

H. M. S. "NADEN"

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 OFFICIAL NO. IF KNOWN
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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 Ashley Kilburn MacDONALD		NEXT OF KIN Mother - Marion N. Name... 48 Brighton Ave. Address... Ottawa, Ont.	PRESENT RATING Ord. Smn. 16
DATE OF BIRTH* 21 August, 1920	PLACE OF BIRTH† Town... Ottawa County... Province... Ont.		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER R. I. Agnew Commander RCN, Barracks Esquimalt, BC

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'7½	35½	Fair	Blue	Fair	Nil	United C of E.	Machinist Apprentice

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	6th May, 1940	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	Seven years
Date of actually 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.

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 **Scotch** Mother **Scotch**
- 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. **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**

Personnel Records Division.

1. Noted in Records	✓
2. Index Card	✓
3. Non-Sub. Card	✓
4. Statistical Card	✓
5. Roneo Strip	✓
6. Pension Card	✓
7.	
8.	
DATE	29.5.40

* 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 the 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.

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

ESTIMATE CARD

Date 30.5.40

Initial JAR

LEDGERS FAIR ROUGH 52/2287

(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, **Ashley Kilburn MacDONALD**, 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 term of seven years from **6th May, 1940** 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 **7th** day of **May, 1940** 193.....

Man's Signature in full
Ashley Kilburn MacDONALD
Witness to Signature..... **MAA**

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

[Signature]
Lieut. Commander { Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

Date **7th May, 1940** 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.

[Signature] **COMMANDER** Commanding Officer.....
[Signature] **Surg. Lt. Cdr.** 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.

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CERTIFICATE of the Service of

Ashley Kilburn MacDONALD.

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Esquimalt, B.C. I.C. N.S. 25228
 Official Number *3625*
 Re-issue ident. card # N.S. 31948

Date of birth *21st Aug. 1920.* Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)

Where born { Province *Ontario.* Name: *Malcolm*
 Town or county *Ottawa.* Relationship: *marriage*

Trade brought up to *Machinist's Apprentice* Address: _____

Religious denomination *Church of England* *48 Brighton Ave*

Date passed swimming test *7 May 40. P.P.T. (Good) Ottawa.* *26/11/41*

Man's signature on discharge to pension } *Ottawa Ont.*

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>6th May 1940</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
<i>21 Nov 43</i>	<i>Awarded Ribbon for 1939-43 Star</i>		

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>7½</i>	<i>35½</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	
On 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 MacDONALD (Surname) Ashley Kilburn (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 21st August, 1920.PLACE OF BIRTH Ottawa, Ontario. OCCUPATION Machinist Apprentice.RELIGION Chur of England. EDUCATION 4 years' High School.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 48 Brighton Avenue Town Ottawa Province, etc. Ont.

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	Seven Years.	5'7½"	Fair	Blue	Fair.					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs Marion G. MacdonaldADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 48 Brighton Avenue Town Ottawa Province, etc. Ont.

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	8	43	Granted Hurt Certificate.	7	5	40	Passed P.P.T. (Good).				
21	11	43	1939-43 Star Ribbon.	6	1	41	Qual. A/G.				
18	4	46	C.V.S.M. (R&C)	26	6	41	"Tr".				
18	4	46	Atlantic Star(R)								
18	4	46	Africa Star(R&C)								

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		
6	5	43	1st	Granted.							

FILM
NO. W.S.G. - 4658-6
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



3625 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME MacDONALD
(Surname)

Ashley Kilburn
(Given Names)

P.I.B
OFFICIAL NUMBER 3625

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.	6	5	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40	A.A.3	24	9	42			
Sans Peur	"	23	11	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41	A.A.2	16	7	43			
Stadacona	"	1	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
Restigouche.	"	7	1	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
"	A.B.	6	5	41		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	"	11	8	42													
Cornwallis.	"	13	8	42													
Stadacona	"	30	9	42													
Niobe	"	28	10	42													
Lunenburg	"	9	11	42													
Niobe	"	7	5	43													
Athabaskan	"	14	8	43													
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing, Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross issued to Mother: Mrs. Marion MacDonald, 41-1st Avenue, OTTAWA, Ont. 19/2/45.

Checked with Service Certificate on discharge.

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, Ottawa, Ont.

Name MacDONALD Ashley Kilburn
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Able Seaman Official No. 3625 Unit R.C.N.
R.C.N.R.
R.C.N.V.R.

Place of Birth Ottawa, Ont. Date of Birth 21 August, 1920

Occupation in Civil Life Machinist Apprentice Religion Church of England

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) From 6th May, 1940 to 29th April, 1944

Date of Death 29th April, 1944 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Missing, presumed dead, when H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action in the English Channel.
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Marion MacDonald Relationship Mother
Address 41-1st Ave., Ottawa, Ont.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship 1st May, 1944

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

If applicable { Place of Burial No burial Date of Burial
Location, Number, etc., of grave
Undertaker employed

ENTERED IN
N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
JAN 20 1945
9. P
CLERK No. 1

H.B. Money
(Commanding Officer)
for SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. EMC

The SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

Date 12 Jan., 1945

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, Sec. C.P.C., Dir. of Records.

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REGISTERED

File No. N-3625 of Pers (N)

1 May, 1944

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Dear Mrs. MacDonald:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 1st of May, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Ashley Kilburn MacDonald, Able Seaman, Royal Canadian Navy, Official Number 3625, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your son's loss occurred when H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan" was torpedoed and sunk by enemy action on the 29th of April, 1944, in the English Channel. Further particulars of this Naval disaster are being published in the newspapers.

While Able Seaman MacDonald is reported as "missing", there is a possibility of his survival. It is understood that a number of the crew have been taken prisoners of war by the enemy. The Red Cross have been informed and are attempting to obtain from the German Government a list of those taken. Please be assured that as soon as any further information respecting your son has been received you will be informed.

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,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Marion N. MacDonald,
48 Brighton Avenue,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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LETTER dispatched
PERSONNEL NAVAL
MAY 2 1944
[Handwritten initials and signatures]

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. MacDonald:

I must regretfully inform you that since your son was reported missing no further information has been received of his survival or that he is a prisoner of war.

I wish to assure you, however, that the Department makes every endeavour to discover the fate of missing men and draws upon all likely sources of information about them.

In the case of men who are believed to be prisoners of war continuous efforts are made to speed up the machinery whereby their names and camp addresses can reach this country. The official means is by lists of names prepared by the enemy government. These lists take some time to compile, especially if there is a long journey from the place of capture to a prisoners of war camp. Consequently "capture cards", filled in by the prisoners themselves soon after capture and sent home to their relatives, are often the first news received in this country that a man is a prisoner of war.

Very slight hope is now held, however, that your son is a prisoner of war as the total number of names of men who are known to be prisoners from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN" coincides with the number which the Germans claim to have captured from this ship.

Even if no news is received that a missing man is a prisoner of war, endeavours to trace him do not cease. Enquiries are pursued, not only among those who were serving with him, but also through diplomatic channels and the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva. The moment reliable news is obtained from any of these sources it is sent to the Department and is immediately passed on to the next of kin.

Should no information be received to the contrary your son will be presumed dead by the Canadian Naval Authorities at a later date.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

Yours sincerely,


 SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Marion H. MacDonald,
48 Brighton Avenue,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 10/10/44
Time 1804

D.D.

DECEASED 29 April 1944

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

MACDONALD Ashley Kilburn		N-3625	A.B.	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,	1068 15-10-49
Atlantic Star,	
Africa Star & Clasp,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

R.C.N. Sept. 45 HMCS ATHABASKAN"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. James A. MacDonald - Father

ADDRESS: 41 First Avenue,
OTTAWA, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. Marion M. MacDonald

ADDRESS: 41 - 1st Avenue
OTTAWA, Ontario

MEMORIAL B R

(1)

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO. 556

(2)

(3) 19 February 1945