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**ATTESTATION FORM**

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**FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE**

SURNAME SAUNDERS OFFICIAL NO. 17076

CHRISTIAN NAMES Arthur Robert MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Married

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
<u>Canada St, west, c/o G.P.O. Tilbury, Ontario.</u>		<u>United</u>
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>Feb 22nd, 1899.</u>	Town <u>Plymouth,</u> County Province <u>England</u>	<u>Sarah Saunders, (Wife) Mrs A.R. same address</u>

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT**

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Fect. <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>37</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Flesh</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Inches. <u>8 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>35</u>				
	Mean <u>36</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>October 11th, 1939</u>	<u>A.B. S.G.</u> <u>P.C.N. (Temp)</u>	<u>Painter &amp; Wood Worker, unemployed.</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 served in Royal Navy 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
<u>Royal Navy</u>	<u>A.B. S.G.</u>	<u>September 1914</u>	<del>November</del> <u>February 1926</u>

- (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.

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

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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.

Dated this 11th day of October, 1939

Signature of applicant Arthur Robert Saunders

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL 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 11th day of October 1939

[Signature]  
Signature of Commanding Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Arthur Robert Saunders 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 Arthur Robert Saunders

Witness [Signature]

Date Oct 11th 1939 Rank Lieutenant, R. C. N. V. R.  
Commanding Officer

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

Arthur Robert Saunders 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 London Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

[Signature]  
Commanding Officer.

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.

R.C.M. (T)

If a copy of this Form is required, Form C.N.S. 1243 is to be used

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

Arthur Robert SAUNDERS

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Kalifan

Official Number 41047

Date of birth 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1899

Where born { Province England  
Town or county Plymouth

Trade brought up to Painter & Woodworker

Religious denomination United

Date passed swimming test \_\_\_\_\_

Man's signature on discharge to pension \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)

Name: Sarah Saunders

Relationship: Wife

Address: Canada St West,  
c/o G. P. Office,  
Tilbury,  
Ontario.

All Engagements, including N.C.S., to be noted in these Columns

Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for
1. <u>11<sup>th</sup> October, 1939</u>		<u>Duties of Host</u>	5.		
2.			6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Medals, Clasps, Etc.

Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration	Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as a boy.....							
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....							
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....	<u>5</u>	<u>8 1/2</u>		<u>Flesh</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Ref</u>
Further description if necessary .....							





X41047

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

62-S.428

OFFICIAL NUMBER

X41047

NAME SAUNDERS Arthur Robert DATE OF BIRTH 22nd February, 1899

PLACE OF BIRTH Plymouth, England OCCUPATION Painter & Wood Worker

RELIGION United EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Canal St. West. Town c/o G.P.O. Tilbury Province, etc. Ont.

Table with columns: ENGAGEMENTS (Date, Period), DESCRIPTION (Height, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Marks or Scars), PREVIOUS SERVICE (Served in, Rank or Rating, Dates From/To)

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mrs Sarah Saunders NAME (in pencil) Mrs Sarah Saunders ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Canal St. West c/o Post Office Town Tilbury Province, etc. Ontario

Table with columns: MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY (Date, Particulars), EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC. (Date, Particulars)

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. (Date, 1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S., Granted Deprived Restored), BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date, BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT)

FILM NO. WSR-4964-3 DATE

Table with columns: Date (in figures), DAYS FORFEITED (Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.), SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (From, To)

W.S.G. APPLICATION RECEIVED 475

X41047 OFFICIAL NUMBER SAUNDERS NAME Arthur Robert OFFICIAL NUMBER X41047  
 (Surname) (Given Names)

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
Stadacona	Able Smn. (Temp)	11	10	39		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	39							
Fraser	"	22	10	39													
<u>Discharged</u>		25	6	40	<u>Dead-Killed in Action.</u>												

GENERAL REMARKS

16.4.41. Memorial Cross issued to  
 Wife: Mrs. Sarah Saunders  
 Canal St. West  
 c/o Post Office  
 Tilbury, Ontario.

DATE OF BIRTH	22	2	1922	CIVIL	4550	040X1	23694	19	0	0894	
ENLIST. DATE	11	10	39	ACT. SERV. DATE	11	10	39	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK
SENIORITY	11	10	39	NON-SUB	2	3	ST.	68	mm		
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VERIFICATION FORM  
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.  
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME IN FULL *S<sup>4</sup>ANDERS Arthur Robert* RANK/RATING *P.B.*

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIOD		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45 ATL.
	<i>11-10-39</i>						
<i>Impulse</i>	<i>22-11-39</i>	<i>25-6-40</i>	<i>248</i>	<i>All</i>			
<i><del>Lead</del></i>	<i>25-6-40</i>						

VERIFIED BY *Heese Robin* VERIFIED BY .....



VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING ..... *P/B* ..... OFF. NO. *N 41047* ..... ADDRESS .....

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

VERIFIED BY ..... *[Signature]* .....

VERIFIED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

FROM: The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.C.S. "FRASER".

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TO: The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
(Naval Service), OTTAWA, Ont.

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COPY TO: The Commanding Officer, HMCS "STADACONA".

DATE: 12th April, 1940.

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- ARTHUR ROBERT SAUNDERS, ABLE SEAMAN, RCN(T) -  
- HMCS "FRASER" -  
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Submitted for the consideration of the Department, the above named rating states that he bought his discharge from the Royal Navy in 1926, at which time he was a Petty Officer, G.L.1, having been granted his non-substantive rate for service in action in HMS "TIGER" at JUTLAND.

2.- Saunders has now requested that he may be re-instated as a Petty Officer and allowed to qualify for L.R.1.

3.- Saunders has served in HMCS "FRASER" since 22nd October, 1939, and has shown himself to have ability and professional knowledge of Petty Officer standard. He states that he destroyed his Royal Navy service certificate after obtaining civil employment in Canada when he bought his discharge in 1926.

4.- His request is recommended but it is also recommended that corroboration of Saunders' statement be obtained, if possible. At the time of his discharge Saunders belonged to the Devonport Division and was serving in HMS "DAUNTLESS"; he was actually discharged from HMS "DAUNTLESS" at Montreal, P.Q., in June, 1926.

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COMMANDER, RCN.  
Commanding Officer.

OFFICIAL COPY

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D  
10 Mil.-5-40 (5005)  
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

MRS. SARAH SAUNDERS  
CANAL STREET WEST  
1/2 P.O. TILBURY ONT.

From: 62-8428

NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE DEEPLY REGRETS  
TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR ~~(SON)~~

(HUSBAND)

~~(FATHER)~~ A.R. SAUNDERS, ABLE SEA.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

41047

HAS BEEN KILLED IN ACTION.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPH

BM/LA

62-S-428

- Naval Service -

20 August, 1940.

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Dear Madam:

In response to your request of the 14th of August, 1940, I beg to enclose a Certificate respecting the death of your husband, Arthur Robert Saunders, Able Seaman, Official Number 41047, Royal Canadian Navy.

Yours truly,

  
(J. O. Cossette)  
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Mrs. A. R. Saunders,  
Canal Street, West,  
Tilbury, Ontario.

- Naval Service -

19 March, 1940.

MEMORANDUM:

Arthur R. Saunders,  
A.B., O.N. 41047

The R.C.N.V.R. Official Number  
17076 assigned to the above named  
rating has been changed to read No.  
41047 in view of the fact that he was  
ordered to be enrolled as an R.C.N. (T)  
rating.

Certificate of Service and  
Ledger to be noted accordingly.

BY ORDER,

(J. O. Cossette)  
NAVAL SECRETARY.

(D)

The Commander,  
R.C.N. Barracks,  
HALIFAX, N.S.

RCN April 41 "FRASER"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

**MEMORIAL BAR**

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. S. Saunders - Widow

~~Canal Street West,~~ General Delivery,  
ADDRESS: Tilbury, Ont.

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN. NO. 2180

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

Mrs. Sarah Saunders

Canal St. West, c/o P.O., Tilbury, Ont.

ADDRESS:

(2)

16-4-51

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER

deceased

ADDRESS:

(3)

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D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS (NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

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SAUNDERS	Arthur Robert	X-41047	A.B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	3978
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)