

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

C.N.S. 2417
2M-235
N.S. 815-9-2417

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

M12540

The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
OTTAWA.

Kelowna B.C.
(Place)
August
(Date)

Sir:— I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a *Boy Seaman* (Insert rating chosen)

I certify that the following particulars are in my own handwriting and are true in every respect:

- Name (to be given in full in Block Letters) *JOHN ERNEST RENNIE*
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) *1920-17 Aug*
- Place of Birth. Town *Auckland*, Province *New Zealand*
- Permanent Place of Residence. No. *20096* Street *North Street*, Town *Kelowna*, Province *British Columbia*
- Are you a British Subject? *Yes.*
- How long have you resided in Canada? *11 years.*
- What is your Mother Tongue? *English.*
- What other language do you speak? *None.*
- Are you of the White Race? *Yes.*
- Are you Single, Married or a Widower? *Single.*
- How far advanced educationally are you? (Certificates of School Authorities must be attached) *Grade 10 - second year High School*
- What practical experience have you had? (Details and certificates from employers, trade credentials, etc., must be attached to substantiate employment reported.) *Still at school - not employed yet.*
- Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? *I am a Petty Officer in "Kelowna Sea Cadets Corps No. 1258 Grenville"*
- If so, give details *Six years in the above.*
- Have you ever served in such forces? *Yes.*
- If so, give dates and details *no.*
- Have you ever been discharged from His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? *no.*
- Have you ever offered to serve in His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? *no.*
- Why? *no.*
- Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? (Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19) *no.*
- What is your weight? *128 lbs.* Height *5'9"* Chest Measurement (Not inflated) *38"*
- Have you ever had fits? *no.*
- Do you suffer from any deformity? *no.*
- Have you suffered the loss of any fingers, toes, etc? *no.*
- Do you suffer from any disease? *no.*
- Do you wear glasses? *no.*
- Are you subject to any disability which might cause your rejection? *no.*
- Give details *no.*

28. Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? *Yes.*
Milliecent B. Wells Signature of Witness. *John Ernest Rennie* Signature of Applicant.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF CANDIDATES UNDER 21 YEARS OLD

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for transportation to a Naval Base of the above applicant, should he, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within his own control. Signed and Sealed at *Kelowna*, this *August* day of *1936*, in the presence of *Milliecent B. Wells* Signature of Witness. *W. Rennie* Signature of Parent or Guardian.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY CANDIDATES OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for my transportation to a Naval Base, should I, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within my own control.
Signed and Sealed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19____, in the presence of _____ Signature of Witness _____ Signature of Candidate.

H. M. C. S. "NADEN", Esquimalt, B.C.

OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN }
Space to be left vacant }
if not known }

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 John Ernest RENNIE.		Mother: Mrs. Betty RENNIE NEXT OF KIN Box. 96 Kelowna. BC. Name..... Address.....	PRESENT RATING Boy.
DATE OF BIRTH* 17th August, 1920.	PLACE OF BIRTH† Town..... Auckland. County..... Province..... New Zealand.		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER Commander J. E. W. Oland, DSO. RCN. RCN. Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C.

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5' 10³/₄"	34 32 33	Fair	Blue	Fresh	2 Scars left knee	Church of England	Student.

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	17th August, 1938	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	SEVEN YEARS, C.S.
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	13th September, 1937	Date of entering present ship	13th September, 1937.

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.

FIRST ENTRY.

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:—

- Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct?..... **Yes.**
- Are you a British subject?†..... **Yes.**
- Nationality of parents—Father..... **English.** Mother..... **English.**
- 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?‡..... **No.**
- 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?‡..... **No.**
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date..... **No.**
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army or R. C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct?..... **No.**
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?..... **Yes.**
- Can you swim?..... **Yes.**

* 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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LEDGERS FAIR ROUGH 1456

(OVER)

I.—Declaration and Certificate for Men newly entered and Men who have been out of the Service since the expiration of their previous C. S. Engagement

I,....., do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Naval Service of Canada*..... from †..... 193....., provided my service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this..... day of..... 193.....

Man's Signature in full

Witness to Signature.....

Attested before me this..... day of..... 193.....

Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

Date..... 193.....

This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

Commanding Officer

Medical Officer

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date. 13th September, 1937. 193.....

This is to certify that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent lad, of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation, and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

The consent of his parents or guardian has been obtained in writing, and they are willing and desirous that the boy should be entered for SEVEN years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age.

COMMANDER, RCN.

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant. Cdr. RCN

CAPTAIN, RCAMC.

Medical Officer

I declare that to the best of my knowledge or belief the answers to the questions on the other side of this form are true and that I am not indentured as an apprentice.

I am willing to enter and serve in the Naval Service of Canada for SEVEN years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, provided my service should be so long required, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till I attain that age. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Boy's Signature in full

Witness to Signature..... M.A.A.

Attested before me this 13th day of September, 1937.

Lieutenant-Commander, R.C.N.

Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

III.—Re-engagement for Continuous Service

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used.

I,....., now serving as a..... on board H. M. C. S....., who on the..... of..... 193..... engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of §..... years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period**..... from ††..... 193..... provided my services should be so long required.

Man's Signature in full

Witness,..... Commanding Officer

* Insert "for the term of (number in words) years," or "to complete (number) years for pension," or "until I attain the age of..... years."
† Insert the date from which the engagement actually commences.
‡ The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths over 17 years of age.)
§ To be written in words.
** Insert as follows:—"Of (number) years," or "to complete time for pension," or "until I attain the age of..... years," as the case may be.
†† Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement, which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is ante-dated) earlier than the date of execution.

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

Attabaska

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

John Ernest RENNIE

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

<i>Port Division</i>	<i>Esquimalt, B.C.</i>	Official Number <i>3075</i>
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Date of birth <i>17 August, 1920</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province <i>New Zealand</i> Town or county <i>Auckland</i>	Name: <i>Betty</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Student</i>	Relationship: <i>Mother</i>
Religious denomination <i>Church of England</i>	Address: <i>Box 96</i>
Date passed swimming test <i>PPT (Good) 16 Sep 37 / P. W. Oland</i> <i>PST (Good) 21 June 38 / P. W. Oland</i>	<i>Kelowna, B.C.</i>
Man's signature on discharge to pension	

All Engagements, including N.C.S., to be noted in these Columns

Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for
1. <i>13 Sep 37</i>	<i>17 Aug. 1938</i>	<i>Seven Years</i>	5.		
2.			6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Medals, Clasps, Etc.

Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration	Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration
<i>21 Nov 1943</i>	<i>Awarded Ribbon for 1939-43 Star</i>		

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as a boy.....	<i>5</i>	<i>10 3/4</i>	<i>34</i> <i>32</i> <i>33</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fresh</i>	<i>2 Scars L. Knee</i>
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....							
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

3075

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

(62-R.203)

N-3075

OFFICIAL NUMBER 3075

NAME RENNIE
(Surname) John Ernest
(Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 17th August, 1920.PLACE OF BIRTH Auckland, New Zealand. OCCUPATION Student.RELIGION Church of England. EDUCATION 2 yrs. High School.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Box 96, North Street Town KELOWNA Province, etc. B.C.

Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year							Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates
									From	To	
13	9	37	Boy.								
17	8	38	Seven Years.	5' 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Fair	Blue	Fresh	2 scars left knee.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) mother NAME (in pencil) Elizabeth RennieADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. North Street Box 96 Town kelowna Province, etc. B.C.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.			
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
21	11	43	Awarded 1939-43 Star Ribbon.	2	11	37	Passed E.T. Pt. 'I'.
				27	6	38	Passed P.S.T. (Good).
				10	9	40	Passed Prof. for Idg. Smn.
				11	4	42	Passed Prof. for P.O.
				7	10	38	"Tr"
				16	9	37	P.P.T. (Good)

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		
17	8	41	1st	Granted.							

FILM
NO. WNR 4696-2
DATE

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To



3075 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **RENNIE**
(Surname)

John Ernest
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 3075

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
Naden.	Boy	13	9	37		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	38	S.T.	4	11	39			
Fraser	"	30	5	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39	L.T.O.	26	10	40			
"	Ord.Smn.	17	8	38	Lent Naden 25-30/5/39.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
"	A.B.	17	8	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Stadacona	"	14	10	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Fraser.	"	13	11	39		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	43							
Assiniboine.	"	23	11	39													
Stadacona	"	6	8	40													
Cobalt.	"	7	11	40													
"	A/Ldg.Smn.(Ty)	13	10	40													
"	A/Ldg.Smn.	1	12	40													
Stadacona	"	28	5	41													
Rimouski.	"	29	5	41													
Stadacona	"	13	8	41													
"	Ldg.Smn.	15	10	41	Confirmed.												
Niobe	"	12	11	41													
"	A/P.O.(Ty)	15	4	42													
Athabaskan	"	1	2	43													
"	P.O.(Ty)	15	4	43	Confirmed.												
"	C.P.O.(Ty).	15	4	44	240A 240376												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing. Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

S.C. checked on discharge.
Canadian Memorial Cross issued to
Mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Rennie,
Box 96, North Street, Kelowna, B.C.
-- 6-3-45.

VERIFICATION FORM

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

.....RANK/RATING ... *C.P.O.* OFF.NO. ... *N-3075* ADDRESS

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
<i>atl</i>							1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>atl</i>							ATLANTIC	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>atl -</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>atl</i>							AFRICA		
<i>atl</i>							PACIFIC		
<i>uk</i>							BURMA		
<i>atl</i>							ITALY		
							DEFENCE	1	<i>Medal</i>
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>+Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY ... *J. Rose* ...

VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

S. 1320b.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised
December, 1935.For use in
Signal
Department
onlyOriginators Instructions:
(Indication of Priority,
Intercept Group, etc.)**CONFIDENTIAL**

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No. of
Groups:

TO:

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Approved to advance E RENNIE ON 3075 to Acting

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Petty Officer to date 15th April 1942 if

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recommended and qualified vide Naval Order

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2018. Advancement follows

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N-3075 PERS (N)
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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320 D
20000M-11-43 (2867-8-9-70)
N. S. 815-9-1320-D.
K. P. 95440

To:

MRS. ELIZABETH RENNIE,
BOX 96, NORTH STREET,
KELOWNA B.C.

FROM

P.A.'S CHECKED IN

71-3075

CNP

C.R. BY.....

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES

DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON

JOHN ERNEST RENNIE PETTY OFFICER, ROYAL CANADIAN

NAVY OFFICIAL NO. 3075 IS MISSING FROM H.M.C.S.

"ATHABASKAN".

LETTER FOLLOWS.

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DELIVERY CONFIRMED

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

NS: N-3075 Pers.(N)

1 May, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Rennie:

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, John Ernest Rennie, Petty Officer, Royal Canadian Navy, Official Number 3075, 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 Petty Officer Rennie 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,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

ELN
Mrs. Elizabeth Rennie,
Box 96, North Street,
KELOWNA, B.C.

LETTER DISPATCHED
PERSONNEL NAVAL
MAY 2 1944

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Rennie:

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,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.


 Date 10/10/44
 Time 1800

R.T.
A.S.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rennie,
Box 96, North St.,
KELOWNA, B.C.

OTTAWA, Ont.,

25 Nov.,

4.

Dear Mrs. Rennie:

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 13th of November, 1944, respecting your son, John Ernest Rennie, Chief Petty Officer, Official Number 3075, Royal Canadian Navy.

It is not known when your son will be presumed dead as parts of Brittany, including Lorient and St. Nazaire are still held by German garrisons and there is a possibility, although very slight, that your son survived the disaster, even though none of the survivors have reported seeing Chief Petty Officer Rennie following the sinking.

The hope that there may be further prisoners of war from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" is considered most unlikely as they would have been reported by this time. German releases have stated that there are only eighty-five and the names of these have now been received. It is regretted that the name of your son is not included.

Missing personnel are not presumed dead until it is considered that there is absolutely no chance of survival and, therefore, it is doubtful if presumption of death will be made for some time. There are no minimum or maximum periods in which a man may be listed as missing and in some cases presumption of death is withheld until cessation of hostilities.

Please be assured that you will be informed immediately he is presumed dead and this information will not be released to the press until next-of-kin of those presumed dead are informed.

Since my letter of the 1st of May, 1944, and the time the original casualty list was printed, information has been received that your son was advanced to Chief Petty Officer to date the 15th of April, 1944.

It is noted that you had expected to hear from one of the officers of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN". In this connection, at the present time ten are still listed as missing; one survived the disaster; five others were taken prisoners of war by the Germans, one of whom was released due to the severity of his injuries and is presently undergoing treatment in hospital. The Commanding Officer of the ship, Lieutenant Commander J. H. Stubbs, D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Canadian Navy, is still listed as missing. While it is customary for an officer to write to the next-of-kin, due to the fact that the fate of the majority of the ship's company was not known, and observing that only one officer could correspond, it will be understood why a letter was not received by the next-of-kin.

The worry and anxiety this disaster must have caused you is fully appreciated, and I only wish that it might be possible to forward better news to you. Please be assured that if any information should be received respecting your son, it will be forwarded immediately.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rennie,
P. O. Box 96,
Kelowna, B.C.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 28.11.44
Time 1130

LA/JM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. N-3075 Pers.(N)

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15 January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Rennie:



Further to my letter of the 25th November, 1944 I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, John Ernest Rennie, Chief Petty Officer, Official Number 3075, 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.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rennie,
P.O. Box 96,
KELOWNA, B.C.

 
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

.....
Date 15/1/45
Time 1630

D OF D 29-4-44

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

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RENNIE John Ernest		N-3075	C.P.O.	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,	698 15/10/49
Atlantic Star,	
Defence Medal,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

R.C.N. Oct. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Ward H. Rennie - Father

ADDRESS: North St., Box #96,
Kelowna, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. Elizabeth Rennie

ADDRESS: Box 96 North St., Kelowna, B.C.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 310

(2)

(3)

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