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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME..... ZBARSKY OFFICIAL NO. *U-37720.*
CHRISTIAN NAMES..... Ralph MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER *Single*

PERMANENT ADDRESS
207 Ave. H, Saskatoon, Sask.
RELIGION
Hebrew

DATE OF BIRTH
23 October, 1924
*PLACE OF BIRTH
Town *Saskatoon,*
County
Province *Sask.*
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
*Mr. Jack Zbarsky (father)
207 Ave. H,
Saskatoon, Sask.*

*Original Nationality of:
Father *Russian*
Mother *Russian*

*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 <i>5</i>	Inflated <i>39</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Crooked index finger, left Hand</i>
Inches <i>8</i>	Deflated <i>37</i>				
	Mean <i>38</i>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING
2 Yrs. Univ. of Sask.
TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
Student

DATE OF ENROLMENT
April 27th, 1942
RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED
*Ordinary Seaman
(Temp.)*
R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT,
AT WHICH ENROLLED
H.M.C.S. UNICORN

(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

(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 H.M.C.S. UNICORN 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 27th day of April, 1942

Signature of applicant R. Zbanky

(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 27th day of April, 1942

J.B. Foubister
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieut V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Laysh Zbanky 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 R. Zbanky

Witness J.B. Foubister

Date 27th April, 1942 Rank Sub-Lieut., 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

Laysh Zbanky 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. UNICORN Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

J.B. Foubister
Attesting Officer.

27th April, 1942 R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) H.M.C.S. UNICORN

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.

Parents Naturalized, 1926

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.

R. Zbanky
Signature

*Copy on board
"Esquimaux"*

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Ralph ZBARSKY

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimaux</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>R.M.C.S. "Unicorn"</i>	Official Number <i>V-37720</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth *23 October, 1924*

Place of Birth *Saskatoon, Sask.*

Place of Residence *207 - Ave H. St. Saskatoon, Sask.*

Trade brought up to *Student*

Religion *Hebrew*

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date *4 June* 19*42* Signature *J.B. Foubert* Rank *1/Lt*

P.S.T. Date 19 Signature Rank

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)

MOTHER:—*Ethel*
6069 Larkspur St.
Vancover B.C.

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>10 Feb. '42</i>	<i>27 Apr '42</i>	<i>Statutory term</i>	<i>Ordn.</i>	<i>15 Apr. '45</i>		<i>Personally awarded C.V.S.R. and clasp.</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>dark brown</i>	<i>hazel</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>hooked index finger left hand</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

V37720

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-Z-63

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V37720

NAME

ZBARSKY
(Surname)Ralph
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 23 October 1924

PLACE OF BIRTH

Saskatoon, Sask.

OCCUPATION

Student

RELIGION

Hebrew

EDUCATION

2 Yrs. University

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

207 Avenue H.

Town

Saskatoon

Province, etc.

Sask

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
27	4	42	H.O.	5' 8"	D. Brown	Hazel	Fair	Crooked index finger left hand				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Mother
6669 Bantier St

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs. Ethel Zbarsky
Vancouver

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Province, etc.

B.C.

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	
				5	5	42	Passed Educ. Test I. RCN				
				17	8	42	P.P.T. (Fair)				
				7	7	42	Passed E.T. One RCN				
				16	2	45	Qual. Idg. Smn. Basic date 15-11-44				
				23	6	42	Qual. A/G. 2 days				
				3	9	42	Marked "Tr"				

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		

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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SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

FILM
NO. FW SR 5626-1
DATE



V37720 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME ZBARSKY Ralph
(Surname) (Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V37720

P.I.B.

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. Unicorn	Ord. Seaman	27	4	42	Div. Str. Saskatoon	V.G.	Sat.	23	10	42	P/R.D.F.2	12	7	43			
" "	" "	1	5	42	Active Service	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42	Radar 111	12	7	43			
" Naden	" "	16	6	42	D.L.	V.G.	Supr.	3	1	44							
BURRARD	" "	11	9	42	EDO 1457 (RCE Tr. Centre)	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Naden	" "	23	3	43	DRD #804	V.G.	Supr.	16	4	45							
"	A/A.B.	1	5	43	249A/5930												
"	A.B.	1	5	43	249A/14004												
Stadacona	"	21	6	43	DRD H-1856												
Avalon	"	24	7	43	DRD #2150												
Esquimalt	"	6	10	43	DRD A-853												
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	"Killed in action" per Casualty list.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to Mother:
Mrs. Ethel Zbarsky,
6069 Cartier Street,
Vancouver, B.C. 28.6.45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL		OCCU.		RELI. ED		PERM. RESIDENCE		PREV. ENL.		RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GTOR	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV.	DIV.	A	BR	RANK			
23	0	24	19	X	X	0	90	27	11	29	0	22	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.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK				
27	04	42	01	05	42					3200			108	94			
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		TT		CODED		CHECKED						
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.											
01	05	43	13	6	00		HK										

W.P. J.P.

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

CB

H.M.C.S. ESQUIMAULT at Sea

Name ZARSKY, Ralph (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating 1st Able Seaman Official No. V-37720 RCNR
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Saskatoon, Sask. Date of Birth 23rd Oct., 1924

Occupation in Civil Life Student Religion Hebrew

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) 27th April, 1942 - 16th April, 1945

Date of Death 16th April, 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. Ethel Zarsky Relationship mother
Address 6069 Cartier St., Vancouver, B.C.

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 Vancouver, B.C. (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 *****

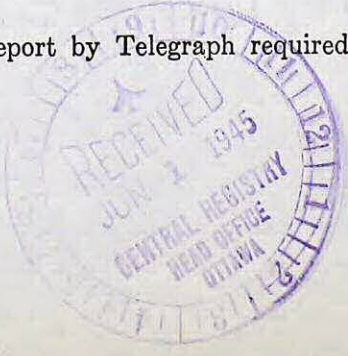
Al. Gagan
Commanding Officer,
.....194.....

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.

C.N.S. 1121
15M-7-40 (5849)
N.S. 815-9-1121



Handwritten initials

19 April, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Zbarsky:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 17th of April, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Ralph Zbarsky, Able Seaman, Official Number V-37720, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been killed in action.

For security reasons, the only information which may be released at this time is that your son's death was due to enemy action.

As you are aware, his body was recovered and, in accordance with your wishes, is being sent, at public expense, to Vancouver, B.C. You will be informed of the date and time of arrival by the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "BURRARD", Vancouver, who will be pleased to assist you in making any necessary arrangements for the funeral. The Protestant Chaplain, Rev. J.L.L. Graham, Royal Canadian Navy, who has already contacted you, is also available should you require any further assistance.

It is requested that you will regard the name of the ship in which he was serving, together with the fact that she has been in contact with the enemy, as secret until an official announcement is made.

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. Ethel Zbarsky,
6069 Cartier St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

LA/YB

REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

N.S. V-37720, PERS.(N)

7 May, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Zbarsky:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I am passing on the following particulars regarding the loss of H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which your son was serving. This information is now being released for publication.

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 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 seaboard 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 mine-sweeper, 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."

May I again express the sincere sympathy of the Department with you in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

LG
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Ethel Zbarsky,
6069 Cartier St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

A/A
D.P.R./S.
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

MD
Date *8/5/45*
Time *12:00*

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Jan. 46 "ESQUIMALT"

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Jack Zbarsky - Father

ADDRESS: 6069 Cartier Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Ethel Zbarsky

ADDRESS: 156 Talisman Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

ADDRESS:

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN. NO

628

(2)

(3)

28-6-45

D OF D 16-4-45

D.D.

ZBARSKY Ralph

V-37720

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 MEDALS

REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED

1939-45 Star

Atlantic Star

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

8559- 16-1-50.

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)