

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA 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 23rd day of December, 1941

Signature of applicant Wm Whyte

(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 23rd day of December, 1941

R. Mackintosh Lieut., RCNVR.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John William WHYTE 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 Wm Whyte

Witness R. Mackintosh

Date 23rd December, 1941 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

John William WHYTE 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 H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

R. Mackintosh
Lieut., R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.

23rd December, 1941 R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. CHIPPAWA
(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.

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 00M-9-42 (5943)
 N.S. 815-11-17

The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

John William WHYTE

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
<i>Halifax N.S.</i>	<i>Winnipeg Man.</i>	<i>V 50134</i>

Date of Birth	<i>18 April 1913</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Margaret Whyte</i> <i>Wife</i> <i>559 Bathurst St</i> <i>Toronto Ont.</i>
Place of Birth	<i>Roblin, Manitoba</i>	
Place of Residence	<i>Roblin, Man.</i>	
Trade brought up to	<i>Timber sawyer</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>23 Dec '41</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Smn</i>		<i>3 Feb. '44</i>	<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp Provisional Award</i>
					<i>3 Feb. '44</i>	<i>1939-43 Star Provisional Award.</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Terminal phlange</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service								<i>middle finger right</i>
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service								<i>hand.</i>
Further Description if necessary								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority

V50154

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-W-1456

OFFICIAL NUMBER V50134

NAME WHYTE (Surname) John William (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 18th April, 1913
 PLACE OF BIRTH Roblin, Man. OCCUPATION Timber sawyer
 REGION United EDUCATION Grade 12 and Normal School
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. _____ Town Roblin Province, etc. Man.

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
23	12	41	H.O.	5'9"	fair	blue	fair	terminal phlange middle finger rt. hand				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs Margaret Whyte
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. F.D. 6562 - 10-11-43 Town Fort Snater Province, etc. Man.

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	
3	2	44	Awarded C.V.S.M. & C. (249A"A8516)	17	3	42	Passed E.T. "One" R.C.N.				
3	2	44	Awarded 1939-1943 Star (249A"A8516)	26	9	42	Marked "Tr"				

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.		

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
 From _____ To _____



FILM
 NO. W.A.D. 5819-8
 DATE

V50134

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **WHYTE**
(Surname)

John William
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V50134 **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
H.M.C.S Chippawa	Ord. Smn. V.S.	23	12	41	Div. Str. Winnipeg	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
"	" "	14	2	42	Active Service.												
St. Hyacinthe	" "	14	4	42	D.												
"	Ord. Smn.	28	7	42													
Cornwallis	" "	6	8	42	DRD												
Alberni	" "	4	10	42	HDO 10334 Via Stadacona												
	A.B.	14	2	43	Rated. 249A-14939.	V.G.	Supr.	31	12	43							
DISCHARGED.	"	21	8	44	Missing Per Casualty List. 249AA 22987	V.G.	Supr.	21	8	44							

Presumed "Dead" Sub. 15-2-45

GENERAL REMARKS

Pension awarded to Wife Mrs. John Wm. Whyte 726 Church St. Fort Frances Ont. to date the 30-1-45.
Wife: Mrs. Marguerite Whyte Fort Frances awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to date the 17-1-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL STATUS		OCCUPATION		RELIGION		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GIOR.	R.	CTY.	TOWN.	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK				
18	4	13	16	3	2	0	40	5	6	14	04	0	06	0	08	92		
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.	ESTAB.	A.	BR.	RANK					
03	12	41	14	02	42					15	20	058	94					
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M		CODED			CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.												
14	02	43	13	00	00		E.P.			AT3 SA2								

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-50134* 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	1	<i>star</i>
							ATLANTIC	1	<i>& clasp</i>
	<i>Africa 5-1-43</i>						FRANCE G.	2	
	<i>France - Germ 6-6-44</i>						AFRICA	2	<i>& clasp</i>
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
	<i>21-8-44</i>						ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>& clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *R. Legum*
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VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

Form 103 Naval Service Headquarters, OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name..... WHYTE John William
(Christian names in full)
 Rank or Rating..... Able Seaman Official No. V-50134 Unit R.C.N.
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.
 Place of Birth..... Roblin, Manitoba Date of Birth..... 18th April, 1913.
 Occupation in Civil Life..... Timber Sawyer 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 23 December, 1941 to 21 August, 1944.
 Date of Death..... 21st 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. Marguerite Whyte Relationship..... Wife
 Address..... Fort Frances, 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.....

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

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

Date Ottawa, Ont., 28 Feb., 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.

noted D.A.P.
M.M.O.
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F.M.O., Halifax, N.S.,
August 26th, 1944.

N.S. V-50134. PERS.(N)

My dear Mrs. Whyte:

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. John was an excellent seaman and has been in charge of a watch for some time. He was both reliable and efficient and was very well liked by all the officers and men.

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 Fort Francis 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"

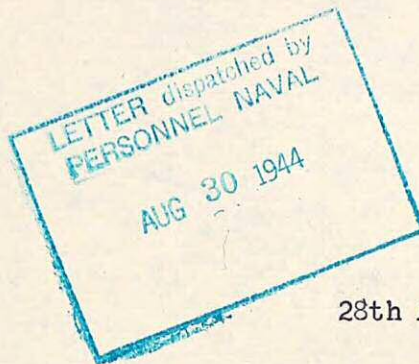
Lieutenant Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

Mrs. Marguerite Whyte,
FORT FRANCES, Ont.

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

TFH/JAG

"AIR MAIL"



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V-50134 PERS. (N).

28th August 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Whyte:-

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,

[Signature]

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

FILE
ACTION TAKEN

Mrs. Marguerite Whyte,
FORT FRANCES, Ont.

[Handwritten initials]

FILE CHECKED IN
BY *[Signature]*

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Oct. 45 "ALBERNI"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Marguerite L. Whyte - Widow

(1)

ADDRESS: Fort Francis, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW Mrs. Marguerite Whyte

(2)

ADDRESS: Fort Francis, Ont.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER no record

(3)

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO 29.....

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AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

WHYTE	John William	V-50134	A.B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPACHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPACHED
1939-45 Star	6456 15-10-49
Atlantic Star & Clasp	
Africa Star & Clasp	
G.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)