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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

(A) DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

SURNAME.....	MORROW	PERMANENT ADDRESS	
CHRISTIAN NAME.....	David James	4134 West 12th Ave.	
RELIGION.....	Church of England	Vancouver, B. C.	
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
26 Oct. 1916	Town Vancouver	Sister: Miss Alice I. Morrow	
	County	37 Peresidio Ave.,	
	Province B. C.	San Francisco,	
	Country	Calif.	

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... 5	Inflated..... 37	Brown	Blue	Fair	Birthmark left shoulder
Inches..... 8	Deflated..... 33				
	Mean..... 35				
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RANK IN WHICH ENROLLED	MARRIED, SINGLE, OR WIDOWER	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
24th Aug. '42 Div. Strength	Probationary Sub-Lieut. RCNVR (Temp)	Single	Laundry Owner		

(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 an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer 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. **72nd Seaforth Highlanders of Canada C.A. (R)**
R.C.N.V.R.
- * (b) I served in..... for the period shown, and attach my record of service.

* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
72nd Seaforth Highlanders R.C.N.V.R.	Pte. Sub-Lieut.	July '40 7 July '41	July '41 6th Nov. 1941

- (c) I have never been rejected for any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness. ~~I was discharged from the RCNVR because of defective vision~~
- (4) That the particulars contained above are correct, and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(OVER)

IN POSSESSION OF U.I. BOOK NO

(5) On being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer 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 Volunteer Reserve, and to the customs and usages of His Majesty's Canadian Naval Service.

(b) To report for active service if called upon in time of war or emergency, and, if called into active service, to serve ashore or afloat as may be directed, according to where my services are required.

(c) To provide myself with the necessary uniform as laid down in R.C.N.V.R. Regulations.

Dated this 24th day of August 1942

David James Morrow
Signature of Applicant.

The above declaration was made and signed in my presence this 24th day of August 1942

[Signature]
Signature of Enrolling Officer.

(C) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

David James Morrow

I.....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 David James Morrow

Signature of Witness [Signature]

Date 24th Aug. 1942.

Rank Sub-Lieut. 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

FILE NUMBER 103-M-331

0-53580

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME MORROW (Surname)

David James (Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 26 October, 1916

PLACE OF BIRTH Vancouver, B.C.

OCCUPATION Laundry Owner

RELIGION Church of England

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 2775 West 38th Ave.

Town Vancouver

Province, etc B.C.

ENGAGEMENTS			DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year								From	To
7	7	41	5'8 1/2	Brown	Blue	Medium		72nd Seaforth		7-40	7-41
24	8	42	5'8	Brown	Blue	Fair	Birthmark left shoulder	Highlanders of Can. Pte. C.A. (R) R.C.N.V.R.	P/S-Lt.	7-7-41	6-11-41

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Wife

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs. Jean M. Morrow

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

2559 Franklin Street

Town

Vancouver

Province, etc

B.C.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY			EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.						
Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	
			12	7	43	Result New Entry A/S Course 74%			
			24	7	43	Res. of "HH" Div. Crse. 78.9%			

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES						
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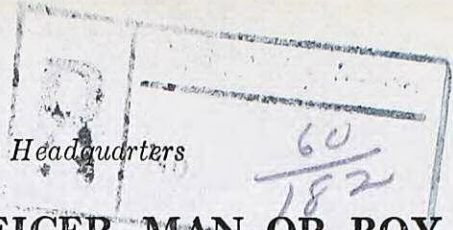
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From	To

W.S.G. APPLICATION RECEIVED 11541

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

430759

H.M.C.S. SHAWINIGAN at Sea

Name MORROW, David James

(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Lieutenant, RCNVR Temp. Official No. _____

(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Vancouver, B.C. Date of Birth 26th October, 1916

Occupation in Civil Life Laundry Owner 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) 24th Aug., 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 Grace M. Morrow Relationship Wife

Address ~~53 Norwood Street, Halifax, N.S.~~

2539 Franklin St., Vancouver, B.C.

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 _____

H. K. [Signature]
Commanding Officer,

4 May 1945

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noted in D.P.R. 15/18/45

Noted D.N.P.D. 29.5.45 C.L.

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.

OS Mary

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ATTESTATION ~~K489490~~

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NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

NIT 2nd Bn. The S.H. of C. NPAM REGTL. No.

- 1. Surname? (Block letters) MORROW M-600
- 2. Christian names? David James
- 3. Present address? 2775 W. 38th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.
Phone No. ~~Bay. 8648-R~~ KER. 2773-R
- 4. Date of Birth?* 26th Oct. 1916
- 5. British subject? Yes
- 6. Occupation? Laundry Driver
- 7. Religion? C. of E.
- 8. Next of Kin Miss Alice Morrow
- 9. Relationship? Sister
Address ~~1207 W. 33rd Ave., Vancouver, B.C.~~
2775 W. 38th AVE.
- 10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service Nil
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION


Height 5'7½ Weight 142 Chest max. 38 min. 35
 Descriptive marks Round scar front of left shoulder
 I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in Instructions for the R.C.A.M.C. and C.D.C. 1937 Appendix V and find him Category A
 Date 12th July, 1940 Signature

DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned David James Morrow do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers (made by me) to the foregoing questions are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of three years or until legally discharged, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement, that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN
David James Morrow

325487

I,  do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.


Signature of Man

Signature of Witness
Dated this 12th day of July 1940 at Vancouver, B.C.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

The recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished by law. The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question and that his answer

Discovery
RD. 6.4.2 of 3 Arch 43

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OFFICIAL RECORDS

MAR. 25/43 DATE

Surname: MORROW Christian Name: DAVID JAMES

Rank: PROBATIONERY SUB LIEUTENANT R.C.N.V.R TEMPORARY

Home Address: 1115 RICHARDS ST. VANCOUVER B.C

Date of Birth 26 of Oct. 1916 Place of Birth VANCOUVER B.C

Education: Matriculation: Senior
Junior 420

University Degrees: B.A UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mercantile Marine Certificates: No:

Precis Mercantile or Yachting Experience: SMALL BOATING I.E
CRUISING RADIUS 45 ft. M.Y ALICE HASTINGS
ABOUT 125 mi OUT OF 13 ft. CATBOAT
VANCOUVER B.C 14 ft. OPEN BOAT 2HP INBOARD ENGINE
Precis of Business Experience:

1933-43 THE STAR STEAM LAUNDRY CO. LTD.
MOST PHASES OF LAUNDRY INDUSTRY OF WHICH ABOVE
I AM PART OWNER

Sports: ENGLISH RUGBY, SWIMMING ETC.

Other Hobbies or Interests: WOOD CARVING

Previous Naval or Military Training: 2nd DIVISION SEAFORTH Highlanders of Canada
July 1940 - July 1941

Languages spoken fluently: ENGLISH

Languages understood: ENGLISH

Place of Birth of Father: SCOTLAND Place of Birth of Mother: U.S.A

Fathers Occupation: DECEASED

Next-of-kin: SISTER

Surname: MORROW Christian Names: MISS ALICE IRENE

Full Address: 37 PRESIDIO AVE SAN FRANCISCO CALIF.

Have you been rejected by any other of the Armed Forces? NO.

If so give details:

Religion: C of E. Naval Identity Card No: NS 65124

Married or Single: Dependents

Height: 5 ft. 8" Weight: 138

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

To Lieutenant David J. Morrow (Acting), R.C.N.V.R., (Temporary), --

You are hereby appointed

V2653

Acting Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship SHAWINIGAN.

Your appointment is to take effect from 1st July, 1944.

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

Secretary, Naval Board

R.S.
Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa. 9th August, 1944.

H.Q. 36a
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N.S. 815-7-36

STADACONA additional for duty in

Personnel Records Division	
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Stadacona II Barracks. *PU*

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

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FILE NO.: N.S. 0-53580 PERS.(N)

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Morrow:

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 David James Morrow, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer 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,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Grace M. Morrow,
53 Norwood St.,
Halifax, N.S.

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AIR MAIL
N.S.O-53580 PERS. (N)

7 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Morrow:

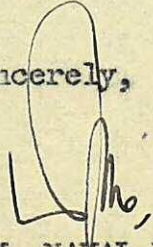
Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, details of the disaster in which your husband has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", a Royal Canadian Navy corvette, was lost while on operational duty at sea. Seven officers, including her Captain, Lieutenant W. J. Jones, R.C.N.R., and seventy-eight ratings are missing. The bodies of five other ratings have been recovered and identified. There are no known survivors.


It is requested that you will regard this information as confidential until an official announcement is made.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Grace M. Morrow,
53 Norwood St.,
Halifax, N.S.



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R E G I S T E R E D

N.S. 053580, PERS.(N) "N"/5.

28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Morrow:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 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.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

[Signature]
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

[Signature]
Date 30. 8. 45
Time 1615

Mrs. Grace M. Morrow,
2539 Franklin St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Nov. 45 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO

MR. WILLIAM ROBERT C. MORROW
~~Mrs. Alice Irene Snell --- Executor~~

ADDRESS:

c/o Messrs. Tobin, Tarr & Ross Barr. etc.⁽¹⁾
 510 Hastings St., West,
 VANCOUVER, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. M. Morrow

ADDRESS:

2539 Franklin Street
 VANCOUVER, B.C. (Issued 26 March 1945)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....
 (2)

REGN. NO.
 647

(3)

AWARDS

(NAVY)

DECEASED 24 November 1944

D.D.

MORROW	David James	0-53580	/Lieut	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	9700. 22/5/50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. and Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)