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Michael Paithowski having been duly enrolled to serve in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the Record Book of the London Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

Attesting Officer.

23rd January 194 1

R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment).....

London

NOTE.—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Divisional Commanding Officer's Record Book, is to be forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

The Certificate of medical examination, B-207, and certificates of previous service are to be sent to Headquarters, Ottawa, with this form

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.

Parents not naturalized, have applied for Canadian citizenship.



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OF THE

V-17380



CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters R.C.N.V.R. Division Official Number V-17380 Name and Address of Nearest Date of Birth 7 Dec. 1917 Relative or Friend Place of Birth Hamilton, but (in pencil) Trade brought up to Asselman C. PARTICULARS OF SERVICE MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc. Date of Actual Volunteering Date of Enrolment or Re-enrolment Period Volunteered for Enrolment or Re-enrolment Nature of Decoration Award Presentation PERSONAL DESCRIPTION Height Chest Hair Complexion MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS Inches On re-enrolment-6 years' Service. On re-enrolment-12 years' Service. Further Description if necessary...... TRANSFER-LISTS A AND B TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS To Date List Date Authority From

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REGISTERED AIR MAIL

N.S. V-17380 (Pers.)



29th November, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Paithowski:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Michael Paithowski, Stoker Petty Officer, Official Number V-17380, 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. Victoria Paithowski, 332 Confederation Street, Sarnia, Ontario. 4 11

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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-17380PERS(N)

7 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Paithowski:

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. Victoria Paithowski, 332 Confederation Street, SARNIA, Ont.



R E G I S T E R E D N.S. V-17380 PERS. (N) "N" 5.

, 28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Paithowski:

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 rendez-vous 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 Fort Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Yours sincerely,

Sec. N. B.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Approval on N.S. 0.3690, F.D. 76

Mrs. Victoria Paithowski, 215 Confederation St., Sarnia, Ont. 8 Jus

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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-17380 PERS. (N)

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/5 February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Paithowski:

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, Michael Paithowski, Stoker Petty Officer, Official Number V-17380, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer 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. Victoria Paithowski, 332 Confederation St., SARNIA, Ontario.

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Despatched by Sec. N. B.

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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	Stoker Petty Officer Official No. V17380 RCN VR
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	vil Life Fireman C.S.L. Religion Roman Catholic
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Cause of Death.	Enemy action - lost at sea (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)
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