

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the Halifax Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake to 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 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 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 Divisional Commanding Officer or to Training Headquarters 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 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.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1942.

Signature of applicant John P. Foster

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 25th day of February, 1942.

A. Plummer
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, John Patrick Foster 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 John P. Foster
Witness A. Plummer

Date 25th February, 1942. Rank Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

John Patrick Foster 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 Halifax Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

A. Plummer
Attesting Officer.
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.
Stadacona
R.C.N.V.R. Division
(or other establishment)

25th February, 1942.

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.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Seaman Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

John P. Foster
Signature

V499 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME FOSTER
(Surname)

John Patrick
(Given Names)

P.I.B. V499 OFFICIAL NUMBER

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
Halifax Div. Str.	Ord. Smn.	25	2	42		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	" "	25	2	42	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Protector	" "	7	3	42	55845	V.G.	Sat.	31	7	44							
Stadacona	" "	28	4	42	DRD												
Cornwallis	" "	1	5	42	DRD												
Stadacona	Able Smn.	25	2	43	Rated 249A#A6709												
Mulgrave	" "	9	5	42	Back dated.												
DISCHARGED	" "	14	7	43	Serv. Cert.												
		31	7	44	"Dead"												
					W/T. 3115 41B/7.44.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Sydney Mil. Hosp. 27-3-42 to 8-4-42.

Passed away on 31.7.44 in R.N. Hospital, Haslem Hospital England due to accident of post C. List #267.

Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross:
Mother: Mrs. Margaret FOSTER,
156 Regent St.,
Fredericton, N.B.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION		P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
04	R	16	15	264	0	10	1	5	15	02	0	19	0	08	95
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE				
DY	MO.	YR.	DY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK		
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SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	DAB			CODED	CHECKED				
DY	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
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NAME FOSTER (Surname) John Patrick (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 4th December, 1916.

PLACE OF BIRTH North Tay, N.B. OCCUPATION Aircraft Fitter.

RELIGION Roman Catholic. EDUCATION Grade 8.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 156 Regent St., Town Fredericton Province, etc. N.S.

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	2	42	H.O.	6' 1 1/2	L. Brown	Blue	Fair	Three scars: one on left hand & two on right.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mrs Margaret Pauline NAME (in pencil) Mrs Margaret Pauline
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 156 Regent St. Town Fredericton Province, etc. N.S.

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	
2	2	44	C.V.S.M. (R. & C.)	23	4	42	P.P.T. "Good".				
				30	10	43	"Tr". 249A-A6709				

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES							
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year		

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Received.
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.	
									O.H.F. Received. Ins. Book, Halifax, N.S.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
 From _____ To _____



FILM
 NO. WMA 5129-4
 DATE

LA/CM

N.S. V-499. PERS.(N)
F.D. 22.

5 September, 1944.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information the death of John Patrick Foster, Able Seaman, Official Number V-499, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, occurred on the 31st of July, 1944, in the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar, Gosport near Portsmouth, England, from the amputation of his legs. This rating was returning to his ship in a liberty boat which collided with a Landing Ship Tank crushing both his legs.

Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *x*

H. B. Money
H. B. MONEY
Paymaster, Commander, R.C.N.R.
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... 1944

COPY:cjel

August 5th, 1944.

H.M.C.S. "Mulgrave"
c/o G.P.O.,
London, England.

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Mrs. M. Foster.

Dear Madam:

I regret to have to inform you of the death of your son on 31st July, in the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, and interred in the Naval cemetery Haslar on 4th August.

He was returning from a short leave when the ship he was on was in collision with another vessel and sustained serious injuries, from which he did not regain consciousness. He was removed immediately to hospital, where he died the following morning at 11.35 a.m. 31st July.

The "Mulgrave" was ordered out on operations so I was unable to be with him at the end; The Rev. Father Morrow, R.C.N. who was well known to your son was with him, and administered the last rites.

The ship's company attended the funeral, and full Military honours were accorded him, Father Morrow conducted the service. The intentions of the mass were offered up for him aboard the ship the following day by his ship-mates.

The loss of this comrade is mourned by us all. I extend to you in this time of sorrow, the deepest sympathy of the whole ship's company.

I should be honoured to be of any service to you.

Your Obedient Servant,

R. Meredith, Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.

Captain H.M.C.S. "Mulgrave"

(Copy of letter written by hand.)

N.S. V-499 PERS. (H)

9 August, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Foster:

Since my letter of the 1st of August, 1944, information has been received in the Department that your son's funeral service was held on Friday, the 4th of August, at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Burial took place in the Royal Naval Cemetery, Clayhall, Gosport, near Portsmouth, England, the exact location being Line 2, Grave ON R.C. New Plot.

May I again extend to you the sincere sympathy of the Department in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Margaret Foster,
156 Regent St.,
Fredericton, N.B.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 11/7/44
Time 1200

H. P. MCNEELY
Paymaster General
NA

LA/VT

REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

File No. V-499 PERS. (N)

1st August, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Foster:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of August, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, John Patrick Foster, Able Seaman, Official Number V-499, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, has passed away overseas. 12

Your son was returning to his ship in a liberty boat which collided with a Landing Ship Tank crushing both his legs. He was admitted to the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, Gosport, England, dangerously ill where his injuries necessitated the bilateral traumatic amputation of his legs.

His death occurred at 11.35 o'clock at noon on the 31st of July, 1944.

It is anticipated that additional details regarding his funeral and burial will be forthcoming within a short time.


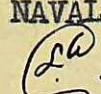


Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

A. MacC...
MDC 2/8/44

Mrs. Margaret Foster,
156 Regent Street,
Fredericton, N.B.

(Information Extracted from Records in Naval Service Headquarters.)

Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

~~XXXXXX~~ H.M.C.S. Naval Service Headquarters at Ottawa, Ont.

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Name **FOSTER** **John Patrick**
 (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating **Able Seaman** Official No. **V-499 R.C.N.V.R.**
 (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth **North Tay, N.B.** Date of Birth **4th December, 1916.**

Occupation in Civil Life **Aircraft Fitter** Religion **Roman Catholic**

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) **25 February, 1942 to 31 July, 1944.**

Date of Death **31 July, 1944.** Place of Death **Haslar Hospital, Gosport.**

Cause of Death **Returning from short leave when his ship was in collision with another vessel.**
 (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name **Mrs. Margaret Foster** Relationship **Mother**
 Address **156 Regent St.,
 Fredericton, N.B.**

Date on which the above was informed by ~~Ship~~ **Naval Service Headquarters, 1 August, 1944.**

Date on which death was registered with local Officials **- - - - -**

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 **RN Cemetery, Haslar Gos-** Date of Burial **- - - - -**
 (if known) (if known)
port, England.

Location, Number, etc., of grave **Line 2, Grave 1, R.C. New Plot.**
 (if known)

Undertaker employed **Gotteridge, Haslar.**
(if any)

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

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Ottawa, Ont. 1 September 1944

The ~~Naval~~ SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

For
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Handwritten signature

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph *(initials)* required by the Regulations.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

From:

MRS MARGARET FOSTER
158 REGENT STREET
FREDERICTON N.B.

NSHQ
OTTAWA, ONT.

V-499

CSOR
CNP

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES
DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON
JOHN PATRICK FOSTER
ABLE SEAMAN OFFICIAL NO V-499
HAS PASSED AWAY OVERSEAS. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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(DELIVERY CONFIRMED)

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N.S. V-499 PERS (N)

N.P.R. PER TFH

RECEIVED
NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

NSHQ
(R) HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA
HMCS NILOBE
RCN DEPOT
HALIFAX

From: CNMO

V.499

CNP
CSOR

MY 311001B AND 311541B
FUNERAL FOSTER TOOK PLACE FRIDAY 4TH AT
1430Z. BURIAL IN RN CEMETERY CLAYHALL
GOSPORT LINE TWO GRAVE ON RC NEW PLOT

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RE: DEATH OF JOHN PETER FOSTER

L/T CODE TOR 0611906Z/8/44 AD 5483

NAVAL MESSAGE

RESTRICTED
IMPORTANT

CNMO

NSHQ

(R) HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR CANADA
NIOBE
RCN DEPOT HALIFAX

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MY 311001 FOSTER DIED RNH HASLAR 1135/31 DETAIL BOTH
LEGS CRUSHED WHEN LIBERTY BOAT IN WHICH HE WAS
RETURNING TO SHIP COLLIDED WITH LST

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RE CASUALTY 49

PASSED TO HALIFAX AT 312120Z

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COUNTY OF SOUTHAMPTON

TO WIT

INFORMATION OF WITNESSES severally taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King touching the death of John Patrick Foster at the House known by the name of R.N. Hospital Haslar in the parish of Gosport in the County of Southampton on Thursday the 3rd day of August 1944 before GERALD HEWETT WARNER Gentleman, one of His Majesty's Coroners for the said County on an Inquisition than and there held on view of the body of the said person then and there lying dead.

THIS DEPONENT on Oath saith:- My name is Bruce Richard Pollin. I am a leading seaman in H.M.C.S. Mulgrave. I identify the deceased as John Patrick Foster an able seaman on that ship, aged 27. On the 30th July last about 10.30 p.m. we were returning back on leave on a drifter. We had spoken to the Captain as to which ship he was going alongside next and another ship collided with us and the funnel and other things came down. I tried to get to Foster who I saw was mangled. I had one leg pinned and couldn't get out and one of the crew pulled me out. Later I was taken away by stretcher. The accident happened between the harbour and the Isle of Wight.

"B.R. Pollin".

THIS DEPONENT on Oath saith:- My name is Albert Victor Grantham. I am the chargehand of the motor fishing vessel 1548. On the 30th July I was taking liberty men from S.R. Jetty Portsmouth to three destroyers in area 22. The deceased and Pollin were not amongst those who should have been aboard the ship having been mis-directed to my ship and it was left to me to decide what should be done with them. I informed the 2 men that I had no alternative but to put them on board the Empress of Russia Depot Ship. On proceeding from H.M.S. Grenville to the Empress of Russia my vessel became involved in collision with L.T.T. 7069 about 10.45 p.m. Subsequent to the collision I was informed that the 2 ratings had become casualties. Doctor from H.M.S. Grenville was called for and attended and he informed me the deceased was very gravely injured having lost both legs, in the collision and immediate conveyance to Hospital was necessary in the hope of saving his life. Hospital boats from Empress of Russia were called for and the deceased was conveyed to the ship. I do not know how the deceased sustained the injuries from which he died. There was considerable damage to my ship. I think the deceased's legs were amputated on the sharp edge of the fiddley top.

"A.V. Grantham".
Chargehand.

THIS DEPONENT on Oath saith:- My name is Clemant Meyrick Norman. I am a surgeon Lt. Comdr. R.N.V.R. the deceased was admitted on the 30th July suffering from traumatic amputation of both legs. He was severely shocked and deeply unconscious and died on the following morning at 11.35 a.m. from shock due to those injuries. His age was 27.

"C.M. Norman"
Srg. Lt. Comdr. R.N.V.R.

COUNTY OF SOUTHAMPTON

TO WIT

AN INQUISITION taken for our Sovereign Lord the King at R.N. Hospital Haslar in the Parish of Gosport in the County of Southampton, on the 3rd day of August 1944 by me GERALD HEWETT WARNER, one of the Coroners for our Lord the King for the said County on view by me of the body of John Patrick Foster as to his death and I the said GERALD HEWETT WARNER do say - that the said John Patrick Foster died as the result of injuries accidentally sustained on board one of His Majesty's ships.

IN WITNESS whereof I the said GERALD HEWETT WARNER have hereunto subscribed my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

G.H. WARNER.

noted on card.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Mar. 45

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Charles J. Foster - Father

ADDRESS: 156 Regent St.,
FREDERICTON, N.B.

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN. NO. 553

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs M. Foster

ADDRESS: 156 Regent Street
FREDERICTON, N.B.

(3)

9 Sept 1944

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DECEASED 31 July 1944

AWARDS NAVY *02-86137*

WAR SERVICE RECORDS
D.D.

FOSTER John Patrick		A.B.	V 499	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:

ADDR

CAMPAIGN MEDALS

REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED

1939-45 Star

France G. Star & Clasp

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

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