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(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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(3) On being enrolled as a member of the Montreal 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 (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. for the (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 22 day of January 1941. Signature of applicant Allen Sherse CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (C) 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 ......22...... Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer. Lieut. R.C.N.V.R. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (D) Robert Armstrong. 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 Rank Lieut. R.C.N.V.R 22 Jan 1941. The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service. CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (E) Robert Armstrong. 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 or in the appropriate official documents.

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.

22 Jan 1941.

R.C.N.V.R. Division

(or other establishment)

Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.

Attesting Officer.

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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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE - Naval Service -OTTAWA, Canada.

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(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME

RANK or RATING NAVAL NO.

ARMSTRONG, Robert Oliver

Leading Telegraphist

V-23542, R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 22nd Jan., 1941

Active Service: 27th Feb., 1941

DATE OF DISCHARGE - 24th November, 1944

HOSPITAL -

(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)

SERVICE - Canada & High Seas

(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere)

when and where any disability occurred.

Reason for discharge and - MISSING, PRESUMED DEAD when the ship in which he was

was incurred, or where death serving, H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" was lost while on

operational duty at sea.

(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada.)

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP FATHER

NAME - Mr. Robert K. Armstrons

4949 Queen Mary Road, MONTREAL, Quebec.

NOTE:

If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the separtion Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

FORM "A" RESPECTING THE ABOVE NAMED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS OF MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE, DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE, etc.



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29 November, 1944.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th of November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Robert Oliver Armstrong, Leading Telegraphist, Official Number V-23542, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your son 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.

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It is regretted that slight hope is held for your son'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 son 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

Mr. Robert K. Armstrong, 4949 Queen Mary Road, MONTREAL, P.Q.

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28 August, 1945. N.S.V-23542, PERS(N) 'N' 5

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your son'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 rendezvous 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 torpe loed 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 Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Despatched by Sec. N. B.

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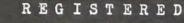
Mr. Robert K. Armstrong, 1949 Queen Mary Road, Apt. 32, MONTREAL, Que. SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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Yours sincerely

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Approval on N.S. 0-3690 FD 76 See also N.S.S. 1156-331/93.



# Department of National Defence Naval Service

AIR MAIL

N.S.

Ottawa. Canada

15th February, 1945.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

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 son, Robert Oliver Armstrong, Leading Telegraphist, Official Number V-23542, 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.

It would be appreciated if the Department might be informed as to whether Leading Telegraphist Armstrong's mother is living. If so, a Memorial Cross will be forwarded to her as a memento of her personnal loss and sacrifice.

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.

Mr. Robert K. Armstrong, 4949 Queen Mary Road, MONTREAL, P. Q. Tobat Chira Chins hone, of the aty of Month of Bring of southed mind and health do diclare that this is my last will and testament and do hereby worked any and all wills or codociles much prior to this dotte.

To my father Robert Kay Chinshone Cheave all my estate both real and presonal and singlifing that may come onto me.

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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:

NAME, RANK/RATING NO.

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ARMSTRONG, Robert Oliver Leading Telegraphist, V-23542. R.C.N.V.R.

Missing, presumed dead when H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" was lost while on operational duty at sea on 24 November, 1944Father: Mr. Robert K. Armstrong. 4949 Queen Mary Road, MONTREAL, Quebec.

ALLOTMENTS IN FORCE

In favor of

Montreal, P.Q.

Mr. John Armstrong,

4949 Queen Mary Rd., Apt. #32,

Amount

WILL: No Record.

Yours truly,

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SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. E.M. C. for

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Joseph Jeffrey, Esq., Secretary, Naval Board, Department of National Defence, Naval Service, Ottawa. Ont.

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Dear Mr. Jeffrey:-

In poignant sorrow I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, advising me that my son, Leading Telegraphist Robert Oliver Armstrong, is presumed to have died in the service of his country on 24th November, 1944.

Sincere thanks for the comforting expressions of sympathy with me in my irreparable loss.

His mother died sixteen years ago, but as I married again three years later his step-mother, Anita Armstrong, whom he dearly loved, was responsible to a great extent in the development of his estimable character.

It would be fitting therefor if you will forward to her the Memorial Cross as a memento of her personal loss and sacrifice which is as great as mine.

Yours sincerely,

A. M. Amstrong

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