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Accident Causes Death

MERVYN DICKSON PASSES.

In the act of cleaning a revolver, Mervyn Leslie Dickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Dickson, of Morris Street, Sunshine, lost his life on Friday evening last, at the age of 25 years.

Mervyn was a popular young man, possessed of a bright and affectionate personality, and the news of his sudden death was a great shock to his numerous friends and those of his family. He was born in Sunshine, educated here, and prior to his joining the R.A.N., was employed in the district. He was three years at Spaldings Ltd., and three years at McKay's, and in 1941 joined the Royal Australian Navy as an engine-room artificer—a position that called for engineering experience. For several years he was attached to mine-sweepers, but latterly was transferred to the staff of an Australian cruiser, and was enjoying a few days' leave when he met his unfortunate end.

The Dickson family is one of the earliest pioneers of the Sunshine district, and the sympathy of all goes out to them in their sad loss.

The funeral, which took place on Monday last to the Springvale Cemetery, was carried out with full Naval honors. The service at the funeral parlor was carried out by the Rev. R. F. Adams, of St. Mark's Church of England, Sunshine, and at the graveside by Padre Henderson, of the R.A.N. The cortege was met at the cemetery gates by a Naval firing party and the casket was transferred to a gun carriage.

Many beautiful wreaths were forwarded, including one from the Sunshine Dads' Association, of which Mervyn's father was a prominent member.

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