D72149
BENNETT
PETER

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MEMORANDUM FOR

P. 64

Mrs. Mary Ellen Bennett,

~~2328 Regent Street,~~ 2224 Oxford Ave.

Montreal, P.Q.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—

THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. 405-B-6463 FD 340

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
OTTAWA, ONT.

July 12 1941

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

BENNETT, Peter, Rfmn.

No. D.72149, Victoria Rifles of Canada (CA)

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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 or Local Magistrate, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

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

M.F.W. 77
3M-5-40 (4995)
H.Q. 1772-39-972

ESTATES BRANCH
JUL 22 1941
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OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

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.....		Peter Bennett.	75	2224 Oxford ave.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....		Mary Ellen Bennett	71	2224 Oxford ave. Mtl.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Patrick Bennett. Leo Bennett. Jos. Bennett.	47 36 31	Chateauquay Basin P.Q. 1037 Girouard ave. Mtl. 2224 Oxford ave Mtl.
		Half Blood	—		—
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	B. Butler (Mrs) Margaret Buckley (Mrs)	43 49	2224 Oxford ave. Mtl. 1602 E. 56th St. Brooklyn. N. Y.
		Half Blood	—		—
	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, *who are dead*, and date of death of each.		Names and ages of their children (if any)		Address of their children
7	Wm. Bennett. died Oct 15/1918 John Bennett. died 1896 July. Norman Bennett. died 1908-		—		—

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?	Peter Bennett.
11	Give the month and year of his birth.	March 1903
12	Where and when were his parents married?	June 17, 1891 - Montreal
13	Was he ever married? If so, state exact place and date of marriage.	no
14	Did he leave a (later) Will? If so, it should be forwarded.	no will.
15	Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate or Letters of Administration?	no -

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

16	Where was deceased born?	Montreal.
17	In what Province, Country or State did he reside, and in which last?	~~Que~~. Montreal P.Q.
18	How long in each?	all his life.
19	What was the nature of his employment?	Temporary Salesman. Simpsons Ltd
20	Did he own the house or homestead in which he lived? If so, where?	no
21	Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home?	no -
22	State your postal address in full.	2224 Oxford Ave. Mtl P.Q.

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PARTICULARS AS TO CLAIMS

23	Have the funeral expenses been paid? If so, by whom?	Funeral expenses $113.50 Yes. by sister Mrs. B. Butler.
24	Are there any outstanding claims against the estate? If so, furnish full name and address of each Creditor in this space and enclose his Bill of Account. (See Note Below).	Transportation on recent furlough $42.50 Shipment of body from Nfld. $100.00 eye glasses $14.00 aprox. Telegrams $12.00 $168.50

NOTE.—Paragraph 24 refers to debts incurred for board and lodging, medical and funeral expenses, money borrowed, goods purchased, etc.; the following information to be embodied in all accounts submitted:—

1. Name and address of Creditor. Mrs B Butler 2224 Oxford Ave. Mtl. (His) sister.
2. Detailed statement of particulars of claim with date or dates incurred.
3. At the end of his statement the creditor should certify that the account is just and reasonable, that no payments save as shown, have been made thereon and that he holds no security therefor; the creditor should then sign same, and if you admit that the claim is correct, then you "O.K." the bill and sign same.

(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

*.....Mother.....of the deceased.

N.B. To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest or Local Magistrate

.....Mary Ellen Bennett..... {Signature of Informant

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief....~~Mrs. Mary Ellen Bennett~~

*See above .....{Name of Informant} is the *.....Mother.....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....16....day of....July....19....41

Signature of Clergyman, Priest or Magistrate } .....Martin P. Reif..... Qualification....Parish Priest.....

Address....5565 Côte St. Antoine Rd., Montreal.....

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 of each surviving Relative enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

~~ORIGINAL~~
DUPLICATA
~~TRIPLICATA~~

M.F.M. 2 Fr.
A.F.B. 271
15M—5-40 (4970)
H.Q. 1772-39-1645

Doit être remplie en triplicata, désignant chaque exemplaire en biffant les deux termes inutiles.

Unité VICTORIA RIFLES OF CANADA, C.A.S.F. N° Matricule D-72149

ARMÉE ACTIVE DU CANADA

FORMULE D'ENRÔLEMENT

1. Nom BENNETT
2. Prénoms PETER
3. Adresse actuelle 2328 Regent St., Montreal, P. Q. Canada.
4. Date de naissance March 12, 1904
5. Lieu de naissance Canada (Pays) P. Q. (Comté ou province) Montreal. (Ville ou canton)
6. Religion (indiquez la confession) R. C.
7. Métier ou profession Clerk, Typist.
8. Marié, veuf ou célibataire Single.
9. Nom du plus proche parent Mary Ellen Bennett
10. Degré de parenté Mother
11. Adresse du plus proche parent ~~2328 Regent St.~~ 2224 Enfield St Ave, Montreal, P. Q. Canada.
12. Faites-vous partie de la Milice active du Canada ou y avez-vous déjà servi? No.
(Si oui, spécifiez l'unité et les dates de service)
13. Avez-vous servi dans (*a*) l'armée active du Canada? No (Oui ou non)
(Si oui, spécifiez le numéro matricule et l'unité)
(*b*) Quelque autre armée de mer, de terre ou de l'air? No. (Oui ou non)
(Si oui, spécifiez l'unité et la durée du service)
14. Avez-vous servi pendant la Grande Guerre de 1914-1918? No.
(Si oui, spécifiez le numéro matricule, l'unité et les dates de service)

DÉCLARATION FAITE PAR L'HOMME LORS DE L'ENRÔLEMENT

Je, soussigné, Peter Bennett, déclare solennellement que les renseignements ci-dessus mentionnés sont vrais et je m'engage, par les présentes, à servir dans l'armée active du Canada, tant qu'il existera ou que l'on aura à craindre une guerre, une invasion, une émeute ou une insurrection, aussi bien que pour la période de démobilisation après que la dite crise aura cessé, et, en tout cas, pour une période d'au moins un an, si Sa Majesté requiert mes services.

Date Nov. 25, 1940. Peter Bennett
(Signature de la recrue)

SERMENT PRETÉ PAR LA RECRUE LORS DE L'ENRÔLEMENT

Je, Peter Bennett, promets sincèrement et jure (ou déclare solennellement) que je serai fidèle et porterai sincère allégeance à Sa Majesté.

Peter Bennett
(Signature de la recrue)

CERTIFICAT DU MAGISTRAT, DU JUGE DE PAIX OU DE L'OFFICIER CERTIFICATEUR

J'ai averti l'homme susnommé que s'il répondait inexactement à l'une quelconque des questions précédentes, il s'exposerait aux rigueurs de la loi.

Les questions et les réponses ci-dessus lui furent ensuite lues en ma présence.

Je me suis assuré qu'il comprenait chaque question et que sa réponse à chacune d'elles a été dûment inscrite telle qu'il l'a donnée, et il a fait et signé la déclaration ci-dessus et a prêté serment devant moi,

à Montreal, ce 25th jour de Nov. 19 40.

(Signature du magistrat, du juge de paix ou de l'officier certificateur)

(Titre, grade et unité ou emploi)

N.B.—On désire signaler que quiconque répond inexactement à l'une quelconque des questions précitées est passible d'un emprisonnement de six mois.

État de service de BENNETT (Nom) PETER (Prénoms) N° matricule D-72149

APTITUDES

Militaires: No.

Professionnelles ou commerciales: No.

Civiles ou de métier: Clerk Typist.

Techniques: No

Langues: English.

DEGRÉ D'INSTRUCTION

Académies (années complétées) — Graduation ou Immatriculation (Spécifier)

*Collège

*Université

7 Years Public School.

(*Mentionnez le nom de l'institution, les années ou cours complétés et les diplômes obtenus)

Toutes les recrues enrôlées le seront comme simples soldats, les nominations ou les promotions à un grade supérieur devant être indiquées dans l'espace réservé ci-dessous à cette fin.

Rapport		État des promotions, abaissements de grade, mutations, maladies ou blessures, rapports, etc., à compter de la date de son enrôlement dans l'armée active	Grade indiqué	Prenant date le	Unité	Endroit	Autorisation	
Date	Reçu de						N°, Partie II, Ordres du jour. Liste des morts et blessés, etc.	Daté le
		Affecté lors de son enrôlement			V.R.C.			
25.11.40		T.O.S. Victoria Rifles of Canada, C.A.S.F.	Rfn.	25.11.40	1st Batt.	Montreal	D.O. 88	26.11.40
3.12.40		Proceeded on Party # 5 from Montreal	—"—	3.12.40	—"—	—"—	Pt. II. D.O. 92	30.11.40
11.12.40		Arrived St. John's Nfld on Party #5	—"—	11.12.40	—"—	St. John's	Pt. II D.O. 11	12.12.40
28.3.41		Granted 14 days furlough	—"—	28.3.41	—"—	—"—	Pt. II D.O. 37	26.3.41
25.6.41		Struck off Strength - Accidental Death	—"—	20.6.41	—"—	Airport	Pt. II. D.O. 73.	25.6.41

Pour les inscriptions supplémentaires, se servir de **M.F.M. 1 et 2 (a) (Fr.)**

CERTIFICAT DE L'EXAMEN MÉDICAL

Nom en entier BENNETT Peter Date November 22nd., 1940

PARTIE 1. Renseignements obtenus de la recrue.

1. Âge 36 2. Avez-vous déjà souffert de l'une quelconque des maladies suivantes?

a. Rhumatisme no
b. Tuberculose no
c. Bronchite ou asthme no
d. Affection cardiaque no
e. Maladie du rein ou de la vessie no
f. Gastrite intestinale no
g. Hernie no
h. Varices no
i. Pieds plats ou déformés no
j. Affection nasale no
k. Maladies des oreilles no
l. Maladie des yeux no
m. Épilepsie no
n. Maladie nerveuse ou mentale no
o. Syphilis no
p. Gonorrhée no
q. Avez-vous déjà porté des lunettes? yes
r. Touchez-vous actuellement ou avez-vous touché antérieurement une pension ou autre indemnité d'invalidité? Si oui, donnez des détails. no

Observations de l'examinateur sur ce qui précède

Ears normal color vision (Ishihara) (CN)

A.Delahaye Capt.

URINE N

X-RAY N

PARTIE 2. Renseignements obtenus par l'examen médical. La recrue doit être déshabillée.

1. Signes particuliers ou cicatrices (si celles-ci sont opératoires, obtenir les détails)

1. vacc left arm

2. Taille 5 pieds 5½ pouces. 3. Poids 140 livres

4. Teint Medium Yeux Brown Cheveux D-Brown

5. Développement Good (Bon / Passable / Médiocre)

6. Tour de poitrine—Circonférence, pleine expansion 33½ pouces Degré d'expansion 3 pouces

7. Vue, œil droit 20-30 œil gauche 20-60 8. Ouïe, oreille droite cv20 gauche cv20

9. Etat de la bouche et des dents Upper partial denture others good

10. Les anomalies (congénitales et pathologiques) constatées lors de l'examen sont les suivantes:

Moderate fallen arches

PARTIE 3. Nous les examinateurs, ne trouvons aucune trace des maladies énumérées dans la question 2 de la partie 1, sauf ce qui est mentionné dans les observations. Nous avons examiné la recrue conformément aux instructions de la brochure "Physical Standards and Instructions for the medical examination of Recruits", et il peut être classé dans la catégorie "A"

Observations spéciales lorsque la catégorie est inférieure à A

(Président) W. Smythe Lt. Col (Membre) J.G. Mathieu Capt. (Membre) W. Tremblay Lt. Col.

VACCINATIONS, INOCULATIONS, COMMISSIONS, RECLASSIFICATION DE LA CATÉGORIE MÉDICALE

Date	Détails succints et signature	Date	Détails succints et signature
5.6.41	Re-examined, no change in category. A Semple Capt.		

Pour les inscriptions supplémentaires, se servir de M.F.M. 1 et 2 (a) (Fr.)

N° matricule.....Grade.....Nom.....Prénoms.....

Garnison	Date d'arrivée à la garnison	Date de						Maladie	Nombre de jours à l'hôpital	Détails sur la nature et l'origine de la maladie; dire si elle était bénigne ou grave, si elle est entièrement guérie, et si un traitement spécial a été adopté. Dans le cas des maladies vénériennes, mentionner la nature de la maladie primaire et dire si on a prescrit le mercure. Si la maladie est accidentelle, spécifier si elle fut contractée en service et si un conseil d'enquête a été tenu. Détails et dates au sujet des fausses dents et des appareils chirurgicaux fournis.	Signature du médecin
		Admission à l'hôpital			Sortie de l'hôpital						
		Jour	Mois	Année	Jour	Mois	Année				

Pour les inscriptions supplémentaires, se servir de **M.F.M. 1 et 2 (b) (Fr.)**

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION NO. DATE OF DESPATCH

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.

REGN. NO. 4130

(1) MEDALS

PERSON ENTITLED TO Peter BENNETT (FATHER)

ADDRESS: 2224 Oxford Ave.,
MONTREAL, Que.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

(2)

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. Mary Ellen Bennett,

(3)

DESP. AUG 11 1941
REGN No. 592

ADDRESS: 2328 Regent St., Montreal, Quebec.

30-6-41
(O.C.L.-55)

AWARDS C.A.S.F.

1327

50M—5-40 (5079)
H.Q. 1772-45-8

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FILE NO. 405-B-6463

SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. NO.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT
BENNETT,	Peter,	D.72149	Rfn.	R.C.A.

WAR SERVICE BADGE

(CLASS) NO. DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
War Medal	
CVSM & Clasp	M614-26.10.49.

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

UNIT DOCUMENTS DID NOT INCLUDE M.F.M. 23. THIS COPY MADE UP FROM INFORMATION ON SOLDIER'S DOCUMENTS ON FILE IN RECORD OFFICE.

M.F.M. 23
33M—8-40 (6385-6)
H.Q. 1772-39-1677

DECEASED.

CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE

PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

M.F.

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

Regimental No. D-72149 | Rank Rifleman

Surname BENNETT

Christian name Peter

NOTE.—The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment unless changed subsequently by authority.

Unit or Corps Victoria Rifles of Canada, C.A.(A).

Date of discharge 20-6-41

Place of discharge Mil. Dist. No.

1. DESCRIPTION AT DATE OF DISCHARGE

Age 36 years months

Height 5 feet 5¼ inches

Complexion Medium

Eyes Brown

Hair Dark Brown

Trade Clerk, Typist.

Descriptive marks

1 vaccination left arm.

Intended place of residence (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

"DECEASED."

DECEASED.

Authority for discharge

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.

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

3. Conduct while in the service has been, according to the records, etc.

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.)

AS 21-1-57

(OVER)

S.C

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

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..... .....
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.....
.....

To be copied by the Commanding Officer on to the parchment Discharge Certificate.

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

(Place)..... .....

(Date)..... *Commanding*.....

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.

(Place).....*(Signature of Soldier)*

(Date).....*(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.)..... 25-11-40

(Date of discharge—C.A.S.F.)..... 20-6-41

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

10. **Confirmation of Discharge**

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

(Place)..... *(Signature)*.....

(Date)..... *Commanding*.....

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.)

(Date).....

.....
(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.

.....

Officer Commanding

*N.B.—As this form is applicable to any Board of Officers or Committee or Court of Inquiry, the blank is to be filled in accordingly.

The signature of each Officer composing the Board, etc., should be attached to the end of the proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS of a* Court of Inquiry

assembled at Gander, Newfoundland

on the 20 June 41.

by order of Officer Commanding 1st Bn. V.R.C. (A.F.)

for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon a fatal accident to D-72149 Rfn. Bennett P.

PRESIDENT

G.B.Puddicombe, Capt. V.R.C.

MEMBERS

Lieut. A.R. Armitage V.R.C

Lieut. L.H.S.Overing V.R.C

The Court of Inquiry having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to examine the Regimental Daily Order No.51 dated Friday 20 June 1941 constituting them a Court of Inquiry as above.

First Witness: Capt.G.R.Buxton, British Ministry of Aircraft Production 637 Craig St.W. Montreal,P.Q. Canada, having been duly sworn states:

At Airport, Nfld. at 2330 hrs. on 19 June 1941 I was Captain in command of B24,AM260. Approximately at 2350 hours, we departed to a take off position on the runway and discovered a defective motor and at 0010 hours approximately, returned to the Tarmac in front of the Hangar. The Aircraft was stationery at 0015 hours on 20-6-41. I left the Aircraft myself to report to the Base Mgr., Capt. Ross. I looked for the chief engineer at Gander to occupy the control cabin of B-24 Aircraft and test all four motors himself before switching off, instructing everyone to remain on board whilst this was being done. At no time during my discussion with Capt. Ross was the Aircraft in motion and at 0020 hours approximately, I was informed that a Sentry had apparently walked into the Port Motors. The instructions to keep the motors running, indicated that all four air screws would be rotating at idling revolutions at approximately 500 to 1000 r.p.m.

M.F.B. 303
100M—10-40 (7777-8)
H.Q. 1772-39-133

Second Witness: Radio officer Norman Jubb, British Ministry of Aircraft Production 637 Craig St.W. Montreal, P.Q. Canada having been duly sworn states:

At Airport Nfld at 2330 hrs on 19 June 1941 I was Radio Officer of B24-AM260. At approximately 0015 hours, I was standing aft in the machine and heard a heavy noise outside and immediately stepped out and flashed my torch around and saw the sentry lying on the ground, obviously dead. He was lying fore and aft under the port inner engine. I immediately ran to the hangar and reported the accident to Capt. Ross.

Third Witness: No. 513627 Flight Sgt. William Sadler Barton R.A.F. having been duly sworn states:

At Airport at 0015 hrs. 20 June 1941 I was Engineer officer of B 24-AM260. I was sitting at the engineer panel having been told to keep the engines running by the Capt. who went to report to the chief ground engineer. About three minutes after he was out, I felt an impact outside and the engine control panel shuddered. I concluded that something had struck an air screw. I immediately switched off the engines and got out of the Aircraft to investigate.

Fourth Witness: Flight Lieut S.R. Ring R.A.F. having been duly sworn states:

At Airport at 0015 hrs. 20 June 1941 when acting as 1st Officer on the B-24, at 0015 hours the Capt. left the ship, I was sitting in the 1st Officers seat, when I heard a noise and I thought something had hit the propellors. I looked out the starboard side and could not see anything and then looked out the port side where I saw the body of the sentry lying on the ground. I went to the back of the machine where one of the ground crew advised me to keep the passengers aboard the machine which I did. As I looked over the port side of the machine the engineer shut off the engine. The visibility at the time would be about 400 yds.

Fifth Witness: D-71935 Rfn. Braly W.D. 1st Bn.Victoria Rifles of Canada (A.F.) having been duly sworn states:

At Airport, Nfld., at 2359 hrs. 19 June 1941, I was in command of the guard at No. 9 Hangar. I first saw Rfn. Bennett in front of the hangar and went over to find out why he was there and he told me he had changed places with Rfn. McCaffery, giving as his reason that he was cold and did not have his greatcoat with him. He asked me to ask L/Cpl. Bailey to bring it out with him. He then went back to his post and I went back to mine at the side door of the hangar. His post was outside the rear of the hangar. When I took over my command, the plane was at the other end of th e airport. Coming back from the hangar, I went outside and saw Bennett walking in front of the apron of the hangar. I realized he had taken over the airplane guard. In the meantime the plane had come up on the apron. I noticed that he then approached theplane with some unknown civilian. I turned around and went back on my beat and the next time I came in sight of the plane, Bennett was walking across the front too close to the propeller. I decided that it was not worth yelling then due to the noise of the propellers and started walking over when he rounded the nose of the plane. There was a flash of sparks and realized he must have been struck. I continued going toward the plane and was met by someone with a flashlight coming from the other side and by the light I saw the body beside the plane.

I immediately ran to the hangar and called the hospital and the Battalion Orderly Room, speaking to Major Carrique. After that I remained at my post. I was in charge until the arrival of L/Cpl. Bailey, the corporal of my guard. I did not recognize the civilian who approached the plane with Bennett at the time of the accident nor afterwards.

Sixth witness: D-71635 L/Cpl. Bailey M.H. 1st Bn. Victoria Rifles of Canada(AF) having been duly sworn, states:

At Airport, Nfld. at 23.59 hrs. 19 June 1941 I was corporal of the guard at no 9 hangar. I posted the guard in No.9 hangar under Rfn. Braly with Rfn. Bennett at the rear of the hangar and Rfn. McCaffery on the left hand front corner. Having posted the guard, I proceeded to No.6 hangar to change the guard there. On returning to No.9 Hangar I saw a plane was parked in front of the apron with several people standing around. I went over to investigate and observed the body lying beside the plane, which I could not identify due to mutilation. I went to Rfn. Braly and asked him who it was and he told me it was Rfn. Bennett and he also told me he had notified the proper officials. I waited on the scene until the arrival of the ambulance. Capt. Ross asked me to call our Orderly Room to see if our Orderly Officer had left as the doctor wanted one of our officers to be a witness. I spoke to Major Carrique and he told me that the Orderly Officer and Lieut. Armitage were on their way over. I waited until their arrival.

Seventh Witness: D-71262 Rfn. McCaffery H.H.A. 1st Bn. Victoria Rifles of Canada (A.F.) having been duly sworn states:

At Airport, Newfoundland at 2359 hrs. 19 June 1941 I was a member of the guard at No.9 hangar. I was walking up and down the beat and Rfn. Bennett was not staying on his own beat but always following me and asked me if I wanted to change with him because I had my great coat on. I was walking up and down the back of the hangar when a civilian came running down and said one of our boys was hurt. Afterwards Rfn. Braly came down and told me to take the side beat that I had before, where I remained until I was relieved.

Eighth Witness: Flight-Lieut. D.H. Hubbs, R.C.A.F. medical officer at the R.C.A.F. Hospital, Airport, Nfld. being duly sworn states:

At Airport, Nfld at approximately 0030 hrs. 20 June 1941, I was called to No.9 hangar and found a rifleman lying on his back under the propeller of a B-24 plane. He was partially decapitated and was found to be dead. His identity discs were found about twenty feet away with the string broken and were blood stained. Each of the three propeller blades were blood stained which would be consistent with having been struck by the propeller while it was in motion. The body was taken by ambulance to the R.C.A.F. hospital

Ninth Witness: Lieut. N.T. Mais, 1st Bn. Victoria Rifles of Canada (AF) being duly sworn, states:

At Airport, Nfld. I was orderly Officer from 0600 hrs. 19 June 1941 to 0600 hrs. 20 June 1941. At approximately 0030 hrs. 20 June 1941 I was advised that an accident had occurred to one of our sentries on duty outside No.9 Hangar. I therefore proceeded to the hanger accompanied by Lieut. Armitage. On my arrival, Capt. Ross, Station Manager, stated that the body could not be released to the hospital until permission had been

Signed at Gander, Nfld, this 20th day of June 1941.

PRESIDENT
Captain 1st Bn. V.R.C. (A.F.)

MEMBER Lieut
Lieut. 1st. Bn. V.R.C. (A.F.)

Lieut.S. 1st. Bn. V.R.C. (A.F.)

approved.

Certified this soldier was on duty at the time of the accident and, in my opinion, he was not to blame for the accident.

(D.H.Allan) Major & 2i/c
for Officer Commanding,
1st Bn VRC/AF.

Forwarded

(P. Earnshaw) Brigadier
Commanding Canadian Troops Newfoundland

St. John's, Nfld.
7 July, 1941

Forwarded in accordance with R.O. 807.

(C.E.CONNOLLY) Brigadier,
District Officer Commanding,
Military District No.6.

Halifax, N.S.,
11th July, 1941.

APPROVED

OTTAWA, ONT. for MAJOR-GENERAL,
Date 17/7/41 ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

obtained from an officer from the deceased soldier's unit. In my capacity of Orderly Officer, I therefore inspected the body which was lying under the propeller of the aeroplane. I then authorized the removel to the hospital. I was informed that the deceased sentry was Rfn. Bennett P. -D-72149, and this fact was corroborated by the identity discs which were found on the spot and which were covered with blood.

Tenth witness: Mr. W.J.Turner, employed with British Ministry of Aircraft Production, residing at Gander, Nfld. having been duly sworn states:-

At Airport, Nfld. around midnight 19th of June, I was Chief Engineer of the ground crew at No.9 Hangar. I was standing at the door of the hangar with Capt. Ross and Capt. Buxton when someone came up and said that one of the soldiers was hit with the propeller of the plane. Capt. Ross told me to phone the hospital for the ambulance which I did right away and they arrived in a few minutes. No one of the ground crew saw the accident happen. I then went out and had a look at the body which was lying below No. 2 engine.

The Court having heard all evidence, to its knowledge, available and deliberated, finds:

That the said No. D-72149 Rifleman Bennett, Peter was at the moment of his death in the performance of his duty, namely, as sentry or guard on duty at No. 9 Hangar, Newfoundland Airport, Gander, Newfoundland.

That the said Aircraft was stationary on the apron immediately in front of the said Hanger with its motors idling, the airscrews turning at approximately one thousand revolutions a minute.

That the said airscrews were turning by order of the commander of the said aircraft, one Captain G.R. Buxton, an officer in the employ of the British Ministry of Aircraft Production, the address in Canada of which is 637 Craig St.West, Montreal,P.Q.

That the aforesaid order of the Aircraft's Commander was given in order that the personnel of the Air Port could remedy an apparent defect in the operation of the plane's motive power.

That it was the duty of the deceased Rifleman to patrol in the immediate vicinity of the Aircraft.

That in the performance thereof, the deceased through, inadvertence, his misapprehension, or his misjudgement approached too close to the turning airscrews of the said Aircraft and was killed as aforesaid.

That, in the opinion of this Court, in connection with the said rifleman's demise, no fault or delict attaches to any person.

PROCEEDINGS of a*.....

*N.B.—As this form is applicable to any Board of Officers or Committee or Court of Inquiry, the blank is to be filled in accordingly.

assembled at.....

The signature of each Officer composing the Board, etc., should be attached to the end of the proceedings.

on the.....

by order of.....

for the purpose of.....

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PRESIDENT

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MEMBERS

The.....having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to

M.F.B. 303
100M—10-40 (7777-8)
H.Q. 1772-39-133

H.Q.405-B-6463 (AP)

RECEIVED
AUG 14 1941
RANKS
A.P.

- Army -

18th August, 1941.

Dear Madam:

I have for acknowledgement your letter dated 24th July, 1941, regarding funeral and burial of your late brother, Rifleman Peter Bennett.

May I be permitted to extend to you the sympathy of this Department in your recent bereavement. It is also very much regretted that you have been caused trouble and inconvenience in the matter of the transportation of your brother's remains from Newfoundland to Montreal.

As a matter of fact, a policy has been established that the bodies of members of the Canadian Army who die while on service beyond the confines of Canada, will not under any circumstances be returned to the Dominion for burial during the period of hostilities.

This matter is, however, receiving immediate consideration, and you will be further advised as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

(H. DesRosiers),
Acting Deputy Minister (Army)

APS/MEM

Mrs. B. Butler,
2224 Oxford Ave., N.D.G.,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Please return file to A.P.

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(DRAFT)

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: THE HONOURABLE
THE TREASURY BOARD

H.Q. 405-B-6463 (A.P.)
~~25th October~~ 13th November, 1941.

D.72149, Rfmn. Peter BENNETT (Deceased)
Victoria Rifles of Canada

The undersigned has the honour to report for the consideration of Treasury Board that:-

1. Due to a misunderstanding on the part of one of the officers on the staff at Headquarters, Force "W", the body of the marginally noted late soldier, who died while with the Canadian Forces in Newfoundland, was returned to his home in Montreal for burial.

2. This soldier's family, being in poor circumstances financially, had great difficulty in meeting expenses incurred in this connection, transportation charges amounting to almost $100 being paid by the deceased's sister out of her savings.

3. Although instructions had been issued that bodies of deceased Canadian Army personnel were not to be returned from Newfoundland to Canada for burial during the present period of hostilities, and permission was definitely refused in this particular instance, the officer dealing with the case in Newfoundland evidently interpreted the instructions to mean that bodies would not be returned at public expense and considered it would be in order to return the same at the expense of next of kin, if they so desired.

4. Admittedly and error was made, and in order to prevent any unfavourable publicity in this respect, authority of the Minister was obtained (folio ~~115~~), pending P.C. approval, to expend an amount of ~~$182.34~~ (?) to cover expenses incurred in Montreal in this connection, ~~payment~~ reimbursement being made through Paymaster, M.D.4 upon production of receipted accounts (Attached A, B, C D & E).

flagged B
up to $250.00

5. Similar action was subsequently taken in the case of D.72189, Rfmn. Joseph A. Alsop, (Washington, D.C.), using the case of Rfmn. Bennett as a precedent, in connection with which a submission is also being put forward on H.Q. 405-A-1876 Herewith.

to Mrs. M. Bennett, mother of the deceased (receipt attached hereto),

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6. Details of the expenditure involved in this particular instance areas under:-

Funeral Director's services in Newfoundland	$ 90.00	-PAID- (Attached F)
Transportation charges from St. Johns to Montreal	50.10	(Attached A)
Transportation charges (Escort)	40.55	
Telegrams	12.69	(Attached B)
Cost of Grave in Montreal	15.00	(Attached C)
Opening of Grave	5.00	(Attached D)
Funeral Director in Montreal ..	59.00	(Attached E)
Total	$ 182.34	$ 272.34

7. As the regulations governing funerals and burials do not permit the expenditure of public funds in this instance in the manner above mentioned, it is necessary to obtain special approval in order that same may be properly allowed. The Adjutant-General has therefore recommended that the above expenditure be authorized.

8. The undersigned concurs in the recommendation and submits the above for approval, please.

Respectfully submitted,

Minister of National Defence

DRAFT:DS

P R E C I S

Re: D.72149, Rfmn. Peter BENNETT (Deceased)
Victoria Rifles of Canada (H.Q. 405-B-6463)

Folio 9 (21-6-41)	Telegraphic advice received from Newfoundland re accidental death of above named.
Folio 10 (21-6-41)	Wire from Newfoundland requesting authority to transport remains to Montreal for burial, at request of family, with brother to accompany same as escort.
Folio 11 (21-6-41)	Telegram to Newfoundland enquiring whether brother of deceased is serving Canadian soldier.
Folio 14 (21-6-41)	Reply received by wire, advising escort not brother but a friend of deceased. Error made in previous telegram by company.
Folio 12 (21-6-41)	Submitted to Minister for approval or otherwise re granting of permission to return body. Considered that Newfoundland is overseas and therefore circular instructions of 20th November, 1940 to apply (folio 15).
Folio 13 (21-6-41)	Telegram forwarded to Newfoundland refusing permission to return body of Bennett and advising that the established policy is that no bodies are to be returned from overseas during the period of hostilities.
Folio 43 (26-7-41)	Letter received from sister of deceased advising that remains were shipped to Montreal and that she had to pay transportation charges of about $100, as well as the cost of several telegrams to Newfoundland in this connection, and requesting reimbursement of expenses. Telegrams enclosed: (a) folio 41, notification of death and enquiry whether next of kin desired body shipped to Montreal. (b) folio 40, advising remains could not be returned at public expense and that burial would therefore take place in St. Johns, Newfoundland.
Folio 45 (9-8-41)	Letter to Newfoundland requesting report on the circumstances of this case and particularly information as to why body was returned in direct contravention of instructions of the 21st June.
Folio 46 (12-8-41)	Letter in reply to sister of deceased informing her that the matter is receiving immediate attention and she will be further advised.
Folio 48 (24-8-41)	Submission to Minister requesting permission to expend an amount up to $250 to cover transportation, undertakers services in Montreal, etc., pending P.C. approval, upon production of certified accounts. Approved 27-8-41. Original on 405-A-1876.
Folio 49 (27-8-41)	Telegram to Newfoundland advising Minister requests immediate report on this case and that of Alsop.
Folio 50 (27-8-41)	Further wire to Newfoundland informing that Minister not satisfied with previous explanations - particular reference made to Alsop case, which is similar.

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H.Q. 405-B-6463

Re: Rfmn. Peter BENNETT (Deceased)

Lt.-Colonel Sprange discussed with Major Firth, Administrator of Estates, the question of the marginally noted late soldier's estate (loss of Ronson lighter, and other personal belongings, claimed by next of kin).

Major Firth took thefiles in this connection with him in order to clear up all Estates matters in this respect.

(H.Q. 405-B-6463)
(H.Q. 405-A-1876)
(H.Q. 54-27-88-3)

4th September, 1941.

Memo for file.

Folio 67 (29-8-41) Letter received from Newfoundland advising all funeral arrangements had been completed in Newfoundland but body was forwarded at insistent demands of mother of deceased at her expense, at her own request. Officer making arrangements evidently considered it would be in order to return body if no expense to the public involved. Advice also included with respect to a complaint received from family that certain personal effects were not returned to them - such articles probably passed out of possession of Bennett prior to date of death.

Folio 68 (29-8-41) Receipt of above letter acknowledged (Ranks 213).

Folio 70 (30-8-41) Cable received from Newfoundland advising funeral accounts requested in connection with services performed in St. Johns being forwarded next mail. To cable explanation as to why officer concerned acted contrary to instructions as soon as possible.

1st.Bn.Victoria Rifles of Canada (AF)

Inventory of Personal Effects Rfn.Bennett P. -D-72149

Flashlight
Bridge Work (Upper)
Wrist Watch,Waterproof,Simmons,with strap destroyed
Signet Ring,bent and twisted,probably Gold.
Money Belt,marked D-72149
Small Padlock and Key
Metal shaving Mirror and case
Miscellaneous membership cards
Soldier & Sailors Prayer Book
Catholic Pocket Prayer Book,Leather bound
Prayer Book,paper covered,marked D-72149
Three blue silk bags,porbably containing relics
One Packet containing 18 Winchester cigarettes
One envelope containing lighter flints
One bottle Frosst #217 Tablets
One Yankee combination can & bottle opener
One pair nail scissors
One tube zinc ointment
One pr.40 ins. boot laces
One bank book,Royal Bank of Canada St.John's Nfld.
showing Nil balance
One tin toffee box,empty
One small lecture note book
One small note book (Ramsay Paint)
One small green lecture note book
One letter post marked St.Johns Nfld.3 June 1941 from
M.Hartary,223 Craig Miller Ave.St.John's Nfld.
One large brown envelope containing blank envelopes and
one smaller envelope containing snapshots
One shaving brush
One shirt,cotton
Towels,two
5#5 Sweet Caporal Cigarettes
2 Tins Dr.Lyons Tooth Powder
1 Styptic pencil
1 Tube Williams Shaving Cream
1 Metal Soap dish and soap
2 Nail brushes
2 Packets Gillette Razor blades
1 Pack Playing cards
1 Sleeveless sweater
1 Pull over sweater
1 Scarf
3 Prs.Socks
1 Pr.wristlets
1 Pr.pyjamas
1 Sock (other missing)
2 Prs.shorts (underwear)
2 Singlets
12 Handkerchiefs
1 Face Cloth
2 Dish Towels
1 Pr.Braces
4 Pr.Shoelaces
1 Khaki Tie
1 Laundry Bag
1 Kit Bag Handle
1 Utility Tape

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ESTATES BRANCH JUL 8 1941 H.Q. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

Major.
Lieut.

2224 Oxford Ave. N.D.G. Montreal Aug 2, 1941.

H-2-405-B-6463 FD-340

STAT... BRANCH AUG 5 1941 OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of parcel containing personal effects of my late brother Peter Bennett D-72149. However my mother has not signed the form that you sent her as yet, for the reason, that all his personal effects were not in the parcel. The missing articles were, namely; (Ronson) cigarette lighter, wallet containing pictures of every-member of his family. pen & pencil set, eye glasses, which I know he very seldom wore, therefore I cannot believe he was wearing them at the time of his death. and seven hundred cigarettes which were packed in his kit bag immediately after the accident.

I know he had the above articles because we sent them to him ourselves. I would really appreciate knowing why these things were not returned to us, because it is very hard to believe that they were all destroyed at the time of his death.

As for me, I am a widow for the past twelve years, and have resided with my parents since that time, and expect to continue doing so. Therefore you can continue to correspond with me.

Hoping to hear from you soon. With many thanks.

Yours truly

Mrs B. Butler.

C O P Y

Montreal, July 24, 1941.

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reference to the estate of my late brother, Rfmn. Peter Bennett, D.72149 of "Victoria Rifles of Canada.

No doubt by this time you have received the form, which you recently sent my mother, to be filled out regarding same. You may notice, that the cost of telegrams which was aprox. $12.00, was also listed with expenses. I am enclosing the two telegrams which caused this added expense.

The first one to arrive, which was on the day of his death June 20th, stated, as you will note, to wire them "If we wanted body shipped to Montreal". which we answered at once, to do so by all means.

Two days later we get the second enclosed wire, stating that "Canadian authorities cannot send body at public expense. Which caused my mother added heart-break, at the thought of him being buried in St. Johns, when he could so easily be shipped home to us. However, after a few more telegrams were sent. We suddenly realized that we could not have body, unless my mother paid for transportation. She being in poor circumstances, could not do so. But I, his sister, gladly paid his transportation myself, which took every cent I had to my name, aprox. $100.00.

I take this opportunity to explain all this, becuase I believe the authorities in St. Johns Nfld. could have saved us a few dollars, and a lot of anxiety, by telling us in the first wire, that we would be obliged to pay transportation of my brother.

I would also appreciate no end,having his belongings sent home as soon as possible. I am on my holidays for the next two weeks. And I would like to be home with my mother, when same arrives, as it is a great worry to me working every day, and wondering if my mother will be alone in the house when parcel does arrive. She is quite elderly, and has had a terrible shock. I'm sure she will feel badly when she sees his things again.

Will you kindly do all possible, for us at this sad time?

Thanking you in advance, for your anticipated attention.

I remain,

Sincerely yours

B. Butler, (Sister of Peter Bennett)

2224 Oxford Aven. N.D.G.,

Montreal, P.Q.

Montreal July 25, 1941

Quote No-H.2. 405-136463-FD-340

Dear Sir:

In reference to your form P. 64 in regards to estate of Rfn Peter Bennett-D-42149. Here are the ages omitted in filling in form of last week.

Mary Ellen Bennett 71 years. June past 19th
Peter Bennett 75 years November past. 17th
Mrs B. Butler. 43 years December last 12th
Mrs Margaret Buckey. 49 years December last 24th
Leo Bennett. 36 years in August coming 6th
Patrick Bennett 47 years in November last 29th
Joseph Bennett. 31 years Jan past. 1st

Hoping this will be satisfactory, and that you will excuse omission of ages.

I remain.
Yours truly.
Mary Ellen Bennett
1124 Oxford ave
N.D.G. Mtl.

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ESTATES BRANCH
JUL 28 1941
OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

H.Q. 405-B-6463

CABLE NO...W.F.44..... Page.....

DATE.....20-6-41.....

Regimental No...D.72149.... Rank.....Rifleman.....

Name.....BENNETT.....Peter.....
(Surname) (Christian Names)

Unit.....Victoria.Rifles.of.Canada.(CA).....

Original Unit.....".....".....".....".....".....

Taken on strength at.....Montreal,.P.Q.....

Nature & Place of Casualty.Killed,.accidentally.by.aeroplane
.while.on.duty.early.morning.....

Date of Casualty.....20th.June,.1941.....

Next of Kin.....Mrs..Mary.Ellen.Bennett.....
(Name)

Relationship.....Mother.....

Address of N. of K.....2328.Regent.St.,.....
..Montreal,.Quebec.....
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Cable check, N.of K. check, (M.F.M. 1,2 or 5) Telegram check

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HQ 405-B-6463

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Press Liaison Office

(MILITARY)

June 30, 1941

CANADIAN ARMY

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST No. M-55

OVERSEAS

CANADA'S ROLL OF HONOUR

The Minister of National Defence announces with deep regret the following casualties. The next-of-kin have already been notified.

OFFICER I/C RECORDS
A. G. BRANCH
JUL 3 1941
H. Q.
OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O.s, AND MEN

DIED

Royal Canadian Artillery

	Next-of-Kin
HOPKINS, Samuel, L./Bdr., B12146.	Mrs. Jennie Hopkins (Wife), Aldershot, Ont.

Quebec Regiment

BENNETT, Peter, Rfn., D72149.	Mrs. Mary Ellen Bennett (Mother), 2328 Regent St., Montreal, Que.

DANGEROUSLY ILL

Headquarter Units

BROOKS, Harry Ross, Cpl., B.85830.	Mrs. Alice Brooks (Wife), 340 Tragina Ave., Hamilton, Ont.
PATRICK, Robert Stewart, Pte., M11529.	Mr. Alexander Forsyth Patrick (Father), Plug St., Drumheller, Alta.

Royal Canadian Engineers

LABELLE, Oscar, Spr., C2355.	Miss Hernilline LaBelle (Sister), 164 Guigues St., Ottawa, Ont.

Eastern Ontario Regiment

STETHEM, Richard Stanley, Pte., C20584.	Mrs. Richard Stethem (Mother), 103 River St., Westboro, Ont.

Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps

STEWART, Robert, Pte., C27220.	Mrs. Marjory Stewart (Wife), 284 Bay St., Ottawa, Ont.

SERIOUSLY ILL

Central Ontario Regiment

PALLA, Arthur Mitchell, Pte., B67528.	Mrs. Dorothy Mary Palla (Mother), 455 Queens Drive, Weston, Ont.

Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island Regiment

AUBRECHT, Frank John, Pte., F40030.	Mr. John Aubrecht (Father), Barrington St., Sydney Mines, N.S.

FORM 6

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS—QUEBEC DEATH TRANSCRIPT

Do not write in this space

1. PLACE OF DEATH

Municipal county: Newfoundland.

Official name of civil municipality or township: St. John's

Place an X over the word which applies to this municipality or this territory — City | Town | Village | Parish | Township

Street: No.

Hospital or Institution: Airport.

2. LENGTH OF STAY

(a) In hospital or institution	Years	Months	Days	(b) In municipality where death occurred	Years	Months	Days	(c) In Province	Years	Months	Days	(d) In Canada (if immigrant)	Years	Months	Days
								in Nfld.	--	6	16				

3. NAME OF DECEASED

Surname: BENNETT (*Block letters*)

Given names: Peter

Do not write in this space

4. RESIDENCE

Street: Regent Street No. 2328

Official name of civil municipality or township: Montreal

Municipal county: Province: P.Q.

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): Province of Quebec.

11. DATE OF BIRTH: March (Month) 12th (Day) 1904 (Year)

12. AGE OF DECEASED	Years	Months	Days	If less than one day old
	37	3	9	....hrs. or ....min.

OCCUPATION

13. Trade, profession or kind of work, as **spinner, teamster, office clerk**, etc.: Clerk, typist.

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	18. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country)
FATHER		
MOTHER (Maiden name)		

19. Place of burial, cremation or removal: Cote des Neiges, Montreal, P.Q.

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: ....19.... (Month) (Day) (Year)

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

22. Date of death: June (Month) 20th (Day) 19 41 (Year)

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) Accidentally killed.

due to

Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to immediate cause (stated in order proceeding backwards from immediate cause).

(b)

due to

(c)

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 (State which): Accident Date: June 20th, 19 41

Manner of injury (How sustained): Injuries received when deceased approached too close to turning airscrews of plane and was killed.

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.)

F. B. Rading for Lt. Col.

This signature authorizes the collector to accept this form as authentic.

29. Name of clergyman in charge of Register of Civil Status in which registration of this burial was made.

Officer i/c Records, Dept. National Defence.

(Voir l'autre côté pour le français)

OVERSEAS CANADIAN ARMY CASUALTY

FORMULE 6

BUREAU FÉDÉRAL DE LA STATISTIQUE—COPIE DU BULLETIN DE DÉCÈS—QUÉBEC

N'écrivez pas dans cet espace

1. LIEU DU DÉCÈS

Comté municipal | Nom officiel de la municipalité civile ou du canton | *Apposer un X sur le mot qui s'applique à cette municipalité ou ce territoire* — *Cité* | *Ville* | *Village* | *Paroisse* | *Canton*

Rue | No. | Hôpital ou institution

2. SÉJOUR

(a) dans l'hôpital ou l'institution	*Années*	*Mois*	*Jours*	(b) dans la municipalité du décès	*Années*	*Mois*	*Jours*	(c) dans la province	*Années*	*Mois*	*Jours*	(d) au Canada (s'il s'agit d'un immigré)	*Années*	*Mois*	*Jours*

3. NOM DU DÉFUNT

Nom de famille..... (*Lettres moulées*)

Noms de baptême ou prénoms.....

4. RÉSIDENCE

Rue..... No.....

Nom officiel de la municipalité civile ou du canton.....

Comté municipal..... Province.....

5. SEXE	6. NATIONALITÉ (Citoyenneté)	7. ORIGINE RACIALE	8. Célibataire, marié, veuf ou divorcé (Ecrire l'un de ces mots)

9. Si le défunt était marié, nom de son conjoint

10. LIEU DE NAISSANCE (Province ou pays)

11. DATE DE NAISSANCE..... (jour) (mois) (année)

12. ÂGE DU DÉFUNT	Années	Mois	Jours	Si âgé de moins d'un jour
				.....hrs. ou.....min.

OCCUPATION

13. Métier, profession ou occupation, ex. **tisserand, voiturier, employé de bureau**, etc.....

14. Genre d'industrie ou d'entreprise, tel que **filature de coton, industrie du bois, banque**, etc.....

15. Dernière date à laquelle le défunt vaquait à ce travail

16. Nombre d'années occupées dans cette profession

	17. NOM	18. LIEU DE NAISSANCE (Province ou pays)
PÈRE		
MÈRE (Nom de fille)		

19. Lieu de l'inhumation, de l'incinération ou destination du transport

20. Date de l'inhumation.....19.....

21. LIEU DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DE CETTE SÉPULTURE

(a) Nom de la paroisse ou église.....

(b) Municipalité civile de.....

(c) Comté municipal.....

(d) Date..... (jour) (mois) 19..... (année)

N'écrivez pas dans cet espace

CERTIFICAT MÉDICAL CONFIDENTIEL DE DÉCÈS

22. Date du décès..... (jour) (mois) 19..... (année)

23. JE CERTIFIE PRÉSENTEMENT que j'ai donné mes soins au défunt depuis le

.....19.....jusqu'au.....19.....

que je l'ai vu vivant pour la dernière fois le.....19.....

24. CAUSE DU DÉCÈS

I

Cause immédiate Mentionner la maladie, blessure ou complication, causant la mort, **non pas** son syndrome final, tel: syncope, asphyxie, asthénie, etc. (a).....

dû à

États morbides, s'il y en a, ayant produit la cause immédiate (Les indiquer dans l'ordre chronologique inverse de leur apparition). (b).....

dû à

(c).....

II

Autres conditions morbides (importantes seulement) ayant contribué au décès mais n'ayant aucune portée sur la cause immédiate. .....

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III Si une maladie contagieuse est mentionnée à ce certificat, donner (a) Date d'éclosion.....19.....

(b) Durée de la maladie.....jours

25. S'il s'agit d'une femme, y avait-il état puerpéral?.....

26. Y a-t-il eu intervention chirurgicale?..... Date de l'opération.....19.....

Constatations..... Y a-t-il eu autopsie?.....

27. Dans les cas où le décès est attribuable à des causes extérieures (violence):—

Accident, suicide ou homicide..... (Spécifier) Date.....19.....

Manière de la blessure..... (Dans quelle circonstance)

Nature de la blessure.....

Indiquer si la blessure a été infligée **au lieu du travail, dans l'habitation ou dans un endroit public**.....

Signature.....**M.D.**

Adresse..... **Date**.....**19**.....

28. Signature de la personne qui remplit la formule (vicaire, coroner, autorité d'un hôpital, etc.)

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Cette signature autorise le collecteur à accepter la formule comme authentique.

29. Nom du ministre du culte gardien du registre de l'État civil où est inscrit l'acte de cette sépulture.

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(For English see other side)

Quote No. H.Q. 405-B-6463 (Records C)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ARMY

Ottawa, Canada,

February 10, 1943.

PLEASE PLACE ON FILE AND R.J.

Commissioner of Income Tax,
Department of National Revenue,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The undermentioned Canadian Army Casualty is forwarded to you for transmission to the Inspector of Income Tax concerned:

Regimental No. D-72149

Rank. Rifleman

Surname. BENNETT

Christian Names. Peter

Nature of Casualty. Killed (accidentally by aeroplane)

Date of Casualty. 20-6-41

Address at time of enlistment. 2328 Regent St., Montreal, P.Q.

Occupation Clerk, Typist

Marital Status on enlistment S.

Name and address of next of kin - Mrs. Mary Ellen Bennett, 2328 Regent St., Montreal, Que.

P.L.

(W.E.L. Coleman) Lt.-Col.,
Officer i/c Records,
for Adjutant-General.

GR/ATG

25M-12-44 (6215)
H.Q. 1064-81-3

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ARMY

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY ═══ ARMY ═══ AIR FORCE

STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: Peter (CHRISTIAN NAMES) BENNETT (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO. D-14305
FILE NO. 405-B-6463
DATE 17-12-45
SERVICE NO. D-72149
FINAL RANK OR RATING Rfn.
DATE OF DISCHARGE 20-6-41

PAYEE Mrs. Mary E. BENNETT,
ADDRESS 2224 Oxford Ave.,N.D.G.,
Montreal - P.Q.

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 7

	$ ¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE — NO. OF DAYS 208 / 30 EQUAL TO 6 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50 (180)	45.00
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE — NO. OF DAYS LESS INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY — SEE PAR. 2 OVERLEAF FOR EXPLANATION	
	45.00
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE — DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE: PAY $; SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE $; ADDITIONAL PAY $; $; $; DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $ ____ $; TOTAL $ X7 = $; NO. OF DAYS ____ / 183 X$	
D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY	45.00
E. DEDUCTIONS — OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES $; DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $; OTHER DEDUCTIONS $	
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	45.00

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS— 100%

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU $____ OF $ = $

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $

ΔT

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	CHECKED BY
KMM	

TREASURY	
CHECKED BY	DATE

Kathleen Grant
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Administrator of Estates

Regimental No. D. 72149 Rank Rifleman

BENNETT Peter
Surname Christian Names

Unit. Victoria Rifles of Canada (CA)

Date of Death. June 20th, 1941. Place of Death. Overseas

Next-of-Kin. Mrs. Mary Ellen Bennett Relationship Mother
as shown in M.F.M.2

Address. 2328 Regent St., Montreal, Quebec.

ESTATES BRANCH JUL 9 1941 H.Q. OTTAWA. NATIONAL DEFENCE

M.F.M.5. No record of M.F.M. 5 in Record Office to date.

Will. No record of M.F.M. 10 in Record Office to date.

Date. July 2, 1941.

W.E.L. Coleman

(W.E.L. Coleman) Lt.-Col.,
Officer i/c Records,
for Adjutant-General.

*N.B.—As this form is applicable to any Board of Officers or Committee or Court of Inquiry, the blank is to be filled in accordingly.

The signature of each Officer composing the Board, etc., should be attached to the end of the proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS of a* Committee of Adjustment

assembled at Gander, Newfoundland

on the 23 June 1941

by order of Lt. Col. I. H. Eakin, Officer Commanding, 1st. Bn. Victoria Rifles of Canada (AF)

for the purpose of collecting the effects, and for other purposes

in the case of D-72149 Rfn. Bennett Peter whose death

occured on the 20th. June 1941.

PRESIDENT

Major W. R. Eakin Jr., 1st Bn. V.R.C. (AF)

MEMBERS

Lieut. D. C. Menzies, 1st Bn. V.R.C. (AF)
Lieut. R. C. S. Maclean 1st Bn. V.R.C. (AF)

The Committee having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to examine Regimental Part 1 Order No. 52, dated 23 June 1941, constituting them a Committee of Adjustment.

The Committee then assembled the effects of the deceased, and found the following personal effects, which have been dispatched by Registered Mail, with an Inventory, direct to the Officer in charge of Estates N.D.H.Q.

1	Flashlight
	Bridge Work (Upper)
1	Wrist Watch, Waterproof, Sinmons, with Strap destroyed.
1	Signet Ring, bent and twisted, probably Gold
1	Money Belt, marked D-72149
1	Small Padlock and key
1	Metal, Shaving mirror and case
	Miscellaneous Membership cards
1	Soldier & Sailors Prayer Book
1	Catholic Prayer Book, Leather Bound
1	Prayer Book, paper covered, marked D-72149
3	Blue silk bags, probably containing relics
1	Packet, containing 18 Winchester cigarettes
1	Envelope, containing lighter flints
1	Bottle Frosst #217 Tablets
1	Yankee combination can & bottle opener
1	Pair nail scissors
1	Tube zinc ointment
1	Pr. 40 ins. boot laces
1	Bank Book, Royal Bank of Canada, St. Johns Nfld. showing Nil balance
1	Tin toffeee Box, empty
1	Small lecture note book
1	Small note book (Ramsay Paint)
1	Small green lecture note book

M.F.B. 303
100M—10-40 (7777-8)
H.Q. 1772-39-133

Personal effects (cont'd)

1	Letter, post-marked St. Johns Nfld. 3 June 1941 from M. Hartary, 223 Craig Miller Ave. St. Johns Nfld.
1	Large brown envelope containing blank envelopes, and one smaller envelope containing snapshots.
1	Shaving Brush
1	Shirt, Cotton
2	Towels
525	Sweet Caporal Cigarettes
2	Tins Dr. Lyons Tooth Powder
1	Styptic Pencil
1	Tube Williams Shaving Cream
1	Metal Soap Dish and soap
2	Nail Brushes
2	Packets Gillette Razor Blades
1	Pack Playing cards
1	Sleeveless Sweater
1	Pullover Sweater
1	Scarf
3	Prs. Socks
1	Pr. Wristlets
1	Pr. Pyjamas
1	Sock (Other missing)
2	Prs. shorts (Underwear)
2	Singlets
12	Handkerchiefs
1	Face Cloth
2	Dish Towels
1	Pr. Braces
1	Pr. Shoelaces
1	Khaki Tie
1	Laundry Bag
1	Kit Bag Handle
1	Utility Tape

The Committee further examined M.F.C. 800, covering Public clothing etc., issued to the deceased, and after comparing it with effects assembled as belonging to the deceased, found the following deficiencies, to wit:-

1	Badge, Cap	(Not chargeable) WRE
1	Housewife	(Expendable) WRE
1	Pkt. Eye Shields	(Expendable)
1	Can Anti Dim	(Expendable)

All Public clothing found in the deceased's effects, has been turned in to Regimental Q.M. Stores.

The Committee ascertained that the body of the deceased, was dispatched to St. Johns Nfld. where an undertaker took charge of it. It was later dispatched from St. John's Nfld. to the deceased's home in Canada. There have been no bills rendered by the undertaker, and the Committee is not in a position to state whether there are any Preferential charges in this connection.

There are no, expenses of last illness, death having taken place suddenly as the result of an accident.

There are no Military debts due.

DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE ESTATES

Naval - Military - Air Force

XXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX

Name _____ No. _____
Surname Christian Names

: :
Rfm Rank Victoria Rifles Unit Canada 20 Feb Date of Death

AMOUNT

L. P. C. $

Other Credits 14.75

5.00 O.R. No. 60-25053

Total

Date _____ SEPTEMBER 16th, 1941. Shares Retained 19.75

NET TOTAL 19.75

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
1/4	Father	Peter Bennett, 2224 Oxford Ave., MONTREAL, Que.	4.95 R
1/4	Mother	Mrs. Mary Ellen Bennett, 2224 Oxford Ave., MONTREAL, Que.	4.95 R
1/10	brother	Patrick Bennett, Chateauguay Basin, P.Q.	1.97 R
1/10	brother	Leo Bennett, 1057 Gerouard Ave., MONTREAL, Que.	1.97 R
1/10	brother	Joseph Bennett, 2224 Oxford Ave., MONTREAL, Que.	1.97 R
1/10	sister	Mrs. B. Butler, 2224 Oxford Ave., MONTREAL, Que.	1.97 R
1/10	sister	Mrs. Margaret Buckey, 1602 E. 56th St. Brooklyn, NY., U.S.A.	1.97 R
SHARES RETAINED			
none			

Distribution approved and authorized

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

L.M. Firth

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

D.E. Campbell

For Chief Treasury Officer

Over

AUTHORITY.

H.O F.E. No.	DIV.	EST.	VOTE	PRI	DA OR H.O SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT	
9999			831	00	00	001	19	75
CLASSIFIED BY			EXAMINED BY				19	75
			FOR TREASURY OFFICER				TOTAL	

To be made out in duplicate

M.F.M. 5
200M—7-40 (6098-9)
H.Q. 1772-39-1651

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY OF AN OFFICER OR OTHER RANK OF THE C.A.S.F. 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 C.A.S.F. 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 individuals new unit.

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(1) Name of Officer of Other Rank.....BENNETT,.....Peter.....
(Surname first—Christian names in full—Block capitals)

(2) Regimental or Air Force Number and Rank...D-72149.....Rifleman.....

(3) Unit.....VICTORIA RIFLES OF CANADA-C.A.S.F.

(4) Are you married?.....Single.....

(5) If married, state,

(*a*) Full name of your wife.....N/A.....

(*b*) Present postal address of wife.....N/A.....

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

.....N/A.....

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

(8) Have you any children?.....N/A..... Number of boys.....N/A..... Girls.....N/A.....

Names and ages.....N/A.....

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

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

Name.....N/A.....

Postal Address.....N/A.....

[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?.....

If so, state her full name and Postal Address.....N/A.....

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

If so, state name and address, occupation..2328..Regent..Avenue,...Montreal,..P..Q.....

.....Mechanic.....

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

(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.....

.....N/A.....

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

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

If so, state name and addressMrs...Mary..Ellen..Bennett,...2328..Regent..Avenue,...Montreal, P...Q.....

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

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

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?.....N/A.....

(17) Are you contributing to the support of any dependents, other than those shown above?....N/A.....
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.....N/A.....

Full Name.....N/A.....

Postal Address.....N/A.....

Amount contributed monthly during the past six months.....N/A.....

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

If so, in what Company?.....Prudential..Life..Insurance..Co....Ltd.....
(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.

Peter J. Bennett.
.....
(Signature of officer or man)

Date...25..November,...1940.....

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Officer Commanding.....

Date.....25...November,...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.

Hq. Co.

NAME BENNETT, Peter

REGIMENTAL NO. D-72149 RANK Rifleman

ENLISTED AT Montreal, P. Q. PROMOTIONS, ETC. AND DATE

DATE 25-11-40

IF SERVED PREVIOUSLY, STATE UNIT, ETC.

MARRIED, WIDOWER, OR SINGLE Single

NEXT OF KIN Mrs. Mary Ellen Bennett RELATIONSHIP Mother

ADDRESS OF ~~2328 Regent Avenue~~ 2224 Oxford Ave. DO 63, Montreal, P. Q.

ASSIGNMENT OF PAY, $ 20.00 w.e.f. December, 1940 Pay stopped eff. 1 July 41.

ADDRESS As above

DEPENDENT'S ALLOWANCE ENTITLED OR NOT No.

DATE APPLICATION FORWARDED TO DISTRICT PAYMASTER M. F. M. 14

IN WHOSE FAVOUR

CASUALTIES, ETC.

NATURE E. G. ABSENCE, PROMOTION, ETC.	PART 11, D. O.		REMARKS IF IN HOSPITAL, NOTE NAME, ETC
	No.	DATE	
T.O.S. V.R.O.	88	26-11-40	w.e.f. 25-11-40
SOS Deceased	73	25-6-41	w.e.f. 20-6-41