J23906
DUCHARME
JOSEPH JEAN

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MONTREAL P.Q.

GENERAL INFORMATION SINGLE

EDUCATION

1926-35 St.Thomas Acquines Montreal,P Q.- Primary and the equivalent to two yrs. High School.

1936-39 Inter.Corresp.School,Scranton, Pas.USA (night school)-Drafting, Mechanics

languages: French.

CIVIL EXPERIENCE

1935-40 Geo. W. Reed & Co. Mont. P.Q./drafting

SPORTS

cycling, extensively: swimming, moderately: Lacrosse, occasionally.

HOBBIES:

Mapping, free hand drawing, and also a little experience in public speaking.

OTHER INFORMATION

Have had five years experience as a sheet metal draftsman.

R.C.A.F. R.198D
35M—11-43 (3618)
H.Q. 885-R-198D

FULL NAME (GL) CFR (NAV.) DUCHARME, Joseph Jean Andre SR

Serv. No. J23906

Birth Date 26-1-19 Age on Appointment 23 Date of Appointment 19-2-43

POSTINGS APR#37 15-3-43

Rank	Date	Station	Date	Duty	Posting List No.
P/O	19-2-43	#4 AOS, London, Ont.	19-2-43	Crse #62 Nav.	
P/O	19-2-43	#1 Y Dep. Halifax	5-3-43	Auth: DRO#36A	
TFO	19-8-43	overseas			
		Missing	30/31-3-44	CR 445	

PRESUMED DEAD 31-3-44 C.R. 628

Emb. 20-3-43

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Date	
3-3-44	Promoted overseas. Not yet promulgated in A.F.R.O.'s.

Date	Remarks re Promotion

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM

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From : R.A.F. Liaison Officer
No. 85 G.C.U., BAOR 42

Officer Commanding 'H' Section
No. 4 M.R.E.U. c/o No. 85 G.C.U., BAOR 42

To : Air Ministry, S. 14. (Cas.)
2, Seville Street, Knightsbridge, London, S.W. 1

Graves R & E Directorate,
Headquarters, B.A.O.R.

No. 85 G.C.U.,
BAOR 42

Copy to : R.A.A.F. (Overseas) Headquarters,
Kodak House, 63, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2

R.C.A.F. (Overseas) Headquarters,
20, Lincolns Inn Fields, London, W.C. 2

R.N.Z.A.F. (Overseas) Headquarters
51, Strand, London, W.C. 2

H.Q. M.R.E.S.,
B.A.F.O. B.A.O.R.

No.: 'H' Section:

Date : 22 December, 1948

Reference : 3MREU/C. 1000/ /P. 1
2MREU/5000/AIR/139

Subject : GRAVES REGISTRATION

Place of Burial : RHEINBERG British Military Cemetery

Location and Map Reference : K 51/A 188264

The following are buried here and are to be registered accordingly and appropriate crosses erected:

Casualty Enquiry or X Number: G 869

NUMBER	RANK	NAME AND INITIALS	TRADE	DATE OF DEATH	HOW MARKED	PLOT, ROW & GRAVE
135075	F/O	JOHNSTON J.G.	PILOT	31.3.44		X E 1)
1566657	SGT	GWYNER W.J.	F/ENG			X E 2) Collect-
J.23906	F/O	DUCHAINE J.J.A.	NAV.			X E 3) ive
137611	F/O	BOYLE J.C.P.	A/B			X E 4)
1097466	SGT	TIMSON G.	WOP/AG			X E 5)
Aus.424729	F/S	BOYLE B.P.	R/G			X E 6

Note:- Graves 1 - 5 (incl.) collectively
Grave 6 individual
It is requested that our Registration Report Form of 26.6.47 may be cancelled.

RECEIVED
FEB 2 49
CASUALTY SECTION
AIR MINISTRY

Final Concentration Graves Registration Report Form.

R.A.F. Liaison Officer
No. 85 G.C.U.
BAOR 42

E Nicholas F/L
Officer Commanding 'H' Section
No. 4 M.R.E.U. R.A.F.

Buchdruckerei A.Boemmel,Tegernsee

J23906 (DPC)

Ottawa, le 6 août 1948.

Monsieur E. Ducharme,
6279, rue Chabot,
Montréal 34, P.Q.

Cher monsieur Ducharme,

Notre Service de recherches et d'enquêtes nous a fait tenir un rapport concernant votre fils, le sous-lieutenant d'aviation Joseph-Jean-André Ducharme, et son équipage.

Lors d'une visite au village Bilkheim, endroit situé à 18 milles au nord-est de Coblenz,le bourgmestre, Jacob Hannapel, a déclaré aux officiers que l'avion où se trouvait votre fils s'était écrasé à environ 500 mètres au nord-est du village, et que les restes de l'équipage avaient été inhumés par 4 prisonniers de guerre français, dont l'un se nommait Roger Crouzit.

Les tombes de l'équipage ont été retrouvées au cimetière de Bilkheim, à environ 500 mètres à l'ouest du village. Lors de l'exhumation des restes, on a pu identifier seulement le sergent de section Boyle. Depuis lors, l'équipage a été inhumé de nouveau au cimetière britannique militaire de Rheinberg, à 11 milles au nord-est de Duisbourg. Le sergent de section Boyle repose dans la fosse numéro 6, rangée E, lot 10. Quant à votre fils et aux autres membres non identifiés de l'équipage, ils ont été inhumés dans les fosses numéros 1 à 5.

Il s'agit ici d'un cimetière britannique militaire établi en permanence en Allemagne. Il sera remis à la Commission impériale des sépultures militaires, organisme dont le Canada fait partie et qui est chargé de l'entretien perpétuel des tombes de tous nos militaires tués à l'ennemi. Le cimetière sera embelli par les soins de spécialistes en art paysagiste, ainsi que par la plantation d'arbustes et de fleurs.De plus, une pierre tombale sera érigée sur chaque fosse. Comme le nombre de telles pierres est malheureusement très élevé, cette tâche prendra naturellement beaucoup de temps.

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

Sincèrement vôtre,

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

ESTATES BRANCH
AUG 31 1946
H. Q.
OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

SEP - 5 1946

5279 Chabot Street,
Montreal 34, Que.
August, 1946

Department of National Defence,
Estates Branch,
308 Sparks Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Gentlemen: Re: J-23906 - F/O Ducharme, A. J.
HQ-J23906 - FD-328

My Son, F/O Ducharme, has been presumed dead for some time now, having been reported missing since March 31st, 1944, and as yet I have not received his "Log Book", which my other Son requested be sent to us.

My other Son was told that this would come to us automatically from Ottawa in a short time, and we are wondering if it will be forthcoming shortly.

Will you kindly advise me just when I may expect to receive this, as our family would like to have it in remembrance of my boy.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention, I am,

Very truly yours,

E. Ducharme

E. Ducharme
5279 Chabot Street,
Montreal 34, Que.

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P.415439/44/P.4 Cas/M.R(2) (Deferred)

Officer in Charge,
No.4. Missing Research & Enquiry Unit,
B.A.F.O.
Royal Air Force,
c/o. British Army of the Rhine. (A.Zone)

Casualty Enquiry No: G.869

1) Lancaster III J.B.736 "N" was reported missing 30/31st March, 1944 as a result of operations against Nurnburg.
Merlin 38.
P.O. 12420/247416. P.I. 11072/246068. S.I. 11680/246676.
S.O. 11522/246518.

2) Crew:-

135075	F/O. J.G. Johnston	Pilot	M.B.K.
1566687	SGT. W.J. Gwynne.	F/Eng.	"
J.23906	F/O. J.J.A. Ducharme.	Nav.	"
137611	F/O. J.C.P. Doyle.	B/A.	"
1097466	SGT. G. Thomson.	W/AG.	"
1590719	SGT. F. Fealy.	M/UG.	Safe U.K.
Aus.424729	F/S. B.P. Boyle.	R/G.	M.B.K.

3) I.R.C.C. state Sgt. Fealy captured. F/Sgt. Boyle dead 31/3/44.

4) A report from a liberated French P.O.W. Roger Crouzit, 23, Bis Rue Montmoreau, Angouleme, states the plane came down at Bilkheim, Westerwald, near Limburg. Six dead members of the crew were buried in three coffins in the Cemetery of Bilkheim. Discs of F/O. Johnston and F/Sgt. Boyle were found which permitted identification of crew.

/German

5) German crash sheets state the plane crashed 600 Km. N. Bildheim near Walmenroth, near Limburg/Lahr, and that six members of the crew were killed and buried at Bildheim.

6) It would be appreciated if investigations could be made to ascertain the name and precise location of the Cemetery where the dead were buried, and full details of the graves.

C. W. WRIGHT

for Director of Personal Services.

Copy to: R.A.F. L/O. ADGRE.
R.A.A.F.
R.C.A.F.

A I R M I N I S T R Y

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

19th July, 1945.

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CAN/J23906/P4/CAS/MRE(2)

Dear Mr. Ducharme,

With reference to your visit to this office on the 16th July, I wish to advise you of further information which has been received concerning your brother, Flying Officer Joseph Jean Andre Ducharme and his crew.

This information came in the form of a report by a liberated French prisoner of war and it states that your brother's plane came down at Bilkheim and all seven of the crew were killed and buried in the cemetery at Bilkheim, Westerwald, near Limbourg, Belgium.

As Sergeant Fealy was taken a Prisoner of War and as the crew consisted only of seven members it will be observed that there is a slight discrepancy in this report. Also, according to the report, the only identity discs found were those belonging to Flying Officer Johnston and Flying Officer Doyle and all seven bodies were buried by the Germans as "unknown" in three coffins. Therefore, it is impossible for me at this time to give you your brother's grave number as requested. Inquiries have been made and immediately any definite information is forthcoming it will be communicated to your parents. Unhappily the task of registering and identifying all war graves is of such magnitude that it will be considerable time before all cemeteries can be dealt with and investigations completed.

Your parents are being informed of this information.

May I express my deepest sympathy with you in the loss of your brother.

Yours sincerely,

(J.S. Harris) Wing Commander,
for Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
R.C.A.F. Overseas.

LAC Ducharme, G.R.
No. 3 P.R.C., R.C.A.F.
Bournemouth,
Hants.

EJF/WLC/PMC

F10. DUCHARME J.J.A
J-23906.

F.412422

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No. 103 Squadron,
R.A.F. Station,
ELSHAM WOLDS,
Barnetby, Lincs.

Ref: 103S/332/155/P.1.

Sir,

31st March 1944.

CASUALTY TO LANCASTER J.B. 736 "N" ON NIGHT 30/31st MARCH 1944.

I have the honour to refer to this Unit's signal A.38, dated 31st March, 1944, and to render the following report in accordance with the instructions contained in A.P. 1922, Section X, para. 101.

2. Flying Officer J.G. JOHNSTON and crew were detailed to operate Lancaster aircraft J.B. 736 "N" against NURNBURG on the night of 30th/31st March, 1944. The aircraft left base at the appointed time and since then nothing further has been heard of either the aircraft or crew.

3. It has been reported missing, presumably as the result of enemy action.

4. It is confirmed that the following are casualties - missing:-

CAPTAIN	135075	F/O	J.G. JOHNSTON
F/ENGINEER	1566687	SGT	GWYNNE, W.J.
NAV	J.23906	F/O	J.J.A. DUCHARME
WOP/AIR	1097466	SGT	THOMSON, G.
A/BOMBER	137611	F/O	J.C.P. DOYLE
MU/GUNNER	1590719	SGT	FEALY, F.
R/GUNNER	A.424729	F/S	BOYLE, B.P.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Wing Commander, Commanding,
No. 103 Squadron, R.A.F.
ELSHAM WOLDS, BARNETBY, LINCS.

The Under Secretary of State,
AirMinistry,
Dept. Q.J., Kingsway,
London, W.C.2.

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OFFICERS' MESS,
R.A.F. STATION,
MARHAM WOLDS,
BARNETBY. Lincs.

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31st. March, 1944.

Dear Mrs Duchamme.

Will you please accept the sympathy of the Squadron and myself in the anxiety you must be feeling for the safety of your Son.

We had no news of his aircraft after it left base for an operational sortie on NURNBURG on the night of 30th/31st. March, 1944. We do not usually hear from our aircraft unless they are in distress, but on this occasion no message was received and we have no indication as to what happened to the aircraft that I can pass on to you.

Your Son had only been with us a short time, but his loss is sadly felt by us all.

I am enclosing a list of addresses of the next of kin of the other members of the crews, in case you would like to write to them.

His personal effects will be looked after by the Officer i/c the Committee of Adjustment, who will be writing to you. Any queries concerning your Son's kit should be addressed to this Officer and to this Station.

If I hear any further news of the aircraft or crew, I will of course let you know at once.

Yours Sincerely.

R. Dick. Nelson.

Wing Commander.

Mrs. E. Duchamme,
5279, Chabot Street,
MONTREAL.
Que. Canada.

LETTER RECEIVED
TIME ANSWERED
AWAITS OTHER
OTHER ACTION

4 APR 1944 P.M.

LETTER RECEIVED 4/4/44
ORIGINAL SENT 10/4/44
COPY TO OTTAWA 10/4/44
PHOTOS SENT TO

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ESTATES BRANCH

OTTAWA, CANADA

FEB 4 1946
H.Q. OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

Date January Monday 7. 1946

RECEIVED this date Treasury cheque for the sum of

FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN ..... 38/100 Dollars ($ 457.38)

War Service Gratuity

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

DUCHARME, Joseph J.A. F/O (Deceased)
J23906 R.C.A.F.

Mrs. Evelyn Ducharme
Signature

130 Pads of 100—8-45 (7877) H.Q. 1772-45-27

Bene - Mother -

Mrs. Evelyn. D. Ducharme.

5279 Chabot Street.

Montreal. 34, P.Q.

(Sole bene. under Will.)

$ 457:38.

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY ═══ ARMY ═══ AIR FORCE

STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

261.2 AS 2 AIR

4885-2

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: Joseph J.A. (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Ducharme (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

PAYEE: Receiver General of Canada,

ADDRESS: Director of Estates, Ottawa, Ont.

FILE NO. 23061

DATE 1 Sept/45

SERVICE NO. J23906

FINAL RANK OR RATING F/O

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE: 31 Mar/44

DATE OF DISCHARGE 31 Mar/44

		$	¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS 974/30 EQUAL TO 32 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50	240.00	
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS 379 LESS 14 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 365 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY	91.25	
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE			
DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE			
PAY	$7.00		
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE	$1.70		
ADDITIONAL PAY	$		
	$		
	$		
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $	$		
TOTAL	$8.70 × 7 = $ 60.90		
NO. OF DAYS 379/183	× $ 60.90	126.13	
D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY		457.38	
E. DEDUCTIONS — OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES	$		
OVERPAYMENT OF DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY	$		
OTHER DEDUCTIONS	$		
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE		457.38	

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

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

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $

Ju 186

SEP 21 1945

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
SJB	LGS

TREASURY

CHECKED BY	DATE
	6.9.45

F/O

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ESTATES BRANCH

OTTAWA, CANADA

Date July 21 1945

RECEIVED this date Treasury cheque for the sum of

THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY TWO---------- 31/100 Dollars ($ 342.31)

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

DUCHARME, Joseph J.A. F/O
No. J23906 R.C.A.F.

ESTATES BRANCH AUG 7 1945 H.Q. OTTAWA DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Nº 14814

Mrs. Evelyn D. Ducharme
Signature

30 Pads of 100—4-45 (7076) H.Q. 1772-45-6

D/E.D. 16-5-45.

Rcd 17/5
No reply - see!
Stenographer

ESTATES BRANCH
MAY 14 1945
H. Q.
OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

5279 Chabot St.
Montreal 34,
May 9th 1945.

Royal Canadian Air Force,
Estates Branch
Ottawa, Ont.

Attention: F/L Collier, E.C.

Gentlemen: RE: DUCHARME, J.J.A. Flo
No. J-23906 R.C.A.F.
YOUR FILE: H.Q. ESTATES

Last March 30-31st my son, named above, was reported missing. Since that time I have had a couple of letters from you re my boy's "personal" effects - those letters were dated Aug. 27/44 and Sept. 12/44 I am the latter letter

you advised me that should my son be "presumed dead" for official purposes, all his effects would be forwarded to Canada i.e. after his brother took out a few things.

Last December my boy was "presumed dead", and as yet I have had no word about his belongings — my other son has taken his choice of effects and told me they were being sent home, but it is now the month of May and I have not heard anything further.

I would certainly appreciate hearing from you as I cannot understand the delay. Some friends

of ours have received all their boys' "personal" effects and these boys were reported missing and "presumed dead" sometime after my boy.

I appreciate the fact that you are all overworked with reported casualties, but I think I should have received these things by now. I don't want anything to happen to them as they are a "link" between my family and my dear son who is said to have given his life in the service of his country.

Trusting to hear from you & thanking you in advance

(Mrs.) Evelyn Ducharme

WILL

R.C.A.F. r.60

(1) I.....DUCHARME.....Joseph.Jean.Andre.....of the (City / Town / Village / Township

of.....Montreal.....in the District of (County) .....

Province of .....Que.....Draughtsman.....
(Civil Occupation)

a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number.....R.120406.....Do hereby revoke all former Wills made by me and declare this to be my Last Will.

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

My Mother - Mrs. Mary E. DUCHARME
of - 919 Agnes St.,
Montreal, Que.

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

(4) I appoint.....my.mother...-...Mrs..Mary.E..Ducharme.of.the.above.address.....
(Name) (Address)

~~Executor~~
.....to be the Executrix of this my Last Will

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this .....2nd..day of

.....Augu19.41....

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.

.....J. A. Ducharme.....
(Signature of Testator)

(5) Signature.....Cor. H. Hayman.....
Address .....No. 1 Manning Depot. R.C.A.F. Toronto.
Occupation.....Clerk.....

Signature.....J. Riley.....
Address.....No. 1 Manning Depot. R.C.A.F. Toronto.....
Occupation.....Clerk.....

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd AUG 13 1941
O.K. ..... O.I.C. .....
R.C. ..... N.I. .....
S.L. ..... P.A. .....

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Ex 17207 personal effects of no. J 23906 F/O Ducharme J.J. .

1 BL C TR VELLING C SE contg:-
2 pair service dress trousers
2 pair service dress tunics
(with 0 brevets)
1 woollen scarf
1 pair grey flannel trousers
3 black ties
2 towels
1 blue leather pen holder
1 missal
1 notebook
1 address book
4 coat hangers (part of case)
2 part case attachments
1 N brevet
1 parker vacumatic pen
3 rosaries
2 loose crosses
1 pipe
1 nail file
3 pair braces
1 empty blue leather money belt
1 plywood maple leaf
2 pair nail scissors
1 verse in frame
1 can opener
2 pair brown leather gloves

1 black fibre case contg:-
4 books

1 zip toilet case contg:-
1 bakelite safety razor (broken)
1 shaving brush
2 empty bakelite containers
2 hair brushes
1 clothes brush
1 F.S. cap & badge
1 ceremonial hat (no badge)
3 religious charms, 2 keys, 7 coins, (in tin)

1 cardboard carton contg:-
1 civilian overcoat
1 service greatcoat
1 service raincoat
2 kit bags
2 towels
6 shirts
1 pair black shoes

Next of kin, mother.
Mrs. E. Ducharme.
52 1/9, Chabot St.,
Montreal Quebec, Canada

NOTE

1 cycle retained at unit pending disposal instructions.

1 book cheque counterfoils extracted for forwarding to R.C. .F. Overseas Headquarters.

Extracted by unit and forwarded to R.C. .F. Overseas Headquarters.

1 Bank of Montreal cheque book cheques B 345434 - 456

1 Canadian Dollar found amongst the personal effects has been credited to his service account.

OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER J23906 (R120406) RANK F/O UNIT 103 SQDN OVERSEAS

TRADE NAV (G.L.)

NAME DUCHARME, JOSEPH JEAN ANDRE

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

PRESENT MARITAL STATUS RELIGION CANADIAN

FRENCH CANADIAN J23906 FD328 OTHER

NEXT OF KIN

RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

AMENDED EXTRACT RE: RANK

FATHER'S NAME

ADDRESS LIVING ON ENLISTMENT

MOTHER'S NAME

ADDRESS LIVING ON ENLISTMENT

ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

OCCUPATION

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?

ESTATES BRANCH JAN 12 1945 H.Q. OTTAWA. NATIONAL DEFENCE

CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. BOMBER MAIL LETTER -------d-10-NOV-44

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 31-MAR-44 AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS)(OVER NUREMBURG, GERMANY)

NOW ~~REPORTED~~ "PRESUMED DEAD" 31-MAR-44 (FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES)

19-2 Noted D.

LAST WILL ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.? YES/NO~~XX~~ M.F.M. 5 ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.? YES/NO~~XX~~ DATE 10-JAN-45

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

W. Sm. Weimer 5/d

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

R.C.A.F. R217
30M-6-44 (4664)
H.Q. 885-R217
△TS-RT

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ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES, OTTAWA

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AIR MAIL.

5279 Chabot St.
Montreal 34,
Jan. 17, 1945

F/L. Collier, E.C.
for Director of Estates
R.C.A.F.
Estates Branch,
Ottawa, Ont.

YOUR FILE: HQ Estates
RE. F/O Ducharme J.A.
(Missing) J. 23906 R.C.A.F.

Dear Sir:

During December our son was reported "presumed dead" for official purposes. According to two letters I received from you on Aug. 27th and Sept. 12th respectively, I assume that my son's personal effects will now be sent home, here to Canada.

As mentioned to you, and which you, in turn, confirmed in your letter dated Sept. 12th, I believe my other son, stationed overseas namely LAC Duckarme G. R. (C.A.N. R-159686) R.C.A.F. = will be permitted to choose from his brother's belongings.

I would appreciate your letting me know, if possible, just when I may expect to receive my son's effects — thank you very much indeed, for your trouble —

I am,

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. Duckarme

5279 Chabot St.

Montreal 34.

FOR COMPLETION AND RETURN BY

Form P. 64

[redacted]

Mrs. Elias DUCHARME
5279 CHABOT, ST.
MONTREAL, P.Q.

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

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

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. J23906 FD 328

ESTATES BRANCH JAN 22 OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ESTATES BRANCH
OTTAWA, ONT.

10th January 1945

For the purpose of record and in the event of there being any Service estate available for distribution (according to law) on account of the late

DUCHARME, Joseph Jean Andre F/O

J23906 R.C.A.F.

it is necessary that certain information regarding the deceased and his relatives should be furnished the Estates Branch. You are asked therefore to read the enclosed memorandum before completing pages 2 and 3 of this form. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration on page 4 should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public or a Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces who should be asked to complete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

If there is insufficient space for complete particulars to be given opposite any question on pages 2 and 3 of this form, the space under "additional remarks" on page 4 should be used.

HWD/MJ

H. W. deRoche F/L
for Director of Estates.

M.F.W. 77
16M-10-44 (5854)
H.Q. 1772-39-972

ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

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

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for		INFORMANT'S STATEMENT: NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree specified	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative
1	Widow of the Deceased.....				
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....				
3	Father of the Deceased.....		Elias Duchesne	49	5279 Chabot
4	Mother of the Deceased.....		Evelyn Seegar Duchesne	46	5279 Chabot.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	George Duchesne Thomas Duchesne	24 16	L.A.C Ducharme G.R. R159686 R.C.A.F. overseas 5279 Chabot Montreal
		Half Blood			
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Dorothy Duchesne Evelyn Duchesne	21 11	5279 Chabot Montreal 5279 Chabot St.
		Half Blood			
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, *who are dead*, and date of death of each.		Names and ages of their children (if any)		Address of their children

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE

PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	Joseph John Andrew Duchesne
9	Date of his birth.	26th of January, 1919
10	Place and date of his marriage.	✓
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Montreal Aug. 29/1916

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Montreal
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) St Henry 919 Agnes St Montreal (b) "always some district" (c) (d)
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Draughtsman
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	No
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	Montreal with his parents

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	Left Will in care of the R.C.A.F for his mother.
18	If married, and domiciled in the Province of Quebec or in a State in the U.S.A. or in a Country under the laws of which there is community of property between spouses,—was there a marriage contract dealing with property?	
19	Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? If so, give name and address of bank, etc., and the amount on deposit. Do you wish it administered with the pay account?	
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. $1,000 Amount Father: Elias Duchesne
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	

OTHER PARTICULARS

24	Did the deceased after enlistment incur any debts for:— (a) His own separate board and lodging while on service. (b) Service clothing and equipment. An itemized account for each such debt should be attached hereto, and if same is correct you should mark the bill "approved" and sign same. If believed incorrect, give particulars.	— No —
25	Have you or any other relative paid the funeral expenses or any part thereof? If so, attach itemized accounts showing amount paid, and by whom.	No funeral service will be held until after the war.

(NOTE:—The government pays funeral expenses within the amounts authorized in the Regulations, where death occurs and burial is made Overseas as well as where death occurs and burial is made in Canada or elsewhere in the North American zone, and if a relative has already paid those expenses the Government will reimburse such relative to the extent of the amount authorized in the Regulations. Any amount of such expenses in excess of those authorized in the Regulations is not payable by the Government nor is it chargeable against the service estate of the deceased.)

(PLEASE TURN OVER)

DECLARATION

*Insert degree of relationship for example, "Widow", "Father", "Brother", etc.

I hereby declare that all the particulars shown on this form are correct, and a true and complete statement of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in the degrees specified; and that I am the Elias Duchamme Father of the deceased.

N.B.—To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

Elias Duchamme ..... Signature of Informant

5279 Chabot Montreal P. Que. ..... Address

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief.....

See above. Mr. Elias Duchamme {Name of Informant} is the Father .....of the Deceased above described. The above Declaration was made by the Informant and signed in my presence.

Dated at Montreal this 18th. day of January 1945

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

L. E. Cheinier Qualification C.C.S.

Address 5281 Chabot Montreal Que

NOTE.—Before granting the above Certificate, care should be taken to see that the informant gives particulars concerning the death of any Relative stated by him or her to have died, and that the full name and address and age of each surviving Relative specified is stated in its proper place in the Statement opposite.

(If the deceased has no living relatives of the degrees shown on page 2, the names and addresses and relationship of other relatives should be set out below.)

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

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

Royal Canadian Air Force

CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

NO. 10343

This is to Certify that

J23906 PILOT OFFICER JOSEPH JEAN ANDRE DUCHARME R.C.A.F.
(Number) (Rank) (Name in Full) (Unit)

has been officially reported as missing since the 31ST day

of MARCH, 1944, 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 30TH day of DECEMBER 1944

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

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To be made out in duplicate

M.F.M. 5
50M—8-41 (1292)
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 DUCHARME Joseph - John ANDREW
(Surname first—Christian names in full—Block capitals)

(2) Regimental or Official Number and Rank J-23906

(3) Unit R.C.A.F A.P. & R. 37 d/ 15-3-43

(4) Are you married? No P/O Nav. G-L 5 R d/ 19-2-43.

(5) If married, state,

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

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

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

(7) Are you a widower? N.A.

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

Names and ages N.A.

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

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

Name N.A.

Postal Address N.A.

[SEE OTHER SIDE]

(10) Have you a common-law wife—whom you have been regularly supporting and publicly representing as your wife for at least 2 years immediately prior to appointment or enlistment? — NO —

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

N.A.

N.A.

(11) Is your father alive? ~~N/A~~ YES

If so, state name and address, occupation DUCHARME, ELIAS "

5279 Chebot Str. Montreal — Mechanic "Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd.

(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 DUCHARME - EVELYN

5279 Chabot Street - Montreal

(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?.....
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

N.A.

(18) Are you insured? YES

If so, in what Company? Metropolitan Life Insurence Co. Ltd.
(Give number of policy)

Have you made arrangements for payment of your Insurance Premium? YES.
If not, and it is a monthly premium, you may assign the amount in addition to any other assignment you wish to make, provided the total assignment is not in excess of the maximum monthly amount which may be assigned.

I hereby certify that the information given by me on this form is correct in each and every particular.

J. J. A. Ducharme P/O
(Signature of officer or man)

Date 9/3/43

R. G. Anderson P/O
for Officer Commanding #1 Y Depot R.C.A.F.

Date 9 March 1943

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.

RE: DUCHARME, J.J.A. - F/O (Missing)
#. J-23906,
R.C.A.F.

5279 Chabot St.
Montreal, 34,
Aug. 31st/44

F/O. E.C. Collier,
Director of Estates,
Dept. National Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

ESTATES BRANCH
SEP 5 1944
H.Q. OTTAWA.
NATIONAL DEFENCE

Dear Mr. Collier:

I received your letter dated the 27th instant, for which I thank you. Regarding the personal effects of my son, F/O. Ducharme, whose number is listed above, I would appreciate if you would let me

other son, LAC Duckarme, G. R. who is presently stationed at the Base Post Office in England, see his brother's effects "first" in case there is something he may wish among them. However, after doing so, I would appreciate if you would please send my boy's things home, here, to Canada, should the occasion arise where he will be presumed dead for official purposes.

Thank you for your kind expression

of sympathy, it is, as
I you mentioned, a very
anxious time for us.

Thank you in
advance for any favours
you may render.

Sincerely,

"Evelyn Duckarme"

J.23906 (R-4)

le 13 août 5

M. Elias Ducharme,
5279, rue Chabot,
Montréal (34), P.Q.

Monsieur,

Je viens de recevoir d'outre-mer certains renseignements touchant la dernière envolée de votre fils, le sous-lieutenant d'aviation Joseph-Jean-André Ducharme.

D'après le rapport qui m'est parvenu, un aéronef a été abattu par des chasseurs nocturnes allemands à Bilkheim, dans le Westerwald, près de Limbourg, la nuit du 31 mars 1944. Votre fils et cinq autres membres de l'équipage ont perdu la vie. Cependant, M. Roger Crouzit, 23 bis, rue Montmoreau, à Angoulême, qui se trouvait prisonnier de guerre à Limbourg, a découvert suffisamment de détails pour établir que l'aéronef en question était bien celui qu'occupait votre fils. Les Allemands n'étaient pas au courant de l'identité des membres de l'équipage et, selon M. Crouzit, ces derniers furent inhumés comme "inconnus". Le Service des recherches et des enquêtes touchant les disparus en France fait en ce moment l'impossible pour obtenir les détails disponibles et confirmer la situation des tombes.

Je comprends que vous êtes très désireux d'avoir des renseignements à cet égard et je vous prie de croire que je m'empresserai de vous écrire de nouveau dès que j'aurai reçu un autre rapport.

Permettez-moi de vous réitérer mes profondes condoléances.

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.

Translation,
PE/YS,
11-8-45

FOR FRENCH TRANSLATION

OUR FILE: J.23906 (R-4)

OTTAWA, Canada, 8th August, 1945.

Mr. Elias Ducharme,
5279 Chabot Street,
Montreal 34, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Ducharme:

Information has now been received from Overseas regarding the last flight of your son, Flying Officer Joseph Jean Andre Ducharme.

According to this report an aircraft was shot down by Ge man night fighters at Bilkheim, Westerwald, near Limbourg on the night of March 31st, 1944. Your son and five other of the crew lost their lives but Mr. Roger Crouzit, 23 bis, rue Montmoreau, Angouleme, who was the Prisoner of War at Limbourg discovered enough information to definitely establish that the aircraft was that of your son. The Germans were not aware of the identity of the crew and according to Mr. Crouzit they were buried as "unknown". The Missing Research and Enquiry Service in France is instituting enquiries to obtain all possible information and to confirm the location of the graves.

I know how anxious you are to secure this information and I wish to again assure you that you will be advised as soon as any report is forthcoming.

May I again offer you my sincere sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

J. L. Willson

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

Trans. for Sp. 18-13
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COPY ONLY

(4230/355/66)

Report by Roger CROUZIT, 23 bis, rue Montmoreau, Angouleme.

Late of Stalag XII.A., LIMBOURG.
Freed on March 27th, 1945.

During the night of March 31st, 1944, a LANCASTER bomber was shot down by German fighters at BILKHEIM, WESTERWALD, near Limbourg.

2. The crew of seven were all killed and their bodies carbonised.

3. French prisoners of war in Stalag XII, Limbourg, were told off to collect the remains of the bodies of the crew. They were buried as "inconnus" by orders of the German commandant.

4. Crouzit found the identity disc of one of the members of the crew, and managed to make out the following details, which he memorized: "Johnstone, Pres....Off.... 2.A. 135045, RAF". He hid the disc near the place where the plane fell. Another protion of a disc. was also found on which were the words: "BOYDE" (or"BOYLE")....R.A.A.F.

5. A scrap of paper was also picked up on which was written "Crew 7. Pilot".

6. The seven bodies were buried in three coffins in the cemetery at BILKHEIM, at a depth of only thirty-five centimetres. The German officer in charge said in the hearing of all the French prisoners of war, "C'est assez profond pur des chiens." (It is deep enough for dogs.)

7. Crouzit picked up a piece of the parachute attached to Johnstone's remains, and would be happy to send it to the family if they would like it.

British Consulate,
Bordeaux,
May 27th, 1945.

5279 Chabot St.
Montreal, 34
Jan. 17th, 1945.

Minister of National Defence (Air)
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir: Re: J.23906 (R.O.4)
F/O Ducharme, J.A.

During the week of December 20th, my husband and I were informad that our son, F/O Andrew Ducharme, has been "presumed Dead" for official purposes.

Our son was reported "missing" on March 30-31st, 1944, and since that time, we have received several different letter s from time to time telling us news about the plane and crew. We have had word from the " Air Ministry" in England that one of the gunner's is a prisoner of war and the body of the Bombardier has been found. Then another communication tells us that the German's claim "five" other bodies have been found and it is claimed these boys belonged to the same plane in which our son was Navigator - I know you are probably "swamped" with requests for information about "missing" personnel, but believe me, Sir, my husband and I will be ever grateful if you could put us "straight" on the information "you" have on file in Ottawa. Have you received this information for your files?

Anthing you can tell us will be welcomed. Thanking you, sincerely, in advance, for any help you may give us - and trusting we may have some word from you at your convenience -

I remain -
" a very anxious Mother"

Mrs. E. Ducharme,
5279 Chabot St.
Montreal 34.

J23906 (R.O.4)

le 10 avril 4

M. Elias Ducharme,
5279, rue Chabot,
Montréal, P.Q.

Monsieur,

J'ai le pénible devoir de confirmer le télégramme qui vous a été envoyé récemment pour vous faire savoir que votre fils, le sous-lieutenant d'aviation Joseph-Jean-André Ducharme, avait été porté disparu en activité de service.

J'apprends, de la part de l'officier préposé au registre des morts, blessés et disparus du C.A.R.C., outre-mer, que votre fils était membre de l'équipage d'un aéronef qui n'est pas rentré à sa base, après un raid de bombardement effectué au-dessus de Nuremberg, en Allemagne, la nuit du 30 au 31 mars 1944.

Ceci ne signifie pas nécessairement que votre fils ait été tué ou blessé. Il se peut qu'il ait atterri en territoire ennemi et qu'il soit prisonnier de guerre. J'ai adressé des demandes de renseignements à la Société internationale de la Croix rouge et à d'autres organismes susceptibles de me donner des détails sur son sort. Soyez assuré que tous nouveaux renseignements que nous recevrons vous seront communiqués sans retard.

Le nom de votre fils ne paraîtra pas sur les listes officielles avant cinq semaines. Cependant, vous pouvez communiquer la nouvelle de sa disparition à la presse ou à la radio tout en prenant soin de ne divulguer ni le nom de son unité, ni la date, ni le lieu du fait de service en cause.

Je veux croire avec vous et tous les membres de votre famille que nous recevrons sous peu des nouvelles plus réconfortantes.

Votre tout dévoué,

G.Y.S.

Translation,
FL-YS,
10-4-44

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

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R.C.A.F. HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL REGISTRY
1943 MAR 29 PM 3 102

1022-A-7013
P/O

5279 Chabot Street,
Montreal, Quebec.
March 27th, 1943.

RECEIVED
MAR 29 1943
No. 5 TEMPORARY
BUILDING
MAIL ROOM

Messrs. Department of National Defence,
R.C.A.F. Records,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs: Re: P/O Ducharme, J.A.J.
(Formerly R-120406)

It will be very much appreciated if you will please inform me of my son's new number, since he was granted his commission at London, Ontario, last month. At the present time he is on Overseas Draft and at Halifax. Since he may have left by this date, I am very anxious to forward his mail "Overseas" but I am at a loss, as I have no idea of the address for Airmen Overseas, and I am also told that now that my son is a Pilot Officer, his number (R-120406) will now be changed and I cannot use it in his address. He is an "Observor" in case this information is required.

correct address

Will you please send me a reply at your earliest convenience, with the above information, so that I may write to the correct address. If it is impossible to give out this address at the present time, will you kindly let me have his new Regimental Number.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness,

I am,

Gratefully yours,

E. Ducharme,

(Mrs. E. Ducharme)
5279 Chabot Street,
Montreal, Que.

P.S. Enclosed please find a stamped, self-addressed envelope, for your convenience.

RECEIVED
JUN 30 1944
CASUALTY
SECTION

1944 JUN 30 AM 10 11

5279 Chabot Street,
Montreal, Que.
June 28th, 1944

J23906
R04

Record Officer,
R.C.A.F. Headquarters,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: F/O Ducharme, J.A. (No. J.23906)
Reported "Missing" March 30-31st

This is to inform you that my family is presently staying at the following address, and will be there until July 25th:

Mr. E. Ducharme,
c/o Mr. H. Lecompte,
rue Principale,
Verchere,
P. Q.

Should news come through about my Son, F/O Ducharme, J.A. (J.23906) - Navigator, it will be greatly appreciated if you would be so kind as to send same to the above address. My reason for writing you at this time is due to word which we just received from Overseas saying the Air Gunner in the crew has been found and is now a Prisoner of War in Germany, therefore, it is quite possible that we may receive the same news, and aside from the fact that our anxiety is great, I thought it would make matters easier for you as well, so that you could get in touch with us directly, providing of course such word comes through during the next month.

I trust this will not inconvenience you in any way as I realize there is a great deal of work being done by your Department. May I, at the same time, thank you for your letters of sympathy and all past favors rendered.

Very truly yours,

E. Ducharme

E. Ducharme.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO:
THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR AIR,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

OUR FILE J 23906 (R.O. 4)
REF. YOUR
DATED

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

OTTAWA, Canada, 6th April, 1944

For French Translation

Mr. Elias Ducharme,
5279 Chabot St.,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Ducharme,

It is my painful duty to confirm the telegram recently received by you which informed you that your son, Flying Officer Joseph Jean Andre Ducharme is reported missing on Active Service.

Advice has been received from the Royal Canadian Air Force Casualties Officer, Overseas, that your son was a member of the crew of an aircraft which failed to return to its base after a bombing raid over Nuremburg, Germany on the night of March 30th and the early morning of March 31st 1944.

This does not necessarily mean that your son has been killed or wounded. He may have landed in enemy territory and might be a Prisoner of War. Enquiries have been made through the International Red Cross Society and all other appropriate sources and you may be assured that any further information received will be communicated to you immediately.

Your son's name will not appear on the official casualty list for five weeks. You may, however, release to the Press or Radio the fact that he is reported missing but not disclosing the date, place or his unit.

May I join with you and the members of your family in the hope that better news will be forthcoming in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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

Fr. Ph. 4p
10-4-44

R.C.A.F. G. 328
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H.Q. 685-G-32B

CANADA
C.T.E.

R.C.A.F. T.81 (Revised)
25M—10-41 (974)
H.Q. 1062-13-58

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

REPORT ON PUPIL AIR ~~OBSERVERS~~ NAVIGATOR

AIR AND GROUND TRAINING

J23906

SURNAME DUCHARME Christian Names J.A.

Number R120406 Rank LAC

INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions regarding Form T.81 are given in A.F.A.O. A.51/22, paras. 5, 10, 11, and 15. CROSS OUT WORDS NOT APPLICABLE.

PART I

1. No. 5 INITIAL TRAINING SCHOOL. COURSE NO. 61 FROM 31-8-42
TO 24-10-42

2. EXAMINATION RESULTS.

SUBJECT	MARKS Maximum	MARKS Obtained	REMARKS
Mathematics	150	100	Keen student, dependable, has initiative and leadership ability, good personality.
Armament	50	44	
Signals	150	150	
Navigation	150 ~~200~~	136	
Visual Link Trainer			
Airmanship, Theory of Flight and Engines	100	82	
Drill	100	68	
Law and Discipline, etc	100	82	
~~Hygiene and Sanitation~~ Met.	50	39	
A/C Recognition	100	89	
Anti-Gas	50	40	
TOTAL	1000	866	
Position in Class: 4		Percentage: 87 %	
No. in Class: 106		PASS ~~FAIL~~	

O.K. R.C. JB N.I. S.L. JB P.A.

Character assesment 106/150

F/O
Commanding Officer

TO BE PASSED TO # 4 A.O.S.

No. 5 I.T.S.

DATE 22-10-42

Date NB Initials
PR 5

Duchamme

PART II (For ~~Aircrew~~ Navigators)

1. No. 4 Air Observer School. Course No. 62 From 25-Oct-42

To 19-Feb-43

2. Flying Time

	DAY		NIGHT		PASSENGER	TOTAL
	1st Nav.	2nd Nav.	1st Nav.	2nd Nav.		
ANSON	33/20	31/15	19/25	15/05		99/05

3. Examination and Proficiency:

Subject	Marks Maximum	Marks Obtained	Remarks
Navigation (Air Work)	700	562	Navigation: Does excellent work in air. Logs and charts are exceedingly neat. Speaks both English and French fluently. Neat appearance, quiet, keen and studious.
Photography (Air Work)	100	78	
Elements of Navigation	500	405	
Magnetism and Compasses	100	54	
Instruments	50	44	
Signals (Practical)	100	90	
Signals (Written)	50	36	
Maps and Charts	50	47	
Meteorology	100	73	
Photography	50	30	
Reconnaissance	50	32	General:
Aircraft Recognition	100	96	
Armament	50	43	
Totals	2000	1590	

Position in Class	4	Percentage	80 %
No. in Class	20	Pass	~~Fail~~

Assessment as Aircrew Navigator	Ab. Av.	
As Instructor	Suitable	~~Unsuitable~~
Commission Rank	Suitable	~~Unsuitable~~
Character and Leadership	Maximum 1000	Obtained 830

A. T. McKillop S/L

Chief Instructor

Awarded Aircrew Navigators Badge - Date 19-Feb-43

No. 4 A.O.S. Date 19-Feb-43

Airframe Mechanic Metal (Steel)

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

CANADA J 22906 C.J.E.

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

A.F. No.	Surname	Christian Names	Religion
R120406	Hucharme	Joseph Jean Andre	Roman Catholic

Born 26/1/19 Place Montreal, P.Q. Country Canada Citizen of Canada Racial Origin Canadian

ENLISTMENT

Date 1/8/41
At Montreal
Term Duration

CIVIL EDUCATION

High School Entrance yes Jr. Mat. 2 YRS HIGH Sr. Mat.
Technical School no Corres. Courses 3 YRS DRAUGHTING
University no

PREVIOUS SERVICE

N.A.

Rank	Date	Med. Cat.	Date
AC2	1 8 41	A4B	21 7 41
ACI (PRO 107 d/7.5.42)	16 2 42	A1B A3B	19 2 43
LAC (PRO 1.56 d/ 42)	1 7 42		
Sgt (T) Pd.	19 2 43		

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Slaughtering 1935-40

COURSES AND TRADE TESTS

Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.	Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.
Ramus Aircrew Nav. Sgt		QAPS PASS							
				23 10 42					
Aircrew Nav. Sp. Grp.		PRO. 364/43		19 2 43					

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY M S D

Wife Maiden Name Present Address (in pencil)

Children	Names	Date of Birth	Place of Birth

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

Mr Elias Hucharme (father)
5279 Chabot St. Montreal P.Q.

LEAVE

From	To	Auth. and Description
4-3-42	11-2-42	DRO #55 (7 DAYS) Annual. (DRO #105 d/5-5-42)
4-5-42	11-5-42	(7) ANNUAL
10-8-42	17-8-42	(7) " DRO #1284/10-8-42
24-12-42	28-12-42	Xmas Spec: DRO. 746/42
Auth Amdt	Rat: all: 24-12 to 28-12-42 DRO 246	
20 Feb/43	5 Mch/43	Pre Embl: DRO. 36A/43.

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

Date	Character	Trade and Assm.	Honours and Awards	Signature
19 Feb 43	Awarded Aircrew Nav Badge			DRO. 36A/43.

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date
M.O.R 13	R/C Mtl. P.Q	#1 M.D Toronto Ont	1/8/41
	DRO - 18		3-41
M/C 282 - 41	#1 M.D Toronto	#12 E.D. Montreal	22-8-41
D.R.O. 98/41 T.O.S. #	5a M.D. Valcartier		23-9-41
D.R.O. 121/41 #	5a M.D. Valcartier	#2 S.F.T.S. Uplands	19-9-41
D.R.O. 238	#2 S.F.T.S. Uplands	R.C.A.F. STA Rockliffe	6-10-41.
DRO #53 d/ 5-3-42	ISSUED SPECIAL TRAVEL WARRANT #C82951 d/ 4-3-42		
DRO #206 d/ 29-8-42.	P.T.S. Rockcliffe	#5 I.T.S Bellville	29-8-42.

Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date
DRO 256	#5 I.T.S Belleville	#4 A.O.S London	24-10-42
DRO. 36A/43	#4 AOS London	4 Dep Halifax	Ulcl. 5/43

Airframe Mechanic Metal (Std)

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LAC (DRO 1561/42)	1	7	42				
Sgt (T) Pd.	19	2	43				

Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.			Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.		
A.F.M.(M)	STD		P	21	7	41	Remustered AFM	C	(Aircrew)		29	8	42
AFM	Std	——		30	8	41	AFM	"B"					
A.F.M.	C.	46	P.	16	2	42	AFM "B" U/T						
DRO 1541/1-6-42	B	61	—	1	7	42	Ass't Navigator		DRO 256		24	10	42

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5279 Chabot St. Montreal P.Q.

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

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Date 1-8-41
Initials EB

JUN 11 1942

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 [redacted]: City | Town | Village | Parish | Town...

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: DUCHARME (Block letters)

Given names: JOSEPH JEAN ANDRE

Do not write in this space

4. RESIDENCE

Street: Agnes Street No. 919

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) 26th (Day) 1919 (Year)

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

OCCUPATION

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

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

15. Date deceased last worked at this occupation: Mar.31/44

16. Total years spent in this occupation: Three

	17. NAME	18. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country)
FATHER	Ducharme, Elias	Quebec
MOTHER (Maiden Name)	Deegan, Marie Elise	U.S.A.

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

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

22. Date of death: March (Month) 31st (Day) 19 44 (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: Accident (State which) Date: March 31st 44 19....

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

Nature of injury....

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

Signed....M.D.

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

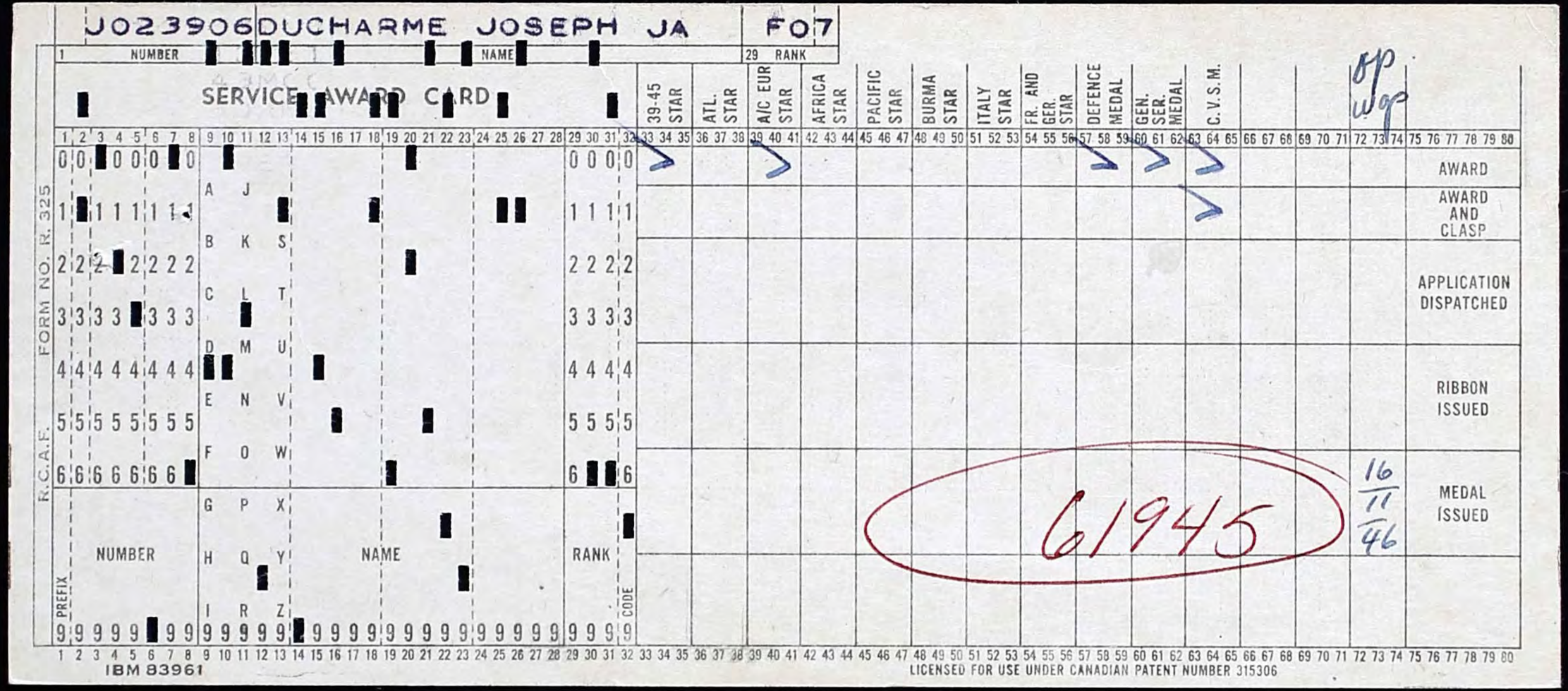
28. Signature of person who fills in the form (curate, coroner, hospital authority, etc.)

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)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NAME
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Mrs. Evelyn D. Ducharme (mother)
5279 Chabot St.,
Montreal,
Que.

July-45.

MEMORIAL BAR
DATE DESP.
REGN. NO. 1,103

FRENCH CARD

NAME DUCHARME, Joseph Jean Andre **FILE NO.** J23906

RANK F/O **CATEGORY** ~~XXSXXXG~~ PRES. DEAD **REG. NO.** J23906

DATE OF DEATH: 31 Mar. /44 **MOTHER LIVING:** YES **WIFE:** NA

MINISTERIAL CARD: 19-4-44 **ROYAL MESSAGE:** **MEMORIAL CROSS TO CHAPLAIN:**

MAY 2 1945

To Mother and Father **DEL'D TO MOTHER:**

To Mother and Father- 21-2-45 **DEL'D TO WIFE:** APR 30 1945

M. et Mme. Elias Ducharme,
5279, rue Chabot,
Montreal, P. Q.

COMMAND:

RELIGION:

mB
L.M.

FOR FRENCH TRANSLATION

J23906(DPC)

OTTAWA, Canada, 28th July, 1948.

Mr. E. Ducharme,
5279 Chabot St.,
Montreal 34, Que.

Dear Mr. Ducharme:

A communication has been received from our Missing Research and Enquiry Service giving the results of their investigations into the loss of your son, Flying Officer Joseph Jean Andre Ducharme, and his crew.

Investigating Officers of this Service visited the village of Bilkheim, eighteen miles North East of Koblenz and the burgermeister, Jacob Hannapel, stated your son's aircraft had crashed about 500 metres North East of the village and that the remains of the crew had been buried by four French prisoners of war one of whom was Roger Crouzit.

The graves of the crew were located in Bilkheim cemetery which is about 500 metres West of the village. Exhumation was carried out but I regret to advise that Flight Sergeant Boyle was the only member of the crew who could be individually identified. The crew have since been re-interred in the Rheinberg British Military Cemetery, 11 miles North West of Duisburg. Flight Sergeant Boyle was laid to rest in Plot 10, Row E, Grave 6. Your son and the other unidentified members of the crew were laid to rest in Graves 1 to 5.

This is a permanent British Military Cemetery located in Germany, and will be turned over to the Imperial War Graves Commission (of which Canada is a member), who are responsible for the reverent and peppetual care of the resting places of all our Fallen. The cemeteries will be beautified by landscaping and the planting of shrubs and flowers, and a headstone will be erected at each grave. Unhappily, there are great numbers of these headstones to be erected and it will quite naturally take considerable time.

May I again offer you my deepest sympathy in your great loss.

Yours sincerely,

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

FFF:GB

Ducharme J.J.A.

C O P Y

CASUALTY ENQUIRY & INVESTIGATION REPORT

RECEIVED JUN 24 1947 CASUALTY SECTION

From: [redacted]fficer Commanding, No. 2 M.R. & E. Unit, R.A.F.,

To: Air Ministry (S.7 Cas) 77 Oxford Street, London, W.1.

Date: 19th December, 1946.

Your Fiel Reference: P415439/44/P4 Cas. Dated: 4 October, 1946.

Casualty Enquiry No: G.869

Name of Search Officer: F/O F.R.C. Mauldson Section: "C"

Our Reference: 2MREU/5000/Air/139

Aircraft Type: Lancaster III Serial No: J.B. 736 "N"

Target: Nurnburg

Date Reported Missing: 30/31/3.44 Time Crashed: 0100

Place of Crash: Bilkheim nr. Wallmenroth Map Ref: K.51/G.1511

Place of Burial: Bilkheim Map Ref: K.51/G.1511

PARTICULARS AND FATE OF CREW

RAF	135075	F/O	J.G. Johnston	Pilot	MBK
RAF	1566687	Sgt	W.J. Gwynne	F/E	"
RCAF	X J23906	F/O	J.J.A. Ducharme	Nav.	"
RAF	137611	F/O	J.C.P. Doyle	B/A	"
RAF	1097466	Sgt	G. Thomson	W/Ag	"
RAF	1590719	Sgt	F. Fealy	M/UG	Sage U.K.
RAAF	AUS.424729	F/S	B.P. Boyle	R/G	MBK

On 12.12.46 the village of Bilkheim (K.51/G.1511) was visited and the burgermeister Jacob Hannapel questioned. He stated that an aircraft has crashed nearby at 0100 hours on 31.3.44. He had not seen the crash but he had records stating that remains had been collected by four French P.O.W.'s one of whom was named Roger Crouzit.

2. Mattias Memmesheimer of Hergenfeld had been in charge of the French POWs. He had seen the aircraft approaching the village. It was on fire and about one kilometre before the village the wings fell off and then it crashed. All the wreckage had been removed by the authorities but he remembered that there were four motors and hed had seen English markings on the wings. The aircraft had blown up and pieces of human remains were scattered in all directions. He said it had been impossible to count how many men there had been, but he had found one body without head or limbs, dressed in a flying suit under which there was a blue uniform.

3. Hannapel indicated the scene of the crash which was about 500 m. N.E. of the village. Josef Glaeser of Bilkheim had been the first to arrive after the crash. He described how the aircraft had approached from the east and crashed just beside his house. All the crew had been blown to pieces except one, probably the rear gunner, who had been found crouched over his guns. On identity disc had been found but he did not know what had happened to it. There was now no wreckage remaining at the scene of the crash.

4. Doctor Hofman of Walmerod had supervised the burial of the remains. He described how the bodies had been blown to pieces - some parts being found in a tree. There had been one body almost intact about 50. m. behind the aircraft. In the inside pocket of the uniform he had found a photograph from Australia, but this had been taken away by the authorities. The remains had been placed in three coffins and buried in the local cemetery. By his orders the number seven had been inscribed on the cross because he thought there had been the remains of seven.

5. None of the above witnesses know anything about one member of the crew being alive or that one had baled out.

6. Bilkheim cemetery is about 500 m. west of the village. The grave of these airmen is situated in the far left hand corner from the entrance. It is in very good condition with a wooden enclosure and cross inscribed "Heir rehen 7 Eng. Flieger". Hannapel said

P.T.O.

that the burial had taken place 2 or 3 days after the crash and the cross erect[redacted] immediatel afterwards. The grave is not registered.

7. From the foregoing there appears to be little doubt that this crash is that of Lancaster J.B. 736 and that the remains of the six dead members of the crew are those now buried at Bilkheim. It is suggested that a communal cross be erected over this grave as exhumation is unlikely to be of avail in identifying this crew. Form 3372 has been raised to this effect. Can this case now be considered closed.?

8. Althought the inscription on the cross reads "7 English Flyers" it is certain that only 6 airmen are buried there. The crew of Lancaster III Serial No. J.B. 736 "N" c consisted of 7 men. Six are missing and one is now safe in U. K.

(Signed)
For Wing Commander, Officer Commanding,
No. 2 M.R. & E. Unit, R.A.F.

N O T E

R.O.

Forwarded in response to your letter
J23906 (R.O.) dated 16 April, 1947.

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RECEIVED
SEP 3 1946
CASUALTY
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1946 AUG 31 AM 8:46

REFERRED TO.....
FILE .....
ANSWD TO.....

5279 Chabot Street,
Montreal 34, Que.
August, 1946

Officer in Charge of Records,
Air Ministry,
Department of National Defence (Air)
Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: S/O Wismer, W. M.

Dear Sir: Re: File J-23906 - (R-4)
F/O Ducharme, J. A. (J-23906)

Some time has passed since we heard from you. In your last letter to us, dated August 13th, 1945, you made reference to information you had on file from a former Prisoner of War, Mr. R. Crouzit (a civilian) of France, who has given the Air Force information about the Lancaster Bomber in which my Son was Navigator. This plane was returning from a Bombing Raid over Nuernburg, Germany, the night of March 31st, 1944, and was shot down near Belgium - except for one Gunner, who was taken Prisoner, it is said the rest of the crew was killed. The Gunner, by the way, jumped, so he knows nothing of the disaster which took place afterwards.

When you last wrote us, you mentioned that at that time details were not yet available about airmen missing and killed over France. However, since June, 1945, there has been a special bureau established in Paris, namely, "R.A.F. & Dominion Air Forces Missing Research and Inquiry Bureau", and so we are wondering if they have as yet covered the territory in which my Son and the crew are said to be buried.

Mr. Crouzit, when he reported to the Air Ministry after the cessation of hostilities, was given the names of the boys in the Lancaster, which he claims he saw crash. He got in touch with the parents, and he has written us that he was at the burial of these airmen and only by chance was able to glance at the list of names before he was observed by the German soldiers. He did not see my Son's name, but he did see "F/O Johnson" which was the Pilot's name. He had to help bury the boys and has sent us the location of the grave:

Bilkheim Cemetery,
Westerwald,
Near Limbourg,
Belgium.

Officer in Charge of Records
Air Ministry

August, 1946

Upon reporting to the Air Ministry what he saw, Mr. Crouzit was told that the graves would be opened, identity established, and the parents of the boys notified (it seems the Germans did not list the names on the grave, but just put up a stick with the number of men on it and the word "Unknown"). We have heard nothing further about this, and my Wife and I are most anxious to receive definite word, as we expect to go overseas in about a year's time and want to visit our Son's grave.

If you cannot help us, I wonder if you would be so kind as to send this information to the Bureau in Paris, they could get in touch with Mr. Crouzit whose address is:

Mr. Roger Crouzit,
23bis Rue Montmoreau,
Angoulême, (Charente)
FRANCE

Surely since we have given the Research and Inquiry Bureau such a lead, it will not be too difficult for them to follow through and confirm these facts. It is not as though they had nothing at all to go on, we are actually giving them the name of a man who was at the burial, who saw the plane, helped lift the boys bodies out, knows where the grave is located and is willing to help in any way he can--would'nt this information be of great assistance to the Bureau?

We, like thousands of other parents, lost a truly wonderful boy, whose loss we can never replace and will never get over - can you blame us then, Sir, for longing to know his last resting place?

May I say here that you have been most kind in the past and I want to thank you sincerely for everything you have done. My thanks also for you attention to this letter - I hope I may hear from you soon with the information I am hoping for.

I am,

Very truly yours,

E. Ducharme

E. Ducharme
5279 Chabot Street,
Montreal 34, Que.

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Statement of Services

Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Annual Training, Qualification Certificates, etc.	Effective Date	Authority for Entry	Signatures of Officers Certifying Correctness of entries
Accepted for Service with effect from	19-7-40	DO # 13 16-8-40	Officer Commanding
			Unit
S.O.S ON TRANSFER TO R.C.A.F.	31-7-41	DO # 34 30-10-41	L. McLeay Flt. Lt.

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ATTESTATION D. 425 5 35

NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT 16th Fd. Coy. R.C.E. REGTL. No. ~~4129~~

1. Surname? (Block letters) DUCHARME
2. Christian names? Andrew
3. Present address? 919 Agnes St. Montreal
   Phone No. We. 2791
4. Date of Birth?* Jan. 26 - 1919 5. British subject? Yes.
6. Occupation? Draughtsman 7. Religion? R.C.
8. Next of Kin Evelyn Ducharme 9. Relationship? Mother
   Address as above.
10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service
    (Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)

None

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 6' 1" Weight 160 Chest max 35 min 33

Descriptive marks Eyes L+R 48 Scar Ant. R+leg. + Scar Post L. leg.

I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in Instructions for the R.C.A.M.C. and C.D.C. 1937 Appendix V and find him F.t. Category A.

Date July 19/40 Signature [illegible]

DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned ANDREW DUCHARME do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers (made by me) to the foregoing questions are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of three years or until legally discharged, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement, that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN

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

J.A.T. Butler, Lieut. R.C.E. A. Ducharme

Signature of Witness Signature of Man

Dated this 22 day of July 1940 at MONTREAL, QUE.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

The recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished by law. The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question and that his answer to each question has been duly entered and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath.

[illegible] Major R.C.E.

Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer

*To be shown day, month, year—Example:—25–8–39.

M.F.B. 235d
80M—3-40 (4392)
H.Q. 1772-39-1545

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S.O.S. on transfer to R.C.A.F.	31.7.41	U.O. # 34 30.10.41	
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Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Annual Training, Qualification Certificates, etc.	Effective Date	Authority for Entry	Signatures of Officers Certifying Correctness of entries
Accepted for Service with effect from.....			..... Officer Commanding Unit.....
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NOTE.—These entries are to be made from time to time as they occur and certified by the Officer making the entry.

Attestations to be made out in duplicate, the original being forwarded to be filed in Regimental Orderly Room, the duplicate to be kept in the Battery, Squadron, Company, etc.

AIR FORCE No. R120406

DUCHARME, JOSEPH JEAN ANDRE
SURNAME — FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES

ENLISTMENT — PLACE Montreal — DATE 1-8-41
RE-ENLISTMENT

C.R. FILE NUMBER SR

J.23906 OFFICER

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

13 Comm 19.2.43

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.)

S.O.S. OR T.O.S.	UNIT AND PLACE	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
T.O.S.	1 M.D. Toronto	1	8	41	1 MD 183
S.O.S.	1 M.D. Toronto (amdt)	22	8	41	1 M.D. 302
	12 Equip D. Montreal				
S.O.S	1 M.D. Toronto	22	8	41	ITC 277
T.O.S	5 Trm D Valcartier.	23	8	41	5 Trm D 98.
S.O.S.	5 Trm D Valcartier	19	9	41	5 Trm D 121
T.O.S	25 FTS Uplands.	20	9	41	287226
S.O.S	25 FTS Uplands	6	10	41	287238
T.O.S	R.C.A.F. Stn Rockcliffe	7	10	41	H240
Posted to	C.J.C. Rockcliffe	21	1	42	H 170
S.O.S	Res. Flt Rockcliffe	29	8	42	H 204
T.O.S	#5 S.F.T.S. Belleville	30	8	42	5 STS 210
S.O.S	5 F.T.S. Belleville	24	10	42	5 FTS 256
T.O.S	#4 A.O.S. London	25	10	42	4 AOS 212
S.O.S.	4 AOS London	5	3	43	4 aos 36 dd.
T.O.S	No 1 Y Dep Halifax NS	6	3	43	1 y 57
Discharged	R.A.F. (Can) 392(18)	19	2	43	1 y 57
To	Rapid to a commission	19	2	43	1 y 57
S.O.S	1 Y Halifax to Repl Pool.	19	3	43	1 y. 78
Presumed Dead 31-3-44.					
Missing		31	3	44	
Plen 456		1	4	44	
Sail	to Overseas	19	3	43	E 627

2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.

RANK	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
AC 2	1	8	41	1 MD 183
AC	16	2	42	H 107
LAC	1	7	42	H 157
2/Sgt. qfd.	19	2	43	4 aos 36 dd.
P/B 19-2-43 (AR R37/153-43)				1 y 57
T.F.O. 19-8-42 (2 13 732) (D 226 A-26) (D 239 A-12)				
T.F.O. 16-8-43 (A PR 20/21-1-44)				

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.
31-7-41	R Con	A 4 B.	

4. TRADE AND CHARACTER

TRADE	GROUP	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
A.7.M. (M)	8	1	8	41	1 MD 183
A.7.M.	Sec.	30	9	41	H 264
A.7.M.	C	16	2	42	H 57
~~A.C. Mar 589~~	~~L~~	~~23~~	~~10~~	~~42~~	
A.7.M.	B	1	7	42	H 154
A.7.M. (E)	1st B	29	8	42	H 196
A.7.M. "B" MTAC. AM		24	10	42	5 TT 3256
Navigator	Sp.	19	2	43	4 aos 36 dd.
NAVT		19	2	43	(AR R37/153-43)
1 Gnr					

TRADE PROFICIENCY	CHARACTER ASSESSMENT	DATE OF R41

5. COURSES-TESTS-ETC.

SUBJECT	RESULT	DATE			AUTHORITY
A.7.M. Mn Std. Post for training		11	8	41	1 MD TT
A.7.M. "C"	46	16	2	42	H (TT)

6. LEAVE

FROM	TO	DAYS	REMARKS	D.R.O.
30-12-41	5-1-42		New Years	H 3 45 Sqn
4-3-42	11-3-42	7		H 55
4-5-42	11-5-42	7		H 105
10-8-42	17-8-42	7		H 188
24-12-42	28-12-42	5	X-mas	4 AOS 246
20-2-43	5-3-43	14	Special	4 aos 36 dd.
20-2-43	5-3-43	14	pre Emb.	4 aos 2036

RELIGION — PROVINCE OF ENLISTMENT — DISCHARGE

R120406 K | DUCHARME, JOSEPH JEAN ANDRE (SURNAME / FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES)

ENLISTMENT PLACE Montreal DATE 1-8-41 | RE-ENLISTMENT | C.R. FILE NUMBER

J.23906 SJ

OFFICER RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

Comm 19.2.43.

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

7. BIRTH: DATE 26-1-19 | PLACE Montreal, Que. | CITIZENSHIP British

FATHER (FULL NAME) Elias Ducharme

BIRTHPLACE St. Phelix de Valois, Que.

MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) Marie Elise Deegan

BIRTHPLACE New Port, Vermont, U.S.A.

8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE	X 2nd.
JUNIOR MATRICULATION	Equiv 2 yrs. High school 2nd
SENIOR MATRICULATION	
TECHNICAL SCHOOL	
UNIVERSITY	
CORRESPONDENCE COURSES	- 3 yrs Draughting (mech) 2

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

Draughting - 5 yrs Jos W Reed & Co.

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10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE

nil.

0

11. HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS

	AUTHORITY	DATE
Air Observers Badge	1405360 P.S.R.-39	19-2-43
C.V.S. Medal + Maple Leaf	D66A-105	15-1-44

12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)

SOLO — DUAL — PASSENGER —

13. RELIGION R. Catholic 1

14. LANGUAGES French + English 3

15. SPORTS Cycling - swimming lacrosse. Mapping, flew hand drawing - public speaking

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

WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE DATE

AUTHORITY (IF AFTER ENLISTMENT)

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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: Elias Ducharme RELATIONSHIP Father

ADDRESS: 919 Agnes St. Montreal, Que D.R.O.

FULL NAME: RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS: D.R.O.

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

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

21. ENGAGEMENTS

TERM	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.	TERM	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.
Duration	1 8 41				

22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

FROM	TO	DATE	D.R.O.
Hos + Stns		2-8-41	1 Mo 185
Occ qtrs + drawn rations		23/8/41	Comm D98
Occ pub qtrs		7-10-41	H240
Posted Mdg Str Sgn	att #12 Comm Sqn	duty p disp	H240
Issued Id Tn	#C 82957	4-3-42	H54
Issued Sd-Dk	#C 45655	22-12-42	H405256

R.T.O. #1 Y. Dept. 8-3-43

22.(A) ADDRESS PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT

919 Agnes St, Montreal Que

22302

23. DOCUMENT CONTROL (INDICATE RECEIPT BY DATE)

R60	R79	B465	X-RAY	AFM-13	IDN. CARD
13-8-41	DEC 22 41 / 3522-43	5-8-41			

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AIR FORCE No. J23906 R120406

Ducharme, Joseph Jean Andre
SURNAME — FULL CHRISTIAN NAME

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE Montreal comm.
DATE 1-8-41 19-[illegible]-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
26-1-19	Montreal, Que	Canada	British	

CIVIL EDUCATION

PUBLIC SCHOOL	JUNIOR MATRICULATION Equiv. 2 yrs High School, Que
HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE	SENIOR MATRICULATION
TECHNICAL SCHOOL	UNIVERSITY
CORR./BUSINESS COURSES 3 yrs Draughting (mech).	LANGUAGES SPOKEN French & English

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

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Radio & Mech Drafting

PREVIOUS SERVICE

PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY	PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY
31-7-41	A4B.		

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)
Elias Ducharme (father) 919 Agnes St, Montreal, Que.
5279 Chabot St. Montreal
CR445 cl 4/4/44

EMPLOYMENT AS INSTRUCTOR OFFICER AIRMAN/AIRWOMEN

TYPE	FROM	TO	TYPE	FROM	TO

OFFICERS

RANK, BRANCH AND CATEGORY	DATE	AUTH.	DUTIES PERFORMED DURING SERVICE, E.G. ADJ.
Pilot Officer AP&R37	19 2 43	180TU67	AFRD
T/F/O	19 9 43	00.732/43	513/44
Nav. (G.L.)	19 2 43	AP&R37 15-3-43	

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

AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN

RANK	DATE	AUTH.	TRADE	DATE	AUTH.

OFFICERS, AIRMEN/AIRWOMEN

COURSE OR TRADE	GRP.	%	PF	DATE
AFM (M.) for training Std. Post				11 8 41
AFM	C	46		16 2 42
4A.O.S. Case 62	4/20			25/17 10/2 43

ADVISE ENTRIES
UNIT RECORDS RETURNED
TO CANADA

AIR FORCE No. J.23906 R120406

SURNAME: DUCHARME, FULL CHRISTIAN NAME: JOSEPH JEAN ANDRE

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT — PLACE Montreal comm. DATE 1-8-41 19-2-43

RELIGION R.C. C

R.C.A.F. FORM R230

TYPE OF LEAVE

FROM	TO	No. DAYS	DESCRIPTION	AUTH.
16-4-43	24-4-43	7	P. Leave.	64/43 3PRC
18-11-43	29-11-43	12	P.L.	18 OTU 16.
10.12.43	29.12.43			1656 CU 32.
22.3.44	27.3.44	6	Ann. L.	103 Sqdn 6.

HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

DATE	AWARD	AUTHORITY
	C/S M & M.L.	1656 H.U. 14/44 - 28/28.4.44. 103 Sqdn 6.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ON WHICH MOST PROFICIENT

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

SERVICE MACHINES FLOWN

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSESSMENT

DATE	CHARACTER	TRADE ASSESSMENT

POSTINGS, ATTACHMENTS & TEMPORARY DUTY

SOS TOS	FROM	TO	DATE	AUTHORITY
	HQOS London		25 10 42	HAOS 212.
S.O.S.	to Overseas		19 3 43	E624
	Orsieu. U.K.		2 4 43	E624
Att. to	A.C.A.S. Sid-	mouth from 3PRC	15 5 43	549 28/43
CTBA to	A.C.O.S. Sidmouth	from 3.P.R.C.	5 6 43	A.C.O.S. 12/43
C.T.B.D.	to A.C.O.S.		7 6 43	3.P.R.C. 131/43
Att. to	504 Sqn (Pool) for Flying Ref.			
	Course at 6 EFTS from 3 P.R.C.		9/23 7 43	HQ 50 Sqn 106/43 - 125
2nd S	3PRC to 16 AFU		3 8 43	16 AFU 15/43
SOS	16 AFU to 18 OTU		31 8 43	15 PD TO 9/43 16 AFU 23/43
Att.	H.O.T.U. to Bircotes		13 10 43	H.O.T.U. 12
SOS	18 OTU to 1656 CU		30 11 43	1654 CU 31/ 18 OTU 17
SOS	1656 CU to 550 Sqdn		25 2 44	550 SQN 2 1656 CU 8.
SOS	550 Sqdn to 103 Sqdn		5 3 44	103 Sqn 6. 550 Sqdn 2.
TOS	550 Sqdn fr. 106 Sqdn		5 3 44	550 Sqdn 3.
F/13	Missing from 103 Sqdn.		30/31 3 44	AFRO 971/44 CR 445
POSTED	R.C.A.F.(U/K) N/E UNIT.		31 3 44	103. Sqn 8/44
PRESUMED DEAD			31 3 44	CR 628 Supp AFRO. 1.

ALL OTHER CASUALTIES

CASUALTY AND DATE	AUTHORITY
[redacted] -25-43 RAF Hosp. Halton	3 PRC 83/43

ADVISE ENTRIES
UNIT RECORDS RETURNED
TO CANADA
Encl. 20-3-43

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

AIR FORCE NO. R120406 POSTED TO No.1 Manning Depot, Toronto TRADE Airframe Mech. Metal Std.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

(ATTESTATION PAPER)

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

1. Surname DUCHARME FULL Christian Names JOSEPH JEAN ANDRE
2. Present Address 919 Agnes St., Mont. P.Q. Telephone No
3. Permanent Address 919 Agnes St., Montreal, P.Q.
4. Place of Birth Montreal, P.Q. ✓ Citizenship Canadian
5. Date of Birth January 26, 1919 Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced Single
6. Particulars of Children None

Name	Date of birth	Name	Date of birth
N.A.			

7. Occupation Draughtsman 8. Religion Roman Catholic (State denomination)
9. Languages French and English, fluently (State proficiency)
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) Elias Ducharme Relationship Father
    " Address 919 Agnes St. Montreal, P.Q.
11. Father (Full Name) Elias Ducharme Birthplace St. Phelix de Valois, P.Q.
    " Address 919 Agnes St., Montreal, P.Q. Citizenship Canadian
    " Occupation Machinest (Imperial Tobacco)
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) ~~Evelyn~~ Marie Louise Elise Deegan Birthplace New Port, Vermont, U.S.A.
    " Address 919 Agnes St., Montreal, P.Q. Citizenship Canadian
13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service: N.A. None

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date From	Date To	Reason for discharge
~~None~~ N.A.						

R.C.A.F. Records Office Recd. AUG 7 1941 O.K. R.C. B.D. N.I. C. S.L. P.A.

14. Honours, Awards, Mentions None
15. Are you now on any Naval, Military or Air Force Reserve? No
16. Have you previously made application to join the R.C.A.F.? No. If so, where? N.A.
    When? N.A. Result N.A.
17. Were you ever discharged from any branch of His Majesty's Forces as Medically Unfit? No
    If so, state nature of disability N.A.
18. Have you ever been or are you now in receipt of a Disability Pension? No
    If so, state nature of Disability N.A.
19. Have you ever been convicted of an indictable offence? No If so state nature N.A.
20. Are you in debt? No If so, state particulars N.A.

R.C.A.F. Form R. 100
400M—6-40 (3732)
H.Q. 1032-3-33

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21. Particulars of Education:

—	Name of school	Date From	Date To	Courses—Subjects, etc.
Primary Education—Public or Separate School	St. Thomas Aquinas, Montreal, P.Q.	1926	1935	Primary and the equivalent of two years of high school
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.				
Technical School				
University or School other than above				
Correspondence Courses, etc.	Inter Corr. School, Scranton, Pa. U.S.A. (Night school)	1936	1939	Draughting (Mech.)

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

Employer and place	Duties, trades, positions	Date From	Date To	Reason for leaving
Geo. W. Reed & Co. Mont. P.Q.	Draughting	1935	1940	To join the R.C.A.F.

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

24. Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to the R.C.A.F. Mapping, free hand drawing, and also a little experience in public speaking

25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally Cycling, extensively; swimming moderately; Lacrosse, occasionally

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

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

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

Name	Address	Occupation
Mr. T. McEachern	1639 Earsnscliff, Mont. P.Q.	Chief Draughtsman
Mr. C.F. Foy	1119 Greene Ave., Mont. P.Q.	School Director
Mr. J. C. L. Harvey	1013 Greene Ave., Mont. P.Q.	Contract Manager (Reed)
Mr. O.L. Jones	1620 Theodore ave., Mont. P.Q.	Ass. Chief Draughtsman

28. Other information that may have any bearing on this application. My educational certificates are few, but I have read extensively and have had 5 years experience as a sheet metal Draughtsman.

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

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

Date August 1st, 1941 Signature J. A. Ducharme

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NATIONAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE PRODUCED. A.L.L. Lapointe 7/0

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(A) *Report of Interviewing Officer—*

Type Good General appearance Average

Suitability for (state in what capacity) Airframe Mechanic Metal

Date 21-7-41 Signature LEDOUX F. Rank CPL.
PER: Fauteux Cpl.

(B) *Report of Trade Test—*

Trade in which tested Draughtsman

Result Airframe Mechanic Metal Standard
In accordance with M10/20 section 10 Cat C.

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

Draughtsman

Date 21-7-41 Signature LEDOUX F. Rank CPL.
PER: Fauteux Cpl

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

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

Date Aug. 1st, 1941. J. A. Ducharme
Signature of Recruit

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

I, Joseph Jean ~~Pure~~ Andre Ducharme, do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Date Aug. 1st, 1941 J. A. Ducharme
Signature of Recruit

(E) **CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER**

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

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

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

at Montreal, P.Q. this 1st day of Aug. 1941

A.L.L. Lapointe 7/0 R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Montreal.
Signature of Officer Rank Unit

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Finger Printed
Date 1-8-41
Initials ...

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—

1. Age. 21 2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following defects in health?

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

3. Have you ever worn glasses? no

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

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

J. A. Beecharme
Signature of Applicant

Examiner's Remarks *re* above The man complains of frequent headaches B.P. 164/112 Heart steady cardiac S.S. Lungs normal Abdomen negative

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

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

2. Height 5 feet 9 1/2 inches. 3. Weight 149 pounds.

4. Complexion Fresh 5. Color of Eyes brown Hair brown

6. Development ~~Good~~ Fair ~~Poor~~ 7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration 33 inches

Range of expansion 2 inches

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

9. Vision—Without glasses—Right 20/20 With glasses—Right /

Left 20/20 Left N.A.

10. Condition of mouth and teeth 2 fillings good healthy

11. Urine—Albumen Neg Sugar Neg

12. Abnormalities (Congenital and Pathological) found on Examination none

Part 3. The Candidate has been examined in accordance with the pamphlet, "Physical Standards and Instructions for the Medical Examination of Recruits" and he is considered fit for Category ~~A1B~~ ~~E~~ A4B

Any special remarks of the Medical Officers B.P. over requirements

4-3-41 Recheck B.P. 155/110

17-7-41 Recheck B.P. 150/98

21-7-41 Recheck 155/100 Cat A4B

23-7-41 X-Ray # 86384 Neg

31-7-41 Recheck Normal

Part 2 Cont'd.

13. Reflexes N.
14. Heart N.
15. Lungs N.
16. Blood Pressure 155/100 S. D.
17. Colour Vision N. Ish.

Date 22-6-46 19

L G Shoesmith F/S
President

Member

Member

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 C MITTEE ON DEMOBILIZATION AND REHABILITATION, A COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO STUDY PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING INDUSTRIAL LIFE THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AFTER DISCHARGE. ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS IN ANSWERING WILL BE OF MU 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 Duchesne John Joseph Andrew (b) Reg'l. No. R 120406
2. (a) Arm of service R.C.A.F. (b) Unit No 1 Manning Depot (c) Rank
3. (a) Date of birth June 16 1918 (b) Have you any dependents? No (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment Montreal Que
4. (a) Place of enlistment Montreal (b) Date of enlistment 1-6-41

Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 17 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.) 2nd year High School
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured No
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? Yes (b) If so, for what occupation? Draftsman (c) Did you finish it? yes (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it? —
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? English French (b) What languages do you read well? English French

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? no

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. Name of employer R.C.A. Victor Mfg Co Ltd Address Montreal Que
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.) Radio Manufacturers
20. (a) Your specific occupation Draftsman (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer 3 mths
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? — (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment? yes

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

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

Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

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

Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

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

DATE Aug 2nd 194 1 SIGNATURE J.J. Duchesne

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE
INTERVIEW REPORT

M.20/10

1. SURNAME ..... R.120406 AC.1 DUCHARME .....

2. CHRISTIAN NAMES ..... J.A. .....

3. APPLYING FOR ENLISTMENT AS ..... Aircrew (I.T.S.) (Remuster) .....

SELECTION BOARD

4. PERSONNEL OFFICER

Education ..... Grade IX - plus - Quebec. .....

24-7-42 Classification Test Score ..... 46/80 ..... C.A.T. Score ..... E.A.t. 22

ASSESSMENT: (Educational Standing; Ability to Learn; Personal Background)

2½ years High School Education plus a pre-entry Aircrew Educational course. Also 3 yr. Correspondence course in draughting. Applicant shows only fair Ability to learn and will need strict application to Air Crew ground studies. Borderline case. Personal background satisfactory. R.C.A.F. Service for 1 yr. as A.F.M..

RECOMMENDED FOR ..... Aircrew (I.T.S.) .....

SUITABLE FOR COMMISSION ..... N.C.O. .....

Signed C A Summers F/O

(D.H. Morrow) F.O. DATE: 24-7-42.

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5. MEDICAL OFFICER

Medical Category .....

ASSESSMENT: (Physical; Temperatmental)

RECOMMENDED FOR .....

SUITABLE FOR COMMISSION .....

Signed

DATE:

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6. INTERVIEWING OFFICER

ASSESSMENT: (General Fitness) French Canadian chap who is well mannered and refined. Wishes to remuster to Aircrew (I.T.S.). If he gets down to hard study should have little trouble making grade. Has good personality.

RECOMMENDED FOR ..... Aircrew (I.T.S.) .....

SUITABLE FOR COMMISSION .....

Signed C A Summers F/O

(C.A. Summers) F.O. DATE: 24-7-42.

FOUND ACCEPTABLE FOR ..... C A Summers F/O

A.F.M.5 DATE:

Commanding Officer,
No. 12 Recruiting Centre,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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J23906

CONFIDENTIAL

R120406

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

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Medical Board held at Rockcliffe, Ont. *Date* 21-7-42 FILE NUMBER

Surname DUCHARME *Chr. Names* John Andrew
Nature of Commission *Date of Birth* 26-1-19 *Married or Single* Single
Branch *Hours Flown* 15 hours as passenger
Address Rockcliffe, R.C.A.F.

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 (2) sore throat in last year
Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever or Scarlatina no
(iv) STOMACH or BOWEL TROUBLE no
Chronic Indigestion or Pain after Food no
(v) KIDNEY or BLADDER TROUBLE no
Syphilis or Gonorrhœa no
(vi) TROPICAL DISEASE no
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 4 years ago
(x) Any Illness or Injury not mentioned above mumps in childhood. Measles

Education 2 yrs. high school Pre-entry course at Station. 3 yrs. with Correspondence School
Present Occupation Aerodrome Duties Hobbies None
Previous Service 1 yr. in R.C.A.F.
Athletics Rugby, Soccer, Swimming
Habits—Smoking Non-smoker Alcohol 1 qt. beer per week.
FAMILY HISTORY—Consumption no
Nervous Ailments, Mental Trouble, or "Fits" no
Father Alive—Health good Dead—Cause
Mother Alive—Health good Dead—Cause
Brothers (2) Alive—Health good (....) Dead—Cause
Sisters (2) Alive—Health good (....) Dead—Cause

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 21-7-42 *Signature* J. A. Duchame LAC *Witness* J. J. Barry F/L

GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EXAMINATION

Impression given by *(a)* Physique Athletic *(b)* Mentality Average
Body Marks, Scars, Deformities Appendectomy scar, scar dorsum left leg, scar ant aspect rt. leg
Size of Thyroid Gland N.
Surgical Abnormalities N.
Results of Wounds, Injuries, Operations N

	Date 22-7-42	Assessing Room	Date 9-9-42	Assessing Room	Date	Assessing Room	Remarks on any Abnormalities Found
Height (ins.)	70		70				
Weight (lbs.)	156		163				Date
Chest Circumference (ins.)	32½						
Body Build (lbs.)			+14				
Leg Length (ins.)	43		Ample				
Pulse Rate — Sitting	75		72				
Pulse Rate — Standing 1st	96						
Pulse Rate — Standing 2nd	84						
Pulse Rate — After Exercise	108						
Pulse Rate — Time to Normal	35						
Arterial Walls	N.		N				
Blood Pressure — Systolic	134		134				
Blood Pressure — Diastolic	86		84				
Heart — Size	N		9-9½				
Heart — Sounds	N		N				
Heart — Rhythm	N		N				
Lungs	N		N				
Breath held	~~55~~ sec.						
Expiratory Force	140						
Vital Capacity (Best of 5)							Date
Reflexes — Knee	NN		N N				
Reflexes — Ankle	NN		N N				
Reflexes — Triceps	NN		N N				
Reflexes — Abdominal	N		N N				
Reflexes — Plantar			Fl Fl				
Cranial Nerves	N.		N N				
	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	
Balancing Rod	NN						
	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	
Self Balancing	S.S.		IS IS				
Tremors — Fingers	S.S.						Date
Tremors — Eyelids	S.S.						
Abdomen — Liver	N		N				
Abdomen — Spleen	N		N				
Abdomen — Muscular Tone	n		N				
Urine — Albumen	Neg		Neg				
Urine — Sugar	Neg		Neg				
Initials of M.O.							

40 mm. Hg. Test

Date	22/7/42	66 sec.	6 1/3	/786	/667	/667	/668/7
Date	9-9-42 -	6/78	7, 77	7, 78	7, 76	7, 7	= 66 -
Date							
Date							

Remarks by Consultant. 9-9-42 - F.T. average stability - Excellent motivation. Recruited A.C.F.M. P 8 05

Convention 4/2

EYE EXAMINATION

History Neg.		Ry enlistment	
Visual Acuity	R. 20/20 , C -2.50 = 20/200	R 20/20 c +2.50 = 20/200	
	L. 20/20 , C -2.50 = 20/200	L 20/20 c +2.50 = 20/200	
Colour Vision		N (9 R Astn)	
Maddox Red, Green	N-Slight exo tendency	Nil at 6m Exo at 1/3m Exo	
Diaphragm Test (P.D. = 66 Barat)	4 at 1	P.D. 66 Barat.	
Convergence	C. = 6 cms.	6	
	S. C. = 12 cms.	13	
Accommodation	R. 15½	11	
	L. 16½	11	
Cover Test	N.	Ortho at 6m & 1/3m	
Fundi and Media	N.	N	
Fields	N.	N	
Remarks: Fit A1B;A3B		RHRE A1B A3B	
	Initials of M.O.	*Initials of M.O.* DWH (D.S.B)	*Initials of M.O.*
	Date 22-7-42	*Date* Sept 9 42	*Date*

EXAMINATION OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

History Neg.

Hearing	R. Ear	WV 20'	W.V. 20/15
	L. Ear	WV 20'	W.V. 20/15
External Ear, Meatus Membranes	R. Ear	N	N
	L. Ear	N	N
Middle Ear, Eustachian Tubes	R. Ear	N	N & P
	L. Ear	N	N & P
Cochlear Apparatus	R. Ear	N	
	L. Ear	N	
Vestibular Apparatus	R. Ear	N	
	L. Ear	N	
Buccal Cavity		N	N
Teeth		N 32	Good repair
Gums		N	N
Pharynx		N	N
Nasopharynx		N	N
Nose		N	~~Septum deviated to R.~~ N
Larynx		N	N
Remarks: Fit A1B;A3B		*Initials of M.O.*	*Initials of M.O.* DWH
		Date 22-7-42	*Date* 9-9-42
			Initials of M.O.
			Date

HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION

Date 23/7/42

It was necessary to have candidate rest for few hours before B/P of satisfactory level could be attained. However he passed remainder of tests. Category A1B A3B

(Sgd.)

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS BY PRESIDENT OF BOARD

Date 23 - 7 - 42

Category A1B-A3B

9-9-42.

Physically fit.
Average emotional stability - excellent motivation.
A1B-A3B.

R.G.M. Harbert Flt/Lt.

N. VISION	11/35 Average
E. E. G.	7.
E. C. G.	
D. CHAMBER	Very apprehensive

A1B. A3B (Amnett)

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5279 Chabot Street,
Montreal 34, Quebec
August 30, 1945

Referre' to F2-5
File No.
Chgd to 12

The Secretary,
Department of National Defence for Air,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: DAF/Gratuities Section

Gentlemen: Re: Your File J.23906 (DAF/F-2-5)
Flying Officer Joseph J.A. Ducharme

On my return to the City, I find your letter dated August 17th in reply to my recent application for the war service gratuity in respect of my son, Flying Officer Joseph J. A. Ducharme.

In reply to your inquiry, this is to advise that I was dependent on my son. I have two younger children still attending school, and I found my son's assignment necessary to help finance their education. I also have other heavy expenses to contend with and for these reasons, my son signed over $80.00 a month to me, from his pay.

I have been informed by the R.C.A.F. that he made me the beneficiary in his will - this for your information.

Trusting that the above answers your inquiry satisfactorily, and should further information be required, I will be glad to submit same. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours very truly,
Evelyn Ducharme
per M.G.

(Mrs.) Evelyn Ducharme

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY ═══ ARMY ═══ AIR FORCE

STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

45 4 AIR

48852

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: Joseph J.A. (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Ducharme (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

PAYEE: Receiver General of Canada,

ADDRESS: Director of Estates, Ottawa, Ont.

FILE NO. 25061

DATE 1 Sept/45

SERVICE NO. J23906

FINAL RANK OR RATING F/O

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 31 Mar/44

DATE OF DISCHARGE 31 Mar/44

		$	¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS 974/30 EQUAL TO 32 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50	240.00	
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS 379 LESS 14 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 365 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY	91.25	
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE			
	DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE		
	PAY $7.00		
	SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE $1.70		
	ADDITIONAL PAY $		
	$		
	$		
	DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $ _____ $		
	TOTAL $8.70 ×7 = $ 60.90		
	NO. OF DAYS 379/183 ×$ 60.90	126.13	
D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY		457.38	
E. DEDUCTIONS	OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES $		
	DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $		
	OTHER DEDUCTIONS $		
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE		457.38	

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

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

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $

SEP 17 1945

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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
SJB	LGS

TREASURY

CHECKED BY	DATE
	19 SEP 45

F. Ducharme F/O
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Treasury Office,
Air Force Services
OTTAWA, - CANADA
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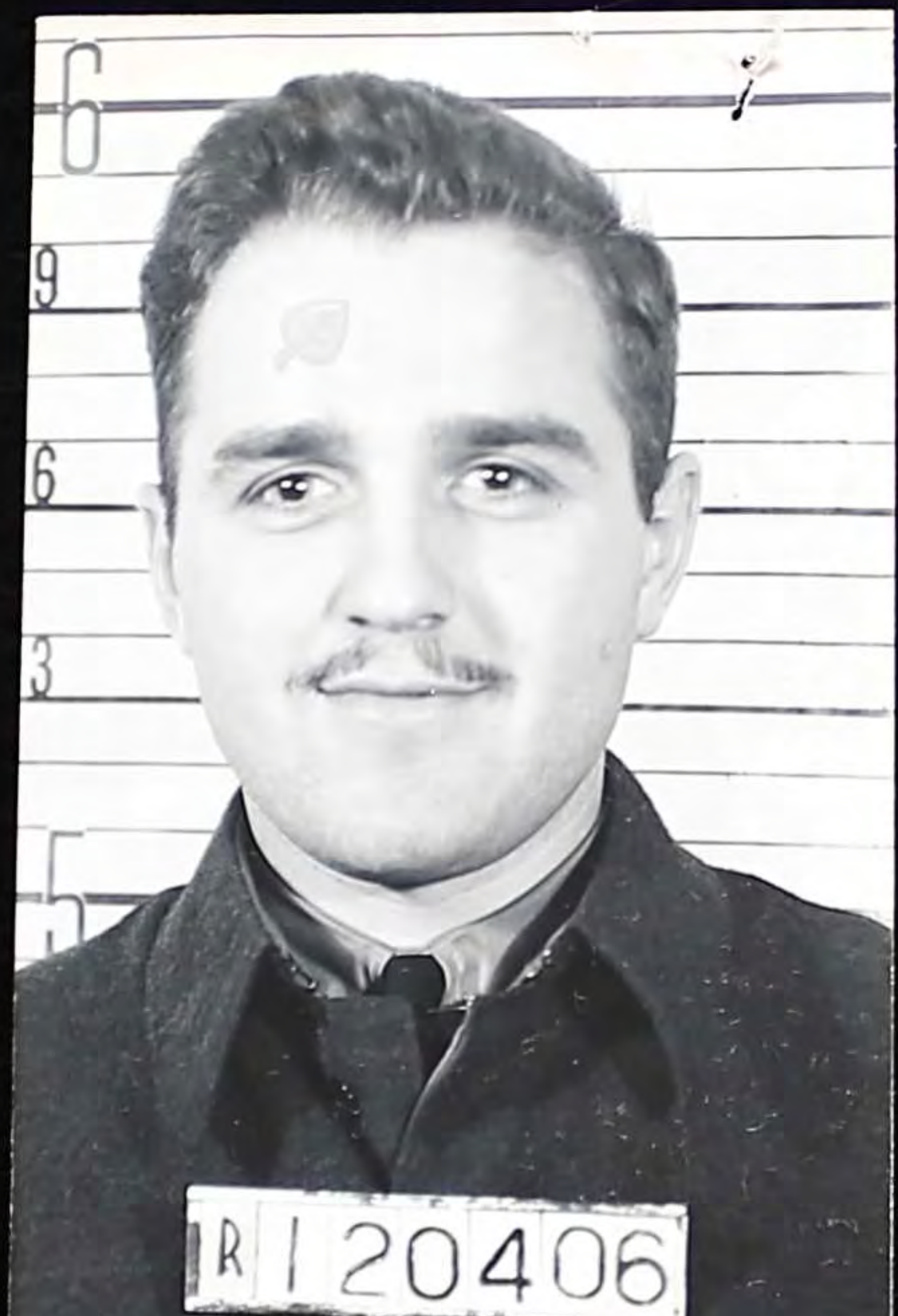
P. & A. SECTION



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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.

Air Force No J23906 Surname Ducharme

Christian Names (in full) Joseph, John, Andrew

Date of Birth 26-1-19 Religion R C

Date of Enlistment/Appointment 19-2-43

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

Occupation in Civil Life Radio & Machine

Signature of Holder

Name and Address of Next-of-Kin

Mrs E Ducharme, 5279 Chabot St
Montreal P Q

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

Mrs E Ducharme
5279 Chabot St, Montreal P Q

Certified Correct

Date Place

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
Nav. GL	19-2-43	–	

Rank	Date of Effect	Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer making Entry
P/O	19-2-43	–	
F/O	19.9.43	0/0732/43.	

MEDALS, DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, ETC.

Particulars	Date and Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer
Can. Vol. Serv. Medal & Clasp.	P.O.R.C. 6/44	E. L. Hooke F/O

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

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
19-2-43	5-3-43	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.

BLOOD GROUP

Date	International	Initials of M.O.
	BLOOD GROUP A.	

NIGHT VISUAL CAPACITY

Date	Score	Group	Initials of M.O.
11/3/43	30		