

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

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CANADA 7110

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APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Edmonton Alberta
(Place)

Sept 15/1938
(Date)

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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)

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) DONALD WILLIAM MITCHELL
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian *must* be attached) 29 MAY 1922
- Place of Birth. Town Edmonton, Province Alberta
- Permanent Place of Residence. No. 11923 Street 97 St
Town Edmonton, Province Alberta
- Are you a British Subject? yes
- How long have you resided in Canada? seventeen 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? Grade eight &

Cert. 1/30
2.10/19/38
16 yrs.

(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.)
none

- Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? yes
- If so, give details. Military 49th Battalion C Coy
- Have you ever served in such forces? yes
- If so, give dates and details. same 1937 July 2-10th 1938 July 2-9th
- 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

- 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? 130 Height 5' 3" Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 34 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

27. Give details.
28. Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? yes
no. C.R. Vance. Signature of Witness Donald Mitchell 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 Edmonton this 15th day of September, 1938, in the presence of Gladys McKeon Signature of Witness W. J. Mitchell 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 Edmonton, this 14 day of Sept., 1938, in the presence of W. J. Mitchell Signature of Witness Donald Mitchell Signature of Candidate

no

CERTIFICATE

§ Strike out "Parent" or "Guardian" as the case may be.

**Strike out "he" or "she" according to sex of Parent or Guardian.

†The assertion of the boy himself should not be taken as sufficient warrant for this statement.

I certify that I am personally acquainted with this Boy's § ~~Guardian~~ Parent, and am† aware** ~~she~~ ^{he} has consented to the Boy's entry as above, and I believe the particulars stated herein to be true.

XClergyman of the Parish.

OR *Mrs. A. M. Morin* Resident Householder }

Grocer Occupation..... }

X *12003-97 St. Edmonton* Address

.....193. *8*

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy whose Father is dead

Date of Father's death.....

Place of death.....

Signed.....Mother.

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy whose Parents are both dead

Date of Father's death.....

Place of death.....

Date of Mother's death.....

Place of Mother's death.....

Signed.....Guardian.

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NS. 62-21-4 "M"
F.D. 112.
#26850.

CONSENT PAPER

(This paper is required in all cases where the Candidate is under the age of 18 years, in addition to the Certificate of Birth or Declaration.)

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*Strike out "son" or "ward" as the case may be.

I hereby certify that my ~~ward~~^{son,*} Donald William Mitchell has my full consent (being himself willing) to enter the Naval Service of Canada for a period of seven years' continuous and general service, from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary until he attains that age, agreeably to the King's Regulations.

He has not been in a Reformatory, nor has he been sentenced to imprisonment.

I declare that he has never had fits.

† No alteration or erasure is to be made in the date of birth given.

The date of the boy's birth is † May 29 / 1922

His Religious persuasion is Baptist

Witness my hand at Edmonton Alta

15th day of October 1938

‡ Strike out "Parent's" or "Guardian's" as the case may be.

Parent's ~~Guardian's~~ Signature in full Wilfred James Mitchell

‡ Must be signed by the Father, if alive, or satisfactory explanation made.

Parent's ~~Guardian's~~ Address Room 4 Castle Hotel, Edmonton Alta

In the case of a Guardian see other side.

I, the above named Donald William Mitchell do consent to enter the Naval Service of Canada.

§ The Boy and Parent or Guardian must sign in the presence of the witness to their signatures.

§ Boy's signature in full Donald William Mitchell

Signed by the said [Here write boy's name] Donald William Mitchell

And [Here write Parent's or Guardian's name] W.J. Mitchell

In the presence of L. McLean Witness to signature of Boy, and Parent or Guardian.

9746 103rd St. Address. [OVER]

H. M. C. S.

"NADEN"

OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN }
Space to be left vacant }
if not known }

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
Donald William MITCHELL		Mother, Vivian Name. 11923-97th St. Address. Edmonton, Alta.	Boy Seaman
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†		NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER
29th May, 1922	Town..... County..... Province.....	Edmonton Alta.	R. I. Agnew Commander, RCN C. O. "NADEN"

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'3"	33	Lt. Brown	Brown	Med	Nil.	Baptist	Student

Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement	29th May, 1940	Period of Engagement or Re-engagement	SEVEN YEARS
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	31st July, 1939	Date of entering present ship	31st July, 1939

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?‡..... **Yes. 49th Battalion, 1st Edmonton Regiment**
- 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**

* 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)

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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

Donald William MITCHELL

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Esquimalt. B.C.

Official Number *3424*

Date of birth	<i>29th May, 1922.</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province	<i>Alberta.</i>	Name: <i>Mother</i>
born { Town or county	<i>Edmonton.</i>	Relationship: <i>Wife</i>
Trade brought up to	<i>Student.</i>	Address:
Religious denomination	<i>Baptist.</i>	<i>11923 - 97th St.</i>
Date passed swimming test	<i>P.P.T. (Under) 28 July 29. <i>[Signature]</i></i>	<i>Edmonton Alta</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
<i>31 July '39</i>	<i>29 May '40</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.....	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>Brn.</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Medium</i>	
On advancement to man's rating or on entry under 28 years.....							
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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3424

NAME MITCHELL Donald William DATE OF BIRTH 29th May, 1922.
(Surname) (Given Names)

PLACE OF BIRTH Edmonton, Alta. OCCUPATION Student.

RELIGION Baptist EDUCATION High School Entrance.

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 11923 97th Street Town Edmonton Province, etc. Alta.

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
31	7	39	As Boy.									
29	4	40	Seven Years.	5' 3"	Lt. Brn.	Brn.	Medium	-				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Marion Mitchell
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 11923 97th Street Town Edmonton Province, etc. Alta.

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	
				28	9	39	Passed P.P.T. (Good).				

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
NOW SR-4644-1
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

APPLICATION RECEIVED
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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

JUL 25 1940

HIS 62 MS33

H.M.C.S. STADACONA at Halifax, Nova Scotia, CANADA

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Name MITCHELL, Donald William (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Ordinary Seaman Official No. 3424 (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Edmonton, Alberta Date of Birth 29th May, 1922

Occupation in Civil Life Student Religion Baptist

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) One year

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 Vivian Mitchell Relationship Mother Address 11923 97th Street, Edmonton, Alberta

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

Commanding Officer, COMMANDER R.C.N. 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.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

DECEASED 25 June 1940

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS (NAVY)

D.D.
WAR SERVICE RECORDS

MITCHELL	Donald William	N-3424	O.Smn.	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	6093-3-8-50
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	<i>Medals Ret'd. undelivered Ret'd. To Stock</i> <i>24-11-49</i> CANCELLED

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

HMCS "FRASER" July /41 -R.C.N.
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS *MRS CLARA VIVIAN*
PERSON *Mother*
ENTITLED TO ~~Mr. Wilfred Mitchell~~ - ~~Father~~

ADDRESS: ~~11923 97th St.~~ *9339 Cameron Ave.*
Edmonton, Alta. *3/50*

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER

Mrs. V. C. Mitchell

ADDRESS: 11923 - 97th Street
EDMONTON, Alta. (Issued 16 April 1941)

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO. 280