

PONDER
HAROLD RUSSELL
N3632

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
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CANADA

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES

FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

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Name (in full)..... Ponder, Harold Russell.

Date and Place of Birth..... March 30th, 1919, Victoria, B.C.
(Birth certificate, declaration by parents or affidavit as to date of birth must be attached)

Permanent Place of Residence..... Marine Station, Highbury Island

Nearest Town to Residence (if living in country)..... Prince Rupert, B.C.

Are you a British Subject?..... yes

Are you single, married or a widower?..... single

In what capacity do you wish to enrol?..... Ordinary Seaman.
(See standards of qualifications in attached pamphlet)

Present occupation or trade..... High School
(Attach any testimonials or recommendations)

Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Reserve or Territorial Force?..... no

Have you ever served with such forces? Give dates and details..... no

.....

Have you ever been discharged from any of H. M. Forces as medically unfit?..... no

Have you ever offered to serve in any of H. M. Forces and been rejected?..... no

What is your weight?..... 137 lbs What is your height?..... 5' 8 3/4"

What is your chest measurement (not inflated)?..... 35"

Are you free from all physical defects or malformation, and not subject to fits?..... yes

Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities?..... yes.

I hereby declare that the above answers are true in every respect.

H.A. Ponder.

Signature

April 27th 1936 Date

Prince Rupert, B.C. Address

L. Staworth
(Witness to Signature)

This is to certify that I have personally seen the birth certificate of this applicant, or a sworn declaration as to his date of birth.

I certify his date of birth, according to legal documentary evidence, to be..... 17 years 1 month

Signed..... W. Stume

Company Commanding Officer

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Naval Service)

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APPLICATION FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

The Naval Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
OTTAWA.

Prince Rupert, B.C.
(Place)
November 3, 1938
(Date)

Sir:— I hereby make formal application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, under a seven years' continuous service engagement as a 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) HAROLD RUSSELL PONDER
- Date of Birth (Birth Certificate or sworn declaration by parent or guardian must be attached) March 30/1919
- Place of Birth. Town Victoria, Province British Columbia
- Permanent Place of Residence. No. 226 Street 4th AVENUE EAST
Town Prince Rupert, Province British Columbia
- Are you a British Subject? Yes
- How long have you resided in Canada? 19 1/2 years.
- What is your Mother Tongue? English
- What other language do you speak? French
- Are you of the White Race? Yes
- Are you Single, Married or a Widower? Single
- How far advanced educationally are you? Partially through Junior
Matric
(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.)
None
- Do you belong to any Naval, Military, Air or Police Force? Yes
- If so, give details Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve
- Have you ever served in such forces? Yes
- If so, give dates and details since April 1936 till present time
- 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? 165 Height 5'11" Chest Measurement (Not inflated) 35"
- 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
- Give details.....
- Are you willing to be vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities? Yes

Maurice Bruce Signature of Witness
Harold R. Ponder 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 Prince Rupert, this 3rd day of November, 1938, in the presence of
Maurice Bruce Signature of Witness
Harold R. Ponder 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



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ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME..... Ponder OFFICIAL No. 15135

CHRISTIAN NAMES..... Harold Russell MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
<u>Marine Station Digby Island. Prince Rupert B.C.</u>		<u>United Church.</u>
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>March 30th.</u> <u>1919.</u>	Town <u>Victoria.</u> County <u>Kent.</u> Province <u>B.C.</u>	<u>Mr. H. Ponder.</u> <u>Marine Station Digby</u> <u>Island.</u>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... <u>5</u>	Inflated..... <u>37</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Ruddy</u>	<u>Scar on right leg</u> <u>at crutch.</u>
Inches..... <u>8 1/4</u>	Deflated..... <u>33</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Ruddy</u>	
.....	Mean..... <u>35</u>				
DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY			
<u>April 27th.</u> <u>1936.</u>	Ord. Sea. <u>Bugler</u>	<u>Student.</u> <i>Approved</i> <i>12-V-36.</i>			

(B) DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:—

- (1) That I am a British Subject domiciled in Canada.
- (2) That I am desirous of being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) That ¶ (a) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force.

¶ (b) I served in..... for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

¶ Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
<u>Prince Rupert.</u>	<u>Leading Cadet.</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>1936.</u>
<u>Sea Cadets.</u>			

(c) I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.

(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....Prince Rupert Division.....Company of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake and bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for three consecutive years, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the Regulations made in pursuance thereof for the government of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, and to the customs and usages of His Majesty's Canadian Naval Service.

(b) To report for active service if called upon in time of war or emergency, and, if called into active service, to serve ashore or afloat as may be directed, according to where my services are required.

(c) To keep in good repair and condition the articles of uniform and any articles of outfit which may be issued to me and to return them to the nearest Company Commanding Officer or to Training Headquarters prior to my discharge or when required so to do by any authorized person, or to pay compensation for any loss or damage thereto other than fair wear and tear; and also not to wear such uniform or outfit (which is and remains the property of the Crown) except when on naval duty.

Dated this.....27th.....day of.....April....., 1936.

Signature of applicant.....H. B. Ponder.....

(C) CERTIFICATE OF COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this.....27th.....day of.....April....., 1936.

.....W. Hummel.....
Signature of C. C. O.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Harold Russel Ponder.....do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty.

Signature of Applicant.....H. B. Ponder.....

Witness.....P. J. Saworth.....

Date.....27th April, 1936..... Rank.....Lieut. R.C.N.V.R......

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

(E) CERTIFICATE OF COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER

.....Harold Russell Ponder.....having been duly enrolled to serve in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the Record Book of the.....Prince Rupert Division.....Company of the R.C.N.V.R.

.....W. Hummel.....
Company Commanding Officer.

NOTE—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Company Commanding Officer's Record Book, is to be forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

The Certificate of medical examination B-207, and certificates of previous service are to be sent to Headquarters, Ottawa, with this form.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.

H. M. C. S. "NADEN"

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 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 Harold Russell PONDER		NEXT OF KIN Mother - Isobel Name: Box 103 Address: Smithers, BC	PRESENT RATING A.B. (NMO. 805)
DATE OF BIRTH* 30 March, 1919	Town Victoria	Province BC	NAME, RANK AND STATION OF RECRUITING OFFICER R. I. Agnew Commander RCN Barracks Esquimalt, BC

Personal Description at the Date of this Document

Height	Chest	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	WOUNDS, SCARS OR MARKS	Religious Denomination	TRADE OR OCCUPATION
5'10 1/4	38 1/2	Brown	Brown	Fair	Tattoo right forearm	C of E.	Student

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..... **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?..... **RCNVR - Prince Rupert - 27 Apl '36 - 5 May '40**
RCNVR Service not attached
- 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 IN PERSONNEL RECORDS ESTIMATE CARD
 Date **3.6.40**
 Initial **JMR**

Personnel Records Division

1. Noted in Records	<i>JMR</i>
2. Index Card	<i>JMR</i>
3. Non-Sub. Card	<i>JMR</i>
4. Statistical Card	<i>JMR</i>
5. Roneo Strip	<i>JMR</i>
6. Pension Card	<i>JMR</i>
7.	<i>JMR</i>
8.	<i>JMR</i>

DATE **7.8.5.40**

* 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.

C.N.S. 55 *54 days RCNVR training*
 2.500-3-38 *239 days Active Service RCNVR*
 N.S. 815-9-2 *293 towards Ge Badges.* *JMR*
 239 days RCNVR Active Service towards L.S. Pension *JMR*

(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, Harold Russell PONDER, 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 a 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.....

Witness to Signature MAA Harold Russell Ponder Man's Signature in full

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

[Signature] { Signature of a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service
Lieut. Commander

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.

[Signature] **COMMANDER** Commanding Officer.....
[Signature] **Surg. Lt. Cdr.** 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.

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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME **PONDER**
(Surname)

Harold Russell
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER **3632**

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
Sans Peur	A.B.	6	5	40		V.G.	Supr.	22	10	40	S.D.	27	7	40			
Naden	"	10	6	40													
Stadacona	"	19	6	40													
Margaree	"	14	8	40													
<u>Discharged</u>	"	22	10	40	<u>DEAD-Missing-Presumed Dead.</u>												

GENERAL REMARKS

14/5/41 - Canadian Memorial Cross issued to Mother:
Mrs. Isobel Ponder,
C/O Mrs. T.G. Crowe,
FORT FRASER, B.C.

17/3/41 - Canadian Pension Commission rules "Mother not entitled to Pension".

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL	REGUL	RECEIVED	PERM	RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE
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ENLIST. DATE	ACT. DATE	SHIP OR ESTAB.	RANK OR RATE					
06 05 40	06 05 40	A	BR. RANK					
SENIORITY	STR.	NON-SUB						
06 05 40	09	32	00	20	22	10	40	
			CODED	CHECKED				
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NAME PONDER (Surname) Harold Russell (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 30th March, 1919.PLACE OF BIRTH Victoria, B.C. OCCUPATION Student.RELIGION Church of England. EDUCATION Grade XII.RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 226 4th Ave., East, Town Prince Rupert, Province, etc. B.C.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates
6	5	40	Seven Years.	5' 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Brn.	Brn.	Fair	Tattoo right fore-arm.	RCNVR 15135	27/4/36	5/5/40

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Mrs. Isabel PonderADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Box 103 Town Smithers Province, etc. B.C.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	

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		

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NO. WSR 4658-8

DATE

Allowed to count 293 days' RCNVR time towards Good Conduct Badges; 239 days' Active Service for Long Service Pension.

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From

To



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OFFICIAL NUMBER V15135

NAME PONDER (Surname) Harold Russell (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 30 March 1919.

PLACE OF BIRTH Victoria, B.C. OCCUPATION Student

RELIGION United EDUCATION _____

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. Marine Station Digby Isle, Town Prince Rupert, Province, etc. B.C.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Dates	
Day	Month	Year								From	To
27	4	36	3 years.	5'8 ³ / ₄	Dk. Brn.	Brn.	Ruddy	Scar on right leg.			
3	9	39	H.O.								

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) _____ NAME (in pencil) H. Russell

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. Marine Station Digby Isle Town Prince Rupert 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	
				11	3	39	Passed E.T. 'one' R.C.N.V.R.				
				20	3	40	Passed S.D.O. Exam & rated.				

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

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NAME

PONDER

Harold Russell

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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
Div. Str. Pr. Rupert	Ord. Smn.	27	4	36							A/S.D.	20	3	40			
HMCS Naden	" "	30	7	38	-29-8-38.Armentieres 13-22/8/38.VG	Supr.		27	8	38							
HMCS Naden	" "	19	5	39	-20-6-39.Nootka 5-12/6/39.	V.G.		17	6	39							
	Able Smn.	16	6	39	Memo.20-7-39.Comox 13-16/6/39.												
Duty Div. Hdqts. PR.	" "	10	9	39													
HMCS Naden	" "	9	11	39													
Sans Peur	" "	14	11	39	Lent Naden	V.G.		3	3	40							
DISCHARGED	" "	5	5	40	Trans. to R.C.N. Memo 62-P-271.												

GENERAL REMARKS

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL	DOCU	DEL-ED	PERM	RESIDENCE	PREV	ENL	RANK OR RATE							
DY. MO. YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	SION	P.	CTY. TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A.	BR.	IRANK					
30	3	19	18	X	X	0	40	X	9	09	01	0	13	0	08	95
ENLIST. DATE	SEC	SER.	DATE	S.			DATE	SHIP	OR	DAYS TO						
DY. MO. YR.	DY.	MO.	Y.	3												
27	04	36	10	09	39				5010	0	08					
SENIORITY	STR.	NON-SUB	CODED			CHECK										
DY. MO. YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.	CKG	all										
10	09	39	09	32	00	31	05	05	40							

If a copy of this Form is required, Form C.N.S. 1243 is to be used

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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

Harold Russell PONDER.

IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Esquimalt, B.C.

Official Number *3632.*

Date of birth	<i>30th March, 1919.</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend (To be noted in pencil)
Where born { Province	<i>British Columbia.</i>	Name: <i>Mother</i>
{ Town or county	<i>Victoria.</i>	Relationship: <i>Paternal</i>
Trade brought up to	<i>Student.</i>	Address:
Religious denomination	<i>Church of England.</i>	<i>Box 103</i>
Date passed swimming test		<i>Smithers</i>
Man's signature on discharge to pension		<i>H.C.</i>

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>6th May, 1940</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>10$\frac{1}{2}$</i>	<i>38$\frac{1}{2}$</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Tattoo re: forearm.</i>
On re-entry for C.S. or for Non-C.S. after attaining 28 years.....							
Further description if necessary.....							

DECEASED 22 October 1940

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS (NAVY)

D.D.

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

PONDER Harold Russell		N-3632	A/B	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:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	9889 16/1/50
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	

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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCN "MARGAREE"

Dec/41

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Harold A. Ponder - Father

ADDRESS: General Delivery,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

DATE DESP

CANCELLED

REGN. NO.

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(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(2)

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Isobel Ponder

ADDRESS: c/o Mrs. T. G. Crowe
FORT FRASER, B.C.

(3) 14 May 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR

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Mrs. Alix Ponder.
Box 103.
Smithers, B.C.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. NS. 62-P.271 FD.295

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
OTTAWA, ONT.

November 14, 1941

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any balance of pay, medals or memorials available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

PONDER, Harold R., A.B. No. 3632.

H.M.C.S. "Margaree" R.C.N.

it is necessary that the requisite information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished on the inside of this form in strict accordance with the printed instructions. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on the back should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

(H.R. Wade) Lieut.Cdr. RCNVR,
for (L.M. Firth) Major,
Administrator of Estates.



ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below.

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT		
		NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree inquired for	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative
1	Widow of the Deceased.....	None		
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	None		
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Harold A. Ponder	49	Burns Lake, B.C.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Alix J. Ponder	45	Box 103. Smithers, B.C.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood		None
		Half Blood		None
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood		Ernest Hailey 26 London, England. Lois Brockatt 24 Vancouver, B.C. Jean Crowe 20 Fort Fraser, B.C.
		Half Blood		None
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, who are dead, and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)		Address of their children
		None		

ONLY IF NO RELATIVES IN THE DEGREES ABOVE ARE NOW LIVING, THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS SHOULD BE GIVEN

	RELATIVES	NAMES OF THOSE LIVING	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL
8	Grand-Parents of the Deceased....			
9	Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Deceased (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage).....		Age	

FULL PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

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10	What is the full name of the deceased?	Harold Russell Ponder
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	March 1919
12	Where and when were his parents married?	Bumberland, B.C. ^{1914.} March
13	If deceased was married, state place and date of marriage.	Un married.
14	Did he leave a Will? If so, a copy should be attached hereto.	No.
15	Did he leave a bank account? If so, give full particulars.	Yes. A joint account. Left only a few dollars remaining at
16	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration of the estate?	No. time of death about \$10.00 or \$12.00.
17	State your own postal address in full.	Box 103. Smithers, B.C.

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

18	Where was deceased born?	Victoria, B.C.
19	State, in order, the Province (or State) and country in which the deceased resided and the period of time in each, and in which last.	British Columbia.
20	What was the nature of his employment?	Just left school and worked on Defence Project prior to war.
21	Did he own the premises in which he lived? If so, where?	No.
22	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	No.

OTHER PARTICULARS

23	Did the deceased after enlistment incur any debts for:— (a) His own separate board and lodging while on service. (b) Service clothing and equipment. An itemized account for each such debt should be attached hereto, and if same is correct you should mark the bill "approved" and sign same. If believed incorrect, give particulars.	Not as far as I know.
24	Have you or any other relative paid the funeral expenses or any part thereof? If so, attach itemized accounts showing amount paid, and by whom. (NOTE:—The Government pays funeral expenses within the amounts authorized in the Regulations, where death occurs and burial is made Overseas as well as where death occurs and burial is made in Canada, and if a relative has already paid those expenses the Government will reimburse such relative to the extent of the amount authorized in the Regulations. Any amount of such expenses in excess of those authorized in the Regulations is not payable by the Government nor is it chargeable against the service estate of the deceased.)	

(PLEASE TURN OVER)

DECLARATION

*Insert degree of relationship for example, "Widow," "Father," "Brother," etc

I hereby declare that the foregoing particulars are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees inquired for ; and that I am the

* Mother of the deceased.

N.B. To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public.

Alix Ponder

{ Signature of Informant

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief Alix Ponder

*See above { Name of Informant } is the * Mother of the Deceased above described, and I believe the above Declaration and the Statement of Relatives made by the Informant and signed in my presence to be complete and correct.

Dated at Smethers B.C. this 21st day of November 1941

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public } B. J. Madden Qualification Barrister, Solicitor & Notary Public

Address Smethers B.C.

NOTE.—Before granting the above Certificate, care should be taken to see that the Informant gives particulars concerning the death of any Relative stated by him or her to have died, and that the full name and address and age of each surviving Relative enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

USE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE

My son was sending me \$25.00 per month, since he transferred to the R. C. N. as I have to work being separated from his father. Hence his putting me as next of kin. I applied for Pension, but was refused.

Alix Ponder

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name Harold Russell PONDER (Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Able Seaman Official No. 3632 (If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Victoria, B. C. Date of Birth 30th March, 1919

Occupation in Civil Life Student Religion Church of England

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) 5 Months

Date of Death 22nd October, 1940. Place of Death At Sea.

Cause of Death Lost in collision of H.M.C.S. MARGAREE (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend Name Isobel PONDER Relationship Mother Address Box 103, Smithers, B. C.

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

Date on which death was registered with local Officials NK

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

Signature of J. Edwards, COMMANDER R.C.N., Commanding Officer, 8th November, 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.



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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR THE ENTRY OF OFFICERS, MEN AND BOYS FOR THE NAVAL SERVICE OF CANADA

(R.C.N. OR RESERVE FORCES)

NOTE—This Certificate is to be completed by the Examining Officer and forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

I, the undersigned, have examined Harold Russell Ponder
candidate for entry as.....
and I believe him to be in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service. He has signed the Certificate given below in my presence.

Dated at Prince Rupert the 27 of April 1936.

Leo Ferguson
Examining Medical Officer
(Rank) Sur. C. G. M. C.

This examination has been made in accordance with the Instructions for Recruiting.

(a) Age (Years / Months)	(b) Weight without Clothes	(c) Height with Bare Feet	(d) General Development	(e) Chest Girth	(f) Vision by— (i) Snellen's Types (ii) Colour Vision	(g) Vaccinated or re-vaccinated for Small Pox (Date)	(h) Lungs, Heart, etc.	(i) Abdomen, Hernia, etc.	(j) Limbs and Joints	(k) Skin	(l) Ears and Hearing	(m) Testes, Varicocele, etc.	(n) Mouth, Teeth (No. deficient and No. defective, if any), Nose, Tonsils, etc.	(o) Anus, Hemorrhoids, etc.
17 1/2 1 M.	137	5' 8 3/4"	Good	inches (a) maximum 37 (b) minimum 33 (c) mean 35	right eye 20/20 left eye 20/20 colour vision normal	Yes 1926	Healthy	Healthy	Healthy	Healthy	Healthy	Healthy	Healthy	Healthy

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my belief I have never suffered from Fits, *Incontinence of Urine, Discharge from the Ears, or any other disease likely to render me unfit for His Majesty's Service. I am willing to undergo, after entry, such dental treatment as may be authorized.

Harold Russell Ponder
Signature of Candidate

When a Candidate is passed, notwithstanding a slight defect or disability, the following Certificate is to be filled up

This Candidate is the subject of.....
.....
not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects.

.....
Examining Medical Officer
(Rank).....

* The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.

Passing Certificate

This is to Certify

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that..... Howard PONDER,.....

Rating..... Able Seaman, R.C.N.V.R. Official Number..... 15135.....

has passed

THE EDUCATIONAL TEST, I

held on..... 7th-8th November, 1939......

For advancement to Petty Officer

(J.O. Cossette).....

Naval Secretary

Department of National Defence,

Ottawa, this..... 20th..... day of..... December,..... 19..... 39.

Victor Lemire

NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE
STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: **Harold Russell PONDER**
 (CHRISTIAN NAMES) (SURNAME)
 REGISTER NO. **13117**
 FILE NO. **N.S.N 3632**
 DATE **25 Oct '45**
 PAYEE: **Director of Estates For Service Estate of**
308 Sparks St. Harold R. Ponder
 ADDRESS: **Ottawa, Ont. N.S.N-3632**
 SERVICE NO. **3632**
 FINAL RANK OR RATING **A.B.**
 DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE **22 Oct '40**
 DATE OF DISCHARGE **22 Oct '40**

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE \$ **97.50**
 NO. OF DAYS **409** EQUAL TO **13** COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50
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B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE \$ **65.00**
 NO. OF DAYS **279** LESS **19** INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO **260** DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY \$ **1.85**
 SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE \$ **1.45**
 ADDITIONAL PAY **S.D.** \$ **.15**
HLM \$ **.13**



DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$ **Nil** \$ **Nil**

TOTAL \$ **3.58** x7 = \$ **25.06**
 NO. OF DAYS **279** x\$ **25.06**
183

*J.V.
NPA 187*

\$ **38.21**

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

\$ **200.71**

E. DEDUCTIONS OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$
 DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY \$
 OTHER DEDUCTIONS \$ **Nil**

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

\$ **200.71**

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$ _____ OF \$ _____ = \$ **200.71**
 TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE \$ _____

CERTIFICATE I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN CORRECTLY COMPUTED AND IS PAYABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT, 1944 AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER.

PREPARED BY: **EM** CHECKED BY: *[Signature]* TREASURY CHECKED BY: *[Signature]* DATE: **29 Oct 1945**
 SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE: *[Signature]*
 For Dir. Naval Pay A

62-8271

1st November, 1940.

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Dear Madam:


It is with deep regret that I must confirm the telegram sent out by the Minister of National Defence, reporting that your son, Harold R. Ponder, Able Seaman, O.N. 3632, R.C.N., was missing, believed killed.

Few details are available, but it is known that H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" was sunk in collision in the North Atlantic whilst steaming without lights, on convoy duty, and in the submarine zone. 142 Officers and ratings are missing and must be presumed lost at sea.

I am requested to express to you the sincere sympathy of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services and the Chief of the Naval Staff in your bereavement.

Any further information, which is received, will be at once communicated to you.

Yours very truly,


(J. O. Cossette),
Naval Secretary.

Mrs. Isobel Ponder,
Box 103,
SMITHERS, B.C.