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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 John Edward COOK.		Mother NEXT OF KIN Mrs. Louise COOK. Name..... Melaval Address..... SASK.	PRESENT RATING Stoker 2/c
DATE OF BIRTH* 20th March, 1918.	PLACE OF BIRTH† Town..... MELAVAL County..... Province..... SASK.	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER Commander J. E. W. Oland, RGN. HMCS. "NADEN" 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' 9"	38 35 36½	Dark Brown	Blue	Medium.	N i l .	United Church.	Farmer.

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	14th July, 1937.	Period of Engage- ment or Re- engagement	SEVEN YEARS, C.S.
Date of actually vol- unteering to en- gage or re-engage	14th July, 1937.	Date of entering present ship	14th July, 1937.

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.....**English.** Mother.....**English.**
- 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?.....**No.**

NOTED.
B. In Roster
7.8.37

* 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

2M-3-32
N.S. 815-9-55

LEDGERS FAIR
ROUGH

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E.W.
27.8.37

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, John Edward COOK, 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 SEVEN YEARS C.S. from 14th July, 1937, 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 14th day of July, 1937.

John Edward Cook Man's Signature in full
Witness to Signature M. A. A.

Attested before me this 14th day of July, 1937.

J. Edwards } Signature of a Commissioned
Lieutenant-Commander, R.C.N. } Officer of the Naval Service

Date 14th July, 1937.

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. P. O. O'Neil COMMANDER, R.C.N. Commanding Officer
G. L. Morgan Smith Captain, R.C.M.C. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

C.N.S. 2417
3M-2-35
N.S. 815-9-2417

M12168

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Melval Saskatchewan
(Place)

20th August 1936
(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 Boy Seaman
(Insert rating chosen)

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DEPT. OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
1 AUG 21 1936
N 162-21-4
CANADA

I certify that the following particulars are in my own handwriting and are true in every respect:

- 1. Name (to be given in full in Block Letters) JOHN EDWARD COOK
- 2. Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian *must* be attached) 20th March 1918
- 3. Place of Birth. Town Melval, Province Saskatchewan
- 4. Permanent Place of Residence. No. Street. Town Melval, Province Saskatchewan
- 5. Are you a British Subject? yes
- 6. How long have you resided in Canada? 18 years
- 7. What is your Mother Tongue? English
- 8. What other language do you speak? _____
- 9. Are you of the White Race? yes
- 10. Are you Single, Married or a Widower? Single
- 11. How far advanced educationally are you? Grade X part of XI
(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.)

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? 140 lbs Height 5' 10" Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 36"

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

C. Goodman
Signature of Witness.

John Edward Cook
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 Melval Sask, this 20 day of August, 1936, in the presence of

C. Goodman
Signature of Witness.

W. H. B. Carter
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.

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

John Edward Cook

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

<i>Port Division</i>	<i>Esquimalt, BC</i>	Official Number... <i>21488</i>
Date of birth	<i>20 March, 1918.</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province	<i>Saskatchewan</i>	Name: <i>Harold B.</i>
{ Town or county	<i>Melaval</i>	Relationship: <i>Father</i>
Trade brought up to	<i>Farmer</i>	Address: <i>Melaval,</i>
Religious denomination	<i>United Church of Canada</i>	<i>Sask.</i>
Date passed swimming test	<i>PPM (Fair) 2 Dec. 37 / J. P. W. Oland</i> <i>PST (Fair) 27 June 38 / J. P. W. Oland</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>14 July 37</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>5</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>38</i> <i>38</i> <i>36 1/2</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Blue</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 *John Edward Cook*

Ship's Name (Tenders to be inserted in brackets)	List and No.	Rating	From	To	Cause of Discharge
<i>Naden</i>		<i>Sto. 2/c.</i>	<i>14 July '37</i>	<i>28 Dec '37</i>	
<i>Tracer</i>		---	<i>29 Dec '37</i>	<i>13 July '38</i>	
<i>Tracer</i>		<i>Stoker i/c.</i>	<i>14 July '38</i>	<i>30 June '40</i>	<i>DD</i>

Date	Wounds received in Action and Hurt Certificate; also any Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prize or other Grants	Captain's Signature

8 Nov
13 Dec
29 Aug

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NAME COOK (Surname) John Edward (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 20th March, 1918

PLACE OF BIRTH MELAVAL, Sask. OCCUPATION Farmer.

RELIGION United Church EDUCATION Grade XI

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. _____ Town Melaval 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
14	7	37	Seven Years' C.S.	5' 9"	Dk. Brn.	Blue	Medium.					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Father NAME (in pencil) Mr. Harold Cook

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. _____ Town Melaval 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	
				27	6	38	Passed P.S.T. (Fair)				
				8	11	38	Passed Educ. Test Pt. I.				
				13	4	39	Granted Aux. W/K Certificate.				

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. WSP 4865-7
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



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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **COOK**
(Surname)

John Edward
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 21488

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.	14	7	37		V.G.	Sat	31	12	37							
Fraser	"	1	1	38		V.G.	Sat	31	12	38							
"	Sto.1.	14	7	38		V.G.	Sat	31	12	39							
Discharged		25	6	40	DEAD-Killed in Action.	V.G.	Supr.	25	6	40							

GENERAL REMARKS

16/4/41 - Canadian Memorial Cross
issued to Mother:
Mrs. Harold B. Cook,
MELAVAL,
Sask.

DATE OF BIRTH	PERIOD	CIVIL OCCU	RESIDENCE	RANK OR RATE
20 3 18 19	000	04047	03 00 0 13 0	1595
ENLIST DATE				
14 09 37 14 07 37				
SENIORITY				
14 09 38 09			20 25-06-40	
			CHECKED	

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Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. STADACONA at Halifax, N.S.

Name COOK, John Edward (Christian names in full)

JUL 11 1940
N.S. 620318
CANADA

Rank of Rating Sto. 1st class Official No. 21488 (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Melaval, Sask. Date of Birth 20 March, 1918

Occupation in Civil Life Farmer Religion United.

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) Two years and eleven months

Date of Death 25th June, 1940. Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Loss of H.M.C.S. "FRASER" by collision. (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Harold B. Cook Relationship Father Address Melaval, Sask.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Informed by N.S.H.Q.

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 Not Known (if known) Date of Burial Not Known (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

J. Edwards
COMMANDER R.C.N. Commanding Officer,

30th June, 1940

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

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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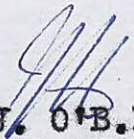
Ottawa, Canada,

14th August, 1940. 74

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

This is to certify that according to information received at the Department of National Defence from the proper overseas authorities No. 21488, Stoker 1st Class, John Edward Cook, R.C.N. was killed in action when H.M.C.S. FRASER was sunk in waters off the Coast of France on approximately the 26th June, 1940.

The deceased's next of kin is recorded as his Mother, Mrs. Louise Cook, Melaval, Saskatchewan.


(J. O. B. LeBlanc)
for..NAVAL SECRETARY.



House of Commons
Canada

KINCAID, Sask.
Dec. 22, 1936.

Commodore Percy W. Nelles,
Chief of the Naval Staff,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Commodore:

I understand that John Edward Cook of Melval,
Saskatchewan, has made application and has been
accepted by the Naval Department some months ago.

This boys father, Harold Bruce Cook, was with
the Imperial Navy and he is anxious that his boy
be taken on the Canadian Navy. He is particularly
anxious that his boy be taken on as a second class
stoker.

If therefore there is anything you can do
to assist this boy in the matter I will consider it
a personal favor.

Yours sincerely,

THOS. F. DONNELLY

per. *T. F. Donnelly*

AMH/F.

(Naval Service)

29th December, 1936.

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Dear Mr. Donnelly,

With reference to your letter of 22nd December relative to the entry into the Royal Canadian Navy of John Edward Cook of Melaval, Saskatchewan, as Stoker 2nd class.


This lad's name has been on the recruiting roster at Headquarters since 4th September, 1936, but in view of the large number of applicants and few vacancies, it will be some time before his name is reached for consideration for entry.

As he is less than 19 years of age however, and in view of the fact that the age limit for entry extends until he becomes 22, it is anticipated that he will, subject to medical fitness, eventually be accepted.

Your recommendation has been noted on his file.

Yours sincerely,

(Percy W. Nelles)
Commodore, R.C.N.,
Chief of the Naval Staff.


T.F. Donnelly, Esq., M.P.,
KINCAID,
Sask.

Form No. **S. 443.**—(Established—October, 1932.)

H. N. 3-C-91
APR 24 1939
COMMANDER
Esquimalt, B. C.

AUXILIARY MACHINERY COURSE FOR STOKER RATINGS.

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION.

H.M.S. ^{C.}..... "FRASER".....

This is to certify that..... **John Edward COOK**.....

First Class Stoker, Official Number..... **21488**..... serving in H.M.S. ^{C.}

..... **"FRASER"**..... has successfully passed through the
Auxiliary Machinery Watchkeeping Course, as laid down in K.R. and
A.I. Appendix XVII., Part I, No. 39 (F), and notations have been made
on his History Sheet accordingly.

A. J. Laman

..... **LIEUTENANT (E), R.N.**.....

Engineer Officer.

W. J. Peery
..... **COMMANDER, R.C.N.**.....

Commanding Officer.

Date..... **13th April,**..... **1939.**

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