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# ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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## FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME GOLLET OFFICIAL NO. U42673  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Robert James MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
271 Nicholas Street, Ottawa, Ontario.	Roman Catholic.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
9th April, 1924	Town South Porcupine County Province Ontario.	Mother: Mrs. Ana Leduc, 271 Nicholas Street, Ottawa, Ontario.
*Original Nationality of:		
Father Canadian		
Mother Canadian.		

\*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>32½</u> .....	Black	Brown	Medium	None.
Inches..... <u>5½</u> .....	Deflated..... <u>30</u> .....				
	Mean..... <u>31</u> .....				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
1st Form High School.	Office Boy. Air Member for Personal, Jackson Building, Bank St., Ottawa, Ontario.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
15th July, 1942.	Stoker 11	H.M.C.S. "BYTOWN".

### (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 Not Applicable.....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

- (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.

*Handwritten signature*

**Personnel Records Division**

1. Noted in Records.....

2. In Progress.....

3. Non-Sub. Card.....

4. Statistical Card.....

5. Home Strip.....

6. Pension Card.....

7. ....

8. ....

DATE 3/8/42

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the..... O T T A W A ..... 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..... 15th ..... day of..... July .....

Signature of applicant..... Robert J. Goulet .....

(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..... 15th ..... day of..... July .....

T. Wainman - Wood  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

Sub-Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,..... Robert James Goulet ..... 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..... Robert J. Goulet .....

Witness..... T. Wainman - Wood .....

Date..... 15th July, 1942 ..... Rank..... Sub-Lieut., 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

..... Robert James Goulet ..... 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..... OTTAWA ..... Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

T. Wainman - Wood  
Attesting Officer.

x Sub-Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.  
R.C.N.V.R. Division  
(or other establishment)..... H.M.C.S. "BYTOWN" .....

..... 15th July ..... 1942 .....

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..... Stoker ..... Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

Robert J. Goulet  
Signature

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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Robert James GOULET*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax, N.S.</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Ottawa, Ont.</i>	Official Number... <i>V-42673.</i>
"	"	"
"	"	"

Date of Birth... *9<sup>th</sup> April 1924* *mother: 18/12/42*  
 Place of Birth... *South Porcupine Ont.*  
 Place of Residence... *271 Nicholas St. Ottawa Ont. Same address.*  
 Trade brought up to... *Office Boy*  
 Religion... *Roman Catholic*  
 Can Swim:—P.P. (FAIR) Date... *22<sup>nd</sup> December 1942* Signature... *[Signature]* Rank... *fn CO*  
 P.S.T. Date... 19... Signature... Rank...

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>15<sup>th</sup> July 1942</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Stoker II</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>5 1/2</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>None</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service								
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service								
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
1942	MMCS "BYTOWN" STRENGTH	DIVISIONAL	Athen IV	15 <sup>th</sup> July 1942	1 Oct. '42	
	On Active Service 2 Oct. '42					
	Bytown		Sto 2/c	2 Oct. '42	11 Oct. '42	
	York		Sto 2/c	12 Oct. '42	11 Dec. '42	
	"Naden"		—	12 Dec. '42	21 Feb. '43	
	York		—	2 Feb. '43	22 Apr. '43	
	Stedrona		—	23 Apr. '43	26 Aug. '43	
	Niobe		—	27 Aug. '43	11 Oct. '43	
	Niobe (Athabaska)		A/STO. I	2 Oct. '43	12 Oct. '43	
			—	12 Oct. '43	29 Feb. '44	PRESUMED DEAD CMMO. SIG 133109 JAN. 1945. (21062)

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

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
6 July 43	SCRW # B 77942	





V42673

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

V42673

NAME COULET (Surname) Robert James (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 9 April, 1924

PLACE OF BIRTH South Porcupine, Ont. OCCUPATION Office Boy

RELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION 1st Form High School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 271 Nicholas St. Town Ottawa 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
15	7	42	H.O.	5'5 1/2"	Black	Brown	Medium	Nil				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mrs. M. J. 16-12-42 NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Anna Tedcutt

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 271 Nicholas St. Town Ottawa 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	
				22	12	42	Passed P.P.T. (Fair) 249A/5578				

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. NSR-5775-4  
DATE

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

CLASS FOR CONDUCT

To



V42673

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

GOULET

(Surname)

Robert James

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V42673

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
HMCS "Bytown"	Stoker 11	15	7	42	Div. Str. Ottawa	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "	"	2	10	42	Active Service D.L.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
York	"	12	10	42	D.L. (Bytown)	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Naden	"	11	12	42	D.R.D.#254.												
York	"	6	3	43	D.L.5.3.43.												
Stadacona	"	22	4	43	D.L.22.4.43.												
Niobe	"	27	8	43	DRD H-2437												
Athabaskan	A/Stoker 1	2	10	43	Rated. 249A 19902												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	"Missing" per Casualty List Presumed Dead per Casualty List												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross granted to:  
 Mother: Mrs. Anna Goulet,  
 271 Nicholas St.,  
 OTTAWA, Ont., to date 31st.  
 Jan., 1945.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL. ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	R	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
09	4	11	830	0	10	2	1	03	02	0	03	0	15	95
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP	CA.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A.	DR.	RANK	
15	07	42	07	10	42									
											9740	1	15	94
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
02	10	43	B	00	00	2	9-J.			CUB				

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

NAME IN FULL Goulet, Robert James RANK/RATING Sta 1/c OFF. NO. V-42673 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.	1915 MEDAL
	2-10-42											1939-45	1	Star
NIobe	27-8-43	11-10-43	46									ATLANTIC	1	Star
<sup>AB</sup> ATHASKAN	12-10-43	29-6-44	(24)	ad								FRANCE G.		
<u>Drach Dard</u>												AFRICA		
to date 29/6/44												PACIFIC		
												BURMA		
												ITALY		
												DEFENCE		
												C.V.S.M.	2	Clasp
												" CLASP		
												WAR 1945	1	Medal
												WAR 1915		

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DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

(Information compiled from records in Naval Service Headquarters)

Six 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. Naval Service Headquarters at OTTAWA, Ont.

Name COULLET Robert James  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Stoker First Class Official No. V-42673, RCNVR  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth South Porcupine, Ont. Date of Birth 9th April, 1924

Occupation in Civil Life Office Boy 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) From 15th July, 1942 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  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)  
and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Ana Coulet Relationship Mother  
Address 271 Nicholas St.  
OTTAWA, Ont.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship 5th May, 1944  
*N.S.H.Q.*

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 invalidated.....

ENTERED IN  
N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
JAN 18 1945  
CLERK P.O. 1  
*G.P.*

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

*Commanding Officer,*  
Ottawa, Ont., 12th Jan., 1945  
*H.B. Money*  
for... SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.....

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.

LA/CM

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R E G I S T E R E D

5 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Goulet:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 5th of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Robert James Goulet, Stoker First Class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-42673, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

While it was known from the records in the Department that your son, Robert, was serving in H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan", it was necessary to make further enquiries to ascertain definitely whether he was onboard at the time of the tragedy. A reply has now been received from the Overseas authorities, and it is with deepest regret that I must inform you that he was on board and is amongst those who are missing.

Your grief and anxiety at this time is fully appreciated, and it is sincerely hoped that both your sons may be amongst those who were rescued and taken prisoner of war. You may rest assured that you will be informed immediately further information is received.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy 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 sons have helped to maintain.

Yours very sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Ana Goulet,  
271 Nicholas St.,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Goulet:

I must regretfully inform you that since your son, Robert James Goulet, Stoker First Class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-42673, 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.

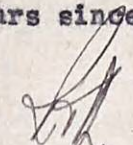
Very slight hope is now held, however, that your son is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.

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.

Mrs. Ana Goulet,  
271 Nicholas St.,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

 Dispatched by  
 Sgt. N. B.

 Date 10/10/44  
 Time 1830

 A.S.  
 M  
 W  
 JH

LA/JM

REGISTERED

N.S. V-42673 Pers.(N)

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15 January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Goulet:

Further to my letter of the 10th of October, 1944 I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Robert James Goulet, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-42673, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", 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 29th of April, 1944.

May I again 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.

Yours sincerely,

*L.A.M.*

Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Ana Goulet,  
271 Nicholas Street,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

*L.A.M.*  
Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 15/1/45  
Time 1800

RCNVR Oct.45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Anna L. Goulet - Mother

ADDRESS: 271 Nicholas St.,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

(1)

*English*

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

----- 31 January 1945  
Mrs A. Goulet

ADDRESS: 271 Nicholas Street  
OTTAWA, Ontario

MEMORIAL BAR  
DATE DESP.....

(3)

REGN. NO. 607

DECEASED 29 April 1944

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### AWARDS

**NAVY**

D.D.

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

GOULET	Robert James	V-42673	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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	8645
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)