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BONENFANT
JOSEPH OSCAR

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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: BONENFANT-Joseph Oscar Roger (b) Reg'l. No.: ~~R[illegible]~~
2. (a) Arm of service: Air Force (b) Unit: #1 MD Quebec City (c) Rank: AC-2
3. (a) Date of birth: 30-1-19 (b) Have you any dependents? No. (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment: Montreal
4. (a) Place of enlistment: Montreal (b) Date of enlistment: 23-6-41

Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school: 19 years (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.): 2 years High School.
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured: N.A.
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? No (b) If so, for what occupation? N.A (c) Did you finish it? NA (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it? NA.
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? French English (b) What languages do you read well? French. 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? N.A.

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

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: Roger DUGAS Address: Montreal.
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.): Printer. Engraver.
20. (a) Your specific occupation: Clerk. (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer: 2 years.
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? Yes (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? No. (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment? No.

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: NA (b) Where was it located? NA
23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business: N.A (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge? NA

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? NA
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? No (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? NA (c) In what provinces did you have experience? NA

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.): N.A.
28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form: Wireless Operator.

DATE: June 25th 1941 SIGNATURE: R. Bonenfant

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O. K. ..... C I.B. .....
R. C. D.S. ..... N I. .....
S. L. ..... P A. .....

GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EXAMINATION

Impression given by *(a)* Physique athletic *(b)* Mentality alert [redacted]

Body Marks, Scars, Deformities Tattoo marks on Both arms (hearts with initials) appendectomy scar.

Size of Thyroid Gland N

Surgical Abnormalities Nil

Results of Wounds, Injuries, Operations Appendectomy scat, scars on knees.

	Date 15-4-41	Assessing Room	Date	Assessing Room	Date	Assessing Room	Remarks on any Abnormalities Found
Height (ins.)	66½						
Weight (lbs.)	139						*Date*
Chest Circumference (ins.)	35¾-38¼						
Body Build (lbs.) + 6	133						
Leg Length (ins.)	N.A.						
Pulse Rate: Sitting	78						
Pulse Rate: Standing 1st	96						
Pulse Rate: Standing 2nd	84						
Pulse Rate: After Exercise	120						
Pulse Rate: Time to Normal	35 secs.						
Arterial Walls	soft						
Blood Pressure: Systolic	135						
Blood Pressure: Diastolic	85						
Heart: Size	N						
Heart: Sounds	N						
Heart: Rhythm	reg.						
Lungs	clear						
Breath held	95 secs.						
Expiratory Force	170 mm						
Vital Capacity (Best of 5)							*Date*
Reflexes: Knee	N N						
Reflexes: Ankle	N N						
Reflexes: Triceps	N N						
Reflexes: Abdominal	N N						
Reflexes: Plantar	N N						
Cranial Nerves	N						
Balancing Rod	R. L. NA	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	
Self Balancing	R. L. NA	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	
Tremors: Fingers	neg.						
Tremors: Eyelids	neg.						*Date*
Abdomen: Liver	0						
Abdomen: Spleen	0						
Abdomen: Muscular Tone	good						
Urine: Albumen	neg.						
Urine: Sugar	neg.						
Initials of M.O.	CAH						

40 mm. Hg. Test 15-4-41 84 - 888,889,888,898 - 60 secs CAH

Date

Date

Date

Date

Remarks by Consultant.

CONFIDENTIAL

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

R.C.A.F. M.2
150M—8-40 (6421)
H.Q. 1062-10-2

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

FILE NUMBER

Medical Board held at Montreal, P.Q. *Date* 15-4-41

Surname BONENFANT *Chr. Names* JOSEPH OSCAR ROMEO
Nature of Commission m-2-3 *Date of Birth* 30-1-19 *Married or Single* S
Branch Gen. List. *Hours Flown* None
Address 5062 St. Marie St., St. Henri, Montreal, P.Q.

HAVE YOU ANY HISTORY OF:—

(i) NERVOUS TROUBLE or Nervous Breakdown NO
Severe or "Sick" Headaches, Migraine NO
Fits or Convulsions of any kind NO
Sun or Heat Stroke NO
Head Injury or Concussion (including "knock-out") NO
Insomnia, Nightmares, Sleep-walking, or Bed-wetting NO

(ii) LUNG TROUBLE or Consumption NO
Bronchitis, Pneumonia or Pleurisy NO
Asthma or Hay Fever NO

(iii) HEART DISEASE, "Weak or Strained Heart" NO
Fainting Attacks or Giddiness NO
Rheumatism, Rheumatic Fever or "Growing Pains" NO
Frequent Sore Throats or Tonsillitis NO
Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever or Scarlatina NO

(iv) STOMACH or BOWEL TROUBLE Appendectomy 5 yrs. ago.
Chronic Indigestion or Pain after Food NO

(v) KIDNEY or BLADDER TROUBLE NO
Syphilis or Gonorrhœa NO

(vi) TROPICAL DISEASE Never in the tropics.
Malaria NO
Dysentery NO

(vii) EYE TROUBLE or Inflammation of Eyelids NO
Wearing of Glasses NO
Colour or Night Blindness NO

(viii) EAR TROUBLE, Earache or Discharge from Ears NO
Deafness, Noises in the Ears, or Dizziness NO
Frequent Colds in Head, Catarrh or Obstruction NO
Prolonged Hoarseness or Loss of Voice NO
Sea, Car or Train Sickness NO
Discomfort on Swings, Roundabouts, Switchbacks NO

(ix) OPERATIONS Appendectomy 5 yrs. ago. NO

(x) Any Illness or Injury not mentioned above NO

Education 2 yrs. High School
Present Occupation Office clerk Hobbies reading and sports
Previous Service 30 days training Oct. - Nov. 1940.
Athletics basketball for High School team, hockey, boxing, fair.
Habits—Smoking 10¢ package tobacco 1 week Alcohol none
FAMILY HISTORY—Consumption Neg.
Nervous Ailments, Mental Trouble, or "Fits" Neg.
Father Alive—Health good Dead—Cause
Mother Alive—Health good Dead—Cause
Brothers (1) Alive—Health good (0) Dead—Cause
Sisters (0) Alive—Health (1) Dead—Cause "compression - skull fracture from fall age 2½yrs.

I hereby declare that I have carefully considered the statements made above, that to the best of my belief they are complete and correct, and that I have not withheld any relevant information or made any misleading statement. I am fully aware that by wilfully suppressing any information I shall incur the risk of not being granted a Commission, or if it is granted, of being required to relinquish it and forfeit any claim to gratuity or other award.

Date 15-4-41 *Signature* R. Bonenfant *Witness* C.W. Forsyth F/O

HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION

Date.....15-4-41.....

A good specimen. Dental cavities render temporarily unfit.
Otherwise fit and keen. Cat. AtBt (1 week)

C W Forsyth F/O
D G Thomson F/L.

30-4-41 Teeth filled. Category A3B

D G Thomson F/L.
(D. V. Hutton F.O.)

D V Hutton F/O

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS BY PRESIDENT OF BOARD

Date.....

Altitude tolerance test 26-5-42

Ascent.	Alt.	Duration	Symptom	Recommendations
# 1	35000 ft.	2 hrs.	Nil.	Flying to 35000 ft.

EYE EXAMINATION

History .... Neg.

Night Vision Test B'Mth. 14.6.42 13/32 E W B Hopkins F/O

Visual Acuity
- R. 20/20 , c̄ 2.25 = 20/200
- L. 20/20 , c̄ 2.25 = 20/200

Colour Vision D.U.S. Ish. Safe on G.A. Lamp.

Red, Green .... NA

Diaphragm Test (P.D. = NA ....)

Convergence
- C. = NA .... cms.
- S. C. = NA .... cms.

Accommodation
- R.
- L.) 7.5 cms

Cover Test ... sl. bilat diverg. R.R.

Fundi and Media .... N

Fields .... N

Remarks:

Fit.

Initials of M.O	Date
CWH	15-4-41

EXAMINATION OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

History .... Neg.

Hearing	R. Ear	w v 20		
	L. Ear	wv 20		
External Ear, Meatus Membranes	R. Ear	N		
	L. Ear	N		
Middle Ear, Eustachian Tubes	R. Ear	Patent		
	L. Ear	Patent		
Cochlear Apparatus	R. Ear			
	L. Ear	) apparently normal		
Vestibular Apparatus	R. Ear			
	L. Ear			
Buccal Cavity		H		
Teeth		3 c̄ small cavities		
Gums		H		
Pharynx		N		
Nasopharynx		N		
Nose		N		
Larynx		N		
Remarks:		Dentally unfit		
		Initials of M.O. CWA	Initials of M.O.	Initials of M.O.
		Date 15-4-41	Date	Date

MEMORANDUM POUR

Monsieur Edouard Bonenfant,
5962 Ste. Marie St.,
MONTREAL, Quebec.

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

L'ADMINISTRATEUR DES SUCCESSIONS,
MINISTÈRE DE LA DÉFENSE NATIONALE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

et de citer le numéro suivant:

Q.G. J17396 FD 47

MINISTÈRE DE LA DÉFENSE NATIONALE
DIVISION DES SUCCESSIONS
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

7 Mars, 1944

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

BONENFANT, Joseph Oscar Rosario, P/O.,

No. J17396 (R108314) R.C.A.F.

ESTATES BRANCH
JUL 8 1944
H.Q. OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

il est nécessaire que les renseignements voulus concernant le défunt et les membres de sa famille soient fournis à l'intérieur de cette formule, en stricte conformité des instructions imprimées. Les détails exigés doivent être inscrits comme il faut et la déclaration au verso doit être ensuite signée en présence d'un pasteur, prêtre, magistrat de la localité, commissaire ou notaire public, que l'on priera de compléter et signer le certificat. Cette formule doit être ensuite renvoyée à l'adresse mentionnée ci-dessus.

La succession militaire d'un défunt, dont l'administration incombe à la division des successions, comprend tout reliquat de solde et d'allocations au crédit du défunt, l'argent en main et les effets personnels qui sont sous le contrôle des autorités militaires. Pour entrer en possession de ces valeurs, il n'est pas nécessaire que les personnes qui y ont légalement droit fassent homologuer le testament en cour ou, si le défunt était intestat, qu'elles obtiennent des lettres d'administration de sa succession.

En plus de voir à l'administration de ces valeurs militaires, l'administrateur des successions est autorisé à retirer, au compte du gouvernement, tous les fonds (jusqu'à concurrence d'un montant défini) déposés au nom du défunt dans les banques, bureaux de poste ou autres institutions financières au Canada et outre-mer, sans frais ni dérangement pour les personnes ayant légalement droit à la succession, et de distribuer cet argent en même temps que tout reliquat de solde. De même, les certificats d'épargne de guerre et les bons de la victoire que possédait le défunt peuvent être rachetés et distribués de la même façon, ou transférés au nom des personnes qui y ont légalement droit. Ces certificats et bons ne doivent pas être envoyés à l'administrateur des successions avant qu'il les demande.

S'il y a d'autres valeurs nécessitant une demande d'homologation du testament ou de lettres d'administration, l'administrateur des successions pourra transférer et remettre les valeurs militaires à l'exécuteur ou à l'administrateur nommé par la Cour, afin que toute la succession, militaire et autre, soit traitée comme un tout.

Les renseignements que vous donnerez aux pages 2 et 3 de cette formule seront donc un facteur qui aidera à déterminer si toute la succession du défunt peut ou non être entièrement distribuée par l'administrateur des successions aux personnes qui y ont légalement droit, c'est-à-dire, sans qu'il soit nécessaire de faire homologuer le testament ou administrer la succession.

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

L'administrateur des successions,

pour (N.O. Seagram) S/Ldr.,
pour (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.,
Administrateurs des Successions.

M.F.W. 77a
1M-9-43 (2070)
H.Q. 1772-39-972.-K.P.

RÉPONDRE AU LONG À TOUTES LES QUESTIONS APPLICABLES

ÉTAT des noms, âges et adresses, ou dates de décès, de tous les parents du défunt, à chacun des degrés spécifiés ci-dessous.

Degrés de parenté	PARENTS à signaler		TÉMOIGNAGE DU DÉCLARANT		
			NOM ET PRÉNOMS de tout parent de chacun des degrés mentionnés	Age	ADRESSE AU LONG de chaque parent survivant, en regard de son nom, et date du décès de tout parent décédé
1	Veuve du défunt.....				
2	Enfants du défunt et dates de naissance.....				
3	Père du défunt.....		Bonenfant Edouard	53	5062 rue St Marie St Henri Montréal
4	Mère du défunt.....		Ouellette Bonenfant Alberta	53	5062 rue St Marie St Henri Montréal
5	Frères du défunt	Frères germains	Bonenfant Aimé	27	2630 rue Workman St Cunégonde Montréal
		Demi-frères			
6	Sœurs du défunt	Sœurs germaines			
		Demi-sœurs			
7	Noms des frères ou sœurs (germains ou non) du défunt, qui sont décédés, et date de décès de chacun d'eux		Noms et âges de leurs enfants, le cas échéant Bonenfant Anna 10 juillet 1924 décédé		Adresse de leurs enfants

RÉPONDRE AU LONG À TOUTES LES QUESTIONS SUR CETTE PAGE

DÉTAILS D'IDENTITÉ

8	Nom et prénoms du défunt. Bonenfant Rosario	
9	Date de sa naissance. trente janvier mil neuf cent dix-neuf	
10	Lieu et date de son mariage.	
11	Lieu et date du mariage de ses parents. Ste Clotilde quatre juillet mil neuf cent seize	

DÉTAILS DE DOMICILE

12	Lieu où le défunt est né. Sainte Clotilde Montréal	
13	Indiquer, par ordre, la province, l'état et/ou le pays où le défunt a résidé avant son engagement, et la durée dans chaque cas. toujours demeuré à Montréal	(a) (b) (c) (d)
14	Nature de son emploi avant son engagement.	
15	Indiquer s'il était propriétaire de la maison où il demeurait. Le cas échéant, à quel endroit? non	
16	Indiquer le lieu où le défunt entendait vivre d'une façon permanente. 5062 rue St Marie St Henri Montréal	

DÉTAILS DE LA SUCCESSION

17	A-t-il laissé un testament?	oui (see note at the back)
18	Si le défunt était marié et domicilié dans la province de Québec ou dans un état des État-Unis d'Amérique ou dans un pays où il existe communauté de biens entre les époux, existait-il un contrat se rapportant à la propriété?	
19	Avait-il un compte d'épargnes dans une banque, un bureau de poste ou autre institution? Le cas échéant, donner le nom et l'adresse de la banque, etc., et le montant déposé.	pas que je sache au Canada
20	Montant des certificats d'épargne de guerre que possédait le défunt. —	
21	Montant des bons de la victoire que possédait le défunt. —	
22	Si le défunt possédait des polices d'assurance-vie, 1) donner les noms des compagnies et 2) la somme payable en vertu de chacune des polices, 3) ainsi que le nom de la personne qui y est nommée bénéficiaire. Décrire les autres valeurs, le cas échéant, et en donner le montant approximatif.	Metropolitan Life Insurance Compagnie Mutual Life and Citizen Assurance Compagnie Limited L'industrielle Compagnie d'assurance bénéficiaire la mère Alberta Bonenfant
23	Est-il nécessaire de faire une demande d'homologation du testament ou de lettres d'administration (voir la page 1)?	

AUTRES DÉTAILS

24	Après son engagement, le défunt avait-il contracté des dettes: (a) pour ses propres logement et pension pendant qu'il était dans les forces armées. (b) pour habits et équipement militaires. Un état détaillé de chacun de ces comptes doit être annexé à cette formule et, s'ils sont exacts, veuillez y inscrire "approuvé" et signer votre nom. Si vous les croyez inexacts, donnez des détails.	~~Metropolitan Life Insurance Compagnie~~ ~~Mutual Life and Citizens Assurance Compagnie Limited~~ ~~L'industrielle Compagnie d'assurance~~
25	Est-ce que les frais funéraires ont été payés, entièrement ou en partie, par vous-même ou un autre parent? Le cas échéant, annexez des états détaillés indiquant les montants payés, et par qui?	par le père Bonenfant Edouard

(Remarque:—Le gouvernement paye les frais funéraires, jusqu'à concurrence de montants déterminés par les règlements, lorsque le militaire est décédé et inhumé outre-mer, de même lorsqu'il est décédé et inhumé au Canada ou ailleurs en Amérique du Nord; si un parent a déjà payé les frais funéraires, ceux-ci lui seront remboursés par le gouvernement jusqu'à concurrence du montant fixé par les règlements. Cependant, si les frais excèdent ce montant, la différence ne sera pas payée par le gouvernement ni ne sera à la charge de la succession militaire du défunt.)

(VOIR AU VERSO)

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

DÉCLARATION

Je, soussigné, déclare que les renseignements qui précèdent sont exacts et constituent une liste fidèle et complète de tous les parents que le défunt ait jamais eus aux degrés signalés; et que je suis le/la* mère du défunt.

N.B.—A être signée au long en présence d'un pasteur, prêtre, magistrat de la localité, commissaire ou notaire public.

Mad Alberta Bonenfant — Signature du déclarant

5062 rue St-Marie St Henri Montréal — Adresse

CERTIFICAT

Je, soussigné, certifie que, autant que je sache, Mme Alberta Bonenfant

*Voir plus haut

Nom du déclarant

est le/la* mère du défunt ci-dessus décrit et je crois que la liste des parents et des détails fournie par le déclarant et la déclaration ci-dessus, signée en ma présence, sont complètes et exactes.

Daté à Montreal ce 3 ième jour de Juillet 1944

Signature du pasteur, prêtre, magistrat, commissaire ou notaire public. Jean-Marie Vezeau prêtre — Titre prêtre

Adresse 5259 ouest, N-Dame - Montreal

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

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

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

mon fils Rosario Bonenfant avant de partir pour outre mer me dit maman si je venait qui à mourir je vous laisserai tout ce qui m'appartiendra a vous pour vous aider a vivre

je soussigné mère de Joseph Oscar Rosario Bonenfant

Mad Alberta Bonenfant
5062 rue St Marie St Henri
Montréal

MEDICAL RECHECK

I certify upon my honour that I have suffered no illness or disability since my last examination.

Date: 23-6-44 Signature R Bonneyfant Witness G. Thomson F/L

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

Aircrew
Wireless Operator

N° MATRICULE R108314 VERSÉ À No. 4 Manning Depot, Quebec MÉTIER Air Gunner Standard.

CORPS D'AVIATION ROYAL CANADIEN

(FORMULE D'ENGAGEMENT)

(Le postulant devra répondre de sa propre main aux questions des pages 1 et 2)

1. Nom Bonenfant (BONENFANT) Prénoms en entier Joseph (JOSEPH) Oscar (OSCAR), Rosario (ROSARIO)
2. Adresse actuelle 5062 Ste. Marie à Montreal P.Q. Téléphone non
3. Adresse fixe 5062 Ste Marie Montreal P.Q.
4. Lieu de naissance Montréal P.Q. Nationalité Canadien
5. Date de naissance 30 Janvier 1919 Marié, célibataire, veuf, séparé, divorcé célibataire
6. Enfants P. A.

Nom	Date de naissance	Nom	Date de naissance
P. A.		P. A.	

7. Profession Imprimeur 8. Religion R. Catholique (Indiquez la confession religieuse)
9. Langues Français et Anglais, couramment (Degré de connaissance)
10. Plus proche parent (nom en entier) Edouard Bonenfant Degré de parenté Père
    Adresse du plus proche parent 5062 Ste Marie à Montréal P.Q.
11. Père (nom en entier) Edouard Bonenfant Lieu de naissance Charlemagne P.Q.
    Adresse 5062 St Marie à Montréal P.Q. Nationalité Canadien
    Profession Chauffeur de Camion Cité of Montreal P.Q.
12. Mère (nom de fille en entier) Alberta Ouellette Lieu de naissance Montreal P.Q.
    Adresse 5062 Ste Marie à Montréal P.Q. Nationalité Canadienne
13. Détails du service dans les armées de terre, de mer ou de l'air:

Unité	Lieu	Rang	Profession	Date du	Date au	Motif de la libération
P. A. N.P.A.M. (R.F.)		P. A.				
Regiment de Chateauguay	Montreal P.Q.	Pte	N.A.	8-11-40	10-6-41	To join RCAF

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14. Honneurs, récompenses, citations Aucune
15. Faites-vous actuellement partie de la réserve de quelque armée de terre, de mer ou de l'air? non
16. Avez-vous déjà demandé de faire partie du C. d'A.R.C.? non Si oui, où? P. A.
    Quand? P. A. Résultat P. A.
17. Avez-vous déjà réformé de quelque service armé de Sa Majesté pour inaptitude physique? non
    Si oui, indiquez la nature de l'infirmité P. A.
18. Avez-vous jamais touché ou touchez-vous actuellement une pension de réforme? non
    Si oui, indiquez la nature de l'infirmité P. A.
19. Avez-vous jamais été trouvé coupable de délit? non Si oui, indiquez-en la nature P. A.
20. Avez-vous des dettes? non Si oui, donnez des détails P. A.

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21. Éducation:

—	Nom de l'école	Date du	Date au	Cours, sujets, etc.
Instruction primaire—Ecole publique ou séparée	École du Plateau (Montréal père)		Montréal P.Q.	
Cours supérieur—Collège, etc.		1925	1935	
Cours technique	10ième			
Autres cours universitaires ou scolaires				
Cours par correspondance		1935	1936	
1 an d'école du soir St Henri Montréal P.Q.				mathématiques

22. Emplois civils (détails au complet):

Employeur et lieu	Fonctions, métiers, positions	Date du	Date au	Motif du départ
Hiram L Piper 555 St Remi St Montréal P.Q.	Punch press Opérateur	1936	1938	manque d'ouvrage
Roger Dugas 4778 N. Dame O. St Montréal P.Q.	imprimeur	1938	1941	

23. Heures de vol, seul P. Aucune accompagné P. Aucune avec passager P. Aucune

24. Qualités spéciales, passe-temps favoris, etc., utiles dans le C. d'A.R.C.

~~hockey — baseball~~ — ~~Aucune~~

25. Sports pratiqués, et dans quelle mesure, soit intensément, ou modérément, ou occasionnellement

Boxe — hockey — baseball modérément

26. Service aéronautique dans lequel vous voulez vous engager { ~~Service à terre~~. Service navigant.

Si c'est dans le service à terre, indiquez le métier aéronautique que vous visez P.A.

Si c'est dans le service navigant, indiquez votre préférence soit comme (a) ~~pilote~~; (b) ~~observateur~~; (c) mitrailleur ou (d) radiotélégraphiste (membre d'équipage). (Biffez les mots qui ne s'appliquent pas).

27. Nommez au moins deux personnes qui peuvent témoigner de votre réputation et de vos aptitudes:

Nom	Adresse	Profession
Alfred Hébert ~~5100 St Marie Montréal P.Q.~~	5100 Ste Marie st Montréal	P.Q. Épicier
Roger Dugas ~~4778 N. Dame O. Montréal P.Q.~~	4778 Notre Dame O. Montreal P.Q.	Imprimeur

28. Autres renseignements se rapportant à votre demande d'engagement ~~non~~ aucun

29. Comprenez-vous bien que la vaccination, la revaccination et l'inoculation sont obligatoires? oui

Je, soussigné, certifie que les renseignements que j'ai fournis ci-dessus sont exacts, autant que je sache et que j'aie raison de croire.

Date 12 avril 19 41 Signature ~~Rosario Bonenfant~~ R. B. R. Bonenfant

NATIONAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE PRODUCED

POUR L'USAGE DU DÉPARTEMENT SEULEMENT

(A) *Rapport de l'officier qui a eu une entrevue avec le candidat—*

Type d'homme...Apparence générale...

Aptitudes pour (indiquez à quel titre)...

Date...Signature...Grade...

(B) *Rapport sur l'épreuve professionnelle—*

Métier sur lequel a porté l'épreuve...

Résultat...

Autres qualités professionnelles susceptibles d'être mises à profit dans le C. d'A.R.C...

....

Date...Signature...Grade...

(C) **DÉCLARATION D'ENGAGEMENT DE LA RECRUE**

Je, soussigné, Joseph Oscar Rosario Bonenfant déclare solennellement que les renseignements ci-dessus mentionnés sont vrais et je m'engage, par les présentes, à faire du service actif dans le Corps d'aviation royal canadien, où que ce soit au Canada, de même qu'en dehors du Canada et outre-mer, pendant la durée de la présente guerre, ainsi que pour la période de démobilisation subséquente et, en tout cas, pour une période de pas moins d'un an, si Sa Majesté requiert mes services.

Date June 23rd, 19 41. R Bonenfant
Signature de la recrue

(D) **SERMENT PRÊTÉ PAR LA RECRUE**

Je, soussigné, Joseph Oscar Rosario Bonenfant. promets sincèrement et jure (ou déclare solennellement) que je serai fidèle et porterai loyale allégeance à Sa Majesté.

Date June 23rd, 19 41. R Bonenfant
Signature de la recrue

(E) **DÉCLARATION DE L'OFFICIER CERTIFICATEUR**

J'ai averti la recrue susnommée que, si elle répondait inexactement à l'une quelconque des questions précitées, elle serait passible des peines prévues par la loi.

Les questions et réponses ci-dessus indiquées lui ont été ensuite lues en ma présence.

Je me suis assuré que la recrue comprenait chaque question et que sa réponse à chacune d'elles a été dûment inscrite telle que donnée et la recrue a fait et signé la déclaration, de même qu'elle a prêté serment devant moi,

à Montreal, P.Q. ce 23rd jour de June 19 41

Signature de l'Officier .... Grade .... Unité R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Montreal.

Finger Printed
Date 23-6-41
Initials. EB

POUR L'USAGE DU DÉPARTEMENT SEULEMENT

CERTIFICAT DE L'EXAMEN MÉDICAL

Partie 1. Renseignements obtenus de la recrue—

1. Age 22 2. Avez-vous souffert d'une des maladies suivantes·

(a) Rhumatisme no
(b) Tuberculose no
(c) Bronchite ou asthme no
(d) Affection cardiaque no
(e) Maladie du rein ou de la vessie no
(f) Gastrite intestinale appendectomy 1936
(g) Hernie no
(h) Varices no
(i) Pieds plats ou déformés no
(j) Affection nasale no
(k) Maladies des oreilles no
(l) Maladies des yeux no
(m) Epilepsie no
(n) Maladie nerveuse ou mentale no
(o) Syphilis no
(p) Gonorrhée no
(q) Fracture no
(r) Autre maladie ou défectuosité no

3. Avez-vous jamais porté des lunettes? no

4. Have you had any illness...s for more than one week's duration. ~~Yes~~ no

5. I certify that I have revealed my full medical history and have not withhe d any relevant information.

R. Bonenfant
Signature de la recrue

Observations des examinateurs

nil

Partie 2. Renseignements obtenus par l'examen médical. (La recrue doit être déshabillée)—

1. Marques distinctives ou cicatrices (si celles-ci sont opératoires, obtenir les détails) Tattoo marks on both arms. (Hearts = initials) appendectomy

2. Taille 5 pieds 6½ pouces. 3. Poids 139 livres.

4. Teint med 5. Couleur des yeux Blue Cheveux Blonde

6. Développement Bon / ~~Passable~~ / ~~Médiocre~~ 7. Tour de poitrine—Expiration 35¾ pouces
Degré d'expansion 2½ pouces

8. Ouie—Droite WV 20 Gauche WV 20 Tympan—Droit n gauche n

9. Vue—sans lunettes—droit 20/20 avec lunettes—droit } n.a.
gauche 20/20 gauche

10. État de la bouche et des dents Dentally unfit. few cavities.

11. Urine—Albumine neg Sucre neg

12. Anomalies révélées à l'examen (congénitales et pathologiques) Dental Caries.

Partie 3. Le candidat a été examiné conformément aux instructions de la brochure "Physical Standards and Instructions for the Medical Examination of Recruits" et jugé apte pour la catégorie. A3B.

Observations spéciales des médecins 21-6-41 Recheck normal. LBS
15-4-41, To return after teeth fixed. [initials]
30/4/41 Recheck teeth filled [initials]
Category A3B [initials]
30-4-41 X. Ray # 77141 neg [initials]

Part 2 Cont'.
13. Reflexes n
14. Heart n
15. Lungs n
16. Blood Pressure S.D. 135/85
17. Colour Vision D. [illegible] Giles wiskey C.V. Safe

Date 15-4-41 19

[signature] F/L [signature] F/O [signature]
Président Membre Membre

7 A.G.S.

J. A. T. P. CANADA

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P. Mar Coon

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

1484 Gen Ht

AIR AND GROUND TRAINING

Surname Bonenfant Christian Names J.O.R.

Number Can ~~R.108314~~ - J.17396 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. 1 Wireless School. Course No. 28 To 28.3.42 From 13.10.41

2. *Flying Times*—

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

(b) In Flying Classroom, listening watch - hours.

(d) In 2-seat aircraft as sole operator - hours.

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	-	Signals Organization	150	-
Radio Equipment	250	-	Armament	100	-
Morse (buzzer and lamp)	200	-	Drill and P.T.	50	-
Procedure	200	-	TOTALS	1000	-

Maximum Marks, 1000. Marks Obtained - Percentage - Pass or Fail -

Position in Class - No. in Class -

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

Part I—*Concluded*

WIRELESS TRAINING

6. ~~Comments as to suitability for Commissioned rank~~ Ceased Training 23.2.42. This airman commenced instruction with the 26th entry, was put back to the 28th entry, for general inability. He has no intention of graduating and is definitely not aircrew material. It is recommended that he be remustered to Gen.Dut.Posted to Comp.Train.Sch.Trenton,eff.date 11.3.42,rep. same date

.... *Officer Commanding*

No. 1 Wireless School

Date 23-2-42

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

Part II

ARMAMENT TRAINING

1. No. 7 B. G. S. Course No. 28

2. Dates of Courses:— From 30-3-42 To 27-4-42

AIR TRAINING

Gunnery

3. *Flying Time:—*

Aircraft	Day	Night	Passenger	Total	
				Hrs.	Mins.
Battle	11:20	-	-	11	20

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

(*a*) Beam Test .... 9 %

(*b*) Beam Relative Speed Test .... 6 %

(*c*) Under Tail Test .... 8 %

5. *Total Rounds Fired—*

Ground .... 530 %

Air to Ground .... 265 %

Air to Air .... 1990 %

6. *Assessment—* Marks Obtained

(*a*) Written Examination .... (100 Marks) 62

(*b*) Practical and Oral Examination .... (100 Marks) 68

(*c*) Ability as Firer .... (250 Marks) 182

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

Totals .... (~~600~~ 450 Marks) 312

7. Position in Class 23 No. in Class 33 Pass or Fail Pass

8. Date authorized to wear Air Gunner's Badge 27-4-42

9. ~~Comments on suitability for Commissioned Rank~~

10. Remarks Average, able, considerate, polite. Tried very hard, but his English hampered him. Good worker co-operative.

R. V. [illegible] [signature]
Chief Instructor

No. 7 B. G. S.

Date 27-4-42

PART II—*Concluded*

AIR TRAINING

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

Course	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
Wireless School	~~1000~~	-
Bombing and Gunnery School	~~450~~ ~~600~~	312
TOTALS	~~1450~~ 450 ~~1600~~	312

12. Percentage 69.3 Pass or Fail Pass Position in Class 23 / 33 No. in Class

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

14. Remarks A French Canadian Airman who had trouble expressing himself in English and would probably have done much better at a Bi-lingual School.

W. E. Dipple G/C
Officer Commanding
No. 7 B. G. S.

Date 27-4-42

Altitude Tolerance Tests 26-5-42

Ascent	Alt.	Duration	Symptoms	Recommendation
1	35000'	2 hrs.	nil	flying to 35000'

Para. 9: Numerical assessment as to suitability for commissioned Rank:
(To be marked on a basis of 250 marks maximum)
165 /250

no trace BPSO NAP

The instructions regarding this form are contained in Chapter XIII, A.P. 1301 (War Manual Part II) R.A.F. Form 1580.

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AIRMAN'S/AIRWOMAN'S RECORD SHEET (Active Service).

Official No. CAN/R 108314 Name BONENFANT Joseph Oscar Rosario Rank T/Sgt.
(In full in block capitals, surname first). (Or acting appointment).

R.A.F. Trade A/G Special Qualifications
(e.g., Gas Instructor, Fire Fighter, Boxing Instructor).

Date of Birth 30.1.19 Religion R.C. Occupation in Civil Life Printer

Last Enlisted 23.6.41 Current Engagement

If a member of the Auxiliary Air Force

If Reservist, which Class ("E," "F," V.R.) SR Whether Married, Single, or Widower S

Name, address and relationship of legal next of kin (to be entered in pencil):

Mr E. Bonenfant (Father) 5062 St Marie ST, Montreal, Quebec

Name, address and relationship of person (or persons) to be informed of casualties (to be entered in pencil).
(If this person is the legal next of kin, it is only necessary to insert here "Next of Kin.")

N of Kin

Any alteration to above (e.g., Promotions) to be made by crossing out and writing above.

Section 1.—Movements and Casualties.

Unit FROM which.	Unit TO which.	Date of Effect.
7 B & G.	1 Y Depot H'fax	28.3.42.
1 Y Depot	RAF TP	1.6.42
	Emb. Can	1.6.42
2 1386	3 PRC	12.6.42
	7 AGS.	30.7.42
7 A.G.S.	1484 Gunnery Flight	17.8.42
1484 (B) G Flight.	425 Squadron.	10.9.42
425 SQDN.	429 Sqdn.	1-6-43 (Posted as an officer)
~~(429 Sqdn.~~	~~War Cas.)~~	
	~~Missing~~ —	~~23/6/43.~~
Discharged on authority to commissioned rank		23.3.43

Section 2.— Promotions, Acting Appointments (Paid or Unpaid), Reductions, Remusterings.

* Authority.	Description.	Date of Effect.
	Enlist AC2 (Por o STD)	23.6.41.
	Reclass LAC A/G STD)	14.10.41.
	Promoted T/Sgt A/G Spec	13.3.42.
POR 4/43.	Promoted T/F/Sgt	1 Jan 43.
	NOTO 8/10/43.	
P.O.R. 204/42	ATTENDED GUNNERY COURSE AT STORMY DOWN ON 31/7 - 10/8/42 OBTAINED 67 % CLASS 'B'	

Section 3.—Good Conduct Badges.

* Authority.	1st, 2nd, 3rd.	Awarded, Deprived, Restored.	Date of Effect.

* The authority to be quoted will be the serial number of the relevant P.O.R.

Wt. 23173/1099 357M 8/41 McC. & Co. Ltd. 51-994.

SECTION 4.—CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY.

(To be assessed on every occasion on which an airman or airwoman is struck off the strength of a unit, e.g., on posting; admission to hospital when posted to N.E. strength; death; etc.; also on 31st December each year.)

Rank.	Character.	Trade Classification.	Proficiency. A	Proficiency. B	Proficiency. C	Whether specially recommended, recommended, or not recommended for promotion or reclassification.	Date.	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.
T/SGT.	V.G	Air Gunnery	ON STRENGTH FOR TRAINING ONLY				13/8/42	[signature]
Sgt	V.G.	A.G.	On Strength for training Only				10.9.42	[signature] S/L
T/SGT.	V.G.	A.G.	SAT.	SAT			31 Dec 42	[signature] W/Cdr.
F/S.	V.G.	A.G.	Sat	Sat		Recommended	1-6-43	[signature] W/Cdr.
T/F/SGT.	VG	A.G	Sat	Sat		Recommended	23-8-43	John [signature] W/C.

RECORD OF LEAVE AND ISSUE OF FREE TRAVELLING WARRANTS

POR 17/43.	7 days Leave 8-3-43 to 14-3-43. RW. D919121.	[signature] F/L
POR 9/43.	7 days Leave. 1 Feb 43 to 7 Feb 43. RW. DS06660.	[signature] F/LT.
POR 55/42.	7 days Leave. 7 Dec 42 to 13 Dec 42. RW. 139677D.	[signature] F/LT.
POR.30.	7 days 'A' Leave 21/9-27/9/42 R.W. 277705	425 RCAF Sqdn [signature] F/Lt.

First entry to be made at bottom of above section; subsequent entries to be made directly above in sequence.

SECTION 5.—RESULTS OF COURSES OF INSTRUCTION, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AIRCREW DUTIES, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMISSIONED RANK (K.R. 2132, (19) (A)). DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS BY A.Os.C., ETC.

Authority.	Nature.	Date of Effect.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

J. A. T. P. CANADA

GENERAL CONDUCT SHEET

OFFICIAL No. can. R.108314 NAME AND INITIALS (IN BLOCK LETTERS) BONENFANT, J.O.R. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 23-6-41

SHEET No. ONE (IN WORDS) SIGNATURE AND RANK OF C.O. for (T.A. Lawrence) Group Captain DATE 23-12-41

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
Previous sheet destroyed 23-12-41 --- Number of cases of drunkenness - NIL --- Date of last entry - 11-12-41								(D. Massey) Sqn. Ldr. O.C., A/C Sqn., K.T.S., Trenton, Ont.	
#1 W/S Mtl.	24-2-42	LAC		Found smoking in a station attention area at 1340 hrs 24-2-42. Sec. 11.	Cpl. Wheaton	3 days C.B.	24-2-42	J.R. Lefebvre F/O	F/L 24/2/42
				CERTIFIED NO ENTRY				for ADJUTANT, No. 7 A.G.S. Stormy Down	17/8/42
				Certified No Entry				a/o Adjutant, 1484 (B) G.F.U., DRIFFIELD	10.9.42.
				CERTIFIED NO ENTRY				R. Davis F/LT. Adj. 425 (RCAF) SQDN.	1-6-43
				To be carried over					

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J. A. T. P. CANADA

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INTERVIEW REPORT

SURNAME.....BONENFANT.....

CHRISTIAN NAMES...JOSEPH OSCAR ROSARIO.....

MARRIED.....NO.....NO. OF CHILDREN.....NONE.....

N.F.

FLYING

AGE.....22.....
HEIGHT.....5'8.....
WEIGHT.....150.....

PILOT.....
OBSERVER.....
W.A.GUNNER.....X.

EDUCATIONAL:- NUMBER OF YEARS.....11.....

High School.....2 yrs..Technical..none...Commercial..none

University (Name and dates of Attendance).....

.....none.....

Standing other Countries.....none.....

FLYING EXPERIENCE:- Total hours

NONE

Commercial Hours Solo.....Dual.....

Private Hours Solo.....Dual....Pass....

No. hours & types during last 2 yrs.....

.....NONE.....

MILITARY AND OTHER TRAINING:-

...One month with Reg. de Chateauguay. Oct. - Nov. 1940

.....

.....

SPORTS:- (What branches).....

.....Hockey and baseball (occasionally).....

HOBBIES:-.....none.....

INTERVIEWING OFFICER'S OPINION AS TO CHARACTER AND SUITABILITY FOR THE SERVICE:-.....

.....An intelligent young fellow of good appearance, full

.....of ardor, bilingual, intent on succedding as Air

.....Gunner.....

.....

REFERENCES CHECKED // SATISFACTORY
REFERENCES CHECKED // UNSATISFACTORY
REFERENCES NOT CHECKED

REFERENCES CHECKED
10/6/41 (Date) (Initials)

CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR COMMISSIONED RANK?.....NO.....

BEST FITTED FOR.....Air Gunner.....

.....Montreal, P.Q.....

DATE: 12-4-41

RECRUITING CENTRE: Montreal, P.Q.

for Signature of Officer
J. R. O. Gibeault. F.O.

APPROACH
Confident...X...
Nervous.....
Easy.....X..

CARRIAGE
Upright.....
Medium.....X...
Athletic.....

DRESS
Neat.....X.....
Conservative....
Clean.....X.....
Careless.....

PHYSIQUE.....
Medium.....X...
Heavy Set.....
Slender.....

SPEECH
Clear .....X.....
Slow.....
Hesitant.....

RESPONSE
Quick.....
Deliberate...X...
Slow.....

MANNER
Alert.....X.....
Confident....X...
Sincere.....X.....
Reserved.....X...
Nervous.....
Overbearing.....
Irresponsible....

EXCELLENT.....
ABOVE AVERAGE...
AVERAGE.....X.....
BELOW AVERAGE....
MARK WITH AN X THE DESCRIPTION WHICH APPLIES

Wireless Air Gunner Standard.

J. A. T. P. CANADA

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

can. S.17396

~~R-108314~~	Bonenfant	Joseph Oscar Rosario	Roman Catholic
A.F. No.	Surname	Christian Names	Religion

Born 30-1-19 Place Montreal Que Country Canada Citizen of Canada Racial Origin Canadian

ENLISTMENT	CIVIL EDUCATION	PREVIOUS SERVICE
Date 23/6/41	High School ~~Entrance~~ 2 yrs Jr. Mat. Sr. Mat.	Reg de Chateauguay
At Montreal Que	Technical School Corres. Courses	8/11/40 — 10/6/41
Term Duration of War.	University	

Rank	Date			Med. Cat.	Date		
AC.2	23	6	41	A ■3B.	21	6	41
Lac	14	10	41				
T/Sgt (PS)	27	4	41				
4/43 (146/18) T/F/S.	1	1	43.				

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Punch Operator. 2 yrs. 1936-38.
Printer. 1938-41

COURSES AND TRADE TESTS

Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.	Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.
Ceased Training				23 2 42	Rem. WAG STD.				23 6 41
~~Ceased Air Gunner DRO~~				~~13 3 42~~	Air Gunner Std.				13 3 42
amended DRO 89 to Air Gunner				13-3-42	A. G. Sp.				27 4 42.

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY ■ S ■

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)

Mr Edouard Bonenfant (Father)
5062 Ste Marie st Montreal Que

LEAVE

From	To	Auth. and Description
25-2-42	11-3-42	14 days Special leave

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

Date	Character	Trade and Assm.	Honours and Awards	Signature

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date	Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date
MO.R13	R/C M.D. Que	#4 MD Quebec Que	23/6/41	DRO 34	Disch.	S.S. Hq	30-1-42
				48	#1 W.S. Mtl	K.T.S. Trenton	11-3-42
DRO 166	Forfeits 8 days pay			DRO 83	K.T.S. Trenton	2 B&G Paulson	28-3-42
	AWL 172 hrs. awarded			DRO 149	1 Y. Depot	RAF. T.P.	15-5-42
	10 days detention Effective 14-7-41			DRO 167	1 Y. Depot	RAF. T.P.	1-6-42
	Forfeits pay from 14-7-41 to 23-7-41					Emb. Can	1.6.42
DRO 218	#4 M' Depot	#1 Wireless School		172/42 (31/42)	2 M386.	3 PRC	12.6.42
	Quebec, Que	Montreal Que	13-9-41	207/42 (3/54) 189/42 (39/52)	3 PRC	7 AGS	30-7-42
230	Forfeits day's pay			204/42 (39/57) 25/42 (31/57)	7 A.G.S.	1484 Flt	18.8.42
	AWL 1 day		17-9-41	29/42 (42/61) 126/42 (8/62)	1484 Flt.	420 Sqdn	10.9.42
23	adm. S. S. In		23-1-42	128/42 (27/64) 29/42 (38/64)	420 Sqdn	425 Sqdn	19.9.42

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

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Missing	425 Sqdn	CR 336	22-6-43	Y.A.G.S. 204/42 (33/57)	Attended No. 76 A.G. gunnery course at Stormy Down from 31.7.42 to 17.8.42 & obtained 67%. Category B.

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Montreal April 7th 1940

Royal Canadian Air Force

Sir,

The hereby letter is to certified that M. Rosario Bonenfant as been working for us for two years, and I can recommand him as an honest, good worker and as a good education in French and English.

He will certainly be a good man for whon kneed is knowledge and ability.

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By. Roger Dugas

R.C.A.F. Records Office
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FORM 6

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS—QUEBEC DEATH TRANSCRIPT

Do not write in this space

1. PLACE OF DEATH

Municipal county: OVERSEAS (GERMANY)

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 (Block letters): BONENFANT

Given names: JOSEPH OSCAR ROSARIO

Do not write in this space

4. RESIDENCE

Street: Ste. Marie Street No. 5062

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:

10. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country): Quebec

11. DATE OF BIRTH: January (Month) 30th (Day) 1919 (Year)

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

OCCUPATION

13. Trade, profession or kind of work, as **spinner, teamster, office clerk,** etc.: 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: June 23/43

16. Total years spent in this occupation: Two

	17. NAME	18. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country)
FATHER	Bonenfant, Edouard	Quebec
MOTHER (Maiden Name)	Ouellette, Alberta	Quebec

19. Place of burial, cremation or removal:

20. Date of burial: ....19....

21. PLACE OF REGISTRATION OF THIS BURIAL

(a) Name of parish or church:

(b) Civil municipality of:

(c) Municipal county:

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

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

22. Date of death: June (Month) 23rd (Day) 19 43 (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 after air operations, now for official purposes, presumed dead.

due to

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

(b)

due to

(c)

II

Other morbid conditions (if important) contributing to death but **not causally related to immediate cause.**

III If a communicable disease is mentioned on this certificate, give

(a) Date of appearance: ....19....

(b) Duration of disease: ....days

25. If a woman, was there a puerperal condition?

26. Was there a surgical operation? Date of ....19....

State findings: Was there an autopsy?

27. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:—

Accident, suicide or homicide (State which): Accident Date: June 23rd 19 43

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

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.)

For (R.C.A.F. Records Officer)

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

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

(Voir l'autre côté pour le français)

Rosario (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Bonenfant (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.	14905
FILE NO.	1 May 45
DATE	J.17396
SERVICE NO.	P/O
FINAL RANK OR RATING	23 June 43

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

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 23 June 43 DATE OF DISCHARGE

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE
NO. OF DAYS 712 / 30 EQUAL TO 23 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50 — $ 172.50 ¢

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE
NO. OF DAYS 389 LESS 22 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 367 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY — 91.75

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 389 / 183	×$ 55.65 — 118.29

MAY 28, 1945

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY — 382.54

E. DEDUCTIONS OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES $
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $
OTHER DEDUCTIONS $

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE — 382.54

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU $
TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $

~~P. & A. Bal.~~ Trans. Trust Account
Journal Voucher # G4

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	TREASURY CHECKED BY	DATE
AMS	JFM	[signature]	5-5-45

[signature] W/C
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Treasury Office,
Air Force Services
OTTAWA, - CANADA.
Rec'd. MAY 4 1945
P. & A. SECTION

M.F.M. 82
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H.Q. 1772-39-1773

MILITIA ACT

National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940

ENROLMENT

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

REGIMENTAL No. D-504545

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Militia Unit taken On Strength Reg. de Chat[illegible]

1. Surname (Block Letters) Bonen fant
2. Christian Names (In Full) Rosairio
3. Present Address 5062 St Marie St #1.

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4. Place of Birth Montreal Date of Birth Jan 30 1919

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5. Religion R.C. 6. Occupation Packer
7. Next-of-Kin Bonenfant Edouard (father)

(NAME AND ADDRESS)

Same Address

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8. Physical Description: Height 5-8½ Weight 145

Color of Eyes Blue Color of Hair Fair

9. Preference, if any, for Naval, Military or Air Force Service. (Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)

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Air Force.

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Réparation de la radio.

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Dated this Ninth day of October 19 40

08.11.0

Training Centre No. 41

1

Rosario Bonenfant

(SIGNATURE OF MAN)

01

[illegible] Maj.

(SIGNATURE AND RANK OF OFFICER EFFECTING ENROLMENT)

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N.P.A.M. TRAINING CENTRE No. 41 COURSE 1 ENDING NOV 8 1940

STAMP

TRAINING CERTIFICATE STAMP

Gaston L. Charbonneau [illegible]

(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AFFIXING THE STAMP)

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HB

SJ017396BONENFANT JOHN OR P08

1 NUMBER NAME 29 RANK

SERVICE AWARD CARD

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R.C.A.F. FORM NO. R. 325

PREFIX NUMBER NAME RANK CODE

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Mrs. Alberta Bonenfant (mother)
5062 St. Marie St.,
Montreal,
Que.

June-45.

MEMORIAL BAR
DATE DESP
REGN. NO 1,601

NAME BONENFANT, Joseph Oscar Rosario FILE NO. J17396

RANK P/O CATEGORY ~~MISSING~~ PRES. DEAD REG. NO. J17396

DATE OF DEATH: 23 June 43 MOTHER LIVING: YES WIFE: N.A.

MINISTERIAL CARD: 17-7-43 ROYAL MESSAGE: JUN 10 1944 MEMORIAL CROSS TO CHAPLAIN: JUL 5 1949

To mother & father
To mother & father 1-3-44 (french card)

DEL'D TO MOTHER:

DEL'D TO WIFE:

M et Mme Edouard Bonenfant,
5062, rue Sainte-Marie,
Montreal, P.Q.

COMMAND: 3 T.C.

RELIGION: R.C.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 J17396

MONTREAL, P.Q.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Single.

EDUCATION

1925-35 - Ecole du Plateau --2 yrs of High School
1935-36 - St Henri(night school) --Mathematics.

CIVIL EXPERIENCE

1936-38 - Hirma L. Piper --Punch Press Operator.
1938-41 - Roger Dugas --Printer Engraver.

SPORTS

Boxing,Hockey,Baseball.

LANGUAGE

French & English fluently.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

1940-41 - Regiment de Chateauguay NPAM (RF),Montreal
--Pte.

R.C.A.F. R198B
10M-6-42 (2271)
885-R-198A

(GL) CFR (Field) BONENFANT, Joseph Oscar Rosario (SR)

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Birth Date	Age on Appointment	Date of Appointment
30-1-19	24	24-3-43

POSTINGS AP&R #124, d/19-7-43.

Rank	Date	Station	Date	Duty
P/O	24-3-43	(OVERSEAS)		Air Gunner.
		MISSING AFTER FLYING OPERATIONS 23-6-43		(CAS. L. #442)
Previously reported missing now for official purposes presumed to have died				
			23-6-43	CAS. LIST 640

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Our Case Ref. 906/804S/P4
A.M. Case Ref. P.405546
A.M. C.E. No. G.804

FINAL GRAVES REGISTRATION

REPORT FORM

The following identifies have been accepted by Air Ministry in their letter reference P.405546/T23806/48 dated 2nd Sept.48 it has been confirmed that the bodies as listed below are now buried as shown, and that the graves have been suitably marked. Previous registration reports may be disregarded on receipt of this final graves registration report form. Consolidated Burial list has been actioned accordingly. Particulars of any detail amendments advised to this HQ. will be similarly distributed.

Service No.	Rank	Name and Initials	Crew Cat.	Force	Cas.Cat.	Date of Death	Disinterred from Dusseldorf M.R. K52/F 3396 P	R	G	Final Burial details at Reichswald 3A/E85 Plot	Row	Grave	
J10050	F/O	MacIntyre, J.S.	Nav	RCAF.	K/A	23.6.43	IIIC		168	VI	A	15	-
C1664	W/C	Savard, J.L. (DFC)	Pilot	"	"	"	IIIC		169	VI	A	16	-
R79494	F/S	Laberge, J.C.A.	B/A	"	"	"	IIIC		170	VI	A	17	-
J17396	P/O	Bonefant, J.O.R.	A/G	"	"	"	IIIC		171	VI	A	18	-
971456	W/O	Allen, J.	W/Op	RAF	"	"	IIIC		172	VI	B	1	-

- Individual marking.

(Sgd)

Rank/ F/Lt. Date: 30.4.49

S.14 (Cas.)C.5

POST PRESUMPTION MEMORANDUM NO. 4799/48

FILE NUMBER P.405546/43 DATE 20.10.48

Relating to WELLINGTON HZ.312 Missing on 22/23.6.43

Crashed at GROIN near REES, GERMANY

NUMBER	RANK	NAME	BURIAL DETAILS			INFORMATION
			REICHSWALD FOREST BRIT. MIL. CEM.			GERMANY
			Plot	Row	Grave	Extract from Dusseldorf Cem.
J.10050	Fg.Off.	MACINTYRE J.S.	VI	A	15	Schedule T.23806/48
C.1664	WG.Cdr.	SAVARD J.L. (D.F.C.)	VI	A	16	shows concentrata-tion of this crew
R.79494	Flt.Sgt.	LABERGE J.C.A.	VI	A	17	as indicated.
J.17395	Plt.Off.	BONEFANT J.O.R.	VI	A	18	Previously buried in DUSSELDORF.
971456	W.O.	ALLEN J.	VI	B	1	Case closed.

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P.405546

C.1664 W/Cdr. Savard ?.L. COPY FOR R.C.A.F.

EXTRACT FROM GERMAN DOCUMENTS K.E. 5743 E.V.3395

DETAILS OF CRASH. Vickers Wellington crashed in GROIN near REES at 0130 hrs 23.6.43.

DETAILS OF CREW.

5 Unknowns buried in North Cemetery Military Cemetery DUSSELDORF, Field 111C. Graves Nos. 168 - 172.

Those in graves 168 & 171 are officers.

SIGNATURE ??? DATE 3/6/47

PHOTOSTATS ATTACHED. INITIALS DATE

COPY TO:- CAS.CAN.
RAAF. O.H.Q.
RNZAF. O.H.Q.
D.A.F.L.

S.7.CAS. (C.5.)

J17396(RO)

le 7 juin 7.

Monsieur E. Bonenfant,
5062, rue Sainte-Marie,
Montréal,P.Q.

Cher monsieur Bonenfant,

Pour faire suite à ma lettre du 23 mai dernier, je tiens à vous dire que le Service préposé à la centralisation des sépultures militaires en Europe continentale nous a informés que votre fils, l'officier-pilote Joseph-Oscar-Rosario Bonenfant, et les membres de son équipage, ont été inhumés de nouveau dans le cimetière britannique militaire de la Forêt de Reichswald, en Allemagne. Ce cimetière est situé à six milles au nord-ouest de Goch, en Allemagne. Nous nous ferons connaître l'endroit exact où reposent les restes de votre fils, dès que nous apprendrons le numéro de la fosse.

Ce cimetière sera entretenu avec soin et à perpétuité par la Commission impériale des sépultures militaires, dont le Canada est membre. Il sera entouré d'un mur de pierre et planté d'arbustes, de fleurs et d'arbres d'ornement. De plus, une pierre tombale sera érigée sur chacune des fosses. Il ne vous sera pas nécessaire d'écrire à ce sujet à la Commission. En effet, avant l'érection de la pierre tombale, cet organisme se mettra en relations avec vous. Vous pourrez alors soumettre le texte d'une inscription (soixante lettres au maximum) qui sera gravée sur cette pierre.

Avec l'expression réitérée de ma profonde sympathie, je me souscris

Votre tout dévoué,

F.F.

Officier préposé au registre des morts,
blessés et disparus du C.A.R.C.,
pour le Chef de l'état-major de l'air.

FOR FRENCH TRANSLATION

J17396 (RO)

Ottawa, Canada, 28 May, 1947.

Mr. E. Bonenfant,
5062 Ste. Marie Street,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Bonenfant:

Further to my letter of 23rd May, 1947, the Graves Concentration Service on the Continent have advised of the re-interment of your son, Pilot Officer Joseph Oscar Rosario Bonenfant and his crew in the Reichswald Forest British Military Cemetery, Germany This cemetery is located six miles north-northwest of Goch, Germany. When the exact location in the cemetery including the grave number is received, it will be conveyed to you immediately.

This cemetery will be reverently and perpetually maintained by the Imperial War Graves Commission, of which Canada is a member. The cemetery will be surrounded by a stone wall and beautified by extensive planting of trees, shrubs and flowers, and a headstone will be erected at each grave. It will not be necessary for you to write to the Commission, for before erecting the stone, they will write to you, when you may submit an inscription (not more than sixty letters), to be engraved on the headstone.

I would like to again express to you and the members of your family my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

R.C.A.F. Casualty Officer,
for Chief of the Air Staff.

FHL:JF

J.17396 (RO)

le 23 mai

Monsieur Edouard Bonenfant,
5062, rue Sainte-Marie,
Montréal, P.Q.

Cher monsieur Bonenfant,

Je tiens à vous faire part d'une communication qui nous est parvenue du Service des recherches en Europe continentale, communication relative au lieu d'inhumation de votre fils, l'officier-pilote Joseph-Oscar-Rosario Bonenfant et des autres membres de son équipage. Leurs restes reposent dans le cimetière de Dusseldorf-nord, à Dusseldorf, en Allemagne.

D'après les rapports retrouvés au cimetière, l'avion s'est abattu dans les environs de Groin (près de Rees), le 23 juin 1943, et l'inhumation eut lieu le 25 juin 1943. Votre fils est inhumé dans la fosse numéro 171; le sous-lieutenant d'aviation Macintyre et le commandant d'escadre Savard sont inhumés respectivement dans les tombes 168 et 169.

L'on croit que les deux autres membres de l'équipage, savoir le sous-officier Laberge et le sous-officier breveté Allen sont inhumés dans les fosses 170 et 172.Toutefois, nous ne pouvons identifier chaque corps positivement à moins de preuve concluante.

Des cimetières militaires britanniques ont été aménagés à nombre d'endroits en Allemagne, et les restes de tous les membres du Corps d'aviation royal canadien inhumés en Allemagne seront transportés à ces simetières, où les fosses seront entretenues à perpé-

tuité, aux frais du Dominion du Canada, par la Commission impériale des sépultures militaires qui érigera, sur chacune d'elles, une pierre tombale. Naturellement, la tâche de préparer et d'ériger ces pierres tombales nécessitera une assez longue période de temps. Aussi bien, inutile d'écrire à ce sujet à la Commission des sépultures militaires: cet organisme s'abouchera avec vous avant que la pierre tombale ne soit gravée.

Avec l'expression réitérée de ma profonde sympathie pour la perte de votre cher fils, je me souscris

Votre tout dévoué,

Officier préposé au registre des morts,
blessés et disparus du C.A.R.C.,
pour le Chef de l'état-major de l'air.

FOR FRENCH TRANSLATION

J.17396 (RO)

OTTAWA, Canada, April 11th, 1947.

Mr. Edouard Bonenfant,
5062 St. Marie Street,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Bonenfant:

You will wish to know of a communication which has been received from the Missing Research and Enquiry Service on the Continent concerning the burial place of your son, Pilot Officer Joseph Oscar Rosario Bonenfant, and the remainder of the crew which has been located in Dusseldorf North Cemetery, Dusseldorf, Germany.

From records obtained at the cemetery the aircraft is known to have crashed in the vicinity of Groin (near Rees) on the 23rd June, 1943, and burial ceremonies took place on the 25th June, 1943. Your son is buried in Grave No. 171, and Flying Officer MacIntyre and Wing Commander Savard are buried in Graves 168 and 169 respectively.

The two remaining members of the crew, Warrant Officer Laberge and Warrant Officer Allen are believed to be buried in Graves 170 and 172 but until positive proof has been received verification cannot be ascertained.

British Military Cemeteries have been located at a number of points in Germany and all Royal Canadian Air Force personnel buried in Germany will be moved to these cemeteries where the graves will be supported and sustained by the Dominion of Canada and entrusted to the Imperial War Graves Commission for reverent and perpetual care and the erection of a head-

/stone

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stone over each grave. The task of preparing and erecting these headstones will naturally take considerable time. It is not necessary to write to the Imperial War Graves Commission as you will be contacted by them before the stone is prepared.

May I again, at this time, offer my sincere sympathy at the loss of your gallant son.

Yours sincerely,

R.C.A.F. Casualty Officer,
for Chief of the Air Staff.

FL/GFB

I N V E S T I G A T I O N R E P O R T

FROM: NO. 19

TO: Air Ministry (S.7.Cas.) 776xford Street, London, W.1.

COPIES TO: 4 M.R.E.U., R.C.A.F. Overseas H.Q., D.D.G.R.E.

DATE: 19th November, 1946.

YOUR FILE OR FOLDER REFERENCE: P.405546/43/P4/406.K., dated 20-3-1946.

YOUR CASUALTY ENQUIRY NUMBER: G.804 S.

OUR REFERENCE: 4 M.R.E.U./806/804S.

NAME OF SEARCH OFFICER: F/LT E.F. Herbert.

TARGET: MULHEIM.

AIRCRAFT TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER: Wellington HZ. 312

DATE REPORTED MISSING: 22/23rd June, 1943.

PLACE OF CRASH, WITH MAP REFERENCE: GROIN near REES (M.R. 3 A./a05.).

PLACE OF BURIAL, WITH MAP REFERENCE: DUSSELDORF North Cemetery (Sheet 38. M.R. 328958).

CREW:

C.1664	W/CDR	SAVARD, J.L.	PILOT	RCAF - MISSING.
J.10050	F/O	MacINTYRE, J.	NAV.	RCAF - Missing.
R.79494	F/S	LABERGE, J.C.A.	B/A	RCAF - Missing.
971456	W/O	ALLEN, J.	W/OP.	RCAF - Missing.
J.17396	P/O	BONENFANT, J.O.R.	A/G	RCAF - Missing.

RESULT OF INVESTIGATION AND FINDINGS:

As instructed I proceeded to DUSSELDORF to investigate your casualty Enquiry G.408 S.

(1) The Aircraft:- Since the burial list at Dusseldorf North Cemetery shows that five bodies were broguht from GROIN (Near REES) on 23-6-1943 and buried 25-6-1943, the scene of the crash has not been visited. German records state that a Wellington crash and this crew is the only one shown for this date and location.

(2) The Aircrew:- The crew were buried in the above mentioned cemetery and recorded as follows:

			DATE OF DEATH	DATE OF BURIAL
Plot 111c	GRAVE 168	ENGL. OFFZ.	23-6-43	25-6-43
Plot 111c	" 169	ENGL. Flieger	"	"
Plot 111c	" 170	ENGL. Flieger	"	"
Plot 111c	" 171	ENGL. Offz.	"	"
Plot 111c	" 172	ENGL. Flieger	"	"

(3) Exhumations:- were carried out by 39 G.C.U. assisted by myself on 8-10-46 and the findings allow the following conclusions to be made regarding correct burial:

Grave 168 F/O MacIntyre
Grave 169 W/C Savard
Grave 170 Unknown
Grave 171 P/O Bonenfant.
Grave 172 Unknown.

(over)

COPY

30th March 1946.

P.405546/43/P4/406.K.

Officer Commanding, No.15 Search Section,
No.3 Missing Research & Enquiry Unit,
Royal Air Force, c/o Search Bureau,
Control Commission for Germany (B.E.)
GOTTINGEN, British Army of the Rhine

Casualty Enquiry G.804.S.

WELLINGTON HZ.312 aircraft was reported missing on the night of 22nd/23rd June 1943. The aircraft took off at 2328 hours on 22nd June 1943, to attack Mulheim (Engine numbers not available).

2. The crew comprised :-

C.1664	W/Cdr	Savard, J.L.	-Pilot	- RCAF -	Missing
J.10050	F/O	MacIntyre, J.	-Nav.	- RCAF -	"
R.79494	F/Sgt	Laberge,J.C.A.	-B/A	- RCAF -	"
971456	W/O	Allen, J.	-W/Op	-RAF -	"
J.17396	P/O	Bonefant,R	-A/G	- RCAF -	"

3. An extract from German Records states :-

Aircraft unknown, shot down on 23rd June 1943, at 0130 hours in Groin near Rees. Member or members of crew are unidentified; no further information is given.

4. A German Death Card gives the following information :-

4 Unknown, 2 of them officers, killed in an Vickers-Wellington aircraft which crashed at Groin near Rees at 0130 hours on 23rd June 1943.

Buried: North Military Cemetery, Dusseldorf, Field 111 c - Graves Nos. 168 - 171 at 1100 hours on 26th June 1943.

5. A second German Death Card states :-

1 Unknown, aircraft Vickers Wellington which crashed at Groin near Rees at 0130 hours on 23rd June 1943.

Buried: North Military Cemetery, Dusseldorf, Field 111c - Grave No. 172 (at 1100 hours on 26th July 1943.

6. Groin ---- Map ref: 3A/A05, two miles N.E. of Rees
Rees ---- Map ref: 3A/A05

7. The date of burial in para.5 appears to be a mistake, and it most likely should be 26th June 1943. The German records and Death Cards quoted are thought to refer to the above crew.

8. May enquiries please be made at Groin to obtain information about the crash, and may the bodies in graves nos. 168 to 172 inclusive, be exhumed to e

(OVER)

13.

45 Ashland Road,
SHEFFIELD 7,
Yorks.

29th June, 1945.

Sir,

I am writing to ask if you have - or can obtain - any information concerning the crew of an R.A.F. (believed Wellington) bomber aircraft which left the Station at Sutton-on-the-Forest near York on June 22nd 1943 on a bombing raid on Mulheim, near Cologne in Germany. The 'plane's crew were all members of the R.C.A.F. with one exception, that exception being my brother, Warrant Officer John Allen, No. 971,456, who was wireless operator-air gunner. The captain of the crew was, I understand, a Canadian Wing Commander. I do not know the number of the Squadron.

My parents received a telegram on the following day, June 23rd 1943, saying that my brother was missing on air operations and the Air Ministry have since issued the official notification that he must be presumed to have lost his life. The Air Ministry have also written several times saying that they have no clue to his whereabouts but I am writing to you to ask if any news has come through about any other member of the crew. Unfortunately their names are not known to us but I imagine they should be fairly easily traceable from the particulars I have given.

It is very difficult to believe that the 'plane with its crew disappeared from the face of the earth without leaving some indication, however slight, of its departure, and we have been wondering if the Canadian authorities have received any kind of information, specially since the defeat of Germany and the consequent accessibility of records and information inside that country itself. My brother's disappearance has naturally been a great blow to us - particularly his parents - and if you can give my any scrap of information which I could pass on we should be very grateful indeed.

I trust that if I have not addressed this letter to the appropriate authority it will be passed on, and I sincerely hope that if anything has been heard of any member of the crew or of the aircraft itself, it will not fail to be transmitted to me.

Yours faithfully,

William L. Allen

The Officer-in-Charge, Records,
The Royal Canadian Air Force,
c/o Canada House,
Trafalgar Square,
LONDON S.W.1.

- 5 JUL 1945

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A I R M I N I S T R Y

CAN/J17396/P4/CAS

73-77 Oxford St, London. W.1.

16th July, 1943.

Dear Mr. Bonenfant:

It is with deep regret that I must confirm the information which you have already received from Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, which stated that your son, Pilot Officer Joseph Oscar Rosario Bonenfant, was reported missing as the result of air operations on the night of the 22nd/23rd June, 1943.

Your son was Air Gunner of a Wellington aircraft, which took off at 11.28 p.m. on the night of June 22nd, for an attack on Mulheim, and failed to return. No information has since been received concerning him, however, enquiries are continuing through the International Red Cross Committee, and other available sources, and I can assure you that any news which may be forthcoming, will be communicated to you at once by Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa.

Please accept my deepest sympathy with you in your great anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

MILTON A. FOSS

(Milton A. Foss) Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
Royal Canadian Air Force, Overseas.

Mr. E. Bonenfant,
5062 St. Marie Street,
Montreal, Quebec,
C A N A D A

PA.

P405546 Copy to Ottawa original to M.L. 5/7

J17396 P.O. BONEFANT J.O. R. IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. 5

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE
OVERSEAS

429 Squadron.

29th June, 1943.

Dear M. Bonenfant,

Before receiving this letter you will have had a telegram informing you that your son, Pilot Officer Ross Bonenfant, is missing as a result of air operations. I regret to have to confirm this distressing news.

Ross and his crew took off on an operational sortie over enemy territory on the evening of June 22nd and we have heard nothing of them since. However, it is decidedly possible that they may be prisoners of war or that even now they are among friends who are helping them to make their way back to this country. Indeed, all of us here hope this is the case, in which event word will come through in due course from the Red Cross Society. If we receive any further news in the meantime, you may be assured that it will be passed on to you without delay.

We regarded Ross as an excellent Air Gunner and his loss is a severe blow to us.

His kit has been collected by our Squadron Padre, F/L Lowry, and forwarded to the Royal Air Force Central Depository for eventual transmission to the Administrator of Estates, Ottawa, to whom any enquiries should be addressed.

Your son was well liked in the Officers' Mess and all his associates regret keenly the loss of a very good friend.

Please accept on behalf of Ross' friends here our most sincere sympathy in your present anxiety. We join you in hoping that he and those with him are safe and well and that good news will come through soon. If there is anything further I can possibly do to help you in the meantime, please do not hesitate to let me know, addressing your letter to the Officer Commanding, 429 Squadron, R.C.A.F.

Yours sincerely,

A Chipling S/L

M. Edouard Bonenfant,
5062 St. Marie,
MONTREAL, Can.

R.C.A.F.
OVERSEAS HEADQUARTERS
8 JUL 1943
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ESTATES BRANCH

OTTAWA, CANADA

Date 27 Juin 1945

RECEIVED this date Treasury cheque for the sum of

THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO 54/100 Dollars ($ 382.54)

in connection with the estate of the below-named deceased,

BONENFANT, Joseph O.R. P/O
No. J17396 R.C.A.F.

ESTATES BRANCH
JUL 3 1945
H. Q.
OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

Mad Alberta Bonenfant
Signature

№ 14337

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R.C.A.F. A81-A
5M-12-44 (4876)
H.Q. 885-A81-A

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY — ARMY — AIR FORCE

STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

m.L. 295-92 AIR

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: Rosario (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Bonenfant (SURNAME)

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

REGISTER NO.
FILE NO. 14905
DATE 1 May 45
SERVICE NO. J.17396
FINAL RANK OR RATING P/O
DATE OF DISCHARGE 23 June 43

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 23 June 43

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 712 / 30 EQUAL TO 23 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50 — $ 172.50

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 389 LESS 22 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 367 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY — 91.75

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 389 / 183	×$ 55.65

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D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY — 382.54

E. DEDUCTIONS — OVERPAYMENT OF

PAY AND ALLOWANCES $
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $
OTHER DEDUCTIONS $

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE — 382.54

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU $ ______ OF $ ______ = $
TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $

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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
AMS	JFM

TREASURY

CHECKED BY	DATE
[signature]	5-5-45

[signature] W/C
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

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OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER J17396 (R108314)

RANK FS (PAID) WITH EFF-27-OCT-42 NOW PILOT OFFICER.

UNIT 429 SQDN (OVERSEAS)

TRADE AIR/GUNNER (GL)

NAME BONENFANT, JOSEPH OSCAR ROSATIO.

13-12-6 for R.A.

R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	R.A.A.F.	R.N.Z.A.F.	OTHER
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MARITAL STATUS

RELIGION

CANADIAN

FRENCH CANADIAN

J 17396 FD47

OTHER

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON REC. OF SERV. & RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

NAME
ADDRESS
D.A.B.

ESTATES BRANCH DEC 1 1944 H.Q. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON CAS. SIG. & RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

AMENDED EXTRACTS RE: RANK

FATHER'S NAME

ADDRESS

LIVING ON ENLISTMENT

MOTHER'S NAME

ADDRESS

LIVING ON ENLISTMENT

WAS MEMBER ATTACHED TO R.A.F. AT ANY TIME? YES/NO

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

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

CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. AIR MIN KWY----PCX473-----d-11-FEB-44

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 23-JUNE-43 AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS) (OVERMULHEIN, GERMANY.)

NOW PRESUMED DEAD" 23-JUNE-43 FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

Reflection A28B

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 20-NOV-44

CERTIFICATE P. OF D. ATTACHED TO A. OF E. COPY YES/NO

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

ATS-RT 2 ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES, OTTAWA 24244

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada

Date NOV. 1 1944

Received this day from the Treasury Branch cheque for the sum of

THIRTY/FIVE----------XX/100 Dollars ($35.00)

being in connection with the marginally noted deceased Officer's estate.

RONENFANT, Joseph O. R., P/O (Deceased)
No. J.17396 R. C. A. F.

TREASURY BRANCH
NOV 23 1944
E. Q.
OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

J. M. Sutherland
Signature
D. A. & A. P. Br.

2M-9-44(M-4300)

D. A. & A. P. OFFICE
Comptroller of the Treasury.
OCT 13 1944

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada

ESTATES BRANCH
NOV 2 1944
D.R.E. Q.
OTTAWA.
NATIONAL DEFENCE

Date October 30 1944

Received this date from the Treasury Branch cheque for the sum of

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY/FIVE ---------- 77/100 Dollars ($285.77)

being in connection with my late son's Service estate.

BONENFANT, Joseph O. R., P/O (Deceased)
No. J.173966 R. C. A. F.

Mad Alberta Bonenfant
Signature

5062 rue St Marie
Montreal

Read this whole Form and instructions on other side before commencing to complete.

WILL

RCAF R.60

(1) I, Rosario Bonenfant of the City ~~Town~~ ~~Village~~ ~~Township~~ of 5062 St. Marie in the County District of Montreal Province of Quebec - Punch Press - Operator (civil occupation)

a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number..... do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my LAST WILL.

(a) Relationship
(b) Names
(c) Address of beneficiaries
(d) What each is to receive.

(2) I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH UNTO my mother Albertha Bonenfant 5062 St-Marie - St Henri Montré Quebec all my estate

Relationship Names and Address of Residuary Beneficiaries

(3) I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate unto my FATHER

(4) I appoint Edouard Bonenfant (Name) 5062 St Marie (Address) Montreal P.Q. to be the Executor ~~Executrix~~ of this my last Will

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of APRIL 1942.

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.

Rosario Bonenfant (Sig. of Testator)

1st Witness Sign here (5) R. W. Ellis (signature) (Occupation)

Rothesay N.B. (address)

2nd Witness Sign Here H.M. Bulley sment. (signature) (Occupation)

Box 106 Lily Dale N.Y. U.S.A. (Address)

(Witnesses are not to be beneficiaries)

/Over

B.10450 PERSONAL EFFECTS OF J.17396 P/O BONNEFANT, J.O.R.

1 black Gladstone bag contg:-
8 towels.
1 pullover.
6 collars
6 shirts.
1 field service cap.
17 pieces underwear.
6 ~~handkerch~~ handkerchiefs.
1 pr. trousers.
1 pr. socks.
1 leather folder contg:-
2 photographs.
1 pr. braces.
1 pr. shoe trees.
2 Canada badges.
1 mirror.
2 prs. pyjamas.
1 black tie.
1 pr. leather gloves.
1 pillow case.
1 face cloth.
1 hairbrush in case.
1 raincoat.
1 shaving brush.
1 gold plated watch with chain.
1 brown leather club bag contg:-
1 pr. black Wellington boots.
1 pr. shoes.
1 electric iron with attachments
1 pr. socks.
1 tie.
1 tunic.
1 collar.
2 polishing brushes.
1 pr. leather gloves.
1 camera in case - Brownie.
1 bicycle lamp.
1 fountain pen in case - Parker.
1 tin box contg:-
2 shaving brushes.
3 pen holders.
1 wrist watch in envelope "Bulova"
1 comb.
1 safety razor in case.
1 pr. scissors.
6 collar buttons.
10 prs. shoe laces.
1 Rosary.
1 eraser.
9 buttons.
1 towel.
2 shirts.
2 collars.
2 prs. socks.
2 handkerchiefs.
2 pieces of underwear.
9 pen nibs.
1 sports jacket.
1 writing pad.
2 toothbrushes.
1 polishing cloth.
1 button stick.
1 folder contg:- photographs, negatives & personal papers.
1 blue leather folder contg:- address book and photographs.
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1 cheque book (Bank of Montreal) contg:- 23 cheques and 1 bank book (Bank of Montreal) a/c No.06121, extracted by Unit and forwarded to the Officer i/c Estates, R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, London.

Original station inventory (unsigned & undated)
Effects checked at Central Depository on 23.7.43.

Refolo
missing 23/6/43

MONTREAL, August 13th, 1943.

Administrator of Estates:

I have just received the news that my son, Ross, has been reported missing in action. I wish to let you know that I am thankful to you for informing me of those sad news. It is with great difficulty that I write to you, because, ever since I heard the news about my son, I believed I couldn't live through it all. Please excuse my delay in answering, but I am a very sick woman, and I was dependent on my son to help me when I was old. But, I still have faith and hope that God will bring him back to me. I also wish to thank you for the sympathy you have expressed. Would it be too much to ask you to sent my son's personal effects to me? I have only one other son, and he is in the Army, too. He is married, and the father of a lovely little girl.

I hope to receive an answer soon, and, would you please answer in French, as I cannot read English easily.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. E. Bonenfant,
5062 Ste-Marie St.,
ST.HENRI, Montreal.

MONTREAL, August 20th, 1943.

Administrator of Estates:

I am answering your letter of August 17th. I wish to thank you for taking of my son's case. I can assure you that deep in my heart I am always hoping to hear that he and his companions are safe. I have faith in God, and trust in you.

My son arrived overseas as Sergeant, with R108314 as his number. When he was commissioned Pilot Officer, his number was changed to J.17396 Joseph Oscar Rosario Bonenfant, 429 Squadron, R.C.A.F., Overseas.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. E. Bonenfant,
5062 Ste-Marie St.,
ST.HENRI, Montreal.

Montréal 20 Août 1943

no file

Mr l'administrateur des successions

Je répond de suite a la
lettre que vous m'envoyer moi
de même je doit vous remercier
car je voit que vous occupez du
cas de mon fils mais je doit
avant tout vous dire que mon
coeur de mère ne pourra guérir
avant d'avoir une bonne nouvelle
que je voudrait donc recevoir une
lettre pour me dire que mon fils
et ses compagnons sont retrouvés
J'espère en vos recherches et en la
divine providence bien voici le
nom de mon fils Aviateur arrivé
outre mer comme Sergent son numéro
R108314 ensuite après avoir été reçu
pilote officier son numéro J17396
Joseph Oscar Rosario. Bonenfant
429 Squadron R.C.A.F. Overseas
votre toute dévouée
Mad E Bonenfant 5062 St Marie St Henri Montréal

B. F. 3-9-G

le 17 août 1943.

Madame E. Bonenfant,
5062 rue Ste-Marie,
St-Henri,
Montréal.

Chère Madame Bonenfant,

Nous avons bien reçu votre lettre du 13 août et nous vous en remercions.

Nous serons des plus heureux de vous fournir les renseignements demandés mais auparavant vous voudrez bien avoir l'obligeance de nous faire connaître le nom et prénoms de votre fils ainsi que son numéro matricule si possible. Vous voudrez bien aussi, nous dire si votre fils servait dans la marine ou l'aviation.

Dès que nous aurons obtenu ces détails, nous serons en position de répondre à votre lettre.

Votre tout dévoué,

(O. Godbout) Capitaine,
pour (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Colonel,
Administrateur des successions.

OG:AM

Montréal 13 Aout 1943

BRANCH
AUG 16 1943
H. Q.
OTTAWA
NAL DEFENCE

Mr L'administrateur

J'ai reçue la douloureuse nouvelle que mon fils Ross est porté disparu. Jm je doit vous remercié de m'avoir communiqué la nouvelle mais c'est avec beaucoup de difficulté que je vous écri aujourd'hui car depuis cette nouvelle j'ai pensé que je ne pourrait survivre veuillez bien excusé mon retard pour vous demandé si vous n'avez pas reçu d'autres nouvelles de mon cher enfant car je suis très malades et très malheureuse car je contais

sur mon cher fils pour m'aider
dans ma vieillesse mais je compte
toujours sur la divine providence pour
ramener mon cher enfant a sa base
et être encore capable de faire son
devoir. Bien je doit vous remercier
pour la sympatie que vous m'addresser
mais Dm si vous n'avez pas d'autres
nouvelles jespère que ce ne serait
pas trop de vous demander si je
pourrait avoir ce que mon fils
avait en sa possession car je
suis désolée et je n'avait qu'un
autre fils et lui aussi fait son
devoir il est dans l'armée il est marié
et père d'une belle fillette.
Jespère que j'aurai des nouvelles
sous peu et serait-ce trop vous
demander de me répondre en francais
car je ne li pas l'anglais
Votre toute dévouée
Mad E Bonenfant 5062 St Marie
St Henri Montréal

R.C.A.F. G.64
H.Q. 885-G-64

Royal Canadian Air Force

CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

NO. 7037

This is to Certify that

J17396 PILOT OFFICER JOSEPH OSCAR ROSARIO BONHEAET
(Number) (Rank) (Name in Full) (Unit) R.C.A.F.

has been officially reported as missing since the 23RD day

of JUNE, 1943, and that, full inquiries having been made, no information has been received which would indicate that he may be still alive. For official purposes, therefore, he is presumed to have died on or since the above mentioned date.

Dated at Ottawa, Canada, this 22ND day of FEBRUARY 1944

(T.K. McDougall)
Group Captain,
R.C.A.F. Records Officer.

Read this whole Form and Instructions on other side before commencing to complete.

WILL

R.C.A.F. R. 60
50M—8-40 (6698)
H.Q. 1062-3-45

Last Permanent Civilian Address

(1) I, Joseph Oscar Rosario Bonenfant of the City ~~Town~~ ~~Village~~ ~~Township~~ of Montreal in the County District of Montreal Province of Quebec, Punch press operator (Civil Occupation)

a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number R 108314 do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my LAST WILL.

(a) Relationship (b) Names and (c) Address of beneficiaries and (d) What each is to receive.

(2) I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH unto my mother

Alberta Bonenfant.
5062 Ste Marie St.
Montreal. Que.

all my estate.

Relationship, Names and Address of Residuary Beneficiaries.

(3) I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal, of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate unto

N. A.

(4) I appoint Edouard Bonenfant (Name) 5062 Ste Marie (Address) Montreal. Que, to be the Executor ~~Executrix~~ of this my Last Will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of June 1941.

See later ~~will~~

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.

R Bonenfant (Signature of Testator)

First Witness sign here.

(5) Gaillard Lac R. 73918 (Signature)
No 4 Manning Depot Quebec (Address)
Clerk. (Occupation)

Second Witness sign here.

Lac Jean R Blean R 79440 (Signature)
No 4 Manning Depot Quebec (Address)
Pilot (Occupation)

(Witnesses are not to be beneficiaries.)

[OVER]

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

T[redacted] made out in duplicate

M.F.M. 5
200M—2-41 (9495-6)
H.Q. 1772-39-1651

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY OF AN OFFICER OR OTHER RANK OF THE CANADIAN ARMY (AF) 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 Canadian Army (AF) 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 individual's new unit.

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(1) Name of Officer or Other Rank.....BONENFANT, JOSEPH OSCAR ROSARIO.....
(Surname first—Christian names in full—Block capitals)

(2) Regimental or Official Number and Rank R108314 AC2 ..... Standard.....

(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?.....NO.....

(8) Have you any children?....NO..... 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.....NO.....

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

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

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

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd. JUN 27 1941
O.K. ..... C.I.B. .....
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? Yes

If so, state name and address, occupation Edouard Bonenfant, Truck Driver, City of Montreal, 5062 Ste Marie, Montreal, P.Q.

(12) If your father is a widower and is totally incapacitated from earning a living—are you his sole or partial support? NO

(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 Alberta Ouellette, (Bonenfant)

5062 Ste Marie St., Montreal, P.Q.

(15) If your mother is a widow, are you her sole or partial support? NO

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

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

(17) Are you contributing to the support of any dependents, other than those shown above? 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? Mutual Life Ins. Co.,
(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.

R. Bonenfant
(Signature of officer or man)

Date June 23rd 1941

for Officer Commanding

Date June 23rd 1941 R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Montreal, P.Q.

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.

AIR FORCE No. ~~R108314~~ F

BONENFANT, JOSEPH OSCAR ROSARIO

SURNAME — FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES

ENLISTMENT PLACE Montreal DATE 23-6-41

RE-ENLISTMENT

C.R. FILE NUMBER SR-

J.17396

OFFICER

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

Comm. 24-3-43 13

R.C.A.F. FORM R44(B) 30M-3-41 (9782) 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.	4 M.D. Quebec.	23	6	41	4 M.D. 150
S.O.S.	4 M Depot Quebec	13	9	41	4 M.D. 220
T.O.S.	1 W.S. Montreal.	14	9	41	1 W.S. 221
S.O.S.	1 W.S. Montreal	11	3	42	1 W.S. 48.
T.O.S.	K.T.S. Trenton Ont.	12	3	42	E 71
S.O.S.	K.T.S. Trenton	28	3	42	E 83
T.O.S.	7 B & G Sch Paulson	29	3	42	7 B.G. 86
S.O.S.	7 B.G.S. Paulson	28	4	42	7 B.G. 106 AO
T.O.S.	No 1 Y Depot. Halifax	29	4	42	1 Y 133
	2848001				
S.O.S.	to overseas	31	5	42	E 490
S.O.S.	1 Y Dep to RAF Trainees Pool	31	5	42	1 Y 169
T.O.S.	3 P.R.C.	12	6	42	RAF 40;
Att'd	No. 3 Cdn. Div. from 3 PRC	6/	7/	42	RAF 45
S.O.S.	3 PRC to 7 A.G.S. for 76 A.G. Crse	30	7	42	RA 7 52 54
S.O.S.	1484 (B) G. Flt to 420 Sqdn	10	9	42	RA 7 61
	Pend N RE 490				
	Missing	23	6	43	
	PCX 474	24	6	43	
	Pres Dead.	23	6	43	
	PCX 473 11-1-44				
	W.H.G. computed	28	9	44	
1490	COMPLETED W.S.	24	1	45	

2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.

RANK	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
AC2	23	6	41	4 M.D. 150
LAC.	14	10	41	1 W.S. 260.
Sgt. (T) (Pd)	27	4	42	7 B.G. 106 AO
T4				
T/FS	27	10	42	A7R 0874
T/F/S	1	1	43	RA 7 18.
P/O 24-3-43 (APR 24/19-7-43) letter 12-5-43 (SB 538)				
T8				
Commissioned	24	3	43	Letd/12-5-43

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.
30-4-41	R-100	A3B	
Stn Sick Qtrs	23-1-42	30-1-42	1 W.S. 23. 1 W.S. 34.
23/2/42	B2	A1B, A3B	

4. TRADE AND CHARACTER

TRADE	GROUP	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
W.A.G. (amended)	S	23	6	41	4 M.D. 150
A.G.		11	3	42	E 76 E89
A.G.		13	3	42	E 89
A/G (Crse 28)	S.G.	27	4	42	7 B.G. 106 AO
305-5					7
A/G. G.L.		24	3	43	(APR 124/19-7-43)
1E00					

TRADE PROFICIENCY	CHARACTER ASSESSMENT	DATE OF R41

5. COURSES-TESTS-ETC.

SUBJECT	RESULT	DATE			AUTHORITY
Transf. to crse	28				1 W.S. 55.
Gunnery Crse at S. Down	"B" 67%	18	8	42	RAF 51
Transf To crse 26					

6. LEAVE

FROM	TO	DAYS	REMARKS	D.R.O.
25-2-42	11-3-42	14	Special Leave	1 W.S. 48.
27-4-42	11-5-42	14	Embark. Leave & Travel time	7 B.G. 106 AO
50				

R.C.A.F. OVERSEAS 1 2 — ENLISTMENT MARTIAL STATUS 3 4 5 — PRESENT MARTIAL STATUS 6 7 8 — HIGH & TECH. SCHOOL EDUCATION 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 — C. OF E. 16 BAP. 17 U.C. 18 PRES. 19 R.C. 20 HEB. 21 PRO. 22 OTHER 23 — RELIGION — PREV. SERV. 24 — PROVINCE OF ENLISTMENT 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 — DISCHARGE 34 35 36 37 38 — AC

AIR FORCE No. ~~R108314~~ J.17396

BONENFANT, JOSEPH OSCAR ROSARIO
SURNAME — FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES

OFFICER

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

comm. 24-3-43

ENLISTMENT — PLACE Montreal — DATE 23-6-41
RE-ENLISTMENT
C.R. FILE NUMBER SR.

R.C.A.F. FORM R44(B)

7. BIRTH: DATE 30-1-19 PLACE Montreal CITIZENSHIP British
FATHER (FULL NAME) Edouard Bonenfant
BIRTHPLACE Charlemagne P.Q.
MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) Alberta Ouellette
BIRTHPLACE Montreal

8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING
HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE X Que
JUNIOR MATRICULATION 2 yrs "
SENIOR MATRICULATION
TECHNICAL SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY
CORRESPONDENCE COURSES
Night School - 1 yr. - maths

9. CIVIL OCCUPATIONS OR EXPERIENCE USEFUL TO R.C.A.F.
punch press operator - 2 yrs.
printer - 3 yrs
3600

10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE
Reg. of Chateauguay - Mtl - pte.
8-11-40 to 10-6-41

11. HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS

HONOURS	AUTHORITY	DATE
A/G Badge	TDG 106AO	27-4-42

12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)
SOLO — DUAL — PASSENGER —

13. RELIGION R.C.

14. LANGUAGES Fren & Eng

15. SPORTS hockey, baseball.

16. SINGLE-MARRIED-WIDOWER-SEPARATED-DIVORCED: single
WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME)
PLACE OF MARRIAGE — DATE
AUTHORITY (IF AFTER ENLISTMENT)

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: Edouard Bonenfant — RELATIONSHIP Father
ADDRESS: 5062 Ste Marie St. Montreal — D.R.O. NK
FULL NAME: Joseph Laflamme — RELATIONSHIP
ADDRESS: 5166 Cote St Paul Rd. Montreal — D.R.O. NK

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

RATE CHANGES ETC.	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.	RATE CHANGES ETC.	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.
Forf. 8 days Pay AWL 192 hrs	3/11	7	41	4MD166			
Awarded 10 days detent	14	7	41	4MD166			
Forf. Pay	14/23	7	41	4MD166			
Forf. 1 day pay AWL	17	9	41	1W S230			

21. ENGAGEMENTS

TERM	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.	TERM	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.
Dur.	23	6	41				

22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

FROM	TO	DATE	D.R.O.
Occ. Gov't qtrs. & draw. rtns		24/6/41	4MD.150
Occ. Gov't qtrs. & dr. rtns		11-3-42	E71
P. Qtrs. & rtns		30-3-42	TDG86

Date and Place of Signing R40-

22.(A) ADDRESS PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT
5062 Ste Marie street, Montreal

22302.

23. DOCUMENT CONTROL (INDICATE RECEIPT BY DATE) O.H.F.

R60	R79	B465	X-RAY	AFM-13	IDN. CARD	
2/7/41 28-4-42	JAN 16 '42	8/7/41			XX	

AIR FORCE No. J 17396 ~~R108314~~

BONENFANT, JOSEPH OSCAR ROSARIO

SURNAME — FULL CHRISTIAN NAME

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE Montreal
DATE 23-6-41 Comm. 24-3-43

RELIGION R.C.

R.C.A.F. FORM R230

TYPE OF LEAVE

FROM	TO	No. DAYS	DESCRIPTION	AUTH.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ON WHICH MOST PROFICIENT

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

POSTINGS, ATTACHMENTS & TEMPORARY DUTY

SOS TOS	FROM / TO	DATE			AUTHORITY
SOS	7 BGS Paulson	28	4	42	7 BG 106 AO
SOS	1 Y Depot RAF Trainee Pool	31	5	42	1 Y 169
SOS	Disembarked U.K.	11	6	42	E 490.
TOS	at. 7 A.G.S.	30	7	42	M.O. 314
TOS	at 1484 Gunn. Flt.	18	8	42	POR 57/31
TOS	at 420 Sqdn.	10	9	42	POR 61/47
SOS	420 Sqdn to 425 Sqdn	19	9	42	POR 64/27
	On Draft 7522				S.4-26-2 FD 5810
SOS	425 Sqn - 429 Sqn	1	6	43	425 Sqn 21/D 18/43
	F/B Missing from 429 Sqdn	22/23	6	43	CR. 336 AFRO 1582/43
	Posted W.C. (A.D) Uxbridge	23	6	43	429 Sq. 17/43
TOS	429 Sqn - RCAF N/E U (M).	24	6	43	N/E.U. 1/43
SOS	RCAF N/E Unit (P.D)	24	6	43	N/E U 4/44
PRESUMED DEAD		23	6	43	CR 429 AFRO 2160/44

ADVISE ENTRIES
UNIT RECORDS RETURNED
TO CANADA

ALL OTHER CASUALTIES

CASUALTY AND DATE	AUTHORITY
SSO 23-1-42 to 30-1-42	1WS 23-34
Forf pay and 172. 3/4 7-41	4 MD 166
awd 10 day det 14-7-41	4 MD 166
Forf 1 day pay 17-9-41	1WS 230.

Emb. 1-6-42

SERVICE MACHINES FLOWN

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSESSMENT

DATE	CHARACTER	TRADE ASSESSMENT

HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

DATE			AWARD	AUTHORITY
27	4	42	Air Gunner Badge	7 BG 106 AO

AIR FORCE No. J17396 ~~R108314~~

Bonenfant Joseph Oscar Rosario
SURNAME FULL CHRISTIAN NAME

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE Montreal
DATE 23-6-41 Comm. 24-3-43.

RELIGION R. C.

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

R.C.A.F. FORM R230
100M-3-43 (3137)
H.Q. 885-R-230

BIRTH DATE	PLACE	COUNTRY	CITIZENSHIP	RACIAL ORIGIN
30-1-19	Montreal	Canada	Br.	

CIVIL EDUCATION
Night School - 1yr. - maths

PUBLIC SCHOOL	JUNIOR MATRICULATION x 2yrs.
HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE	SENIOR MATRICULATION
TECHNICAL SCHOOL	UNIVERSITY
CORR./BUSINESS COURSES	LANGUAGES SPOKEN

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE
punch press operator - 2yrs.
printer - 3yrs.

PREVIOUS SERVICE
Reg of Chateauguay - Mtl - pte. 8-11-40 to 10-6-41

PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY	PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY
30-4-41	A3B		
23-2-42	A1B A3B		

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWER, DIVORCED: Single
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)
Edward Bonenfant Father
5062 Ste. Marie Str. Montreal
Joseph Laflamme 5106 Cote St. Paul Rd. 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. (GL) (SR) (A.G.)	24 3 43	O.O. 538	

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

AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN

RANK	DATE	AUTH.	TRADE	DATE	AUTH.
ac 2	23 6 41	4MD150	W A H	23 6 42	4MD150
Lac	14 10 41	1WS266	A.G.	13 3 42	E 89
T/Sgt (pd)	27 4 42	1B&G 160 A/O	A.G. Sg	27 4 42	1B&G 106 A/O
F/Sgt.	1 1 43				
Comm.	24 3 43	O.O. 538			
T/F Sgt	27 10 42	APRO 874/44			

OFFICERS, AIRMEN/AIRWOMEN

COURSE OR TRADE	GRP.	%	PF	DATE
Drong Class 28				
1B&G Course 23		Stand. 23	3/27	3/4/42

ADVISE ENTRIES
UNIT RECORDS RETURNED
TO CANADA

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

ENTIAL

R.C.A.F. M.2
150M—8-40 (6421)
H.Q. 1062-10-2

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

FILE NUMBER

Medical Board held at Montreal, P.Q. *Date* 15-4-41

Surname BONENFANT *Chr. Names* JOSEPH OSCAR ROMEO
Nature of Commission m-2-3 *Date of Birth* 30-1-19 *Married or Single* S
Branch Gen. List. *Hours Flown* None
Address 5062 St. Marie St., St. Henri, Montreal, P.Q.

HAVE YOU ANY HISTORY OF:—

(i) NERVOUS TROUBLE or Nervous Breakdown NO
Severe or "Sick" Headaches, Migraine NO
Fits or Convulsions of any kind NO
Sun or Heat Stroke NO
Head Injury or Concussion (including "knock-out") NO
Insomnia, Nightmares, Sleep-walking, or Bed-wetting NO
(ii) LUNG TROUBLE or Consumption NO
Bronchitis, Pneumonia or Pleurisy NO
Asthma or Hay Fever NO
(iii) HEART DISEASE, "Weak or Strained Heart" NO
Fainting Attacks or Giddiness NO
Rheumatism, Rheumatic Fever or "Growing Pains" NO
Frequent Sore Throats or Tonsillitis NO
Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever or Scarlatina NO
(iv) STOMACH or BOWEL TROUBLE Appendectomy 5 yrs. ago.
Chronic Indigestion or Pain after Food NO
(v) KIDNEY or BLADDER TROUBLE NO
Syphilis or Gonorrhœa NO
(vi) TROPICAL DISEASE Never in the tropics.
Malaria NO
Dysentery NO
(vii) EYE TROUBLE or Inflammation of Eyelids NO
Wearing of Glasses NO
Colour or Night Blindness NO
(viii) EAR TROUBLE, Earache or Discharge from Ears NO
Deafness, Noises in the Ears, or Dizziness NO
Frequent Colds in Head, Catarrh or Obstruction NO
Prolonged Hoarseness or Loss of Voice NO
Sea, Car or Train Sickness NO
Discomfort on Swings, Roundabouts, Switchbacks NO
(ix) OPERATIONS Appendectomy 5 yrs. ago. NO
(x) Any Illness or Injury not mentioned above NO

Education 2 yrs. High School
Present Occupation Office clerk Hobbies reading and sports
Previous Service 30 days training Oct. - Nov. 1940.
Athletics basketball for High School team, hockey, boxing, fair.
Habits—Smoking 10¢ package tobacco 1 week Alcohol none
FAMILY HISTORY—Consumption Neg.
Nervous Ailments, Mental Trouble, or "Fits" Neg.
Father Alive—Health good Dead—Cause
Mother Alive—Health good Dead—Cause
Brothers (1) Alive—Health good (0) Dead—Cause fall age 2½ yrs
Sisters (0) Alive—Health (1) Dead—Cause "compression - skull fracture from

I hereby declare that I have carefully considered the statements made above, that to the best of my belief they are complete and correct, and that I have not withheld any relevant information or made any misleading statement. I am fully aware that by wilfully suppressing any information I shall incur the risk of not being granted a Commission, or if it is granted, of being required to relinquish it and forfeit any claim to gratuity or other award.

Date 15-4-41 *Signature* R. Bonenfant *Witness* C. A. Forsyth F/O

GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EXAMINATION

Impression given by *(a)* Physique athletic *(b)* Mentality alert

Body Marks, Scars, Deformities Tattoo marks on Both arms (hearts with initials) appendecto scar.

Size of Thyroid Gland N

Surgical Abnormalities Nil

Results of Wounds, Injuries, Operations Appendectomy scat. scars on knees.

	Date 15-4-41	Assessing Room	Date	Assessing Room	Date	Assessing Room	Remarks on any Abnormalities Found
Height (ins.)	66½						
Weight (lbs.)	139						*Date*
Chest Circumference (ins.)	35¾-38¼						
Body Build (lbs.) + 6	133						
Leg Length (ins.)	N.A.						
Pulse Rate — Sitting	78						
Pulse Rate — Standing 1st	96						
Pulse Rate — Standing 2nd	84						
Pulse Rate — After Exercise	120						
Pulse Rate — Time to Normal	35 secs.						
Arterial Walls	soft						
Blood Pressure — Systolic	135						
Blood Pressure — Diastolic	85						
Heart — Size	N						
Heart — Sounds	N						
Heart — Rhythm	reg.						
Lungs	clear						
Breath held	95 secs.						
Expiratory Force	170 mm						
Vital Capacity (Best of 5)							
Reflexes — Knee	N N						*Date*
Reflexes — Ankle	N N						
Reflexes — Triceps	N N						
Reflexes — Abdominal	N N						
Reflexes — Plantar	N N						
Cranial Nerves	N						
Balancing Rod	R. L. NA	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	
Self Balancing	R. L. NA	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	
Tremors — Fingers	neg.						
Tremors — Eyelids	neg.						*Date*
Abdomen — Liver	0						
Abdomen — Spleen	0						
Abdomen — Muscular Tone	good						
Urine — Albumen	neg.						
Urine — Sugar	neg.						
Initials of M.O.	CWA						

40 mm. Hg. Test 15-4-41 84 - 888,889,888,898 - 60 secs CWA

Date

Date

Date

Date

Remarks by Consultant.

EYE EXAMINATION

History	Neg.		
Visual Acuity	R. 20/20 , $\bar{c}$ 2.25 = 20/200		
	L. 20/20 , $\bar{c}$ 2.25 = 20/200		
Colour Vision	D.U.S. Ish. Safe on G.A. Lamp.		
Red, Green	NA		
Diaphragm Test (P.D. =	NA)		
Convergence	C. = NA cms.		
	S. C. = NA cms.		
Accommodation	R.		
	L.) 7.5 cms		
Cover Test	sl. bilat. diverg. R.R.		
Fundi and Media	N		
Fields	N		
Remarks:	Fit.		
	Initials of M.O. CMA	*Initials of M.O.*	*Initials of M.O.*
	Date 15-4-41	*Date*	*Date*

EXAMINATION OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

History	Neg.			
Hearing	R. Ear	W.V. 20		
	L. Ear	W.V. 20		
External Ear, Meatus Membranes	R. Ear	N		
	L. Ear	N		
Middle Ear, Eustachian Tubes	R. Ear	Patent		
	L. Ear	Patent		
Cochlear Apparatus	R. Ear			
	L. Ear			
Vestibular Apparatus	R. Ear	) apparently normal		
	L. Ear			
Buccal Cavity		H		
Teeth		3 $\bar{c}$ small cavities		
Gums		H		
Pharynx		N		
Nasopharynx		N		
Nose		N		
Larynx		N		
Remarks:		Dentally unfit		
		Initials of M.O. CMA	*Initials of M.O.*	*Initials of M.O.*
		Date 15-4-41	*Date*	*Date*

HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION

Date 15-4-41

A good specimen. Dental cagities render temporarily unfit. Otherwise fit and keen. Cat. AtBt (1 week)

C M Forsyth F/O
D B Thomson F/L

30-4-41 Teeth filled. Category A3B

D B Thomson F/L
(D. V. Hutton F.O.)
D Hutton F/O

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS BY PRESIDENT OF BOARD

Date

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

SERVICE AND PAY BOOK

R.C.A.F. A.47
Part 1.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE SERVICE BOOK

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS AND AIRMEN

1. You will be held responsible for the safe custody of the book.

2. You will always carry the book on your person both at home and abroad.

3. You must produce the book whenever called upon to do so by a competent authority, civil, naval, military or air.

4. You must not alter or make any entry in this Book (except as regards short form of Will on page 16, see instructions on pages 12 to 15), and disobedience of this order will be treated as a serious offence.

5. Should you consider that any entry in the book is lacking or incorrect, or should you lose the book, you will report the matter to your immediate superior in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Any change in name or address of person to be informed of casualties must be reported immediately to your Commanding Officer.

J17396 missing

Air Force No. R108314 Surname BONENFANT

Christian Names (in full) JOSEPH OSCAR ROSARIO

Date of Birth 30-1-19 Religion R.C.

Date of Enlistment/~~Appointment~~ 23-6-41

Married (M), Widower (W) or Single (S) S

Occupation in Civil Life PRINTER

Signature of Holder

Name and Address of Next-of-Kin Mr W. EDOUARD BONENFANT (Father) 5062 Ste Marie st. Montreal, P.Q.

Name, Address, and Relationship of Person to be informed of Casualties—

A.L. Brown F/O

Certified Correct for A.B. Mackenzie F/L

Date 31-3-43 Place RCAF O/S HQ.

RAF Rank as at 1-3-43 F/Sgt air.

RANK, GROUP AND R.C.A.F. TRADE OR BRANCH

Branch or Trade and Group	Date of Effect	Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer making Entry
AG.	27-4-42		

Rank	Date of Effect	Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer making Entry
LAC	14-10-41		
SGT	27-4-42		
F/SGT	1-1-43		
P/O	24-3-43	%538	

MEDALS, DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, ETC.

Particulars	Date and Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer

MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

(For entries for which space is not otherwise provided)

NOTE—No entry on this page has any legal effect as a Will

Particulars	Date and Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer
140016 Pistol Rev.	IV-807-	

LEAVE RECORD
(With Free Railway Warrant)

From (date)	To (date)	Signature of Officer

LEAVE RECORD
(With Special Leave Warrant A.24)

From (date)	To (date)	Authority and Signature of Officer
		T.W.#
		T.W.#
		T.W.#
		T.W.#
		T.W.#

MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION

Date	Category	Medical Board or Medical Exam. (Form No.)	Unit	Initials of M.O.
21-6-41	A3B.			

BLOOD GROUP

Date	International	Initials of M.O.

NIGHT VISUAL CAPACITY

Date	Score	Group	Initials of M.O.

R.C.A.F. R. 45
30M-4-41 (168)
H.Q. 1062-2-126

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

J. A. T. P. CANADA

Individual Record of Flying

RANK LAC No. ~~R.108314~~ Can. J17396 NAME BONENFANT, R.

LOWE-MARTIN MFRS.

UNIT	PERIOD ENDING	SERIAL No.	Single-Engine Day 1st Pilot (A) Hrs	Mins	2nd Pilot (B) Hrs	Mins	Dual (C) Hrs	Mins	Single-Engine Night 1st Pilot (D) Hrs	Mins	2nd Pilot (E) Hrs	Mins	Dual (F) Hrs	Mins	Multi-Engine Day 1st Pilot (G) Hrs	Mins	2nd Pilot (H) Hrs	Mins	Dual (J) Hrs	Mins	Multi-Engine Night 1st Pilot (K) Hrs	Mins	2nd Pilot (L) Hrs	Mins	Dual (M) Hrs	Mins	Crew Duties Observer (N) Hrs	Mins	Air Gunner (O) Hrs	Mins	Other (P) Hrs	Mins	Passenger (Q) Hrs	Mins	Total (R) Hrs	Mins
#7 B. & G.S. Paulson, Man.	27-4-42																												10	50					10	50
Total time to date																																			10	50

Total Flying Time at No. 7 B. and G. S. 10 hrs. 50 mins.
Certified Correct
Date 24-4-42 [signature] F/O
for Chief Instructor

J17396

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January 19, 1944.

Dear Sir:

It is a painful duty for me to reply to your letter and to state that I have received no news from my son, Pilot Officer Joseph-Oscar-Rosario Bonenfant.

1944 JAN 27 AM 11 48

Although my son was performing a duty which was dear to his heart by gallantly fighting for his country, I must say that I am deeply grieved and I hope you will understand my feelings.

Still, I am living in the hope of receiving better news and of hearing that my son is not dead. Above all, do not forsake me.

Yours truly,

Mme Edouard Bonenfant.

Translation,
PL-YS,
25-1-44

KINAGREE
MC

RECEIVED
JAN 28 1944
CASUA
SECTION

January 18, 1944.

W.R. Gunn,
Squadron Leader,
R.C.A.F.,
Department of National Defence for Air,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter dated January 10 asking me if I had heard from my son, P/O Rosario Boenefant, J17396. To date, I have had no news concerning him.

Yours truly,
(Signed) Mme Edouard Bonenfant.
Mme Alberta Bonenfant,
5062, rue Sainte-Marie,
Montréal, P.Q.

M.T.

Translation,
PL-YS,
25-1-44

19 Janvier 1944

Monsieur

C'est un pénible devoir que vous me demandez de répondre à votre lettre, pour vous dire que je n'ai pas eu aucune nouvelles de mon fils; officier pilote Joseph Oscar Rosario Bonenfant

Sachez comprendre ma douleur

Malgré que mon fils accomplissait un devoir qui lui étais cher au coeur et combattais vaillament pour sa patrie.

Mais je vi dans l'espoir et l'attente que vous me direz des bonnes nouvelles et que mon fils n'est pas mort et surtout ne m'abandonnez pas;

votre toute dévouée

Mad Edouard Bonenfant