

## VERIFICATION FORM

## WAR SERVICE MEDALS 1939-45

No. D.	81834 Name Desc	oZES.	11/1/1/		
Rank on Di	scharge <u>Ple</u> .	Date of	Discharge	28-4-44	
Authority:	for Discharge or Retires	ment			
Served in:				on-qualifying service	
Canada	from 12-11-37	to <u>23</u>			
	from	to			
United Kingdom	from <u>24-8-40</u> .	to			
	from	to			
Italy	from	to			
Northwes	t e from <u>6-7-44.</u>	to		P. To have	
	- from	to			
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Eligible	e for award of:				
19	939 - 45 Star				
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25M-12-44 (6215) H.Q. 1064-81-3 DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE ARMY ARMY AIR FORCE STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY DECEASED MEMBER'S REGISTER NO. NAME (CHRISTIAN NAMES) (SURNAME) FILE NO. 23-10-46 PAYEE SERVICE NO. ADDRESS FINAL RANK OR RATING DATE OF DISCHARGE DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE NO. OF DAYS TO EQUAL TO 50 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50 442.50 B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE 355.50 NO. OF DAYS 14 SEE PAR. 2 OVERLEAF FOR EXPLANATION DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY 798.00 C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE PAY SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE ADDITIONAL PAY DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$ TOTAL NO. OF DAYS 1456 X\$ 55.95

#### D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY 1064.4 PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$ E. DEDUCTIONS. OVERPAYMENT OF DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY \$ OTHER DEDUCTIONS

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS-

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

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.

TREASURY DATE CHECKED BY PREPARED BY CHECKED BY

1064.41

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### INVENTORY

Date .......

The Estates Branch has received the following personal effects of NAME

NAME

DESCOTES, W.C.

1 Glengarry.
1 Flashlight.
1 Dictionary.
1 Letter.
1 Bar Service Ribbons.
1 Autograph Book.
1 Nail File.
1 Address Book.
3 Handkerchiefs.
1 Badge.
1 Compass.
3 Flashkight Bulbs.

Received the effects as listed SIGNATURE has Bernslette Described Described

## DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

Estates Form "P. 4"

Name: DESCOTES	William	No. D.81834
Surname	Christian Names	No.: D.31834
Pte.	C.A.0/S	28-7-44
Rank	Unit	Date of Death
	AM	OUNT
		L.P.C\$ 22.99
	Date: 5-2-46	Other Credits
		Total

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
A11	Widow	Mrs. Bernadette Descotes, 5020 Boyer St., MONTREAL 34, P.Q.	\$22.99
		(Sole beneficiary under will)	
AUTHOR		P4. TO TREAS. 20-2-46, QM DISTRIBUTION APPROV	

AUTHORITY H.Q. F.E. No. H.Q. SUB. OBJ. AMOUNT PRI VOTE \$22.99 001 731 00 00 9999 CLASSIFIED BY EXAMINED BY For Chief Treasury Officer DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

(L. M. FIRTH) Colonel
Director of Estates

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

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For Chief Treasury Officer

# MPUTATION OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

MEMBER'S NAME WILLIAM DESCOTES Register No (Christian Names) (Surname)	D-234	4//
PAYEE'S NAME Mas BERNACLETTE DESCOTES File No. 5. (Christian Names) Date 23	11/1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
ADDRESS 5020 BOYER ST. Service No. J. Service No. J. Final Rank.	8/8	34
DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 2 2 7 2/2/ Date of Disch		44
	AMOU \$	
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE No. of day / 754 = 59 Periods @ \$7.50	442	30
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE		
No. of days 1436 less 14 Ineligible days,		
equal	355	50
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE	799,	00
Daily Rate of Pay \$		
Subsistence Allowance \$		
Additional Pay \$		
Dependents' Allowance 1/30 \$ 6 3/2 \$ 2 10		
TOTAL \$ $4.85 \times 7 = $.33.95$		
No. of Days /436 × \$ 33.9.5	266	4/
D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY	1 / 1/	11
Computed By	1067	41
E. DEDUCTIONS Overpayment of (1) Pay & Allowance \$		
(2) D.A. & A.P. \$		
Other Deductions \$		
Entered By		
F. AMOUNT PAYABLE  (This amount is payable inmonthly  instalments of \$each)	1064	4/
G. Monthly instalment not to exceed daily rate of Pay & Allowances per (C)		
\$× 30 = \$		
REMARKS		

# 51-0-97

## OVERSEAS CDN RECORDS OFFICE

#### GRAVES REGISTRATION FORM

Name DESCOTES William Place and QUEBEC.  Date of Birth 27 Sept. 1898
Rank Pte Regtl No. D.81834
Unit BLACK WATCH (RHR) OF C. Next of Kin WIFE, Mrs. Bernadette  AEF. DESCOTES, 5020 Boyer Stree
Montreal Quebec.
PARTICULARS OF HOSPITALISATION
Name and Location
Date of Admission of Hospital
Diagnosis
PARTICULARS OF DEATH
Date of Death 28 July 44 Place of Death
Hrs
Cause of Death PRESUMED DIED OF WOUNDS (Prev.rep.missing)
PARTICULARS OF BURIAL
Date of Burial No Information Cemetery No Information
Death Cert No Location of Cemetery
Date of Regn of Death Cert
Religion R.C.
Date 15 Dec. 45.
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for (M.BLUTEAU) Captain,
For Colonel, OIC Records,  CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.
Extracted from Burial Records,
OVERSEAS CDN RECORDS OFFICE,

ACTON, LONDON, W.3.

2. Date S.O.S. Overseas.....

Computer's Signature....

Checker's Signature....

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

C. L. LAURIN,

Colonel,
DIRECTOR OF RECORDS.

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## Details of Non-Qualifying Service

## Western Hemisphere—

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CASUALTIES ONLY
For purpose of W.S.G.
Casualities include death subsequent to discharge.

Register No. D.23441
File No. 51.D.97

WAR	SERVICE	GRANTS	ACT	1944
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	Ottawa_	24th June	194_6
To: Chief Treasury Officer, Dependents' Allowance and Assign	ed Pay Branc	ch	
Service No. <u>D.81834</u> ,			
Name W. DESCOTE Christian Name	Surname		
P lease supply the following informa na med at the time of his discharge duplicate along with the file to the	tion in respondent and artists and ersigned	pect of the mand return this	rginally form in
		Carpier	
	(K.	W. Rice) Capt aymaster-Gener	
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Mames, address and relationship	Benne	Litte =	6712
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If no D.A. in issue, list names, address and relationship of persons in receipt of A.P. who may be classed as Dependents under W.S.G. Act, 1944, and amount of			
monthly assignment.			
Names, address and relationship of persons to whom assigned pay was continued by supplementary award after death.			
Amount of overpayment of dependents allowance and/or assigned pay deduct from the War Service Gratuity and name of person to whom paid.	ible		
2/7 194 6	for Chief D.	Treasury Off A. & A.P. Bran	icer,
C.T.O., D.A. & A.P.			
Overpayments of D.A. and/or A.P. rec	overed from	W.S.G. /\$	
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## APPLICATION FOR WAR SERVICE GRATUITY BY DEPENDENTS OF DECEASED PERSONNEL - (Canadian Army)

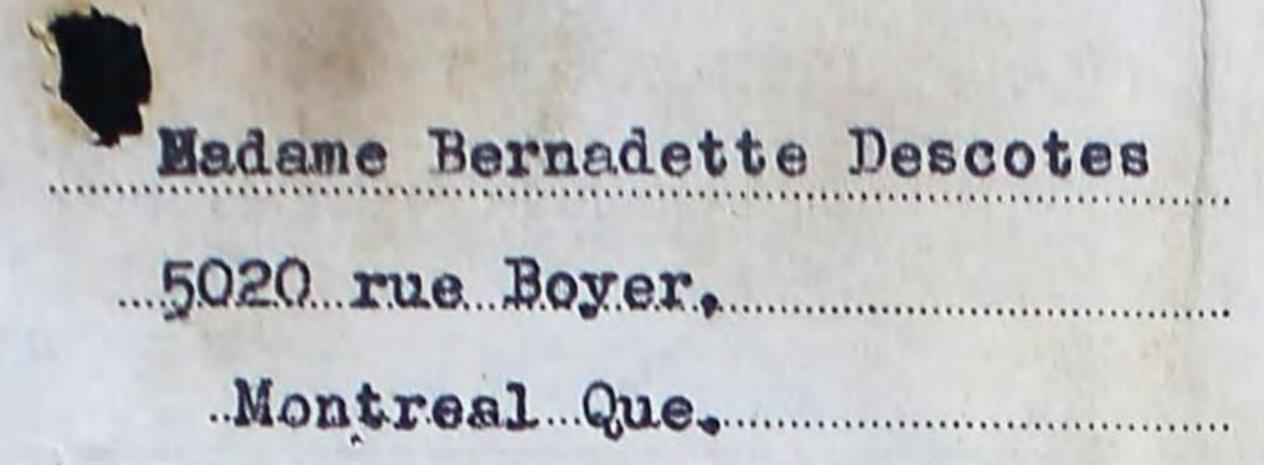
I hereby make application for payment of War Service Gratuity to which I may be entitled in respect of the undermentioned deceased member of the Canadian Army.

(A)	Surname DESCOTES
(b)	Christian Names WIELIAMTTE
(c)	Regimental No. D-81834
(a)	Rank at time of decease PRIVATE
a. of m	I hereby submit the following particulars in support y application:-
(a)	Surname DESCOTES
(b)	Christian Names BERNADETTE
(c)	Relationship to deceased WIFE
(d)	Address in full 5020 Boyer Street - Montreal 34, Que.
	911107
	Yours truly,
Date	(Signature of Applicant)
Note	(FITTS)
	completed please forward this application direct to:
Wa:	aster General r Service Gratuities Branch



of The Land Widowed 18 Louceles mostreal Dice. 16, 1945 Cher monsueur Consument la formale 64 que me Leigh vous a enbryer et tick je n'ai fas de Testament a la maison sulement celu de l'armee. Soldat Williams Salotes 0.81834 Dien a vacco. Sans. In the Eate

63 Thanking you in anticipation, ···sanox D. 81834 Private William Descotes but that of the army. Mr. Leigh, I have noltestament in my possession With regard to Formand to you by



Prière d'adresser toute communication subséquente à ce sujet au:

DIRECTEUR DES SUCCESSIONS, MINISTÈRE DE LA DÉFENSE NATIONALE, OTTAWA, ONTARIO

et de citer le numéro suivant:

## MINISTÈRE DE LA DÉFENSE NATIONALE DIVISION DES SUCCESSIONS OTTAWA, ONTARIO

27-11-.....194....5

Afin de les consigner dans nos dossiers et au cas où il y aurait une succession militaire à distribuer (conformément à la loi) au nom de feu

Descotes William

Nol D. 81834

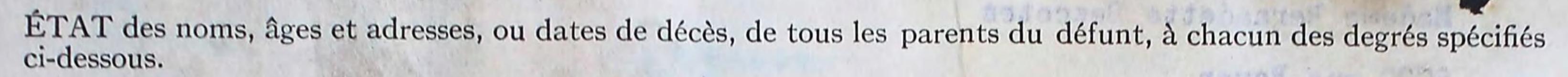
Armee Canadienne

il est nécessaire que les renseignements voulus concernant le défunt et les membres de sa famille soient fournis à la Division des successions. Vous êtes donc prié de lire le mémorandum ci-inclus avant de remplir les pages 2 et 3 de cette formule. Les détails exigés doivent être inscrits comme il faut et la déclaration à la page 4 doit être ensuite signée en présence d'un pasteur, prêtre, magistrat de la localité, commissaire instrumentaire, notaire public, ou officier de l'une quelconque des forces de Sa Majesté, que l'on priera de compléter et signer le certificat. Cette formule doit être ensuite renvoyée à l'adresse mentionnée ci-dessus

Si l'espace destiné aux questions des pages 2 et 3 de cette formule n'est pas suffisant pour donner tous les détails, il faudra alors se se de l'espace réservé aux "remarques supplémentaires", à la page 4.

Le directeur des successions,

## RÉPONDRE AU LONG À TOUTES LES QUESTIONS APPLICABLES



			TÉMOIGNAGE DU	J DÉCLAI	RANT
Degrés de arenté	s I All	RENTS	NOM ET PRÉNOMS de tout parent de chacun des degrés mentionnés		ADRESSE AU LONG de chaque parent survivant, en regard de son nom, et date du décès de tout parent décédé
1	Veuve du défur	nt	Bernadette Léveillée Discutes.	43	5020 Rue Boyer, Houtreil (34), 0.2.
1000	(36-11-19	928)	Marie-Marthe Desertes Thèrese Descrites		5020 Rue Bayes. 4
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3	Père du défunt	(Micelles)	auguste Deserte	75	4661 Sb. andré Metres (34), 0,2,
4	Mère du défunt.	(Dicedee)	Enily Methune Desertes	78	
		Frères	Juine Descrites Levil Descrites (Secille)	50	Armondille, J. 2. 5th, ale. Romb. Mtl. C. Ree St Serarel, Mtl.
5	Frères du défunt				
		Demi- frères			
		Sœurs	Mone. Margared Lirener Mine. Sully Januative Me. Jesta Kerr	38	5030 Chamberl, Mtt (3 1651 St. andré " (adresse incomme)
6	Sœurs du défunt	germaines			
		Demi- sœurs			
7	mains ou non	es ou sœurs (ger- on) du défunt, qui , et date de décès 'eux			Adresse de leurs enfants



## RÉPONDRE AU LONG À TOUTES LES QUESTIONS SUR CETTE PAGE DÉTAILS D'IDENTITÉ

8	Nom et prénoms du défunt.	Williams Charles Descates
9	Date de sa naissance.	21-9-1903
10	Lieu et date de son mariage.	Mantrial - 28 - 6 - 24
11	Lieu et date du mariage de ses parents.	Hantreil -
	DÉTAILS DE DO	OMICILE
12	Lieu où le défunt est né.	Hantreal 3:3.
13	Indiquer, par ordre, la province, l'état et/ou le comté où le défunt a résidé avant son engagement, et la durée dans chaque cas.	(a) Provice de duélec. (b) (c) (d)
14	Nature de son emploi avant son enrôlement.	Emplois la Justino fernante.
15	Indiquer s'il était propriétaire de la maison où il demeurait. Le cas échéant, à quel endroit?	Leatic
16	Indiquer le lieu où le défunt entendait vivre d'une façon per- manente.	00 20 me Bayer, Montreal (34)
	DÉTAILS DE LA SUC	CESSION
17	A-t-il laissé un testament? Si vous en avez la garde, veuillez nous le transmettre.	bus -
18	Si le défunt était marié et domicilié dans la province de Québec ou dans un état des États-Unis d'Amérique ou dans un pays où il existe communauté de biens entre les époux, existait-il un contrat se rapportant à la propriété?	
19	Avait-il un compte d'épargne dans une banque, un bureau de poste ou autre institution? Le cas échéant, donner le nom et l'adresse de la banque, etc., et le montant déposé. Désirezvous qu'il soit administré avec le compte de solde?	Kne
20	Montant des certificats d'épargne de guerre que possédait le défunt. Indiquer l'endroit où ils se trouvent.	aucun, à ma annusanne
21	Montant des bons de la victoire que possédait le défunt. In- diquer s'ils sont enregistrés ou payables au porteur, ainsi que l'endroit où ils se trouvent.	Kne Entegistré de Jayable a mis,
22	Si le défunt possédait des polices d'assurance-vie, donner les noms des compagnies et la somme payable en vertu de chacune des polices, ainsi que le nom de la personne qui y est nommée bénéficiaire.	Hne - Metropalitan life Ins. Lo. 115 d. or Has - Bernadette Inches
23	Décrire les autres valeurs, le cas échéant, et en donner le montant approximatif. Se servir de l'espace à la page 4, au besoin.	
	AUTRES DÉT	AILS
24	Après son engagement, le défunt avait-il contracté des dettes:  (a) pour ses propres logement et pension pendant qu'il était dans les forces armées.  (b) pour habits et équipement militaires.  Un état détaillé de chacun de ces comptes doit être annexé à cette formule et, s'ils sont exacts, veuillez y inscrire "approuvé" et signer votre nom. Si vous les croyez inexacts, donnez des détails.	How
25	Est-ce que les frais funéraires ont été payés, entièrement ou en partie, par vous-même ou un autre parent? Le cas échéant, annexez des états détaillés indiquant les montants payés, et par qui.	J'ai l'etentione le lui faire chartet
	(Remarque:—Le gouvernement paye les frais funéraires, just lorsque le militaire est décédé et inhumé outre-mer, de même lors du Nord; si un parent a déjà payé les frais funéraires, ceux-ci lu du montant fixé par les règlements. Cependant, si les frais excèdement ni ne sera à la charge de la succession militaire du défunt.)	ent ce montant, la différence ne sera pas payée par le gouverne-

\*Insérez le degré de parenté, par exemple:
"veuve",
"père",
"frère", etc.

#### DÉCLARATION

Je, soussigné, déclare que tous les renseignements contenus dans cette formule sont exacts et constituent une liste fidèle et complète de tous les parents que le défunt ait jamais eus aux degrés

N.B.—A être signée au long en présence d'un pasteur, prêtre, magistrat de la localité, commissaire, notaire public ou officier de l'une quelconque des forces de Sa Majesté.

déclarant

#### CERTIFICAT

Je, soussigné, certifie que, autant que je sache.....

mo. Benadatte Des Colto	Nom du
	déclarant
t le/la*du défunt ci-dessus décrit. La déclaration ci-d	essus

\*Voir plus haut

été faite par le déclarant et signée en ma présence.

Date a		ce	10ur de
Signature du pasteur, prêtre, magistrat, commissaire, notaire	5. 3. 2.		Titre Commissioner of the Superior Cou
public ou officier de l'une quelconque des forces de Sa Majesté.			District of Wantreal

Adresse Rn 805-1117 8+ carlance W. montral que

REMARQUE.—Avant d'accorder le certificat qui précède, il faut veiller à ce que le déclarant donne des détails concernant le décès de tout parent qu'il déclare être décédé et que les nom et prénoms, ainsi que l'adresse et l'âge de chaque parent survivant visé soient inscrits à l'endroit voulu dans la déclaration qui est vis-à-vis.

(Si le défunt n'a aucun parent vivant des degrés signalés à la page 2, il faudrait donner ci-après les noms et adresses, et le degré de parenté, d'autres parents.)

SE SERVIR DE L'ESPACE CI-DESSOUS SI VOUS DÉSIREZ FAIRE DES REMARQUES SUPPLÉMENTAIRES.

### FORM OF WILL No. 1

To be used by a Soldier desirous of leaving a portion of his personal estate to one person, and the balance of his personal estate to another person

I. WILLIAM DESC	OTES	(Name in full)
Number 19-81834.		
Trumber	of the C	anadian Force
(Unit or Corps)	(Give full title of Unit)	
do hereby revoke all former Wills by me m		
my personal estate consisting of	RSONAL PROPERT	Y
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	e describe remaining assets)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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		or persons to whom it is to go and relationship.
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Note.—If Soldier owns Real Estate,	Form 10A should be completed.	
N.B.—Personal Estate includes Pay,	Effects, Money in Bank, Stock Certif	ficates, etc., in fact
everything except Real Estate.		
IN WITNESS WHE	EREOF I have hereunto set my hand this	is
IMPORTANT NOTE 137H	day of Portember.	AD 10 3 9
IMPORTANT NOTE This must be signed and dated by the soldier himself.		
	(Signature of Soldier)	•••••••
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in his presence, at his request, and in the prass Witnesses.	resence of each other, have hereumto su	oscribed our names
1st witness to sign here	H Cade Mul	illed.
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2nd witness to sign here	Cely surge	111
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# BATTLE CASUALTY CASUALTY SECTION EXTRACT FORM

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Regimental No. Rank	Name	Full Christian Names			
D-81834 PTE	DESCOTES Will	iam.			
Unit. BLACK WATCH.		SERIAL			
	CASUALTY PARTICULARS				
PRESUMED DIED OF WO	UNDS WHILST F.W. 28 JULY 44 (P MISSING "A" 47	REV. REPORTED			
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Hospital Transferred To		te			
Hospital Discharged From		te			
IMPORTANT—Always Give Fu	all Address and Relationship of all Next of Kin—	IN PLAIN CLEAR PRINTING			
	B. DESCOTES	WIFE			
	5020 BOYER ST. MONTREAL, QU				
NOTE: If the Next of Kin re-					
sides in the British Isles or					
U.S.A. MARK RED X					
in UPPER LEFT HAND SQUARE	Home Town				
IMPORTANT	Cable No. 488B				
IMPORTAINI	Inland Tel. No				
4/20A CFA 48 40/P & S/1568 (6847)		fication Clerks Signature			

## CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to information received at the Department of National Defence from the overseas muthorities, No. D.81834, Private William DESCOTES, of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, Canadian Army, was reported missing in action on the 28th of July, 1944, and no further information concerning him being available, he is for official purposes presumed to have died on that date, whilst a prisoner of war.

(C.L. Laurin) Colonel, Director of Records.

Officer authorized to sign certificates of death and/or presumption of death for the Canadian Army.



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16th November, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Descotes:

I deeply regret to inform you that no further news has been received relative to your husband, D81834 Private William Descotes, who has been officially listed as missing since the 28th day of July, 1944.

The Army Council have been regretfully constrained to conclude that he gave his life in
action against the enemy in the Western European Theatre
of War, and it is consequently being recorded that
D81834 Private William Descotes is now for
official purposes presumed to have died whilst a
prisoner of war on the 28th day of July, 1944.

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

bravely made. We pay tribute to the sacrifice he so

Yours sincerely,

(A.E. Walford), Major-General, Adjutant-General.

Mrs. Bernadette Descotes, 5020 Boyer Street, Montreal, Quebec. ender of the state of the state

### OFFICIAL CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

## DEATH

NUMBER	D81834 RANK Private	SERVICE UNIT					
NAME	DESCOTES, William	I.R.H.C.					
DATE OF BIRTH	27-9-98	OCCUPATION Electrician					
MARITAL STATUS PRESENT	Merried	MARITAL STATUS ON ENLISTMENT Married					
DATE OF ENLISTMENT	13-11-39						
NEXT OF KIN ADDRESS	Wife, Mrs. Bernadette Descotes, 5020 Boyer St.,	ADDRESS ON ENLISTMENT					
	Montreal, Que.	Montreal, Que.					
AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. No.  CASUALTY  DETAILS	8779 and 488B  Previously reported MISSING  Presumed to have DIED whilst	H.Q. 51-D-97  DATE  28-7-44 now  P.O.W. 28-7-44					

DIRECTOR OF RECORDS

N.D.H.Q.

H. Patient,

7, Lansbury Avenue,

Edmonton, London. N.18.

Officer i/c, Canadian Military Record.

Dear sir,

In reference to your letter REC/D-81834. D-81834 Pte. DESCOTES, was in a German Military Hospital at Alencon, France at which I was doing duties as a hospital attendant.

He was suffering from shock and Gas-Gangerene. The wounds were the result of a mortar bomb exploding between his legs. Just before I left the hospital he was sent to Paris Military Hospital. It is my opinion that with wounds as bad as his and the treatment received from German Staff. He never survived.

His German hospital records will most probably be found at Allencon. In the S.S. Ward I think it was called D. Block. As the hospital was overrun before the Germans had time to remove their records and equipment.

I hope you are successful in tracing this man, as he was a great friend of mine. Would it be possible to inform me on any news you may receive of him.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) H. Patient.

Private Patient's information is similar to that submitted by three members of the Black Watch who state that Private Descotes was wounded in both legs and taken to a German hospital. Too date, however, no trace of Private Descotes has been found, but in this regard I am to advise that captured German documents are being searched for record of missing Canadian personnel and it is quite likely that information regarding this casualty will be forthcoming shortly.

Please be assured that when further particulars becomes available the next-of-kin will be immediately notified.

I am returning herewith Private Patient's letter which you so kindly sent to this Directorate for examination.

Yours gruly

(C.I. Laurin) Colonel, Director of Records, for Adjutant-General. VICE-CHAIRMAN MAJOR LE RICHARDSON

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MONTREAL, CANADA
HArbour 6073

June 14th., 1945.

Referred to....

The Secretary, Records Office, Department of National Defence (Army), Ottawa, Ont,.

Dear Sir:- Re:- D. 81834 - DESCOTES, B. (Black Watch)

The wife of the above named was notified about July 1944, that her husband was missing in action.

We understand that no presumption of death, has been issued, as yet.

Mrs. Descotes has heard several rumours, from men who have returned, suggesting that the above named is severely wounded and had lost either one or both of his legs.

On recent date, a friend of Mr. Descotes, Mr. W. Adler, 788 Laurier Avenue East, Montreal, received a letter from a Mr. R. Lyons of 58 Elgin Mansions, Elgin Avenue, Maida Vale, W.G. England, containing the number of photographs, which were in the possession of the marginally named, including pictures of his family and of himself.

With these photographs, was a letter addressed to Mr. Lyons by a Pte. Henry Patient, which we enclose and which suggests that the marginally named had been taken prisoner and was expected to be transferred to a hospital in Paris, France.

The reason Henry Patient wrote to Mr. Lyons, was because among the possession of the above named, there was a memorandum, containing the Lyons' address and suggesting that they were relatives.

This information together with the soldier's picture is sent to you, upon the request of Mrs. Descotes,

THE BECLERETA

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TOTAL TRANSPORT

The Secretary, -2+04 June 14th., 1945. in order that you could continue an investigation, to determine whether the above named could be located. We would greatly appreciate your advice. Yours very truly, was expected to be transferred to a bespical it Paris, France, suggests that the marginally name2 . 19. good W. prisoner sud Mr. Lyons by a Pte. Henry Putlent, which we enclose and which With these photographs, was a letter addressed to Encls., (2) Manager.

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STATEMENT made by D-82704. MacPHERSON. G.M. of the Black Watch on the 15 May 45 at No.4. Cdn.Gen Hospital regarding personnel still listed as Missing as at 15 May 45.

RE: D81834. DESCOTES. WM. Black Watch - Missing 28 Jul 48.

I heard from Ted Russel (taken PW 25 Juh) that DESCOTES was killed in action on 28 Jul 44 outside of CAEN: In an advance towards the German lines Russell was a close friend of Descotes and would he able to more information as he was in the same "C" Company. (Missing 28 Jul 44) should actually be 25 Jul as this action took place on the 25th Jul.44.

Interviewed this date by B-137019. L/Bdr MEEHAN.H.J.

Signed. George. McPherson Date. 15 May 45



STATEMENT made by D-82491. Cpl. JARVIS. J.M.A. of the R.H. of C a liberated P.W. at 4 Cdn. Gen. Hospital on 4 May 45 regarding personnel of R.H. of C on list presented to him upon interrogation:

RE: D-81834. Pte. DESCOTES. WM. (R.H. of C) 28 Jul 44

"I last saw him wounded and lieing in afield 25 Jul 44 the same day as I was captured. I believe he was picked up by the Germans and taken to a German Hospital."

- Interviewed this date by C-96169. Sgt. MADDOCK.S.R.

Signed... J.M. Jarvis. Date.. 4 May 45 STATEMENT BY: D-81969 Pte. McAran, B.E.,

OPY

I was wounded on 25 July 1944 and I recognize some of the names given to me by Major Jack as soldiers belonging to my Company and Regiment but I cannot place them by their names and consequently can give no information, as to their fate except in the case of D-82684 Pte. Smith, George Edward, whom I knew personally as he was in my Company. After I was wounded and removed to the rear, I inquired about Pte. Smith and I was told that he had been killed by a direct shell burst which landed right beside him and blew him to bits. I did not actually see Pte. Smith killed but was told that this was what had happened at a later date.

Lieut. Geoffrey Somerset COOKE: When I got back to England, somebody told me that Lieut. Cooke had been shot when he had gone out to pick up either prisoners or wounded and that he had not come back.

Signed....(B.E. McAran (D-81969 Pte. McAran, B.E.) Longue Pointe Ordnance Depot.

STATEMENT BY D-81950 Pte. Kirk, S.W. I was wounded on 19 July 1944 at approximately 4 or 5 days before my regiment were in the big battle where they obtained so many casualties and consequently I was moved to the rear before the battle took place and did not actually see any casualties. However, I was conkstantly making inquiries and although I recognize some of the names read out to me by Major Jack, I can only furnish information on the following. Lieut. Geoffrey Somerset COOKE: I was told by Pte. Radian that Lieut. Cooke had gone forward with two stretcher bearers and a truck to pick up the wounded. The enemy caught them and when Lieut. Cooke jumped from the truck, he was shot and killed. The

D-82684 Pte. SMITH George Edward: I was told by a Pte. Charlie GOODALE that he had seen Pte. Smith killed when a German mortar shell landed beside him and blew him to bits.

Ex two stretcher bearers were taken prisoners.

Signed. ... (S. W. Kirk)

(D-81950 Pte. KIRK, Samuel William/ Longue Pointe Ordnance Depot.....

#### RECOMMENDATION FOR

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1st or 2nd CLASP to the CANADIAN EFFICIENCY MEDAL.

(Delete awards not applicable)

(A)

Initiation of application for the award will be made by the Officer Commanding the Unit in which the officer or soldier is serving at time application is originated.

PRESENT RECT'L NO. D-81834 RANK Pte SURNAME DESCOTES
(Acting or Substantive)

1st Bn The Black Watch
UNIT (RHR) of Canada

NAME and ADDRESS of NEXT-OF-KIN to whom the award, if approved, is to be forwarded for safe-keeping

Mrs W. Descotes, 5020 Boyer St., Montreal, P.Q.

(B)

## CERTIFICATE of PRESENT COMMANDING OFFICER

I CERTIFY that the Officer, Warrant Officer or Other Rank referred to herein is a member of this Unit and his services in the Unit have been meritorious and such as to entitle him to the award of:

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\*and/or First Clasp (EM)

\*and/or Second Clasp (EM)

The service claimed, other than with this Unit \*has not been verified from Discharge Certificate or Record of Service.

Ist Bn The Black Watch Unit (RHR) of Canada.

(NOTE: \*Strike out what is not applicable.)

Officer Commanding

(C)

#### CERTIFICATE of OFFICER i/c RECORDS, CMHQ

MFM 1 (or MFM 2) has been examined and shows CA (A) service commencing on .........., with continuous service till the present and still serving.

Date 2 194 4

Officer i/c Records, CMHQ

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Recommendations are required to be forwarded to CMHQ in duplicate, and must be complete in every detail. All periods claimed must be verified from original sources, and on that account general statements should be avoided.

Service claimed in units other than the Canadian Army (Reserve or Active), such as Cadets, British Territorial Army, etc, must be substantiated by Discharge Certificate or Record of Service. The onus to secure certified record of service for Cadet Corps or University OTC's rests with the person to be recommended, and will not be dealt with otherwise. Providing that full particulars of British Territorial (or other Empire Forces) service are submitted, ie Rank, Regt'l No, Name of Unit, Place of Regimental Depot, etc, CMHQ will endeavour to secure a certificate of verification.

CFA 10 40/P&S/1465(23)

#### STATEMENT of SERVICE CLAIMED

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ESERVICE shown herein is correct, and thaward. I CERTIFY that the STATEMENT of claimed has been counted for any previous a (NOTE:—If previously awarded

If previously awarded any Long Service Medal or Efficiency Decoration, please Also state year awarded.)

I received the Canadian Efficiency Medal in M

this....28th

D-81834. Algebra of Reco M. Deals