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OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN }
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if not known }

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT

To be forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, with Form S. 59

CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL		NEXT OF KIN	PRESENT RATING
Robert Donald CHISHOLM.		Mrs. Jessie (Mother) Name Rhineland. Address Sask.	Ord. Seaman.
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER
14th August, 1921.	Town..... County..... Province.....	Hodgeville Saskatchewan.	W. B. Holms. COMMANDER. R.C.N. Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C.

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'7½"	37½" 32¾" 35"	Fair	Blue	Ruddy	Appendix and right hernia scar.	Presb.	Labourer.

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	24th March, 1941.	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	Seven Years.
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	24th March, 1941.	Date of entering present ship	24th March, 1941.

Particulars of former Continuous Service Engagements, if any; but, if none, and the person engaging has had previous Service, the date of his First Entry should be given. If the person has not previously served, write the words "First Entry" here.

First Entry.

If an Engagement is ante-dated for any period, the man's services for such period should be forwarded in to office, with the Engagement, on Form S.-1243.

Declaration of Entry or Re-Entry from Shore for Continuous Service

The following questions are to be put by the Commanding Officer to the person about to engage for Continuous Service, whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

- Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct?.....**Yes.**
- Are you a British subject?.....**Yes.**
- Nationality of Parents—Father.....**Scotch.** Mother.....**American.**
- Have you ever served in the Navy, Royal Fleet Reserve, Royal Naval Reserve, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force, or in His Majesty's Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the R.C. Mounted Police?.....**No.**
- Do you now belong to the Militia, Volunteers (Naval or Military), Territorial Force or any Regiment or Corps in His Majesty's Army, or to any established Naval or Army Reserve Force, or to the R.C. Mounted Police?.....**No.**
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date.....**No.**
- Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army, or R.C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct?.....**No.**
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?.....**Yes.**
- Can you swim?.....**Yes.**

* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.
† Foreigners are not to be entered. On the entry of a person born out of the British Empire, it should be ascertained that he is (and in the case of a boy, that his father is) a British Subject, and evidence of the fact should be attached to the "Entry Papers."
‡ Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H.M. Indian or Colonial Military Forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded in to office with this Engagement. If a member of the Royal Fleet Reserve, the man's Registrar is to be immediately informed of his entry (Royal Fleet Reserve Instructions). If an R.N.R. man, state number of R.V. 2.

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I.—Declaration and Certificate for Men newly entered and Men who have been out of the Service since the expiration of the previous C. S. Engagement

I, Robert Donald CHISHOLM, do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the questions overleaf are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Naval Service of Canada* for term of seven years 24th March, 19 41, provided my service should be so long required. And I do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty. As witness my hand this 28th day of March, 19 41.

Robert Donald Chisholm Man's Signature in full
Witness to Signature P. Lad Writer.

Attested before me this 28th day of March, 19 41.

John Wood Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service
Lieutenant. R.C.N.V.R.

Date 28th March, 19 41.

This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active and intelligent and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

[Signature] COMMANDER. Commanding Officer
[Signature] Surg. Commander. Medical Officer

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date.....19.....

This is to certify that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof as to his fitness for the Naval Service of Canada, and we find as follows:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent lad, of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation, and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

The consent of his parents or guardian has been obtained in writing, and they are willing and desirous that the boy should be entered for.....years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age

..... Commanding Officer
..... Lieutenant
..... Medical Officer

I declare that to the best of my knowledge or belief the answers to the questions on the other side of this form are true and that I am not indentured as an apprentice.

I am willing to enter and serve in the Naval Service of Canada for.....years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, provided my service should be so long required, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till I attain that age. And I do sincerely promise and swear, (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

..... Boy's Signature in full
Witness to Signature.....

Attested before me this.....day of.....19.....

..... } Signature of a Commissioned
..... } Officer of the Naval Service

III.—Re-engagement for Continuous Service

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement

The particulars indicated on the other side are also I,....., now serving as a..... on board H.M.C.S....., who on the.....of.....19.....

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of §.....years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period**.....from††.....19..... provided my services should be so long required.

..... Man's Signature in full
..... 19.....

Witness..... Commanding Officer

* Insert "for the term of (number in words) years," or "to complete (number) years for pension" or until I attain the age of years."
† Insert the date from which the engagement commences.
‡ The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper. (N.B.—Not required in the case of youths over 17 years of age.)
§ To be written in words.
** Insert as follows:—"Of (number) years," or "to complete time for pension," or until I attain the age of years," as the case may be.
†† Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement, which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is ante-dated) earlier than the date of execution.

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CONSENT PAPER

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(This paper is required in all cases where the Candidate is under the age of 18 years, in addition to the Certificate of Birth or Declaration.)

*Strike out "son" or "ward" as the case may be.

I hereby certify that my ~~ward~~^{son,*} Rob. Donald Chisholm has my full consent (being himself willing) to enter the Naval Service of Canada for a period of seven years' continuous and general service, from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary until he attains that age, agreeably to the King's Regulations.

He has not been in a Reformatory, nor has he been sentenced to imprisonment.

I declare that he has never had fits. no

† No alteration or erasure is to be made in the date of birth given.

The date of the boy's birth is August 14th 1921

His Religious persuasion is Protestant

Witness my hand at Swift Current

1st day of April 1939

†† Strike out "Parent's" or "Guardian's" as the case may be.

~~Parent's~~^{Parent's} Signature in full Rob^r x Chisholm

‡ Must be signed by the Father, if alive, or satisfactory explanation made.

~~Guardian's~~^{Guardian's} Address Swift Current
Saskatchewan

In the case of a Guardian see other side.

I, the above named Donald Chisholm do consent to enter the Naval Service of Canada.

§ The Boy and Parent or Guardian must sign in the presence of the witness to their signatures.

§ Boy's signature in full Robert Donald Chisholm

Signed by the said [Here write boy's name] Robert Donald Chisholm

And [Here write Parent's or Guardian's name] Robert x Chisholm

In the presence of William W. Smith
Witness to signatures of Boy, and Parent or Guardian.
Swift Current Address. [OVER]

CERTIFICATE

§ Strike out "Parent" or "Guardian" as the case may be.

**Strike out "he" or "she" according to sex of Parent or Guardian.

† The assertion of the boy himself should not be taken as sufficient warrant for this statement.

I certify that I am personally acquainted with this Boy's § Parent, and am aware** he has consented to the Boy's entry as above, and I believe the particulars stated herein to be true.

.....Clergyman of the Parish.
or *William A. Smith* Resident Householder }
Financial Agent Occupation }
Severance Address
April 1st 193*9*

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy whose Father is dead

Date of Father's death.....

Place of death.....

Signed.....Mother.

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy whose Parents are both dead

Date of Father's death.....

Place of death.....

Date of Mother's death.....

Place of Mother's death.....

Signed.....Guardian.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

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APR 1 1939
C.N.S. 2417
FORM-9-38
N.S. 815-9-2417

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Swift Current, Sask.
(Place)
March 28th 1939
(Date)

The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
OTTAWA.

Sir:— I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a Seaman
(Insert rating chosen)

I certify that the following particulars are in my own handwriting and are true in every respect:

- Name (to be given in full in Block Letters) ROBERT DONALD CHISHOLM
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) 14 August, 1921
- Place of Birth. Town Hodgeville, Province Saskatchewan
- Permanent Place of Residence. No. _____ Street _____
Town Swift Current, Province Saskatchewan
- Are you a British Subject? yes
- How long have you resided in Canada? 17 years and 7 months
- What is your Mother Tongue? English
- What other language do you speak? None
- Are you of the White Race? yes
- Are you Single, Married or a Widower? Single
- How far advanced educationally are you? First Year high school

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- (Certificates of School Authorities must be attached)
- What practical experience have you had?
(Details and certificates from employers, trade credentials, etc., must be attached to substantiate employment reported.)
None
 - Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? No
 - If so, give details. -
 - Have you ever served in such forces? No
 - If so, give dates and details. -
 - Have you ever been discharged from His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? No
 - Have you ever offered to serve in His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? No
Why? -
 - Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence?
(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19)
No
 - What is your weight? 140 Height 5 ft 8 in Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 36
 - Have you ever had fits? No
 - Do you suffer from any deformity? No
 - Have you suffered the loss of any fingers, toes, etc.? No
 - Do you suffer from any disease? No
 - Do you wear glasses? No
 - Are you subject to any disability which might cause your rejection?
No
 - Give details. -
 - Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? Yes
- Rob x Chisholm Signature of Witness Donald Chisholm Signature of Applicant

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF CANDIDATES UNDER 21 YEARS OLD

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for transportation to a Naval Base of the above applicant, should he, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval Service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within his own control. Signed and Sealed at Swift Current this 28th day of March, 1939, in the presence of
Rob x Chisholm Signature of Witness Rob x Chisholm Signature of Parent or Guardian

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY CANDIDATES OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE

I agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for my transportation to a Naval Base, should I, on arrival at such Base, fail to enrol for seven years' continuous Naval Service for reasons which in the opinion of the Department are within my own control.
Signed and Sealed at Swift Current this 1st day of April, 1939, in the presence of
Rob x Chisholm Signature of Witness Robert Donald Chisholm Signature of Candidate

4241

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

62-C.490

OFFICIAL NUMBER 4241

NAME CHISHOLM Robert Donald. DATE OF BIRTH 14th August, 1921.

PLACE OF BIRTH Hodgeville, Sask. OCCUPATION Labourer.

RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATION Attending 1st Year High School

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Town Swift Current Province, etc. Sask.

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) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Jessie Chisholm

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Town Province, etc.

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

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.; 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. WSR 4715-8 DATE

Table with columns: Date (in figures), DAYS FORFEITED (Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.).

O.H.F. Received.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT From To



4241

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME CHISHOLM
(Surname)

Robert Donald
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 4241

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
Naden	Ord. Smn.	24	3	41		V.G.	Sat	31	12	41							
Stadacona	"	1	9	41		V.G.		13	9	42							
Ottawa	"	3	9	41													
"	A.B.	22	12	41	249A #21142												
Discharged	"	13	9	42	DEAD-Missing-Believed Killed in Action.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Memorial Cross issued to
Mother: Mrs Robert Chisholm
Rhineland, Saskatchewan.
24.2.43.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CIVIL OCCU.	RELIED	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT
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ENLIST. DATE	ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE	SHIP	ESTAB.	RANK OR RATE
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

CHISHOLM	Robert Donald	N-4241	A.B.	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	7849
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCN Aug. 45 "OTTAWA"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mr. Robert Chisholm - Father

DATE DESP

(1)

REGN: NO

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ADDRESS: RHINELAND, Sask.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

(2)

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. R. Chisholm

(3)

ADDRESS: Rhineland, Sask.

24-2-43

Form of 1-2-40 is rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S. "AVALON" at St. John's, Newfoundland

Name (Christian names in full) **Robert Donald CHISHOLM**

Rank or Rating **Able Seaman** Official Number **4241**
 (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth **Sedgeville, Saskatchewan** Date of Birth **14th August, 1921**

Occupation in Civil Life **Labourer** Religion **Presbyterian**

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N. or mobilized service in the case of R.C.N. (Temp) Reserve ratings) **1 year & 174 Days Active Service.**

Date of Death **13th September, 1942** Place of Death **At Sea.**

Cause of Death **Enemy Action - Loss of H.M.C.S. "Ottawa".**

Nearest known relative or friend } Name **Robert Chisholm,** Relationship **Father**
 } Address **Rhineland, Saskatchewan.**

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 (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.O. or invalid

W. J. Davis
 Lieutenant Commander, R.C.N.
 COMMANDING OFFICER

The Secretary,
 Naval Board, Ottawa, Canada

9th October, 1942.

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., Registrar.
 C.N.S. 1121

If a copy of this Form is required, Form C.N.S. 1243 is to be used

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

Robert Donald CHISHOLM

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Esquimalt	I.C.N.S. XXXXX ²⁶⁹⁸⁹ Cancelled. Official Number <u>4241</u>
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Date of birth <u>14 August 1921</u>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province <u>Saskatchewan</u> Town or county <u>Hodgeville</u>	Name: <u>Robert</u>
Trade brought up to <u>Labourer</u> O.H.F.	Relationship: <u>Father</u>
Religious denomination <u>Presbyterian</u>	Address: <u>Rhineland</u>
Date passed swimming test <u>P.P.T (Good) 6 May 41 Macpugan / Co</u> <u>P.S.T (V.G.) 16 Aug 41 Macpugan / Co</u>	<u>Saska</u>
Man's signature on discharge to pension }	<u>31-1041</u>

All Engagements, including N.C.S., to be noted in these Columns

Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for
1. <u>24 March '41</u>		<u>Seven years</u>	5.		
2.			6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Medals, Clasps, Etc.

Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration	Date received or forfeited	Nature of decoration

Description of Person	Stature		Chest, In.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds and Scars
	Feet	In.		Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
On entry as a boy.....							
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....	<u>5</u>	<u>7½</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Ruddy</u>	<u>Appendix & right hernia</u>
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							



Department of National Defence
Naval Service

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. N.S. 62-21-4 "C"
FD 25

Ottawa, Canada.

October 24, 1940

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Sir:

With further reference to your application for entry into the Permanent Force of the Royal Canadian Navy, I am directed to advise you that Certificate of Medical Examination dated 13th October, 1940, shows you to be below the required physical standard for entry (Ventral Hernia).

It is regretted, therefore, that further consideration cannot be given to your application for entry in the Permanent Force of the Royal Canadian Navy, and your name has been removed from the Ordinary Seaman Recruiting Roster at Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa.

Yours truly,

J. B. LeBlanc
(J. B. LeBlanc),
ASSISTANT NAVAL SECRETARY.

Mr. Robert D. Chisholm,
SWIFT CURRENT, Sask.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D

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N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

MR. ROBERT CHISHOLM
RHINELAND SASK.

From:

OFFICIAL COPY

NSHQ OTTAWA

CNP
NPR
PDG
MINISTER

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES
DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON, ROBERT
DONALD CHRISHOLM, ABLE SEAMAN RCN, 4241 IS MISSING,
BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION.

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(CONFIRMATION RECEIVED)

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18th September, 1942. 43

Dear Sir,-

It is with deep regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th September from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your son Robert Donald Chisholm, Able Seaman, R.C.N., O.N. 4241, is missing believed killed in action.

It is in the public interest that the name of his ship and the fact that she has been in action should not find its way to the enemy until such time as it is decided to publish the fact in a Naval Casualty List. It is therefore requested that this news, other than the fact that your son is missing, may be treated as confidential.

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, 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 truly,


Deputy Secretary, Naval Board.

Mr. Robert Chisholm
RHINELAND, Sask.

