

Telegraphist REGINALD GEORGE DICKENSON

D/JX 404448, H.M.C.S. Valleyfield, Royal Navy

who died on 7 May 1944

Remembered with honour on the PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

Able Seaman/Telegraphist Reginald George Dickenson died fighting with the *Royal Canadian Navy* during the later part of the ***Battle of the Atlantic***. Born, 18 March 1923, he was the son of Oscar¹ and Elsie Dickenson of Barton Street.² We are indebted to Reg's sister, **Mrs E.M. Lane**, for supplying these photographs which give an insight into the life behind the war hero.



In 1935, aged about 12



Reg. at the Sandy aged 12, whilst a pupil at the Grammar School. (from l-r, N. Warren, A. Surman, Reg, & Warren.



Reg was another local boy who went to train with *Sainsbury's* in London - here during a maternal visit.



On leave. Reg had fair hair and blue eyes



¹ Register, 16.06.1917 p5/2: War News: **Pte Oscar Dickenson** (London Regiment T. A.) of Smiths Lane was a P.O.W. at Dulmer, Wesphalia in Germany.

² In 2005, their home is the *Tewkesbury Trophies* Shop.

Reg married Irene Eleanor Goldsmith
of 25 High Street on 12 June 1943³

HMCS Valleyfield sunk 7 May 1944.

HCMS Valleyfield was a River class Frigate which was commissioned on 7 December 1943. It met its end when it was torpedoed and sunk by [U-548](#) on 7 May 1944 some 50 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland. 125 of her crew including her commanding officer - and Reg. - went down with the ship. Reg. is commemorated as "R. Dickson".



HMCS Valleyfield



Funeral of crew members; as Reg's death is commemorated at the *Plymouth Naval Memorial*, his body may not have been found.

