

V9575  
DICKENS

ALEXANDER

JAMES

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

deceased 22-10-40

## AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

D.D.

DICKENS Alexander James William		V-9575	O/S.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICEBADGECLASS

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	<i>MEDALS RET. UNDER V.R.D. RET'D TO STOCK.</i>
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	<i>5387 24/11/44 3821 7-7-50</i>
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

RCNVR Aug. 41 "MARGAREE"

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

V. Hercus (Re-married)

ENTITLED TO Mrs. Millicent ~~H. Dickens~~ - Mother

ADDRESS: ~~Suite 3, Strabrooke Apts.,~~ 471 Toronto St.,  
WINNIPEG, Man. Corres. on file.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Millicent Hercus

ADDRESS: 726 Mulvey Ave., Fort Rouge, Man.

(1)

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

(2)

REGN. NO. 202

(3)

28-4-41

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37

V9575

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

DICKENS

(Surname)

Alexander, James, W.

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V9575

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
Winnipeg Div. Str.	Bugler	1	2	39		V.G.	Mod.	12	8	39							
" " "	Ord. Smn.	15	3	39		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	39							
Naden	" "	17	7	39	--14-8-39 Tr.(Comox 31-7-- 12-8-39 )												
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	Ord. Smn.	7	9	39													
Stadacona	" "	5	1	40													
Margaree	" "	14	8	40													
DISCHARGED	" "	22	10	40	Killed in action "Margaree" C.L.												

GENERAL REMARKS

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE		CIVIL OCCU.		REL-ED		PERM RESIDENCE		PREN ENL.		RANK OR RATE			
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GLOB	R	CTY	TOL	SER	DIV	A	BR	RANK		
15	3	31	16	X	X	0	30	X	6	06	06	0	06	0	01	94
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.		ACT. SERV. DATE		SHIP OR		RANK OR RATE					
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB	A	BR	RANK			
01	02	39	07	09	39					03/5	0	08	95			
SENIORITY			STR.		NON-SUB		M		CODED		CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.			22		EP					
07	09	39	00	00	00	00	22.10.40									

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NAME		DICKENS	Alexander, James, W.	DATE OF BIRTH	15th March, 1921
		(Surname)	(Given Names)		

PLACE OF BIRTH	Winnipeg, Manitoba	OCCUPATION	Student
RELIGION	Church of England	EDUCATION	

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 394 Agnes Street, Town Winnipeg, Province, etc Manitoba.

[illegible]

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil).....*Mother*.....NAME (in pencil).....*Mrs. Wilkerson*.....*Harris*  
ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.....*726 Madison Avenue*.....Town.....*New York*.....Province, etc.....*Manitoba*

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

4/6/45



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Can. B. 207  
20M-8-38  
N.S. 815-2-207

113-B276

# 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 Medical Officer and forwarded to the Naval Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.

I, the undersigned, have examined Alexander James William Dickens candidate for entry as Ordinary Seaman 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 Winnipeg Man the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1939

[Signature]  
Examining Medical Officer  
(Rank) Lieut R.C.M.C.

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

Age { Years Months	Weight without Clothes	Height with Bare Feet	General Development	Chest Girth	Vision by— (i) Snellen's Types (ii) Colour Vision	Vaccinated or re- vaccinated for Small Pox (Date)	Lungs, Heart, etc.	Abdomen, Hernia, etc.	Limbs and Joints	Skin	Ears and Hearing	Testes, Varicocele, etc.	Mouth, Teeth (No. def- icient and No. defective, if any), Nose, Tonsils, etc.	Anus, Hæmorrhoids, etc.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
17 yrs 10 months	105 1/2 lbs.	5 ft. 8 in.	fair	33 1/2 maximum 31 minimum 32 mean	right eye left eye colour vision	1927	normal	normal	normal	pigmentary lesion on skin of chest	normal	normal	deficient (3) No. defective defect	normal

## 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.

Alexander J W Dickens  
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 pigmentary lesion  
of chest  
not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects.

[Signature]  
Examining Medical Officer  
(Rank) Lieut R.C.M.C.

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

NAME IN FULL DICKENS, Alexander James William RANK/RATING Ord Esmn OFF. NO. V-9575 ADDRESS .....

[illegible]

## N. V. No. 17

3M-9-37  
N.S. 815-11-17

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ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Official Number 169575

Can Swim P. O. J. Good. 27.7.39.

[illegible]

	HEIGHT		COMPLEXION	HAIR	EYES	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	FEET	INCHES				
On Entry _____	5	3½	Ruddy	Auburn	Hazel	Vaccination Left Arm Small scar on face
On attaining 28 years _____						
Further Description if necessary _____						

# NAVAL TRAINING AND DRILLS

[illegible]

EXAMINATIONS AND NOTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE ENTERED ON G. AND T. HISTORY SHEET

[illegible]

## ACTIVE SERVICE

[illegible]

# R. C. N. V. R. TRAINING REPORTS, 1940

Name KICKENS, Alex. J. Rate Ord. Sea. O.N. 9575  
 Division Winnipeg Training Headquarters Winnipeg Period No. ....  
**ANNUAL TRAINING** No. of days  
 Entered for N.T. 7-9-39 Completed N.T. 4-1-40 119  
 Entered for V.S. .... Completed V.S. ....  
 Final Discharge .... Total No. of Days 119

## INSTRUCTION

	Training Establishment <u>Winnipeg</u>			Service Afloat H.M.C.S.		
	From	To		From	To	
Subject	No. of Hours	Efficiency	Remarks	No. of Hours	Efficiency	Remarks
1. Seamanship	200	Mod.				
2. Boatwork						
3. Signals	250	Sat.				
4. W/T						
5. Gunnery						
6. Torpedo						
7. Minesweeping						
8. P. & R.T.	50	Sat.				
9. Swimming	15	Good	P.P.T.			
10. Kit and Medical						
11. Field train.	100	Sat.				
12. W/K	65	Sat.	O.M. & Sentry			

Character Good Efficiency Mod. Character ..... Efficiency .....

Qualified as Efficient .....

E.T. Part I. Passed }  
Failed } Date ..... Passed }  
Failed } Date .....

Passed professionally for ..... Date .....

Recommended for Advancement .....

Recommended for Confirmation .....

Qualified for Advancement to .....

Recommended for Special Branch V/S. an intelligent rating who should make

General Remarks An intelligent rating who should make a good signalman

if he applies himself. Inclined to skylark during classes and requires  
close supervision. Sat for E.T.I. Nov. 7-8-39

Signature .....



N. V. 5  
2M-10-37  
N.S. 815-11-5

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9575'

William

15th March 1921	Town Winnipeg County Province Manitoba	Millicent Herces (Mother) Suite 3 Strabrooke Apts. City.
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## PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COM- PLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... 5	Inflated..... 33½	Auburn	Hazel	Ruddy	Vaccination
					Left Arm
Inches..... 3½	Deflated..... 31				Small Scars on face
	Mean..... 32				

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING ENROLLING FOR	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
1st February 1939	Bugler	Student

(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 xx for the period shown, and attach my  
 record of service in corroboration of this statement.~~

\* Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	PERIOD OF FROM	TO

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

Noted. 10-2-39.

W. Rec. 1977. 2000

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....Winnipeg..... Division 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 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.

Dated this.....First..... day of.....February.....1939.....

Signature of applicant X A. L. Dickens

(C) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL 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.....First..... day of.....February.....1939.....

A. R. Bingham Lieut  
for Signature of Commanding Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Alexander James William DICKENS 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 X Alex Dickens  
Witness A. R. Bingham

Date.....1st February..... Rank.....Lieutenant.....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

Alexander James William DICKENS 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.....Winnipeg..... Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

A. R. Bingham Lieut  
for Commanding Officer.

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.

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Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

## REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

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

Name Alexander James W. DICKENS  
(Christian names in full)Rank of Rating Ordinary Seaman Official No. V9575  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Winnipeg, Man. Date of Birth 15 March, 1921

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) 1 Year 9 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 Millicent Herces DICKENS Relationship Mother  
Address Suite 3, Strabrooke Apartments,  
Winnipeg, Man.

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

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, accord-  
ing 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

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.

C.N.S. 1121  
15M-7-40 (5849)  
N.S. 815-9-1121

MEMORANDUM FOR

P. 64

Mrs. Millicent Dickens,

726 Mulvey Avenue,

Fort Rouge, Manitoba.

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

THE SECRETARY,  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. N.S. 113-D-276 FD 195

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
OTTAWA, ONT.

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July 3

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

DICKENS, Alexander J. Ord. Smn.,

No. V.9575, R.C.N.V.R. "Margaree"



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 or Local Magistrate, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

(L.M. Firth) Major,  
Administrator of Estates.

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.....	<u>No.</u>		
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	<u>None.</u>		
3	Father of the Deceased.....	<u>James William Sickness</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>November 19/1936</u>
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	<u>Mellicent Victoria Sickness - (remarried) - Stercus</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>630 Arlington Street Winnipeg, Manitoba</u>
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	<u>None</u>	
		Half Blood	<u>None.</u>	
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	<u>Gertrude Sickness</u>	<u>17</u> <u>630 Arlington Street Winnipeg, Manitoba</u>
		Half Blood	<u>None.</u>	
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	
		<u>None.</u>		

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

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

FULL PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

10	What is the full name of the deceased?	Alexander James Sickens
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	March 1920.
12	Where and when were his parents married?	Winnipeg, Manitoba. May 20 <sup>th</sup> 1919
13	Was he ever married? If so, state exact place and date of marriage.	No.
14	Did he leave a (later) Will? If so, it should be forwarded.	No.
15	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate or Letters of Administration?	No.

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PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

16	Where was deceased born?	Winnipeg, Manitoba
17	In what Province, Country or State did he reside, and in which last?	Manitoba - Winnipeg
18	How long in each?	(19) 29 years
19	What was the nature of his employment?	Unemployed at time of enlistment for active service
20	Did he own the house or homestead in which he lived? If so, where?	No.
21	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	Winnipeg, Manitoba
22	State <u>your</u> postal address in full.	630 Arlington Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba

PARTICULARS AS TO CLAIMS

23	Have the funeral expenses been paid? If so, by whom?	None - deceased died at sea.
24	Are there any outstanding claims against the estate? If so, furnish full name and address of each Creditor in this space and enclose his Bill of Account. (See Note Below).	None.

NOTE.—Paragraph 24 refers to debts incurred for board and lodging, medical and funeral expenses, money borrowed, goods purchased, etc.; the following information to be embodied in all accounts submitted:—

1. Name and address of Creditor.
2. Detailed statement of particulars of claim with date or dates incurred.
3. At the end of his statement the creditor should certify that the account is just and reasonable, that no payments save as shown, have been made thereon and that he holds no security therefor; the creditor should then sign same, and if you admit that the claim is correct, then you "O.K." the bill and sign same.

(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 or Local Magistrate

Mrs. Millie V. (Wicks) Hercus (Signature of Informant)

# CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief Mrs. Millie

\*See above Victoria (Sickens) Hercus { 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 Winnipeg this 9th day of July 1941

Signature of Clergyman, Priest or Magistrate } George Robert Qualification Clergyman

Address St. Matthew's Church, Winnipeg

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 of each surviving Relative enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

630 Arlington Street,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
July 18/1941. 41

Administrator of Estates,  
Department of National Defence,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir: Sickens, Alexander J. Ord. Smr. (Deceased)  
No V. 9575. R. C. M. V. R. "Margaret".

This will acknowledge receipt of your  
letter of the 14th inst relative to your form P. 64. question  
My former husband James William Sickens, was  
legally declared deceased on the 19th November 1936  
and that this date is declared as his legal  
death.

Trusting this is the information you  
desire,

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. Millicent V. Hercules



# DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

Naval - Military - Air Force

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Name DICKENS Alex. Jas. W. No. 7.9575  
Surname Christian Names

Cpl. Gen. : H.M.C.E. "MARGARET" : 22-10-40  
Rank Unit Date of Death

## AMOUNT

L. P. C. \$ 12.30

Other Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total 12.30

Shares Retained \_\_\_\_\_

NET TOTAL ..... 12.30

Date July 11, 1941

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT																								
All	mother	Millicent Victoria Dickens-Hercus, 630 Arlington Street, Winnipeg, Man. (next of kin)	12.30																								
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Distribution approved and authorized

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

(Signature)  
For Chief Treasury Officer

(L.M. Firth) Major,  
Administrator of Estates.

630 Arlington Street,  
Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 8/1941

Department of National Defence,  
Naval Service,  
Estates Branch,  
Ottawa, Ont

File: H.Q.N.S. 113D-276-F.D. 195  
Dickens Alex J. (deceased)

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Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of August 29th enclosing cheque for \$12.30, representing balance of pay earned by the above to the time of his decease.

When Alex was home, he conveyed the information that there was certain insurance benefits from the Naval Service payable to his mother, in the event of his death while on active service. Your correspondence does not convey that there will be any further payment, also there is the question of "Prize Money" or other sources of Naval gratuity.

To have this matter of benefits clarified, I would appreciate, if you would clear these points at your convenience,

Yours very truly

Mrs. Millicent Stearns



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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
NAVY                      ARMY                      AIR FORCE  
STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

4  
NAVYDECEASED  
MEMBER'S  
NAME

Alexander James William DICKENS

(CHRISTIAN NAMES)

(SURNAME)

PAYEE

Director of Estates,  
308 Sparks St.,for Service Estate of  
Alexander J.W. DICKENS,  
N.S. V-9575

ADDRESS

Ottawa, Ont.

REGISTER NO.

14258

FILE NO.

NSV-9575

DATE

11 Oct/45

SERVICE NO.

V-9575

FINAL RANK OR RATING

Ord. Snn.

DATE OF DISCHARGE

22 Oct/40

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE

22 Oct/40

## A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 409 EQUAL TO 13 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50

\$ 97.50

## B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 70 LESS 19 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 51 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY

12.75

## C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

## DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY	\$ 1.50
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING	\$ 1.45
AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE	\$ 1.10
ADDITIONAL PAY	H.L.M.

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$ N11

TOTAL	\$ 3.05	X7 = \$ 21.35
NO. OF DAYS	<u>70</u>	X \$ 21.35

8.17

## D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

118.42

## E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

PAY AND ALLOWANCES	\$
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE	\$
AND ASSIGNED PAY	\$

OTHER DEDUCTIONS

\$ N11

## F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

118.42

## G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

= \$ 118.42

Voucher 2888 - Oct. 17/45

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	CHECKED BY
CP	WJA

TREASURY	
CHECKED BY	DATE
R J Hender	19/10/45

for Dir. Naval Pay Accting. SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

AT

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W.S.G. Application No. 14258

TO: D.N.P.A. "G"

FILE NO. N.S. V-9575

"WAR SERVICE GRATUITY"

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE

DICKENS Alexander James Wm. V-9575 Ord. Rmn.  
SURNAME CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL OFFICIAL RANK OR RATING  
NUMBER ON DISCHARGE

CAUSE OF DISCHARGE: Discharged Sead. (Margone)  
Applicant - Mother - No record - D.A. or A.P.

TOTAL SERVICE

Date of Active Service 10 Sept '39  
Date of Discharge 22 Oct '40  
Total No. of Days 409  
# Less non qualifying service —

Total Days 409

OVERSEAS SERVICE

% Total No. of Days 70  
# Less non qualifying service —

Total Days 70

Record of Service in other Forces (per Naval Records)

Branch of Service N

Date of Active Service 1

Date of Discharge L

# & % Overleaf

Computed By J. Conlon

Checked By E. Moran

J. B. Money  
for (H.B. Money)  
Payr. Cmdr. R.C.N.R.  
Director of Personnel Records

DATE: AUG 1 1945

# NON QUALIFYING SERVICE

(#) Date	Reason	No. of Days		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
"	"	"		
Total days				

## (%) OVERSEAS SERVICE:

<u>Where Serving</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
Margaree <sup>N</sup>	14 Aug '48	22 Oct '48	70

418  
349  
- 69  
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M.F.M. 441  
1 Mil. 9-44 (5449)  
H.Q. 1772-39-2326

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

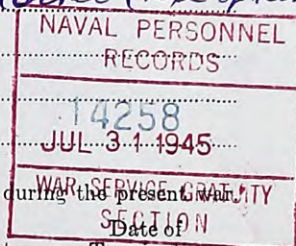
Force  
(X opposite Force in  
which you last served.)

## Application for War Service Gratuity

(Canadian Armed Forces)

A complete reply must be given to every question in this application. If any question is not applicable, "N.A." is to be inserted.

1. Surname on termination of service... DICKENS (Print) (KILLED IN ACTION)  
AT SEA.
2. Christian Names... ALEXANDER JAMES (Print)
3. Service No. V9575 4. Paid rank or rating at date of termination of Service. O.S.
5. Address, in full, to which payments of gratuity are to be forwarded... Mother (next of kin)  
471 Toronto Street, Winnipeg  
Mrs. Mellicent V. Hercules



6. State below your period or periods of service in the Armed Forces of Canada during the present War.
- | Service<br>(Navy, Army or Air Force) | Service No.    | Final<br>Rank or<br>Rating | Date of<br>Commencement<br>of Service | Date of<br>Termination<br>of Service                               |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <u>Navy</u>                          | <u>V. 9575</u> | <u>O.S.</u>                | <u>Sept. 1939</u>                     | <u>Killed in action</u><br><u>at sea</u><br><u>October 22/1940</u> |

7. Have you during the present War, while a member of the Canadian Forces, been attached, loaned or seconded to any of the Naval, Military, or Air Forces of His Majesty or of any power allied or associated with His Majesty? No If so, state name of Force or Forces

8. Have you during the present War, while *not* a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, been appointed to or enlisted in any of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of His Majesty (other than the Canadian Armed Forces)? No If so, state the Force or Forces, with dates of commencement and termination of service.

No last  
enlistment

Having now ceased to serve on Active Service, I hereby apply for payment of the War Service Gratuity.

July 20/45  
(Date)Mrs. Mellicent V. Hercules  
(Signature of Applicant)

If name signed in space above represents a change from name given in question 1, insert here the name at termination of service. As cheques will be prepared in the name given in question 1, a specific address in question 5 is particularly essential.

471 Toronto Street  
WinnipegNOTE: When completed this form is to be mailed to the Headquarters of the Service in which you last served. Viz:  
Navy—The Secretary, Naval Board, Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa. (To be accompanied by Certificate of Service in the case of ratings.)

Army—The Secretary, Department of National Defence (Army), Ottawa. Attention: Paymaster-General.

Air Force—The Secretary, Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa. Attention: Records Officer.



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## DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

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Estates Form "P. 4"

NAVY

Name..... **DICKENS** ..... **Alexander J.** ..... No. **V9575**  
 Surname ..... Christian Names .....

Rank **ORD. SMN.** ..... Unit **HMCS MARGAREE** ..... Date of Death **22-10-40**

AMOUNT  
 W.S.G. 118.42  
 L.P.C. \$ 12.30

Date..... **15-11-45** .....

Other Credits.....

Total..... 130.72  
 Prev. dist. 12.30  
 This dist. 118.42

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
All	mother	<p>Mrs. Millicent Victoria Hercus, 118.42  <del>630 Arlington St., 471 Toronto. Ont. St.</del>            WINNIPEG, Man.</p> <p>(As next of kin entitled)</p> <p>P4. TO TREAS.</p> <p>NOV 23 1945</p>	WSG

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
9999	331	00	50	000	\$118.42
CLASSIFIED BY			EXAMINED BY		
			For Chief Treasury Officer		

DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

(L. M. FIRTH) Colonel  
 Director of Estates

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

all - Marked as H/H entire  
Manitoba history

Mrs Melicent Victoria <sup>Hercus</sup> ~~Hercus~~  
~~Baker~~ ~~Hercus~~

630 Arlington St  
Winnipeg Mon

File:

Date:

To:

From:

Subject:

*You are requested to forward a reply to our*

HG

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE  
STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

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DECEASED  
MEMBER'S  
NAMEAlexander James William DICKENS  
(CHRISTIAN NAMES) (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO. 14258

FILE NO. NSV-9575

DATE 11 Oct/45

SERVICE NO. V-9575

FINAL RANK OR RATING Ord. Smn.

DATE OF DISCHARGE 22 Oct/40

PAYEE  
ADDRESSDirector of Estates,  
308 Sparks St.,  
Ottawa, Ont.  
for Service Estate of  
Alexander J.W. DICKENS  
N.S. V-9575

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 22 Oct/40

## A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 409 EQUAL TO 13 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50 \$ 97.50

## B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 70 LESS 19 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 51 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY \$ 12.75

## C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

## DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY \$ 1.50  
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING  
AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE \$ 1.45  
ADDITIONAL PAY H.L.M. \$ .10

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$ Nil

TOTAL \$ 3.05 X7 = \$ 21.35

NO. OF DAYS 70 X \$ 21.35

\$ 8.17

## D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

\$ 118.42

## E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$  
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE \$  
AND ASSIGNED PAY \$

OTHER DEDUCTIONS

\$ Nil

## F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

\$ 118.42

## G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$ — OF \$

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE \$

-\$ 118.42

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 *1/190*  
EP

TREASURY

CHECKED BY

DATE

R J Hendry

13/10/45

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

for Dir. Naval Pay Accting.

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630 Arlington Street,  
Winnipeg, Man., October 8/1941.

Department of National Defence,  
Naval Service,  
Estates Branch,  
Ottawa, Ont.

File: H.Q.N.S. 113-D-276 FD.195  
Dickens, Alex J. (Deceased)

Dear Sirs:

With reference to your letter of August 29th enclosing cheque for \$12.30, representing balance of pay earned by the above to the time of his decease.

When Alex was hom, he conveyed the information that there was certain insurance benefits from the Naval Service payable to his mother, in the event of his death while on active service. Your correspondence does not convey that there will be any further payment, also there is the question of "Prize monies" or other sources of Naval gratuity.

To have this matter of benefits clarified, I would appreciate if you would clear these points at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.)

Mrs. Millicent Hercus.

- Naval Service -

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12 November, 1940.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official news, O.N. V9575, Ordinary Seaman, Alex. J. Dickens, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was serving in H.M.C.S. MARGAREE, when that ship was lost in the North Atlantic on the 22nd of October, 1940, and has not been heard of since.

(J. O. Cossette)  
Naval Secretary.

KW

November 2, 1940.

Dear Madam:

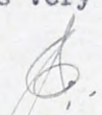
It is with deep regret that I must confirm the telegram sent out by the Minister of National Defence, reporting that your son, Alex J. Dickens, Ordinary Seaman, R.C.N.V.R., O.N. V.9575, was missing, believed killed.

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. Millicent Hurcus,  
726 Mulvey Avenue,  
FORT ROUGE, Man.

# DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE — NAVAL SERVICE

CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER

OTTAWA, CANADA

To Enclosed find Official Cheque in payment of Naval Allotment(s) as shown below

MRS MILLICENT HERCUS  
SUITE 1 STRADBROOK BLK  
WINNIPEG MAN

SEP 1940 CHEQUE NO. 115991

ALLOTTER'S NAME	REFERENCE NO.	AMOUNT
9575 DICKENS ALEX J		2300
		2300 *

Please note any change in your Address  
on reverse side and return

From \*  
 Mrs. Millicent V. Marcus  
 46 8 1/2 Stradbroke Belk  
 46 8 1/2 Stradbroke Ave

to 726. Why are

Ford Range

NATIONAL DEFENCE  
 0461 9-100

CANADA

Noted in Service  
 Records by M.M.

AVE

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Ent'd. on Allotment Ledgers	Ent'd. on Index Card	Allotment Declarations.
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		Initials
		Date

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## DECLARATION OF ALLOTMENT

List and Number in Ledger	ALLOTOR	Rank or Rating	Official No.	Daily Rate of Pay
STADACONA VR WINN 63	Surname.....DICKENS Christian Names { .....ALEXANDER J	O/Seaman RCNVR	9575 P4445	\$1.50

## ALLOTMENT NOW DECLARED

FULL NAME OF ALLOTTEE		Relationship	ADDRESS	Rate per Month to be charged on ledger	Month to commence Payable on last working day
Surname	HURBUS	MOTHER	Suite 1 Stradbroke Block Winnipeg Manitoba	\$23.00	February
Christian Names	MILLICENT				

## DISPOSAL OF EXISTING ALLOTMENTS

(See Note 1 below)

The following allotments are in force:—

Rate	NAME OF ALLOTTEE	ADDRESS	These allotments are to be disposed of as indicated below. (See Note 2):—
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Initials Date</p> <p>JM/c 10/2/40</p> </div>
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Ent'd. on Index Card</p> <p>Ent'd. on Allotment Ledgers</p> </div>

NOTE 1:—If there be no existing Allotment, the word "NIL" should be written across Section B.

NOTE 2:—Write "Increased or reduced as Section A"; "To be stopped (charged to.....)"; "To be continued," etc.

*A. J. Dickens*  
O/Seaman Rank or Rating

0/Seaman

Rank or Rating

<p>ENTERED IN FAIR LEDGER</p> <p><i>McC</i></p>	<p>ENTERED IN ROUGH LEDGER</p> <p><i>Ans</i></p>
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The allotment now declared has been duly entered in the Fair and Rough Ledgers with effect from the appropriate date. The reduction or transfer has been duly approved by the Commanding Officer and the reasons for the alteration are:—

THE NAVAL SECRETARY,

Department of National Defence,  
(Naval Service)  
Ottawa, Ont.

Pay Lieut. Cdr. R.C.N.V.R. for  
Accountant Officer

H.M.C.S. .... STADACONA

FEB 6 1940

Forwarded.

STADACONA

FEB 6 1940

Forwarded.

NOT MORE THAN ONE MONTHLY ALLOTMENT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH ON THIS SHEET  
FOR USE AT HEADQUARTERS ONLY

	INITIALS	DATE
Declaration received at Headquarters.....		
Declaration examined.....		
Approved.....		
Index card made.....		
Allotment ledger sheet made.....		
Allotment ledger sheet checked.....		
Type plate made.....		

MAIN FILE	
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REC'D. CENTRAL REGISTRY	
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REFERRED TO	<i>[Signature]</i>

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## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES

FOR ENTRY IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Name (in full)..... *A. Laddick James William Dickens*  
Date and place of birth..... *Winnipeg March 5 1921*  
(Birth certificate, declaration by parents or affidavit as to date of birth must be attached)  
Permanent place of residence..... *394 Agnes Street*  
Nearest town to residence (if living in country).....  
Are you a British subject?..... *Yes*  
Are you single, married or a widower?..... *Single*  
In what capacity do you wish to enrol?..... *Boys*  
(See standards of qualifications in attached pamphlet)  
Present occupation or trade..... *Student*  
(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.....  
.....  
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?..... *110 lbs* What is your height?..... *5 ft 4 in*  
What is your chest measurement (not inflated)?..... *32"*  
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.

..... *A. L. Dickens*..... Signature

..... *June 22 1938*..... Date

..... *394 Agnes Street*..... Address

..... *W. A. Nichols V.A.*.....  
(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 *15th March 1921*.

Signed..... *J. R. Bingham*..... *Leant*  
for Commanding Officer