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ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BRETT OFFICIAL No. V63155
CHRISTIAN NAMES Robert Arthur MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
Shelburne, Ontario		Church of England
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
5th May 1924	Town Shelburne	(Mother)
*Original Nationality of:	County Dufferin	Mrs. Mabel Brett,
Father Canadian	Province Ontario	Same Address
Mother Canadian		

*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... 5	Inflated... 40	Brown	Blue	Fair	Rt. Para-rectal
Inches... 10 1/2	Deflated... 36				SCAR
173	Mean... 38				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Senior Matriculation	Student Ridley College St. Catharines, Ontario.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
4th June 1943 Div. Str.	Ordinary Seaman W/T	H.M.C.S. 'STAR'

(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, Air Force, 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	TO
NOT APPLICABLE			

- (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.

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Records

2. Identity Card

3. Non-Sub. Card

4. Statistical Card

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(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake 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 when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, 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.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as Ord. Smn. W/T by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 4th day of June, 1943

Signature of applicant R. Brett

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 4th day of June, 1943

My authority for attestation is XX

M. Douglas
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.
P/Sub-Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Robert Arthur Brett 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 R. Brett

Witness M. Douglas

Date 4th June 1943 Rank P/Sub-Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R.

The Oath of Allegiance must be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters **immediately** after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.

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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

Robert Arthur BRETT

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve NS 80276

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-63155</i>
	<i>H.M.C.S. "Star"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth..... <i>5th May 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Mother: Mabel Brett same address</i>
Place of Birth..... <i>Shelburne, Ontario</i>	
Place of Residence..... <i>Shelburne, Ontario</i>	
Trade brought up to..... <i>Student</i>	
Religion..... <i>Church of England</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>4 June '43</i>	<i>Duration of hostilities</i>	<i>Ordinary S.M.M. w/4</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>173</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Rt. Para-rectal scar.</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

V63155

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-5653

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V63155

NAME BRETT (Surname) Robert Arthur (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 5 May 1924PLACE OF BIRTH Shelburne, Dufferin, Ontario OCCUPATION StudentRELIGION Church of England EDUCATION Senior MatriculationRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. _____ Town Shelburne 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
4	6	43	H.O.	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Brown	Blue	Fair	Rt. Para-rectal Scar				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Miss Mabel BrettADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. _____ Town _____ 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	
				1	11	43	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 day				
				3	12	43	Marked Tr.				

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						O.H.F. Received
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	
									O.H.F. Received
									Last Will and Testament #4221 Rec.

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From	To

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N.S. 815-7-35

FILM NO. NSR-5893-2
DATE _____

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BRETT
(Surname)

Robert Arthur
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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V63155

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
H.M.C.S. Star	Ord. Smn. W/T	4	6	43	Div. Str. Hamilton	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
"	"	24	8	43	Active Service DL 26-8-43.	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
" Montcalm,	"	27	8	43	D.L. 27-8-43.												
" Cornwallis	"	28	9	43	D.L. 28-9-43 #328												
St. Hyacinthe	"	29	12	43	Ser. Cert.												
" Stadacona	"	13	4	44	DRD #125 P.5												
" Shawinigan	"	18	4	44	DRD Sh.136 P.20												
	Ord. Smn.	11	4	44	Transferred 249A 48036 Back Dated												
Discharged	"	24	11	44	"Missing" (Per Cas. List) Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross Received.
to date 26-3-45 by-Mother
Mrs. Mabel BRETT,
Shelburne, Ont.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GIOW		P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	D.	R.A.	BR.	RANK
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ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR		RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK		
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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at sea.

Name Arthur Robert BRETT
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Ordinary Seaman Official No. V-63155 R.C.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Shelburne, Ont. Date of Birth 5 May, 1924.

Occupation in Civil Life Student 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) Active Service 24 Aug., 1943 - 24 Nov., 1944.

Date of Death 24 November, 1944 Place of Death At sea.

Cause of Death Enemy action. Ship lost at sea.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mabel Brett Relationship Mother
Address Shelburne, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not known.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not known.

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 Not known.

Place of Burial (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

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

H. J. Bevan
Commanding Officer,
11/4 1945

The NAVAL SECRETARY,
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.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

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M. J. P.
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VERIFICATION FORM

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

NAMING *D. J. ...* OFF. NO. *163155* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS							STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL			
							1939-45	1	star
							ATLANTIC	1	star
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
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							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	clasp
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	medal
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*
[Signature]

Y DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

N.S. V-63155, PERS.(N) "N"/5.

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Brett:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your son's ship and I am accordingly passing on the following particulars which will, no doubt, be of interest to you.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" sailed from Sydney, N.S., on the 24th of November, 1944, to escort a merchant ship to Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and arrived off Port Aux Basques that night. In accordance with orders she was then to carry out a patrol in the area for the duration of the night, after which she was to meet the same merchant ship the next morning and return with her to Sydney.

The merchant ship arrived in Sydney unescorted on the night of the 25th of November and after it was ascertained that "Shawinigan" had not appeared at the designated rendezvous to provide escort as instructed, searches were instituted and "Shawinigan" was discovered to be missing.

It was the opinion of the Department at the time that the ship had been torpedoed by an enemy submarine during the night of the 24th/25th of November, 1944, as submarines were known to be operating in that area; and this has since been confirmed from German evidence. Although no survivors were found, a few bodies were recovered by later searches, due to tidal movements, some distance from the area in which "Shawinigan" was known to be operating. As a result, the position of the sinking can not be exactly ascertained, although from German evidence and the Department's computation, it is estimated to be in the vicinity of the three mile limit off Channel Head, near Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Mabel Brett,
SHELBURNE, Ontario.

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Date *29.8.45*
Time *1545*

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Approval on N.S. 0-3690, F.D. 76
See also N.S.S. 1156-331/93

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N.S. V-63155, F.D. 601, PERS(N)

22 May, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Robert Arthur Brett, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V-63155, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 24th of November, 1944, when the ship in which he was serving, H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", was lost while on operational duty at sea.

Deputy


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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BRETT	Robert Arthur	V-63155	O/S.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	6333

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL
RCNVR Sept. 46 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Mabel Brett - Mother

ADDRESS: e/o R. David Evans, Barrister etc.,
ORANGEVILLE, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Mabel Brett

ADDRESS: SHELBURNE, Ont.

MEMORIAL B R

(1)

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

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26-3-45