





(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Port Arthur Division of  
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 11th day of December, 1941

Signature of applicant William Fitzpatrick

(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 11th day of December, 1941

C. G. Book, Lieut. T. V. R.  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, William Fitzpatrick 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 Fitzpatrick

Witness C. G. Book

Date Dec. 11th, 1941 Rank Lieut. T. V. R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

William Fitzpatrick 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 Port Arthur Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

C. G. Book, Lieut. V. R.  
Attesting Officer.

Dec. 11th, 1941 R.C.N.V.R. Division  
(or other establishment) Port Arthur

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.



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*V-16717*

**TRUE COPY**

OF THE

**CERTIFICATE of the Service of**

*FITZPATRICK, William*

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

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.

*Halifax*      *Port Arthur*      Official Number *V-16717*

Date of birth *10<sup>th</sup> June 1920*      Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)

Where born { Province *Manitowish, Saskatchewan*      Name: *Elizabeth Fitzpatrick*  
 Town or county *St. Vital, Winnipeg, Manitoba*      Relationship: *Mother*

Trade brought up to *Sheet Metal*      Address: *Same address*

Religious denomination *Roman Catholic*

Date passed swimming test *R.S.T. Award 29 July 1942*

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>11 Dec 41</i>		<i>Hostilities</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>15 April 1945</i>	<i>Prov. awarded C.V.S.M. and Clasp</i>		
<i>15 April 1945</i>	<i>1939-43 Star Prov. Award</i>		

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as a boy.....	<i>6</i>	<i>1 1/2</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>3" scar inside of left thumb</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.....							



















W.S.B.

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

RATING *File/Ann.* OFF. NO. *V-16717* ADDRESS .....

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

VERIFIED BY *R.D. Macbratton*  
*cus*

BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.



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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. ROBINHART at Sea

Name FITZPATRICK, William  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating A. B. ABLE SEAMAN Official No. V-10717 RCNVR  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth North Bay, Ont Date of Birth 10th June, 1890

Occupation in Civil Life Sheet Metal 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) 11th Dec., 1911 - 16th April, 1915

Date of Death 16th April, 1915 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death lost at sea - enemy action  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Elizabeth Fitzpatrick Relationship mother  
Address 1065 West Broadway,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship not known

Date on which death was registered with local Officials not known

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 invalided \*\*\*\*\*

*[Signature]*  
Commanding Officer,  
.....194.....

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.

C.N.S. 1121  
15M-7-40 (5849)  
N.S. 815-9-1121

*Noted  
D.N.P.A.  
M.S. 45  
L.P.*



, 7 May, 1945. 38

Dear Mrs. Fitzpatrick:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, William Fitzpatrick, Able Seaman, Official Number V-16717, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which he was serving, the fact that all circumstances surrounding his loss have been carefully reviewed, and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 16th of April, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty off the east coast of Canada. One Officer and fifteen ratings were killed at the time of the disaster, four Officers and twenty-four ratings are missing and now presumed dead, while two Officers and twenty-four ratings survived the sinking.

The above information is now being released for publication.

The following is an excerpt from the report of a Canadian Naval Press Relations Officer who was in contact with survivors of the ill-fated ship.

"Struck by a torpedo on the starboard side, H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT" listed heavily, and sank stern first in a few minutes. The ship's list had the seaboard under water and flooded before it could be released from the davits, but carley floats were freed quickly before the ship went down and those who escaped from the ship gathered on four of these floats.

"It was from the four floats that a sister Bangor minesweeper, H.M.C.S. "SARNIA", picked up the survivors nearly six hours later. Many who had reached the floats safely had died of exposure on the floats, from the soaking in the cold sea water, and sixteen bodies were taken aboard the rescue craft.

"In spite of the rapidity with which the ship heeled over and slid under the surface there was no panic or confusion", a surviving Officer reported. Everyone he had seen had been calmly and quickly abandoning ship.

"Many men had died in the floats, and their bodies were brought aboard H.M.C.S. "SARNIA" with the survivors.

"Artificial respiration was given to some of the unconscious men for hours after they were picked up, but only two men were revived."

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf 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 son has helped to maintain.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Date  
Time8/5/45  
1:20

Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick,  
1065 West Broadway,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.



V16717

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-F-869

OFFICIAL NUMBER V16717

NAME FITZPATRICK William DATE OF BIRTH 10 June 1920  
 (Surname) (Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH Moose Jaw, Sask. OCCUPATION Sheet Metal  
 RELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION Grade 10

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 808 Victoria Ave. Town Fort William 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
11	12	41	Hostilities Only	6'11 1/2"	D. Brown	Blue	Fair	3" scar inside of left thumb.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 742 Oak 28th Town Vancouver Province, etc. B.C.

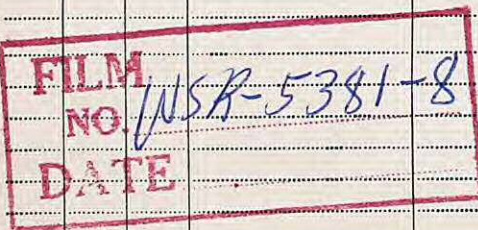
MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				29	7	42	Passed P.S.T. "Good"				
				14	8	42	Marked Tr.				
				24	1	45	Failed Prof. for Ldg. Smn. (et. etc.)				

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	1	45	1st. G.C.B.	Granted (38815)							

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





V16717

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME FITZPATRICK

William

OFFICIAL NUMBER V16717

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
HMCS "GRIFFON"	Ord. Smn.	11	12	41	Div. Str. Port Arthur	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	S.T.	14	10	43			
"	"	8	1	42	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	L.T.O.	27	11	44			
York	"	13	1	42	D.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Cornwallis	"	22	6	42	D.	V.G.	SAT	31	12	44							
Stadacona	"	18	8	42	DRD	V.G.	Supr.	16	4	45							
Columbia	"	18	8	42	DRD												
"	Able Smn.	8	1	43	Rated 249A/29617												
Stadacona	"	16	8	43	DRD H-2340												
Red Deer	"	20	10	43	DRD H-2929												
Stadacona	"	12	7	44	#201: P.#2.												
Esquimalt	"	28	12	44	S.#363: P.#9.												
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	"Missing" Per Casualty List. "Presumed Dead" Page #145												

GENERAL REMARKS  
 Hosp. 5-3/11-4/42  
 Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to  
 Mother: Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick,  
 1065 West Broadway,  
 Vancouver, B.C. 28-6-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		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		
10	6	20	19	313	0	10	3	1	49	01	0	10	8	08 35		
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A.	BR.	RANK			
11	12	41	08	01	42					3560	8	08	35			
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M		CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
08	01	43	13	25	00											



MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Mar. 46 "ESQUIMALT"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

*No Later Add*

ENTITLED TO

Mr. William Fitzpatrick - Father

ADDRESS:

~~1065 West Broadway,~~ 742 East 28th Ave.  
VANCOUVER, B.C. Corres. on file.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP

REGN. NO

*698*  
CANCELLED

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs E. Fitzpatrick

ADDRESS:

1065 W. Broadway  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

(3)

28 June 1945



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDSNAVY

*Lead 604 W*

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

DECEASED 16 April 1945

D.D.

FITZPATRICK

William

V-16717

A.B.

FILE No.

SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

CHRISTIAN NAMES

REG. No.

RANK ON DISCHARGE

C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

CLASS

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

02-85114 M



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CAMPAIGN MEDALS

REGISTRATION NUMBER

1939-45 Star

Atlantic Star

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

*215. 5/7/50*

*MEDALS RET'D UNDER  
CANCELLED RET'D TO STOCK*

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)