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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME Pratt OFFICIAL No. 16013

CHRISTIAN NAMES William Russell MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS <u>605 S. Mark St Port William Ont.</u>	RELIGION <u>Anglican</u>
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DATE OF BIRTH <u>Aug 7, 1917</u>	PLACE OF BIRTH Town <u>Indian Head</u> County <u>Saskatchewan</u> Province	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <u>Mrs P. Pratt 605 S. Mark St Port William Ont.</u>
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PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet... <u>5'</u>	Inflated... <u>36 1/2</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Appendix.</u>
Inches... <u>10"</u>	Deflated... <u>33</u>				
	Mean... <u>34</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT Aug 23/37 <u>September 3, 1939</u>	RATING ENROLLING FOR <u>Able Seaman.</u>	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY <u>Pattern maker Canadian Cash Laundry Co. Port William</u>
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(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 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 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.

Noted in Service
Records by E.M.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Port Arthur Company of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for ~~three consecutive years~~ ^{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 Company 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.

Dated this 3rd day of September

Signature of applicant Wm. Pratt

(C) CERTIFICATE OF COMPANY COMMANDING 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 3rd day of September, 1939

P.P. McPormack Sub Lt R.C.N.V.R.
Act Co. Officer Signature of C. C. O.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, William Russell Pratt 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

Witness Wm. Pratt

Date Sept 3, 1939 Witness Rank W. King, Sub-Lieut. RCNVR

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER

William Russell Pratt 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 Port Arthur Company of the R.C.N.V.R.

P.P. McPormack Sub Lt R.C.N.V.R.
Act C.O. Company Commanding Officer.

NOTE—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Company 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.

SERVICE CERTIFICATE

N. V. No. 17
IM-5-35
N.S. 816-11-17

OF

Name in full William Russell Pratt Company Port Arthur Division

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Training Headquarters	E S Q U I M A L T.	Official Number <u>V16013</u>
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Date of Birth 7th. August 1917.

Place of Birth Fort William, Ont.

Usual Place of Residence 605 South Branks St. Fort William, Ont.

Trade brought up to Mechanic

Name and Address of next of Kin Mrs B. Pratt, same address

Religious Denomination Church of England

Can Swim _____

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE

DATE OF ACTUAL VOLUNTEERING	DATE OF ENROLMENT	PERIOD VOLUNTEERED FOR	RATING ON ENROLMENT	MEDALS, DECORATIONS, ETC.	
				DATE RECEIVED	NATURE OF DECORATION
<u>21st. Aug. 37</u>	<u>23rd Aug. 37</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>Ord. Smn.</u>		

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

	HEIGHT		COMPLEXION	HAIR	EYES	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	FEET	INCHES				
On Entry	5	9½	Fair	Brown	Hazel	Scar, appendix.
On attaining 28 years						
Further Description if necessary						

V16013

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V16013

NAME PRATT William Russell DATE OF BIRTH 7 Aug. 1917
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Fort William, Ont. OCCUPATION MechanicRELIGION C. of E. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 605 South Marks St. Town Fort William, Province, etc. Ont.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
23	8	37	3 years	5' 9½"	brown	hazel	fair	appendix scar			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs Effie Edna PrattADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 605 South Marks St. Town Fort William, 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	38	Passed E.T. "One"					

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. WSR-5415-6
DATE

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To



V16013 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME PRATT William Russell
(Surname) (Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V16013

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
Div. Str. Port Arthur	Ord. Smn.	23	8	37		V.G.	Mod.	10	9	38	S.T.	17	2	40			
HMCS "Naden"	"	26	8	38	--12-9-38	V.G.	Sat.	10	6	39							
HMCS "Naden"	"	19	5	39	--7-6-39												
HMCS "Nootka"	"	5	6	39	--9-6-39												
HMCS "Nootka"	A.B.	10	6	39													
HMCS "Naden"	"	11	6	39	--12-6-39												
Duty Port Arthur Div.	"	9	9	39													
HMCS "Stadacona"	"	3	11	39													
HMCS "Fraser"	"	23	3	40													
<u>DISCHARGED</u>	"	25	6	40	<u>Killed on Active Service HMCS "Fraser"</u>												

GENERAL REMARKS

Active Service Bounty paid.
Sick bay 24-11-39--13-12-39.
Milt. Hosp. 12--16-1-40.
Pension awarded to widowed mother.
Mrs. Effie Edna Pratt at the rate
of \$20.00 a month starting 1-9-40.
Memorial Cross awarded to mother
Mrs. Effie E. Pratt, Issued 16-4-41

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL OCCU.	RECEIVED	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENLST.	RANK OR RATE
BY MO YR	BIRTH	MAIN SUB	GION	P. CTY. TOWN SER.	DIU	4 BR. RANK
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ENLIST DATE	ACT SERV DATE	BY MO YR	BY MO YR	ESTAB	RANK OR RATE	
23 08 37	09 09 39			02530	08 94	
SENIORITY	STR.	NON-SUB				
BY MO YR	BY MO YR					
09 09 39	09 25 00	20	25	06 40		

VERIFICATION FORM

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

RATING *P.B.* OFF.NO. *V-16013* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS							STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL			
							1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
							ATLANTIC		
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>@ clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *L. Schuet*

BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. STADACONA at Halifax N. S.

REFERENCE 17
JUL 15 1940
N.S. 1137-263
CANADA

Name Pratt, William Russell
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating A.B. Official No. V16013
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Fort William, Ont. Date of Birth 7 August, 1917

Occupation in Civil Life Mechanic 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) Two Years and ten months

Date of Death 25th June, 1940. Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Loss of H.M.C.S. "Fraser" by collision.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. B. Pratt Relationship Mother
Address 605 South Marks St.,
Fort William, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Informed by N.S.H.Q.

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

Place of Burial Not Known Date of Burial Not Known
(if known) (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

J. Edwards
COMMANDER R.C.N. Commanding Officer,
30th June 1940

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

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.


- Naval Service -

5 November, 1940.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to information received at the Department of National Defence, from the proper Overseas Authorities, No. V.16013, Wm. Russell Pratt, Able Seaman, R.C.N.V.R., was killed in action when H.M.C.S. "FRASER" was sunk in waters off the coast of France on the 25th of June, 1940.

The deceased's next of kin is recorded as Mrs. Effie E. Pratt (Mother), 605 S. Mark St., Fort William, Ont.


(J. O. Cossette)
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Claims Department,
The Great-West Life Assurance Company,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

H/GL

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July 19, 1940.

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STATEMENT OF SERVICE
William R. Pratt
Able Seaman O.N.V16013 R.C.N.V.R.

<u>Ship or Establishment.</u>	<u>Rating.</u>	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>
HMCS. "Naden"(Training)	Ord. Smn.	26th Aug. 1938	12th Sept. 1938
HMCS. " " "	" "	19th May 1939	12th June 1939

- Mobilized time -


Port Arthur Division for Training	Able Smn.	9th Sept. 1939	2nd Nov. 1939
HMCS. "Stadacona"(Training)	" "	3rd Nov. 1939	22nd Mar. 1940
HMCS. "Fraser"(Sea going)	" "	23rd Mar. 1940	25th June 1940

DISCHARGED "DEAD"
25th June, 1940

Volunteered 23rd August, 1937 for 3 years.

Signed for Duration of Hostilities 3rd September, 1939

Character Assessment throughout the above service "Very Good"


(J.O. Cossette)
Naval Secretary.



Department of National Defence
(NAVAL SERVICE)

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Ottawa, Canada,

17 July, 1939.

MEMORANDUM:

The Naval Training Report
of William Russell Pratt O.N. 16013, Ord.Smn.,
of the Port Arthur Division, R.C.N.V.R. who
performed Naval Training during Period No. 4
notes that he has passed the necessary examination for
and is recommended for **xxx**

advancement to Able Seaman.

It is, therefore, approved
that he be advanced to Able Seaman
193 to date from
10 June, 1939.

BY ORDER,

(J.O. Cossette),
Naval Secretary.

The Commanding Officer,
Division, R.C.N.V.R.

Port Arthur
The Armoury,
PORT ARTHUR, Ont.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

HMCS "FRASER"

July /41

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Effie Edna Pratt - Mother

ADDRESS: 605 S. Marks Street, 1949
Fort William, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Effie E. Pratt

ADDRESS: 605 South Marks Street
FORT WILLIAM, Ontario

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP. _____

REGN. NO. 2123

(2)

(3) 16 April 1941

DECEASED 25 June 1940

AWARDS - NAVY

D.D.

PRATT	William Russell	V-16013	A.B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	894
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)