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

OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN
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if not 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		NEXT OF KIN		PRESENT RATING
WILLIAM MILLER GAGNON		Father Name... Amedee Address... 472 Fraser St. Esquimalt, B.C.		Stoker 2/c.
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†			NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER
12th March, 1915.	Town... Falkirk County... Province... Scotland.			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' 7"	36 1/2 34 35	Brown	Brown	Medium	Nil	Presbyterian	Labourer

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	12th July, 1937.	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	SEVEN YEARS.
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	12th July, 1937.	Date of entering present ship	12th 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... French Canadian..... 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

NOTED.
J.E.W.
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.

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Noted by E.W.
27.8.37

(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, WILLIAM MILLER GAGNON, 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 12th July, 1937, 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 12th day of July, 1937, 193.....

William Miller Gagnon Man's Signature in full

Witness to Signature..... M.A.A.

Attested before me this 12th day of July, 1937, 193.....

Alfred C. Wright } Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service
LIEUT. COMMANDER, RCN.

Date..... 12th July, 1937, 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.

J. L. Oland Commanding Officer
COMMANDER, RCN.
G. L. Morgan Smith Medical Officer
CAPTAIN, RCAMC.

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.

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Cont. of Birth Miller

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR ENTRY ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

(NOTE.—All answers should be in the handwriting of the candidate)

1. Name (in full) WILLIAM MILLER GAGNON
BLOCK LETTERS
2. Date and Place of Birth 1915 Falkirk Scotland March 12 1915
* Birth Certificate, declaration by parents or affidavit as to date of birth must be attached.
3. Permanent place of residence 472 Fraser St. Esquimalt B.C.
(Address in full)
4. How long resident in Canada? 14 yrs.
5. Are you a British subject? Yes.
6. Are you single, married or a widower? Single
7. In what capacity do you wish to engage? Stoker
8. How far advanced educationally are you? Passed Grade VIII
* Attach certificate, diplomas, etc., if any.
9. Statement of present and previous employment. (Details of all previous employment should be given)
Master Norton Shingle Mill, Esquimalt Drydock
* Attach any testimonials or recommendations from employers.
10. Do you belong to any Naval, Military Reserve or Territorial Force? No
11. Have you ever served in such forces? Give dates and details No.
12. Have you ever been discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? No.
13. Have you ever offered to serve in any of His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? No.
14. What is your weight? 125
15. What is your height? 5ft 5' - 6 1/2"
16. What is your chest measurement? (Not inflated) 34 1/2"
17. Are you free from all physical defects and malformation, and not subject to fits? Yes.
18. Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? Yes.
19. If accepted and sent at Government expense to a Naval Base, do you agree to join the Royal Canadian Navy for seven years' continuous and general service? Should you fail to do so for any reason within your own control, do you agree to refund to the Department of National Defence the expenses incurred by that Department for your transportation to the Naval Base? Yes.

I HEREBY DECLARE that the above answers are true in every respect.

Signature William Miller Gagnon

Address 472 Fraser St.

Date August 8th - 1934.

G. D. Carr. M. A.
Witness to Signature

*NOTE.—The Certificates, Recommendations, etc., called for in questions 2, 8 and 9 must be attached, otherwise your application can not be considered.

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

William Miller GARNON

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Port Division <i>Esquimalt, B.C.</i>	Official Number... <i>21485</i>	
Date of birth... <i>12 March 1915</i>		Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil) Name: <i>Janet</i> Relationship: <i>Mother</i> Address: <i>472 Fraser St Esquimalt, B.C.</i>
Where born { Province... <i>Scotland</i> Town or county... <i>Falkirk</i>		
Trade brought up to... <i>Labourer</i>		
Religious denomination... <i>Presbyterian</i>		
Date passed swimming test... <i>PFT (Good) 15 July 37 / J. L. to Oland PST (Good) 27 June 38 / J. L. to 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>12 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>7</i>	<i>36 1/2</i> <i>34</i> <i>35</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</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.....							

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

21485

NAME

GAGNON

William Miller.

DATE OF BIRTH

12th March, 1915.

(Surname)

(Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH

FALKIRK, Scotland.

OCCUPATION

Labourer.

RELIGION

Presbyterian.

EDUCATION

Grade VIII

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

472 Fraser St.

Town

Esquimalt

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
12	7	37	Seven Years' C.S.	5' 7"	Brown	Brown	Medium.					

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Wife

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs Beatrice Gagnon

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

1205 June St

Town

Esquimalt

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	
				15	7	37	Passed P.P.T. (Good).				
				22	3	38	Passed Educ. Test Pt. I.				
				27	6	38	Passed P.S.T. (Good).				
				17	12	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. WAR 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



21485

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME GAGNON
(Surname)

William Miller.
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 21485

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.	12	7	37	Lent "Armentieres"	V.G.	Sat	31	12	37							
Fraser	"	24	6	38	31/12/37 - 10/1/38.	V.G.	Sat	31	12	38							
"	Sto.I.	17	8	38		V.G.	Sat	31	12	39							
<u>Discharged</u>		25	6	40	DEAD- Killed in Action.	V.G.	Supr.	30	6	40							

GENERAL REMARKS

17/4/41 - Canadian Memorial Cross issued to Wife:
 Mrs. Beatrice Gagnon,
 1205 Juno Street,
 ESQUIMALT, B.C.
 -and-
 Mother:
 Mrs. Janet Gagnon,
 472 Fraser St.,
 ESQUIMALT, B.C.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU	HELPED	POW	RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	ENLISTMENT
12 3 15 22	900	0 50	19 05 00	0 13	0 15 95			
ENLIST. DATE	GRADE	STATUS	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS
12 07 37	12 04 37					0253	0 15 94	
SENIORITY	STC	NON	DIS	RE	RE	RE	RE	RE
17 08 38	0 9							
						20 25 06 40		

Four copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. at

Name
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Official No.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Date of Birth

Occupation in Civil Life Religion

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)

Date of Death Place of Death

Cause of Death
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Relationship
Address

Date on which the above was informed by Ship

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 Date of Burial
(if known) (if known)

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

Undertaker employed
(if any)

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

J. C. I. EDWARDS

 Commanding Officer,
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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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VERIFICATION FORM

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

RATING *1/c* OFF. NO. *N. 21485* ADDRESS

A	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>
							ATLANTIC	1	<i>star</i>
							FRANCE G.		
							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *Clarkes*

ED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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N.S. 62-G-167

(Naval Service)

29th August, 1940.

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

This is to certify that according to information received at the Department of National Defence from the proper overseas authorities No. 21485, Stoker 1st Class, William Miller Gagnon, Royal Canadian Naval Service 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.


(J.O. Cossette)
NAVAL SECRETARY

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. **Stadacona** at **Halifax, N.S.**

JUL 62 1940
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Name **GAGNON, William Miller**
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating **Sto. 1st Class** Official No. **21485**
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth **Falkirk, Scotland** Date of Birth **12 March, 1915**

Occupation in Civil Life **Labourer** Religion **Presbyterian**

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) **Three Years**

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 **Janet Gagnon** Relationship **Mother.**
Address **472 Fraser St.,
Esquimalt, British Columbia.**

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** Date of Burial **Not Known**
(if 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.

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RCN Apr.41 "FRASER"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO	Casey (Re-married) Mrs. Beatrice Miller Gagnon - Widow	(1)
ADDRESS:	1205 Juno St. , 900 Gorge Rd. West, VICTORIA, B.C.	19-10-45
(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW	Mrs B. Gagnon	(2) 17 April 1941
ADDRESS:	1205 Juno Street ESQUIMALT, B.C.	
(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER		(3)
ADDRESS:		

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO.

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DECEASED 25 June 1940

NAVY

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

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WAR SERVICE RECORDS

GAGNON	William Miller	N-21485	Sto. 1/c	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 AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	2208.
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)