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Your reference

Our reference

ROH 2484/86/SAH

Date

18 September 1986

Dear Mrs Tate

Re: James McNAMARA RNR

Thank you very much for your letter dated August 1985, concerning the above named. I apologise for the delay in replying. Your late Father's service details are as follows:

Full Name : James McNAMARA

Date and place of Birth

according to Naval Archives : 17. 2.95 - Kinsale County Cork

Official Number : EX 1071 previously D 4692, C 4885 and A 5009

Date of Entry into Royal Naval Reserve : 12. 4.13

Date and Reason for Termination of Service : 11. 4.38 Time expired

Rating held : Able Seaman 12. 4.13 to 2. 5.25

Employed in fitting shops 3. 5.25 to 11. 4.38

Date when called out by proclamation for service in the Royal Navy : 2. 8.14. A list of ships and shore establishments served on in this period follows:

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| HMS VIVID | 2. 8.14 - 29. 9.14 |
| Service with the Royal Naval Division (Anson Battalion) | 30. 9.14 - 24.10.14 |
| HMS VIVID | 24.10.14 - 5.12.14 |
| HMS HILARY | 6.12.14 - 6.11.16 |
| HMS VIVID | 7.11.16 - 16. 2.17 |
| HMS PRESIDENT | 17. 2.17 - 18. 2.17 |
| HMS GANGES | 19. 2.17 - 23. 6.19 |

Demobilised from Royal Navy Service on 23. 6.19, and reverted to service with Royal Naval Reserve.



Other notations: Height 5' 9"
 Chest 32½"
 Complexion Fair
 Colour of eyes Grey

Entitled to 1914 Star, for service with the Royal Naval Division. Was awarded the Royal Naval Reserve Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, at Amble on 15 March 1926.

I hope that the above information will suffice.

Yours sincerely

S A HUCKLE
for Departmental Record
Officer (Archives)

N.B. No mention here of the 'Anson' brigade incident when sailors were taken into Belgium to fight in the trenches. When Dad was dying, he talked to me of the past. One incident he described vividly was an occasion when the men were led by the Cavalry into an attack. The ~~ent~~ cavalry officer leading the men was killed. The Battalion's Padre then mounted the horse & led the men forward - When Dad told me this, I thought that it must be the effect of the drugs he was taking - surely cavalry went out with the Crimean war!! But... in the November after Dad died, I was reading a biography of Rupert Brooke, poet of the first World War. In a letter to his mother, he describes the same incident. - So Pop was correct.

J Tate