



**ATTESTATION FORM**  
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

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*V-42839*

SURNAME GRAHAM OFFICIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Alvin John MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>R. R. # 7, Chatham, Ontario.</u>	<u>United</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>4th May 1922</u>	Town <u>Chatham</u> County <u>Kent</u> Province <u>Ontario.</u>	<u>Mrs. Emma Graham - mother- same address.</u>
*Original Nationality of:		
Father <u>British</u>		
Mother <u>British</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>37½</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>None.</u>
Inches..... <u>10</u>	Deflated..... <u>35½</u>				
	Mean..... <u>36</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Two years of High School.</u>	<u>United Cigar Stores - Windsor. Clerk.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Divisional Strength 22nd July 1942.</u>	<u>Ordinary Seaman for V/S</u>	<u>Windsor, Ontario.</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) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 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.



(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....WINDSOR, ONTARIO.....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.....22nd.....day of.....July 1942.....

Signature of applicant X *A. Graham*

(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 22nd

day of.....July 1942.....

*A. R. Baker* S/L, R.C.N.V.R.  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Alvin John GRAHAM.....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 X *A. Graham*

Witness *A. R. Baker*

Date.....22nd July 1942..... Rank.....S/L, 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

.....Alvin John GRAHAM.....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.....WINDSOR, ONTARIO.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

*A. R. Baker* S/L, R.C.N.V.R.  
Attesting Officer.

.....22nd July 1942..... R.C.N.V.R. Division WINDSOR, ONTARIO  
(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.

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

X *A. Graham*  
Signature



CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

**O.H.F.**

*Alvin John GRAHAM*

IC - NS - 13250

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-42839</i>
	<i>H.M.C.S. "Hunter"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>4 May, 1922</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>William George Graham Teacher. Same address</i>
Place of Birth <i>Chatham, Ontario</i>	
Place of Residence <i>R.R. #1, Chatham Ont.</i>	
Trade brought up to <i>Clerk</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>22 July 42</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. S. 1/3</i>		<i>11 April 44</i>	<i>Can Volunteer Service Medal and Class. Prod Award 1939-43 Star</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Fair</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















V42839

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-G-1980

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V42839

NAME GRAHAM (Surname) Alvin John (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 4 May 1922

PLACE OF BIRTH Chatham, Ont. OCCUPATION United Cigars Store. Clerk.

RELIGION United EDUCATION Two yrs. High.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. R.R. #7. Town Chatham, 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
22	7	42	H.O.	5'10	Brn.	Brn.	Fair	None				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *Wife* NAME (in pencil) *Mrs Ada M. Graham*  
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. *83 Lansdowne Ave.* Town *Chatham* Province, etc. *Ont.*

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	
11	4	44	Awarded C.V.S.M. (R&C) 249AA 4487	3	11	42	Passed E.T. 1. R.C.N. <i>CNS 2431</i>				
11	4	44	" 1939-1943 Star "	21	1	43	Qual Anti-Gas 1 day (249A/25266)				
				15	1	43	Qual. Ord. Sig. 249A-41731				
				2	4	43	Qual. Sig. 249A-41731				
				18	4	44	Failed to qual. T.O.V/S 'AA 4767				

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. *WAP-5669-4*  
DATE

O.H.F. Received.

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To





V42839

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

GRAHAM

Alvin John

(Surname)

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V42839

P.I.B.

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
HMCS Hunter	Ord. Smn. V/S	22	7	42	Div. Str. Hunter.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "	"	2	9	42	Active Service D.L. 2	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
St. Hyacinthe	"	11	11	42	D.L. 88	V.G.	Sat.	21	8	44							
	Ord. Sig.	15	1	43	Trans. 249A-41731.												
Stadacona	" "	21	4	43	D.R.D. #H-1237.												
Alberni	" "	28	4	43	D.R.D. #H-1295.												
"	Sig.	2	9	43	249A/14939												
DISCHARGED	"	21	8	44	"Presumed Dead" Sub. 16.1.45												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to:  
 WIFE: Mrs. Ada M. Graham,  
 80 Murray Street, CHATHAM, Ont  
 to date 17th Jan., 1945.  
 Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to:  
 Mother: Mrs. Emma Alberta Graham,  
 R.R. #7, Chatham, Ont.  
 to date Jan. 31., 1945.

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.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
04	5	32	11	660	0	40	3	1	36	03	0	11	0	08/25
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK	
22	07	42	02	09	42					1520	0	11	94	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
12	09	42	13	00	00		8	9	36					







( Information extracted from Naval Service Headquarters' Records.)

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

XXXXXXXX NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ont.  
H.M.C.S. ....

Name **GRAHAM Alvin John**  
Rank or Rating **Signalman** (Christian names in full) Official No. **V-42839** Unit **R.C.N.V.R.**  
Place of Birth **Chatham, Ontario** Date of Birth **4th May 1922**  
Occupation in Civil Life **Clerk (Store)** Religion **United Church**  
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 22nd July 1942 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**  
**H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI" was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.**  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name **Mrs. Ada M. Graham** Relationship **Wife**  
Address **80 Murray Street, CHATHAM, Ontario.**

Date on which the above was informed by Ship **Naval Service Headquarters: 23 Aug. 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.....

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

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

Date **OTTAWA, Ont. February 28 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

ENTERED IN  
D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
MAR 21 1945  
CLERK No. 1





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F.M.O., Halifax, N.S.,  
August 26th, 1944

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N.S. V-42839. PERS.(N)

P.A.'S CHECKED IN  
C.R. BY. L

My dear Mrs. Graham:

I was the captain of H.M.C.S. "Alberni" and I know there is nothing I can say that will help you in your great loss. I just wanted you to know that you have my sincerest sympathy. Alvin was an excellent signalman both reliable and efficient and ever since joining my ship he has done an excellent job of work. Once when he was on duty at night he saved our ship from serious damage by shining his light on another ship who was headed right for us. He was very well liked by both officers and men and appeared to be very happy aboard.

The only minor comfort I can give you is that he was down below at the time the ship was hit and as the ship sank instantly I am sure he did not suffer any pain.

I hope that if I am ever in Windsor you will give me the pleasure of allowing me to call on you.

If there is any way in which I can help you, do not hesitate to write me.

Yours sincerely,

"Ian Bell"

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

Mrs. Ada M. Graham,  
80 Murray St.,  
CHATHAM, Ont.



DR/JL

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N.S. V-42839 Pers. (N)

20th January, 1945.

Sir:

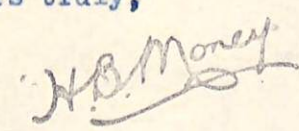
With reference to your letter of the 15th January, 1945, regarding John Alvin GRAHAM, Stoker, the following information is forwarded.

John Alvin GRAHAM, Signaller, Official Number V-42839 was discharged "Presumed Dead" to date 21st August 1944. There is no record in Naval Service Headquarters of his having been employed by your company.

John Augustine GRAHAM, Acting Stoker First Class, Official Number V-43048, at present serving in H.M.C.S. "FREDERICTON", c/o Fleet Mail Office, HALIFAX, N.S., has shown the Ford Motor Company of Canada as his previous employer. As his next of kin is given as mother, Mrs. Blanche Graham, it is presumed that he is the man concerned in your enquiry.

If your records confirm this presumption, your Form DU 501 - 5/44 will be completed and forwarded to you.

Yours truly,



for  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. 12

The Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited,  
Personnel Department,  
WINDSOR, Ontario.



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N.S. V-42839. PERS.(N)

Policy No. 83,425.

26 December, 1944.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Alvin John Graham, Signalman, Official Number V-42839, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed killed on the 21st of August, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI", was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
*[Handwritten initials]* *[Handwritten initials]* *[Handwritten initials]*



MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Sep.45 "ALBERNI"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Scammell (Re-married)  
Mrs. Ada M. ~~Graham~~ - Widow

ADDRESS: ~~80 Murray St.,~~ 1746 Francis Rd.,  
~~CHATHAM,~~ WINDSOR,  
Ont.

8-12-49

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 2161

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW\* Mrs Ada M. Graham

ADDRESS: 80 Murray Street  
CHATHAM, Ontario

(2) 17 January 1945

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs E. A. Graham

ADDRESS: R. R. #7  
CHATHAM, Ontario

(3) 31 January 1945



