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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
(Naval Service)

C.N.S. 2417  
10M-938  
N.S. 815-9-2417

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

The Naval Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA.

Swift Current, Sask.  
(Place)  
March 14, 1940  
(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)

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) Earl Ira Holmes
  2. Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) July 11, 1923
  3. Place of Birth. Town Swift Current, Province Saskatchewan
  4. Permanent Place of Residence. No. 278 Street 3rd Avenue East  
Town Swift Current, Province Saskatchewan
  5. Are you a British Subject? Yes
  6. How long have you resided in Canada? Sixteen years
  7. What is your Mother Tongue? English
  8. What other language do you speak? None
  9. Are you of the White Race? Yes
  10. Are you Single, Married or a Widower? Single
  11. How far advanced educationally are you? Have completed Trade XI. Expect to complete Trade XII in June, 1940.  
(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.)  
Part time assistant to automobile body painter
  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?  
(Enclose two character references, one of which must confirm your answer to Question 19) No
  20. What is your weight? 134 Height 5 ft. 9 in. Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 33 inches
  21. Have you ever had fits? No
  22. Do you suffer from any deformity? None
  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?  
None
  27. Give details.
  28. Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? Yes
- M. M. Neukhalfer Signature of Witness      Earl I. Holmes 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 Swift Current, Sask. this 14th day of March 1940, in the presence of  
M. M. Neukhalfer Signature of Witness      Earl I. Holmes 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



NATIONAL LETTER  
M 65222  
OCT -2 1940  
N.S. 62-21-4 A  
CANADA  
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# 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.)

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

I hereby certify that my ~~son,\*~~ <sup>ward</sup> Carl Ira Holmes 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 † July 11, 1923

His Religious persuasion is United

Witness my hand at Swift Current, Sask

28th day of September 1940.

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

Parent's ~~Guardian's~~ Signature in full Esther L. Holmes

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

Parent's ~~Guardian's~~ Address 278 - 3rd Ave East Swift Current, Sask (P.O. Box 40)

In the case of a Guardian see other side.

I, the above named Carl Ira Holmes 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 Carl Ira Holmes

Signed by the said [Here write boy's name] Carl Ira Holmes

And [Here write Parent's or Guardian's name] Esther L. Holmes

In the presence of { C Fowler  
Witness to signature of Boy, and Parent or Guardian  
Swift Current Sask Address. [OVER]

20-3-40



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 § Parent, and am † aware\*\* ~~he~~ she has consented to the Boy's entry as above, and I believe the particulars stated herein to be true.

H. D. Ravens .....Clergyman of the Parish

or.....Resident Householder

United Church Clergyman .....Occupation.....

Metropolitan Mause, Swift Current, S.K. Address

September 28<sup>th</sup> 1940,

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

Stamp: MAIN FILE, CHARGED TO, SINCE 20/3/40, REC'D. CENTRAL REGISTRY, OCT 3 1940, REFERRED TO



APPROVAL: N.S. 62-21-4 "H#.

H. M. C. S. F.D. 233. NADEN.

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4066 OFFICIAL No. IF KNOWN Space to be left vacant if not known

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

CONTINUOUS SERVICE ENGAGEMENT, OR RE-ENGAGEMENT

To be forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, with Form S. 59

NS 62-4433 CANADA

Form with fields: CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME IN FULL (Earl Ira HOLMES), NEXT OF KIN (Mrs. Esther (Mother) Box 40, Swift Current, Sask.), PRESENT RATING (Boy Seaman), DATE OF BIRTH\* (11th July, 1923), PLACE OF BIRTH† (Swift Current, Saskatchewan), NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER (W.B. Holmes, Commander, R.C.N. Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C.)

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Table with 8 columns: Height (5'8 1/4"), Chest (35, 32, 33 1/2), Hair (Dark Brown), Eyes (Brown), Complexion (Fresh), WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS (Scar left shoulder), Religious Denomination (United Church), TRADE OR OCCUPATION (Student).

Table with 4 columns: Commencing date of Engagement or Re-engagement (11th July, 1941), Period of Engagement or Re-engagement (Seven Years), Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage (18th November, 1940), Date of entering present ship (18th November, 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:—

- 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 Scotch.
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? No.

NOTED ON ESTIMATE CARD Date 31.12.40 Initial JAH

Personnel Records Division. 1. Noted in Records, 2. Index Card, 3. Non-Sub. Card, 4. Statistical Card, 5. Homeo Strip, 6. Pension Card, 7. Estimate Card, 8. EMM DATE 24-12-40

\* 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.

Noted mvc Recruits 21/12/40.

Edgus R/S 7/12



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, ....., 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\*..... from †..... 19....., 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..... day of..... 19.....

..... Man's Signature in full  
Witness to Signature.....

Attested before me this..... day of..... 19.....

..... { Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service

Date..... 19.....

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.

..... Commanding Officer  
..... Medical Officer

II.—Certificate and Declaration for Boys

Date 21st November,..... 19.40.

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 term of seven years' continuous and general service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age

..... Commander..... Commanding Officer  
R. Bourne Lieut. Commander Lieutenant  
..... Surg. Commander 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 term of seven 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.

..... Carl Ira Holmes Boy's Signature in full

Witness to Signature..... Paul Led Writer.

Attested before me this 21st day of November,..... 1940.

..... R. Bourne { Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service  
Lieut. Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

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..... 19.....

engaged to serve in the Naval Service of Canada for a period of §..... years, do hereby engage to serve for a further period\*\*..... from †..... 19..... provided my services should be so long required.

..... Man's Signature in full  
..... 19.....

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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OFFICIAL NUMBER

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NAME HOLMES (Surname) Earl Ira (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 11th July, 1923.PLACE Swift Current, Sask. OCCUPATIONRELIGION United Church EDUCATION Grade 11 completed.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 278 3rd Ave. East Town Swift Current 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
18	11	40	As Boy.									
11	7	41	Seven Years.	5' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Dk. Brn.	Brn.	Fresh	Scar left shoulder.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Esther HolmesADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 278 3rd Ave. E. Town Swift Current 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	
				3	41	Passed Educ. Test 'ONE'.					
				12	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		

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





4066

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME HOLMES  
(Surname)

Earl Ira  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 4066

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Pre-qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Naden	Boy	18	11	40		V.G.	Sat	10	7	41	S.T.	1	11	41			
Stadacona	"	17	5	41		V.G.	Sat	31	12	41							
Prince David	"	21	5	41	(Via Ranpura).	V.G.		13	9	42							
"	Ord. Smn.	5	7	41													
Stadacona	"	26	8	41													
Ottawa	"	15	11	41													
"	A.B.	11	7	42	249A # 33106												
<u>Discharged</u>	"	13	9	42	<u>DEAD-Missing-Believed Killed in Action.</u>												

GENERAL REMARKS

9/11/42 - Canadian Memorial Cross issued to Mother:  
Mrs. Esther Holmes,  
278 3rd Ave. East,  
Swift Current, Sask.

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 7 23 19  
 PLACE OF BIRTH: PRR  
 CIVIL STATUS: MAIN  
 ENLIST. DATE: 11 40 18  
 ACT. SERV. DATE: 11 40  
 STR. NO.: 708260130  
 CAT.: 0896  
 0350100829  
 07420925  
 2013.09.42  
 CHECKED



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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

*Carl Ira HOLMES*

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

*Esquimalt*

I.C.N.S. ~~26476~~ *lost*  
*Re-issued NS 30796*  
Official Number *4066*

Date of birth <i>11<sup>th</sup> July 1923</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province <i>Saskatchewan</i>	Name: <i>Esther</i>
{ Town or county <i>Swift Current</i>	Relationship: <i>mother</i>
Trade brought up to <i>Student</i>	Address: <i>278 Third Ave East</i>
Religious denomination <i>United Church</i>	<i>Swift Current, Sask.</i>
Date passed swimming test	
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>18 Nov. 40</i>	<i>11 July 41</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>8 1/4</i>	<i>33 1/2</i>	<i>Dark brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fresh</i>	<i>Scar, left shoulder</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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NS 62-H-433

18th September, 1942.

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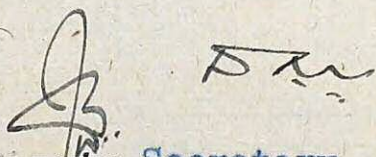
Dear Madam,-

It is with deep regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th September from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your son Earl Ira Holmes, Able Seaman, R.C.N., O.N. 4066, is missing believed killed in action.

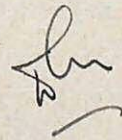
It is in the public interest that the name of his ship and the fact that she has been in action should not find its way to the enemy until such time as it is decided to publish the fact in a Naval Casualty List. It is therefore requested that this news, other than the fact that your son is missing, may be treated as confidential.

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours truly,

  
Deputy Secretary, Naval Board.

Mrs. Esther Holmes,  
278 - 3rd Avenue E.,  
SWIFT CURRENT, Sask.





DECEASED 13 September 1942

NAVY

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

HOLMES	Earl Ira	N-4066	A. 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	1677
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)



RCN May 46 "OTTAWA"

**MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL**

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Ira L. Holmes - Father

ADDRESS: <sup>234</sup> ~~835~~ Main St.,  
SASKATOON Sask.

7/2/57

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS  
WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS  
MOTHER

Mrs. E. Holmes

ADDRESS: 278 - 3rd. Avenue East  
SWIFT CURRENT, Sask.

(1)

**MEMORIAL BAR**

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

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(3) 9 November 1942