

D3385  
DAMANT  
ROBERT



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# ATTESTATION

## NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT 17th D.F. RCH REGTL. No. 1062

1. Surname? (Block letters) DAMANT
2. Christian names? ROBERT CECIL
3. Present address? 721 Lacasse St.  
Phone No. NONE
4. Date of Birth? 9/19/20
5. British subject? YES
6. Occupation? SKIPPER
7. Religion? PROT.
8. Next of Kin E. DAMANT
9. Relationship? MOTHER  
Address SAME
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service  
(Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)

3 YEARS VICTORIA RIFLES  
(ACTING LANCE CORPORAL)

### CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 67 1/2 Weight 157 Chest max 39 1/2 min 36 1/2  
Descriptive marks scar left wrist - mole 2" to right of right nipple  
I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in Instructions for the R.C.A.M.C. and C.A.D.C. 1937 Appendix V and find him F.I.T. Category A-V  
Date June 20/40 Signature W. H. Major Deane

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned, do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers (made by me) to the foregoing questions are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of three years or until legally discharged, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement, that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN

I, Robert C. Damant do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Signature of Witness W. H. Major Deane Signature of Man Robert C. Damant  
Dated this 25th day of June 1940 at Montréal

### CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

The recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished by law. The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question and that his answer to each question has been duly entered and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath.

Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer C. F. Smith

W. H. Major Deane



## Statement of Services

NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur and certified by the Officer making the entry.

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M.F.M. 2  
A.F.B. 271  
480 M-8-39 (1696)  
H.Q. 1772-45-18

(To be completed in triplicate. Copy designation to be shown by striking out terms not applicable.)

Unit.....Victoria Rifles of Canada..... Regimental Number.....NPAM.....VRG.....1816

## CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE

### ATTESTATION PAPER

1. Surname.....DAMANT.....
2. Christian Names.....Robert Cecil.....
3. Present address.....721 Lacasse St. Montreal.....
4. Date of birth.....19 Sep 20.....
5. Place of birth.....Canada.....Quebec.....Montreal.....  
(Country) (County or Province) (Town or Township)
6. Religion (state denomination).....Anglican.....
7. Trade or Calling.....Shipper.....
8. Married, Widower or Single.....Single.....
9. Name of next of kin.....Charles Damant.....
10. Relationship.....Father.....
11. Address of next of kin.....721 Lacasse St. Montreal.....
12. Have you served in any Naval, Military or Air Force?.....No.....
13. If previous war service, state arm, force and regimental particulars.....No.....
14. Do you now belong to or have you served in the Active Militia of Canada?.....  
Victoria Rifles of Canada 1936-1939  
(Give unit and date of attestation)

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, .....do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve in the Canadian Active Service Force so long as an emergency, i.e., war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, exists, and for the period of demobilization after said emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.

This soldier was attested on N. P. A. M.  
attestation form and consequently was not  
attested on M. F. M. 2.

(Signature of recruit)

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, .....do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

(Signature of Recruit)

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by law.

The above questions and answers were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me,

at.....this.....day of.....19.....

(Signature of Magistrate, Justice  
or Attesting Officer.

(Office or Rank and Unit  
or appointment.

N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT



....Regimental Number....**NPAM**.....**VRC**..... **1816**

### EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Military.....	NIL	High School	}.....NIL..... (years completed)	Graduation	}.....NIL..... (specify)
Business or Professional.....	NIL	or Collegiate		or Matriculation	
Trade or Civil.....	NIL	*College.....	NIL		
Technical.....	NIL	*University.....	NIL		
Languages.....	English	Public School 7 years			
*(Name of institution, courses or years completed, and degrees obtained to be shown)					

All enlisted personnel will be taken on as Private soldiers, appointments and promotions to higher rank to be shown as provided in the space below.

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For additional entries use M.F.M. 1 and 2 (a)

Are you receiving or have you  
in the past received, disability  
pension or compensation. If so  
give details. . . . .

**NO**

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For additional entries use M.F.M. 1 and 2 (a)

Date **Sept. 26, 1939.**

Are you receiving or have you  
in the past received, disability  
pension or compensation. If so  
give details. . . . . No.

- R. Damant  
(Signature of Recruit)

Special remarks when category lower than A.

Chas. W. D. Jones / G. H. Raymond / Lt. / J. Brumman / Capt.

President / Member / Member

VACCINATIONS, INOCULATIONS, BOARDS, RECLASSIFICATION OF MEDICAL CATEGORY

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1816

Rank

Rm

Surname.

# I H M A N T

Christian Name.

Robert Cecil

For additional entries use M.F.M. 1 and 2 (b)



# AWARDS—CANADIAN ARMY (ACTIVE)

M

DAMANT, Robert Cecil		1816 NPAM	Rfn	FILE No. 405-D-474
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
WAR MEDAL 1939-45	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

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Prepared by: FL

Checked by : AL

ORIGINAL  
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TRIPLICATE

M.F.M. 2  
A.F.B. 271  
750M-5-42 (4398)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1645

(To be completed in triplicate. Copy designation to be shown by striking out terms not applicable.)

Unit 3rd Can. Motorcycle Regt. CASF Regimental Number D-3385

## ACTIVE FORMATIONS AND UNITS OF THE CANADIAN ARMY

### ATTESTATION PAPER

1. Surname DAMANT  
2. Christian Names Robert  
3. Present address 721 Lacasse St., Montreal, Que.  
4. Date of birth Sept. 19, 1920  
5. Place of birth Canada Quebec Montreal  
(Country) (County or Province) (Town or Township)  
6. Citizenship  
(Of What Country are You Now a Citizen)  
7. Religion (state denomination) Protestant, Baptist  
8. Trade or Calling Shipper  
9. Married, Widower or Single Single  
10. Name of next of kin Mrs. Elizabeth DAMANT  
11. Relationship Mother  
12. Address of next of kin 721 Lacasse St., Montreal, Que.  
13. Do you belong to, or have you served in a Reserve Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army?  
Yes, 3 years Victoria Rifles 1 month 17 D.Y.R.C. Hussars  
(If Yes, Give Unit and Dates of Service)  
14. Have you served in (a) an Active Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army? (Yes or No)  
no (b) Any other Naval, Military, or Air  
(If Yes, Give Regimental No. and Unit) Force? no  
(Yes or No) (If Yes, specify Unit and Period of Service)  
15. Did you serve during the Great War 1914-1918?  
no  
(If Yes, specify Regimental No., Unit and Dates of Service)

#### DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Robert DAMANT, do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve in any Active Formation or Unit of The Canadian Army so long as an emergency, i.e., war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, exists, and for the period of demobilization after said emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.

Date July 26, 1940 (Sgd) R. Damant  
(Signature of recruit)

#### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Robert DAMANT, do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Witness (Sgd) J.C. Millar, Lieut. (Sgd) R. Damant  
(Name) (Rank) (Signature of Recruit)

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by law.

The above questions and answers were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me,

at Montreal this 26th day of July 19 40

(Sgd) M.L. Newroth, Major

{ Signature of Magistrate, Justice  
or Attesting Officer.

3rd Can. Motorcycle Regt. C.A.S.F.

{ Officer or Rank and Unit  
or appointment.

N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT



Record of Service of DAMANT Robert Regimental Number D-3385  
 (Surname) (Christian Names)

QUALIFICATIONS

Military None High School } no Graduation } no  
 Business or Professional } (years completed) Matriculation } (specify)  
 Trade or Civil Shipper \*College no  
 Technical None \*University no  
 Languages English

\*(Name of institution, courses or years completed, and degrees obtained to be shown)

All enlisted personnel will be taken on as Private soldiers, appointments and promotions to higher rank to be shown as provided in the space below.

Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc., from date taken on Strength of Field Force	Rank Shown	Effective Date	Unit	Place	Authority	
					Part II D.O. No. Cas. List, etc.	Dated
Joined on appointment T.O.S.	Tpr.	26 Jul 40	3rd CMCR	Montreal	14	27 Jul 40
Awarded 7 days C.B. and a summary forf. of 2 days' pay for A.W.L. from 2030 hrs. to 2300 hrs. 11 Nov 40	"	12 Nov 40	"	"	105	13 Nov 40
Proceeded to Military District No.6 as Main Party	"	26 Feb 41	17th DYRCH (7th Recce. Regt.)	"	46	25 Feb 41
Granted furlough from 5 May 41 to 18 May 41 incl.	"	5 May 41	"	Debert Mil. Camp	99	1 May 41
S.O.S. on transfer to #4 D.D. w.e.f. 12 Jun 41	"	12 Jun 41	"	"	134	12 Jun 41
T.O.S. on temporary attachment on posting from his Unit, Debert Mil. Camp, and is posted to "D Wing" pending disposal	"	13 Jun 41	#4 D.D.	Montreal	140	14 Jun 41
Proceeded on command to HQ MD 4 & is posted to "C Wing" w.e.f. 0900 hrs.	"	18 Jun 41	"	"	143	18 Jun 41
Trans. at his own request to R.C.C.S. and is mustered Sgmn.	Sgmn.	28 Jul 41	"	"	178	28 Jul 41
Ceased to be on command to HQ MD 4	Tpr.	28 Jul 41	"	"	178	28 Jul 41

For additional entries use M.F.M. 1 and 2 (a)



# CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Date of Medical Examination

Name in full DAMANT, Robert

Place

16 Jul 40

## Part 1. Information obtained from the recruit.

1. Age 19
2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following diseases?
 

a. Rheumatism	<u>no</u>	k. Ear disease	<u>no</u>
b. Tuberculosis or pleurisy	<u>no</u>	l. Eye disease	<u>no</u>
c. Bronchitis or asthma	<u>no</u>	m. Fits	<u>no</u>
d. Heart disease	<u>no</u>	n. Nervous or mental disease	<u>no</u>
e. Kidney or bladder disease	<u>no</u>	o. Syphilis	<u>no</u>
f. Stomach or bowel trouble	<u>no</u>	p. Gonorrhoea	<u>no</u>
g. Rupture	<u>no</u>	q. Have you ever worn glasses?	<u>yes reading etc.</u>
h. Varicose veins	<u>no</u>	r. Are you now or have you in the past received disability pension or compensation? If so, give details	
i. Foot trouble	<u>no</u>		
j. Nasal trouble	<u>no</u>		

I hereby declare that I have not suffered from any diseases whatsoever except as stated above.

(Sgd) R. Damant

Signature of Applicant

## Part 2. Information obtained by medical examination. THE RECRUIT MUST BE STRIPPED.

Medical Officer's Remarks on information as stated in Part 1 Left forearm fracture 1930.  
Eardrums normal. Heart & lungs normal. Reflexes normal. Urine normal.  
Colour vision normal. X-Ray normal.

1. Identification marks or scars Left forearm scar open reduction radius fracture 1930.
2. Height 5 feet 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.
3. Weight 155 pounds.
4. Complexion Fair Eyes Blue 5. Development Good
- Hair Black Fair
6. Chest measurement—Girth on full expansion 37 inches. Range of expansion 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.
7. Vision, right 20/20 left 20/20
- With Glasses—right left 8. Hearing, right W.V. 20 left W.V. 20
9. Condition of mouth and teeth Cavities
10. Blood Pressure:—S. D. (Required if recruit is over 35 years of age, or if otherwise indicated)
11. Urinalysis
12. The abnormalities (congenital and pathological) found on examination are as follows:—  
Wears glasses

13. Chest X-Ray No Laboratory at which taken

**Part 3.** We, the examiners, find no evidence of the diseases mentioned in question 2, Part 1, except as reported in the remarks. We have examined the Recruit in accordance with the pamphlet "Physical Standards and Instructions for the medical examination of Recruits" and he is found fit for Category A

Special remarks when category lower than A

(Sgd) L.C. ? ? Major. rank (Sgd) M. Kaufmann Capt. rank (Sgd) R. Ferguson Lt. rank  
 President Member Member

Date

## VACCINATIONS, INOCULATIONS, BOARDS, RECLASSIFICATION OF MEDICAL CATEGORY

Date	Brief details and signature	Date	Brief details and signature
17 Oct 41	Cat. "A"		<b>CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF MFM2.</b>
			<u>J. G. Payne</u>
			Officer having custody of
			regimental documents kept by
			the Director, War Service
			Records, DVA, Ottawa, 4 Jun 52.

NOTE: Any corrections to entries made must be initialled by the Officer making them. Such Officer will indicate his rank and corps. Corrections are not to be written over the original entry.



Regtl. No. D-3385 Rank Trooper Surname DAMANT Christian Name Robert

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For additional entries use M.F.M. 1 and 2 (b)



Regimental No. D-3385

Rank Sgmn.

Sheet No. 2

M.F.M. 1 & 2 (a)  
50M-3-44 (4002)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1646

Name DAMANT, Robert

Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc.—	Rank Shown	Effective Date	Unit	Place	Authority	
					D.O. Number	Dated
Proceeded on command to his Unit, Bleury St., Montreal	Sgmn.	29 Jul 41	#4 D.D.	Montreal	178	28 Jul 41
Ceased to be on command to his Unit, Bleury St., Montreal	"	31 Jul 41	"	"	181	31 Jul 41
Proceeded on command and attached for all purposes to C.S.T.C., Barriefield	"	31 Jul 41	"	"	181	31 Jul 41
Attached to C.S.T.C., Kingston, Ont., for all purposes from #4 D.D.	"	1 Aug 41	C.S.T.C.	Kingston	180	1 Aug 41
Ceased to be attached to C.S.T.C., Kingston, Ont., on being attached Cdn. to 4th/Div. Sigs. A.F., Barriefield, Ont.	"	4 Aug 41	"	"	182	4 Aug 41
Attached from #4 D.D., Montreal, Que., f.a.p. incl. pay	"	5 Aug 41	4th Div. Sigs.RCS	Barriefield	27	5 Aug 41
Departed Barriefield at 0800 hrs. 20 Aug 41	"	20 Aug 41	"	"	36	21 Aug 41
Ceased to be attached to 4th Div. Sigs. and is T.O.S.	"	25 Aug 41	"	Debert	37	26 Aug 41
Arrived at Debert Mil. Camp, N.S., at 1800 hrs. 25 Aug 41	"	25 Aug 41	"	"	39	31 Aug 41
Granted embarkation leave from 17 Oct 41 to 21 Oct 41	"	17 Oct 41	"	"	68	20 Oct 41
Having been examined is re-classified cat."A"	"	17 Oct 41	"	"	68	20 Oct 41



Regimental No. D-3385

Rank Sgmn.

Sheet No. 3

M.F.M. 1 & 2 (a)  
50M-3-44 (4002)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1846

Name DAMANT, Robert

Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc.—	Rank Shown	Effective Date	Unit	Place	Authority	
					D.O. Number	Dated
S.O.S. on posting to #3 D.D., Ottawa, Ont., for Serial 1300	Sgmn.	20 Oct 41	4th Div. Sigs. RCS	Debert	68	20 Oct 41
T.O.S. of #3 D.D. on transfer from 4th Div. Sigs. RCS	"	21 Oct 41	#3 D.D.	Ottawa	295	22 Oct 41
S.O.S. of #3 D.D. and transferred to Serial 1300	"	23 Oct 41	"	"	296	23 Oct 41
T.O.S. HQ Force "C" from #3 D.D.	"	24 Oct 41	HQ FORCE "C"	--	1	31 Oct 41
Embarked from Vancouver, B.C., 2100 hrs.	"	27 Oct 41	"	--	3	4 Nov 41
EMBARKED CANADA-SAILING LIST NO 965 "C" FORCE		27 Oct 41				
Attached to Winnipeg Grenadiers for rations & accommodation	"	16 Nov 41	"	--	6	24 Nov 41
Awarded C.V.S.M. & Clasp	"	25 Dec 41	"	Ottawa	A.O. 11	11 Sep 45
Awarded 1939-45 Star	"	8 Dec 41	"	"	A.O. 11	11 Sep 45
19 Dec 41 Amended by		Between 19 Dec 41			A.O. 31	25 Jan 46
S.O.S. killed in action between 8 and 25 Dec 41	"	8 and 25 Dec 41	"	"	A.O. 8	8 Sep 45



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AWARDS—CANADIAN ARMY (ACTIVE)

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100M—10-41 (2195)  
H.Q. 1772-45-8

DAMANT, Robert		D.3385	Sgmn.	FILE NO. 405-D-474 Headquarters
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. NO	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

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DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star Pacific Star War Medal C.V.S.M. & Clasp	6083. 14/3/50

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MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS

PERSON

ENTITLED TO

Mrs. Elizabeth DAMANT (MOTHER)

ADDRESS:

721 Lacasse St.,  
MONTREAL, Que.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Elizabeth Damant,

ADDRESS: 721 Lacasse St., Montreal, P.Q.

MEMORIAL BAR

(1)

DATE DESP.....

REGN. NO.....

407

(2)

DESP. FEB 2 - 1943  
REGN No. 507

(3)



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M.F.M. 5  
150M-7-41 (1122)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1651

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY OF AN OFFICER OR OTHER RANK OF THE CANADIAN  
ARMY (AF) OR R.C.A.F. (ON ACTIVE SERVICE)

INSTRUCTIONS.

- (a) This form is to be completed immediately an officer or other rank is appointed to, or enlisted in, the Canadian Army (AF) or R.C.A.F. ON ACTIVE SERVICE.
- (b) All questions, etc., must be completed.
- (c) Both copies of the form are to be forwarded by the Officer Commanding the unit for each officer and other rank, to the Paymaster, or Officer acting as such. The latter will transmit one copy, through the District, Command, or Camp Paymaster, to the Officer i/c Records, N.D.H.Q., Ottawa. The other copy will be retained by the Paymaster of the unit, when transferred to another unit the copy retained by the Paymaster will be sent to the Paymaster of the individual's new unit.

(1) Name of Officer or Other Rank..... **DAMANT, Robert.**  
(Surname first—Christian names in full—Block capitals)

(2) Regimental or Official Number and Rank **D 3385 Trooper.**

(3) Unit..... **3rd. Can. Motorcycle Regt. C.A.S.F.**

(4) Are you married?..... **No**

(5) If married, state,

(a) Full name of your wife.....

(b) Present postal address of wife.....

(6) If married, have you been regularly supporting your wife? If not—state reasons.....

(7) Are you a widower?..... **No**

(8) Have you any children?..... **No**..... Number of boys..... Girls.....

Names and ages.....

(9) If Dependents' Allowance is claimed in respect of children—state whether you have been regularly supporting them.....

Give particulars of Guardians to whom Dependents' Allowance should be paid—if authorized.

Name.....

Postal Address.....

[SEE OTHER SIDE]



- (10) Have you a common-law wife—whom you have been regularly supporting and publicly representing as your wife for at least 2 years immediately prior to appointment or enlistment? **No**.....

If so, state her full name and Postal Address.....

- (11) Is your father alive? **Yes.**.....

If so, state name and address, occupation **Charles Edward Damant.**.....

**721 Lacasse St., Montreal, Que., No occupation**.....

- (12) If your father is a widower and is totally incapacitated from earning a living—are you his sole or partial support?.....

- (13) If sole or partial support of father who is a widower, totally incapacitated from earning a living—state what amount per month you have given him prior to appointment or enlistment.....

Also state reason he has no other means of support if partially supported by you, what is your reason for not providing full support?.....

- (14) Is your mother alive? **Yes.**.....

If so, state name and address **Elizabeth Damant.**.....

**721 Lacasse St., Montreal, Que.**.....

- (15) If your mother is a widow, are you her sole or partial support?.....

- (16) If sole or partial support of widowed mother—state what amount per month you have given her prior to appointment or enlistment.....

Also state reason why she has no other means of support, if partially supported by you what is your reason for not providing full support?.....

- (17) Are you contributing to the support of any dependents, other than those shown above?.....  
This may include any brothers 16 years of age or under, or any sisters 17 years of age or under, solely supported and maintained as bona fide members of your household before your appointment or enlistment.

If so, state the following particulars:—

Relationship .....

Full Name .....

Postal Address .....

Amount contributed monthly during the past six months.....

- (18) Are you insured? **Yes**.....

If so, in what Company? **Metropolitan Life**.....

(Give number of policy)

Have you made arrangements for payment of your Insurance Premium? **Yes.**.....

If not, and it is a monthly premium, you may assign the amount in addition to any other assignment you wish to make, provided the total assignment is not in excess of the maximum monthly amount which may be assigned.

I hereby certify that the information given by me on this form is correct in each and every particular.

**R. Damant**.....

(Signature of officer or man)

Date **July 26, 1940**.....

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**Capt. & Adjutant**.....

Officer Commanding **3rd. Can. Motorcycle Regt. C.A.**  
**S.F.**

Date **Aug. 1 1940**.....

N.B. (If parent(s) of the officer or other rank concerned has (have) been replaced by foster parent(s), questions relating to fathers and/or mothers above should be altered and answered as applicable.



# OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

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 IN 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..... **ROBERT DAMANT** (b) Reg'l. No. **D. 5385**  
2. (a) Arm of service..... **Army** (b) Unit..... **17th D.Y.R.C. Hussars** (c) Rank..... **Trooper**  
3. (a) Date of birth..... **Sept. 19, 1921** (b) Have you any dependents?..... **No** (c) Place of residence..... **Montreal, Que.**  
4. (a) Place of enlistment..... **Montreal, Que.** (b) Date of enlistment..... **July 26, 1940**

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## Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school..... **15 years** (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment?..... **No**  
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.)..... **7 years Public School**  
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?..... **No** (b) If so, for what occupation?..... (c) Did you finish it?..... (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?..... **None**

## 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..... **Canadian Steel Strapping Co.** Address..... **Montreal, Que.**  
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.)..... **Wire Bindings**  
20. (a) Your specific occupation..... **Shipper** (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer..... **4 years**  
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge?..... **No** (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge?..... **Yes** (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment?..... **No**

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?..... (c) If so, in what kind of farming?.....  
25. (a) Were you born on a farm?..... (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had?..... (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..... **Interested in accountancy.**

DATE..... **April 9th,** 194..... **1** SIGNATURE..... **R. Damant.**



No D. 3385 Rank Signalman Name DAMANT, Robert

Unit Headquarters "C" Force Date of death <sup>19</sup>8/25/12/41.

Died at Hong Kong.

Cause Killed in action.

Death occurred on strength of Forces. HQ 405-D-474 d

N/K Mrs. Elizabeth Damant Relationship Mother

Address 721 Lacasse St., Montreal, P.Q.

Remains buried in  Cemetery

Grave location

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DEATH CERT. TO N.K.

BURIAL REPORT TO N.K. **SEP 18 1947**

RETURN TO BUR. OF STAT. 24-5-43

ROYAL MESSAGE DESP'D. **JAN 25 1943**

CAN. MESSAGE DESP'D.

**JAN 23 1943**

REBURIAL

Stanley Military Cemetery,  
Hong Kong.

Grave 12, row C, plot 6.

Photographs

Despatched

**MAR 19 1948**

**IWGC Quest Form Desp'd JUN 17 1949**



# MEMORANDUM FOR

P. 64

Mrs. Elizabeth Damant,

721 Lacasse Street,

Montreal, P.Q.

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. 405-D-474 FD 343

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OTTAWA, ONT.

January 23, 1943.

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

DAMANT, Robert, Signm.

No. D.3385, Headquarters "C" Force.

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.

*R. G. Phelan Lieut.*  
(R.G. Phelan) Lieut.,  
for (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.,  
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.....				
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....				
3	Father of the Deceased.....	CHARLES EDWARD DAMANT	63	721 LACASSE	
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	ELIZABETH DAMANT	62	721 LACASSE	
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	CHARLES DONALD DAMANT	24	721 LACASSE
		Half Blood	GORDON KENNETH	26	721 DO
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood			
		Half Blood			
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		
	GORDON KENNETH DIED. SEPT. 27-1942				

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?	ROBERT DAMANT.
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	SEPT. 19 <sup>TH</sup> 1920
12	Where and when were his parents married?	ST JUDES ANGLICAN CHURCH MONTREAL - SEPT. 16 <sup>TH</sup> 1914
13	If deceased was married, state place and date of marriage.	
14	Did he leave a Will? If so, a copy should be attached hereto.	NO
15	Did he leave a bank account? If so, give full particulars.	NO
16	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration of the estate?	NO
17	State your own postal address in full.	721 LACASSE ST MONTREAL

## PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

18	Where was deceased born?	MONTREAL
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.	MONTREAL. WHOLE LIFE
20	What was the nature of his employment?	SHIPPER.
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?	NO

## 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.	NO
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.  (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.)	NO

(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, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public.

*Charles Edward Damant* { Signature of Informant

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief *Charles Edward Damant* { 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 *MONTREAL* this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *JANUARY* 19 *43*

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

*Luiselle*

Qualification

*Commissaire Cour Substituee District de Montreal*

Address

*4080 St James St.*

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



# OFFICIAL CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER **D.3385** RANK **Signelman** SERVICE UNIT **Headquarters "C" Force**  
 NAME **DAMANT, Robert**

DATE OF BIRTH  
 DAY **19th** MONTH **September** YEAR **1920**

MARITAL STATUS  
**Single**

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON M.F.M. 1, 2 & 5 RELATIONSHIP **Mother** NAME **Mrs. Elizabeth Damant**  
 ADDRESS **721 Lacasse Street, Montreal, Quebec.**

ADDITIONAL PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED ADDRESS

PARENTS NAME  
 ADDRESS  
 ( IF SOLDIER  
 MARRIED OVERSEAS )

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. **SBC 303 H.Q.405-D-474**  
 CASUALTY DETAILS **Killed in action, Hong Kong.**

DATE **Between 8th & 25th Dec., 1941.**

LAST WILL ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.?

YES/NO

M.F.M.5. ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.?

YES/NO

DATE

**8-1-43**

OFFICER I/C RECORDS

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## DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS—QUEBEC DEATH TRANSCRIPT

Do not  
write in  
this space

1. PLACE OF DEATH		Municipal county		Official name of civil municipality or township		Place an X over the word which applies to this municipality or this territory	
		City   Town   Village   Parish   Township					
2. LENGTH OF STAY		(a) In hospital or institution		(b) In municipality where death occurred		(c) In Province	
		Years   Months   Days		Years   Months   Days		Years   Months   Days	
3. NAME OF DECEASED		Surname		Given names		Do not write in this space	
		DAMANT		Robert.			
4. RESIDENCE		Street		No.		Hospital or Institution	
		721 Lacasse Street,					
		Official name of civil municipality or township		Municipal county		Province	
		Montreal,				Quebec.	
5. SEX		6. NATIONALITY (Citizenship)		7. RACIAL ORIGIN		8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word)	
M.						Single.	
9. If married give name of wife or husband of deceased							
10. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country)							
Quebec.							
11. DATE OF BIRTH							
September 19th, 1920.							
12. AGE OF DECEASED							
21 ? ? hrs. or min.							
13. Trade, profession or kind of work, as spinner, teamster, office clerk, etc.							
Shipper.							
14. Kind of industry or business, as cotton-mill, lumbering, bank, etc.							
15. Date deceased last worked at this occupation							
16. Total years spent in this occupation							
17. NAME							
FATHER							
DAMANT, Charles Edward.							
MOTHER (Maiden Name)							
19. Place of burial, cremation or removal							
20. Date of burial							
19.							
21. PLACE OF REGISTRATION OF THIS BURIAL							
(a) Name of parish or church							
(b) Civil municipality of							
(c) Municipal county							
(d) Date							
(Month) (Day) (Year)							
22. Date of death							
December 8th/25th, 1941.							
23. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from							
19 to 19							
and last saw h. alive on 19							
24. CAUSE OF DEATH							
I Immediate cause							
Give disease, injury or complication which caused death, not the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc.							
(a) Killed in action.							
due to							
Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to immediate cause (stated in order proceeding backwards from immediate cause).							
(b) due to							
(c) due to							
II Other morbid conditions (if important) contributing to death but not causally related to immediate cause.							
III If a communicable disease is mentioned on this certificate, give							
(a) Date of appearance 19							
(b) Duration of disease days							
25. If a woman, was there a puerperal condition?							
26. Was there a surgical operation? Date of 19							
State findings. Was there an autopsy?							
27. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:—							
Accident, suicide or homicide Date 19							
(State which)							
Manner of injury (How sustained)							
Nature of injury							
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.							
Signed M.D.							
Address Date 19							
28. Signature of person who fills in the form (curate, coroner, hospital authority, etc.)							
29. Name of clergyman in charge of Register of Civil Status in which registration of this burial was made.							
(Voir l'autre côté pour le français)							

for Director of Records, Dept. of National Defence.



H.Q.

405-19-474

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Regt. No. D-3385

Rank

Sgt

(at time of award)

Name DAMANT, Robert

Unit R. C. Lige

(at time of award)

Awarded Mention in Despatches

Authority CA 14 d/6-4-46

H.A. 98

i/c Honours & Awards.



DVA D-3385 R-3(d)

Ottawa, Canada,  
August 16, 1948.

Signalman Robert DAMANT

Dear Mr. Damant:

I am directed to forward to you a Certificate to denote that your son was Mentioned in Despatches for distinguished service and that His Majesty the King has recorded his high appreciation of the services rendered.

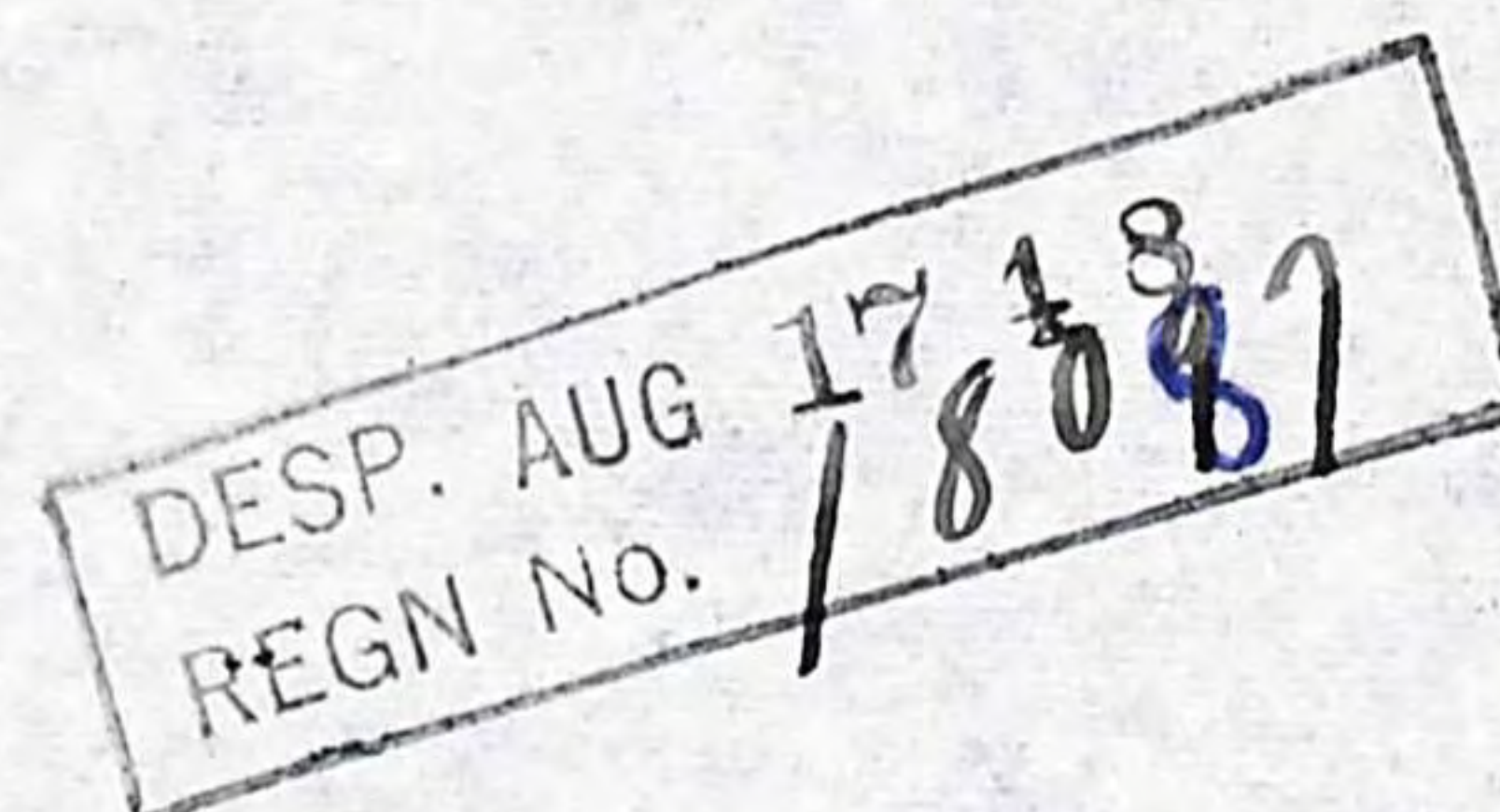
The Honourable the Minister expresses his sincere regret that your son did not survive to receive the award so gallantly earned.

Would you please acknowledge receipt at your early convenience.

Yours truly,

  
A. C. Chadwick,  
for Director,  
War Service Records.

Charles Damant Esq., Sr.,  
721 Lacasse St.,  
Montreal, P.Q.





# CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

(These proceedings should be accompanied by the documents specified on fourth page)

Regimental No.	<del>1814</del> 1816	Rank	Rplm.
Surname	Damant		
Christian name	Robert Cecil		
NOTE.—The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment unless changed subsequently by authority.			
Unit or Corps	VICTORIA RIFLES OF CANADA		
Date of discharge	3 - NOV 1939		
Place of discharge	Montreal Que	Mil. Dist. No.	4
1. DESCRIPTION AT DATE OF DISCHARGE			
Age	19 years 2 months	Descriptive marks	
Height	5 feet 6 1/4 inches	vaccination left arm	
Complexion	Fair	long scar left arm	
Eyes	Blue	mole right side thorax	
Hair	Black	scar left abdomen	
Trade	Shipper		
Intended place of residence	{ 72, Lacasse St, Montreal Que		
(To be given as fully as practicable; i.e., mailing address)	Street and Number	P.O., City or Town, etc.	
		Province	
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of			
Services no longer required			
Authority for discharge R.O. 70-61 Para 3. a. 11			
N.B.—The cause of discharge must be worded in accordance with C.A.S.F. Routine Orders as may be published. If discharged by superior authority, the number and date of the letter to be quoted.			
3. Conduct while in the service has been, according to the records, etc.			
Good			
N.B.—See K.R. Can. 385. This will be assessed when practicable, by the Commanding Officer, in the presence of the soldier and the Officer Commanding his Squadron, Battery or Company.			
4. Special qualifications for employment in civil life. (Vide 384, K.R. Can.)			
Shipper			

To be in the handwriting of the Commanding Officer, who will himself make identical entries on the discharge certificate and initial them.

(OVER)



5. He is in possession of the following number of G.C. Badges:

none

5A. Service Button (Class and number.....)  
(If and when authorized)

No reference to G.C. Badges is to be made on either the discharge or character certificate.

6. Medals and Decorations.....

none

To be copied by the Command-  
ing Officer on to the parch-  
ment Discharge Certificate.

7. I have impartially enquired into all matters concerning this soldier's discharge brought before me in accordance with Regulations.

Montreal Que  
(Place).....

FA Guellet Lt.-Col.  
Officer Commanding V. R. C.

(Date) 3 - NOV 1939

Commanding VICTORIA RIFLES OF CANADA

8. Certificate to be signed by the Soldier on Discharge

I hereby acknowledge that I received all my Pay, Allowances, and Clothing, and all just demands, up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the third page, and that I have received my permanent discharge certificate.

Montreal Que R. Dams  
(Place)..... (Signature of Soldier)

(Date) 3 - NOV 1939 J. Monroise (Signature of Witness)

When a soldier is absent through illness or any other cause and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for the man to sign, and when returned, should be attached here.

9. Statement of Service

(Date of enlistment—C.A.S.F.) 26 Aug 29

(Date of discharge—C.A.S.F.) 2 Nov 29

(Total Service—C.A.S.F.) — years 70 days

10. Confirmation of Discharge

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed.

Montreal Que  
(Place).....

FA Guellet Lt.-Col.  
Officer Commanding V. R. C.  
(Signature).....

(Date) 3 - NOV 1939

Commanding VICTORIA RIFLES OF CANADA



Reservations referred to at Para. 8

(To be signed by the soldier. When there are none, it is to be so stated, and signed by the soldier.)

To be copied by the Command-  
ing Officer on to the parch-  
ment Discharge Certificate.

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-Col.

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and when

.....days

11.-Col.

P. C.

ADA

(Date) 3 - NOV 1939

R. Deane

(Signature of Soldier)



## List of Discharge Documents

Field Conduct Sheet (M.F.M. 6).

Certified Copies of Convictions by Civil Power.

Casualty Form (M.F.M. 4)

Proceedings Medical Board (2 copies).

Medical Case History Sheet.

Dental History Sheet.

Last Pay Certificate.

Duplicate Discharge Certificate (M.F.M. 7).

Form of Will (M.F.M. 10 or 10A).

Certified Copy of Record of Declaration of Court of Inquiry (K.R. Can. 1513).

Attestation (Duplicate and Triplicate M.F.M. 2).

Particulars of Family (M.F.M. 5).

Proceedings on Discharge.

Documents not accompanying this form should be crossed out.

*I hereby certify that the following documents are unobtainable.*

*FAHUED*  
Officer Commanding

LI.-Col.

V. R. C.

Officer Commanding



ACTIVE SERVICE  
CANADIAN ~~FIELD~~ FORCE

M.F.M. 7  
400 M-8-39 (1704)  
H.Q. 1777-45-18

DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE

This is to Certify that No. 1516 (Rank) Lieutenant  
Name (in full) Robert Cecil Damsant enlisted in  
the ~~VICTORIA RIFLES OF C.H.D.~~  
**ACTIVE SERVICE**  
**CANADIAN ~~FIELD~~ FORCE** at Montreal, Canada on the 25th  
day of August 19 44.  
He served in Montreal, Canada  
and is now discharged from the service by reason of Services no longer required.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SOLDIER on the DATE below is as follows:—

Age 19 Years 2 Mos.  
Height 5 Ft. 6 1/4 in.  
Complexion Fair  
Eyes Blue  
Hair Black

Marks or Scars Wound on left arm.  
Long scar left arm. Hole right side  
thorax. Scar left abdomen.

R. Damsant  
Signature of Soldier

Date of Discharge

1 November 1944

Lieut.  
Issuing Officer

1st Lieutenant  
Rank

Date 1 November 19 44

N.B.—As no duplicate of this Certificate will be issued, any person finding same is requested to forward it in an unstamped envelope to the Record Office, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Canada.

DUPLICATE FOR FILE

(P.T.O.)



DVA 405-D-474 R. 3(d)

OTTAWA, Canada

8 April 1948

Charles Damant, Esq., Sr.,  
721 Lacasse Street,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Damant:

With reference to your letter of March 22nd regarding the King's Certificate to denote that your son was Mentioned in Despatches, I am to inform you that there are still a large number of these certificates to be received from the Overseas Authorities and it is not known when they will all be available for issue, but you can rest assured that as soon as the Certificate is received at this Headquarters, it will be forwarded with the least possible delay.

You are also advised that the figures 191241 on the temporary cross marking your son's grave denote the date of death and should be read as 19-12-41 (December 19th, 1941). The religion indicated on the cross will have no bearing whatever on the engraving to be made on the permanent headstone which will ultimately be erected, as the religion will not appear on any of these permanent headstones.

Yours truly,

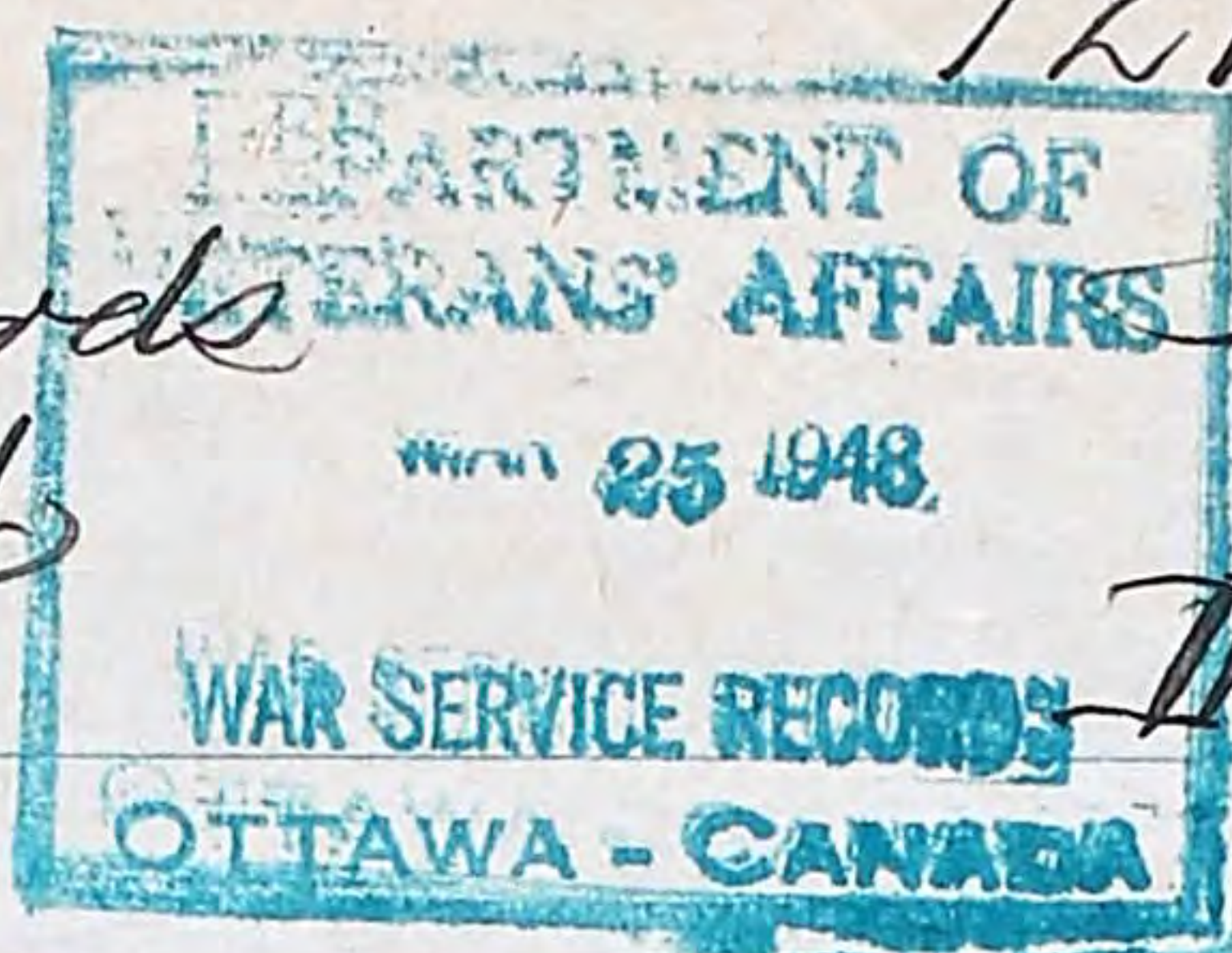


A.G. Chadwick,  
for Director  
War Service Records.

ACC:HAL



J.D. Rading  
A/ Director  
War Service Records  
Ottawa Ont



721. Lacasse St  
Montreal  
Mar 22/8

D.V.A. 405-D. 474  
R. 4 (B)

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of your letter enclosing 2 Snap shots, of our late son's grave. Namely D. 3385. Sgmn Robert DAMANT. for which we thank you for & for your kind information. On the cards, it has the following 1912-41. now if this is supposed to be the years of his birth & death. then it should be 1920-41. Also the name Baptist should read ANGELICAN. as he was baptised & confirmed in the Anglican Church, but he was attending the Baptist Sunday School to be with his Chums. And I would be pleased to know. when & if? we are going to receive his citations which was mentioned in Canada Gazette 14. dated April 6-1946. personally I claim it is long overdue. & we should have it by this time. as I am <sup>am</sup> certain sure he deserved it. considering the place the Canadian boys we sent to defend on so short a notice. Kindly reply &

Yrs Truly  
Chas Damant Sr



D.V.A. 405-D-474  
R 4(B)

Ottawa,  
19th March, 1948.

Mrs. Elizabeth Damant,  
721 Lacasse St.,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mrs. Damant:

I am forwarding herewith a  
photograph of the grave and marker over the burial  
place of your late son, D3385 Signaman Robert Damant,  
the location of which is grave 12, row C, plot 6,  
Stanley Military Cemetery Hong Kong.

Any errors appearing in the  
inscription will be corrected when the permanent  
headstone is placed.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.

*f m h.*  
A/Director,  
War Service Records.



H.Q. 405-D-474  
R. 4 (B).

18th September, 1947.


Mrs. Elizabeth Damant,  
721 Lacasse Street,  
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mrs. Damant:


Information has just been received from military authorities in the Far East that the remains of your son, D3385 Signaman Robert Damant, have now been interred in grave 12, row C, plot 6, of the Canadian Section in Stanley Military Cemetery, Hong Kong. This is a recognized military burial ground which will receive care and maintenance in perpetuity.

The grave will have been marked with a temporary cross which will be replaced in due course by a permanent headstone suitably inscribed. While it cannot now be stated when this work of permanent commemoration will begin, before any action is taken you will be communicated with and an opportunity will be given you to submit a short personal inscription of your own choice for engraving on the headstone. Therefore, if you should change your address would you be good enough to inform the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

  
for H.M. Jackson, Lt.-Col.,  
Director of Records,  
for Adjutant-General.

/EMA





# REBURIAL RETURN

## OF

### CANADIANS

No. D-3385 Rank Sgmn. Name DAMANT Initials R.

Unit Royal Canadian Signals Location Report 62 JAD 46

Means of Identification.....

Date of Death 19.12.41 Date of Reburial 20.2.47

Exhumed from #526 Coombe Road, Hong Kong (MR:558968)

Place of Reburial: Sai Wan Military Cemetery, Hong Kong.

Remarks: Canadian Section.

Plot STANLEY M.C. 6

Row C

Grave 12

Signed [Signature] Unit






Ottawa, Ontario, 22nd November 6

Mr. Charles E. Damant,  
721 Lacasse Street,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Damant:-

With reference to your letter of October 28th., regarding the King's Certificate issuable in connection with your son's having been Mentioned in Despatches for distinguished service, I am to inform you this award is a personal gift from His Majesty the King and is therefore prepared by the Overseas Authorities, and it is expected that all these Certificates will be available for issue in the near future.

Yours truly,

  
(A.C. Chadwick) Major,  
for Director of Records,  
for Adjutant-General.

ACC:PS



Maj H. B. Chadwick  
Director of Records  
for Adjutant General.  
Dear Sir

#721 Lacasse St  
St Henry  
Oct 28/46  
QUOTE NO. 405-D-474  
Records 3

The writer of the following received a reply to my letter on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 46. as regards the award to be given our son the late Robert Damant, and up till the time of writing we have received no further details. As to when we might expect to get it, and as you readily can see he was mentioned in despatches authority Canadian Gazette #14. dated April 6<sup>th</sup> 1946, and I am sure there must be a little laxity somewhere as we should <sup>see</sup> the awards by this time, and will you be good & kind to inform me why the Overseas Authorities, has anything to do with such awards, with the Canadian Army? of which our boy was a member, & which I am sure he justly earned by losing his young life, and which he gave up for his country, and your earliest kind attention will oblige.

I am  
Yours Sincerely  
Charles Ed Damant



File No 405-D-474

VERIFICATION FORM

WAR SERVICE MEDALS 1939-45

P.A.

No. D-3385 Name DAMANT. ROBERT

Rank on Discharge Sgt. Major Date of Discharge 19-12-41

Authority for Discharge or Retirement Deceased

Served in:

Non-qualifying  
service

Canada from 26-7-40 to 19-10-41

from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

United Kingdom from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Italy from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Northwest Europe from 20 to \_\_\_\_\_

Hong Kong from 20-10-41 to 19-12-41 K/A

----- from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Eligible for award of:

1939 - 45 Star OK ✓

Hong Kong Pacific S OK ✓

Italy Star \_\_\_\_\_

France-Germany Star \_\_\_\_\_

Defence Medal \_\_\_\_\_

War Medal OK ✓

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal OK ✓ JP

with clasp OK ✓



NO RIBBON DESPATCH

Verified by H. Menard

Date 25-7-46

Carded OK



23rd May 1946

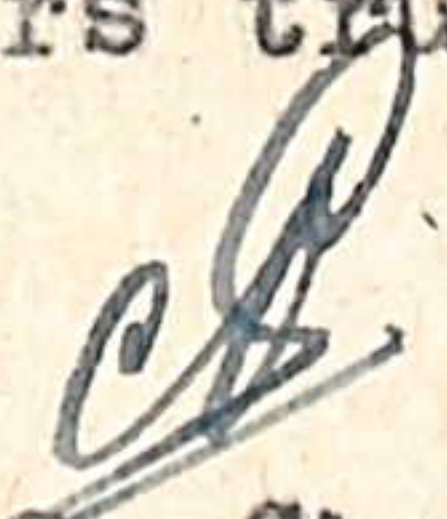
Charles E. Damant, Esq.,  
721 Lacasse Street,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Damant:-

With reference to your letter of May 3rd., which it is regretted was not replied to earlier, I am to inform you that your son, Robert Damant, was Mentioned in Despatches, authority Canada Gazette No. 14 dated 6 April 1946, but owing to the delay in the publication of orders a letter of congratulations was not forwarded to Mrs. Damant until 16 May 1946.

The award of a Mention in Despatches is made for exceptional services rendered, and a Certificate to denote this award will be forwarded to you as soon as received from the Overseas Authorities, and the War Medals for which your son qualified will be forwarded as soon as available, but I regret to say that it will be some little time before either the Certificate or Medals are received.

Yours truly,

  
(A.C. Chadwick) Major,  
for Director of Records,  
for Adjutant-General.

ACC:PS



Dpt. Nat Defence  
Ottawa  
Ont

405-10-474

2.8. 5/5/46

# 721 Lacasse St  
Montreal  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> /46

Dear Sir,

The writer of the following would be glad, if your department would kindly supply him with the following information. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1946 we happened to notice in our local papers and up till time of writing we have had <sup>other</sup> no word or news from any other source about our late son SIGMUND ROBERT DAMANT. R.C.C.S. REG<sup>t</sup> # D 3385. whom was mentioned in Despatches ~~for~~ for bravery in action at Hong Kong in the year Dec. 1941. I would be pleased if you would kindly inform us what the award is & when we are to hear about it and any other details regarding this achievement performed by our late son.

Thanking you

& sincerely yours

Charles Ed. Damant

P.S. Kindly reply to any  
Correspondence in English.

CD



H.Q. 405-D-474  
D.R. 2(B)

28TH NOVEMBER, 1945.


MRS. ELIZABETH DAMANT,  
721 LACASSE ST.,  
MONTREAL, QUE.

DEAR MRS. DAMANT:

WITH REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS CONCERNING THE DEATH OF YOUR LATE SON, I DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU OFFICIAL INFORMATION HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED THAT D3385 SIGNALMAN ROBERT DAMANT WAS KILLED IN ACTION AT HONG KONG ON THE 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1941.

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT SHOULD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BE RECEIVED CONCERNING YOUR LATE SON'S DEATH OR BURIAL, IT WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU WITHOUT DELAY.

YOURS TRULY,

  
(C.L. LAURIN) COLONEL,  
DIRECTOR OF RECORDS,  
FOR ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

GR/MEB

*kak*



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

4  
ARMY

DECEASED  
MEMBER'S  
NAME

Robert  
(CHRISTIAN NAMES)

DAMANT  
(SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

D-2032

FILE NO.

405-D-474

DATE

13-11-45

SERVICE NO.

D-3385

FINAL RANK OR RATING

Sgn.

DATE OF DISCHARGE

25-12-41

PAYEE Mrs. Elizabeth DAMANT,  
ADDRESS 721 Lacasse St.,  
Montreal, P.Q.

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE

25-12-41

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 518 EQUAL TO 17 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50

\$ 127.50

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 59 LESS 8 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 51 DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY  
SEE PAR. 2 OVERLEAF FOR EXPLANATION

12.75

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY \$ 1.30  
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING \$ 1.00  
AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE  
ADDITIONAL PAY \$

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$

TOTAL \$ 2.30 X 7 = \$ 16.10  
NO. OF DAYS 59 X \$ 16.10

140.25

5.19

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

145.44

E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$  
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE \$ 24.00  
AND ASSIGNED PAY \$

OTHER DEDUCTIONS \$

24.00

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

121.44

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

100%

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

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  
KRM

CHECKED BY

CHECKED BY

DATE

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE



# COMPUTATION OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

MEMBER'S NAME..... ROBERT DAMANT  
(Christian Names) (Surname)

Register No.....

PAYEE'S NAME.....MRS ELIZABETH DAMANT  
(Christian Names) (Surname)

File No. 405-W-777

Date. 12-11-45.....

ADDRESS.....721 LACASSE ST.  
.....MONTREAL — P.Q.

Service No.....*10 5585*.....

Final Rank..... 518m .....

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE. 28-12-91

Date of Discharge.....25-12-91

		AMOUNT	
		\$	c
<b>A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE</b> No. of day <u>518</u> = <u>17</u> <sup>(8)</sup> Periods @ \$7.50 <div style="margin-left: 100px;">30</div>		127	50
<b>B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE</b> No. of days <u>59</u> less <u>8</u> Ineligible days, equal <u>51</u> Days @ 25c. per day		12	75
<b>C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE</b> Daily Rate of Pay \$ <u>1.30</u> Subsistence Allowance \$ <u>1.00</u> Additional Pay \$ <u>✓</u> Dependents' Allowance 1/30 \$ <u>✓</u> \$ <u>✓</u>  <div style="text-align: right;">             TOTAL \$ <u>2.30</u> × 7 = \$ <u>16.10</u>              No. of Days <u>59</u> × \$ <u>16.10</u>  <div style="margin-left: 100px;">183</div> </div>		140	25
<b>D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY</b> Computed By <u>Montey</u>		5	19
<b>E. DEDUCTIONS</b> Overpayment of (1) Pay & Allowance \$ <u>24.00</u> (2) D.A. & A.P. \$ <u>24.00</u> Other Deductions <u>✓</u> \$ <u>✓</u> Entered By <u>[Signature]</u>		94	00
<b>F. AMOUNT PAYABLE</b> (This amount is payable in ..... monthly instalments of \$ ..... each)		121	44
<b>G. Monthly instalment not to exceed daily rate of Pay &amp; Allowances per (C)</b> <div style="text-align: center;">\$ ..... × 30 = \$ .....</div>			

REMARKS



Locate ~~the~~ ~~12/10/45~~

Recalled  
5/9/45



Paymaster General  
War Services Gratuity  
Ottawa

721 Lacasse St  
Montreal  
Oct 20/45

Booked  
Recalled 5/9/45

Dear Sir

474

Dep D 2032

405

It is a year now. Since we made application for gratuity for our late son Bernard R. DAMANT. IV 3885 R.C.B.S. and in the month of June of this year we received a form W.G.S. #13. from the Chairman Mr R.O.G. Bennett of the dependents allowance board which was duly filled & mailed back. and I received a reply. stating it was forwarded to your department & up till the present date we have received no reply. kindly let us know why the hold up. as I fail to see why there is so much correspondence needed in this particular case. as I see no reason why we should not have received our gratuity. which I am <sup>sure</sup> we are justly entitled to before now after taking into consideration the merits of our case relative to our late son. Your kind attention will oblige & in the meantime

Sarah 17/10/45

We remain  
Yrs Truly  
Mrs Elizabeth Damant  
per CBE







Register No.....

Nominal Roll No.....

To: P.M.G.

H.Q. File No. 405-D-474

**CANADIAN ARMY (ACTIVE)**

**Computation of Service**

**WAR SERVICE GRANT**

Regt. No.	Rank when S.O.S.	Surname	Christian Name in Full
<u>D 3385</u>	<u>Sigmn</u>	<u>DAMANT</u>	<u>ROBERT</u>

**REASON FOR TERMINATION OF SERVICE:**

1st Enlistment..... deceased ..... CARO..... ( )  
2nd Enlistment..... CARO..... ( )  
3rd Enlistment..... CARO..... ( )

**Total Service**

1ST ENLISTMENT	2ND ENLISTMENT	3RD ENLISTMENT
T.O.S. <u>26 JUL 40</u> ✓	T.O.S. ....	T.O.S. ....
S.O.S. <u>25 DEC 41</u> MD. <u>6/5</u>	S.O.S. .... MD. ....	S.O.S. .... MD. ....
Total Days..... <u>518</u>	Total Days.....	Total Days.....

**Total Service** ..... 518 DAYS

	Total Service	Less Non-qualifying Service	Net Service
<b>Western Hemisphere</b> .....	<u>459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>459</u> ✓
<b>Overseas Service</b> .....	<u>59</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59</u> ✓
Totals.....	<u>518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>518</u> ✓
Add Non-qualifying Service.....			<u>-</u> ✓
<b>Total Service</b> .....			<u>518</u> ✓

**EMBARKATION DETAILS:**

1. Date S.O.S. Overseas 25 Dec 41 2. Date S.O.S. Overseas.....

**REMARKS:**

Computer's Signature..... W. L. Laurin (col)

Checker's Signature..... [Signature]

Date Computed..... 29 Sep 45

CERTIFIED that entitlement to benefits under the War Service Grants Act, 1944, has been established, based on service shown herein.

W. L. Laurin, Col.  
C. L. LAURIN,  
Colonel,  
DIRECTOR OF RECORDS.



Chairman  
Dpt Allowance Board  
Ottawa - Ont  
Dear Sir

#721 Lacasse St  
Montreal  
Aug 22-45  
D.A.B. 44-3

The writer of the following  
mailed to your office, on the 9<sup>th</sup> June  
1945. forms W.S.B. and up till the  
present time we have heard no word  
from you. Now Mr Chairman as  
you are aware, our gratuity form  
was one of the first to be mailed  
to Ottawa, in the month of October 1944  
and I am just wondering why  
it takes so long. to reach a decision  
namely in our favour. as I see no  
other reason why we should not receive  
some sort of gratuity. after taking  
everything into consideration. and  
the merits of the case. which surely  
warrants some recognition.

Kindly give this little matter  
your earliest attention

Thanking you  
Mrs Eliz Damant Sincerely Yours  
per Chas Damant

OVER  
PLEASE



P.S. 405-D-474

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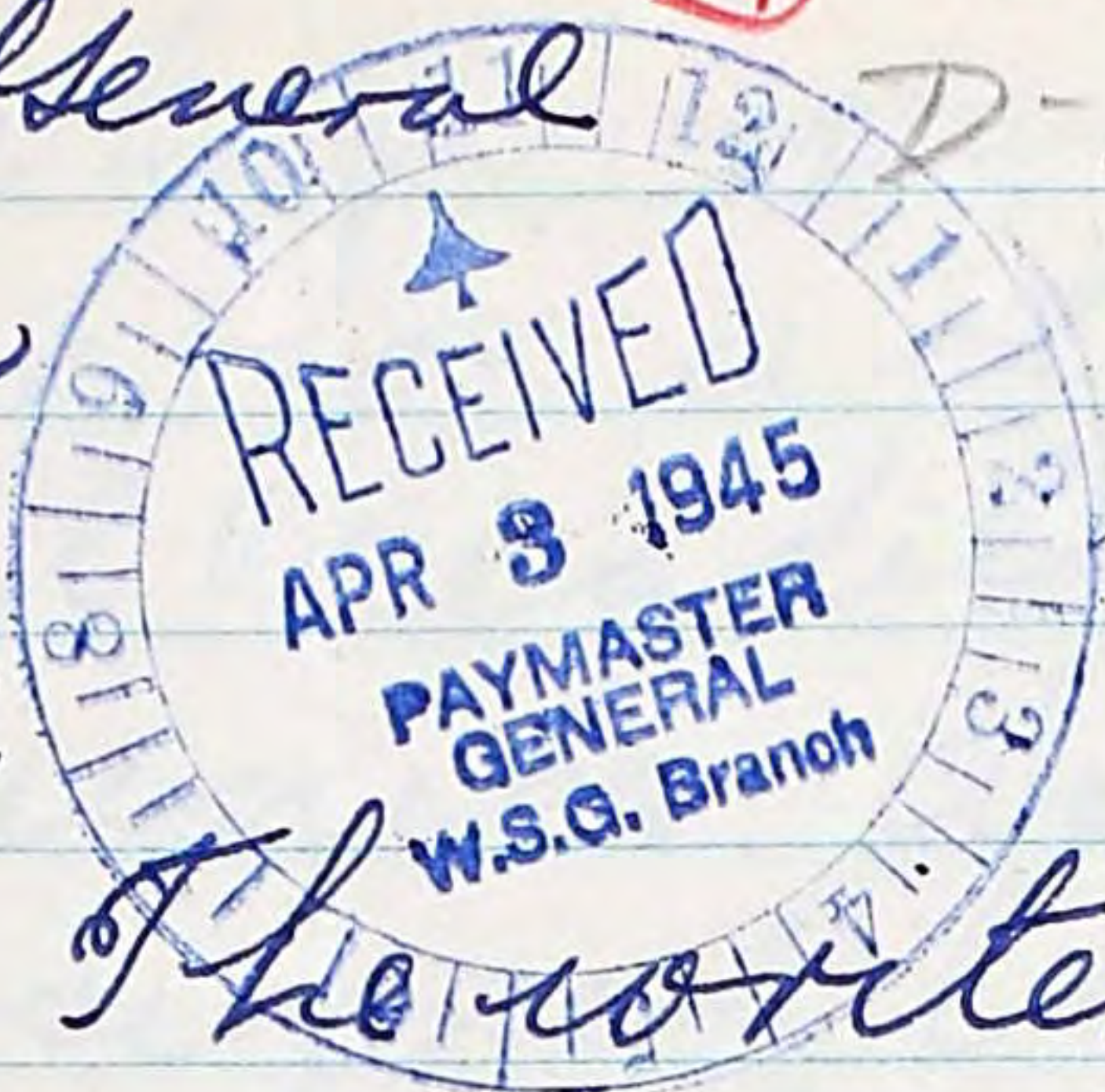
This letter pertains to the  
Late Signor R. G. Damant D 3385  
R. G. G. S  
— 11 —

file recalled 5/7/48



Brig A. P. Mortimore  
Paymaster General

Ottawa  
Ont  
Dear Sir



The writer of the following wishes to say in reply to your letter dated March 28/45; and after reading its contents fail to understand why. and investigation has to be made in our application for gratuity. re. our late son <sup>S. G. M.</sup> R. DAMANT D/3385. in your 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph of your letter you mention something about wholly or partially dependent. on whose member the gratuity is claimed, and for your kind information. we were certainly depending on him. wholly or partially to no small extent before & after enlisting for active service, & I am at a loss to understand why some people get & already have received some gratuity. whom came under the same category class as us. they were partially supporting their parents. as was the case of



our son. whom was one of -  
to volunteer for active service as  
you will readily see by his  
service number. and as you aware,  
he was assigned later on for duties  
in the far East. namely Hong Kong.  
and the result of this expedition  
is one for the books. and when he  
was reported killed in action, his  
assigned pay was terminated. & we  
received no further help. and were  
cut off the pay roll.

Trusting this little information  
will enlighten, as well as our  
efforts towards receiving this  
gratuity. as I still maintain we should  
come under the gratuity category class  
as well as some recognition for our  
late sons service to his Country.

Hoping for a favourable reply. and you  
will kindly give this little, but very  
important matter your earliest &  
kind attention. as our application has  
been in since the early part of October  
1944.

Yrs Truly  
(M<sup>rs</sup>) Elizabeth Dainton per C.E.S.





DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
ARMY

Serial No. D-2032  
Your File Reference: quote No.....  
H.Q. 405 - D-474

Paymaster-General,  
War Service Gratuity Branch,  
Room 1500,  
New Army Building,  
Ottawa, Canada.

(W.S.G./G.)

August 4th, 1945.

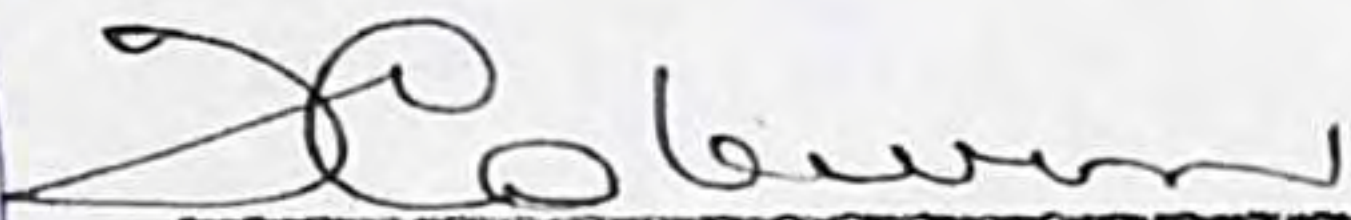
Re: D-3385 DAMANT, Robert, Cecil

1. Reference your memorandum of March 27th, 1945.
2. The Dependents' Allowance Board has found that  
Mrs. E. Damant was DEPENDENT on the marginally-named at the  
date of casualty, as required by Section 4 of the War Service Grants Act.

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE BOARD

B44/IH



  
For R.O.G. Bennett - Chairman.



CASUALTIES ONLY

For purposes of W.S.G.  
Casualties include death  
subsequent to discharge

Register No. D2032

File No. H.Q. 405-D-474

WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT 1944

OTTAWA, December 14th 1944

TO: Chief Treasury Officer,  
Dependents' Allowance and Assigned Pay Branch

Service No. D3385

Name R.C. DAMANT  
Christian Name Surname

Please supply the following information in respect of the marginally  
named at the time of his discharge or death and return this form  
in duplicate along with the file to the undersigned.

*K.W. Rice*  
(K.W. Rice) Lieutenant,  
for (A.R. Mortimore) Brigadier,  
PAYMASTER-GENERAL.

Names of persons in receipt of D.A.  
and amount of monthly award

Name	Amount
	\$

If no D.A. in issue, list names of  
persons in receipt of A.P., who  
may be classed as dependents under  
W.S.G. Act, 1944 and amount of  
monthly assignment.

<i>Mrs Elizabeth Damant</i>	<i>20.00</i>
<i>mother</i>	
<i>at Dec 1.1.42</i>	

Names of persons to whom assigned  
pay was continued by supplementary  
award after death.

<i>Mrs Elizabeth Damant</i>	<i>24.00</i>
<i>mother</i>	

Amount of overpayment of dependents  
allowance and/or assigned pay  
deductible from the War Service  
Gratuity and name of person to  
whom paid

*See letter 27th 5 re overpayt  
to the above.*

**JAN 13 1945**

1944

For Chief Treasury Officer,  
D.A. & A.P. Branch

C.T.O., D.A. & A.P.

Overpayments of D.A. and/or A.P. recovered from W.S.G. \$ 24.00

*See attached C.T.O. letter  
Nov 10/45*

Nov 23 1945

*M. Phillips*  
for C.T.O.



☐ Navy  
☒ Army  
☐ Air Force  
(Mark ☒ opposite Force in which you last served.)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

D 2032  
M.F.M. 441  
1 Mil. 9-44 (5449)  
H.Q. 1772-39-2326

Application for War Service Gratuity  
(Canadian Armed Forces)

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

1. Surname on termination of service..... DAMANT  
(Print)
2. Christian Names ..... ROBERT  
(Print)
3. Service No. D 3385 4. Paid rank or rating at date of termination of Service..... PRIVATE
5. Address, in full, to which payments of gratuity are to be forwarded..... MOTHER  
MRS. CHARLES DAMANT  
721. LACASSE ST.  
MONTREAL
6. State below your period or periods of service in the Armed Forces of Canada during the present war.
- | Service<br>(Navy, Army or Air Force) | Service No.   | Final<br>Rank or<br>Rating | Date of<br>Commencement<br>of Service | Date of<br>Termination<br>of Service |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>ARMY</u>                          | <u>D 3385</u> | <u>PRV</u>                 | <u>JULY 26/1940</u>                   |                                      |
- OFFICIALLY REPORTED KILLED  
IN ACTION AT HONGBONG JAN 5-1943
7. Have you during the present War, while a member of the Canadian Forces, been attached, loaned or seconded to any of the Naval, Military, or Air Forces of His Majesty or of any power allied or associated with His Majesty?..... N.A. If so, state name of Force or Forces..... N.A.
8. Have you during the present War, while *not* a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, been appointed to or enlisted in any of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of His Majesty (other than the Canadian Armed Forces)?..... N.A. If so, state the Force or Forces, with dates of commencement and termination of service. N.A.

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

Oct 18/1944  
(Date)

MRS C.E. DAMANT  
(Signature of Applicant)

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

ROBERT DAMANT

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

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

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



# DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

Estates Form "P. 4"

ARMY

Name: DEBANT Surname Robert G. Christian Names No.: D.3385  
Sgt. Rank H.Q. "C" Force Unit 25-12-41 Date of Death

## AMOUNT

Date: June 16, 1943.

L.P.C.....\$ 18.30

Other Credits.....

Total..... 18.30

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
<u>All</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Mrs. Elizabeth Debant,</u> <u>721 Lacasse St.,</u> <u>Montreal, P.Q.</u>  <u>(Sole beneficiary under will)</u>	<u>18.30</u> <i>R</i>

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
<u>9999</u>	<u>831</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>001</u>	<u>18.30</u>
CLASSIFIED BY <i>[Signature]</i>			EXAMINED BY  For Chief Treasury Officer		

## DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

Original signed by  
**N. O. SEAGRAM**

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

## AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

*[Signature]*  
For Chief Treasury Officer



Read this whole Form and Instructions  
on other side before commencing to  
complete.

# WILL

M.F.M. 10  
60M-3-40 (4386)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1656

(1) I, Robert Damant, of the City  
(Name in Full) (City, Town, Village, Township)

Address in  
civil life.

of Montreal, in the County of Hochelaga,  
Province of Quebec, Shipper  
(Civil Occupation)

Regimental No. D 3385, Unit 3RD CAN. MOTORCYCLE REGT. C.A.S.F., do hereby revoke  
all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my LAST WILL.

Relationship,  
names and  
address of  
beneficiaries,  
and what  
each is to  
receive.

(2) I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH unto

(*my mother*)

*Mrs Elizabeth Damant  
721 Lacasse St.,  
Montreal Que.,  
my entire estate,*

Relationship,  
names and  
address of  
residuary  
beneficiaries.

(3) I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal,  
of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate unto

(4) I appoint \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Address)

\_\_\_\_\_, to be the Executor of this my Last Will.  
(Civil Occupation) Executrix

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
19\_\_\_\_\_

Signed and acknowledged by the Tes-  
tator, in the presence of us present at  
the same time who in his presence, at  
his request, and in the presence of  
each other have hereunto subscribed  
our names as witnesses.

*Robert Damant*  
(Signature of soldier)

First witness  
sign here.

(5) Signature

Civil Address

Civil Occupation

Second witness  
sign here.

Signature

Civil Address

Civil Occupation

(Witnesses are not to be beneficiaries.)

[OVER]



703-D-474

104 Sparks Street,

15th January, 1943.

Mrs. Elizabeth Damant,  
721 Lacasse St.,  
Montreal,  
Que.

PLEASE PLACE  
ON FILE  
AND INDEX

Dear Mrs. Damant:

I wish to express to you my deep sympathy in the loss of your son D-3385 Signm. Robert Damant who, as you have now been officially advised, has been killed in action. I know that you will derive some comfort from the fact that he laid down his life bravely for his country.

You will already have received from National Defence Headquarters a pamphlet containing information regarding pension regulations, disposal of personal effects, and other matters.

Please feel free to write to me if there is anything in connection with which you think I can be of any assistance to you.

Yours very truly,

F. W. Clarke, Lieut.-Colonel.



104 Sparks St.

5th Dec. 1942

Mrs. Elizabeth Damant  
721 Lacasse St.  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mrs. Damant:      Re: *408 D 474*  
D3385 Signm. Damant, Robert  
Headquarters "C" Force

The official lists of the Canadian prisoners of war at Hong Kong, furnished by the Japanese Government through the International Red Cross, have been coming in at intervals by cable during the past month. Some little time has now elapsed since the last list was received and it would appear likely that few, if any, more names will be reported.

The next-of-kin of all the known prisoners of war have now been officially advised, and I regret very much to see that the name of your son of whom nothing has been heard since the fall of Hong Kong, is not among them. Every effort is being made to obtain definite information regarding those who are still missing and the International Red Cross has been asked to obtain all available particulars about them from the Japanese Government. You will be advised promptly as soon as there is anything to report.

I am sorry indeed that I cannot give you better news at this time, or offer any encouragement that might help to relieve your anxiety, but if there are any questions in your mind regarding which you would care to write to me, please do not hesitate to do so.

Yours very truly,

F. W. Clarke, Lt.Col.



H.Q. 405-D-474

(D.R.)

January 8, 1943.

Mrs. Elizabeth Damant,  
721 Lacasse Street,  
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Madam:

I deeply regret to inform you that your son, D3385 Signaller Robert Damant, gave his life in the service of his Country at Hong Kong. The official date of death has not yet been reported.

From official information we have received, your son was killed in action against the enemy. You may be assured that any additional information received will be communicated to you without delay.

The Minister of Defence and the Members of the Army Council have asked me to express to you and your family their sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

We pay tribute to the sacrifice he so bravely made.

Yours sincerely,

H. F. G. LETSON  
Major - General  
Adjutant - General

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Major-General,  
Adjutant-General.

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MRS ELIZABETH DAMANT  
721 LACASSE STREET  
MONTREAL QUEBEC

12443 REGRET DEEPLY D3385 SIGNALMAN ROBERT DAMANT NOW OFFICIALLY  
REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION AT HONG KONG STOP DATE OF DEATH NOT YET  
REPORTED STOP FURTHER INFORMATION FOLLOWS WHEN RECEIVED

Officer i/c Records

PREPAID  
(W.E.L. Coleman) Lt-Col.,  
(Cas.)

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F.W. Clarke Lt Col C-6/1/42 #721. Lacasse St  
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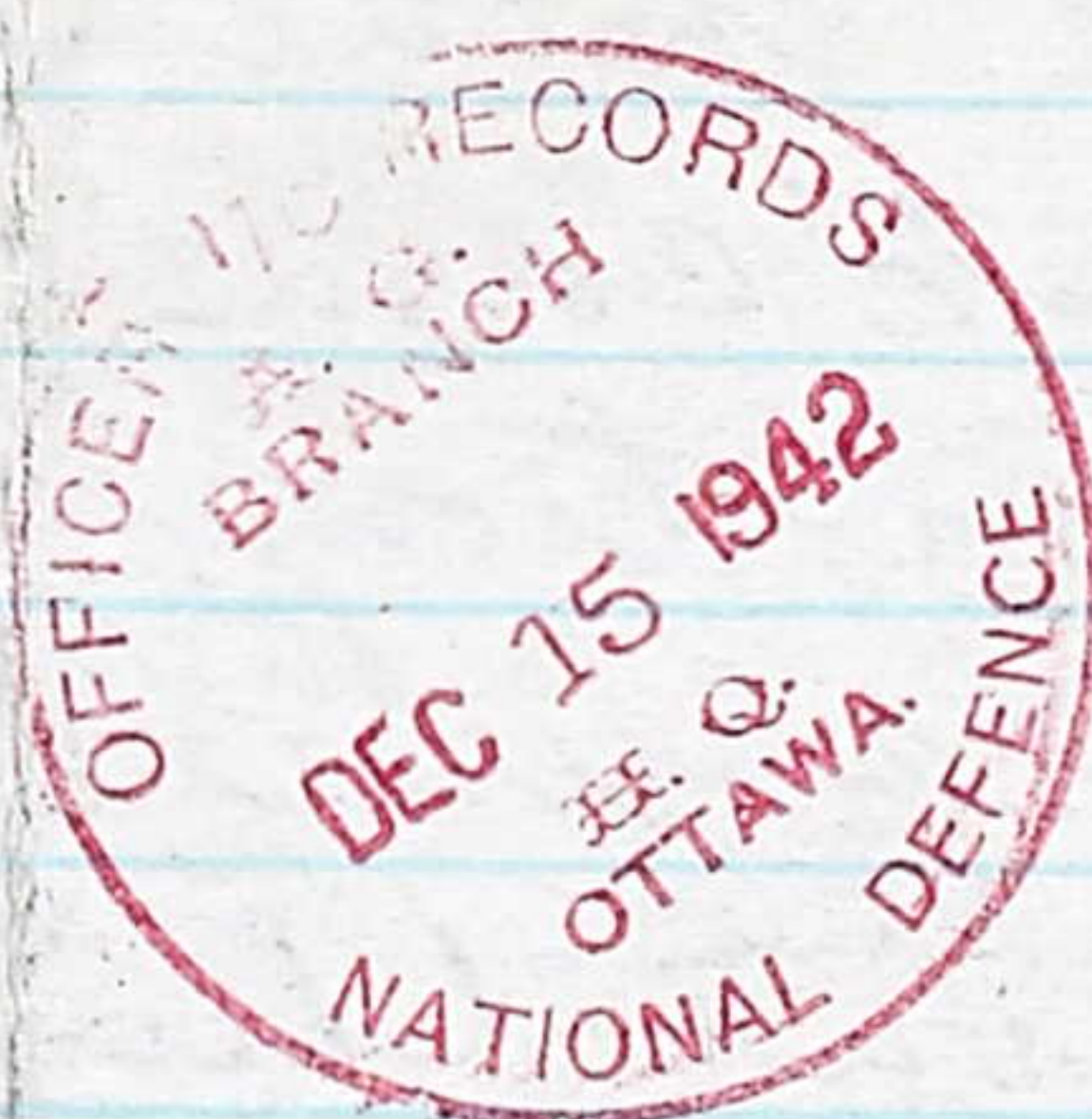
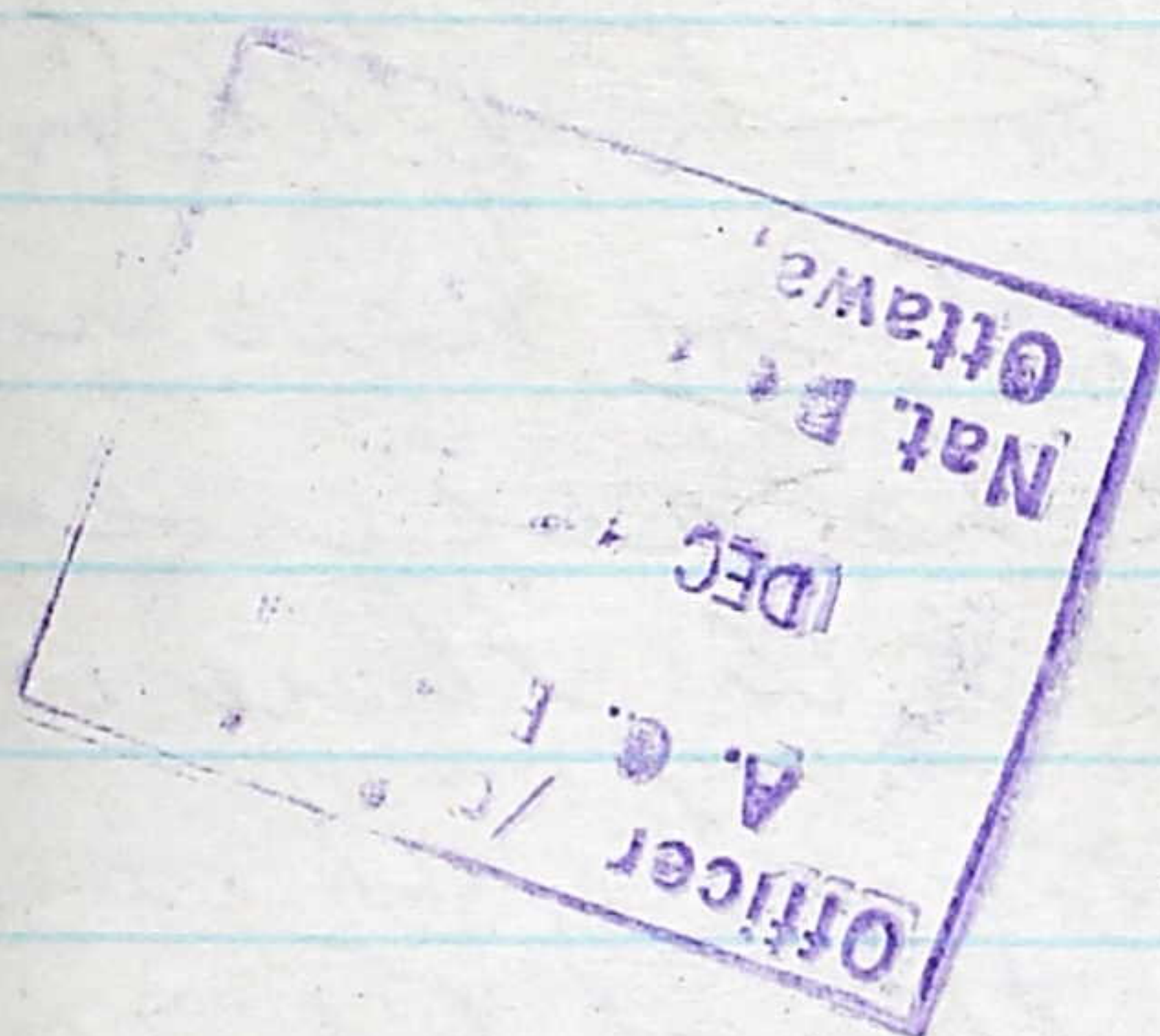
Dear Sir

REF ID: A3385. Signin DAMANT. ROBT  
Headquarters "C. Force"

The writer of this letter would be very pleased if you could supply him with this information. I have here on my desk, a clipping I cut from a French local newspaper here with the names of 15 Montreal names in it, when Hong Kong fell. I have checked them by reports in local papers here, and so far they have all been accounted for except him, which all were attached to Headquarters Staff. perhaps you could <sup>give</sup> ~~us~~ a rough idea, what happened that he should be missing when all the rest came through safely. & for your information, I wrote letters to him some little while <sup>ago</sup> & they have not come <sup>back</sup> here. do you think he received them, or is there a possibility they were sunk before delivery to Hong Kong. and I take it after reading your letter dated Dec 5/42 you are just waiting for the casualties among the remaining ones to be heard from & I hope & trust, a lot more of the boys are saved from this Gunga Din. which took place at Hong Kong.

Yours Sincerely  
Chas. Ed Damant





Received DEC 14 1942

For Attention of Mr. C. L. G. G.

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