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# ATTESTATION FORM

## FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME..... GRAIS, Donald Borden. ..... OFFICIAL NO.....  
 CHRISTIAN NAMES Donald Borden ..... MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER..... Married

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>288 Machleary Street, Nanaimo, B.C.</u>	<u>Baptist.</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>15th September, 1911.</u>	Town <u>Innisfree,</u> County Province <u>Alberta.</u>	<u>Mrs. Gladys (wife)</u> <u>288 Machleary Street,</u> <u>Nanaimo, B.C.</u>

### PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM. PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet... <u>6</u>	Inflated... <u>39</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Appendix Soar.</u>
Inches... <u>6</u>	Deflated... <u>35</u>				
	Mean... <u>36 1/2</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>13th October, 1941.</u>	<u>A/E.R.A.,</u> <u>Fourth Class,</u> <u>R.C.N.V.R.,</u> <u>(Temporary)</u>	<u>Mechanic,</u> <u>Blue Line Transit Co.</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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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
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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.



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ROUGH

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(5) On being enrolled as a member of the "NADEN" 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 15th day of October, 1941.

Signature of applicant D. Grais

(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 15th day of October, 1941.

J. P. Ruttan  
Signature of Commanding Officer.  
Sub Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Donald Borden GRAIS, 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 D. Grais

Witness J. P. Ruttan

Date 16th October, 1941, Rank Sub Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

Donald Borden GRAIS, 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 "NADEN" Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

J. P. Ruttan  
Commanding Officer.  
Sub Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

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.



V30724

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-G-1260

OFFICIAL NUMBER V30724

NAME GRAIS (Surname) Donald (Given Names) Jordan DATE OF BIRTH 15th September, 1911

PLACE OF BIRTH Innisfree, Alberta OCCUPATION Mechanic

RELIGION Baptist EDUCATION Two Yrs. Technical High

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 288 Macleary St. Town Nanaimo 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
13	10	41	H.O.	5'6"	black	brown	dark	appendix scar.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mrs. Donald Jordan NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Donald Jordan

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 288 Macleary St. Town Nanaimo Province, etc. B.C.

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	44	C.V.S.M. (R & C) & 1939-1943 Star.								

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.	

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To



FILM NO. WSP-5556-2  
DATE







CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Donald Baden GRAIS*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

CANCELLED  
~~1075-47133~~

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>Esquimalt</i>	<i>V30724</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth	<i>15 September 1911</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth	<i>Linnisnoe, Alta</i>	<i>Allyce</i>
Place of Residence	<i>288 Mackleary St., Nanaimo, B.C.</i>	<i>(wife)</i>
Trade brought up to	<i>Mechanic</i>	<i>same address</i>
Religion	<i>Baptist</i>	

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date *19* Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

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>13 Oct 41</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>A/ERR 4/6</i>		<i>3 Feb 44</i>	<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal &amp; clasp Provincial Award</i>
					<i>3 Feb 44</i>	<i>1929-43 Star Provincial Award</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>36 1/2</i>		<i>Black</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dusky</i>	<i>Appendix scar</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

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

RANK/RATING *A.P.R.A. 4/c* OFF.NO. *1-30724* 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>VC Clasp</i>
<i>lx. Fa Gun.</i>							FRANCE G.	2	
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

VERIFIED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
- Naval Service -  
Ottawa, Canada,

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25 August, 1944

Sir:

(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME	RANK or RATING	NAVAL NO.
GRAIS, Donald Borden	Engine Room Artificer 3/c	V-30724, R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 13 October, 1941.

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 - "Missing" at sea when the ship in which he was  
when and where any disability - serving was lost by enemy action in the English  
was incurred, or where death - Channel. While this casualty is listed as missing, it is impossible to make an  
occurred. 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 - wife NAME - Mrs. Gladys Grais,

ADDRESS - 288 Macleary St., Nanaimo, B.C.

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

H.B. Money  
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. e

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

Noted D.N.P.A. 29-12-44 P.P.

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)





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

N.S. V-30724. PERS.(N)

P.A.'S CHECKED IN  
C.R. BY *P*

My dear Mrs. Grais:

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. Don was an excellent engineer both reliable and efficient. He has been with me for a long time now and we had become more friends than officer and rating. He was always making things for all the lads and was very well liked by both officers and men.

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 Nanaimo 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. Gladys Grais,  
288 Machleary St.,  
MANAIMO, B.C.



TFH/JAG

"AIR MAIL"



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V-30724 PERS. (N).

28th August, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Grais:-

Further to my letter of the 23rd August, details of the disaster in which your husband 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,

P.A.'S CHECKED IN

C.R. BY 37

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Gladys Grais,  
288 Macleary Street,  
NANAIMO, B.C.

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AIR MAIL *603*

N.S. V-30724 PERS(N)

16 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Grais:

Further to my letter of the 28th of August, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Donald Borden Grais, Engine Room Artificer Third Class, Official Number V-30724, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI", 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 21st of August, 1944.

Please allow me to 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, the high traditions of which your husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Gladys Grais,  
288 Machleary Street,  
NANAIMO, B.C.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

*[Signature]*  
Date 26.12.44  
Time 10 30

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
Noted E. n P. a  
29-12-44  
S.P.



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N.S.V-30724, F.D. 308, PERS. (N)

DC 639917 A3

13 March, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Donald Borden Grais, Engine Room Artificer Third Class, Official Number V-30724, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed killed on the 21st of August, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI", was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*



DECEASED 21 August 1944

AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

GRAIS

Donald Borden

V-30724

A/ERA.3

FILE No.

SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

CHRISTIAN NAMES

REG. No.

RANK ON  
DISCHARGE

C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

## CAMPAIGN MEDALS

## REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED

1939-45 Star

Atlantic Star &amp; Clasp

C.V.S.M. &amp; Clasp

War Medal

*MEDALS RET'D. UNDER 17' RD  
RET'D TO STOCK.*

**CANCELLED**

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MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Sep.45 "ALBERNI"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Gladys Grais - Widow

ADDRESS: ~~288 Machleary St.,~~ c/o Royal Bank of Canada,  
~~NANAIMO, B.C.~~ Davie St. Br.  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

*Held pending  
application 16-6-55*

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs Gladys Grais

ADDRESS: 288 Machleary Street  
NANAIMO, B.C.

13-1-49

(2) 17 January 1945

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs Ada J. Grais

ADDRESS: 1213 Barclay Street  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

(3) 17 March 1945