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ATTESTATION FORM
(HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BEAUCHAMP OFFICIAL No. V.55085
CHRISTIAN NAMES JOSEPH FLORIDA ANDRE MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS 5532-3rd Avenue, Rosemount, Montreal, Que. RELIGION Roman Catholic

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
5th March 1924	Town <u>Montreal</u> County Province <u>Quebec</u>	Person Mother: <u>Mrs Antoinette</u> <u>Same Address</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>34</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Grey</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Inches <u>6</u>	Deflated <u>30</u>				
<u>119</u>	Mean <u>32</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>7th Grade Commercial</u>	<u>Assembler</u> <u>Canadian Car & Foundry Co.,</u> <u>Montreal, Que.</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED
<u>Divisional Strength</u> <u>22nd February, 1943</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.

~~X (b) I served in~~ ~~the period shown and attach my~~

~~copy of service record in support of this statement~~

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM
NOT APPLICABLE		

Personal Records Division	
1. Noted in Records	<i>[Signature]</i>
2. Index Card	<i>[Signature]</i>
3. Non-Sub. Card	
4. Statistical Card	<i>[Signature]</i>
5. Roneo Strip	
6. Pension Card	
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8. DATE	<u>4-2-44</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 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 Ord. Seaman by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1943

Signature of applicant XX Andre Beauchamp

(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 22nd

day of February, 1943

My authority for attestation is.....

JCH Able
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

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

(D) **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

I, JOSEPH FLORIDA ANDRE BEAUCHAMP 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 Andre Beauchamp

Witness JCH Able

Date 22nd February, 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

Joseph Florida André BEAUCHAMP

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

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Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-55085</i>
	<i>H.M.C.S. "Coutier"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>5 March 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)
Place of Birth <i>Montreal, P.Q.</i>	<i>MOTHER</i>
Place of Residence <i>5532 3rd Ave. Rosemount, Montreal, P.Q.</i>	<i>ANTOINETTE</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Assembler</i>	<i>Paroissiale</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>22 Feb 43</i>	<i>Duration of Hostilities</i>	<i>Ord. Imm.</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Grey</i>	<i>Medium</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

V55085 OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER 113-B-4912

OFFICIAL NUMBER V55085

NAME BEAUCHAMP (Surname) Joseph Florida Andre (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 5th March, 1924.

PLACE OF BIRTH Montreal, Quebec OCCUPATION Assembler:

RELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION 7th grade commercial

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 5532 - 3rd Avenue, Rosemount Town Montreal 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
22	2	43	H.O.	5'6"	Brown	Grey	Medium	Nil				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother (See Remarks) NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Antoinette Beauchamp ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 5532 - 3rd Ave Rosemount Town Montreal Province, etc. Que. E.T. 43

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	
				14	6	43	Qual. Anti-Gas, one day.				
				16	7	43	Qual. "TR" (249A#42374)				

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. WSR 5903-4 DATE

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. APPLICATION 20770 RECEIVED 9/6/45

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BEAUCHAMP
(Surname)

Joseph Florida Andre
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V55085

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Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Reclassified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
HMCS "CARTIER"	Ord. Smn.	22	2	43	Div. Strength Cartier	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43.							
" "	"	8	3	43	A/S D.L. 9-3-43	V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
" Cornwallis	"	5	5	43	DL 5-5-43. Caribou V/O. 10/7/43--13/7/43												
Stadacona	"	19	7	43	DRD H-2110												
Shawinigan	"	21	7	43	DRD H2122												
"	Able Smn.,	8	3	44	Rated, 249A A4204.												
DISCHARGED:	" "	24	11	44	"Missing". Casualty List.												

Presumed Dead.

GENERAL REMARKS

*Due to ill health of mother
any correspondence concerning
A. B. Beauchamp is to be
sent to:*

*Paul E. Beauchamp
2149. Rosemount Blvd
Apt 5 Montreal 36
Quebec*

Per letter of 12/12/44 on file

Canadian Memorial Cross Awarded to;
Mother (c/o Brother);
Mr. Paul E. Beauchamp,
2149 Rosemount Blvd., Apt. 5
MONTREAL, 36, Que. 26-3-45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	P.	CTY.	TOWNSHIP	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR.	RANK	
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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		
22	02	43	08	03	43					2530	0	08	95		
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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at sea.

Name *André* Joseph Florida BEAUCHAMP
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating A. B. Official No. V-55085 R.G.V. V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Montreal, P. Q. Date of Birth 5 March, 1924.

Occupation in Civil Life Assembler 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) Active Service 8 March, 1943 - 24 Nov., 1944.

Date of Death 24 November, 1944. Place of Death At sea.

Cause of Death Enemy action. Ship lost at sea.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Antoinette Beauchamp Relationship Mother
Address 5532 3rd Ave., Rosemount, Montreal, P. Q.

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 Not known.

Place of Burial (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

H. Pagan
Commanding Officer,

11/4 1945

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.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

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M. M. C.
14/4/45

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AIR MAIL

N.S. V-55085, PERS.(N) 9

29 November, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Beauchamp:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th of November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Joseph Florida Andre Beauchamp, Able Seaman, Official Number V-55085, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your son is missing at sea when the ship in which he was serving was lost. Please be assured, however, that as soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for your son's survival. When it is considered, beyond all reasonable doubt, that no further hope exists and should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of death will be made by the Canadian Naval Authorities.

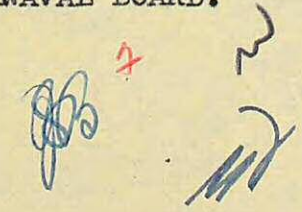
It is requested that, for security reasons, you regard the name of the ship in which your son was serving, as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Your sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Antoinette Beauchamp,
5532 - 3rd Avenue,
ROSEMOUNT, MONTREAL, P.Q.



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AIR MAIL
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N.S. V-55085 PERS(N)

7 December, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Beauchamp:

Further to my letter of the 29th of November, 1944, details of the disaster in which your son has been reported missing are now being released.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", a Royal Canadian Navy corvette, was lost while on operational duty at sea. Seven officers, including her Captain, Lieutenant W. J. Jones, R.C.N.R., and seventy-eight ratings are missing. The bodies of five other ratings have been recovered and identified. There are no known survivors.

It is requested that you will regard this information as confidential until an official announcement is made.

May I again express sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,



SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Antoinette Beauchamp,
5532-3rd Avenue,
ROSEMOUNT, MONTREAL, P.Q.

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N.S. V-55085, PERS.(N)

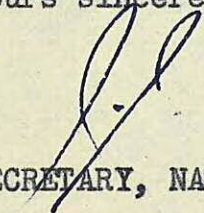
15 February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Beauchamp:

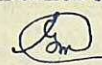
Further to my letter of the 7th of December, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length time which has elapsed since your son, Joseph Florida Andre Beauchamp, Able Seaman, Official Number V-55085, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", and as no news has since been received to the contrary, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 24th of November, 1944.


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 son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Antoinette Beauchamp,
c/o Mr. Paul E. Beauchamp,
2149 Rosemount Blvd.,
Apt. 5,
MONTREAL, P. Q.


Despatched by
Sec. N. B.


Date 5.2.45
Time 1800

REGISTERED

28 August, 1945.

N.S. V-55085, PERS(N) 'N' 5

Dear Mrs. Beauchamp:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your son's ship and I am accordingly passing on the following particulars which will, no doubt, be of interest to you.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" sailed from Sydney, N.S., on the 24th of November, 1944, to escort a merchant ship to Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and arrived off Port Aux Basques that night. In accordance with orders she was then to carry out a patrol in the area for the duration of the night, after which she was to meet the same merchant ship the next morning and return with her to Sydney.

The merchant ship arrived in Sydney unescorted on the night of the 25th of November and after it was ascertained that "SHAWINIGAN" had not appeared at the designated rendezvous to provide escort as instructed, searches were instituted and "SHAWINIGAN" was discovered to be missing.

It was the opinion of the Department at the time that the ship had been torpedoed by an enemy submarine during the night of the 24th/25th of November, 1944, as submarines were known to be operating in that area; and this has since been confirmed from German evidence. Although no survivors were found, a few bodies were recovered by later searches, due to tidal movements, some distance from the area in which "SHAWINIGAN" was known to be operating. As a result, the position of the sinking can not be exactly ascertained, although from German evidence and the Department's computation, it is estimated to be in the vicinity of the three mile limit off Channel Head, near Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Despatched Yours sincerely,
Sec. N. B.

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Date 29.8.45
Time 1200

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Approval on N.S.O-3690
F.D.76 - See also
NSS 1156-331/93

Mrs. Antoinette Beauchamp,
c/o Mr. Paul E. Beauchamp,
2149 Rosemount Blvd., Apt. 5,
MONTREAL, Que.

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BEAUCHAMP Joseph Florida Andre

V-55085

A.B.

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 MEDALSREGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED

1939-45 Star

Atlantic Star

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR May 46 "SHAWINIGAN"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Antoinette Beauchamp - Mother

ADDRESS: 5532 - 3rd Ave., Rosemount,
MONTREAL, Que.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)
DATE DESP.....

REGN NO.....

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