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CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM
 (HOSTILITIES FORM)
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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME WOODS OFFICIAL No. V-67836
 CHRISTIAN NAMES Harold George MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>576 McEachran Ave., Outremont, Que.</u>	<u>Church of England</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>7th Jan 1923</u>	Town <u>Montreal,</u> County Province <u>Quebec</u>	<u>Grandmother, Mrs. Emma Woods Same address.</u>
*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 Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>None</u>
Inches. <u>7½</u>	Deflated. <u>34</u>				
<u>127</u>	Mean. <u>35½</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Three years High School</u>	<u>Student Strathcona Academy, Outremont, Que.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Divisional Strength 9th August 1943</u>	<u>ORDINARY SEAMAN FOR W/T</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL"</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, Air Force, Reserve or Territorial Force.

* (b) ~~I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Air Force, Reserve or Territorial Force.~~

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	Personnel Records TO
			Division.
			1. Noted in Records . . .
			2. Index Card
			3. Non-Sub. Card.
			4. Statistical Card.
			5. Pension Card
			6.

- (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 16-8-43

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and 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/Seaman for W/T by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 9th day of August 1943

X Signature of applicant H. G. Woods

(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 9th

day of August 1943

My authority for attestation is

Thom Beuson
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Harold George WOODS 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.

X Signature of Applicant H. G. Woods

Witness Thom Beuson

Date 9th August 1943 Rank Sub-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.

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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

Harold George WOODS

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

106530

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>v-67836</i>
	<i>HMCS Montreal</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>7th January 1923</i>	O.H.F.	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth <i>Montreal, Quebec</i>		<i>Grandmother</i>
Place of Residence <i>576 Mc.Eachan Ave., Outremont P.Q.</i>		<i>Emma Woods</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Student</i>		<i>(same address)</i>
Religion <i>Church of England</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>7 Aug '43</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>(WT) 1/5mm</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>	<i>35 1/2</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>med</i>	<i>nil</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

V67836

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

WOODS,

Harold George

(Surname)

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V67836

P.I.P.

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 "Montreal"	Ord.Smn. W/T	9	8	43	Div.Str. Montreal.	V.G.		31	12	43.							
" " "Est."	"	13	9	43	Act.Serv.D.L.#199 16-9-43	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
" Montcalm	"	17	9	43	D.L.#320 18-9-43												
" "Cornwallis"	"	26	10	43	D.L.26-10-43.#352												
" St. Hyacinthe	"				Caribou			24-12-43		30-12-43							
" Stadacona	"	8	9	44	DRD #270 Pg.1												
" Scotian	"	14	9	44	DRD Sh.284 Pg.19												
" Shawinigan	Ord. Tel.	1	4	44	Transf. 249A/ 48607												
	"	28	9	44	DRD Sh.240 Pg.1												
	Tel.	13	9	44	Rated 249A/A 9776												
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	"MISSING" Presumed Dead Casualty List												

GENERAL REMARKS

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE	CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE				PREV. ENLI	RANK	
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION		P.	CTV.	TOWN	SECT.	DIV.	A	OR FRONT
07	1	23	12	XXX	0	30	X	2	23	06	0	09	0	08/95
L. ST. 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	OR	REMI
09	08	43	13	09	43						9625	0	08/95	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M		CODED				CHECKED		
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
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NAME WOODS Harold George DATE OF BIRTH 7 January, 1923.
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Quebec. OCCUPATION StudentRELIGION Church of England. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 576 McEachran Ave. Town Outremont, Province, etc. Quebec.

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
9	8	43	Hostilities Only	5' $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Dk. Brn.	Blue	Medium	None.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Grandmother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Emma Wood
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 576 McEachran Ave. Town Outremont Province, etc. Quebec

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	
				4	12	43	Qual. Anti-Gas ldat.				
				31	12	43	Marked "TR" (249A/A18044)				
				18	8	44	Qual. for Tel.				

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		

FILM
NO. WAR 6080-5
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					In diff. Char.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	

O.H.F. RECEIVED.
Last Will & Testament #9620 Rec.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To



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

NAME IN FULL Woods, Harold George RANK/RATING LTJG OFF. NO. V-67836 ADDRESS

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL
	139-43											1939-45	1	Star
Caribbean	24-12-43	30-12-43	7	All								ATLANTIC		Star
Shannon	27-9-44	24-11-44	58	All								FRANCE G.		
												AFRICA		
												PACIFIC		
												BURMA		
												ITALY		
												DEFENCE		
												C.V.S.M.	2	C.V.S.M.
												" CLASP		
												WAR 1945		Medal
												WAR 1915		

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Department of National Defence

Naval Service

OTTAWA, Ont. FEB 15 1945 194

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

N.S. V-67836 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:



<u>NAME, RANK/RATING NO.</u>	<u>PLACE, DATE & CAUSE of DEATH</u>	<u>NEXT OF KIN</u>
WOODS, Harold George, Telegraphist, O.N. V-67836, 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.	Grandmother: Mrs. Emma Woods, 576 McEachran Ave., OUTREMONT, Que.

ALLOTMENTS IN FORCE

<u>In favor of</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Initials</u>
MrX George R. Woods, 576 McEachrean Avenue, Outremont, P.Q.	Uncle	A.P. \$40.00	L.D.
Rec. Gen. of Canada, 7th Victory Loan, Ottawa.		\$8.40	L.D.

Allotments stopped November 30th, 1944.
WILL: Attached.

Yours truly,

for
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Administrator of Estates,
Estates Branch,
Department of National Defence,
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LA/GFM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-67836 PERS. (N)

7 December, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Woods:

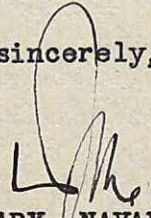
Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, details of the disaster in which your grandson, has been reported missing are now being released.

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.

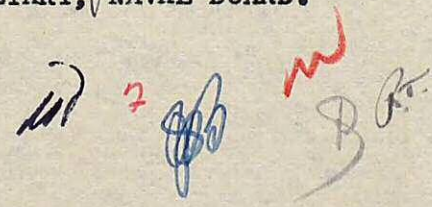
It is requested that you will regard this information as confidential until an official announcement is made.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Emma Woods,
576 McE achran Ave.,
OUTREMONT, Quebec.



28 August, 1945.

N.S.V-67836, PERS.(N)

Dear Mrs. Woods:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your grandson'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,

Mrs. Emma Woods,
576 McEachran Ave.,
OUTREMONT, Que.

Despatched by SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
Sec. N. B. *128*
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Date *29.8.45*
Time *1200*

Approval on
N.S.O-3690
Also see
NSS 1156-33

RCNVR

"SHAWINIGAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Emma Woods - Grandmother

576 McEachran Avenue,

ADDRESS: Outremont, Que.

*Same address
27.2.45*

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

CANCELLED

REGN. NO

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(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER re record

ADDRESS:

(3)

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

WOODS	Harold George	V-67836	Tel.	FILE No.
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SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT
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WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	3712.
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)