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 12th Feb. 1942

*ms. D. H.
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ATTESTATION FORM
 (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME ROBERTSON OFFICIAL NO. V-23418
 CHRISTIAN NAMES William MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS 1615 Aird Ave., MONTREAL, QUE. RELIGION Presbyterian

DATE OF BIRTH 21st. October 1906 *PLACE OF BIRTH
 Town Dumblaine, NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
 County Scotland Mother :
 Province Scet Mrs. Nellie ROBERTSON,
 same address.

*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page

(A) **PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT**

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>38</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Small cyst on right forearm. Appendectomy scar.</u>
Inches <u>5</u>	Deflated <u>34</u>				
<u>135 lbs</u>	Mean <u>36</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING 7th year Public School TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Fitter : Montreal Locomotive Works, Montreal, Que.

DATE OF ENROLMENT 26th February 1943 RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED STOKER I R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL"

(B) **DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT**

I hereby declare as follows:—

- (1) That I am a British Subject domiciled in Canada.
- (2) That I am desirous of being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) That * (a) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force.

* ~~(b) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force.~~ ~~(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.~~

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM
<u>////</u>	<u>////</u>	<u>////</u>

Division. H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL"

1. Noted in Records	<u>TO</u>
2. Index Card	<u>TO</u>
3. Nav. Sub. Card	<u>TO</u>
4. Statistical Card	<u>TO</u>
5. Rango Strip	<u>TO</u>
6. Pension Card	<u>TO</u>
7.	<u>TO</u>

DATE 11.2.43

- (c) I have never been rejected for or discharged 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 H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL" Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake to bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for the duration of hostilities, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the Regulations made in pursuance thereof for the government of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, and to the customs and usages of His Majesty's Canadian Naval Service.

(b) To report for active service if called upon in time of war or emergency, and, if called into active service, to serve ashore or afloat as may be directed, according to where my services are required.

(c) To keep in good repair and condition the articles of uniform and any articles of outfit which may be issued to me and to return them to the nearest Divisional Commanding Officer or to Training Headquarters prior to my discharge or when required so to do by any authorized person, or to pay compensation for any loss or damage thereto other than fair wear and tear; and also not to wear such uniform or outfit (which is and remains the property of the Crown) except when on naval duty.

(d) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this 26th day of February 1943

Signature of applicant William Robertson

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING 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 26th day of February 1943

[Signature]
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub. Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, WILLIAM ROBERTSON do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, His heirs and successors according to law.

Signature of Applicant William Robertson

Witness [Signature]

Date 26th February 1943 Rank Sub. Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

WILLIAM ROBERTSON 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 H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL" Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

[Signature]
Sub. Lieutenant, Attesting Officer.

26th February 1943 R.C.N.V.R. Division H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL" (or other establishment)

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

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

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

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the ENGINE ROOM Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

William Robertson
Signature

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 ROBERTSON

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

1.C.#N3 76648

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number. <i>V-55418</i>
	<i>Montreal</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth..... <i>21 October 1906</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth..... <i>Dunblaine - Scotland</i>	<i>Wife:</i>
Place of Residence..... <i>1615 Aird Ave - Montreal</i>	<i>Rosina Robertson</i>
Trade brought up to..... <i>Fitter</i>	<i>123 N. Frederick St.</i>
Religion..... <i>Presbyterian</i>	<i>Glasgow, C1, Scotland.</i>
Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....	
P.S.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....	

O.H.F.

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
	<i>26 Feb '43</i>	<i>Durham Hostilities</i>	<i>St I</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Small cyst on right forearm</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service.....								<i>Appendectomy</i>
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service.....								<i>scar</i>
Further Description if necessary.....								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
	Montreal		Sto I	26 Feb '43	2 Mch '43	
				On Active Service		
	Montreal		Sto I	2 Mch '43	29 Mch '43	
	Cornwallis		---	30 Mch '43	31 May '43	
	Stadacona		---	1 June '43	12 Sep '43	
	Kaib		---	13 Sep '43	25 Jan '44	
	Wile (Athabaskan)		---	26 Jan '44	29 Apr '44	Reported Missing to date 29 Apr '44 Capt "D" Plymouth Sig 30/1/1945 of Apr '44 21063 Presumed Dead to date 29 Apr '44 - C4403 Sig 132109 of Jan '45

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
2/8/45	Setw #B 80510. 28-0	29/8/45

V55418

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-R-2502

OFFICIAL NUMBER V55418

NAME ROBERTSON (Surname) William (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 21st. Oct. 1906PLACE OF BIRTH Dumblaine, Scotland OCCUPATION FitterRELIGION Pres. EDUCATION 7th. yr. Public SchoolRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 1615 Aird Ave. Town Montreal Province, etc. Que.

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
26	2	43	H.O.	5'5"	Brown	Blue	Fair	Small cyst on rt. forearm. Appendectomy Scar.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Susan Robertson
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 123 Town Glasgow Province, etc. Scotland

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	
				13	3	44	Qual. Prel. F.F. Crse (1 day) Ser. Cert.				

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		
					HMCS "NIOBE"	129	29	12	43.	Did improperly leave.	14 Days' Detention. Suspended Sentence. Ser. Cert.

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

SECOND-CLASS FOR CONDUCT
From _____ To _____

FILM
NO. NSP-5884-1
DATE

V55418

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

ROBERTSON

William

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V55418

P.I.B.

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
HMCS "MONTREAL"	Sto. 1	26	2	43	Div. Str. Montreal	V.G.	Mod.	31	12	43.							
" "	"	3	3	43	A/S. D.L. 8-3-43	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Cornwallis	"	29	3	43	D.L. 31-3-43												
Stadacona	"	1	6	43	DRD H-1761 Ser. Cert.												
Niobe	"	14	9	43													
Athabaskan	"	27	1	44	DRD No. 396 P. II.												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	"Missing", Casualty List.												

Presumed Dead: Casualty List.

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to (Wife) Mrs. Rosina Robertson, 123 North Frederick St., Glasgow, Scotland to date 14.3.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION			P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
21	06	22	26	4	0	50			2	23	02	0	09	0	15	94
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE					
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK			
26	02	43	03	03	43					02	30	0	15	94		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	Q.P.			CODED		CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
03	03	43	09	00	00	30	29.04.44			P.S.		M.K.P.				

VERIFICATION FORM

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

REPORTING ... *Sta. H.C.* ... OFF. NO. *V-55418* ... ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS							STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL			
							1939-45	1	<i>star</i>
							ATLANTIC		
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
<i>4-44</i>							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.		<i>2 + clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *R.L.*

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, at OTTAWA, Ont.

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Name ROBERTSON William (Christian names in full)
Rank or Rating Stoker First Class Official No. V-55418 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.V.R.
Place of Birth Dumblaine, Scotland Date of Birth 21st October, 1906
Occupation in Civil Life Fitter; Montreal Locomotive Works Religion Presbyterian
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 26th February, 1943 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. Rosina Robertson Relationship Wife Address 123 North Frederick Street, Glasgow, Scotland.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship: Naval Service Headquarters: 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

Stamp: ENTERED IN O.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 20 1945 G.P.

Signature: R. B. Money for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. etc

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

Date OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January, 1945.

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.

YB

N.S. V-55418, PERS. (N)

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28 March, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information William Robertson, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-55418, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 29th of April, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. e



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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Robertson:

I must regretfully inform you that since your son 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 son 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 son 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.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.Date 10/10/44
Time 1.30

Mrs. Nellie Robertson,
1615 Aird Ave.,
MONTREAL, Quebec.

D OF D 29-4-44

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY 1

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

ROBERTSON William

V-55418

Sto. 1

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 AN DATE DESPATCHED

1939-45 Star

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

R.C.N.V.R. no date. "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Rosina Robertson - Widow

ADDRESS: ~~123 North Frederick St.,~~
~~GLASGOW, Scotland~~
1023 Garwood Ave., Fort Rouge, WINNIPEG,
Man.

(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW Mrs. Rosina Robertson

ADDRESS: 123 North Frederick St.,
Glasgow, Scotland.

(2) 14-3-45

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Nellie Robertson

ADDRESS: 1615 Aird Ave., Montreal, Que.

(3) 14-3-45

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 275.....