

H. M. S. "NADEN"

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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
Cyril Winfield CONNERS		Mother- Lillas Name.....Blackville Address.....New Brunswick	Ord. Smn.
DATE OF BIRTH*	PLACE OF BIRTH†	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER	
11th October, 1921	Town.....Blackville County..... Province.....N. B.	R.I. ANNEW COMMANDER R.C.N. 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
5'4½	33	Fair	Blue	Fair	nil	Preys.	Labourer

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..... 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?..... 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	20.5.40

\* When evidence of age is obtained on First Entry, it should be attached to this Form.  
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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, Cyril Winfield CONNERS, 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 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.

Cyril Winfield Connors Man's Signature in full  
Witness to Signature

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

Lieut. Cdr. R.C.N.V.R. 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.

COMMANDER Commanding Officer  
SURG. LT. CDR. Medical Officer

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Date 193.

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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.

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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

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Man's Signature in full 193.

Witness, Commanding Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
(Naval Service)

C.N.S. 2417  
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N.S. 815-9-2417

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

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The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Blackville, N.B.  
(Place)

December 26<sup>th</sup> 1938  
(Date)

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)

62-214/6  
CANADA

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) LYAIL, WINFIELD, CONNERS.
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) October 11<sup>th</sup> 1921.
- Place of Birth. Town Blackville Province New Brunswick.
- Permanent Place of Residence. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Blackville Province New Brunswick.
- Are you a British Subject? yes.
- How long have you resided in Canada? 17 years.
- What is your Mother Tongue? English.
- What other language do you speak? English.
- Are you of the White Race? yes.
- Are you Single, Married or a Widower? single.
- How far advanced educationally are you? grade 5.

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(Certificates of School Authorities must be attached)

- What practical experience have you had? (Details and certificates from employers, trade credentials, etc., must be attached to substantiate employment reported.)  
school.
- 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? no.  
(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19)
- What is your weight? 138 lbs. Height 5 ft. 4 in. Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 37 in.
- 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.  
Thomas J. MacDonald Signature of Witness      Cyral Connors. 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 Blackville this 4 day of January, 1938, in the presence of Thomas J. MacDonald Signature of Witness      Mrs Thomas Connors. 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**  
*Cyril Winfield CONNERS.*  
**IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY**

I.C. N.S. 25041 22826  
 Official Number... **3644**

*Esquimalt. B.C.*

Date of birth 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1921.      Nearest known Relative or Friend  
 (To be noted in pencil)

Where born { Province New Brunswick.      Name Mrs Vera Audrey Connors,  
 Town or county Blackville.      Relationship: Wife

Trade brought up to Labourer.      Address: 3720 McComb St., NW,  
Apt. 6, (Washington, D.C.)

Religious denomination Presbyterian.  
 Date passed swimming test 7 May '40 - P.P.T. (Good) [Signature]  
 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. <u>6<sup>th</sup> May 1940</u>		<u>Seven years.</u>	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.....	<u>5</u>	<u>4½</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

Name *Cyril Winfield CONNERS.*

Ship's Name (Tenders to be inserted in brackets)	List and No.	Rating	From	To	Cause of Discharge
"Nadem"	-	Ord. Seaman	6 May '40	8 Dec '40	
"Prince David"	-	-	9 Dec '40	8 Apr '41	
"Stadacona"		Able Seaman	9 Apr '41	11 Jun '41	
"Hochelaga"		"	12 Jun '41	3 Sep '41	
Venture (Burlington)		"	4 Sep '41	4 Sep '41	
"		"	5 Sep '41	31 Dec '41	
"		Acting Smelter	1 Sep '41	30 Apr '42	
Stadacona (-)		"	1 May '42	12 May '42	
HMCS Fort Ramay (-)		"	13 May '42	15 Dec '42	
Stadacona (-)		"	16 Dec '42	11 Mar '43	
Stadacona		"	12 Mar '43	21 Apr '43	(29258) Log
Saguenay		A.P.O. (IV)	15 Mar '43	14 Mar '44	
"		"	22 Apr '43	15 Mar '44	
"		P.O.	15 Mar '44	30 Mar '44	
Stadacona		"	31 Mar '44	8 Jun '44	
Stadacona (Shuvingan)		"	9 Jun '44	24 Nov '44	D.D.

Date	Wounds received in Action and Hurt Certificate; also any Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prize or other Grants	Captain's Signature
11 Apr '42	Issued SCTW # B 19204.	
26 Jun '43	SCTW # B 52603	
25 June '44	Rated Acting C.P.O. whilst carrying out the duties of T.C. in H.M.C.S. Shuvingan. A-7360	<i>[Signature]</i>

25 Aug  
20 June  
7 Apr  
19 Jul  
21 July  
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PLACE OF BIRTH Blackville, N.B. OCCUPATION Labourer.

RELIGION Presbyterian EDUCATION High School Entrance

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town Blackville Province, etc. N.B.

ENGAGEMENTS			DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
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NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Wife 249A X 19065 6/4/44 NAME (in pencil) Mrs. I  
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Province, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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	
				2	7	40	Passed E.T. 'ONE'.				
				7	5	40	Passed P.P.T. (Good).				
				21	7	41	Passed Prof. for Ldg. Snn.				
				12	3	43	Passed Prof. for P.O.				
				7	4	41	"Tr"				

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. 4659-2  
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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NAME CONNERS  
(Surname)

Cyril Winfield.  
(Given Names)

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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	L.R.3	19	7	41			
Prince David	"	9	12	40		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	41	T.C.	12	6	44			
"	A.B.	9	4	41		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	42							
Stadacona	"	12	6	41		V.G.	Supr.	31	12	43							
Hochelaga II.	"	4	9	41		V.G.	Supr.	24	11	44							
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Stadacona	"	31	3	44	Rated A/C.P.O. whilst performing duties of T.C. 25.6.44												
Shawinigan	"	9	6	44													
DISCHARGED	"	24	11	44	Missing, Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

Canadian Memorial Crosses issued to Wife: Mrs. Vera A. CONNERS, 3720 Macomb St. N.W. Apt. 106 Washington, D.C. U.S.A. and to Mother: Mrs. Lilas CONNERS, Blackville, Northumberland Co., N.B. - 26.3.45.

Checked with Service Certificate on discharge.

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" at Sea.

Name CONNERS, Cyril Winfield (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Chief Petty Officer. Official No. 3644 R.C.N.

Place of Birth Blackville, N.B. Date of Birth 11th October, 1921

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) 6th May, 1940 to 24th November, 1944

Date of Death 24th November, 1944 Place of Death At Sea.

Cause of Death Enemy action - lost at sea. (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend. Name Vera Audrey Connors Relationship Wife Address 3720 Macomb St., N.W. Apt. 106, WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not known.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not known.

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 (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

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

Undertaker employed (if any)

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

Handwritten signature and text: Commanding Officer, 11/4/45

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.

Handwritten notes: Notes on PA, 16/4/45

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AIR MAIL

FILE NO: N.S.N.-3644 PERS.(N)

29 November, 1944. 49

Dear Mrs. Conners:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 29th of November, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your husband, Cyril Winfield Conners, Chief Petty Officer, Official Number 3644, Royal Canadian Navy, is missing at sea.

The only information that can be given at this time is that your husband is missing at sea when the ship in which he was serving was lost. Please be assured, however, that as soon as further particulars can be released, you will be informed.

It is regretted that slight hope is held for your husband's survival. When it is considered, beyond all reasonable doubt, that no further hope exists and should no information be received to the contrary, an official presumption of death will be made by the Canadian Naval Authorities.

It is requested that, for security reasons, you regard the name of the ship in which your husband was serving, as confidential until such time as an official announcement is made.

Please accept the sincere sympathy of the Department in your anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mrs. Vera Audrey Conners,  
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Washington, D.C.,  
U.S.A.

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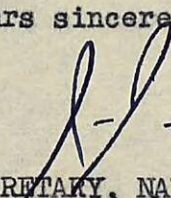
February, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Conners:

Further to my letter of the 7th of December, 1944, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your husband, Cyril Winfield Conners, Chief Petty Officer, Official Number 3644, Royal Canadian Navy, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN", 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 24th of November, 1944.



Please allow me to 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, the high traditions of which your husband has helped to maintain.

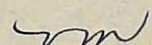
Yours sincerely,

  
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Mrs. Vera Audrey Conners,  
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WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
U.S.A.

  
Date 15.2.45  
Time 1630

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28 August, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Conners:

Further to my letter of the 15th of February, 1945, the Department is now able to release additional information regarding the loss of your husband's ship and I am accordingly passing on the following particulars which will, no doubt, be of interest to you.

H.M.C.S. "SHAWINIGAN" sailed from Sydney, N.S., on the 24th of November, 1944, to escort a merchant ship to Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, and arrived off Port Aux Basques that night. In accordance with orders she was then to carry out a patrol in the area for the duration of the night, after which she was to meet the same merchant ship the next morning and return with her to Sydney.

The merchant ship arrived in Sydney unescorted on the night of the 25th of November and after it was ascertained that "Shawinigan" had not appeared at the designated rendezvous to provide escort as instructed, searches were instituted and "Shawinigan" was discovered to be missing.

It was the opinion of the Department at the time that the ship had been torpedoed by an enemy submarine during the night of the 24th/25th of November, 1944, as submarines were known to be operating in that area; and this has since been confirmed from German evidence. Although no survivors were found, a few bodies were recovered by later searches, due to tidal movements, some distance from the area in which "Shawinigan" was known to be operating. As a result, the position of the sinking can not be exactly ascertained, although from German evidence and the Department's computation, it is estimated to be in the vicinity of the three mile limit off Channel Head, near Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Despatched by  
Sec. N. B.

Yours sincerely,

Date 29.8.45

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. *etc*

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CONNERS	Cyril Winfield	N-3644	C.P.O.	FILE No.
<b>SURNAME (in block letters)</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN NAMES</b>	<b>REG. No.</b>	<b>RANK ON DISCHARGE</b>	<b>UNIT</b>

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Atlantic Star	
CVSM & Clasp	
War Medal 1939-45	

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WIDOW

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MOTHER

Mrs. L. Conners

ADDRESS:

Blackville, Northumberland Co., N.B.

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