

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT

To be forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, with Form S. 59

CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL Charles Edwin SWEET		NEXT OF KIN Wife : Elsie E. Danes Court, Name Address: 1126 Yates St., Victoria, B.C.	PRESENT RATING a/Ldg. Seaman
DATE OF BIRTH* 16th December, 1913.	PLACE OF BIRTH† Town..... Devonport County..... Province..... England.		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER CAPTAIN V. G. BRODEUR CAPTAIN(D), RCN.

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'6 1/4"	37" 33" 35"	<i>Light Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Scar right wrist. Scar right index finger Tattoo. Figure 8 & RCN right forearm. Crossed flags. Father's grave - right breast.</i>	Church of England.	Seaman.
Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement 16th December, 1938.		Period of Engagement or Re-engagement SEVEN Years.		Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage <i>14 May 1937</i>		Date of entering present ship 10th January, 1936.	

Particulars of former Continuous Service Engagements, if any; but, if none, and the person engaging has had previous Service, the date of his First Entry should be given. If the person has not previously served, write the words "First Entry" here.

Royal Canadian Navy from 16 Dec. 1931, to date.

If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded in to office, with the Engagement, on Form S.—1243.

Declaration of Entry or Re-Entry from Shore for Continuous Service

The following questions are to be put by the Commanding Officer to the person about to engage for Continuous Service, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

- Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct?.....
- Are you a British subject? †.....
- Nationality of parents—Father..... Mother.....
- Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R.C. Mounted Police? ‡.....
- Do you now belong to the Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force or any Regiment or Corps in His Majesty's Army, or to any established Naval or Army Reserve Force, or to the R.C. Mounted Police? ‡.....
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date.....
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army or R.C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct?.....
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?.....
- Can you swim?.....

* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.

† Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject, and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."

‡ Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H. M. Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal Fleet Reserve Instructions). If an R.N.R. man, state number of R.V. 2.

(OVER)

I—Declaration and Certificate for Men newly entered and Men who have been out of the Service since the expiration of their previous C. S. Engagement

I,, do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Naval Service of Canada*..... from †..... 193....., provided my service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this..... day of..... 193.....

..... Man's Signature in full
Witness to Signature.....

Attested before me this..... day of..... 193.....

} Signature of a Commissioned
} Officer of the Naval Service

Date..... 193.....

This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

..... Commanding Officer

..... Medical Officer

II—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date..... 193.....

This is to certify that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent lad, of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation, and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

The consent of his parents or guardian has been obtained in writing, and they are willing and desirous that the boy should be entered for..... years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age.

..... Commanding Officer

..... Lieutenant

..... Medical Officer

I declare that to the best of my knowledge or belief the answers to the questions on the other side of this form are true and that I am not indentured as an apprentice.

I am willing to enter and serve in the Naval Service of Canada for..... years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, provided my service should be so long required, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till I attain that age. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

..... Boy's Signature in full

Witness to Signature.....

Attested before me this..... day of..... 193.....

} Signature of a Commissioned
} Officer of the Naval Service

III—Re-engagement for Continuous Service

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used.

I, **Charles Edwin SWEET**, now serving as a **Seaman** in Acting Leading **1** on board H.M.C.S. **SKEENA**, who on the **16th** of **December**, 193.....

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of § **SEVEN** years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period || **of SEVEN Years** from ¶ **16th December**, 193.....
provided my services should be so long required.

Charles Edwin Sweet Man's Signature in full
14 May 1937..... 193.....

Witness, *H. Lay* **Lieut. Commander, RCN. for** Commanding Officer

* Insert "for the term of (number in words) years," or "to complete (number) years for pension," or "until I attain the age of years."
† Insert the date from which the engagement actually commences.
‡ The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths over 17 years of age.)
§ To be written in words.
¶ Insert as follows:—"Of (number) years," or "to complete time for pension," or "until I attain the age of years," as the case may be.
|| Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement, which must either be coincident with or (when the re-engagement is ante-dated) earlier than the date of execution.

Edwin Sweet **RCNMC**
10 RCN.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR ENTRY

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

M12937

(NOTE—All answers should be in the handwriting of the candidate)

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1. Name (in full) *Charles Edwin Sweet*
BLOCK LETTERS
2. Date and Place of Birth *December 11, 1913 - Devonport, Eng.*
* Birth Certificate, declaration by parents or affidavit as to date of birth must be attached
3. Permanent place of residence *280 Eugenie Street, Winnipeg, Man.*
Address in full
4. How long resident in Canada? *Eight years*
5. Are you a British Subject? *Yes*
6. Are you single, married or a widower? *single*
7. In what capacity do you wish to engage? *Boy with option of transferring to telegraphy*
8. How far advanced educationally are you? *Grade 9*
* Attach certificates, diplomas, etc., if any
9. Present occupation or trade *Junior Clerk*
* Attach any testimonials or recommendations
10. Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force? *No*
11. Have you ever served in such forces? Give dates and details *No*
12. Have you ever been discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? *No*
13. Have you ever offered to serve in any of His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? *No*
14. What is your weight? *142 lbs.*
15. What is your height? *5 ft 8 inches*
16. What is your chest measurement? (Not inflated) *35 inches*
17. Are you free from all physical defects or malformation, and not subject to fits? *Yes*
18. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? *Yes*

I HEREBY DECLARE that the above answers are true in every respect.

Charles Sweet, Sr. Inst.
Witness to signature

Signature *Charles E. Sweet*
Address *280 Eugenie St. Winnipeg*
Date *October 31, 1929*

* NOTE—The Certificates, Recommendations, etc., called for in questions 2, 8 and 9 must be attached, otherwise your application can NOT be considered.

The corner of this certificate is to be cut off whenever it is considered that the man's antecedents and character are such as to render his re-entry at any future time undesirable. Whenever the corner is cut off the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the Service of

Charles Edwin SWEET.
In the Naval Service of Canada

PORT DIVISION

Esquimaux; R. C.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

2563

Date of Birth

16th December, 1913.

Where born

{ Town
County and Province

*Devonport,
England.*

Usual place of residence

Cottage # 16 R.C.M. College, Esquimaux, Victoria B.C.

Trade brought up to

Labourer.

Religious denomination

Church of England.

Next of kin

Wife - Elsie E. Sweet

Can swim

P.P.T. (Good) 27.10.35. P.S.T. (Fair) 19.8.31

Man's signature on discharge to pension

P.P.T. (Good) 7.11.33.

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENTS

MEDALS, CLASPS, etc.

Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteering for	Date Received	Nature of Decoration
<i>20 October, 1930.</i>	<i>16 Dec. '31.</i>	<i>Seven Years.</i>		
<i>14 May 1934</i>	<i>16 Dec. '34</i>	<i>Seven Years.</i>		

DESCRIPTION OF PERSON	STATURE		COLOUR OF			MARKS, WOUNDS AND SCARS
	Feet	In.	Complexion	Hair	Eyes	
On entry as a boy.....	<i>5</i>	<i>6 1/2</i>	<i>Mediterranean</i>	<i>Medium Brown</i>	<i>Blue Grey</i>	<i>Transverse scar lower R. wrist sattoo R. forearm (Coxs "R.C.N." figure of eight) Small linear scar right wrist and linear scar right index finger.</i>
On advancement to man's rating, or on entry under 28 years....	<i>5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Fairish</i>	<i>Light Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years....						
Further description if necessary....						

Name Charles Edwin Sweet.

SHIP'S NAME	LIST AND No.	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
"Naden"	5 ² 612	Boy.	20 Oct. '30.	1 May '31	
---	5 ² 612	Ldg. Boy	2 May '31	1 Aug '31	
---	5 ² 612	P.O. Boy	2 Aug '31	15 Dec '31	
---	5 ² 612	Ord. Seaman	16 Dec '31	31 Dec '31	
Sheena	90	---	1 Jan '32	15 Apr '33	
"Sheena"	5 ² 90	A.B.	16 Apr '33	2 Jan '34	
Naden	5 ² 890	---	3 Jan '34	2 Jan '35	
Sheena	5 ² 224	A.B.	3 Jan '35	24 Feb '35	
Excellent	14 ^{ACN} 89	---	25 Feb '35	9 Sep '35	
Curacao	14 ^{ACN} 4	---	10 Sep. 1935.	19 Nov. '35	
"Naden"	5 ² 1049	---	20 Nov. '35	9 Jan. '36	
"Sheena"	5 ² 307	---	10 Jan. '36	14 May '36	
"Krina"		4 Ldg. Sman	15 May '36	20 May '37	
Victory		---	22 May '37	14 Dec '37	
---		Ldg. Sman.	15 Dec. '37	14 May '38	
Naden		---	15 May '38	16 Jan '39	
St. Lambert		---	17 Jan '39	6 Nov '39	
Stadacona		---	7 Nov '39	9 Dec '39	
Stadacona		P.O.	10 Dec. '39	2 Jan '40	
Stone Frigate		---	3 Jan '40	27 June '40	
Naden		---	28 June '40	9 Dec. '40	
---		P.O.	10 Dec '40	7 Oct '41	
Royal Roads		---	8 Oct '41	20 Oct '42	
R.C.N. College		---	21 Oct. '42	14 Dec. '42	
---		C.P.O. (T4)	15 Dec. '42	1 Nov. '43	
Stadacona		---	2 Nov '43	7 Dec. '43.	

Stadacona
Naden
Wicks
Naden

DATE	SIGNATURE
7 July '31	Pass
1 July '32	T
30 Aug '35	Q.
26 Aug '35	Sun
18 Apr. '36	Jan

DATE	Wounds received in Action and Hurt Certificate; also any meritorious Service, Special recommendations, Prize or other grants	CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE

DISCHARGE	SHIP'S NAME	LIST AND No.	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
	Stadacona (Lightfoot)		C.P.O. (IV)	8 Dec. '43	8 Dec. '43	
	Neabe (Lightfoot)		— " —	8 Dec. '43	11 Jan. '44	
	Mirke		— " —	12 Jan. '44	13 Jan. '44	
	Mirke (Athabaskan)		— " —	14 Jan. '44	29 Apr. '44	
	"Presumed Dead" to date 29 April, 1944. Authority: - S.N.M.C.'s signal 132109 of Jan. '45. Mirke's AIS # 21058					

Examinations and Notations other than those entered on Gunnery and Torpedo History Sheet.

DATE	PARTICULARS	CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE	DATE	PARTICULARS	CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE
7 July '31	Passed F.T. Part I	[Signature]	22 Feb '39	Passed Prof for P.O.	[Signature]
1 July '32	"TR"	[Signature]	28 Mch '41	Suppld. A/G. app.	[Signature]
30 Aug '35	"Q. A/ls. 287"	[Signature]	16 Mch '42	Passed H.E.T. Gen. Knowledge 83% Geography 55%	[Signature]
26 Aug '35	Suppld. A/G. app.	[Signature]	4 Dec '43	Gov. T.C. (1915?)	[Signature]
18 Apr. '46	Passed professionally for leading steerman.	[Signature]			

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NAME SWEET (Surname) Charles Edwin. (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 16th December, 1913.
 PLACE OF BIRTH Devonport, England. OCCUPATION Labourer.
 RELIGION Church of England. EDUCATION Grade IX.
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 281 Eugenie Street. Town Winnipeg Province, etc. Man.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
20	10	30	Boy.								
16	12	31	Seven Years.	5' 6 1/2"	Brown	Grey	Medium.	Transverse scar inner rt. wrist.			
16	12	38	Seven Years.	5' 6 1/2"	"	"	"				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife date 12.1.43 NAME (in pencil) Mrs Elsie E Sweet
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 1924 Birch Street Town Victoria Province, etc. B.C.

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	
				7	7	31	Passed Educ. Test Pt. I.	23	3	39	Passed Prof. for P.O.
				20	10	31	Passed HET. Geo. 62% (2).	16	3	42	Passed HET. Gen. Know. 83% (1).
				27	10	31	Passed P.P.T. (Good).				Geo. 55% (2).
				1	7	32	"Tr".	30	8	35	Qual. A/G
				7	3	33	Passed P.P.T. (Good).				
				19	8	34	Passed P.S.T. (Fair).				
				18	4	36	Passed Prof. for Ldg. Smn.				

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					
16	12	34	1st	Granted.										
16	12	39	2nd	Granted.										

FILM
 NO. 412-4567-2
DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
 From _____ To _____

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

O.H.F. Received.
 Last Will & Test. #8373 dated 21.5.43. Received.



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NAME SWEET
(Surname)

Charles Edwin.
(Given Names)

P.I.B.
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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	Boy	20	10	30		V.G.	Supr.	15	12	31	S.G.	1	7	35			
"	Ldg. Boy.	2	5	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	31	P&RT. 2.	12	4	38			
"	P.O. Boy.	2	8	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	32	P&RT. 1.	23	10	40			
"	Ord. Smn.	16	12	31		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	33	T.C.	4	12	43			
Skeena	"	1	1	32		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	34							
"	A.B.	16	4	33		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	35							
Naden	"	3	1	34		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	36							
Skeena	"	3	1	35		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	37							
HMS. Excellent.	"	25	2	35		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	38							
" Curacao	"	10	9	35		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	39							
Naden	"	20	11	35		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	40							
Skeena	"	10	1	36		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	41							
"	A/Ldg. Smn.	15	12	36		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	42							
HMS. Victory.	"	22	5	37		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	43							
" "	Ldg. Smn.	15	12	37	Confirmed.	V.G.	Supr.	29	4	44							
Naden	"	15	5	38													
St. Laurent.	"	17	1	39													
Stadacona	"	7	11	39													
"	A/P.O.	10	12	39													
NSHQ. Stone Frigate	"	3	1	40													
Naden	"	28	6	40													
"	P.O.	10	12	40	Confirmed.												
Royal Roads.	"	8	10	41													
RCN. College.	"	21	10	42													
" "	C.P.O. (Ty)	15	12	42													
Stadacona	"	2	11	43													
Lightfoot.	"	8	12	43													
Niobe	"	12	1	44													
Athabaskan	"	14	1	44													
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing, Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Service Certificate checked on discharge.
 Canadian Memorial Cross issued to Wife: Mrs. Elsie E. Sweet, 1921 Birch St., Victoria, B.C. -- 6-3-45.
 Canadian Memorial Cross issued to Mother: Mrs. Ethel Mary Sweet, "Ivydene", Plymstock Rd., Plymstock, Devon England -- 17-3-45.

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Sir:

In accordance with Naval Order No. 839, it is notified for your information that the following casualty in the Naval Forces of Canada has been reported:

<u>NAME, RANK/RATING NO.</u>	<u>PLACE, DATE & CAUSE of DEATH</u>	<u>NEXT OF KIN</u>
SWEET, Charles Edwin Chief Petty Officer, 2563, R.C.N.	Missing, presumed dead, to date 29th April, 1944, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.	Wife: Mrs. Elsie E. Sweet, 1141 Caledonia Ave., VICTORIA, B. C.

<u>In Favor of</u>	<u>ALLOTMENTS IN FORCE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Initials</u>
Mrs. Elsie E. Sweet, 1335 Stanley Avenue, Victoria, B.C.	Wife (D.A. 51.12 A.P. 61.00)	\$112.12	L.D.
Can. Bk. of Commerce, 1022 Government St., Victoria, B.C.		\$10.00	L.D.

Allotments stopped with last payment April 30, 1944.

WILL: Attached

*Original Certificate of Death
& Will placed in Estates
Halse Docket # 808 and sent
to Estates - 17. Jan. 1945
E. Brey*

Yours truly,

H.B. Money

for
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Administrator of Estates,
Estates Branch,
Department of National Defence,
O T T A W A.

TFH/CED

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL
N.S. N-2563 Pers (N)

2 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Sweet:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 2nd May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Charles Edwin Sweet, Chief Petty Officer, Royal Canadian Navy, Official Number 2563, 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 Petty Officer Sweet 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
PERSONNEL NAVAL
2 1944
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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Entered at
Esquimaux 20 Oct /30

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Mrs. Elsie E. Sweet,
1335 Stanley Ave.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Sweet:

I must regretfully inform you that since your husband was reported missing no further information has been received of his survival or that he is a prisoner of war.

I wish to assure you, however, that the Department makes every endeavour to discover the fate of missing men and draws upon all likely sources of information about them.

In the case of men who are believed to be prisoners of war continuous efforts are made to speed up the machinery whereby their names and camp addresses can reach this country. The official means is by lists of names prepared by the enemy government. These lists take some time to compile, especially if there is a long journey from the place of capture to a prisoners of war camp. Consequently "capture cards", filled in by the prisoners themselves soon after capture and sent home to their relatives, are often the first news received in this country that a man is a prisoner of war.


Very slight hope is now held, however, that your husband is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.


Even if no news is received that a missing man is a prisoner of war, endeavours to trace him do not cease. Enquiries are pursued, not only among those who were serving with him, but also through diplomatic channels and the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. The moment reliable news is obtained from any of these sources it is sent to the Department and is immediately passed on to the next of kin.

Should no information be received to the contrary your husband will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.


 Mrs. Elsie E. Sweet,
 1141 Caledonia Ave.,
 VICTORIA, B.C.

 Dispatched by
 Sec. N. B.

 Date 10/10/44
 Time 18.30

4 May
~~27 April~~, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Sweet:

With reference to your letter of the 13th of April, 1946, every effort is being made by the Canadian Naval Authorities Overseas in conjunction with the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries, London, England, to locate the graves of Canadian Naval personnel who lost their lives in the European theatre of war. Any news is immediately passed on to the next-of-kin concerned. No information has been received, however, of a grave for your husband, the late Charles Edwin Sweet, Chief Petty Officer, Official Number 2563, Royal Canadian Navy.

From various reports received, it has been learned that along the coast of Finistere, France at Brignogan, Plouescat, Santec and L'Aberwrach, shortly after the tragic sinking of H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", bodies from this ship were recovered and buried. Of approximately seventy bodies known to have been recovered in this region, only two, however, were definitely identified. In many cases all positive means of identification were surreptitiously taken from the bodies by the Germans, who are known to have later used the data contained in documents so obtained, in the interrogation of prisoners of war from the ship.

It is understood that the citizens of these French towns looked after the burials and held funeral services, even against the wishes of the Germans.

Your letter, however, is being referred to the Canadian Naval Authorities Overseas and when a reply has been received you will be informed.

Yours sincerely,

A.S.
 NAVAL SECRETARY. *J*

Mrs. Elsie Sweet,
 1141 Caledonia Ave.,
 VICTORIA, B.C.

Despatched by
 Sec. N. B.

Date *6-5-46*
 Time *2:45*

*Similar letter
 went out on
 NS 0-2456
 F.D. 745.*

*Righted.
 no hearing
 on this letter
 as far as address
 is concerned
 reference only*

N.S. N-2563 PERS.(H) "W"/5.

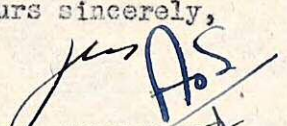
13th September, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Sweet:

Further to my letter of the 4th of May, 1946, information has been received from the Graves Registration and Enquiries Branch of the War Office, London, S.W.1, England, through the Canadian Naval Mission Overseas, that a grave has been located for your husband, the late Charles Edwin Sweet, Chief Petty Officer, Official Number 2563, Royal Canadian Navy. The grave is registered as Number 7 in the Plouescat Communal Cemetery, situated approximately seventeen miles west-north-west of Morlaix, Finistere, France.

No credence is given to the statement that your husband is buried in the Island of Jersey, Channel Islands, nor have any graves for H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" casualties been found in that locality.

Yours sincerely,


NAVAL SECRETARY

Mrs. Elsie Sweet,
1141 Caledonia Avenue,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Despatched by
Sec. N. EsDate
TimeD. Walker
19/9
3.45 p.m.

SERVICE

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Charles Edwin SWEET,

O.N. 2563 RCN.

PRESENT RANK/RATING: Chief Petty Officer (Ty).

DATE TAKEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE: 20th October, 1930.

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SERVICE

SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT

FROM

TO

Naden	20.10.30.	Lightfoot	8.12.43.
Naden-Skeena	1.1.32.	Niobe	11.1.44.
Naden	1.1.34.	Athabaskan	14.1.44.
Skeena	1.1.35.	Missing	29.4.44.
HMS.Excellent.	25.2.35.		
" Curacoa.	10.9.35.		
Naden	20.11.35.		
Skeena	10.1.36.		
HMS.Victory	22.5.37.		
Naden	15.5.38.		
St.Laurent	17.1.39.		
Stadacona	7.11.39.		
NSHQ.Stone Frigate	3.1.40.		
Naden	1.7.40.		
Royal Roads.	8.10.41.		
R.C.N.College	21.10.42.		
Stadacona	8.11.43.		

IMPORTANT

(WILL):

#8373 dated 21.5.43.

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DN.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
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NAME & ADDRESS
OF NEXT OF KIN:

Wife: Mrs. Elsie E.Sweet,
1141 Caledonia Avenue,
Victoria, B.C.

HAS DISCHARGE FOR ANY REASON
BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED? *No*

REASON:

DATE:

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DATE *12.12.44*

SECTION: *R.C.N.*

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AWARDS

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SWEET Charles Edwin		N-2563	C.P.O.	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:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star, Atlantic Star, C.V.S.M. & Clasp, War Medal.	2319 Mrs. Elsie Sweet 52-2020 Conroy St, Lane. B.C. (V6B1R9) MAY 4 1981

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MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Elsie E. Sweet - Widow

ADDRESS: 1153 ~~1141~~ Caledonia Avenue,
Victoria, B.C.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP. (1)

REGN. NO. 227

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

Mrs. Elsie E. Sweet

ADDRESS: 1141 Caledonia Ave., Victoria, B.C.

(2)

6-3-45

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. Ethel Mary Sweet

ADDRESS: "Ivydene" Plymstock Road, Plymstock,
Devon, England.

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