



SUB-LIEUTENANT R. I. L. ANNETT, R.C.N.V.R.
Lost in Action

No. 2, SUB LIEUTENANT ROBERT I. L. ANNETT

Sub Lieutenant Annett was born in Edmonton, Alberta, on July 17, 1924. He obtained his public and high school education in Consort, Alberta. In 1940-41, he was chairman of the Publishing Committee of the School Year Book, the next year he was chairman of its Literary Section. He was an honours student always.

At Royal Roads, in September, 1942, he became Cadet No. 2 in the first class at the re-established Royal Canadian Naval College. He was an inspiration in the classroom. He was keen, interested in his studies and most co-operative. During lecture periods, with his dark brown eyes sparkling, he would nod approval for the instructor to "carry on." The Commanding Officer, Captain J. M. Grant, C.B.E., R.C.N., commented on his Easter report "Conduct very good, zealous and promises well." In July, 1943, he graduated with high first class honours and was recommended for promotion to Midshipman, R.C.N.V.R.

He proceeded overseas in September, 1943. He served for a few months in H.M.S. "Ulster" and saw action in the Channel. Subsequently he joined H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan," made a trip to Murmansk at Christmas, 1943, and to Algiers the next month as part of the Naval Escort taking Prime Minister Churchill home from the Teheran conference. He was posted as missing and is now believed to have lost his life "In Action" when the "Athabaskan" was sunk off the coast of France on April 29, 1944.

He was particularly brilliant in English. He planned to attend Columbia University of Journalism after the war. While at the College he wrote an article entitled "Gunroom Notes" (recorded in "Log of H.M.C.S. Royal Roads," Volume Five, Number One). In his article, he concludes, "Incidents are but short glimpses of the much larger picture of associations. Incidents we may forget—associations never."

So may it be with our happy associations with Bob.

C. C. C.