

(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.....16th.....day of.....February.....1942.....

Signature of applicant.....*Robert Henry*.....

(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.....16th.....day of.....February.....1942.....

Albert G. Seysmith Sub-Lieut
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer. *R.C.N.V.R. (Temp.)*

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....*Robert John Henry*.....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.....*Robert Henry*.....

Witness.....*Albert G. Seysmith*.....

Date.....16th.....February.....1942.....

Rank.....*Sub-Lieut V.R. (Temp.)*.....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

.....*Robert John Henry*.....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.

Albert G. Seysmith Sub-Lieut
Attesting Officer. *R.C.N.V.R. (Temp.)*

.....16th.....February.....1942..... R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment).....Port Arthur, Ont.....

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.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the.....*Seaman*.....Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Robert Henry
Signature

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ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME..... HENRY..... OFFICIAL NO. V16 777
CHRISTIAN NAMES..... ROBERT JOHN..... MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
134 Dease St., Fort William, Ontario.	Baptist

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
26th November 1923	Town Port Arthur, County Province Ontario.	Father: Mr. John Henry, 134 Dease Street, Fort William, Ontario.
*Original Nationality of: Father Scotch Mother Wedoh		

*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..... Inches..... 5.....	Inflated..... 34..... Deflated..... 32..... Mean..... 33.....	Brown	Hazel	Med.	1" XXXX scars in form of cross on left cheek.
EDUCATIONAL STANDING			TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
Grade IX			Inspector: Canadian Car & Foundry, Fort William, Ontario.		

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
16th February 1942	Ord. Sea	Port Arthur, Ontario.

(B) **DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT**

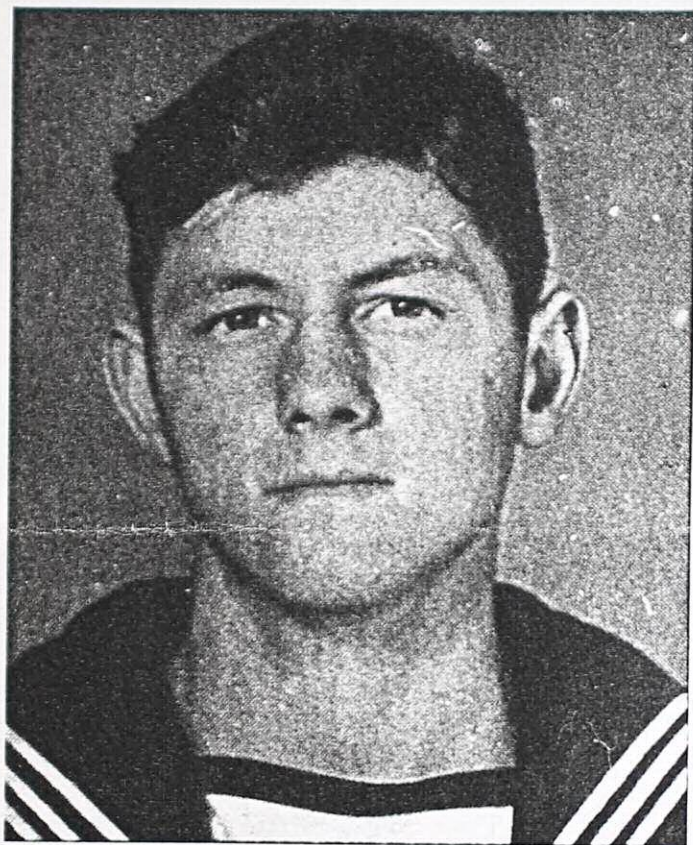
I hereby declare as follows:—

- (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 Records to Division
(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.			1. Noted in Records 2. Index Card 3. Non-Sub. Card 4. Statistical Card 5. Pension Card 6. Pension Card 8. DATE 28/2/42
(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.			



CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of *C.N.S. 46284*

John Robert HENRY
in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Griffon</i>	Official Number: <i>V. 16777</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth	<i>26th November 1923</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Albert Henry (Mother) 134 Deane St Fort William Ont.</i>
Place of Birth	<i>Port Arthur Ontario</i>	
Place of Residence	<i>same address</i>	
Trade brought up to	<i>Inspector (Can. Can. & Friendly)</i>	
Religion	<i>Baptist</i>	
Can Swim:—P.P.T. (GOOD) Date	<i>14 September 1942</i>	Signature <i>J. Green</i> Rank <i>Capt for CO</i>
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>16th July 1942</i>	<i>1942</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>C. Green</i>	<i>21 Nov 43</i>		<i>Awarded Ribbon for 1939-43 Star.</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>brn hazel</i>	<i>med</i>	<i>med</i>	<i>1/2" scar in form of cross on left cheek</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

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

NAME IN FULL HENRY, Robert John RANK/RATING AB OFF.NO. V-16777 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.
	16-3-42											1939-45	1 Star
NIOBE	12-12-42	3-2-43	99	atl								ATLANTIC	1 Star
ATHABASKAN	4-2-43	29-4-44	151	atl.								FRANCE G.	
<u>Drach Dead</u>												AFRICA	
to date 29/4/44												PACIFIC	
												BURMA	
												ITALY	
												DEFENCE	
												C.V.S.M.	2 + Clasp
												" CLASP	
												WAR 1945	1 Medal
												WAR 1915	

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DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

V16777

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-H-1853

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V16777

NAME HENRY (Surname) Robert John (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 26 November, 1923PLACE OF BIRTH Port Arthur, Ont. OCCUPATION InspectorRELIGION Baptist EDUCATION Grade IXRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 134 Dease St. Town Fort William 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
16	2	42	Hostilities Only	5'5"	Brown	Hazel	Medium	1" scars in form of cross on left cheek				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Stephan NAME (in pencil) Stephan HenryADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 134 Dease St. Town Fort William 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	
21	11	43	1939-1943 Star. 249A (21070)	7	7	42	Passed E.T. 1 R.C.N.				
				14	9	42	Passed P.P.T. "Good"				
				1	10	42	Qual. "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		

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					O.H.F. Received
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To

H.Q. 35-15M-10-41 (2177)
N.S. 815-7-35

FILM
NO. WAR 5326-3
DATE

V16777

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

HENRY

Robert John

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

P.I.B.

V16777

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 "GRIFTON"	Ord. Smn.	16	2	42	Div. Str. Port Arthur	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	Q&R A/L.R.3	7	11	42			
"	"	16	3	42	Duty Div. Hdqts. Pt. Arthur	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Naden	"	20	7	42	D	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Gornwallis	"	21	11	42	DRB H.C. 60												
Stadacona	"	14	11	42	S.C.												
Athabaskan	"	4	2	43	T.L. via Niobe												
"	A/A.B.	16	3	43	Rated. 249A(19487)												
"	A.B.	16	3	44	Conf. 249A(19615)												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	"Missing" Casualty List.												

"Presumed Dead" per Casualty List. P.#66.

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to
 Mother: Mrs. Alberta Henry,
 134 Dease St.,
 Fort William, Ont. 19-2-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION			P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK
26	X	23	11	RRR			060		21	49	01	0	10	0	08	95
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			
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
- Naval Service -
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir: 6 May, 1944,
(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME RANK or RATING NAVAL NO.
HENRY, Robert John Able Seaman, V-16777 R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 16 February, 1942 Active Service: 16 March, 1942.

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.)

Reason for discharge and when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred. "Missing" from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel on the 29 April, 1944. While this casualty is listed as missing, it is impossible

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).

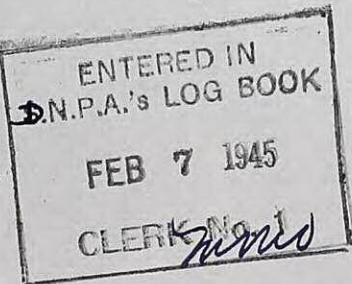
NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP- Father: NAME- Mr. John Henry,

ADDRESS- 134 Dease St., Fort William, Ont.

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.



A.B. Money
for
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *EMC*

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

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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.

(See reverse side for further instructions)

TFH/MD

REGISTERED
AIR MAIL
N.S. V-16777 Pers.(N)

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1 May, 1944.

Dear Mr. Henry:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Robert John Henry, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-16777, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your son's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Able Seaman Henry is reported as "missing", there is a possibility of his survival. It is understood that a number of the crew have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy. The Red Cross have been informed and are attempting to obtain from the German Government a list of those taken. Please be assured that as soon as any further information respecting your son has been received you will be informed.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy 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, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely, dispatched by
PERSONNEL NAVAL

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SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. John Henry,
134 Dease St.,
FORT WILLIAM, Ont.

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mr. Henry:

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 also 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 sincerely,


 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

 Despatched by
 Sec. N. B.

 Date
 Time

 10/10/44
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 Mr. John Henry,
 134 Dease St.,
 FORT WILLIAM, Ont.

A.S.

J.M.H.

DECEASED 29 April 1944

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

Navy

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS


HENRY	Robert John	V-16777	A.B.	FILE No. <i>V 13935</i>
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	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>1966</p> <p>02-96651 M</p>  <p>P</p> </div>
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR Jul. 45 "ATHABASKAN"
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. John Henry - Father

ADDRESS: 134 Dease St.,
FORT WILLIAM, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP

REGN NO 1806

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. A. Henry

ADDRESS: 134 Dease Street
FORT WILLIAM, Ontario

(3) 19 February 1945