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ATTESTATION FORM FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL RESERVE

22035

(A) DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

Surname..... <u>JONES</u>		Permanent Address
Christian Names..... <u>William James</u>		8502 Fort Hamilton Parkway Brooklyn, N.Y.
Religion..... <u>Church of England</u>		
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
20th February, 1914.	Town..... <u>Birkenhead</u> County..... <u>Cheshire</u> Province..... Country..... <u>England</u>	(Mrs.) Dorothy Gross Jones (wife) 8502 Fort Hamilton Parkway Brooklyn, N.Y.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... <u>5</u> Inches..... <u>4</u> <u>126</u>	Inflated..... <u>37½</u> Deflated..... <u>34½</u> Mean..... <u>36</u>	<u>Light brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fresh (fair)</u>	<u>None</u>
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RANK IN WHICH ENROLLED	MARRIED, SINGLE, OR WIDOWER	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
<u>3rd Sept., 1942.</u>	<u>Lieut. R.C.N.R. (Temp)</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Merchant Marine (Ship's Officer) Gypsum Packet Co, Richmond Terrace Staten Island, N.Y.</u>		

(B) DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:—

- (1) That I am a British Born Subject of pure European descent, domiciled in Canada.
- (2) That I am desirous of being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve Force, and that I accept and will 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.

*Cross out clause not applicable.

~~(b) I served in XX for the period shown, and attach my record of service.~~

<u>SERVED IN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
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(c) I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

†This is not essential in the case of Engineer and Accountant Officers.

† (4) That I intend to follow the sea as my profession.

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

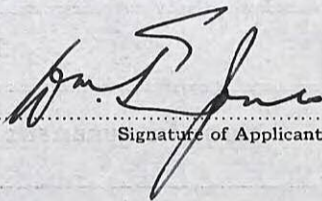
On being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:

(a) To serve from the date thereof for as long as my services may be required, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act and of the regulations made in pursuance thereof for the governing of the Royal Canadian Naval 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 provide myself with the necessary uniform as laid down in R.C.N.R. regulations.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 1942.


Signature of Applicant

The above declaration was made and signed in my presence this 3rd

day of September, 1942


Signature of Enrolling Officer

(C)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I William James Jones 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 

Signature of Witness 

Date 3rd September, 1942.

Rank Pay, Sub-Lieutenant, RCNVR

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by any commissioned officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE—This form when completed is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, together with certificate of medical examination B-207 and record of any previous service.

The record of previous service will be returned after examination at Naval Service Headquarters.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME JONES, William James (Surname) (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 20 February, 1914PLACE OF BIRTH Birkenhead, Cheshire, England OCCUPATION Merchant Marine (Ship's Officer), Gypsum Packet Co., RichmondRELIGION Church of England EDUCATION Terrace, Staten Island, N.Y.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 8502 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Town Brooklyn, Province, etc. N.Y.

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
3	9	42	Hostilities only	5'4 1/4"	L. Brown	Blue	Fresh (fair)	None				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Miss Betty JonesADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 8502 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Town Brooklyn, Province, etc. N.Y.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
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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
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Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					O.H.F. Received.	
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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 **430782**

Name JONES, William James

(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Lieut., RCNVR (Temp) Official No. _____
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Birkenhead, England Date of Birth 20th Feb., 1914

Occupation in Civil Life General Foreign Service 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) 3rd Sep., 1942 - 24th Nov., 1944

Date of Death 24th Nov., 1944 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Lost at sea - enemy action
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Dorothy Jones Relationship Wife
Address 8502 Fort Hamilton Parkway,
Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A.

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 _____

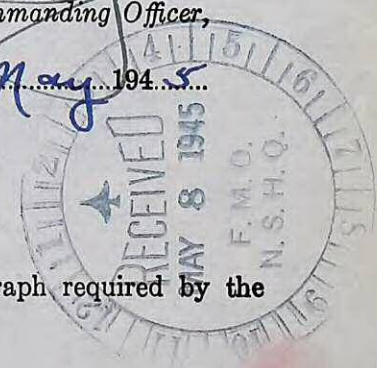
Place of Burial _____ Date of Burial _____
(if known) (if known)

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

Undertaker employed _____
(if any)

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

[Signature]
Commanding Officer,



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.

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By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence
for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

To Lieutenant William J. Jones, R.C.N.R., (Temporary),--

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You are hereby appointed

Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.,

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship SHAWINIGAN in command.

Your appointment is to take effect from 5th June, 1944.

P.A.'S CHECKED IN
C.R. BY.....

Secretary, Naval Board

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Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa. 5th June, 194 4.

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FULL RATE
DAY LETTER

TO: MRS. DOROTHY G. JONES,
8502 FORT HAMILTON PARKWAY,
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, U.S.A.

FROM: NAVALSERVICE HEADQUARTERS,
OTTAWA, Ont.

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR

HUSBAND

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM JAMES JONES, R.C.N.R.

(FATHER, HUSBAND, SON, ETC.)

(FULL NAME)

IS MISSING AT SEA. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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D.P.R.
(PAYMR. LIEUT. F.F. HEARD)

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

FILE NO.: N.S. 0-37510 PERS.(N)

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Jones:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th of November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Lieutenant William James Jones, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your husband is missing at sea when the ship in which he was serving was lost. Please be assured, however, that as soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for your husband's survival. When it is considered, beyond all reasonable doubt, that no further hope exists and should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of death will be made by the Canadian Naval Authorities.

It is requested that, for security reasons, you regard the name of the ship in which your husband was serving, as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

LETTER DISPATCHED BY
PERSONNEL BRANCH
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Dorothy G. Jones,
8502 Fort Hamilton Parkway,
Brooklyn, New York,
U.S.A.

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8502 Fort Hamilton Parkway
Brooklyn 9, New York
August 20th, 1945

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Secretary, Naval Board
Department of National Defence
Naval Service
Ottawa, Canada

Re: H. M. C. S. "Shawinigan"

Dear Sir:

Under dates of 29th November, 1944, 7th December, 1944 and 15th, February, 1945, I had letters from you giving me what details could be released at that time in connection with the sinking of HMCS Shawinigan on which ship my husband, the late Lieutenant William James Jones, was Commanding Officer.

From your letters I know only that the sinking occurred the 24th of November, 1944, "while on operational duty at sea".

Since hostilities have now ceased, I wonder if it is not now possible to give me some further details of the sinking. Both Lieutenant Jones' mother and I would like to know. If possible, I should also like to know the place the sinking occurred - for insurance purposes.

I shall be grateful for any information you can now give me.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy H. Jones

Mrs. William James Jones

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N.S. 0-37510, J.D. 411

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Further to my letter of the 23rd of August, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your husband'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.

Despatched by Yours sincerely,
Sec. N. B.

Date 29.8.45
Time 1430

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. gmc

Mrs. Dorothy G. Jones,
8502 Fort Hamilton Parkway,
BROOKLYN 9, N.Y., U.S.A.

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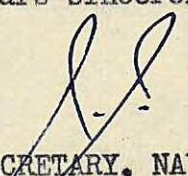
15 February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Jones:



Further to my letter of the 7th of December, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Lieutenant William James Jones, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", 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 24th of November, 1944.

Please allow me to 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, the high traditions of which your husband has helped to maintain.


Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Dorothy Gress Jones,
8502 Fort Hamilton Parkway,
Brooklyn 9,
NEW YORK, N.Y. U.S.A.

 
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

FEB 20 1945


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Date 15.2.45
Time 1800

DECEASED 24 November 1944

AWARDS NAVY

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JONES	William James	0-37510	Lieut	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

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DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	1592.
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. and Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNR Jan. 46 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Dorothy G. Jones - Widow

ADDRESS:

~~8502 Fort William Parkway,~~

~~BROOKLYN, New York, U.S.A.~~

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

c/o J.H. Westwood
56 Kingswood Rd., West, HARTFORD 7, Conn., U.S.A.

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ADDRESS:

Mrs. D. G. Jones
8502 Fort Hamilton Parkway
BROOKLYN 9, N.Y., U.S.A.

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DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO.....

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26 March 1945

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

ADDRESS:

(3)