



CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL RESERVE

SURNAME **BARSS,** OFFICIAL No. **A 2516**
 CHRISTIAN NAMES **Walter Charles** MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER **Single**

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
Sydney River, Cape Breton Co., N.S.	C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
19th March, 1918	Town Louisburg County Cape Breton Province N.S.	Mrs. Edna Barss, (mother) Sydney River, Cape Breton Co., N.S.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXTON	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet 5	Inflated.....	Light Brown	Blue	Fair	Nil.
Inches 9½	Deflated.....				
Mean.....	38½				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
17th August, 1940.	Engineman	Oiler S.S. "Belle Isle" Halifax, N.S.

(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 Reserve, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) (a) ~~That it is my intention to follow the sea for a period of at least five years from this date~~
 (b) ~~That it is my intention to follow the calling of a Fireman, either at sea or on shore, for a period of five years from this date.~~
 (c) That it is my intention to follow the sea in an Engine-room capacity for a period of five years from this date.

NOTE.—Candidates for enrolment as *Seaman* are to cross out clauses (b) and (c) above.Candidates for enrolment as *Stoker* are to cross out clauses (a) and (c) above.Candidates for enrolment as *E.R.A.* are to cross out clauses (a), (b) and (c) above.Candidates for enrolment as *Engineman* are to cross out clauses (a) and (b) above.

*Cross out clause not applicable.

(4) That I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

(5) That (a)* I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force.

~~(b) I served in~~ Nil. ~~for the~~
~~periods~~

Served in	Rank	From	To
Nil.....		

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

(7) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:— **AND/OR DURATION OF HOSTILITIES.**

- (a) To serve from the date thereof for five 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 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 Registrar 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.

(8) I am willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this 17th day of August, 1940.

Walter C. Barss ✓
(Signature of Applicant)

(C) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Walter Charles BARSS do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty.

Signature of Applicant Walter C. Barss ✓

Witness [Signature]

Date 17th August, 1940. Rank Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R.

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

(D) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICIAL

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the man above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration and has taken the oath of

allegiance in my presence this 17th day of August, 1940.

[Signature]
Lieutenant R. [Signature] (Signature of Officer and rank)

NOTE.—When this form has been completed it is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

R.C.N.R. DURATION OF HOSTILITIES.

~~True Copy of the~~
CERTIFICATE of the Service of
 B A R S S, Walter Charles.
 in the Naval Service of Canada

The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off whenever it is considered that the man's antecedents and character are such as to render his re-entry at any future time undesirable. Whenever the corner is cut off the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

PORT DIVISION Halifax, Nova Scotia. OFFICIAL NUMBER A 2516

Date of birth 19th March, 1918.
 Where born { Town Louisburg.
 County and province Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.
 Usual place of residence Sydney River, Cape Breton Co., N.S.
 Trade brought up to Oiler S.S. "Belle Isle", Halifax, N.S.
 Religious denomination Church of England.
 Next of kin Mother - Edna - same address.
 Can swim.....
 Man's signature on discharge to pension.....

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENTS			MEDALS, CLASPS, Etc.	
Date of actual volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date Received	Nature of Decoration
<u>17th Aug. 1940</u>		<u>duration of Hostilities.</u>	<u>25 Feb 44</u>	<u>Canadian Voluntary Service Medal & Clasp - 1939-43 Star - Prov. Award</u>

DESCRIPTION OF PERSON	STATURE		COLOUR OF			MARKS, WOUNDS AND SCARS
	Feet	In.	Complexion	Hair	Eyes	
On entry as a boy.....						
On advancement to man's rating, or on entry under 28 years.....	<u>5</u>	<u>9½</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Light Brown.</u>	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Nil.</u>
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....						
Further description if necessary.....						

Name.....

SHIP'S NAME	LIST AND No.	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
Stadacona	- -	Eng'n	17 Aug '40	23 Sep '40	
St Croix	- -	- -	24 Sep '40	31 Dec '40	
- - -	- -	Sto. P.O.	1 Jan '41	16 Oct '41	
Stadacona	- -	- -	17 Oct '41	26 Oct '42	
Avalon	- -	- -	27 Oct '42	20 Apr '43	
Avalon	- -	E.R.A. 4/c (T)	21 Apr '43	21 Apr '43	
Avalon	- -	E.R.A. 3/c	22 Apr '43	16 June '43	
Stadacona	- -	- -	17 June '43	11 Aug '43	
Stadacona (C 77398)	- -	- -	12 Aug '43	12 Aug '43	
Hochelega (C 77398)	- -	- -	13 Aug '43	15 Nov '43	
Stadacona (Lindsay)	- -	- -	16 Nov '43	27 Feb '44	3
Stadacona	- -	- -	28 Feb '44	4 April '44	
Stadacona (Alberni)	- -	- -	5 April '44	21 Apr '44	PRESUMED DEAD
Neche (Alberni)	- -	- -	22 Apr '44	21 Aug '44	"D.D." A 59557 Cmmdg 278390

DATE	Wounds received in Action and Hurt Certificate; also any Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prize or other Grants	CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE
7 Nov '41	Issued SET WT # 11196	
21 March '44	70 Wt 280 annual leave	

9 Sep
1 Jan
11 July
17 Jan
23 Apr
22 May

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

123-B-308

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NAME BARSS,
(Surname) Walter Charles
(Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 19 March, 1918PLACE OF BIRTH Louisburg, Cape Breton Co., N.S. OCCUPATION Oiler S.S. "Belle Isle", Halifax, N.S.RELIGION Church of England EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Sydney River, Cape Breton, Province, etc. Nova Scotia

ENGAGEMENTS			DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year								From	To
17	8	40	5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	L. Brn.	Blue	Fair	Nil				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Mary A. Barss
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 12 1/2 Black St. Town Halifax Province, etc. N.S.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY			EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.						
Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)		PARTICULARS	
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month		Year
25	2	44	11	7	41				Passed E. T. II R.C.N.
25	2	44	17	1	44				Granted Charge Certificate
			22	4	43				Granted E.R. W/K Cert.
			18	1	44				Recommended for Warrant Engnr
			5	11	44				Passed papers for Warrant Engineer

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		
17	8	43	1st G.C.B.	Granted	A 10024						

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						Last Will & Testament Dated 29-11-40 Received
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

FILM
NO. WSR-4507-3
DATEW.S.G.
5857

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BARSS
(Surname)

Walter Charles
(Given Names)

PIB

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Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Fully Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
HMCS "Stadacona"	Engmn.	17	8	40													
HMCS "St. Croix"	"	24	9	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
" " "	Stoker P.O.	1	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
HMCS "Stadacona"	" " "	17	10	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "Avalon"	" " "	27	10	42	(DRD H34)	V.G.	Sat.	21	8	44							
"	E.R.A. 4/c	21	4	43	Transferred(W/T 222150Z/ 4-43)												
"	E.R.A. 3/c	22	4	43	Advanced (W/T 222150Z/ 4-43)												
Stadacona	"	17	6	43	(DDR #568)												
Hochelaga	"	13	8	43	(DRD H-2301)	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Lindsay	"	16	11	43													
Stadacona	"	28	2	44	(DRD 80P.2)												
Alberni	"	5	4	44	(DRD S. 123 p.3)												
DISCHARGED	"	21	8	44	"Missing" "Presumed Dead" S.C.	S.C.											

GENERAL REMARKS

Rockhead Hosp. 13-1-42 to 20-1-42

Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross
17.1.45 to Wife: Mrs Mary A. Barss
12½ Black St., Halifax, N.S.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH	CIVIL	OCCL	RETIRED	PERM RESIDENCE	PREV SER	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT							
DY	MO	YR	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	CLAS	R	CTV	TOWN	SERV	DIV	A	BR	RANK		
19	3	18	14	525A			30	X4	03	00	0	19	0	15		
ENLIST DATE			ACT SERV DATE	SYR	ACT SERV DATE	SHIP OR ESTAB	RANK OR RATE									
DY	MO	YR	DY	MO	YR	CAT	DY	MO	YR	ESTAB	A	BR	RANK			
17	08	40	17	08	40					9830	0	35	94			
SENIORITY			STR	NON-SUB	M	CODED									CHECKED	
DY	MO	YR	CAT	A	B	ST	J.C-W									R.B.
22	04	43	13	00	00		J.S. [Signature]									W.P.

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name BARSS, Walter Charles
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Engine Room Artificer 3/c Official No. A-2516 Unit R.C.N.
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Louisburg, Cape Breton, N.S. Date of Birth 19 March, 1918.

Occupation in Civil Life Oiler S.S. "Belle Isle" 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 17 August, 1940 to 21 August, 1944.

Date of Death 21 August, 1944. Place of Death At Sea.

Cause of Death Missing, presumed killed when the ship in which he was serving,
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)
H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI", was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Mary A. Barss, Relationship Wife
Address 12 1/2 Black St.,
HALIFAX, N.S.

Date on which the above was informed by ~~Ship~~ Naval Service Headquarters: 27 August, 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 _____

H.D. Money

(Commanding Officer)

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

for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
Date Ottawa, Ont., 28 February, 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.

C.N.S. 1121
10M-6-44 (774)
N.S. 7570-S-1121

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Gibbney 9-5-45*

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

FILE NO: A-2516 PERS. (N)

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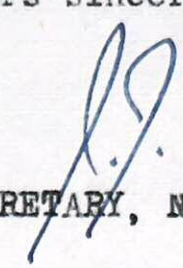
16 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Barss:

I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Walter Charles Barss, Engine Room Artificer Third Class, Official Number A-2516, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI", 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 21st of August, 1944.

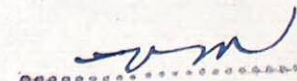
Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Mary A. Barss,
12½ Black Street,
Halifax, N. S.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 26.12.44
Time 1030

Noted D.M.P.
2-1-45
LP