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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME SOUCISSE OFFICIAL NO. V-836
CHRISTIAN NAMES Paul Edward MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
<u>4624 Marcell Avenue, N.D.G., Montreal, Que.</u>	<u>R.C.</u>

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>31st March, 1921</u>	Town <u>Montreal</u>	<u>FATHER: Victor</u>
*Original Nationality of:	County	<u>same address</u>
Father <u>Fr. Can.</u>	Province <u>Quebec</u>	
Mother <u>American</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 1/2</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>nil</u>
Inches <u>7 1/2</u>	Deflated <u>35 1/2</u>				
<u>143 1/2</u>	Mean <u>36</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Tenth Grade Commercial</u>	<u>Ledger Keeper, Bank of Montreal Head Office</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>24th February, 1942</u>	<u>Ordinary Coder</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 [redacted] 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>////</u>	<u>////</u>	<u>////</u>	<u>////</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.....**CARTIER**.....Division of the 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 **24th**.....day of **February, 1942**.....

Signature of applicant **XX** *E. P. Soucisse*.....

(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 **24th**.....day of **February, 1942**.....

Yvon Dupie
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, **Paul Edward SOUCISSE**.....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** *E. P. Soucisse*.....

Witness *Yvon Dupie*.....

Date **24th February, 1942**..... Rank **Sub-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**

Paul Edward SOUCISSE.....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 **CARTIER**.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

Yvon Dupie
Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.
R.C.N.V.R. Division
(or other establishment) **CARTIER**

24th February.....194**2**.....

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 included to enter the **Communications** Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

E. P. Soucisse
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Paul Edward SOUCISSE

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <u>Y-836</u>
H.M.C.S. "ST HYACINTHE"	CARTIER	"
		"

Date of Birth <u>31st March, 1921</u>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth <u>Montreal, Quebec</u>	<u>Anne Grace (mother)</u>
Place of Residence <u>4624 Marcil Ave. Montreal</u>	<u>4624 MARCIL AVE,</u>
Trade brought up to <u>Ledger - Keeper</u>	<u>N. D. G.,</u>
Religion <u>R.C.</u>	<u>MONTREAL, QUEB.</u>
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	
18 Feb 42	24 Feb 42	duration	Ord. Coder	<u>21 Nov 43</u>		<u>awarded Ribbon for 1939-43 Star.</u>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	5	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	36	143 $\frac{1}{2}$	Brown	Brown	Fair	nil
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

V836

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-S-2184

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V836

NAME SOUCISSE Paul Edward DATE OF BIRTH 31st March, 1921.

PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Quebec. OCCUPATION Ledger Keeper. RELIGION Roman Catholic. EDUCATION Grade 10 Commercial.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 4624 Marcell Ave., Town Montreal Province, etc. Que.

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) Father NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Victor Soucisse ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 4624 Marcell Ave., Town Montreal Province, etc. Quebec

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

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. (Date, 1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S., Granted Deprived Restored); BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date, BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT).

FILM NO. WAR 5180-3 DATE

Table with columns: SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (From, To); DAYS FORFEITED (Date, Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.); O.H.F. Received. Ins. Book, Montreal, Que.



V836 OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME SOUCISSE Paul Edward (Surname) (Given Names) P.I.B. V836 OFFICIAL NUMBER

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. Coder	24	2	42	Cartier Div. Str.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
	" "	6	4	42	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
St Hyacinthe	" "	3	6	42		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	" "	20	7	42	D.R.D.												
Tribal 11	" "	28	10	42	DRD												
Niobe (Athabaskan)	" "	5	11	42	(218807)												
"	Coder.	6	4	43	249A #19430												
<u>Discharged</u>		29	4	44	"Missing".												

Presumed Dead per Casualty List Page 70.

GENERAL REMARKS
 AWARDED Canadian Memorial Cross
 MOTHER: Mrs Victor Soucisse,
 4624 Marcell Ave.,
 N.D.G. MONTREAL, Que.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH			CIVIL OCCU.			RELI.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE OF ENLISTMENT		
DY	MO	YR	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK			
31	3	21	12	830	0	103	2	23	02	0	04	0	09	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				
24	02	42	06	04	42					0230	0	09	94				
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB.			M	CODED			CHECKED						
DY	MO	YR	CAT.	A	B	ST.											
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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. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS OTTAWA, Ont.

Name SOUCISSE Paul Edward
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Coder Official No. V-936 Unit R.C.N.
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Montreal, Que Date of Birth 31 March, 1921

Occupation in Civil Life Ledger Keeper 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 24 February, 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. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)
and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mr. Victor Soucisse Relationship Father
Address 4624 Avenue Parcil
MONTREAL, Que.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship 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
D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
JAN 19 1945
G.P.
CLERK No. 1

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

H.B. Money
(Commanding Officer) J.M.C.
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
Date 18th January, 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.

1 May, 1944.

Dear Mr. Soucisse:

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, Paul Edward Soucisse, Coder, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Official Number V-836, 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 Coder Soucisse 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.

Mr. Victor Soucisse,
4624 Marcell Avenue,

N. D. G. Montreal, Que.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mr. Soucisse,

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.

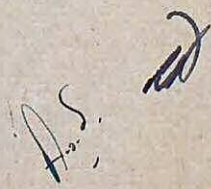
Should no information be received to the contrary your son will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

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

Yours sincerely,


 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.


 Mr. Victor Soucisse,
 4624 Avenue Marcell,
 Montreal,
 Quebec.

 Despatched by
 Sec. N. B.
 

 Date 10/10/44
 Time 1800
 

30th July, 1948.

Dear Mrs. Soucisse:

Your letter to Colonel E.A. Baker, President of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Toronto, Ontario, respecting your son, the late Coder Paul E. Soucisse, V-836, has been referred direct to me for attention.

It is regretted that Naval Headquarters is unable to offer you any hope that your son is alive. Since the time of the tragedy the Canadian Naval Authorities Overseas have been constantly attempting to obtain information regarding Naval personnel missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" from various sources, included among which are the diplomatic and Service channels and the Army Graves Service, London, which operates under the War Office and is responsible for tracing the graves of British Commonwealth Servicemen. Any authentic information which has been received has been forwarded to Naval Headquarters for transmission to the next-of-kin.

On their arrival back in the United Kingdom the prisoners of war from this ship were closely interrogated in an effort to obtain news. Later, a thorough check was made of the German Casualty Records which were captured practically intact. However, little information was gained from these records.

No hope can be given to you that your son is an amnesia or mental patient in any hospital in Canada or overseas. At the time of the mishap France was under German occupation and eighty-five prisoners of war were taken on landing ashore in France from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN". The possibility of a man landing undetected is extremely remote and due to existing wartime conditions in England at the time the possibility of his returning to England or elsewhere and being placed in a hospital there without a thorough checkback being made as to his identity, would appear highly unlikely.

At the present time of the 126 officers and men initially listed as missing, it is known that approximately 70 bodies were recovered shortly after the disaster, and buried along the coast of Finistere, France, at Brignogan, Plouescat, Santez and L'Aberwrach. Of the bodies which were recovered only three were definitely identified.

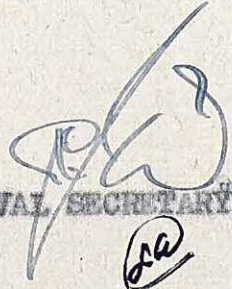
The War Office, London, England, expects that the bodies of Canadians will in due course all be disinterred and reburied in proper consecrated Canadian cemeteries on the Continent. It may be possible at that time to definitely identify some of the remains now buried as unidentified by means of dental charts and physical particulars available at present in the Department.

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A copy of your letter is being referred for attention to the Canadian Naval Authorities Overseas and should any further information have been received recently regarding your son you will be informed.

Your son's snapshots is returned.

Yours very truly,



NAVAL SECRETARY.

Encl.

Mrs. Victor Soucisse,
4624 Marcell Avenue,
MONTREAL, Quebec.

Despatched to
N. Sec.
Date
Time

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VERIFICATION FORM
 CE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NG *Coder* OFF. NO. *V-836* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
						1939-45	/	<i>star</i>
						ATLANTIC	/	<i>star</i>
						FRANCE G.		
						AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
<i>4-44</i>						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE		
						C.V.S.M.		<i>2 clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945	/	<i>medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *P.L.*

RCNVR April 46 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mr. Victor C. Soucisse - Father

ADDRESS: 4624 Marcil Avenue, N.D.G.
Montreal, Que.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. V. Soucisse

ADDRESS: 4624 Marcil Ave., Notre Dame de Grace
Montreal, Que.

MEMORIAL BAR

¹DATE DESP

REGN. NO

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SOUCISSE Paul Edward		V-836	Coder	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	7740 16/1/50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)