

Place of Enlistment. **Victoria, B.C.**
 Next of Kin. **Julia Westcott, Mother.**
 Can. S. 55. (Revised, Nov., 1921). **3003 Cedar Hill Road**
 Imp 55. **Victoria, B.C.**
 H.M.C.S. **Haden P 6009**

DEPT NATIONAL DEFENCE
 JUN 11 1928
 N.S. **62-W.116**
 CANADA

OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN.
 Space to be left vacant
 if not known

Continuous Service Engagement, or Re-engagement

To be forwarded to the Chief Accountant, Naval Service Department, with Form S. 59

CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL		PRESENT RATING
James Herbert WESTCOTT		Ordinary Seaman.
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER
Jan 3rd 1910	Town Victoria County B.C. Province B.C.	Comdr P.W. Nelles, RCN. S.N.O. Esquimalt. B.C.

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
6'1"	32 1/2 29 30	h. Brown	Hazel	Fair		Messenger.

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement.	7th May 1928.	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement.	Seven Years.
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	7th May 1928.	Date of entering present ship.	7th May 1928.

Particulars of former Continuous Service Engagements, if any; but, if none, and the person engaging has had previous Service, the date of his First Entry should be given. If the person has not previously served, write the words "First Entry" here.
 If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded into Office, with the Engagement, on Form S.—1243.

First Entry.

Declaration of Entry or Re-entry from Shore for Continuous Service

The following questions are to be put by the Commanding Officer to the person about to engage for Continuous Service, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

- Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct? **Yes.**
- Are you a British subject?† **Yes.**
- Have you ever served in the Imperial Army, Navy or Air Force or any of their Reserves, Colonial, Indian, Territorial or Volunteer Forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?‡ **No.**
- Do you now belong to any branch of the Navy, Militia or Air Force or any of their Territorial Regiments, Corps or Reserve Forces or to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police? **No.**
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date. **No.**
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Militia, Air Force or Royal Canadian Mounted Police for misconduct? **No.**
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? **Yes.**
- Nationality of Parents; Father **English.** Mother **Lettish.**

NOTED
 Date **18/5/28**
 [Signature]

*When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.
 †Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject, and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."
 ‡Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Air Force, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H. M. Indian or Colonial Military forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to Office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal) Fleet Reserve Instructions. If an R.N.R. man state number of R. V. 2.

Religion. **Cof E.**

I—Declaration and Certificate for Men newly entered and Men who have been out of the Service since the expiration of their previous C. S. Engagement

James Herbert Westcott

I, James Herbert Westcott, do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Naval

Service of Canada* Seven Years, from 7th May 1928 provided my service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful

and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this 7th day of May, 1928

James Herbert Westcott Man's Signature in full.

Witness to Signature [Signature]

Attested before me this 7th day of May 1928

[Signature] (Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.)

Date 7th May 1928

This is to certify, that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof, as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

[Signature] Commanding Officer
[Signature] Medical Officer.
C.R.C.A.M.C.

II—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

M.O. i/c R.C.N.

Date 1928

This is to certify, that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof, as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent lad; of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

‡The consent of his parents or guardian has been obtained in writing, and they are willing and desirous that the

boy should be entered for [] years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age.

Commanding Officer..

Lieutenant.

Medical Officer.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge or belief the answers to the questions on the other side of this form are true, and that I am not indentured as an apprentice.

I am willing to enter and serve in the Naval Service in Canada for [] years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till I attain that age. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Boy's signature in full.

Witness to Signature

Attested before me this [] day of [] 1928

(Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.)

III—Re-engagement for Continuous Service

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used.

I, [] now serving as a []

on board H.M.C.S. [] who on the [] of [] 1928

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of § [] years, do hereby

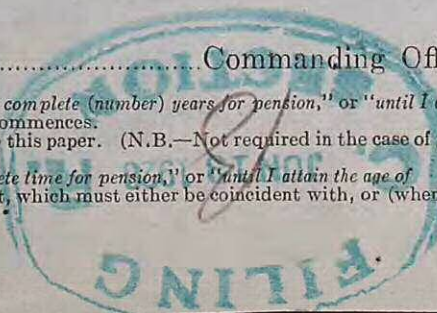
engage to serve for a further period ¶ [] from ¶ [] 1928 provided my services should be so long required.

Man's Signature in full.

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Witness [] Commanding Officer.

*Insert "for the term of (number in words) years," or "to complete (number) years for pension," or "until I attain the age of [] years."
†Insert the date from which the Engagement actually commences.
‡The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths over 17 years of age).
§To be written in words.
¶Insert as follows:—"Of (number) years," or "to complete time for pension," or "until I attain the age of [] years, as the case may be."
¶¶Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement, which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is ante-dated) earlier than the date of execution.



Questionnaire for Candidates
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY.

1920
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CANADA 116
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1. Name (in full) HE JAMES HERBERT WESTCOTT
(BLOCK LETTERS)
2. Date and Place of Birth January 3, 1910 Victoria B.C.
*Birth Certificate, declaration by parents or affidavit as to date of Birth must be attached.
3. Permanent place of Residence 3003 Cedar Hill Rd Victoria B.C.
(address in full)
4. How long resident in Canada since Birth
5. Are you a British Subject? yes
6. Are you single, married or a widower? single
7. In what capacity do you wish to engage? Ordinary Seaman
8. How far advanced educationally are you? Grade seven
*(attach certificates, diplomas etc, if any)
9. Present occupation or trade Messenger
*(attach any testimonials or recommendations)
10. Have you served in, or do you belong to any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force? If so, give full particulars no
11. Have you ever been discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces as Medically unfit? no
12. Have you ever offered to serve in any of His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? no
13. What is your weight? 135
14. What is your height? 6ft 1/2 in
15. What is your chest measurement (Not inflated)? 30
16. Are you free from all physical defects or malformation, and not subject to fits? yes

I HEREBY DECLARE that the above answers are true in every respect.

H. O. Ormston
Witness to signature.

Signature J. H. Westcott
Address 3003 Cedar Hill Rd
Date Jan 11, 1920

*NOTE. The Certificates, recommendations etc., called 8 & 9 must be attached, otherwise your application considered.

If a copy of this Form is required, Form S. 1243 is to be used.

Can. S. 459 (late S. 421). (Revised Sept., 1921).
 Imp. S. 459 (late S. 536).

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 the Naval Service. If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

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CERTIFICATE of the Service of

James Herbert Westcott
 IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Esquimalt, B.C. Official Number *2237*

Date of Birth *3rd January 1910* Nearest known Relative or Friend.
 (To be noted in pencil.)
 Name: *Julia Westcott*
 Relationship: *Mother*
 Address: *512 Gore St. Victoria B.C.*
 Where born { Province *British Columbia*
 Town or County *Victoria*
 Trade brought up to *Messenger*
 Religious Denomination *C. of E.*
 Date passed Swimming Test *P.P.T. (4th) 5 Jan 39*
 Man's signature on discharge {

All Engagements, including N.C.S., to be noted in these Columns.

Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for
1. <i>7th May 28</i>	<i>7th May 28</i>	<i>Seven Years</i>	5.		
2. <i>30 Apr. 35</i>	<i>7 May 35</i>	<i>Seven Years.</i>	6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Medals, Clasps, Etc.

Date received or forfeited	Nature of Decoration	Date received or forfeited	Nature of Decoration

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On Entry as a Boy.....							
On advancement to man's rating, or on entry under 28 years.....	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>32 1/2</i> <i>29</i> <i>30</i>	<i>L. Brn</i>	<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Fair</i>	
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

1,000—Sept. 12-21. Req. 8258.

CAUTION—This is an Official Document. Any alteration made to it without proper authority will render the offender liable to severe penalties.

Ship's Name (Tenders to be inserted in brackets)	List and No.	Rating	From	To	Cause of Discharge

Examinations passed and Notations or Qualifications other than those entered on History Sheets.

Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature	Date	Particulars	Captain's Signature
29 Nov. 29	Tr.	Rogood			
21 Aug 30	Supplied A/G app	St. James			
5 Dec 30	Supplied A.G.R.	St. James			
31 Mch 31	Q. A/G. 2 days	St. James			
6 Nov 34	Passed E.T. part I	G. L. Jones			
19 July 37	Passed for Req. Sea. (Boat)	J. Edwards			

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER 2237

NAME WESTCOTT (Surname) James Herbert. (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 3rd January, 1910.

PLACE OF BIRTH Victoria, B.C. OCCUPATION Messenger.

RELIGION Church of England. EDUCATION Grade VII.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 3003 Cedar Hill Road Town Victoria Province, etc. B.C.

Table with columns: ENGAGEMENTS (Date, Period), DESCRIPTION (Height, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Marks or Scars), PREVIOUS SERVICE (Served in, Rank or Rating, Dates).

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Julia Westcott ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 512 Gore Street Town Esquimalt Province, etc. B.C.

Table with columns: MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY (Date, Particulars); EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC. (Date, Particulars).

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. (Date, 1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S., Granted Deprived Restored); BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date, BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT).

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Table with columns: Date (in figures), DAYS FORFEITED (Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.), SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (From, To).



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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME WESTCOTT
(Surname)

James Herbert
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

2237

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
Naden	Ord. Smn.	7	5	28		V.G.	Sat	31	12	28	S.G.	1	5	31			
Vancouver	"	14	9	28		V.G.	Sat	31	12	29	G.L.2	13	4	33	26	11	36
Naden	"	14	10	28		V.G.	Sat	31	12	30	L.R.2.	1	1	39			
Vancouver	"	18	10	28		V.G.	Sat	31	12	31							
"	A.B.	29	11	29		V.G.	Sat	31	12	32							
Stadacona	"	9	4	30		V.G.	Sat	31	12	33							
HMS. Victory	"	9	8	30		V.G.	Sat	31	12	34							
" Warspite	"	23	8	30		V.G.	Sat	31	12	35							
" Excellent	"	4	12	30		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	36							
" Victory	"	4	6	31		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	37							
Skeena	"	10	6	31		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	38							
Naden	"	1	1	33		V.G.	Supr.	6	11	39							
HMS. Excellent	"	15	1	33													
" Warspite	"	6	5	33													
Naden	"	11	11	33													
Skeena	"	3	1	34													
Naden	"	14	1	37													
Fraser	"	20	10	37													
"	A/Ldg. Smn.	1	11	39													
<u>Discharged</u>	"	6	11	39	<u>DEAD-Killed in Action.</u>												

GENERAL REMARKS

23/5/41- Canadian Memorial Cross issued to Mother:

Mrs. Julia Westcott,
512 Gore Street,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Pension awarded to Mother at the rate of \$25.00 monthly with effect from 1/12/39.

DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU.	RELL. ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT						
DAY	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	CION	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
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ENLIST. DATE		ACT. SERV. DATE		SHIP CR		RANK OR RATE								
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SENIORITY		STR.	NON-SUB.			CODED		CHECKED						
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Previous Correspondence
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R.C.N. Barracks File **NE 3-W.2**
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PARTICULARS REGARDING R.C.N. RATINGS PROCEEDING TO R.N.

REFERENCE
JAN 10 1933
62-20-116
CANADA

Name **WESTCOTT, James H.** Official No. **2237**
Surname Christian Names
Rating **Able Seaman** Seniority **29th November, 1929**

The above named rating is proceeding overseas from Canada for approximately **six** months service in one of H.M. Ships for sea experience and subsequently to qualify for

substantive } Rating of **Gun Layer Second Class**
 non-substantive }

~~provided he is recommended, on conclusion of service afloat.~~

Date of leaving Canada S.S. **Duchess of Atholl** Sailing on **15th January, 1933**
from **Halifax, N.S.** to **Liverpool, England**

Pay adjusted to **14th January, 1933** Documents forwarded to **Victory**
On **12th January, 1933** to join **R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth**

approximately on **arrival** day of 19.....

Approximate date of Commencing Course **on arrival**

Approximate date due back in Canada **not known**

Ship or Establishment he should join on completion of Foreign Service Leave (if any).....
R.C.N. Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C., Canada.

Remarks.....
[Handwritten initials]

Noted in Service
Records by..... 33.

[Signature]
Commander-in-Charge
Esquimalt, B.C.,
Commanding Officer

- Copy to be sent to:—
Secretary of the Admiralty—For retention.
R.N. Training Establishment—For information and retention.
H.Q. Ottawa—For retention.
One copy to be attached to Service Certificate.
One copy to be retained at R.C.N. Barracks.

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REPORT OF DEATH

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. "FRASER" AT HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

Name (Christian Names in full)	WESTCOTT, James Herbert
Rank or Rating	Able Seaman
Official No. (if unknown, date of first entry)	2237
Date of death	6th November, 1939.
Place of death	H.M.C.S. "FRASER".
Cause of death	Not known.
(If due to accident or violence particulars to be stated briefly)	-
Nearest known relative or friend	Name and relationship
	Address
	Mother - Mrs. Julia WESTCOTT
	512 Gore Street, Esquimalt, B.C.
Date on which the above was informed by Ship	6th November, 1939.
Date on which death was registered with local officials	6th November, 1939.
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 (if known)	-
Religion (if known)	Church of England.
If borne for discipline only, date on which man was D. S. Q. or invalided	-

TO -

The Commander, R.C.N. Barracks, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

[Signature] COMMANDER, R.C.N. Commanding Officer

6th November, 1939.

The Chief Accountant, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada

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

(NAVAL SERVICE)

H.M.C. DOCKYARD
Halifax, Nova Scotia
6th November, 1939

MEMORANDUM:

COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Board of Inquiry consisting of:

Commander W.J.R. Beech, R.C.N., President,
Surgeon Lieutenant C.C. Stoddard, RCNVR, Member and
Surgeon Lieutenant S. Ward, RCNVR (Temp'y), Member,
is to assemble in R.C.N. Barracks, Halifax, at 0930 on Tuesday,
the 7th November, 1939, to inquire into and report on the
circumstances attending the death, at 1010 today, Monday the
6th November, 1939, on board H.M.C.S. "Fraser" of James
Herbert Wescott, Able Seaman, Official Number 2237.

2. The report required by Canadian Naval Regulations,
Article 256, paragraph 3, is to be forwarded to me.

3. You should make the necessary arrangements for all
witnesses to attend as required and any relevant information
to be placed at the disposal of the Board.

(H. E. Reid)
CAPTAIN, R.C.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER
ATLANTIC COAST

DISTRIBUTION:

Commander W. J. R. Beech, R. C. N.
Surgeon Lieutenant S. Ward, R.C.N.V.R. (T)
Surgeon Lieutenant C. C. Stoddard, R.C.N.V.R.
The Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "Fraser".

H.M.C.S. "STADACONA" at Halifax, N.S.

7th November, 1939.

FINDING OF THE BOARD OF INQUIRY

Sir,

We have the honour to submit that in accordance with your Memorandum dated the 6th November, 1939 we have this day held a full and careful inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of James Herbert Wescott, Able Seaman, Official Number 2237 and taking into consideration the evidence of the Medical Examiner, Dr. F. V. Woodbury, we are of the opinion that no external contributing cause attended the death of this rating, but that the death came about from natural causes as proven by autopsy in the Medical Examiner's report (enclosed herewith). It is the opinion of this Board that all possible steps that could be carried out were taken by Leading Sick Bay Attendant Bak and his treatment was in every way correct.

Recommendation of the Board of Inquiry

Examination of Able Seaman Wescott's Medical History Sheet shows evidence of suspected Pulmonary T.B. in February 1930 when he was examined at Royal Naval Hospital Bermuda and again at Haslau in December 1930. He was however examined and found fit for re-engagement on 30th April 1935.

This board therefore would recommend a meeting of the entire Medical Staff, Royal Canadian Naval Barracks, Halifax, Nova Scotia for the purpose of discussing possible means of bettering Medical Service to all Officers and Ratings and instituting periodic examinations of suspected cases of chronic diseases.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

C. C. Stoddard
(C. C. Stoddard)
Surgeon Lieutenant, RCNVR *Member*

Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast,
H.M.C. Dockyard,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

S. Ward
(S. Ward,)
Surgeon Lieutenant RCNVR (T) *Member*

W. J. R. Beech
(W. J. R. Beech)
Commander R.C.N. *President*

Lieutenant H.V.W. Groos called and cautioned.

- Q. Will you state what you know about the death of A.B. Wescott?
- A. Yesterday morning about 10.00 o'clock I was standing inside the forward ammunition lobby of the H.M.C.S. "Fraser" looking down through the open ammunition hatch onto the upper mess deck and I saw A.B. Wescott standing there with two or three other seamen. Suddenly he collapsed onto the deck very heavily.
- Q. Was he doing any heavy work at the time?
- A. He was talking to Leading Seaman Emsley, talking about the duty cook list in his mess. He suddenly collapsed and I realized at once something was seriously wrong. I dashed around to the Sick Bay to try and get the Sick Berth Attendant, but he was on leave. I then went down to the Mess Deck and saw that Wescott was very seriously ill and gasping heavily. Bak, the Sick Bay attendant was already there. I endeavoured to get a doctor and sent two or three ratings for one at the same time trying to get our own Medical Officer. I couldn't find a Signaller so I ran out and phoned from Sick Bay. At the same time I sent the Gunners Mate to get a Medical Officer. Then I reported to the Captain what I had done and what had happened. The Captain and I went up onto the Mess Deck at which time the Medical Officer arrived on board. As soon as we arrived forward, the Medical Officer told us he was dead.
- Q. Did A.B. Wescott have any special duties on the ship?
- A. He was the Ship's Butcher. He works down in the Refrigerator Flat for a considerable time each day. The refrigerator is a Methyl-Chloride refrigerator. On this particular morning he had just finished his duties in the refrigerator and come up to the Mess Deck.
- Q. What time was that?
- A. Before 10.00 o'clock.
- Q. Did he seem perfectly normal.
- A. Well I didn't notice him in particular, but they all seemed perfect in every way, all carrying on in the usual rowdy manner on the mess deck in a perfectly normal manner.
- Q. Did he give any sign that he was going to fall?
- A. None whatever. He collapsed very heavily without warning.

Leading Sick Berth Attendant Boley Hubert Bak called and cautioned.

- Q. Will you state what you know about the death of A.B. Wescott?

- A. I had just finished sorting the mail on the Mess Deck and I just happened to go in through the port door and was going to the Mess Deck through the passageway a little after 10.00 o'clock and glanced over and saw A.B. Wescott sort of stoop over and fall down between the ammunition hoist and the stand to raise ammunition up into #1 gun.
- Q. You saw him fall?
- A. I saw him fall. When he fell down he sort of fell face down then rolled over onto his back and I told everybody to clear off the Mess Deck. The Coxswain who was behind me, helped clear them away and I sent one of the boys for ammonia and for the oxygen tank that I have in the Sick Bay which came up soon after. He was gasping for breath and I started to give artificial respiration to try and stimulate circulation by moving his arms and legs. Lieutenant Groos saw us in there and he sent for the Medical Officer right away.

C.P.O. G. Archer, Coxswain called and cautioned.

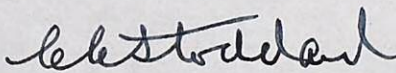
- Q. Were you present when A.B. Wescott collapsed?
- A. No, I arrived about 30 seconds afterwards.
- Q. What was taking place then?
- A. The Leading Sick Bay Attendant was attending to A.B. Wescott and he had just brought the pullmotor into the Mess Deck. I gathered from L.S.B.A. Bak that he was present when A.B. Wescott collapsed and he immediately went for the pullmotor. I arrived on the Mess Deck while Bak was giving a hand with the motors.
- Q. How long have you known Wescott?
- A. He was the first person I spoke to when I came to Canada 11 years ago.
- Q. Has he appeared to be strong and in good health the last few years?
- A. Well previous to the last few years on previous occasions I have had to attend him for dropping out and fainting. We have treated him for fainting and brought him around and everything has been all right again.
- Q. Have you had to treat him for fainting recently?
- A. No. Not since I was in Gunnery School, Whale Island, Portsmouth with him, about 1931. On occasions since this, we have seen him a little groggy at times, but he has never reported sick to the point where I have made a remark to him that he had better report to Sick Bay and the next time I have seen him, he apparently looked normal and in good shape. I gave him a job on the ship. His work on the ship did not entail any strenuous exercises. It was just daily routine of keeping the Ice Box clean and supplying the necessary victuals for the galley. In the ordinary run, this job would take only about 2 hours of continual work, but it was stretched out for a full day.


Surgeon Lieutenant C.S. Ward, RCNVR called and cautioned.

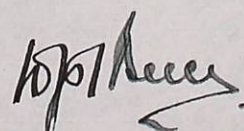
- Q. Will you state the result of your examination of A.B. Wescott?
- A. I went aboard the H.M.C.S. "Fraser" in the neighbourhood of 10.00 o'clock, November 6th to see the rating in question. He did not take any voluntary breaths in my presence. Leading Sick Bay Attendant Bak was administering artificial respiration and administering Carbogen, not under pressure. I continued artificial respiration until a stethoscope was brought from the Sick Berth. With it I could elicit no activity whatever in the heart muscle. The man, while he had fallen onto a steel deck showed no evidence of injury to the head. There was no bleeding from nose, mouth or ears. His pupils were quite dilated though equal in size and regular. Skin colour had already commenced to darken. The rating was definitely dead.
- Q. Did you make arrangements for the removal of the body?
- A. I despatched a message to Sick Bay, R.C.N.B. to arrange military ambulance transportation of the body to Cogswell Street and notification of Medical Examiner F.V. Woodbury.

Surgeon Lieutenant C.C. Stoddart, RCNVR called and cautioned.

- Q. State what you know about the death of Wescott?
- A. I arrived on the scene about 5 minutes after Surgeon Lieutenant Ward and was told I was wanted immediately at Sick Bay. I viewed the body along with Surgeon Lieutenant Ward on the Mess Deck. There was no evidence of external injury and no odour of alcohol or other poisons. Surgeon Lieutenant Ward and I went over his medical history together. I officially informed Captain Creery of the death. I agreed with Surgeon Lieutenant Ward that there was no apparent cause of death.


(C. C. Stoddart,)
Surgeon, Lieutenant, RCNVR *Member*


(S. Ward,)
Surgeon, Lieutenant, RCNVR (T) *Member*


(W. J. R. Beech)
COMMANDER, R.C.N.

President

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FROM.....THE COMMANDING OFFICER ATLANTIC COAST, H.M.C. DOCKYARD,
HALIFAX, N.S.

DATE.....8th NOVEMBER, 1939

FILE...C.O.A.C. 55-2-1

TO.....THE NAVAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA

Copy to:- The Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "Stadacona"

DEATH OF JAMES HERBERT WESTCOTT
Able Seaman O.N. 2237

27549

The enclosed report of a Board of Inquiry consist-
ing of

Commander W. J. R. Beech, R.C.N., President,
Surgeon Lieutenant C. C. Stoddard, RCNVR, Member, and
Surgeon Lieutenant S. Ward, RCNVR (Temp'y), Member,

which assembled to inquire into the circumstances attending
the death of the above named rating, is submitted for the con-
sideration of the Department in compliance with Canadian Naval
Regulations, Article 256, paragraph 3.

2. It is requested that any directions in connection
with the proposal contained in paragraph 2 of the recommendations
of the Board may be communicated.

3. The Service Certificate of the above rating has
been returned to H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" for completion and will
be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters with H.M.C.S.
"Stadacona"'s Return of Deaths and Desertions for the month
of November 1939.

(2)

17.11.39
noted for records
W. Carroll Major D. H. M.S.

H. E. Reid
(H. E. Reid)
CAPTAIN, R.C.N.

M. F. W. 2613
50m.—11-22
H. Q. 1772-39-1453

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
2237	Able Seaman	Westcott	James Herbert
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H. Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
H.M.C.S. FRASER	6th November, 1939	62-W-116	Church of England
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY	10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN		
Cardiac failure associated with Tuberculosis with cavitation and haemorrhage (Natural causes)	Mother Mrs. Julia Westcott, 512 Gore Street, ESQUIMALT, B.C.		
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY	NOTE:—Items 12, 13, and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.		
HALIFAX, N.S.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
ESQUIMALT NAVAL CEMETERY	ESQUIMALT, B.C.	Grave..... Plot..... Row	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			



CERTIFICATE FOR WOUNDS AND HURTS

These are to Certify the Honourable the Minister of the Naval Service of the Dominion of Canada that

(Name in full) James Herbert WESTCOTT (Rank or Rating) A.B. (Official No.) 2237

belonging to His Majesty's Canadian Ship "Fraser"
being then actually upon His Majesty's Canadian Service in
moving a trolley out of lay-apart store
in H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimault, P.E.
was injured on 2nd October 1937 by

Here describe the particular duty.
* "Injured" or "Wounded."
† Date.

Here describe minutely the nature of the injury sustained and the manner in which it occurred—as required by articles 1207, 1318, 1354 of the King's Regulations.

Sustaining a complete fracture through the shaft of the proximal phalanx of the right small toe, when the front wheel of trolley which was being backed out of lay-apart store passed onto foot.

‡ "Sober" or "not sober".

He was ‡ sober at the time 0915

Personal Description.

Age about 27 years Born at or near Victoria, B.C. Height 6 ft. 3 ins.

Hair Brown Eyes Hazel Complexion Medium

Appendectomy Scar.

Particular marks or scars.

Date 14-10-37 1937

Signature of Commanding Officer of Ship.

Rank Commander R.C.N.

Signature of person who witnessed the accident.

Rank R/P.O.

Signature of Medical Officer.

Rank Leapt., R.C.M.C. (N.P.)

RCN Nov. 40

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Julia Westcott - Mother

Deceased 12.8.48

ADDRESS:

512 Gore Street,
Victoria, B.C.

Same address

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Julia Westcott

ADDRESS:

512 Gore St., Victoria, B.C.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

220
CANCELLED

(2)

(3)

23-5-41

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

WESTCOTT	James Herbert	N-2237	L.Smn.	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	<div data-bbox="1072 871 1743 1121" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>03 - 80588 M</p>  <p>P</p> </div>
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	2078

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)