



**O.H.F.**

**ATTESTATION FORM**  
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

SURNAME MERK OFFICIAL NO. V- 32584  
CHRISTIAN NAMES George Adam MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>1126 Albert Street, Regina, Saskatchewan.</u>	<u>Roman Catholic</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>30th October, 1923</u>	Town <u>Vibank</u> County Province <u>Saskatchewan.</u>	(Mother) <u>Mrs. Angelina Merk,</u> <u>1126 Albert Street,</u> <u>Regina, Saskatchewan.</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Russian</u> Mother <u>Russian</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</u>	<u>Dark Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Scar under chin</u> <u>Scar inside left thumb</u> <u>Vacci. mark left arm.</u>
Inches <u>10</u>	Deflated <u>36</u>				
	Mean <u>37</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Grade Ten - Scott Collegiate Institute,</u> <u>Regina, Saskatchewan.</u>	<u>Janitor - Can. Pacific Telegraph,</u> <u>Regina, Saskatchewan.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>2nd March, 1942.</u> <u>(Divisional Strength)</u>	<u>Prob/Steward</u>	<u>R E G I N A</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 have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force.~~

~~record of service, in cooperation 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 **REGINA** 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 **Second** day of **March, 1942**

Signature of applicant *George Adam Merk*

(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 **Second** day of **March, 1942**

*E. Schoun* **Lieut., RCNVR.**  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, **George Adam MERK** 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 *George Adam Merk*

Witness *E. Schoun*

Date **2nd March, 1942.** Rank **LIEUTENANT, 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**

**George Adam MERK** 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 **REGINA** Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

*E. Schoun* **Lieut., RCNVR.**  
Attesting Officer.

**2nd March** 194 **2** R.C.N.V.R. Division **REGINA**  
(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.

*E. Schoun*  
(WITNESS)  
This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the **Steward** Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.  
*George Adam Merk*  
Signature

Identification Card # 50317

N.V. 17  
60M-11-40 (7836)  
N.S. 815-11-17

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

George Adam MERK

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <u>V-32584</u>
	<u>REGINA</u>	"
		"

Date of Birth 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1923.

Place of Birth Vancouver, B.C.

Place of Residence 1126 Albert St., Regina Sask

Trade brought up to Painter

Religion Roman Catholic

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date 7 April 1942 Signature [Signature] Rank S/Lt

(GOOD) 15<sup>th</sup> June 42 Signature [Signature] Rank for CO

P.S.T. Date 19 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)  
(Mother)  
Mrs. Angelina Merk,  
1126 Albert Street,  
Regina, Sask.



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	
<u>5 Nov. '41</u>	<u>2 March '42</u>	<u>Duration Prob. Stud.</u>				

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>Dark Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Med.</u>	<u>Scar under left eye</u> <u>Scar inside left thumb</u> <u>Vacc. mark left arm</u>
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







V32584

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-M-3829

OFFICIAL NUMBER V32584

NAME MERK (Surname) George Adam (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 30 Oct. 1923PLACE OF BIRTH Vibank, Sask. OCCUPATION JanitorRELIGION R.C. EDUCATION Grade 10RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 1126 Albert St. Town Regina, Province, etc. Sask.

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
2	3	42	H.O.	5' 10"	D. brown	brown	medium	Scar under chin, scar inside left thumb, Vaccin. mark left arm.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Angelina Merk  
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 1126 Albert St. Town Regina Province, etc. Sask.

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	
				15	6	42	P.P.T. "Good"				
				31	7	42	Passed Stwd. Prob. Exam. (Sat.)				
				7	7	42	Passed E.T. "One" RCN				
				18	10	43	Qual. Anti-Gas				

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.	
									O.H.F. Received
									Last Will & Testament dated 2-3-42 Received
									Un. Ins. Book, Regina, Sask.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

H.Q. 35-15M-10-41 (2177)  
N.S. 815-7-35

FILE NO. 113-M-5491-1  
DATE

P.I.B.

V32584 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME MERK George Adam  
(Surname) (Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V32584

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 "Queen"	Stwd. Prob.	2	3	42	Div. Str. Regina	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "	"	9	4	42	Active Service	V.G.	Sat.	31	21	43							
HMCS "Chippawa"	"	12	4	42	D.L.	V.G.	Sat.	21	8	44							
HMCS "Naden"	"	11	6	42	A # 2355												
Givenchy (Dundas)	"	16	8	42	EDC-639												
Avalon	"	11	10	42	Service Cert.												
	Steward	7	1	43	RATED (249A, 23640)												
Stadacona	"	14	9	43	DRD H-2598.												
Hochelaga	"	29	10	43	DRD H-3026.												
Avalon	"	25	2	44	DRD 2832.												
Alberni	"	8	3	44	DRD 2939.												
DISCHARGED	"	21	8	44	Missing per Casualty. (249A, A22987)												

21 8 44 "Presumed Dead" Per Sub. of 16.1.45.

GENERAL REMARKS

Hosp. from 7-5-42 to 9-5-42.  
RCN Hosp. from 1-11-42--16-11-42.  
Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to  
Mother: Mrs. Angelina Merk,  
1126 Albert St.,  
Regina, Sask.  
dated 17.1.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV.	ENL.	RANK OR RATE OR ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION			P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
30	0	23	19	793	0	10			3	706	350		19	0	21	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		
02	03	42	09	04	42						1520	0	21	94		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED		CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
07	01	43	13	00	00											





VERIFICATION FORM  
 GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.  
 GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME *Smith* OFF. NO. *V-32584* ADDRESS .....

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>
						ATLANTIC	✓	
						FRANCE G.	✓	<i>Star</i>
						AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE	✓	<i>Medal</i>
						C.V.S.M.	✓	<i>Clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945	✓	<i>Medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

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

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

DIVISION "F" SUB-DIVISION Regina DETACHMENT Regina Town Station.

PROVINCE Saskatchewan DATE March 10th, 1942.



FILE REFERENCES RE: George Adam MERK - Regina Sask.  
Department of National Defence (Navy.)  
Regina Town Station Detachment Case.

HEADQUARTERS  
SUB-DIVISION  
DETACHMENT  
RTS 2-1385

1. Reference to the above enquiries have been made in Regina regarding the loyalty of the captionally noted and his parents, and the following information is submitted:  
(a) George Adam MERK is 18 years of age; he is Canadian born and of Russian descent.  
(b) Mr and Mrs Anton MERK, parents were born in Russia and were naturalized in Canada through their respective parents.  
(c) George Adam MERK was born in Vibank Sask.  
(d) Mr MERK has resided in Canada for 40 years and Mrs MERK for 36 years. They lived Vibank and district for 20 years and in Regina for the past 8 years.  
(e) Enquiries reveal that the applicants associations are of the best; they are all employees of the C. P. R.  
(f) The applicants ambition is to join the Navy to do his part in winning the present war, and expressed his desire to fight for Canada.

P. C. R.  
RTS 1st.

2. The applicant has been employed by the C. P. Telegraph for the past year, and his reputation there is excellent according to J. P. KILLEEN, assistant agent. A. B. GERIEN and P. DEIS, barristers, Regina; Father JENSEN, rector of Little Flowers Church, (R.C.), Dr. E.T. FRENCH M.D., and Mr H. MACDONALD, proprietor Capitol Auto Wreckers all vouch for the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant and his parents. At Vibank Sask., Adam HUCK, merchant, and B. DEIS, hotelkeeper were interviewed and they vouched for the loyalty and patriotism of the MERK family.

A. R. V. No.

3. This applicant has no Police Record and has never been suspected of being engaged or interested in subversive activities.

4. This report written under the ~~xxxxxx~~ supervision of Cst Moxham.  
H.O.D.C.  
EXPENSES NIL.

3/cst  
Reg.No.14271 Geo. E. Ferguson,  
Regina Town Station.

The O/C., R.C.M.P.,  
Regina Sub-Division,  
Regina, Sask.

Sir: FORWARDED.

DIARY DATE  
SET FOR  
11-3-42

Cpl.  
R.S. Miller. Reg. No. 11294.  
(Temp) I/C Regina Town Station Det.

C.R. P.A.  
 NAVAL TREASURY  
 DATE: 10/11/44  
 INITIAL: MS  
 Sir:

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

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 DEC 26 1944  
 (Date)

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The following casualty has been reported -

NAME MERK, George Adam RANK or RATING Steward NAVAL NO. V-32584, R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 2nd March, 1942. Active Service: 9th April, 1942

DATE OF DISCHARGE - 21 August, 1944.

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

SERVICE - CANADA & HIGH SEAS  
 (Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere.)

Reason for discharge and - Missing, presumed dead. He was serving in H.M.C.S.  
 when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred. "ALBERNI" which was sunk in the English Channel.

(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. Angelina Merk

ADDRESS - 1126 Albert St., REGINA, Sask.

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.

FORM "A" RESPECTING THE ABOVE NAMED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS OF MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE, DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE, etc.

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

AL/GW.

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LETTER dispatched by  
PERSONNEL NAVAL  
AUG 30 1944

V-32584 PERS. (N)

123584

29 August, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Merk:

Further to my letter of the 23rd August, details of the disaster in which your son 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,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

FILE  
ACTION TAKEN

Mrs. Angelina Merk,  
1126 Albert St.,  
REGINA, Sask.

ml

Handwritten initials and a red mark.

P.A.'S CHECKED IN  
C.R. BY *f*



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

N.S. N V-32584. PERS.(N)

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

My dear Mrs. Merk:

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. George was an excellent man, both reliable and efficient. He was studying signalling as he was going to be a telegraphist. He has been with me for some time and I was very fond of him. He was very well liked by all the officers and men and seemed quite 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 Regina 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. Angelina Merk,  
1126 Albert St.,  
REGINA, Sask.

DECEASED 21 August 1944

AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

MERK		George Adam	V-32584	Stwd.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)		CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT
<u>WAR SERVICE</u>					
<u>BADGE</u>					
(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:			

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Fr. Ger. Star <del>XXXXXX</del>	
Defence Medal	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	208
	15.10.49

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

HMCS "ALBERNI" Sept. /45. R.C.N.V.R.

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Angelina Merk - Mother

ADDRESS: 1126 Albert Street,  
Regina, Sask.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. A. Merk  
1126 Albert Street  
REGINA, Sask.

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO.....

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(2)

(3) 17 January 1945