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(To be completed in triplicate. Copy designation to be shown by striking out terms not applicable.)

Unit **Canadian Postal Corps** Regimental Number **098141**

ACTIVE FORMATIONS AND UNITS OF THE CANADIAN ARMY

ATTESTATION PAPER

1. Surname..... **RAYNER**
2. Christian Names..... **Robert Frank**
3. Present address..... **1441 York St. North Battleford, Sask. Can.**
4. Date of birth..... **Jan. 26th, 1924**
5. Place of birth..... **Canada** (Country) **Saskatchewan** (Province) **Saskatoon** (Town or Township)
6. Religion (state denomination)..... **Church of England**
7. Trade or Calling..... **Postal Messenger**
8. Married, Widower or Single..... **Single**
9. Name of next of kin..... **Herbert Frank RAYNER**
10. Relationship..... **Father**
11. Address of next of kin..... **1441 York St. North Battleford, Sask.**
12. Do you belong to, or have you served in a Reserve Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army?.....
13. Have you served in (a) an Active Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army?..... **NO** (Yes or No)  
(Yes, Give Unit and Dates of Service)  
**441240 B.L.I. June 1941 to date**  
(Yes, Give Regimental No. and Unit)  
**NO** (b) Any other Naval, Military, or Air Force?  
(Yes or No) (If Yes, specify Unit and Period of Service)  
**NO**
14. Did you serve during the Great War 1914-1918?.....  
(If Yes, specify Regimental No., Unit and Dates of Service)  
**NO**

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I **Robert Frank RAYNER** do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve in any Active Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army so long as an emergency, i.e., war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, exists, and for the period of demobilization after said emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.

Date **May 18th, 1942** *R.F. Rayner* (Signature of recruit)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I **Robert Frank RAYNER** do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. *R.F. Rayner* (Signature of Recruit)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by law.

The above questions and answers were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me,

at **Saskatoon** this **18th** day of **May** 19**42**  
*S.A. Peckey* Captain  
**No. 12A Dist. Depot CA(A)**  
**Saskatoon, Sask. Can.**  
 { Signature of Magistrate, Justice or Attesting Officer.  
 { Officer or Rank and Unit  
 { or appointment.

N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT



CANADIAN ARMY

M.F.M. 23  
100M-4-42 (4370)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1677

PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

(These proceedings should be accompanied by the documents specified on fourth page)

Regimental No.	C-98141	Rank	Private
Surname	RAYNER		
Christian name	Robert Frank		
<small>NOTE.—The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment unless changed subsequently by authority.</small>			
Unit or Corps	Canadian Postal Corps (A)		
Date of discharge	2 July 1943.		
Place of discharge	Ottawa, Ont.	Mil. Dist. No.	3
1. DESCRIPTION AT DATE OF DISCHARGE			
Age	19 years 5 months	Descriptive marks	
Height	5 feet 9 inches	Three small flat moles on back.	
Complexion	Fair		
Eyes	Blue		
Hair	Brown		
Trade			
Intended place of residence	} Transferring to R.C.N.V.R.		
	Street and Number		P.O., City or Town, etc.
<small>(To be given as fully as practicable: i.e., mailing address)</small>			
Province			
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of C.A.R.O. 1029 (13) "For the purpose of enlisting in another force." Authority for discharge.....K.55-R-2254 (A) d/14 June 1943.			
<small>N.B.—The cause of discharge must be worded in accordance with Canadian Army Routine Orders as may be published. If discharged by superior authority, the number and date of the letter to be quoted.</small>			
To be in the handwriting of the Commanding Officer, who will himself make identical entries on the discharge certificate and initial them.	3. Conduct while in the service has been, according to the records, etc.		
	<i>Good</i>		
<small>N.B.—See K.R. Can. 385. This will be assessed when practicable, by the Commanding Officer, in the presence of the soldier and the Officer Commanding his Squadron, Battery or Company.</small>			
4. Special qualifications for employment in civil life. (Vide K.R. Can. 384.)			
<i>Fourteen months service on Postal duties</i>			

(OVER)



5. He is in possession of the following number of G.C. Badges:

5A. Service Button (Class and number.....)  
(If and when authorized)

No reference to G.C. Badges is to be made on either the discharge or character certificate.

6. Medals and Decorations.....

To be copied by the Commanding Officer on to the permanent Discharge Certificate.

7. I have impartially enquired into all matters concerning this soldier's discharge brought before me in accordance with Regulations.

(Place)..... Ottawa, Ont.

(Date)..... 2 July 1943

*J.A. McFadyen*  
(J.A. McFADYEN) CAPTAIN,  
Commanding... BASE POST OFFICE, C.P.C.

8. Certificate to be signed by the Soldier on Discharge

I hereby acknowledge that I received all my Pay, Allowances, and Clothing, and all just demands, up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the third page, and that I have received my permanent discharge certificate.

(Place)..... Ottawa, Ont.

(Date)..... 2 July 1943

*R. J. Raper* (Signature of Soldier)

*D. M. Meyer* (Signature of Witness)

When a soldier is absent through illness or any other cause and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for the man to sign, and when returned, should be attached here.

9. Statement of Service

(Date of enlistment—Canadian Army)..... 18 May 1942

(Date of discharge—Canadian Army)..... 2 July 1943

(Total Service—Canadian Army)..... 1..... years..... 45..... days

10. Confirmation of Discharge

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed.

(Place)..... Ottawa, Ont.

(Date)..... 2 July 1943

(Signature)..... *J.A. McFadyen*  
(J.A. McFADYEN) CAPTAIN,  
Commanding... BASE POST OFFICE, C.P.C.



## CANADIAN ARMY (ACTIVE) DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE

This is to Certify that No. C-98141 (Rank) Private  
Name (in full) Robert Frank RAYNER enlisted or was  
enrolled in the Canadian Postal Corps (A)  
the **CANADIAN ARMY (ACTIVE)** at Saskatoon, Sask. on the 18th  
day of May 1942.  
He served in Canada  
and is now discharged from the service under Routine Order 1029 (13) by reason of  
"For the purpose of enlisting in another force."

THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SOLDIER on the DATE below is as follows:—

Age.....	<u>19</u>	Marks or Scars.....	
Height.....	<u>5 ft. 9 in.</u>	Three small moles on back.....	
Complexion.....	<u>Fair</u>		
Eyes.....	<u>Blue</u>		
Hair.....	<u>Brown</u>		

R. F. Rayner  
Signature of Soldier

Date of Discharge



Alex. A. Chevrier  
Issuing Officer  
(ALEX. A. CHEVRIER) CAPTAIN & ADJT.  
BASE POST OFFICE.  
Rank

Date..... 2 July 1943..

N.B.—As no duplicate of this Certificate will be issued, any person finding same is requested to forward it in an unstamped envelope to the Record Office, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada.

DUPLICATE FOR FILE



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### ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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

SURNAME RAYNER OFFICIAL No. V65-706  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Robert Frank MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 1441 York St. North Battleford, Sask. RELIGION Church of England

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
28 Jan. 1924.	Town <u>Saskatoon,</u> County Province <u>Sask.</u>	Mr. Herbert F. Rayner, (father) 1441 York St., North Battleford North Battleford, Sask.
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>English</u> Mother <u>English</u>		

\*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>37</u>	<u>Dark</u>			<u>Three small flat moles on back.</u>
Inches <u>9½</u>	Deflated <u>33½</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	
	Mean <u>35½</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Grade IX</u>	<u>Pte. in Canadian Postal Corps., Canadian Army, Ottawa, Ont.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>DIVISIONAL STRENGTH 6 July, 1943.</u>	<u>Ord. Smn. (ty)</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "UNICORN"</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 or Air Force Reserve or Territorial Force.~~

\* (b) I served in Canadian Army (Active) for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	Personnel Records Division.
<u>Canadian Army (Active)</u>	<u>Pte.</u>	<u>18th May, 1942</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted in Red July, 1943. <u>mad</u></li> <li>2. Index Card <u>mad</u></li> <li>3. Non-Sub. Card. <u>mad</u></li> <li>4. Statistical Card. <u>mad</u></li> <li>5. Roneo Strip. <u>mad</u></li> <li>6. Pension Card. <u>mad</u></li> <li>7. <u>mad</u></li> <li>8. <u>mad</u></li> </ul>

(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.

DATE 20-2-43



(5) On being enrolled as a member 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 when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, 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.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as Ord. Smn. by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 6 day of July, 1943.

Signature of applicant R. F. Rayner

(C) **CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER**

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 6 day of July, 1943.

My authority for attestation is NS 30-3-3, NS 30-34-1, 16 June, 1942.

W. J. Acteson Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.  
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, Robert Frank RAYNER 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 R. F. Rayner

Witness W. J. Acteson

Date 6 July, 1943.

Rank Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

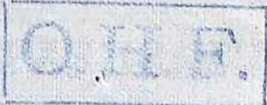
The Oath of Allegiance must be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters **immediately** after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.



N.V. 17  
80M-9-42 (5943)  
N.S. 815-11-17



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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

*Robert Frank RAYNER*

NIC "5599"

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V. 55706</i>
	<i>Unicorn</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth *28th January 1924*

Place of Birth *Saskatoon, Saskatchewan* (in pencil)

Place of Residence *1441 York St. North Battleford, Saskatchewan*

Trade brought up to *Pte. in Canadian Postal Corps* (same address)

Religion *Church of England*

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)  
*Mr. Herbert J. Rayner*

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>6 July '43</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Slew (ty)</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>9½</i>	<i>35½</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>3 small flat moles on back</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















V65706

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-R-2983

OFFICIAL NUMBER V65706

NAME RAYNER (Surname) Robert Frank (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 28 January, 1924PLACE OF BIRTH Saskatoon, Sask. OCCUPATION Pte. in Canadian Postal Corps., Canadian ArmyRELIGION C. of E. EDUCATION Grade IXRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 1441 York St. Town North Battleford Province, etc. Sask.

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
6	7	43	H.O.	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Dark Brown	Blue	Fair	Three small flat moles on back.	Canadian Army	Pte.	18-5	2-7
											-42	-43

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mr. Herbert H. RaymondADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 5346 Argyle St Town Vancouver 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	
				22	12	43	Qual. Anti/Gas 1 day				
				4	2	44	Marked "TR"				

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. Rec.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	

Eligible to count 1 Year, 46 Days  
Can Army (A.F.) Service towards GCB

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From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_





V65706

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

RAYNER

Robert Frank  
(Given Names)

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

V65706

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	
HMCS "Unicorn"	Ord. Smn.	6	7	43	Div. Str. Saskatoon	V.G.		31	12	43	Q&R	S.D.	1	4	44		
" "	"	12	7	43	Act. Serv. D.L. #248 12-7-43	V.G.	SUPR.	24	11	44							
Cornwallis	"	31	10	43	DL. 1.11.43.												
Stadacona	"	10	4	44	DRD # 122 P # 2												
Brockville	"	13	4	44	DRD S # 130 P # 18												
Stadacona	"	5	6	44	DRD # 177 P # 2												
Shawinigan	"	12	6	44	DRD S # 192 P # 5												
	A.B.	12	7	44	Rated. 249A/A9824.												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	"Missing" Casualty List. "Dead" sub. 28/3/45.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross received by,  
Mother Mrs. Bessie M. RAYNER,  
5346 Argyle St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
to date. 6-4-45.

DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI. ED.		PERM. RESIDENCE		PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH.	MAIN	SUB.	GIOM.	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK
28	1	24	19	757	0	30	2	9	16	14	6	22	0	08 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	
06	07	43	12	07	43					9625	0	08	95	
SENIORITY		STR.		NON-SUB		M		CODED		CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	D	ST.								
12	07	43	03	00	00		E.P.O		03					







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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name RAYNER, Robert Frank  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V 65706  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Saskatoon, Sask. Date of Birth 28th January, 1924

Occupation in Civil Life Pte. Can. Dental Corps. 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) 12th July, 1943 - 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 Mr. Herbert F. Rayner Relationship Father  
Address 5346 Argyle St., Vancouver, 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. J. Gellan*  
Commanding Officer,  
11/25/44

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

From:

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V. 65706

MR. HERBERT F. RAYNER,  
5346 ARGYLE STREET,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

N.S.H.Q.

CNP THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES  
DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR SON ROBERT FRANK  
RAYNER ABLE SEAMAN OFFICIAL NO. V-65706 IS MISSING AT  
SEA. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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L/T P/L 29-11-44 SGH 7143

DRAFTED BY PAYMR. LT T.F. HEARD

FILE N.S. V- 65706 PERS (N)



TFH/GFM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL 27

V-65706 PERS. (N)

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mr. Rayner:

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, Robert Frank Rayner, Able Seaman, Official Number V-65706, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

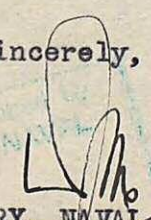
The only information that can be given at this time is that your son is missing at sea when the ship in which he was serving was lost. Please be assured, however, that as soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

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.

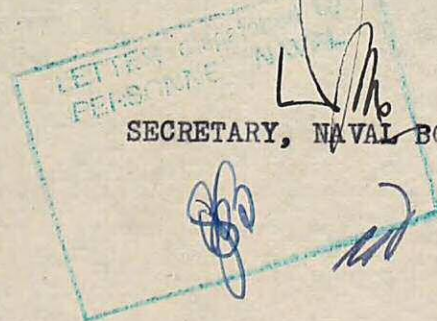
It is requested that, for security reasons, you regard the name of the ship in which your son was serving, as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Herbert F. Rayner,  
5346 Argyle Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.





REGISTERED  
N.S. V-65706 PERS. (N) "N"5.

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mr. Rayner:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 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.

Mr. Herbert F. Rayner,  
5948 Balsam St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Approval on N.S. 0-3690,  
F. D. 76.

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

Date 29.8.45  
Time 1200

25/8



R.C.N.V.R. Nov. 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

**MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL**

~~REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH~~

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

*No Later Add*

ENTITLED TO Mr Herbert F. Rayner - Father.

5346 Argyle St.,  
ADDRESS: VANCOUVER, B.C.

**MEMORIAL BAR**

DATE DESP

REGN. NO **CANCELLED**

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
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