



ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

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	PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
384 Manning Av	re, Montreal. P.Q.	C of E
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Dec 13/1918	Town Montreal. County Province Q.	Mother. Lucy Brighten same address

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

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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

* Cross out Clause not applicable.

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(c) I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to thingst of belief.

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- (5) On being enrolled as a member of the...... Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:-
- To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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.

Signature of applicant Vistor Brighten

CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER (C)

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...

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Signature of Commanding Officer.

(\mathbf{D}) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Victor Harry Brighten 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...

Rank

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

Victor Harry Brighten 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 MontrealDivision of the R.C.N.V.R.

Commanding Officer.

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.

113-13-484

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
NAVAL SERVICE

MONTREAL DIVISION, R. C. N. V. R.

AGREEMENT

I hereby undertake and bind myself to serve in The ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE, for the period of hostilities, as determined by the Minister of National Defence of Canada.

Witness Signod: V. Brighton.

E.R.A.

Rank or Rating

O.N. 5.4.7.2.

Date May. 30. 1939.

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT

To be forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, with Form S. 59 CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL NEXT OF KIN Mrs.Lucy Brighten, 4th Class Victor Harry BRIGHTEN 384 Manning Ave. Verdun, Montreal, Que. Name, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER DATE OF BIRTH* PLACE OF BIRTH! Montreal Charles Patrick NIXON, Town..... 13th December, 1918. Lieutenant, R.C.N. County... HMCS. "ST. LAURENT". Quebec Province ...

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

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Date of actually vol- unteering to en- gage or re-engage			23r	d Januar	у,1941.	Date of entering present ship	16th Dece	ember, 1939.

Particulars of former Continuous Service Engagements, if any; but, if none, and the person engaging has had previous Service, the date of his First Entry should be given. If the person has not previously served, write the words "First Entry" here

If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded in to office, with the Engagement, on Form S.—1243.

8th June, 1938. Montreal Division, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Declaration of Entry or Re-Entry from Shore for Continuous Service

The following questions are to be put by the Commanding Officer to the person about to engage for Continuous Service, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

1. Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct?	NOTED ON
2. Are you a British subject? Yes.	ESTIMATE CARD
	Date 8.9.4/.
3. Nationality of Parents—Father English. Mother Engl	lish. IniMat)AM
4 Have you ever served in the Navy Royal Fleet Reserve)	Initial fork.

Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R.C. Mounted Police?

 5. Do you now belong to the Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force or any Regiment or Corps in His Majesty's Army, or to any established Naval or Army Reserve Force, or to the R.C. Mounted Police?...
 6. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so state

vice, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state

Army, or R.C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct?

R.C.N.V.R. since 8th June, 1938.

Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Personnel Records Division. No. 1. Noted in Recards 2. Index Card . . 3. Non Sub. Card. 4. Statistical Card 5. Raneo Strip. 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes. 6. Pension Card 7. 9. Can you swim? Yes. DATE

(OVER)

*When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.

† Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject, and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."

† Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H.M. Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal Fleet Reserve Instructions). If an R.N.R. man, state number of R.V. 2.

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expiration of the previous C. S. Engagement	it,of the Service since the
I, Victor Harry BRIGHTEN, do solemnly declare that to the best of the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly	and faithfully in the Navai
Service of Canada* for the term of Seven from 1st June, service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solem	nly declare) that I will be
faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this 25day	
Victor Harry Brighten	Man's Signature in full
Witness to Signature & Wighten	
Attested before me this 25th day of June 1941	
Mirkely break Si	gnature of a Commissioned fficer of the Naval Service
Date25th Ju	me. 1941.
This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side her Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and health physical malformation, active and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit	y constitution, free from all
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II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys	
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - Naval Service -Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

..... A May, 1944...

(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME

RANK or RATING

NAVAL NO.

BRIGHTEN, Victor Harry

Engine Room Artificer 2/c.

21930, R.C.N.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 8 June, 1938.

Active Service: 26 November, 1939.

DATE OF DISCHARGE - Will be reported later.

HOSPITAL -

(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D. P. & N. H.)

SERVICE -

CANADA & HIGH SEAS.

(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere.)

"Missing" from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" which was tor-Reason for discharge and when and where any disability was incurred, or where death pedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel occurred.

on the 29th April, 1944. While this casualty is listed as missing, it is pos-

sible to make an estimate as to his chances of survival. Should no information be received to the contrary, you will be notified when official presumption of death with date has been set.

(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action,

accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada).

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP-

Mother:

NAME -

Mrs. Lucy Brighten.

ADDRESS-

384 Manning Ave., Verdun Que.

NOTE:

If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

Copies Form "B" fwd. to Allots. (N) on

..... N.P.R./5.

NOTED ESTATES CARD

JUL 9 1945

SECT. 11 D.N.P.A.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Secretary, Canadian Pension Commission, Room 228, Daly Building, OTTAWA, Ont.

NOTE:

Duplicate copies of this form (Form "B") have been forwarded to the Chief Treasury Officer (Allotment Section), Department of National Defence, Naval Service, for completion respecting the details of Marriage Allowance, Dependents Allowance, etc., and subsequent transmission to you.

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Brighten:

I must regretfully inform you that since your son was reported missing no further information has been received of his survival or that he is a prisoner of war.

I wish to assure you, however, that the Department makes every endeavour to discover the fate of missing men and draws upon all likely sources of information about them.

In the case of men who are believed to be prisoners of war continuous efforts are made to speed up the machinery whereby their names and camp addresses can reach this country. The official means is by lists of names prepared by the enemy government. These lists take some time to compile, especially if there is a long journey from the place of capture to a prisoners of war camp. Consequently "capture cards", filled in by the prisoners themselves soon after capture and sent home to their relatives are often the first news received in this country that a man is a prisoner of war.

Very slight hope is now held, however, that your son is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.

Even if no news is received that a missing man is a prisoner of war, endeavours to trace him do not cease. Enquiries are pursued, not only among those who were serving with him, but through diplomatic channels and the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. The moment reliable news is obtained from any of these sources it is sent to the Department and is immediately passed on to the next of kin.

Should no information be received to the contrary your son will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

Yours Macerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Lucy Brighten, 384 Manning Ave., VERDUN, Quebec.

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M Dospatched by Sec. N. B.

Date / 1 / 10 / 4 / Time / 800

REGISTERED AIR MAIL

N.S. N.21930, PERS.(N)

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/s' January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Brighten:

Further to my letter of the 10th of October, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Victor Harry Brighten, Engine Room Artificer 2nd Class, Official Number 21930, Royal Canadian Navy, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 29th of April, 1944.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Yours, sincerely,

Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Date /5/1/45 Time / 8 50

Despatched by

Sec. N. B.

Mrs. Lucy Brighten, 384 Manning Ave., VERDUN, Quebec. 1.5

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If a copy of this Form is required, Form C.N.S. 1243 is to be used 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

Victor HARRY BRIGHTEN

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

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