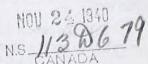




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3 August, 1922	Town Harbour Buffett	Father: Archibald Dicks Harbour Buffett
*Original Nationality of: Father English Mother	County Newfoundland Province	Newfoundland

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

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DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:-

(B)

- (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.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

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^{*}If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page.

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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 Divisional 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.

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Dated this	13th	day of November, 1940
	Tel.	Signature of applicant George Dicks
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(C)		CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING 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 13th day of November, 1940

Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

K.L. Johnson Lieut. R. C.N. V. R. C.O.

(D)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, George Ronald Dicks do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, His heirs and successors according to law. Signature of Applicant Leorge Ducks
Witness K.F. L. Man

Date 13th November, 1940

Rank Lieut. R.C.N.N.R. C.O.Quebec Div.

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

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER (E)

George Ronald Dicks 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 Quebec Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

13th November, 1940 194

(or other establishment) Quebec Division

NOTE.—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Divisional 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.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES

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Present occupation or trade?
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What is your chest measurement (not inflated)?33
Are you free from all physical defects or malformation, and not sub-
ject to fits?
Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities?
I hereby declare that the above answers are true in every respect
Signaturet George Dicks
Date. 139 Rovember, 1980
Date A. J
Iddress. 14.5. Scott St. Quelee S. C
This is to certify that I have personally seen the birth certificate of thos applicant or a sworn declaration as to his date of birth. This date of birth, legaly, is
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CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

George Richard DICKS

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

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(Authority-Art. 603, King's Regulations, 1936)

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1. Destruction of Conduct Sheet.—Attention is directed to Art. 603, cl. 3, K.R., which provides for the destruction, after the next assessment of character, of a Conduct Sheet shewing the record of offences in a previous ship. But the Conduct Sheet of a man joining a shore or harbour establishment may (and for Leading Seamen, Leading Signalmen, Able Seamen and Signalmen must) be kept in use and accompany him to his next sea-going ship.

2. Date of Commencement of "very good" Conduct.—When the date of commencement of "very good" conduct differs from that which would normally appear from the Service Certificate, the date is to be inserted in red.

3. Class for Conduct.—The date of proposed restoration may be any date not less than 3 months and not more than 6 calendar months from date of reduction. See Art. 567, K.R.

4. Good Conduct Medal and Gratuity.—Recommendations are to be made according to the instructions in Arts. 534, cl. 3, and 606, cl. 4, K.R. If the recommendation is intentionally withheld, a statement to that effect should be inserted. (See Art. 534, cl. 15.)

5. Whether Recommended for Advancement.—To be completed in respect of all Art. 413 ratings by inserting "Yes," "Not Yet" or "No" (but see notes (1), (2) and (3) below:

(1) "Yes"—Recommended for advancement. To be followed by (N.Q.) if not fully qualified; this, if awarded in a sea-going ship, will count as a sea-going recommendation for men who require this qualification, although such men are not qualified for recommendation on Form S. 507.

"Not Yet"-To be used for ratings not yet recommended for advancement owing to their inexperience. To be followed by (N.Q.) if not fully qualified.

"No"-Not recommended, whether qualified or not. For Leading Seamen, Leading Signalmen, Able Seamen and Signalmen insert also "S.G.R." or "H.R." according as the ship is or is not a "sea-going" ship (Appendix XVII, Part 1, para 10) in relation to the individual

rating concerned. 6. Whether Recommended for Confirmation .- Notations, in red ink, are to be made across both the "Recommendation for Advancement" columns, after completion of a minimum period of three months' acting time, as to whether

or not a rating is recommended for confirmation in the ordinary course. The abbreviations to be used are "R.C.O.C." or "N.R.C.O.C.".

7. Accelerated Advancement.—Recommendations are not to be made in this column unless the rating was likely to have been recommended for accelerated advancement on the next return 8. 507 had he remained in the ship. This column is intended merely to assist the Captain of the ship to which the rating is discharged in rendering S. 507 at the end of the half-year, by bringing to his notice ratings of more than ordinary merit, who should be specially considered when making the special recommendations on S. 507 for the accelerated advancement of a limited proportion of the ship's company. When recommending Leading Signalmen, Able Seamen and Signalmen add "S.G.R." or "H.R." as directed for previous column.

8. Offences and Punishments.—To be recorded on page 2.

9. Training Service.—This column is always to be completed for E.R.As, C.As, C.P.Os, P.Os and Leading Ratings of the Seamen, Signal W/T and Stoker branches, irrespective of whether or not the rating is a volunteer for the Training Service. If recommended, the word "Yes" should be inserted; if not recommended, the word "No"

CONDUCT SHEET

NAME DICKS, George Richard

PORT DIVISION AND OFFICIAL NUMBER.....

Date of Offence	OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT AWARDED	By whom awarded, Ship and date	REMARKS
1/2/43	Wasquilty of an act of neglect in that he failed to take proper care of his identity card.	3 days'#11	Capt St Clair	
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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

Place of Birth	Officer Official No.V-3668 Unit R.C.N.V.R.
O O' !! T'	r Buffett, Date of Birth 3 August, 1922.
Occupation in Civil Life	Unemployed Religion Church of England
AND AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF	in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. rve ratings) rom 13 November, 1940 to 18 March, 1945.
Date of Death 18 Ma	rch, 1945. Place of Death At sea
Cause of Death Missing	presumed dead. He was serving in H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH (If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)
which was torpedoed	and sunk by enemy action at sea.
Mooreat Irnoven	Mr. Archibald Dicks Relationship Father
relative or friend. Address	Harbour Buffett,
menu.	Placentia Bay, Newfoundland.
Date on which the above	was informed by Ship Naval Service Headquarters: 21 March, 19
Date on which death was	registered with local Officials.
In the case of Imperial S	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,
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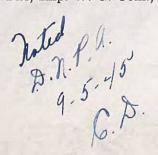
The Secretary, Naval Board
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

Date Ottawa, Ont., 1 May, 1945.

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

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N.S. V-3668 PERS. (N)

27 June, 1945.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information George Ronald Dicks, Petty Officer, Official Number V-3668, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing, presumed dead to date the 18th of March, 1945, when H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", the ship in which he was serving, was lost due to enemy action while on operational duty at sea.

SECHETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-3668, PERS.(N)

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23 April, 1945.

Dear Mr. Dicks:

Further to my letter of the 21st of March, 1945, I regret to inform you that in view of the length of time which has elapsed since your son, George Ronald Dicks, Petty Officer, Official Number V-3668, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was reported missing from H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", the ship in which he was serving, the fact that all circumstances surrounding his loss have been carefully reviewed, 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 18th of March, 1945.

H.M.C.S. "GUYSBOROUGH", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty at sea. Five Officers and 48 ratings, including one Royal Navy Officer and one rating who were taking passage, are missing and now presumed dead.

The above information is now being released for publication.

The following is an excerpt from the report of a Canadian Naval Press Relations Officer who was in contact with survivors of the ill-fated ship.

"Only one death occurred from the explosion but many died during the 19 hours the men who had survived the explosion spent in the water clinging to five Carley floats. Only six men of 42 on one overcrowded float lived until the rescue ship, a Royal Navy frigate, arrived.

""Both the air and the water were cold," said one of the survivors. "Most of the men who died, died smiling. If they suffered any, you'd never have known it."

"With the whaler overturned and the ship's motor boat holed by the explosion, only the Carley floats remained for the survivors. Four of the five floats were lashed together and from these the majority of the survivors were picked up. Seven hours after the men abandoned ship only 10 men remained alive on the one overcrowded Carley float. Four others died before rescue came.

"Exposure accounted for the largest number of deaths. Survivors were unanimous in saying that those who died did so quietly and with little apparent suffering.

"When the torpedo struck the Guysborough so much debris littered the decks that the Commanding Officer, Lieut. B. T. R. Russell, R.C.N.R., at first glance, thought his ship had been the victim of two simultaneous torpedoes.

"It looked at first as if the ship would survive. Guns crews were closed up, water-tight doors were closed, bulkheads shored up and every effort made to save the little vessel.

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c/o C.F.M.O. London, E.C.2. April 3, 1945.

Dear Mr. Dicks:

It is with deep regret that I write this letter. I am the former Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Guysborough in which your son was serving.

I know there is nothing I can say that will take away the grief you are suffering, but I do want you to know how extremely sorry I am.

Your son was one of the ship's company for sometime and I can truthfully say there was not a better Petty Officer under my command, a fine boy cheerfully disposed under the most trying situations. He was a credit to you and his ship at all times and died gallantly for his country.

If I am ever in your vicinity I hope you will allow me to call on you to express my condolences in person. In the meantime if there is anything I can do please let me know and I will be only too pleased to oblige.

Yours sincerely,

B.R. Russell, Lieutenant, R.C.N.R.

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-3668, PERS.(N)

21 March, 1945.

Dear Mr. Dicks:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 21st of March, 1945, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, George Ronald Dicks, Petty Officer, Official Number V-3668, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, is missing at sea.

at this time is that your son is missing at sea as the result of enemy action. The position of the action is such that there is little possibility of him being a prisoner of war and slight hope can be held for his survival.

Please be assured that as soon as further particulars can be released or any other news received, you will be informed.

For security reasons, it is requested that you regard the name of your son's ship in connection with his loss as confidential at this time.

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

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Archibald Dicks, Harbour Buffett, Placentia Bay, Newfoundland. Grand for

RCNVR Jan. 46 "GUYSBOROUGH" MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1)	MEDALS . PERSON ENTITLED TO	Mr. Archibald Dicks - Father	MEMORIAL BAR
	ADDRESS:	Harbour Buffett, PLACENTIA BAY, Nfld.	DATE DESP.
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	ADDRESS		(2)
3)	MEMORIAL CR	oss	
	MOTHER	Mrs. E.E. Dicks	
	ADDRESS:	Harbour Buffett, Placentia Bay, Nfld.	28-6-45

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

DICKS	George I	Ronald	v-3668	P.0.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN	BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C,A.S.F. UNIT

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1939-45 Star
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War Medal

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