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Church.

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Registration District Plymouth.

1941 Marriage Solemnized at The Parish Church, of Emmanuel Compton Gifford, Plymouth in the County of Devon.

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father.
12	16th April	Theodore Douglas Izard.	23	Bachelor	Lieutenant H.M.S. (E) R.C.N. SHEFFIELD		Edward Whitaker Izard (living)	Shipbuilder.
	1941	Pamela Marie Cather	22	Spinster	----	2, Thornhill Villas, Mannamead.	Michael Cather (living)	Major Royal Fusiliers.

Married in The Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me, Edward W. Studder, Chaplain, R.N.

This Marriage (Theodore Douglas Izard) in the (Marie I. Cather) presence (L. Jane Izard) of us (C. Proctor) was solemnized between us, (Pamela Marie Cather)

I, Raymone John Walton Morris, Vicar of Emmanuel Plymouth, in the County of Devon do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 12 in the Register Book of Marriages of the said Church.

Witness my hand this 16th day of April 1941

R.J. Morris, Vicar.

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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 IZARD Theodore Douglas  
 (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Lieutenant (E) Official No. R.C.N.  
 (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Victoria B.C. Date of Birth 27th December, 1917.

Occupation in Civil Life Student Religion Anglican

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) 28th August, 1935 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 and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.  
 (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Pamela Marie Izard Relationship Wife  
 Address 980 Arundel Drive, Victoria, B.C.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 1 May, 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  
 N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
 JAN 20 1945  
 G.P.

~~Commanding Officer,~~  
 OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January 1945.

The ~~NAVAL SECRETARY,~~ Naval Board,  
 Department of National Defence,  
 Ottawa, Canada.

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 for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

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By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence  
for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

To Lieutenant (E) Theodore D. Izard, R.C.N.,--

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You are hereby appointed

Lieutenant (E), R.C.N.,

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship (1) STADACONA additional for passage;  
(2) ATHABASKAN in charge of machinery.

Your appointment is to take effect from (1) Date of joining;  
(2) Date of joining.

16/9/43  
noted in D.N.P.A.'s  
Review Duns, Leger.  
Blen.

*R. A. Lenington*

Secretary, Naval Board

Noted in Service  
Records by *[Signature]*  
15.9.43

Department of National Defence  
Naval Service

Ottawa, 13th September, 1943.

H.Q. 36a  
15M-2-43 (8622)  
N.S. 815-7-36

*Stad. addl for duty with Capt (D) as Spare  
Destroyer Eng. offr.*

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AIR MAIL

2 May, 1944

Dear Mrs. Izard:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 2nd of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Lieutenant (E) Theodore Douglas Izard, Royal Canadian Navy, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your husband's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Lieutenant Izard is reported as "missing", there is a possibility of his survival. It is understood that a number of the crew have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy. The Red Cross have been informed and are attempting to obtain from the German Government a list of those taken. Please be assured that as soon as any further information respecting your husband has been received you will be informed.

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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Pamela M. Izard,  
980 Arundel Drive,  
Victoria, B.C.

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Izard:

I must regretfully inform you that since your husband 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 husband 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 of 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 husband 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. Pamela M. Izard,  
980 Arundel Drive,  
VICTORIA, B. C.Despatched by  
Sec. N. B. Date 10/10/44  
Time 1800

Your Reference:  
N.S. 0-35880. (PERS.N)

980, Arundel Drive,  
Victoria, B.C.

*Recd by 21/10/44. N  
Lyard, J.D.*

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20th October, 1944.

The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
Dept. of National Defence,  
Ottawa.

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Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of the 10th instant, and note the contents.

I should be grateful if you would kindly let me have a complete list of those officers and men from the "Athabaskan" who are known to be P.O.W. The Germans originally claimed to have 6 officers, whereas only 5 names have been released, i.e. Clark, Steverson, Fyfe, Lantier and Hayward.

I still feel very hopeful that my husband is safe somewhere - either in some neutral country, or as an unnamed prisoner - together with other members of the crew. It seems hardly possible that Lt. Comdr. Stubbs did not reach shore safely after being seen on a raft, and there has as yet been no word of him, or Lieut. Lawrence.

I should also like to know the number of men who are still listed as "Missing".

Yours faithfully,



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N.S. O-35880, F.D. 86  
PERS. (N)

7 November, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Izard:

With reference to your letters of the 20th and 21st of October, 1944, 85 men are now known to have been taken prisoners of war from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN". This list was compiled from names officially communicated by the German Government and from capture cards and letters which have been forwarded to the next-of-kin by prisoners of war in German camps. Five of these prisoners of war, one Officer and four ratings, were returned to the United Kingdom.

For your information, I am attaching a list of the above.

The body of one rating from this ship has been recovered and buried in France.

Ten Officers and 115 ratings are still missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" and slight hope is now held for the survival of these men.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Encl.

Deputy ~~SECRETARY~~, NAVAL BOARD.Date 10/11/44  
Time 1600Mrs. Pamela M. Izard,  
980 Arundel Drive,  
Victoria, B.C.

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N.S. 0-35880 Pers.N.

5 January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Izard:

Further to my letter of the 7th of November, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband Lieutenant (E) Theodore Douglas Izard, Royal Canadian Navy, 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,

Deputy

*[Signature]*  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Pamela M. Izard,  
980 Arundel Drive,  
Victoria, B.C.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

*[Signature]*  
Date 15/1/45  
Time 1800

RCN

"ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO	Mrs. Pamela M. IZARD - Widow
ADDRESS:	980 Arundel Drive, Victoria, B.C.
(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW	Mrs. P. M. IZARD
ADDRESS:	980 Arundel Drive VICTORIA, B.C.
(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER	Mrs. E. W. IZARD
ADDRESS:	980 Arundel Drive VICTORIA, B.C.

(1)

**MEMORIAL BAR**

DATE DESP.....  
(2)

REGN. NO. *280*

(3) 17 March 1945

DECEASED 29 April 1944

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

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IZARD Theodore Douglas		0-35880	Lieut. (E.).	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,	28		7.10.49
Atlantic Star,			
Africa Star,			
Defence Medal,			
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,			
War Medal.			

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)