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ATTESTATION FORM NS 92632

FOR OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

(A) DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

SURNAME..... <u>WARD</u>	PERMANENT ADDRESS	
CHRISTIAN NAME..... <u>LESLIE</u>	158 Nelville Park Blvd.	
RELIGION..... <u>C. OF E.</u>	Toronto Ont.	
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
14th July 1907	Town <u>Leeds ENGLAND</u> County Province Country	Wife, Margaret Same Address

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... <u>5</u>	Inflated..... <u>42</u>	Grey Black	Blue	Dark	Piece out of left ear.
Inches..... <u>8½</u>	Deflated..... <u>37</u>				
<u>169 lbs</u>	Mean..... <u>39½</u>				
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RANK IN WHICH ENROLLED	MARRIED, SINGLE, OR WIDOWER	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY		
ACTIVE SERVICE 30th July 1943	PROB. SUB/LT. (SB) RCNVR (T)	MARRIED	Journalist The Toronto Evening Telegram Bay & Melinda Sts. Toronto Ont.		

(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 an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and will 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.

* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
		- - - - -	

(c) I have never been rejected for 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.

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Noted in Service

Records by LB

18/8/43

(5) On being enrolled as an Officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I understand and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for as long as my services may be required, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the regulations made in pursuance thereof for the governing 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 provide myself with the necessary uniform as laid down in R.C.N.V.R. Regulations.

Dated this 30th day of July 19 43

L Ward
Signature of Applicant.

The above declaration was made and signed in my presence this 30th day of July 19 43

My authority for attestation is RD 2-5-1 W, 26th July 1943

D Stachel
Signature of Enrolling Officer.

(C)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I Leslie Ward 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 *L Ward*

Signature of Officer administering the Oath *D Stachel*

Rank Sub-Lieut. RCNVR

Date 30th July 1943

The Oath of Allegiance must be administered by a commissioned officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—This form when completed is to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, together with Certificate of medical examination B-207, and record of any previous service.

The record of previous service will be returned after examination at Naval Service Headquarters.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

103-W-372

0-76040

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

WARD
(Surname)

Leslie
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 11 July 1907

PLACE OF BIRTH

Leeds, England

OCCUPATION

Journalist

RELIGION

Church of England

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

158 Melville Park Blvd.

Town

Toronto

Province, etc

Ont.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
30	7	43	H.O.	5'8 1/2"	Grey Black	Blue	Dark	Piece out lf lt. ear			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Wife

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs. Margaret H. Ward

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

607 Melville Park Ave

Town

Toronto

Province, etc

Ont 23/2/48

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	

change of address

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. W.R. 4461-6
D. E.

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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OFFICIAL NUMBER NAME **WARD** **Leslie** OFFICIAL NUMBER
 (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	
H.M.C.S. York	Lieut.(S.B.)T.	30	7	43														
H.M.C.S. Bytown	Lieut.(S.B.)T.	2	8	43	addl. for duty with Director of Naval Information						} Per Amended Appt. 12.8.43							
H.M.C.S. Cornwallis	Lieut.(S.B.)T.	1	9	43	addl. for training and disposal													
H.M.C.S. Bytown	Lieut.(S.B.)T.	5	10	43	addl. for duty with Director of Naval Information													
H.M.C.S. Avalon	Lieut.(S.B.)T.	5	4	44	addl. for service passage to the U.K.													
H.M.C.S. Niobe	Lieut.(S.B.)T.				addl. on staff of Sr. Canadian Naval Off.(London) for duty with Ch. Public Relations Off.													
DISCHARGED	" " "	29	4	44	Missing - after sinking of H.M.C.S. Athabaskan Per Casualty List												Appt. 30.3.44	
					Presumed Dead - 29-4-44-													per Correction No. 62

GENERAL REMARKS

Memorial Cross Sent to Wife:
 Mrs. Margaret J. Ward
 60 Victoria Park Ave.,
 Toronto, Ont. 6-3-45

Memorial Cross Sent to Mother:
 Mrs. Robert Ward
 6 Norway Ave.,
 Toronto, Ont. 17-4-45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELIGION	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT				
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB.	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A.	BR.	RANK		
14	7	07	22	20	3	0	30	X	1	56	14	0	23	0	11	09
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			
30	07	43	30	07	43					9740	D	11	09			
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB.		M.				CODED	CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.										
02	08	43	09				62	29	04	44						

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY 84

~~NAVAL SERVICE~~ NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, OTTAWA, Ontario

Name..... **WARD, Leslie**
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating..... **Lieutenant (S.B.)**..... Official No..... Unit..... } **R.C.N.
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.**

Place of Birth..... **Leeds, England**..... Date of Birth..... **July, 14, 1907**

Occupation in Civil Life..... **Journalist**..... Religion..... **Church of England**

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 30th July, 1943, 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..... **Mrs. Margaret D. Ward**..... Relationship..... **Wife**
Address..... **92 Courcellette Road,
TORONTO, Ont.**

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.....

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D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
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H.B. Money
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for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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

Date..... **12 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.

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N.S. 0-76040. PERS.(N)

1st May, 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Ward:

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 husband, Lieutenant (Special Branch) Leslie Ward, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your husband'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 Lieutenant Ward 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 husband 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

LETTER dispatched by
PERSONNEL NAVAL
2 1944
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

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Mrs. Margaret D. Ward,
26 Bellwood Avenue,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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N.S. O-76040 Pers. (N)

14th September, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Ward:

With reference to your letter of the 2nd of September, 1944, I regret to inform you that no information has been received in the Department that your husband is a prisoner of war in German hands.

The International Red Cross and the Department of External Affairs have been endeavouring to obtain from the German Government a complete list of prisoners of war from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", but at the present time the names of only twenty-nine men have been officially reported by the German authorities.

Eighty-five men are now known to be prisoners of war from this ship. A list of these names was compiled from the twenty-nine names officially communicated and from capture cards and letters which have been forwarded to next of kin by prisoners of war from German camps. Five of these prisoners of war, however, have returned to the United Kingdom.

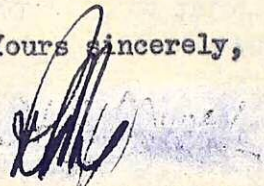
Death has not been presumed for any of the missing personnel from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" up to the present time.

It is regretted that very slight hope is now held for your husband's survival. If no information is received to the contrary it is probable that a presumption of death will be made for your husband later and you will be informed accordingly.

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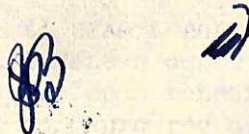
The portion of your letter regarding personal effects has been passed to The Administrator of Estates, Estates Branch, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, for his attention.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Margaret D. Ward,
92 Courcellette Road,
TORONTO, Ontario.



Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

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Date 16/9/44
Time 1230

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AIR MAIL

N.S. 0-76040 PERS(N)

1/3 January, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Ward:

Further to my letter of the 4th of October, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Lieutenant (S.B.) Leslie Ward, 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,

[Signature]
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Margaret D. Ward,
92 Courcelette Road,
TORONTO, Ont.

A.S. *[Signature]*

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 15/1/45
Time 800

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS (NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

WARD, Leslie		0-76040	Lt (SB)	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT
<u>WAR SERVICE</u>				
<u>BADGE</u>				
(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:		

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	
	699 — 9-2-50

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCNVR. "Athabaskan" Oct. 45

N/A.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mrs. Margaret D. Ward - Widow

ADDRESS: 92 Courcelette Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW Mrs. Margaret D. Ward

ADDRESS: 60 Victoria Park Ave., Toronto, Ont.

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. Robert Ward

ADDRESS: 6 Norway Ave., Toronto, Ont.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)
DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 2195

(2)
6-3-45

(3)
17-4-45