

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
(Naval Service)

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N.S. 815-9-2417

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Fernie B.C. (Place)

May 19, 1938 (Date)

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SIR:-

I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a Sick Berth Attendant (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) FRANCIS OWEN CORRIGAN
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian *must* be attached) Dec. 11, 1917
- Place of Birth. Town Coal Creek, Province British Columbia
- Permanent Place of Residence. No. 47 Street Mason Avenue  
Town Fernie, Province British Columbia
- Are you a British Subject? yes
- How long have you resided in Canada? all my life - 20 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? Junior matriculation

(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.)

3 years in Competitions. Six weeks in charge of Gov. mining Camp

13. Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? no

14. If so, give details

15. Have you ever served in such forces? no

16. If so, give dates and details

17. Have you ever been discharged from His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? no

18. Have you ever offered to serve in His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? no

Why?

19. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? no

(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19)

20. What is your weight? 135 Height 5 ft 4 in Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 34 in

21. Have you ever had fits? no

22. Do you suffer from any deformity? no

23. Have you suffered the loss of any fingers, toes, etc? no

24. Do you suffer from any disease? no

25. Do you wear glasses? no

26. 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

Benny Corrigan  
Signature of Witness

Francis O. Corrigan  
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 Fernie B.C., this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1938, in the presence of

Signature of Witness

James Corrigan  
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



SICK BERTH ATTENDANT

No. .... Name CORRIGAN, Francis O. Nationality Br. (Can.) File F.D. 375

Date of Birth 11th December, 1917 Married Single Religion .....

Date of Application 19th May, 1938 Medically Examined .....

Address 47 Mason Avenue, Fernie, B.C. 28

Education Grade Twelve completed

Previous Experience .....

Remarks 27-5-38 A/DNO&T Roster

PROMISING.

Directions Re Entry 28-5-38 Letter to Applicant



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If a copy of this Form is required,

Form S. 1243 is to be used.

S.—459 (Revised—August, 1939). Checked with N.S.H.Q.'s Records and file No. N.S. 62-C-372. 27 Aug. 41.

CERTIFICATE of the Service of

SURNAME (In Block Letters)	CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES
GARRIGAN,	Francis, Owen.

in the Royal Navy.

NOTE.—The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off where indicated if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Admiralty. If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

Port Division	ESQUIMAULT, B.C.	Man's Signature on discharge to Pension
Official No.	40595	
Date of Birth	11th December, 1917	Nearest known Relative or Friend. (To be noted in pencil).
Where born	Town or Village	Relationship: FATHER
	County and province	Name: JAMES
Trade brought up to	Student	Address: 47 Mason Ave. Fernie, B.C.
Religious Denomination	Roman Catholic	31-10-41

All Engagements, including Non-C.S., to be noted in these Columns.			Swimming Qualifications.		
Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date.	Qualification.	Signature.
1. 31st July, 1939	1939	Seven Years	1. P.P.T. (Good), Aug, 39	CAN SWIM	
2.			2.		
3.			3.		
4.			4.		
5.			5.		
6.			6.		

Medals, Clasps, &c., L.S. and G.C. Gratuity (see also Page 4).

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.....	5	4		Brown	Blue	Medium	
On advancement to man's rating, or on entry under 28 years.....							
On re-engagement or re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years .....							
Further description if necessary .....							

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

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NAME CORRIGAN Francis Owen. DATE OF BIRTH 11th Dec. 1917

PLACE OF BIRTH Coal Creek, B.C. OCCUPATION Student

RELIGION Roman Catholic EDUCATION Junior Matriculation.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Box 482 Town Fernie Province, etc. B.C.

Table with columns: ENGAGEMENTS (Date, Period), DESCRIPTION (Height, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Marks or Scars), PREVIOUS SERVICE (Served in, Rank or Rating, Dates).

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father 13/11/44 NAME (in pencil) James Corrigan

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Box 258 Town Fernie Province, etc. B.C.

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

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. (Date, 1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S., Granted Deprived Restored); BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date, BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT).

FILM O. W.P. 5039-4 DATE

Table with columns: DAYS FORFEITED (Date, Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.); SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (From, To).

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME CORRIGAN  
(Surname)

Francis Owen  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 40595

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	V.A.	31	7	39	Lent Ottawa 29-31/10/39	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39							
Ottawa	V.A.	1	11	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
	Ldg. V.A. (Ty)	15	10	40													
	" "	1	12	40	Confirmed												
Stadacona	" "	16	11	41													
	Ldg. S.A. (Ty)	1	3	42													
	Sy. P.O. (Ty)	1	12	41													
Preserver	"	21	6	42	101645												
Stadacona	"	21	8	42	NAD B 7230												
Niobe	"	16	9	42	R.R.D.												
DISCHARGED	"	26	9	42	Missing, Presumed Killed.												

GENERAL REMARKS

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	FRONT	RESERVE	PROV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT
19 11 18	XXX	0 10 6 90	1 0 3 0	3	0 22 94
ENLIST DATE	BY	SHIP	RANK OR RATE	CHECKED	
31 07 39	31 07 39				
SENIORITY	STR.	DATE	BY		
01 12 41	09	20 26 09 42			







VERIFICATION FORM

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

Rank/RATING *P.O. Supply* OFF. NO. *N-40593* ADDRESS .....

AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
	FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
							1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>at</i>							ATLANTIC	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>at</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>U.K.</i>							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
<i>26-9-42</i>							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>&amp; Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY .....  
*[Signature]*

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



Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

HMCS Naval Service Headquarters at OTTAWA, Ont.

Name CORRIGAN, Francis Owen (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Supply Petty Officer Official No. 40595, R.C.N. (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Coal Creek, B.C. Date of Birth 11 December, 1917.

Occupation in Civil Life Student Religion Roman Catholic

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) 31 July, 1939 to 26 September, 1942.

Date of Death 26 September, 1942 Place of Death At sea

Cause of Death Missing, believed killed in action. He was taking passage in a ship to the United Kingdom. (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend Name Mr. James Corrigan, Relationship Father Address Box 258, FERNIE, B.C.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters - 12 Oct. 1942.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials

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

Commanding Officer

23 November, 1942

The Secretary, Naval Board, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada.

for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

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Department of National Defence

Naval Service

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10th January, 1946

OUR FILE C.S. 45-1-12

YOUR FILE N.S. N-40595 PERS. (N) "N"/5.

FROM: Canadian Naval Mission Overseas,  
Kings House, 10 Haymarket,  
London, S.W.1.

TO: The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence, (Naval Service)  
Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa.

Francis Owen CORRIGAN, Supply Petty Officer, O.N. 40595 R.C.N.

With reference to the Department's letter dated 14th December, 1945, concerning the death of the above named rating, the following is the only information obtained from Admiralty:

2. CORRIGAN is presumed to have lost his life on 26th September, 1942 while on passage in H.M.S. "VETERAN". This vessel was lost in the North Atlantic about 26th September, 1942 and was presumably sunk by enemy action while engaged in escorting a flotilla of small U.S. Steamers for war duty in Great Britain.

3. An exhaustive search by air and surface craft failed to reveal any trace of the "VETERAN" or her crew, and having regard to the circumstances, it is considered that all the missing officers and men went down with the ship.

4. It is regretted, therefore, that there are no personal details concerning the death of F.O. CORRIGAN.

F. Southern  
Head of the Mission.



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- NAVAL SERVICE -

62-C-372

5th November, 1942.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Francis Owen Corrigan, Supply Petty Officer, Official Number 40595, Royal Canadian Navy, is missing, believed killed in action to date the 26th of September, 1942. He was taking passage in a ship to the United Kingdom.

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*R. A. L.*

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

*(Signature)*

*(Signature)*



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MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON  
ENTITLED TO Mr. James Corrigan - Father

Box 258,  
ADDRESS: FERNIE, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER deceased

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) DATE DESP

REGN. NO

371

(2)

(3)



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

CORRIGAN	Francis Owen	N-40595	Sy.P.O.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	9337
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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