

Unemployment Insurance - Yes
ED: 145
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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME LEROUX OFFICIAL No. 68160
CHRISTIAN NAMES Leo Joseph MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>2 Francis Street, Galt, Ontario</u>	<u>Roman Catholic</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>25th May, 1925</u>	Town <u>Casselman</u> County <u>Carleton</u> Province <u>Ontario</u>	(Father) <u>Mr. Dieudonne Leroux</u> <u>Box 207</u> <u>Billings' Bridge, Ontario</u>
*Original Nationality of: Father <u>Canadian</u> Mother <u>Canadian</u>		

*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page.

(A) PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>36</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>None</u>
Inches <u>13</u>	Deflated <u>34</u>				
<u>117 1/2</u>	Mean <u>35</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Grade VIII</u>	<u>Steeplejack</u> <u>Employer - Charles Miner</u> <u>Galt, Ontario</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>13th August, 1943 - Div. Str.</u> <u>OCT 27 1943 Active Service</u>	<u>Ordinary Seaman</u>	<u>"STAR"</u>

(B) DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:—

- (1) That I am a British Subject domiciled in Canada.
- (2) That I am desirous of being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) That * (a) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Air Force, Reserve or Territorial Force.

* (b) I served in XX for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>NOT APPLICABLE</u>			

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and 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 when called and 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 naval establishment 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, until called into active service, 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.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as.....Ordinary Seaman.....by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this.....13th.....day of.....August, 1943.....

Signature of applicant.....Leo Leroux.....

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this.....13th.....

day of.....August, 1943.....

My authority for attestation is.....

Harry P. Carver
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Leo Joseph Leroux.....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.....Leo Leroux.....

Witness.....Harry P. Carver.....

Date.....13th August, 1943..... Rank.....Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R......

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

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters **immediately** after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.

The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Leo Joseph LEROUX

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

NS 115896

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number... <i>V-68160</i>
	H.M.C.S. STAR	"
		"

Date of Birth... <i>25 May 1925</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth... <i>Carleton Place, Ontario</i>	<i>Father</i>
Place of Residence... <i>200 St. Paul St. Carleton Place, Ontario</i>	<i>Mr. D. Leroux</i>
Trade brought up to... <i>Staple maker</i>	<i>100 St. Paul St.</i>
Religion... <i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>Carleton Place, Ontario</i>
Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date... 19..... Signature..... Rank.....	
P.S.T. Date... 19..... Signature..... Rank.....	

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
	<i>13 AUG 43</i>	<i>duration of hostilities</i>	<i>Chief Petty Officer</i>			<i>Provisionally awarded C.V.S.M. and clasp.</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>1 3/4</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>117 1/2</i>	<i>brn</i>	<i>blue</i>	<i>fair</i>	<i>None</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service								
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service								
Further Description if necessary								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. ESSEX at Sea

Name LeBOUX, Leo Joseph
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating A.B. Official No. V-68160 R. G.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Canalman, Ont. Date of Birth May 25th, 1925

Occupation in Civil Life Stevedore Religion Roman Catholic

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) 17th Aug., 1943 - 16th Apr., 1945

Date of Death 10th April, 1945 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Lost at Sea - enemy action
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Blondelle LeBoux Relationship Father
Address Box 207 Billings Bridge, Ottawa, Ontario

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not Known

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not Known

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

H. J. [Signature]
Commanding Officer,
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The NAVAL SECRETARY,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

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

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

V68160

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-L-3297

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V68160

NAME

LEROUX

(Surname)

Leo Joseph

(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

25th May, 1925

PLACE OF BIRTH

Casselman, Ontario

OCCUPATION

Steeplejack

RELIGION

Roman Catholic

EDUCATION

Grade VIII

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

2 Francis St.,

Town

Galt

Province, etc

Ont.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
13	8	43	H.O.	5'1 1/4"	Brown	Blue	Fair	Nil				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				3	2	44	Qual. Anti-Gas 1 day.				
				10	3	44	Marked "TR"				

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.					BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES							
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT	
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year			

FILM
NO. WSR 6043-4
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

O.H.F. Received.

Un. Ins. Book

Last Will and Testament #10047 Received

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V68160

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

LEROUX

(Given Names)

Leo Joseph

P.I.B.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V68160

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Fully Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
HMCS "Star"	Ord. Snn.	13	8	43	Div. Str. Hamilton	V.G.		31	12	43.							
"	"	27	10	43	Act. Serv. (DL. 1.11.43.)	V.G.		SAT 3	11	24	44						
Cornwallis	"	21	12	43	D.L. 23.12.43. (Caribou 26-2-)	V.G.		Supr.	16	4	45						
Stadacona	"	29	3	44	DRD S. #110 P. 3 (44 to 3-3-44)	V/O Serv. Cert.											
Scotian	"	1	6	44	Serv. Cert.												
Stadacona	"	21	6	44	DRD S. 42 P. 1												
Hochelaga II	"	27	6	44	DRD S. 206 P. 19												
Chaleur II	"	17	8	44	DRD #267nPg. 4												
Kirkland Lake	"	22	8	44	Serv. Cert.												
Stadacona	"	26	9	44	DRD #286 Pg. 1												
Peregrine	"	7	10	44	DRD #7 Pg. 1												
Esquimalt	"	15	10	44	DRD Sh. 15 Pg. 1												
"	A/A.B.	27	10	44	Rated 249A/A 10949												
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	"Missing at Sea" Per Casualty List. "Presumed Dead"												

GENERAL REMARKS

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR R. ON ENLIST.		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
25	5	25	11	490	0	10	1	152	02	0	20	0	08	90
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK ON DATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK	
13	08	43	27	10	43					9830	0	08	75	
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.								
27	10	43	13	00	00									

N.S. V-68160, PERS. (N) 27

7 May, 1945.

Dear Mr. Leroux:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Leo Joseph Leroux, Able Seaman, Official Number V-68160, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which he was serving, the fact that all circumstances surrounding his loss have been carefully reviewed, and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 16th of April, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty off the east coast of Canada. One Officer and fifteen ratings were killed at the time of the disaster, four Officers and twenty-four ratings are missing and now presumed dead, while two Officers and twenty-four ratings survived the sinking.

The above information is now being released for publication.

The following is an excerpt from the report of a Canadian Naval Press Relations Officer who was in contact with survivors of the ill-fated ship.

"Struck by a torpedo on the starboard side, H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT" listed heavily, and sank stern first in a few minutes. The ship's list had the seaboard under water and flooded before it could be released from the davits, but carley floats were freed quickly before the ship went down, and those who escaped from the ship gathered on four of these floats.

"It was from the four floats that a sister Bangor minesweeper, H.M.C.S. "SARNIA", picked up the survivors nearly six hours later. Many who had reached the floats safely had died of exposure on the floats, from the soaking in the cold sea water, and sixteen bodies were taken aboard the rescue craft.

"In spite of the rapidity with which the ship heeled over and slid under the surface there was no panic or confusion", a surviving Officer reported. Everyone he had seen had been calmly and quickly abandoning ship.

"Many men had died in the floats, and their bodies were brought aboard H.M.C.S. "SARNIA" with the survivors.

"Artificial respiration was given to some of the unconscious men for hours after they were picked up, but only two men were revived."

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.Deputy *LB*
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.Date *8/5/45*
Time *1:20*Mr. Dieudonne Leroux,
BILLINGS BRIDGE, Ont.

DECEASED 16 April 1945
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

LEROUX	Leo Joseph	V-68160	A.B.	FILE No.
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SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT
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WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	8622
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR
HMCS "ESQUIMALT" Oct/45

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mrs Lucy Robillard - Sister

ADDRESS: Box 207,
Billings Bridge, Ont.

(1)

English

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

DECEASED

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL B R

DATE DESP

(3)

REGN. NO 1002