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SEP 23 1937  
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CANADA

# ATTESTATION FORM

## FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL RESERVE

SURNAME BELLAZZI OFFICIAL No. A-622

CHRISTIAN NAMES Joseph Olivier FERNAND MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single.

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
No. 10, Lavigueur Street, Quebec, P.-Q., Telephone No. 30197 at Mr. Antoine Loizeau.	Roman Catholic.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
14th of October, 1914.	Town Montreal County Montreal-Delorimier, Province Quebec.	Joseph Bellazzi, 7701, LaSalle Blvd. (Father) Ville LaSalle, P.-Q.,

### PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

Weight without clothes.	HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
167 1/2	Feet 5 Inches 10	Inflated Max. 38" Deflated Min. 34" Mean Mean 36"	Dark brown.	Greyish brown	Dark	Scar vulgaris acné and acné back, scar left leg - vide medical form B-207 dated 24.9.37.

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Friday, 24th day of September, 1937.	Probationary Able Seaman.	Seaman on the s.s. "NEW NORTHLAND", Clarke Steamship Co. Ltd. Quebec, P.-Q. since 30th April, 1937, and he is still aboard on this date.

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

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 Reserve, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) (a) That it is my intention to follow the sea for a period of at least five years from this date.
- ~~---(b) That it is my intention to follow the calling of a Fireman, either at sea or on shore, for a period of five years from this date---~~
- ~~---(c) That it is my intention to follow the sea in an Engine room capacity for a period of five years from this date---~~

NOTE.—Candidates for enrolment as *Seaman* are to cross out clauses (b) and (c) above.

~~Candidates for enrolment as *Stoker* are to cross out clauses (a) and (c) above:—~~

~~Candidates for enrolment as *E.R.A.* are to cross out clauses (a), (b) and (c) above:—~~

~~Candidates for enrolment as *Engineer* are to cross out clauses (a) and (b) above:—~~

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(4) That I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

\*Cross out clause not applicable

(5) 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.

Served in	Rank	From	To

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

(7) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

- (a) To serve from the date thereof for five consecutive years, 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 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 Registrar 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.

(8) I am willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this Twenty-fourth day of the month of Sept. 1937.

*Joseph Olivier Fernand Bellazzi*  
Joseph Olivier (Signature of Applicant) Fernand BELLAZZI

(C)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Joseph Olivier Fernand Bellazzi, do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty.

Signature of Applicant *Joseph Olivier Fernand Bellazzi*  
(Joseph Fernand Olivier Bellazzi)

Witness *J.A.O'Dowd*  
(J.A.O'Dowd);

Date Quebec, 24th Sept. 1937. Rank Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander, RCNR., REGISTRAR.

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

(D)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICIAL

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the man above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration and has taken the oath of

allegiance in my presence this 24th day of September, 1937.

*J.A.O'Dowd*  
(J.A.O'Dowd),  
Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander, R.C.N.R., REGISTRAR.

NOTE.—When this form has been completed it is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

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TRUE COPY  
OF THE  
CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

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*Joseph Oliver Leonard BELLAZZI*

in the Royal Canadian Naval ~~Volunteer~~ Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number..... <i>A622</i>
	<i>Quebec.</i>	" .....
		" .....

Date of Birth..... <i>14 October 1914</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth..... <i>Montreal P.Q.</i>	
Place of Residence..... <i>Yamnes, Doreville 6 P.Q.</i>	
Trade brought up to..... <i>Seaman</i>	
Religion..... <i>Roman Catholic</i>	
Can Swim:—P.P.T. ( ) Date..... 19..... Signature.....	
P.S.T. ( ) Date..... 19..... Signature.....	

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>12 Sep '39.</i>	<i>Hostel.</i>				
<i>Previous Service:</i>						
	<i>24 Sep '37</i>	<i>5 years.</i>				

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>			<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dark</i>	<i>Scar vulgaris acné f.</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service.....								<i>acné back, scar left leg.</i>
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service.....								
Further Description if necessary.....								

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





Name

Conduct

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT  
(Inclusive Dates)

CHARACTER, ABILITY IN RATING ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING, DISCHARGE FROM THE SERVICE, AND ANNUALLY, 31st DECEMBER, WHILE MOBILIZED

From	To	Character	Efficiency in Rating Noting Substantive Rating in Brackets	Date	Captain's Signature
		UG	Sat (A/B)	31 Dec '39	
		UG	Sat (A/L/Sm)	31 Dec '40	
		UG	Sat (A/L/Sm)	31 Dec '41	
		UG	Sat (PO)	31 Dec '42	
		UG	Sat (PO)	29 Jan '43	

R.C.N.V.R.  
GOOD CONDUCT AND GOOD SERVICE BADGES

Date	G.S.B. or G.C.B.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Granted, Deprived, Restored
24 Sep '41	G.S.B.	1	Granted

TIME FORFEITED

Date	P., D.C., C.P., or W.T.	No. of Days	
		Awarded	Served

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BELLAZZI	Joseph Oliver Fernand	0-5740	Skpr.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	6726
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. and Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL  
RCNR June 46 "ESQUIMALT"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO

Mrs. Alberta O. Bellazzi - Widow

47 Ste. Anne,  
Varrennes,

ADDRESS:

VERCHERES Co., Quebec. 5-11-48

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. A. Bellazzi

ADDRESS:

Varrennes, Co. Vercheres, Que.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

deceased

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 562

(2)

28-6-45

(3)





*Permit 21-5-45 yes*

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

# REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S. ESQUIMALT at Sea

Name BELLAZZI, Joseph Oliver Fernand  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Skipper, R.C.N.R. Official No. 0-5740  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Montreal, Que. Date of Birth 14th Oct., 1914

Occupation in Civil Life \_\_\_\_\_ 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) 12 Sept. 1939 - 16th Apr., 1945  
~~30th Jan., 1943~~

Date of Death 16th Apr., 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 Mrs. Alberta Bellazzi Relationship wife  
Address Varrennes,  
Co. Vercheres, Que.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*  
Commanding Officer,

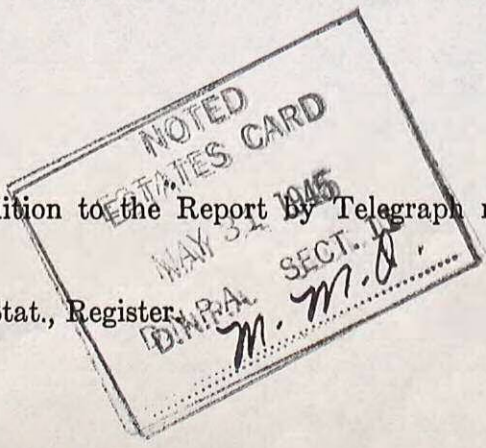
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The NAVAL SECRETARY,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Canada.

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

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C.N.S. 1121  
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N.S. 815-9-1121



14 Dundas Esplanade,  
Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Mai 10, 1945.

0-5740

Mrs. Marie Alberta Bellazzi,  
Varnnes County,  
Quebec.

Chere Madame:

Votre Mari, Joseph, servait sous  
mon command, officier de le navigation, a le temps  
que L'Esquimalt etait torpille et sa vie etait  
perdu.

L'attaque arrivait si vite qu'il  
n'avait pas temps d'echapper et il etait tue tout a  
coup, a cause de l'explosion.

Il etait un homme bien dispose et  
competent dans son devoir, un ami joyeux et bien  
aime de ses camarades.

Je vous offre du fond de mon coeur  
sympathie sincere dans votre affliction.

Je demeare sincerement,

Robert C. Macmillan,  
Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.

P.A.'S CHECKED IN

G.R. BY 



Department of National Defence

**AIR MAIL**

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Naval Service

NO.....

Ottawa, Canada, 9 May, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Bellazzi:

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 husband, Mr. Joseph Olivier Fernand Bellazzi, Skipper, Royal Canadian Naval 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 sea-boat 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Alberta Bellazzi,  
Varrennes,  
County Vercheres, P.Q.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.



By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence  
for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

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To Skipper Joseph O. F. Bellazzi, R.C.N.R.,--

You are hereby appointed

Skipper, R.C.N.R.,

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship AVALON additional for KIPAWA.

Your appointment is to take effect from 25th April, 1944.

P.A.'S CHECKED IN  
C.R. BY *[Signature]*

*E.M.*  
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*Joseph Jeffrey*

Secretary, Naval Board

*DN*  
Department of National Defence  
Naval Service

Ottawa. 3rd May, 194 4.

AVALON additional for NORTHERN GEM, (Temp).

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

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NAME BELLAZZI, Joseph Olivier Fernand DATE OF BIRTH 14 October, 1914.  
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Delorimer, P.Q. OCCUPATION Seaman.RELIGION Roman Catholic. EDUCATIONRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Town Varenes, Province, etc. Quebec.

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
24	9	37	5 years.	5'10"	Dk. Brn.	Grey-Brown	Dark	Scar, Vulgaris acne and ance-back. Scar left leg.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Albertas BellazziADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Town Varenes Province, etc. Quebec

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	
				18	2	38	Passed Educational Test 1.				
				18	2	38	Passed for A.B.				
				28	10	40	Passed Prof. for Idg. Smn.				

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				
24	9	41	1st GSB	Granted									

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

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From

To



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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

BELLAZZI,

Joseph Olivier Fernand

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

A-622

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
Stadacona Active Service	A.B.	9	1	38	20/2/38. Training.	V.G.	Sat.				Q.R. 3	15	6	40	14	11	41
Stadacona	A.B.	12	9	39													
Gaspe	A.B.	21	9	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
Stadacona	A.B.	21	5	40	"Elk" 10-9-40	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Elk	A/Ldg. Smn. (Ty)	1	12	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Elk	P.O.	14	11	41	Advanced (memo 27-11-41)												
Stadacona	"	6	8	42	DRD												
Cornwallis	"	7	8	42	DRD												
Stadacona	"	2	2	43	(DRD H-587)												
DISCHARGED	"	29	1	43	On promotion to Skipper, RCNR (app't. of 3.4.43)	V.G.	Sat.	29	1	43							

GENERAL REMARKS

Enrolled Quebec District  
Confirmed A.B. 24-9-37.

*11 Days leave from 15.3.43 on leave  
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14 11 41 09 12 30 29-01-43 CC HR*

OFFICIAL NUMBER | FILE NUMBER **23-B-47** | **0-5740** | OFFICIAL NUMBER **0-5740**  
 NAME **BELLAZZI** (Surname) | **Joseph Olivier Fernand** (Given Names) | DATE OF BIRTH **14 October, 1914**

PLACE OF BIRTH **Montreal, Quebec.** | OCCUPATION **Seaman on the s.s. "New Northland"**  
 RELIGION **R.C.** | EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town **Varenes,** Province, etc. **P.Q.**

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
30	1	43	During Pleasure.	5' 10"	Dark Brown	Brown	Dark	Scar vulgaris acne and acne back. Scar left leg.	RCNR O.N. A622	P.O.	24-9-	29-1-43

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *wife* | NAME (in pencil) *Mrs. Alberta Bellazzi*  
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town *Varenes* 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	

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. 4304-6**  
**DATE**

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

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