

MARA  
JOHN JOSEPH  
2489



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MEMORANDUM FOR

JUL 29 1941 P. 64

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to: CANADA

Mrs. Annie M. Mara,  
105 Hawthorn Street,  
Dartmouth, N.S.

THE SECRETARY,  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO  
ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES

and the following number quoted:—  
H.Q. NS 62-M-183 FD 188

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
OTTAWA, ONT.

July 2, 1941

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any balance of pay, medals or memorials available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

John Joseph MARA, A/P.O., No. 2489

H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE"

it is necessary that the requisite information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished on the inside of this form in strict accordance with the printed instructions. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on the back should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest or Local Magistrate, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

(L.M. Firth) Major,  
Administrator of Estates.





STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses, or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below.

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT			
		NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree inquired for	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative	
1	Widow of the Deceased.....	Annie Marguile	27	105 Hawthorne St. Dartmouth, N.S.	
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	Elizabeth Marguile Shirley Ann	7 3	Dartmouth N.S. Dartmouth N.S.	
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Thomas Mara	53	581 Catherine St. Hamilton, Ont.	
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Shona Mara	54	Hamilton Ont.	
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Thomas Mara James Mara	26 24	581 Catherine St. Hamilton, Ont.
		Half Blood	none		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Emily Smith	28	61 Bond St. Hamilton, Ont.
		Half Blood	none		
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the De- ceased, who are dead, and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)	Address of their children		

ONLY IF NO RELATIVES IN THE DEGREES ABOVE ARE NOW LIVING, THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS SHOULD BE GIVEN

	NAMES OF THOSE LIVING	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL
8	Grand-Parents of the Deceased.....		
9	Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Deceased (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage).....	Age	



# FULL PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

10	What is the full name of the deceased?	John Joseph Mara
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	August - 1911
12	Where and when were his parents married?	Hamilton, Ont. April 4, 1907
13	Was he ever married? If so, state exact place and date of marriage.	January 3rd - 1933 Halifax, Nova Scotia
14	Did he leave a (later) Will? If so, it should be forwarded.	none
15	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate or Letters of Administration?	none

## PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

16	Where was deceased born?	Hamilton Ontario.
17	In what Province, Country or State did he reside, and in which last?	Nova Scotia
18	How long in each?	9 years
19	What was the nature of his employment?	Petty officer, Naval
20	Did he own the house or homestead in which he lived? If so, where?	no
21	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	no
22	State <u>your</u> postal address in full.	Mrs. Mara 105 Glenelgh Street Dartmouth N.S.

## PARTICULARS AS TO CLAIMS

23	Have the funeral expenses been paid? If so, by whom?	Lost at Sea
24	Are there any outstanding claims against the estate? If so, furnish full name and address of each Creditor in this space and enclose his Bill of Account. (See Note Below).	none

NOTE.—Paragraph 24 refers to debts incurred for board and lodging, medical and funeral expenses, money borrowed, goods purchased, etc.; the following information to be embodied in all accounts submitted:—

1. Name and address of Creditor.
2. Detailed statement of particulars of claim with date or dates incurred.
3. At the end of his statement the creditor should certify that the account is just and reasonable, that no payments save as shown, have been made thereon and that he holds no security therefor; the creditor should then sign same, and if you admit that the claim is correct, then you "O.K." the bill and sign same.

(PLEASE TURN OVER)



# DECLARATION

\*Insert degree of relationship, for example "Widow," "Father," "Brother," etc.

I hereby declare that the foregoing particulars are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees inquired for; and that I am the

\* Widow of the deceased.

N.B. To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest or Local Magistrate

Annie M. Mara

{ Signature of Informant

# CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief Annie M.

\*See above Mara { Name of Informant } is the \* widow of the Deceased above described, and I believe the above Declaration and the Statement of Relatives made by the Informant and signed in my presence to be complete and correct.

Dated at Dartmouth, N.S. this 25th day of July 1941.

Signature of Clergyman, Priest or Magistrate

Henry J. Heary

Qualification R.C. Priest

Address St. Peter's Church, Dartmouth

NOTE—Before granting the above Certificate, care should be taken to see that the Informant gives particulars concerning the death of any Relative stated by him or her to have died, and that the full name and address of each surviving Relative enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.



Entered from Hamilton, Ontario.

E. C. S. "SAGUENAY"

OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN  
Space to be left vacant  
if not known } 2489

## 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
John Joseph MARA,		Wife: Annie M. Name 23 Myrtle St. Address Halifax, N.S.		A.B.
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER	
23rd August, 1909	Town..... County..... Province.....	Hamilton,  Ontario.	W.J.R. Beech. Commander RCN Commanding Officer	

## Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'7½	39 34 37.	lt Brown	Blue	Fresh	Tattoo both forearms.	R.C.	Stock Keeper

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	18th March, 1937	Period of Engage- ment or Re- engagement	Seven Years
Date of actually vol- unteering to en- gage or re-engage	6th January, 1937	Date of entering present ship	5th October, 1936

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.

R.C.N. 18th March, 1930 to date

## 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?.....
- Are you a British subject? †.....
- Nationality of parents—Father..... Mother.....
- 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? ‡.....
- 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? ‡.....
- 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.....
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army or R.C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct?.....
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?.....
- Can you swim?.....

\* 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.

(OVER)

C.N.S. 55

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N.S. 815-9-55



I—Declaration and Certificate for Men newly entered and Men who have been out of expiration of their previous C. S. Engagement

I, ....., do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Naval Service of Canada\*.....from..... 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.....day of.....

Witness to Signature.....

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

Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

Date.....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.

Commanding Officer

Medical Officer

II—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date.....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, **John Joseph MARA**, now serving as a **1st Able Seaman** on board H.M.C.S. **"SAGUENAY"**, who on the **18th** of **March, 1930**.....193.....

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of **Seven Years**.....years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period of **Seven Years**.....from **18th March, 1937**.....193..... provided my services should be so long required.

Man's Signature in full

**6th January, 1937**.....193.....

Witness, **Lieut. Commander RCN**, 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 (number) years."  
† Insert the date from which the engagement actually commences.  
‡ The document conveyed in this form is 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: "for (number in words) years," or "to complete time for pension," or "until I attain the age of (number) 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.



Form S. 55—(Revised, Nov., 1921).

Form S. 55.

H.M.C.S. STADAGONA

SWIM..... Yes

RELIGION. Roman Catholic.

OFFICIAL NO. IF KNOWN.  
Space to be left vacant  
if not known

## Continuous Service Engagement, or Re-engagement

To be forwarded to the Chief Accountant, Naval Service Department, with Form S. 59

CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL		NEXT OF KIN.		PRESENT RATING
John Joseph MARA.		Mother: Mrs. Emily Mara. 99 Burlington St. Hamilton, Ont		Ordinary PT Seaman.
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER		
23rd August 1909	Town..... Hamilton, County..... Province..... Ontario.	Commander R.C.N. G.C. Jones, Senior Naval Officer.		

### Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5' 6½" weight. 137 lbs.	35½"	Lt. Brn.	Blue	Fair.	Nil	Stock Keeper Glass Factory

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement.	18th March, 1930	Period of Engage- ment or Re- engagement.	Seven Years.
Date of actually vol- unteering to en- gage or re-engage	18th March, 1930	Date of entering present ship.	18th March, 1930.

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.

First Entry.

If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded into Office, with the Engagement, on Form S.—1243.

### 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.
- Have you ever served in the Imperial Army, Navy or Air Force or any of their Reserves, Colonial, Indian, Territorial or Volunteer Forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?..... Hamilton Half Co. R.C.N.V.R.  
from 29th March. 1927 to 17th  
March, 1930.
- Do you now belong to any branch of the Navy, Militia or Air Force or any of their Territorial Regiments, Corps or Reserve Forces or to the Royal Canadian 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..... No.
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Militia, Air Force or Royal Canadian Mounted Police for misconduct?..... No.
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? & Inoculated..... Yes.
- Nationality of Parents; Father..... Canadian..... Mother..... Canadian.

\*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, Air Force, 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.



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, John Joseph Mara, 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 Seven Years ----- from 18th March 1930 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 19th day of March 1930.

Man's Signature in full.

Witness to Signature.

Attested before me this 19th day of March 1930.

Lieutenant Commander R.C.N.

(Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

Date 19th March, 1930 1930.

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.

Senior Naval Officer, Commanding Officer

Capt. R.C.A.M.C.

Medical Officer. R.C.N.

II—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date 19th 1930.

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 7 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 in Canada for 7 years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, 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..... 1930.

(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, J. Mara, now serving as a.....

on board H.M.C.S....., who on the..... of..... 1930.

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of 7 years, do hereby

engage to serve for a further period 7 from 18th March 1930 provided my services should be so long required.

Man's Signature in full.

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

†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

¶ 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.











APR -4 1927

NLS 113-71219  
CANADA

N. V. 5.

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815-11-5.

## ATTESTATION FORM

## for Men of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

SURNAME M A R A

Noted in Service

Records by

OFFICIAL NO.

CHRISTIAN NAMES JOHN JOSEPH

MARRIED, SINGLE, OR WIDOWER Single

## PERMANENT ADDRESS

## RELIGION

99 Burlington Street East, Hamilton, Ont.

Roman Catholic

## DATE OF BIRTH

## PLACE OF BIRTH

## NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

August 23rd,  
1909Town Hamilton,  
County Wentworth, Co.  
Province Ontario.Mother, Mrs. Emily Mara,  
Same address.

## Personal Description on Enrolment.

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS.
Feet 5	Inflated 30 1/2	Brown	Blue	Fresh	
Inches 6	Deflated 33				
	Mean 34				

DATE OF  
ENROLMENTRATING  
ENROLLING FOR

## TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY

March 29th  
1927Ordinary  
SeamanOperator, Appleford Counter Check Book Co.,  
Stirton Street, Hamilton, Ont.

(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.

☒ Cross out )  
 )  
 Clause not )  
 )  
 applicable.)

- (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.

## SERVED IN

## RANK

## FROM

## TO

Entered on History

Card by

21/4/27

- (c) I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct, and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.



(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Hamilton Hair Company of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:-

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the Regulations made in pursuance thereof for the governing 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 the kit and any articles of outfit which may be issued to me, and, when required to do so by the Commanding Officer of my Company, or any other authorized person, or in the event of my leaving the Reserve Force before completing three years service, to return them to Company Headquarters and to pay compensation for any loss or damage thereto other than that due to fair wear and tear.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1927.

Signature of Applicant John Joseph Mara

(C) **Certificate of Company Commanding Officer**

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 29th day of March, 1927.

R. H. Heath  
Signature of C.C.O.

(D) **Oath of Allegiance**

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

Signature of Applicant John Joseph Mara

Witness R. H. Heath

Date March 29th, 1927

Rank Lt. R.C.N.V.R.

The oath of Allegiance may be administered by an Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

(E) **Certificate of Company Commanding Officer**

JOHN JOSEPH MARA, 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 Hamilton Hair Company of the R.C.N.V.R.

R. H. Heath  
Company Commanding Officer.

NOTE,- This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Company Commanding Officer's Record Book, is to be forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

The Certificate of medical examination B-207, and certificates of previous service are to be sent to Headquarters, Ottawa, with this form.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.



2489

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

62-M.183

OFFICIAL NUMBER 2489

NAME

MARA  
(Surname)John Joseph  
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

23rd August, 1909.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Hamilton, Ont.

OCCUPATION

Stockkeeper Glass Factory.

RELIGION

Roman Catholic.

EDUCATION

Passed Entrance Examinations.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

99 Burlington St. East,

Town

Hamilton

Province, etc.

Ont.

## 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
18	3	30	Seven Years.	5' 6 1/4"	Lt. Brn.	Blue	Fair.		RCNVR. V. 8097 -		29/3/27	17/3/30.
18	3	37	Seven Years.	5' 7 1/2"	"	"	"					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Wife

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs Annie M. Mara

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

105 1/2 Hawthorne St.

Town

Dartmouth

Province, etc.

N.S.

## 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	
				20	3	31	Passed Educ. Test Pt. I.				
				1	10	35	Passed Prof. for Ldg. Snn.				
				1	11	39	Passed Prof. for P.O.				

## 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		
18	3	33	1st	Granted.	"Saguenay"	6	3	11	36	Improperly Leave.	Deprived 1 G.C. Badge; 1 days's pay & leave.
3	11	36	1st	Deprived.							
4	5	37	1st	Restored.							
4	5	39	2nd	Granted.							



FILM

NO.

4472-4565-5

DATE

Can count 139 days' RCNVR. Service towards G.C. Badges.

## SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To





DATE OF BIRTH										CIVIL	CCCU	DEILED	PERM RESIDENCE	PREV ENL	RANK OR RATE	
BY	MO	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P	CTV	TOWN	SECV	DW	A	BR	RANK		
23	8	09	11	830	0	10	1	55	02	3	19	0	08	95		
ENLIST. DATE												ACT. SER. DATE	RANK OR RATE			
BY	MO	YR.	BY	MO	YR.							A	BR	RANK		
18	03	30	18	03	30							03/5	1	08	92	
SENIORITY												STR	NON-RES	PI	CHECKED	
BY	MO	YR.	EAT	A	B	ST.							C/A			
01	01	40	09	07	00	26	22	10	40							



DECEASED 22 October 1940  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

MARA	John Joseph	N-2489	P.O.	FILE 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	3710
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



HMCS "MARGAREE"

Aug. /41 R.C.N.

## MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALSPERSON

ENTITLED TO

Mrs. A.M. Martell (Re-married)  
~~Mara~~ - Widow

ADDRESS:

~~105 Hawthorn St.,~~ 21 Highland Ave.,  
~~Dartmouth, N.S.~~ HALIFAX,

4-11-49

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

948

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. A. Mara

ADDRESS:

105 Hawthorn Street  
DARTMOUTH, N.S.

(2) 14 May 1941

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. T. Mara

ADDRESS:

581 Catherine Street  
HAMILTON, Ontario

(3) 14 May 1941



1-13-21  
If a copy of this Form is required, Form S. 1243 is to be used.

Can. S. 459 (late S. 421). (Revised Sept., 1921).  
Imp. S. 459 (late S. 536).

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 the Naval Service. If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

## CERTIFICATE of the Service of

*John Joseph Mara*  
IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

HALIFAX, N.S.

Official Number 2489

Date of Birth	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 1909.	Nearest known Relative or Friend. (To be noted in pencil.)
Where born	Ontario	Name: Annie Marguerite
Province	Hamilton	Relationship: Wife
Town or County		Address: 29 King St
Trade brought up to	Stock Keeper (Glass Factory)	Dartmouth N.S.
Religious Denomination	P.C.	
Date passed Swimming Test	13 May 30	
Man's signature on discharge.	21 Dec 35 P.S.T. (V.G.) J.C. Hibbard	

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. 18 March 1930	18 March 1930	Seven Years	5.		
2. 18 March 1937		Seven yrs.	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.....	5	6 1/4	35 1/4	Light Brown	Blue	Fair	
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							



2  
Name John Joseph Mara.

Ship's Name (Tenders to be inserted in brackets)	List and No.	Rating	From	To	Cause of Discharge
"Stadacona"	5 <sup>th</sup> 608	Ord. Svc.	18 Mch '30	30 June '30	
"Champlain"	" 171	O. Smm.	15 July '30	31 Dec '30	
"Stadacona"	" 752	" - "	1 Jan '31	16 Mch '31	
Victory	14 RLCN 446	" - "	14 Mch '31	31 May '31	
"Saguenay"	5 <sup>th</sup> 56	" - "	22 May '31	24 June '31	
Saguenay	" 56	Abse. Seaman	25 June '31	17 Sep '31	
"Stadacona"	" 943	" - "	18 Sep '31	8 Jan '33	
Excellent	14 RLCN 7	" - "	9 Jan '33	15 Jan '33	
"Stadacona"	5 <sup>th</sup> 989	" - "	16 Jan '33	19 May '33	
Champlain	" 289	" - "	20 May '33	23 June '33	
"Saguenay"	" 289	" - "	24 June '33	31 Dec '33	
"Stadacona"	12 108	" - "	1 Jan '34	19 June '34	
"Champlain"	5 <sup>th</sup> 323	" - "	20 June '34	28 Oct '35	
"Stadacona"	" 284	" - "	29 Oct '35	31 Dec '35	
"Champlain"	" 378	" - "	1 Jan '36	10 Jan '36	
"Stadacona"	" 326	" - "	11 Jan '36	25 Jan '36	
Victory	"	" - "	26 Jan '36	3 Feb '36	
Excellent	"	" - "	4 Feb '36	22 Apr '36	
"Vernon"	14 244	" - "	23 Apr '36	10 Aug '36	
"Stadacona"	- -	" - "	11 Aug '36	4 Oct '36	
"Saguenay"	- -	" - "	5 Oct '36	31 Dec '37	
"Saguenay"	- -	Act. Ldg. Smm.	1 Jan '38	31 Dec '38	
"Stadacona" (Gandy)	✓ -	LDQ. Smm.	1 Jan '39	31 Dec '39	
"do"	✓ -	Act. P. O.	4 Jan '39	31 Dec '39	
"Fraser"	✓ -	" - "	1 Jan '40	15 Jan '40	
Margaree	✓ -	" - "	16 Jan '40	15 Sep '40	
			6 Sep '40	22 Oct '40	"D.D"

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Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature
29 Apr. '31.	Suppd. A/G. R.	[Signature]			
10 May '31.	Passed E.T. Part I. P. W. Green.				
1 Oct. '35	Passed professionally for Log Smn.	[Signature]			
1 Nov '39	Passed professionally for Petty Officer	[Signature]			







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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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

H.M.C.S. STADACONA at HALIFAX, N.S.Name John Joseph MARA  
(Christian names in full)Rank of Rating Acting P.O. Official No. 2489  
(If unknown, date of first entry)Place of Birth Hamilton, Ontario Date of Birth 23rd August, 1909Occupation in Civil Life Stock Keeper Religion Roman CatholicNumber of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N.  
(Temporary) or Reserve ratings) 10 Years 8 MonthsDate of Death 22nd October, 1940 Place of Death At SeaCause of Death Loss in collision of H.M.C.S. MARGAREE  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)Nearest known relative or friend. { Name Annie Marguerite MARA Relationship Wife  
Address 29 King Street, Dartmouth, N.S.Date on which the above was informed by Ship Informed by N.S.H.Q.Date on which death was registered with local Officials NK

In the case of Imperial Service men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality

Place of Burial (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

COMMANDER R.C.N.,  
Commanding Officer,

8th November, 1940

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

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

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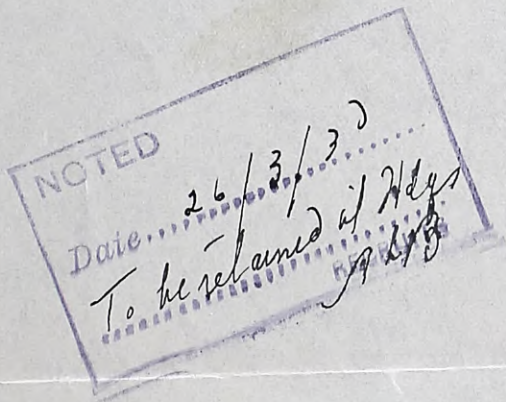
[This declaration need not be made when a Registrar's Certificate of Birth is produced.]

I, John Joseph Mara do solemnly and sincerely declare that  
~~000~~ to the best of my knowledge and belief, I  
(Name and Surname of the Applicant to be written in full.)  
was born in the Town of HAMILTON in the Province  
of ONTARIO, Canada on the 23rd day of August, 1909 ~~1911~~,  
and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

John Joseph Mara  
(Signature of Parents or Guardian)

Declared before me this 20th day of March, 1930 191  
at Halifax, N.S. in the Province of Nova Scotia

J. C. Jones  
Commander, R.C.N.  
(Signature of Magistrate).  
SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER.





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DEFENCE

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FROM... THE COMMANDER IN CHARGE, H.M.C. DOCKYARD, HALIFAX, N. S.

DATE... 29TH JANUARY, 1940.

FILE... CC 3-3-1.

TO..... THE NAVAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,  
OTTAWA.

COPY TO: COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.C.S. "STADACONA", H.M.C. DOCKYARD,  
HALIFAX, N. S.

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FREDERICK CHARLES BINGHAM, O.N.2641.

JOHN JOSEPH MARA, O.N.2489.  
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Submitted for the consideration of the Department the above named ratings have been advanced to Acting Victualling Chief Petty Officer and Acting Petty Officer respectively, to date 1st January, 1940.

The advancement forms have been completed in each case and are forwarded herewith.

(Sgd) W.J.R. BEECH

(W.J.R. Beech)

COMMANDER, R.C.N.

COMMANDER IN CHARGE, HALIFAX

Incl.



Previous Correspondence

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R.C.N. Barracks File **H.22-9-2.**  
H.Q. File **NS.21-5-3; 21-8-3.**  
Admiralty

PARTICULARS REGARDING R.C.N. RATINGS  
PROCEEDING TO R.N.

Name **MARA.** **John Joseph.** Official No. **2489.**  
Surname Christian Names  
Rating **Able Seaman.** Seniority **18th. September, 1931.**

The above named rating is proceeding overseas from Canada for approximately  
months service in one of H.M. Ships for sea experience and subsequently to qualify for

☒ substantive } Rating of **Gunlayer 2nd. Class.**  
☐ non-substantive } **To be followed by six months' sea service.**

provided he is recommended, on conclusion of service afloat.

Date of leaving Canada S.S. **"DUCHESS OF YORK"** Sailing on **25th. January, 1936.**  
from **Halifax.** to **Liverpool.**

Pay adjusted to **25th. Jan. 1936.** Documents forwarded to **HMS "VICTORY I".**  
On **25th. January, 1936.** to join **RN Barracks, Portsmouth.**

approximately on **3rd.** day of **February, 1936.** 193.

Approximate date of Commencing Course **10th. February, 1936.**

Approximate date due back in Canada

Ship or Establishment he should join on completion of Foreign Service Leave (if any)  
**HMCS "STADAGONA". R. C. N. BARRACKS,**  
**HALIFAX, N. S.**

Remarks

Copy to be sent to:—

- Secretary of the Admiralty—For retention.
- R.N. Training Establishment—For information and retention.
- H.Q. Ottawa—For retention.
- One copy to R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth.
- One copy to be retained at R.C.N. Barracks.

COMMANDER

Commanding Officer



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CANADA

"EXCELLENT"

1st May 1933.

RESULT OF G. AND T. EXAMINATION.

MARA..... J.

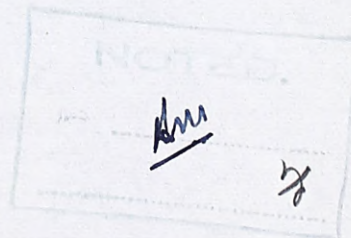
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QUALIFIED FOR SEAMAN GUNNER.

Noted in Service  
Records by.....  
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## PASSING CERTIFICATE

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### THIS IS TO CERTIFY

that John Joseph Mara

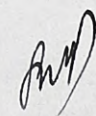
Rating Ordinary Seaman Official Number 2489

has passed

### THE EDUCATIONAL TEST, Part I

held on 10th March, 1931.

For advancement to Petty Officer.

  
(G.A. Youle)  
Naval Secretary.

Department of National Defence,

Ottawa, the 27th of April 1931.

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February 21st. 1930

NATIONAL DEFENCE  
MAR 14 1930  
113-M219  
CANADA

our  
I hereby certify that my son John J. Mara was born  
in the City of Hamilton on the 23rd of August 1909.

Witness *W. J. McAndrew* *Mrs Emily Mara* Mother  
..... *John J. Mara* Father





11/10/80

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK ON THE 14th DAY OF MARCH 1980.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original.

Respectfully,  
Notary Public



# QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR ENTRY

## ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

(NOTE—All answers should be in the handwriting of the candidate)

DEPT. NATIONAL DEFENCE

FEB 14 1930

CANADA

1967

1. Name (in full) JOHN JOSEPH MARRA  
BLOCK LETTERS
2. Date and Place of Birth August 23, 1909, Hamilton Ont.  
\* Birth Certificate, declaration by parents or affidavit as to date of birth must be attached
3. Permanent place of residence 99 Burlington St. E. Hamilton Ont  
Address in full
4. How long resident in Canada? Twenty years
5. Are you a British subject? yes
6. Are you single, married or a widower? single
7. In what capacity do you wish to engage? seaman
8. How far advanced educationally are you? Passed entrance examination  
\* Attach certificates, diplomas, etc., if any
9. Present occupation or trade stock keeper  
Attach any testimonials or recommendations
10. Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force? R.C.N.V.R.
11. Have you ever served in such forces? Give dates and details from March the twenty ninth 1927 to the present
12. Have you ever been discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? No
13. Have you ever offered to serve in any of His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? No
14. What is your weight? 144 lbs.
15. What is your height? 5 ft. 7"
16. What is your chest measurement? (Not inflated) 35"
17. Are you free from all physical defects and malformation, and not subject to fits? yes
18. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? yes

I HEREBY DECLARE that the above answers are true in every respect.

J. Bates

Witness to Signature

Signature

Address

Date

John Joseph MARRA  
99 Burlington St. E.  
Feb. 12, 1930

\* NOTE—The Certificates, Recommendations, etc., called for in questions 2, 8 and 9 must be attached, otherwise your application can NOT be considered.







CRUISE No. 2 H.M.S. "CAPETOWN"

N.V. 27  
6M-12-25  
815-11-27

R. C. N. V. R.

## TRAINING REPORT, 1929

Company..... HAMILTON. Training Headquarters..... HALIFAX, N.S.

Name..... MARA, John, Joseph. Rating..... ABLE SEAMAN. O.N. 8097

Training Period No. Cruise No. 2

## VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Entered for N.T.....

Completed N.T.....

Entered for V.S.....

Final discharge.....

## INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT	No. HOURS	ABILITY	REMARKS
1. P. and R.T.			
2. Signals			
3. Seamanship	12		
4. Boat Pulling			
5. Mine Sweeping			
6. Torpedo	10		
7. Gunnery			
8. Discipline			
9. Miscellaneous			
10.			
11.			

Total hours.....

## SERVICE AFLOAT

SHIP	DATE ENTERED	DATE DISCHARGED	REMARKS
H.M.S. "Capetown"	12 <sup>th</sup> July '29	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept. '29	

## QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified as efficient..... Yes Character..... V.G. Ability..... Supr.  
Recommended for confirmation..... Yes for S.I.  
Qualified for advancement.....  
Recommended for advancement..... Yes to Leading Seaman - Strongly  
Recommended for special branch..... Yes - S.I.  
General remarks..... Keen, intelligent, and anxious to improve his knowledge. Takes a great interest in his work and kit. A very satisfactory rating.

J. Houston.  
LIEUTENANT R.C.N.  
RESERVE TRAINING OFFICER



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Original on 113 G.103

SEPT  
NATIONAL DEFENCE

RADIOGRAM.

113-77219  
CANADA

Halifax N.S. 24th August 1929.

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C.N.S.  
CANADA.

296. F.Gerrow AB 8113 J.J. Mara AB 8097 Hamilton R.C.N.V.R  
in CAPETOWN for cruise number two have requested that they  
be granted permission to remain in CAPETOWN till arrival at  
Montreal 20th September accommodation available recommended  
by C.O. CAPETOWN and STADACONA request CAPETOWN be informed  
of decision. 0944/24.

S.N.O.

*Admin letter*

5775.



NO. \_\_\_\_\_ NAME JOHN JOSEPH MARA NATIONALITY CANADIAN FILE 113 M 219

DATE OF BIRTH 23rd Aug. 1909 MARRIED Single RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF APPLICATION 12th Feb. 1930 MEDICALLY EXAMINED 11/3/30: O.K.

ADDRESS 99 Burlington Street East, Hamilton.

EDUCATION Passed Entrance Examinations

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE R.C.N.V.R. 27th March, 1927, to present.

REMARKS N.S.O. 18/2/30 Place name on Roster

DIRECTIONS RE ENTRY 19/2/30 Lr. to applicant, name placed on Roster.

6/3/30: Lr. re med. exam. - copy S.N.O. Hal. 15/3/30: Tel. re formal entry - tel. S.N.O. Hal. - Memo. to Accts. approved, Memo. & Tel. C.C.O. 17/3/30: Tel. from C.C.O. Mara left for Hal.

ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL DISPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_ 200-9-23-M421.

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*Removed from Roster  
28/3/30  
A.H.B.*



R. C. N. V. R.  
TRAINING REPORT, 1927

NATIONAL DEFENCE  
SEP 30 1927  
N.S. 113-M-219  
CANADA

Company.....HAMILTON..... Training Headquarters.....HALIFAX, N.S.  
Name.....MARA, J.J..... Rating.....Ord..... O.N. 8097.  
Date of Birth.....23 Aug 1909..... Seniority.....29th March 1927

Training Period No..... - 6 -	VOLUNTARY SERVICE
Entered for N.T..... 25 - 7 - 27	
Completed N.T..... 6 - 8 - 27	
Entered for V.S..... 7 - 8 - 27	
Final discharge..... 3 - 9 - 27	

INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT	No. HOURS	ABILITY	REMARKS
1. P. and R.T.	2h.20m.		
2. Signals	5	G	
3. Seamanship	15	VG.	Passed for A.B.
4. Boat pulling	4 1/2		To be rated on attaining
5. Mine sweeping	1 Day		age of 19 and after 1 year
6. Torpedo	2		Service.
7. Gunnery	15	G	
8. Discipline			
9. Miscellaneous	3	Kitting up.	
10. At Sea Firing.			
11.			

Total Hours

SERVICE AFLOAT

SHIP	DATE ENTERED	DATE DISCHARGED	REMARKS
HMCS" YPRES "	8/8/27	15/8/27	Sat
FESTUBERT"	15/8/27	20/8/27	Supr.
HMCS"PATRIOT"	23/8/27	29/8/27	A hard Worker.

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified as efficient.....Yes..... Character.....V.G..... Ability.....Supr.  
Recommended for confirmation.....  
Qualified for advancement..... See remarks.  
Recommended for advancement..... to A.B.  
Recommended for special branch..... Signals.  
General remarks..... Gained a lot of useful Sea experience..... A smart rating

Noted in Service  
Records by. E.D.

Entered on Factory  
Card by V.S. 4/10/27

LIEUTENANT R.C.N.  
RESERVE TRAINING OFFICE



APR -4 1927  
113-M-219  
CANADA NATIONAL DEFENCE

MAR 19 1927

CANADA

Questionnaire for Candidates for entry in the  
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Name (in full) John Joseph Mara  
Date and Place of Birth Aug. 23 1909 Hamilton Ont.  
(Birth Certificate, declaration by parents or affidavit as to date of birth must be attached).

Permanent Place of Residence 99 Burlington St. E. Hamilton

Nearest Town to Residence (if living in country)

Are you a British Subject? Yes

Are you single, married or a widower? Single

In what capacity do you wish to enrol?  
(See standards of qualifications in attached pamphlet) Seaman

At what time of the Year do you wish to do Naval Training at a Naval Port? Summer

Present occupation or trade  
(attach any testimonials or recommendations).

Have you served in, or do you belong to any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force? If so, give full particulars.

Sea Cadets 2 yrs.

Have you ever been discharged from any of H.M. Forces as medically unfit?

Have you ever offered to serve in any of H.M. Forces and been rejected? No

What is your weight? 140 What is your height? 5' 6"

What is your chest measurement (Not inflated)? 33"

Are you free from all physical defects or malformation, and not subject to fits? Yes

I hereby declare that the above answers are true in every respect.

Recommended  
Refused

W. Bates

Witness to Signature.

J. Mara Signature  
Mar. 15/27 Date  
99 Burlington St. Address





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

4  
NAVYDECEASED  
MEMBER'S  
NAMEJohn Joseph  
(CHRISTIAN NAMES)MARA  
(SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

7538

FILE NO.

NS.N2489

DATE

7 May/45

SERVICE NO.

2489

FINAL RANK OR RATING

A/P.O.

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 22 Oct/40

DATE OF DISCHARGE 22 Oct/40

## A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 409 EQUAL TO 13 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50

\$ 97.50

## B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 409 LESS 19 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 390 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY

\$ 97.50

## C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

## DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY	\$ 2.40
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE	\$ 1.45
ADDITIONAL PAY	\$ .15
L.R. 2	\$ .15
2 B.	\$ .15
H.L.M.	\$ .15
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$	\$ 1.25

TOTAL	\$ 5.55	X7 = \$ 38.85
NO. OF DAYS	390	X \$ 38.85
	183	

\$ 82.80

## D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

\$ 277.80

## E. DEDUCTIONS

## OVERPAYMENT OF

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

Nil

## OTHER DEDUCTIONS

\$

## F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

\$ 277.80

## G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

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

= \$ 277.80

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.

TREASURY	
PREPARED BY SJD	CHECKED BY Hobrien
CHECKED BY Hobrien	DATE 11/5/45

for Dir. Naval Pay Accounting



NAVY

## DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

Naval - Military - Air Force

Name MARA John Joseph No. 2489  
Surname Christian Names

A/P.O.

H.M.C.S. MARGARET

22-10-40

Rank

Unit

Date of Death

## AMOUNT

L. P. C.

\$

19.80

Other Credits

19.80

Total

Shares Retained

19.80

NET TOTAL .....

Date

AUGUST 1, 1941

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
all	wife	Annie M. Mara, 105 Hawthorne St., Bartmouth, N.S. (entitled under maintenance clause)	R. 19.80

AUTHORITY							
HO F.E. No.	DIV.	EST.	VOTE	PRI	DA OR HO SUB.	OBJ	AMOUNT
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SHARES RETAINED	ISSUED BY	EXAMINED BY	1980
none	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i> FOR TREASURY OFFICER	TOTAL

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Distribution approved and authorized

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

For Chief Treasury Officer

*[Signature]*  
(L.M. Firth) Major,  
Administrator of Estates.



# 7538

PARTICULARS OF DEAD OR MISSING PERSONNEL  
WITH REGARD TO PAYMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

Name of Deceased Member Johan for MARA Rank or Rating A/P.O O. No. N 2489

1. Dependents' Allowance and Assigned Pay in force at date of death:

D.A. 1.25

A.P. ?

D.A. \_\_\_\_\_

A.P. \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs Marguerite MARA (wife)  
Halifax, N.S.

2. Pension awarded or being awarded to:

3. War Service Gratuity Application(s) received from:

Mrs Marguerite MARTELL  
(formerly MARA)  
49 St Albans St  
Halifax, N.S.

In accordance with the War Service Grants Act, 1944 (Part I, Clause 4) and Directive dated 16th December, 1944 issued under authority of the Minister of Veterans Affairs, application(s) for War Service Gratuity in respect of the service of the above named deceased member may be dealt with as follows:

(X) To be paid to:

Mrs Marguerite MARTELL

In the full  
proportion of: /

- and -

to:

In the  
proportion of: /

( ) To be referred to the Dependents' Allowance Board for decision as to dependency within the spirit and intent of the War Service Grants Act, 1944, observing this application(s) is classed under:

Group "B" (ii)

Group "C" of the above mentioned Directive.

Date 3 May '45.

[Signature]  
for D.N.P.A. (G) SNJ



W.S.G. Application No. 2538-

TO: D.N.P.A. "G"

FILE NO. N.S. N-2489

"WAR SERVICE GRATUITY"

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE

MARRA, John Joseph  
SURNAME CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL  
2489 OFFICIAL NUMBER  
A/P.O. RANK OR RATING ON DISCHARGE

CAUSE OF DISCHARGE: Dead (Margaret Casualty)

Application made by widow of Deceased - now Remarried

TOTAL SERVICE

Date of Active Service 10 Sep 1939

Date of Discharge 22 Oct 1940

Total No. of Days 409

# Less non qualifying service —

Total Days 409

OVERSEAS SERVICE

% Total No. of Days 409

# Less non qualifying service —

Total Days 409

Record of Service in other Forces (per Naval Records)

Branch of Service nil

Date of Active Service —

Date of Discharge —

# & % Overleaf —

Computed By P.H.  
Checked By J.H.R.

**MAR 16 1945**

DATE: —

W. Buckner  
for (H.B. Money)  
Payr. Cmdr. R.C.N.R.  
Director of Personnel Records



# NON QUALIFYING SERVICE

(#)	Date	Reason	No. of Days
"		"	"
"		"	"
"		"	"
"		"	"
"		"	"
"		"	"
Total Days			

(%) OVERSEAS SERVICE:

Where Serving	From	To	No. of Days
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<i>Kenedy</i> <i>Fraser</i> <i>Margaret</i>	<i>10 Sep '1939.</i>	<i>22 Oct 1940.</i>	<i>409.</i>

DATE OF DISCHARGE

IN BATT	ON DISCHARGE
CHARACTER	TYPE OF SERVICE

COMMISSION OF SERVICE

DATE SERVICE COMPLETED

DATE OF DISCHARGE

DATE NO. 1

DATE NO. 2



# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Extract from the ledger of H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" ending 31st October 1911

List 5-1 No. 2 (Name) MARA, John J. Rank Rating A/P.O. No. 2489

When entered 1st Oct. Date of appearance 6th Sep. Whither discharged "DD"

	\$	c.
CREDIT from former account	8	22
Pay as A/P.O. from 1st Oct to 31st Oct (31 days at \$2.40a day)	74	40
" L.R.2 " " " " " (31 " .15 " )	4	65
" 2 G.C.B. " " " " " (31 " .15 " )	4	65
" M.A. " " " " " (31 " 1.25 " )	38	75
" " " " " ( " " " )		
Kit Upkeep Allowance	3	33
OTHER CREDITS: Grog Money		48
H.L.M.	2	25
L.A.	4	00
Total credits	140	73

DEBT from former account Nil

PAYMENTS:—	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	
1st month	8.94					Total 8 94
2nd month						Total
3rd month						Total

Allotment October 103 00

Pension deduction (Officers) charged to of

Hospital stoppages Nil

Mulcts Nil

OTHER CHARGES: R.N. Hospital 4 47

Grog Money over paid 5 52

Total debits 121 93

Balance Cr. or Dr.

18 80

(Balance Dr. to be shown in red)

Number of days actually victualled during period mentioned above 47 15

NOT VICTUALLED

LENT, SICK OR LEAVE	INCLUSIVE DATE		No. OF DAYS	SHIP, HOSPITAL, etc., IN WHICH BORNE
	FROM	TO		
Lent	F.B.	7th Oct.	32	Drake

Date 1st April 1911

Paymaster Sub Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R.



OFFICIAL COPY  
NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320h  
1 Million-4-40 (4637)  
N.S. 815-9-1320h

To:

MRS. T. MARA  
581 ST. CATHERINE ST.  
HAMILTON, ONT.

FROM:

DEPT. OF NAT. DEFENCE

62-m-183

JOHN J. MARA INJURED BUT PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY.

-/29

PA

L/T

P/L

REC'D SDO  
1925/29

REM 29.6.40

5699



# NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D  
10 Mil.-5-40 (5005)  
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

NAVAL SECRETARY  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

From:

62-71-183  
MRS. T. MARA  
581 CATHERINE ST.  
HAMILTON, ONT. 151

RE "FRASER" CASUALTIES NEWSPAPERS LIST JOHN J. MARA  
BOTH AS KILLED AND INJURED WIRE ME COLLECT OFFICIAL REPORT.

-/29

PRELIM. COPY TO DUTY AT 1910/29

L/T

P/L

REC'D SDO  
1750/29

REM

29.6.40

6074

PA



OFFICIAL COPY  
NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D  
10 Mil.-5-40 (5005)  
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To: MRS. ANNIE M. MARA  
105 HAWTHORN STREET  
DARTMOUTH, N.S.

From:

62. M 183 158

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE DEEPLY REGRETS  
TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR HUSBAND JOHN JOSEPH MARA  
PETTY OFFICER R.C.N. O.N. 2439 IS MISSING BELIEVED KILLED.

-/26

L/T

P/L

REC'D SDO  
1600/26

OC

27.10.40

5483



HTWG/ML

62-72183

159

November 2, 1940.

Dear Madam:

It is with deep regret that I must confirm the telegram sent out by the Minister of National Defence, reporting that your husband, John Joseph Mara, Petty Officer, R.C.N., O.N. 2489, was missing, believed killed.

Few details are available, but it is known that H.M.C.S. "MARGARET" was sunk in collision in the North Atlantic whilst steaming without lights, on convoy duty, and in the submarine zone. 142 Officers and ratings are missing and must be presumed lost at sea.

I am requested to express to you the sincere sympathy of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services and the Chief of the Naval Staff in your bereavement.

Any further information, which is received, will be at once communicated to you.

Yours very truly,



(J.O. Cossette),  
Naval Secretary.

Mrs. Annie M. Mara,  
105 Hawthorn St.,  
DARTMOUTH, N.S.



CHARGED TO	147 Rodgers Rd.
SINCE	Hamilton, Ont.
REC'D. CENTRAL REGISTER	March 23rd/50.
MAR 28 1950	
REFERRED (9) NA-4,	2982
N-2489	

Dear Sir,

I am writing in interest of two Children of my late brother P.O. John Joseph Mara of the R.C.N. of whom was lost at sea During the Last Great War on, H.M.S. Margaree Destroyer in the North Atlantic, approximately Oct. 28th, 1940. My Brothers last address was Hartmouth Nova Scotia, on that date. He left a wife whose Maiden name was Marge Purcell.



The ~~two~~ Childrens names are Shirley Mara and the other Betty Mara.

My Brother is deceased in the above mentioned incident. We have had no contact of the children for the last two years.

The wife has since re-married.

I am on behalf of the Grandparents and myself, asking for the information of what has happened to the children and where are they? Please contact me as soon as possible on any information and address. And in what condition they



(31)

are now living

I remain

Yours sincerely

James Mara

~~147~~ 147 Rodgers Road.

Hamilton, Ont. Can.