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**ORIGINAL**

**ATTESTATION FORM  
(HOSTILITIES FORM)**

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME ROBERTS OFFICIAL NO. V41049  
CHRISTIAN NAMES John Clark MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
41 Duke Street, Stratford, Ontario	Presby.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
31 May, 1921	Town Stratford County Perth Province Ontario	Mr. James Roberts (Father) 41 Duke Street, Stratford, Ontario.
*Original Nationality of:		
Father <u>British</u>		
Mother <u>British</u>		

\*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>37</u>	Blond	Blue	Fair	Nil.
Inches <u>10 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>34</u>				
<u>156</u>	Mean <u>35</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Senior Matriculation - Stratford Collegiate Inst. Stratford, Ontario	Machinist Apprentice - Canadian National Railway.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
Divisional Strength 2 July, 1942	A/E.R.A. 4th (T)	H.M.C.S. "PREVOST" LONDON

(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 \_\_\_\_\_ for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	Personnel Records Division.
	Nil.		

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any account of unfitness.

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS  
H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"  
FAIR  
ROUGH

1. Noted in Records	
2. Index Card	
3. Non-Sub. Card	
4. Statistical Card	
5. Rones Strip	
6. Pension Card	
7. ....	
8. ....	
DATE	17/7/42



(5) On being enrolled as a member of the London 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 2nd day of July, 1942

Signature of applicant John C. Roberts

(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 2nd

day of July, 1942

R. Malin  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John Clark 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 John C. Roberts

Witness R. Malin

Date 2nd July, 1942 Rank Sub-Lieutenant, 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

John Clark 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 London Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

R. Malin  
Attesting Officer.

2nd July, 1942 R.C.N.V.R. Division London  
(or other establishment)

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.

Unemployment Insurance Book—Yes

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Engine Room Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

John C. Roberts  
Signature



*Atkinson*

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*John Clark Roberts*

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Halifax Nova Scotia</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>London Ontario</i>	Official Number <i>V-41049</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth <i>31 May 1921</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>John Roberts</i>
Place of Birth <i>Stratford-Ontario</i>	<i>Father</i>
Place of Residence <i>41 Duke St. Stratford-Ont</i>	<i>Same address</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Marine's apprentice</i>	
Religion <i>Presbyterian</i>	
Can Swim:—P.P. (Good) Date <i>24 Aug 1942</i>	Signature <i>John Roberts</i> Rank <i>for CO</i>
P.S.T. Date	Signature Rank

**O.H.F.**

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>12 June 42</i>	<i>(310-518) 2 July 42</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>A.T.E.R.A. 4th (5)</i>	<i>21 Nov 43</i>		<i>Awarded Ribbon for 1939-43 Star</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>156</i>	<i>Blond</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Nil</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















V41049

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-R-1770

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V41049

NAME Roberts (Surname) John Clark (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 31 May, 1921.PLACE OF BIRTH Stratford, Ontario. OCCUPATION Machinist ApprenticeRELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 41 Duke Street Town Stratford Province, etc Ontario

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
2	7	42	H.O.	5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Blonde	Blue	Fair					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mr. James RobertsADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 41 Duke Street Town Stratford Province, etc Ontario

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	
21	11	43	Granted 1939-1943 Star 'A20072	24	9	42	Passed P.P.T. (Good)				
				29	1	43	Passed E.A. Course (Univ. Alta.)	21	3	41	
				12	5	43	Qual. F.F. 2 days Adv. F.F. Course				
				31	12	43	Granted Sto. W/K. Cert. 249A-20046				
				18	2	44	Qual. for confirmed rate of ERA 4th class. 249A 19111				

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To



FILM  
NO. WAR 5612-2  
DATE







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

NAME IN FULL ROBERTS, John Clark.....RANK/RATING E.R.A. Lt C.....OFF. NO. V. 41049.....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.
	12.8.42											1939-45	1 Star
IROQUOIS	15.3.43	}	412	cul								ATLANTIC	1 Star
ATHABASKAN					29.6.44								
<u>Dutch Dead</u>												AFRICA	
to date 29/6/44												PACIFIC	
												BURMA	
												ITALY	
												DEFENCE	
												C.V.S.M.	2 Clasp
												" CLASP	
												WAR 1945	1 Medal
												WAR 1915	

VERIFIED BY J. Rose.....

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INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS' RECORDS

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name..... ROBERTS John Clark  
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating E.R.A. 4th Cl., Official No. V-41049 Unit R.C.N.  
R.C.N.R.  
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Stratford, Perth, Ontario. Date of Birth 31st May, 1921

Occupation in Civil Life Machinist appren- Religion Presbyterian  
tice

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 2nd 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  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)  
torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

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Nearest known relative or friend. { Name Mr. James Roberts Relationship Father  
 Address 41 Duke Street,  
STRATFORD, Ontario.

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.....

If applicable { Place of Burial No burial Date of Burial.....  
 Location, Number, etc., of grave.....  
 Undertaker employed.....

ENTERED IN  
 S.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
 JAN 19 1945  
 G.P.  
 CLERK 10.1

H.B. Money  
 for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. E m C  
(Commanding Officer)

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

Date JAN 12 1945

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, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.



TFH/MGF

REGISTERED  
AIR MAIL  
NS: V-41049 Pers.(N)

1 May, 1944.

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

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, John Clark Roberts, Engineroom Artificer Fourth Class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V41049, 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 Engineroom Artificer Roberts 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

MAY 2 1944

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Mr. James Roberts,  
41 Duke Street,  
STRATFORD, Ontario.

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R E G I S T E R E D

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-41049, PERS.(N)

15 January, 1945.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

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, John Clark Roberts, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class, Official Number V-41049, 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,

Deputy

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SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. James Roberts,  
41 Duke Street,  
STRATFORD, Ontario.

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Despatched by  
Sec. M. B.

*Tom*  
Date 15/1/45  
Time 1800



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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

ROBERTS	John Clark	V-41049	E.R.A.	FILE No. 4/c
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	8495	16.1.50
Atlantic Star		
C.V.S.M. & Clasp		
War Medal		

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



RCNVR Nov. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. James Roberts - Father.

ADDRESS: 41 Duke St.,  
STRATFORD, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP \_\_\_\_\_

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

REGN. NO. 2/33

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER

deceased

ADDRESS:

(3)