

READING
WILLIAM JOSEPH
3634

3634

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

62-R-278

OFFICIAL NUMBER 3634

NAME

READING
(Surname)William Joseph
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

December 1920.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Sandwich, Vancouver Island B.C.

OCCUPATION

RELIGION

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town

Kent

Province, etc.

England

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
									R.N. JX 149180			
									JX 149180			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Mother

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs de Reading

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

22 Bedford Road

Town

Buckley, Kent

Province, etc.

England

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES							
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year		

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



FILM
NO. WSR-4658-8
DATE

3634

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME READING
(Surname)

William Joseph
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER 3634

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
Margaree	Sig.	10	9	40													
Discharged	"	22	10	40	DEAD-Missing-Presumed Dead.												

GENERAL REMARKS

14/5/41-Canada n Memorial Cross
issued to Mother:
Mrs. H. Reading,
22 Burford Road,
Bickley, Kent,
England.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE	CIVIL	OCCAS	RELIEF	FORM	RESIDENCE	PREV	ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY	MO	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GRD					A	BR	RANK
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BY JMS										EKR		CHECKED HR	
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

358777
~~(NAVY)~~

D.D.

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

READING	William Joseph	N-3634	Sig.	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	2121
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	Atlantic Star amended: 23/1/82 (D.Y.)

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

RCN May/46 "MARGAREE"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS
PERSON
ENTITLED TO Mr. Henry J. Reading - Father.
242 Obed Ave.,
VICTORIA, B. C.
ADDRESS:

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS
WIDOW
ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS
MOTHER Mrs. H. Reading
22 Burford Road, Bickley, Kent, England.
ADDRESS:

MEMORIAL BAR
DATE DESP
REGN. NO. 312

(2)

(3) 14-5-41

MEMORANDUM FOR

P. 64

Chief Yeoman of Signals,
H. Reading,
c/o Commanding Officer,
Esquimalt, 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. 62-R.278 FD.293

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
OTTAWA, ONT.

November 14, 1941

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any balance of pay, medals or memorials available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

READING, William Joseph, Sig. O.No. 3634,

H.M.C.S. "Margaree" 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, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

(H.R. Wade) Lieut.Cdr. RCNVR,
for (L.M. Firth) Major,
Administrator of Estates.



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 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		
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....		NONE		
3	Father of the Deceased.....		READING, Henry James	56	242, Obed Ave., Victoria, B.C.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....		READING, Margaret-Eliza Ann	47	242, Obed Ave., Victoria, B.C.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	READING, Trevor George James.	18	242, Obed Ave., Victoria B.C.
		Half Blood	NONE		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	READING, Jean Goudie (M ^m) SHIRLEY, Inwil.	25 23	242, Obed Ave., Victoria B.C. 47, Rue Garnard, St-Hyacinthe, Que.
		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

10	What is the full name of the deceased?	READING, Harry William Joseph.
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	December, 1920.
12	Where and when were his parents married?	Victoria, B.C. 16 th Dec 1915.
13	If deceased was married, state place and date of marriage.	NOT MARRIED.
14	Did he leave a Will? If so, a copy should be attached hereto.	NOT KNOWN.
15	Did he leave a bank account? If so, give full particulars.	NOT KNOWN.
16	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration of the estate?	NOT KNOWN.
17	State your own postal address in full.	242, Obed Ave., Victoria, B.C. Canada.

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

18	Where was deceased born?	Sandwich, Vancouver Island B.C.
19	State, in order, the Province (or State) and country in which the deceased resided and the period of time in each, and in which last.	British Columbia, Canada. 12 years. Kent, England. 7 yrs 10 months.
20	What was the nature of his employment?	Signaller R.N. and R.C.N.
21	Did he own the premises in which he lived? If so, where?	No.
22	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	Yes. - British Columbia, Canada.

OTHER PARTICULARS

23	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.	(a) No. (b) Not to my knowledge.
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24	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.	No.
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(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, 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, "Wife," "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, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public.

Henry James Reading

Signature of Informant

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief Henry James

*See above

Reading { 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 Esquimaux B.C. this 19th day of November 1941

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public

Reading Qualification A Notary Public etc.

Address Rm Banack's, Esquimaux 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 enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

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

NAVY
DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

Naval - Military - Air Force
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Name READING William J. No. 3674
 Surname Christian Names

Sig. H.M.C.S. MARGARIE 22.10.40
 Rank Unit Date of Death

AMOUNT
 L. P. C. \$ 90.55
 Other Credits _____
 Total 90.55
 Shares Retained _____
 NET TOTAL 90.55

Date December 2nd, 1941

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT																
$\frac{1}{2}$	father	Henry J. Reading, 242 Obed Ave., Victoria, B.C.	\$45.28																
$\frac{1}{2}$	mother	Mrs. Margaret E. Reading, 242 Obed Ave., Victoria, B.C. (next of kin entitled)	\$45.27																
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Distribution approved and authorized

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

(WSA)
 For Chief Treasury Officer

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

**DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES GMW
NAVY**

Estates Form "P. 4"

Name **READING,** **William J.** No. **N3634**
Surname Christian Names
SIG. **HMCS Margaree** **22-10-40**
Rank Unit Date of Death

AMOUNT **W.S.G.** **223.27**
L.P.C. **\$ 90.55**
Date **9-5-46** Other Credits.....
Total..... **313.82**
Prev. Dist. **90.55**
This Dist. **223.27**

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
$\frac{1}{2}$	Father	Henry J. Reading 242 Obed Ave., Victoria, B.C.	111.64
$\frac{1}{2}$	Mother	Mrs. Margaret E. Reading, (As above)	111.63
(As next of kin entitled)			
<i>For next of kin</i> 17/5.			

W.S.G.

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
9999	831	00	50	000	223.27
CLASSIFIED BY <i>[Signature]</i>			EXAMINED BY		
			For Chief Treasury Officer		

DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

[Signature]

(L. M. FIRTH) Colonel
Director of Estates

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

VERIFICATION FORM

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

RANK/RATING *Sig.* OFF. NO. *N3634* ADDRESS

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

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

VERIFIED BY DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

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

NAVY

DECEASED
MEMBER'S
NAME

William Joseph

READING

(CHRISTIAN NAMES)

(SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

14930

FILE NO.

NSN-3634

DATE

2 Mar.'46

SERVICE NO.

N-3634

FINAL RANK OR RATING

Sig.

PAYEE
ADDRESSDirector Of Estates
308 Sparks St.,
Ottawa, Ontario.For Service Estate
of Wm.J.Reading.

22 Oct'40

FINAL RANK OR RATING

22 Oct'40

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE

DATE OF DISCHARGE

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

RN 388
RCN 43

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

\$ 97.50

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS

LESS

INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO

409

19

390

DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY

RN 388 RCN 43

97.50

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY	\$ 2.00	
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE	\$ 1.45	
ADDITIONAL PAY	HLM \$.13	
	TO V/S \$.05	
	NIL \$	
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$	\$ 3.63	25.41
TOTAL	\$ 43 X7 = \$	25.41
NO. OF DAYS	183	X\$

5.97

R.N. Overseas Supplement

49.00

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

249.097

E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE \$

OTHER DEDUCTIONS

RN Gratuity Pd.

\$ 26.70.

26.70

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

223.27

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$ _____ OF \$ _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE \$ _____

223.27

Voucher 5496 - March 11/46

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
KEC

CHECKED BY
✓

TREASURY

CHECKED BY
R.V. Kullback

DATE
6.3.46

for Dir. Naval Pay Accounting. SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE.

P066591 ~~13050~~



Any further communication should be addressed to—

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
London, S.W.1

quoting "N. 7226/40."

on the outside of the envelope as well as in the text.

Admiralty, S.W.1.

27th June, 1940.

62-2278
JUL 11 1940
N.S. 1-23-6-153
CANADA

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that they have had under consideration several applications from the mother of W. Reading, Signalman, O.N.C/J.X.149180 for his permanent transfer to the Royal Canadian Navy.

It appears that Reading's father is a R.C.N. Pensioner Chief Yeoman of Signals now serving in the Royal Canadian Navy, and that Mrs. Reading is desirous of rejoining her husband in Canada as early as possible, but has been residing temporarily in England to be near her son. His age is 19½ and he is reported as having passed for Leading Signalman at Chatham.

Owing to the need for Signal ratings in the Royal Navy, My Lords have hitherto been unable to accede to Mrs. Reading's applications, but having regard to the circumstances of the case,

ms of RA

/they

The Chief of the Naval Staff,
Dept. of National Defence
Ottawa,
Canada.

GJ.

*Answered by Special 1728/718
Transfer to RCN approved
Dept to S.W.1. Intelligence in connection
R.M.*

they are now prepared to release
Signalman Reading for transfer, if
the Canadian Naval Authorities are
desirous of securing this rating's
services.

My Lords would be glad to
have an early reply.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Hastwood

OFFICIAL COPY

NAVAL MESSAGE

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

To: ADMIRALTY 513

From: N.S.H.Q. OTTAWA

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154A
62 R 278
1-73-6

YOUR N 7226/40 OF 27TH JUNE 1940. TRANSFER OF W. READING,
SIGNALMAN ON C/JK149180 TO ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY IS APPROVED.
REQUEST READING MAY BE DRAFTED TO H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE" ON
COMMISSIONING. DELAY IN REPLY IS REGRETTED.

1728/7

W/T A.C.(GEN)

REC'D SDO
1800/7

7.8.40

CL 0956

OFFICIAL COPY
NAVAL MESSAGE

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

To: N.S.H.Q.

From: CHISLEHURST
ENGLAND

62-R-278

IS SIGNALMAN READING "MARGAREE" SAFE?

READING 22 BURFORD RD BICKLEYKENT

-/29

PREL COPY TO DUTY CDR. AT 2323/29

L/T P/L REC'D SDO AB 29-10-40 6590
2310/29

OFFICIAL COPY

NAVAL MESSAGE

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

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To:

N.S.H.Q. OTTAWA 501
(R) H.M.C.S. "NADEN"

From:

62-B-2289

C.O.P.C.

CHIEF YEOMAN OF SIGNALS H. READING OFFICIAL NUMBER
X 59 REQUESTS INFORMATION REGARDING HIS SON (BARCLAY)
WILLIAM JOSEPH, SIGNALMAN R.C.N. OFFICIAL NUMBER NOT
KNOWN BELIEVED RECENTLY TRANSFERRED FROM ROYAL NAVY.
HE BELONGED TO CHATHAM (KENT) DIVISION AND WAS SERVING
IN H.M.S. "AJAX". CHIEF YEOMAN READING HAS LETTER MAILED
OCTOBER 7TH FROM BROMLEY KENT ADDRESS ON LETTER SHOWS
H.M.C.S. "MARGAREE".

1507/29

REPLIED TO 0040/30

W/T

CODE

REC'D SDO
0108/30

REM

30.10.40 6618

OFFICIAL COPY

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320H
5 Mil.-5-40 (4975)
N.S. 815-9-1320H

To:

MRS. H. READING
22 BURFORD ROAD
BICKLEY KENT ENGLAND

From:

62-R-278 9

N.S.H.Q.

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE DEEPLY
REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON W.J. READ-
ING SIGNALMAN R.C.N. OFFICIAL NO. 3634 IS MIS-
SING, BELIEVED KILLED.

/30

L/T

F/T

REC'D SDC
1028/30

VS

30.10.40

6123

OFFICIAL COPY
NAVAL MESSAGE

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

To: N.S.H.Q.

From: ~~MURIEL~~ MURIEL READING 10
HALIFAX N.S.
70 JUBILEE RD

62-R-278

TELEGRAM FROM MY FATHER ABOUT MY BROTHERS
PASSING SIGNALMAN HARRY WILLIAM JOSEPH READING
CONFIRM WITH PARTICULARS IMMEDIATELY.

PREL COPY TO DUTY CDR. AT 2025/30

-/30

L/T

P/L

REC'D SDO
2020/30

P.W.

30.10.40

6845

OFFICIAL COPY
NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320H
5 Mil.-5-40 (4975)
N.S. 815-9-1320H

To: MISS MURIEL READING
70 JUBILEE ROAD, HALIFAX N.S.

From: N.S.H.Q.

13
62-R-2 78

DEEPLY REGRET TO CONFIRM THAT YOUR BROTHER HARRY WILLIAM JOSEPH
READING SIGNALMAN R.C.N. OFFICIAL NUMBER 3634 WAS IN H.M.C.S.
"MARGAREE" AND IS MISSING BELIEVED LOST. NO FURTHER DETAILS ARE
AVAILABLE. YOUR MOTHER IN ENGLAND HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.

2142/30

L/T

F/L

REC'D SDO
2105/30

GB

31-10-40

6397