

ATTESTATION

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT 20th Field Ambulance (R) REGTL. No. D-551098

1. Surname? (Block letters) BOUCHARD
2. Christian names? Paul
3. Present address? 4017 Drolet
Phone No.
4. Date of Birth? 12 March 1924 5. British subject? Yes
6. Occupation? Journalist 7. Religion? R.C.
8. Next of Kin Arthur Bouchard 9. Relationship? father
Address 2105 St. Chitasse
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)
No

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5.9 Weight 150 Chest max. 37 min. 35
 Descriptive marks Vaccin left arm
 I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in Instructions for the R.C.A.M.C. and C.D.C. 1937 Appendix V and find him fit Category A
 Date 6th June 1942 Signature R. Arment

DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned P. Bouchard do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers (made by me) to the foregoing questions are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of three years or until legally discharged, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement, that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN

I, P. Bouchard do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty
 Signature of Witness R. Arment Signature of Man Paul Bouchard
 Dated this 6th day of June 1942 at

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

The recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished by law. The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question and that his answer to each question has been duly entered and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath.

W. Tremblay Lt Col
 Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer.

Alondan dela page a l'unité Paul Bouchard



CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BOUCHARD OFFICIAL No. V-54034
CHRISTIAN NAMES JOSEPH EUGENE PAUL EMILE MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>78-B Alexandre Street, Sherbrooke, Que.</u>	<u>Roman Catholic</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>16th March 1924</u>	Town <u>St.Valier</u> County <u>Bellechasse</u> Province <u>Quebec</u>	<u>Father: Mr. Emile BOUCHARD</u> <u>Same Address</u>
*Original Nationality of:		
Father <u>Fr.Can.</u>		
Mother <u>Fr.Can.</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>Brown</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Inches <u>7 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>33 1/2</u>				
<u>142</u>	Mean <u>34 1/2</u>				
EDUCATIONAL STANDING			TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
<u>8th Grade Commercial</u>			<u>Handy Man (Unemployed)</u>		

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Divisional Strength</u> <u>9th February, 1943</u>	<u>Ord.Seaman</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "CARTIER"</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, Reserve, or Territorial Force.

~~*(b) I served in~~ 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 Ord. Seaman by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1943

Signature of applicant XX Paul E. Bouchard

(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 9th day of February, 1943

My authority for attestation is.....

J. E. Roche
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

JOSEPH EUGENE PAUL EMILE BOUCHARD 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 XX Paul E. Bouchard

Witness J. E. Roche

Date 9th February, 1943 Rank 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

Joseph Eugene Paul Emile BOUCHARD

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

J. E. P. B. 75841

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>H.M.C.S. "Carter"</i>	<i>V-54034</i>

Date of Birth	<i>16th March 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth	<i>St. Valier, Bellichasse, Que.</i>	<i>FATHER</i>
Place of Residence	<i>7813 Alexandra St. Sherbrooke</i>	<i>Emile</i>
Trade brought up to	<i>Handy Man</i>	<i>R.R.#1</i>
Religion	<i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>H. Clie D'Alford</i>
Can Swim:—P.P.T.	Date	Signature
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P.S.T.	Date	Signature
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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>9 Feb '43</i>	<i>Duration Hostilities</i>	<i>Oed. Am.</i>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>7 1/4</i>	<i>34 3/4</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Nil</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

V54034

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-4829

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V54034

NAME BOUCHARD (Surname) Joseph Eugene Paul Emile (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 16th March, 1924.

PLACE OF BIRTH St. Valier, Quebec. OCCUPATION Handy Man

RELIGION R.C. EDUCATION 8th Grade Commercial

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 78-B Alexandre St., Town Sherbrooke, Province, etc. Quebec.

Table with columns: ENGAGEMENTS (Date, Period), DESCRIPTION (Height, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Marks or Scars), PREVIOUS SERVICE (Served in, Rank or Rating, Dates).

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) NAME (in pencil)

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Town Province, etc.

Table with columns: MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY; EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC. (Date, Particulars).

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.; BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date, OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT).

FILM NO. 25774-5 DATE

Table with columns: Date (in figures), DAYS FORFEITED (Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.).

O.H.F. Received. W.S.G. APPLICATION RECEIVED 63301 11/6/45

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT From To

V54034

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **BOUCHARD**
(Surname)

Joseph Eugene Paul Emile
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER **V54034**

PIB

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
HMCS "CARTIER"	Ord. Smn.	9	2	43	Div. Str. Cartier.	V.G.	SAT.	31	12	43.	Prob. Q.R.3	19	8	43			
" "	" "	22	2	43	A/S. D.I. 22-2-43	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44	Q.R. 3	3	3	44			
" Cornwallis	" "	21	4	43	DL 22-4-43	V.G.	Sat.	17	3	45							
" Stadacona	" "	1	9	43	D.R.D. #H-2472												
" Guysborough	" "	3	11	43	D.R.D. H-3090.												
	A.B.	22	2	44	Rated. 249A/40402.												
DISCHARGED	" "	18	3	45	"Missing" Casulaty List "Dead#"												

GENERAL REMARKS
Bodied recovered and buried at sea

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE	CIVIL OCCU.		RELI-ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENLI.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GRON	P.	CTY.	TOWNSHIP	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
16	3	24	12	900	0	10	1	262	03	0	04	0	08	75
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.	RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK	
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SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED	CHECKED			
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	BT.								
22	02	43	13	12	00									

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VERIFICATION FORM

DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAMING *P. B.* OFF. NO. *V-54034* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS							STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL			
							1939-45	1	<i>1 star</i>
<i>See list</i>							ATLANTIC	2	
							FRANCE G.	1	<i>1 star & clasp</i>
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>2 & clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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. GUYSBOROUGH at Sea

Name Joseph Eugene Paul Emile BOUCHARD
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-54034 R.C.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth St. Valier Bellechasse, Que. Date of Birth 16th March, 1924

Occupation in Civil Life Handy Man 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) Two Years

Date of Death 17th March, 1945 Place of Death Sea

Cause of Death Sinking of "GUYSBOROUGH" Enemy Action
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Emile BOUCHARD Relationship Father
Address R.R. No. 1 St. Elie D'Oxford, P.Q.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship informed by Naval Service Headquarters

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 At Sea Date of Burial 18th April, 1945
(if known) (if known)

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

Undertaker employed -
(if any)

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

A/Captain, R.C.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer,

30th April, 1945

*Noted
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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.

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15M-7-40 (5849)
N.S. 815-9-1121

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JUL 6 1945
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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

R E S T R I C T E D

From:

NSHQ
(R) HC FOR CANADA
NIOBE
RCN DEPOT HALIFAX

CNSC

V-54034

BODY PAUL E BOUCHARD ABLE SEAMAN V-54034 RECOVERED
BY HMCS PARRY SOUND AND BURIED AT SEA 18TH APRIL.
MY 201720A MARCH REFERS.

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23 April, 1945. 28

Dear Mr. Bouchard:

Further to my letter of the 21st of March, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Joseph Eugene Paul Emile Bouchard, Able Seaman, Official Number V-54034, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", 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 18th of March, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty at sea. Five Officers and 48 ratings, including one Royal Navy Officer and one rating who were taking passage, are missing and now presumed dead.

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. While there is no official confirmation of these statements, they are believed to be authentic, considering their source:

"Only one death occurred from the explosion but many died during the 19 hours the men who had survived the explosion spent in the water clinging to five Carley floats. Only six men of 42 on one overcrowded float lived until the rescue ship, a Royal Navy frigate, arrived.

"Both the air and the water were cold," said one of the survivors. "Most of the men who died, died smiling. If they suffered any, you'd never have known it."

"With the whaler overturned and the ship's motor boat holed by the explosion, only the Carley floats remained for the survivors. Four of the five floats were lashed together and from these the majority of the survivors were picked up. Seven hours after the men abandoned ship only 10 men remained alive on the one overcrowded Carley float. Four others died before rescue came.

"Exposure accounted for the largest number of deaths. Survivors were unanimous in saying that those who died did so quietly and with little apparent suffering.

"When the torpedo struck the Guysborough so much debris littered the decks that the Commanding Officer, Lieut. B. T. R. Russell, R.C.N.R., at first glance, thought his ship had been the victim of two simultaneous torpedoes.

"It looked at first as if the ship would survive. Guns crews were closed up, water-tight doors were closed, bulkheads shored up and every effort made to save the little vessel.

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"There was just one fatality from the torpedoing,
although some members of a gun's crew were injured."

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,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Emile Bouchard,
R.R. #1 STE ELIE D'ORFORD,
QUEBEC.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

.....
Date 22.4.45
Time 1300

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D.D.

BOUCHARD Joseph Eugene Paul (E)		V-54034	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	<i>Medals held undesignated</i>
Fr. Ger. Star & Clasp	<i>308/ held in stock</i>
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	CANCELLED
War Medal	5-5-76 4-7-50

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR May 46 "GUYSBOROUGH"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Joseph E. Bouchard - Father

ADDRESS: ~~84A Belmont St.,~~ 123-7th Ave.,
SHERBROOKE, Que. Corres. on file.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER deceased

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 483

(2)

(3)