

**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		(Wife) NEXT OF KIN	PRESENT RATING
George Frank ADAM		Mrs. H. Claire Adam, 142 South St., Halifax, N. S.	A/Stoker Petty- Officer.
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER
6th June, 1912	Town..... Regina,	County.....	E. E. Hart, Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R., R.C.N. Barracks, Halifax, N. S.
	Province..... Saskatchewan.		

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'10½"	41 39 40	Brown	Brown	Dark	Nil.	C. of E.	Pipe-fitter.

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	1st September, 1940	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	7 Year continuous.
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	1st March, 1940	Date of entering present ship	1st January, 1939

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 continuous engagement began 1st September, 1933.

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..... **British**..... Mother..... **British**
- 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?..... **7 year engagement in R.C.N. commencing 1st Sept., 1933.**
- 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?..... **Yes.**
- 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.

(OVER)

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, ....., 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\*.....from†.....19....., 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.....day of.....19.....

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

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

{ Signature of a Commissioned  
Officer of the Naval Service

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

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.

.....Commanding Officer

.....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 required when this Form is used.

I, **George Frank ADAM**....., now serving as a **A/Stoker Petty Officer** on board H. M. C. S. **"OTTAWA"**....., who on the **1st**.....of **September**.....19**33**.....

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of § **7 continuous**.....years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period\*\* **7 continuous years**.....from†† **1st September**.....19**40**..... provided my services should be so long required

*George Frank Adam*.....Man's Signature in full ✓

**25th July,**.....19**40**.....

Witness *[Signature]* **Lieut. for Commanding Officer**  
**RCNVR.**

\* 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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NAME ADAM George Frank. DATE OF BIRTH 6th June, 1912.  
(Surname) (Given Names)PLACE OF BIRTH Regina, Sask. OCCUPATION Fitter.RELIGION Church of England. EDUCATION Grade XI.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 2921 College Avenue Town Regina Province, etc. Sask.

Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year							Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
1	9	33	Seven Years.	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Dark	Hazel	Medium.	Nil			
1	9	40	Seven Years.	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Brown	Brown	Dark	Nil.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife 2915379 28/10/44 NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Lillian G. Adam  
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 1735 Denman Street Town Regina Province, etc. Sask.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
12	5	37	Coronation Medal. C.V.S.M. Ribbon & Clasp 1939-43 Star.	10	33	Passed HET. Geo. 55% (2). Gen. Know. 61% (2).	28	9	38	Qual. Educ. & Prof. for Sto. P.O.	
				13	10	Passed P.P.T. (Good).	31	7	40	Rec. for Mech'n Course.	
				7	11	Passed Educ. Test. Pt. 'I'.	16	1	41	Granted Stokehold Certificate.	
				26	4	Passed P.S.T. (Good).	18	6	42	Passed for Mech. 2/c. Awarded 1/c Cert. - Rec. for adv. to Mech. 1/c after 6 months' service.	
				14	8	Granted Aux. W/K Cert.				Passed Prof. for Mech. 1/c.	
				6	11	Passed HET. Prac. Maths. 55% (2)	18	12	42		

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		
11	9	36	1st	Granted.							
1	9	41	2nd	Granted.							

FILM  
NO. WAR 4864-1  
DATE

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

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W.S.G.  
APPLICATION  
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NAME ADAM  
(Surname)

George Frank.  
(Given Names)

P.I.B.

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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	Sto.2/c.	1	9	33		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	33							
Skeena	"	23	11	33		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	34							
"	Sto.1/c.	1	8	34		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	35							
Naden	"	22	6	35		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	36							
HMS. Danae	"	6	7	35		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	37							
Naden	"	17	8	35		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	38							
Skeena.	"	19	8	35		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	39							
Naden	"	13	5	36		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
Fraser.	"	23	11	37		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Naden	"	26	4	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
HMS. Drake.	"	10	6	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
Naden	"	28	10	38		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	44							
"	A/Ldg.Sto.	1	11	38		V.G.	Supr.	18	3	45							
Ottawa	"	17	1	39													
"	Ldg.Sto.	1	11	39	Confirmed.												
"	A/Sto.P.O.	15	6	40													
Niobe	"	1	4	41													
Stadacona	"	21	5	41													
Naden	"	14	6	41													
"	Sto.P.O.	15	6	41	Confirmed.												
Bellechasse	"	13	12	41													
Naden	"	17	12	41													
"	Mech.2/c	18	6	42													
Stadacona	"	14	7	42													
Hoehelaga MS. #3	"	6	8	42													
Sarnia.	"	14	8	42													
"	Mech.1/c.	17	12	42													
Avalon.	"	21	4	43													
Tecumseh.	"	19	5	43													
Stadacona	"	2	6	44													
Peregrine.	"	19	12	44													
Guysborough.	"	31	12	44													
DISCHARGED	"	18	3	45	Missing.												

GENERAL REMARKS

23.6.44. Passed Prof. for Ch.Mech.

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to  
 Wife: Mrs. Hilda C. Adam,  
 1735 Denman Street,  
 VICTORIA, B.C. 5.6.45  
 Mother: Mrs. Laura Mabel Adam  
 2129 College Ave  
 Regina, Sask. 28.6.45

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
- NAVAL SERVICE -

OTTAWA, Canada.

..... 26 March, 1945. ....  
(Date)

Sir: The following casualty has been reported -

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NAME	RANK or RATING	NAVAL NO., UNIT
ADAM, George Frank	Mechanician First Class	21348 R.C.N.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 1st September, 1933

DATE OF DISCHARGE - Will be reported later

HOSPITAL -

SERVICE - CANADA & HIGH SEAS (If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H)

(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada & the High Seas or elsewhere)

Reason for discharge and - "MISSING" at sea from the ship in which he was serving  
when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred. as a result of enemy action. Should no information be received to the contrary, you will be notified when official presumption of death with date has been set.

Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada.)

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP - Wife NAME - Mrs. Hilda C. Adam

ADDRESS - 1735 Denman Street, VICTORIA, B.C.

Note: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

Copies Form "B" fwd. to Allots. (N) on  
... 1/5/45 ... N.P.R./5

Noted  
D. H. P. A.  
27.3.45  
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H. B. Money  
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. C

Secretary,  
Canadian Pension Commission,  
Room 228, Daly Building,  
Ottawa, Ont.

NOTE: Duplicate copies of this form (Form "B") have been forwarded to the Chief Treasury Officer (Allotment Section), Department of National Defence, Naval Service, for completion respecting the details of Marriage Allowance, Dependents Allowance, etc., and subsequent transmission to you.

(See reverse side for further instructions)

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21 March, 1945. 122

Dear Mrs. Adam:

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 husband, George Frank Adam, Mechanician First Class, Official Number 21348, Royal Canadian Navy, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your husband 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 husband'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. Hilda C. Adam,  
1735 Denman Street,  
VICTORIA, B. C.  

c/o C.F.M.O.  
London, E.C.2.  
April 3, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Adam:

It is with deep regret that I write this letter. I am the former Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Guysborough in which your husband was serving.

I know there is nothing I can say that will take away the grief you are suffering, but I do want you to know how extremely sorry I am.

Your husband was one of the ship's company ~~for some time~~ and I can truthfully say there was not a better ~~man~~ <sup>mechanician</sup> under my command, a fine ~~boy~~ cheerfully disposed under the most trying situations. He was a credit to you and his ship at all times and died gallantly for his country.

If I am ever in your vicinity I hope you will allow me to call on you to express my condolences in person. In the meantime if there is anything I can do please let me know and I will be only too pleased to oblige.

Yours sincerely,

B.R. Russell,  
Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.

LA/YB

REGISTERED  
AIR MAIL

N.S. N-21348, PERS. (N)

23 April, 1945.

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Dear Mrs. Adam:

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 husband, George Frank Adam, Mechanician First Class, Official Number 21348, Royal Canadian Navy, 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Hilda C. Adam,  
1735 Denman Street,  
VICTORIA, B.C.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

.....  
Date  
Time

22.4.45  
1200

RCN Jan. 46 "GUYSBOROUGH"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs Hilda C. Adam - Widow

ADDRESS: ~~1735 Denman St.,~~ 1014 Park Blvd.

VICTORIA, B.C.

5-11-48

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 715

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

Mrs. Hilda G. Adam

ADDRESS:

1735 Denman St.,  
Victoria, B.C.

(2)

5-6-45

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER

Mrs. Laura M. Adam

ADDRESS:

2129 College Avenue,  
Regina, Sask.

(3)

28-6-45

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

# AWARDS

*NAVY*

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

ADAM	George Frank	N-21348	Mech. lc	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 AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	2257
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)