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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME ~~WHYTE~~ *White (Jr.)* OFFICIAL No. *1004787*
CHRISTIAN NAMES *Clayton Leonard* MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER *Single*

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
36 - 14th Street, N. BRANDON, Man.		United
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
February 24, 1925.	Town Dauphin	Mr. Percy Whyte (Father) 36 - 14th Street, N., Brandon, Man.
*Original Nationality of:	County	
Father English	Province Manitoba.	
Mother "		

*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 36	Brown	Blue	Medium	Scar on back of right leg.
Inches 5½	Deflated 33				
136	Mean 35				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Grade IX Earl Oxford School Brandon, Man.	Tool maker's helper. Regina Industries, Regina, Sask.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
11th August, 1943. (Divisional Strength)	Ord. Smn.	H.M.C.S. "QUEEN"

(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	TO
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(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.

HAS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOOK

Personnel Records Division

1. Noted in Records TO

2. Index Card

3. Non-Sub. Card

4. Statistical Card

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6. Pension Card

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DATE 3/28/43

(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 Ordinary Seaman by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 11th Day day of August, 1943.

Signature of applicant Clayton L White X

(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 11th day of August, 1943.

My authority for attestation is RD: 7-3-2 of 12th February, 1943.

[Signature]
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer. Lieut. RCNVR.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Clayton Leonard WHITE 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 Clayton L White X

Witness [Signature]

Date 11th August, 1943. Rank Lieutenant, RCNVR.

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.

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

Clayton Leonard WHITE

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimaux St. James Queen</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-68792</i>
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Date of Birth *24 February 1925*
 Place of Birth *Brandon Man.*
 Place of Residence *36-14th St. N. Brandon Man.*
 Trade brought up to *Tool maker's Helper*
 Religion *United* **O.H.F.**
 Can Swim: *Good* - P.P.T. Date *9th September 1943* Signature *[Signature]* Rank *S/Lt R.C.N.V.R.*
 P.S.T. Date _____ 19____ Signature _____ Rank _____

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
(F) Mr. Percy 36-14th St. N. Brandon Man.

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>10 Aug 43</i>	<i>11 Aug 43</i>	<i>duration 3 months</i>	<i>Hotel</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>5 1/2</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fred.</i>	<i>Scar on back of right leg.</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	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
	Ames Green		Ord. Sm.	11 Aug '43	22 Aug '43	
	<i>On Active Service 23rd August, 1943.</i>					
	"		Ord. Sm.	23 Aug '43	1 April '44	
	Cornwallis		"	2 April '44	29 July '44	
	Sladecora		"	30 July '44	3 August '44	
	Scotian		"	4 August '44	8 August '44	
	Standard (Shavington)		"	9 August '44	23 August '44	A7173
	Sladecora (Shavington)		A.I.R.B.	23 August '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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NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE

EXAMINATIONS, NOTATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS

RECORD OF RATING

Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Rated	Date	Authority for Advancement or Reason for Disrating to be stated
7 Sep '43	Passed E.T.T.	<i>P. Hickenjill</i>			
12 Nov. '43	Correction of spelling of surname from "WHYTE" TO "WHITE" Authority: 249435325 of 12 Nov. 48	<i>P. Hickenjill</i>			
7 Apr '44	N7. "Normal"	D.O. 2986			
APR 26 1944	Dual A1-S. (day issued) A1-S. Appr.	<i>K.W. Percival</i>			
31 May '44	"TR"	<i>K.W. Percival</i>			
26 July, 44	Dual "S.D."	<i>W.K. Waterbury</i>			

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NAVAL GENERAL SER

NAME IN FULL W.H.I.T.E., Clayton Leonard RANK/RATING A.B.

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	FROM
	FROM	TO	DAYS		
	23-8-43				
<u>Shawinigan</u>	<u>9-8-44</u>	<u>24-11-44</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>AX</u>	

Dis Dead. 24-11-44

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

RATING *P.B.* OFF. NO. *V-6P792* ADDRESS

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>
							ATLANTIC	1	<i>Star</i>
							FRANCE G.		
<i>44</i>							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>2 Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
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VERIFIED BY *K.S.*
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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

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Name Clayton Leonard WHITE
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-68792 R. 1. B.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Dauphin, Man. Date of Birth 24 February, 1925.

Occupation in Civil Life Toolmaker's helper 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) Active Service 23 Aug., 1943 - 24 Nov., 1944.

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

Cause of Death Enemy action. Ship lost at sea.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Percy White, Relationship Father
Address 36 - 14th St. N., Brandon, Man. (27)

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 Not known.

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. B. [Signature]
Commanding Officer,

11/4 1945

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.

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N.S. V-68792, PERS.(N) "N"/5

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mr. White:

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.

Date 29-8-45
Time 1200

Mr. Percy White,
36 - 14th St. N.,
BRANDON, Manitoba.

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

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N.S. V-68792, PERS.(N)

Policy No. 84040521.

3 March, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Clayton Leonard White, Able Seaman, Official Number V-68792, 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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Brandon, Manitoba.

December 14, 1944.

Dept. of National Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Sirs:- Re H.M.C.S. Shawinigan.

I have received a complaint from a Brandon resident whose son was a member of the crew of this vessel. It appears that when the news of the loss of this vessel was announced that the parents of the man, wrote and wired repeatedly asking for information about their son and got no reply till today when they received a long distance phone call from Regina telling them that their son was missing after the ship was sunk. This looks like very poor work on the part of the Dept. and the parents who were buoyed up by hope when they did not receive any word are now cast into the depths of despair at receiving this tardy and long overdue report. This appears to reflect great discredit on the Department and it seems that if he is really missing that they should have been notified directly by the department at once following the disaster. It would appear that in order to make what amends are possible that there should be despatched at once an official notice to these people explaining the situation and apologizing for the long delay. Great harm has already been done and it is hoped that this will be immediately done, preferably by the minister himself, in order to somewhat alleviate the feelings of these distraught parents.

I refer to AB C.L. White V-68792, whose parents live here in Brandon. Your early attention to this matter is invited and expected.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

D.L. JOHNSON, M.D., M.L.A.

C O P Y

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12th January, 1945.

N.S.C. 11350-1 Vol.1
Pers. (N)

Sir:

With reference to your letter of 14 December, 1944, I am directed to enclose copies of telegrams received and despatched, and letters written to Mr. Percy White, 36 14th Street North, Brandon, Manitoba, respecting the loss of his son in H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN".

For your information, each of his Majesty's Canadian Ships on leaving port furnishes a nominal list of Officers and ratings on board. The list furnished by H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" on the occasion of its last trip did not include the name of Able Seaman White. However, a complete check-up was made from Naval Service Headquarters, and on 10th December it was confirmed that Able Seaman White was on board at the time of the Ship's departure. Immediately, a telegram was despatched to the next of kin, and delivery was confirmed as having been made to Mr. White at 4:10 of that afternoon. This was followed by a letter airmailed on 11th December.

The incident of which Mr. White has complained is regretted but you will see that every effort was made to send authentic information to him at the earliest possible moment, compatible with accuracy.

Yours truly,

(Signed)
Joseph Jeffery

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Dr. D. L. Johnson, M.L.A.,
Brandon,
Manitoba.

Initialed by: W.G. Mills
DEPUTY MINISTER.

J.S.B.

Encl.

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

N.S. V-68792 PERS. (N)

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11 December, 1944.

Dear Mr. White:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 9th of December, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Clayton Leonard White, Able Seaman, Official Number V-68792, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

While it was known from the records in the Department that your son was serving in H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" it was necessary to make further inquiries to ascertain definitely that he was on board at the time of the tragedy. It has now been confirmed that he was on board and is amongst those who are missing.

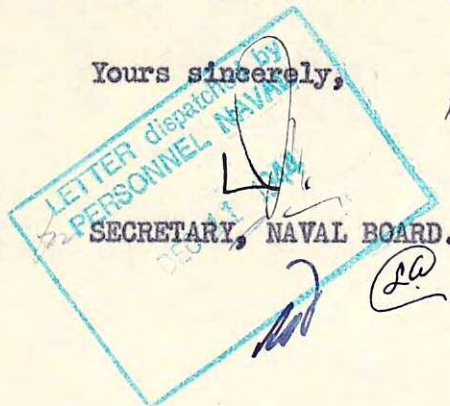
It is regretted that slight hope is held for his survival. When it is considered, beyond all reasonable doubt, and should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of death will be made by the Canadian Naval Authorities.

As you are no doubt aware, 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-nine ratings are missing. The bodies of five other ratings have been recovered and identified. There are no known survivors.

May I express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

D. W. McDONALD



Mr. Percy White,
36 - 14th St., North,
Brandon, Manitoba.

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A/A DvPa

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NAME WHITE Clayton Leonard DATE OF BIRTH 24th February, 1925
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Dauphin, Man. OCCUPATION Tool Maker's Helper,RELIGION United EDUCATION Grade 9.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 36-14th Street N. Town Brandon Province, etc. Man.

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	8	43	H.O.	5'5½"	Brown	Blue	Medium	Scar on back of rt. leg.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) John Leonard NAME (in pencil) John LeonardADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 36 14th Street N. Town Brandon Province, etc. Man.

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	9	43	Passed The E. Test, I, R.C.N.				
				9	9	43	Passed P.P.T. I "Good"				
				26	4	44	Qual. A/G 1 Day				
				31	5	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		

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O.H.F. received.
Last Will & Testament #10610 Rec.



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

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Myrtle White - Mother

ADDRESS: 36 - 14th Street, N.,
Brandon, Man.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO 201

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

(2)

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. P. White

(3)

ADDRESS: 36 - 14th St. North, Brandon, Man.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

WHITE	Clayton Leonard	V-68792	A.B.	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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	7371 16/1/50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)