

OFFICIAL NUMBER _____ FILE NUMBER **(60-N.32) 0-54790** OFFICIAL NUMBER _____
 NAME **NASH** **Robert Arthur** DATE OF BIRTH **13th February, 1922.**
 (Surname) (Given Names)
 PLACE OF BIRTH **Killam, Alberta.** OCCUPATION _____
 RELIGION **Church of England** EDUCATION **2 years Royal Military College.**
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. _____ Town **Camrose** Province, etc. **Alberta.**

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

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) **Father** NAME (in pencil) **Thomas A Nash**
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. **1115 - 14th Ave Zone 22** Town **Seattle** Province, etc. **Washington**

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.			
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
1	4	44	Awarded 1939-43 Star.	12	41	Passing Out Exam, 1st class. time gained 4 months.	
18	9	45	M. in D. (Posthumous) <i>122025A/9/45</i>	3	7	43	Obtained 2nd cl. Cert. in Torpedo for rank of Lieut.
				31	8	43	Obtained 1st cl. Cert. in Nav. & Pilotage for rank of Lieut. <i>Not enough points for W/R rank 21/12/45</i>

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE				PUNISHMENT	
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE				PUNISHMENT				
Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year									

FILM NO. 4371-6
DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
 From _____ To _____

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

#204223
W. S. G. APPLICATION RECEIVED
 7/6/45

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **NASH**
(Surname)

Robert Arthur
(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
Stadacona	Cadet	1	4	41	Passage to England and service with R.N.												
Britannia	"	30	4	41	Add'l for training.												
RNC. Dartmouth	"	30	4	41													
HMS King George V	Midshipman	1	1	42													
" "	A/Sub. Lieut.	2	5	43	With seniority of 2.9.41.												
Excellent	"	2	5	43	Add'l for courses for Lt. "E" "F" & "K" Groups.												
Stadacona	"	13	9	43	Add'l for leave.												
"	"	1	11	43	Add'l for passage to the United Kingdom.												
Athabaskan	"	2	2	44													
"	Sub. Lieut.	2	8	42	Amended a/bt. 14.12.43												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing. Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Seniority as Cadet 1.5.41.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		REL.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREM.	ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION			CYV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK	
13	2	22	17	RRR	0	30	8	8	08	08	0	19	0	0	15	
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.		ACQ. SERVO. DATE			SHIP	CR.	RANK OR RATE				
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTD.	A	BR.	RANK			
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SERV. CAT.			NON-SUB. M.			COL.			CHECKED							
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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

~~EMCOIS~~ NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ont.

Name NASH Robert Arthur
(Christian names in full)

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

Place of Birth KILLAM, Alberta Date of Birth 13th February, 1922

Occupation in Civil Life Religion Church of England

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 1st April, 1941 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 Mr. Thomas A. Nash Relationship Father
Address 1115-14th Avenue, Zone 22, SEATTLE, Washington, U.S.A.

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 19 1945
CLEFF
g.p.

Commanding Officer,

OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January, 1945.

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

J.R. 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.

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VERIFICATION FORM

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

...RANK/RATING *S.S.E.*...OFF.NO. *0-54790*...ADDRESS

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
							1939-45	1	Star ✓
<i>at med Africa Italy</i>							ATLANTIC	1	Star ✓
<i>at</i>							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA	2	& Clasp ✓
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY	1	Star ✓
							DEFENCE	1	Medal ✓
							C.V.S.M.	2	& Clasp ✓
							" CLASP	1	
							WAR 1945	1	Medal ✓
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

TFH/CM

REGISTERED

AIR - MAIL

N.S. 0-54790.PERS.(N)

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1 May, 1944.

Dear Mr. Nash:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son Sub-Lieutenant Robert Arthur Nash, Royal Canadian Navy, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your son'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 Sub-Lieutenant Nash 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 son 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 son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

LETTER dispatched by
PERSONNEL NAVAL

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Mr. Thomas A. Nash,
1115 - 14th Avenue,
Zone 22,
SEATTLE, Washington.

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13th October, 1944.

Dear Mr. Nash:

I must regretfully inform you that since your son 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.

Mr. Thomas A. Nash,
 1115 - 14th Avenue,
 Zone 22,
 SEATTLE, Washington.

Despatched by
 Sec. N. B.

Date 16/10/4
 Time 1800

DECEASED 29 April 1944

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

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NASH Robert Arthur		G-54790	S. Lt.	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,	141 17.10.49
Atlantic Star,	
Africa Star & Clasp,	
Italy Star,	
Defence Medal,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal. MID	
M. In D.	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

29-4-44 "Athabaskan" R.C.N.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Thomas A. Nash - Father

DATE DESP

(1)

ADDRESS: 1115 - 14th Ave.,
Zone 22, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.

REGN, NO

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(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

(2)

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

DECEASED

(3)

ADDRESS: