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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME TURNER OFFICIAL No. 78033
CHRISTIAN NAMES Verne LeRoy MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 3460 East King Edward Vancouver, B.C. DE. 2385-R RELIGION Presbyterian

DATE OF BIRTH 11 July 1926 *PLACE OF BIRTH Town Vancouver NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mother: Mrs. Lola Maria Turner 3460 E. King Edward Ave Vancouver, B.C.
County B.C.
Province B.C.
*Original Nationality of:
Father Canadian
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 <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>36</u>	<u>Reddish</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>None</u>
Inches <u>3 1/4</u>	Deflated <u>31</u>	<u>Brown</u>			
<u>124</u>	Mean <u>33</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING Completed Jr. Matriculation TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Pipefitters Helper: Leek & Company Vancouver, B.C.

DATE OF ENROLMENT 25 January 1944 RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Stoker 2/c H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED HMCS DISCOVERY
DIVISIONAL STRENGTH

(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
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Personel Records Division

1. Noted in Records

2. Index Card

3. Non-Sub. Card

4. Statistical Card

5. Ribbon Strip

6. Pension Card

7.

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DATE 14/2/44

(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.

Are you in possession of a U.I. Book? Yes.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and 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 Stoker 2/c by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 25 day of Jan 1944

Signature of applicant.....

Verne LeRoy Turner

(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 25 day of Jan 1944

My authority for attestation is RTM(R) 150 of 10 Dec 1943

Signature and rank of Attesting Officer..... Lieut. RCNVR

[Signature]

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Verne LeRoy TURNER 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.....

Witness.....

Date 25 Jan 1944

Rank Lieut. RCNVR

[Signatures]

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.

P.I.B.

V78033 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME TURNER Verne LeRoy
(Surname) (Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V78033

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
HMCS "DISCOVERY"	Stoker 11	25	1	44	Div. Str. Vancouver.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
"	"	21	2	44	Act. Serv. DL.21.2.44.	V.G.	Sat.	7	5	45							
HMCS "CORNWALLIS"	"	21	4	44	DL.24-4-44--												
" Stadacona	"	24	6	44	DRD N-195 P-3												
Asbestos	"	12	7	44	DRD.S.#220 P.4.												
Stadacona	"	29	7	44	DRD.#228. P.1.												
Rosthern	"	8	8	44	DRD.S.#247. P.#2.												
"	Stoker I	5	12	44	Rated (249A/31617)												
DISCHARGED	"	7	5	45	"DEAD" (Per Cas. List)												

GENERAL REMARKS
Granted Can. Memorial Cross to Mother to date 28.6.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
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NAME

TURNER

(Surname)

Verne LeRoy

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

11th July, 1926.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Vancouver, B.C.

OCCUPATION

Pipefitters Helper

RELIGION

Presbyterian

EDUCATION

Completed Jr. Matriculation

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

3460 East King Edward

Town

Vancouver,

Province, etc.

B.C.

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
25	1	44	H.O.	5' 3 1/2	Reddish Brown	Blue	Fair					

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	

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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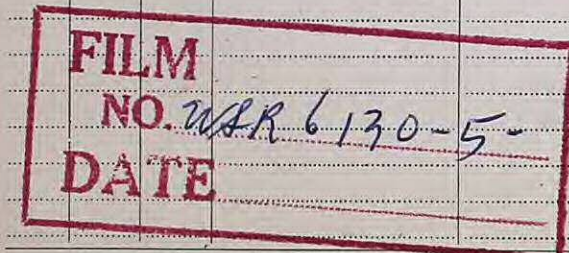
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DAYS FORFEITED

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

O.H.F. Received.

Last Will & Testament #22426 Received.



SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



N.V. 17
60M-9-42 (5943)
N.S. 815-11-17

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

Verne Leroy TURNER

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

N.S. 133051

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-78033</i>
	<i>H.M.C.S. Discovery</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>11 July, 1926</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth <i>Vancouver B.C.</i>	<i>Mother</i>
Place of Residence <i>3460 E. King Edward, Vancouver B.C.</i>	<i>Lola M. Turner</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Pipefitters Helper</i>	<i>same</i>
Religion <i>Presbyterian</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>25 Jan '44</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>Sto. 2/e</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>3 1/4</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>Red-Brown</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

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

NAME IN FULL TURNER Verne Leroy RANK/RATING Sto/1c OFF.NO. 4-5

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VERIFIED BY Roger Seguin

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

roy RANK/RATING *Sto/c* OFF.NO. *V-78033* ADDRESS

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							PACIFIC		
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							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *R.L.*

VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

SERVICE

~~NAME~~ TURNER. Verne Le Roy.

O.N. V78033

PRESENT RANK/RATING: Stoker I

DATE TAKEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE: 21st. Feb. 1944

SERVICE

SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT

FROM

TO

HMCS Discovery (Div. Str.)

25.1.44.

Active Service

21.2.44.

Cornwallis

21.4.44.

Stadacona

24.6.44.

Asbestos

12.7.44.

Stadacona

29.7.44.

Rosthern

8.8.44.

*Canada & High Seas
Self DPP
10.5.44*

IMPORTANT

(WILL): #22426

NAME & ADDRESS
OF NEXT OF KIN:

MOTHER:

Mrs. Lola Maria Turner,
3460 E. King Edward Ave.
Vancouver, B.C.

HAS DISCHARGE FOR ANY REASON
BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED? No

REASON: Nil

DATE: Nil

INITIALS L/V

DATE 9th. May 1945

SECTION: III

(TO BE COMPLETED IN INK)

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25 July, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Turner:

Further to my letter of the 29th of June, 1945, a Naval Board of Inquiry has been held to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of your son, the late Verne LeRoy Turner, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-78033, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, and I am passing on, for your information, the following particulars contained in a report of their findings:

At approximately four o'clock in the afternoon of the 7th of May, 1945, your son left his ship with three other ratings to go ashore at Halifax, N.S. During the afternoon the ratings purchased from a civilian a bottle of gin from which, according to the evidence given, your son had at least one substantial drink. In addition he had two glasses of beer in one of the canteens.

After walking around for a short time, Stoker Turner suddenly collapsed. He was immediately rushed to Sick Bay at H.M.C.S. "STADACONA", Halifax, but death had occurred prior to his admission.

According to the report of the autopsy performed, your son's death was due to the effects of the too rapid absorption in his system of alcoholic fluid. The amount he had consumed is not excessive and it is believed that the fatality was due to the fact that he had not eaten for some time and that he had a physical intolerance for alcohol.

Your son was known to have been of a temperate nature and was held in high esteem by his fellow shipmates. Any additional grief which has been caused you by the mention in the press or elsewhere of his name in connection with the V-E Day riots is deeply regretted and I wish to assure you that he was not connected with them as no rioting had taken place prior to his collapse.

May I again express sympathy with you in your sad loss.

Yours sincerely,


 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Lola Maria Turner,
3460 East King Edward Ave.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 25. 7. 45
Time 1700

Seen 30/7/45
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FROM: The Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "ROSTHERN".

DATE: May 8th, 1945.

TO: Captain (D),
Halifax, N.S.

Submitted with reference to Naval Order 4389 and my signal 081031P, the following is a copy of a letter addressed to Mrs. L.M. Turner, mother of V.L. Turner, Stoker I V-78033.

Dear Madam:

It is with deep regret that I must inform you of the accidental death ashore last night, May 7th, of your son Verne. His loss is greatly felt by all members of the ship's company who held him in high regard for his cheerfulness and devotion to duty.

Your son's personal effects have been forwarded to the Naval Estates Branch c/o Secretary Naval Board, N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, to whom any inquiries should be addressed.

Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Yours truly,

D.R. Smythies,
Lt. R.C.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "Rosthern".

Details of the investigation into the death of Stoker Turner will be submitted under separate cover.

D.R. Smythies,
(Q) Lt. R.C.N.V.R.

GROSS PATHOLOGY

THE LUNGS:

The right lung weighed 390 grams and the left, 389 grams. The lungs were crepitant, pale salmon pink in colour. The pleural surfaces were moist, smooth and glistening. There were a few red, recent subpleural haemorrhages, especially over the right upper apical region. Section of the lung revealed semiconfluent areas of bright red congestion and a few fine points of interstitial haemorrhage. There was no oedema consolidation or other pathological change. The lung was bright pink in color and crepitant. The pulmonary vessels were thin and smooth walled and free from emboli. The bronchi were normal, the mucosa being pale pink and moist. The bronchi were free from obstruction. The parabronchial lymph nodes were normal.

THE LIVER:

The liver was firm, light brownish red, smooth surfaced, and normal in appearance. It weighed 1200 grams and cut easily leaving a smooth pale brownish red cut surface in which the hepatic lobulations were easily distinguishable.

THE SPLEEN:

The spleen weighed 200 grams. The organ was firm, dark grayish red. The capsule was gray, firm and moderately tense. There were two small cherry-sized accessory spleens at the hilus. The organ cut easily leaving a firm, dark red, congested cut surface.

THE PANCREAS:

The pancreas weighed 95 grams and was composed of firm, pale yellowish, finely lobulated normal pancreatic tissue. The pancreatic ducts were patent.

THE ADRENAL GLANDS:

The adrenal glands were composed of bright red, firm cortex and soft dark-red congested medulla.

THE KIDNEYS:

The right kidney weighed 275 grams and the left 255 grams. Both kidneys were distended and the capsules were tense. The organs were dark plum coloured and congested. They cut easily revealing a dark swollen substance in which the normal anatomical markings were distinct. The cortices were particularly dark red and congested. The thin capsules stripped easily revealing a smooth surface. The calyces, pelves, ureters and blood vessels presented no abnormality.

The bladder contained about 100 cc. of pale, yellow urine. The wall and mucosa were normal.

THE PROSTATE:

The prostate was firm, pale, rubbery and normal in size and shape. The urethra was normal. The seminal vesicles and testes were normal.

THE GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT:

The oesophagus ~~was~~: The mucosa of the lower end of the oesophagus was red and inflamed. There were a few small submucosal petechial.

The stomach: The mucosa of the stomach was red and inflamed, particularly about the cardia where there were whitish patches and some desquamation. There were numerous submucosal petechia which were semiconfluent in places. The stomach contained about 150 cc. of alcoholic fluid with which was mixed a few small dark red blood clots.

The large bowel was normal.

MICROSCOPIC PATHOLOGYHEART:

One section was examined. The muscle fibres were normal but were spread by a moderate generalized interstitial oedema. The vessels and subpericardial tissues were normal.

LUNG:

One section was examined. At one side of the section there was an extensive subpleural recent haemorrhage. The tissue beneath was normal with thin-walled alveoli and normal vessels and bronchi. A few small veins were distended, otherwise there was no congestion.

LIVER:

One section was examined. The parenchymal cells had a swollen pale granular cytoplasm. The structure of the liver was normal.

SPLEEN:

One section was examined. The splenic sinusoids and splenic pulp was engorged with blood. The malpighian corpuscles were distinct. There was a moderate number of haemosiderin-filled macrophages.

PANCREAS:

One section was examined. The tissue appeared normal, although there was some interstitial oedema, and some moderate distension of veins. The five vessels of the islets of Langerhans were uniformly congested.

KIDNEY:

One section was examined. The renal structure were normal. There was generalized marked congestion and engorgement of all the interstitial renal blood vessels. This was most marked in the cortex. The glomeruli showed uniform engorgement with red blood cells.

ADRENAL GLAND:

One section was examined. The tissue was normal.

PROSTATE:

One section was examined. The tissue was normal.

THE BRAIN:

The brain was fixed (72 hours) in 10% formalin before cutting. The meninges were normal.

There was no gross general or local oedema or softening. The gyri were normal. There was no haemorrhage, either gross or minute. The anatomical structures were normal. There was no evidence of increased pressure in the cranial cavity. The pons and medulla, however, had a soft flabby appearance. Sections were taken from this region for further study.

AUTOPSY REPORT.

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL HOSPITAL, HALIFAX.

Number: A-

15-45

Name:

Verne LeRoy TURNER

Rating:

Sto 2/C

Official No.: **V-78033** Age: **18**

Hospital:

R.C.N.H. Halifax, N.S.

Admitted: **Dead on admission**

Clinical Diagnosis:

Sudden death, cause unknown

Time of death: **2000-7-5-45**

Time of autopsy: **2230-7-5-45**

Hours after death: **2½ hours.**

Pathologist **W.G. Rice, Surg. Lt. Cmdr.**

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PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS.

1. Acute respiratory failure.
2. Acute circulatory collapse.
3. Failure of vital centres due to
4. Acute toxæmia.
5. Petechial hæmorrhages (subendocardial, subpericardial, sub-pleural, intrapulmonary).
7. Congestion of abdominal blood vessels (kidney, spleen, pancreas etc).
8. Dilatation of right auricle and ventricle (moderate).
9. Oedema of myocardium (moderate) (microscopic).
10. Acute hæmorrhagic gastritis.
11. Ethyl alcohol intoxication (concentration in blood- 112 mgms. per 100 cu.cm. estimated after twelve hours).

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SUMMARY.

This eighteen-year old rating was reported to have become unconscious and developed acute respiratory distress following the drinking of concentrated alcoholic beverages. He died a short time later.

At autopsy there was no evidence of trauma, embolism, thrombosis or hæmorrhage. There was, however, evidence of a severe acute toxæmia which had produced scattered petechial hæmorrhages into the heart and lungs and associated microscopic oedema of the myocardium with moderate dilatation and failure of the right side of the heart. Severe congestion of all the visceral vessels, particularly in kidneys, spleen and pancreas, was the result of acute circulatory collapse. Circulatory collapse and respiratory failure were deduced to be due to failure of the vital centres in the floor of the fourth ventricle as the result of the effects of the severe toxæmia.

There was a severe acute hæmorrhagic gastritis and the stomach contained a small quantity of blood-stained concentrated alcoholic fluid.

TURNER V.R.

A-15-45

SUMMARY: (continued)

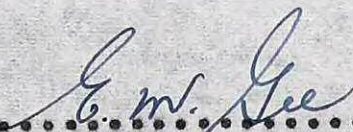
The blood ethyl alcohol concentration was estimated at 112 mgms per 100 cu. cm. (the heart's blood had remained in a loosely stoppered bottle at 4 C for twelve hours before estimation.

This ethyl alcohol blood level is not enough to cause death or even severe intoxication, in a habitual drinker. However, in an individual with no tolerance, who has rapidly ingested large quantities of alcohol into an empty stomach, the sudden rate of rise in blood concentration would be sufficient to produce transient damage (cellular oedema) to the vital nerve cells in the floor of the fourth ventricle with consequent circulatory collapse and respiratory failure.


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The Findings of the Board are as follows:-

1. That this rating's unfortunate demise was due to:-
 - (a) Youth
 - (b) Inexperience
 - (c) Intolerance to alcohol
2. That Acting Leading Stoker Beck was the "ring-leader" in that he knew the whereabouts to purchase the 26 oz. bottle of gin. The identity of the seller is not known but it is presumed to be a taxicab driver in that he was approached in the immediate vicinity of a Three "S" taxicab stand.
3. That the deceased was listed as "temperance" onboard but that there being a general issue of rum at approximately 1400 on the 7th of May, 1945, this rating had one tot of rum.
4. That the rating had eaten nothing after approximately 1300 on the day of his death, with the exception of a tomato sandwich at approximately 1730, and that this contributed to the rapid absorption of the alcohol consumed. It was established that this rating was carrying the bottle of gin for sometime, and while no one actually saw him do it, it is quite possible that he consumed some straight gin during the afternoon.


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Surgeon Lieut. E.M. Gee R.C.N.V.R. MEMBER


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Lieut. E.R. O'Kelly R.C.N.V.R. MEMBER


.....
Commander G.H. Stephen, R.C.N.R. PRESIDENT
OBE., DSC., RD.

Evidence of Surgeon Lieutenant Robert Mannell King,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (Temporary),
Official Number not known.

NAME : Robert Mannell King

CALLED AND CAUTIONED.

1. Q. Are you Robert Mannell King, Surgeon Lieutenant, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (Temporary)?
A. Yes sir.
2. Q. Can you tell the Board when you first saw Stoker 1st class Verne Turner, Official Number V-78033, after his death?
A. I saw him about 8:15 Monday evening, 7th May, 1945, one minute after he was admitted to Sick Bay. He was brought in by the Sick Berth Attendants and the rating who was accompanying him, and when I first saw him he was dead.
3. Q. Did the rating who accompanied him say he had been with him the whole evening?
A. Yes sir.
4. Q. Did the rating seem to be quite normal?
A. Yes sir, he did, except he appeared a little frightened.
5. Q. Was there any way to show how long he had been dead?
A. It would be very difficult to be accurate but he had the appearance of being dead for some minutes, probably 10 to 15 minutes.
6. Q. Did you feel that the account of the incident as related by his companion had a definite bearing on his misfortune?
A. It seemed quite in keeping with his statements.
7. Q. How far did your examination of the body go?
A. By establishing the fact that the rating was dead.

WITNESS WITHDREW.

Evidence of Lieutenant Dudley Raymond Smythies, Royal
Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (Temporary), Official
Number O-68700.

NAME: Dudley Raymond Smythies

CALLED AND CAUTIONED.

8. Q. Are you Dudley Raymond Smythies, Lieutenant, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, (Temporary) Official Number O-68700?
A. Yes sir.

Evidence of Lieutenant Dudley Raymond Smythies, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (Temporary), Official Number 0-68700 (Continued)

9. Q. Were you Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Canadian Ship "Rosthern" on the 7th of May, 1945?
- A. Yes sir.
10. Q. When was the last time that you saw Stoker 1st class Verne Turner, Official Number V-78033, prior to his death?
- A. About 11 a.m. of the same day, sir.
11. Q. Can you tell the Board of his general character?
- A. I have only been in command of H.M.C.S. "Rosthern" for three weeks but he had come to my particular attention as a requestman for a course and I gathered that his character was good and he was a clean living rating and worked hard.
12. Q. Did he draw his tot onboard?
- A. I do not know sir.
13. Q. Do you know if he had a drink onboard that day or not?
- A. I understand he had one tot of rum.
14. Q. Is there anything else you can tell us about him that you can think of?
- A. No sir.

WITNESS WITHDREW

Evidence of Lieutenant John Patrick Jarvis, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (Temporary), Official Number 0-36320

NAME : John Patrick Jarvis

CALLED AND CAUTIONED.

15. Q. Are you John Patrick Jarvis, Lieutenant, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (Temporary), Official Number 0-36320?
- A. Yes sir.
16. Q. Will you tell us just what you know about the death of this rating?
- A. I was proceeding in a taxi about 1930 towards Spring Garden Road on the first street east of South Park Street and when we went about a hundred feet I saw a Naval rating lying in an alleyway with two or three other

Evidence of Lieutenant John Patrick Jarvis, Royal
Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (Temporary), Official
Number O-36320 (Continued)

Naval ratings standing around him, so I stopped the taxi to see what the matter was. One of the ratings said that his friend was out cold and wanted me to take him to the Sick Bay which I did. I felt his pulse and could not feel any so we took him to the Sick Bay. He was out cold in the car. His companion said that he had had a fit and I rather think he said he had been drinking but I would not swear to that. The rating who was with him showed no signs of being drunk.

17. Q. Was he fully dressed?
A. Yes sir, but I don't think he had his cap on.
18. Q. Where did you go in the taxi?
A. Straight down to "Stadacona I", then we went to "Scotian".
19. Q. How many came in the car with you?
A. Just one other besides the body.
20. Q. Did the other rating mention at any time the reason for him being out cold?
A. He said he had had a fit and I rather think he said he had been drinking but I would not swear to that.
21. Q. Did he have a bottle on him?
A. I could not see any at the time.
22. Q. When you first took him to "Stadacona", was he examined there?
A. No sir, he was not taken out of the taxi at all.
23. Q. How many others besides the rating were with him?
A. There were two or three other Naval ratings, one a Petty Officer, I believe, and I suppose three or four civilians standing around.
24. Q. At the time, did you presume that he had just passed out?
A. Frankly, when I felt his hand I felt he was pretty well gone.
25. Q. Could you not find any pulse at all?
A. No sir. His hands were cold.

Evidence of Lieutenant John Patrick Jarvis, Royal
Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (Temporary), Official
Number O-36320 (Continued)

26. Q. Was there anything unusual about his features?
A. No sir, except his complexion was a greenish colour.
27. Q. Were his eyes closed?
A. Yes sir.
28. Q. Were there any cuts, abrasions, or bruises?
A. I did not notice.
29. Q. Did he appear to be breathing?
A. I could not say for sure.
30. Q. Was his head slumped forward or backward?
A. His head was slumped right back.

WITNESS WITHDREW

Evidence of Raymond Herbert Beck, Acting Leading Stoker,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number
V-12977

NAME : Raymond Herbert Beck

CALLED AND CAUTIONED.

31. Q. Are you Raymond Herbert Beck, Acting Leading Stoker, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-12977?
A. Yes sir.
32. Q. Were you a member of the ship's company of H.M.C.S. "Rosthern" on the 7th of May, 1945?
A. Yes sir.
33. Q. Will you tell the Board what you know regarding the death of Stoker 1st class Verne Turner, Official Number V-78033?
A. We went ashore about 4 p.m. on May 7th and took a street car downtown. We got off at Eatons and watched the crowd for a few moments, then walked down past Eatons to Granville Street by the Three "S" taxi stand. There was a civilian standing there by the taxi stand and I asked him if he knew where we could get anything to drink. He said "yes". He had a bottle of gin and wanted \$12.00 for it. I got the gin from him and we went up to the Riviera

Evidence of Raymond Herbert Beck, Acting Leading Stoker,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number
V-12977 (Continued).

Cafe where we got a booth. We ordered tomato sandwiches and ginger ale. We had a drink of gin each with the ginger ale. We left there and went down to the Y.M.C.S. Hostel, staying there about two or three minutes then came out. Turner and I started up to the Wanderer's Wet Canteen and the other two, King and Peters left us at the Y. Turner and I had two glasses of beer each at the Wanderer's. We left there and went down to the street dance at the Lord Nelson Hotel. We stopped a few minutes at the dance, then decided to go down to a restaurant and have a sandwich. There was a lineup in the restaurant so we decided to go for a walk before coming back. We just walked around the corner and Turner collapsed. I spoke to him but he did not answer, so I tried to pick him up. I saw he could not stand on his feet. I asked a sailor passing by to help me lift him off the sidewalk. We had just laid him down in the alleyway when a Petty Officer stopped by. He felt his pulse and told us to get an ambulance as fast as we could. The sailor that helped me ran to 'phone an ambulance. In the meantime a civilian stopped by. He said he would stop the first car that came along, which was a taxi. We loaded Turner into the taxi and the Petty Officer told us to get him into "Stadacona I" Sick Bay as soon as we could. When we got there a S.B.A. came out and looked at him and said if he was off a ship to take him to "Scotian" Sick Bay which we did right away.

34. Q. When you left the Cafe which way did you walk, up or down Spring Garden Road?
A. Down towards Barrington Street.
35. Q. During the whole of the time you left the ship, all you had to drink was one drink of gin and two glasses of beer?
A. Yes sir.
36. Q. Was the drink of gin an ordinary drink?
A. A half a glass, sir.
37. Q. Were there just the two of you drinking the gin?
A. There were four of us.
38. Q. Was the bottle empty after you left there?
A. It was half full, sir.

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Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number
V-12977 (Continued).

39. Q. Then between the four of you, you drank half the bottle?
A. Yes sir.
40. Q. How much did Turner drink?
A. Turner had half a glass of gin with half a glass of ginger ale.
41. Q. When he drank the beer, did he have two quarts of beer?
A. No sir, two glasses.
42. Q. Did Turner draw his tot on the ship?
A. Not that I know of.
43. Q. Did he have a tot onboard?
A. Not before going ashore, sir.
44. Q. Is there any reason why he did not have his lunch?
A. No sir, he did not mention it.
45. Q. Was this gin, in your opinion, good gin or did it have a peculiar odour to it?
A. No sir, it seemed good.
46. Q. Was it palatable?
A. Yes sir.
47. Q. To your knowledge, Turner had never taken a drink before?
A. I have seen him drink before but not often.
48. Q. In other words, it would be very occasional?
A. Yes sir.
49. Q. Did he drink the gin slowly or rapidly as he ate his sandwich?
A. Slowly, sir.
50. Q. Did he complain of any headaches?
A. He complained of nothing.
51. Q. When he fell down, did he move after that at all?
A. No sir.
52. Q. Did he sag down or just fall over?
A. He fell on his side, sir.

Evidence of Raymond Herbert Beck, Acting Leading Stoker,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number
V-12977 (Continued).

53. Q. You did not open the bottle until you got to the Cafe, is that right?
A. Yes sir.
54. Q. Are you in the same mess as him on the ship?
A. Yes sir.
55. Q. You do not know whether he draws his tot or not?
A. I don't believe he does, sir.
56. Q. Did you see him have any rum that day?
A. I saw him with one tot, sir.
57. Q. You went ashore about 1600?
A. Yes sir.
58. Q. Did you go ashore in a liberty boat?
A. No sir, we left the ship with a Petty Officer.
59. Q. Did no Officer see you go ashore?
A. Not that I know of.
60. Q. What happened to the remainder of the gin?
A. I left it in the alley.
61. Q. The rum that you saw him with on the ship, have you any idea what type of rum it was?
A. It was issue rum, sir.
62. Q. What time was that?
A. It was about 2:30, sir.
63. Q. Roughly, how much did he have?
A. One tot as far as I know.
64. Q. Have you ever seen him have fainting spells before?
A. No sir.
65. Q. Then, to your knowledge, that is all that he had to drink that day?
A. Yes sir.
66. Q. Was the beer draft beer?
A. Yes sir.
67. Q. How did it taste?
A. It tasted alright, sir.

Evidence of Raymond Herbert Beck, Acting Leading Stoker,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number
V-12977 (Continued).

68. Q. Would you consider that he drank his beer slowly or rapidly?
A. Fairly slowly, sir.
69. Q. Was he smoking and talking at the same time?
A. Yes sir.
70. Q. Did you think he was still alive when you were coming back to the Sick Bay?
A. Yes sir.
71. Q. Did you feel his pulse at any time yourself?
A. No, sir.
72. Q. Was he breathing?
A. When we laid him down in the alley he was gasping.
73. Q. Did you actually notice his breathing stop?
A. I was not looking for that, sir.
74. Q. What made you think he was still alive when you were coming back in the taxi?
A. He seemed to be alright when he was laid in the taxi.
75. Q. How was his colour?
A. It was kind of pale.
76. Q. Had he stopped breathing?
A. That is something I could not say, sir.
77. Q. Did anyone pass any comment thinking he was gone?
A. No sir.
78. Q. Did the S.B.A. look at Turner?
A. He felt his pulse.
79. Q. Did you notice any distortion of the features at any time?
A. No sir, he looked natural except pale.
80. Q. Was his head thrown back or forwards?
A. No sir, he was lying on his stomach.
81. Q. Was there any drooling from the mouth?
A. Not that I noticed.

Evidence of Raymond Herbert Beck, Acting Leading Stoker,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number
V-12977 (Continued).

82. Q. How long a time elapsed from the time he first collapsed until he reached the Sick Bay?
- A. Approximately 15 minutes, sir.
83. Q. About how long previous to his collapse had he had this half glass of gin?
- A. Two hours, I would say.
84. Q. What time would that be?
- A. Around 6 o'clock or shortly before.
85. Q. Did he have anything to eat or drink at the hostel?
- A. No sir.
86. Q. Did he just have the tomato sandwich at the Riviera Cafe?
- A. Yes sir.
87. Q. Who was it you got this bottle of gin from?
- A. A civilian on the street.
88. Q. Why did you ask him?
- A. We were looking for something to drink, sir.
89. Q. How far were you away from the Riviera Cafe when you bought this bottle?
- A. One block below Barrington Street.
90. Q. You do not know the man from whom you bought the bottle?
- A. No sir.
91. Q. Did anyone tell you to go to him?
- A. No sir.
92. Q. What kind of gin was it?
- A. Gilbey's gin, sir.
93. Q. Was there any broken glass around the place you got it?
- A. No sir.
94. Q. Was the bottle opened before you got to the Cafe?
- A. No sir.
95. Q. Was the liquor commission seal on the bottle?
- A. Yes sir, it had not been broken.

Evidence of Raymond Herbert Beck, Acting Leading Stoker,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number
V-12977 (Continued).

96. Q. Did you drink this gin neat at all?
A. No sir, in the Cafe it was mixed with ginger ale.
97. Q. Did you see Turner drink from the bottle at all?
A. No sir, I had the bottle in my pocket.
98. Q. What did you do with the bottle?
A. I left it in the alleyway, sir.
99. Q. When was the last meal you had before going ashore?
A. At noon, sir.
100. Q. Did Turner have dinner?
A. Yes sir.
101. Q. What was for dinner?
A. I couldn't say, sir.
102. Q. Did Turner have his tot onboard before going ashore?
A. Yes sir.
103. Q. You said that Turner does not ordinarily draw his tot. Where did he get the tot?
A. There was an extra tot issued that day for everybody.
104. Q. Did you see the Officer of the Day before you went ashore?
A. No sir, the Petty Officer reported us going ashore.
105. Q. Who was the Petty Officer?
A. E.R.A. King. He got the pass for us.
106. Q. As far as you know, Turner had a tot and his meal before going ashore?
A. Yes sir.
107. Q. He did not consume any gin before going to the Cafe?
A. That is right, sir.
108. Q. The four of you consumed the bottle of gin between you?
A. Yes sir.
109. Q. How many drinks did you have that day yourself onboard the ship?
A. Just one tot, sir.

Evidence of Raymond Herbert Beck, Acting Leading Stoker,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number
V-12977 (Continued).

110. Q. Do you draw your tot onboard?
A. Yes sir.
111. Q. Did you have an extra one that day?
A. No sir.
112. Q. How much time elapsed between the time
you left "Stadacona I" and arrived at
"Scotian"?
A. About a couple of minutes, sir.

WITNESS WITHDREW

Evidence of Lieutenant James Duff Stuart, Royal Canadian
Naval Volunteer Reserve (Temporary), Official
Number O-70920.

NAME : James Duff Stuart

CALLED AND CAUTIONED.

113. Q. Are you James Duff Stuart, Lieutenant,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve
(Temporary), Official Number O-70920?
A. Yes sir.
114. Q. Were you onboard H.M.C.S. "Rosthern" on
7th May, 1945?
A. Yes sir.
115. Q. Were you Officer of the Day that day?
A. Yes sir.
116. Q. What time did you take over?
A. 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 the next
morning.
117. Q. Did you see Stoker 1st class Verne Turner,
Official Number V-78033, at all that day?
A. No sir, I was ashore in the Dockyard when
he went ashore.
118. Q. What time did he go ashore?
A. About 4 in the afternoon, sir.
119. Q. Did the Officer who relieved you tell you
that this rating had gone ashore?
A. No sir.

Evidence of Lieutenant James Duff Stuart, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (Temporary), Official Number O-70920. (Continued).

120. Q. You did not see Turner that day until you saw him in "Scotian"?
- A. I had seen him onboard ship around 1330.
121. Q. Did he seem alright then?
- A. Yes sir.
122. Q. Did he look quite normal?
- A. Definitely.
123. Q. Do you know if he takes his grog?
- A. He doesn't take it, sir.
124. Q. Do you know if he had a drink that day?
- A. Yes sir, I believe he had one.
125. Q. Would it be Navy issue rum?
- A. Yes sir.
126. Q. Were you present at "up spirits"?
- A. Yes sir.
127. Q. Did Turner draw grog then?
- A. No sir.

WITNESS WITHDREW

Evidence of Thomas King, Engine Room Artificer 4th class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-44199.

NAME : Thomas King

CALLED AND CAUTIONED

128. Q. Are you Thomas King, Engine Room Artificer 4th class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-44199?
- A. Yes sir.
129. Q. Were you onboard H.M.C.S. "Rosthern" on 7th May, 1945?
- A. Yes sir.
130. Q. What time did you go ashore that day?
- A. Approximately 4 o'clock, sir.
131. Q. Did you see the Officer of the Day before going ashore?
- A. Yes sir.

Evidence of Thomas King, Engine Room Artificer 4th class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-44199 (Continued).

132. Q. Who was the Officer of the Day?
A. Lieutenant Stuart, I believe.
133. Q. Who gave you the pass then?
A. I really can't say, sir.
134. Q. Where was the Officer of the Day?
A. In the wardroom, sir.
135. Q. Were there any other Officers in there?
A. I don't think there were, sir.
136. Q. Who all went ashore with you?
A. Leading Stoker Beck, and Stokers Peters and Turner. I got the pass for the four of us.
137. Q. When you left the ship where did you go?
A. We went out the centre gate to North Street. We took the street car downtown and got off at Eatons and went down by the Three "S" cabstand. From there we went to the Riviera Cafe and from there to the Y.M.C.A. Hostel. We left the hostel soon after and Beck and Turner left us to go downtown and Peters and I proceeded to the Nova Scotian street dance to the right of the hostel. From there Peters and I walked around to Spring Garden Road. We took a street car from there to H.M.C.S. "Kings" and from there we went down to a restaurant for a sandwich. From there we went to the Jubilee dance hall. We came back onboard ship about 11 o'clock.
138. Q. Did you see Turner take a drink that day?
A. Yes sir.
139. Q. Whereabouts?
A. It was in the Riviera Cafe.
140. Q. Did you notice how much he had?
A. He did not have very much, only a very small amount.
141. Q. Did he have anything to eat?
A. Yes, a tomato sandwich.
142. Q. Was there any other time that day you saw him having a drink?
A. No sir.

Evidence of Thomas King, Engine Room Artificer 4th class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-44199 (Continued).

143. Q. Do you know if he had a drink before that?

A. No sir, I am not in the same mess.

144. Q. Then, the only time you saw him drink was in the Riviera Cafe?

A. Yes sir.

145. Q. Would you say he was sober when he went into the Cafe?

A. Yes sir, as far as I am concerned.

146. Q. Do you know if he is a regular customer of the Riviera Cafe?

A. I could not say. I have not been out with him very much.

147. Q. What did you have to drink in the Cafe?

A. Some gin mixed with ginger ale.

148. Q. What kind of gin did you think it was?

A. I don't know, sir.

149. Q. What kind of a bottle was it in?

A. It was a large bottle, 26 oz. It was flat and had a tin foil seal on it and a round cork. I did not have a very good look at it.

150. Q. Was it sealed?

A. I can't say for sure. Beck said it was and said he broke it.

151. Q. Did Turner complain at any time about not feeling well?

A. No sir, he seemed in perfect health and had no complaints.

152. Q. Do you remember anything that you had to drink that day yourself?

A. Yes sir, I had my tot of rum shortly after dinner and I had two drinks of gin in the Riviera Cafe.

153. Q. Did you all have two drinks?

A. No sir, I believe just Peters and myself.

154. Q. Do you draw your rum in the ship?

A. Yes sir.

155. Q. How many bottles of ginger ale did you order?

A. The four of us ordered a glass of ginger ale each.

Evidence of Thomas King, Engine Room Artificer 4th class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-44199 (Continued).

156. Q. This bottle of gin, do you know who you bought it from?
A. No sir.
157. Q. Were you with them when it was bought?
A. Yes sir, but I was standing on the corner in front of the Three "S" cabstand. Beck walked around the corner and did not come back for awhile.
158. Q. Beck, as far as you know, just bought it from a man on the street?
A. Yes sir.
159. Q. Was the taxicab stand closed?
A. Yes sir.
160. Q. Did you see the person he bought it from?
A. No sir.
161. Q. Were there a lot of people around?
A. Yes sir, there were a few people standing on the corner.
162. Q. Were the vendors broken into at that time?
A. I don't know. I didn't hear about that until I got back to the ship.
163. Q. Did you have your dinner at the usual time?
A. Yes sir, about quarter to 12.
164. Q. Are you quite sure you just had the one tot that day?
A. Yes sir, that is all I had.

WITNESS WITHDREW

Evidence of Kenneth Robert Peters, Stoker 1st class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-74031.

NAME : Kenneth Robert Peters

CALLED AND CAUTIONED.

165. Q. Are you Kenneth Robert Peters, Stoker 1st class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-74031?
A. Yes sir.

Evidence of Kenneth Robert Peters, Stoker 1st class,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official
Number V-74031. (Continued).

166. Q. Were you on H.M.C.S. "Rosthern" on 7th of May, 1945.
A. Yes sir.
167. Q. When was the last time you saw Stoker 1st class Verne Turner, Official Number V-78033?
A. About 6 o'clock at the Y.M.C.A. on Barrington Street
168. Q. Did he look quite normal?
A. He never looked any different than he usually did.
169. Q. Had he complained to you of any pains or aches or anything?
A. No sir.
170. Q. When you were in the Riviera Cafe, did you have a drink in there?
A. Yes sir. We had one drink of about half a glass of gin mixed with ginger ale.
171. Q. Do you know what kind of gin it was?
A. I am not sure. I think it was Gordon's.
172. Q. Was it a large bottle?
A. It was a 26 oz. bottle.
173. Q. What kind of a bottle was it?
A. It was oblong, sir.
174. Q. How much gin did Turner take?
A. We all had the same amount, half a water glass of gin mixed with ginger ale.
175. Q. Did you see Turner have anything to eat there?
A. We all had a tomato sandwich, sir.
176. Q. Did he eat his?
A. Yes sir, we all ate our sandwiches.
177. Q. Were you in the same mess as Turner?
A. Yes sir.
178. Q. Did you see Turner have a drink earlier that day?
A. No sir.
179. Q. Did you leave the ship with him?
A. Yes sir.

Evidence of Kenneth Robert Peters, Stoker 1st class,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official
Number V-74031. (Continued).

180. Q. Did he seem alright then?
A. Yes sir.
181. Q. How many drinks did you have onboard that day?
A. One drink, sir.
182. Q. Where did you get the drink?
A. We all had one that day.
183. Q. What kind of a drink was it?
A. It was Navy rum.
184. Q. When you left the "Y", where did you go?
A. King and I went down to the street dance at the Nova Scotia Hotel.
185. Q. Did Beck and Turner go the other way?
A. Yes sir.
186. Q. Did you see Beck open the bottle of gin?
A. Yes sir.
187. Q. Do you think it was sealed?
A. It had a seal on it.
188. Q. How did it taste to you?
A. It tasted quite normal to me, sir.
189. Q. Did you see where Beck got the bottle of gin from?
A. No sir, I was around the corner from where he was. I do not know how he got it. I was not paying any attention to him.
190. Q. Did he say where he got it?
A. No sir, he just got it and we left there.
191. Q. Was the liquor store broken into then?
A. It was quite alright then, sir.
192. Q. Did you go to the Three "S" cabstand with Beck to get the gin?
A. No, sir, we were just walking down there and somebody said something about getting a bottle. We were all indefinite as to where we were going. Beck thought he knew where he could get a bottle.
193. Q. Who was carrying the bottle when you left the Riviera Cafe?
A. Beck was carrying the bottle.

Evidence of Kenneth Robert Peters, Stoker 1st class,
Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official
Number V-74031 (Continued).

194. Q. How much did you pay for the bottle?
A. \$12.00. We all put in \$3.00 each for it.

WITNESS WITHDREW

Evidence of Raymond Herbert Beck, Acting Leading
Stoker, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve,
Official Number V-12977. (Recalled)

NAME : Raymond Herbert Beck

RECALLED AND CAUTIONED.

195. Q. You say that Turner collapsed after you had rounded the corner. Where was the alleyway from this corner?
A. Down the street in the direction we were going.
196. Q. Did you not have any drinks from the bottle after leaving the Riviera Cafe?
A. No sir.
197. Q. Did you have any in the alley?
A. No sir.
198. Q. Why did you throw the bottle away?
A. I could not tell you, sir.
199. Q. Where were you carrying the bottle?
A. In my pocket, sir. I took it out and threw it away.
200. Q. Were you excited?
A. Yes, sir.
201. Q. The thought never occurred to you that there was still some gin in it?
A. No sir.
202. Q. Did you try to give him a drink when he fell?
A. No sir.
203. Q. Are you quite sure that after you left the Riviera Cafe the bottle was never opened again?
A. Yes, we met a fellow at the Wanderer's who had a drink from the bottle.

Mrs. Lola Maria Turner,

3460 E. King Edward Ave.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—

THE DIRECTOR OF ESTATES,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. NS V. 78033 FD 135

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ESTATES BRANCH
OTTAWA, ONT.

21 May 1945

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any Service estate available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

TURNER, Verne LeRoy, Stol 1st Class,

V. 78033

R.C.N.V.R.



it is necessary that certain information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished the Estates Branch. You are asked therefore to read the enclosed memorandum before completing pages 2 and 3 of this form. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on page 4 should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public or a Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

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HRW/JL

Robert Smith
Col.
Director of Estates.

ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below:

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT			
		NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree specified	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative	
1	Widow of the Deceased.....	None			
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	None.			
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Vernon Lloyd Turner	48	3460 - E. King Edward Ave. Vancouver B.C.	
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Lola Maria Turner	44		
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Robert Milburn Turner	14.	as above.
		Half Blood			
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Joan Elizabeth Turner	16.	as above.
		Half Blood	Marilyn Rose Turner.	7	" "
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, who are dead, and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)	Address of their children		
	None.				

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE
PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	Verne Le Roy Turner.
9	Date of his birth.	July 11 th 1926.
10	Place and date of his marriage.	
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Burnaby. B.C.

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Vancouver. B.C.
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) British Columbia. life. (b) (c) (d)
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	pipefitter's helper.
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	no.
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	yes. am enclosing Will.
18	If married, and domiciled in the Province of Quebec or in a State in the U.S.A. or in a Country under the laws of which there is community of property between spouses,—was there a marriage contract dealing with property?	no.
19	Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? If so, give name and address of bank, etc., and the amount on deposit. Do you wish it administered with the pay account?	none.
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	none.
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	should be \$100 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ bond paid for, but not delivered yet.
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	

OTHER PARTICULARS

24	Did the deceased after enlistment incur any debts for:— (a) His own separate board and lodging while on service. (b) Service clothing and equipment. An itemized account for each such debt should be attached hereto, and if same is correct you should mark the bill "approved" and sign same. If believed incorrect, give particulars.	(a) no. (b) no.
25	Have you or any other relative paid the funeral expenses or any part thereof? If so, attach itemized accounts showing amount paid, and by whom.	

(NOTE:—The government pays funeral expenses within the amounts authorized in the Regulations, where death occurs and burial is made Overseas as well as where death occurs and burial is made in Canada or elsewhere in the North American zone, and if a relative has already paid those expenses the Government will reimburse such relative to the extent of the amount authorized in the Regulations. Any amount of such expenses in excess of those authorized in the Regulations is not payable by the Government nor is it chargeable against the service estate of the deceased.)

(PLEASE TURN OVER)

DECLARATION

*Insert degree of relationship for example, "Widow", "Father", "Brother", etc.

I hereby declare that all the particulars shown on this form are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees specified; and that I am the

* Motherof the deceased.

N.B.—To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

Lola Maria Turner.

{ Signature of Informant

3460 - East King Edward Ave. Address

Vancouver, B.C.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief Lola Maria Turner

See above. { Name of informant } is the motherof the Deceased above described. The above Declaration was made by the Informant and signed in my presence.

Dated at Vancouverthis 31day of May19.....

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

M. J. Ross

Qualification Chaplain (P) R.C.M.

Address H.M.C.S. "Burrard"

NOTE.—Before granting the above Certificate, care should be taken to see that the informant gives particulars concerning the death of any Relative stated by him or her to have died, and that the full name and address and age of each surviving Relative specified is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

(If the deceased has no living relatives of the degrees shown on page 2, the names and addresses and relationship of other relatives should be set out below.)

USE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE

RCNVR Nov. 45

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

<p>(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO Mrs. Lola M. Turner - Mother ADDRESS: 3460 E. King Edward Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.</p>	<p><i>Held Pending Application</i></p> <p>(1) 30/6/50</p>
<p>(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW ADDRESS:</p>	<p>(2)</p>
<p>(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER Mrs. Lola M. Turner ADDRESS: 3460 East King Edward Ave., Vancouver, B.C.</p>	<p>(3) 28-6-45</p>

*same address
7.8.45*

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

TURNER Verne Leroy		V-78033	Sto. 1/c	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:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	<p><i>Medals Ret'd. Undeliv'd.</i></p> <p><i>Ret'd to Stoek</i></p> <p><i>857/16-1-58</i></p> <p>CANCELLED</p>
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)