

V1595
LEWIS

WILLIAM

ERSKIN

RCNVR
HMCS "LOUISBURG" Aug./43.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Florence J. Lewis - Widow

ADDRESS: c/o Mr. Ray Coles,
New Wiltshire, P.E.I.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. F. J. Lewis

ADDRESS: c/o Mrs. R. Coles
NEW WILTSHIRE, P.E.I.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. W. Lewis

ADDRESS: 260 Barrington Street
HALIFAX, N.S.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP

REGN. NO

186

(2) 19 March 1943

(3) 5 April 1943

DECEASED 6 February 1943

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS **NAVY**

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

LEWIS	William Erskine	V-1595	A/B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	203 17/10/49
Atlantic Star	
Africa Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....Charlotte town.....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 Service.

(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.

(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.....14th.....day of.....July, 1941.....

Signature of applicant.....William Lewis.....

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

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.....14th,.....

day of.....July, 1941.....

E. Saunders Lieut. RCNVR.
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....William Erskine Lewis.....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.....William Lewis.....

Witness.....E. Saunders.....

Date.....July 14th, 1941..... Rank.....Lieutenant R.C.N.V.R......

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

.....William Erskine Lewis.....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 recorded in the Record Book of the.....Charlotte town.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

E. Saunders
Lieut. R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.

.....14th July,.....1941..... R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment).....Charlotte town.....

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.

The Certificate of medical examination, B-207, and certificates of previous service are to be sent to Headquarters, Ottawa, with this form.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.

V1595

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **LEWIS**
(Surname)

William Erskine
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V1595

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Charl. Div. Strength	Ord. Seaman	14	7	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	A.A.111.	5	12	42			
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	" "	7	8	41	D												
Stadacona	" "	2	1	42													
Louisbourg	" "	29	4	42	209574												
"	Able Smn.	7	8	42	249a #22164												
Niobe (Louisburg)	" "	16	12	42	DRD #99												
DISCHARGED	" "	6	2	43	Missing, presumed killed in action. C.L.												

GENERAL REMARKS

X-Ray No. 11176 Approved
 Sick ashore 18-3-42 to 18-4-42.
 Awarded Memorial Cross to
 WIFE: Mrs Florence J. Lewis,
 % Mr Ray Coles,
 New Wiltshire, P.E.I.
 MOTHER: Mrs Wansby LEWIS,
 260 Barrington St,
 Halifax, N.S.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL OCCU.	RELIED	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OF RATE	
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YR.				ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK
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SEPT.				CODER		CHECKED	
07 08 43				09 16 00 20		06 02 43	

VERIFICATION FORM
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME IN FULL Lewis, William Erskine RANK/RATING A/Smn OFF. NO. 11595 ADDRESS

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF		
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL
	7.8.41											1939-45	1	Star
Louisburg	29.4.42	6.2.43	284	Atl. & Africa								ATLANTIC	1	Star
Disch. Dead												FRANCE G.		
to date 6/2/43												AFRICA	2	+ Clasp
												PACIFIC		
												BURMA		
												ITALY		
												DEFENCE		
												C.V.S.M.	2	+ Clasp
												" CLASP		
												WAR 1945	1	Medal
												WAR 1915		

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DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

Questionnaire for Candidates for Entry in the ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL RESERVE

NATIONAL REFERENCE
1733-1/2
123-139
N.S. CANADA
1938

Name (in full)..... Erskine Lewis

Date and Place of Birth..... July 4, 1917 A.D. at Alberton P.E.I.
(Birth Certificate, declaration by parents, or affidavit as to date of birth must be attached)

Permanent Place of Residence..... Conway P.E.I.

What will be your postal address during the next four weeks?..... Conway P.E.I.

Are you a British subject?..... Yes Are you single, married, or widower?..... Single

In what capacity do you wish to enrol?..... Seaman Branch
(See standards of qualifications in attached pamphlet)

At what time of the training season (October to March) will you be available to do Naval Training at Halifax or Esquimalt?..... Either Oct. to March, Feb'y 21/38

Present occupation..... Fisherman

If serving in a foreign-going, or coasting vessel, when, and how often, will you return to your Home Port.....
Not fishing only in motor boats above add. will reach me most anywhere

Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force?..... No

Have you ever served in such forces? Give dates and details..... No

Have you ever been discharged from any of H.M. Forces as Medically unfit?..... No

Have you ever offered to serve in any of H.M. Forces and been rejected?..... No

What is your (a) Weight?..... 150 lbs. (b) Height?..... 5 ft 7 ins (c) Chest Measurement?..... 37 ins
(not inflated)

Are you free from all physical defects or malformation, and not subject to fits?..... No

Are you willing to be vaccinated or revaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities?..... Yes

I hereby declare that the above answers are true in every respect.

Signature..... Erskine Lewis

Date..... 2/13/38

Postal address..... Conway P.E.I.

Grant Stearns
Witness to Signature

IMPORTANT NOTE

The appropriate certificate attached to this Questionnaire MUST be filled in and signed by the employer of the Candidate, or by a Master of Shipping or Collector of Customs BEFORE the application for enrolment in the R.C.N.R. can be considered. The certificates which are not applicable should be ruled through.

DRAFTED BY N.P.R. PER
TLB
FILE 113-L-1183

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D
10 Mil. 8-42 (5915-6)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

MRS. FLORENCE J. LEWIS,
C/O MR. RAY COLES,
NEW WILTSHIRE, P.E.I.

From:

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N.S.H.Q. OTTAWA

113-L-1183

CNS
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THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL
SERVICES DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR
HUSBAND, WILLIAM ERSKINE LEWIS, ABLE SEAMAN,
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE,
OFFICIAL NO. V-1595, IS MISSING, PRESUMED KILLED
IN ACTION. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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DELIVERY CONFIRMED

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P/L

12/2/43

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8503

SERVICE

NAME: LEWIS, William, Erskine.

O.N.V1595

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PRESENT RANK/RATING: Able Smn.

DATE TAKEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE: 7-8-41

SERVICE

<u>SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Duty Div. Hdqtrs. (Charlottetown)	7-8-41	1-1-42
Stadacona	2-1-42	28-4-42
Louisburg.	29-1-43	15-12-42
Niobe	16-12-42	6-2-43 Discharged

*Canada + High Sea
15-2-43*

WILL: No.

NAME & ADDRESS OF Wife: Mrs Florence LEWIS
NEXT OF KIN: New Wiltshire, P.E.I.

~~DISCHARGED PREVIOUSLY?~~

~~REASON:~~

~~DATE:~~

Initialed by: *GL*

Date: *15-2-43*

Section: *3*

Naval Personnel Records

(TO BE COMPLETED IN INK.)

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S. Naval Service Headquarters. at Ottawa.

Name Lewis, William Erskine, (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman, Official No. 7-1095, R.C.N.V.R. (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Alberton, P.E.I. Date of Birth 6th July, 1917,

Occupation in Civil Life Fisherman, Religion Church of England.

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) 7th August, 1941. to 6th February, 1943.

Date of Death 6th February, 1943. Place of Death Overseas.

Cause of Death Missing, presumed killed in action to date the 6th February, 1943, when the ship in which he was serving was sunk by enemy action Overseas.

Nearest known relative or friend Name Mrs. Florence J. Lewis, Relationship wife, Address c/o Mr. Ray Coles, New Wiltshire, P.E.I.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship H.M.C.S. Naval Service Headquarters 18th Feb. 1943.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials

In the case of Imperial Service men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality

Place of Burial (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

Commanding Officer,

18th March, 1943

The NAVAL SECRETARY, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada.

for H.B. Money, SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

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