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CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME ROBERTS OFFICIAL NO. 30171

CHRISTIAN NAMES James Elder MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Married

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
4530 Burke Street, Burnaby, B.C.	Presby.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
19th June 1908	Town New Westminster County Province B.C.	(Wife) Mrs. Ann ROBERTS 4530 Burke Street, Burnaby, B.C.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5'</u>	Inflated <u>36 3/4</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Scar left wrist</u>
Inches <u>8 3/4</u>	Deflated <u>35</u>				<u>Scar side of right eye</u>
Mean <u>36</u>					

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>18/4/40</u>	<u>Chief Motor Mechanic R.C.N.V.R.</u>	<u>Sawmill Owner</u>

(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 Nil 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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Personnel Records Division

- 1. Noted in Records LC
- 2. Index Card LC
- 3. Summary Card LC
- 4. Statistical Card LC
- 5. Roneo Strip LC
- 6. Pension Card
- 7.
- 8.

DATE April 29, 1940

- (c) I have never been rejected 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 "NADEN" Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for ~~three consecutive years~~ ^{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.

Dated this 18th day of April 1940

Signature of applicant James Elder Roberts

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING 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 18th day of April 1940

Signature of Commanding Officer
Lieut. Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, James Elder ROBERTS 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 James Elder Roberts

Witness Lieut. Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

Date 18th April 1940 Rank

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

James Elder ROBERTS 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 "NADEN" Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

Signature of Commanding Officer
Lieut. Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

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.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

123-R-315

0-62630

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

ROBERTS

(Surname)

James Elder

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

19 June, 1908

PLACE OF BIRTH

New Westminster, B.C.

OCCUPATION

Sawmill Owner.

RELIGION

Presbyterian.

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

4530 Burke St.,

Town

Burnaby,

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
27	3	43	Hostilities Only	5' 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Black	Brown	Medium	Scar left wrist. Scar side of rt. eye.	R.C.N.V.R.	CMM 3/c	18-4	14-1-
											40	43
									R.C.N.V.R.	A/Wt. Eng.	15-1	26-3-
											43	43

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc

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	
17	2	44	Prov. awarded C.V.S.M. & Clasp								
17	2	44	Prov. awarded 1939-43 Star								

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		

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

O.R.F. Received.

Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

FILM

NO. WSR 4484-7

DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



N.R.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **ROBERTS**
(Surname)

James Elder
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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 add'l.	A/Wt. Eng.	27	3	43	for training & disposal with seniority of 15.1.43, on transfer from R.C.N.V.R.												
"	A/Wt. Eng.	12	4	43	for Motor Landing Craft Base, Nanaimo (App't. of 3.5.43)												
Givenchy add'l.	"	1	7	43	for Motor Landing Craft Base, Nanaimo (List 130/43) (App't. of 8.7.43)												
Stadacona add'l.	"	28	8	43	for disposal (App't. of 21.8.43)												
Noranda add'l.	"	31	8	43	for Engine Room Training (App't. of 11.9.43)												
Stadacona (KAM)	"	14	9	43	in charge of machinery (App't. of 24.9.43)												
Stadacona add'l	"				for disposal (D.T.B.R.) (List 128-44 of 16-44)												
Scotian add'l	"	3	6	44	for disposal - Amended app't (List 155-44 of 4-7-44)												
HMCS "Esquimalt" add'l	"	17	7	44													
HMCS "Esquimalt"	"	21	7	44	i/c of machinery (List 132-44 of 1-3-44)												
"	Wt. Engineer	15	1	44	" " " --Confirmed in rank and re-appointed with Seniority of 15.1.43 (List 273-44)												
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	Missing at sea due to enemy action. (Casualty List)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross forwarded to date 28.6.45 to Mother: Mrs. Thomas W. Roberts, Courtney, Vancouver Island, B.C.
 Canadian Memorial Cross forwarded to date 28.6.45 to Wife: Mrs. Ann Roberts, 152 Moss St., Victoria, B.C.
14 days leave 21/1/44
14 days leave from 8/1/45

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CIVIL OCCU.	RELIED PERM. RESIDE	RESIDE	RESIDE	RESIDE	RESIDE	RESIDE	RESIDE
DY. MO. YR.	BIRTH MAIN SUB	GION	P. CTY. TO	TO	TO	TO	TO	TO	TO
19 6 08	18 900 0	50	X 9	04	00	X 99	1	02	39
ENLIST. DATE	ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE
DY. MO. YR.	DY. MO. YR.	CAT.	DY. MO. YR.	CAT.	DY. MO. YR.	CAT.	DY. MO. YR.	CAT.	DY. MO. YR.
27 03 43	27 03 43	43							
SENIORITY	STR.	NON-SUB	M	STR.	NON-SUB	M	STR.	NON-SUB	M
DY. MO. YR.	CAT.	A B ST.		DY. MO. YR.	CAT.	A B ST.		DY. MO. YR.	CAT.
27 03 43	13			89%					

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

103-R-228

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

ROBERTS
(Surname)

James Elder
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 19 June, 1908.

PLACE OF BIRTH New Westminster B.C.

OCCUPATION Sawmill Owner

RELIGION

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

4530 Burke St.

Town

Burnsby

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
15	1	43	Hostilities Only	5'8 ³ / ₄ "	Black	Brown	Medium	Scar Lt. wrist side of right eye.	R.C.N.V.R.	CMM	18-4-40	15-1-43

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc

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	

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. W.A.R. 4484-7
DATE

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

O.H.F. Received

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To





OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **ROBERTS**
(Surname)

James Elder
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Qualified
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
H.M.C.S. Naden	Wt. Eng. T.	15	1	43	addl. for trng. and disposal per Appt.		1-3-43	Prom.	from CH. M.M.	3/c	O.N.	V30171			
DISCHARGED	Wt. Eng. T.	26	3	43	Transferred to A/Warrant Engineer R.C.N.R.		per Appt.	7-5-43							

GENERAL REMARKS

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.	RETIRED	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREM. EML.	RANK OR RATE					
BY	MO	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	SIG.	B	CTZ	TOLN	SER	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
19	6	08	18	120	0		X4	9	04	00	X	99	0	02/39
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE											
BY	MO	YR.	BY	MO	YR.									
15	01	43	15	01	43									
SENIORITY			GTR.		NON									
BY	MO	YR.	BY	MO	YR.									
15	01	43	09											
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V30171

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-R-376

OFFICIAL NUMBER V30171

NAME ROBERTS James Elder DATE OF BIRTH 19 June 1908
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH New Westminster B.C. OCCUPATION Sawmill OwnerRELIGION Pres. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 4530 Burke St. Town Burnaby 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
18	4	40	H.O.	5'8 1/2"	Black	Brown	Med.	Scar Lt. wrist. Scar side of Rt. eye.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Miss Anna Roberts
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 157 Mass St Town Victoria 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	
				18	4	40	Granted Aux. W/K Cert.				
				18	4	40	Granted E.R. W/K Cert.				
				1	5	42	Granted M.M. Charge Cert. #3. (2494 #11891)				
				25	8	42	Granted M.M. Charge Cert. #1. "				
				25	8	42	Recommended for Warrant Rank. (2494 #11891)				
				5	9	42	Granted Cert. No. 11. (2494 #5387)				
				21	9	42	Qual. Warrant Engineer. (2494 #2156)				

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		

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



V30171

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME ROBERTS
(Surname)

James Elder
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

0-62630
V30171

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
U.S.S. Naden	CDM 4/c	18	4	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
U.S.S. Snas Pear	" "	16	7	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
"	CDM 3/c	18	4	42	Rated. (2L9A #11722)												
Naden	"	5	9	42	FOO # 1916												
Givenchy	"	24	9	42	FOO # 1916												
Naden	"	6	1	43	FOO # 310												
DISCHARGED	"	14	1	43	Promoted to Warrant Rank (App't. 1-3-43)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Recommended for Warrant rank. 25-8-42.

206 promoted to Warrant Rank

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI. ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE BY ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	MAIN	SUB	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV. DIV.	A	BR	RANK
19	6	08	18	312	0	50	X	9	04	00	0	13	0	29 95
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	
18	04	40	18	04	40					2730	0		29 94	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODING			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
18	04	42 09					30	14	01	43				

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. ~~ESQUIMAULT~~ at ~~SEA~~

Name ROBERTS, James Eldon
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Harvard Engineer Official No. P.C.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth New Westminster, B.C. Date of Birth 19th June, 1908

Occupation in Civil Life Saw Mill Partner 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) 18 April, 1940 - 16th Apr., 1945

Date of Death 16th Apr., 1945 Place of Death 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 Mrs. Ann Roberts Relationship wife
Address 158 Howe St.,
Victoria, 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 invalidated

[Signature]
Commanding Officer,

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MAY 31 1945
D.N.P.A. SECT. 11
M.M.C.

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.

VERIFICATION
CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WA
NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE

NAME IN FULL ROBERTS, James Elder..... RANK/RATING Wt Engr.....

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	FROM	TO
	FROM	TO	DAYS			
ESQUIMALT .	18.4.40					
SANS PEUR .	16.7.40	8.9.42	785	WC .		
NORANDA .	31.8.43	13.9.43	14	Atlantic		
KAM .	14.9.43	29.5.44	259	Atlantic		
ESQUIMALT .	17.7.44	16.4.45	274	Atlantic		
Drochi. Missing at sea due to enemy action						
to date 16/4/45.						

VERIFIED BY [Signature].....

VERIFIED BY

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

RATING *Wt Engr* OFF. NO. *Q-62630* 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	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		

VERIFIED BY *J. Rose*

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

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LA/CM

N.S. 0-62630. PERS.(N)

19 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th of April, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Mr. James Elder Roberts, Warrant Engineer, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, is missing at sea due to enemy action.

From information available, little hope can be held for his survival and there is no possibility of his having been taken prisoner. For security reasons, this is the only information which can be released at this time.

Should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of his death will be made at a later date, when you will be informed. Please be assured, however, that as soon as any further news is received or more details can be released, you will be informed immediately.

It is requested that you will regard the name of the ship in which Mr. Roberts was serving, together with the fact that she has been in contact with the enemy, as secret until an official announcement is made.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy of the Department with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

(SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Ann Roberts,
152 Moss Street,
VICTORIA, B.C.

[Handwritten initials]

cc

7 May, 1945. 68

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

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 husband, Mr. James Elder Roberts, Warrant Engineer, Royal Canadian Naval 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

LB
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Tom
Date 8/5/45
Time 12:00

Mrs. Ann Roberts,
152 Moss Street,
VICTORIA, B.C.

*gmd**MD*

0-62630

14 Dundas Esplanade,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
May 10, 1945.

Mrs. Anne Roberts,
152 Moss St.
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

Your husband, James, was serving under me as Engineer Officer during the recent action in which he lost his life.

The whole action happened so quickly he did not have time to get from his quarters and he was killed there instantly by the explosion.

Jimmy was more than a junior officer to me, he was a close friend. In line of duty he was hard working and competent; in the wardroom, a cheerful and popular companion. His popularity however did not remain in the wardroom but extended throughout the whole ship and to other ships and base staff ashore.

May I extend deepest sympathy to you and the children on behalf of myself and all surviving shipmates.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Macmillan,
Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.

P.A.'S CHECKED IN

C.R. BY 

D OFD 16-4-45

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

ROBERTS James Elder		0-62630	Wt Eng.	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,	7727-
Atlantic Star,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNR Dec. 45 "ESQUIMALT"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Anne Roberts - Widow - N/K

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(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. Ann Roberts

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MOTHER

Mrs. Thomas W. Roberts

ADDRESS: Courtney, Vancouver Island, B.C.

MEMORIAL BAR

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