

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

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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 ERNEST GEORGE MILLS	NEXT OF KIN <i>Wife</i> Name..... <i>Agnes</i> Address..... <i>832 Dundas Rd. 458 Phoenix St.</i>	PRESENT RATING A/E.R.A.4/c.
DATE OF BIRTH* 13th June, 1916	PLACE OF BIRTH† Town..... Grimby, County..... Province..... England	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER Commander J.E.W. Oland, DSC. RCN. RCN. 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
5' 7½"	37½ 34½ 35½	Dark Brown	Hazel	Medium	Nil	C of E.	Dockyard Apprentice

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	3rd February, 1938.	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	SEVEN YEARS
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	3rd February, 1938.	Date of entering present ship	3rd February, 1938.

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:—

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**

NOTED!

* 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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N.S. 815-9-55

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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, ERNEST GEORGE MILLS, 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 the term of SEVEN YEARS from 3rd February, 1938, 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 3rd day of February, 1938.

Ernest George Mills Man's Signature in full

Witness to Signature

Attested before me this 3rd day of February, 1938. M.A.A.

J. Edwards LEUTENANT-COMMANDER, RCN. { Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

Date 3rd February, 1938.

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.

J. H. O'Leary COMMANDER, RCN. Commanding Officer
B. Watson CAPTAIN, RCAMC. Medical Officer

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date 1938

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 1938

..... { 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 1938

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of § years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period** from †† 1938 provided my services should be so long required.

..... Man's Signature in full

..... 1938

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.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

C.N.S. 2417
3M-2-36
N.S. 815-9-2417

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
OTTAWA.

Esquimaux, B.C. (Place)
April 13th 1937 (Date)

SIR:— I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a Engine Room Artificer (Insert rating chosen) P 5498

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) ERNEST GEORGE MILLS
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) June 13th 1916
- Place of Birth. Town Grimsby Province Lincoln England
- Permanent Place of Residence. No. 308 Street Robert
Town Victoria Province B. C.
- Are you a British Subject? Yes
- How long have you resided in Canada? 12 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? Married
- How far advanced educationally are you? (Certificates of School Authorities must be attached) Completed 4th year High
- What practical experience have you had? (Details and certificates from employers, trade credentials, etc., must be attached to substantiate employment reported.) 3 1/2 years Apprentice in H.M.C. Dockyard
- Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? No
- If so, give details
- Have you ever served in such forces? No
- If so, give dates and details
- 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? (Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19) No
- What is your weight? 147 lbs Height 5'-7" Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 36 1/2"
- 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. Pambler M.A.
Signature of Witness

Ernest Mills
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 Esquimaux B.C. this 13 day of April, 1937, in the presence of

H. M. C. S. "NADEN"

M. Pambler M.A.
Signature of Witness

J. J. Mills
Signature of Parent or Guardian

APR 20 1937

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.

Sealed at Esquimaux B.C. this 13 day of April, 1937 in the

presence of M. Pambler M.A.

Signature of Witness

Signature of Candidate

APR 20 1937
COMMANDER, R. C. N.
ESQUIMAUX, B. C.

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M. Pambler
J. J. Mills

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.

(DUPLICATE - compiled from copy)
CERTIFICATE of the Service of

Ernest George Mills

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

PORT DIVISION	<i>Esquimalt, B.C.</i>	Official Number	<i>21508</i>
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Date of birth	<i>13 June 1916</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province	<i>England</i>	Name: <i>Agnes Allen</i>
{ Town or county	<i>Grimsby</i>	Relationship: <i>Wife</i>
Trade brought up to	<i>Dockyard Apprentice</i>	Address: <i>1630 McRae Ave.</i>
Religious denomination	<i>Church of England</i>	<i>Esquimalt, B.C.</i>
Date passed swimming test	<i>P.P.T. (Cond) 3 Feb '38 P.S.T. (V.G.) 12 July '38</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>3 Feb '38</i>	<i>3 Feb '38</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 1943</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>7 1/2</i>		<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Nil</i>
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

Name Ernest George Miles

Ship's Name (Tenders to be inserted in brackets)	List and No.	Rating	From	To	Cause of Discharge
<u>Naden</u>		<u>A/E.R.A. 4/c</u>	<u>3 Feb '38</u>	<u>25 Apl '38</u>	
<u>St. Laurent</u>		<u>"</u>	<u>26 Apl '38</u>	<u>2 Feb '39</u>	
<u>"</u>		<u>E.R.A. 4/c</u>	<u>3 Feb '39</u>	<u>2 Dec '40</u>	
<u>"</u>		<u>E.R.A. 3/c</u>	<u>3 Dec '40</u>	<u>15 Apl '41</u>	
<u>Stadacona</u>		<u>"</u>	<u>16 Apl '41</u>	<u>20 May '41</u>	
<u>St. Laurent</u>		<u>"</u>	<u>21 May '41</u>	<u>30 Nov '41</u>	
<u>"</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>C.E.R.A. (TV)</u>	<u>1 Dec '41</u>	<u>29 June '42</u>	
<u>Stadacona</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>30 June '42</u>	<u>5 Aug '42</u>	
<u>Neobe</u>		<u>"</u>	<u>6 Aug '42</u>	<u>3 Feb '43</u>	
<u>Ashabaskan</u>		<u>"</u>	<u>4 Feb '43</u>	<u>29 Apl '44</u>	<u>Reported Missing (20127)</u> <u>Presumed Dead (21062)</u> <u>U.N. No. 5122149</u> <u>Jan '45</u>

Date	Wounds received in Action and Hurt Certificate; also any Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prize or other Grants	Captain's Signature
<u>25-4-42</u>	<u>Issued D.C.T.U. # B 19878</u>	
<u>11 Jan '44</u>	<u>Mentioned in Dispatches (AFo 2124 Jan '44)</u>	

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER 21508

NAME

MILLS

Ernest George.

DATE OF BIRTH

13th June, 1916

(Surname)

(Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH

Grimsby, York, England.

OCCUPATION

Dockyard Apprentice.

RELIGION

Church of England.

EDUCATION

2 Years' High School.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

308 Robert Street

Town

Victoria

Province, etc.

B.C.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
3	2	38	Seven Years.	5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Dk. Brn.	Hazel	Medium	None.			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Wife

245/43

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs. Agnes A. Mills

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

1630 McRae Ave.

Town

Seaside

Province, etc.

B.C.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
21	11	43	Awarded 1939-43 Star Ribbon.	3	2	38	Passed F.P.T. (Good).	3	2	43	Granted Charge Certificate.
11	1	44	Mentioned in Despatches.	25	3	38	Passed H.E.T. Gen. Know. 59%(2).	28	5	43	Rec. for Warrant Rank.
				12	7	38	Passed P.S.T. (V.G.).				
				30	12	38	Stokehold W/K Cert.				
				24	3	39	Conf. ERA 4/c (Fair).				
				25	4	39	Granted E.R.W/K Cert.				
				17	3	41	Passed Prof. for C.E.R.A.				

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.

Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored
Day	Month	Year		
3	2	41	1st	Granted.

BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES

SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
		Day	Month	Year		

Date (in figures)

DAYS FORFEITED

Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.
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O.H.F. Received.

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NO WAR 4866-1

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SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



21508 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME MILLS
(Surname)

Ernest George.
(Given Names)

P.L.B.
OFFICIAL NUMBER 21508

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Or		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Naden	A/ERA.4/c.	3	2	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	38							
St.Laurent.	"	26	4	38		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39							
"	ERA.4/c.	3	2	39	Confirmed.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	40							
"	ERA.3/c.	3	12	40		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
Stadacona	"	16	4	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
St.Laurent.	"	21	5	41		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	43							
"	CERA.(Ty)	1	12	41		V.G.	Sat.	29	4	44							
Stadacona	"	30	6	42													
Niobe	"	6	8	42													
Athabaskan.	"	4	2	43													
DISCHARGED	"	29	4	44	Missing, Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Cross issued to
 Wife: Mrs. Agnes A. Mills,
 1630 McRae Ave.,
 Saanich, B.C.
 and to
 Mother: Mrs. I Mills,
 #4 Normandie Apts.,
 1106 Balmoral Road,
 Victoria, B.C. 19.2.45.

Service Certificate checked on
 discharge.

INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS' RECORDS

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. NAVAL SERVICE HEADQUARTERS at OTTAWA, Ontario.

Name MILLS, Ernest George
(Christian names in full)

Rank or Rating Chief Engine Room Artificer Official No. 21508 Unit (R.C.N. R.C.N.R. R.C.N.V.R.)

Place of Birth Grimsby, England Date of Birth 13 June, 1916

Occupation in Civil Life Dockyard 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 3rd February, 1938 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. Agnes A. Mills, Relationship Wife
Address 1630 McRae Avenue, SAANICH, B.C.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters 1 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
D.N.P.A.'s LOG BOOK
JAN 19 1945
CLERK No. 1
M.M.O.

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

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

Date OTTAWA, Ont., 12 January, 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.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Name: MILLS Ernest George

Rank and Service: Chief E.R.A. O.N. 21508 R.C.N.

Home Address: 1630 McRae Avenue, Saanich, B.C.

Award: M in D

Date recommended:

Date gazetted: 11.1.44 AFO 376/44

Previous award, with date:

Citation:- For courage and seamanship in bringing the ship, H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", safely to port after she was damaged.

TFH/JM

1 May, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

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 husband, Ernest George Mills, Chief Engine Room Artificer, Royal Canadian Navy, Official Number 21508, is missing from H.M.C.S. "Athabaskan".

According to the report received from overseas, your husband'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 Chief Engine Room Artificer Mills 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 husband 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 husband has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

LETTER DISPATCHED BY
PERSONNEL NAVAL
MAY 1 1944

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Agnes A. Mills,
1630 McRae Avenue,
SAANICH, B.C.

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-NAVAL SERVICE-

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10th October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

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. I. Mills,
#4 Normandie Apt.,
1106 Balmoral Road,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

.....
Date
Time

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REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. N-21508 Pers.(N)

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13th January, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Further to my letter of the 10th of October, 1944 I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, Ernest George Mills, Chief Engine Room Artificer, Official Number 21508, Royal Canadian Navy, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "ATHABASKAN", 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 29th of April, 1944.

May I again 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.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.



Mrs. I. Mills,
#4 Normandie Apt.,
1106 Balmoral Road,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 15/1/45
Time 1730

DECEASED 29 April 1944

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS (NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

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MILLS Ernest George		N-21508	C/ERA	FILE No. ✓-43839 03-23440
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,	2732, 20-1-50
Atlantic Star,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	
MID	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCN Aug. 45 "Athabaskan"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Agnes A. Mills - Widow Steele (Re-married)

ADDRESS: ~~1630 McRae Ave.,~~ Glen Lake P.O., VICTORIA,

~~Saanich, B.C.~~

27-12-49

(1)

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

Mrs. A. A. Mills

ADDRESS: 1630 McRae Avenue
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