



CANADA

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DEFENCE JUN - 11 1940 N.S. 113-10#44 CANADA

ATTESTATION FORM

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME... DEARDEN... OFFICIAL NO... 8376

CHRISTIAN NAMES... ARTHUR NEIL... MARRIED, SINGLE or WIDOWER... Single

Table with columns: PERMANENT ADDRESS, RELIGION, DATE OF BIRTH, PLACE OF BIRTH, NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

Table with columns: HEIGHT, CHEST MEASUREMENT, HAIR, EYES, COMPLEXION, WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS

Table with columns: DATE OF ENROLMENT, RATING ENROLLING FOR, TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY

(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... not applicable... for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\* Cross out Clause not applicable.

Table with columns: SERVED IN, RANK, FROM, TO

- (c) I have never been rejected from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.
(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Personnel Records Division stamp with checklist items 1-8 and date June 11, 1940



(5) On being enrolled as a member of the HAMILTON 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 sixth day of June 1940

Signature of applicant Arthur Dearden

(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 sixth day of June 1940.

W. R. Morrison  
Signature of Commanding Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, ARTHUR NEIL DEARDEN 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 Arthur Dearden

Witness Fred Southam

Date 6th June 1940 Rank Act. Lieut.

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

(E) CERTIFICATE OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDING OFFICER

ARTHUR NEIL DEARDEN 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 HAMILTON Division of the R.C.N.V.R.

W. R. Morrison  
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.



# SERVICE CERTIFICATE

N. V. No. 17  
3M-10-39 (2176)  
N.S. 815-11-17

OF

Name in full ARTHUR NEIL DEARDEN Company HAMILTON

## ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Training Headquarters	<u>HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.</u>	Official Number <u>V8376</u>
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Date of Birth May 6th, 1940

Place of Birth Hamilton, Ontario.

Usual Place of Residence 90 Edinburgh Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario

Trade brought up to Telegraph (delivery boy)

Name and Address of next of kin (mother) Alice Dearden, same address.

Religious Denomination C. of E.

Can Swim \_\_\_\_\_

### PARTICULARS OF SERVICE

DATE OF ACTUAL VOLUNTEERING	DATE OF ENROLMENT	PERIOD VOLUNTEERED FOR	RATING ON ENROLMENT	MEDALS, DECORATIONS, ETC.	
				DATE RECEIVED	NATURE OF DECORATION
<u>June 6th, 1940</u>	<u>6/6/40</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>Ordinary Seaman</u>		

### PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

	HEIGHT		COMPLEXION	HAIR	EYES	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	FEET	INCHES				
On Entry	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Scar on front of left leg</u>
On attaining 28 years						
Further Description if necessary						















V8376

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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113-D-444

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NAME DEARDEN (Surname) Arthur Neil (Given Names) DATE OF BIRTH 6th May, 1922

PLACE OF BIRTH Hamilton, Ont. OCCUPATION Messenger

RELIGION Church of England EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 90 Edinburgh Ave. Town Hamilton Province, etc. Ont.

Table with columns: ENGAGEMENTS (Date, Period), DESCRIPTION (Height, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Marks or Scars), PREVIOUS SERVICE (Served in, Rank or Rating, Dates).

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Matthew ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 90 Edinburgh Ave. NAME (in pencil) Arthur Neil Town Hamilton Province, etc. Ont.

Table with columns: MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY (Date, Particulars); EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC. (Date, Particulars).

Table with columns: BADGES, G.C. OR G.S. (Date, 1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S., Granted Deprived Restored); BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES (SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT, Wt. No., Date, BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE, PUNISHMENT).

FILM NO. WSR-5204-8 DATE

Table with columns: DAYS FORFEITED (Date, Prison, Det'n, Cells, C. Power, W. Trial, In diff. Char.); SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (From, To); Last will and testament dated 19/11/40 received.

W.S.G. APPLICATION 6514 RECEIVED



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OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

DEARDEN

(Surname)

Arthur Neil

(Given Names)

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Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
Div. Str. Hamilton	Ord. Smn.	6	6	40	Active Service.	V.C.	Supr.	14	3	41							
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	"	12	8	40													
HMCS "Stadacona"	"	30	8	40													
HMCS "Venture" (Otter)	"	16	10	40													
HMCS "Stadacona"	"	23	10	40													
HMCS "St. Croix"	"	26	10	40													
DEMS "Western Chief"	"	19	2	41													
<del>DISCHARGED</del>	<del>"</del>	<del>14</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>41</del>	<del>"Missing, presumed dead" W/T 1623/3/4/41</del>												

GENERAL REMARKS

Memorial Cross issued to mother  
21/7/41.

DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU.	RELIED	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE	
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	CITY	TOWN	SER.	DIV.
06	5	22	11	533	0	30	X	55	02
ENLIST. DATE		ACT. SERV. DATE		STR.	ESTAB.		RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	SR.	BR.	RANK
06	06	40	12	08	40		9830	0	0895
SENIORITY		STR.	NON-SUB		CODED		CHECKED		
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	GT.			
12	09	40	09	00	00	20	14-03-41	M/B	



VERIFICATION FORM  
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M.  
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME IN FULL ... DEARDEN ... Arthur Neil RANK/RATING ... Ord. Surgeon ... OFF

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERI		1939-45	ATLAN
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO		
<u>Stadicea</u>	<u>12/8/40</u>	<u>21/8/40</u>	<u>10</u>					
<u>Otar</u>	<u>16/10/40</u>	<u>23/10/40</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>atlantic</u>				
<u>St Croix</u>	<u>26/10/40</u>	<u>7/2/41</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>atlantic</u>				
<u>Master Chief (Lead)</u>	<u>20/2/41</u>	<u>14/3/41</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>atlantic</u>				
<u>Discharged "Lead"</u>								
<u>to date 14/3/41</u>								
<u>war medal only for</u>								

VERIFIED BY [Signature] VERIFIED BY .....



VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING ..... *Ord. Surgeon* ..... OFF. NO. .... *118376* ..... ADDRESS .....

AREA	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	1	<i>Star</i>
<i>atlantic</i>							ATLANTIC		
<i>atlantic</i>							FRANCE G.		
<i>atlantic</i>							AFRICA		
							PACIFIC		
							BURMA		
							ITALY		
<i>medal only (ju)</i>							DEFENCE		
							C.V.S.M.	2	<i>+ Clasp</i>
							" CLASP		
							WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
							WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *Saunders* .....

..... FIED BY ..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.



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

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~~H.M.C.S.~~ Naval Service Hdqrs. at OTTAWA, Canada.

Name DEARDEN, Arthur Neil.  
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Ordinary Seaman. Official No. V. 8376, R.C.N.V.R.  
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Hamilton, Ontario. Date of Birth 6th May, 1922.  
Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co.,  
Occupation in Civil Life Hamilton, Ont. 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) From 6th June, 1940 to 14th March, 1941.

Date of Death 14th March, 1941. Place of Death High Seas.

Cause of Death Missing, believed killed in action, when a British  
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Merchant Vessel in which he was serving, was sunk by enemy action.

Nearest known relative or friend { Name Mrs. Alice Dearden, Relationship Mother.  
Address 90 Edinburgh Ave., Hamilton, Ontario.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship 3rd April, 1941.

Date on which death was registered with local Officials

In the case of Imperial Service men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality

Place of Burial (if known) Date of Burial (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave (if known)

Undertaker employed (if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated

Commanding Officer,

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(J. O. Cossette),  
NAVAL SECRETARY.

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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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320D  
10 MIL-5-40 (5005)  
N.S. 815-9-1320D

To:

From:

N.S.H.Q. OTTAWA 354  
(R) HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA  
GUNDAMS WINDSOR

ADMIRALTY

113-D-444

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MY 1327/3RD APRIL BOARD APPROVAL NOW GIVEN TO PRESUME  
THE DEATH OF A.N. DEARDEN RCNVR V 8976 ON 14TH MARCH 1941.

1748B/4

L/T

CODE

REC'D S.D.O.  
0051/5

GM

5/6/41

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90 Edinburgh Ave.  
Hamilton, Ontario.  
February 19, 1945.



Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
Naval Service Headquarters,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Sirs: #V.8376 - DEARDEN, Arthur N.

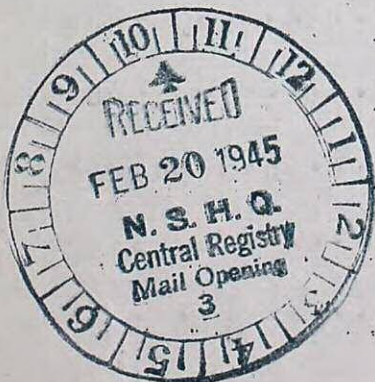
The above noted was an ex-rating, Ordinary Seaman, Royal Canadian Naval Service, and was posted on a merchant ship as an anti-aircraft gunner. He lost his life on March 14, 1941. The above noted did not assign any pay but sent \$15.00 per month for four months to his mother, Mrs. Alice Dearden, 90 Edinburgh Ave., Hamilton.

Mrs. Dearden is now applying to you for War Service Gratuity that would otherwise be coming to the naval rating if he were still alive. Her reason for doing so is because her husband, who was maintaining the home at the time of death of the rating, has since then become totally disabled and therefore unable to further maintain the home. They have no minor children; one son married.

Mr. and Mrs. Dearden Sr. have been granted Pension of \$25.00 per month, C.P.C., effective Nov. 1, 1944, on account of V.8376, Arthur N. Dearden.

Would greatly appreciate your advising Mrs. Dearden if War Service Gratuity would be payable in their behalf.

Very truly yours,



*Alice Dearden*

(Mrs.) Alice Dearden



- Naval Service -

21 May, 1941.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Arthur Neil Dearden, Ordinary Seaman, Official Number V.8376, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was serving in a British Merchant Vessel when that ship was sunk by enemy action on the 14th of March, 1941, and that he is missing, believed killed in action.



(J. O. Cossette)  
NAVAL SECRETARY.

*Extracted from  
wording of signal  
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MEDALS AND MEMORIALS-DECEASED PERSONNEL

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON  
ENTITLED TO

Mrs. Alice Dearden - Mother  
90 Edinburgh Ave.,  
Hamilton, Ont.

ADDRESS:

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Alice Dearden,  
90 Edinburgh Ave.,  
Hamilton, Ont.

C-45

ADDRESS:

Original -

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH  
**MEMORIAL BAR**  
DATE DESP .....  
(1)  
REGN. NO. 2255

(2)

DESP. SEP 16 1949  
REGN No. 1048

(3)

Desp'd 21-7-41



Temp. Card  
D OF D 14-3-41

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			FILE NO.
DEARDEN, Arthur Neil		V-8376	O/SMN.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. NO.	RANK ON DISCHARGE
			C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS) No. DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
C V.S.M. & Clasp	3746. 28-11-49.
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)