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CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME ROBERTSHAW OFFICIAL NO. V8634
CHRISTIAN NAMES Eric MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS: 1468 Barton Street East, Hamilton, Ontario.
RELIGION: C. of E.

DATE OF BIRTH: September 13, 1922
*PLACE OF BIRTH: Town Leeds, County England
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: (mother) Edith Robertshaw same address
*Original Nationality of: Father British, Mother British

*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet. <u>5</u>	Inflated. <u>39</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Scar on inside right thigh</u>
Inches. <u>11 1/2</u>	Deflated. <u>36</u>				
Wt. <u>146</u>	Mean. <u>37 1/2</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT: 30th January 1941
RATING ENROLLING FOR: Ordinary Seaman
TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY: Butcher F.H. Frith 210 Kenilworth Ave., Hamilton, Ontario.
R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled: Hamilton

(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

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Records	<u>LS</u>
2. Index Card	<u>LS</u>
3. Non-Sub. Card	<u>LS</u>
4. Statistical Card	<u>LS</u>
5. Boneo Strip	<u>LS</u>
6. Pension Card	<u>LS</u>
7. _____	
8. _____	
DATE	<u>7-2-41</u>

(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.

Birth certificate sighted. J.E.W.

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the Hamilton 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 Thirtieth day of January 1941

Signature of applicant Eric Robertshaw

(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 Thirtieth day of January 1941

W. Padmore - Sublt R.C.N.V.R.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Eric Robertshaw 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 Eric Robertshaw

Witness W. Padmore

Date 30th January 1941 Rank Sublt. 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

Eric Robertshaw 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 Hamilton Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

W. Padmore Sublt. R.C.N.V.R.
Attesting Officer.

30th January 1941 R.C.N.V.R. Division Hamilton
(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.

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The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Eric ROBERTSHAW

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V 8634</i>
	<i>Hamilton, Ontario</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>13 September, 1922</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth <i>Leeds, England</i>	<i>Mrs. Edith Robertshaw</i>
Place of Residence <i>1468 Baiter St. East, Hamilton, Ont.</i>	<i>Mother</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Butcher</i>	<i>38 Dalhousie Ave.</i>
Religion <i>Church of England</i>	<i>Hamilton, Ont.</i>
Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date..... 19.....	Signature..... Rank.....
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>30 Jan '41</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities, Ont. Sea</i>				

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>	<i>37 1/2</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>Scars on inside of thigh</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

V8634

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-R-740

V8634

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V8634

NAME

ROBERTSHAW
(Surname)Eric
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

13 Sept., 1922.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Leeds, England.

OCCUPATION

Butcher.

RELIGION Church of England.

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

1468 Barton St. East.

Town

Hamilton

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
30	1	41	H.O.	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Black	Brown	Dark	Scar on inside of thigh.				

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	
				22	9	41	Marked "Tr."				
				14	9	43	Passed Prof. Idg. Smn.				
				13	3	44	Qual. Preliminary Fire Fighting Course (1 day)				

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		
					HMCS "SHEDIAC"	4	29	8	42	Use threatening and abusive language. Create a disturbance.	14 days cells.
					HMCS "STADACONA"	CP	18	9	42	Convicted by Civil Power	1 day Pay & time forfeited
					HMCS "Collingwood"	5	30	8	43	Drunk on board	14 days cells.

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
29	8	42			14			
18	9	42				1		
30	8	43			14			

O.H.F. Received.

FILM
NO. WSR-5209-7
DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



P.I.B.!

V8634

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

ROBERTSHAW

Eric.

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V8634

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
Hamilton Div. Str.	Ord. Smn.	30	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	S.T.	12	12	42			
Duty Div. Hdqts.	Ord. Smn.	30	4	41		Good	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	Ord. Smn.	17	6	41		Good	Sat.	31	12	43							
Sig. School		21	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	Ord. Smn.	19	8	41													
Shediac	Ord. Smn.	28	9	41													
"	Able Smn.	28	1	42	249A/21646												
Stadacona	"	1	10	42													
Cornwallis	"	7	11	42													
Stadacona	"	22	1	43													
HMS Ferret	"	8	3	43													
Collingwood	"	15	5	43													
Stadacona	"	14	9	43													
Niobe	"	1	11	43	S.C.												
Athabaskan	"	14	1	44	No. 383, P. 2.												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	MISSING (Casualty List)												
					Discharged Presumed "DEAD. Casualty List Page 69												

GENERAL REMARKS

X-Ray Approved.

Unsuitable for V/S transferred to Seaman Branch as Ord. Smn.
 Awarded Can. Memorial Cross to Mother:
 Mrs. Edith Robertshaw,
 58 Dalkieth Ave.,
 Hamilton, Ont. on 14-3-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
13	9	22	22	247	0	30	X	1	55	02	0	20	0	08 75
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP CR	RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK	
30	01	41	30	04	41					9740	0	08	94	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED		CHECKED		
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
28	01	42	3	25	00	20	29	04	42					

J.P.

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

NAME IN FULL ROBERT SHAW, Eric RANK/RATING AB OFF. NO. 08634 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.
	30.4.41											1939-45	1 Star
SHEDIAC	28.9.41	30.9.42	368	atl.								ATLANTIC	1 Star
FERRET	8.3.43	14.5.43	190	UK								FRANCE G.	
COLINGWOOD	15.5.43	13.9.43		atl.									AFRICA
NIORF	10.11.43	13.1.44	65	UK								PACIFIC	
ATHABASKAN	14.1.44	29.4.44	116	atl.								BURMA	
												ITALY	
<u>Trach Dead</u>												DEFENCE	
to date 29/4/44												C.V.S.M.	2 + Clasp
												" CLASP	
												WAR 1945	1 Medal
												WAR 1915	

NIobe	10.11.43	13.1.44	65	UK					PACIFIC
ATHABASKAN	14.1.44	29.4.44	116	air					BURMA
<u>Irish Dead</u> to date 29/4/44.									ITALY
									DEFENCE
									C.V.S.M. 2 + Clasp
									" CLASP
									WAR 1945 1 Medal
									WAR 1915

VERIFIED BY *J. Roe*

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DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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, Ontario.

Name ROBERTSHAW, Eric
Rank of Rating Able Seaman
Place of Birth Leeds, England
Occupation in Civil Life Butcher
Date of Death 29th April, 1944.
Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

Nearest known relative or friend: Name Mr. Charles Robertshaw, Relationship Father, Address 58 Dalkeith Avenue, Hamilton, Ont.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship: 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

Location, Number, etc., of grave

Undertaker employed

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

ENTERED IN D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 19 1945 CLERK No. 1

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

Commanding Officer, OTTAWA, Ont. 12 January 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.

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N.S. V-8634, F.D.142, PERS.(N)

16 February, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Eric Robertshaw, Able Seaman, Official Number V-8634, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 29th of April, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.




LA/DL

N.S.C. 4160-355/3, T.D.2
N.S. V-8634, PERS. (N)
"T"1A

Registered

14th July, 1949.

Dear Mr. Robertshaw:

Shortly after the sinking of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", bodies from this ship were recovered and buried along the coast of Finistere, France, at Brignogan, Plouescat, Santez and L'Aberwrach. France at that time was under German occupation and in most cases all positive means of identification were taken from the bodies by the Germans. The citizens of the above-mentioned French towns looked after the burials and held funeral services.

The Army Graves Services, Overseas, have, since the cessation of hostilities, been making searches on the Continent in an effort to locate graves and identify bodies and have forwarded to Naval Headquarters exhumation reports, dental records, etc., of casualties from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" with a view to definitely establishing the identity of bodies which they have exhumed and over whose graves they have erected temporary markers.

With the above mentioned documents, a gold ring which was found on one of the bodies, has been received, with the initials "E.R." engraved thereon. A photograph of this ring is enclosed and it would be appreciated if you would inform Naval Headquarters as to whether you can identify this ring as belonging to your late son. Dental data and other particulars which might have assisted in making identification are not available.

As it is unlikely that more definite information will ever be received, should you be able to identify this ring as belonging to your son, Grave Number 22, Plot 1, Row B, in the Plouescat Communal Cemetery, Plouescat, Finistere, France, will be accepted by Naval Headquarters as your son's grave.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Miller
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Mr. Charles ROBERTSHAW,
38 Dalkeith Street,
HAMILTON, Ontario.

Despatched by
N. Sec.
Date 20.7.49
Time

Dep Sec 22.7.49
Pers (N) File Room

~~DNPO
(X) Col. Lantier) F.H.H.
N. Sec.
W. J. P. R.~~

R.C.N.V.R. "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Charles Robertshaw - Father

ADDRESS: 58 Dalkeith Ave.,
Hamilton, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)
DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 2132

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. E. Robertshaw

ADDRESS: 58 Dalkieth Ave., Hamilton, Ont.

(3)

14-3-45

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

ROBERTSHAW Eric		V-8634	A.B.	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,	6281 16/1/50
Atlantic Star,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)