

HQ to  
202nd (Res.) Field Battery R.C.A.

# ATTESTATION

## NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT 39th (RES.) FLD. REGT. R.C.A. REGTL. No. K415081

1. Surname? (Block letters) WATT W-300
2. Christian names? David Brand
3. Present address? 1462 West 11th Ave.  
Phone No. BA-9771 Bus. LA-0421
4. Date of Birth?\* 31 Aug. 20 5. British subject? Yes
6. Occupation? Stores Foreman 7. Religion? United
8. Next of Kin Mrs. D. B. Watt 9. Relationship? Mother  
Address Same
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service.....  
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)

Res. Seaforth Cadets  
279601

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5'9" Weight 165 Chest max 39 min 36

Descriptive marks Multiple on back

I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in Instructions for the R.C.A.M.C. and C.D.C. 1937 Appendix V and find him..... Category A

Date 28 Apr 43 Signature.....

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned David Brand Watt <sup>DURATION of The WAR</sup> do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers (made by me) to the foregoing questions are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of ~~three years or until legally discharged~~, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement, that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN

I, David Brand Watt do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

[Signature]  
Signature of Witness

David Brand Watt  
Signature of Man

Dated this 28th day of April 19 43 at.....

### CERTIFICATE OF 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 by law. The above questions 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 and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration on 14/1

### Statement of Services

Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Annual Training, Qualification Certificates, etc.	Effective Date	Authority for Entry	Signatures of Officers Certifying Correctness of entries
Accepted for Service with effect from.....  28 Apr 43		12	..... Officer Commanding  Unit.....
505th RCN - 16 Mar 44		7/44	
Medals and Decorations			

# CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Conway James HATT*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-35789</i>
<i>R.C.N.B. Halifax</i>	<i>H.M.C.S. "Montreal"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth..... <i>26<sup>th</sup> January 1923</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend <small>(in pencil)</small> <i>Mother:- Mrs. Conway Hatt 555 Aird Ave., Montreal, Que.</i>
Place of Birth..... <i>Verdun, Quebec.</i>	
Place of Residence..... <i>555 Aird Ave., Montreal, Que.</i>	
Trade brought up to..... <i>Fitter</i>	
Religion..... <i>Roman Catholic</i>	
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>14 Apr '42</i>	<i>8 May '42</i>	<i>Durston</i>	<i>FRA 5<sup>th</sup></i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>9 1/2</i>	<i>39 1/4</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>BROWN</i>	<i>BROWN</i>	<i>FAIR</i>	<i>Scar on left elbow.</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

# NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				
1942	H.M.C.S. "Montreal"			P.R.A. 5 <sup>th</sup>	8 May '42	8 May '42 <sup>PM</sup>	
<u>Active Service</u>							
1942	H.M.C.S. "Montreal"			P.R.A. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9 May '42	11 May '42	
	Cornwallis			---	12 May '42	3 July '42	
	Stadacona			---	4 July '42	8 July '42	
	Cornwallis (Acadia)			"	4 July '42	21 Oct '42	Ended sea training
	Stadacona			---	22 Oct '42	18 Mch '43	
	Avalon (Chilliwack)			"	19 Mch '43	8 May '43	
	Avalon (Chilliwack)	23458		P.R.A. 4/c	9 May '43	11 Oct '43	
	Stadacona			"	12 Oct '43	13 Dec '43	
	Stadacona (Portage)			"	14 Dec '43	29 Feb '44	
	Stadacona			"	1 Mch '44	15 June '44	
	Stadacona (Shawmigan)			"	16 June '44	24 Nov '44	D. D.

**Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants**

Date	Details	Captain's Signature

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35789

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-W-1876

OFFICIAL NUMBER V35789

NAME WATT (Surname) Conway James (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 26 January 1923

PLACE OF BIRTH Verdun, Quebec OCCUPATION Fitter, Herman Bronze & Iron Works, Montreal, Quebec

RELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION Grade 8

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 555 Aird Avenue Town Montreal Province, etc. Quebec

Table with columns: ENGAGEMENTS (Date in figures, Period), DESCRIPTION (Height, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Marks or Scars), PREVIOUS SERVICE (Served in, Rank or Rating, Dates).

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Town Province, etc.

Table with columns: MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY; EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC. (Date in figures, Particulars).

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.; BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date in figures, BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT).

Table with columns: DAYS FORFEITED (Date in figures, Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.); O.H.F. Received; U.I.B.; SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (From, To).

FILM NO. WSR-5583-3 DATE

W.S.G. APPLICATION 11707 REC-9/6/45

V35789

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NAME WATT

(Surname)

Conway James

(Given Names)

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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
Div. Str. Montreal	E.R.A. 5/c	8	5	42		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
"	"	9	5	42	Active Service	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Cornwallis	"	12	5	42	D.L.	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
Stadacona	"	4	7	42	S161 175466												
Acadia	"	4	7	42	Ledgers Via Stad.												
Stadacona	"	21	10	42	DRD # H29												
Chilliwack	"	19	3	43	DRD # H960												
Stadacona	"	12	6	43	DRD # (Cancel)												
	A/E.R.A. 4/c	9	5	43	Rated 249A 23458												
<del>Stadacona</del>	"																
Stadacona	"	12	10	43	DRD # H2857												
Portage	"	14	12	43	DRD #11 P.24												
Stadacona	"	1	3	44	DRD #82 P.1												
Shawinigan	"	16	6	44	DRD S196 P9												
<b>DISCHARGED</b>	"	24	11	44	"Missing" Per C.L.												

Presumed Dead 24/11/44 Per C.L.

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to Mother: Mrs. Freda Watt, 718 Galt Ave., Verdun, Que. to date 6/4/45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI. ED.		PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE		
DY	MO	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	R	CTY	TOWN	SRV	DIV.	A	BR	RANK		
26	1	23	Y	264	0	10	1	2	43	07	0	09	0	35	96	
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP. CR.		RANK OR RATE			
DY	MO	YR.	DY	MO	YR.	CAT.	DY	MO	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK			
08	05	42	09	05	44					9830	1	55	96			
SENIORITY			STR.			NON-SUB		M		CODED		CHECKED				
DY	MO	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
09	05	43	13	00	00		38		38							



TO: PLEASE MAKE OUT FALSE  
DOCKET AND FORWARD WITH  
ATTACHED LETTER TO ADMIN-  
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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

N.S. V-35789 PERS. (N)

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Sir:

In accordance with Naval Order No. 839, it is notified for your information that the following casualty in the Naval Forces of Canada has been reported:



NAME, RANK/RATING  
NO.

PLACE, DATE & CAUSE  
of DEATH

NEXT OF KIN

WATT, Conway James,  
Engine Room Artificer 4/c,  
O.N. V-35789, R.C.N.V.R.

Missing, presumed dead when  
H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" was  
lost while on operational  
duty at sea on 24 November,  
1944.

Mother:  
Mrs. Freda Watt,  
718 Galt Avenue,  
VERDUN, Que.

ALLOTMENTS IN FORCE

<u>In favor of</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Initials</u>
Mrs. Freda Watt 718 Galt Avenue, Verdun, P.Q.	Mother	A.F. \$25.00	L.D.
T. Eaton Co., Halifax, N.S.		\$5.00	L.D.

Allotments stopped with last payment made November 30th, 1944.

WILL: No record.

Yours truly,

*Aspinwall*

for  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Administrator of Estates,  
Estates Branch,  
Department of National Defence,  
O T T A W A.

ABL/YB

REGISTERED

28 August, 1945.

N.S. V-35789, PERS.(N) 'N' 5

Dear Mrs. Watt:

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  
Mr. N. B.

Date 29.8.45  
Time 1200

Mrs. Freda Watt,  
718 Galt Ave.,  
VERDUN, Que.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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Approval on  
NS 0-3690 FD76  
See also  
NSS 1156-331/93.

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

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. James Watt - Father

ADDRESS: 718 Galt Avenue,  
Verdun, Que.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Freda Watt

ADDRESS: 718 Galt Ave., Verdun, Que.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO.....

455

(2)

(3)

6-4-45

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AWARDS NAVY

WAT'T	Conway James	V-35789	ERA.4	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	7782 16-1-50

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)