





(3) On being enrolled as a member of the.....EDMONTON.....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.....19th.....day of.....Dec., 1940.....

Signature of applicant.....

(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.....19th.....day of.....Dec., 1940.....

.....Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....John Watt SUTHERLAND.....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.....

Witness.....

Date.....19th Dec., 1940..... Rank.....Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

.....John Watt SUTHERLAND.....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.....EDMONTON.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

.....Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.  
Attesting Officer.

19th Dec. .... 1940 ..... R.C.N.V.R. Division  
(or other establishment).....EDMONTON.....

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.



CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*John Watt* **SUTHERLAND**

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

*LC. N.S. 9775* +

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimalt</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Edmonton</i>	Official Number <i>V-12533</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth <i>7 August 1922</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>MOTHER</i>
Place of Birth <i>Edmonton Alberta</i>	<i>Marasquet</i>
Place of Residence <i>9654-102A Ave Edmonton</i>	<i>9702-102nd Ave</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Shoe Salesman</i>	<i>Edmonton Alberta</i>
Religion <i>Baptist</i>	
Can Swim:—P.P.T. <i>(Fair)</i> Date <i>18 August</i> 19 <i>41</i>	Signature <i>[Signature]</i> Rank <i>LCJVR</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>26 Aug '40</i>	<i>19 Dec '40</i>	<i>Host.</i>	<i>Ord. Surr.</i>	<i>21 Apr '43</i>		<i>Awarded ribbon for 1939-43 Ser.</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>8 1/2</i>	<i>36</i>		<i>Dark</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Scar beside mouth</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















V12533

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-S-1170

V12533

OFFICIAL NUMBER V12533

NAME

SUTHERLAND  
(Surname)John Watt  
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 7 Aug. 1922.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Edmonton, Alta.

OCCUPATION

Shoe Salesman

RELIGION

First Baptist

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

9551-103rd Ave,

Town

Edmonton,

Province, etc.

Alta.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
										From	To	
19	12	40	H.O.	5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	dark	blue	fair	scar beside mouth				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

*Mother*

5/10/42

NAME (in pencil)

*Miss Margaret Sutherland*

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

*9702 - 102nd St. Ave.*

Town

*Edmonton*

Province, etc.

*Alta.*

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(20073)	15	8	41	P.P.T. (Fair)				
				28	10	41	Qual. TR				
				29	8	41	Qual. A/G. 2 days				

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.

Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored
Day	Month	Year		

BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES

SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
		Day	Month	Year		

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

O.H.F. Received

Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

H.O. 35-60M-6-43 (609)  
N.S. 815-7-35



V12533

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

SUTHERLAND

John Watt

OFFICIAL NUMBER

P.I.B

V12533

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
Div. Str. Edmonton	Ord. Smn;	19	12	40		V.G.	Mod.	31	12	41	L.R.III	4	9	42			
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	"	30	4	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Naden	"	12	8	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Crusaders	"	4	11	41		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Givenchy	"	10	4	42													
"	A.B.	30	4	42	Rated (249A-5042)												
Naden	"	23	4	42													
Cornwallis	"	19	7	42													
Stadacona	"	10	9	42													
Niobe	"	28	10	42													
Athabasca	"	4	2	43													
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing Casualty List Presumed "DEAD" Casualty List Page 70												

GENERAL REMARKS

X-Ray Appr.  
 Awarded Can. Memorial Cross to:  
 Mother: Mrs. Margaret Sutherland,  
 9702 - 102 A Ave.,  
 Edmonton, Alta. On 14-3-45.







VERIFICATION FORM

DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.

NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

RANK/RATING ..... *A.B.* ..... OFF. NO. *V-12533* ..... 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.			
							1939-45	1	<i>star</i>
							ATLANTIC	1	<i>star</i>
<i>U.C.</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>U.K.</i>							AFRICA		
<i>ad.</i>							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
<i>Dead</i>							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *P.L.*



TFH/HR

REGISTERED

N.S. V-12533

AIR MAIL

1 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Sutherland:

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 Watt Sutherland, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-12533, 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 Sutherland 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,  
LETTER PATCHED BY  
PERSONNEL NAVAL  
MAY 1 1944  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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Mrs. Margaret Sutherland,  
9702 - 102 "A" Avenue,  
EDMONTON, Alberta.



## INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS' RECORDS

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

## REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, at OTTAWA, Ont.

Name SUTHERLAND, John Watt  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-12533, R.C.N.V.R.  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Edmonton, Alta. Date of Birth 7 August, 1922.

Occupation in Civil Life Shoe Salesman Religion First Baptist

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 19 December, 1940 to 29 April, 1944.

Date of Death 29 April, 1944. Place of Death At Sea.

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASCAN" was torpedoed  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)  
and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

Nearest known relative or friend. { Name Mrs. Margaret Sutherland, Relationship Mother  
Address 9702-102A Avenue,  
EDMONTON, Alberta.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 1 May, 1944.Date on which death was registered with local Officials ---In the case of Imperial Service men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality ---Place of Burial No burial. Date of Burial ---  
(if known) (if known)Location, Number, etc., of grave ---  
(if known)Undertaker employed ---  
(if any)If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated ---

Commanding Officer,

OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January 1945.

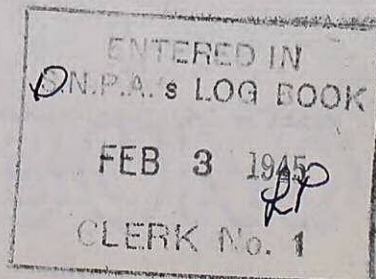
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The NAVAL SECRETARY, Naval Board,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Canada.

for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

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C.N.S. 1121  
15M-6-41 (831)  
N.S. 815-9-1121In PA.  
G.P.



deceased

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

NAVY

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SUTHERLAND		John Watt	V-12533	A.B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)		CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS) No. DATE DESPACHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPACHED
1939-45 Star	4041 16-1-50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



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

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON  
ENTITLED TO Mr. John J. Sutherland - Father

ADDRESS: 9702 - 102A Avenue,  
Edmonton, Alta.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER Mrs. Margaret Sutherland

ADDRESS: 9702 - 102A Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 13

(3) 14-3-45