

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

S.-459 (Revised—January, 1934).

CERTIFICATE of the Service of

SURNAME, (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES.
WILKINSON	Horace Edward

in the Royal Navy.

NOTE.—The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off where indicated if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Admiralty. If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

Port Division	Devonport	Man's Signature on discharge to Pension
Official No.	KX. 89543	
Date of Birth	14 th September 1911	Nearest known Relative or Friend, (To be noted in pencil).
Where born	Parish	Relationship: Wife
	Town or County	Name: Audrey Marion
Trade brought up to	General Labourer	Address: 141 Duke Street Hamilton Ontario Canada
Religious Denomination	Presbyterian (C. of E. Canada)	11/13

All Engagements, including Non-C.S.,
to be noted in these Columns.

Swimming Qualifications.

Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date.	Qualification.	Signature.
1. 8 th September 1936		Twelve Years	1. 19/11/36	P.P.T. - P.M.R.	W. P. G. S.
2.			2.		
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5.			5.		
6.			6.		

Medals, Clasps, &c., L.S. and G.C. Gratuity.

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	6	0 1/4	34	Dark Brown	Grey	Fresh	Nil.
On re-engagement or re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attain- ing 28 years							
Further description if necessary							

CAUTION: This is an Official document. Any alteration made to it without proper authority will render the offender liable to severe penalties.

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S.-459.

2.
Name Horace Edward Wilkinson

Name of Ship. (Tenders to be inserted in brackets)	List and No.	Rating	From	To	Cause of Discharge and other notations authorised by Article 606, Clause 9, K.R. and A.I.
<u>Drake</u>		<u>Sto 2nd cl</u>	<u>8 Sept '36</u>	<u>22 April '37</u>	
<u>Drake (Eclipsa)</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>22 April '37</u>	<u>7 July '37</u>	
<u>Drake</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>8 July '37</u>	<u>1 Oct '37</u>	
<u>Drake</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>2 Oct '37</u>	<u>28 July '38</u>	
<u>Tamara (Decoy)</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>29 July '38</u>	<u>30 Sep '39</u>	
<u>St. Angelo (Decoy)</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>1 Oct '39</u>	<u>31 Jan '40</u>	
<u>Aleksander V (Decoy)</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>1 Feb '40</u>	<u>31 March '40</u>	
<u>Edinburgh Castle (-)</u>		<u>" "</u>			
<u>Hila (-)</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>1 April '40</u>	<u>14 Sep '40</u>	
<u>Drake</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>15 Sept '40</u>	<u>26 Dec '40</u>	
<u>Hilda</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>27 Dec '40</u>	<u>27 April '41</u>	
<u>Ad. Laysto (1)</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>28 April '41</u>	<u>28 Aug '41</u>	Actually advanced 16 May '41
<u>Engel (Catherine)</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>29 Aug '41</u>	<u>2 Jan '42</u>	
<u>Avalon</u> <small>(Sackville)</small>		<u>" "</u>	<u>3 Jan '42</u>	<u>15 Feb '42</u>	
<u>Avalon (Sackville)</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>16 Feb '42</u>	<u>31 March '42</u>	
<u>Stadrona (Sackville)</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>1 April '44</u>	<u>19 April '44</u>	
<u>Hilde (Albani)</u>		<u>" "</u>	<u>20 April '44</u>	<u>15 Aug '44</u>	Transferred to R.C.N. to date 16 Aug '44 made by 171552B.

Date	Wounds received in Action and Hurt Certificate; also any meritorious Service, Special recommendations, Prize or other Grants; temporary advancements to local (acting) ratings, with inclusive dates.	Captain's Signature

Name of Ship.
(Tenders to be inserted in brackets)

Exa

Date

1.2.34 "Supp"

JLK:

N.F.3-WI-23

62503

13 March,

2.

FROM: The Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "AVALON",
St. John's, Newfoundland.

TO : The Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "STADACONA",
Halifax, N.S.

Horace Edward WILKINSON, Ldg. Sto., O.N. P/KX89543, R.N.

The above named rating has requested to transfer from the Royal Navy to the Royal Canadian Navy under seven years' **continuous** Service engagement on compassionate grounds.

2. Wilkinson's mother, who is at present living at 108 Bellevue Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, has been legally separated from her husband and is striving to keep herself and two children on \$10.00 a week.
3. Wilkinson joined the Royal Navy on 8 September, 1936 for a period of twelve years due to the fact that at that time the Royal Canadian Navy was not increasing its personnel.
4. Wilkinson is at the present time single and has an allotment made out in favour of his mother amounting to five (5s.) shillings per week.

This request is recommended.

5. Service Certificate is not available.

SGD:
Commander, R.C.N.
for CAPTAIN, R.C.N.

MINUTE II - P.T.O.

II.
H-3-20-W.
Secretary, Naval Board,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ontario.

62503

NATIONAL DEFENCE

MAR 30 1942

N.S. 47-0-14
C. 101A

Submitted for the consideration of
the Department.

J. H. Folger
fr
COMMANDER, R.C.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

R.C.N. Barracks,
Halifax, N.S.,
26th March, 1942.
AD

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My Authority for Attestation is: NS 47-W.14 (Pers.(N) of 13th July, 1944.

H. M. C. S.

"NIOBE"

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

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 Horace Edward WILKINSON		NEXT OF KIN (Wife) Name: Audrey Wilkinson Address: 141 Duke St. Hamilton, Ont.	PRESENT RATING 16th August, 1944 -Stoker 1/c (Ty) 17th August, 1944 -A/Ldg. Stoker (Ty)
DATE OF BIRTH* 17th September, 1911	PLACE OF BIRTH† Town: Stratford County: Perth Province: Ontario	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER Captain, R.C.N.V.R., H.M.C.S. "NIOBE"	

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
6'1"	39	Brown	Blue	Fair	Small scar just above right knee	Presbyterian	Truck Driver

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	16th August, 1944	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	Seven Years
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	25th March, 1944	Date of entering present ship	H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI" 16th August, 1944 O.N. D/1089543

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.

**Royal Navy
A/Ldg. Stoker (Ty)
(last sub rating held)
From 8 Sep.'36 to 15th Aug.'44**

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** **Yes**
- Are you a British subject? **Yes**
- Nationality of Parents—Father: **English** Mother: **English**
- Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R.C. Mounted Police?† **Yes**
- Do you now belong to the Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force or any Regiment or Corps in His Majesty's Army, or to any established Naval or Army Reserve Force, or to the R.C. Mounted Police?..... **No**
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date..... **No**
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army, or R.C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct?..... **No**
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?..... **Yes**
- Can you swim?..... **Yes**

* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.

† Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject, and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."

‡ Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H.M. Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal Fleet Reserve Instructions). If an R.N.R. man, state number of R.V.2.

(OVER)

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

Horace
I, **Edward Wilkinson**....., 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 the term of seven years** from† **16th August, 1944**, provided my service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this **16th** day of **August, 1944**

.....**Edward Wilkinson**..... Man's Signature in full
Witness to Signature **James Hauelle**.....

Attested before me this **16th** day of **August, 1944**.

James Hauelle..... Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service
Pay-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

Date..... **16th August, 1944**

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
x Mr. M. C. [Signature]..... Medical Officer

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date..... 19

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..... 19.....

..... } (Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

III.—Re-engagement for Continuous Service

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used.

I,....., now serving as a..... on board H.M.C.S....., who on the..... of..... 19.....

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of §..... years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period**..... from††..... 19..... provided my services should be so long required.

..... Man's Signature in full
..... 19.....

Witness..... Commanding Officer

* Insert "for the term of (number in words) years," or "to complete (number) years for pension" or until I attain the age of years."
† Insert the date from which the engagement commences.
‡ The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths over 17 years of age.)
§ To be written in words.
** Insert as follows:—"Of (number) years," or "to complete time for pension," or "until I attain the age of years," as the case may be.
†† Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement, which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is ante-dated) earlier than the date of execution.

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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

WILKINSON Horace Edward

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Nicole

Official Number *22129*.....

Date of birth *17 September 1911*

Nearest known Relative or Friend
(To be noted in pencil)

Where born { Province *Ontario*
Town or county *Stratford Perth*

Name: *Audrey Wilkinson*

Relationship: *Wife*

Trade brought up to *Truck Driver*

Address: *141 Duke Street
Hamilton, Ont.*

Religious denomination *Presbyterian*

Date passed swimming test

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
<i>25 Mar '44</i>	<i>16 Aug '44</i>	<i>Seven years</i>	5.		
2.			6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Medals, Clasps, Etc.

Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration	Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as a boy.....							
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Small scar just above right knee.</i>
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

22129

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

N-22129

OFFICIAL NUMBER

22129

NAME WILKINSON

(Surname)

Horace Edward

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

17th September, 1911

PLACE OF BIRTH Stratford, Ontario.

OCCUPATION

Truck Driver

RELIGION Presbyterian

EDUCATION

Grade VIII

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town

Greenock

Province, etc.

Scotland

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
16	8	44	Seven years	6'1"	Brown	Blue		Small scar above rt knee.	R.N. D/KX89543	8/9/36	15/8/44	

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Mother

file 1510/45

NAME (in pencil)

Andrew M. Wilkinson

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

10757 Plaza Blvd

Town

Montreal North

Province, etc.

Que

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	
				19	11	36	P.P.T. (Fair)				

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		
8	9	39	1st.	Granted							

FILM
NO. WSR 4805-6-
DATE

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

Last Will & Test. #37682 Rec'd dated 16.8.44

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

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

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W.S.G.
 APPLICATION
 RECEIVED
 AUG 31 1944

22129 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME WILKINSON Horace Edward. OFFICIAL NUMBER 22129
 (Surname) (Given Names)

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
Niobe (Alberni)	Sto.1/c (Ty)	16	8	44		V.G.	Supr.	21	8	44							
"	A/lbg.Sto.(Ty)	17	8	44													
<u>DISCHARGED</u>		21	8	44	Missing, Presumed Dead												

GENERAL REMARKS
Extract from RN Service.
 Sto.1/c 8.9.36.
 A/lbg.Sto.28/4/4/41--15/8/44
 Transferred to R.C.N.
 Conduct V.G.througout.
 Canadian Memorial Crosses issued
 to Wife: Mrs. Audrey Wilkinson,
 1/1 Duke St., Hamilton, Ont. and to
 Mother: Mrs. Maude Wilkinson, 108
 Belview Ave., Hamilton, Ontario.
 31-1-45.
 S.C. checked on discharge

Form No. **S. 443**.—(Established—October, 1932).

AUXILIARY MACHINERY COURSE FOR STOKER RATINGS.

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION.

H.M.S. DECOY.

This is to certify that Horace Edward Wilkinson

First Class Stoker, Official Number KX89543 serving in H.M.S.

"DECOY" has successfully passed through the Auxiliary Machinery Watchkeeping Course, as laid down in K.R. and A.I. Appendix XVII., Part I, No. 39 (F), and notations have been made on his History Sheet accordingly.



J. Hart, Lieutenant (E)

Engineer Officer.

J. Hughes
Commander.

Commanding Officer.

Date 28th March 1939

(Information extracted from Naval Service Headquarters' Records.)

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

1235

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

Name WILKINSON Horace Edward
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Leading Stoker Official No. 22129 Unit R.C.N.
~~R.C.N.R.~~
~~R.C.N.W.R.~~

Place of Birth Stratford, Ontario. Date of Birth 17th September, 1911

Occupation in Civil Life Truck Driver Religion Presbyterian

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service 1938 R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) Sept. 8 in R.N. Transferred to R.C.N. - 16 Aug. 1944.
(R.N. Official No. D/KXS9543) to 21 August, 1944.

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. "ALBERTI" was lost in the English Channel due to enemy action.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Audrey Wilkinson Relationship Wife
Address 141 Duke Street, HAMILTON, Ont.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 23rd 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.....

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

*Noted on file
M.M.O.
8.3.45*

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

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

OTTAWA, Ont. February 28 1945
Date.....

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.

Family Service Bureau

MEMBER OF HAMILTON COMMUNITY FUND

HAMILTON, ONT.



1078 Barton E.,
Feb. 17, 1941.

IDENT
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2ND VICE-PRESIDENT
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PHONE 7-3073

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Department of National Defence,
Ottawa,
Ont.

Dear Sirs:-

RE STOKER H. E. WILKINSON O/K89543
9 Mess, H.M.S. Hecla,
C/o G.P.O., London, England

The family of the above-named sailor has been well known to this Agency for some years. His mother is separated from her husband and is dependent for support for herself and her two young children on her half-time weekly char-work and the earnings of a daughter, who has recently started to work on a small wage.

The above-named is the eldest son and Mrs. Wilkinson is not in receipt of any allowance from him, except Five Shillings a week. Four years ago he went to England on a cattle boat and joined up with the Navy for 12 years, along with a younger brother.

Mrs. Wilkinson recently received a letter from her son asking her to get in touch with Ottawa, and see what could be done to have him transferred to the Canadian Navy. He stated that in that event she would be granted a larger allowance to help her.

We would be glad to hear from you as to what steps should be taken to have this change made. We might say that Mrs. Wilkinson and the family are badly in need of some further help from this son.

If there is any further information you require, do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU

PER *Muriel H. Milligan*
(Miss) Muriel H. Milligan
District Secretary

MHM:P

NAVAL MESSAGE

To: MRS. AUDREY WILKINSON
141 DUKE STREET
HAMILTON ONTARIO

From: NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

N. 22129

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CNP

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES
DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR HUSBAND HORACE
EDWARD WILKINSON LEADING STOKER NO -22129 IS MISSING
AT SEA. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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DELIVERY CONTINUED

L/T P/L 24-8-44 AMB 23173
DRAFTED BY N.P.R. (PAY LIEUT T H HEARD) N.S. N-22129 PERS. (N)

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. 47-W-~~54~~ PERS.(N)
M(22129)

23 August, 1944

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 23rd of August, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Horace Edward Wilkinson, Leading Stoker, Official Number 22129, Royal Canadian Navy, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your husband is missing at sea when the ship in which he was serving was lost by enemy action in the English Channel. As soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

Should you know the name of the ship in which he was serving, it is requested that, for security reasons, you will regard this information as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Audrey Wilkinson,
141 Duke Street,
HAMILTON, Ontario.

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

N.S. N-22129. PERS.(N)

P.A.'S CHECKED IN

C.R. BY.....

My dear Mrs. Wilkinson:

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 an excellent stoker doing the job of a Stoker Petty Officer. He was very well liked by all the officers and men and seemed very happy aboard. Before our accident, he had just changed over to the Royal Canadian Navy.

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 pass through or visit Hamilton 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. Audrey Wilkinson,
141 Duke St.,
HAMILTON, Ont.

TFH/JAG

"AIR MAIL"



N- 22129 P

123570

28th August, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson:-

Further to my letter of the 23rd August, details of the disaster in which your husband has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "ALBERNI" was sunk while on invasion duties in the English Channel. Four officers and fifty-five ratings are missing, with three officers and twenty-eight ratings having survived.

It is regretted that the position of the loss cannot be given, but it is considered unlikely that prisoners of war ^{there} will be taken.

It is requested that you will keep this information in confidence until an official announcement is made.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Audrey Wilkinson,
141 Duke Street,
HAMILTON, Ont.

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RCN Nov. 45 "ALBERNI"
 MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Audrey Wilkinson - Widow

ADDRESS: ~~141 Duke Street,~~ 26 Shelby Ave.,
 Hamilton, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP

REGN NO

2188

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

Mrs. Audrey Wilkinson

ADDRESS: 10757 Plaza Blvd.,
 MONTREAL NORTH, Que.

(2) 31-1-45

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. Maude Wilkinson

ADDRESS: 108 Belview Ave., Hamilton, Ont.

(3) 31-1-45

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WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	7349 14/3/50
Atlantic Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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