





(5) On being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for as long as my services may be required, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the regulations made in pursuance thereof for the governing 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 provide myself with the necessary uniform as laid down in R.C.N.V.R. Regulations.

Dated this Eighth day of March, 1941

Malcolm Grant  
Signature of Applicant.

The above declaration was made and signed in my presence this Eighth day of March 1941

W. R. Spence  
Signature of Enrolling Officer.  
Sub-Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

(C) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I Malcolm Seafield GRANT 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 Malcolm Grant

Signature of Witness W. R. Spence

Date 8th March, 1941

Rank Sub-Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by any commissioned officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—This form when completed is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, together with Certificate of medical examination B-207, and record of any previous service.

The record of previous service will be returned after examination at Naval Service Headquarters.



OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

103-G-88

0-28760

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

GRANT

(Surname)

Malcolm Seafield

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

26 October 1914

PLACE OF BIRTH

Bristol, England

OCCUPATION

Sales Engineer

RELIGION

Church of England

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

350 King St. West,

Town

Brockville

Province, etc.

Ontario.

## 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
8	3	41	Hostilities only	6' 1/8"	L Brn.	Grey	Fair	Scar on upper lip				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc.

## 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	
8	5	44	Ribbon of 1939-43 Star	22	4	43	Watchkeeping Certificate				
20	4	44	Ribbon & Clasp of C.V.S.M.								
14	6	45	Mention in Despatches (Posthumous) (AF03435)								

## 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		

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Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						C.H.I. Received
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( Information extracted from Naval Service Headquarters' Records.)

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

### REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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NAVY NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ont.  
I.M.C.S. ....

Name..... Lieutenant Malcolm Seafield GRANT, R.C.N.V.R.  
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... Official No..... Unit { R.C.N.  
R.C.N.R.  
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth..... Bristol, England Date of Birth..... 26th October, 1914

Occupation in Civil Life..... Sales Engineer 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 8th March, 1941 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. Helen Lois Grant Relationship..... Wife  
Address..... c/o Mrs. George F.P. Graham  
350 King Street West, BROCKVILLE, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship..... Naval Service Headquarters 23rd 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.....

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SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD,  
(Commanding Officer)

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

OTTAWA, Ont. February 28, 1945.  
Date.....

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.



AMENDED APPOINTMENT

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By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence

for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

To Lieutenant Malcolm S. Grant, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),--

You are hereby appointed

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

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (1) ALBERNI;  
(2) ALBERNI as Executive Officer.

Your appointment is to take effect from (1) 15th October, 1942;  
(2) 9th October, 1943.

*R. A. Livingston*

Secretary, Naval Board

*DA*  
Department of National Defence  
Naval Service

Ottawa, 23rd November, 1943.

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AIR MAIL  
N.S. 0-28760 Pers. "N"

23 August, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Grant:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 23rd of August, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Lieutenant Malcolm Seafield Grant, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your husband is missing at sea when the ship in which he was serving was lost by enemy action in the English Channel. As soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

Should you know the name of the ship in which he was serving, it is requested that, for security reasons, you will regard this information as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,



SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Helen Lois Grant,  
c/o Mrs. George E.P. Graham,  
350 King St., West,  
BROCKVILLE, Ont.



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F.M.O., Halifax, N.S.,

August 26th, 1944.

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My dear Helen:

I am sitting here to-night Helen and my mind is in a turmoil. I thought so much of Curly. I was so very fond of him that I just can't express what I feel. God alone knows what you must have gone through these last few days. I will try and do my best to tell you what happened.

It all happened so quickly that it seems unreal. One moment we were sailing along and the next our ship was gone and most of the crew. I can't seem to believe that it is true.

It was around noon Helen. I was in my cabin, Curly was on the upper deck forward of my cabin. Suddenly there was a terrific explosion, almost immediately we were in the water. Most of the men never had a chance to get off the ship she sank so quickly. Curly did get clear of the ship. I saw him and waved to him. We were drifting apart and I never saw him again. We were all struggling in the rough seas to hold out. You have no idea how difficult it is. It seems so peaceful to die, you are so tired and weary. I passed out just as we were going to be picked up and was rescued by Frank Williams who was with me hanging to the same board. I was out for about three hours but the Officers who picked us up assured me that they searched the whole area very carefully. I know now that drowning is a very easy way to die.

I have told you the facts Helen as I remembered them but there is something else I want you to know. No man ever lived who worshipped his wife and children more than did Curly. Many times we sat and talked about home and his eyes would light up as he spoke of you and the children.

I hope to get home soon and I will do my very best to see you. If there is any way in which I can help you, please do not hesitate to write to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. *Grant Hamilton*

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Mrs. Helen Lois Grant,  
c/o Mrs. George E.P. Graham,  
350 King St.,  
BROCKVILLE, Ont.



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28th August, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Grant:

Further to my letter of the 23rd August, details of the disaster in which your husband has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI" was sunk while on invasion duties in the English Channel. Four officers and fifty-five ratings are missing, with three officers and twenty-eight ratings having survived.

It is regretted that the position of the loss cannot be given, but it is considered unlikely that prisoners of war will be taken.

It is requested that you will keep this information in confidence until an official announcement is made.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature]*

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Helen Lois Grant,  
c/o Mrs. George E.P. Graham,  
350 King Street West,  
BROCKVILLE, Ont.

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AIR MAIL

N.S. 0-28760. PERS.(N)

26 December, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Grant:

Further to my letter of the 28th of August, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Lieutenant Malcolm Seafeld Grant, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer 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. Helen Lois Grant,  
c/o Mrs. George E.P. Graham,  
350 King Street West,  
BROCKVILLE, Ontario.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 26.12.44  
Time 1600

Noted DMPA  
29-12-44  
LP.



DECEASED 21 August 1944

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GRANT	Malcolm Seafield	0-28760	Lieut	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	46                      7 - 10 - 49
Atlantic Star and Clasp	
Africa Star and Clasp	
C.V.S.M. and Clasp	
War Medal	
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MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL  
RCNVR Sept. 45 "ALBERNI"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Helen L. Grant - Widow  
c/o Mrs. Geo. E.P. Graham,  
350 King St. W.,  
ADDRESS: BROCKVILLE, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW Mrs. H. L. Grant  
ADDRESS: c/o Mrs. G. Graham  
350 King Street West  
BROCKVILLE, Ontario

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. L. Grant  
ADDRESS: 347A Kenniston Apts., Elgin Street  
OTTAWA, Ontario

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 48.....

(2)

17 January 1945

(3)

31 January 1945