J15450
RICHARDS
WILLIAM MORTI

M.F.M. 7
12 M—11-36 (9361)
H.Q. 1777-45-18

ACTIVE SERVICE
CANADIAN [redacted] FORCE

# DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE

**This is to Certify** that No. 1516 WPAM(VMC) (Rank) SERGEANT

Name (in full) WILLIAM MORTIMER RICHARDS enlisted in

the [redacted]

ACTIVE SERVICE
CANADIAN [redacted] FORCE at [redacted] on the twenty-sixth

day of AUGUST 19[redacted]

He served in [redacted]

and is now discharged from the service by reason of his services being no longer required

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Age | 23 Years 9 Months | Marks or Scars | |
| Height | 5' 10½" | | Scar Rt.Forehead |
| Complexion | Sallow | | Scar Rt.Knee |
| Eyes | Grey | | |
| Hair | Brown | | |

William M. Richards
Signature of Soldier

R Grange
Issuing Officer Lieut.

Asst. Adjutant
Rank

| Date of Discharge | Date |
|---|---|
| 2nd.November 1939 | 2nd.November 19 39 |

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

DUPLICATE FOR FILE

(P.T.O.)

1. That discharge certificate must be carried when wearing uniform;

2.—That uniform can be worn only thirty (30) days after discharge, or when duly authorized in writing; and

3.—That wearing of uniform renders him liable to usual military discipline, as if on the strength of a unit.

~~ORIGINAL~~
DUPLICATE
~~TRIPLICATE~~

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

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

Unit VICTORIA RIFLES OF CANADA C.A.S.F. Regimental Number 1516 (VRC) 1516(VRC)

# CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE
## ATTESTATION PAPER

1. Surname Richards
2. Christian Names William Mortimer
3. Present address 120 Sherbrooke St. West. Montreal
4. Date of birth 1 Feb. 1916
5. Place of birth Canada (Country) Quebec (County or Province) Montreal (Town or Township)
6. Religion (state denomination) Anglican
7. Trade or Calling Composition
8. Married, Widower or Single Single
9. Name of next of kin Rachel Richards
10. Relationship Mother
11. Address of next of kin 12o Sherbrooke St. Montreal. Pq.
12. Have you served in any Naval, Military or Air Force? No
13. If previous war service, state arm, force and regimental particulars None
14. Do you now belong to or have you served in the Active Militia of Canada? ~~No~~ Yes

Victoria Rifles of Canada 6 March 33
(Give unit and date of attestation)

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## DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

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

Date..... .....
(Signature of recruit)

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## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

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

.....(Signature of Recruit)

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

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

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

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

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

.....{Signature of Magistrate, Justice or Attesting Officer.

.....{Office or Rank and Unit or appointment.

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

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

Record of Service of RICHARDS (Surname) WILLIAM MORTIMER (Christian Names) Regimental Number 1516 VRC

## Qualifications

Military C.S. of I & M.G. Sgt 1935

Business or Professional none

Trade or Civil compositor

Technical Compositor's Cert Mtl Tech School

Languages English

## Educational Qualifications

High School or Collegiate 3 yrs (years completed)

Graduation or Matriculation no (specify)

*College no

*University no

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

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

| Report Date | Report From whom received | Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc., from date taken on Strength of Field Force | Rank Shown | Effective Date | Unit | Place | Authority Part II D.O. No. Cas. List, etc. | Authority Dated |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27 Aug | | Joined on appointment T.O.S. | Sgt. | 26 Aug. | VRC | Lachine | RO 1 | 27 Aug |
| 3 Nov. | | S.O.S. | | 2 Nov. | | Montreal | RO 69 | 3 Nov |

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

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

# CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Name in full..... William Martin Richards ..... Date.... Sept. 27, 39.....

**Part 1. Information obtained from the recruit.**

1. Age..... 23 .....

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Rheumatism | No | j. Nasal trouble | No |
| b. Tuberculosis | No | k. Ear disease | No |
| c. Bronchitis or asthma | No | l. Eye disease | No |
| d. Heart disease | No | m. Epilepsy | No |
| e. Kidney or bladder disease | No | n. Nervous or mental disease | No |
| f. Gastro-intestinal | No | o. Syphilis | No |
| g. Rupture | No | p. Gonorrhoea | No |
| h. Varicose veins | No | q. Have you ever worn glasses? | No |
| i. Flat or deformed feet | No | | |

William Richards
(Signature of Recruit)

Examiner's remarks re above.....

**Part 2. Information obtained by medical examination. The recruit must be stripped.**

1. Identification marks or scars. (If operative obtain history.)
Nill

2. Height 5 feet 10½ inches. 3. Weight 142 pounds.

4. Complexion sallow Eyes grey

Hair brown

5. Development good (Good / Fair / Poor)

6. Chest measurement—Girth on full expansion 35 inches.

Range of expansion 3½ inches.

7. Vision, right 20/20 left 20/20 8. Hearing, right Normal left normal

9. Condition of mouth and teeth... teeth good

10. The abnormalities (congenital and pathological) found on examination are as follows.....
none

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

Special remarks when category lower than A.....

Chas. H. Bond Maj. C.C. (President) J Bruneau (Member) W Wemyss Lt Col (Member)

VACCINATIONS, INOCULATIONS, BOARDS, RECLASSIFICATION OF MEDICAL CATEGORY

| Date | Brief details and signature | Date | Brief details and signature |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

Have you received, disability pension or compensation. If so give details. . . . . in the past

A cats

Regtl. No. 1516 V. R. C. Rank Sjt. Surname Richards Christian Name William Mortimer

| STATION | Date of Arrival at the Station | Dates of Admission into Hospital | | | Dates of Discharge from Hospital | | | DISEASE | Number of days in Hospital | Remarks on nature of the disease; how induced; if mild or severe; if completely recovered from; whether any particular treatment was adopted. In venereal cases state nature of primary disease, and whether mercury has been given. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty and whether a Court of inquiry was held. Date of issue and particulars of artificial teeth or surgical appliances supplied. | Signature of Medical Officer |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Day | Month | Year | Day | Month | Year | | | | |
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SJ01545C RICHARDS WILLIAM M | P08

1 NUMBER | NAME | 29 RANK

SERVICE AWARD CARD

| 39-45 STAR | ATL. STAR | A/C EUR STAR | AFRICA STAR | PACIFIC STAR | BURMA STAR | ITALY STAR | FR. AND GER. STAR | DEFENCE MEDAL | GEN. SER. MEDAL | C.V.S.M. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | AWARD |
| | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | AWARD AND CLASP |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | APPLICATION DISPATCHED |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | RIBBON ISSUED |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 25/4/44 | MEDAL ISSUED |

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FORM NO. R. 325

R.C.A.F.

PREFIX | NUMBER | NAME | RANK | CODE

IBM 83961

LICENSED FOR USE UNDER CANADIAN PATENT NUMBER 315306

C4053.

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Mrs. Rachel H. Thomas (mother)
1900 Laurier Ave., East,
Montreal,
Que.

Sept.-46.

MEMORIAL IS R
DATE DESP
REGN. NO 9642

10M—3-40 (4425)
H.Q. 1772-45-8

H.Q. FILE NO. 1022-R-2628

NAME RICHARDS, William Mortimer

REGT'L NO. J15450

RANK Sgt. P.O. UNIT OVERSEAS PRES. DEAD

| CABLE NO. | CABLE DATE | NATURE OF CASUALTY | CAS. LIST NO. | CAS. LIST DATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DATE OF DEATH: | 2-6-42 | MOTHER LIVING: YES WIFE: NA | | 8-6-42 |
| MINISTERIAL CARD: | 12-6-42 | ROYAL MESSAGE: 18-1-43 MEMORIAL CROSS: | 15-1-43 | |
| To mothe r | | To mother To mother | 22-1-43 | |
| To mother 25-11-42 | | | | |
| | | Mrs. Thomas Reginald Richards,<br>120 Sherbrooke Street, West,<br>Apartment 30,<br>Montreal, Quebec. | | C. OF E. |

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

# AWARDS ARMY M

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

| RICHARDS, William Mortimer | L 516 NPAM | Sgt | FILE No. 191198 |
|---|---|---|---|
| SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS) CHRISTIAN NAMES | REG. No. | RANK ON DISCHARGE | C.A.S.F. UNIT |

WAR SERVICE BADGE CLASS) No. DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

| CAMPAIGN MEDALS | REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED |
|---|---|
| War Medal 1939-45 | |
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(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

DVA 056

J15450 (DPC)

OTTAWA, Canada, January 27th, 1949.

Mrs. R. Thomas,
1900 Laurier Avenue E.,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of January 22nd, concerning the resting place of your son, Pilot Officer William Mortimer Thomas, and as you were informed in our letter of December 18th, 1945, your son is resting in the Communal Cemetery at Charleroi, Belgium, Grave No. 20 B.D.

The information which was conveyed to you in September, 1942, you will appreciate, was German information which had been conveyed to the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva, Switzerland, and then directed here.

May I express my deepest sympathy in the loss of your gallant son.

Yours sincerely,

(W. R. Gunn)
Wing Commander
R.C.A.F. Casualties Officer,
for Chief of the Air Staff.

WRG:LC

To. O.C. No 1 Signal School Cranwell.

Date. 20/11/41.

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Statement in respect Ban. R56440 Sgt. Richards W.M. Submitted in accordance with K.R.O A.C.I. par. 504 (9).

Sir:

Due to my inability to receive Morse I have been taken off the course. I have really tried hard to pass as I was very interested Radio. I have been boarded fairly o in respect to the marks I made I feel that I will be able to fill some other post in Air Crew. I definitely wish to remain In Air - Crew. My preferences are (1) To be a Pilot

(2) Radio Observer

(3) Air Gunner.

I remain.

Your obedient Servent

W. M. Richards Sgt.

Ban. R56440

C O P Y

Parloor Auguste,
Policeman,
Rue du Mambourg, 4.
Charleroi, Belgium.

To:
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS of THE ROYAL AIR FORCE
LONDON, (England)

Gentlemen,

On the 7th June, 1942, the Germans discovered at Moustier sur-Sambre near Namur, a bomber which had apparently crashed there during the 1250 plane raid on Cologne during the night of May 31st June, 1st, 1942, or during the 1000 bomber one on Essen during the night of June 1st/June 2nd, 1942.

They found 4 corpses, which they brought to Charleroi, where they buried them on the 8th June, 1942, with full military honours, rendered by a Luftwaffe Company of 60 men. They notified the City Authorities that they had been able to identify the only two of the bodies and gave the following particulars:

1. V.M. RICHARD Register Nr. R.56440 Canadian.

2. E.V. STEPHENS do 406413 Australian.

and added that they were unable to give any particulars whatever about the other two boys.

As on previous similar occasions there had been manifestations of sympathy on the part of the loyal population of Charleroi, the Germans not only tried to keep the matter secret, but also prevented anybody from coming into the cemetery during the ceremony. However, I had hidden myself in the dead house and from its window took various photos of the ceremony: subsequently when the Germans had left those of the citizens of Charleroi who had got wind of the ceremony came to the cemetery and put flowers on the graves, which I then photographed. Finally, I then photographed the graves when the crosses had been put on them and the above names are legible on the respective crosses.

Having no doubt that the family of the two boys in question shall be very glad to have these photos, I have made a small album of them and should like to send a copy of same to the two families in question. I might add that in order to prove beyond doubt that these photos are really genuine, I have got the Burgomaster of the City as well as the head-keeper of the Cemetery to vouch for their authenticity.

I am whether in your records you cannot find the addresses of the families concerned and should feel obliged if, you would kindly let me have same if you are unable to do so, be good enough to pass my letter on to the people in a position to give that information.

I think it is quite unnecessary to add that the only object I have in view is to do a kindness to the bereaved families and would not dream of charging anything for the photos.

Thanking you in anticipation for anything you may be able to do in the matter,

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours very truly,

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R.C.A.F. A-81
25M-12-44 (4876)
H.Q. 885-A81

# DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY — ARMY — AIR FORCE

## STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

Mck. 2 AIR

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[illegible]SED [illegible]ER'S [illegible]ME: William M. (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Richards (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.
FILE NO. 3893
DATE 29 May/45
SERVICE NO. J.15450
FINAL RANK OR RATING P/O

PAYEE Receiver General of Canada,
ADDRESS Director of Estates,
Ottawa, Ont.

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 2 June/42
DATE OF DISCHARGE 2 June/42

| | $ ¢ |
|---|---|
| A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE<br>NO. OF DAYS 628 (30) EQUAL TO 20 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50 | 150.00 |
| B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE<br>NO. OF DAYS 293 LESS 28 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 265 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY | 66.25 |
| C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE<br>DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE<br>PAY $ 6.25<br>SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE $ 1.70<br>ADDITIONAL PAY $<br>$<br>$<br>DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $ $<br>TOTAL $ 7.95 ×7 = $ 55.65<br>NO. OF DAYS 293 (183) ×$ 55.65 | 89.10 |
| D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY | 305.35 |
| E. DEDUCTIONS — OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES $<br>DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $<br>OTHER DEDUCTIONS $ | |
| F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | 305.35 |

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G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU $ _____ OF $ E61 =$
TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $

CERTIFICATE I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN CORRECTLY COMPUTED AND IS PAYABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE WAR SERVICE GRANTS ACT, 1944 AND THE REGULATIONS ISSUED THEREUNDER.

| PREPARED BY | CHECKED BY |
|---|---|
| MRG | JFM |

| TREASURY | |
|---|---|
| CHECKED BY | DATE |
| [signature] | 1-6-45 |

[signature] F/O
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

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4/10/44

Montreal Que.

Royal Canadian Air Force
Ottawa Ont.

Dear Sir,

In connection with past correspondence regarding the late P/O William Richards file J 15450 (R.O.3) please note I have now changed my marital status from Mrs. Rachel Richards to Mrs. E. W. Thomas.

This should be very pleasing news to a government who refused a pension to an widow whose only child sacrificed his life for his country.

I have read in the press that Gold Wings have been awarded to airmen after making an Operational

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fl[redacted] and I understand in the case of the airmans death. deceased's parent would receive same.

Please forward this to me as early as convenient to my new address.

95 Kings Road Valois Que.

Yours,

Rachel Thomas

Previously Rachel Richard

H.Q. 1022-R-2628 F.D. 164

ESTATES BRANCH
O T T A W A C A N A D A

October 13, 1943.

Mrs. Rachel H. Richards,
120 Sherbrooke Street, West,
Apartment 30,
Montreal, Quebec.

R ORIGINAL NO. 315

RICHARDS, William Mortimer, P/O (Deceased)
No. J.15450, R. C. A. F.

Dear Mrs. Richards:

Enclosed is Dominion of Canada cheque No. B.057167, dated September 27th, 1943, payable to your order in the amount of $1,210.17.

This is the total of your son's Service estate available to this Branch for distribution and is made up as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance of Pay and Allowances..... | $ 883.29 |
| Cash found in effects..... | 35.76 |
| Balance of Overseas Post Office Savings Bank account..... | 101.41 |
| Balance of bank account in Banque Canadienne Nationale, St. Catherine Street Branch, Montreal..... | 189.71 |
| TOTAL | $1,210.17 |

The whole amount is paid to you as sole beneficiary named in your son's Last Will.

Action has been taken to have the War Savings Certificate transmitted into your name, as requested, and the new certificate will go forward to you by Registered Mail at an early date.

Personal effects were forwarded in a carton by express, prepaid, on April 10th and you have acknowledged receipt. As advised in our letter

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H.Q. 1022-R-2628 F.D. 164

ESTATES BRANCH
O T T A W A C A N A D A

August 4, 1943.

Mrs. Rachel H. Richards,
120 Sherbrooke Street, West,
Apartment 30,
Montreal, Quebec.

RICHARDS, William Mortimer, P/O (Deceased)
No. J.15450, R. C. A. F.

Dear Mrs. Richards:

We wish to thank you for forwarding your son's War Savings Certificate in the face value of $5.00, and action has been taken, as requested, to have the certificate transmitted into your name.

It is anticipated that the new certificate will be received shortly, at which time it will immediately go forward to you.

We have now received your son's Pay documents from Overseas, and the amount at credit of the Service estate is $919.05, the balance of Pay and Allowances, the balance of an Overseas Post Office Savings Bank Account of $101.41 and the balance of the bank account in the Banque Canadienne Nationale, Montreal, of $189.71, which makes a total of $1,210.17.

As the total amount of the [redacted] estate is in excess of $1,000.00 Province of Quebec Succession Duty Releases will be required by us for the following amounts before distribution can be made to you as sole beneficiary named in the Will:

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance of Overseas Post Office Savings Bank Account | $101.41 |
| Balance of bank account in Banque Canadienne Nationale, Montreal | 189.71 |
| Balance of Pay and Allowances | 919.05 |
| Value of War Savings Certificate | 4.00 |

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Mrs. Rachel H. Richards August 4, 1943.

For purpose of obtaining Succession Duty Releases it will be necessary for you to write to the Succession Duty Department, Province of Quebec, Quebec City, and complete the forms that will be sent to you.

We will appreciate your kindness in forwarding the Succession Duty Releases when obtained in order that distribution of the amount at credit may be made to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(N. O. Seagram) S/Ldr.,
for (L. M. Firth) Lt.-Col.,
Administrator of Estates.

IGR:EA

June 3rd 1943

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Estates Branch
R.C.A.F.
Ottawa Ont.

ESTATES BRANCH JUN 3 1943 R.C.A.F. OTTAWA. NATIONAL DEFENCE

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated June 1st received, referring to my son, William Richards J.15450 pay documents. I would appreciate very much if you would have this matter settled as soon as possible. I am so disgusted with the decision of the Pension Commission that as soon as this matter is settled will take the matter up

with the R.A.F. Air Ministry
oversees which I understand
my son was transferred
to. Some can understand
now, our goverment only
takes care of the shiftless
and spendthrifts. Enclosed
you will find my son
Bank book also wish
to draw your attention my
son ~~spoke~~ wrote of having a
bank account in England
Post Office Bank No. 12700

Mrs. Rachel Richards
120 Sherbrooke St. W.
Montreal

M.F.M. 510
40/P & [illegible]254 (1-43)

# CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE
## OVERSEAS
# LAST PAY CERTIFICATE
## (All Ranks)

District.....

Dispersal Area.....

Regtl. No. J.15450 Rank and Name P/O Richards W.M.

of (Unit) R.C.A.F. on.....

(Transfer or Discharge).....to.....on June 2nd 19 42.

Reason Killed 2.6.42. Authority: Ser. 1108A.

The following is a statement of the account of the above-named from June 1st. to June 30th 19 42. the inclusive date of transfer or discharge.

| Dr. Particulars | Amount | | Cr. Particulars | Amount | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance Dr. from last account | | | Balance Cr. from last account | 384 | 65 |
| First Monthly Payment | | | Regimental Pay 30 days at 6 $ 25 | 187 | 50 |
| Casual Payments | | | Tradesmen's Pay ..... days at ..... $ | | |
| Payments on Transfer or Discharge | | | Additional Pay (Give particulars) ..... ..... days at ..... $ | | |
| Assigned Pay ..... June | 40 | 00 | Allowances (Give particulars) ..... days at ..... $ | | |
| Regimental Charges | | | | | |
| Public Stoppages (Give particulars): | | | | | |
| ~~Debit on discharge to Com.~~ £83.15.0 | 374 | 36 | RAF Pay Oct. 25th 1941 - June 2nd 1942 £160.4.6d | 716 | 21 |
| | | | Cash found in effects £8. | 35 | 76 |
| ~~RAF Pay June 1st.2nd 2 days~~ @ 14/6d per Diem. | 6 | 48 | Bal.in P/O Savings a/c Rec.No.114451. | 101 | 41 |
| To Balance Cr. Free | 620 | 04 | Def.Pay Int. to 30.6.42 | 5 | 05 |
| To Balance Cr. Deferred 674 | 389 | 70 | By Balance Dr. | | |
| | 1009 | 74 | | | |
| Total | 1430 | 58 | Total | 1430 | 58. |

**BALANCE GIVEN IS SUBJECT TO ANY CHARGES AND/OR CREDITS ENDORSED ON THE REVERSE HEREOF** 6-11-153

Remarks:

CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCES
BRANCH
MAY 13 1943
H.Q.
OTTAWA
NAT. DEFENCE

Compiled by K.A. Bissill.

Checked by J. Kensitt.

Date 31st. Mar 19 43.

Certified correct W. Groome
for Chief Treasury Officer, Overseas.

D.S.

F.14233. PERSONAL EFFECTS OF CAN/R56440. SGT. RICHARDS. W.M.

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1 Attache case containing:-
3 Shirts.
3 Pr socks.
1 Leather writing case.
2 Diaries (1940 & 1942)
1 Identity card case.
1 Leather cigarette case.
1 Zip wallet case.
1 Leather belt.
1 Photograph.
2 Fountain pens in case.
1 Pr sunglasses (broken)
2 Knives. (1 broken)
1 Box with N.S.H. Broad.
1 Darwin razor.
15 Handkerchiefs.
1 Case contg; propelling pencil, & fountain pen.
2 Torches.
4 Pipes.
1 Copy of New Testament.
1 Shoehorn.
1 Kodak camera.
1 Ronson outfit.
1 pr shoes & trees.
1 Pr leather slippers.
1 Tin oddments.
1 Tin shaving materials.
4 Brushes.
Pipe cleaners.
1 Kitbag handle & lock.
1 Box contg studs etc.
Photos.
2 Pr pyjamas.
1 Shirt.
1 Pr socks.
1 Vest.
2 Pr combinations.
1 Collar.
5 Handkerchiefs.

Effects checked at the Central Depository on 1/7/42 & 30/7/42 & 8/9/42.

[redacted]EMORANDUM FOR



Mrs. T. R. Richards,
120 Sherbrooke Street, W.,
Montreal, Que.,

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

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. 1022 - R - 2628 FD 164

# DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
# OTTAWA, ONT.

December 1st 1942

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

RICHARDS William Mortimer, P/O. R56440. J15450

R. C. A. F. Att'd R.A.F. O/S.

it is necessary that the requisite information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished on the inside of this form in strict accordance with the printed instructions. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on the back should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public, who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

for (N.O. Seagram) S/Ldr.,
for (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.,
Administrator of Estates.

ESTATES BRANCH
DEC 4 1942
H. Q.
OTTAWA.
NATIONAL DEFENCE

M.F.W. 77
5M—9-41 (1669)
H.Q. 1772-39-972

ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below.

| Degrees of Relationship | RELATIVES required to be accounted for | | INFORMANT'S STATEMENT: NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree inquired for | Age | ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Widow of the Deceased..... | | | | |
| 2 | Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births..... | | | | |
| 3 | Father of the Deceased..... | | Deceased. | | |
| 4 | Mother of the Deceased..... | | Rachel Holstein Richards | | |
| 5 | Brothers of the Deceased | Full Blood | none | | |
| | | Half Blood | | | |
| 6 | Sisters of the Deceased | Full Blood | none. | | |
| | | Half Blood | | | |
| 7 | 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 |
| | | | | | |

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.... | Mrs. J. Allen | 71 | 382 Magdalen St. |
| | | Mrs. B. Holstein | 92 | 67 Sherbrooke St E. Montreal |
| 9 | Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Deceased (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage)..... | Mrs Mary Quinbourne | Age 63 | 67 Sherbrooke St W. |
| | | Mrs. Sadie Singleton | 48 | 120 Sherbrooke St. apt 17 |
| | | Annie Holstein | 65 | 456 Pine Ave W. apt 4. |
| | | Sam Holstein | 55 | 67 Sherbrooke St E. |

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

## FULL PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 | What is the full name of the deceased? | William Mortimer Richards |
| 11 | Give the month and year of his birth. | February 1st 1916 |
| 12 | Where and when were his parents married? | St. Lukes anglican Church June 23rd 1914 |
| 13 | If deceased was married, state place and date of marriage. Was there a marriage contract (Quebec)? | |
| 14 | Did he leave a Will? If so, a copy should be attached hereto. | no |
| 15 | Did he leave a bank account? If so, give full particulars. | yes. Banque Canadienne Nationale #157.33 Uplifted |
| 16 | Is there any other estate which will necessitate application being made for Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration of the estate? | none |
| 17 | State *your own* postal address in full. | Mrs. J.R. Richards 120 Sherbrooke St W. Apt 30 |

## PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 18 | Where was deceased born? | Montreal Que |
| 19 | State, in order, the Province (or State) and country in which the deceased resided and the period of time in each, and in which last. | always in Montreal Que |
| 20 | What was the nature of his employment? | Fourth year apprentice. Compositor |
| 21 | Did he own the premises in which he lived? If so, where? | no |
| 22 | Did he ever state verbally, or in writing, where he intended to make his permanent home? | no |

## OTHER PARTICULARS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 23 | Did the deceased after enlistment incur any debts for:—<br>*(a)* His own separate board and lodging while on service.<br>*(b)* Service clothing and equipment.<br>An itemized account for each such debt should be attached hereto, and if same is correct you should mark the bill "approved" and sign same. If believed incorrect, give particulars. | none |
| 24 | Have you or any other relative paid the funeral expenses or any part thereof? If so, attach itemized accounts showing amount paid, and by whom.<br><br>(NOTE:—The Government pays funeral expenses within the amounts authorized in the Regulations, where death occurs and burial is made Overseas as well as where death occurs and burial is made in Canada, and if a relative has already paid those expenses the Government will reimburse such relative to the extent of the amount authorized in the Regulations. Any amount of such expenses in excess of those authorized in the Regulations is not payable by the Government nor is it chargeable against the service estate of the deceased.) | |

(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, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public.**

.....Mrs. Rachel Richards..... {Signature of Informant

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief..... Mrs. Rachel Richards..... {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.

*See above

Dated at Montreal this 3rd day of December 19 42

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public } Michael Coupland Qualification minister

Address 3530 St. Famille at 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 and age of each surviving Relative enquired after is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.**

## USE SPACE BELOW FOR ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE

My son's statement about his insurance in the Sun Life assurance is correct. I am the beneficiary

# OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER J15450 (R56440) RANK P.O. TRADE W.O./A.G. (GEN LIST) UNIT OVERSEAS

NAME RICHARDS, WILLIAM MORTIMER

SERVICE

| R.C.A.F. | R.A.F. | R.A.A.F. | R.N.Z.A.F. | OTHER |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| X | | | | |

MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE

WAS AIRMAN ON INDEFINITE LEAVE WITHOUT PAY? NO

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON REC. OF SERV. & RELATIONSHIP: MRS. T.R. RICHARDS, (MOTHER)

ADDRESS: 120 SHERBROOKE STREET, W., APART. 30, MONTREAL, QUE

NAME ADDRESS D.A.B. AGREES

ADDITIONAL PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED: ADDRESS

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON CAS. SIG. & RELATIONSHIP: MRS. R. RICHARDS,

ADDRESS: 120 SHERBROOKE STREET, MONTREAL, ~~XX~~ QUE.

RELIGION C. OF E. CANADIAN YES FRENCH CANADIAN OTHER

PARENTS NAMES: MRS. THOMAS REGINALD RICHARDS, MOTHER

ADDRESS: 120 SHERBROOKE ST. W., MONTREAL, QUE.

FATHER LIVING ON ENLISTMENT NO

MOTHER LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

WAS MEMBER ATTACHED TO R.A.F. AT TIME OF CASUALTY? YES/~~NO~~

IF SO, WAS HE A B.C.A.P.P. TRAINEE? YES/~~NO~~

IF NOT, UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WAS HE SO ATTACHED?

IF MEMBER WAS ATTACHED TO R.A.F. AT ANY TIME, GIVE DETAILS: . . . . . .

IF CASUALTY OCCURRED IN CANADA DID MEMBER HAVE SERVICE OUTSIDE CANADA DURING WAR WITH THE GERMAN REICH? YES/NO

IF SO, GIVE PERIOD OR PERIODS: . . . . . .

IF ON LEAVE, STATE DATE LEAVE COMMENCED AND WHETHER ON LEAVE WITH OR WITHOUT PAY? . . . . . .

AIR MEMORIALS BRANCH NOV 25 1942 R.C.A.F. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. 1464

CASUALTY DETAILS: AIR MIN KWY PX5329 d/5-11-42

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 2-6-42 AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS)

NOW PRESUMED DEAD FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES 2-6-42

P. OF D. YES

LAST WILL ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E? YES/~~NO~~

M.F.M. 5 ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.? YES/~~NO~~

DATE 18-11-42

J. L. Westman Mb

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

R.C.A.F. R217
15M-4-42 (2067)
H.Q. 885 R217

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ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES, OTTAWA

R.C.A.F. G. 65
1M—6-41 (323)
H.Q. 1062-9-73

# Royal Canadian Air Force

## CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

No. 1481.

**This is to Certify** that J 12450 (Number) Pilot Officer (Rank)
William Mortimer Richards (Name in Full) R.C.A.F. (Unit)
has been officially reported as missing since the 2nd day of June, 1942, and that, full inquiries having been made, there appears to be conclusive proof that he is dead. For official purposes, therefore, he is presumed to have died on or since the above mentioned date.

Dated at Ottawa, Canada, this 18th day of November, 1942.

T.K. McDougall

(T.K. McDougall)
Wing Commander,
R.C.A.F. Records Officer.

To be made out in duplicate

# R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

M.F.M. 5
100M—6-40 (5453-4)
H.Q. 1772-39-1651

INTAKE 11

## 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 William Mortimer RICHARDS
(Surname first—Christian names in full—Block capitals)

(2) Regimental or Air Force Number and Rank R56-440

(3) Unit ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

(4) Are you married? NO

(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? N.A.

(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 Guardian to whom Dependents' Allowance should be paid—if authorized.

Name N.A.

Postal Address N.A.

R.C.A.F. Records Office
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R. C. N. I.
S. L. P. 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? NO

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

(11) Is your father alive? NO

If so, state name and address, occupation N.A.

(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 address Rachel ~~HOLSTEIN~~ RICHARDS

120 Sherbrooke St, West, Montreal, Que.

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

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

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? Mother is a widow.

(17) Are you contributing to the support of any dependents, other than those shown above? NO
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.

(18) Are you insured? YES.

If so, in what Company? SUN LIFE ASS. CO. Number not known
(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.

William R. Richards
Wm Richards R. M. R.
(Signature of officer or man)

Date September 13th, 1940.

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James Schmid P/O
for (A.B. Matthews) Flt. Lt.
Officer Commanding
R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Montreal, Que.

Date September 13th, 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.

gmb.

WILL

R.C.A.F. R.60

(1) I....William Mortimer Richards.....of the (City ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxx~~

County
of...Montreal.....in the District of.....

Province of...Quebec.....Compositor.....
(Civil Occupation)

a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number R56440.....Do hereby revoke all former Wills made by me and declare this to be my Last Will.

(2) I give, Devise and bequeath unto:-

My Mother,

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
Mrs. Rachel Richards
120 Sherbrooke St., West
Montreal, Que.

all my estate

(3) ~~I Give, Devise and Bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate, both real and personal, of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated unto:-~~

(4) I appoint .....My Mother, Mrs. Rachel Richards, 120 Sherbrooke St., West, Montreal, Que.
(Name) (Address)

~~xxxxxxx~~
....., to be the Executrix of this my Last Will

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this ...15th.....day of

.....September.....1940..

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

W. M. Richards
(Signature of Testator)

(5) Signature J. H. Campbell

Address.....No. 1 Manning Depot, R.C.A.F. Toronto

Occupation.....Clerk

Signature R. S. Jones

Address.....No. 1 Manning Depot, R.C.A.F., Toronto

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R. C. D.M.S. N. I.....
S. I..... P. A. L.A.C.

R56440 Sgt Richards W.M.

COPY.

MBK 2.6.42

10 Air-R-7628

R04

Royal Air Force Station,
Moreton in Marsh,
Gloucestershire.

Reference:-
MI/726/84/P.1.

24th August, 1942.

Dear Madam,

You will be now have received information from the Air Ministry regarding the death on active service of your Son, No.R.56440 Sergeant William M.Richards.

Your Son had been on this Station for some months as you are aware, and during this time he had made many friends and he will be greatly missed by all those who came in contact with him.

May I express my deep sympathy with you in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,

Signed - R.A.A.Cole.

Group Captain, Commanding,
Royal Air Force Station,
Moreton - in - Marsh.

Mrs R.Richards,
120 Sherbrooke Street West,
Apt. 30
Montreal
Quebec,
CANADA.

BCATP

SIGNAL NO. 1016

CASUALTY RETURN

To be filled out for fatal casualties and
personnel reported missing.

NAME . . . RICHARDS, . WILLIAM MORTIMER . . . . . .

NUMBER . . R56440 . . . . . .

RANK . . . . T/SGT. . (PAID) . . . . . .

AIR FORCE TRADE . . WIRELESS OPERATOR AIR GUNNER - (S. Grp.) Ed. . . . . .

SERVICE: RCAF, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ UNIT - OVERSEAS
(Strike out Services not applicable)

WAS AIRMAN ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY? . . . NO . . . . . MARITAL STATUS . SINGLE . . .

NEXT OF KIN (As shown on Airman's Record of Service). . . . . .

. . . . . MRS. RACHEL HOLSTEIN RICHARDS . . . . . .

RELATIONSHIP . . . MOTHER . . . . . .

ADDRESS . . . . . 120 SHERBROOKE STREET, MONTREAL, QUEBEC. . . . . .

NEXT OF KIN (As shown on Casualty Signal from Unit) . . . . . .

. . . . . MRS. R. RICHARDS . . . . . .

RELATIONSHIP . . . NOT STATED . . . . . .

ADDRESS . . . . . 120 SHERBROOKE STREET MONTREAL QUEBEC . . . . . "Mrs. Thomas Reginald Richards"

PARENTS NAME (S) . MRS. RACHEL RICHARDS . . . . . Ed.

ADDRESS (As shown on Airman's Record of Service) 120 SHERBROOKE ST., WEST, MONTREAL QUE.

WAS MOTHER LIVING ON ENLISTMENT . . YES . . WAS FATHER LIVING ON ENLISTMENT . . NO . . .

GENERAL BACKGROUND
(Outstanding Achievements, etc.). . . . . AIR GUNNER'S BADGE 22-7-41 . . . . .

. . . . . .

RELIGION . . . CHURCH OF ENGLAND . . . . . .

NATIONALITY (Citizenship) . . . CANADIAN . . . . . ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ . . . . . .

CASUALTY SIGNAL NO . . . . PX6614 . . . . . DATE 4-6-42 . . . . . .

CASUALTY DETAILS . . . MISSING - UNKNOWN - 0416 HOURS 2-6-42 . . OVERSEAS . . . . . .

. . . . . .

DATE. . . 5-6-42 . . . . . E. J. Gallant

for R.O.

P.369402/M.R./503 SM

23 July 1945.

Officer Commanding,
Missing Research and Enquiry Service,
c/o Royal Air Force,
Brussels, B.L.A.

Casualty Enquiry No.B.215.

Wellington I.C. W5618 missing
as the result of air operations
on 2nd June 1942.

The occupants of the above mentioned aircraft are as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| R.76714 | Sgt. F.B. Albright | (Pilot) |
| R.86422 | Sgt. J.H. Forsyth | (Pilot) |
| AUS406413 | Sgt. E.V. Stephens | (A/Obs) |
| AUS406542 | Sgt. D.A.G. Watkins | (W.O.A/G) |
| AUS407601 | Sgt. N.T. Burt | (W.O.A/G) |
| R.66440 | Sgt. W.M. Richards | (A/G). |

Sgt. Watkins was taken prisoner of war, and Sgt. Forsyth who was a prisoner of war was reported by the Swiss Legation to have been killed on 6th June 1942, by an express train at the station of Chalon-sur-Seone, while attempting to escape to unoccupied France, and that he was buried in the local cemetery.

An extract from a German Totenliste states that Sgt. Richards, Sgt. Stephens and two unknown were buried at Charleroi cemetery, English part from World War 1914 1918. Sgt. Stephens is interred in grave T266 and Sgt. Richards in grave T267 and the two unknown in graves T269-T270.

An extract from a letter addressed tothe B.B.C London has now been received in this office. It is from Madamoiselle M. Cralot of Monstiar-sur-Sambre (Map Ref: 3/J81). and she states that the above mentioned aircraft crashed on her house, and that she holds some souvenirs and photos of the coffins. Two copies of the extract are enclosed for your information.

It is suggested that a visit may be made to collect these aritcles, and also to gather any further information concerning the aircraft which crashed at Jemeppe-sur-Sambre (Map Ref: 3/J81). the few details given in the last paragraph of Madamoiselle Cralot's letter.

You will perhaps arrange, in co-operation with G.R. & E. S. for exhumation of the remains in graves T.269 and T.270 in an endeavour to definitely establish their identity.

for Director of Personal Services.

Copies to: F/O. Coxon O.H.Q., R.A.A.F.
F/Lt. Figg, Can.Cas.

S.14. (Cas.) C.5.

POST PRESUMPTION MEMORANDUM NO. 550/48

FILE NUMBER P.369402/42 DATE 5.2.48

Relating to WELLINGTON W.5618 Missing on 2.6.42

Crashed at MOUSTEIR-SUR-SAMBRE

RECEIVED MAR 17 48

| NUMBER | RANK | NAME | BURIAL DETAILS | INFORMATION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | CHARLSFOI COM. CEM.<br>Plot Grave No. | BELGIUM |
| J.15450 | Plt.Off. | RICHARDS W.M. | B.D. 20 | M.R. and E.U. report reveals burial of these 4 members as indicated. |
| AUS.40413 | Sgt. | STEPHENS E.V. | B.D. 21 | |
| A.406413 | | | B.D. 22) to 23) | |
| R.76714 | Sgt. | ALBRIGHT F.B. ) | | |
| AUS.407601 | Sgt. | BURT R.T. ) | | |
| | | | CHALON-SUR-SAONE WESTERN CEMETERY<br>Plot Row Grave | FRANCE |
| R.86422 | Sgt. | FORSYTH J.H. | 23 1 183 | FORSYTH and WATKINS baled out, the latter is safe. FORSYTH while a P.O.W. was killed by a train at CHALON Railway Station in endeavouring to escape to unoccupied France. A.G.13 Photostat gives burial particulars of this airman as indicated. |
| AUS.406542 | Sgt. | WATKINS D.A.G. | Safe | |

Circulation

P. File
B.1 (Alpha)
B.1 (Chron. Cards)
B.1 (MEM)
G.161561 (c)
S.14. (Cas.C.4)
S.14. (Cas.C.5)
S.14. (Cas.C.6)
Cas. Can.4
R.A.A.F. O.H.Q.4

Case closed.

FORM 6

# DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS—QUEBEC DEATH TRANSCRIPT

Do not write in this space

**1. PLACE OF DEATH** (b)

Municipal county: OVERSEAS | Official name of civil municipality or township: | Place an X over the word which applies to this municipality or this territory: City | Town | Village | Parish | Township

Street: | No.: | Hospital or Institution:

**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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**3. NAME OF DECEASED**

Surname: RICHARDS (*Block letters*)

Given names: William Mortimer

**4. RESIDENCE**

Street: Sherbrooke Street West No. 120

Official name of civil municipality or township: Montreal

Municipal county: Province: Quebec

| 5. SEX | 6. NATIONALITY (Citizenship) | 7. RACIAL ORIGIN | 8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (*Write the word*) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Male | Canadian | | Single |

**9.** If married give name of wife or husband of deceased: N.A.

**10.** BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country): Quebec

**11.** DATE OF BIRTH: February (Month) 1st (Day) 1916 (Year)

| 12. AGE OF DECEASED | Years | Months | Days | If less than one day old |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 26 | 4 | 1 | ....hrs. or....min. |

**OCCUPATION**

**13.** Trade, profession or kind of work, as **spinner, teamster, office clerk,** etc.: Wireless Operator Air Gunner

**14.** Kind of industry or business, as **cotton-mill, lumbering, bank,** etc.: R.C.A.F.

**15.** Date deceased last worked at this occupation: 2-6-42

**16.** Total years spent in this occupation: Two

| | 17. NAME | 18. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country) |
|---|---|---|
| FATHER | RICHARDS, Thomas Reginald | Quebec |
| MOTHER (Maiden Name) | HOLSTEIN, Rachael | Quebec |

**19.** Place of burial, cremation or removal

**20.** Date of burial....19....

**21.** PLACE OF REGISTRATION OF BURIAL

(a) Name of parish or church

(b) Civil municipality of

(c) Municipal county

(d) Date....19.... (Month) (Day) (Year)

Do not write in this space

## CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

**22.** Date of death: June (Month) 2nd (Day) 19 42 (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) Previously reported missing

due to after air operations, now

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

(b) for official purposes presumed dead.

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: Accident (State which) Date: June 2nd 19 42

Manner of injury: Presumed killed in air operations. (How sustained)

Nature of injury....

Specify whether injury occurred in **industry, in home, or in public place**: public place

**Signed**....M.D.

**Address**....**Date**....19....

**28.** Signature of person who fills in the form (curate, coroner, hospital authority, etc.)

A. Mitchell F/O

for (RCAF Records Officer)

This signature authorizes the collector to accept this form as authentic. 27-11-42

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

(Voir l'autre côté pour le français)

AIR FORCE No. R56-440 POSTED TO R.C.A.F. Special Reserve No 1 Manning Depot, Toronto, Ont. TRADE Air Crew (Wireless Operator and Air Gunner)

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## (ATTESTATION PAPER)

J15430

**(Pages one and two, only, are to be completed in Applicant's own Handwriting)**

1. Surname Richards FULL Christian Names William Gartsmer
2. Present Address 120 Sherbrooke St. West Apt. 30 Mile End Telephone La. 4754
3. Permanent Address 120 Sherbrooke St. West Apt. 30 Mile End.
4. Place of Birth Montreal, Que. Citizenship Canadian
5. Date of Birth Feb. 1st. 1916 ~~Married~~, Single, ~~Widower, Separated, Divorced~~ Single
6. Particulars of Children N.A.

| Name | Date of birth | Name | Date of birth |
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7. Occupation Compositor 8. Religion Protestant (Church of England)
   State denomination
9. Languages English Holstein
   State proficiency
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) Rachel Richards Relationship Mother
    " Address 120 Sherbrooke St. Montreal Mile End.
11. Father (Full Name) Thomas Reginald Richards Birthplace Montreal, Que.
    " Address Deceased Citizenship Canadian
    " Occupation Clerk.
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Rachel Holstein Birthplace Montreal Que.
    " Address 120 Sherbrooke St. ~~Montreal Mile End~~ West. Citizenship Canadian
13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service:

| Unit | Place | Rank | Trade | Date From | Date To | Reason for discharge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Victoria Rifles of Canada. | Montreal | Sgt. | — | 1938 | 1939 | Demobilized |
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14. Honours, Awards, Mentions NIL
15. Are you now on any Naval, Military or Air Force Reserve? No.
16. Have you previously made application to join the R.C.A.F.? No. If so, where? NIL
    When? NIL Result NIL
17. Were you ever discharged from any branch of His Majesty's Forces as Medically Unfit? No.
    If so, state nature of disability NIL
18. Have you ever been or are you now in receipt of a Disability Pension? No
    If so, state nature of Disability NIL
19. Have you ever been convicted of an indictable offence? No. If so state nature NIL
20. Are you in debt? No. If so, state particulars NIL

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21. Particulars of Education:

| — | Name of school | Date From | Date To | Courses—Subjects, etc. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Primary Education—Public or Separate School | Montreal High School & Riverside School | 1922 | 1929 | General |
| High School—Collegiate Institute, etc. | Strathcona High School | 1931 | 1933 | General & Commercial |
| Technical School | Montreal Technical School | 1933 | 1936 | Printing |
| University or School other than above | Lorne School Junior High | 1929 | 1930 | General |
| Correspondence Courses, etc. | I. C. S. Course. | | | |
| | November 1939 to | Present | | |

22. Particulars of all Civil Occupations (in full):

| Employer and place | Duties, trades, positions | Date From | Date To | Reason for leaving |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Diamond Ice Gown | Shipping Department | 1936 | 1939 | To seek advancement |
| Glen-Mathes Bros | Appr. Compositor | 1939 | | RCAF |
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| Windsor- | | | | |

23. Flying Experience (in Hours) Solo None Dual None Passenger None

24. Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to the R.C.A.F. Qualified Sergeant (Infantry) Philatelist, Woodwork, Target-shooting.

25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally Golf, Skiing, Bowling, Fishing & Hunting. Extensively. Baseball moderately.

26. Air Force Duty you wish to enlist for ~~Ground Duties~~. Flying Duties.

If for Ground Duties, state Air Force trade in which you wish to enlist N.A.
If for Flying Duties, state preference as (a) ~~Pilot~~; (b) ~~Observer~~; (c) Air Gunner (d) ~~Wireless Operator~~ (Air Crew). (Cross out words not applicable.) or Wireless Operator

27. Names of at least two persons who can give references as to character and ability. W. M. R.

| Name | Address | Occupation |
|---|---|---|
| R. Hood | 255 Broadway Ave. Lachine | Pres. A. Leger & Co. |
| D. H. Clendenning | 203 Portland Ave. Town of Mount Royal | Sec-tres. Glen-Mathes Pres. |
| | | |
| | | |

28. Other information that may have any bearing on this application Have had Lewis Gun training W. R. of C.

29. Do you understand that vaccination, re-vaccination and inoculation are compulsory? Yes.

I Hereby Certify that the foregoing information furnished by me is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date July 16th. 1940 Signature ~~William Gustin Richards~~ Mrs Richards W. M. R.

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(A) *Report of Interviewing Officer—*

Type.....General appearance.....

Suitability for (state in what capacity).....

Date.....Signature.....Rank.....

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(B) *Report of Trade Test—*

Trade in which tested.....

Result.....

Trade qualifications other than above likely to lead to efficient employment in the R.C.A.F.....

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Date.....Signature.....Rank.....

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(C) **DECLARATION MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION**

I, William Mortimer RICHARDS do solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve on active service anywhere in Canada, and also beyond Canada and overseas, in the Royal Canadian Air Force for the duration of the present war, and for the period of demobilization thereafter, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so long require my services.

Date September 13th, 1940. Wm Richards
Signature of Recruit

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(D) **OATH TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION**

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

Date September 13th, 1940. Wm Richards
Signature of Recruit

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(E) **CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER**

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

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

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

at Montreal, Que. this 13th, day of September 19 40.

James O'Selinus — F/O — ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE
Signature of Officer — Rank — Unit

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## CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

*Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—*

1. Age. 24 2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following defects in health?

(*a*) Rheumatism NO
(*b*) Tuberculosis NO
(*c*) Bronchitis or Asthma NO
(*d*) Heart Disease NO
(*e*) Kidney or Bladder Disease NO
(*f*) Gastro-intestinal NO
(*g*) Rupture NO
(*h*) Varicose Veins NO
(*i*) Flat or Deformed Feet NO
(*j*) Nasal Trouble NO
(*k*) Ear Disease NO
(*l*) Eye Disease NO
(*m*) Epilepsy NO
(*n*) Nervous or Mental Disease NO
(*o*) Syphilis NO
(*p*) Gonorrhoea NO
(*q*) Bone Fracture NO
(*r*) Other Disease or Defect NO

3. Have you ever worn glasses? NO

W^m Richards
Signature of Applicant

Examiner's Remarks *re* above 17-8-40 X Ray S&I 24 doubtful
23/8/40 X ray rec. checked negative

*Part 2. Information obtained by Medical Examination* (Applicant must be stripped)—

1. Identification marks or scars (if operative obtain history)

2. Height 5 feet 11 inches. 3. Weight 153 pounds.

4. Complexion Fair 5. Color of Eyes Blue Hair Brown

6. Development (Good / ~~Fair~~ / ~~Poor~~) 7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration 33 inches
Range of expansion 4 inches

8. Hearing—Right W.V. 20 Left W.V. 20 Tympana—Right N Left N

9. Vision—Without glasses—Right 6/6 With glasses—Right
Left 6/6 Left

10. Condition of mouth and teeth Healthy 8 filled.

11. Urine—Albumen neg. Sugar neg.

12. Abnormalities (Congenital and Pathological) found on Examination

*Part 3.* The Candidate has been examined in accordance with the pamphlet, "Physical Standards and Instructions for the Medical Examination of Recruits" and he is considered fit for Category "A"

Any special remarks of the Medical Officers

Rebeck normal Aug 16/40
Rebeck normal Sept 10/40

Date July 23 1940

President Member Member

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July 8, 1940

Major Walter H. Scott, M. C.
Chief Recruiting Officier
Military District No. 4.

Dear Walter:

This is to introduce William Richards, who has been in my employ for the past year and a half, and my nephew, Gordon Clendenning.

They are both anxious to enlist in the Air Force and I feel that they both are the type of men you are recruiting for this branch of the service.

Trusting that you will be able to assist them, and thanking you in advance.

Sincerely yours,
D H Clendenning

DHC/M

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S. L.....P. A. MLC

Recommended
Ens Scott
D.R.O., M.D. 4

# Protestant Board of School Commissioners

## of the City of Montreal

STRATHEARN HIGH SCHOOL
[redacted]0 JEANNE MANCE STREET
MONTREAL
STANLEY L. SCOTT, B.A., PRINCIPAL

Sept. 12. 1940.

To the Royal Canadian Air Force:

This is to certify that William Mortimer Richards attended above school for two years. finishing at end of 2nd year high.

Signed,
S. L. Scott.

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R. C. ..... N. I. .....
S. L. ..... P. A. .....

Montreal, Que.,
11 July 40

To Whom It May Concern:

Sgt. Richards, W.

This is to advise that William Richards was taken on the strength of this Regiment 6 November 33 and gave as previous service "Cadet Services."

This man was promoted to Corporal on 12 October 36 and to the rank of Sergeant on 1 December 36, he having qualified at a Camp School of Infantry at St. Johns, Que., during the summer of 1936 and holding Certificate No. 24434.

This man attended regular training with this Regiment both in the Armoury and at camp during the time he was attached to this Regiment. In the course of his training he was given instruction in Rifle, Bayonet, and Lewis Gun work. He was to have attended a course for qualification in Lewis Gun but the year he decided to take that course it was not held.

His record so far as this Regiment is concerned is of the best and we are sorry to have lost his services.

R.L. Grout, A/Captain & Adjutant
for Officer Commanding
Victoria Rifles of Canada.

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802 ST. JAMES STREET W.
MONTREAL

July Ninth
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Major Walter Scott, M.C.,
District Recruiting Officer.

Dear Walter:-

This will introduce William Richards who is anxious to get into the Air Force.

He has served six years in the Victoria Rifles, three years of which with the rank of Sergeant, having resigned from the Regiment around the first of the year.

Would you be so good as to grant him an interview and advise him how to go about it?

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. F. Ritchie

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Recommended

C. R. Scott
Major

D.R.O. M.D. 4

# R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

Interview Report

Non-Flying List

Air Crew X

Administration
Technical
Equip. & Accounts
Pilot
Observer
Wireless Op.Air.
Air Gunner

SURNAME CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL

Richards William Mortimer

Age 24
Height 5'II½"
Weight 165
Married or Single
No. of Children

ACADEMIC STANDING:

Equivalent to Junior Matriculation.

FLYING HISTORY (PARTICULARLY DURING LAST YEAR)

N.A.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING (INCLUDING MILITARY) USEFUL IN THE R.C.A.F.

Glen Mathers Press 1939 to date Apprentice Compositer.
Diamond Tea Gown Co. 1936-39 Shipping Dept.

SPORTS:

EXTENSIVELY: Golf Skiing Bowling
MODERATELY: Basketball Swimming
OCCASIONALLY:

HOBBIES:

Hunting Fishing
Stamp collecting, Woodwork.
Target Shooting.

APPEARANCE: HEALTHY-~~RUGGED~~-SLENDER
TALL-~~MEDIUM~~-SHORT
~~REFINED~~-ORDINARY-~~COARSE~~
CLEAN - ~~UNTIDY~~ - ~~DIRTY~~

DRESS: ~~FLASHY~~-~~TASTEFUL~~-CONSERVATIVE
~~POORLY DRESSED BUT CLEAN~~ AND
NEAT-~~SMART~~-~~UNTIDY~~-~~CARELESS~~

INTELLIGENCE: QUICK - ~~DELIBERATE~~ - ~~SLOW~~
ORGANIZED-ACCURATE-~~RAMBLING~~

PERSONALITY: ~~DOMINEERING~~-CONFIDENT-
~~SUBMISSIVE~~-MATURE-
~~IMMATURE~~-PLEASANT-
~~MOROSE~~-~~BELIGERENT~~

SUITABLE IN ALL RESPECTS FOR SERVICE IN R.C.A.F.....YES Yes NO _____

FULLY QUALIFIED IN PERSONAL RESPECTS FOR COMMISSIONED RANK...YES Yes NO ___

INFORMATION ELUCIDATED FROM INVESTIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.F.M. 6/1 Para.1 (b)

Recommendations Verified.

SUMMARY OF ALL OF THE ABOVE:

Fair type, Keen, Intelligent, Steady nerves.

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~~EXCELLENT~~
~~ABOVE AVERAGE~~
AVERAGE
~~BELOW AVERAGE~~
(Strike out words not applicable)

RECOMMENDED FOR:

Air Gunner.

OFFICER COMMANDING,
R.C.A.F. RECRUITING CENTRE,
MONTREAL. - QUEBEC.

DATE: July17.40.

RECRUITING CENTRE:

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER:
J.V.Sorsoleil.F.L.

A.F.M.5

PART I—*Concluded*

## WIRELESS TRAINING

6. Comments as to suitability for Commissioned rank:—

Recommended for commission
9th of 17

E. R. Cuncs S/Ldr.
*Officer Commanding*
No. 2 Wireless School

Date 30-6-41

To be passed to No. 3 B. G. S.

PART II

## ARMAMENT TRAINING

1. No. 3 B. G. S. Course No. 10

2. Dates of Courses:— From 23/6/41 To 21/7/41

### AIR TRAINING

GUNNERY

3. *Flying Time:*—

| Aircraft | Day | Night | Passenger | Total Hrs. Mins. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

4. *Air Gunnery Results*— Average percentage hits to rounds fired

(*a*) Beam Test ..... 2 %

(*b*) Beam Relative Speed Test ..... 8 %

(*c*) Under Tail Test ..... 4.2 %

5. *Total Rounds Fired*—

Ground ..... 78 %

Air to Ground ..... %

Air to Air ..... 4.7 %

6. *Assessment*— Marks Obtained

(*a*) Written Examination ..... (100 Marks) 82

(*b*) Practical and Oral Examination ..... (100 Marks) 76

(*c*) Ability as Firer ..... (250 Marks) 130

(*d*) Qualities as an N.C.O ..... ~~(150 Marks)~~ 450 .....

Totals ..... (~~600~~ Marks) 288

7. Position in Class 28 No. in Class 32 Pass or Fail Pass

8. Date authorized to wear Air Gunner's Badge 20/7/41

9. Comments on suitability for Commissioned Rank Yes.

10. Remarks His military background and appearance makes him a definite officer possibility.

Robt. C. Ripley W/C
*Chief Instructor*
No. 3 B. G. S.

Date 23.7.41

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H.Q. 1062-13-65

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## REPORT ON PUPIL WIRELESS OPERATOR (AIR GUNNER) OR AIR GUNNER

AIR AND GROUND TRAINING

Surname.....Richards,..... Christian Names.....W.W.....

Number.....R56440..... Rank.....LAC.....

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. At the conclusion of each stage of training this report must be completed and forwarded as indicated below in sufficient time to arrive on or before the date on which the pupil reports for the commencement of the next stages of training:—

Original and Duplicate—From Wireless School to Bombing and Gunnery School.

2. On completion of training, the original is to be placed on the pupil's personal file and the duplicate forwarded to Air Force Headquarters through Command Headquarters.

3. In the event of the discontinuance of training at any stage, the duplicate is to be forwarded to R.C.A.F. Headquarters through Command Headquarters with full particulars as to the cause of discontinuance of training and instructor's report as to the reasons for the pupil's failure and the original is to be placed on the pupil's personal file.

4. A pupil will be entitled to "Pass" if he obtains not less than 60 per cent of the total marks in the Written, Practical and Oral Tests, and not less than 50 per cent in each of the separate subjects included in this Test.

### PART I

### WIRELESS TRAINING

1. No....2.... Wireless School. Course No.....10.... To..23-6-41... From..3-2-41....

2. *Flying Times*—

*(a)* In Flying Classroom as 1st Operator.....20.....hours.

*(b)* In Flying Classroom, listening watch.....2.40.....hours.

*(c)* In 2-seat aircraft as sole operator.....6.45.....hours.

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3. Assessment as Air Operator (delete categories not applicable). Unless at least 5 hours has been shown against para. 2 *(a)* above, no assessment is to be made and therefore all categories are to be deleted.

~~Above average~~
Average
~~Below average~~

4. *Ground Training*—

| Subject | Maximum marks | Marks obtained | Subject | Maximum marks | Marks obtained |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Theory | 50 | 36 | Signals Organization | 150 | 124 |
| Radio Equipment | 250 | 190 | Armament | 100 | 86 |
| Morse (buzzer and lamp) | 200 | 187 | Drill and P.T. | 50 | 34 |
| Procedure | 200 | 172 | TOTALS | 1000 | 829 |

Maximum Marks, 1000. Marks Obtained 829. Percentage 82.9 Pass or Fail Pass

Position in Class 9 No. in Class 191

5. Date authorized to wear Wireless Operator's Badge.....23-6-41.....

PART II—*Concluded*

## AIR TRAINING

**11.** *Final Assessment* (to be completed at B. G. S.)

| Course | Maximum Marks | Marks Obtained |
|---|---|---|
| Wireless School | 1000 | 829 |
| Bombing and Gunnery School | ~~600~~ 450 | 288 |
| TOTALS | 1450 ~~1600~~ | 1117 |

**12.** Percentage 77 Pass or Fail Pass Position in Class 5

No. in Class 32

**13.** Recommended for Commissioned Rank Yes, *(yes or no)* Assessment Above average. *(ex., above average)*

**14.** Remarks .....

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*Officer Commanding*

No. 3 B. G. S.

Date 23.7.41

# OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE INFORMATION SOUGHT IS FOR THE USE OF GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEMOBILIZATION AND REHABILITATION, A COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO STUDY PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING IN INDUSTRIAL LIFE THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AFTER DISCHARGE. ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS IN ANSWERING WILL BE OF MUCH HELP TO THE COMMITTEE.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON THE INSIDE OF COVER BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

PLEASE LEAVE BLANK

## Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full William Myr Fimer Richards (b) Reg'l. No. R 5449
2. (a) Arm of service RCAF (b) Unit [illegible] Wireless School (c) Rank LAC
3. (a) Date of birth 1/2 Feb (b) Have you any dependents? Yes (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment Montreal Que
4. (a) Place of enlistment Montreal Que (b) Date of enlistment Sept 13 1940

## Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 17 (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment? No
6. State definitely highest standing reached at public, technical or high school (for instance—"4 years, Public School", "two years, High School", "Junior Matriculation", or "4 years technical course in printing", etc.) [illegible] High School
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured [illegible]
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? Yes (b) If so, for what occupation? Computer (c) Did you finish it? No (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it? 4 Years
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? English (b) What languages do you read well? English

## Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING or NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working", as case may be; particulars are asked for below) Working (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member? [illegible]

## Section D—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 11 TO 17 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "NOT WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a)

11. Had you ever been employed fairly regularly since leaving school?
12. (a) If answer to 11 be "Yes", state exact trade or occupation at which you actually worked (b) State how long you had worked at this trade or occupation
13. If answer to 11 be "No", state exact trade or occupation for which you feel qualified
14. If you had been employed after leaving school, state when you last worked fairly regularly before enlistment
15. Give details of last employer, if any: Name Address
16. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.)
17. (a) If your last employment was in a business of your own, state nature and address of business (b) Date of discontinuing it

## Section E—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE EMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 18 TO 23 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a). PLEASE READ THESE QUESTIONS AND REPLY TO THOSE APPLYING TO YOU AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

IF YOU WERE AN EMPLOYEE WORKING FOR AN EMPLOYER UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 18 TO 21

18. Name of employer Address
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.)
20. (a) Your specific occupation (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment?

IF YOU WERE WORKING ON YOUR OWN UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, THAT IS TO SAY, OPERATING A FARM, A STORE, AN AGENCY, OR IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, OR AS A PARTNER IN ANY SUCH LINE, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 22 AND 23

22. (a) State nature of business, or professional practice (b) Where was it located?
23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge?

## Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war? No (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? No (c) If so, in what kind of farming? —
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? No (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? — (c) In what provinces did you have experience? —

## Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for re-establishment in civil life after discharge? No
27. If so, state nature of your plans (for example, do you plan to return to school, or have you been assured of a job, etc.)
28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form

DATE ..... 194..... SIGNATURE

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# DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY ═══ ARMY ═══ AIR FORCE

## STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

4 AIR

36439

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: William M. (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Richards (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

PAYEE: Receiver General of Canada,

ADDRESS: Director of Estates, Ottawa, Ont.

FILE NO. 3893

DATE 29 May/45

SERVICE NO. J.15450

FINAL RANK OR RATING P/O

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 2 June/42

DATE OF DISCHARGE 2 June/42

| | | $ ¢ |
|---|---|---|
| **A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE** | | |
| NO. OF DAYS 628/30 EQUAL TO 20 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50 | | 150.00 |
| **B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE** | | |
| NO. OF DAYS 293 LESS 28 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 265 DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY | | 66.25 |
| **C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE** | | |
| DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE | | |
| PAY | $ 6.25 | |
| SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE | $ 1.70 | |
| ADDITIONAL PAY | $ | |
| | $ | |
| | $ | |
| DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $ | $ | |
| TOTAL | $ 7.95 ×7 = $ | 55.65 |
| NO. OF DAYS 293/183 | ×$ 55.65 | 89.10 |
| **D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY** | | 305.35 |
| **E. DEDUCTIONS** OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES | $ | |
| DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY | $ | |
| OTHER DEDUCTIONS | $ | |
| **F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE** | | 305.35 |

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

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

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $

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$ JUN 14 1945
D. K
R. C. N. I.
P. A.

P. & A. Bal. Trans. Trust Account
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**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 |
|---|---|
| MRG | JFM |

| TREASURY CHECKED BY | DATE |
|---|---|
| | 1-6-45 |

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DEPARTMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

# MONTREAL
# TECHNICAL SCHOOL

200 SHERBROOKE ST. WEST
MONTREAL

July 15th, 1940.

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

Royal Canadian Air Force,
Bishop Street,
Montreal, Que.

Sirs:

This is to certify that the bearer, W. M. Richards, is a graduate of our school, having followed our regular two year printing course with success from September 1933 to December 1935.

As the bearer had already completed two years of high school before attending here, his standing now should be equal to junior matriculation.

We recommend Mr. Richards very highly.

Yours very truly,

Ian McLeish.

IAN McLEISH,
Vice-Principal.

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd SEP 17 1940
O. K..... C.I.B.....
R. C.....
S. L..... P

IMcL/HL.

Treasury Office.
Air Force Services
OTTAWA. - CANADA.
Rec'd. MAY 30 1945
P. & A. SECTION

# NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

## CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

**This Certifies** *that* #1516 Sgt. Richards, W.
(Rank and Name)

*of* Montreal *County of* Hochelega

*Province of* Quebec *served continuously in the*

Victoria Rifles of Canada *of the Non-Permanent Active Militia of*
(Regt. or Corps)

*Canada, from the* sixth *day of* November *19* 33, *to*

*the* third *day of* November *19*39, *and is now discharged therefrom, and that he attended and completed Annual Training for the years*

1934-1935-1936-1937-1938-1939
(Each year separately, in figures)

six
(Total number of years, in words)

(Signature of Soldier)

*Place* Montreal, Que.

*Date* 9 July *19* 40

*Commanding* A/Captain & Adjutant
(Sqn., Bty. or Coy.)

†*Commanding* Victoria Rifles of Canada
(Regt. or Corps)

† NOTE—Not required in the case of an Independent or Detached Squadron, Battery or Company.

M. F. B. 350
5M—4-40 (4532)
H.Q. 1772-39-62

# Certificate of Baptism

This Certifies.

That William Mortimer Richards a Son
of Thomas Reginald Richards and his wife
Rachael Holstein - born on the First day of
Feb - 1916, at Montreal Can.

RECEIVED

## Christian Baptism

on the 13th day of April in the year of our Lord 1916

Thomas Hall.

Hereward A. Carson. Pastor.

No. 3 Published by Meyer & Brother, Chicago. Ill

SPECIAL RESERVE

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

R56440 | Richards | William Mortimer | Anglican

A.F. No. | Surname | Christian Names | Religion

Born 1-2-16 Place Montreal Country Quebec Citizen of Canada Racial Origin English

| ENLISTMENT | CIVIL EDUCATION | | PREVIOUS SERVICE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Date 13-9-40 | High School Entrance | Jr. Mat. Equivalent Sr. Mat. | None |
| At Montreal | Technical School | Corres. Courses | |
| Term Duration | University | | |

| RANK | DATE | | | Med. Cat. | Date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AC2 | 13 | 9 | 40 | A | 13 | 9 | 40 |
| LAC | 3 | 3 | 41 | | | | |
| T/Sgt. | 22 | 7 | 41 | | | | |

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Composition

COURSES AND TRADE TESTS

| Trade | Grp. | % | PorF | Date Rem. | Trade | Grp. | % | PorF | Date Rem. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aircraftsman "Spec" Group | 2nd | | | 13 9 40 | | | | | |
| | | | | 22 7 41 | | | | | |

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY ~~M~~ S ~~D~~

Wife | Maiden Name | Present Address (in pencil)

| Children | Names | Date of Birth | Place of Birth |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

NAME(S) ADDRESS AND RELATIONSHIP OF PERSONS TO BE INFORMED OF CASUALTIES (in pencil)

Mrs. Rachel Richards (Mother) 120 Sherbrooke St. Montreal

LEAVE

| FROM | TO | AUTH. AND DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|
| 21/7/41 | 31/7/41 | 10 days. DBO 145. |

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

| DATE | CHARACTER | TRADE AND ASSM. | HONOURS AND AWARDS | SIGNATURE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22/7/41 | | | Air Gunner's Badge | DBO 145 |

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

| AUTHORITY | UNIT FROM | UNIT TO | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| M.O.R 13 | R.C | No 1 MD | |
| | Montreal | Toronto | 13-9-40 |
| DRO 243 | No 1 MD | EAC | |
| | Toronto | Halifax | 8-10-40 |
| ? | Ad' Stn | Hosp | 11-10-40 |
| ? | Deich " | " | 15-10-40 |
| ? | EAC | Calgary | |
| | Halifax | St John | |
| 3 | Calgary | No 1 ED | 4-1-41 |
| | St John | Toronto | |
| 26 | No 1 ED | No 2 WS. | 31-1-41 |
| | Toronto | Calgary | |

| AUTHORITY | UNIT FROM | UNIT TO | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| DRO 154 | No 2 WS | No 3 BGS | |
| | Calgary | Macdonald | 20-6-41 |
| | | | DRO 117/41 |
| DRO 145. | # 3 B.G.S. Macdonald. | # 1 "M" Depot. | 22/7/41 |
| | | | (DRO 166/41) |
| DRO. 189 | 1 "M" Depot | RAF TP Embo Canada | 14-8-41 |
| | | | 15-8-41 |
| 91/41 | | 3 P.R.C. | 15-9-41. |
| 102/41 | | 1 S&G Ch | 29-9-41. |
| 104/41 (5) 91/41 (55) | | 1 A.G.S. | 6.12.41 |
| 16/42 (5) | from. | 22 OTU | 21.1.42 |
| 54/42 (16) 18/42 (10) | | 21 O.T.U | 27.1.42. |
| 77/42 (27/31) | 21. O.T.U. Edgehill att. | | 30.4.42 |
| 1003 | Missing | 21 OTU | 26 42 |

R.C.A.F. R.44C
100M—12-40 (8755)
H.Q. 1062-3-58

(OVER)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 17/42 | 10.5.S | 220.5.4 | 20-1-42 | | | | |

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

R.C.A.F. R. 45
15M-11-40 (8336)
H. Q. 1062-2-126

## *Individual Record of Flying*

RANK LAC NO. R.56440 NAME Richards, W.W.

| UNIT | PERIOD ENDING | SERIAL No. | SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT | | | | | | | | | | | | MULTI-ENGINE AIRCRAFT | | | | | | | | | | | | CREW DUTIES | | | | PASSENGER | | TOTAL | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | DAY | | | | | | NIGHT | | | | | | DAY | | | | | | NIGHT | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1ST PILOT | | 2ND PILOT | | DUAL | | 1ST PILOT | | 2ND PILOT | | DUAL | | 1ST PILOT | | 2ND PILOT | | DUAL | | 1ST PILOT | | 2ND PILOT | | DUAL | | OBSERVER | | AIR GUNNER | | OTHER Wireless | | | |
| | | | (A) | | (B) | | (C) | | (D) | | (E) | | (F) | | (G) | | (H) | | (J) | | (K) | | (L) | | (M) | | (N) | | (O) | | (P) | | (Q) | | (R) | |
| | | | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins | Hrs | Mins |
| No. 2 W/S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 23/41 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 45 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 55 |
| 3 B & G. 18/7/41 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 10 | | | 23 | 05 |

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

# GENERAL CONDUCT SHEET

OFFICIAL No. R56440 NAME AND INITIALS RICHARDS W. M. (IN BLOCK LETTERS) DATE OF ENLISTMENT 13.9.40

SHEET No. one (IN WORDS) SIGNATURE AND RANK OF C.O. Bernard Foster F.O. for G. E. Nash, Sqdn. Ldr. DATE 15.9.40

| UNIT AND PLACE | Date of Offence | Rank | Cases of Drunkenness (in red) | OFFENCE | Names of Witnesses | Punishment awarded | Date of award or of order dispensing with trial | By whom awarded | Initials and Rank of Officer making entry and Remarks, with Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | CERTIFIED NO ~~FURTHER~~ ENTRY | C.W. Rosam | P/O for | [illegible] | Adjt 3 P.R.C. | 27 SEP 1941 |
| | | | | CERTIFIED NO ENTRY | [illegible] | | W/O C.D.O. | No. 1 SIGNALS SCHOOL | 6 DEC 1941 |
| | | | | CERTIFIED NO ENTRY. | [illegible] | | A/ADJT. for O.C. | No. 1. A.G.S. R.A.F. PEMBREY. | 20.1.42 |
| | | | | Certified no Entry | | | [illegible] | F/O ADJUTANT, TRAINING WING No. 22 O.T.U. | 13. 3. 42. |
| | | | | CERTIFIED NO ENTRY. | [illegible] | P/O A/Adjt | | NO. 21 O.T.U. MORETON IN MARSH. | 30. 4. 42 |
| | | | | To be carried over | | | | | |

R.C.A.F. R. 71
25M—2-40 (4161)
H.Q. 1062—3-53

Intake 11 R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

R.C.A.F. R. 13
20-M—2-40 (4042)
H.Q. 1062-3-19

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## MOVEMENT ORDER

1. Name RICHARDS, William Mortimer Date 13-9-40

No. R.56-440 Rank AC2 Trade Wireless Operator or Air Gunner

Unit or Station of Origin RCAF Recruiting Centre, Montreal, P.Q.

2. INSTRUCTIONS

you are to proceed to Toronto on 13-9-40 19....., and immediately on arrival you are to report to the Orderly Room and present this form. If you are delayed en route you are to have Para. 4 of this form completed.

Signature Toronto Telegraph F/O.
for (A.B. Matthews)
Rank Flight Lieutenant.

Acknowledged
(Signature of Bearer) W. M. Richards Appointment C.O. RCAF Recruiting Centre, Montreal.

3. TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS

(a)

| Warrant Nos. | Date | From | To | Via | Berth Issued | R.R. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 13-9-40 | Montréal | Toronto | Rail | NIL | CNR |
| 2 | | | | | | |

Your train leaves Bonaventure Station (Place) at 2359 (Time) hours 13-9-40 (Date) 19.....

Change trains at NIL (Place) arriving Toronto (Destination) at 0800 (Time) hours 14-9-40 (Date) 19.....

or,

(b) By Road (Insert Instructions).....

4. DELAYS OF OVER SIX HOURS

Place delayed..... Time of delay from..... to.....

Cause of delay.....

Signature of responsible person.....

Sickness to be certified by a doctor. Railroad delays by train conductor. Other delays by responsible persons

5. FOR INFORMATION OF UNIT AT DESTINATION

The bearer is in possession of the following documents.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 313.B | 4 | M.F.M.5 |
| 2 | R.44.A | 5 | A.F.M.5 |
| 3 | M.2 | 6 | A.F.M.27 |

6. UNIT REMARKS

Actual date of arrival..... shown in D.R.O. No..... Dated.....

.....Adjutant

.....Rank

.....Unit

NOTE:—This form is to be made out in duplicate. One copy forwarded to the new unit by mail and one copy with bearer. C.O. new unit after completing para. 6, is to forward one copy to Headquarters, Ottawa.

R. C. S. I.
NUMBER
415
M - - - - 1
St. Jean, Que.

CANADA

# CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY QUALIFICATION
## ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

## NATURE OF QUALIFICATION INFANTRY

**This is to Certify that** Cpl. W.M. RICHARDS. *Corps* The Victoria Rifles of Canada.

*has attended the required* Camp School of Infantry. *held at* St Jean, Que.

*from* 24th. August, 1936. *to* 5th. September, 1936. *and has qualified*

*as* ~~*in*~~ SERJEANT.

*NOTE—~~A copy of~~ this Certificate is ~~filed~~ reg'd at* District *Headquarters* M.D. No. 4.

*Canada, under No.* 24434.

(J.W.~~H.~~G.H.~~Van~~ den Berg), Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G., M.D. No. 4 *for Adjutant-General*

Major.
Commandant, Camp School of Infantry.
St Jean, Que.

M.F.B. 1417
10M—5-29
H. Q. 1772—39-

AIR FORCE No. J 15450 / R 6440

SURNAME: Richards

FULL CHRISTIAN NAME: William Mortimer

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT — PLACE: ____ DATE: 13-9-40

RELIGION: Angl.

Comm. 1-5-42

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE
# RECORD OF SERVICE
## OFFICERS, AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN

R.C.A.F. FORM R230
100M-5-43 (3287)
H.Q. 685-R-230
K. P. 75434

| BIRTH DATE | PLACE | COUNTRY | CITIZENSHIP | RACIAL ORIGIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-2-16 | | | | |

## CIVIL EDUCATION

| | |
|---|---|
| PUBLIC SCHOOL | JUNIOR MATRICULATION |
| HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE | SENIOR MATRICULATION |
| TECHNICAL SCHOOL | UNIVERSITY |
| CORR./BUSINESS COURSES | LANGUAGES SPOKEN |

## CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

| | |
|---|---|
| Carpenter | |
| | |
| | |
| | |

## PREVIOUS SERVICE

| PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL | CATEGORY | PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL | CATEGORY |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

## PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWER, DIVORCED

WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME) OR HUSBAND

PRESENT ADDRESS (IN PENCIL)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE — DATE

AUTHORITY (IF AFTER APPOINTMENT/ENLISTMENT)

## CHILDREN

| NAMES | PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH | NAMES | PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

NAME(S), ADDRESS(ES), RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON(S) TO BE INFORMED OF CASUALTIES (IN PENCIL)

Mrs. Rachel Richards (mother)
120 Sherbrooke St.
Montreal

## EMPLOYMENT AS INSTRUCTOR OFFICER AIRMAN/AIRWOMAN

| TYPE | FROM | TO | TYPE | FROM | TO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

## OFFICERS

| RANK, BRANCH AND CATEGORY | DATE | AUTH. | DUTIES PERFORMED DURING SERVICE, E.G. ADJ. |
|---|---|---|---|
| P/O | 25/10/41 | ? | |

COURTS-MARTIAL ATTENDED WITH DATES
(STATE IF UNDER INSTRUCTION OR AS MEMBER)

## AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN

| RANK | DATE | AUTH. | TRADE | DATE | AUTH. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sgt. | 22/7/41 | | | | |

## OFFICERS, AIRMEN/AIRWOMEN

| COURSE OR TRADE | GRP. | % | PF | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

AIR FORCE No. J 15450 R56440

RICHARDS — SURNAME

WILLIAM MORTIMER — FULL CHRISTIAN NAME

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT

PLACE

DATE

RELIGION: Anglican

R.C.A.F. FORM R230

## TYPE OF LEAVE

| FROM | TO | No. DAYS | DESCRIPTION | AUTH. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

## HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

| DATE | AWARD | AUTHORITY |
|---|---|---|
| | Oper. Wings. | AFRO 1380/44. |

## TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ON WHICH MOST PROFICIENT

(IF UNDER INSTRUCTION STATE NUMBER OF HOURS ON EACH TYPE AND TESTS PASSED)

## SERVICE MACHINES FLOWN

## CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSESSMENT

| DATE | CHARACTER | TRADE ASSESSMENT |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

## POSTINGS, ATTACHMENTS & TEMPORARY DUTY

| SOS TOS | FROM | TO | DATE | AUTHORITY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |
| TOS at | | 22 O.T.U. / 21 O.T.U. | 20 1 42 | |
| | Missing from | 21 O.T.U. | 26 42 | CCL 85/2 45/39 21 O.T.U. 36/42 |
| | Disch. | To commission | 25 10 41 | 104/42 77/45 |
| | Presumed Dead | | 26 42 | AFRO 1870/42 CCL 981 for 85/45 |

## ALL OTHER CASUALTIES

| CASUALTY AND DATE | AUTHORITY |
|---|---|
| | |

15-8-41

AIR FORCE No. ~~R56440~~

Richards — SURNAME

William Mortimer — FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES

ENLISTMENT — PLACE Montreal Que. — DATE 13-9-40.

RE-ENLISTMENT

C.R. FILE NUMBER SR.

J.15450 S.J.

# OFFICER RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

Comm. 15-42

R.C.A.F. FORM R. 44 (B)

**7. BIRTH:** DATE 1-2-16 — PLACE Montreal Que — CITIZENSHIP British 2

FATHER (FULL NAME) Thomas Reginald Richards deceased.

BIRTHPLACE Montreal Que

MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) Rachel Holstein

BIRTHPLACE Montreal Que

**8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING**

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE Quebec

JUNIOR MATRICULATION 2 yrs. High School Que.

SENIOR MATRICULATION

TECHNICAL SCHOOL Quebec. 2 yrs. printing

UNIVERSITY

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES I.T.U. Course. 2

**9. CIVIL OCCUPATIONS OR EXPERIENCE USEFUL TO R.C.A.F.**

Compositor & Shipper dept 36-39
39-40 Clen Mulhern Press } Diamond Fea Goun

3000

**10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE**

Victoria Rifles of Canada. 33-39.
Sgt. Demobilized
Lewis Gun training

6

**11. HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS**

| | AUTHORITY | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| Air Gunners Badge | 3BGS 145 | 22-7-41 |
| Open wings | AFR 01380 | |

**12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)**

SOLO — DUAL — PASSENGER —

**13. RELIGION** Church of England. 3

**14. LANGUAGES** English. 1

**15. SPORTS** Woodwork, Target, Rooting. Golf, skiing, bowling, fishing, hunting baseball.

**16. SINGLE-MARRIED-WIDOWER-SEPARATED-DIVORCED:** Single

WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE — DATE

AUTHORITY (IF AFTER ENLISTMENT)

1

**17. MARRIED ESTABLISHMENT**

| REMARKS | RANK | EFFECTIVE | D.R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

**18. CHILDREN**

| CHRISTIAN NAMES | BIRTH DATE | D.R.O. | CHRISTIAN NAMES | BIRTH DATE | D.R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

**19. NEXT OF KIN (ADDRESS AND D.R.O. IN PENCIL)**

FULL NAME: Rachel Holstein Richards — RELATIONSHIP Mother

ADDRESS: 1900 Laurier Ave East — D.R.O.

FULL NAME: Montreal P.2. — RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS: — D.R.O.

**20. PAY ENTRIES (OFFENCE FORFEITURES, STOPPAGES IN RED INK)**

| RATE CHANGES ETC. | EFFECTIVE | D.R.O. | RATE CHANGES ETC. | EFFECTIVE | D.R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

**21. ENGAGEMENTS**

| TERM | EFFECTIVE | D.R.O. | TERM | EFFECTIVE | D.R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Duration | 13 9 40 | | | | |

**22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES**

| FROM | TO | DATE | D.R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entitled Subs allowance | | 5-1-41 | 1ED3. |
| Ceases to be entitled to Subs all'ce | | 15-1-41 | 1ED.22. |
| Entitled Ration's allowance | | 16-1-41. | 1ED22. |
| Auth to draw rtns & occ pub qtrs | | 3-2-41 | 2WS. 28. |
| Occ. qtrs. + draw rtns. | | 21-6-41 | 3BGS117 |
| pub qtrs & rtns | | 3-8-41 | Em166. |

Date and Place of Signing R40:

22302

**23. DOCUMENT CONTROL (INDICATE RECEIPT BY DATE)** OHE

| R60 | R79 | B465 | X-RAY | AFM-13 | IDN. CARD | KX |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8-10-40. | 12-8-41. | 24-10-40 | | | | |
| 13-8-41 | | | | | | |

AIR FORCE No. ~~R56440~~ J.15450

SURNAME: RICHARDS, FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES: WILLIAM MORTIMER

ENLISTMENT / RE-ENLISTMENT — PLACE Montreal Que — DATE 13-9-40.

C.R. FILE NUMBER SR.

# OFFICER RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

Comm. 15.42. 13

R.C.A.F. FORM R44(B) 50M-10-40 (7685) H.Q. 1062-3-58

## 1. POSTING (INDICATE S.O.S. AND T.O.S.) Temporary Duty (In Red)

| S.O.S. OR T.O.S. | UNIT AND PLACE | EFFECTIVE | | | D.R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T.O.S. | 1 M.D. Toronto | 14 | 9 | 40 | 2 M.P. 221. |
| S.O.S. | 1 M.D. To. 118 C.A.C. St John's N.B. | 8 | 10 | 40. | 2 M.P. 245 |
| S.O.S. | 118 C.A.C. to HFR Toronto ~~Cancelled~~ | 3 | 1 | 41 | 1 C.A.C. 3. |
| T.O.S. | 1 E.D. Toronto (amended) | 4 | 1 | 41 | 1 E.D 3—5 |
| T.O.S. | 1 E.D. Toronto | 3 | 1 | 41. | 1 E.D. 5. |
| S.O.S. | 1 E.D. to 2 W.S. Calgary | 31 | 1 | 41 | 1 E.D. 26 |
| T.O.S. | 2 W.S. Calgary. | 1 | 2 | 41 | 2 W.S. 28. |
| S.O.S. | 2 W.S. Calgary | 20 | 6 | 41 | 2 W.S. 144. |
| T.O.S. | 3 Be Y MacDonald | 21 | 6 | 41 | 3 B.B. 117 |
| S.O.S. | 3 B.B. MacDonald | 22 | 7 | 41 | 3 B.B. 145 |
| T.O.S. | #1 M.D. Depot Halifax | 29 | 7 | 41 | 1 M.D. 166. |
| S.O.S. | 1 Y Depot R.A.F. Prince's Pool | 14 | 8 | 41 | Can 189 |
| T.O.S. | 1 Y Depot Halifax | 23 | 7 | 41 | 1 Y 256 1 Y 2-41 |
| T.O.S. | 3 P.R.C. from Canada | 15 | 9 | 41 | R.A.F. 45 |
| S.O.S. | to 1 Signal School | 29 | 9 | 41 | R.A.F. 45 |
| S.O.S. | to 1 A.A.S. fm 1 S.S. | 6 | 12 | 41 | R.A.F. 1, 5 |
| S.O.S. | to 22 O.T.U. from Pembrey | 20 | 1 | 42 | R.A.F. 8, 11 |
| S.O.S. | to 21 O.T.U. from 22 O.T.U. | 27 | 1 | 42 | R.A.F. 10—14 |
| | Commissioned | 10 | 5 | 42 | G.B. 89. |
| S.O.S. | 21 O.T.U. to 407 Sqdn | 22 | 6 | 42 | P.O.R. 49 |
| S.O.S. | 150 T.U. To Middle East | 3 | 5 | 42 | R.A.F. 31 |
| | Appt to Commission | 25 | 10 | 41 | Pam 1. |
| | W.S.C. computed | 29 | 9 | 44 | |
| | Missing | 3 | 6 | 42 | R.A.F. 35 |
| | Missing 6 | 2 | 6 | 42 | P.O.R. 39 |
| | Flying Battle - location unknown "Pilkington" incendiaries | | | | |
| | Signal R.P.X. 6614 d/4-6-42 | | | | 21 O.T.U. |
| | Pres. Dead. | 2 | 6 | 42 | P.O.R. 85. |
| | I.R.C.A. quote Missing believed Killed M 9612 2/23-8-42 | | | | |
| | Killed. | 2 | 6 | 42 | R.A.F. 62 |
| | Previously reported Missing - Believed Killed | | | | |
| | Now presumed dead | 2 | 6 | 42 | |
| | P.X. 5329 | 5 | 11 | 42 | |

Completed DEC 8 1944

## 2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.

| RANK | EFFECTIVE | | | D.R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| O.C. 2. | 13 | 9 | 40 | 2 M.P. 221 |
| L/G/C | 3 | 3 | 41 | 2 W.S. 53 |
| F/Lgt (Pd) | 22 | 7 | 41 | 3 B.B. 145 |
| T4 Pilot Officer (cancelled) | 1 | 5 | 42 | APR 157 4/6/42 (31-8-42) A.P.R. 117/29-6-42 G.B. 89 |
| | | | | (G.B. 62/8-8-42) POR 39 |
| Pilot Officer (amended) | 1 | 5 | 42 | G.B. 89. 138 (APR 157 4/31-8-42) G.B. 138 |
| Pilot Officer T8 | 25 | 10 | 41 | |
| Pilot Officer | 25 | 10 | 41 | Pam 1 |

## 3. MEDICAL HISTORY

EXAMINATIONS (IN RED INK)

| DATE | FORM | CATEGORY | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|

HOSPITALIZATION (IN BLACK INK)

| HOSPITAL QUARTERS | ADMITTED CONFINED | DISCHARGE RET'N DUTY | D.R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10-9-40. | R10. | A. | |

## 4. TRADE AND CHARACTER

| TRADE | GROUP | EFFECTIVE | | | D.R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W.A.G. W.O. R.A.F. | S. | 13 | 9 | 40 | 2 M.P. 221. |
| Special Group 3 0 4 5 | | 22 | 7 | 41 | 3 B.B. 145 |
| Gen/Sig. General List | (SR) | 1 | 5 | 42 | APR 157 4/6/42 (31-8-42) A.P.R. 117/29-6-42 G.B. 89 |
| Gen List (SR) (Prod) amended | | 1 | 5 | 42 | G.B. 89. 138 |
| Gen List (SR) (Prod) 3 0 1 2 3 | | 25 | 10 | 41 | (APR 157 4/31-8-42) G.B. 138 |
| 104 | | | | | |

| TRADE PROFICIENCY | CHARACTER ASSESSMENT | DATE OF R41 |
|---|---|---|
| | | |

## 5. COURSES-TESTS-ETC.

| SUBJECT | RESULT | DATE | AUTHORITY |
|---|---|---|---|

## 6. LEAVE

| FROM | TO | DAYS | REMARKS | D.R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21-7-41 | 31-7-41 | 10 | | 3 B.B. 145 |

RELIGION: C. OF E. BAP. U.C. PRES. R.C. HEB. MIS. FRO. OTHER SERV. PREV.

ENLISTMENT: R.C.A.F. OVERSEAS — MARTIAL STATUS — MARTIAL STATUS — PRESENT — HIGH & TECH. SCHOOL EDUCATION

PROVINCE OF ENLISTMENT

DISCHARGE: AC