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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Rosely Saskatchewan
(Place)

July 22 1938
(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 2nd Class Stoker (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) MURRAY ALLAN COWAN
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) April 1, 1921
- Place of Birth. Town Yorkton, Province Saskatchewan
- Permanent Place of Residence. No..... Street.....
Town Rosely, Province Saskatchewan
- Are you a British Subject? yes
- How long have you resided in Canada? Always
- 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? 2 years at collegiate
result of grade eleven attached
(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.)
- Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? yes
- If so, give details. 64 Battery Royal Canadian Artillery
- Have you ever served in such forces? Training Camp
- If so, give dates and details. July 8 - 17 1938 Summer
- 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? 165 lbs Height 6'-1 1/2" Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 38
- 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

M. J. Grandis
Signature of Witness

MURRAY ALLAN COWAN
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 Rosely, this 28 day of July 1938, 1938, in the presence of

M. J. Grandis
Signature of Witness

Robt. J. Cowan
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 Rosely Sask, this 28 day of July, 1938, in the presence of

Signature of Witness

Signature of Candidate

Qualify for Commission as to date 7/28/38 6/9/38 JMA

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

21586. OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN
Space to be left vacant if not known
MAY 10 1939
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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 Murray Allan GOWAN.		MOTHER, NEXT OF KIN Name Isabel Address Rokeby, Sask.	PRESENT RATING Stoker 2/c.
DATE OF BIRTH* 1st April, 1921.	Town Rokeby. County Province Saskatchewan.	PLACE OF BIRTH† P7386	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER Commander, R.I. Agnew, OBE. RCN. 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
6' 1/2	38 1/2	Brown	Hazel	Med	Appendicectomy	United.	Student.

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	24th April, 1939.	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	Seven Years.
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	24th April, 1939.	Date of entering present ship	24th April, 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 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..... ~~British~~ Canadian..... Mother..... Canadian.....
- 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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Noted in Service Records by [Signature]
30.5.39.

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, Murray Allan COWAN, 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 a period of Seven Years from † 24th April, 1939, 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 24th day of April, 1939.

Witness to Signature [Signature] Murray Allen Cowan Man's Signature in full
M.A.A.

Attested before me this 24th day of April, 1939.

Alfred C. White { Signature of a Commissioned
Chief Commander, R.C.N. { Officer of the Naval Service

Date 24th April, 1939.

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] (R.I. Agnew) COMMANDER, Commanding Officer
[Signature] Captain, RCAMC, Medical Officer

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date....., 193.....

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.....193.....

..... { 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.....193.....
engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of §.....years, do hereby
engage to serve for a further period**.....from ††.....193.....
provided my services should be so long required.

.....Man's Signature in full
.....193.....

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.

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
Murray Allan COWAN.
 IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Esquimalt B.C.

Official Number *21586*

Date of birth <i>1st April, 1921.</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province <i>Saskatchewan.</i> Town or county <i>Rokeby</i>	Name: <i>Brother</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Student</i>	Relationship: <i>Isabel</i>
Religious denomination <i>United Church.</i>	Address: <i>Churchbridge</i>
Date passed swimming test <i>P.P.T. (70w) 27 July 39</i>	<i>Dark</i>
Man's signature on discharge to pension	

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>24th Apr. 1939.</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>6</i>	<i>½</i>	<i>38½</i>	<i>Brn.</i>	<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Appendicectomy.</i>
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

21586

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER 21586

NAME

COWAN
(Surname)Murray Allan
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

1st April, 1921.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Rokeby, Sask.

OCCUPATION

Student.

RELIGION

United Church

EDUCATION

Grade XI

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town

Rokeby

Province, etc.

Sask.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
24	4	39	Seven Years.	6' $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Brown	Hazel	Medium	Appendectomy.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Mother

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs Isabel Cowan

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Rokeby

Province, etc.

Sask.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				5	11	40	Passed Educ. Test 'ONE'.				
				20	5	41	Awarded Aux. W/K Cert.				
				5	11	41	Passed Prof. for S.P.O.				

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. WAR 4867-1
DATE

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

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To

21586

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **COWAN**
(Surname)

Murray Allan
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

21586

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.	24	4	39		V.G.	Sat	31	12	39							
St. Laurent	"	29	7	39		V.G.	Sat	31	12	40							
Assiniboine	"	24	11	39		V.G.	Sat	31	12	41							
"	Sto. I.	20	3	40		V.G.		10	2	42							
"	A/Idg. Sto. (Ty)	11	6	41													
Stadacona	"	16	7	41													
St. Croix	"	25	7	41													
Stadacona	"	15	8	41													
Spikenard	"	28	11	41													
Discharged	"	10	2	42	DEAD-Missing-Believed Lost on Active Service.												

GENERAL REMARKS

1/4/42 - Canadian Memorial Cross issued to Mother:
Mrs. Isobel Cowan,
Churchbridge,
Sask.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CIVIL STATUS	REGISTRATION NO.	RESIDENTIAL ENCL.	DATE OF ENTRY
01 21 19	XXX	0	404709000	13	015795
ENLIST. DATE	ACT. DATE				
24 04 39	24 04 39				
SENIORITY	STIP.				
01 06 41	09				
			20 10 02 42		

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CODED
CHECKED

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
- Naval Service -

Ottawa, Canada,

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.....23 February, 1942.....
(Date)

Sir:

The following casualty has been reported -

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK or RATING</u>	<u>NAVAL NO.</u>
<u>Murray Allen COWAN</u>	<u>Acting Leading Stoker, R.C.N.</u>	<u>21586.</u>
<u>DATE OF ENLISTMENT</u>	<u>24th April, 1939 (Active Service).</u>	
<u>DATE OF DISCHARGE</u>	<u>10th February, 1942.</u>	
<u>HOSPITAL</u>	<u>(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)</u>	
<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>Canada and High Seas.</u> (Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and on high seas or elsewhere).	

Reason for discharge and when and where any disability was incurred, or where death occurred.

Missing, presumed lost on Active Service. He was serving in H.M.C.S.

"SPIKENARD" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on 10 February, 1942.

(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 Mother. NAME Mrs. Isabel Cowan
 ADDRESS Churchbridge, Saskatchewan.

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.

OFFICER'S OR RATING'S MONTHLY PAY ALLOTTED TO WIFE AND/ OR DEPENDENT -
 \$ NIL PAID TO NIL
 MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE AT \$ NIL PER DIEM PAID TO NIL
 DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE AT \$ NIL PAID TO NIL
 TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENT TO - WIFE \$ NIL
 Computed by [Signature] DEPENDENTS \$ NIL
 Checked by [Signature]

[Signature]
SECRETARY,
NAVAL BOARD.

✓ The Secretary,
The Canadian Pension Commission.
✓ The Secretary,
Dept. Pensions & National Health,
OTTAWA, Canada.

(See reverse side for further instructions.)

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19th February, 1942.

AIR MAIL

Dear Madam:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th February from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your son, Murray Allan Cowan, Acting Leading Stoker, R.C.N., O.N. #1586, is missing and must be presumed lost on Active Service.

Your son was serving in H. M. C. S. "SPIKENARD" which was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 10th February 1942. Details of the action are not, however, available at this time.

The possibility of your son having been rescued by other ships cannot be estimated but it has been established that he was not among the survivors landed at a United Kingdom port and very little hope is held out for the survival of the remainder. You will be informed immediately should any further information be received.

I wish to express the sincere sympathy of the Chief of the Naval Staff, Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

Re
Cut Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Isobel Cowan,
CHURCHBRIDGE, Sask.

RCN Aug. 42 "SPIKENARD"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO

Mr. Robert T. Cowan - Father

ADDRESS:

CHURCHBRIDGE, Sask.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Isobel Cowan

ADDRESS:

Churchbridge, Sask.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

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(2)

(3)

1-4-42

STOKER, 2nd CLASS

No. Name COWAN, Murray Allan Nationality Br. (Can) File F.D. 295

Date of Birth 1st April, 1921 Married Single Religion

Date of Application 26th August, 1938 Medically Examined

Address Rokeby, Sask.

Education Grade Eleven.

Previous Experience 64th Battery Royal Canadian Artillery.

July 8 to 17, 1938

Remarks 12-9-38 DNE Place on Roster. 14/10/38 Eng L.M.

Directions Re Entry 13-9-38 Letter to Applicant.