



CANADA

**ATTESTATION FORM**  
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME OUELLETTE OFFICIAL NO. 150769  
CHRISTIAN NAMES JOSEPH EMMETT VICTOR MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>248 Desmarchais Street, Verdun, Que.</u>	<u>United Church</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>24th May 1923</u>	Town <u>Mon treal</u> County Province <u>Quebec</u>	<u>Father: Mr. Lionel OUELLETTE</u>  <u>Sabrevoix,</u> <u>Que.</u>

\*Original Nationality of:  
Father Fr. Can.  
Mother Fr. Can.

\*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>37½</u>	<u>Blond</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Inches..... <u>7½</u>	Deflated..... <u>35½</u>				
<u>150½</u>	Mean..... <u>36½</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>9th Grade Commercial</u>	<u>Ticket Seller,</u> <u>Canadian Pacific Railway Co.,</u> <u>Three Rivers, Que.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Divisional Strength</u> <u>19th November, 1942</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.

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Records .....  
2. Index Card .....  
3. His Majesty's Forces on .....  
4. Statistical Card .....  
5. Pension Card .....  
6. Pension Card .....  
7. ....  
8. ....  
DATE 1.12.42

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the H.M.C.S. "CARTIER" Division of  
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 19th day of November, 1942

Signature of applicant XX *W. Ouellette*

(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 19th

day of November, 1942

*W. Ouellette*  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, JOSEPH EMMETT VICTOR OUELLETTE 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 *W. Ouellette*

Witness *W. Ouellette*

Date 19th Novemb. er., 1942 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

JOSEPH EMMETT VICTOR OUELLETTE 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 H.M.C.S. "CARTIER" Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

*W. Ouellette*  
Attesting Officer.

Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

19th Nov ember 194 2  
R.C.N.V.R. Division  
(or other establishment) H.M.C.S. "CARTIER"

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.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the SEAMAN Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

*W. Ouellette*  
Signature

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60M-11-40 (7836)  
N.S. 815-11-17

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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Joseph Emmett Victor OUELLETTE*  
in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

*J.P.N.S. 75962*

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-50769</i>
	<i>RMC S "Lantier"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth *24 May, 1923* Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)

Place of Birth *Montreal, Que.* *FATHER: LIONEL*

Place of Residence *248 DESMARENAIS ST. VERDUN, QUE.* *SABREVOIX, QUE.*

Trade brought up to *Ticket Seller* **O.H.F.**

Religion *United Church*

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>19 Nov. '42</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Ser.</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>	<i>36 1/4</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>Blond</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</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

# NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				
	Coartier			Deel. Amm.	19 Jan '42	19 Jan '43	
				On Active Service		20 Jan '43	
	Coartier			Deel. Amm.	20 Jan '43	22 Feb '43	
	Coanville			Deel. Amm.	23 Feb '43	23 July '43	
	Stadacona			" "	24 July '43	12 Sep '43	
	Nike			" "	13 Sep '43	7 Oct '43	
	Nike (Athabaska)			" "	8 Oct '43	19 Jan '44	
	" "			A/A/B	20 Jan '44	29 Apr '44	Reported Missing 28 Apr '44 Capt. "A" Symon. th. Signal 20/1/1945 of Apr. '44. Presumed Dead 29 Apr. 44. E.M.M.O Sig 132109 Jan 45 21061

**Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants**

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
2 Aug '43	SCTW B 20505	





V50769

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-0-629

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V50769

NAME QUELLETTE (Surname) Joseph Emmett Victor (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 24 May, 1923PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Que. OCCUPATION Ticket SellerRELIGION United EDUCATION 9th Grade CommercialRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 248 Desmarchais St., Town Verdun, Province, etc. Que.

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
19	11	42	H.O.	5' 7½"	blond	blue	fair	nil				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Lionel QuelletteADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Lawrence Town Que. Province, etc. Que.

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	
				16	3	43	Passed E.T. I, R.C.N.				
				29	5	43	Marked TR				
				7	5	43	Qual. Anti-Gas 249A#42159				

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. NSR 5769-2  
DATE

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

O.H.F. Received

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From To

S.E.  
APPLICATION  
8773  
RECEIVED

V50769

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME QUELLETTE  
(Surname)

Joseph Emmett Victor  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

*P.L.B.*  
V50769

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.	19	11	42	Div. Str. Montreal	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	A/L.R.3	10	7	43			
" "	"	20	1	43	Active Service D.L. 20-1-43	V.G.	Sat	31	12	43							
Cornwallis	"	22	3	43	D.L. 23-3-43												
Stadacona	"	1	6	43	DRD H-1640												
Cornwallis	"	15	6	43	DRD H-1810												
Stadacona	"	24	7	43	D.R.D. #H-2155.												
Niobe	"	14	9	43	D.R.D. #H-2608.												
Athabasca	"	7	10	43	DRD N-284												
"	A/Able Smn.	20	1	44	Rated Memo 19-1-44												
<del>DISCHARGED</del>	<del>" "</del>	<del>29</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>44</del>	<del>"Missing" per Casualty List</del>	<del>"Presumed Dead"</del>											

GENERAL REMARKS

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GRON			P.	CTV.	TOWN	SER.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
24	5	23	12	8	10	0	40	2	2	27	19	0	04	0	08	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.	ESTR.	A	BR	RANK			
19	11	42	20	01	43					0200	0	08	95			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB		M				CODED	CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
20	01	43	13	08	00	20	29-04-44									

*J. J. [Signature]*



VERIFICATION FOR  
CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL  
NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

NAME IN FULL QUELLETTE Joseph Emmett. Victoria RANK/RATING AB

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUARANTINE	
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO
	20.1.43.					
NIOBE	13.9.43	7.10.43	25			
ATHABASCAN	8.10.43	29.4.44	205			
Disch. Dead						
to date 29/4/44						

VERIFIED BY JRne

VERIFIED BY .....

VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING *A/B* OFF. NO. *V-50769* ADDRESS .....

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE			
						1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
						ATLANTIC	1	<i>Star</i>
						FRANCE G.		
						AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE		
						C.V.S.M.	2	<i>+ Clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *J. Roe* .....

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

REPORTS NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ont.

Name OUELLETTE, Joseph Emmett Victor (Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Able Seaman Official No. V-50769 Unit R.C.N. R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Montreal, Quebec. Date of Birth 24th May, 1923.

Occupation in Civil Life Ticket Seller Religion United Church

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) 19th November, 1942., to 29th April, 1944.

Date of Death 29th April, 1944. Place of Death At sea.

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATLABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

Nearest known relative or friend Name Mr. Lionel Ouellette, Relationship Father, Address Sabrevoix, Quebec.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 1st 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 D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK JAN 19 1945 CLERK No. 1 M.M.O.

H.B. Money for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

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

Date OTTAWA, Ont. 17 Jan., 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.

TFH/JM

R E G I S T E R E D

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-50769 Pers.(N)

9

2 May, 1944

Dear Mr. Ouellette:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 2nd May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Joseph Emmett Victor Ouellette, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-50769 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 Able Seaman Ouellette 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,  
LETTER OF PARTICIPATION by  
PERSONNEL NAVAL

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SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *En*

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Mr. Lionel Ouellette,  
SABREVOIX, P.Q.

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mr. Ouellette:

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.

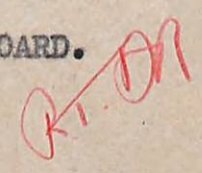
Should no information be received to the contrary your son will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

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

Yours sincerely.

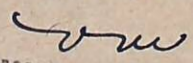


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.



Mr. Lionel Ouellette,  
Sabrevoix, Quebec.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.



Date 10/10/44  
Time 1800

RCNVR "ATHABASKAN" Jan./46  
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON  
ENTITLED TO Mr. Lionel Ouellette - Father

ADDRESS: Sabrevois, Que.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER Unknown

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP .....

REGN. NO. 510

(2)

(3)

DECEASED 29 April 1944

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

**NAVY** ]

D.D. WAR SERVICE RECORDS

OUELLETTE Joseph Emmett Victor		V-50769	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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	6760
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)