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N-2980

ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME.....**GOLDSMITH**.....OFFICIAL NO.....

CHRISTIAN NAMES.....**Thomas Henry Hardy**.....~~MARRIED~~ SINGLE or ~~WIDOWER~~

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
807--East 59th Avenue. Vancouver B.C.	C.of E.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
20th May 1916	Town Regina County Province Sask.	Mrs.L.Goldsmith; (Mother) As above.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet... 5	Inflated..... 38½"	Fair	Brown	Fair.	"V" Scar. Inside right thumb.
Inches 10½	Deflated..... 35"				
.....	Mean..... 36"				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
25th October 1934	Ord.Seaman.	High School Student.

(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, 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

- (c) I have never been rejected 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.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Vancouver Half Company of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, 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 Company 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.

Dated this 25th day of October 1934

Signature of applicant TH Goldsmith

(C) CERTIFICATE OF COMPANY COMMANDING 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 October 1934

CH Donaldson
for Signature of C. C. O.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Signature of Applicant TH Goldsmith

Witness CH Donaldson

Date 25th October 1934 Rank Lieut. R.V.N.V.R.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER

Thomas Henry Hardy Goldsmith 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 Vancouver Half Company of the R.C.N.V.R.

CH Donaldson
(for) Company Commanding Officer.

NOTE—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Company 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.

Ordinary Seaman

No. Name GOLDSMITH, Thomas Henry Nationality British File 113-0-183

Date of Birth May 20, 1916 Married S Religion

Date of Application June 7, 1937. Medically Examined 17/6/37 O.J.C.

Address 807 East 59th Ave., VANCOUVER, B.C.

Education Sr. Matri.

Previous Experience R.C.N.V.R. 1924 - still serving O.N.14208

Remarks 16-5-37. D.N.O.&T. Put on roster and proceed with transfer immediately.

Directions Re Entry 16-5-37. Telegram C. Naden re transfer.

Tel Sent 22/6/37

2M 7-35 (M130) 14/7/37 Recd from Rish

Handwritten blue ink scribbles and the number 24.

4 Duplicate prepared by HMCS Noble

If a copy of this Form is required,

Form S. 1243 is to be used.

S.—459 (Revised—August, 1939). Checked with N.S.H.Q.'s Records and file No. N.S. 62-G-164. 27 Aug. '41.

CERTIFICATE of the Service of

SURNAME (In Block Letters)	CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES
GOLDSMITH,	Thomas, HENRY.

in the Royal Navy.

NOTE.—The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off where indicated if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Admiralty. If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

Port Division	ESQUIMAULT, B.P.	Man's Signature on discharge to Pension
Official No.	2980	
Date of Birth	20 MAY, 1916	Nearest known Relative or Friend. (To be noted in pencil).
Where born	PROVNER SASKATCHEWAN Town or Village County or town - Regina	Relationship: Wife Name: Pauline
Trade brought up to	LABOURER.	Address: 2544 Government St Victoria BC
Religious Denomination	United Church of Canada	

All Engagements, including Non-C.S., to be noted in these Columns.			Swimming Qualifications.		
Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date.	Qualification.	Signature.
1. 22 June, 37	22 June, 37	Seven years	1. 15 July, 37	P.P.T. (Good)	
2.			2.		
3.			3.		
4.			4.		
5.			5.		
6.			6.		

Medals, Clasps, &c., L.S. and G.C. Gratuity (see also Page 4).

Date received or forfeited	Nature of Decoration	Date received or forfeited	Nature of Decoration
21 Nov 43	awarded ribbon for 1939-43 Star		

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds, and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On Entry as a Boy.....	5	11 1/2	34 1/2 37 38	light Brown	Brown	Fair	Nil
On advancement to man's rating, or on entry under 28 years.....							
On re-engagement or re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

CAUTION: This is an Official document. Any alteration made to it without proper authority will render the offender liable to severe penalties.

2980

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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NAME GOLDSMITH Thomas Henry DATE OF BIRTH 20th May, 1916.
 (Surname) (Given Names)
 PLACE OF BIRTH Regina, Sask. OCCUPATION Labourer.
 RELIGION United Church EDUCATION Senior Matriculation.
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 807 East 59th Ave. Town Vancouver Province, etc. B.C.

Date (in figures)			ENGAGEMENTS	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Day	Month	Year		Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates
22	6	37	Seven Years.	5' 11½"	Lt. Brn.	Brown	Fair	Nil.	RCNVR. ON. V14208	25.10.34	21.6.37.	

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife File 19/2145 NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Amy Pauline Goldsmith
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 170 20th Ave. Street Town Victoria Province, etc. B.C.

Date (in figures)			MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY	EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Day	Month	Year		Particulars	Particulars	Particulars	Particulars				
5	9	43	Granted Hurt Certificate.	6	7	37	Passed E.T.Pt. 'I'.	15	9	43	Qual. Educ. for Warrant Rank.
21	11	43	1939-43 Star Ribbon.	15	7	37	Passed P.P.T. (Good).				
				8	7	38	Qual. Ord. Sig.				
				17	11	38	Qual. for Sig.				
					7	42	Passed H.E.T. Gen. Know. 75% (1);				
							Nav. 71% (2).				
				5-9	7	43	Passed HET. Nav. 89% (1).				

Date (in figures)			BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES						
Day	Month	Year			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE
2	4	40	1st	Granted							

FILM
NO. WAR 4534-7
DATE

Can count 80 days! RCNVR. Service under training towards G.C. Badges.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					C.H.F. Received.	
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial		In diff. Char.



2980 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME GOLDSMITH
(Surname)

Thomas Henry
(Given Names)

P.I.B.
OFFICIAL NUMBER 2980

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
Naden	Ord.Smn.	22	6	37		V.G.	U.T.	31	12	37	T.O.V/S	27	2	40			
Stadacona	"	16	8	37		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	38	V/S 3.	24	7	40			
"	Ord.Sig.	4	10	37		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39	V/S 2.	21	11	41			
HMS.Victory.	"	23	10	37		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	40							
Ottawa	"	22	7	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Naden	"	9	11	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Comox	"	23	11	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
"	Sig.	30	12	38		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Naden	"	11	3	40													
Stadacona	"	4	6	40													
"	A/Ldg.Sig.(Ty)	1	8	40													
Ottawa	"	22	8	40													
"	A/Ldg.Sig.	1	12	40													
"	Ldg.Sig.	1	8	41	Confirmed.												
"	A/Yeo.Sigs.(Ty)	1	8	41													
Stadacona	"	27	8	41													
St.Hyacinthe.	"	6	10	41													
"	Yeo.Sigs.(Ty)	1	8	42	Confirmed.												
Stadacona	"	11	10	42													
Niobe(Tribal 11)	"	28	10	42													
Athabaskan	"	4	2	43													
"	Ch.Yeo.Sigs.(Ty)	15	9	43													
<u>DISCHARGED</u>	"	29	4	44	Missing, Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

No Active Service in R.C.N.V.R.

Canadian Memorial Cross issued to
Wife: Mrs. Army P.Goldsmith,
2543 Government St.,
Victoria, B.C.- 21.1.45.

Service Certificate checked on
discharge.

Canadian Memorial Cross issued
Mother: Mrs. Goldsmith, 6336 S.E.
80th Ave., Portland 6, Oregon, U.S.A.

INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS' RECORDS

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ont.

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Name GOLDSMITH, Thomas Henry Hardy
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Chief Yeoman of Signals Official No. 2980, R.C.N.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Regina, Sask. Date of Birth 20 May, 1916.

Occupation in Civil Life Labourer Religion United Church of Canada.

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) From 25 October, 1934 to 21 June, 1937 (R.C.N.V.R.) and 22 June, 1937 to 29 April, 1944 (R.C.N.)

Date of Death 29 April, 1944 Place of Death At Sea.

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Amy Pauline Goldsmith, Relationship Wife
Address 2543 Government Street,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 1 May, 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 No 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.....

ENTERED IN
S.N.P.A.'S LOG BOOK
JAN 19 1945
S.P.
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Commanding Officer,

OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January, 1945.

H.B. Money

for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *EMC*

The NAVAL SECRETARY, Naval Board,
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.

TFH/JM

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. N 2980 Pers. (N)

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2 May, 1944

Dear Mrs. Goldsmith:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 2nd of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Thomas Henry Goldsmith, Chief Yeoman of Signals, Royal Canadian Navy, Official Number 2980 is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your husband's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Chief Yeoman of Signals Goldsmith is reported as "missing", there is a possibility of his survival. It is understood that a number of the crew have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy. The Red Cross have been informed and are attempting to obtain from the German Government a list of those taken. Please be assured that as soon as any further information respecting your husband has been received you will be informed.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy 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,

LETTER dispatched by
PERSONEL NAVAL
2. 1944
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *ba*

plm
Mrs. Amy P. Goldsmith,
2543 Government Street,
VICTORIA, B.C.

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31 May, 1944.

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

With reference to your letter of the 26th of May, 1944, it is with deepest regret that I must confirm the fact that your son, Thomas Henry Goldsmith, Chief Yeoman of Signals, Official Number 2980, Royal Canadian Navy, is missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN".

It is customary to inform only the nearest next-of-kin of a casualty as in most cases the current addresses of other members of the family are not known. Consequently your daughter-in-law, Mrs. Amy P. Goldsmith, 2543 Government St., Victoria, B.C., was notified of your son's loss on the 2nd of May, 1944.

As it is understood that a number of the crew of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy, there is a possibility of your son's survival. Every effort is being made to obtain, as soon as possible, a list of those taken. Please be assured that when any further information has been received, you will be informed immediately.

Although you have probably learned at this late date from the newspaper accounts, particulars of the sinking of your son's ship, the following details are forwarded for your information. H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. At the present time 15 Officers and 191 Royal Canadian Naval ratings are reported as missing. There were also a number of survivors landed in the United Kingdom. According to a German radio report, 85 prisoners of war were taken from this ship, but this figure is without official confirmation.

The added grief and anxiety which you have been caused by the Card of Sympathy sent to you from the Salvation Army is very much regretted. It is believed that there must have been some misinterpretation of the newspaper report which listed H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" casualties as "missing".

The Card of Sympathy and letter from Major Milley are returned herewith.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy 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,

sent 1-6-44

Encls.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. T. C. Goldsmith,
Marine Drive,
R. R. I, White Rock, B.C.

YDM
NAVAL PERSONNEL RECORDS

COPY

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6336 S.E. 80th Avenue,
Portland 6, Oregon.
February 19th, 1945.

The Officer Commanding,
Royal Canadian Navy,
Esquimalt, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Chief Yeoman of Signals,
T.H.H. Goldsmith, 2980

I am the father of the above named, who
has been presumed dead as from April 29th, 1944,
the date of the sinking of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN".

I have been informed that C.P.O.
T.G.M. Burgess, one of the survivors of the
"ATHABASKAN", has made a statement to the effect
that he saw my son dive from a raft with the
intention of swimming to an island.

Would you be kind enough to have C.P.O.
Burgess interviewed with a view to verifying
this story.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) T.C. Goldsmith.

Charles Thomas BURGESS
C.P.O. O.N. 2438
"Sindacora"

LA/C

A I R M A I L

N.S. N-2980, F.D. 233
PERS. (N)

6 March, 1945.

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

The delay in answering your letter of the 24th of January is regretted, but was occasioned by the fact that further enquiries were made regarding the information you requested.

The likelihood of there being prisoners of war from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" in the Channel Islands is extremely remote as the sinking of this ship occurred at least 80 miles from the nearest of these islands.

Regarding your further enquiries, the Germans have never had an official prisoner of war camp; namely, one subject to inspection by the Swiss, in the Channel Islands and it is understood that the International Red Cross have not been able to establish communications there.

It is likely, however, that Allied airmen have occasionally been picked up there by the surface craft maintained by the enemy for the rescue of their own airmen, but no official confirmation can be given of this fact.

While it has been found in this Department that the Germans have not been remiss in reporting names of Canadian Naval personnel having been taken prisoners, this fact having been confirmed by the signed capture cards and letters from the prisoners themselves, it is probable that due to the beleaguered position of the Germans in this area, airmen captured may not have been reported. As stated above, however, no hope is held that any Naval personnel are on these islands.

The three armed services of Canada have agreed to a policy which prohibits enquiries being made for "missing personnel" not confirmed as being prisoners of war. This decision was made in view of the fact in some cases of the other forces, a man may be alive and not a prisoner and when an enquiry is made, the enemy makes special efforts to capture him. It is not considered desirable to make any exceptions to this rule.

It is with regret that I am unable to give you any hope for the survival of your son and, as stated in my letter of the 15th of January, 1945, his death has been presumed on the 29th of April, 1944.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

.....
Date 7.3.45
Time 1745

[Handwritten: LCNP 67]
Mr. F. C. Goldsmith,
6336 S.E. 80th Ave.,
Portland 6, Oregon,
U. S. A.

[Handwritten: P.A. D.P.R.]



Certificate for Wounds and Hurts

These are to Certify the Honourable the Minister of National Defence of the Dominion of Canada that

(Name in full) (Rank or Rating) (Official No.)
GOLDSMITH, Thomas, Henry, Hardy Yeoman of Signals 2980

belonging to His Majesty's Canadian Ship " Athabaskan " being then actually upon His Majesty's Canadian Naval Service in

Here describe the particular duty.

Action stations on the bridge.

"Injured" or "Wounded" †Date.

was* Wounded on † August 27, 1943 by

Explosion of enemy bomb resulting in Acute Otitis Media left consistent with blast injuries.

Here describe minutely the nature of the injury sustained and the manner in which it occurred—as required by articles 1207, 1318, 1354 of the King's Regulations.

†"Sober" or "not sober."

He was † Sober at the time 1313 August 27, 1943

Age about 27 years. Born at or near Regina, Sask. Height 6 ft 1 ins.

Personal Description.

Hair Brown Eyes Brown Complexion Fair

Small V Scar right thumb

Particular marks or scars.

Date 5th September, 1943.

Signature of Commanding Officer of Ship.

Rank (G.R. Miles) COMMANDER, R.C.N.

Signature of person who witnessed the accident.

Rank Lieut R.C.N.

Signature of Medical Officer.

Rank Surg. Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

NOTE:—The grant of a Hurt Certificate to a Petty Officer or Man is to be noted on his Service Certificate.

C.N.S. 2435
5M-2-40 (4133)
N.S. 815-9-2435

ENTERED ON 249A SHEET
H.M.C.S. "NIOBE"
No. 19806 Date 18 Sep 43

Ontario, St.

Dear Mrs. Goldsmith:

Shortly after the sinking of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" bodies from this ship were recovered and buried along the coast of Finistere, France, at Brignogan, Plouescat, Santez and L'Aberwrach. France at the time was under German occupation and in most cases all positive means of identification were taken from the bodies by the Germans. The citizens of the above mentioned French towns looked after the burials and held funeral services.

On the cessation of hostilities the Army Graves Services, Overseas, made searches on the Continent in an effort to locate graves and identify bodies. Exhumation reports, dental records, etc., of casualties from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" have since been turned over by them to the Secretary of the Imperial War Graves Commission, Woodburn House, Woodburn Green, High Wycombe, Bucks., England, who, in turn, has forwarded them to Naval Headquarters with a view to definitely establishing the identity of bodies which were exhumed and over whose graves temporary markers have, in some cases, been placed.

As the dental particulars on the exhumation reports respecting your husband, the late Chief Yeoman of Signals Thomas Henry Goldsmith, Official Number 2900, Royal Canadian Navy, are similar to those on file at Naval Headquarters, such particulars have been accepted as positive identification.

Chief Yeoman of Signals Goldsmith's grave is located in the Plouescat Communal Cemetery, Plouescat, Finistere, France, in Plot Number 1, Row 'A', Grave Number 1. It is understood that a permanent headstone will be erected in due course by the Imperial War Graves Commission (Overseas). It is suggested that any inquiries regarding your husband's grave should be addressed direct to the Secretary of that Commission.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) C. J. D.

NAVAL SECRETARY.

 Forwarded by
N. Sec.

 Date
Time

19.6.50

Mrs. Amy P. Goldsmith,
1903 Quadra Street,
VICTORIA, B.C.

LA/CAP

Ontario, 8th June, x 50

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

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Yours very truly,

Deputed by
N. Sec.

NAVAL SECRETARY.

Date
Time

19.6.50

Mr. T. Goldsmith,
6336 S.E. 80th Avenue,
PORTLAND 6, Oregon, U.S.A.

W

DECEASED 29 April 1944

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

GOLDSMITH	Thomas Henry Hardy	N-2980	C/Yeo.Sig.	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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	2379
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCN Jul. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO	Mrs. Amy P. Goldsmith - Widow	(1)
ADDRESS:	2543 Government St., 817 McClure St., VICTORIA, B.C.	9-11-48
(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW	Mrs A. P. Goldsmith	(2) 31 January 1945
ADDRESS:	1903 Quadra Street VICTORIA, B.C.	
(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER	Mrs Goldsmith	(3) 17 March 1945
ADDRESS:	8605 S. E. - 31 st. Avenue PORTLAND 6 Oregon, U.S.A.	

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 641