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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

| SURNAME Sampson | | Official No. 174 |
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| CHRISTIAN NAMES | Francis Leonard Marri | ED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Single |
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| 56 Dresden Ro | w, Halifax, N. S. | R. C. |
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| Sept. 8th 1916 | County Halifax Province Nova Scotia | Mrs. Minnie Sampson 56 Dresden Row, Halifax, N. S. |

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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 TXXXII have never served, and ammor serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial
 - ¶ (b) I served in lst C.B.C.A., 52 Battfor the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

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- (c) I have never been rejected 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.

- (5) On being enrolled as a member of the Halifax Half Company of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—
- (a) 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 Company Commanding Officer or to Training Head-quarters 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.

Dated this 3rd day of 1934

Signature of applicant The name is A. L. Samps & on

(C) CERTIFICATE OF COMPANY COMMANDING 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 3rd day of July 1934.

Signature of c.c. O.

D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty.

Signature of Applicant Finance's L. Sampson.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER

Francis Leonard Sampson 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 Halifax Half

NOTE—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Company 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.

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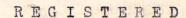
REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

| Name SAMPSON, Francis Leonard (Christian names in full) | |
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| Rank or Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-174 Unit | |
| Place of Birth Halifax, N.S. Date of Birth 8th Sept., 1916 | |
| Occupation in Civil Life. Teamster Religion. Roman Catholic | |
| 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) From 3rd July, 1934 to 29th April, 1944. | |
| Date of Death 29 April, 1944 Place of Death At Sea | |
| Cause of Death Missing presumed dead when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedo (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly) | bec |
| and sunk by snemy action in the English Channel. | |
| Name Mrs. Dorothy M. Sampson, Relationship Wife | |
| Nearest known | |
| friend. Address. 45 Bloomfield Street, Palifex, N.S. | |
| Date on which the above was informed by SKKX. Naval Service Headquarters, 1 May. | |
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| Date on which death was registered with local Officials. | |
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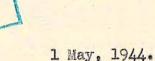
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Dear Mrs. Sampson:

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 husband Francis Leonard Sampson, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-174, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your husband'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 Sampson 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 husband 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

CERTARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Sampson, 45 Bloomfield St., HALIFAX, N.S.

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