

COLE  
WILLIAM ARTHUR  
N3559

Part 1



# OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

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THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE INFORMATION SOUGHT IS FOR THE USE OF GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEMOBILIZATION AND REHABILITATION, A COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO STUDY PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING INDUSTRIAL LIFE THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AFTER DISCHARGE. ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS IN ANSWERING WILL BE OF MUCH HELP TO THE COMMITTEE.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON THE INSIDE OF COVER BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

## Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full WILLIAM M. HATHORN COLE (b) Reg'l. No. 3539  
 2. (a) Arm of service NAVY (b) Unit NO (c) Rank 4-B  
 3. (a) Date of birth JAN 24/20 (b) Have you any dependents? NO (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment REGINA SASK.  
 4. (a) Place of enlistment REGINA SASK. (b) Date of enlistment JAN 15, 1939

PLEASE  
LEAVE  
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## Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 16 yrs (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment? NO  
 6. State definitely highest standing reached at public, technical or high school (for instance—"4 years, Public School", "two years, High School", "Junior Matriculation", or "4 years technical course in printing", etc.) Public 2 yrs college  
 7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured NO  
 8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? NO (b) If so, for what occupation? NO (c) Did you finish it? NO (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it? NO  
 9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? ENGLISH (b) What languages do you read well? GERMAN

## Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING or NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working", as case may be; particulars are asked for below) WORKING (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member? NO

## Section D—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 11 TO 17 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "NOT WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a)

11. Had you ever been employed fairly regularly since leaving school? NO  
 12. (a) If answer to 11 be "Yes", state exact trade or occupation at which you actually worked CLERK (b) State how long you had worked at this trade or occupation THREE YEARS  
 13. If answer to 11 be "No", state exact trade or occupation for which you feel qualified UP TO DATE OF ENLISTMENT  
 14. If you had been employed after leaving school, state when you last worked fairly regularly before enlistment WHOLE SALE HOUSE  
 15. Give details of last employer, if any: Name WHOLE SALE HOUSE Address REGINA SASK.  
 16. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.) DRY GOODS  
 17. (a) If your last employment was in a business of your own, state nature and address of business NO (b) Date of discontinuing it NO

## Section E—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE EMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 18 TO 23 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a). PLEASE READ THESE QUESTIONS AND REPLY TO THOSE APPLYING TO YOU AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

IF YOU WERE AN EMPLOYEE WORKING FOR AN EMPLOYER UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 18 TO 21

18. Name of employer G.C. HADISON (FARM) Address GREAT WEST SANDERS  
 19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.) WHOLE SALE FIRM  
 20. (a) Your specific occupation NO (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer NO  
 21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? NO (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? NO (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment? NO

IF YOU WERE WORKING ON YOUR OWN UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, THAT IS TO SAY, OPERATING A FARM, A STORE, AN AGENCY, OR IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, OR AS A PARTNER IN ANY SUCH LINE, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 22 AND 23

22. (a) State nature of business, or professional practice NO (b) Where was it located? NO  
 23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business NO (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge? NO

## Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war? NO (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? NO (c) If so, in what kind of farming? NO  
 25. (a) Were you born on a farm? NO (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? NONE (c) In what provinces did you have experience? NO

## Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for re-establishment in civil life after discharge? NO  
 27. If so, state nature of your plans (for example, do you plan to return to school, or have you been assured of a job, etc.) WISH TO REMAIN IN THE R.C.N.  
 28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form NO

DATE MAY 1st 194

SIGNATURE W. G. Bob (RCN)





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H. M. C. S.

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Space to be left vacant  
if not known

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## 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	NEXT OF KIN	PRESENT RATING
William Arthur COLE	Mother - Edna Name 1058 King St., Address Regina, Sask.	Ord. Smn.
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER
26th January, 1920	Town East Looe County Cornwall Province England	R. I. Agnew Commander RCN. Barracks, Esquimalt, BC

## Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'5"	33½	Brown	Blue	Fresh	Nil	United	Clerk.

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	15th January, 1940	Period of Engage- ment or Re- engagement	Seven years
Date of actually vol- unteering to en- gage or re-engage	15th January, 1940	Date of entering present ship	15th January, 1940

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?..... 28 Batt. Regina Rifle Reg.  
Sep '37 - Aug '38
- 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..... 1938- underweight for Boy Smn.
- 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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Personnel Records Division.
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2. Index Card
3. Non-Su. Card
4. Pension Card
5. OVER
DATE 1.3.40



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, William Arthur COLE, 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\*for a period of seven/ years from 15th January, 1940 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 16th day of January, 1940 193.

Witness to Signature.....MAA.....William Arthur Cole.....Man's Signature in full

Attested before me this 16th day of January, 1940 193.

Agnes C. White  
A/Commander

{ Signature of a Commissioned  
Officer of the Naval Service

Date.....16th January, 1940 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.

[Signature] **COMMANDER** Commanding Officer.....  
[Signature] **Surg. Lt. Dr.** Medical Officer

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date.....16th 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.....years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age.

.....Commanding Officer  
.....Lieutenant  
.....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.....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.....

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

.....{ 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  
.....193.....

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.





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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR THE ENTRY OF OFFICERS, MEN AND BOYS FOR THE NAVAL SERVICE OF CANADA

(R.C.N. OR RESERVE FORCES)

NOTE—This Certificate is to be completed by the Examining Medical Officer and forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

I, the undersigned, have examined William, Arthur COLE.  
candidate for entry as un  
and I believe him to be in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service. He has signed the Certificate given below in my presence.

Dated at Regina, Sask. the 4th. of October. 1938.

[Signature]  
Examining Medical Officer  
(Rank) Major. R.C.A.M.C.

This examination has been made in accordance with the Instructions for Recruiting.

Age { Years Months (a)	Weight without Clothes (b)	Height with Bare Feet (c)	General Development (d)	Chest Girth (e)	Vision by— (i) Snellen's Types (ii) Colour Vision (f)	Vaccinated or re- vaccinated for Small Pox (Date) (g)	Lungs, Heart, etc. (h)	Abdomen, Hernia, etc. (i)	Limbs and Joints (k)	Skin (l)	Ears and Hearing (m)	Testes, Varicocele, etc. (n)	Mouth, Teeth (No. def- icient and No. defective, if any), Nose, Tonsils, etc. (o)	Anus, Hæmorrhoids, etc. (p)
18yr.	110 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.	5' 5"		inches (a) maximum 34 $\frac{1}{4}$ (b) minimum 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ (c) mean 33 $\frac{1}{2}$	right eye  left eye  colour vision									
Unfit - Under-development - Weight 110 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.														

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my belief I have never suffered from Fits, \*Incontinence of Urine, Discharge from the Ears, or any other disease likely to render me unfit for His Majesty's Service. I am willing to undergo, after entry, such dental treatment as may be authorized.

Wm Arthur Cole  
Signature of Candidate

When a Candidate is passed, notwithstanding a slight defect or disability, the following Certificate is to be filled up

This Candidate is the subject of.....

not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects.

[Signature]  
Examining Medical Officer  
(Rank).....

\* The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
(Naval Service)

C.N.S. 2417  
10M-9-38  
N.S. 815-9-2417

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Regina Sask. (Place)  
March 28/39 (Date)

SIR:—

I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a Ordinary 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) William Arthur Cole
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) Jan. 26/1920
- Place of Birth. Town Liskeard, Province Cornwall England
- Permanent Place of Residence. No. 1058 Street King St.  
Town Regina, Province Saskatchewan
- Are you a British Subject? Yes
- How long have you resided in Canada? 18 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? Grade Nine and 1 year of Commercial High  
(Certificates of School Authorities must be attached)
- What practical experience have you had?  
(Details and certificates from employers, trade credentials, etc., must be attached to substantiate employment reported.)  
6 Lark of Warehouse (General West Saddlery)
- Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? No
- If so, give details. N.A.
- Have you ever served in such forces? Yes
- If so, give dates and details. Regina Rifle Regiment & Sea Cadets 1-1/31-12-37
- 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? Yes  
Why? Due to underweight
- Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? No  
(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19)
- What is your weight? 122 Height 5'6" Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 33 1/2
- 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. N.A.
- Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? Yes

Signature of Witness

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 Regina, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1939, in the presence of  
H. M. England Signature of Witness William John Cole 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



# MEDICAL HISTORY OF AN INVALID

## INSTRUCTIONS TO MEDICAL OFFICERS



- A. In using this Form, Medical Officers will be guided by instructions issued at NDHQ.  
 B. This Form may be used for all ranks, at home and abroad, for change in Category (or profile) and will be used when discharge from His Majesty's Forces is contemplated.  
 C. All sections must be answered in full.  
 D. A definite diagnosis of all diseases or injuries recorded must be made, and the "Standard Morbidity Code for Canada" must be followed.  
 E. The Medical Officer in charge of the case is responsible for the completion of pages 1, 2 and 3. The President and Members of the Medical Board are responsible for the completion of page 4.

B.N. & P. S. Hosp.  
 STATION Barnegat, N.S. DATE 12 May '45

1. (a) Unit H.M.C.S. Beacon Hill Active GO 139 (b) Regimental No. 3559  
 (Cross out those not applicable) NRMA (c) Rank C.P.O.  
RF  
 (d) COLE (e) William Arthur  
 (Surname, use block letters) (Christian names)  
 (f) Home address 726 Newbury Street, Victoria, B.C., Canada  
 (g) Next of kin Mrs. Joyce Taylor Cole (h) Relationship Wife  
 (i) Address of next of kin as (f)

2. Age last birthday 25 Date of birth 26 Jan. '20  
 3. Enlistment, or Appointment: (a) Place Esquimalt, B.C. (b) Date 15 Jan. '40  
 (c) Category or Profile on enlistment or appointment: 

Y	O	B	P	U	L	H	E	M	S

A  
 (d) If lower than Category A or Grade 1 on enlistment or appointment, give reason

4. Personal description: (a) Height 5ft. 7in. (b) (i) Weight on enlistment, stripped: 115 lbs.  
 (ii) Present weight, stripped: 114 lbs.  
 (c) Complexion fair (d) Colour of hair fair (e) Eyes blue  
 (f) Identification marks, scars, etc. operation scar (1 Mar. '45) inserted "U" suboccipital area.

5. Former civilian trade, profession or occupation clerk  
 (b) Occupation in Navy Seaman (gunnery)  
 6. Service. (The information should be secured from personal Military Documents if available. If not, a statement from the member of the forces may be taken and note made to that effect.)  
 (a) Length of service in this war: Years 5 Months 3 Days 15

(b) Periods of Service:

	REGTL NO.	UNIT ON DISCHARGE OR DEMOBILIZATION	FROM	TO
(1) Former Wars				
(2) War 1939—Canada	<u>3559</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. Annapolis</u>	<u>15 Jan. '40</u>	<u>15 May '41</u>
" " Abroad	<u>3559</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. St. Laurent (Ireland)</u>	<u>15 May '41</u>	<u>May '42</u>
(on embarkation)		<u>H.M.C.S. St. Laurent (Ireland)</u>	<u>May '42</u>	<u>Present</u>
Canada on return from abroad		<u>(England)</u>		
(on disembarkation)				

7. Present Diseases or Injuries (to be filled in when examination has been completed.)

CAUSE	PRESENT DISEASES OR INJURIES	PLACE OF ORIGIN	DATE OF ORIGIN	CODE NUMBER
<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Cerebellar meningioma (post-op)</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>0224</u>



8. Present Condition

(a) Subjective

"I can't see very well. The ~~rt~~ side of my body feels weak. I sometimes feel nauseous. My speech is thick and I tire easily"

(In the individual's own words)

(b)

History of present disability. (This section should contain a detailed history of the condition described in Section 8 (a). Date and place of treatment should be recorded, and if pre-enlistment in origin, the name and address of the attending physician or institution should be included. Special care will be taken as to history in respect of injuries incurred during service. Has Court of Inquiry been held? or MFM 371 been completed? Copies of Medical Case Sheets, DP & NH Forms 100, and consultant opinions should be listed and attached.)

O.C. '44 - headaches which progressively increased in severity associated with subjective diminution in visual acuity  
Jan. '45 - R.N. Army Hosp. London leaving - still complaining of intense headaches and cervical pain. Diagnosis of disease of cervical spine, possibly tuberculous. By that time began to have incontinence and vomiting & papilloedema, with rt. 6<sup>th</sup> nerve palsy. Possibility of tuberculoma involving it or tuberculoma considered. Minderwa jacket applied to immobilize cervical spine.  
28 Feb. '45 - admitted B.N. & P.S. - Diagnosis of posterior fossa tumour made. Operated on next day (see Operation note attached) with removal of meningioma from rt side of posterior fossa.

(c) History of previous disabilities

No history of any <sup>previous</sup> serious operation or illness. Had severe scald (spring '43) over genitals with no resulting disability.

STATEMENT OF THE INVALID

9. (Sections 8 (a), (b) and (c) are to be read to the member of the forces and either "Satisfied" or "Not Satisfied" struck out.)

I, the undersigned, William Arthur Cole having heard the contents of Sections 8 (a),

(b) and (c) read, am satisfied (~~or not satisfied~~) with it. (If dissatisfied statement should follow.)

I complain in addition of nothing.

L.L.B.

(Initials of Examining Officer)

William Arthur Cole

Signature in full of member of Force

C.P.O. Rank

Date 1<sup>st</sup> May '45.



10. Present condition. (Before completing this section, the member of the Forces will be stripped and subjected to a thorough physical examination. All defects, no matter how trivial, will be recorded. Specialists' reports if not included in 8 (b) will be obtained when necessary to ensure a definite diagnosis. Blood pressure to be taken in all cases.)

Pt. has been on leave, able to walk 3 miles though with slight staggering gait - has not fallen. Speech is somewhat dysarthric though definitely improving. His insight is quite good and he is well aware of his capabilities and present physical defects.

Head & Neck - Suboccipital wd. well healed, not tender; soft & not bulging.

Cranial nerves - pupils active & equal; slight residual blurring both disc margins, especially on rt. Only slight pallor both discs. No 6th nerve palsy. No diplopia.

Can read written letters but eyes tire quickly.

Has fine nystagmus on lateral gaze. Remainder cranial nerves intact.

Extremities - No gross objective weakness detected in rt arm or rt leg as compared to left side. There is incoordination in rt arm and rt leg. No apparent sensory deficit including position sense.

Deep reflexes - brisk and equal in upper extremities, sluggish and equal K.T.'s both sides; active A.T.'s both sides. plantar response bilaterally flexor. Abdominals brisk and symmetrical.

Chest - N.A.D. B.P. 118/76.

Abdomen, including hernial sites - N.A.D. Scarring dorsum of penis noted (scald Apr. '43).

Gait - Tends to stagger to right; Romberg positive to right.

attached - (1) operation notes 2/1 Mar. '45

(2) X-ray #14919 d/28 Feb. '45

(3) X-ray #14921 d/1 Mar. '45

(4) X-ray #15970 d/11 Apr. '45

YOB	P	U	L	H	E	M	S
'20	5	5	5	1	5	1	1

11. Were the diseases or injuries caused or aggravated:

(a) By intemperance or improper conduct. NO.

(b) By unreasonable refusal to accept treatment. NO.

12. What is the probable future duration of the disease or injuries? Indefinite.

13. Is further treatment in hospital, convalescent home, etc, likely to be of material benefit? NO. Should

(If the answer is "yes" state nature of treatment required and probable duration.)

have intermittent neurological check-ups.

14. Can the former civilian trade, profession or occupation be resumed? Not at present.

(If not, briefly state why)

Because of residual diminished visual acuity and incoordination of rt arm and rt leg.

15. Recommendations refer to Medical Board.

Date 1st May '45.

L. L. Beunten, Maj. RCAMC

Medical Officer by whom the case is brought forward.



16. (a) Does the Board concur with the preceding report ? If not give differing opinions with reasons.....

the tumor. Tumor was encapsulated and removed in one piece. The portion of tentorium where it was attached was cauterized but there remains the possibility of recurrence and he should be returned directly to a neurosurgical center in Canada for follow up.

(b) Final Diagnosis with Code No. (if different from Paragraph 7)

(c) Category or Profile

Category D - stretchers.

YOB	P	U	L	H	E	M	S
'20	5	5	5	1	5	1	1

17. Recommendation of Medical Board :

(a) Does require treatment (give the nature of treatment or convalescence required and probable duration)

Requires a further period of observation in a neurosurgical center in Canada.

~~(b) Does not require treatment.~~

G.N. + P.S. Hoop.

Basingstoke Hants

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1 May 45

W. S. Stewart Lt. Col.

*RCAMC, President.*

*William G. Lupton*

RCAMC

*W. M. Armstrong* Capt. RCAMC  
*L. L. Buntin* Major RCAMC

Members.

### Members.

18.

**TO BE COMPLETED WHEN TREATMENT IS REFUSED**

I, the undersigned.....understand the nature of the  
treatment recommended, and I refuse to accept it, for the following reasons.....

Witness

Signed

(Should the refusal appear unreasonable, or should he decline to sign the statement, the Board of Officers should so state.)

*RCAMC, President.*

Place

RCAMC

Date \_\_\_\_\_

RCAMC

### Members.

19. APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMED BY  
(when indicated)

*ADMS, DMO, CMO or PMO*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

MAY 2 - 1945

for (R. M. Linton) Major-General  
DGMS or DMS (Air)  
Canadian Military Headquarters



## CONDUCT SHEET

NAME William Arthur COLE

RATING

PORT DIVISION and Esquimalt, BC  
OFFICIAL NUMBER ON. 3559

NAME OF SHIP.	Date of Entry.	No. of G.C. Badges held.	Date of Commencement of "very good" conduct. (Art. 527, cl. 4 and 5) If conduct is not "very good" insert "Nil."	Class for Conduct. If in 2nd class, insert (1) Date of reduction. (2) Date of proposed restoration.	Class for Leave. If in 2nd class, insert date from which to count for restoration to 1st class. (Art. 573, cl. 2)	Character since last assessment on Service Certificate or Conduct Sheet (Art. 605, cl. 5 and 8).			Efficiency. (Art. 607).	For Art. 413 ratings only.		Ship Discharged to (giving date, if it differs from date of assessment of character, and, in the case of an Officers' Steward or Cook discharged to Shore, the cause of discharge).	In red ink—Whether recommended for Training Service (See Note 7).	Commanding Officers' Signature.
						From.	To	Character Assessment and R. M. G., if applicable.		Whether recommended for advancement (Must be fit for immediate advancement and fully qualified).	Whether recommended with a view to accelerated advancement. (must also be fit for immediate advancement but not necessarily fully qualified.)			
C.S. "NADEN"	15 Jan 40	—	15 Jan 40	1	1	15 Jan 40	8 July 40	V.G.	Sat. NY(NQ)	No	"Stadacona"			
Stadacona	9 July	Nil	—	1	1	9 July	9 July	—	No change	—	Venture (Aras)			
Venture (Aras)	10 July	—	—	1	1	10 July	27 Jan 41	V.G.	Sat (NO)	—	Stadacona			J.P. Jones
Stadacona	28 Jan	—	—	1	1	28 Jan	1 June	V.G.	Sat. NY(NQ)	NO	St. Laurent			
St. Laurent	Aug 41	Nil	—	1	1	June	9 July 41	V.G.	Sat. NY(NQ)	NO	Stadacona			R. J. Jones
Stadacona	10 July 42	—	—	1	1	10 July	10 July 42	V.G.	Sat. R.C.O.C.	NO	Corwallis			
Corwallis	11 July 42	—	—	NC	—	1 Jan 43	23 Jan 43	V.G.	Sat. R.C.O.C.	—	Skema			
Skema	23 Jan 43	—	—	NC	—	23 Jan 43	20 Feb 44	V.G.	—	—	Stadacona			P. Russell

## NOTES.

- Destruction of Conduct Sheet.**—Attention is directed to Art. 603, cl. 3, K.R., which provides for the destruction, after the next assessment of character, of a Conduct Sheet shewing the record of offences in a previous ship. But the Conduct Sheet of a man joining a shore or harbour establishment may (and for Leading Seamen, Leading Signalmen, Able Seamen and Signalmen must) be kept in use and accompany him to his next sea-going ship.
- Class for Conduct.**—The date of proposed restoration may be any date not less than 3 months and not more than 6 calendar months from date of reduction. See Art. 567, K.R.
- Good Conduct Medal and Gratuity.**—Recommendations are to be made according to the instructions in Arts. 534, cl. 3, and 606, cl. 4, K.R. If the recommendation is intentionally withheld, a statement to that effect should be inserted. (See Art. 534, cl. 15).
- Whether Recommended for Advancement.**—Always insert either "Yes" or "No." Recommendations to be made on exactly the same basis as for S.507. For Leading Seamen, Leading Signalmen, Able Seamen and Signalmen insert also "S.G.R." or "H.R." according as the ship is or is not a "seagoing" ship (Appendix XVII., Part I., para. 10) in relation to the individual rating concerned. If a rating is not fully qualified, "No" must be inserted in this column, even though "Yes" may be inserted in the next column.
- Accelerated Advancement.**—Recommendations are not to be made in this column unless the rating was likely to have been recommended for accelerated advancement on the next return S.507 had he remained in the ship. This column is intended merely to assist the Captain of the ship to which the rating is discharged in rendering S.507 at the end of the half-year, by bringing to his notice ratings of more than ordinary merit, who should be specially considered when making the special recommendations on S.507 for the accelerated advancement of a limited proportion of the ship's company. When recommending Leading Seamen, Leading Signalmen, Able Seamen and Signalmen add "S.G.R." or "H.R." as directed for previous column.
- Offences and Punishments.**—To be recorded on page 2.
- Training Service.**—In the case of the following it should be stated in this column in red ink whether or not the rating is recommended for the Training Service:—E.R.A.s, E.A.s, O.A.s and Stoker branches.







C O P Y

Quote No. 11/RCN/1/4 (AMD2)

CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS

2 Cockspur Street  
(Trafalgar Square)  
London, S.W. 1.

S.C.N.O.  
King's House,  
Haymarket, SW.1.

M.F.'S B. 227

Stretcher Case. "D"

3559 CPO Cole, W.A. Cerebellar Meningioma (post/op).

2. May authority be granted immediately for this man's return to Canada on the next draft, please.

(Signed) L. A. Griffith, Major,  
Embarkation Medical Officer for D.M.S.,  
Canadian Military Headquarters.

LAG/GAP  
Enclos:-  
Copy: Niobe.

MINUTE II

File C.S. 170-1-1.

The Principal Medical Officer,  
H.M.C.S. "NIOBE",  
c/o C.F.M.O.,  
Glasgow, Scotland.

Forwarded for your information.

*for*  
*Repatriation requested 11th May*  
*Distribute in usual manner please*  
A. E. Anderson,  
Surgeon Captain, R.C.N.V.R.,  
Senior Medical Officer,  
Canadian Naval Mission Overseas.

King's House, 10 Haymarket,  
London, S. W. 1.

10th May, 1945.

Encls. (4).



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

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 Arthur COLE.*  
IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

*Esquimalt. B.C.*

Official Number *3559*

Date of birth	<i>26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1920.</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province	<i>England.</i>	Name: <i>Joyce COLE</i>
born { Town or county	<i>East Looe, Cornwall</i>	Relationship: <i>Wife</i>
Trade brought up to	<i>Clerk</i> <b>O.H.F.</b>	Address: <i>19 Hampton Rd., Victoria, B.C.</i>
Religious denomination	<i>United Church.</i>	
Date passed swimming test	<i>P.P.T. (Under 13) Jan 1920</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>15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1940</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

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as a boy.....							
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>33½</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fresh</i>	
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary .....							



Name William Arthur COLE.

[illegible]

Wounds received in Action and Hurt Certificate; also any Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prize or other Grants

Captain's  
Signature



Examinations passed and Notations or Qualifications other than those entered on History Sheets

[illegible]







# NAVAL MESSAGE

For  
Signal

DRAFTED BY D.P.R.  
(PAYMR. LIEUT. T. F. HEARD)

Department  
only

FILE NO.: N.S. M-3559  
PERS. (N)

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Originators Instructions:  
(Indication of Priority,  
Intercept Group, etc.)

No. of  
Groups:

TO: MRS. JOYCE COLE,  
19 HAMPTON ROAD, SAANICH,  
VICTORIA, B.C.

FROM: NAVAL SERVICE  
HEADQUARTERS,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

Write  
Across

REGRET TO REPORT YOU HUSBAND, WILLIAM ARTHUR COLE, CHIEF PETTY OFFICER,

5

OFFICIAL NO. 3559, R.C.N., HAS BEEN PLACED ON SERIOUS CASE LIST,

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IN ROYAL NAVAL AUXILIARY HOSPITAL, LONDONERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND,

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SUFFERING FROM ARTHRITIS OF CERVICAL SPINE. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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Operator

Date

30-1-45.



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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. N-3559, PERS.(N)

31 January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Cole:

With reference to my telegram of the 30th of January, 1945, it is confirmed that your husband, William Arthur Cole, Chief Petty Officer, Official Number 3559, Royal Canadian Navy, has been placed on the serious case list in the Royal Naval Auxiliary Hospital, Londonderry, Northern Ireland, suffering from arthritis of cervical spine (rheumatism in the region of the neck).

No other information is available at this time but as soon as further reports are received you will be notified immediately.

It is suggested that you address his mail as follows:

William Arthur Cole, Chief Petty Officer,  
O.N. 3559, Royal Canadian Navy,  
c/o Canadian Fleet Mail Office,  
Great Britain,  
LONDON S. W. I, England.

and the envelope should be plainly marked "IN HOSPITAL".

Please be assured that your husband is receiving the best of medical attention and that everything possible is being done for his comfort and welfare.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Joyce Cole,  
19 Hampton Road, Saanich,  
VICTORIA, B.C.

Date 1.2.45  
Time 1430

BF  
14/12  
14 APR 15



## NAVAL MESSAGE

MRS JOYCE COLE  
19 HAMPTON ROAD  
SAANICH VICTORIA B.C.

From: 8  
NSEQ

N-3559

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REGRET TO REPORT YOUR HUSBAND'S CONDITION  
MORE SERIOUS HE HAS BEEN PLACED ON DANGEROUS  
CASE LIST..

CNP  
CSOR

/15

PASSED TO VICTORIA AT 161310

IL/T P/L 15-2-45 LD 03651

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(PEYMR LIEUT T F HEARD  
FILE NO.: NS N-3559 PERS (N).



NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

From:

NSHQ  
(R) HC FOR CANADA  
HMCS NIOBE  
RCN DEPOT HALIFAX

N. 3559 CNMO

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CNP  
CSOR  
DPR

CONDITION COLE 3559 MY 21/1455A  
IS DETERIORATING HIS BROTHER MAJOR T COLE  
CANADIAN ARMY EXPECTED LONDONDERRY PM 27TH.

261554A

RE COLE 3559 STILL DANGEROUS CASE LIST.

T/T CODE 270712Z/2/45 JD 26212

JS



# NAVAL MESSAGE

From:

CNMO

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NSHQ  
(R) HC FOR CANADA

HMCS NIobe  
RCN DEPOT HALIFAX

COLE 3559 MS 281430 TRANSFERRED BASINGSTOKE

HOSPITAL 28TH FEBRUARY SUPPOSED DIAGNOSIS

BRAIN TUMOR

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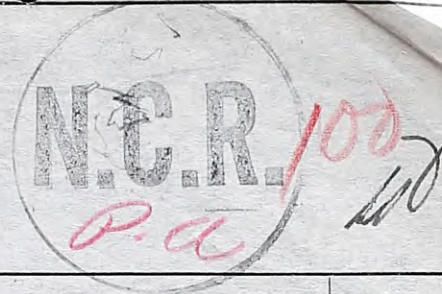


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N.S. 815-9-1320B  
\* K.P. 2690

# NAVAL MESSAGE

For use in  
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(PAYMR. LIEUT. T. F. HEARD) *sh*  
FILE NO.: N.S. N-3559 PERS. (N)



Originators Instructions:  
(Indication of Priority,  
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No. of  
Groups:

TO: MRS. JOYCE COLE,  
19 HAMPTON ROAD,  
SAANICH, VICTORIA, B.C.

FROM NAVAL SERVICE  
HEADQUARTERS,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

Write  
Across

STATES				5
REPORT DATED 1st MARCH REPORTS YOUR HUSBAND TRANSFERRED TO				
BASINGSTOKE HOSPITAL, BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND, 28th FEBRUARY.				10
DIAGNOSIS BRAIN TUMOR.				15
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Date

2-3-45.



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For

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Decipherment

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To

Originator's last name  
Location of origin  
Initials of origin

FROM

TO

Initials  
Address

64136

Date

Operator

Time of day

Time of day of origin

System

Direction

Message



~~RESTRICTED~~  
NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

NSHQ  
(R) HC FOR CANADA  
HMCS NIOBE  
RON DEPOT HALIFAX

From:

N.3559

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CNP  
CSOR  
DPR

COLE 3559 MY 14/2153 A STILL DANGEROUS CASE LIST  
EXPECT TRANSFER TO CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL  
TAPLOW BY AIR IN FEW DAYS FOR CONFIRMATION OF  
DIAGNOSIS

211455A

142153 RE: COLE 3559 REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL NOW  
PLACED ON DANGEROUS CASE LIST

T/T

CODE

212042Z/2/45

TO

20249



# NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

NSHQ  
(R) HC FOR CANADA  
HMCS NIOBE  
RCN DEPOT HALIFAX

From:

W. 3559  
G N M O LONDON

GNP  
DPR

✓  
COLE 3559 MY 07/1111A BRAIN TUMOR REMOVED  
SURGICALLY GENERAL CONDITION FAVOURABLE REMAINS  
SERIOUS CASE LIST PENDING PATHOLOGICAL REPORT  
↙

191135A

RE COLE 3559 TRANSFERRED FROM DANGEROUS TO SERIOUS  
CASE LIST

T/T

P/L 191544Z/3/45

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NAVY MESSAGE

FROM

TO

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N.S. 8-1-20B  
K. 1-1-59

# NAVAL MESSAGE

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Department  
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LIEUT. (S) T. F. HEARD

FILE NO.: N.S. N-3559 PERS. (N)



Originators Instructions:  
(Indication of Priority,  
Intercept Group, etc.)

No. of  
Groups:

TO: MRS. JOYCE T. COLE,  
2215 Queen St.,  
REGINA, Sask.

FROM: NAVAL SERVICE  
HEADQUARTERS,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

Write  
Across

PLEASED TO REPORT YOUR HUSBAND HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM

5

SERIOUS CASE LIST. NORMAL CONVALESCENCE ANTICIPATED.

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31-3-45.



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# NAVAL MESSAGE

For *in*  
Signal  
Department  
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File No.: N.S. N-3559 PERS. (N)



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Originators Instructions:  
(Indication of Priority,  
Intercept Group, etc.)

No. of  
Groups:

TO: MRS. JOYCE COLE,  
19 HAMPTON ROAD,  
SAANICH, VICTORIA, B.C.

FROM: NAVAL SERVICE  
HEADQUARTERS,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

Write  
Across

YOUR HUSBAND'S CONDITION IMPROVING. HE HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED				5
FROM DANGEROUS TO SERIOUS CASE LIST.				10
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Operator

Date

Receipt

Despatch

8-3-45.



LA/CC

REGISTERED

N.S. V-3559, PERS. (N)

22 March, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Cole:

Further to my telegram of the 8th of March, 1945, information concerning your husband's condition has now been received in the Department from the Canadian Authorities overseas.

It has been learned that he underwent an operation for the removal of a brain tumor but his general condition is favourable. He is still, however, considered seriously ill but it is understood that a further report will be forthcoming shortly and the information contained therein will be passed on to you when received.

Your anxiety at this time is appreciated and it is sincerely hoped that more favourable news of your husband's condition may be forwarded to you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Joyce T. Cole,  
2215 Queen Street,  
REGINA, Sask.,

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 22.3.45  
Time 1630



LA/CM

OTTAWA, Ontario, 13 December, 5

N.S. N-3559,  
F.D. 208, PERS.(N) "N"/5.  
Pol. No. 347032N

Sir:

Further to my letter of the 31st of  
October, 1945, the cause of death of William Arthur  
Cole, Chief Petty Officer, Official No. 3559, Royal  
Canadian Navy, is "Multiple brain and cord tumors".

There is no record in the Department that  
death was in any way associated with war injuries.

Yours truly,

*H.B. Money*  
for NAVAL SECRETARY.



Division Head,  
Ordinary & Industrial Claims,  
London Life Insurance Co.,  
LONDON, Ontario.

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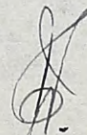
21st January, 1938. 7

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of 17th January, I am directed to inform you that on the 26th January, 1938, the date upon which you become 18 years of age, your name will automatically be transferred from the Boy (Seaman Class) Recruiting Roster to the Ordinary Seaman Recruiting Roster.

For your information I may state that there are no vacancies at present and it is not anticipated that there will be any for some considerable length of time.

Yours truly,



(J. O. Cossette),  
Naval Secretary.

MMR  
21.1.38

Mr. William A. Cole,  
1058 King Street,  
Regina, Sask.

Rec-011



May 3, 1938.

- NAVAL SERVICE -

PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Sir,-

I am directed to advise you that you are now under consideration for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy as **an Ordinary Seaman.**

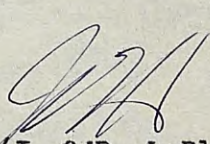
Before your entry can be approved, it will be necessary for you to be medically examined. You should report to the District Medical Officer of Military District No. **12, The New Armouries, Regina, Saskatchewan, at Nine A.M. as soon as possible,**

and request him to examine you, showing him this letter as your authority. You should hand him the enclosed Forms B.207 (Medical Examination Form) and B.207A (Physical Qualifications Required).

The District Medical Officer will examine you and will forward a report of the examination (Form B.207) to "The Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa", on receipt of which further instructions will be sent to you.

Yours truly,

Mr. William A. Cole,  
1088 King Street,  
REGINA, Sask.

  
(J. O'B. LeBlanc),  
Assistant Naval Secretary.

MEMO. TO D.O.C.

This is a preliminary medical examination only. Instructions for final medical examination will be issued later.

Attention is directed to N.D.H.Q. Circular Letter No.41/1937 of the 16th October, 1937. If satisfactory facilities for X-Ray examination are available at arrangements should be made for the above candidate to be X-Rayed should he be found otherwise fit. Report of X-Ray should be forwarded to "The Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa", with the preliminary medical examination report.



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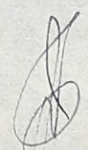
16th May, 1938.

Sir,-

With further reference to your application for entry into the Royal Canadian Navy, I am directed to inform you that the Certificate of Medical Examination dated 10th May, 1938, shows you to be below the required physical standard.

It is regretted, therefore, that further consideration cannot be given to your application and your name has been removed from the Ordinary Seaman Recruiting Roster at Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa.

Yours truly,

  
(J. O. Cossette),  
Naval Secretary.

Mr. William A. Cole,  
1058 King Street,  
REGINA, Sask.



N.S. 62-21-4 "C"

F.D. 121

1058 King St.,

Regina, Sask.

March. 19. 1939.

Department of National Defence.

(Naval Service.)

Ottawa, Canada.

DEFENCE

MAR 23 1939

62-21-4

ADA-1

Dear Sirs:

Would you kindly refer to my application for Naval Service under the above mentioned file number. It would be noted that my previous application was rejected owing to the fact that I was underweight.

At the present time my weight is 125 lbs, Height  $5'6\frac{1}{2}"$  and my chest, deflated is  $33\frac{1}{2}"$ . In view of the fact that I am underweight and not qualified for naval service I wish to tender this as my application to the service as a sick berth attendant.

In view of the fact that I am steadily gaining in weight I trust that you will give this application your favorable consideration.

Yours Truly  
William G. Cole.



MAIN FILE	
CHARGED TO	
SINCE	
REC'D. CENTRAL REGISTRY	
MAR 23 1939	
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NS. 62-21-4 "C"  
F.D. 121

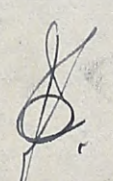
- NAVAL SERVICE -

23  
25th March, 1939.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of 19th March, 1939, I am directed to inform you that the decision given in Naval Service letter of 11th October, 1938, stating that you are below the physical standard required for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, is final.

Yours truly,

  
(J. O. Cossette),  
Naval Secretary.

Mr. William A. Cole,  
1058 King Street,  
REGINA, Sask.



1058 King Street,  
Regina, Sask.,  
March 28th, 1939.

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The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA - Ontario.

OFFENCE  
APR 29 1939  
62-21-4  
70121

Dear Sir:-

Reference file NS. 62-21-4 "C" F.D. 121. May my application for entry into the Royal Canadian Navy as an Ordinary Seaman be re-considered, please?

In a communication to you dated March 19, 1939, I requested that I be considered for entry as a sick berth attendant as I thought the physical requirements for this class were not quite so high as for the Seaman branch. However, since that time I have visited Major W.L. Coke, RCA MC, District Medical Officer, Military District No. 12, with a view to ascertaining whether or not he now considered me physically fit for entry as an Ordinary Seaman. Major Coke, as you know, has already examined me twice (June & Sept., 1938) and found me underweight each time. When he saw me today he remembered me and immediately remarked on the way I had grown and developed since I was examined by him in September, 1938. Major Coke examined me as to height, weight and chest, and stated that he now considered me physically fit for entry as an Ordinary Seaman and advised me to write to the Department of National Defence immediately, via Air Mail, and ask that my application be re-considered as he thought there might be a possibility of me getting in with the class of entries which is now being recruited. He also advised me to make out a new application, which you will find attached, in order to avoid any delay. I have not enclosed my birth certificate and character references as I believe these documents have already been accepted as satisfactory.

As I am most anxious to make the Navy my career, I would be very pleased if the authority to be medically examined by Major Coke might be sent to me by telegram "Collect". I would be only too glad to defray the cost of such a wire. If this is not possible I will be satisfied to let matters go through the normal channels.

I may state that my height is now 5' 6", my weight is now 122 lbs. and my chest measurement is 33½". These figures are as given to me by Major Coke today.

It is hoped that the above is in order and that you will be able to give my application some re-consideration.

Yours truly,

*William Arthur Goli*



MAIN FILE
CHARGED TO
SINCE
REC'D. CENTRAL REGISTRY
MAR 30 1939
REFERRED TO



## - NAVAL SERVICE -

5th April, 1939.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of 28th March, I am directed to advise you that before your name can be reinstated on the Recruiting Roster at Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, it will be necessary for you to be medically re-examined.

You should, therefore, report to the District Medical Officer of Military District No. 12, the New Armouries, Regina, at Nine A.M. and request him to examine you showing him this letter as your authority. You should hand him the enclosed Forms B207 (Medical Examination Form) and B207A (Physical Qualifications Required).

The District Medical Officer will examine you and forward a report of the examination, Form B207 to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, on receipt of which you will be communicated with further.

Yours truly,

Mr. William A. Cole,  
1058 King Street,  
REGINA, Sask.

District Officer Commanding/  
Military District No. 12,  
The New Armouries,  
REGINA, Sask.

(J. O. Cossette),  
Naval Secretary.

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- Forwarded for information. Cole was examined by you on 10th May, 1938 and rejected as medically unfit "underdevelopment, weight 108 lbs; slight trace of albumen". examined again on 4th October, 1938 and rejected as unfit, "underdevelopment, weight 110 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs".

This re-examination is requested as Cole has applied again for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy.

OTTAWA, 5th April, 1939.

(J. O. Cossette),  
Naval Secretary.



-NAVAL SERVICE-

20th April, 1939.

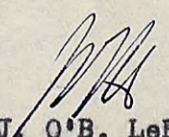
Sir,-

With further reference to your application for entry into the Royal Canadian Navy, I am directed to advise you that the certificate of Medical Examination, dated 11th April, 1939, shows you to be physically fit.

Your name has, therefore, been reinstated on the Recruiting Roster for consideration in your turn when a vacancy occurs as an Ordinary Seaman.

When your name is reached, instructions regarding your provisional Medical Examination will be forwarded to you. Pending receipt of these instructions, you should keep the Department advised of any change in your address.

Yours truly,

  
(J. O'B. LeBlanc);  
Assistant Naval Secretary.

Mr. William A. Cole,  
1058 King Street,  
REGINA, Sask.



(NAVAL SERVICE)

8th January, 1940.

Sir:

I am directed to advise you that you are now under consideration for entry into the Royal Canadian Navy as an Ordinary Seaman under a Seven Years' Continuous and General Service Engagement to date 15th January, 1940.

Before your entry can be approved, it will be necessary for you to undergo final medical examination. You are to report to the District Medical Officer of Military District No. 12, The New Armouries, Regina, Sask., at Nine A.M. on Friday, 12th January, 1940, and request him to examine you, showing him this letter as your authority. You should hand him the enclosed Forms B207 in triplicate (Medical Examination Form) and B207A (Physical Qualifications Required).

Provided you are found physically fit, the Military Authorities will supply you with the following transportation from Regina, Sask., to Victoria, B.C.:-

1 Second Class Railway Ticket	- Regina, Sask., to Vancouver, B.C.
1 Upper Tourist Berth	- Regina, Sask., to Vancouver, B.C.
1 Steamship Ticket	- Vancouver, B.C., to Victoria, B.C.

You are to report to the Commander, R.C.N. Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C., on Monday, 15th January, 1940, when you will be given a further medical examination and educational test.

If you are not physically fit, the Military Authorities will so advise you, in which case your entry cannot be approved.

You should acknowledge receipt of this letter: enclosed addressed envelope is for this purpose.

/ Yours truly,

Mr. William A. Cole,  
1058 King Street,  
REGINA, Sask.

(D) The Commander/  
R.C.N. Barracks,  
ESQUIMALT, B. C.

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(J. O. Cossette)  
Naval Secretary.

-Forwarded for information. Provided Cole reports and is suitable in all respects, he is to be entered in the R.C.N. as an Ordinary Seaman to date 15th January, 1940. X-Ray Report and Certificate attached thereto are enclosed. Date of Birth - 26th January, 1920, certified by Certificate of Birth.

Copy of Continuous Service Engagement Form is to be forwarded to Headquarters in due course. BY ORDER.

Copy D.O.C. - For'd for information with reference to Headquarters memorandum No. NS 62-21-4 "C" FD 121 of 5th April, 1939. X-Ray Examination was carried out on 11th April, 1939.

Naval Secretary.



CERTIFICATE

§ Strike out "Parent" or "Guardian" as the case may be.

\*\*Strike out "he" or "she" according to sex of Parent or Guardian.

† The assertion of the boy himself should not be taken as sufficient warrant for this statement.

I certify that I am personally acquainted with this Boy's § <sup>Parent,</sup> ~~Guardian,~~ and am † aware\*\* <sup>he</sup> ~~she~~ has consented to the Boy's entry as above, and I believe the particulars stated herein to be true.

.....Clergyman of the Parish.

or *H. M. Burghardt*.....Resident Householder }

*Sailor*.....Occupation }

*1407 - 13<sup>th</sup> ave*.....Address

*Beginning Aug 16<sup>th</sup>*.....1937

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy whose Father is dead

Date of Father's death.....

Place of death.....

Signed.....Mother.

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy whose Parents are both dead

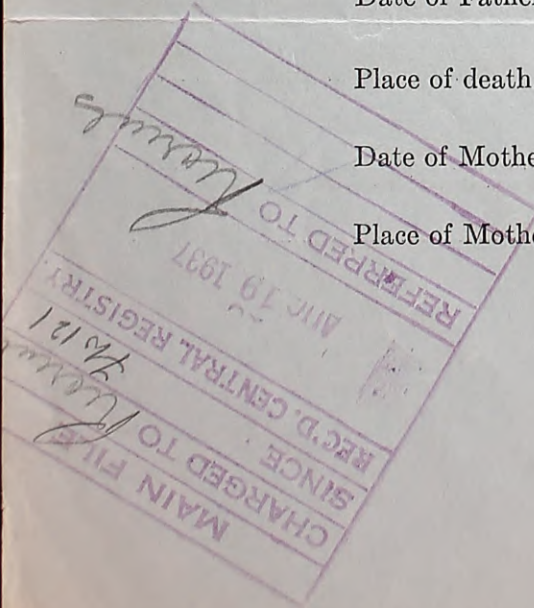
Date of Father's death.....

Place of death.....

Date of Mother's death.....

Place of Mother's death.....

Signed.....Guardian.





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# CONSENT PAPER

(This paper is required in all cases where the Candidate is under the age of 18 years, in addition to the Certificate of Birth or Declaration.)

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\*Strike out "son" or "ward" as the case may be.

I hereby certify that my <sup>son,\*</sup> ~~ward~~ William Arthur Cole has my full consent (being himself willing) to enter the Naval Service of Canada for a period of seven years' continuous and general service, from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary until he attains that age, agreeably to the King's Regulations.

He has not been in a Reformatory, nor has he been sentenced to imprisonment.

I declare that he has never had fits.

† No alteration or erasure is to be made in the date of birth given.

The date of the boy's birth is Jan 26 1920

His Religious persuasion is United Church

Witness my hand at Regina

16<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. 1937

††Strike out "Parent's" or "Guardian's" as the case may be.

Parent's ~~Guardian's~~ Signature in full William John Cole

† Must be signed by the Father, if alive, or satisfactory explanation made.

Parent's ~~Guardian's~~ Address 1058 King St.

In the case of a Guardian see other side.

Regina Sask.

I, the above named William Arthur Cole do consent to enter the Naval Service of Canada.

§ The Boy and Parent or Guardian must sign in the presence of the witness to their signatures.

§ Boy's signature in full William Arthur Cole

Signed by the said [Here write boy's name] William Arthur Cole

And [Here write Parent's or Guardian's name] William John Cole

In the presence of { H. M. Burghardt Witness to signature of Boy, and Parent or Guardian.

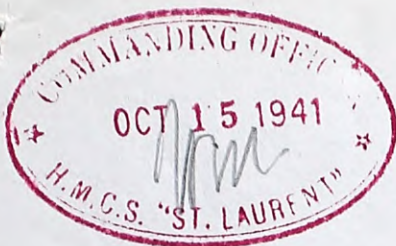
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE DEPT. NATIONAL DEFENCE

- NAVAL SERVICE -

OCT 22 1941

N.S. 62-C-396  
OTTAWA, 8th September, 1941

MEMORANDUM:

P149424 P149052

The undermentioned rating is, according to Headquarters' records, eligible in all respects for advancement.

In accordance with N.M.O. 1482, it is approved to advance this rating, if, in your opinion, he is fit to perform the duties of the higher rating and subject to your verification that he is qualified according to regulations, particularly as regard "V.G." conduct and time.

Name and Official Number.	Present Rating.	Rating to which to be advanced	Remarks.
Wm. Arthur COLE Official Number 3559	Able Seaman	Acting Ldg. Seaman (Ty.)  To Date 1st Aug./41	

To: The Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "ST LAURENT" ✓ BY ORDER,  
Copy to: The Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "AVALON"  
The Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "STADACONA" - for information. (J. O. Cossetto), Naval Secretary.

Noted in "...H.M.C.S. 'ST. LAURENT'.....". It has been verified that this man is qualified under the regulations for advancement, and I consider him to be fit to perform the duties of the higher rating.

He has been advanced to... Acting Leading Seaman (ty)...  
to date... 1st August, 1941... 1941.

*W. Mayner*  
Lieutenant-Commander, R.C.N.  
Commanding Officer.

This form is to be returned to the "Naval Secretarys Department of National Defence". If the Commanding Officer does not consider the man fit for advancement, a report stating the circumstances is to be attached.

NOTED ON ESTIMATE CARD
Date /7-11-41
Initial <i>LS</i>

1. Noted in Records	<i>Edmm</i>
2. Index Card	
3. Non-Sub. Card	<i>Edmm</i>
4. Statistical Card	<i>Edmm</i>
5. Roneo Strip	
6. Pension Card	
7. ....	
8. ....	
DATE	24.10.41



# SEAMAN BRANCH

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Application for, and report of result of,

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## PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION

for the rating of PETTY OFFICER

### I.—APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION

H.M.C.S. "ST. LAURENT"

Name of Candidate (in full) William A. COLE

Present Rating Acting Leading Seaman O.N. R.C.N. 3559

Port Division ESQUIMALT, B.C.

Date of Application for Examination 9th April, 1942

Date and Particulars of Previous Failures:—

NIL

- (i) The Candidate has served the requisite period of time, he is fully eligible for examination, and has the necessary recommendations required by the Regulations.
- (ii) He has carried out the duties of helmsman satisfactorily.
- (iii) I am satisfied that he possesses the necessary qualities which with further experience will fit him to make an efficient Petty Officer/Leading Seaman, and I consider that he has a reasonable chance of passing.

DRAFTING and ADVANCEMENT DEPOT	
1 History Card	<i>ASh</i>
2 Index Card	
3 Roneo Card	
4 Advancement	<i>ASh</i>
5 A.A. Card	
6 Training	
7 Statistical	
8	
DATE	<i>31-7-42</i>

To COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.C.S. "STADACONA"  
HALIFAX, N.S.

*E.H. Armstrong*  
Commander R.C.N. Captain

#### NOTES—

(a) This application is to be submitted (in duplicate) to the Administrative Authority, together with the Service Certificate, history sheet and Form S. 264 written up specially for the examination and signed by the Commanding Officer.

(b) On completion of the examination, Form S. 441, in duplicate, is to be forwarded to the candidate's ship, the Commanding Officer of which is to insert the basic date of passing the examination. One copy of the Form is then to be forwarded to the Administrative Authority, the other being forwarded to the Depot. In the case of failure, one copy is to be forwarded to the Administrative Authority, the other being retained with the candidate's papers for future reference. Failures are to be noted on Form S. 264 (Divisional Record Sheet).

C.N.S. 441  
15M-3-41 (9881)  
N.S. 815-9-441

Noted in Service  
Records by *Emm*  
4/8/42.



## II.—RESULT OF EXAMINATION

### SECTION I

Whether "Passed" or "Failed"..... *Passed - Good*

(If passed state whether "V.G." (85% and above), "Good" (70% to 85%), or "Fair" (below 70%) )

(See A.F.O. 9/39)

### SECTION II

Subject	Maximum Marks		Marks Required to Pass		Marks obtained	
	P.O.	L. Sea.	P.O.	L. Sea.	On Examination	On re-examination
Rigging.....	60	80	30	40	<i>49</i>	
Anchor Work.....	50	60	25	30	<i>23</i>	
Rule of the Road.....	30	30	15	15	<i>20</i>	
Boat Work.....	80	80	48	48	<i>86</i>	
General Duties.....	60	40	30	20	<i>34</i>	
Organization.....	40		20		<i>22</i>	
Signals.....	30	30	15	15	<i>19</i>	
Watertight Fittings.....	10	10	5	5	<i>20</i>	
Duties in Part of Ship and Mess.....		30		15		

#### REMARKS—

The Candidate has:—

(i) ~~Passed a V.G./Good/Fair Examination.~~

(V.G.—85% and above, Good—70% to 85%, Fair—below 70%)

(ii) Failed as indicated above.

He is recommended for re-examination by his own Ship's Officers in the subjects indicated above in accordance with K.R. Appendix XII, Part 22A, Clause 8 (b).

Date..... *13 June 1942*

*R. J. M. M. M.*  
*Commander R.N.*  
 President of Board

Candidate's Signature (in full).....

Basic date of passing professionally for.....  
 (K.R. and A.I. Appendix XII, Part 22A, Clauses 7 and 8)

is.....

Re-examined by Ship's Officers in relevant subjects of Section II on board

H.M.C.S. "....." on..... 194.....

Date.....

Forwarded, the necessary notation has been made on the Service Certificate.

The Commanding Officer,  
 R.C.N. Barracks,

.....  
 Captain

H.M.C.S. ....

Date.....



# SEAMAN BRANCH

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Application for, and report of result of,

## PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION

for the rating of LEADING SEAMAN

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### I.—APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION

H.M.C.S. "ST. LAURENT"

Name of Candidate (in full) COLE, William Arthur

Present Rating ABLE SEAMAN R.C.N. O.N. 3559

Port Division HALIFAX N.S.

Date of Application for Examination 1-4-41

Date and Particulars of Previous Failures:—

.....NIL.....

- (i) The Candidate has served the requisite period of time, he is fully eligible for examination, and has the necessary recommendations required by the Regulations.
- (ii) He has carried out the duties of helmsman satisfactorily.
- (iii) I am satisfied that he possesses the necessary qualities which with further experience will fit him to make an efficient ~~Petty Officer~~/Leading Seaman, and I consider that he has a reasonable chance of passing.

To President Examination Board

H.M.C.S. "Stadacona"

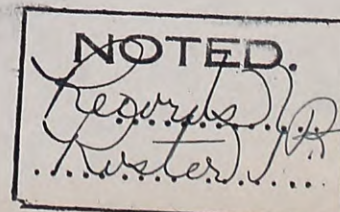
*St. Mary*  
Captain

#### NOTES—

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C.N.S. 441  
10M-4-39  
N.S. 815-9-441





# II.—RESULT OF EXAMINATION

## SECTION I

Whether "Passed" or "Failed" *Passed Good*

(If passed state whether "V.G." (85% and above), "Good" (70% to 85%), or "Fair" (below 70%))

(See A.F.O. 9/39)

## SECTION II

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Rule of the Road.....	30	30	15	15	<i>25</i>	
Boat Work.....	80	80	48	48	<i>60</i>	
General Duties.....	60	40	30	20	<i>30</i>	
Organization.....	40		20			
Signals.....	30	30	15	15	<i>23</i>	
Watertight Fittings.....	10	10	5	5	<i>7</i>	
Duties in Part of Ship and Mess.....		30		15	<i>25</i>	

### REMARKS—

The Candidate has:—

(i) ~~Passed a V.G./Good/Fair Examination.~~

(V.G.—85% and above, Good—70% to 85%, Fair—below 70%)

(ii) Failed as indicated above.

He is recommended for re-examination by his own Ship's Officers in the subjects indicated above in accordance with K.R. Appendix XII, Part 22A, Clause 8 (b).

Date *7-4-41*

*W. W. Brown*  
President of Board

Candidate's Signature (in full) *William Arthur Cole*

Basic date of passing professionally for *Leading Seaman*

(K.R. and A.I. Appendix XII, Part 22A, Clauses 7 and 8)

is *7-4-41*

Re-examined by Ship's Officers in relevant subjects of Section II on board

H.M.C.S. "*St Laurent*"

on *August 14th* 19*41*

Date *15th August, 1941.*

Forwarded, the necessary notation has been made on the Service Certificate.

The Commanding Officer,

~~R.C.N. Barracks,~~

H.M.C.S. "*AVATON*".

*St. Laurent*  
Lieutenant-Commander, R.C.N. Captain

H.M.C.S. "*ST. LAURENT*"

Date *15th August, 1941.*



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T.S. 34. (Revised—February, 1929).

## CERTIFICATE OF PROGRESS OF BOYS AND ORDINARY SEAMEN.

(To be used in conjunction with Form S. 399 Divisional Training Progress Book).

NAME  <b>WILLIAM ARTHUR COLE</b>	OFFICIAL No.  <i>2474111</i> <b>3559</b>	Date of Birth  <b>26th. JAN. 1920</b>
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### ON LEAVING HARBOUR TRAINING SERVICE.

Subject	Ability	REMARKS (percentages obtained etc.)	Initials of Instructing Officer
General Class (I, II or III)			
Special Class (Advanced) Class, V/S. or W/T.)			
Seamanship	2nd	79.1%	al [Signature]
Gunnery		70.2%	
Discipline, etc.			
Shooting			
Swimming		P.P.T. (GOOD) 23-I-40	
Physical & Recreational Training	FAIR.		
*Character			

Outstanding Qualities.

On joining:—      Weight   **118 lbs**      Height   **5'5"**      Date   **15-I-40**

On leaving:—      Weight                      Height                      Date

If recommended for Accelerated Advancement  
on leaving Harbour Training Service. }

\* To be assessed for whole period of Harbour Training by the Captain of last Establishment.

H.M.S. "                      "      Date                      Captain.

Sta. 129/28.

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Name William Arther COLEOfficial Number 3559**PROGRESS UNDER TRAINING FOR ABLE SEAMAN.**

Educational Examinations	Date	Ship	Signature and Rank of Divisional Officer
Passed Educationally { Accelerated Advancement For Able Seaman (if G.C. III.) Educational Test, Part I.	<b>15-3-40</b>	<b>Naden</b>	<i>[Signature]</i> Rich. J. M.
Rated Ordinary Seaman	<b>15/1/40</b>	<b>H.M.C.S. NADEN</b>	<i>[Signature]</i> Rich. J. M.

Training Classes	Ship	*Instruction		Date	Signature and Rank of Divisional Officer
		Hours	Progress		
Seamanship					
Gunnery					
Torpedo					

\* NOTE.—To be filled in on being drafted to another Ship.

Professional Examinations	Ship	Date	Percent- age *	If recommended for S.G., S.T., ** S.D., etc.	Signature and Rank of Examining Officer
Passed Professionally for A.B. { Seamanship	<i>"Anas"</i>	<i>10/10/40</i>	<i>—</i>		<i>J.P. Jones.</i>
{ Gunnery	<i>NADEN</i>	<i>21/6/40</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>W.D. Benson</i> <i>Lt.</i>
	<i>NADEN</i>	<i>23/5/40</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>W.M. Jackson.</i> <i>Lt.</i>

\* In the event of failure to pass any examination, the percentage is to be noted in RED, and the word "FAILED" noted in Col. 3.

\*\* The letters "S.G.," "S.T.," "S.D.," etc., to be entered by Divisional Officer in the case of men so recommended. If not recommended, the word "NO" to be entered.

Ship	Total period of Practical Experience as Ordinary Seaman in part of Ship*	Recommended for advancement to Able Seaman on (Date)*	Signature of Captain

\* NOTE.—To be filled in by the Captain of the Ship from which an Ordinary Seaman (TR.) is transferred.

Rated Able Seaman and Recommendations inserted on { Date \_\_\_\_\_  
History Sheet { H.M.S. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

NOTE.—This Form is to be attached to the Service Certificate and destroyed after the man has qualified for a non-substantive Rating



**Name** *COLE W.A.*  
**Sub-Rating and Seniority** *A/P.O.(T)* **Non-Sub.** *QR 1*  
**O.N.** *3559* **S.B. No.**  **W.B. No.**   
**Joined Ship** *23/1/43* **from**   
**Engagement: Period** *7 years* **Expires**   
**Date of Birth** *26-1-20* **Religion** *United Church*  
**Character**  **Efficiency**  **Date**   
**Badges** *one* **Class for Conduct** *—* **Class for Leave** *1st*  
**Date due for:** **Next Badge** *15/1/48*  
**Progressive Pay**   
**L.S. & G.C. Recommended**   
**Advancement.** **Wishes to Pass?** **Recommended?** **Date Qualified?**  
**Educ. Test Pt. 1** *Passed 3/40*  
**Higher Educ. Test.**   
**Professional for**   
**higher Sub-rating**   
**do Non-Sub.**

**Any Non-Service Attainments**

*Stenographer - clerk*

**Swimming Qualification** *P. S. T.*

**Athletic capabilities** *usual games*

**General Remarks** (including intelligence, energy, initiative, powers of command).

*A capable and keen rating. Power of command good with average intelligence. Carried out the duties of Gunner's mate for 3 months - very satisfactory. Has a slight inferiority complex on his age as Petty Officer.*

**H.M.C.S.** *"Skeena"*

**Date** *March 20th '44*

*W. M. Kidd*  
*for* **Officer of Division.**  
**LIEUTENANT, R.C.N.**

- Notes:**—(1) This form is to be kept for each rating by the Officer of his Division.  
 (2) The form is to be completed to date, and signed by the Officer of the Division before the rating changes his Division or Ship.  
 (3) On a rating changing his Ship or Establishment, Form S.264 is to be transferred with his other papers for the information of the next Officer of Division.



To be attached to the rating's Service Certificate until final discharge from the Service, when this History Sheet is to be given to the man, together with his Service Certificate.

Name COLE, William A. (Surname in BLOCK LETTERS) Official No. 3559

Port Division ESQUIMALT

To be filled in, in H. M. Ships at sea, when duties are performed **for not less than six months.**  
Where a rating is found unsuited for any particular Gunnery duty, a notation to that effect is to be made in RED. Should any man be subject to severe seasickness, and therefore unsuitable for employment in ships smaller than cruisers, this fact is to be reported to the Commodore of the man's Depot, and a notation made on Page 1.

[illegible]



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To be filled up on qualification in Gunnery for Able Seaman and on completion of every qualifying or re-qualifying course, for confirmed or acting Gunnery rating carried out in a Gunnery School or in H. M. Ships at sea.

Failures to be filled in, in RED.

[illegible]



[illegible]

To be filled in immediately on completion of Course.

[illegible]

To be filled in by Medical Officer after each Test.

NOTE:—Date of issue of astigmatic lens is to be noted in this space.

[illegible]



[illegible]

To be filled in on completion of a Vocational Training Course, other than a Correspondence Course.  
(Vocational Training is Optional.)

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### ...Vocational Training Committee.

§ Special notations as applicable.

\* See Article 610, clauses 3 to 7 K.R. & A.I.

A pamphlet entitled "His Majesty's Naval Service: A Brief Description of the Qualifications and Abilities of Men of the Naval Service," is distributed to the Employment Exchanges under the Ministry of Labour, in order to assist the Employment Exchanges in dealing with the cases of discharged Naval ratings.



# Passing Certificate

This is to Certify

that William A. COLE,

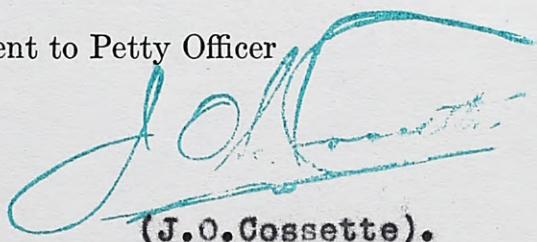
Rating Ordinary Seaman Official Number 3559

has passed

THE EDUCATIONAL TEST, I

held on 12th March, 1940.

For advancement to Petty Officer

  
(J.O. Cossette).

Naval Secretary

Department of National Defence,

Ottawa, this 1st day of April, 1940.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE  
STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

4  
NAVY

DECEASED  
MEMBER'S  
NAME

William Arthur  
(CHRISTIAN NAMES)

COLE  
(SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

81484 A

FILE NO.

3559

DATE

15-1-46

SERVICE NO.

3559

FINAL RANK OR RATING

C.P.O.

PAYEE

Mrs. Joyce T. Cole

ADDRESS

2215 Queen Street,  
Regina, Sask.

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 23 May, 1945.

DATE OF DISCHARGE 29 Sept/45

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 2085 EQUAL TO 69 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50

\$ 517.50

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 1371 LESS NIL INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 1371 DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY

342.75

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY \$ 2.80  
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING  
AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE \$ 1.45  
ADDITIONAL PAY QR 1 \$ .35  
GCB \$ .05

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$ 37.20 \$ 1.24

TOTAL \$ 5.89 X7 = \$ 41.23

NO. OF DAYS 1371 X \$ 41.23

308.89

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

1169.14

E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$ 50.00  
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE  
AND ASSIGNED PAY \$

OTHER DEDUCTIONS

\$

50.00

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

1119.14

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OF \$  
TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE \$

= \$ 1119.14

Cheque 164303 - Jan. 30/46

CERTIFICATE I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN CORRECTLY COMPUTED AND IS PAYABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT, 1944 AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER.

PREPARED BY

DSJ

CHECKED BY

TREASURY

CHECKED BY

DATE

for Dir. Navy Service Representative



LA/CM

OTTAWA, Ontario, 9 January, 6

N.S. N-3559, PERS.(N) N/5.

Policy No. 347032N

Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 22nd of December, 1945, the date of birth for the late William Arthur Cole, Chief Petty Officer, Official Number 3559, Royal Canadian Navy, is recorded on Naval Service Headquarters' records as the 26th of January, 1920.

While there is no record of a Certificate of Birth for the deceased on file at Naval Service Headquarters, this certificate was cited when the above named enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Yours truly,

*H.A. Money*

for NAVAL SECRETARY

Branch Secretary,  
The London Life Insurance Co.,  
Box 88,  
REGINA, Sask.



NAME IN FULL COLE, William Arthur RANK/RATING C-P

[illegible]



VERIFICATION FORM  
REFERENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.  
GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

RATING ..... C-PO (TV) ..... OFF. NO. .... N-3559 ..... ADDRESS .....

[illegible]

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



RCN Sept. 46  
 MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO Mrs. Joyce <del>Cole</del> Vessey (remarried) - Widow	(1)
ADDRESS: <del>2215 Queen St.,</del> 1510 - 7th Ave, S., <del>REGINA, Sask.</del> Lethbrige, Alta.	25-1-50 Lethbridge
(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW Mrs. J.T. Vessey (remarried)	(2)
ADDRESS: c/o Gen. Delivery, Lethbridge, Alta. (issued 15-1-46)	(2)
(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER Mrs. W.J. Cole	(3)
ADDRESS: 1058 King St., Regina, Sask.	(3) 27-5-47

MEMORIAL BAR  
 DATE DESP  
 REGN NO 252  
 CANCELLED



D OF D 29-9-45

DEAD-343-W

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS NAVY

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

COLE

William Arthur

N-3559

C.P.O.

LE 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 AND DATE DESPATCHED

1939-45 Star

Atlantic Star & Clasp

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

8700

26/1/50

02-71590

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



3559

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

62-7-326

OFFICIAL NUMBER 3559

NAME COLE (Surname) William Arthur (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 26th January, 1920PLACE OF BIRTH East Looe, Cornwall, England OCCUPATION ClerkRELIGION United Church EDUCATION Grade IXRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 1058 King Street Town Regina Province, etc. Saskatchewan

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
15	1	40	Seven years	5' 5"	Brown	Blue	Fresh					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Miss Douglas T. Coley  
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 2215 Queen Town Regina Province, etc. Sask

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.				
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		
				3	40	Passed F.T. "One"		
				23	1	41	P.P.T. (Good)	
				7	4	41	Passed prof. for Ldg. Smn.	
				13	6	42	Passed Prof. for P.O. (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		
15	1	43	1st	Awarded							

FILM

NO. 65R-4657-6

DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37

3559

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME COLE  
(Surname)

William Arthur  
(Given Names)

**PIB**

OFFICIAL NUMBER 3559

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	Ord. Smn.	15	1	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40	L.R. 5	22	3	41			
Stadacona	"	9	7	40							Q&R Q.R. 2	8	5	41			
Arras	"	10	7	40							Q.R. 1.	3	2	43	419	A23	254
Stadacona	A.B.	15	1	41													
St. Laurent	A.B.	28	1	41		V.G.	SAT	3	1	44	419	8	1	43	24	M	412
St. Laurent	"	2	6	41													
Stadacona	A/Ldg. Smn. (Ty)	1	8	41													
Cornwallis	"	10	7	42													
	"	11	7	42													
	Ldg. Smn. (Ty)	1	8	42	Confirmed												
	A/P.O. (Ty)	15	6	42													
Skeena	"	23	1	43	ORD 4186												
Avalon	"	21	6	43	ALL 5034												
Skeena	"	21	7	43	ORD 653												
Stadacona	"	28	3	44	" 109 PC												
Naden	"	12	4	44	" 136 PT												
Giv. C.N. 377	"	8	5	44	ALL 2541												
Beaconhill	"	17	5	44	ORD 2587												
	C.P.O. (Ty)	15	6	44	File												
HMS Ferret (CMP)	"	6	1	45	ORD 921 P2												
NIOBE		2	3	45	NDO 74423												
PEREGRINE		2	3	45	NDO 74421												
NADEN		1	2	45	HDO 15472												
DISCHARGED	"	29	9	45	Dead. (M/S-3001002/9/45)												

DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU	REL	ED	PERM	RESIDENCE	PREV	ENL	RANK ON RATE	
DY	MO	YR	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GROW	R	CTV	TOWN	SERV	DIV	RANK
26	1	20	28	830	0	40	27	11	29	0	13	0
ENLIST. DATE		ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE		SHIP	CR	RANK ON RATE				
DY	MO	YR	DY	MO	YR	CAT	DY	MO	YR	ESTAB	A	BR
15	01	40	15	01	40					9830	1	08
SEN		NON-SUB		CODED		CHECKED						
DY	MO	YR	CAT	A	E	ST	PK					
15	06	42	13	10	00							