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- (5) On being enrolled as a member of the ... London ... ... Division of 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 Head-quarters 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 2nd day of July, 1942

Signature of applicant k John C Roberts

#### (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 ... 2nd ......

day of July, 1942

Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

#### (D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Signature of Applicant.....

Witness

Date......2nd July, 1942....

Rank Sub 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

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Attesting Officer.

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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.

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John Q Roberts
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## REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

TAMOS NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ontario.	
Name. ROBERTS John Clark (Christian names in full)	
Rank or Rating E.R.A. 4th Cl., Official No. V-41049 Unit R.C.N.V.R.	
Place of Birth Stratford, Perth, Ontario. Date of Birth 31st May, 1921	
Occupation in Civil Life Machinist appron. Religion. Presbyterian	
Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.I	V.
(Temporary) or Reserve ratings) from 2nd July, 1942 to 29th April, 1944.	
Date of Death 29th April, 1944 Place of Death At sea	
Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHARASKAN" was  (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)	7
torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.	
Nearest known relative or friend.  Name Mr. James Roberts Relationship Father  Address 41 Duke Street.	
STRATFORD, Ontario.	
Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 1 May, 194	4.
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1 May, 1944.

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Dear Mr. Roberts:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, John Clark Roberts, Engineroom Artificer Fourth Class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V41049, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your son'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 Engineroom Artificer Roberts 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 son 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 son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely, pal

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SECRITARY, NAVAL BOARD

Mr. James Roberts, 41 Duke Street, STRATFORD, Ontario. view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, John Clark Roberts, Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class, Official Number V-41049, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", 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 29th of April, 1944.

May I again 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.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. James Roberts, 41 Duke Street, STRATFORD, Ontario. Despatched by Sec. N. B.

Date 15/1/45

Time 1800

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### MEDALS AND MEMORIALS-DECEASED PERSONNEL REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH (1) MEDALS PERSON MEMORIAL BAR ENTITLED TO Mr. James Roberts - Father. 41 Duke St., STRATFORD, Ont. DATE DESP ADDRESS: REGN. NO. 2/33 (2) MEMORIAL CROSS WIDOW ADDRESS: (3) MEMORIAL CROSS MOTHER deceased (3) ADDRESS: