

H. M. C. S. "NADEN"

OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN }  
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if not known }

3722

## 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 <b>Thomas Bernard SMITH</b>	NEXT OF KIN Mother - Olive Name: <b>Natal, BC</b> Address: .....	PRESENT RATING <b>Boy Smn.</b>
DATE OF BIRTH* <b>7th October, 1922</b>	PLACE OF BIRTH† Town: <b>Moose Jaw</b> County: .... Province: <b>Sask.</b>	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER <b>P.I. Agnew Commander RCN. Barracks Esquimalt, BC</b>

### Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'9"	33 1/4	Fair	Blue	Fair	Appendectomy scar	C of E.	Student

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	7th October, 1940	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	Seven years
Date of <i>actually</i> volunteering to engage or re-engage	6th May, 1940	Date of entering present ship	6th May, 1940

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.

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.

**First Entry**

### 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:—

1. Are the particulars given above of your name and date and place of birth correct?..... **Yes**
2. Are you a British subject?..... **Yes**
3. Nationality of parents—Father..... **English**..... Mother..... **English**
4. 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.**
5. 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.**
6. 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.**
7. Have you ever been discharged from the Navy, Marines, Army or R. C. Mounted Police on account of misconduct?..... **No.**
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated?..... **Yes**
9. 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)

C.N.S. 55  
2,500-3-38  
N.S. 815-9-55

LEDGERS FAIR & ROUGH

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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 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 †.....193....., 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.....193.....

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

Attested before me this.....day of.....193.....

{ Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

Date.....193.....

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.....6th May, 1940.....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.....Seven.....years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age.

.....COMMANDER.....Commanding Officer  
 .....Lieut. Cdr.....Lieutenant  
 .....Surg. Lt. Cdr.....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.....Seven.....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.

.....Thomas Bernard Smith.....Boy's Signature in full

Witness to Signature.....

Attested before me this.....7th.....day of.....May, 1940.....193.....

.....Lieut. Commander.....  
 { 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

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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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

62-S-445

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NAME SMITH (Surname) Thomas Bernard (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 7th October, 1922

PLACE OF BIRTH Moose Jaw, Sask. OCCUPATION Student

RELIGION Church of England EDUCATION Grade X.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Town Natal Province, etc B.C.

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
6	5	40	as Boy	5' 9"	Fair	Blue	Fair	Appendix scar				
7	10	40	Seven years									

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) *mother* NAME (in pencil) *Mrs Olive Smith*ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. *R.R. #2* Town *Langley, B.C.* Province, etc *B.C.*

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	
				9	5	40	P.P.T. (Good)				
				10	4	41	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. SA-4660-6  
**DATE**

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED						O.H.F. Received.
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 SMITH  
(Surname)

Thomas Bernard  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 3722

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	Boy Smn.	6	5	40	Lent Comox Camp 15-9-40--	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40	a/L.R. 3	9	11	40			
	Ord. Smn. !	7	10	40	12-10-40 V.G. Sat. 6.10.40.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Stadacona (Pr. David)	"	9	12	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	"	12	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	27	8	43							
Hochelaga 2 (Manning Pool)	"	5	7	41													
	A.B.	7	7	41													
Dunvegan	"	10	9	41													
Stadacona	"	26	1	42													
Ungava	"	31	1	42													
Stadacona	"	31	1	42	187094												
Chanbly	"	13	6	42	B.R.D.												
Stadacona	"	16	8	42	SRB												
Niobe-Tribal II	"	28	10	42	NI												
Athabasca	"	5	2	43	DR 107												
<u>Discharged</u>		<u>30</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>Missing on War Service. Presumed Dead 27.8.43.</u>												
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GENERAL REMARKS

16.12.43.  
Memorial Cross awarded to  
Mother; Mrs. Olive Smith,  
New Westminster,  
R.R.# 3. B.C.

DATE OF BIRTH	1919	XX	XX	0303	901000	13	00896
ENLIST. DATE	0605	70	06	05	140	0230	00894
SENIORITY	BY	NO.	YE.	CAT.	2	3	ST.
DATE	0707	41	09	08	00	20	30.08.43



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**  
*Thomas Bernard SMITH.*  
 IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

<i>Esquimalt. B.C.</i>	I.C. N.S. 25534 Official Number <i>3722.</i>
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Date of birth <i>7<sup>th</sup> October, 1922.</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province <i>Saskatchewan.</i> Town or county <i>Moose Jaw.</i>	Name: <i>Mother</i> Relationship: <i>(Mrs) Olive</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Student.</i>	Address:
Religious denomination <i>Church of England.</i>	<i>RA #3,</i>
Date passed swimming test <i>9 May 40. P.P.T. (Good) [Signature]</i>	<i>New Westminster</i>
Man's signature on discharge to pension	<i>B.C.</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>6 May '40</i>	<i>7 Oct '40</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.....	<i>5</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>33 1/4</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Appendectomy scar.</i>
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....	<i>5</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>33 1/4</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Appendectomy scar.</i>
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary .....							



















VERIFICATION FORM  
 DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.  
 GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

RATING *A-13* OFF.NO. *N 3722* ADDRESS .....

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS							STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.	1915 MEDAL			
							1939-45	/	<i>5 stars</i>
							ATLANTIC	/	<i>5 stars</i>
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>2 clasps</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	/	<i>.....</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *SS* .....

BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.



NAVAL MESSAGE

MRS. OLIVE SMITH,  
To: C/O L. SMITH,  
Rm. NO. 3,  
NEW WESTMINSTER B.C.

From: NSHQ OTTAWA

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CNP THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES  
DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT YOUR SON THOMAS BERNARD  
SMITH ABLE SEAMAN ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY, OFFICIAL NO 3722,  
IS MISSING ON WAR SERVICE, LETTER FOLLOWS.

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Alerts active  
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DELIVERY CONFIRMED

L/T P/L TOR 050359Z/9/43 LH 3445



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- Naval Service -

AIR MAIL

NS. 62-S-445 (Pers.N.)

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5th September, 1943

Dear Mrs. Smith:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 4th of September, 1943, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Thomas Bernard Smith, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Navy, Official Number 3722, is missing on war service.

I regret that I have no further information other than that your son is missing at sea Overseas as the result of enemy action and little hope can be held out for his survival. You will, however, be informed immediately any word is received at Naval Service Headquarters.

It is for the public interest that the name of the ship in which your son was serving should not find its way to the enemy until such time as it is decided to publish this fact. It is, therefore, requested that news, other than the fact that your son is missing on war service, may be treated as confidential.

Please allow me to express the sincere sympathy of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

*[Signature]*  
Date 6.9.43  
Time 11:00

*[Signature]*  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Mrs. Olive Smith,  
c/o R.L. Smith,  
R. R. No. 3,  
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

*[Signature]*  
NAVAL PERSONNEL RECORDS

*See Athabaskan } 301810A  
                  } 302332A } Aug '43.  
                  } Signals*



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A I R MAIL

N.S. 62-S-445 PERS. (N)

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3 December, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Further to my letter of the 5th of September, 1943, additional information has now been received in the Department respecting the loss of your son, Thomas Bernard Smith, Able Seaman, Official Number 3722, Royal Canadian Navy.

Your son was serving on board a Canadian Destroyer on the high seas and while at his action station was blown over the side of the ship by the explosion of a bomb from an enemy aircraft. A thorough search was conducted immediately by the ships in the vicinity but all efforts to locate him proved unsuccessful.

In view of the length of time that has elapsed since Able Seaman Smith was reported "missing", and as no information has since been received of his having survived, the Canadian Naval Authorities have now presumed his death to have occurred on the 27th of August, 1943.

A silver Memorial Cross, which is now in the hands of the engravers, will be forwarded to you in due course as a memento of your personal loss and sacrifice.

May I again express the sincere sympathy of the Department in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Olive Smith,  
R. R. #3,  
New Westminster, B.C.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Date 2/12/43  
Time 0935

NAVAL PERSONNEL RECORDS



RCN Oct. 45 "ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Ralph L. Smith - Father

ADDRESS: R.R. #3, 2  
New Westminster, B.C.

Langley,

10-10-45

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

CANCELLED 244

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER

Mrs. Olive Smith

ADDRESS: RR # 2, Langley Prairie, B.C.

(3)

16-12-43



DD. 27-8-43

(NAVY)

D.D.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

SMITH

Thomas Bernard

N-3722

A.B.

FILE No.

V: 11482

SUPNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

CHRISTIAN NAMES

REG. No.

RANK ON DISCHARGE

C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED

03 - 68923 M



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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS

REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED

1939-45 Star

Atlantic Star

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

9891

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)