

V32595
LEMESSURIE

GORDON

HENRY

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. **"GIVENCHY"** at **Esquimalt, B.C.**

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Name **GORDON ^{HENRY} LEMESSURIER**
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating **Motor Mechanic** Official No. **V-32595 R.C.N.V.R.**
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth **Vancouver, B.C.** Date of Birth **12th November, 1915**

Occupation in Civil Life **Warehouseman** 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 11 1/2 months**

Date of Death **AM 13th March, 1944** Place of Death **RCH Hospital, "MADEN"**

Cause of Death **Pulmonary Embolus**
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name **Mrs. Phyllis E. Lemessurier** Relationship **Wife**
Address **2211 Grant Street, Vancouver, B.C.**

Date on which the above was informed by Ship **13th March, 1944**

Date on which death was registered with local Officials **13th March, 1944**

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 **Not applicable**

Place of Burial **Vancouver, B.C.** Date of Burial **16th March, 1944**
(if known) (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave **Not Known**
(if known)

Undertaker employed **Centre and Hannah, 1049 W. Georgia St. Vancouver, B.C.**
(if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated **Not applicable**

(Sgd) B. C. GERMAN
(P. D. GERMAN)
A/CAPTAIN, R.C.N. (Temp.)
Commanding Officer,
16th March, 1944

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.

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Continuation of Form 104

If there is a change of name, date of birth, or sex, state the change in the space provided.

Full name of person (in full) _____

Former name (if any) _____

Date of birth _____

Sex _____

Indicate the name and address of the person's employer or family member in the case of a person's name, date of birth, or sex. State the name and address of the person's employer or family member in the case of a person's name, date of birth, or sex.

Name of employer or family member _____

Address _____

State the date and place of death.

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BELOW IS THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER'S NAME OR BOX

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Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa, Canada.

15 March, 1944.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. N.S. 113-L-1569.....
PERS(N)

Said pls.

113-L-1569

Sir:

In accordance with Naval Order No. 839, it is notified for your information that the following casualty in the Naval Forces of Canada has been reported:

<u>NAME, RANK/RATING NO.</u>	<u>PLACE, DATE & CAUSE of DEATH</u>	<u>NEXT OF KIN</u>
LeMESSURIER, Gordon Henry Motor Mechanic, V-32595, R.C.N.V.R.	Passed away in Royal Canadian Naval Hospital, Esquimalt, B.C., on 13 March, 1944. Cause of death unknown at this time.	Wife: Mrs. Phyllis J. LeMessurier, 2211 Grant St., VANCOUVER, B.C.

*1047 1/2
Burlingame St.*

ALLOTMENTS IN FORCE

<u>In favor of:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Initials</u>
Mrs. Phyllis J. Lemessurier	D.A. \$37.20 A.P. \$42.00	<i>Bher</i> <i>15/3/44</i>

WILL: No record.

Yours truly,

H.B. Money

for
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Administrator of Estates,
Estates Branch,
Department of National Defence,
O T T A W A.



N.C.R.

PLEASE MAKE OUT FALSE DOCKET
AND FORWARD WITH ATTACHED
LETTER TO ADMINISTRATOR
OF ESTATES.

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ACCOUNTS OF MEN DISCHARGED

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Account of the Balance of Wages, the Sale of Clothes and Effects
and the other Credits of Men Discharged to the
Shore, D. D. or Run

Name LEMASSURIER, Gordon Rating A/M.M.
 Official No. V32595 H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY" List 5A¹ 1207
 Who* was Discharged Dead on the 13 March 1944

	\$	cts.
Net sum due on ledger on account of Wages.....	-	-
Proceeds of sale of Effects charged against Wages, brought from the other side		
CASH—		
Proceeds of sale of Effects, brought from the other side.....	10.	00
Found amongst Effects.....		
Debts collected \$.....		
Cash deposited by official Receipt No. <u>44638</u> dated <u>15 Mch. '44</u>	10	00
Balance of wages deposited by Official Receipt No. 44673 Cash debited in the Accountant Officer's Cash Acct <u>dated 20 Mch. '44</u>	89	74
If in debt in ledger, amount to be stated (in red ink).....		
Rate of allotment (in words) <u>A. P. FORTY-TWO DOLLARS</u> charged to <u>31 Mch.</u>		
Name of ship from which transferred <u>H.M.C.S. "STADACONA"</u>		
Total†.....	99	74

We hereby certify that we have every reason to believe that the above account contains a true statement of all wages, Effects, and other Credits or Debts on the Ledger of H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY" amounting to a net balance† Creditor of Ninety-nine dollars and seventy-four cents.

Dated on board H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY" at ESQUIMALT B.C.
 this 20th day of March 1944

Approved J. McPetrick Commanding Officer.
[Signature] Accountant Officer
 { Initials of the Assistant Accountant Officer

For Use at Headquarters. \$.....cts.....credited on Inspector's certificate
 No.....to.....
 Signature.....
 Date.....19.....

*State whether discharged on shore, D.D. or Run. †State whether "debtor" or "creditor".
 ‡Subscription for Charitable or other purposes should not be shown hereon, but on a Remittance List, and dealt with as laid down in the King's Regulations.

AM 100

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

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True extract from the ledger of H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY" ending 31 March 1944.

List 5A¹ No. 1207 (Name) LEMASSURIER, Gordon Rank Rating A/M.M. No. V32595

When entered 15 Feb. '44 Date of appearance 21 Feb. A.M. Whither discharged D.D. 13 March A.M.

		\$	c.			
CREDIT from former account (H.M.C.S. "STADACONA")		13	98			
Pay as A/M.M. (Rank Rating) from 15 Feb. to 31 Mch. '44 46 days at \$2.75 a day		126	50			
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Kit Upkeep Allowance (Credited in Stadacona)						
OTHER CREDITS: Grog Money (21 Feb. to 12 Mch.) 21 days at .06		1	26			
Total credits		141	74			
DEBT from former account		Nil				
PAYMENTS:—	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	
1st month						Total
2nd month						Total
3rd month	10.00					Total 10.00
Allotment A.P. 42.00 Stopped paid 31 March						42.00
Pension deduction (Officers) charged to						
Hospital stoppages						
Mulcts						
OTHER CHARGES:						
Credited to "NAVAL ESTATES-PRESENT WAR"						
by Official Receipt No. 44673 dated 20 March '44						89.74
Total debits						141.74
Balance Cr. or Dr.						Nil
(Balance Dr. to be shown in red)						

Number of days actually victualled during period mentioned above 2

NOT VICTUALLED	LENT, SICK OR LEAVE	INCLUSIVE DATE		No. OF DAYS	SHIP, HOSPITAL, etc., IN WHICH BORNE
		FROM	TO		
	Passage	15 Feb.	20 Feb.	6	Givenchy
	Sick	23 Feb.	12 Mch.	19	Naden (RCNH)

Date 20 March 1944.

E. B. Leys
PAYR. LIEUT. R.C.N.V.C.
FOR ACCOUNTANT OFFICER

C.N.S. 2426
25M-8-43 (1468)
N.S. 815-9-2426

M. P.P.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
- Naval Service -
Ottawa, Canada.

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Sir:

..... 15 March, 1944
(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK or RATING</u>	<u>NAVAL NO.</u>
LeMESSURIER, Gordon Henry	Motor Mechanic	V-32595 R.C.N.V.R.

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 1 April, 1942.

DATE OF DISCHARGE - 13 March, 1944

HOSPITAL -
(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D. P. & N. H.)

SERVICE - Canada & High Seas
(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere.)

Reason for discharge and - "DEAD". Passed away in Royal Canadian Naval Hospital,
when and where any disability Esquimalt, B.C. Causes will be reported at an early
was incurred, or where death date.
occurred.

(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada).

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP- Wife NAME- Mrs. Phyllis J. Le Messurier,

ADDRESS- 2211 Grant St. Vancouver, B.C.

NOTE: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

Copies Form "B" fwd.
to Allots. (N) on

15/3/44 N.P.R./5.

H.B. Money
for
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Secretary, Canadian Pension Commission,
Room 228, Daly Building, OTTAWA, Ont.

NOTE: Duplicate copies of this form (Form "B") have been forwarded to the Chief Treasury Officer (Allotment Section), Department of National Defence, Naval Service, for completion respecting the details of Marriage Allowance, Dependents Allowance, etc., and subsequent transmission to you.

(See reverse side for further instructions)

REMARKS:

Service Documents will be forwarded as soon as Board of Inquiry has been received.

NOTES:

This form to be accompanied by documents only in cases of (a) discharge "medically unfit" (b) Death in Canada (c) Death anywhere if question of misconduct arises. Report of Board of Inquiry to be forwarded if disability or death is due to accidental injury in Canada or possible misconduct -- If Documents are not readily available this form should be sent at once with advice that documents will follow as soon as possible.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Secretary, Canadian Pension Commission
Room 200, Bay Building, Ottawa, Ont.

Indicate copies of this form (Form 28) have been forwarded to the Chief Treasury Officer (Allotment Section), Department of National Defence, Naval Service, for completion respecting the details of Maritime Allowance, Dependents Allowance, etc., and submission of form.

C O P Y

H.M.C. Dockyard,
Esquimalt, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Lemessurier:

As Naval Officer-in-Charge, Esquimalt, B.C., I wish to express to you my condolence and deepest sympathy on the sudden death of your husband, Motor Mechanic Gordon Lemessurier.

During his entire Service, your husband displayed extremely good character and performed all his duties with efficiency, willingness and cheerfulness. He was very popular with his Mess Mates and was liked and trusted by his officers. His loss to the Naval Service both from a personal standpoint and as a trained and valued worker, will be keenly felt.

As you are aware, burial was accorded full Naval Honours and all expenses are to be borne by the Naval Department. All personal effects held in HMCS "GIVENCHY" together with pay due, will be forwarded to the Administrator of Estate, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Ontario, and if he has made a will, this money will be released to the beneficiary on application to this Department.

May I again express my sincere regrets on the loss of your husband.

Yours truly,

(SGD) B. GERMAN
A/CAPTAIN, R.C.N. (Temp.)
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

Mrs. Phyllis Lemessurier,
1021 Nelson Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

CASE HISTORY SHEETI. Hospital R.C.N.Force RONVR

Active F. No. V 32595 Rank M.M. Unit or Ship HMCS Givenchy
 Reserve F. No. Rank Unit or Ship
 C.E.F. No. Rank Unit or Ship
 Others. Rank Unit or Ship
 Surname LEMESOURIER Christian Names Gordon Henry
 Address 1047 1/2 Barclay St., Vancouver, B.C.
 Age 28 Trade machinist Religion C. of E. Total Service (Mos.) 24
 Next-of-Kin Mrs. Phyllis LeMessurier Relationship wife
 Address 1047 1/2 Barclay St., Vancouver, B.C.
 Admitted direct (as transfer) from Duty Date 22-2-44 Class 19

Disposal of Case } Discharged to (Duty, Medical Board, Home, Sick Leave, Died) Date 13-3-44 Class 19
 } Transferred to Date Class
 Condition on Discharge (or transfer) Dead Days in Hospital 21
 Final Diagnosis (1) Cholecystectomy. (2) Pulmonary Embolus.

II. Admission Note: Epigastric pain 1 year. Fairly acute at times. Pain associated with nausea. Relieved by ulcer diet. Has lost considerable weight. Tenderness in epigastrium. X-ray evidence of cholelithiasis and non-functioning gall bladder. Admit for cholecystectomy.

Provisional Diagnosis:

1. Chronic Cholecystitis.
2. Cholelithiasis.

W.J. Hart, Sg.Lt.

Signature of Admitting Officer.

III. History and Physical Examination (in chronological order) Date 22-2-44G.C.: Epigastric pain, frequent dyspepsia.

H.P.I.: About one year ago, patient noted epigastric pain, sharp, stabbing in type, not referred elsewhere. He also began to notice nausea, flatulence and marked intolerance to greasy foods. No excruciating pain of colic type nor jaundice. Stools have been quite normal in colour and consistency throughout. Urine moderately dark at times.

P.I.: None serious.

F.H.: Mother and father alive and well. No tuberculosis, diabetes or cancer in family.

Exam.: Patient thin, rather pale. No icteric tinge. Head & Neck - ears, eyes, nose normal. Dentition good. Throat clear. Cervical nodes and thyroid gland normal. Chest - flat, moves freely. Fremitus and percussion note normal throughout. Breath sounds vesicular. No rales. Abdomen - scaphoid, moves freely with respiration. No hyperaesthesia nor rigidity. Moderate point tenderness in mid-right epigastrium. Lower margin not palpable. C.V. - heart normal in size. BP 127/71. No murmurs. Neuro-muscular negative.

Diag.: Cholecystitis, cholelithiasis, chronic.

Date 22-2-44

G.H. Grant, Sg.Lt.Cdr.

Medical Officer i/c Case.

- 29-2-44 Patient in considerable shock. T. 103. Pulse 120. Resp. 36, shallow. Examination of chest reveals absent breath sounds in lower left. X-ray shows atelectasis of left lower lobe. Coughing frequently with quite marked hemoptysis. Grant.
- 1-3-44 Patient has severe and continuous hiccoughs, not relieved by CO₂ administration. Rests fairly well between bouts. Chest signs diminishing. Grant.
- 2-3-44 Patient improved slightly, but still has high temperature and hiccoughs. Chest signs further decreased. Is feeling relatively well. Good results from enema. Grant.
- 3-3-44 Patient still febrile, still hiccoughing, but with longer periods of freedom. Pulse now 90, of good quality. Temp. 101. Chest almost clear to examination. Grant.
- 4-3-44 Chest X-ray shows marked improvement. Patient is still hiccoughing. Abdomen soft, no palpable masses or rigidity. Grant.
- 5-3-44 Patient clinically improved, but still febrile. Hiccoughs decreasing. Wound clean. Grant.
- 7-3-44 Dressing not disturbed. Percussion reveals dullness left base. Hiccoughs stopped. D.V. Graham
- 12-3-44 Comfortable. Dressing changed. Wound open with very slight discharge present. D.V.G.
- 1 13-3-44 Sudden onset of stertorous breathing and marked dyspnoea. Followed by marked shock and prostration and air hunger with involuntary micturition and defaecation. Patient expired at 0715. R.M. Jameson, Sg.Lt.

Laboratory Reports:

- 23-2-44 Adm. Urinalysis: Acid. Alb., sug. 0. WBC 15-25 PMPF.
Blood work: WBC 5,300. RBC 4,660,000. Poly 56%. Staff 2%.
Lymph 33%. Mono 8%. Baso 1%. Coagulation
Time 4 min. Bleeding Time 1 min.
- 25-2-44 Kahn negative.
- 28-2-44 Urinalysis: Acid. Alb., sug. 0. Pus 1-2 PMPF. No RBC or casts. Uric acid crystals.
- 3-3-44 Urinalysis: Alb. 2%. No sulphur crystals.
- 5-3-44 Urinalysis for sulphur: Fairly numerous sulphur crystals found.
- 6-3-44 Urinalysis for sulphur: Rare sulphur crystals.

Pathological Report:

- 6-3-44 Section - Appendix; Gall Bladder:
Gross: The appendix measured 70 mm. in length by 7 mm. in diameter. The surface was smooth and pale. The lumen was patent. The gall bladder measured 75 mm. in length by 25 mm. in diameter. The wall measured 2 mm. in thickness. The mucosa was trabeculated and the lumen contained a few small calculi which were composed almost entirely of pigment.
Histology: The appendix did not show any special pathological changes. The wall of the gall bladder was oedematous and the seat of a mild degree of fibrosis with lymphocytic infiltration. The mucosa was thrown up into papillary projections which was covered by tall columnar epithelium. The mucosa was the seat of gland-like acini. There was also a mild degree of benign epithelial invasion of the wall.
Diagnosis: 1. Chronic cholecystitis.
2. Pigment biliary calculi.
3. Normal appendix. Gordon McCurdy.

X-ray Reports:

- 29-2-44 Portable examination has been made of the chest in the P.A.
(continued page 2b)

IV. Condition on Discharge.....

Disposal of Case.....

Date.....

Medical Officer i/c Case

DATE

CLINICAL NOTES

3-3-44

projection. These films demonstrate that the dome of the left diaphragm has been elevated and a definite increase in density obscures the lower portion of the left lung field. We believe the trachea has also been shifted to the left as well as the general heart shadow. This picture is compatible with a definite atelectasis of the left lower lobe. J.H. Fleming, Sg.Lt. P.A. projection of the chest demonstrates again the density obscuring the left lower lung field as well as a shift of the heart to the left. The dome of the left diaphragm remains somewhat elevated. Comparison with previous examination of 29-2-44 shows a generalized decrease in this density.

OPINION: Atelectasis, left lower lobe, decreasing.
J.H. Fleming, Sg.Lt.

Operation Report:

28-2-44

The gall bladder was rather small and the wall was thickened. Hartmann's pouch was dilated. Calculi were readily palpated. The gastric wall, duodenum and the pancreas and common duct and liver were normal on gross examination.

Transverse incision, 20 cm. in length, was made from the 9th to 9th costal cartilages. After inspection of the abdomen the viscerae were packed away. The outline of the gall bladder was exposed. The cystic duct and artery were identified, clamped and ligated, and the foramen tied with silk and #0 chromic cat gut. The gall bladder was freed by blunt resection. The appendix was removed and the stump inverted. The abdominal wall was closed in layers.

G.H. Grant, Sg.Lt.Cdr.

IV. Condition on Discharge.....

Dead

Disposal of Case.....

Release of body after autopsy

Date.....

3-3-44

G.H. Grant, Sg.Lt.Cdr.

Medical Officer i/c Case

H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY"
Esquimalt, B.C., 44.
27th March,

Sir:-

I have the honour to submit the attached Minutes and Finding of a Board of Inquiry (in triplicate) held in the Board Room, H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY" Esquimalt, B.C., in accordance with your Memorandum dated 18th March, 1944, to investigate the circumstances attending the death of Gordon Henry Lemmesurier, A/Motor Mechanic, Official Number V-32595, H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY", in Royal Canadian Naval Hospital, H.M.C.S. "NADEN", Esquimalt, B.C., at 0715 Monday, 13th March, 1944.

The following documents were accepted as exhibits before the Board of Inquiry and copies thereof are enclosed herewith:-

1. - Pathologist's Report.
2. - Post Mortem Findings.
3. - Form M2000 - Case History Sheet.
4. - Consultation Form.
5. - Diagnosis of Medical Consultants,
H.M.C.S. "STADACONA".

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. R. S. Dickinson

E.R.S. Dickinson,
LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER, RCN(Temp)
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

Naval Officer in-Charge,
H.M.C. Dockyard,
ESQUIMALT, B.C.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF INQUIRY HELD IN
THE BOARD ROOM, H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY",
ESQUIMALT, B.C., AT 1440, WEDNESDAY, 22ND
MARCH, 1944, TO INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTAN-
CES ATTENDING THE DEATH OF GORDON HENRY
LEMESSURIER, ACTING MOTOR MECHANIC, OFFICIAL
NUMBER V-32595, H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY", in
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL HOSPITAL, H.M.C.S.
"NADEN", ESQUIMALT, B.C., AT 0715, MONDAY,
13TH MARCH, 1944.

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD -

Lieut.-Cdr. E.R.S. Dickinson, RCN(Temp)

MEMBER OF THE BOARD -

Lieut. W.A. Lemon, RCNVR (Temp)

MEMBER OF THE BOARD -

Surg.Lieut. A.G. MacKinnon, RCNVR (Temp)

WITNESS - Surg.Lt.-Cdr. Gordon H. Grant, RCNVR (Temp)

Q. 1. What is your name?

A. Gordon H. Grant - Surg.Lt.-Cdr., RCNVR (Temp)

(Witness called and cautioned)

Q. 2. What is your appointment?

A. "Givenchy", additional for duty in "Naden" in Royal
Canadian Naval Hospital.

Q. 3. Are you borne particularly for surgery?

A. Not so specified.

Q. 4. When did you first have contact with this case?

A. I think I saw him first on 21st February, 1944.

Q. 5. Did you diagnose his case at that time?

A. I examined him then; a diagnosis had been fairly well
established at that time.

Q. 6. By whom?

A. By Surg.Lt. A.L. Johnson and Surg. Cdr. W.K. Welsh at
H.M.C.S. "STADACONA".

Q. 7. And you concurred in their diagnosis?

A. Yes.

Q. 8. What was the diagnosis?

A. Chronic Cholecystitis and Cholelithiasis.

Q. 9. And it was decided that an operation was necessary?

A. Yes.

Q.10. By whom?

A. By myself, in consultation with Surg.Cdr. Marshall and a telephone call was made to the Staff Medical Officer, Surg.Cap't. Laroche, who concurred in the advisability of an operation. The patient had in the meantime stated his desire to be operated on.

Q.11. When was LeMessurier operated on?

A. On the 28th of February.

Q.12. Will you describe the operation?

A. The abdomen was opened and a chronically infected gall bladder was found, containing gall stones. The gall bladder was removed in the usual fashion and the appendix was also removed. The operation was without incident and the incision was closed in anatomical fashion. The patient returned to the ward in good condition.

Q. 13. What was the condition of the patient in the days following?

A. The day following operation, the patient was not in good condition; he was in rather unusual shock; his temperature was 103, pulse 120 and respiration 36. Examination of the chest showed absent breath sounds in the lower left lobe. X-Ray showed collapse of the lower lobe of the left lung. The patient had bloody sputum.

Q. 14. Give us a short history of the patient's condition in the days that followed the operation.

A. Measures were immediately adopted to combat the pulmonary condition, with success, as shown by repeated physical examination and X-Ray. On the second day following the operation the patient developed bouts of hiccoughing. Every available measure was adopted to combat this complication, with the result that the bouts became less severe, less prolonged, and the patient had longer periods of freedom. The general condition steadily improved and the patient's respiration, temperature and pulse rate steadily approached normal. I last saw the patient on Monday, March 6th, at which time the abdominal wound was healing well, the patient was comfortable, feeling well and was hiccoughing only intermittently for short periods of time. At that time I departed on annual leave.

Q. 15. Was the patient shown as being on the dangerously ill list?

A. I do not think so.

Q. 16. In your opinion, the patient was making a satisfactory recovery?

A. Yes.

- Q. 17. You did not see him again after March 6th?
- A. No.
- Q. 18. Are you in a position to express an opinion as to the cause of death?
- A. Cause of death has been established by autopsy. The patient died of pulmonary embolism - a complication which occurs in approximately one half of one percent of all abdominal operations. It is a complication which may only rarely be anticipated in its pre-lethal stage.
- Q. 19. How long was LeMessurier in hospital altogether?
- A. He was admitted on the 22nd of February, 1944, and died on the 13th of March.
- Q. 20. This state of considerable shock that the patient experienced shortly after the operation - was that an atelectasis?
- A. There is some shock following all abdominal operations; in this case I think the shock was a combination of this factor and shock caused by immediate post operative collapse of the lower left lobe.
- Q. 21. Did the patient show any haemorrhagic tendency at all following the operation or at any time?
- A. No.
- Q. 22. Were you satisfied that the collapse had largely cleared up when you last saw him?
- A. Yes; I felt that he had then surmounted his difficulties and was beginning to make a satisfactory recovery.
- Q. 23. This bout of hiccoughs that the patient suffered - did it have any connection with the atelectasis in your mind?
- A. It is difficult to answer that as the exact cause of hiccoughs is not known, except that it is due to some irritation of the diaphragm or the nerve supply thereof. This complication occurs without any pulmonary lesion.
- Q. 24. So you feel that it was probably or possibly unrelated?
- A. Shall we say a coincidental complication?
- Q. 25. Is post operative hiccoughs commonly followed or related to pulmonary embolism?
- A. I think not. To elaborate - I have seen hiccoughs following abdominal operations in many cases where no pulmonary collapse or other lung lesion existed.
- Q. 26. And would you say also that you had seen cases of pulmonary embolism that had not been preceded by pulmonary collapse?
- A. I have seen many cases of pulmonary collapse unaccompanied by hiccoughs.

- Q. 27. Approximately what percentage of hospital deaths is due to pulmonary embolism?
- A. I do not know in general. In surgical post operative deaths, between one-half percent and one percent are due to pulmonary embolism.
- Q. 28. Is it the practice in hospitals to anticipate embolism?
- A. No.
- Q. 29. Is it the practice to take any measures to prevent their occurrence?
- A. No. This complication is so unpredictable that in the majority of cases it would not be practicable.
- Q. 30. Was there any reason to assume or to fear that embolism might occur in this case?
- A. I am unable to answer that; I did not see the patient in the week prior to his death. I am not able to offer an opinion as to whether this could have been anticipated from personal observation. However, in view of the fact that the patient's clinical record shows that he was steadily improving and was feeling well until less than an hour before his death, it would seem to indicate that the onset of his fatal complication could not have been predicted.
- Q. 31. Could anything have been done for this patient once the pulmonary embolism became manifest, to save his life?
- A. In this case, judging from the autopsy record, I think not.
- Q. 32. You feel that the embolus was so massive that no measures could have been taken to allow the patient to sustain the shock of the embolus or that surgical measures would have been unadvisable?
- A. The surgical operation which is designed to save life in such cases is known as the "Trendelenberg" operation. This is a serious and in itself, shocking operation; in view of the fact that the patient died less than thirty minutes from the onset of symptoms, I think it is apparent that he could not have been operated on in time, even if his shock had not precluded so serious an operation.
- Q. 33. Have you any knowledge as to the actual condition found as regards the embolus at post mortem?
- A. I am informed by witnesses of the autopsy that the clot was so large as to occlude both pulmonary arteries. So large a clot produces intense shock; in such cases death usually occurs within thirty minutes. If the patient survives this initial shock he usually recovers, even though he may sustain further emboli.

- Q. 34. At the post-mortem, hyostatic congestion and oedema lungs were found; were these findings, in your opinion, terminal findings as one would find in a death of this case or were they the late findings attendant upon his atelectysis?
- A. I should think a combination. The patient, at the time that his fatal embolism occurred, was probably in the end stages of resolution of the pulmonary damage following his atelectysis; however, some of these phenomena undoubtedly occurred as a result of the damage to the lungs following the embolism.
- Q. 35. Would the amount of pneumonia still present in the left lung be a contributing factor in this man's death?
- A. Only indirectly; had he not suffered the pulmonary collapse following operation, his chances of surviving the embolism might have been slightly better.
- Q. 36. It was found at the post-mortem that the man had an enlarged spleen. Had this any bearing in the cause of death?
- A. I am not able to answer that question authoritatively; I do not know how great was the splenic enlargement. However, this splenic enlargement was not grossly apparent prior to operation nor in the week following the operation.
- Q. 37. Might this splenic enlargement be a terminal finding consequent on his sudden death?
- A. I should think it might have been.
- Q. 38. It was also found at the autopsy that Meckle's diverticulum was present; had that any significance in this case?
- A. I should think not.
- Q. 39. Diverticulosis of the bladder was also found at post-mortem; is this finding related in any way to his death?
- A. No; both these latter findings are incidental.
- Q. 40. That is, these may be found in normal human beings without causing any symptoms?
- A. Yes.

(WITNESS WITHDREW AND WAS ASKED TO STAND BY).

WITNESS - Surg. Lieut. Robert Morton Jameson, RCNVR (Temp.)

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- Q. 41. What is your full name?
- A. Robert Morton Jameson, Surg. Lieut., RCNVR (Temp.)

(Witness called and cautioned.)

Q. 42. What is your appointment?

A. Surgeon Lieutenant, H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY", additional for duty in Royal Canadian Naval Hospital, H.M.C.S. "NADEN".

Q. 43. What is the date of your appointment?

1st December, 1943.

Q. 44. What is your first connection with this case?

A. As Duty Medical Officer, I was telephoned from the hospital at about seven minutes to seven Monday morning, 13th March, 1944 and at that time they didn't give me the name of the patient but told me the patient had suddenly developed great difficulty breathing and would I come over to the Hospital.

Q. 45. You were on duty and at the time, in the Wardroom?

A. Yes; I was in bed, asleep, actually.

Q. 46. How long was it before you reached the patient?

A. I got over there about 0705.

Q. 47. In what condition was the patient when you first saw him?

A. He was having extreme difficulty in breathing - what is medically described as "air hunger". He was very pale and there were beads of perspiration on his forehead; his pulse was practically imperceptible but he was fully conscious and in his own words he said: "I can't get my breath; there's a tight feeling in my chest and my lungs feel full; can't you do something for me?" We then attempted to give him some oxygen and within the next minute or so he became unconscious and had involuntary movements of his bowels and bladder and at this point his pulse was no longer obtainable, his breathing became very irregular, with longer and longer intervals between breaths and by 0715 he was dead.

Q. 48. You stated that you attempted to give him oxygen; was he too far gone for it to be effective?

A. Yes; the attempt was complicated because at that time he was thrashing around quite a bit in bed.

Q. 49. Who was on duty attending the patient immediately prior to your arrival?

A. One of the Nursing Sisters.

Q. 50. Do you consider that she had done all possible to combat his condition?

A. Yes, Sir, I do. By the time I arrived there, she had the patient propped up on pillows to help his breathing and had also got the oxygen equipment ready there.

- Q. 51. Can you establish at what time he first had difficulty in breathing?
- A. Only by the time of the 'phone call, sir; I looked at my watch when I got up to go downstairs to answer the 'phone and it was approximately 0653 and apparently from the Nursing Sister's statement over the 'phone, he had just begun to develop this difficulty in breathing.
- Q. 52. He could not have been in difficulties without the Nursing Sister's knowledge?
- A. No sir, I am sure that he could not because at that hour they are beginning to wake up the patients for breakfast and the usual hospital routine is well established so that the Sister was in the ward at the time.
- Q. 53. He would have no difficulty in summoning assistance?
- A. No sir.
- Q. 54. When did you last see the patient prior to this call?
- A. I had seen him on rounds the previous evening.
- Q. 55. You knew the history of this patient?
- A. Yes I did, sir.
- Q. 56. And you had no occasion on the previous evening to have any qualms as to his condition?
- A. No sir; he was apparently doing very well.
- Q. 57. Then in your opinion this could not have been foreseen or anticipated?
- A. No sir, it could not.
- Q. 58. And in your opinion, everything possible was done to save this man's life?
- A. Under the circumstances sir, everything was done.
- Q. 59. Will you state exactly what was done for this patient on your arrival at the hospital?
- A. I had them send for a small nasal catheter and I attempted to insert this through the nose but because the patient was so restless this was not possible and so the oxygen tube was held in his mouth. He was also given an inter-muscular injection of 1 cc of nikethamide, which is a respiratory stimulant. When his breathing became irregular, artificial respiration was carried out but in spite of these procedures, his respiration ceased.
- Q. 60. Was the oxygen therapy continued during the artificial respiration?
- A. Yes, it was.
- Q. 61. Was carbon dioxide used at all?
- A. No; straight oxygen was used.

- Q. 62. Did you consider the use of carbon dioxide at any time?
- A. Frankly, no.
- Q. 63. You feel it was contra-indicated then?
- A. No, but in the present circumstances it just didn't occur to me, as the oxygen was right there.
- Q. 64. In view of the post-mortem findings which you are aware of, do you consider that either oxygen therapy or carbon dioxide would have been of material benefit?
- A. From the autopsy findings, I am quite convinced that nothing would have been of any benefit.
- Q. 65. Then you are satisfied that you did everything in your power to save this man's life and that no feasible steps were left undone that might have been of value?
- A. No, I think that everything under the circumstances was done that could have been done.
- Q. 66. What do you consider is the cause of death in this case?
- A. In my opinion, death was due to a massive pulmonary embolism.

(WITNESS WITHDREW AND WAS ASKED TO STAND BY)

WITNESS - Surg. Comm. H.S. Morton, RCNVR.

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(Witness called and cautioned.)

- Q. 67. What is your appointment?
- A. P.M.O., "Naden" - borne on H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY" for duties in H.M.C.S. "NADEN".
- Q. 68. Will you please tell us in short words your connection with this case?
- A. I was looking after this case when Surg. Lt. Cdr. Grant went on leave on the 6th March. I saw the patient daily in the surgical ward and examined him last on Sunday, the 12th March, when I did his dressing. He was improving steadily, was quite cheerful, answered all questions readily. The wound was granulating in satisfactorily except for a small area where the rectus muscle had become separated. He lifted his head and one could see the depression at the sight of separation; I told him that this would have to be repaired before he was discharged, to which he agreed. At approximately 0715 on Monday morning, Surg. Lieut. Jameson telephoned me to say that LeMessurier had just died. From the history

he gave, I diagnosed a pulmonary embolism over the telephone, and requested him to get permission for a post-mortem.

- Q. 69. From your knowledge of this case, do you consider that this condition could have been anticipated?
- A. It was anticipated in this respect, that his bleeding time was checked before operation. It is usual with gall bladder trouble for which the operation was performed, to have an increase in the bleeding and less likelihood of clotting rather than thrombosis. Pulmonary embolism is not common with gall bladder conditions.
- Q. 70. Are you satisfied that everything possible was done by the Nursing Sister on duty and by Surg. Lieut. Jameson to sustain life?
- A. Yes, I am completely satisfied with the treatment that he had throughout and consider that this accident was unfortunate.
- Q. 71. You are also particularly satisfied with the result of the operation itself?
- A. Yes, very.
- Q. 72. Do you consider, from your knowledge of the case, that LeMessurier's service in the Royal Canadian Navy in any way brought on the condition necessitating this operation?
- A. As I do not really know the cause of gall stones and cannot in any way attribute their formation to Naval Service, I am at a loss to see how the formation of these stones or inflammation of the gall bladder could have been brought on by Naval Service.
- Q. 73. Then in your opinion LeMessurier's death was in no way attributable to Naval Service?
- A. That is correct.
- Q. 74. Is there anything that you could add which will assist in this investigation?
- A. He had a very large pulmonary embolus lodged at the bifurcation of the pulmonary artery, thereby cutting off the blood supply to both lungs. The site of origin was not determined at the post-mortem but it forms in one of the large vessels, usually in the groins. The only possible way that this could have been dealt with once it became known would be by an emergency operation to remove it from the pulmonary artery but this can only be done if there is a warning attack followed by a secondary one.

(Witness withdrew.)

(WITNESS Surg. Lt. Cdr. Grant recalled.)

- Q. 75. From your knowledge of this case, have you any reason to think that this man's service in the Navy was contributory to his condition prior to the operation?
- A. No, I do not think it was.
- Q. 76. This man was in the Naval Service a little over two years and you consider his condition dates back prior to that?
- A. He gave definite history of definite symptoms prior to that date.
- Q. 77. Then in your opinion, his death was in no way attributable to Naval Service?
- A. I do not think his death was attributable to Naval Service.

(WITNESS WITHDREW)

WITNESS - Surg. Lieut. Ernest Hay Watts, RCNVR (Temp.)

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(Witness called and cautioned.)

- Q. 78. Will you tell the Board what your appointment is?
- A. Borne in H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY" for duty in Royal Canadian Naval Hospital, H.M.C.S. "NADEN".
- Q. 79. What is the date of your appointment?
- A. 12th December, 1943.
- Q. 80. What connection did you have with this case?
- A. I gave this man his anaesthetic at the operation.
- Q. 81. Did you look after him during the post operative period?
- A. In part, yes.
- Q. 82. After Surg. Lt. Cdr. Grant proceeded on leave March 6th, did you take over supervision of this patient?
- A. Yes, along with Surg. Comm. Morton.
- Q. 83. In short words, can you tell us the history of the case during that time?
- A. We felt that the major part of his post operative difficulties were over by the time Surg. Lt. Cdr. Grant went on leave and he appeared to be progressing quite favourably and I last saw him on the preceding Saturday morning, the 11th March. At that time he seemed to be in good condition and it was my impression that he would soon be sufficiently better to be allowed out of bed.

Q. 84. You had no reason to anticipate the condition which led to his death?

A. None at all.

Q. 85. From your knowledge of this case, have you any reason to think that his condition immediately prior to the operation was due to his service in the Navy, bearing in mind that he had served a little over two years?

A. I do not feel in a position to make a definite statement in answer to this question, since my association with the case was that of a specialist in anaesthesia.

Q. 86. You were present during the operation?

Yes.

Q. 87. In your opinion, the operation was completely successful?

A. Yes.

(WITNESS WITHDREW.)

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BOARD OF INQUIRY HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF
H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY" ESQUIMALT, B.C., AT
1440, WEDNESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1944, TO IN-
VESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDING THE
DEATH OF GORDON HENRY LEMESSURIER, ACTING
MOTOR MECHANIC, OFFICIAL NUMBER V-32595,
H.M.C.S. "GIVENCHY", IN ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL
HOSPITAL, H.M.C.S. "NADEN", ESQUIMALT, B.C.,
AT 0715, MONDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1944.

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FINDING OF THE BOARD
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The Board, having considered the
evidence, is of the opinion that:

- (1) Gordon Henry LeMessurier, Acting
Motor Mechanic, Official Number
V-32595, came to his death at
0715, Monday the 13th March, 1944,
from a massive pulmonary embolism
following an operation performed
on the 28th day of February, 1944,
for the removal of gall bladder
and gall stones.
- (2) This man's death was in no way at-
tributable to Naval Service and it
is further considered that everything
possible was done for this man, both
at the time of operation, during the
post operative period and at the time
the embolism occurred.

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Witness Surg. Lt.-Cdr. G.H. Grant, RCNVR (Temp)

Questions 1 to 40 inc.

Questions 75 to 77 inc.

Witness Surg. Lieut. R.M. Jameson, RCNVR (Temp.)

Questions 41 to 66 inc.

Witness Surg. Comm. H.S. Morton, RCNVR

Questions 67 to 74 inc.

Witness Surg. Lieut. E.H. Watts, RCNVR (Temp)

Questions 78 to 87 inc.

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January 19, 1944

TO: Medical Drafting Office
FROM: Assistant Medical Consultant

RE: LEMESSURIER Gordon M.M. Age:28 V 32595

This rating began to have epigastric pain about Feb. 1942. Onset was gradual with vague nauseating sensation in epigastrium. In June 1942 had fairly acute epigastric pain for one night which subsided but he was never free of a feeling of fulness and discomfort in epigastrium except for 1-2 hours following meals. He cannot connect any change in severity of pain with change of food, but an ulcer dietary regime made him feel better. In Feb. 1943 he had another acute episode of epigastric pain of one night's duration. He was on ulcer diet at Gaspé from July to November, 1943, when he was fairly free of symptoms and putting on weight. Drafted here beginning of January. Symptom of epigastric pain and nausea present since arrival here. Relieved by food. No history of jaundice or of clay coloured stools or particularly dark urine. He feels he has a loss of energy in past 6 months and wants to sleep all the time. Thinks he has lost 14 lbs. in past 6 months. Present weight, 151 lbs.

On physical examination he is noted to be rather sallow complexioned, spare built man. Findings not noteworthy, except tenderness in epigastrium and a slightly positive Murphy sign. No jaundice.

Two recent gall bladder series show presence of calculi and no-functioning gall bladder. G.I. series is not noteworthy.

Impression:

Cholelithiasis, chronic cholecystitis. In view of long history of discomfort and X-ray findings, feel that cholecystectomy is indicated. To be sent for surgical consultation.

(Sg'd) A.L. Johnson, Surg. Lt.

Report of Surg. Consultation:

Have seen report of Dr. Johnson and his X-rays and agree he should be admitted for consideration of operation.

(Sg'd) W.K. Welsh, Surg. Cmdr.

The following is a list of the main
autopsy findings on the body of:

NAME: LEMESSURIER, G. # V-32593
AGE: 26
WARD: R.C.N.H.
DOCTOR: Medical Officer, R.C.N.
DATE OF DEATH: March 13, 1944.
DATE OF AUTOPSY: March 14, 1944.
AUTOPSY NUMBER: 28
AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: Dr. G.A. McCurdy

Provisional Diagnosis:

1. Pulmonary embolism.
2. Hypostatic congestion and oedema lungs.
3. Early hypostatic pneumonia (left).
4. Splenomegaly.
5. Meckle's diverticulum.
6. Diverticulosis of bladder.

G.A. McCurdy, M.D.

Royal Jubilee Hospital,
Victoria, B.C.

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DECEASED 13 March 1944

LEMESSURIER	Gordon Henry	V-32595	.M.M.	FILE No.
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(3) 10 August 1944

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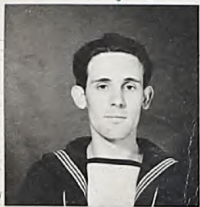
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Name LeMESSURIER, Gordon Henry. Official No. V-32595

Rank or Rating } Stoker 2nd class. R.C.N. R.C.N.R. } R.C.N.V.R.
R.C.N.V.R. }

Age 26 Height 5' 9 1/2" Weight 150

Hair Brown Eyes Hazel Hair on face Light

Marks, scars, etc. None Visible.

G.H. LeMessurier (Signature of holder)

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I, the undersigned, have examined..... Gordon Henry Le MESSURIER

‡ candidate for entry as..... Stoker 2 RCNVR

and I believe him to be * (in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.
unfit for His Majesty's Service for the reason stated below.) He has signed
the Certificate given below in my presence.

‡ Strike out if inapplicable. * Delete one. White Race Urine- neg

This examination has been made in accordance with the current Instructions as to Medical Standards.

(a) Age (Years / Months)	(b) Weight without Clothes (lbs.)	(c) Height with Bare Feet (ft. ins.)	(d) General Development	(e) Chest Girth (inches)	(f) Vision by— (i) Snellen's Types (ii) Colour Vision	(g) Vaccinated or revaccinated 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.
<u>26 4/12</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>5'9 1/4"</u>	<u>good</u>	(a) maximum <u>33 1/2</u> (b) minimum <u>31</u> (c) mean <u>32</u>	right eye <u>6/6</u> left eye <u>6/6</u> *colour vision <u>child</u>	<u>child</u>	<u>BP 130/80</u> <u>normal</u>	<u>normal</u>	<u>normal</u>	<u>normal</u>	<u>Scarring left drum normal w/o</u>	<u>normal</u>	<u>normal</u> <u>3 defective</u>	<u>normal</u> <u>HJ + AS normal</u> <u>eyes as a to light</u>

*If colour vision is not normal by Ishihara test degree of colour blindness to be indicated.

*mild R.O. defect to Ishihara
Satisfactory to gross colors*

X-ray { Not taken.
Approved.
Positive.
Doubtful.

Neg no 38497 Sig no 05522-26-3-42

Write in the appropriate notation, and any remarks necessary.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY 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, vaccination, or inoculations as may be authorized.

Gordon H. Le Messurier
Signature of Candidate

† The exact meaning of this is to be clearly explained to the Candidate by the Examining Medical Officer.
‡ Strike out if inapplicable.

When a Candidate is subject to a defect or disability, the following information is to be inserted:

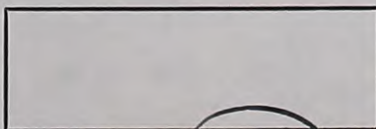
This Candidate is the subject of history of a tons media in childhood

E. no recurrence

* (which renders him medically unfit for service,
not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects.

* Delete one.

IF REJECTED
insert here
UNFIT
in block letters



Dated at Vancouver, B.C. the 24th of March 1942

*Rechecked pet
14/4/42
Robt E Burns*

Robt E Burns
Examining Medical Officer
Surgeon Lieut. RCNVR (T)

(Rank)

VERIFICATION FORM
 DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

RATING *a/m m* OFF. NO. *V32595* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
						1939-45		<i>Star</i>
						ATLANTIC		
						FRANCE G.		
						AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE		
						C.V.S.M.		<i>2 4 Clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945		<i>1 medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

ate "Not attributable"

VERIFIED BY *ASM*



CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

P0696 N.V. 5
50M-1-41 (8973)
N.S. 815-11-5

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CANADA

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME LEMESSURIER, OFFICIAL NO. V32595
CHRISTIAN NAMES Gordon Henry MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS		RELIGION
<u>2211 Grant St., Vancouver, B. C.</u>		<u>Church of England</u>
DATE OF BIRTH	*PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
<u>12th Nov. '15</u>	Town <u>Vancouver, B. C.</u>	<u>Mother: Mrs. Alice LeMessurier, 2211 Grant St., Vancouver, B. C.</u>
*Original Nationality of:	County	
Father <u>English</u> Mother <u>English</u>	Province <u>B. C.</u>	

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

(A) PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5'</u>	Inflated <u>33½</u>	<u>LIGHT BROWN</u>	<u>HAZEL</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>NONE</u>
Inches <u>9½</u>	Deflated <u>31</u>				
Mean <u>32</u>					

EDUCATIONAL STANDING	TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY
<u>Completed Grade 11</u>	<u>Buckerfield's Limited, Vancouver, B. C.</u> <u>Warehouseman</u>

DATE OF ENROLMENT	RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED	R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED
<u>1st April, 1942 Active Service</u>	<u>Stoker 11</u>	<u>H.M.C.S. "DISCOVERY"</u>

(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.

ENTERED IN PAY LEDGERS
SERVED IN
H. M. C. S. "BYTOWN"
FAIR
APR 18 1942
ROUGH

(c) I have never been rejected for or discharged 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.

In possession of Unemployment Insurance Book Yes
Turned over to Pacific Regional Office,
425 Howe St., Vancouver, B. C.

Personnel Records	
1. Noted in Records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Index Card	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Non-Sub. Card	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Statistical Card	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Ration Strip	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Pension Card	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

(a) To serve from the date thereof for the duration of hostilities, 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.

(d) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this 1st.....day of.....April, 1942.....

Signature of applicant Gordon H. Le Messurier.....

(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 1st.....day of.....April, 1942.....

[Signature].....Sub-Lieut. RCNVR
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, GORDON HENRY Le MESSURIER.....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 Gordon H. Le Messurier.....

Witness [Signature].....

Date 1st April, 1942..... Rank Sub.-Lieutenant, RCNVR.....

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

.....GORDON HENRY Le MESSURIER.....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.....Vancouver.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

[Signature].....Sub-Lieut. RCNVR
Attesting Officer.

1st April.....1942..... R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment) H.M.C.S. "DISCOVERY"

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.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Stoker 11.....Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

[Signature].....
Signature

N.V. 17
60M-11-40 (7836)
N.S. 815-11-17



CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Gordon Henry LEMESSURIER

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve (ANCELE)

~~TCNS 42376 42429~~

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number
	<i>VANCOUVER</i>	<i>✓-32595</i>
		"
		"

Date of Birth	<i>12th November, 1915</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend <small>(in pencil)</small> <i>(Wife) Phyllis E. 2211 Grant St. Vancouver B.C.</i>
Place of Birth	<i>Vancouver, B.C.</i>	
Place of Residence	<i>2211 - Grant St. Vancouver, B.C.</i>	
Trade brought up to	<i>Warehouseman</i>	
Religion	<i>Church of England</i>	

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....
P.S.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
	<i>1 Apr 42</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Sto. II</i>		<i>8 Feb 44</i>	<i>Canadian Volunteer Service Medal & Clasp. Prov. Award.</i>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>9 1/4</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>Light Brown</i>	<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>NIL</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service								
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service								
Further Description if necessary								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority

ESTATES BRANCH

HQ. NS. V-32595 FD. 396

November 29, 1944.

Mrs. Phyllis J. LeMessurier,
1047 $\frac{1}{2}$ Barclay Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

LEMESSURIER, Gordon H., M/M (Deceased)
No. V. 32595, R.C.N.V.R.

Dear Mrs. LeMessurier:

Distribution can now be made of the amount of money here at credit of your late husband.

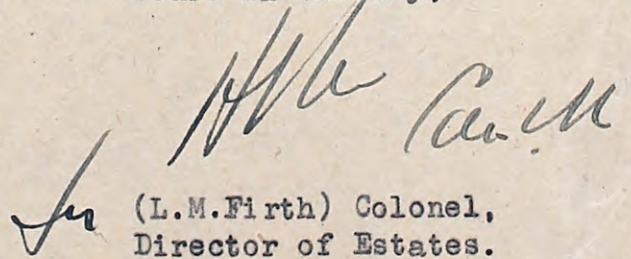
The total amount available for distribution is made up as follows:

Balance of pay and allowances.....	\$ 81.74
Cash found amongst effects.....	10.00
Post Office Savings account, Halifax.....	<u>1.31</u>
Total.....	\$ 93.05

Your husband died without having made a Will and his Service estate is, therefore, payable to you as the next of kin entitled under the Intestacy Laws of his province of domicile.

Treasury has been requested to send you direct a cheque payable to your order in the above amount of \$93.05, and on receipt of same will you kindly sign the enclosed form of acknowledgment and return it to the Director of Estates, Department of National Defence, 308 Sparks Street, Ottawa.

Yours faithfully,


(L.M. Firth) Colonel,
Director of Estates.

HRW/JN
Encl.

DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

Estates Form "P. 4"

NAVY

Name: LEMOSSURIER, Gordon H. No.: 7.32595
 Surname Christian Names
 Rank H/O. Unit R.O.N.V.B. Date of Death 13-3-44

AMOUNT

Date: 25-11-44

L.P.C.....\$	91.74
Other Credits.....	1.31
Total.....	<u>93.05</u>

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
All	Widow	Mrs. Phyllis J. Lemossurier 1047 Barclay St., VANCOUVER, B. C. (As next of kin entitled)	93.05

TO BE FORWARDED BY REG. MAIL DIRECT.

P4. TO TREAS. 29/11/44 J4

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
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CLASSIFIED BY Original Signed by K. L. McCUAIG			EXAMINED BY For Chief Treasury Officer		

DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

Original signed by
L. M. FIRTH

.....
 (L. M. FIRTH) Lt.-Colonel
 Administrator of Estates

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

.....
 For Chief Treasury Officer

PERSONAL PROPERTY LIST OF G.H. Le MESSURIER

V-32595

M.M.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>Bathrobe - 1
Brasses - 2 <i>1 only</i>
Sweater - 3
Sweat-shirt - 2
Shirt - 1
Dungeries - 1 <i>D</i>
Pyjamas - 3 prs.
Ski-cap - 1
Skarf - 1
Swimming trunks - 1
Socks - 7 prs.
Chest Protector - 1
Towel - 2
Under shirt - 1
Shoe polish - 2 tins <i>-R</i>
Polish rags <i>-R</i>
Shoe polishing brush - 1
Dittie Bags - 2
Sewing Kit, Mending yarn.
Handkerchiefs - 14
Facecloth - 1
White collar - 1
First-aid Kit - 1
Two spools thread
Bar Soap - 1
Tube Shaving Cream - 1
Note books - 2 <i>-R</i>
Razor Blades - 1 pkge.
Shoe Laces - 1 pr.
1 Bag of Dirty Handkerchiefs - 9
Book - "Night Life of the Gods"
Pair of Shorts - 2
Shoe trees - 1 pr.
Gloves - 1 pr.
Slippers - 1 pr.
Wallets - 2
Ronson Brush & wick.
Post office saving Bank Book. <i>-R</i>
Whisk - 1
New testament - 1</p> | <p>Soap - 1
Shaving Mug - 1
Cigarette Case - 1
Eversharp Leads - 1 pkge.
Lock - 1
Leather Case, Hair Brushes
Leather Shaving Case
2 Tooth Brushes
Razor Blades
Scissors - 1 pr.
Soap Box
Gillette Razor & case - 1 <i>the case</i>
Shaving stick Williams - 1
Colgates Tooth Powder - 1
Vaseline Hair Tonic - Lge. <i>-R</i>
Shaving Brush - 1
Shaving Lotion - 1 <i>-R</i>
x L.D. Braclette, Plastic. <i>✓</i>
2 1/2 pkges. cigarettes
Razor Blades - 1 pkge.
Writing Pad - 1
Bundle of Letters, Pictures etc.,
Comb - 1
Pocket Book, empty - 1
pocket Book, - 1
P.I.B. card \$10.00 <i>Ship Office, Management Office</i>
Bottle Lighter Fluid - 1
Fountain Pen - 1
Shoe Horn - 1
Ring, Signet - 1 <i>✓</i>
Set of Keys - 1 <i>✓</i>
x Ronson Lighter - 1 <i>✓</i>
Nail File - 1
Tie Clip - 1
x Wrist Watch - 1 <i>✓</i></p> |
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4/4/44

Letters Removed

x Sent via registered Mail.

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4/4/44*

Mrs. Phyllis J. LeMessurier,
2211 Grant Street
Vancouver, 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. V. 32595 FD. 396

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ESTATES BRANCH
OTTAWA, ONT.

March 22, 1944

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any Service estate available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

LEMESSURIER, Gordon Henry, M.M.

No. V. 32595, R.C.N.V.R.



it is necessary that certain information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished the Estates Branch. You are asked therefore to read the enclosed memorandum before completing pages 2 and 3 of this form. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on page 4 should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public or a Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

If there is insufficient space for complete particulars to be given opposite any question on pages 2 and 3 of this form, the space under "additional remarks" on page 4 should be used.

(H.R. Wade) Cdr. RCNVR,
for (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.
Administrator of Estates.

HRW/JN

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 specified	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.....	Phyllis J. Le Messurier	19	1047½ Barclay St VANCOUVER B.C.
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	NONE		—
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Herbert S. Le Messurier	54	2211 Grant St. VANCOUVER B.C.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Alice J. Le Messurier	52	2211 Grant St. VANCOUVER B.C.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	— None.	
		Half Blood	— None.	
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	MRS Kathleen Cumming 30	Milner P.O. 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	
	—	—	—	

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE
PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	GORDON HENRY Le Messurier
9	Date of his birth.	12 TH November, 1915
10	Place and date of his marriage.	VANCOUVER B.C. 8 TH MAY, 1943
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	3 RD JANUARY 1914 VANCOUVER B.C.

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	VANCOUVER B.C.
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) BRITISH COLUMBIA (b) resided all his life in B.C. (c) (d)
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	machine operator and warehouseman.
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	No.
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	VANCOUVER B.C.

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	NOT KNOWN.
18	If married, and domiciled in the Province of Quebec or in a State in the U.S.A. or in a Country under the laws of which there is community of property between spouses,—was there a marriage contract dealing with property?	No.
19	Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? If so, give name and address of bank, etc., and the amount on deposit. Do you wish it administered with the pay account? - - -	Post Office Savings Bank Pass Book in deceased possession. Yes.
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	NONE
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	NONE
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	NONE.
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	NONE

OTHER PARTICULARS

24	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.	NONE.
25	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.	NAVAL FUNERAL. All expenses paid by NAVY, as advised by Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. Swencky

(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 or elsewhere in the North American zone, 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.)

DECLARATION

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

I hereby declare that all the particulars shown on this form are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees specified; and that I am the

*.....widow.....of the deceased..

N.B.—To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

Mrs. Phyllis J. Le Messurier } Signature of Informant
1047 1/2 Barclay St. VANCOUVER B.C. Address

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowlege and belief.....

See above. Phyllis J. Le Messurier { Name of informant } is the widow.....of the Deceased above described, and I believe the above Declaration and the Statement of Relatives and of Particulars made by the Informant and signed in my presence to be complete and correct.

Dated at Vancouver B.C. this 30th day of March. 1944

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

A. S. Black. Qualification Justice of the Peace in and for the Province of British Columbia
Address Room 202 Federal Bldg. Vancouver 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 specified is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

(If the deceased has no living relatives of the degrees shown on page 2, the names and addresses and relationship of other relatives should be set out below.)

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

1649 ✓

TO: D.N.P.A.

FILE No. N.S. U 32595

"WAR SERVICE GRATUITY"

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL	OFFICIAL NUMBER	RANK OR RATING ON DISCHARGE
<u>LEMESSURIER</u>	<u>GORDON HENRY</u>	<u>✓ 32595</u>	<u>A/M.M.</u>

CAUSE OF DISCHARGE: Discharged Dead. ✓ *Applicant: wife in receipt of pension.*

<u>TOTAL SERVICE</u>		
Date of Active Service	<u>1 April 1942</u> ✓	30 Apl.
Date of Discharge	<u>13 Feb. 1944</u> ✓	31 May
Total No. of Days	<u>712</u> ✓	30 June
# Less non qualifying service	<u>N/A</u> ✓	31 July
		31 Aug.
		30 Sep.
		31 Oct.
		30 Nov.
		31 Dec.
		31 Jan.
		29 Feb.
		13 Feb.
		<u>712</u>
		Total Days <u>712</u> ✓

<u>OVERSEAS SERVICE</u>		
% Total No. of Days	<u>85</u> ✓	
# Less non qualifying service	<u>NIL</u> ✓	
		Total Days <u>85</u> ✓

Record of Service in other Forces (per Naval Records)

Branch of Service N/A ✓

Date of Active Service _____

Date of Discharge _____

& % Overleaf

Computed By [Signature]

Checked By [Signature]

[Signature]
for (H.B. Money)
Payr. Cmdr. R.C.N.R.
Officer-in-Charge
Naval Personnel Records

DATE: NOV 2 1 1944

NON QUALIFYING SERVICE

Overseas

(#) Date	Reason	No. of Days	
_____	_____	_____	_____
"	"	"	_____
"	"	"	_____
"	"	"	_____
"	"	"	_____
"	"	"	_____
"	"	"	_____
"	"	"	_____
		Total Days	=====

TOTAL SERVICE

(%)
OVERSEAS SERVICE:

Where Serving

From

To.

No. of Days

Husky.

4 Feb 42.

29 April 42.

85.

25
 31
 29
85

OVERSEAS SERVICE

Total Days

Navy Personnel Records
 Officer-in-Charge
 Lt. Col. R. C. M. R.
 (Mr. H. S. Hovey)

Date of Discharge

Date of Active Service

Branch of Service

Record of Service in other Forces (per Naval Records)

Less non-qualifying
 service

Total No. of Days

Date of Discharge

Date of Active Service

1649

PARTICULARS OF DEAD OR MISSING PERSONNEL
WITH REGARD TO PAYMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

Name of Deceased Member Gordon H. Le Messurier Rank or Rating A/MM O.No. 32595

1. Dependents' Allowance and Assigned Pay in force at date of death:

D.A. 37²⁰
A.P. 42⁰⁰
D.A. —
A.P. —

(wife)
Mrs. Phyllis J. Le Messurier
2211 Grand St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

2. Pension awarded or being awarded to:

wife - as above

3. War Service Gratuity Application(s) received from:

Mrs. Phyllis J. Le Messurier,
1047 1/2 Barclay St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

In accordance with the War Service Grants Act, 1944 (Part I, Clause 4) and Directive dated 16th December, 1944 issued under authority of the Minister of Veterans Affairs, application(s) for War Service Gratuity in respect of the service of the above named deceased member may be dealt with as follows:

() To be paid to: wife - as above In the proportion of: /

- and -

to: In the proportion of: /

() To be referred to the Dependents' Allowance Board for decision as to dependency within the spirit and intent of the War Service Grants Act, 1944, observing this application(s) is classed under:

Group "B" (ii)

Group "C" of the above mentioned Directive.

Date 16/3/45

[Signature]
for D.N.P.A. (G) [Signature]

SERVICE

NAME: *Limesurier, Gordon Henry* O.N. *V-32590*

PRESENT ~~RANK~~/RATING: *A/ Motor Mechanic*

DATE TAKEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE: *1/4/42*

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SERVICE

<u>SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<i>HMCS Discovery</i>	<i>1/4/42</i>	
<i>" York "</i>	<i>5/4/42</i>	
<i>" Maden "</i>	<i>17/5/42</i>	
<i>" Chatham "</i>	<i>9/7/42</i>	
<i>" Maden "</i>	<i>23/8/42</i>	
<i>" Stadacona "</i>	<i>21/10/42</i>	
<i>" Husky "</i>	<i>4/2/43</i>	
<i>" Stadacona "</i>	<i>30/4/43</i>	
<i>Flot Barnaby "</i>	<i>17/6/43</i>	
<i>Stadacona</i>	<i>22/11/43</i>	
<i>Chivenchy</i>	<i>3/2/44</i>	

WILL: *no*

NAME & ADDRESS OF *Wife*:
NEXT OF KIN:

*Mrs. Phyllis J. Limesurier,
2211 Grant St.,
Vancouver, B.C.*

*Canada
Foreign Serv.
14/3/44*

DISCHARGED PREVIOUSLY? *No*

REASON:

DATE:

Initialed by: *Connie Daniels*

Date: *14/3/44*

Section: *3*

Naval Personnel Records.

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

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THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE INFORMATION SOUGHT IS FOR THE USE OF GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEMOBILIZATION AND REHABILITATION, A COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO STUDY PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING INDUSTRIAL LIFE THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AFTER DISCHARGE. ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS IN ANSWERING WILL BE OF MUCH HELP TO THE COMMITTEE.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON THE INSIDE OF COVER BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full LeMessurier, Gordon Henry (b) Reg'l. No. U32595
 2. (a) Arm of service Navy (b) Unit H.M.C.S. "DISCOVERY" (c) Rank Stoker 11.
 3. (a) Date of birth 12th Nov. '15 (b) Have you any dependents? No (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment Vancouver, B. C.
 4. (a) Place of enlistment H.M.C.S. "DISCOVERY" (b) Date of enlistment 1st Apr. 1942

PLEASE LEAVE BLANK

Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 17 (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment?
 6. State definitely highest standing reached at public, technical or high school (for instance—"4 years, Public School", "two years, High School", "Junior Matriculation", or "4 years technical course in printing", etc.) Completed Grade 11
 7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured
 8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? Yes (b) If so, for what occupation? Garageman (c) Did you finish it? Yes (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it?
 9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? English (b) What languages do you read well? English

Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING or NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working", as case may be; particulars are asked for below) Working (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member? No

Section D—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 11 TO 17 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "NOT WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a)

11. Had you ever been employed fairly regularly since leaving school?
 12. (a) If answer to 11 be "Yes", state exact trade or occupation at which you actually worked (b) State how long you had worked at this trade or occupation
 13. If answer to 11 be "No", state exact trade or occupation for which you feel qualified
 14. If you had been employed after leaving school, state when you last worked fairly regularly before enlistment
 15. Give details of last employer, if any: Name Address
 16. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.)
 17. (a) If your last employment was in a business of your own, state nature and address of business (b) Date of discontinuing it

Section E—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE EMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 18 TO 23 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a). PLEASE READ THESE QUESTIONS AND REPLY TO THOSE APPLYING TO YOU AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

IF YOU WERE AN EMPLOYEE WORKING FOR AN EMPLOYER UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 18 TO 21

18. Name of employer Buckerfield's Limited, Address Ft. Rogers St., Vancouver, B. C.
 19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.) Feed Business
 20. (a) Your specific occupation Warehouseman (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer 2 yrs.
 21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? Yes (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? No (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment? Yes

IF YOU WERE WORKING ON YOUR OWN UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, THAT IS TO SAY, OPERATING A FARM, A STORE, AN AGENCY, OR IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, OR AS A PARTNER IN ANY SUCH LINE, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 22 AND 23

22. (a) State nature of business, or professional practice (b) Where was it located?
 23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge?

Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war? No (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? No (c) If so, in what kind of farming?
 25. (a) Were you born on a farm? No (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? Nil (c) In what provinces did you have experience?

Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for re-establishment in civil life after discharge? No
 27. If so, state nature of your plans (for example, do you plan to return to school, or have you been assured of a job, etc.)
 28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form Warehouseman



DATE 1st. April

1942

SIGNATURE [Signature]

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