.O., Halifax, N.S. 6-3-45

(3)