

MILITIA ACT  
THE NATIONAL RESOURCES MOBILIZATION ACT, 1940

DUPLICATE

N.R.M.A. PERSONNEL

ENROLMENT FORM

N.R.M.A. Serial Number of Notice of Call K25111 Regimental Number K601692

- 1. Taken on Strength of No. 11 N.R.M.A. Clearing Depot VANCOUVER BRITISH COLUMBIA
- 2. Surname (Block Letters) DITTLLOFF
- 3. Christian Names (in full) WILLIAM
- 4. Present Address WILDWOOD HEIGHTS POWELL RIVER BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA
- 5. Place of Birth CANADA SASKATCHEWAN REGINA  
(Country) (County or Province) (Town or Township)
- 6. Date of Birth July 31st, 1920 7. Religion— ROMAN CATHOLIC  
Denomination
- 8. Physical Description: Height 5' 6" Weight 157 lbs Eyes Hazel Hair DARK  
Complexion DARK Identification marks SCAR ON WRIST AND THUMB RIGHT HAND
- 9. Married, Single, Widower? SINGLE
- 10. Next-of-Kin MARY DITTLLOFF Relationship MOTHER  
(Name) WILDWOOD HEIGHTS POWELL RIVER BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA  
(Address)
- 11. Trade or Occupation MILL WORKER
- 12. Previous Naval, Military or Air Service Nil.  
(State Units and Dates of Service)
- 13. Preference, if any, for, R.C.N. Yes. Stocker Army Nil. R.C.A.F.? Nil.  
(Arm of Service)
- 14. Employment in War Industry, if any Nil.

W. Dittloff  
(Signature of Man)

Hogarth Capt  
(Signature and Rank of Enrolment Officer)  
ADJUTANT CA (RT)

8th of Jan. 1942  
(Date of Signature)

TRAINING CENTRE PARTICULARS

- A. Attached to Basic T.C. No. 110 at Vernon, B.C. Date 8th of Jan., 1942  
Completed Nil. 48 Days Basic Training.  
10-1-42 6-3-42  
(Date, Signature, and Rank of Recording Officer)
- B. Attached to Advanced T.C. No. C.I.T.C. at WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Canada Date MAR 12 1942  
Completed 40 Days Advanced Training.  
Qualities of Leadership, Positive Yes Becoming Evident? Yes Dormant? No  
Transferred to Discharged R.O. 1029 (13) to R.C.N. Date 21-4-42  
(R.C.N., formation or unit of the C.A., R.C.A.F.) Lieut.  
(Date, Signature and Rank of Recording Officer)
- C. Medical Category on acceptance at Basic Training Centre "A-1"

for A.R. Counsell Lieut  
ADJUTANT  
A 75. CANADIAN INFANTRY TRAINING CENTRE



## CANADIAN ARMY ("R" RECRUIT)

M.F.M. 7  
400 M-8-39 (1704)  
H.Q. 1777-45-18~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE

This is to Certify that No. **K 601672** (Rank) **Private**

Name (in full) **William D I T T L O F F** ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
enlisted in

~~XXXX~~ Was enrolled under the National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940  
~~CANADIAN MILITARY FORCE~~ at **VERNON B.C.** on the **Eighth**  
day of **January** 19 **42**

HE served in **C A N A D A A15 Cdn. Inf. Trg. Centre Winnipeg Man.**

and is now discharged from the service by reason of **Enlisted in the Royal Canadian**  
**Navy R.O. 1029 (13) Authority W.44-D-2084 d/25-3-42**

THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SOLDIER on the DATE below is as follows:—

Age..... <b>21 Years 8 Months</b>	Marks or Scars..... <b>Scars on wrist and</b>
Height..... <b>5 Feet 6 Inches</b>	<b>right thumb.</b>
Complexion..... <b>Dark</b>	
Eyes..... <b>Hazel</b>	
Hair..... <b>Dark</b>	Conduct in Service; <b>Good</b>
<i>W. Dittloff</i> Signature of Soldier	Qualifications; <b>None</b>

<p>Date of Discharge</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>21st A P R I L 1942</b></p> <p><b>WINNIPEG Ma nitoba Canada</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Signature]</i> Issuing Officer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lieut.-Colonel.,</b> Rank</p> <p><b>A15 Cdn. Inf. Trg. Centre M.D. 10.</b></p> <p>Date <b>April 21st</b> 19 <b>42</b></p>
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N.B.—As no duplicate of this Certificate will be issued, any person finding same is requested to forward it in an unstamped envelope to the Record Office, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada.

DUPLICATE FOR FILE

(P.T.O.)





CANADA

N. V. 5  
2M-10-37  
N.S. 815-11-5

### ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME Dittloff OFFICIAL NO. ....

CHRISTIAN NAMES William MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>143 Melrose Ave W. Transcona</u>	<u>R. C</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>July 31<sup>st</sup> 1920</u>	Town <u>Regina</u> County Province <u>Sask</u>	<u>Father William Dittloff</u> <u>Same Address</u>

#### PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>36</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u> Hazel</u>	<u>Ruddy</u>	<u>Scar Right Wrist</u>
Inches <u>4</u>	Deflated <u>32</u>				
Mean <u>33</u>					

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>24/3/38</u>	<u>Land Sea</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>

#### (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 Wpg Sea Cadets for the period shown, and attach my record of service in corroboration of this statement.

\* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>Vimpey Sea Cadets</u>	<u>Cadet</u>	<u>Feb 1937</u>	<u>Feb 1938</u>

- (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..... Division 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 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.

Dated this..... day of.....

Signature of applicant.....

**(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL 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..... day of.....

.....  
Signature of Commanding Officer.

**(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, His heirs and successors according to law.

Signature of Applicant.....

Witness.....

Date..... Rank.....

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

**(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER**

..... 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..... Division 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.



N.V. 17  
60M-9-42 (5943)  
N.S. 815-11-17

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

*William DITTLOFF*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
<i>Esquimalt B.C.</i>	<i>Winnipeg Man</i>	<i>V 9536</i>

Date of Birth..... *31 January 1920*

Place of Birth..... *Regina, Sask.*

Place of Residence..... *Mildwood Heights, Powell River B.C.*

Trade brought up to..... *Mill worker*

Religion..... *Roman Catholic*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. *FAIR* Date *16 February 1942* Signature..... Rank.....

P.S.T. Date..... 19..... Signature..... Rank.....

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)

*Mother*

*Mary*

*same address*

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>22 Apr 42</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>Sto 2/e</i>		<i>3 Feb 44</i>	<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal &amp; clas. Provisional award</i>
					<i>3 Feb 44</i>	<i>1939-43 Star. Provisional award</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>Scar on right thumb and right wrist.</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















V9536

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-D-257

OFFICIAL NUMBER V9536

NAME DITTLUFF William DATE OF BIRTH 31 January, 1920

PLACE OF BIRTH Regina, Sask. OCCUPATION Mill worker

RELIGION R.C. EDUCATION Grade IX

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Wildwood Heights Town Powell River Province, etc. B.C.

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
22	4	42	H.O.	5'5"	brown	hazel	dark	Scar on rt. thumb Scar on rt. wrist.	A15 Cdn Inft. Trg Centre Wpg, Man.	Pte	8.1.	21.4

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mrs Mary Dittloff

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. same Town Province, etc.

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	
3	2	11	C.V.S.M. (R.&C.) & 1930-1933 Star 1249A-8514	16	6	42	P.P.T. Fair				

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	In diff. Char.		

**FILM**  
**NO.** WSP 5268-8  
**DATE**

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT  
 From To

W.S.G.  
 APPLICATION  
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6/6/45



V9536

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

DITTLOFF

(Given Names)

William

**P.I.B.**  
OFFICIAL NUMBER V9536

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
HM.C.S. Chippawa	Stoker 11	22	4	42	Div. S.r. Wpg.--re-entry	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
"	"	22	4	42	Active Service	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Naden	"	11	6	42	D.R.D. 29255	V.G.	Sat.	21	8	44							
Stadacona	"	1	8	42	D.R.D.												
Alberni	"	9	10	42	D.R.D.												
"	Stoker I	7	2	43	Rated(2494-6705)												
<b>DISCHARGED</b>	"	21	8	44	<b>Missing (per Casualty List)</b> <b>Presumed "DEAD" (Sub. 16-1-45)</b>												

GENERAL REMARKS

Discharged "Changed Place of Residence" 12-10-38.  
Can. Memorial Cross awarded to:  
Mother: Mrs. Mary Dittloff,  
Wildwood Heights,  
Powell River, B.C.  
on 17-1-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	R	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK	
31	1	20	19	900	0	10	2	9	07	00	9	06	0	15	95
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	A	BR	RANK			
22	04	42	22	04	42					15200	0	15	94		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
07	02	43	13	00	00		C.L.G. AB			AD					







VERIFICATION FORM

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

GRADE/RATING ... *Sta* ... *1e* ... OFF. NO. *U-9536* ... ADDRESS .....

A	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>
<i>ntii</i>							ATLANTIC	1	<i>@ Clasp</i>
<i>ia</i>							FRANCE G.	2	
<i>many</i>							AFRICA	2	<i>@ Clasp</i>
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>@ Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *G. Stamps* .....

ED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.



( Information extracted from Naval Service Headquarters' Records)

Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name DITTLOFF William  
(Christian names in full)  
Rank of Rating Stoker 1st Class Official No. V-9563 R.C.N.V.R.  
(If unknown, date of first entry)  
Place of Birth Regina, Sask. Date of Birth 31st of January, 1920  
Occupation in Civil Life Mill Worker 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) 2 years and 4 months  
Date of Death 21st August, 1944 Place of Death At Sea  
Cause of Death Missing, presumed killed when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI", was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Mary Dittloff Relationship Mother  
Address Wildwood Heights, Powell River, B.C.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship 23 Aug. 1944.  
Naval Service Headquarter's Ottawa, Ont.

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. 28 February 5.  
194.  
H.B. Money  
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

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

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

C.N.S. 1121  
2M-5-40 (4893)  
N.S. 815-9-1121

Noted D. M. O.  
M.M.O.  
17/3/45





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F.M.O., Halifax, N.S.,  
August 26th, 1944

N.S. V-9536. PERS.(N)

P.A.'S CHECKED IN

C.R. BY *L*

My dear Mrs. Dittloff:

I was the captain of H.M.C.S. "Alberni" and I know there is nothing I can say that will help you in your great loss. I just wanted you to know that you have my sincerest sympathy. Your son was an excellent stoker both reliable and efficient. He has been with me for some time and has always done a very good job of work. He was very well liked by all the officers and men and appeared to be very happy aboard.

The only minor comfort I can give you is that he was down below at the time the ship was hit and as the ship sank instantly I am sure he did not suffer any pain.

I hope that if I am ever in Powell River you will give me the pleasure of allowing me to call on you.

If there is any way in which I can help you, do not hesitate to write me.

Yours sincerely,

"Ian Bell"

Lieutenant Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

Mrs. Mary Dittloff,  
Wildwood Heights,  
Powell River, B.C.



TFH/JM

AIR MAIL

LETTER dispatched by  
PERSONNEL NAVAL  
AUG 30 1944

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V-9536 Pers. (N)

123557

29th August, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Dittloff:

Further to my letter of the 23rd August, details of the disaster in which your son has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI" was sunk while on invasion duties in the English Channel. Four officers and fifty-five ratings are missing, with three officers and twenty-eight ratings having survived.

It is regretted that the position of the loss cannot be given, but it is considered unlikely that prisoners of war will be taken.

It is requested that you will keep this information in confidence until an official announcement is made.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,  
C.R. BY  
L.H.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.  
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FILE  
ACTION TAKEN

Mrs. Mary Dittloff,  
Wildwood Heights,  
POWELL RIVER, B.C.



BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL POLICE

DIVISION: "E"  
DISTRICT: VANCOUVER  
DETACHMENT: POWELL RIVER

DATE: 12-9-41.

COPY

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY

(Powell River)

R E P O R T.

Re: DITTLOFF, William - Wildwood Heights, Powell River.

1. With reference to letter of Sept. 8-41, from Inspector i/c C.I.B. to the Officer Commanding "E" Dive. in above connection, the following respectfully submitted:-
2. Please be advised that confidential enquiries were made in this area concerning the status and character of above named and his family and I am pleased to report that they bear a very good reputation and are well respected by their neighbors.
3. I am informed by reliable sources that Edward E. Dittloff (father) is of Roumanian birth but Austrian descent. His wife is Polish born. In April of 1904 they arrived at Halifax, Canada, on board the S.S. Arcadia and shortly afterwards proceeded direct to Winnipeg and from then on till about three years ago they resided on farms in and around Winnipeg, Regina, and other places. The father was naturalized in April of 1914 at Winnipeg. The family have resided on a small acreage of land at their present address for the past three years, and have several children.
4. William Dittloff, on whose behalf this enquiry was made, was born in Regina, and I am informed he was in the Sea Cadets there and later transferred to the Naval Dept. in which he served for more than a year before coming west with his parents. At present he is employed at the Powell River Pulp and Paper Mills and his employers do not hesitate in recommending him for the service he now seeks in the Navy.
5. Other members of this Police Detachment as well as myself know this youth personally, and his parents generally, and there is no reason in our minds to doubt his loyalty and sincerity to the Country he wishes to serve.
6. Extra copies of this Report submitted.

To the N.C.O. i/c.  
Vancouver District,  
B.C.P. Vancouver, B.C.

(SGD) M.T. Phipps Cpl. #446.  
i/c Powell River Detach.

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MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Mar. 46 "ALBERNI"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Edward B. Dittloff - Father

ADDRESS: Wildwood Heights,  
POWELL RIVER, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. M. Dittloff,

ADDRESS: Wildwood Heights, Powell River, B.C.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP

REGN. NO

676

(2)

(3)

17-1-45



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## AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

DITTLOFF	William	V-9536 K-601672	Sto.1 Pte.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

cards combined.

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	94 / 5 / 10 / 49
Atlantic Star & Clasp	
Africa Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)