



ICNS 116651 (Duplicate)

### ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME LEWANDOWSKI, OFFICIAL No. V. 61813  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Stanley Steve MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>925 Albert Road, Windsor, Ontario.</u>	<u>Roman Catholic.</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>26 December, 1924</u>	Town <u>Tarnogora</u>	<u>Agnes Lewandowski, (mother)</u>
Original Nationality of: Father <u>Polish</u> Mother <u>Polish</u>	County	<u>Same Address.</u>
	Province <u>Ontario. Poland</u>	

*RCMP  
Admiral  
B/S*

\*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>39</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>none.</u>
Inches..... <u>7</u>	Deflated..... <u>36½</u>				
<u>W. 155</u>	Mean..... <u>38</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>2 years technical school</u>	<u>Apprentice Machinist, Viking Pump Co., Windsor, Ontario.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Divisional Strength 20th May, 1943.</u>	<u>Stoker 2/c</u>	<u>"HUNTER", Windsor, Ontario.</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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

(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 Stoker 2/c by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this Twentieth day of May, 1943.

Signature of applicant S. Lewandowski

(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 Twentieth day of May, 1943.

My authority for attestation is.....

[Signature]  
Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Stanley Steve Lewandowski, 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 S. Lewandowski

Witness [Signature]

Date 20th May, 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

*Stanley Steve LEWANDOWSKI*  
**O.H.F.** *SCNS 109222*  
*116651*  
 in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>SCNS "Huntie"</i>	<i>V-61813</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth	<i>26 December 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth	<i>Tarnogora, Poland</i>	<i>Agnes Lewandowski</i>
Place of Residence	<i>925 Albert Rd. Windsor Ont</i>	<i>mother</i>
Trade brought up to	<i>Apprentice Machinist</i>	<i>same address</i>
Religion	<i>Roman Catholic</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>20 May '43</i>	<i>Quitting</i>	<i>Sto 7c</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Med</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







V61813

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-L-2946

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V61813

NAME LEWAL DOWSKI, Stanley Steve DATE OF BIRTH 26 Dec. 1924  
(Surname) (Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH Tarngora, Ont. OCCUPATION Apprentice Machinist

RELIGION R.C. EDUCATION 2 Years Technical School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 925 Albert Road Town Windsor 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
20	5	43	H.O.	5'7"	Brown	Brown	Medium	Nil.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Agnes Leonardowski

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 925 Albert Road Town Windsor Province, etc. Ont.

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	

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. W3R 5912-7  
 DATE 24-3-59

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To

**W.S.G.**  
 APPLICATION  
14256  
 RECEIVED  
 7/6/45

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V61813 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME LEWANDOWSKI, Stanley Steve. OFFICIAL NUMBER V61813  
 (Surname) (Given Names)

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 Hunter	Sto. II	20	5	43	Div. Str. Windsor.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43.							
"	"	21	7	43	Act. Svce. D.L. 22-7-43.	V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44.							
" Cornwallis	"	7	9	43	D.L. 16/9/43.												
" Stadacona	"	4	11	43	DRD H-3102												
HMS Stayner	"	1	2	44	DRD S.59 P.3 (Service Passage)												
Athabaskan	"	19	2	44	Service Certificate.												
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	"Presumed DEAD", per Casualty List.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to (Mother) Mrs. Agnes Lewandowski, 925 Albert Road., Windsor, Ont., to date 19.2.45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK	
26	11	11	270	X	10	3	1	12	12	0	11	0	15	95	
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE				
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A.	BR.	RANK		
20	05	43	21	07	43					9830	0	15	95		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M.	CODED			CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
21	07	43	09	00	00	20	29-04-44								



Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

HULLS NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name LEWANDOWSKI, Stanley Steve  
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Stoker Second Class Official No. V-61813 Unit ~~R.C.N.~~  
R.C.N.R.  
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Tarnogora, Ontario Date of Birth 26 December, 1944

Occupation in Civil Life Apprentice Machinist 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) From 20 May, 1943 to 29 April, 1944

Date of Death 29 April, 1944 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Agnes Lowandowski, Relationship Mother  
Address 925 Albert Road, Windsor, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship XXX Naval Service Headquarters: 1 May, 1944

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

If applicable { Place of Burial No burial Date of Burial  
Location, Number, etc., of grave  
Undertaker employed

ENTERED IN  
S.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK  
JAN 18 1945  
S.P.  
CLERK No. 1

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

H.B. Money  
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.  
Date JAN 12 1945

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, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

DIVISION "O"      SUB-DIVISION      DETACHMENT Windsor  
 PROVINCE Ontario      DATE June 5th, 1943.

LE REFERENCES

RE: Stanley Steve LEWANDOWSKI,  
 Windsor, Ontario.  
 Applicant for the R.C.N.V.R.

QUARTERS

1. The following communications were received at this office from the Recruiting officer of the H.C.M.S. "HUNTER", Howard Ave., Windsor, Ont.; under the date of May 22nd, 1943:

"We have received an offer of service from Stanley Steve LEWANDOWSKI of 925 Albert Road, Windsor, Ont., who wishes to enter the R.C.N.V.R.

Lewandowski was born in Tarngora, Ontario, on 26th December, 1924, but both of his parents were born in Poland. He has resided in Windsor, along with his parents for the past fourteen years.

He attended the Windsor-Walkerville Vocational for two years. From October, 1942 to January, 1943, he was employed by Bendix-Eclipse in Windsor, and then transferred to the Ford Motor Company, where he remained from January, 1943 to March 1943. Since March 1943, this man has been employed by Viking Pump Company in this city.

May we be advised if there is any reason why this man's offer of service for entry into the R.C.N.V.R. should not be accepted."

Sgd: A.A. Hargraft, Lieut,  
 Recruiting Officer, R.C.N.V.R.

DIVISION

MENT

2. On the 1-6-43, the following communication was received from the H.C.M.S. "HUNTER", in connection with the same applicant:

"Further to our letter of 22nd May 1943, and telephone conversation of later date, regarding the above named, this man was not born in this country as stated in our letter, but in Tarngora, Poland.

He became a naturalized citizen on his father's papers Certificate No. B 24067, dated 15th November, 1930.

We regret our error in this matter.

Sgd: A.A. Hargraft, Lieut,  
 Recruiting Officer, R.C.N.V.R.

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3. A check of the detachment files failed to disclose anything that would indicate subversive tendencies on the part of the applicant. His local Police record has been checked by the R.C.N.V.R. authorities in Windsor.

R.D.P.D.C.

*R. B. McLeod* Cst.  
 (R. B. McLeod) Reg.No.13096.

The O.C. "O" Div., Toronto:

FORWARDED. Could the department concerned please be advised of the result of this enquiry.

*F. A. Lechowicz* A/Cpl.  
 (F. A. Lechowicz) Reg.No.10911.  
 i/c Windsor Detachment.



NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

MRS. AGNES LEWANDOWSKI,  
ALEERT ROAD,  
WINDSOR, ONT.

From:

H.S.H.Q.

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CNP THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES  
DLEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR SON  
STANLEY STEVE LEWANDOWSKI, STOKER SECOND CLASS, R.C.N.V.R.  
V-61813 IS MISSING FROM H.M.C.S. "APHABASKAN".  
LETTER FOLLOWS.

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(DELIVERY CONFIRMED)

L/T

P/L

1/5/44

ES 1443

*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
L/T P/L  
[Handwritten signature]

TFH/JA



REGISTERED  
AIR - MAIL  
NS: V-61813 (Pers.(N).

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1 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Lewandowski:

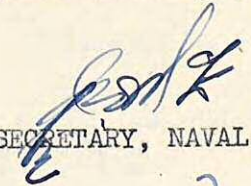
It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Stanley Steve Lewandowski, Stoker Second Class, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-61813, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your son's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Stoker Lewandowski is reported as "missing", there is a possibility of his survival. It is understood that a number of the crew have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy. The Red Cross have been informed and are attempting to obtain from the German Government a list of those taken. Please be assured that as soon as any further information respecting your son has been received you will be informed.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy 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.

Mrs. Agnes Lewandowski,  
925 Albert Road,  
WINDSOR, ONT.



10th October, 1944. 22

Dear Mrs. Lewandowski:

I must regretfully inform you that since your son was reported missing no further information has been received of his survival or that he is a prisoner of war.

I wish to assure you, however, that the Department makes every endeavour to discover the fate of missing men and draws upon all likely sources of information about them.

In the case of men who are believed to be prisoners of war continuous efforts are made to speed up the machinery whereby their names and camp addresses can reach this country. The official means is by lists of names prepared by the enemy government. These lists take some time to compile, especially if there is a long journey from the place of capture to a prisoners of war camp. Consequently "capture cards", filled in by the prisoners themselves soon after capture and sent home to their relatives are often the first news received in this country that a man is a prisoner of war.


Very slight hope is now held, however, that your son is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.

Even if no news is received that a missing man is a prisoner of war, endeavours to trace him do not cease. Enquiries are pursued, not only among those who were serving with him, but also through diplomatic channels and the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. The moment reliable news is obtained from any of these sources it is sent to the Department and is immediately passed on to the next of kin.

Should no information be received to the contrary your son will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Agnes Lewandowski,  
925 Albert Road,  
Windsor, Ontario.

Despatch  
Sec. N. 2

10/10/44

A.S. 2

LA/GFM

REGISTERED  
AIR MAIL  
N.S. V-61813 PERS. (N)

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15. January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Lewandowski:

Further to my letter of the 10th October, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Stanley Steve Lewandowski, Stoker Second Class, Official Number V-61813, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", 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 29th of April, 1944.

May I again 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.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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Mrs. Agnes Lewandowski,  
925 Albert Road,  
Windsor, Ontario.



Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 15/1/45  
Time 1800

DECEASED 29 April 1944

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

NAVY

D.D.  
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

LEWANDOWSKI	Stanley Steve	V-61813	Sto.2/C.	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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	3357
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR  
HMCS "ATHABASKAN" May/46  
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS - DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Stanley Lewandowski - Father

ADDRESS: 925 Albert Road,  
Windsor, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. A. Lewandowski

ADDRESS: 925 Albert Road  
WINDSOR, Ontario

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 2185

(2)

(3) 19 February 1945