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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

(A) DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

SURNAME <u>FRENCH</u>	PERMANENT ADDRESS
CHRISTIAN NAME <u>Donald Frederick</u>	<u>559 St. James Street</u>
RELIGION <u>C. of E.</u>	<u>London, Ontario</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
6 August, 1919	Town London County Middlesex Province Ontario Country Canada	Mrs. Lillian French (Mother) 559 St. James Street London, Ontario.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet... <u>5</u>	Inflated... <u>36½</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Scar behind left ear. Scar on inside right ankle.</u>
Inches... <u>10¾</u>	Deflated... <u>34½</u>				
<u>152½</u>	Mean... <u>35½</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RANK IN WHICH ENROLLED	MARRIED, SINGLE, OR WIDOWER	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>21 May, 1942</u> <u>Divisional Strength</u>	<u>Prob. Sub-Lieut.</u> <u>R.C.N.V.R. (T)</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Student - University of Western Ontario, London Ontario.</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 an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and will 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 C.O.T.C. for the period shown, and attach my record of service.

* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>C.O.T.C. University of Western Ontario London, Ont.</u>	<u>Seergeant</u>	<u>September 1939</u>	<u>May, 1942.</u>

(c) I have never been rejected for 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 [Signature]
9.6.42

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(5) On being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for as long as my services may be required, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the regulations made in pursuance thereof for the governing 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 provide myself with the necessary uniform as laid down in R.C.N.V.R. Regulations.

Dated this 21st day of May, 1942

x Donald F. French
Signature of Applicant.

The above declaration was made and signed in my presence this 21st day of May, 1942.

R. E. Malkin
Signature of Enrolling Officer.

(C) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I Donald Frederick French 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 *Donald F. French*

Signature of Officer administering the Oath *R. E. Malkin*

Rank Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

Date 21st May, 1942

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by any commissioned officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—This form when completed is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, together with Certificate of medical examination B-207, and record of any previous service.

The record of previous service will be returned after examination at Naval Service Headquarters.

Unemployment Insurance Book - No.

OFFICIAL NUMBER _____ FILE NUMBER 103-F-146 0-25/00 OFFICIAL NUMBER _____
 NAME FRENCH Donald Frederick DATE OF BIRTH 6 August, 1919
 (Surname) (Given Names)
 PLACE OF BIRTH London, Ont. OCCUPATION Student-University of Western Ont.
 RELIGION C. of E. EDUCATION _____
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 559 St. James St., Town London, Province, etc. Ont.

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
21	5	42	Hostilities Only	5' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Brown	Brown	Fair	Scar behind lt. ear. Scar on inside rt. ankle.	COTC U. of W.O.	Sgt.	9-39	5-42

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. William McCallum
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 901 Waterloo St. Town London 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	
18	9	44	C.V.S.M. (Ribbon & Clasp).	23	2	43	Result of NE A/S Crse. 98%				
				29	2	44	Watchkeeping Certificate				

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. USR-43077
DATE

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 _____

W.S.G.
 APPLICATION
 RECEIVED

0-25400

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME FRENCH
(Surname)

Donald Frederick
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 0-25400

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. Prevost	P/Sub.Lieut.T.	21	5	42	Appt. 4-6-42												
H.M.C.S. Prevost	P/Sub.Lieut.T	9	11	42	Per Appt. 17-11-42												
H.M.C.S. Kings	" " " "	19	11	42	addl. for training and disposal Per Appt. 30-11-42												
Protector (Vison)	Sub-Lieut. T.	22	3	43	addl. per Appt. 30-3-43												
Protector (Vison)	A/Lieut. T.	15	1	44	Per Appt. 2.3.44												
H.M.C.S. Shawinigan	" "	8	3	44	Appt. List 63-44												
H.M.C.S. Shawinigan	Lieutenant T.	29	2	44	Confirmation back-dated to 29.2.44 Seniority of 9.11.43												
DISCHARGED	" "	24	11	44	"Missing"-per Casualty List pg. 122(2-12-44) --Presumed Dead 24-11-44-Casualty List 15-2-45												

GENERAL REMARKS

Memorial Cross sent to Mother:
Mrs. Lillian McCallum,
901 Waterloo St.,
LONDON, Ont. -----26-3-45

Annual transfer 14 days from 23.5.43

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION			R.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
06	8	19	11	XXX	0	30	8	1	30	03	9	16	2	01	12	
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			
21	05	42	09	11	42					2550	1	01	09			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB.		M.				CODED		CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
15	01	44	13													

No. 1

Dated 30th March 1944

This is to Certify that Mr. Donald F French.
has served as A/S Officer on board H.M.C.S. VISON.
under my command, from the 22 day of March 1943
to the 15 day of March 1944, during which period
he has conducted himself* to my entire satisfaction,
and exhibited keenness, neatness, &
thoroughness in all his duties

W. Schober }
Lieut Rear Admiral Rank } Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. VISON

*Here the Commanding Officer is to insert in his own handwriting the conduct of the Officer.

C. in C., CMA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

Place..Cornwallis,.N.S...

Date .29th.February,.1944

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT Sub-Lieutenant
Donald F. French, R.C.N.V.R. (Temp.) has served in
H.M.C.S. "VISON" for eleven months and I consider him
qualified to take charge of a Watch at sea as Lieutenant,
R.C.N.V.R., and to perform the duties of that rank
efficiently.

Signature.....
Rank.....CAPTAIN,.R.C.N.....

NOTE: This certificate is not issued under, and has no
force in connection with, the Merchant Shipping Acts
or the Canada Shipping Act or any regulations thereunder.

*Noted
D.F.F. (2L)
20/4/44
B.P.*



*Noted in Service
Records by
28/4/44*

*Don
26.4.44*

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Dated MAR 20 1943 19.....

This is to Certify that Mr. A. J. French
has served as P/Sub. Lieut. R.C.N.V.R. on board H.M.C.S. KINGS
under my command, from the 19th day of November 1942
to the 20th day of March 1943, during which period
he has conducted himself* WHILST UNDER TRAINING

*With zeal and ability and in all respects
to my entire satisfaction.*

A. M. Hope

A. M. HOPE

Rank

A/CAPTAIN, R. C. N.

Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. KINGS

*Here the Commanding Officer is to insert in his own handwriting the conduct of the Officer.

By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence
for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

Em
To Lieutenant Donald F. French, (Acting), R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),--

You are hereby appointed confirmed and re-appointed

Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary),

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship SHAWINIGAN.

^{confirmation}
Your appointment is to take effect from 29th February, 1944.

(With seniority of 9th November, 1943.)

R. A. Dennington

Secretary, Naval Board

Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa, 28th March, 1944.

re-appt'd.

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15M-8-42 (5538)
N.S. 815-7-36

Personnel Records Division	
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DATE	<i>11-4-44</i>

P.P.

CLASS OF
SERVICE

FULL RATE
DAY LETTER

TELEGRAM

RECEIVER'S NO.

TIME FILED

CHECK

TO: MRS. LILLIAN McCALLUM,
901 WATERLOO ST.,
LONDON, Ont.

FROM: NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS,
OTTAWA, Ont.

[Handwritten signature]

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR

SON

LIEUTENANT DONALD FREDERICK FRENCH,

(FATHER, HUSBAND, SON, ETC.)

(FULL NAME)

~~XXXXXXXX~~ R.C.N.V.R.

OFFICIAL NO.

(RATING)

IS MISSING AT SEA. LETTER FOLLOWS.

Noted 12-44

FILE	H.S. 0-25400
	PERS(N)
DRAFTED BY	D.P.R.
	(PAINT. LIEUT. T.F. HEARD)
CHECKED BY	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
DATE	7 29-11-44.

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CHARGE NAVAL

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. 0-25400 PERS.(N)

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mrs. McCallum:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th of November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Lieutenant Donald Frederick French, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your son is missing at sea when the ship in which he was serving was lost. Please be assured, however, that as soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for your son's survival. When it is considered, beyond all reasonable doubt, that no further hope exists and should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of death will be made by the Canadian Naval Authorities.

It is requested that, for security reasons, you regard the name of the ship in which your son was serving as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Lillian McCallum,
901 Waterloo St.,
London, Ont.

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S.O-25400 PERS(N)

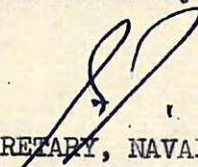
15 February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. McCallum:

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 son, Lieutenant Donald Frederick French, 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 son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Lillian McCallum,
901 Waterloo Street,
LONDON, Ontario

Despatched by
Sec. N. 11

 
Date 15.2.45
Class 1745

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LA/CM

N.S. 0-25400, PERS. (N)

19 May, 1945.

Dear Mrs. McCallum:

With reference to your letter of the 9th of April, 1945, I regret that the Department is unable to state whether H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" was lost within "Canadian Waters".

From intended movements of the ship and the position where bodies were recovered, it is thought probable that the ship was sunk beyond three miles from the coast of Canada and the United States of America, but as there were no survivors this cannot be established beyond doubt.

The delay in replying to your letter is regretted.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Lillian M. McCallum,
901 Waterloo Street,
LONDON, Ontario.

*So. d. concurs
gmd*

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Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

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Date 19. 5. 45
Time 10 00

REGISTERED
N.S. 0-25400 PERS.(N) "N" 5.

, 28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. McCallum:

Further to my letter of the 19th of May, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your son's ship and I am accordingly passing on the following particulars which will, no doubt, be of interest to you.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" sailed from Sydney, N.S., on the 24th of November, 1944, to escort a merchant ship to Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and arrived off Port Aux Basques that night. In accordance with orders she was then to carry out a patrol in the area for the duration of the night, after which she was to meet the same merchant ship the next morning and return with her to Sydney.

The merchant ship arrived in Sydney unescorted on the night of the 25th of November and after it was ascertained that "Shawinigan" had not appeared at the designated rendezvous to provide escort as instructed, searches were instituted and "Shawinigan" was discovered to be missing.

It was the opinion of the Department at the time that the ship had been torpedoed by an enemy submarine during the night of the 24th/25th of November, 1944, as submarines were known to be operating in that area; and this has since been confirmed from German evidence. Although no survivors were found, a few bodies were recovered by later searches, due to tidal movements, some distance from the area in which "Shawinigan" was known to be operating. As a result, the position of the sinking can not be exactly ascertained, although from German evidence and the Department's computation, it is estimated to be in the vicinity of the three mile limit off Channel Head, near Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Date 29.8.45
Time 1445

Approval on N.S. 0-3690, F.D.76
See also N.S.S. 1156-331/93

Mrs. Lillian McCallum,
901 Waterloo St.,
London, Ont.

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John McCallum

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL
RCNVR Oct 45. "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Lillian M. McCallum - Mother

ADDRESS: 901 Waterloo Street,
LONDON, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs L. McCallum

ADDRESS: 901 Waterloo Street
LONDON, Ontario

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO 1823

(2)

(3)

26 March 1945

DECEASED 24 November 1944

D.D.

FRENCH	Donald Frederick	0-25400	Lieut	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	3764
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. and Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)