

NAME: SUMMERS, Ralph James **PLACE OF BIRTH:** Brixham, Devon **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1916 **DATES:** 23 Oct. 1892-2 Dec. 1950
"Shorty"

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
<u>French Government Business</u>				
Feb. 1916-Dec. 1920+	Bay Steamship Co.			RG3/40C/1; A.106/1/13
Aug. 1917-Sept. 1918	Second Mate	S.S. <i>Baymingo</i>		RG4/17/5; RG4/16/13
<u>Fur Trade Department</u>				
1921-1923	Second Officer	S.S. <i>Nascopie</i>	Eastern Arctic	A.105/54; A.106/5/10
1924-1931*	Second Officer	S.S. <i>Baychimo</i>	Western Arctic	A.105/54; A.106/1/10
1934, Apr./Sept.	Mate	M.S. <i>Fort James</i>	Western Arctic	RG3/40C/1
1934, Sept. - 1935	Captain	M.S. <i>Fort James</i>	Western Arctic	RG3/40C/1
1935-1936	On furlough			RG3/40C/1
1936-1938	Captain	M.S. <i>Fort James</i>	Western Arctic	RG3/40C/1; <i>Moccasin Telegraph</i> , Winter 1951, p. 8
1938-1949	Captain	M.S. <i>Fort Ross</i>	Western Arctic	<i>Moc Tel</i> , Winter 1951, p. 8
1949-1950	Captain	M.V. <i>Fort Hearne</i>	Western Arctic	<i>Moc Tel</i> , Winter 1951, p. 8
1950, 2 December	Died in Vancouver, survived by his wife and family.			<i>Moc Tel</i> , Winter 1951, p. 8

+ Some years of his career, 1916-1920, and 1931-1934, not yet traced.

*He had his first mate's certificate by 1926. (A.106/1/13)

Photographs: HBCA Photo Coll., 1988/6/202,212,323 (1936); 1986/45/591 (1947); 1987/363-E-700-S/287 [1944];
1987/363-E-700 - S/288 [1940s]; 1987/257, N73, N122 (1950).

From his obituary in the *Moccasin Telegraph*, Winter 1951, p. 8:

His seagoing career began at an early age with the shipping firm of Currie and Company at London, England....His keen sense of duty and his natural aptitude for the work made him particularly well qualified for operating in the remote and hazardous Arctic waters, where skill and self-reliance are two of the most essential characteristics. He loved the sea, particularly the Arctic seas in which so much of his career was spent.

Also mentioned in *The Beaver*, Dec. 1935, p. 62; Sept. 1938, p. 55; *Moccasin Telegraph*, Dec. 1951, p. 24

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