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CANADA

## ATTESTATION FORM

(HOSTILITIES FORM)

### FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BODEUX OFFICIAL NO. V.35249

CHRISTIAN NAMES Joseph Marcel MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER SINGLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS	RELIGION
4805 Macleod Trail, CALGARY, Alberta.	R. C.

DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
16th Dec '17	Town <u>CALGARY,</u> County <u>Alberta.</u> Province	Mother, Mrs. Jane Bodeux, same as above.
*Original Nationality of:		
Father <u>Belgium</u>		
Mother <u>"</u>		

\*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page.

### PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... <u>5</u>	Inflated..... <u>39</u>	Brown	Blue	Fair	Scar on left knee scar on right ankle
Inches..... <u>10</u>	Deflated..... <u>38</u>				
.....	Mean..... <u>37</u>				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
11th Dec '41	Ord. Smn. RCNVR (T)	Boiler maker's Helper.
R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) at which enrolled <u>CALGARY</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 \_\_\_\_\_ for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.~~

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM

(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.

Personnel Records Division	
1. Noted in Records <i>Elps</i>	
2. Index Card	
3. Non-Sub. Card	
4. Statistical Card	
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6. Pension Card	
7. _____	
8. _____	

(3) On being enrolled as a member of the.....CALGARY.....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.....11th.....day of.....December, 1941.....

Signature of applicant.....*Joseph M Bodeux*.....

(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.....11th.....day of.....December, 1941.....

*A. C. M. Gowan Lieut.*  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Joseph Marcel BODEUX.....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.....*Joseph M Bodeux*.....

Witness.....*A. C. M. Gowan*.....

Date.....11th December, 1941..... Rank.....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

Joseph Marcel BODEUX.....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.....CALGARY.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

*Lieut. A. C. M. Gowan*  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R. Attesting Officer.

.....11th December,.....1941..... R.C.N.V.R. Division  
(or other establishment).....CALGARY.....

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.

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MILITIA ACT

National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940

ENROLMENT

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

REGIMENTAL No. M 477859

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Militia Unit taken On Strength Calgary Highlanders

1. Surname (Block Letters) BODEUX

2. Christian Names (In Full) Joseph Marcel

1007 3. Present Address 4805 McLeod Trail, Calgary, Alberta.

07 4. Place of Birth Calgary Alberta Date of Birth 16/12/17

12-17 5. Religion R.C. 6. Occupation Labour C.P.R.

091 7. Next-of-Kin Mother Mrs Jane Bodeux  
(NAME AND ADDRESS)  
4805 McLeod Trail Calgary Alberta.

8. Physical Description: Height 5' 10 1/2" Weight 175

Color of Eyes Blue Color of Hair Brown

9. Preference, if any, for Naval, Military or Air Force Service. (Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)

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Dated this OCT 9 1940 day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19

Training Centre No. 130

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J. M. Bodeux  
(SIGNATURE OF MAN)

E. H. Hoover Lt  
(SIGNATURE AND RANK OF OFFICER EFFECTING ENROLMENT)



TRAINING CERTIFICATE STAMP

E. H. Hoover Lt  
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AFFIXING THE STAMP)

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 N.S. 815-11-17

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

*Joseph Marcel Bodent*  
 in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <i>Esquimaux</i>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <i>Calgary</i>	Official Number <i>V-35249</i>
" " " "		" " " "

Date of Birth *16 December, 1917* Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)  
*Mother*

Place of Birth *Calgary, Alta.*

Place of Residence *480 Macleod Trail, Calgary* *Mrs. Jane Bodent*

Trade brought up to *Boiler maker's Helper* **O.H.E.** *same address*

Religion *P.C.*

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>11 Dec '41</i>		<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>ORD 5md</i>			

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Scar left knee</i> <i>Scar Rt. ankle</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

# NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				
1941	"Tecumseh"			ORD. SMN.	11 DEC. '41	31 DEC. '41	
1942	"Tecumseh"			ORD. SMN.	1 Jan '42	22 MAR '42	
ON ACTIVE SERVICE FROM 23 <sup>rd</sup> MARCH 1942							
1942	Tecumseh			ORD. SMN.	23 MAR '42	17 MAY '42	
1942	St. Hyacinth			ORD. SMN.	18 MAY '42	2 July	
	"			Ord Sig	2 July '42	31 Aug.	
1942	Stadacona			"	1 Sept.	3 Sept. '42	
	<del>Stadacona</del> Hochelaga (Stratford)			"	4 Sept. '42	19 Oct. '42	
	Avalon (Stratford)			"	20 Oct. '42	23 Nov. '42	
	Protector			"	24 Nov. '42	22 JULY '43	
	"			Sig	28 JULY '43	8 Feb. '44	
	Stadacona			"	9 Feb. '44	14 Feb. '44	
	Stadacona (Shipbrough)			"	15 Feb. '44	19 Feb. '44	
	NIOBE (—"")			"	20 Feb. '44	29 Nov. '44	
	Stadacona (—"")			"	30 Nov. '44	28 Dec. '45	
	Nishe (—"")			"	17 Mar. '45	18 Mar. '45	
							A 61045 Presumed dead P. 6.15.93

**Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants**

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
23 Jul '45	S.C. 27 2331476 20-7 2 33143	





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OFFICIAL NUMBER

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NAME BODEUX (Surname) Joseph Marcel (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 16 December, 1917PLACE OF BIRTH Calgary, Alta. OCCUPATION Boiler maker's HelperRELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION 3 years High SchoolRESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 4805 Macleod Trail, Town Calgary Province, etc. Alberta

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
11	12	41	Hostilities Only	5'10"	Brown	Blue	Fair	Scar on left knee. Scar on right ankle.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Jane BodeuxADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 4805 Macleod Trail Town Calgary Province, etc. Alberta

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	
				28	7	43	Qual. for Sig.				
				3	7	42	Qual. for Ord. Sig. (249A, #30552)				

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. WPR 5657-6  
**DATE**

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					O.H.F. Received.	
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From To



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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

BODEUX

Joseph Marcel  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

P.I.B

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Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
HMCS "TECUMSEH"	Ord. Smn. (T)	11	12	41	Div. Str. Calgary	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "	"	23	3	42	Active Service.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
St. Hyacinthe	"	20	5	42	Weekly Report	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	44							
STADACONA	"	2	9	42	(DRD)	V.G.	Sat.	18	3	45							
STRATFORD	"	4	9	42	(DRD)												
"	Ord. Sig.	3	7	42	Transferred. Back Dated.												
Protector	" "	23	11	42	Protector WRD												
Protector 1	" "	29	6	43	Protector WRD #18.												
"	Sig.	28	7	43	Rated 249A 14647												
Stadacona	"	10	2	44	DRD #62 P.1												
Guysborough	"	15	2	44	DRD S73 P.7												
DISCHARGED	"	18	3	45	MISSING Per C.L.												

Presumed dead (page #139)

GENERAL REMARKS

*United File #101 2/13/45*

Canadian Memorial Cross to mother:  
Mrs. Jane Bodeux, 4805 MacLeod Trail,  
Calgary, Alta. 4-6-45.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH			CIVIL OCCU.			RELI-ED			PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.			RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	R	CTV	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	BR	RANK						
16	R	17	17	900	0	10	4	8	06	05	0	51	0	28	75					
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.			ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR ESTAB.			RANK OR RATE					
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK							
11	12	41	28	02	42					3290	0	11	94							
SENIORITY			STR.			NON-SUB			M			CODED			CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.														
28	07	43	13	00	00		AL			G.L.			E.H.							

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario.

Name..... **BODEUX** **Joseph Marcel**  
 (Christian names in full)  
 Rank or Rating **Signalman** Official No. **V-35249** Unit **R.C.N.**  
**R.C.N.V.R.**  
 Place of Birth **Calgary, Alberta.** Date of Birth **16 December, 1917**  
 Occupation in Civil Life **boiler makers' helper** 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 11 December, 1941 to 18 March, 1945.**  
 Date of Death **18 March, 1945** Place of Death **At sea**  
 Cause of Death **Missing, presumed dead. He was serving in H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action at sea.**  
 (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend. { Name **Mrs. Jane Bodeux** Relationship **Mother**  
 Address **4805 Macleod Trail**  
**Calgary, Alberta.**

Date on which the above was informed by **H.M.C.S. Naval Service Headquarters; 21 March, 1945.**

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.....

*H.B. Money*  
 (Commanding Officer)  
 for **SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.**

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

Date **OTTAWA, Ont., 1 May, 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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AIR - MAIL

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N.S. V-35249, PERS.(N)

21 March, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Bodeux:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 21st of March, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Joseph Marcel Bodeux, Signaller, Official Number V-35249, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

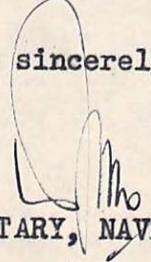
The only information that can be given at this time is that your son is missing at sea as the result of enemy action. The position of the action is such that there is little possibility of him being a prisoner of war and slight hope can be held for his survival.

Please be assured that as soon as further particulars can be released or any other news received, you will be informed.

For security reasons, it is requested that you regard the name of your son's ship in connection with his loss as confidential at this time.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Jane Bodeux,  
4805 MacLeod Trail,  
CALGARY, Alberta.





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21 April, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Bodeux:

Further to my letter of the 21st of March, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Joseph Marcel Bodeux, Signalman, Official Number V-35249, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", 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 18th of March, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty at sea. Five Officers and 48 ratings, including one Royal Navy Officer and one rating who were taking passage, are missing and now presumed dead.

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.

"Only one death occurred from the explosion but many died during the 19 hours the men who had survived the explosion spent in the water clinging to five Carley floats. Only six men of 42 on one overcrowded float lived until the rescue ship, a Royal Navy frigate, arrived.

"Both the air and the water were cold," said one of the survivors. "Most of the men who died, died smiling. If they suffered any, you'd never have known it."

"With the whaler overturned and the ship's motor boat holed by the explosion, only the Carley floats remained for the survivors. Four of the five floats were lashed together and from these the majority of the survivors were picked up. Seven hours after the men abandoned ship only 10 men remained alive on the one overcrowded Carley float. Four others died before rescue came.

"Exposure accounted for the largest number of deaths. Survivors were unanimous in saying that those who died did so quietly and with little apparent suffering.

"When the torpedo struck the Guysborough so much debris littered the decks that the Commanding Officer, Lieut. B. T. R. Russell, R.C.N.R., at first glance, thought his ship had been the victim of two simultaneous torpedoes.

"It looked at first as if the ship would survive. Guns crews were closed up, water-tight doors were closed, bulkheads shored up and every effort made to save the little vessel.

"There was just one fatality from the torpedoing,  
although some members of a gun's crew were injured."

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.

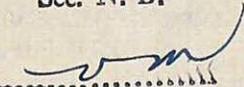
Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Jane Bodeux,  
4805 MacLeod Trail,  
CALGARY, Alberta.



Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

  
Date 22. 4. 45  
Time 1330

D OF D 18-3-45  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS **(NAVY)**

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

BODEUX	Joseph Marcel	V-35249	Sig.	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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	2249
Fr. Ger. Star & Clasp	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

"GUYSBOROUGH" 18-3-45 From file card.

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Jane Bodeux - Mother

ADDRESS: 4805 MacLeod Trail,  
CALGARY, Alta.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER

Mrs. Jane Bodeux

ADDRESS: 4805 MacLeod Trail  
Calgary, Alta.

(1)

English

**MEMORIAL BAR**

(2) DATE DESP

REGN. NO.

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(3)

4-6-45