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**ATTESTATION FORM**  
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

**FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE**

SURNAME KOSTER OFFICIAL NO. V27989  
CHRISTIAN NAMES JOHN BERNARD MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
154 Roselawn Ave., Toronto, Ont.	R.C.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
30 June '20	Town Toronto, County York, Province Ontario.	Mother: Mary: Same address.
*Original Nationality of: Father Canadian Mother American.		

\*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 5	Inflated 39	Fair	Blue	Fair	None.
Inches 10 1/2	Deflated 35 1/2				
	Mean 37 1/4				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
4 years Technical	Machinist: Canadian General Electric, Ward St. Works, Toronto, Ont.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
9 Feb. '42	E.R.A. 5th	H.M.C.S. "YORK"

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

I hereby declare as follows:—

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

\* (b) I served in..... for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
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(c) I have never been rejected 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.

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Report... L.S.

2. Index Card... JK

3. Non-Sub. Card... JK

4. Statistical Card... JK

5. Roneo Strip... MBOS

6. Pension Card... MBOS

7. ....

8. ....

DATE 17/2/42

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the..... Toronto..... 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..... 9th..... day of..... Feb. '42.....

Signature of applicant..... *J. B. Koster*.....

(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..... 9th..... day of..... Feb. '42.....

..... *J. D. Jones*.....  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, JOHN BERNARD KOSTER..... 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..... *J. B. Koster*.....

Witness..... *J. D. Jones*.....

Date..... 9 Feb. '42..... 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

JOHN BERNARD KOSTER..... 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..... Toronto..... Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

..... *J. D. Jones*.....  
Attesting Officer.  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.  
R.C.N.V.R. Division  
(or other establishment) H.M.C.S. "YORK"

..... 9 Feb. '42..... 194.....

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.

..... *J. B. Koster*.....  
Signature

*File Copy - Captain's Office*  
*V-27989*

**TRUE COPY**  
 OF THE  
**CERTIFICATE of the Service of**

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.

*John Bernard KOSTER*

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY *AL VOLUNTEER RESERVE*

*Esquimaux*      *Toronto, Ont.*      Official Number *V27989*

Date of Birth *30 June 1920*

Where born } Province *Ontario*  
 } Town or County *Toronto*

Trade brought up to *Mechanic*

Religious denomination *Roman Catholic*

Date passed swimming test *2 Mch '42 (Fail)*

Man's signature on discharge to pension }

Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil).  
 Name: *Mary*  
 Relationship: *Mother*  
 Address: *154 Roselawn Ave Toronto, Ont.*

**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
<i>9 Feb '42</i>		<i>Hostilities</i>			

**Medals, Clasps, Etc.**

Date received or forfeited	Nature of Decoration	Date received or forfeited	Nature of Decoration
<i>3 Feb '44</i>	<i>CVSM &amp; Clasp</i>		
<i>3 Feb '44</i>	<i>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 .....							
On Advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....	<i>5</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>	<i>37 1/4</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>None</i>
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further Description if necessary....							

C.N.S. 1243

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V27989

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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V27989

NAME KOSTER John Bernard DATE OF BIRTH 30 June, 1920  
 (Surname) (Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH Toronto, Ont. OCCUPATION Machinist  
 RELIGION R.C. EDUCATION 4 Yrs. Tech.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 154 Roselawn Avenue Town Toronto 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
9	2	42	H.O.	5'10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Fair	Blue	Fair	None				

NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother (10.43) NAME (in pencil) Mary  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 154 Roselawn Avenue Town Toronto Province, etc. Ont.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
3	2	44	C.V.S.M.(R & C) & 1939-1943 Star.	2	3	42	P.P.T. 'Fair'				
				17	3	42	Passed E.T.I., R.C.N.				
				10	11	43	Granted Stokehold W/K Cert.				
				10	11	43	Granted BoilerRoom W/K Cert.				
				31	1	44	Qual. ERA 4/c (Conf)				

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		

**FILM**  
 NO. WAA 5538-1  
 DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Rec.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	
									O.H.F. Rec. Ins. Book- Toronto, Ont. Last Will & Testament Dated 9-2-42 Rec. #20346

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V27989

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

KOSTER

(Surname)

John Bernard

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V27989

P.I.B.

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
York	E.R.A. 5/c	9	2	42	Toronto Div. Str.	V.G.	Supr.	31	12	42							
"	E.R.A. 5/c	10	2	42	Active Service	V.G.	Supr.	31	12	43							
Naden	E.R.A. 5/c	12	2	42		V.G.	Supr.	21	8	44							
Stadacona	E.R.A. 5/c	12	4	42	169232												
Alberni	"	8	8	42	100-#2100												
"	A/E.R.A. 4/c.	7	12	42	RATED (249A, 14942)												
"	E.R.A. 4/c.	31	1	44	CONF. (249A, 14942)												
DISCHARGED	"	21	8	44	Missing Per Casualty List. (249A, A22986)												
		21	8	44	Presumed DEAD. (249A, A59556)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Reported missing 21/8/44 - (249A-A22986)

Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to Mother: Mrs. Mary Koster, 154 Roselawn Ave., Toronto, Ont. dated 17 Jan., 1945.

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.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
20	6	20	11	270	X	10	5	156	14	0	25	0	35	96
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	
09	02	42	10	02	42					1520	0	35	95	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
31	01	44	13	00	00		843 1/10 SAU			173 792				



VERIFICATION FORM  
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.  
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME IN FULL KUSTER John Bernard RANK/RATING FR.A. 4/c OFF. NO. V27989 ADDRESS .....

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF	
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.
	10-2-42											1939-45	1 Star
<i>Albion</i>	8-8-42	21-8-44	745	<i>Atl. Med. Afr.</i>								ATLANTIC	1 Star
												FRANCE G.	
<i>Dis. Dead (HMES Albion)</i>												AFRICA	2 Clasp
<i>to date</i>		21-8-44										PACIFIC	
												BURMA	
												ITALY	
												DEFENCE	
												C.V.S.M.	2 Clasp
												" CLASP	
												WAR 1945	1 Medal
												WAR 1915	
											VERIFIED BY <i>C. M. Wright</i>		
VERIFIED BY <i>C. M. Wright</i>											DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.		

Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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

H.M.C.S. ~~NAVY~~ NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ont.

Name **KOSTER John Bernard**  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating **Engine Room Artificer 4th Class** Official No. **V-27989 R.C.N.V.R.**  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth **Toronto, Ontario,** Date of Birth **30th June, 1920**

Occupation in Civil Life **Machinist** Religion **Roman Catholic**

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) **2 years and 6 months**

Date of Death **21 August, 1944** Place of Death **AT SEA**

Cause of Death **Missing, presumed killed when the ship in which he was serving**  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

**H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI" was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.**

Nearest known relative or friend { Name **Mrs. Mary Koster** Relationship **Mother**  
Address **154 Roselawn Ave., TORONTO, Ont.**

Date on which the above was informed by Ship **Naval Service Headquarters** **23 Aug. 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.....

Place of Burial **No burial.** Date of Burial.....  
(if known) (if known)

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

Undertaker employed.....  
(if any)

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

ENTERED IN  
B.N.P.A.'s LOG FC  
MR. 9/45  
E.L.

Commanding Officer,  
OTTAWA, Ont. 28 February 1945

*H.B. Money*  
FOR.....  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. e

~~NAVAL~~ **Naval Board,**  
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.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

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N. S. V-27989 PERS. (N)

2 March, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information John Bernard Koster, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class, Official Number V-27989, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed killed on the 21st of August, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI", was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
*[Handwritten initials]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

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

N.S. V-27989. PERS.(N)

P.A.'S CHECKED IN  
BY *L*

My dear Mrs. Koster:

I was the captain of H.M.C.S. "Alberni" and I know there is nothing I can say that will help you in your great loss. I just wanted you to know that you have my sincerest sympathy. Your husband was one of the most reliable and well liked men I have ever served with. He has been with me for a long time now and appeared to be very happy aboard.

The only minor comfort I can give you is that he was down below at the time the ship was hit and as the ship sank instantly I am sure he did not suffer any pain.

I hope that if I am ever in Toronto you will give me the pleasure of allowing me to call on you.

If there is any way in which I can help you, do not hesitate to write me.

Yours sincerely,

"Ian Bell"

Lieutenant Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

Mrs. Mary Koster,  
154 Roselawn Ave.,  
TORONTO, Ont.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Nov. 45 "ALBERNI"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Mary Koster - Mother

ADDRESS: 154 Roselawn Ave.,  
TORONTO, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP  
(1)

REGN. NO. 2015  
~~CANCELLED~~

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. M. Koster

ADDRESS: 154 Roselawn Avenue  
TORONTO, Ontario

(3) 17 January 1945

DECEASED 21 August 1944

AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

KOSTER	John Bernard	V-27989	ERA.4	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT
<u>WAR SERVICE</u>				
<u>BADGE</u>				
(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:		

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	1440 7-10-49
Africa Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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