

SMITHSON
DAVID BAKER
N3279

STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses, or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below.

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT		
		NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree inquired for	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative
1	Widow of the Deceased.....	nil		
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	nil		
3	Father of the Deceased.....	David Portland Smithson		5-19-B Allowance Ave
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Bertha Louise Smithson		Medicine Hat Alta
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood		Clarence James Alexander Eugene Smithson
		Half Blood		nil
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood		Marthy May Smithson
		Half Blood		nil
	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, who are dead, and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)	Address of their children	
7	Margaret Adlaid Dec 6-1915	Margaret Adlaid		

ONLY IF NO RELATIVES IN THE DEGREES ABOVE ARE NOW LIVING, THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS SHOULD BE GIVEN

		NAMES OF THOSE LIVING	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL
8	Grand-Parents of the Deceased.....			
9	Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Deceased (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage).....		Age	

FULL PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

10	What is the full name of the deceased?	David Baker Smithson
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	Sept 3 - 1920
12	Where and when were his parents married?	Medicine Hat - Alberta June 7 - 1914
13	Was he ever married? If so, state exact place and date of marriage.	no 54
14	Did he leave a (later) Will? If so, it should be forwarded.	no
15	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate or Letters of Administration?	no

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

16	Where was deceased born?	Medicine Hat - Alberta
17	In what Province, Country or State did he reside, and in which last?	Alberta
18	How long in each?	naval training at Esquimalt Sept 1938 to 1939
19	What was the nature of his employment?	able seaman R.C.N.
20	Did he own the house or homestead in which he lived? If so, where?	no
21	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	no
22	State <u>your</u> postal address in full.	519-B allowance Ave Medicine Hat Alberta Canada

PARTICULARS AS TO CLAIMS

23	Have the funeral expenses been paid? If so, by whom?	Last at Sea
24	Are there any outstanding claims against the estate? If so, furnish full name and address of each Creditor in this space and enclose his Bill of Account. (See Note Below).	no

NOTE.—Paragraph 24 refers to debts incurred for board and lodging, medical and funeral expenses, money borrowed, goods purchased, etc.; the following information to be embodied in all accounts submitted:—

1. Name and address of Creditor.
2. Detailed statement of particulars of claim with date or dates incurred.
3. At the end of his statement the creditor should certify that the account is just and reasonable, that no payments save as shown, have been made thereon and that he holds no security therefor; the creditor should then sign same, and if you admit that the claim is correct, then you "O.K." the bill and sign same.

DECLARATION

*Insert degree of relationship, for example "Widow," "Father," "Brother," etc.

I hereby declare that the foregoing particulars are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees inquired for; and that I am the

* Fatherof the deceased.

N.B. To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest or Local Magistrate

David Cavetland Smithson {Signature of Informant

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, David Cavetland Smithson {Name of Informant} is the * Father of the Deceased above described, and I believe the above Declaration and the Statement of Relatives made by the Informant and signed in my presence to be complete and correct.

Dated at Medicine Hat this 11th day of July 19 41

Signature of Clergyman, Priest or Magistrate } J. A. Clayton Qualification United Church Minister
Address 1106 Balmoral St, Medicine Hat, Alberta

NOTE—Before granting the above Certificate, care should be taken to see that the Informant gives particulars concerning the death of any Relative stated by him or her to have died, and that the full name and address of each surviving Relative enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

H. M. C. S. "NADEN", Esquimalt, B.C.

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OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN
Space to be left vacant
if not known

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DEFENCE

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
David Baker SMITHSON.		Father. Name David Courtlane Address 519 B. Allowance Ave, Medicine Hat, Alta.		Ord. Sea. 25
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER	
3rd September, 1920.	Town.....	Medicine Hat.	Commander J. E. W. Oland, DSC. RCN. RCN. Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C.	
	County.....			
	Province.....	Alberta.		

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5' 8"	36½ 34 35	Light Brown	Blue	Fresh.	NIL.	United.	Shoe Repairer.

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	3rd October, 1938.	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	Seven Years
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	3rd October, 1938.	Date of entering present ship	3rd October, 1938.

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.

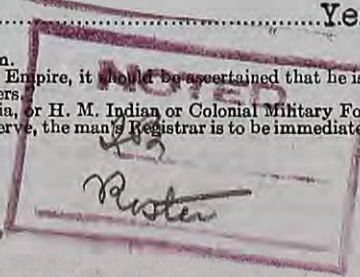
Declaration of Entry or Re-Entry from Shore for Continuous Service

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..... American..... Mother..... Scottish.....
- 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.....
- 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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Handwritten signature or initials.

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

I, David Baker SMITHSON, 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 the term of Seven Years, from † 3rd October 1938, 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 Third day of October 1938.

Witness to Signature M. A. A. M. A. A. David Baker Smithson Man's Signature in full

Attested before me this Third day of October 1938.

Lieutenant-Commander, RCN. Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

Date 3rd October 1938.

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.

G. H. Morgan Smith Captain, RCAMC Medical Officer J. C. H. O'Connell Commander, RCN Commanding Officer

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date 1938

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 1938.

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 required when this Form is used.

I, now serving as a on board H. M. C. S., who on the of 1938

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of § years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period** from †† 1938 provided my services should be so long required.

Man's Signature in full 1938

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 actually 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

(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.)

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

I hereby certify that my ~~ward~~^{son,*} David Baker Smithson 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 alteration or erasure is to be made in the date of birth given.

The date of the boy's birth is Sept 3-1920

His Religious persuasion is Protestant

Witness my hand at Medicine Hat Alberta

17 day of October 1937

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

Parent's ~~Guardian's~~ Signature in full David Louthland Smithson

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

Parent's ~~Guardian's~~ Address 519-B Allowance Ave Medicine Hat

In the case of a Guardian see other side.

I, the above named David B. Smithson 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 David Baker Smithson

Signed by the said [Here write boy's name] David Baker Smithson

And [Here write Parent's or Guardian's name] David Louthland Smithson

In the presence of { Mrs E. J. Morris Witness to signature of Boy, and Parent or Guardian.
338-4th Street Medicine Hat 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** ~~she~~ ^{he} has consented to the Boy's entry as above, and I believe the particulars stated herein to be true.

Thomas W. Binning

Clergyman of the Parish.

or.....Resident Householder }

Occupation }

1210 Seventh Ave. Medicine Hat address

November 6 193*7*

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.

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR THE ENTRY OF OFFICERS, MEN AND BOYS FOR THE NAVAL SERVICE OF CANADA

(R.C.N. OR RESERVE FORCES)

N24874

NOTE—This Certificate is to be completed by the Examining Medical Officer and forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

I, the undersigned, have examined David B. Smithson (of white race) candidate for entry as Ordinary Seaman and I believe him to be in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service. He has signed the Certificate given below in my presence.

Dated at Calgary, Alta. the 30 of Sept. 1938.

Radiologist's certificate satisfactory. Forwarded to Esquimalt.

J. E. Hunter
Examining Medical Officer

(Rank) Major, R.C.A.M.

This examination has been made in accordance with the Instructions for Recruiting.

Age (a)	Weight without Clothes (b)		Height with Bare Feet (c)	General Development (d)	Chest Girth (e)	Vision by— (f) Snellen's Types (ii) Colour Vision			Vaccinated or re-vaccinated for Small Pox (Date) (g)	Lungs, Heart, etc. (h)	Abdomen, Hernia, etc. (i)	Limbs and Joints (j)	Skin (k)	Ears and Hearing (l)	Testes, Varicocele, etc. (m)	Mouth, Teeth (No. deficient and No. defective, if any), Nose, Tonsils, etc. (n)	Anus, Haemorrhoids, etc. (o)
	lbs.	ft. ins.				right eye	left eye	colour vision									
18 1/12	137	5'8"	Good	inches (a) maximum 36½ (b) minimum 34 (c) mean 35	6/6 6/6 CVN	1937	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Good condition.	N	

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my belief I have never suffered from Fits, *Incontinence of Urine, Discharge from the Ears, or any other disease likely to render me unfit for His Majesty's Service. I am willing to undergo, after entry, such dental treatment as may be authorized.

David B. Smithson
Signature of Candidate

When a Candidate is passed, notwithstanding a slight defect or disability, the following Certificate is to be filled up

This Candidate is the subject of.....

not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects.

Examining Medical Officer

(Rank).....

* The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.

BOY (SEAMAN CLASS)

No. _____ Name SMITHSON, David Baker Nationality Br. File F.D. 221
(Can.)

Date of Birth 3rd September, 1920 Married Single Religion _____

Date of Application 8th September-37 Medically Examined _____

Address 519-B Allowance Avenue, Medicine Hat, Alberta. 23

Education Grade Nine.

Previous Experience _____

Remarks 14-9-37 A/D N.O.&T. Place on Roster for Boy Seaman.

Directions Re Entry 17-9-37 Letter to Applicant.

2M 7-35 (M130) Sent 3/10/38

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

62-S.376

OFFICIAL NUMBER 3279

NAME SMITHSON David Baker DATE OF BIRTH 3rd September, 1920
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Medicine Hat, Alta. OCCUPATION Shoe repairRELIGION United EDUCATION Grade IX.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 519-B Allowance Ave. Town Medicine Hat Province, etc. Alberta

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
3	10	38	Seven years	5' 8"	Lt. Brwn.	Blue	Fresh					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Bertha S. Smithson
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 519-B Allowance Ave. Town Medicine Hat Province, etc. Alta.

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	
				7	11	39	Passed E.T. one				
				17	7	39	P.S.T. (Good)				
				10	3	39	Qual. First Aid				
				29	1	40	"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		

FILM
NO WSP-4641-8
DATE

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT	
From	To



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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname)

SMITHSON

David Baker
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

3279

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.	3	10	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	38							
Fraser	"	5	7	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39							
Margaree	Able Smn.	3	4	40		V.G.	Supr.	22	10	40							
	"	6	9	40													
	DISCHARGED	22	10	40	DEAD--Missing, presumed dead												

GENERAL REMARKS

14-5-41 Memorial Cross issued to
Mother: Mrs. Bertha Smithson
519B Allowance Ave.
Medicine Hat, Alta.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU	REL	ED	PEARM	RESIDENCE	POST	ENE	RANK OR RATE				
BY	MO	YR	BIRTH	NAME	TOUS	CO	P	CPY	TOW	SCR	DN	A	BR	RANK
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ENLIST. DATE	ACT. SER.	DATE	SHIP		CR	RANK OR RATE								
BY	MO	YR	BY	MO	Y	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK					
03	10	38	03	10	38					1315	0	08	94	
SENIORITY	SYR.	NON-SER.	CODED		CHECKED									
BY	MO	YR	EAT											
03	04	40	09											

RCN Aug. 41 "MARGAREE"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. D.C. Smithson - Father

ADDRESS: 519B Allowance Avenue,
Medicine Hat, Alta.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Bertha L. Smithson

ADDRESS: 519 B Allowance Ave., Medicine Hat, Alta.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 4

(2)

(3)

14-5-41

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(NAVY)

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

D.D. WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SMITHSON	David Baker	N-3279	A.B.	FILE No. V-9806 03-69079
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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	18/8/98 7669-16-1-50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES) 15,07,98

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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

David Baker SMITHSON

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Esquimalt. B.C.

Official Number *3279*

Date of birth <i>3rd September, 1920.</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province <i>Alberta.</i>	Name: <i>Father</i>
{ Town or county <i>Medicine Hat.</i>	Relationship: <i>David</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Shoe repairer.</i>	Address:
Religious denomination <i>United Church.</i>	<i>519 B - Allowance Ave</i>
Date passed swimming test <i>P.S. 11 (Lund) 17 July 39. [Signature]</i>	<i>Medicine Hat</i>
Man's signature on discharge to pension }	<i>Alta.</i>

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. <i>3rd Oct. 1938.</i>		<i>Seven years.</i>	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.....	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>Lt. Brn.</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fresh.</i>	
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

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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. STADACONA at HALIFAX, N. S.

Name David Baker SMITHSON
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. 3279
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Medicine Hat, Alberta Date of Birth 3rd September, 1920

Occupation in Civil Life Shoe repairer Religion United Church

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) 2 Years

Date of Death 22nd October, 1940 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Lost in collision of H.M.C.S. MARGAREE
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name David SMITHSON Relationship Father
Address 519B Allowance Avenue, Medicine Hat, Alberta

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Informed by N.S.H.Q.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials NK

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.Q. or invalidated

J. Edwards
COMMANDER R.C.N.,
Commanding Officer,

8th November, 1940

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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N.S. 815-9-1121

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 REC'D. CENTRAL REGISTRY
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RECORD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VA. OFFICES' WITH OF BOA

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

SEP 13 1937
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C.N.S. 2417
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N.S. 815-9-2417

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

M18968

The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
OTTAWA.

Medicine Hat, Alberta
(Place)
September 8th
(Date)

SIR:—

I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a Boy 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) DAVID BAKER SMITHSON
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian *must* be attached) September 3 1920
- Place of Birth. Town Medicine Hat, Province Alberta
- Permanent Place of Residence. No 519-B Street Allowance Avenue
Town Medicine Hat, Province Alberta
- Are you a British Subject? Yes
- How long have you resided in Canada? Seventeen years
- 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 of High School

(Certificates of School Authorities *must* be attached)

12. 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? No.
(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19)
- What is your weight? 146 Height 5'7 1/2" Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 34"
- 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.

27. Give details.....

28. Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? Yes

[Signature] Signature of Witness David B. Smithson 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 Medicine Hat, this 8 day of September, 1937 in the presence of
[Signature] Signature of Witness David B. Smithson 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....., this..... day of....., 19..... in the presence of.....
Signature of Witness Signature of Candidate

EA. DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE
STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

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 NAVY

DECEASED
 MEMBER'S
 NAME

David Baker

SMITHSON

(CHRISTIAN NAMES)

(SURNAME)

REGISTER NO. 30200

FILE NO. NSV-3279

PAYEE Director of Estates
 ADDRESS 308 Sparks St.,
 Ottawa, Ont.

for service Estate of
 David B. Smithson,
 NSV-3279

DATE 19 Feb'46

SERVICE NO. V-3279

FINAL RANK OR RATING A.B.

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE

22 Oct'40

DATE OF DISCHARGE 22 Oct'40

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 409 EQUAL TO 13 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50

\$ 97.50

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 409 LESS 19 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 390 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY

97.50

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY \$ 1.85
 SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING
 AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE \$ 1.45
 ADDITIONAL PAY HLM \$.13

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$ NIL

TOTAL \$ 3.43 x 7 = \$ 24.01

NO. OF DAYS 409 x \$ 24.01
 183

53.66

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

248.66

E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$
 DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE
 AND ASSIGNED PAY \$

NIL

OTHER DEDUCTIONS \$

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

248.66

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE \$

248.66

CERTIFICATE I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN CORRECTLY COMPUTED AND IS PAYABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT, 1944 AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER.

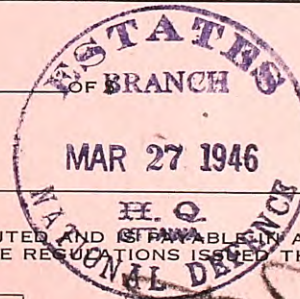
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TREASURY
 CHECKED BY

DATE

H. O. [Signature] 23/2/46



SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
 for Dir. Naval Pay Acct.

W.S.G. Application No. 30200 ✓

TO: D.N.P.A. "G"

FILE NO. N.S. 11-3279 ✓

"WAR SERVICE GRATUITY"

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE

<u>SMITHSON</u> ✓	<u>David Baker</u> ✓	<u>11-3279</u> ✓	<u>able Seaman</u> ✓
SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL	OFFICIAL NUMBER	RANK OR RATING ON DISCHARGE

CAUSE OF DISCHARGE: Missing, Presumed Dead ✓

TOTAL SERVICE

Date of Active Service 10 Sep '39 ✓ $\begin{matrix} 418 \\ 10 \\ \hline 408 \end{matrix}$

Date of Discharge 22 Oct '40 ✓

Total No. of Days 409 ✓

Less non qualifying service ✓ ✓

Total Days 409 ✓

OVERSEAS SERVICE

% Total No. of Days 409 ✓

Less non qualifying service ✓ ✓

Total Days 409 ✓

Record of Service in other Forces (per Naval Records)

Branch of Service _____

Date of Active Service _____ ✓

Date of Discharge _____

& % Overleaf

Computed By Jess Potter

Checked By Nelva Flynn

R. W. Underhill
for (R.W. Underhill)
A/Captain (S) R.C.N.V.R.
Director of Naval Pay Accounting.

JAN 18 1946

DATE: _____

NON QUALIFYING SERVICE

(#)	Date	Reason	No. of Days	TOTAL SERVICE	OVERSEAS SERVICE
"	_____	"	_____	_____	_____
"	_____	"	_____	_____	_____
"	_____	"	_____ <i>nil</i>	_____	_____
"	_____	"	_____	_____	_____
"	_____	"	_____	_____	_____
"	_____	"	_____	_____	_____
"	_____	"	_____	_____	_____
			Total days	=====	=====

(%)
OVERSEAS SERVICE:

Where Serving	From	To	No. of Days
Fraser } ✓	10 Sep '39 ✓	22 Oct '40 ✓	409 ✓
Margaret } ✓			
	418		
	10		
	408		

Moses

Passing Certificate

This is to Certify

that David SMITHSON,

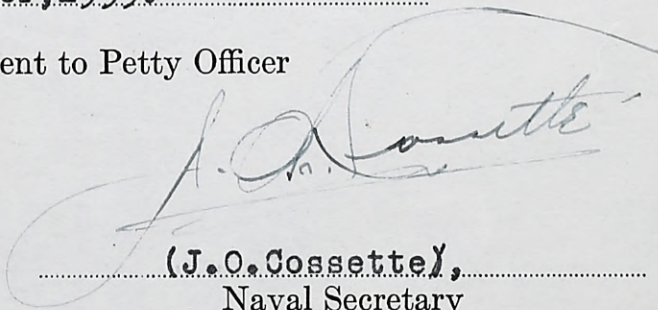
Rating Ordinary Seaman Official Number 3279

has passed

THE EDUCATIONAL TEST, I

held on 7th November, 1939.

For advancement to Petty Officer


(J.O. Cossette),
Naval Secretary

Department of National Defence,

Ottawa, this 14th day of December, 1939.

OFFICIAL COPY
NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D
10 MIL-5-40 (5005)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

MR. DAVIS SMITHSON
519-B ALLOWANCE AVENUE
MEDICINE HAT, ALTA.

From:

62-8-376

NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

OTTAWA

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THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE REGRETS

TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR (SON) D.B. SMITHSON. A.B.

~~(REDACTED)~~

~~(REDACTED)~~

OFFICIAL NUMBER 3279 IS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN
ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL, PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND.

28.6.40

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CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPH

OFFICIAL COPY

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D
10 Mil. 5-40 (5005)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

MRS. BERTHA L. SMITHSON
19 B ALLOWANCE AVE,
MEDICINE HAT ALTA

From:

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THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE DEEPLY REGRETS TO
INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON DAVID BAKER SMITHSON ABLE SEAMAN
R C N O.N. 3279 IS MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED.

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L/T P/L REC'D SDO AB 27-10-40 5555
1710/26

62-8376

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1st November, 1940.

Dear Madam,

It is with deep regret that I must confirm the telegram sent out by the Minister of National Defence, reporting that your son, David Baker Smithson, A.B., O.N.3279, R.C.N., was missing, believed killed.

Few details are available, but it is known that H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" was sunk in collision in the North Atlantic whilst steaming without lights, on convoy duty, and in the submarine zone. 142 officers and ratings are missing and must be presumed lost at sea.

I am requested to express to you the sincere sympathy of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services and the Chief of the Naval Staff in your bereavement.

Any further information, which is received, will be at once communicated to you.

Yours very truly,



(J.O. Cossette)
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Mrs. Bertha L. Smithson,
19B Allowance Avenue,
MEDICINE HAT, Alta.

DEPT.
NATIONAL DEFENCE

483 Edinburgh Road,

MAR - 7 1941

Glasgow, C.I.

N.S. 67-8-376
CANADA

Scotland P 24196

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4th February, 1941

Dear Sirs,

I have been making enquiries at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, London, regarding David B. Smithson, A. B. who was not among the survivors of H. M. S. Stargate and they have referred me to you. If you having any information, I shall be very grateful if you will forward it to me.

Also, is it possible to put me in touch with Able Seaman Smithson's next of kin?

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Hattie G. W. Donaldson

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11 March, 1941.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of the 7th of February, 1941, I regret to inform you that David Baker Smithson, Able Seaman, Official Number 3279, Royal Canadian Navy, is missing, believed killed in action, while serving in H.M.C.S. "Margaree" which was sunk in collision in the North Atlantic on the 22nd of October, 1940.

The address of the mother of the above named rating, Mrs. Berthe L. Smithson, is 519 B Allowance Avenue, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Yours very truly,



(J. O. Cossette)
NAVAL SECRETARY.

Am

Miss Nattie G. W. Donaldson,
483 Edinburgh Road,
Glasgow, E.I.,
SCOTLAND.

#83, Edinburgh Rd,
Canntyne
Glasgow 47
Scotland

P 73475

30th May, 1941
N.S. 23376
CANADA

Dear Sirs

Some month ago, I wrote you regarding David B. Smithson, a. B. who was not on the list of pursuots of H. R. & S. Stargard and asking for any available information up to the present date, I have had ~~not~~^{no} Reply. I shall be

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very grateful if you will let
me have any information
which you may have regarding
this person.

Yours sincerely
(Miss) M. Donaldson

June 30, 1941.

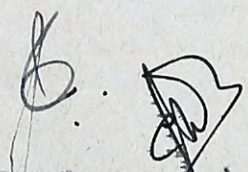
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Dear Miss Donaldson:

With reference to your letter of 30th May, 1941, a reply to your previous letter of 7th February was forwarded on the 11th March, 1941. It is assumed that this was lost in transit.

It is with deep regret I must confirm that David B. Smithson, Able Seaman, R.C.N., O.N. 3279, was amongst those lost in the sinking of H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" on the 22nd October, 1940. Able Seaman Smithson's ship was sunk in a collision while on convoy escort duty in the North Atlantic.

Yours very truly,


(J. O. Cossette)
Naval Secretary.

Miss M. Donaldson,
483 Edinburgh Road,
Carntyne,
GLASGOW, Scotland.