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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

John Robert KOBES

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Port Division <i>Esquimalt, B.C.</i>	Official Number <i>3074</i>	
Date of birth <i>15 September, 1919</i>		Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province <i>British Columbia</i> Town or county <i>Vancouver</i>	Name: <i>James</i> Relationship: <i>Wife</i>	
Trade brought up to <i>Blank</i>	Address:	
Religious denomination <i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>605 Alpha Street, Victoria, B.C.</i>	
Date passed swimming test <i>PPT (Good) 16 Sep 37 / P. W. Oland</i> <i>PST (V.C.) 7 July 38 / P. W. Oland</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>13 Sep '37</i>	<i>15 Sep. 1937</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
<i>21 Nov '43</i>	<i>awarded Ribbon for 1939-43 Star</i>		

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as a boy.....	<i>5</i>	<i>7 1/4</i>	<i>36 33 34 1/2</i>	<i>D. Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Bird Mark R. cheek and L. cheek</i>
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....							
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

Name John Robert KOBES

Ship's Name (Tenders to be inserted in brackets)	List and No.	Rating	From	To	Cause of Discharge
Naden		Boy Sea	13 Sep '37	14 Sep '37	
Naden		Ord. Sea	15 Sep '37	29 May '38	
St. Laurent		---	20 May '38	2 June '38	
Naden		---	2 June '38	16 Jan '39	
Restigouche		Able Seaman	15 Dec '39	8 Dec '39	
Stadacona		"	9 Dec '39	16 Jan '40	
Restigouche		"	17 Jan '40	15 Dec '40	
Stadacona		"	16 Dec '40	15 Dec '40	
"Restigouche"		"	17 Jan '40	30 Nov '40	
		Act. L. Amn (Tg)	1 Dec '40	15 July '41	
Stadacona		"	16 July '41	2 Sep '41	
Restigouche		"	3 Sep '41	26 Sep '41	
Stadacona		"	27 Sep '41	30 Sep '41	
Prize Perry		"	1 Oct '41	12 Nov '41	
Stadacona		"	13 Nov '41	14 Nov '41	
Qualan		"	14 Nov '41	30 Nov '41	
		Rdg Sma (Tg)	1 Dec '41	3 Mar '42	
Stadacona		"	4 Mar '42	25 May '42	
Stadacona (Verity)		"	26 May '42	28 Aug '42	
H.M.S. "Verity"		"	26 May '42	28 Aug '42	
Stadacona		"	30 Aug '42	27 Oct '42	
Nishe		"	28 Oct '42	3 Feb '43	
Nishe (Pchabankan)		"	4 Feb '43	29 Apr '44	Reported missing # 20140 Capt. D. Plymorth's signal 50/1419 B of Aft. 21068 Now presumed "Dead" CN/NO. sig 132109 Jan 45.

Date	Wounds received in Action and Hurt Certificate; also any Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prize or other Grants	Captain's Signature
7-4-42	Issued D.C.T.W. 14688	
11 Sep 42	SC TW # B 36091	

29 Jul
8 Nov
8 Sep
17 Jan
12 Feb
21 Dec

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

N-3074

OFFICIAL NUMBER 3074

NAME **KOBES** (Surname) **John Robert** (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH **15th September, 1919.**PLACE OF BIRTH **Vancouver, B.C.** OCCUPATION **Clerk.**RELIGION **Roman Catholic.** EDUCATION **One Year High School.**RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. **5185 Fairmont Street** Town **VANCOUVER** Province, etc. **B.C.**

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION				PREVIOUS SERVICE				
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
13	9	37	Boy.	5' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Dk. Brn.	Brown	Medium.	Birth Mark rt. chest & left chest.				
15	9	37	Seven Years.									

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *Wife* **Mrs. Joyce Kobes** NAME (in pencil) *file 7/245* **Vancouver** ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. **441 Macleod Road** Town **Vancouver** Province, etc. **B.C.**

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
21	11	43	1939-43 Star Ribbon.	16	9	37	Passed P.P.T. (Good).				
				7	7	38	Passed P.S.T. (V.G.).				
				8	11	38	Passed E.T. 'ONE'.				
				29	11	38	"Tr".				
				17	6	40	Passed Prof. for Idg. Smn.				

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	9	40	1st	Granted.							

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						In diff. Char.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial		
									O.H.F. Received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

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

FILM
NO. WSR 4696-2
DATE

3074 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **KOBES**
(Surname)

John Robert
(Given Names)

P.L.B.
OFFICIAL NUMBER 3074

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	Boy	13	9	37		V.G.	Sat.	14	9	37	L.R.3.	12	1	40			
"	Ord.Smn.	15	9	37		V.G.	Mod.	31	12	37	Q.R.2	21	12	40			
St.Laurent.	"	30	5	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	38							
Naden	"	3	12	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39							
"	A.B.	15	12	38		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	40							
Restigouche.	"	17	1	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Stadacona	"	9	12	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Restigouche.	"	17	1	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
"	A/Ldg.Smn.(Ty)	1	12	40		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	"	16	7	41													
Restigouche.	"	3	9	41													
Stadacona	"	27	9	41													
Prince Henry.	"	1	10	41													
Stadacona	"	13	11	41													
Avalon.	"	14	11	41													
"	Ldg.Smn.(Ty)	1	12	41	Confirmed.												
Stadacona	"	4	5	42													
HMS.Verity	"	26	5	42.													
Stadacona	"	30	8	42													
Niobe-Athabaskan	"	28	10	42													
Athabaskan.	"	4	2	43													
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing, Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Service Certificate checked on discharge.
 19.2.45. Canadian Memorial Cross issued to -
 Wife - Mrs Joyce L. Kobes,
 441 MacLEAN Rd.,
 Victoria, B.C.
 and to Mother: Mrs. Bessie Kobes,
 2984 Kitchener St., Vancouver, B.C.
 -- 17-3-45.

VERIFICATION FORM

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

NAMING OFF. NO. *N-3074* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
						1939-45	1	<i>star</i>
						ATLANTIC	1	<i>star</i>
						FRANCE G.		
						AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE		
						C.V.S.M.	2	<i>clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

29-4-44

VERIFIED BY *R.P.*

BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S.// NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, Ottawa, Ont.

Name. KOBES, John Robert (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating. Leading Seaman Official No. 3074 Unit { R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth. Vancouver, B.C. Date of Birth. Sept., 15, 1919

Occupation in Civil Life. Clerk Religion. R.C.

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) From 13 Sept. 1937 to 29th April, 1944

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

Cause of Death. Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

Nearest known relative or friend. Name. Mrs. Joyce Kobes Relationship. Wife Address. 1750 Robson St., Vancouver, B.C.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship. 1 May, 1944

Date on which death was registered with local Officials.

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

If applicable { Place of Burial. No burial Date of Burial. Location, Number, etc., of grave. Undertaker employed.

ENTERED IN D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 25 1945

J.B. Money (Commanding Officer) for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

Date. 12 Jan., 1945 EMC

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

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Miss Kobes:

I must regretfully inform you that since your brother was reported missing no further information has been received of his survival or that he is a prisoner of war.

I wish to assure you, however, that the Department makes every endeavour to discover the fate of missing men and draws upon all likely sources of information about them.

In the case of men who are believed to be prisoners of war continuous efforts are made to speed up the machinery whereby their names and camp addresses can reach this country. The official means is by lists of names prepared by the enemy government. These lists take some time to compile, especially if there is a long journey from the place of capture to a prisoners of war camp. Consequently "capture cards", filled in by the prisoners themselves soon after capture and sent home to their relatives, are often the first news received in this country that a man is a prisoner of war.

Very slight hope is now held, however, that your brother is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.

Even if no news is received that a missing man is a prisoner of war, endeavours to trace him do not cease. Enquiries are pursued, not only among those who were serving with him, but also through diplomatic channels and the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. The moment reliable news is obtained from any of these sources it is sent to the Department and is immediately passed on to the next of kin.

Should no information be received to the contrary your brother will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Miss Elizabeth Kobes,
2984 Kitchener St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 10/10/44
Time 1800

TFH/MHM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. N-3074 Pers.(N)

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1 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Kobes:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, John Robert Kobes, Leading Seaman, Royal Canadian Navy, Official Number 3074, is missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN".

According to the report received from overseas, your husband's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Leading Seaman Kobes is reported as "missing" there is a possibility of his survival. It is understood that a number of the crew have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy. The Red Cross have been informed and are attempting to obtain from the German Government a list of those taken. Please be assured that as soon as any further information respecting your husband has been received you will be informed.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Joyce L. Kobes,
605 Alpha St.,
Victoria, B.C.

dear

LETTER dispatched by
PERSONNEL NAVAL
MAY 2 1944
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RCN Jan 45 "Athabaskan"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON Sharp (Re-married)
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Joyce L. ~~Kobes~~ - Widow
ADDRESS: ~~605 Alpha Street,~~ 70 Colwood P.O.,
Victoria, B.C. 22-1-48

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW Mrs. J. L. Kobes
ADDRESS: 441 MacLean Road
VANCOUVER, B.C.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. B. Kobes
ADDRESS: 2984 Kitchener Street
VANCOUVER, B.C.

MEMORIAL B R

DATE DESP.....

REGN. ~~CANCELLED~~

(2) 19 February 1945

(3) 17 March 1945

E DECEASED 29 April 1944

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Dis Dead.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

KOBES, John Robert

N-3074

L/Smn

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

Atlantic Star

C.V.S.M & Clasp

War Medal

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