



Albert Victor Ward



Date of Birth: June 13, 1918

Date of Death: May 7th, 1944

Family: Albert and Elsie Ward

Year of Graduation: 1936

Rank: Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.


Unit: Signalmen on the H.M.C.S Valleyfield

Role: As a signalman he would transmit, receive, decode, and distribute messages on the Valleyfield to its crew via morse code, flag semaphore, and flag hoisting signaling.

On the 7th of May 1944, the HMCS Valleyfield and her crew of 162 men and Abert V. Ward were returning from a convoy escorting mission in the Atlantic. Near the Newfoundland coast the HMCS Valleyfield and the 4 other ships with her were attacked by U-548 a German U-boat in the area. It shot two torpedoes at the crew before escaping, one hit the HMCS port side boiler room sinking the ship only 43 men survived the encounter meanwhile

HMCS Edmundston, Frontenac and Halifax went to go search for the U-boat. They would not find it and the crew would never be avenged by Canadian hands. On April 19th, 1945, USS Reuben James and USS Buckley sunk the U-548 ending its whole crew.



Name	HMCS Valleyfield (K 329)	
Type:	Frigate (River)	
Tonnage	1,445 tons	
Completed	1943 - Morton Engineering and Dry Dock Co, Quebec City	
Owner	Royal Canadian Navy	
Homeport		
Date of attack	7 May 1944	Nationality:  Canadian

Albert V. Ward and the 3144 other people who lost their life during wwl and wwII were commemorated at the Halifax memorial in Nova Scotia. Here his memory lives on forever.



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