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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME CHALMERS OFFICIAL NO. V23121
CHRISTIAN NAMES George Anderson MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS: 106-51st Ave., Lachine, Que. RELIGION: C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH: Sept. 27th, 1915 PLACE OF BIRTH: Town Toronto, County Ontario NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Father. R.J.A. Chalmers. same as above

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Fect. <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>36</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Scar on forehead " on right neck</u>
Inches <u>2 3/4</u>	Deflated <u>32</u>				
<u>105</u>	Mean <u>34</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>October 2nd, 1940</u> <i>a/s 25.11.40</i>	<u>Ord. Sea.</u>	<u>Window Dresser. T. Eaton Co. Ltd.</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 D.C.R.C.H. 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>D.C.R.C.H.</u>	<u>Trooper</u>	<u>August 1940</u>	<u>September 1940</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.

Personnel Records Division

1. Noted in Records J.H.

2. Index Card J.H.

3. Non-Sub. Card J.H.

4. Statistical Card J.H.

5. Roneo Strip J.H.

6. Pension Card J.H.

7. _____

8. _____

DATE 4 Oct. 1940

Handwritten initials

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(5) On being enrolled as a member 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 2nd day of October 1940

Signature of applicant *G.A. Chalmers*

(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 2nd day of October 1940

M. Bauphys
Signature of Commanding Officer.
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, George Anderson Chalmers 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 *G.A. Chalmers*

Witness *M. Bauphys*

Date October 2nd, 1940 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 DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

George Anderson Chalmers 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 Montreal Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

J. McFetrick
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R. for 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.

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15M-4-40 (4717)
N.S. 815-11-17

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

George Anderson CHALMERS

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number V-23121
	Montreal	"

Date of Birth..... 27th September, 1915.

Place of Birth..... Toronto, Ontario

Place of Residence..... 5912-Bannantyne Ave Herdun, Montreal

Trade brought up to..... Window Dresser

Religion..... Church of England.

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) 11/2/42
 (Wife)
 Carol, Olivia, Sherwood
 997 Wilmer St,
 Victoria, B.C.

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	
2 Oct. '40	2 Oct. '40	Duration of Hostilities	Ord. Smn.	4 Feb '44		Ribbon & loop for bars Volunteer Service Medal

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	5	2 3/4	34	105	Brown	Brown	Fair	Scar on forehead. Scar on right neck.
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

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS			RECORD OF RATING		
Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
2 Nov '43	O&R Sig T.O.	Fort Ramsey A-15 #10105			
19 May '44	Qual & Rated V/S 3	[Signature]			

15 July '44 S.C.T.W. B24684
 8 May '43 S.C.T.W. HB37202

V23121

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-C-939

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V23121

NAME CHALMERS (Surname) George Anderson (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 27 September, 1915

PLACE OF BIRTH Toronto, Ontario OCCUPATION Window dressing

RELIGION Anglican EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 106-51st Ave., Town Lachine Province, etc. Quebec

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
2	10	40	H.O.	5'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Brown	Brown	Fair	Scar on forehead. Scar on right neck.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *Wife* NAME (in pencil) *Mrs. Carol O.S. Chalmers*
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. *997 Wilmer St.* Town *Victoria* Province, etc. *B.C.*

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	
31	1	44	C.V.S.M. (R.&G.)	4	12	42	Qual. Sig.				

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		
25	11	43	1st G.C.B.	Granted							

FILM NO. *WAR 5332-5*
DATE

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 in favour of Wife:- Mrs. Carol O.S. Chalmers, 997 Wilmer St., Victoria, B.C. <i>(Club no. 116/193)</i>

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



P.I.B.

V23121 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME CHALMERS
(Surname)

Geroge Anderson
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V23121

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. S.C. Montreal	Ord. Smn.	2	10	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40	T.O.V/S	2	11	43			
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	"	25	11	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	V/S 3	19	5	44			
Naden	"	19	12	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
"	Ord. Sig.	15	2	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Andamara	"	21	7	41		V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
Naden	"	19	6	42	DRD												
Sans Peur	"	20	8	42													
Naden	"	14	10	42	DRD #37												
Port Atkinson (Burrard)	"	13	12	42	DRD E-238												
"	Sig.	4	12	42	(249A #12073)												
Stadacona	"	29	5	43	Via Givenchy DRD #1156												
Fort Ramsay	"	10	6	43	DRD H-1763												
Stadacona	"	29	2	44	DL												
Cornwallis	"	29	2	44													
St. Hyacinthe	"	21	3	44													
Stadacona	"	25	5	44	No. 166:P#2												
"	A/Ldg. Sig.	1	6	44	Adv. Memo 6/6/44.												
Shawinigan	"	8	6	44	S#189:P#17												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	"Missing" Per Casualty List.												
					Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

AWARDED CANADIAN MEMORIAL CROSS to:
 Mother: Mrs. Roland J.A. Chalmers,
 5912 Bannantyne Ave.,
 Verdun, Montreal 19, P.Q.
 March 26, 1945.
 Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to:
 Wife: Mrs. Carol Olivia Chalmers,
 997 Wilmer St.,
 Victoria, B.C. 26-3-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENLI	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
27	9	15	11	6440		30	x	27	07	0	09	0	08	05
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK	
02	10	40	25	11	40					9830	0	11	94	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED	CHECKED			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
04	12	42	13	43	00									

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

NAME *A. Ldg. Sma* OFF. NO. *V 23121* 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		<i>Star</i>
						FRANCE G.		
						AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE		<i>1</i>
						C.V.S.M.	✓	<i>4 clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945		<i>medal</i>
						WAR 1915		<i>1</i>

lost)

to date.

VERIFIED BY *AM [Signature]*

LA/YB

REGISTERED

AIR - MAIL

N.S. V-23121, PERS.(N)

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^{15th} February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Chalmers:

Further to my letter of the 7th of December, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, George Anderson Chalmers, Leading Signalman, Official Number V-23121, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", 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 24th of November, 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,

Despatched by
Sec. N


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Law
Date 15.2.45
Time 17 30

Mrs. Carol Olivia Chalmers,
997 Wilmer Street,
VICTORIA, B. C.


FEB 21 1945

LA/FJL

R E G I S T E R E D

A I R M A I L

FILE NO: N.S. V-23121 PERS. (N)

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7 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Chalmers:

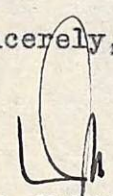
Further to my letter of the 29th November, 1944, details of the disaster in which your husband has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", a Royal Canadian Navy corvette, was lost while on operational duty at sea. Seven officers, including her Captain, Lieutenant W. J. Jones, R.C.N.R., and seventy-eight ratings are missing. The bodies of five other ratings have been recovered and identified. There are no known survivors.

It is requested that you will regard this information as confidential until an official announcement is made.

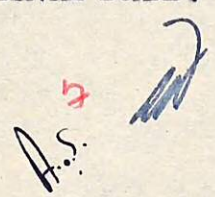
May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,



SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Carol Olivia Chalmers,
997 Wilmer Street,
VICTORIA, B.C.

A.S. 

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

DNPA (G) 19/3/45
Dumont
FD

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at Sea

Name CHALMERS, George Anderson.
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Leading Signalman. Official No. V23121 R.C.N.V.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Toronto, Ontario Date of Birth 27th September, 1915
~~27th November 1915~~

Occupation in Civil Life Window Dresser 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) 25th Nov., 1940 to 24th November, 1944.

Date of Death 24th November, 1944 Place of Death At Sea.

Cause of Death Enemy Action - lost at sea.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend. Name Carol Olivia Chalmers Relationship Wife
Address 997 Wilmer Street
Victoria, B. C.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not known.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not known.

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 (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

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

Undertaker employed (if any)

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

H. Regan
Commanding Officer,

11th April 1945

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

Noted
D. H. P. A.
13.4.45
E. S.

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.

AT

D OF D 24-11-44

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)

D.D.

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

CHALMERS

George Anderson

V-23121

L/Sig.

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

Atlantic Star

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

2067

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

DVA 808

R^CNVR May 46 "SHAWINIGAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Carol Olivia Chalmers - Widow

ADDRESS: 997 Wilmer St.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW Mrs. C.O. Chalmers

ADDRESS: 997 Wilmer St., Victoria, B.C.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. R.J.A. Chalmers

ADDRESS: 5912 Bannantyne Ave., Verdun, Montreal, Que.

(1) **MEMORIAL BAR**
DATE DESP.....
REGN. NO. 334

(2) 26-3-45

(3) 26-3-45