

WILSON, DONALD
ALEXANDER KENNETH

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(NAVAL SERVICE)

APPLICATION FOR CADETSHIPS
IN THE
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Victoria, British Columbia
(Place)

February 27, 1939
(Date)

THE NAVAL SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA.

SIR:—

I hereby make application for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy as a Naval Cadet. I understand that I am required to make a first choice between the Executive and Engineering Branch. My first choice is the *Executive* Branch.
(Insert branch chosen)

I declare that I am a British subject, and the son of a natural born or naturalized British subject, and that I have resided in Canada for the past two years. I understand that I must pass the Cadetship entrance examinations, and also that I will be required to undergo a strict medical examination by Departmental Medical Authorities before final acceptance, and must be accepted by an Interview Committee appointed by the Department.

I wish to write the examination in the *{ *English }* language, and I choose the following subjects for examination:—
**French*
*Cancel word not applicable.

Part I—

To be taken by all candidates:

- (a) English; (b) General Knowledge; (c) One of the following subjects:—

Modern Language ()*
or General History, or
Everyday Science.

NOTE.—Cross out subjects not chosen.

*Insert language chosen.

Part II—

Any three of the following subjects of which Lower Mathematics must be one:—

- (a) *Latin or Greek*; (b) *French or German*; (c) Modern History; (d) Lower Mathematics; (e) *Higher Mathematics*
(f) *Physics (state whether Schedule A or Schedule B chosen) or Chemistry; or Biology.*

Schedule—(State whether Schedule A or Schedule B chosen).

(Cross out subjects not chosen.)

NOTE.—No candidates are allowed to offer similar subjects in Parts I and II, i.e., a candidate taking a Modern language in Part II may not offer a Modern language in Part I; a candidate taking Physics, Chemistry, or Biology, may not offer Everyday Science; a candidate taking Modern History, may not offer General History.

The following questions are to be answered by the applicant in his own handwriting, in ink:—

Name in full *DONALD ALEXANDER KENNETH WILSON*
(Block letters)

Address in full *2517 Margate Street, Victoria, British Columbia*
(City or town, Province)

NOTE.—In case of change in address the Department should be immediately notified.

Date of birth *29th of March, 1921*

Place of birth *Victoria, British Columbia*
(Certificate of birth, or sworn declaration to be attached)

How far advanced educationally *Grade XI Private tuition in higher subjects*
(Certificate from School Authorities to be attached)

Character:—Attach two certificates of character from persons well known, and of standing in locality.

Ability to swim:—Attach certificate of ability to swim 50 yards, signed by a responsible person.

Height *five feet, eleven inches (5' 11")*

Chest measurement *thirty-four one-half (34 1/2)*
(Normal)

Colour of hair *Brown*

Colour of eyes *Hazel*

Complexion *Fair*

Wounds, scars or distinguishing marks *None*

Religious denomination *Church of England*

Are you in all respects physically fit for naval service? *Yes*
(Attach certificate from family physician)

NOTE.—This medical certificate is provisional only, and applicant will be required to pass a medical examination by an Officer of the Department, before final acceptance.

Declaration to be signed by Candidate—

I, Donald Alexander Kenneth Wilson do hereby
declare that I have carefully considered the regulations for the entry of Cadets in the Royal Canadian Navy, and that I consent to
abide by the same in every particular, as well as to observe and follow all such orders and directions as I shall from time to time
receive from the naval authorities, and to conform in every respect to His Majesty's regulations, and to the rules and discipline of
the service. I also declare that all answers to questions and other information given are true and correct.

Dated at Victoria B.C. D.A.K. Wilson
Signature of Candidate.

this 27th day of February 1939

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Information required to be supplied by Parent or Guardian:—

Name, in full, of Father Alexander WILSON
Address of Father 2517, Margate Avenue, Oak Bay, VICTORIA, B.C.
Occupation and Profession of Father Civil Servant, Dominion of Canada.
Nationality of Father Scotch
How long domiciled in Canada 32 years
Is Domicile Permanent or Temporary Permanent
Nationality of Paternal Grandfather English
Nationality of Paternal Grandmother Scotch
Name of Mother Janet Dollar JOHNSON
(Maiden name to be given)
Nationality of Mother Canadian
Nationality of Maternal Grandfather Canadian (Scotch descent)
Nationality of Maternal Grandmother Canadian (Scotch descent)
Name and address of Guardian* N.A.
Occupation and Profession* N.A.
*To be given only if both parents are deceased.
Do you know of any disability from whatever cause which would bebar the applicant from entry as a Cadet in the Royal Canadian
Navy? No.

DECLARATION BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I hereby declare that I consent to the admission of Donald Alexander Kenneth WILSON
son the above-signed Candidate for admission to the Royal
Canadian Navy, and that it is my intention that he should adopt the Royal Canadian Navy as his profession in life.

I consent to withdraw him upon receipt of an official request to do so in accordance with the regulations prescribed, and to fully
abide by the conditions as contained in the regulations (outlined in "Conditions of Entry, Service, etc., of Officers of the Royal
Canadian Navy").

NOTE.—The usual causes requiring withdrawal are misconduct, lack of application to study, unsuitability for commission as Naval
Officer, and physical disability.

I agree to accept the decision of the Department in case of non-compliance with the regulations for entry and discipline by the
candidate.

I undertake, on behalf of my son
that he is prepared to serve in any branch of the Royal Canadian Navy for which he may be selected.

I understand that Naval Officers are appointed during pleasure and that the Governor in Council has authority to relieve
any officer from duty.

I am prepared to pay \$20 when called on, for the expenses of the educational examination.

a. Wilson
Signature of Parent or Guardian.

at Victoria, British Columbia

Second day of March A.D. 1939.

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

(R.C.N. OR RESERVE FORCES)

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

I, the undersigned, have examined Donald Alexander Kenneth Wilson candidate for entry as Gadet (Executive) 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 Esquimalt B.C. the 16th of August 1939

R. Rodwell
Examining Medical Officer
(Rank) Capt. R.C. G.M.C.

White Race

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

a Age { Years Months	b Weight without Clothes	c Height with Bare Feet	d General Development	e Chest Girth	f Vision by— (i) Snellen's Types (ii) Colour Vision	g Vaccinated or re-vaccinated for Small Pox (Date)	h Lungs, Heart, etc.	i Abdomen, Hernia, etc.	j Limbs and Joints	k Skin	l Ears and Hearing	m Testes, Varicocele, etc.	n Mouth, Teeth (No. defective, if any), Nose, Tonsils, etc.	p Anus, Hemorrhoids, etc.
18 7/2	126 lbs.	5' 10 3/4 ft. ins.	Good Thin type	inches (a) maximum 35 (b) minimum 32 (c) mean 33 1/2	right eye 6/5 left eye 6/5 colour vision C.V.N.	Childhood	h	h	h	Clear	W.V. 20' 12" + L	h	0 defects 0 deficient	h

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.

Donald A. K. Wilson
Signature of Candidate

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

This Candidate is the subject of.....

not considered of sufficient importance to cause his rejection, he being desirable in other respects.

Examining Medical Officer

(Rank).....

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

(NAVY)

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

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WILSON Donald Alexander Kenneth		0-78750	Sub.1t.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star,	154-15.10.49
Atlantic Star,	
Africa Star,	
Defence Medal,	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp,	
War Medal.	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCN Aug. 45 "OTTAWA"
MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. Alexander Wilson - Father

ADDRESS: 2517 Margate Avenue, Oak Bay,
Victoria, B.C.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER no record

ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

(2)

(3)

C.N.

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME

WILSON

Donald Alexander Kenneth

(Surname)

(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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
Stadacona	Naval Cadet	25	8	39													
HMS Britannia (RNC)	"	14	9	39	Seniority 1.9.39.												
	Midshipman	1	5	40													
	A/Sub.Lieut.	1	1	42													
Naden	"	26	4	42	Add'l for F.S. Leave & Disposal.												
Ottawa	"	8	8	42	Appt 1.9.42 - See also 11/14/42												
	Sub.Lieut.	1	10	41	A.F.O. 405/40 & 3878/40.												
Discharged		13	9	42	"Missing, believed killed in action" - Ottawa.												

GENERAL REMARKS

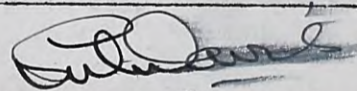
*Lost one month's seniority.
Memo of 5/8/42.60-W.64. deprived of two months time in respect of his failure in Astronomical Navigation and Signals.
Seniority as Sub.Lieut. 1.10.41.
See A.F.O. 405/40 & 3878/40.
Seniority as Lieut. 16.12.43

DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE	CIVIL OCCU.	RELIED	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT	
DY.	MO. YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION	TR. CTY. TOWN	SER. DIV.	A OR RANK
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ENLIST. DATE		ACT. SERV. DATE		SHIP OR		RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO. YR.	DY.	MO. YR.	ESTAB.	A	OR	RANK	
25	08	37	01	07	127			0350 0 01/12
SENIORITY		STR.	NON-SUB		CODED			
DY.	MO. YR.	CAT.	A	B	C	CHECKED		
01	10	41	09			61	13	09-42

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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. at
AVATON
Name (Cristian names in full)
Rank or Rating Donald Alexander Kenneth WILSON
..... Sub-Lieutenant Official Number
..... (If unknown, date of first entry)
Place of birth Date of birth
..... March 29, 1921
Occupation in Civil Life Religion
..... C. of E.
Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N. or mobilized
service in the case of R.C.N. (Temp) Reserve ratings)
.....
Date of Death Place of Death
..... 13 September 1942 At sea
Cause of Death
..... ENEMY ACTION Loss of H.M.C.S. "OTTAWA"
Nearest known relative of friend } Name Relationship
..... Address Alexander Wilson Father
..... 2517 Margate St., Oak Bay,
..... Victoria, B.C.
Date on which the above was informed by ship
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 Date of Burial
..... (If known) (If known)
Location, Number etc. of Grave
..... (If known)
Underraker employed
..... (If any)
If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalided
.....


Lieutenant Commander R.C.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

The Secretary
Naval Board, Ottawa, Canada

In all cases this form is to be sent in addition to the Report by
Telegraph required by the Regulations
Distribution: File, Imp. W.G. Com. Dom. Stat., Register.

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12 October 42

FOR MILITARY PURPOSES ONLY.

CANADA.—PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Registration District of *Victoria, B.C.* *April 6th 1921*

Certificate of Registration of Birth.

This is to certify that the birth of

Donald Alexander Kenneth Wilson

is registered as having taken place at *Victoria*, B.C., on
the *29th* day of *March*, 19*21*.

Name of father *Alec Wilson*

Maiden name of mother *Janet Johnson*

Date of registration.

April 6th, 19*21*

There is no fee for this certificate.

J. J. Marshall
for Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL

OAK BAY,
VICTORIA, B.C.

February 28th, 1939.

Record of Marks of

Donald Wilson

(Grade XI.)

(Marks given are percentages based on tests given since Christmas).

English Literature)	60
English Composition)	
Social Studies	80
Health	80
Algebra)	55
Geometry)	
French	75
General Science	73
Geography	60

Progress well maintained.

Dunmail H. Hartness,

Principal.

OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL

OAK BAY,
VICTORIA, B.C.

February 28th, 1939.

To whom it may concern:

Donald Wilson

This is to certify that Donald Wilson is in attendance as a pupil of the Grade XI. class at the Oak Bay High School.

He has had all his High School training here. I am pleased to be able to say he is working very well, and taking a real interest in what he is doing. His conduct around the school is good and his deportment is all that it should be.

His character is exemplary in every respect.

Dunmail H. Hartness,
Principal.

DR. J. S. MCCALLUM

103 UNION BUILDING

VICTORIA, B.C., 28th February, 1939.

Donald Wilson.

I have this day examined the above-noted.

Age $17\frac{1}{2}$, Height $5'10\frac{1}{2}"$, Weight 142 lbs. Posture erect, gait normal. All movements of joints and limbs normal. Heart gives normal response to exercise - sounds clear no enlargement, no murmurs. Lungs resonant throughout. Breathing vesicular, no rales, no varicocoele, varicose veins, flat feet, blemish or deformity.

Urinalysis - no albumen, no sugar.

V. R. 20/20. V.L. 20/20.

Colour vision normal.

C.V. R. 20'. C.V.L. 20'.

Physically in good condition.

J. S. McCallum

DR. J. S. MCCALLUM

103 UNION BUILDING,

VICTORIA, B.C., 28th February, 1939.

I understand Donald Wilson is applying for entrance to the Royal Canadian Navy as a Naval Cadet.

I have known him for the past 17 years as medical officer during a large part of his attendance at school.

He is even tempered and possesses unusually sound judgment for his years. He is an intelligent and industrious student and quickly grasps any problem he has to deal with. In his relations with his fellow students and outside contacts he is considerate and gentlemanly. He is keen on outside sports particularly boating and fishing.

He should make an excellent officer and acquit himself creditably in his proposed profession.

J. S. McCallum

Feb 28.39

To whom it may concern!

2051 Granite St

Oak Bay

Victoria

B.C.

Don Wilson has been receiving private instruction from me in French & Modern History since Sept 1938. He is diligent & takes a keen interest in his work. I have recently tested him out in Junior Master Papers of U. British Columbia & find that he comes out very well in the ordeal. Also he has accompanied me on several occasions to lectures & questionings at the Current Events Club here in Victoria. This has given him a broad outlook as ^{The Club} ~~he~~ ^{is} composed of men of all varieties of Political & Religious thought.

Signed

Percy Fletcher

M.A. (St Peter's Coll) Cambridge
Univ. of

England

P.S. Enclosed as business card

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TELEPHONE
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3455 Richmond Avenue,
~~1457 RICHARDSON STREET~~
VICTORIA, B. C.

28th February 1939.

Donald Wilson is studying mathematics and general science under my guidance and I have given him private lessons in these subjects since September 1938, on the lines laid down in the syllabus of the Examination for Naval Cadets.

He has taken a keen and intelligent interest in his studies in which he has made great progress.

He is, I believe, a very suitable young man for a Cadetship in the Royal Canadian Navy, and therefore I shall be very glad if he is successful at the forthcoming examination.

Affcock. B.A. (Cantab) B.Com.
(London.)

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By command of the Honourable the Minister of National Defence
for Naval Services of the Dominion of Canada

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To Sub-Lieutenant Donald A.K. Wilson, R.C.N.,--

You are hereby appointed

Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.,

of His Majesty's Canadian Ship OTTAWA.

Your appointment is to take effect from Date of joining.

*Noted in S.N.P.A.'s
Pension Dues Ledger
J.G.S.*

R. A. Lennington

Secretary, Naval Board

Gm
Department of National Defence
Naval Service

Ottawa, 1st September, 1942.

H.Q. 36a
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N.S. 815-7-36

*Madon for F.S.L +
displ*

Personnel Records Division.	
1. Noted in Records	✓
2. Index Card	
3. Non Sub. Card	
4. Statistical Card	
5. R. neo Str n.	✓
6. Pension Card	
<i>J.H. 7.9.42</i>	

Donald Alexander Kenneth WILSON
2517 Margate Street, Victoria, B. C.

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APPLICANT FOR ENTRY - CADET

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	<u>Maximum Marks</u>	<u>Marks Obtained</u>
Past Training -	100	85
Conduct -	100	90
Ability -	100	90
General Suitability -	100	87

REMARKS:

General Appearance and Manners, Very Good.

General Knowledge, Very Good.

Plays Soccer, Basketball, Swims. Small Boat Sailing.

Schools: Lampson School, Esquimalt,
Monterey School,
Oak Bay High School.

Appears very keen and should do well.

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

W.S.G. Application No. 9959

FILE NO. N.S. 0-78750

"WAR SERVICE GRATUITY"

COMPUTATION OF SERVICE

WILSON Donald Alexander Kenneth 0-78750 Sub. Lieut
SURNAME CHRISTIAN NAMES OFFICIAL RANK OR RATING
IN FULL NUMBER ON DISCHARGE

CAUSE OF DISCHARGE: Dead (Cocaine)

Applicant Father No record of A.P. or D.A.
10 Sep '39 - 9 Sep '42 - 1096
10 Sep '42 - 4
1100

TOTAL SERVICE

Date of Active Service 10 Sept '39

Date of Discharge 13 Sept '42

Total No. of Days 1100

Less non qualifying service nil

Total Days 1100

OVERSEAS SERVICE

% Total No. of Days 996

Less non qualifying service nil

Total Days 996

Record of Service in other Forces (per Naval Records)

Branch of Service

Date of Active Service

Date of Discharge

& % Overseas

Computed By Janet Woodley

Checked By [Signature]

DATE: JUN 28 1945

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

ND NDA

NON QUALIFYING SERVICE

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

(%) OVERSEAS SERVICE:

Where Serving	From	To	No. of Days
R.V. College Dartmouth Britannia Renown	10 Sept '39	25 April '42	959
Ottawa	8 Aug '42	13 Sept '42	37
			<u>996</u>

Dartmouth	Ottawa
✓✓	24
731	13
21	37
31	
30	
31	
31	
28	
31	
25	
<u>959</u>	

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE

STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

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NAVYDECEASED
MEMBER'S
NAMEDonald Alexander Kenneth WILSON
(CHRISTIAN NAMES) (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO. 9959

FILE NO. NS.0-78750

DATE 10 Jul/45

SERVICE NO. R.C.N.

FINAL RANK OR RATING S/Lieut.

DATE OF DISCHARGE 13 Sep/42

PAYEE Director of Estates, for Service Estate of
ADDRESS 308 Sparks St., Donald A.K. Wilson,
Ottawa, Ont. NS.0-78750

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 13 Sep/42

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 1100 EQUAL TO 36 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50

\$ 270.00

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 996 LESS 20 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 976 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY

\$ 244.00

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY \$5.00
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING
AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE \$2.10
ADDITIONAL PAY \$

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$

TOTAL \$7.10 X7 = \$49.70
NO. OF DAYS 996 X\$49.70
183

\$ 270.50

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

\$ 784.50

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

Nil

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

\$ 784.50

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

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

=\$ 784.50

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

DM

CHECKED BY

CHECKED BY

TREASURY

DATE

for Dir. Naval Pay Acctg.

DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

JMS

Estates Form "P. 4"

NAVY

Name: WILSON Donald A. K. No.:
Surname Christian Names

S/Lieut H.M.C.S. Ottawa 13-9-42
Rank Unit Date of Death

AMOUNT
W.S.G. \$784.50
L.P.C. \$271.57

Date: August 14/45

Other Credits.....

Total..... \$1056.07
Prev Dist. \$271.57
This Dist. \$784.50

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
1/2	Father	Alexander Wilson 2517 Margate Avenue Oak Bay Victoria B.C.	\$392.25
1/2	Mother	Mrs. Janet D. Wilson (as above)	\$392.25
		(as next of kin entitled)	
			WSG

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
9999	831	00	50	000	\$784.50
CLASSIFIED BY			EXAMINED BY		
			For Chief Treasury Officer		

DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

(Signature)
(L. M. FIRTH) Colonel
Director of Estates

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

MEMORANDUM FOR

P. 64

Mr. Alex Wilson,

2517 Margate Ave.,

Oak Bay, Victoria,

B.C.

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. 60-W-63 FD.143

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
OTTAWA, ONT.

October 10, 1942. 194

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

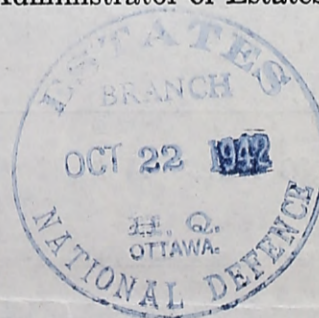
WILSON, Donald Alexander, Sub-Lieut.,

R. C. N.

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

H. Wade

(H.R. Wade) Lt.-Cdr.,
for (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.,
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.....		None. Single		
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....		none.		
3	Father of the Deceased.....		Alexander Wilson	59	2517 Margate Ave Victoria B.C.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....		Janet D. Wilson	46	2517 Margate Ave Victoria B.C.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	one, James. Alex.	17	2517 Margate Ave Victoria B.C.
		Half Blood	none		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	none		
		Half Blood	none		
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the De- ceased, who are dead, and date of death of each.		Names and ages of their children (if any)		Address of their children
			none		

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

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

FULL PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

10	What is the full name of the deceased?	Donald Alexander Kenneth Wilson.
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	29 th day of March 1921
12	Where and when were his parents married?	30 th June 1920 at Vancouver B.C.
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.

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

16	Where was deceased born?	Victoria B.C.
17	In what Province, Country or State did he reside, and in which last?	British Columbia.
18	How long in each?	all his life in B.C. with exception of service overseas.
19	What was the nature of his employment?	Student
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?	yes. in B.C.
22	State <u>your</u> postal address in full.	2517 Margate Ave Victoria B.C.

PARTICULARS AS TO CLAIMS

23	Have the funeral expenses been paid? If so, by whom?	n.a.
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 known.

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

* Father of the deceased.

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

Alexander Wilson {Signature of Informant

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief Alexander Wilson

*See above { Name of Informant } is the * father 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 Victoria, British Columbia 19th day of October 1942

Signature of Clergyman, Priest or Magistrate }

W.C. Warren

Qualification

Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia

Address

39 Cambridge Street, Victoria, B.C., Canada.

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.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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To:

MR. ALEX. WILSON,
2517 MARGATE AVENUE,
OAK BAY, VICTORIA, B.C.

From:

NSHQ, OTTAWA

OFFICIAL COPY

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MINISTER

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR NAVAL SERVICES
DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON, SUB
LIEUTENANT, DONALD ALEXANDER KENNETH WILSON,
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY, IS MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED
IN ACTION.

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18th September, 1942.

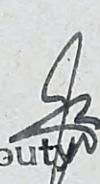
Dear Sir,-

It is with deep regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 18th September from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services informing you that your son Sub-Lieutenant Donald A.K. Wilson, R.C.N., is missing believed killed in action.

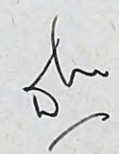
It is in the public interest that the name of his ship and the fact that ~~she~~ has been in action should not find its way to the enemy until such time as it is decided to publish the fact in a Naval Casualty List. It is therefore requested that this news, other than the fact that your son is missing, may be treated as confidential.

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours truly,


Deputy Secretary, Naval Board.

Mr. Alex Wilson,
2517 Margate Ave.,
Oak Bay, Victoria, B.C.



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The Naval Secretary,
Ottawa, Ontario.

To whom it may concern

Dear Sirs:

I looked for one name under the Naval Honour Awards published in the "Victoria Colonist" of Jan. 1st — that of my son, Sub. Lieutenant Donald A. K. Wilson R.C.N. — it was not there.

My son, after serving in a foreign commission aboard H.M.C.S. Renown in the Mediterranean for two and one half years with a splendid record and having seen much active service, was making his first trip as an officer in the Royal Canadian Navy aboard H.M.C.S. Ottawa. He was, I believe, Confidential Books and Signal officer among many other things and was doing his job thoroughly and most efficiently as second officer of the Watch.

I shall quote now from a letter I received from his immediately superior officer —

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"It being the ship was torpedoed, I was
the officer of the watch and one of
my jobs was to tell him to prepare
the books for destruction, thus not
risking the chance of these books
falling into the hands of the enemy.
I, accordingly, told him, and after
the second torpedo hit, he actually
destroyed most of them. However there
were still some books down in his
cabin which had to be consigned
overboard and, as far as I know,
despite the fact that orders to
"Abandon Ship" had been given he
carried on down there to complete
his duty."

Devotion to duty - even unto death.
Gentlemen, I ask you, in all your
list of naval honours bestowed, is
there a more poignant story of
utter devotion to duty than that
of my dearly loved son John
preferred to go down with his ship
doing his duty than to leave his
ship and be saved.

The Royal Canadian Navy can boast of
traditions only because there are men
such as these to make them.

Why not recognize them?

Yours Sincerely

Janet Wilson

P.S. - I wish this matter drawn
to the attention of the Honorable
Minister of Naval Affairs,
Mr. Macdonald.

January 13, 1943

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Most sympathetic consideration has been given to your letter dated 2nd January, and it is very easy to appreciate your feelings on perusing the list of Naval Honours approved by His Majesty in the New Year's Honours List.

Recommendations for Honours are made by the administrative authorities to Naval Service Headquarters. It is unfortunate that your son's name was not on the list forwarded to this office. You will, however, realize that it is not possible nor practicable, to recognize by the award of Honours all the gallant Officers and ratings who make the supreme sacrifice, and it is a difficult task indeed to select a few for recognition out of the many who deserve it.

Your letter has, as requested, been placed before the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services who directs me to express to you his personal sympathy in your grievous loss, and to assure you that he is proud to agree with your statement that "The Royal Canadian Navy can boast of traditions only because there are men such as these to make them."

The Royal Canadian Navy mourns with you the loss of a gallant young Officer.

Yours sincerely,



Paymaster Captain, R.C.N.V.R.
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD

Mrs. Janet Wilson,
2517 Margate Ave.,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

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2517 Margate Ave., Victoria, B.C.

January 17, 1943.

Gentlemen:-

We thank you for your sympathy in our supreme sorrow.

We realize too, the magnitude of your titanic task. How gratifying it must be to you, therefore, to know of specific cases where honour is so richly and justly deserved as that of my son Sub. Lt. Donald A. K. Wilson R.C.N., who was so young and so eager to live and to do his job well. He has set an example of courage, devotion and sacrifice that may well be known to and emulated by all young officers of our Navy.

I feel that this small matter, which I leave in your hands, is the last earthly service I can render my dearly loved son who was such a gay, lovable, vibrant and very popular person.

Yours sincerely

Janet Wilson.

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REFERRED TO	REMARKS (WITH INITIALS AND DATE)
<p>V.C. N.S. Minister</p>	<p>for approval before despatch please. A most difficult letter to write.</p> <p>I have studied the Board of Inquiry minute & think that Sublt Jenner wrote to Mrs Wilson, and gilded the lily somewhat. Sublt Wilson was not recommended for recognition by the Board, & the evidence tends to show that C.B.s & S.P.s were dishonest of by other personnel.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rat Secretary Naval Board 11. 1. 43</p> <p>Cmms. G.C. Jones 12.1.43. V.C.N.S.</p>

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1955 Cochrane Street,
Victoria, B.C.

October 26, 1959.

Secretary,
H.M.C.S. NADEN,
Esquimalt, B.C.

Dear Sir:

On the night of Sept 13-14, 1942, we lost a very dear son, Sub.Lt. Donald A.K. Wilson when H.M.C.S. OTTAWA was torpedoed during the battle of the Atlantic.

Sub. Lt. Wilson took his Cadetship at Dartmouth, England, served his Midshipman term in H.M.S. RENOWN in the Mediterranean and returned to England and completed his Sub. Lieutenancy course at H.M.S. EXCELLENT at Portsmouth. All this, of course, was accomplished at great expense to us. He was subsequently attached to H.M.C.S. OTTAWA.

I am a widow now and am desirous of keeping my small home. I wish to know if I am eligible for compensation for my son.

Sincerely yours,

Orig.signed Janet D. Wilson

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

20 November, 1959.

Dear Sir:

I have for reply your letter of 10 November requesting details of the loss in action of HMCS OTTAWA and information concerning Sub-Lieutenant W. J. Kidd, RCN, and the late Sub-Lieutenant D. A. K. Wilson, RCN. The Naval Historian has compiled the following.

HMCS OTTAWA, destroyer, was sunk by two torpedoes about five minutes past midnight (Greenwich Mean Time), the night of 13/14 September, 1942, in position 47° 55' North Latitude, 42° 27' West Longitude, a point some five hundred miles to the eastward of Newfoundland. Together with HMC Ships ST. CROIX, ARVIDA, SHERBROOKE and AMHERST, and HM Corvette CELANDINE, the OTTAWA was escorting Convoy ON-127, originally thirty-three merchant ships westward-bound for North American ports. For four days and nights since 10 September the convoy had been under intermittent attack by thirteen German submarines of Group Vorwärts, and seven merchantmen had already been destroyed.

At the time of OTTAWA's sinking the sea was described as moderate and the wind seven to ten knots (a light breeze). It was very dark; there was no moon. The escort duty was just about to be turned over to a Western Escort Force group; contact had already been made by lamp with HMS WITCH.

As the British destroyer approached rapidly from ahead at a range of less than a mile, the OTTAWA altered away to port and as she began to swing a torpedo struck her on the port side just before the bridge. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Commander C.A. Rutherford, RCN, who did not survive the action, was confident that his ship was in no immediate danger of sinking. Depth-charges aft were put to "safe" which preserved many lives when the ship went down. OTTAWA continued to swing to port so that her starboard side was now exposed to the unseen enemy. Within fifteen minutes of the first explosion, a second torpedo ripped into the stricken destroyer amidships. Now broken in half, bow and stern rose in the air and the ship went down quickly. Both of the ship's boats had been destroyed and the ship's company went over the sides with the remaining carley floats.

In the two attacks relatively few lives were lost but the long hours in the cold water took a heavy toll of officers and men who had had little sleep for four days. Of a total complement of 189, only seventy-six survived.

Mr Finlay Payne,
142 Nepean Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

From German records it is probable that the submarine responsible for the attack on HMCS OTTAWA was U-91.

It is regretted that there is no evidence in naval records indicating the actions of Sub-Lieutenant Wilson during the attack.

Concerning this officer's class mate it is presumed that W. M. Kidd rather than W. J. Kidd is the person meant. Commander W. M. Kidd, CD, RCN, is presently serving at Naval Headquarters, Ottawa, in the office of the Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Air and Warfare).

Yours truly,

NAVAL SECRETARY.

E.E.F.
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20.11.59