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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME..... THOMAS OFFICIAL NO. 116696
CHRISTIAN NAMES..... Roger Charles MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER..... single.....

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
132 Biggins Ave., Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.		C. of E.
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
June 6th, 1923	Town Duluth County Province Minnesota	Father: Mr. R. A. Thomas 132 Biggins Ave., Sault Ste Marie, Ont.
*Original Nationality of: Father English Mother English		

*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..... 5.....	Inflated..... 35.....	Dark	Hazel	Med.	none
Inches..... 9 1/2.....	Deflated..... 32.....				
.....	Mean..... 33 1/2.....				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Grade X	Stockman: Boston Motors, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
11th October 1941	Ord. Sea.	Port Arthur

(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~~ ~~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 Record's Division
			1. Noted in Record
			2. Index Card
			3. Non-Sub. Card
			4. Statistical Card
			5. Foneo Strip
			6. Pension Card

(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 16/12/41

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....Port Arthur.....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 11th day of October 1941

Signature of applicant.....Roger C Thomas.....

(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 11th day of October 1941

J A Bryan Lieutenant (R) Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Roger Charles Thomas 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.....Roger C Thomas.....

Witness.....J A Bryan.....

Date 3rd December 1941 Rank.....Lieutenant (R).....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

XXXXXX Roger Charles Thomas 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 Port Arthur Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

J A Bryan Attesting Officer.

3rd December 1941 R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) Port Arthur

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.

TRUE COPY

V-16696

OF THE
CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Roger Charles THOMAS

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimault</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Port Arthur</i>	Official Number..... <i>V-16696</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth..... <i>6 June, 1923</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mother</i>
Place of Birth..... <i>Duluth, Minnesota</i>	
Place of Residence..... <i>132 Higgins Ave., Pauls Pt. Marie, Ont.</i>	<i>Mrs Edith Thomas</i>
Trade brought up to..... <i>Stockman</i>	<i>(Same address)</i>
Religion..... <i>Church of England</i>	
Can Swim:—P.P.T. () Date.....19..... Signature.....	
P.S.T. () Date.....19..... Signature.....	

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>11 Oct 41</i>	<i>Hostilities Act 5mm</i>			<i>24 Feb 44</i>	<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp (Pros Cause)</i>
					<i>24 Feb 44</i>	<i>1939-43 Star (Pros Cause)</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>9 1/4</i>	<i>35</i> <i>32</i>		<i>Dark Hazel</i>	<i>Med.</i>	<i>Rose</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

W.S.B.

VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING ... *TEL* ... OFF. NO. *V16696* ... 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.	1915 MEDAL			
								1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>Atlantic</i>								ATLANTIC	1	<i>Star</i>
								FRANCE G.		
								AFRICA		
								PACIFIC		
								BURMA		
								ITALY		
								DEFENCE		
								C.V.S.M.	2	<i>clasp</i>
								" CLASP		
								WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
								WAR 1915		

Atlantic

Presumed Dead to date

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

Domest. F.D.
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H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at Sea

Name THOMAS, Roger Charles (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Telegraphist Official No. V16696 PCN.V.R. (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Duluth, Minn., U.S.A. Date of Birth 6th June, 1923

Occupation in Civil Life Stockman 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) 4th December, 1941 - 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. R.A. Thomas Relationship Father Address 128 132 Biggins Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

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 invalided

H. J. Gellan Commanding Officer

11th April 1945

Noted O.N.P.A. 13.4.45

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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REGISTERED
N.S. V-16696 PERS.(N) "N" 5

, 28 August, 1945.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

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.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *cam*

Mr. R. A. Thomas, Date *29.8.45*
128 Biggins Ave., Time
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. *14 30*

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

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N.S. V-16696 PERS. (N)

14 March, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Roger Charles Thomas, Telegraphist, Official Number V-16696, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 24th of November, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", was lost while on operational duty at sea.


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
 


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V16696

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME THOMAS
(Surname)

Roger Charles
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V16696

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
HMCS "GRIFFON"	Ord. Seaman	11	10	41	Div. Str. Port Arthur.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
"	"	4	12	41	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
St. Hyacinthe	"	3	2	42		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
"	Ord. Tel.	18	4	42	Transferred (249A/4475)	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
Stadacona	"	1	7	42													
Gaspe Base	"	7	7	42	DRD												
Shawinigan	"	11	7	42													
"	Tel.	4	12	42	Rated. (249A #29072)												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	"Missing" per Casualty List												
					"Presumed Dead" per Casualty List. P.#131												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to
 Mother: Mrs. Edith Thomas,
 128 Biggins Ave.,
 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.
 6 April, 1945.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU.	RELIG.	ED.	PERM.	RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GRON.	P.	CTV.	TOWNSHIP	SERV. DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
06	06	23	30	830	0	31	3	1	02	05	0	08	90
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
11	10	41	04	12	41					2530	0	12	90
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.							
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OFFICIAL NUMBER

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V16696

NAME THOMAS Roger Charles DATE OF BIRTH 6 June, 1923
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Duluth, Minnesota. OCCUPATION Stockman: Boston Motors, Sault Ste. Marie.RELIGION Church of England. EDUCATION Grade X.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 132 Biggins Avenue, Town Sault Ste. Marie., Province, etc. Ontario.

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
11	10	41	Hostilities Only	5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Dark	Hazel	Medium	None.				

NEXT OF KIN. RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Wm. P. A. ThomasADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 128 Biggins Ave. Town Sault Ste. Marie Province, etc. Ontario

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	
7	3	44	C.V.S.M. (R. & C.)	6	1	42	Passed E.T. "One" P.C.N.				
24	2	44	1939-43 Star.	13	6	42	Qual. for Tel.				
				15	7	43	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 Day.				

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.	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



FILM
NO. WSR-5381-5
DATE

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Jan. 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Roger A. Thomas - Father

ADDRESS: 132 Biggins Avenue,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 1835

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Edith Thomas

ADDRESS: 128 Beggins Ave., Sault Ste Marie, Ont.

(3)

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D OF D 24-11-44

AWARDS NAVY

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THOMAS	Roger Charles	V-16696	Tel.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	807
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)