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# ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

## FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME JOHNSON, OFFICIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Maurice, Walter. MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single.

PERMANENT ADDRESS Wainwright, Alberta. RELIGION United Church.

DATE OF BIRTH June 11th, 1923. \*PLACE OF BIRTH  
Town Wainwright,  
County \_\_\_\_\_  
Province Alberta.  
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  
(Mother)  
Mrs. Katherine Johnson,  
Fabyan, Alberta.

\*Original Nationality of:  
Father Scottish.  
Mother Hollander.

\*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page

### (A) PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet... <u>5</u>	Inflated... <u>40</u>	<u>Dark Brown.</u>	<u>Blue.</u>	<u>Dark.</u>	<u>Birthmark on the elbow of the right arm. Appendectomy Scar.</u>
Inches... <u>6½</u>	Deflated... <u>36</u>				
	Mean... <u>38½</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Grade 11. Passed.</u> <u>Grade 12. one year and wrote exams, but no results as yet.</u>	<u>Attending School.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>July 7th, 1942.</u>	<u>Ord. Coder.</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "NONSUCH".</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... 19th. Alta. Dragoons. 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>19th. Alberta Dragoons. (Wainwright. )</u>	<u>Trooper.</u>	<u>4th Nov 1941</u>	<u>29th MAY. 1942</u>

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged 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 Edmonton 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 7th day of July 1942.

Signature of applicant Maurice W Johnson

(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 7th day of July 1942.

B Longster  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Maurice Walter JOHNSON, 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 Maurice W Johnson

Witness B Longster

Date July 7th 1942 Rank Sub-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

Maurice Walter JOHNSON, 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 Edmonton Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

B Longster  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.  
R.C.N.V.R. Division  
(or other establishment) H.M.C.S. NONSUCH

July 7th, 1942 194

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. O'DELL has an Unemployment Insurance Book and it will be deposited with the Unemployment Insurance Commission when he comes On Active Service.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Ord. Coder Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Maurice W Johnson  
Signature



CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Maurice Walter JOHNSON*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number... <i>V-42995</i>
	<i>27m.6s. "Donsuch"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth... *11<sup>th</sup> June, 1923*

Place of Birth... *Wainwright, Alberta* (Mother)

Place of Residence... *Wainwright, Alberta* Mrs. Kathleen Johnson

Trade brought up to... *Student* *January 20/1/43*

Religion... *United Church of Canada* *Alberta*

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>7 July '42</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Leader</i>	<i>24 Feb. '44</i>	<i>1939-1943</i>	<i>Prov. Star award</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6 1/2</i>	<i>38 1/2</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>Birthmark on Right Elbow. Appendectomy scar</i>
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







V42995

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-J-910

OFFICIAL NUMBER V42995

NAME JOHNSON Maurice Walter DATE OF BIRTH 11th June, 1923  
 (Surname) (Given Names)  
 PLACE OF BIRTH Wainwright, Alberta OCCUPATION Attending School  
 RELIGION United Church EDUCATION Grade 11 Grade 12 no results as yet.  
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town Wainwright Province, etc. Alberta

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
7	7	42	H.O.	5' 6 1/2"	D. Brown	Blue	Dark	Birthmark on the elbow of the right arm. Appendectomy scar	19th Alberta Dragoons	Trooper		

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs Katherine Johnson  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. RR 21 Town Wainwright Province, etc. Alberta

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	
24	2	44	Awarded 1939-1943 Star 249A A 1029	19	3	43	Qual. Ord. Coder.				

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.		
										Q.H.F. Received
										Last Will & Testament dated 15-12-42 Received.

Eligible to count 207 Days N.P.A.M.  
 Service towards award G. Service B's

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT  
 From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_



V42995

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME JOHNSON  
(Surname)

Maurice Walter  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V42995

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. Nonsuch	Order Coder	7	7	42	Edmonton Div. Str.	V.G.	Sat	31	12	42							
" "	"	22	10	42	Active Service D.L. 22.10.42	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
" Ste. Hyacinthe	"	28	12	42	DL 27.12.42	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
Stadacona.	"	24	3	43	D.L. 24.3.43.												
Shawinigan.	"	7	5	43	D.R.D. #H-1381.												
	Coder	22	10	43	Rated. 249A 5856												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	"Killed on Active Service" per Casualty List												

(DEAD)

GENERAL REMARKS

Paid difference of pay between Coder & Ldg. Coder while carrying out the duties of the higher rate in HMCS Shawinigan to date 1.11.43. 'A-A4922 Canadian Memorial Cross granted to Mother: Mrs. Katherine Johnson, R.R. #1, Fabyan, Wainwright, Alta. to date 22nd Dec., 1944.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU.	RELI.	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
11	6	23	17	Xxx	0	40	58	07	23	9	15	0	09	95
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	
07	07	42	22	10	42					25500	0	09	94	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
22	10	43	13	00	00		ER			20/10				





VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING ... *Coder* ... OFF.NO. *✓ 42995* ... 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>8 Star</i>
<i>at</i>							ATLANTIC	1	<i>5 Star</i>
<i>Dead</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>1-44</i>							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>2 clasps</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *RS* .....

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

#12  
No.  $\frac{60}{182}$  43

Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

# REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

430765

H.M.C.S. SHAWINIGAN at Sea

Name JOHNSON, Maurice Walter  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Coder Official No. V-42995 RCNVR  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Wainwright, Alberta Date of Birth 11th June, 1923.

Occupation in Civil Life Student Religion United Church of Canada.

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) 7 July '42 - 24 Nov. '44 (

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

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

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Katherine Johnson Relationship Mother  
Address R.R.1, Fabyan, Wainwright, Alberta.

NOT KNOWN

Date on which the above was informed by Ship.....

NOT KNOWN

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..... (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. R. G. G.*  
Commanding Officer,

24th April 1945

*Noted in D.P.R. 15 18/5-145*

*Noted D.N.P.A. 29.5.45 E.F.*

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.


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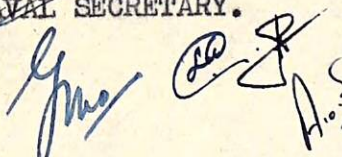
N.S. V-42995,  
PERS.(N) "N"/5.

2 January, 1946.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT according to official information Maurice Walter Johnson, Coder, Official Number V-42995, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was killed on active service on the 24th of November, 1944, when H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", the ship in which he was serving, was lost at sea.

The body of the above named was recovered and identified.

  
NAVAL SECRETARY.



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V-42995 PERS. (N) "N"5

. 28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Further to my letter of the 23rd of January, 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.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Date 29.8.45

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *Cam.*

Time 1430.

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Approval on N.S.O-3690, F.D.76

See also N.S.S.1156-331/93

Mrs. Katherine Johnson,  
R.R.#1, FAYAN, Wainwright, Alta.

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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-42995 PERS(N)

7 December, 1944.

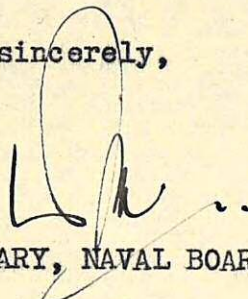
Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Further to my letter of the 1st of December, 1944, the details of the disaster in which your son has been reported killed 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.

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. 43

Mrs. Katherine Johnson,  
R. R. #1,  
Fabyan,  
Wainwright, Alberta.



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AIR MAIL

V-42995, PERS. (N)

1st December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, as you are aware, the body of your son, Maurice Walter Johnson, Coder, Official Number V-42995, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been recovered, and, in accordance with your wishes, is being sent at public expense to Fabyan, Alberta.

As soon as the date and time of arrival in Fabyan of your son's body is known, you will be notified immediately.

May I again express the sincere sympathy of the Department in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Katherine Johnson,  
R. R. #1,  
Fabyan,  
Wainwright, Alberta.

*LA*  
*LB*

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DECEASED 24 November 1944

## AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

JOHNSON

Maurice Walter

V-42995

Coder

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. &amp; Clasp

War Medal

115.

03-02827 M



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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Mar. 46 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Catherine I Johnson - Mother

ADDRESS: R.R. #1,  
FABYAN, WAINWRIGHT, Alta.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP.....

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

REGISTRATION NO. 325  
**CANCELLED**

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. K. Johnson

ADDRESS:

R.R. #1  
Fabyan  
WAINWRIGHT, Alta.

(3)

22 December 1944