J88390
DESROCHES
JOSEPH PAUL

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J88390 (DPC)

Ottawa, le 21 juillet 1948.

Madame J.-P.-L.-W.-L. Desroches,
139 ouest, rue Jean-Talon,
Montréal, P.Q.

Madame,

C'est avec un profond regret que je viens de nouveau faire allusion à la perte de votre mari, l'officier-pilote Joseph-Paul-Lucien-Wilfrid-Léon Desroches. J'ai cru, toutefois, que vous n'apprendriez pas sans intérêt que notre quartier général outre-mer nous a fait tenir un rapport signalant que le Service préposé à la recherche des militaires portés disparus a retrouvé les tombes de tous les membres de l'équipage dont faisait partie votre mari, sauf la sienne. Je regrette infiniment de vous informer que, vu la gravité du choc, le corps de votre mari n'a pu être recouvré.

On érigera des plaques commémoratives à la mémoire de tous les vaillants aviateurs qui ont perdu la vie dans notre lutte pour la liberté, dès que les conditions le permettront et que les dispositions nécessaires auront été prises. Malheureusement, la tâche de préparer et d'ériger en permanence de telles plaques est extrêmement lourde et il devra nécessairement s'écouler assez de temps avant que le travail ne soit terminé. Soyez assurée cependant que l'on vous avisera à cet égard dès que nous recevrons de l'autorité compétente de plus amples renseignements.

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

Votre tout dévoué,

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.

Reference P.416246/S.7.Cas.C.7.

To The Secretary, Imperial War Graves Commission.

REPORT ON CRASHED OR EXPLODED AIRCRAFT
PLAQUE CROSSES, MULTIPLE BURIALS - AMO 682/45

COUNTRY Germany

Place of Incident, with Map Reference Merzenich (3/F.1548)

Date of Incident 22.4.44 Aircraft Type and Serial Number Halifax LV.990

Total number Crew 7 Number of Bodies recovered 6

Unit	Service Number Force	Name and Initials	Rank	Name of Cemetery, Plot, Row, grave no. and Brief Account of Case
433 Sqdn.	J.16496 RCAF	Burns, G.C.	F/O	Merzenich Field BIII Row 2 Graves 1 - 5
	1575081 RAFVR	Dunford, J.W.		
	R.168329 RCAF	MacDougall, D.C.		
	J.38159 RCAF	Holmes, A.S.		
	R.96659 RCAF	Hedard, J.P.		
	1514254 RAFVR	Morris, T.N.		Prisoner of War
	R.171245 RCAF	Des Roches, P.L.J.		Incinerated in crashed aircraft.

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Signed J. A. STURCH

Date 26 February, 1947.

Air Ministry,
S.7.Cas.

The names of all the crew must be shewn whether the bodies have been recovered or not. If no body has been found this should be shewn against the name. All unidentified bodies must be included with the name of the cemetery and the plot row and grave number.

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

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MONTREAL QUE.

GENERAL INFORMATION

MARRIED

EDUCATION
1941-42 - Le Cavalier Montreal - Gr. 10
LANGUAGES - French & English fluently

CIVIL EXPERIENCE
1932-36 - Alexis Desroches Montreal - Grocery clerk
1936-42 - Molson Brewery Co. Montreal - In charge of a dept.

SPORTS
Tennis, skating, fishing, conducting, horseback riding, ping-pong

SERVICE EXPERIENCE
Enlisted R.C.A.F. 15-6-42

(GL) CFR FIELD — DESROCHES Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Leon — SR

Birth Date	Age on Appointment	Date of Appointment
22-9-15 (G.O.)	28	21-4-44

POSTINGS AFRO #2231, d/13-10-44.

Rank	Date	Station	Date	Duty
P/O	21-4-44	OVERSEAS		~~GUNNERY OFFICER~~
		MISSING	23-4-44	
		PRESUMED DEAD 23 Apr/44:		CAS.LIST #912.

CHARGES

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POST PRESUMPTION MEMORANDUM NO. 4207/48

FILE NUMBER P.416246/44 DATE 26.8.48

Relating to HALIFAX LV.990 Missing on 22-23.4.44

Crashed at MERZENICH, GERMANY

NUMBER	RANK	NAME	BURIAL DETAILS	INFORMATION
			REICHSWALD FOREST BRITISH MILITARY CEMETERY Plot Row Grave	GERMANY
R.96629	Sgt.	BEDARD J.J.A.M.	1 C 12	G.R.R. Form shows five members of this crew concentrated to the Cemetery indicated. (Amends P.P.M.'s 604/44 and 2047/46.) Of the remaining two members of the crew namely Plt.Off. DES-ROCHES and Flt.Sgt. MORRIS, the former was aircraft and his name will be commemorated on a Central Memorial. The latter named member is safe.
J.16496	Fg.Off.	BURNS G.C.	" " 8	
J.89916	Plt.Off.	MACDOUGALL D.C.	" " 9	
1575081	Sgt.	DUNFORD J.W.	" " 10	
J.38159	Plt.Off.	HOLMES A.S.F.	" " 11	
J.88390	Plt.Off.	DES-ROCHES J.P.L.	Body not recovered from aircraft.	
1514254	Flt.Sgt.	MORRIS T.N.	Safe	

incinerated in the

Case closed.

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DEPARTEMENT DE LA DEFENSE NATIONALE
BUREAU DU JUGE AVOCAT GENERAL
DIVISION DES SUCCESSIONS

OTTAWA, CANADA

Date Sept 22/47 194...

Reçu ce jour du Trésor un chèque pour la somme de

...SOIXANTE ET SIX DOLLARS ET 07/100 Dollars ($ 66.07 .....)

en rapport avec la succession militaire du défunt ci-dessous mentionné.

DESROCHES, Joseph L.L.W. SOUS LIEUT D'AV.(Décédé)
No. J.88390, C.A.R.C.

BIRON & POIRIER

.....
(Signature)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

INVENTORY

Date .....

The Estates Branch has received the following personal effects of

NAME .....J88390.....P/O....DESROCHES....J.....

1 Pr. Black Pyjamas.
1 Small Blue Kitbag.
5 Shirts.
1 Yellow Wool Knit Pullover.
1 Pr. Black Shoes.
1 Undervest.
1 Grey Jacket.
2 Pr. Grey Trousers.
1 Grey Waist Coat.
1 Pr. Brown Leather Gloves.
2 Pr. Braces.
1 Khaki Shirt.
1 White Laundry Bag.
1 Small Khaki Bag.
9 Pr. Socks.
1 Black Tie.
1 Blue Canvas Haversack.
1 Brown Leather Belt.
4 Handkerchiefs.
2 Summer Vests.
1 Pr. Suspenders.
1 Shoe Brush.
3 Collars.
1 Pr. Summer Shorts.
1 Hair Brush.
2 Mounted Portraits.
1 Leather Portrait Folder with Portrait.
1 Book "Once Your Enemy".
Number of Photos.
2 Sets of Canada Badges.

1 A.G. Brevet.
1 Pr. Scissors.
1 Shaving Brush.
1 Gillette Razor.
1 Razor Knife.
1 Collar Pin.
1 Pipe.
1 Crucifix in Black initialed leather Cas
2 Belt Buckles.
1 Rosary in brown leather Case.
1 Leather Name Tag.
8 Fine Chains. 7 on Cards.
1 Metal Name Tag.
1 Wrist Watch Strap.
5 Service Buttons.
2 Sgt Chevrons.
1 Black Leather Wallet with Zip empty.
1 French Magazine.
1 Record.
1 Fret Saww.
1 Green metal Tool Case with miscellaneo Tools.
1 Shirt.
2 Pr. Summer Shorts.
2 Summer Vests.
10 Handkerchiefs.
3 Letters.

Received the effects as listed

SIGNATURE Mrs. Lucile DesRoches

DATE REC'D 30 April 1946

ESTATES BRANCH MAY 10 1946 H.Q. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

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FOR TRANSLATION - FRENCH

File No: H.Q. J-88390 FD 4

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OTTAWA, Canada,
13th March, 1946.

Mrs. Lucile Desroches,
139 Jean Talon St. West,
Montreal, Quebec.

DESROCHES Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfred F/O (Deceased)
No. J-88390 R.C.A.F.

Dear Mrs. Desroches:

Further to our letter of 10th of December, 1945, it has now been decided that action must be taken immediately to effect payment of the Service Estate of your husband.

As we informed you on previous occasions, your husband left a Will naming his father as the sole beneficiary and we have, on several occasions, written to him advising him of this and pointing out to him that your husband had made a gift to you in the marriage contract of the sum of $1,000 and that, if he accepted the succession, he would necessarily be called upon to carry out this obligation. We suggested to your father-in-law that he allow us to distribute the Service Estate of your husband in the amount of $65.00 to yourself and, also, authorize us to deliver your husband's personal effects to you.

Your father-in-law has not replied to our letters. It is suggested that you communicate with your father-in-law and obtain this necessary authorization from him. However, we have not had any reply to our letters and it has been decided that, if we do not hear from you within a month from this date, we will remit the monies in the Service Estate to your father-in-law.

Yours faithfully,

GWH/MM

Director of Estates.

R.C.A.F. Estates Branch

Montreal, 2-5-45

ESTATES BRANCH
MAY 11 1945
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OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

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MAIN FILE

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter dated April 6, 1945, advising me that my husband had made a will on June 16, 1942, when he was single, may I ask you to make further inquiries. I believe you will find further information, for, when we were married, I believe my husband made some changes. You will perhaps find something in Halifax, where we made a five-day stay when we were married, which was five days before he left for overseas. This paper might also be in England.

I would be very grateful too if you could send me a copy of this will, dated June 16, 1942. Now, under our marriage contract, my husband favours me with a sum of $1,000(dollars) payable simply at my request. I believe this should be considered, as my husband has incurred a debt towards me. I would appreciate information on this matter. Must I send my claim to the executor or will you look after this ? I would be very grateful.

Yours very truly,

J.P.L.W.L. DESROCHES
J 88390 FD 4

Mme Lucile DesRoches,
139 ouest, rue Jean-Talon,
Montréal, P. Q.

Translation
A.P.-9-5-45.

J. P. L.
FD 4

MAY 15 1945

vous prendrez l'initiative de la chose.
Je vous en serai très reconnaissante

Votre toute dévouée

Mme Lucile DesRochers
139 avenue Jean-Talon
Montréal.

Lucile

DEPT. NATIONAL DEF. FOR AIR
REC'D 7-8-45
SECT.
TRANSLATION OFFICE

Montréal, 2 mai 1945.

Division des Successions R. C. A. F.

ESTATES BRANCH
MAY 11 1945
E. Q.
OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

Monsieur le directeur.

En réponse à votre lettre du 6 avril 1945, m'informant que mon mari possédait un testament en date du 16 juin 1942 dans qu'il était célibataire. Je vous demande de faire plus ample recherche car je crois, que vous trouverez, d'autres renseignements. Car lors de notre mariage je crois que mon mari avait fait des changements. Maintenant peut-être trouverez-vous quelquechose à Halifax car nous nous séparons cinq jours lors de notre mariage, soit cinq jours avant son départ pour outre-mer. On peut-être aussi, ce dernier se trouve en Angleterre.

Je vous serai très reconnaissante aussi, de bien vouloir me faire parvenir, une copie de ce testament en date du 16 Juin 1942.

Maintenant en vertu de mon contrat de mariage mon mari m'avantage d'une somme de $1,000. dollars payable sur ma simple demande. Je crois que cela doit être considéré, car mon mari a contracté une dette envers moi. Je vous serai bien aise de me renseigner à ce sujet. Devrai-je réclamer à l'exécuteur testamentaire ou si

WILL

R.C.A.F. r. 60

(1) I .....DESROCHES,.Joseph.Paul.Lucien.Wilfrid.M. of the (City, Town,) (Village, Township)

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

Province of ...Quebec.....

Manager
(Civil Occupation)

a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number..R.171245.....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 Father Mr. Leon Jules Alexis Desroches
of 53 West Mozart St.,
Montreal, Quebec.

(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 FATHER Mr. Leon Jules Alexis Desroches OF THE ABOVE ADDRESS
(Name) (Address)

..... to be the Executor

of this my LAST WILL IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this

.....16th...day of ....June..... 19 .42.....

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.

Lucien Desroches.
(Signature of Testator)

(5) Signature ...Phillips Motley.....
Address ...No. 1 Manning Depot, R.C.A.F., Toronto
Occupation ..Clerk.....

Signature ...Edward Lyons.....
Address ...No. 1 Manning Depot, R.C.A.F., Toronto
Occupation Clerk

R.C.A.F. Rec'd JUN 22 1942 O.K. R.C. S.L.

B.F.
12-3-R
Squadron Leader
R.C.A.F.

Dept National Defence
308 Sparks St

Estates Branch

Dept Nationale Defense
Division des Successions.
Ottawa.

O. L. - J. 88390. F. D. 4.

Montréal, 22 mars 1945.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

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DEPT. OF NATIONAL REVENUE
TAXATION DIVISION
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Monsieur,

Je reçois votre lettre en date du 19 mars. demandant une copie du contrat de mariage entre mon mari l'officier pilote L. Desrochers C. A. R. C. et moi-même son épouse Mme Lucile Desrochers.

Je demeure votre dévouée.

Mme Lucile Desrochers.
139 Jean-Talon ouest.
Montréal. 14.

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DOIT ÊTRE REMPLIE ET RENVOYÉE PAR

Formule P. 64

Madame Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Léon
Desroches,
139, ouest, rue Jean Talon,
Montréal,
P. Q.

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

DIRECTEUR DES SUCCESSIONS,
MINISTÈRE DE LA DÉFENSE NATIONALE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

et de citer le numéro suivant:

Q.G. J-88390 FD 4

MINISTÈRE DE LA DÉFENSE NATIONALE
DIVISION DES SUCCESSIONS
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

13 février 1945

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

DESROCHES, Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Léon, Officier Pilote,

J-88390, C. A. R. C.

ESTATES BRANCH
FEB 26 1945
H.Q.
OTTAWA.
NATIONAL DEFENCE

il est nécessaire que les renseignements voulus concernant le défunt et les membres de sa famille soient fournis à la Division des successions. Vous êtes donc prié de lire le mémorandum ci-inclus avant de remplir les pages 2 et 3 de cette formule. Les détails exigés doivent être inscrits comme il faut et la déclaration à la page 4 doit être ensuite signée en présence d'un pasteur, prêtre, magistrat de la localité, commissaire instrumentaire, notaire public, ou officier de l'une quelconque des forces de Sa Majesté, que l'on priera de compléter et signer le certificat. Cette formule doit être ensuite renvoyée à l'adresse mentionnée ci-dessus.

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

/TD

Le directeur des successions,

M.F.W. 77a (French)
3M—10-44 (5704)
H.Q. 1772-39-972

RÉPONDRE AU LONG À TOUTES LES QUESTIONS APPLICABLES

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

Degrés de parenté	PARENTS à signaler		TÉMOIGNAGE DU DÉCLARANT — NOM ET PRÉNOMS de tout parent de chacun des degrés mentionnés	Age	ADRESSE AU LONG de chaque parent survivant, en regard de son nom, et date du décès de tout parent décédé
1	Veuve du défunt.....		Lucile Desrochers (Le Garbier)	23	139 Jean-Talon Ouest
2	Enfants du défunt et dates de naissance.....				
3	Père du défunt.....		Léon Desrochers	68	5-3 Mozart Ouest.
4	Mère du défunt.....		Eugénie Bélanger	54	5-3 Mozart Ouest.
5	Frères du défunt	Frères germains	Armand Desrochers	33	7019 Clarke
			Ludger Desrochers	30	122 Mozart Ouest.
			Paul André Desrochers	25	5-3 Mozart Ouest.
			Maurice Desrochers	23	5-3 Mozart Ouest.
		Demi-frères			
6	Sœurs du défunt	Sœurs germaines	Léonora Desrochers	35	5-3 Mozart Ouest.
			Lauretta Desrochers	31	7016 Clarke
			Jeannette Desrochers	20	5-3 Mozart Ouest
			Jacqueline Desrochers	18	5-3 Mozart Ouest
		Demi-sœurs			
7	Noms des frères ou sœurs (germains ou non) du défunt, *qui sont décédés*, et date de décès de chacun d'eux		Noms et âges de leurs enfants (le cas échéant)		Adresse de leurs enfants

RÉPONDRE AU LONG À TOUTES LES QUESTIONS SUR CETTE PAGE

DÉTAILS D'IDENTITÉ

8	Nom et prénoms du défunt.	J. P. L. W. Luine DeRoches
9	Date de sa naissance.	22 septembre
10	Lieu et date de son mariage.	10 Août 1943 Montréal.
11	Lieu et date du mariage de ses parents.	22 mai 1905 Montréal.

DÉTAILS DE DOMICILE

12	Lieu où le défunt est né.	Montréal.
13	Indiquer, par ordre, la province, l'état et/ou le comté où le défunt a résidé avant son engagement, et la durée dans chaque cas.	(a) (b) Montréal. (c) (d)
14	Nature de son emploi avant son enrôlement.	Brasserie Molson's.
15	Indiquer s'il était propriétaire de la maison où il demeurait. Le cas échéant, à quel endroit?	Non
16	Indiquer le lieu où le défunt entendait vivre d'une façon permanente.	Montréal.

DÉTAILS DE LA SUCCESSION

17	A-t-il laissé un testament? Si vous en avez la garde, veuillez nous le transmettre.	non
18	Si le défunt était marié et domicilié dans la province de Québec ou dans un état des États-Unis d'Amérique ou dans un pays où il existe communauté de biens entre les époux, existait-il un contrat se rapportant à la propriété?	Oui X
19	Avait-il un compte d'épargne dans une banque, un bureau de poste ou autre institution? Le cas échéant, donner le nom et l'adresse de la banque, etc., et le montant déposé. Désirez-vous qu'il soit administré avec le compte de solde?	non
20	Montant des certificats d'épargne de guerre que possédait le défunt. Indiquer l'endroit où ils se trouvent.	#265.00 139 Jean-Talon Ouest. Montréal.
21	Montant des bons de la victoire que possédait le défunt. Indiquer s'ils sont enregistrés ou payables au porteur, ainsi que l'endroit où ils se trouvent.	#100. dont Louise-mie la Toronto dont j'ai un reçu en date du 28 avril 1943
22	Si le défunt possédait des polices d'assurance-vie, donner les noms des compagnies et la somme payable en vertu de chacune des polices, ainsi que le nom de la personne qui y est nommée bénéficiaire.	The Prudential Insurance Company of America payable Luile DeRoches (épouse) #1,000.
23	Décrire les autres valeurs, le cas échéant, et en donner le montant approximatif. Se servir de l'espace à la page 4, au besoin.	

AUTRES DÉTAILS

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

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

(VOIR AU VERSO)

DÉCLARATION

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

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

N.B.—A être signée au long en présence d'un pasteur, prêtre, magistrat de la localité, commissaire, notaire public ou officier de l'une quelconque des forces de Sa Majesté.

Mme Lucie Desrochers — Signature du déclarant

139 Jean-Talon Ouest Montréal — Adresse

CERTIFICAT

Je, soussigné, certifie que, autant que je sache Mme Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Léon Desrochers — Nom du déclarant

*Voir plus haut

est le/la* veuve du défunt ci-dessus décrit. La déclaration ci-dessus a été faite par le déclarant et signée en ma présence.

Daté à Ste Cécile de Montréal ce 21ième jour de Février 1945

Signature du pasteur, prêtre, magistrat, commissaire, notaire public ou officier de l'une quelconque des forces de Sa Majesté.

Léonard Fauteux, Titre prêtre curé

Adresse 215, De Castelnau, Montréal

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

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

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

mon mari avait pris une bon de 50. Cette-ci payable sur chaque solde. Il ne possède aucun reçu de de #50.

Il possède un reçu pour un bon de #50.

de 4ième emprunt. Ce bon fut pris a Toronto

Le reçu date du 28 avril 1943

Royal Canadian Air

..Q. 885-G-64

CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF [illegible] NO. 10954

This is to Certify that

J88390 PILOT OFFICER JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID LEON DESROCHES R.C.A.F.
(Number) (Rank) (Name in Full) (Unit)

has been officially reported as missing since the 23RD day

of APRIL, 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 3RD day of FEBRUARY 1945

(W.D. Low)
Wing Commander
Acting R.C.A.F. Records Officer.

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 DESROCHES JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID
(Surname first—Christian names in full—Block capitals)

(2) Regimental or Official Number and Rank R 171245 AC 2

(3) Unit No. 1 M DEPOT R.C.A.F. TORONTO

(4) Are you married? NO

(5) If married, state,

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

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

(6) If married, have you been regularly supporting your wife? If not—state reasons NO

(7) Are you a widower? NO

(8) Have you any children? NO Number of boys Girls

Names and ages

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

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

Name N/A

Postal Address

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd JUN 23 1942
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R. C. N I
S. L. P. A.

[SEE OTHER SIDE]

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

If so, state her full name and Postal Address NA

(11) Is your father alive? YES

If so, state name and address, occupation LEON GUILES ALEXIS DESROCHES
53 WEST MOZART MONTREAL QUEBEC INVALID

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

(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.

$60.00 per month

Also state reason he has no other means of support if partially supported by you, what is your reason for not providing full support? BROTHERS HELP SUPPORT

(14) Is your mother alive? YES

If so, state name and address CELIA DESROCHES
53 WEST MOZART MONTREAL QUEBEC

(15) If your mother is a widow, are you her sole or partial support? PARTIAL SUPPORG XX

(16) If sole or partial support of widowed mother—state what amount per month you have given her prior to appointment or enlistment AS MENTIONED ABOVE XX

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? AS MENTIONED ABOVE

(17) Are you contributing to the support of any dependents, other than those shown above? NO
This may include any brothers 16 years of age or under, or any sisters 17 years of age or under, solely supported and maintained as bona fide members of your household before your appointment or enlistment.

If so, state the following particulars:—

Relationship NA

Full Name

Postal Address

Amount contributed monthly during the past six months

(18) Are you insured? YES

If so, in what Company? METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.
(Give number of policy)

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

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

Lucien Du Parker
(Signature of officer or man)

Date 16-6-42

FOR (H.C.McDONALD) W/C
Officer Commanding

Date 16-6-42

No. 1 M DEPOT R.C.A.F. TORONTO

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.

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P.416246/S.14.C$_a$s/C.7. 29th July 1947.

Sir:

CAN: R.171245 Sergeant J.P.L.W.L. DESROCHES.

I am directed to refer to photostat 109738 concerning the above named airman and to state that, during the course of investigations in the Merzenich Cemetery (Kreis Duren) the Royal Air Force Missing Research and Enquiry Service were unable to find any trace of this airman, although German documents stated that he was buried there with five other crew members. Local witnesses state, however, that one airman was carbonised in the aircraft.

I am, therefore, to request that you will state on what evidence the grave at Reichswald Forect Cemetery was registered for Desroches and from where the body was concentrated.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M. MESSAGE (Sig).

The Secretary
The War Office (A.G.13)
Romney House
Marsham Street
London, S.W.1.

Our file J88390(R.O.)

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

OTTAWA, Canada, 26th July, 1947.

Chief Liaison Officer,
Royal Canadian Air Force,
Overseas.

ATTENTION:
R.C.A.F. Casualty Liaison Officer
at Air Ministry.

J88390 P/O J.P.L. Desroches

1. Graves Registration Card 109738 states P/O Desroches is re-interred in Grave No. 12, Row C, Plot 1 in the Reichswald Forest British Military Cemetery.

2. 4 MREU/19S./H.003/4 dated 5th July, 1946 states that one member of the crew, presumably the pilot or co-pilot was carbonized in the aircraft and that five members of the crew were interred in the Communal Cemetery at Merzenich. The seventh member of the crew was taken prisoner.

3. P416246/S.7 Cas C.7 dated 22nd February, 1947 states that P/O Desroches was incinerated in the crashed aircraft.

4. PPM.2047 states that P/O Desroches, according to German Records KE.8334, is buried in the right upper corner of the Parish Cemetery at Rohren, fifty miles South South West of Dusseldorf, Germany.

5. Next-of-kin of P/O Desroches have been informed that the entire crew, with the exception of Morris, a P.O.W., were buried at Rohren.

6. May burial particulars for P/O Desroches be clarified, please.

(W.A. Dicks)
Wing Commander,
for Chief of the Air Staff.

GWC:GB

From:- 19 Section, 4 M.R.E.U.

To:- Officer Commanding, 4 M.R.E.U. H.Q., R.C.A.F. H.Q.

Ref:- 4MREU/19S./H.003/4.

Date:- 5th July, 1946.

Investigating Report: DUREN AREA

Whilst carrying out a sweep of the DUREN area, I discovered the following Casualty at MERZENICH (M.R. 3/F.1548), Kreis DUREN.

(b) Aircraft:- A multi-engined aircraft crashed near the Water Tower - Wasserturm - at MERZENICH, at approximately 23.00 hours on the 22nd April, 1944. It had apparently been hit by Flak. On impact it overturned and caught fire. The burnt out wreckage was later salvaged by the Luftwaffe. At present there is only a large sized crater to be seen at the place of the crash.

(c) Aircrew:- According to eye-witnesses, five members of the crew were killed instantaneously and interred at the Communal Cemetery at MERZENICH the following day. One airman was alive but wounded and transferred to the Town Hospital in DUREN. (Records could not be obtained as this Hospital burnt out completely during the subsequent land fighting). Witnesses state that the pilot (Co-pilot?) was carbonized an A/C.

Police Master (Wachtmeister) STEINKE who had taken charge at the scene of the crash, informed me that, some time after the crash, he was ordered by Gestapo H.Q. in BERLIN to make enquiries whether the statement of a Polish Captain, captured by the Gestapo, to the effect that he had descended by parachute from this A/C and hidden near MERZENICH for several days, was correct. S. was not able to find definite proof that the Captain had been hiding, although his knowledge of the locality seemed very accurate.

(d) Exhumation:- See Appendix A.

(e) Conclusion: No positive identification was possible of this apparently all Canadian crew. Judging by the size of the crater and by the fact that the A/C burnt so fiercely that several people who attempted saving actions were severly injured (One died), I think it likely that the body of one crew member was carbonized, as stated by the eye-witnesses. It is probable that his remains ere later removed by the Luftwaffe together. with the aircraft. The incident with the Pole is equivocal, it is, however, possible that the captured crew member was a Canadian of Polish origin.

(f) Reburial and Graves:- As the original communal grave was in a very poor state, a new site was chosen for a Ehrenfriedhof - FIELD B 3, Row 1, Graves 1 - 5. Gemeindefriedhof MERZENICH (M.R.3/F.1548)

The five airmen were re-interred by S/Ldr. (Rev) J.M. AMPHLETT, with full military honours. The Guard of Honour was provided by the 6th Belgian Military Police Coy under its Commander, Major D. MASSARD of the Belgian Army H.Q. at AIX-LA-CHAPELLE. Officers of this Section also attended.

T.O.

S/Ldr. AMPHLETT offered to have personal letters written by the respective Chaplains of R.A.F. Station WAHN, to the next of kin of the deceased - if the names and denominations of those identified be supplied by Air Ministry.

The graves are beautifully laid out, well supplied with flowers, and surrounded by evergreen hedges. (Photos - APPENDIX B) The Mayor of MERZENICH has undertaken to keep them in their present state until their eventual concentration in a British Cemetery.

No. 40 G.R.U. will provide provisional crosses.

(g) Addresses:-

K. STEINKE, Police Master, Hauptstrasse, MERZENICH,

M. SCHAAF, Am Wasserturm, MERZENICH.

S. BECKING, Mayor, Amtshaus, MERZENICH.

S/Ldr. (Rev) J.M. AMPHLETT, 139 Wing, R.A.F. Station WAHN,
B.A.F.O. c/o B.A.O.R.

Flight Lieutenant
Investigating Officer.

Squadron Leader,
Officer i/c 19 Section,
No. 4 M.R.E.U. R.A.F.

C O P Y

COPY

From: Air Ministry, (S.7.Cas.)
77 OxfordStreet, London, W.1.

To: Officer Commanding,
No. 4. Missing Research and Enquiry Unit,
c/o No. 85 Wing,
British Air Forces of Occupation,
Royal Air Force, c/o British Army of the Rhine.

Ref: P.416246/44/S.7.Cas (C.7)

Yr. Reference: 19.S./H.003.

Date: 7 November, 1946.

Crash at Merzenich, Kreis Duren.

With reference to the above letter dated 5th July, 1946, this report applies to the crew of No. 433 Squadron Halifax III LV.990 which took off at 23.08 hours on 22nd April, 1944, to attack Dusseldorf. The crew consisted of:-

J.16496	F/O	Burns, G.C.	Pilot
1575081	Sgt	Dunford, J.W.	Navigator
1514254	Sgt.	Morris, T.N.	WOP/AIR
R.168329	F/S	MacDougall, D.C.	A/Bomber.
J38159	P/O	Holmes, A.S.	A/Gunner
R.96659	Sgt	Bedard, J.P.	F/Eng.
R.171245	Sgt	DesRoches, P.L.J.	A/Gunner.

It is considered that body one in your report is Bedard with the Engineer brevet and number 966.

Body two must be Burns who was waaring an officer's collar (no mention of shirt) and whose battle dress blouse was found over the bodies. He was a Roman Catholic and could have been carrying the cross and coin (Jerusalem). Body three must be MacDougall, a Flight Sergeant Bomb Aimer with the number 168329 on thecollar. Body four can be identified as Dunford from the Navigator Brevet. Body five must be Holmes, a Pilot Officer Air Gunner. Sergeant Morris was wounded and taken prisoner but has returned safely to this country.

/This leaves us without

This leaves us without any trace of Des Roches. If it was the pilot who remained in the aircraft andvas consumed by the fire as was stated by witnesses it is hardly likely that his battle dress would have escaped incineration. It must be assumed therefore that Des Roches was completely consumed and the Procedure detailed in A.M.O. A.682/45 Para.2 (ii) should be carried out, if efforts to trace him prove fruitless.

The five graves should be registered and form W3372 raised accordingly.

J.A. STURCH

Missing Research.

Monsieur L.-J.-A. Desroches,
53 ouest, rue Mozart,
Montréal, P.Q.

Monsieur,

C'est avec un profond regret que je me vois dans la triste nécessité de vous faire savoir que, d'après certains documents allemands saisis par les alliés, votre fils, l'officier-pilote Joseph-Lucien-Wilfrid-Léon Desroches, a perdu la vie dans les circonstances suivantes.

L'avion où se trouvait votre fils s'est écrasé, vers 2 heures et demie du matin, le 23 avril 1944, sur la tour d'eau, à Merzenich, environ quatre milles au nord-est de Duren, en Allemagne: l'appareil avait été abattu par un avion de chasse ennemi. Tous les membres de l'équipage, sauf le sergent de section Morris, de la R.A.F., ont perdu la vie, et ont été inhumés, le 24 avril, au cimetière paroissial de Rohren; ils reposent tous dans le coin droit, au haut du cimetière. Rohren est à environ 17 milles au sud-est d'Aachen, en Allemagne.

Soyez assuré que l'unité préposée à la recherche des militaires disparus s'efforce dans toute la mesure du possible de se procurer de plus amples renseignements concernant la mort et l'inhumation de votre fils. Vous comprendrez, toutefois, j'en suis convaincu que, en présence d'un nombre presque infini de demandes reçues par cette unité, il pourra s'écouler quelque temps avant de recevoir un autre rapport.

Qu'il me soit permis de vous renouveler, monsieur, ainsi qu'aux membres de votre famille, l'expression de ma sympathie la plus vive pour la perte que vous avez subie.

Sincèrement,

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

J.88390 (R - 4)

FRENCH TRANSLATION

8th May, 1946.

Mr. L.J.A. Desroches,
53 Mozart Street West,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Desroches:

It is indeed with regret I must advise you that according to information which was secured from captured German documents your son, Pilot Officer Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Desroches, lost his life.

According to these documents, the aircraft of which your son was a member of the crew crashed at 2:30 a.m. on April 23rd, 1944, on the Water Tower at Merzenich, which is approximately 4 miles North East of Duren, Germany, after having been shot down by an enemy fighter. They further state that the entire crew with the exception of Sergeant Morris, a Royal Air Force member of your son's crew, lost their lives and were buried on April 24th, 1944, in the right upper corner of the Parish Cemetery at Rohren. Rohren is located approximately 18 miles South East of Aachen, Germany.

Please be assured that the Missing Research and Enquiry Units and the Graves Registration Units in that area are doing everything possible to secure further details concerning the death and burial of your son and just as soon as word is received, you will be at once advised. However, I am sure you will realize that in view of the vast number of enquiries confronting these Enquiry Services, some time may elapse before a report is received.

May I again at this time extend to you and the members of your family my most sincere sympathy in the loss of your gallant son.

Yours sincerely,

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

Gefangenenlager: PA 88390

Gefangenen-Nr.: [redacted]

Staatsangehörigkeit: England

Nr. der Liste: P41C 246

Seite der Liste:

als Unbek. i Liste 219/73-74.

Name: Descroches Desroches

Vornamen: J. P. J P L W L

Beruf:

Religion:

Dienstgrad: Sgt. P/D

Geburtstag u. Geburtsort:

Truppenteil: Halifax

Komp. usw.

Matr. Nr. R 171 245 / 88390

Vorname des Vaters:

Familienname der Mutter:

Name u. Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person:

Ort und Tag der Gefangennahme oder Internierung:

Verwundungen, Verletzungen oder Tod:

wann und von wo zugegangen:

Aufenthalt u. Veränderungen: H 23.4.44. 2³⁰ Merzenich b. Düren a Wasserturm

Grablage: 24.4.44. 19⁰⁰ Gem. Friedh. Rohren

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Desroches J.P.L.V.L. Sgt. R171245 144

QUESTION 3. Have you any other information touching on what happened or what probably happened to the other occupants.

TRADE	RANK & NAME	SERVICE	FATE

44/C

All the crew were killed, I was told this while in hospital near Auchen that was the last I heard of them. I am unable to give details of my crew's next of kin.

QUESTION 4. Have you information of any Royal Canadian Air Force or Royal Air Force personnel other than members of your own crew ? The Casualty Branch is anxious to know details of any prisoners of war who have not come back. Please write down as many names as you can remember of those who have tried to escape or have died since the camps were evacuated, or whether shot, accidently killed. Any information of this nature which you can supply will help us to piece together details and eventually report to the next-of-kin, of those who have not come back.

No information.

Your name in
BLOCK CAPITALS MORRIS, T.N.
RANK F/SGT
SERVICE NO. 1514254
Unit at time
of capture 433 Squadron Skipton Bridge, Yorks.
Date of complet-
ion of this form

This questionaire when completed is to be turned into the reception wing Adjutant for Forwarding :

CANADIAN CASUALTY BRANCH,
c/o Air Ministry,
73-77 Oxford Street,
London, W.1.

Above passed to Ottawa 30/7/45 Folio File 3;5-3Vol.3.

Copy passed to Air Ministry INITIALS R.R.I.

QUESTIONAIRE FOR COMPLETION BY R.C.A.F. RETURNED EVADERS ESCAPERS OR PRISONERS OF WAR

NOTE

Please read the WHOLE questionaire before starting to write your answers.

Information given in this report will be passed on to the next-of-kin only at the discretion of the Casualty Branch. Nevertheless details of a very secret nature such as identity or exact location of aiders are not required, but only such general remarks which may enbale this Casualty Branch to assess the probable fate of the other occupants.

In every case be careful, if the facts stated have been learnt, not by your own observation but through any other person, e.g., the enemy or inhabitants, to say so.

QUESTION 1. Approximately where did your aircraft crash ? (Give, if possible, the location in relation to the closest large town), also state date shot down.

East of Auchen 23.4.44.

QUESTION 2. Did you bale out ?
If so state : Blown Out.

(A) The number and if possible, the identity of any other occupants of the aircraft whom you know to have baled out before you. Have you any evidence, direct or hearsay of what happened to them subsequently ?

TRADE	RANK & NAME	SERVICE	FATE
	Not Known		

(B) The number and, if possible, identity of any other occupants whom you know to have still been in the aircraft when you left it. Give any details which may have a bearing on the probable fate of these men. For each of your remarks made in reply to this question, state the source of your information, i.e., that you were an eye-witness or give all known particulars of the person who gave you the information.

TRADE	RANK & NAME	SERVICE	FATE
	Not known		

No. 433 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron,
Royal Canadian Air Force,
OVERSEAS.

29th April, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Des Roches,

Before you receive this letter you will have had a telegram informing you that your husband Sergeant Paul Lucien Joseph Des Roches, has been reported missing as a result of enemy action. It is with the deepest regret that I write to you conveying the sympathy of the whole personnel of this Squadron. I know you would like to hear all the details we can give you.

Paul and his crew took off from here on the night of the 22nd of April at approximately 11:08 p.m. to carry out operations against the enemy, and were due to return at approximately 3:48 a.m. the following morning. Unfortunately the aircraft did not return and nothing has been heard since of any of the crew. There is of course always hope in the possibility that Paul is a prisoner of war, in which event you will either hear direct from him, which I sincerely hope you do, or through the Air Ministry.

It is desired to explain the request in the telegram notifying you of the casualty to your husband was included with the object of avoiding his chance of escape being prejudiced by undue publicity in case he was still at large. This is not to say that any information about him is available, but is a precaution adopted in the case of all missing personnel.

Your husband's effects have been gathered together and forwarded to the R.A.F. Central Depository, where they will be held until better news is received, or in any case, for a period of at least six months before being forwarded to you through the Administrator of Estates, Ottawa, or disposed of in accordance with your wishes.

Paul had proven himself to be a most capable Air Gunner whose skill and determination to play his part made him a great asset not only to his crew, but the whole Squadron. He had seven operational sorties to his credit totaling 68:35 hours. Paul had made a number of friends on this Squadron, and his absence is indeed felt by his comrades.

May I again express the great sympathy which we all feel with you in your great loss, and the sincere hope that this heart rending

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blow will be somewhat eased by the pride we share in the gallant sacrifice your husband has made, and his heroic crew, in the cause of freedom and justice and in the service of their Country.

Your very sincerely,

(C.B. Sinton) Wing Commander,
Officer Commanding,
No. 433 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Mrs, L. Des Roches,
139 Jean Talon Ouest,
Montreal, Quebec,
Canada.

3 MAY 1944

No. 433 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron,
Royal Canadian Air Force,
OVERSEAS.

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29th April, 1944.

Dear Mr. Des Roches,

Prior to the arrival of this letter, you will have had a telegram informing you that Sergeant Paul Lucien Joseph Des Roches, has been reported missing as a result of enemy action.

Paul and his crew took off from here, for the purpose of carrying out a bombing sortie over enemy territory, on the night of April 22nd. This crew failed to return from the raid and nothing furthur has been heard from them up to this date. However, there is a very great possibility that they have been taken prisoners of war, or even, with luck, may be still at large and may succeed in making their way back to this country. In the case that they have been taken prisoners of war, you will hear direct from Paul, or through the International Red Cross Society.

The many friends whom Paul had made here on this Squadron will miss him greatly. His loss will be also keenly felt from an operational standpoint, as he had become a very proficient and most capable Air Gunner.

Please accept, on behalf of all the personnel of this Squadron, our deepest sympathies. We join with you in hoping that good news will be received in the very near future.

Yours very sincerely,

(C.B. Sinton) Wing Commander,
Officer Commanding,
No. 433 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Mr. L.J.A. Des Roches,
53 Mozart, Ouest,
Montreal Quebec,
Canada.

LETTER RECEIVED
ORIGINAL SENT
COPY TO OTTAWA
PHOTOS SENT TO
3 MAY 1944

Monsieur L.-J.-A. DesRoches,
50 ouest, rue Mozart,
Montréal, P.Q.

Cher monsieur DesRoches,

Notre quartier général outre-mer nous a fait tenir une déclaration du sergent de section Morris, un aviateur de la R.A.F. également membre de l'équipage de votre fils, l'officier-pilote Joseph-Paul-Lucien-Wilfrid-Léon DesRoches.

Il dit que leur avion s'est écrasé à l'est de Aachen, en Allemagne et qu'il a été projeté de l'appareil. On lui a rapporté, alors qu'il était hospitalisé près d'Aachen, que tous ses compagnons avaient perdu la vie. Depuis lors, il n'a plus entendu parler d'eux. Je me rends compte que le présent renseignement est plutôt pauvre et de peu d'utilité, mais j'ai cru qu'il serait de nature à vous intéresser.

Plusieurs services ont été créés avec mission de recueillir tous les détails possibles touchant les avions qui se sont écrasés au sol. Sans doute possède-t-on déjà certains renseignements sur un grand nombre d'avions tombés ou abattus par l'ennemi. Toutefois, nous nous employons avec ardeur à recueillir toutes les informations possibles. Il est du devoir du préposé à l'inscription des sépultures militaires de s'enquérir au sujet de l'endroit où sont inhumés tous les militaires que l'on sait ou qu'on croit avoir été enterrés dans les régions occupées.

La "Royal Air Force" et le Corps d'aviation royal canadien ont organisé un service conjoint de recherches en vue de s'enquérir dans les régions libérées sur les circonstances entourant les cas des aviateurs portés morts, blessés ou disparus. Ce service s'efforce d'obtenir de nouveaux renseignements afin, si possible, de compléter ceux déjà recueillis. Par l'entremise de la radio, de la presse et de proclamations, on a demandé à la population civile de faire parvenir au service précité tous renseignements ou témoignages avérés dont ils auraient connaissance touchant le person-

nel de l'aviation ou les appareils écrasés au sol. Des instructions analogues ont été données à tous les militaires cantonnés dans ces régions.

Je tiens à vous assurer de nouveau que nous ne manquerons pas de vous communiquer sans tarder tous autres renseignements qui nous parviendront d'outre-mer. Vous comprendrez toutefois, j'en suis convaincu, que vu les conditions existantes en Europe et le nombre très élevé de demandes qui parviennent aux services précités, il peut s'écouler quelque temps avant d'avoir de plus fraîches nouvelles à vous transmettre.

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

Votre tout dévoué,

Officier préposé aux registres des morts,
blessés ou disparus du C.A.R.C.,
pour le Chef de l'état-major de l'Air.

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FOR FRENCH TRANSLATION

J88390 (R-4)

OTTAWA, Canada, 13th August, 1945.

Mr. L.J.A. DesRoches,
53 Mozart Street W.,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mr DesRoches.

Our Overseas Headquarters have forwarded to this office a statement which has been made by Flight Sergeant Morris, a Royal Air Force member of the crew with your son, Pilot Officer Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Leon DesRoches.

He states that their aircraft crashed east of Aachen, Germany and that he was blown out of the aircraft. He was told while in a hospital near Aachen that all of his crew members had lost their lives but he heard no further word of them after that. I realize that this information is very slight and can be of little help to you but I thought you would wish to be advised of Flight Sergeant Morris's statement.

There are several Services set up in an endeavour to find all particulars possible of crashed aircraft. Some information is available concerning a great many aircraft which crashed or were shot down by the enemy and every possible effort on an organized basis is being put forth to secure all information available. It is the duty of the Graves Registration Units, which are under the control of the Military Authorities to enquire for and locate the graves of all personnel known or believed to have crashed and to have been buried in occupied areas.

A Royal Air Force and Dominion Air Force Missing Research and Enquiry Service has been organized for the purpose of research and enquiry in liberated territories into the circumstances of aircrews reported as casualties. This Service endeavours to obtain additional information to supplement that already received. The civilian population of these areas is being con-

tacted by Radio, Press, and Proclamations through the various civic Authorities to centralize through this Service any information or concrete evidence they may have about Air Force personnel or crashed aircraft. Similar instructions have been issued to all Service personnel in these areas.

I wish again to assure you that when any additional information is received concerning your son, it will be forwarded to you. However, I am sure you will realize that owing to the conditions existing in Europe at the present time and the great number of enquiries confronting these enquiry services, some time may pass before more information is received.

May I again extend to you and the members of your family my deep sympathy in your sorrow.

Yours sincerely,

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

OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER J88390 (R171245) RANK P/O UNIT 433 SQDN OVERSEAS

TRADE AIR GUNNER (G.L.)

NAME DESROCHES, JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID LEON

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

PRESENT MARITAL STATUS MARRIED RELIGION R/C CANADIAN YES

FRENCH CANADIAN [redacted] OTHER

NEXT OF KIN MRS. JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID LEON DESROCHES

RELATIONSHIP WIFE

ADDRESS 139 JEAN TALON STREET W, MONTREAL, P.Q.

FATHER'S NAME MR. LEON JULES ALEXIS DESROCHES

ADDRESS 53 MOZART STREET W MONTREAL, P.Q. LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

MOTHER'S NAME MR. & MRS. L.J.A. DESROCHES

ADDRESS 53 MOZART STREET, W, MONTREAL, P.Q. LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT 53 MOZART STREET W, MONTREAL, P.Q. MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT SINGLE

OCCUPATION MANAGER OF DEPARTMENT

WAS MEMBER ATTACHED TO R.A.F. AT ANY TIME? YES/NO NOT KNOWN BEING OBTAINED.

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

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

CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. BOMBER MAIL LETTER ---------d- 9th DECEMBER 1944

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 23-APRIL-44 AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS) (OVER DUSSELDORF, GERMANY)

NOW "PRESUMED DEAD" 23-APRIL-44 FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

84
512

LAST WILL ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.? YES/NO [redacted]

M.F.M. 5 ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.? YES/NO [redacted]

DATE 3-FEB-45

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

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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COPY FOR C.R. FILE

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Montréal, 16-1-45

Department of National Defence for Air.

(22)

File No. R171245(R.O.4)

Dear Sir,

1945 JAN 22 AM 9:29

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 13, 1945.

I have not heard from my husband since he was reported missing. Of the five members of the crew including my husband, two were found dead and a third was presumed dead. Nothing is known concerning my husband and the other member. I do not know what to think. It seems to me that if two were found, the others should not be untraceable. But this letter, advising me that he is presumed dead for official purposes, does not change the situation. If he is living, he will surely come back. This happens often enough. If he is dead, things won't be worse nor better than they are now. One must hope especially when nothing is found. No news, good news I say.

Yours very truly,

Madame Lucile DesRoches,
139 ouest, rue Jean-Talon,
Montréal(14), P. Q.

Translation
A.P.-20-1-45

Jan 23/45

RECEIVED
JAN 22 1945
CASUALTY SECTION

Montréal, 16 janvier 1945.

Ministère de la Défense Nationale
Service de l'Aéronautique.

1945 JAN 17 PM 4:22

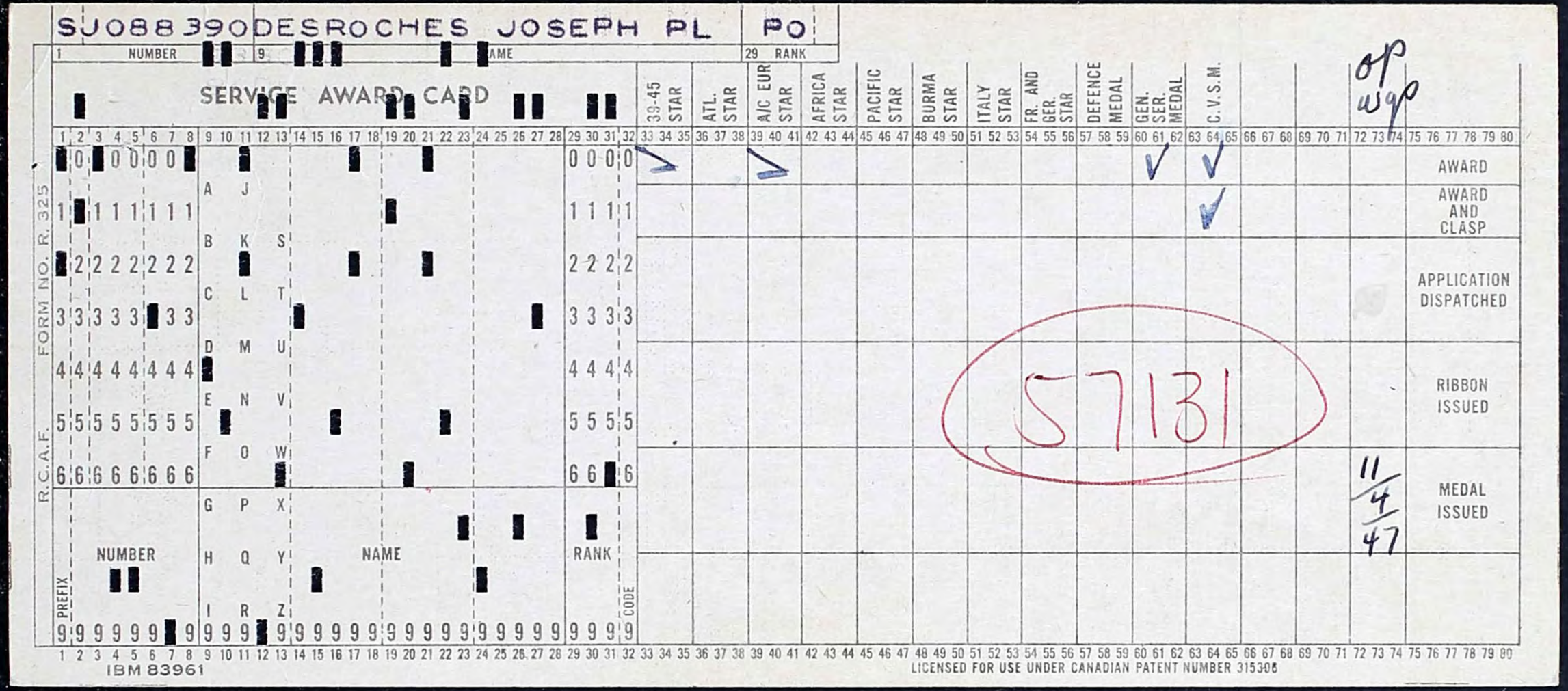
Dossier No. R 171245. (A. O. 4)

Monsieur,

J'accuse réception de votre lettre, en date du 13 janvier 1945. Et je n'ai aucune nouvelles de mon mari depuis sa disparution. Sur cinq membre de l'équipage dont j'étais parti mon mari, deux furent trouvés morts, et l'on trouva un troisième. Mon mari et un autre, rien encore. Je ne sais pour quoi penser, il me semble pour, si l'on en trouvait deux les autres ne pouvaient pas être indemnes, mort ou vivant. Tant de mère cette lettre, pouvant pour officielles ne change pas la situation, s'il est vivant, il reviendra sûrement. Cela va vait sans dire. Et s'il est mort, la chose demeura bien la même. Cela n'apporte ni améliore la situation. Il faut espérer, surtout lorsque on ne trouve rien. Je pense comme, pas de nouvelle, bonne nouvelle!

Votre tout dévouée

Madame Lucien Duhaime.
139 avenue Jean-Talon. Montréal .14.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SERVICE AWARD CARD
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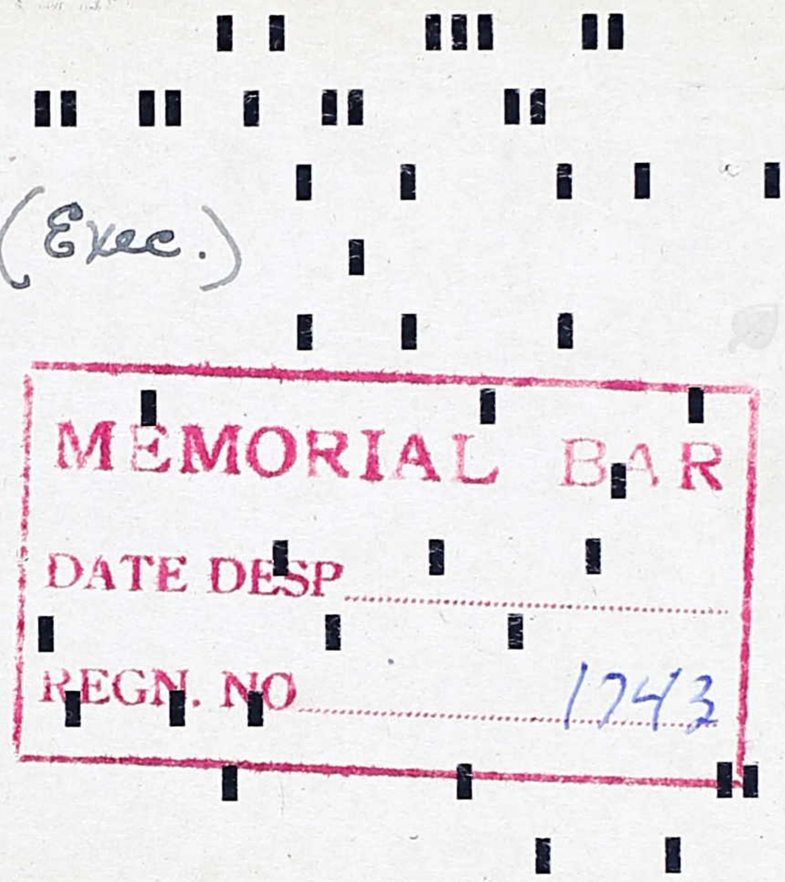
Leon J. A. Desroches (Father)(Exec.)
c/o Messrs. Brion + Poirier,
Notaries,
84 Notre Dame St., W.,
Montreal,
Que.

June-46.



FRENCH CARD

NAME DESROCHES, Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfred Leon FILE NO. FD115 R171245

RANK ~~AGT~~ P/O ~~AIRGNNER~~ CATEGORY ~~MISSING~~ PRES. DEAD REG. NO. ~~R171245~~ J88390

DATE OF DEATH: 23 Apr. /44 MOTHER LIVING: YES WIFE: YES

MINISTERIAL CARD: 16-5-44 ROYAL MESSAGE: MAY 29 1945 MEMORIAL CROSS TO CHAPLAIN: MAY 28 1945

To Wife
To Wife- MAR 1 1945

DEL'D TO MOTHER:

DEL'D TO WIFE:

Mother-

Mme.J.P.L.W.L. DesRoches,
139 ouest, rue Jean-Talon,
Montreal, P. Q.

Mme. Leon Jules Alexis DesRoches
53 ouest, rue Mozart,
Montreal, P. Q.

COMMAND:

RELIGION:

mvb
lm.

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

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Official No. CAN.R. 171245. Name DESROCHES, Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Leon. Rank T/Sgt.
(In full in block capitals, surname first). (Or acting appointment).

R.A.F. Trade Air Gunner Grp 2. Special Qualifications
(e.g., Gas Instructor, Fire Fighter, Boxing Instructor).

Date of Birth 22.9.15. Religion R.C. Occupation in Civil Life Clerk Store 1932/6. Manager. 1936 to date.

Last Enlisted 15.6.42. Current Engagement D.of W.

If a member of the Auxiliary Air Force

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

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

Mrs M. J. Desroches 139 Jean Talon West Montreal Quebec

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

Next of Kin

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

Section I.—Movements and Casualties.			Section 2.—Promotions, Acting Appointments (Paid or Unpaid), Reductions, Remusterings.		
Unit FROM which.	Unit TO which.	Date of Effect.	* Authority.	Description.	Date of Effect.
3 B & G	1 Y Depot.	20.8.43.		Guard Std. AC2	15.6.42.
1 Y Depot.	RAFTP.	25.8.43.		" " AC1	15.9.42.
	Emb. Halifax.	26.8.43.		Sec.Guard C. LAC	12.10.42.
	Dis.U.K.	1.9.43.		" " u/t A.G. LAC	27.12.42.
Int.C.123.	3PRC.	2.9.43.		Air Gunner Spec. T/Sgt	6.8.43.
3PRC	23 OTU	21.9.43		" " Grp2. T/Sgt	6.8.43.
23 OTU.	61 Base	16.11.43	~~POR [illegible]~~		~~[illegible]~~
1664 C.U.	433 Sqn.	12.1.44			
433 RCAF Sqdn.	RCAF U.K.N.E. Unit	23.4.44			
Discharged on Appointment to Comm. 30-4-44. 70108144.					

Section 3.—Good Conduct Badges.			
* Authority.	1st, 2nd, 3rd.	Awarded, Deprived, Restored.	Date of Effect.

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

(*11902—10349) Wt. 54527—5881 50M 4/43 T.S. 700

Section 4.—Character and Trade Proficiency.

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

Rank.	Character.	Trade Classification.	Proficiency. A	B	C	Whether specially recommended, recommended, or not recommended for promotion or reclassification.	Date.	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.
Sgt	V G	AG	ON STRENGTH FOR TRAINING ONLY				17.11.43	B Robinson S/L
Sgt	V. G.	A/G.	ON STRENGTH FOR TRAINING ONLY				12.1.44	[illegible] F/L
Sgt	V. G.	A/G.	Sup	Sup	—	Rec	23-4-44	[illegible] S/L

Record of Leave and Issue of Free Travelling Warrants

POR 17/44								
POR 433 9/44	22-3-44	to 28-3-44	7 days Priv.	RW	E823988	[illegible]	[illegible]	S/L
POR 5/44	6-2-44	to 12-2-44	7 days Priv	RW	D941889	[illegible]	[illegible]	S/O
POR 63/43	7 Days	Priv Leave	10/11	-	16/11	RW. 173707	[illegible] Spence.	S/O.
POR 233/43.	4 Days	Priv: Leave	15.9.43	-	18.9.43.	RW. C811041	[illegible]	W/O.

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

Section 5.—Results of Courses of Instruction, Recommendations for Aircrew Duties, Recommendations for Commissioned Rank (K.R. 2132, (19) (A)). Decorations, Mentions, Special Commendations by A.Os.C., etc.

Authority.	Nature.	Date of Effect.
	Awarded Air Gunners Badge.	6.8.43.

CONFIDENTIAL. 30/201 R.A.F. Form 5037.

R.A.F. — TRAINING REPORT

M/U

AIR GUNNER

No. 23 OPERATIONAL TRAINING UNIT

1. Surname DESROCHES Christian Names JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN

2. Number R.171245 3. Rank SGT 4. Course No. 68A

5. Posted from ..... 6. Date commenced Course 25.9.43. 7. Date Course ended 8.11.43 8. Posted to Dalton Battle School

9. GROUND WORK		
Subject	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
(a) Aircraft Recognition, Range Estimation	200	144
(b) Guns	200	138
(c) Reporting, Fighting Control	200	160
(d) Sighting, including practices on G.T.S.T. ...	200	134
(e) Turrets : drill and components	200	136
Total	1,000	712
Per cent.		71.2

10. AIR WORK			
Subject		Day	Night
Cine-Camera Gun, exercises completed		4	-
Cine-Camera Gun, assessment		14	-
Air Firing Exercises completed	Air-to-Ground	-	-
	Air-to-Air ...	2	-
Per cent. hits, Air-to-Air ...		4	
Air Firing		Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
		1,000.	

(*12154) Wt. 11782—46 20M 5/43 T.S. 700

[P.T.O.

11. EQUIPMENT USED

Type of Aircraft	Type of Guns		Type of Turrets	
	In Air	On Ground	In Air	On Ground
WELLINGTON	BROWNING	BROWNING	F.N.5 " 20	F.N.5 " 16 " 20 B.P.A. B.P.E.

	Day	Night	Total
12. FLYING EXPERIENCE AT O.T.U. ...	7.55	4.45	12.40

	Exceptional	Good	Average	Poor
13. ABILITY AS FIGHTING CONTROLLER	-	-	X	-

14. REMARKS :

This air gunner is very keena and should be a good asset to his crew.

Date 8.11.43.

Signed A.Price S/L
for Officer Commanding

R.C.A.F. R. 45
75M—8-41 (648)
H.Q. 1062-2-126

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Individual Record of Flying

RANK Sgt. NO. R-171245 NAME Desroches J. P. L. W. L.

UNIT	PERIOD ENDING	SERIAL NO.	SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT DAY 1ST PILOT (A) Hrs	Mins	2ND PILOT (B) Hrs	Mins	DUAL (C) Hrs	Mins	NIGHT 1ST PILOT (D) Hrs	Mins	2ND PILOT (E) Hrs	Mins	DUAL (F) Hrs	Mins	MULTI-ENGINE AIRCRAFT DAY 1ST PILOT (G) Hrs	Mins	2ND PILOT (H) Hrs	Mins	DUAL (J) Hrs	Mins	NIGHT 1ST PILOT (K) Hrs	Mins	2ND PILOT (L) Hrs	Mins	DUAL (M) Hrs	Mins	CREW DUTIES OBSERVER (N) Hrs	Mins	AIR GUNNER (O) Hrs	Mins	OTHER (P) Hrs	Mins	PASSENGER (Q) Hrs	Mins	TOTAL (R) Hrs	Mins
# 3 B+G School.																																						
Macdonald Man.																																						
Aug 6/43.																													25	35					25	35

certified correct S/L
Officer Commanding
Armament Training Squadron
No. 3 B. & G. SCHOOL R.C.A.F.
MACDONALD, MAN.

R.C.A.F. R. 45
75M—8-41 (648)
H.Q. 1062-2-126

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Individual Record of Flying

RANK.................................... NO.................................... NAME..

UNIT	PERIOD ENDING	SERIAL NO.	SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT												MULTI-ENGINE AIRCRAFT												CREW DUTIES						PASSENGER		TOTAL	
			DAY						NIGHT						DAY						NIGHT															
			1ST PILOT		2ND PILOT		DUAL		1ST PILOT		2ND PILOT		DUAL		1ST PILOT		2ND PILOT		DUAL		1ST PILOT		2ND PILOT		DUAL		OBSERVER		AIR GUNNER		OTHER					
			(A)		(B)		(C)		(D)		(E)		(F)		(G)		(H)		(J)		(K)		(L)		(M)		(N)		(O)		(P)		(Q)		(R)	
			Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins

Standard Guard

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

J 8 390

R.177245 A.F. No. | Desroches Surname | Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Leon Christian Names | R.C Religion

Born 22-9-15 Place Montreal - Que Country Canada | Citizen of Canada | Racial Origin French Canadian

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY — M. S. ~~D. W.~~

Wife's Maiden Name | Present Address (in pencil)

Children Names	Place of Birth	Date	Children Names	Place of Birth	Date

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

Mr Leon Jules Alexis Desroches (Father)
53 Guest. Mozart St. Montreal. P.Q.

CIVIL EDUCATION

High School Entrance — X — Jr. Mat. 2 years — Sr. Mat.

Technical School — Business Courses

University

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Clerk Atoz. - 1932. 1936

Manager - 1936 to date.

PREVIOUS SERVICE

N.A.

ENLISTMENT

Date 15-6-42

At Montreal - Que

Term Duration

Med. Cat.	Date	Med. Cat.	Date
AHB	15 6 42		

RANK	Auth.	Date	TRADE	Auth.	Date
A.C.2		15 6 42	Std. Guard		15 6 42
A.L.1	DRO 223	15 9 42	See Guard c	DRO 265	6 11 42
LAC	DRO 295	12 10 42	See Guard		6 8 43
temp sgt	Dto 187A	6 8 43	(See group)	Dto 187A	
P/O 00 108 11/44.		21 4 44.			

TRADE TESTS AND COURSES

Trade	GP	%	P or F	Date
Std. Guard	S		P	21 5 42
See Guard	C		P	12 10 42
Sec. Guard (OT.) (A G)				27 12 42

LEAVE

From	To	Auth. and Description
10/May/43	16/May/43 annual leave spec circumstances Dro 112 #17 N.D. Chief relieving all.	
S.L.T.W. #C	1901S a/7 May 43	
7 Aug 43	20 Aug 43 (14 days)	Dto 187A

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

Date	Character	Trade and Assm.	Honours and Awards	Auth.
6 8 43		A.G.	Air Gunner Badge	Dto 187A

R.C.A.F. R.44C
50M—10-41 (961)
H.Q. 1062-3-58

(OVER)

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date	Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date
M.O.R. 13	#13 R.C.M.Pl	#1 Toronto Dist	15-6-42				
#I M. Depot DRO 144	"	"	15-6-42				
#1 M.O.	#1 M.D.	K.T.S.					
190/42	Toronto	Trenton	8-8-42				
241/42	K.T.S.	#13 S.F.T.S.					
	Trenton	St. Hubert	29-8-42				
DRO. 224 T.D.	#13 S.F.T.S.	Beauharnois	16-9-42				
DRO 226 T.D	Beauharnois	#13 S.F.T.S.	19-9-42				
DRO 294-42	SOS. #13 SFTS.	#9 B and G	27-12-42				
DRO 5/43	SOS. #9 B+G S	#1 "M" D.					
	Mont Joli Que	Toronto Ont.	6-1-43				
#1 MD DRO #10	"	"	7/JAN/43				
DRO 117	#1 MD	#2 A6 · 6 TS	14 May 43				
T.O.S. DRO 137	#1 M.D.	#2 A 6 6 TS	15-6-43				
SOS DRO 176	#2 a GS TS	#3 B+S.	26-6-43				
DRO 187A	#3 B+G	#1 M Depot	20 Aug 43				
	Macdonald	Halifax					

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

Appendix "D"
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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE
INTERVIEW REPORT

1. SURNAME..... DESROCHES .....

2. CHRISTIAN NAMES..... JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID LEON .....

3. APPLYING FOR ENLISTMENT AS..... Pbserver or Pilot W.E.T.P. .....

SELECTION BOARD

4. PERSONNEL OFFICER

Education..... Grade 9 .....

A to L Score..... C.T. 20 .....

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

Equivalent 2 years High School - C.T. score too low for any category other than Standard Guard.

RECOMMENDED FOR..... STANDARD GUARD .....

SUITABLE FOR COMMISSION..... NO .....

21-5-42 Signed J.L. GIRAULT F.O.

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5. MEDICAL OFFICER

Medical Category.....

ASSESSMENT: (Physical; Temperamental)

RECOMMENDED FOR.....

SUITABLE FOR COMMISSION.....

Signed

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6. INTERVIEWING OFFICER

ASSESSMENT: (General Fitness) This applicant expresses a desire to enlist as aircrew. Is weak in mathematics. Good husky type of young franch Canadian, completely bilingual and if able to pass G.C. should make good aircrew material. If unable to make the grade for O. or P. W.E.T.P. asks to enlist as W.O.A.C. failing which St Trades would be alternative. Has received advise to report for Army Medical. Educationnaly borderline for aircrew., but in view of his desire to enlistas such and his enthusiasm,(over)

RECOMMENDED FOR..... Obs. or P. W.E.T.P. or W.O.A.G. .....

SUITABLE FOR COMMISSION.....

16-5-42 Signed P. CHEVALIER F.O.

FOUND ACCEPTABLE FOR..... Std Guard .....

Commanding Officer

DATE: JUN 14 1942

No. 13 Recruiting Centre.

A.F.M. 5
24.12.41.

6. (Cont'd) for the classification. Has a good record, a good personality, average intelligence.

P.C. FO.

R O Y A L C A N A D I A N A I R F O R C E

Report on R.C.A.F. Personnel attending a Course of Instruction

in Technical English

NAME Desroches J.L.W. R-171245 STATION School of English, Toronto.

RANK LAC COURSE COMMENCED 5-1-43 COURSE ENDED 10-5-43

Subjects Examined	Maximum Rating	Written	Oral	Instructor
Technical	100	88		
Navigation	100	87		
Aircraft Recog.	100	84		
English	100		72	
English	100		68	
English	100		78	
English	100	80		
English	100	80		
English	100	60		
English	100	80		
English	100	60		
English	100	90		

REMARKS OF CHIEF INSTRUCTOR. An airman of average intelligence. Seemed to have difficulty in assimilating technical English. Was anxious to succeed.

Comprehension Ability.... Average

Expression Ability.... Average

Passed or Failed.... Passed.

J. W. Kennedy Flt/Lt.
Chief Instructor, School of English,
for Commanding Officer,
No. 1 "M" Depot, R.C.A.F.
Toronto Ont.

DATE 10-5-43.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE
INTERVIEW REPORT

Appendix "D"
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1. SURNAME..... DESROCHES AC2 R171245 .....

2. CHRISTIAN NAMES..... JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID .....

3. APPLYING FOR ~~ENLISTMENT~~ Remustering AS..... AIRCREW .....

SELECTION BOARD

4. PERSONNEL OFFICER

Education..... X QUE. .....

(Skipped 2 pages on CT.) C.T. 3 Score 10 ..... E.A.T. "A" 7 ..... C.A.T. 52 .....
C.T.2Fr. 36

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

This man might have another chance for his C.T. Skipped two pages on C.T. Seems good material for aircrew, but

RECOMMENDED FOR..... Remustering to Aircrew A.G. .....

SUITABLE FOR COMMISSION..... No .....

Signed

23-10-42 J.L.P. Lambert F.O.

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5. MEDICAL OFFICER

Medical Category..... A1BA3BT A3B A3BV .....

ASSESSMENT: (Physical; Temperamental) Weight 175 Borderline for A.G.

RECOMMENDED FOR..... Remustering to AIRCREW STANDARD (A.G.) .....

SUITABLE FOR COMMISSION..... NO .....

26-10-42 Signed Claude St.Onge F.L.

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6. INTERVIEWING OFFICER

ASSESSMENT: (General Fitness)

N.A.

RECOMMENDED FOR.....

SUITABLE FOR COMMISSION.....

Signed

FOUND ACCEPTABLE FOR..... Remustering to AIRCREW (A.G.) .....

A. L. L. Lapointe F.L.

for Commanding Officer,
No. 13 Recruiting Centre, RCAF.,
Montreal, P.Q.

DATE: 26-10-42

A.F.M. 5
24.12.41.

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R.C.A.F. FORM 5035

R.C.A.F. TRAINING REPORT

WIRELESS OPERATOR (AIR GUNNER) AND AIR GUNNER

NO. 3 BOMBING AND GUNNERY SCHOOL

1. SURNAME: DESROCHES CHRISTIAN NAMES: Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfred Leon

2. NUMBER: R171245 3. RANK: LAC 4. COURSE NO: 57

5. POSTED FROM: #2 AGGTS 6. DATE COURSE COMMENCED: 17/May/43 7. DATE COURSE ENDED: 6/Aug/43 8. POSTED TO: No. 1 Y Depot Halifax, N.S.

9. AIRCREW TRADE: Air Gunner 10. HEIGHT: 69½" 11. GIRTH: 39"

12. EQUIPMENT USED

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF GUNS			TYPE OF TURRETS			
	IN AIR	ON GROUND	ROUNDS FIRED 25 YD.	IN AIR	ON GROUND	ROUNDS FIRED 200 YD.	HOURS TURRET MANIP.
Battle	V.G.O.	V.G.O.	790	Bristol	F.N.	1100	15:00
Anson		Browning			B.P.		
					Bristol		

13. GROUND WORK		
SUBJECT	MARKS ALLOTTED	MARKS OBTAINED
GUNS, PYROS. AND AMMO. (WRITTEN)	200	167
GUNS (PRACTICAL)	100	73
SIGHTING (~~WRITTEN~~)ORAL	250	137
TURRETS (PRACTICAL)	200	145
A/C RECOGNITION	150	134
SIGNALS	100	80
TOTAL	1000	736
PERCENTAGE		73.6

14. AIR WORK			
FLYING EXPERIENCE		DAY	NIGHT
NUMBER HOURS FLOWN		25:35	
NO. CINE EX. COMPLETED		0	
ROUNDS FIRED	AIR TO GROUND	400	
	AIR TO AIR	3680	
% HITS AIR TO AIR		8	
AIR FIRING MARK		MARKS ALLOTTED	MARKS OBTAINED
		1000	730

15. ASSESSMENT OF QUALITIES OF CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP	MARKS ALLOTTED	MARKS OBTAINED
	100	62

16. DEGREE OF SUITABILITY FOR FURTHER TRAINING	0 NOT AT ALL SUITABLE	1 MODERATELY SUITABLE	2 DEFINITELY SUITABLE	3 EXTREMELY SUITABLE
AS A GUNNERY INSTRUCTOR	X			

(MARK "X" IN APPROPRIATE COLUMN)

17. REMARKS:- Average student; vigorous worker; has applied himself well; good air gunner type.

DATE:- 6/August/43

M. Pinch G/C

OFFICER COMMANDING
NO. 3 BOMBING & GUNNERY SCHOOL

CONFIDENTIAL

C.M.H.

R.C.A.F. M. 2
300M—4-41 (87)
H.Q. 1062-10-2

(2) ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Medical Board held at Montreal, P.Q. *Date* Oct 26/42

FILE NUMBER

Surname DESROCHES *Chr. Names* JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN
Nature of Commission M 2 *Date of Birth* 22/9/15 *Married or Single* Single
Branch General List *Hours Flown* 1 Hr. Passenger
Address 53 Mozart West, Montreal, P.Q.

HAVE YOU ANY HISTORY OF:—

(i) NERVOUS TROUBLE or Nervous Breakdown no
Severe or "Sick" Headaches, Migraine no
Fits or Convulsions of any kind no
Sun or Heat Stroke no
Head Injury or Concussion (including "knock-out") no
Insomnia, Nightmares, Sleep-walking, or Bed-wetting no
(ii) LUNG TROUBLE or Consumption no
Bronchitis, Pneumonia or Pleurisy no
Asthma or Hay Fever no
(iii) HEART DISEASE, "Weak or Strained Heart" no
Fainting Attacks or Giddiness no
Rheumatism, Rheumatic Fever or "Growing Pains" no
Frequent Sore Throats or Tonsilitis no
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 no
(x) Any illness or Injury not mentioned above no

Education Grade XI
Present Occupation ACl S. Guard Hobbies None
Previous Service R.C.A.F. 15th June 1942
Athletics BaseBall - Softball
Habits—Smoking 8 Cigs a day Alcohol None
FAMILY HISTORY—Consumption no Diabetes no Haemophilia no
Nervous Ailments, Mental Trouble, or "Fits" no
Father Alive—Health Good Dead—Cause na
Mother Alive—Health Good Dead—Cause na
Brothers (5) Alive—Health Good (0) Dead—Cause na
Sisters (4) Alive—Health Good (0) Dead—Cause na

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 accepted for Service, or if accepted, of being discharged or retired and forfeit any claim to gratuity or other award.

Date 26-10-42 *Signature* J. Desroches *Witness* Edmunde Strong F/L

GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EXAMINATION

Impression given by *(a)* Physique Good *(b)* Mentality Alert

Body Marks, Scars, Deformities 2 scars upper lip. One Scar Rt. Groin

Size of Thyroid Gland N

Surgical Abnormalities Nil

Results of Wounds, Injuries, Operations Nil

	Date 26-10-42	Date	Date	Remarks on any Abnormalities Found
Height (ins.)	69½			
Weight (lbs.)	175			*Date*
Chest Circumference (ins.)	35 + 39			
Body Build (lbs.)	20			
Leg Length (ins.)	Ample			
Pulse Rate — Sitting	84			
Pulse Rate — Standing 1st	108			
Pulse Rate — Standing 2nd	96			
Pulse Rate — After Exercise	120			
Pulse Rate — Time to Normal	25 secs			
Arterial Walls	Soft			*Date*
Blood Pressure — Systolic	135			
Blood Pressure — Diastolic	70			
Room Temperature	70			
Heart — Size (in cms.)	N			
Heart — Sounds	N			
Heart — Rhythm	REG			
Lungs — Inspection	N			
Lungs — Palpation	N			
Lungs — Percussion	N			
Lungs — Auscultation	N			
Lungs — Expiratory Force	N A			*Date*
Lungs — X-Ray	NEG			
Reflexes — Knee	N			
Reflexes — Ankle	N			
Reflexes — Triceps	N			
Reflexes — Abdominal	N			
Reflexes — Plantar	N			
Cranial Nerves	N			
Balancing Rod	R. L. N A	R. L.	R. L.	
Self Balancing	R. L. lS lS	R. L.	R. L.	*Date*
Tremors — Fingers	Nil			
Tremors — Eyelids	Nil			*Date*
Abdomen — Liver	N			
Abdomen — Spleen	N			
Abdomen — Muscular Tone	Good			
Urine — Albumen	Neg.			
Urine — Sugar	Neg.			
Initials of M.O.	C St O			

40 mm. Hg. Test

Date Oct 26/42 60= 6 7 8, 7 7 7, 8 7 6, 6 7 6 C St O

Date

Date

Date

EYE EXAMINATION

History Nil

Visual Acuity	R. 20/20, c D = + 2.50 · 20/200		
	L 20/20, c =		
Colour Vision	N Ishihara		
Red, Green	M.R. Eso 0.75		
Diaphragm Test (P.D. = 60 cms)	Bar at 1		
Convergence	C. = 6 cms.		
	S. C. = Left 8.5 cms.		
Accommodation	R.) Bl		
	L.) 8.5		
Cover Test	Sl Exo B.E. R.R.		
Fundi and Media	N		
Fields	N		
Remarks:	Fit A1BA3B		
	Initials of M.O. C St O	*Initials of M.O.*	*Initials of M.O.*
	Date 26-10-42	*Date*	*Date*

EXAMINATION OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

History Nil

Hearing	R. Ear	WV 20 ft	
	L. Ear	WV 20 ft	
External Ear, Meatus Membranes	R. Ear	N	
	L. Ear	N	
Middle Ear, Eustachian Tubes	R. Ear	PAT	
	L. Ear	PAT	
Cochlear Apparatus	R. Ear	-----	
	L. Ear	-----	
Vestibular Apparatus	R. Ear	-----	
	L. Ear	-----	
Buccal Cavity		Healthy	
Teeth		Upper Plate Good	
Gums		Healthy	
Pharynx		Healthy	
Nasopharynx		Not seen	
Nose		Clear	
Larynx		Not seen	
Remarks:	Nil		
		Initials of M.O. CSTO	*Initials of M.O.*
		Date 26-10-42	*Date*

GENERAL REMARKS BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER ON HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

No. 13 Recruiting Centre	No. M.D.
Fit - A1B ~~A3B (Turret)~~ A3BTurret A3B A3B (Vision)	A1B A3B (T) A3B A3B (V)
Date. October 26/42	Date:
Claude St Onge F.L. M.O.	M.O.

Oct 26/42

Remustering to Aircrew.
Weight borderline 175 for A.G.

Claude St. Onge F.L.

Fit

A1B		N.V.C.
A3B	Turret	N.V.C. 14
A3B		N.V.C.
A3B	Vision	
A3B	Radio	
Sig:		
Date		9/9/43

NIGHT VISUAL CAPACITY

Exceptional — Below Average
Above Average — Poor
Average — Score 14

Date 22.8.43

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS OF THE REVIEWING MEDICAL OFFICER

Date.....

a > b (4)
a > b
a > b (4)

CATEGORY..... APPROVED

DATE..... 9.43 ..... 19.....

..... M.O.

No. 3 ~~WIRELESS~~, or B. and G. School

AIR FORCE No. J. 88390 ~~R 171245~~

Desroches
SURNAME

Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfred Leon
FULL CHRISTIAN NAME

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE Montreal, ~~B~~ Que
DATE 15-6-42

RELIGION
R.C.
R.C.A.F. FORM R230

TYPE OF LEAVE

FROM	TO	No. DAYS	DESCRIPTION	AUTH.
10-11-43.	16-11-43.	7	Prin Leave	Pershore 63/43.
6-2-44	12-2-44	7	Prin/L	433 Sqn 5/44
22-3-44	28-3-44	7	Prin/L	" " 9/44

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ON WHICH MOST PROFICIENT

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

SERVICE MACHINES FLOWN

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSESSMENT

DATE	CHARACTER	TRADE ASSESSMENT

HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

DATE	AWARD	AUTHORITY
6 8 43	Air Gunner Badge	DRO 187 A

POSTINGS, ATTACHMENTS & TEMPORARY DUTY

SOS TOS	FROM	TO	DATE	AUTHORITY
	#2 a GG 28	#3 B & G	26 6 43	DRO 176
	#3 B & G	#1 Y Depot	20 Aug 43	DRO 187 A
SOS	1 Y.D.	RAF-TP	25 8 43	DRO-216
	Emb	Halifax	26 8 43	
	Dis	UK	1 9 43	
	Int C123	3 PRC	2 9 43	
SOS	3 PRC to 230 TU.		21 9 43.	3 PRC Pershore 2/43 5U/43
SOS	230 TU to 61 Base		16 11 43	Pershore 65/43 61 Base 95/43
TOS.	1664 cu from 61 Base.		19 11 43	61 Base 97/43 1664 cu 64/43
TOS	433 Sqn from 1664 CU		12 1 44	1664 CU. 6/44 433 Sqn 5/44
F/13	Missing from 433 Sqn.		22/23 4 44	AFRO 1241/44 CR 453
Reported	missing on Air Operations		22 4 44	433 Sqdn 15/44
SOS	433 Sqdn to UK N.E. Cmd		23 4 44	433 Sqdn 17/44
Presumed Dead				C.L. 661 AFRO SUPP 293.

ALL OTHER CASUALTIES

CASUALTY AND DATE	AUTHORITY

ADVISE ENTRIES
UNIT RECORDS RETURNED
TO CANADA

Embarked 26-8-43

AIR FORCE No. J. 88390. ~~R 171245~~

Desroches
SURNAME

Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfred Leon
FULL CHRISTIAN NAME

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE Montreal, Quebec
DATE 15-6-42

RELIGION
R.C.

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

Comm. 21-4-44.

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

BIRTH DATE	PLACE	COUNTRY	CITIZENSHIP	RACIAL ORIGIN
22-9-15	Montreal, Que	Canada	Canadian	French Canadian

CIVIL EDUCATION

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

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWER, DIVORCED ~~Single~~ MARRIED
WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME) OR HUSBAND Lucile Corbin.
PRESENT ADDRESS (IN PENCIL)
PLACE OF MARRIAGE Montreal Quebec DATE 10/8/43
AUTHORITY (IF AFTER APPOINTMENT/ENLISTMENT)

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Clerk Store - 1932 - 1936
Manager - 1936 - to date

CHILDREN

NAMES	PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH	NAMES	PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH

PREVIOUS SERVICE

N. A

NAME(S), ADDRESS(ES), RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON(S) TO BE INFORMED OF CASUALTIES (IN PENCIL)
Mrs. Marie Lucile Desroches (wife)
139 Jean Talon West,
Montreal, Que.

PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY	PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY
15-6-42	94B		

EMPLOYMENT AS INSTRUCTOR OFFICER AIRMAN/AIRWOMAN

TYPE	FROM	TO	TYPE	FROM	TO

OFFICERS

RANK, BRANCH AND CATEGORY	DATE	AUTH.
P/O SR (GL) Gunnery Off.	21 4 44	00 1081/44

DUTIES PERFORMED DURING SERVICE, E.G. ADJ.

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

AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN

RANK	DATE	AUTH.	TRADE	DATE	AUTH.
temp Sgt	6 8 43	DRO 187A	Air Gunner (sp. group)	6 8 43	DRO 187A
			Sec Guard	6 11 42	

OFFICERS, AIRMEN/AIRWOMEN

COURSE OR TRADE	GRP.	%	PF	DATE

ADVISE ENTRIES
UNIT RECORDS RETURNED
TO CANADA

AIR FORCE No. ~~R171245~~

J.88390

DESROCHES, JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID LEON
SURNAME — FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES

ENLISTMENT: Montreal, P.Q. DATE 15-6-42

RE-ENLISTMENT: ______

C.R. FILE NUMBER R.S.S.

OFFICER RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

13 Comm. 21-4-44

R.C.A.F. FORM R44 (B) 30M-12-41 (1346) H. Q. 1062-3-58

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

S.O.S. OR T.O.S.	UNIT AND PLACE	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
T.O.S.	1. M.D. Toronto	15	6	42	1MD144
S.O.S.	1 MD Toronto	8	8	42	1MD190
Tos	K.T.S. Trenton-Ont.	9	8	42	E222
Sos	K.T.S. Trenton Ont	29	8	42	E241
TOS	#13. S.F.T.S. St. Hubert P.Q.	30	8	42	13SF208.
T.D.	Beauharnois Que.	14/19	9	42.	13SF224-226
SOS	13SF St-Hubert	27	12	42	13SF294.
TOS	9 B&G Sch. Mont Joli	28	12	42	9B&G10
SOS	9BGS Mont Joli	6	1	43	9BGS5
TOS	1MD Toronto Ont	7	1	43	1MD10
SOS +	1.M Depot Toronto Ont.	14	5	43	1MD117.
TOS	#2 ASSTS. Trenton Ont.	15	5	43	E137
SOS.	2 AGGTS Trenton	26	6	43	E177
TOS.	3BGS MacDonald	27	6	43	3B.G.S.154
Sos.	3BGS MacDonald	20	8	43	3BGS187A
TOS	1YD. Halifax	20	8	43	1YD201
S.O.S	1YD to RAF Trainees Pool	25	8	43	1YD216
Presumed Dead 23 Apr. 44. DCF911 d/4 Jan. '45.					
18589		6	4	45	
	Missing	23	4	44	
	PCX 186	23	4	44	

2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.

RANK	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
AC2	15	6	42	1MD144
AC1.	15	9	42	13SF.223
LAC.	12	10	42	13SF.295.
T/Sgt (pd)	6	8	43	3BGS187A
P.O. 21-4-44 (APR231/2-10-44)	AFRO 2231			GB1081

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.
2-5-5-42	R100	A4B	

4. TRADE AND CHARACTER

TRADE	GROUP	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
St. Guard	S	15	6	42	1MD144
Sec Gd	C	12	10	42	13SF265
~~G.D. Gd (U.T.A.G.)~~ cancelled		27	12	42	13SF296. 13SF294.
Sec. Guard (U.T.)(A.G.)	C	27	12	42	13SF296.
Air Gunner	SG	6	8	43	3BGS187A
~~[illegible]~~ (Special circumstances)		6	7	43	1MD.162
Gun off. G.L.		21	4	44	GB1081 (APR231/2-10-44)

TRADE PROFICIENCY	CHARACTER ASSESSMENT	DATE OF R41

5. COURSES-TESTS-ETC.

SUBJECT	RESULT	DATE			AUTHORITY
Sec. Gd. Crse #15.	70%	19/29	8	42	ET.20
Sec. Guard C.	82%	12	10	42	13SF.TT.

6. LEAVE

FROM	TO	DAYS	REMARKS	D.R.O.
7.8.43.	20.8.43	14.	embarkation	3BGS187
10-5-43	16-5-43		Annual	1MD112

6(A) RATIONS AND QUARTERS

UNIT	DATE COMMENCED	DATE DISCONTINUED	D. R. O.

OVERSEAS | MARITAL STATUS | MARITAL STATUS | HIGH & TECH. SCHOOL EDUCATION | C. OF E. BAP. U.C. PRES. R.C. HEB. PRO. MIS. OTHER | RELIGION | PREV. SERV. | PROVINCE OF ENLISTMENT | DISCHARGE | AC

AIR FORCE No. R171245

SURNAME: DESROCHES, FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES: JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRED LEON

ENLISTMENT PLACE Montreal, P.Q. DATE 15-6-42 — RE-ENLISTMENT

C.R. FILE NUMBER R.S.S

J.88390

OFFICER RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

Comm 21-4-44

R.C.A.F. FORM R44 (B) 30M-12-41 (1346) H. Q. 1062-3-58

7. BIRTH: DATE 22-9-1915 | PLACE Montreal, P.Q. | CITIZENSHIP British

FATHER (FULL NAME) Leon Jules Alexis Desroches

BIRTHPLACE St. Janvier, P.Q.

MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) Célia Bélanger

BIRTHPLACE Hull, P.Q.

8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE X Que

JUNIOR MATRICULATION 2 yrs Que.

SENIOR MATRICULATION

TECHNICAL SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY Night school

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

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

Clerk in fruit store 1932-36 Mtl, P.Q.
Charge of a Dept. 1936-42 Molson Brewery Co., Montreal, P.Q.

10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE

Nil

11. HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS

	AUTHORITY	DATE
Air Gunners Badge	3 Bds/1874	6.8.43

12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)

SOLO — DUAL — PASSENGER —

13. RELIGION Roman Catholic

14. LANGUAGES French + English

15. SPORTS Tennis, Skating, fishing, driving ping-pong.

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

WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME) Miss Lucille Corbin

PLACE OF MARRIAGE Montreal, Que. DATE 10-8-43.

AUTHORITY (IF AFTER ENLISTMENT) 1 y D 201.

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: Leon Jules Alexis RELATIONSHIP Father

ADDRESS: 53 ouest rue Mozart, Mtl. P.Q. D.R.O.

FULL NAME: Mrs. Maisel Lucille Desroches RELATIONSHIP Wife.

ADDRESS: 39 Jean Talon St. W. Montreal D.R.O. 1 y D 202

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

RATE CHANGES ETC.	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.	RATE CHANGES ETC.	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.
Dual Trade D/A	10 8 43	1 y D 201			

21. ENGAGEMENTS

TERM	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.	TERM	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.
Duration					

22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

FROM	TO	DATE	D.R.O.

Date and Place of Signing R 40-

22.(A) ADDRESS PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT

53 ouest st., Mozart, Montreal, P.Q.

22302

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

R60	R79	B465	X-RAY	AFM-13	IDN. CARD	Rx
22-6-42	23-6-42	27-7-42				D.C. Ett.

N° MATRICULE R.171245 VERSÉ À #1 M.D., Toronto, Ontario MÉTIER Standard Guard

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

CORPS D'AVIATION ROYAL CANADIEN
(FORMULE D'ENGAGEMENT)

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

1. Nom DESROCHES Prénoms en entier JOSEPH. PAUL. LUCIEN. WILFRID. LEON
2. Adresse actuelle 53 ouest rue Mozart, Montreal, P.Q. Téléphone Calumet 5905
3. Adresse fixe 53 ouest rue Mozart, Montreal, P.Q.
4. Lieu de naissance Montreal, P.Q. Nationalité Canadien
5. Date de naissance 22 septembre 1915 Marié, célibataire, veuf, séparé, divorcé Celibataire
6. Enfants Aucun

Nom	Date de naissance	Nom	Date de naissance
N.A.			

7. Profession En charge d'un departement 8. Religion Catholique Romain (Indiquez la confession religieuse)
9. Langues Francais & Anglais couramment
10. Plus proche parent (nom en entier) Leon, Jules Alexis Desroches (Degré de connaissance) Degré de parenté Pere
    Adresse du plus proche parent 53 ouest rue Mozart, Montreal, P.Q.
11. Père (nom en entier) Leon, Jules Alexis Desroches Lieu de naissance St. Janvier, P.Q.
    Adresse 53 ouest, rue Mozart, Montreal, P.Q. Nationalité Canadien
    Profession Epicier
12. Mère (nom de fille en entier) ~~Marie~~, Celia Belanger Lieu de naissance Hull, P.Q.
    Adresse 53 ouest, rue Mozart, Montreal, P.Q. Nationalité Canadienne
13. Détails du service dans les armées de terre, de mer ou de l'air: Aucun

Unité	Lieu	Rang	Profession	Date du	Date au	Motif de la libération
N.A.						

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd. JUN 22 1942
O.K. C.I.B.
N.I.
P.A.

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

R.C.A.F.—R.100a
20M—10-41 (994)
Q.C. 1052-3-83

464-434

21. Éducation:

—	Nom de l'école	Date du	Date au	Cours, sujets, etc.
Instruction primaire—Ecole publique ou séparée	Beauharnois, P.Q. College Beauharnois,	1921	1932	Cours primaire complete
Cours supérieur—Collège, etc.	Mlle Le Cavalier, Montreal, P.Q.	1941	& 1942	Cours 7ieme (8) de 9ieme & 10ieme annees
Cours technique				
Autres cours universitaires ou scolaires	Cours du soir			
Cours par correspondance				

22. Emplois civils (détails au complet):

Employeur et lieu	Fonctions, métiers, positions	Date du	Date au	Motif du départ
Alexis Desroches, Montreal, P.Q.	Commis- epicier	1932	1936	Meilleure position
Molson Brewery, Co. Montreal, P.Q.	En charge d'un dept.	1936	-----	Emploi actuel

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

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

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

Tennis, patins, peche, conducteur, equitation, ping-pong, Occasionnellement

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

Si c'est dans le service à terre, indiquez le métier aéronautique que vous visez...~~Observer~~ Or Pilot W.E.T.P.

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

27. Nommez des personnes qui peuvent témoigner de votre réputation et de vos aptitudes:

Nom	Adresse	Profession
Mr. Emile Brunet 18-5-42 OS	56 rue Mozart ouest, Montreal, P.Q.	Boucher
Mr. Emile Raymond. 18-5-42	7051 rue Clark, Montreal, P.Q.	C.N.R. Employee
Mr. J.E. Picard.,	6934 rue Clark, Montreal, P.Q.	Restaurateur
L'Abbe Gerald Lefevre	Paroisse Ste.Cecile, Montreal, P.Q.	Vicaire

28. Autres renseignements se rapportant à votre demande d'engagement.....Aucun.....

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

JE, SOUSSIGNÉ, CERTIFIE que les renseignements que j'ai fournis ci-dessus sont exacts, autant que je sache et que j'aie raison de croire.

Date.....May the 16th.....1942 Signature Lucien DesRoches

G.D.

NATIONAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
PRODUCED
88 167

POUR L'USAGE DU DÉPARTEMENT SEULEMENT

JUN 14 1942
JUN 15 1942

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

Type d'homme.....Apparence générale.....

Aptitudes pour (indiquez à quel titre).....

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

(B) *Rapport sur l'épreuve professionnelle*— (L'épreuve professionnelle n'est pas requise dans le cas d'ouvriers non spécialisés)

Métier sur lequel a porté l'épreuve.....

Résultat.....

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

.....

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

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

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

Date June 15th, 1942 Lucien Desroches
Signature de la recrue

(D) **SERMENT PRÊTÉ PAR LA RECRUE**

Je, soussigné, Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Leon Desroches, promets sincèrement et jure (ou déclare solennellement) que je serai fidèle et porterai loyale allégeance à Sa Majesté.

Date June 15th, 1942 Lucien Desroches
Signature de la recrue

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

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

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

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

à Montreal, P.Q. ce 15th jour de June, 1942

Signature de l'Officier — Grade — #13 Recruiting Centre, Montreal, P.Q. Unité

POUR L'USAGE DU DÉPARTEMENT SEULEMENT

CERTIFICAT DE L'EXAMEN MÉDICAL

Partie 1. Renseignements obtenus de la recrue—

1. Age 26 2. Avez-vous souffert d'une des maladies suivantes·

(a) Rhumatisme	No	(j) Affection nasale	No
(b) Tuberculose	No	(k) Maladies des oreilles	No
(c) Bronchite ou asthme	No	(l) Maladies des yeux	No
(d) Affection cardiaque	No	(m) Epilepsie	No
(e) Maladie du rein ou de la vessie	No	(n) Maladie nerveuse ou mentale	No
(f) Gastrite intestinale	No	(o) Syphilis	No
(g) Hernie	No	(p) Gonorrhée	No
(h) Varices	No	(q) Fracture	No
(i) Pieds plats ou déformés	No	(r) Autre maladie ou défectuosité 5. Encarbo —	

3. Avez-vous jamais porté des lunettes? No

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

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

Signature de la recrue Lucien Desrochers.

Observations des examinateurs

Was never sick.

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

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

Vacc mark left arm.

2. Taille 5' pieds 9 1/2 pouces. 3. Poids 178 — livres.

4. Teint Brown 5. Couleur des yeux Brown Cheveux M. Brown

6. Développement { Bon / ~~Passable~~ / Médiocre } 7. Tour de poitrine—Expiration 39" pouces

Degré d'expansion 3" pouces

8. Ouie—Droite W.U. 20 ft Gauche W.U. 20 ft Tympan—Droit (N) gauche (N)

9. Vue—sans lunettes—droit 20/20 avec lunettes—droit —

gauche 20/20 gauche —

10. État de la bouche et des dents Upper plate, healthy.

11. Urine—Albumine Neg Sucre Neg

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

None.

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

A4B

X Ray 123764 – NEG. 25-5-42. GL

Observations spéciales des médecins

Will fit for duties

Part 2 Cont'.

13. Reflexes (N)

14. Heart (N)

15. Lungs (N)

16. Blood Pressure S. D. 135/65

17. Colour Vision N. I.S.I.

Date 22 – 5 — 19 42

F.N. Mawhinney F.L. — Président

Geo Lachaine — Membre

— Membre

CIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

MBER J88390 ~~(R171245)~~ RANK P/O UNIT 433 SQDN OVERSEAS

TRADE AIR GUNNER (G.L.)

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

NAME DESROCHES, JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID LEON

ENT MARITAL STATUS MARRIED RELIGION R/C CANADIAN YES

FRENCH CANADIAN [redacted] OTHER

NEXT OF KIN MRS. JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID LEON DESROCHES

RELATIONSHIP WIFE

ADDRESS 139 JEAN TALON STREET W, MONTREAL, P.Q.

FATHER'S NAME MR. LEON JULES ALEXIS DESROCHES

ADDRESS 53 MOZART STREET W MONTREAL, P.Q. LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

MOTHER'S NAME MR. & MRS. L.J.A. DESROCHES

ADDRESS 53 MOZART STREET, W, MONTREAL, P.Q. LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT 53 MOZART STREET W, MONTREAL, P.Q.

MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT SINGLE

OCCUPATION MANAGER OF DEPARTMENT

WAS MEMBER ATTACHED TO R.A.F. AT ANY TIME? YES/NO NOT KNOWN BEING OBTAINED.

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

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

CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. BOMBER MAIL LETTER ---------d- 9th DECEMBER 1944

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 23-APRIL-44 AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS) (OVER DUSSELDORF, GERMANY)

NOW "PRESUMED DEAD" 23-APRIL-44 FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

ESTATES BRANCH FEB 8 1945 R.C.A.F. OTTAWA. NATIONAL DEFENCE

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

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

DATE 3-FEB-45

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

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

68230

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

A-3399 4 AIR

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: J.P. Lucien (CHRISTIAN NAMES) DesRoches (SURNAME)

PAYEE: Mde. Lucile DesRoches

ADDRESS: 139 Jean-Talon, Ouest, Montreal, Que.

REGISTER NO. 18589
FILE NO. 24 Apr 45
DATE J.88390
SERVICE NO. P/O
FINAL RANK OR RATING 23 Apr 44
DATE OF DISCHARGE 23 Apr 44

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 23 Apr 44

	$ ¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE — NO. OF DAYS 679 / 30 EQUAL TO 22 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50	165.00
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE — NO. OF DAYS 243 LESS 19 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 224 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY	56.00
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE	

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY	$ 6.25
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE	$ 1.70
ADDITIONAL PAY	$
	$
	$
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $ 47.20	$ 1.57
TOTAL	$ 9.52 ×7 = $ 66.64
NO. OF DAYS 243 / 183	×$ 66.64

88.49

MAY 18 1945 C.I.B. N.I. P.A.

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY	309.49
E. DEDUCTIONS — OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES $ / DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $ / OTHER DEDUCTIONS $	
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	309.49

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU $ 47.20 OF $ 309.49 =$ 309.49
TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $ 47.20

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

PREPARED BY	CHECKED BY	TREASURY CHECKED BY	DATE
NC	W.T.	[signature]	24/4/45

[signature]
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

ΔT

Declaration on file changing name from Jos. Paul Lucien Wilfrid Leon Desroches to Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Leon Des Roches

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 ter...
City | Town | Village | Parish | Township

Street: No.: Hospital or Institution:

2. LENGTH OF STAY

(a) In hospital or institution	Years	Months	Days	(b) In municipality where death occurred	Years	Months	Days	(c) In Province	Years	Months	Days	(d) In Canada (if immigrant)	Years	Months	Days

3. NAME OF DECEASED

Surname: DESROCHES (Block letters)

Given names: JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID LEON

Do not write in this space

4. RESIDENCE

Street: Mozart St. West No. 53

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		Married

9. If married give name of wife or husband of deceased: Corbin, Lucille

10. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country): Quebec

11. DATE OF BIRTH: September (Month) 22nd (Day) 1915 (Year)

12. AGE OF DECEASED

Years	Months	Days	If less than one day old
28			....hrs. or....min.

OCCUPATION

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

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

15. Date deceased last worked at this occupation: Apr. 23/44

16. Total years spent in this occupation: Two

	17. NAME	18. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country)
FATHER	Desroches, Leon Jules Alexis	Que.
MOTHER (Maiden Name)	Belanger, Celia	Quebec

19. Place of burial, cremation or removal:

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

21. PLACE OF REGISTRATION OF THIS BURIAL

(a) Name of parish or church:

(b) Civil municipality of:

(c) Municipal county:

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

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

22. Date of death: April (Month) 23rd (Day) 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 (State which): Accident Date: April 23rd 44

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

Nature of injury:

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

Signed: ....M.D.

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

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

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

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

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

(Voir l'autre côté pour le français)

FORMULE 6

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

N'écrivez pas dans cet espace

1. LIEU DU DÉCÈS

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

Rue | No. | Hôpital ou institution

2. SÉJOUR

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

3. NOM DU DÉFUNT

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

Noms de baptême ou prénoms .....

N'écrivez pas dans cet espace

4. RÉSIDENCE

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

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

Comté municipal ..... Province .....

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

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

10. LIEU DE NAISSANCE (Province ou pays)

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

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

OCCUPATION

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

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

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

16. Nombre d'années occupées dans cette profession

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

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

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

21. LIEU DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DE CETTE SÉPULTURE

(a) Nom de la paroisse ou église .....

(b) Municipalité civile de .....

(c) Comté municipal .....

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

CERTIFICAT MÉDICAL CONFIDENTIEL DE DÉCÈS

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

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

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

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

24. CAUSE DU DÉCÈS

I

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

(a) .....
dû à

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

(b) .....
dû à
(c) .....

II

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

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.....

III Si une maladie contagieuse est mentionnée à ce certificat, donner

(a) Date d'éclosion ..... 19.....

(b) Durée de la maladie ..... jours

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nature de la blessure .....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(For English see other side)

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

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

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

PLEASE LEAVE BLANK

Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full ... (b) Reg'l. No. R 171 245
2. (a) Arm of service ... (b) Unit ... (c) Rank AC F
3. (a) Date of birth ... (b) Have you any dependents? YES (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment MONTREAL 15/6/42
4. (a) Place of enlistment ... (b) Date of enlistment

Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school ... (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment? YES
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.) JUNIOR MATRICULATION 10TH GRADE
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? (b) If so, for what occupation? (c) Did you finish it? (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it?
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? (b) What languages do you read well? 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?

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? REGULARLY
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 MOLSON'S BREWERY Address 1620 NOTRE DAME ST.
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.)
20. (a) Your specific occupation COAL DRYER MAN (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer 6 YEARS
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? YES (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? (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? (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? (c) If so, in what kind of farming?
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? (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?
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

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd JUN 25 1942
O. K. ... C.I.B. ...
R. C. ... N. I. ...
S. L. ... P. A. ...

DATE June 16 1942 SIGNATURE Helen Dee Parker

I Jos. Paul Lucien Wilfrid Leon DESROCHES ..... do solemnly declare as follows:

(1) I am a natural born ...British..... subject and I was born at Montreal, P.Q. on 22nd day of September, 1915

(2) The name under which I was registered at birth was as set out above, namely Jos. Paul Lucien Wilfrid Leon DESROCHES

(3) I am desirous of changing my name and intend and desire to be known henceforth as Joseph Paul Lucien Wilfrid Leon ~~DESROCHES~~ Des Roches

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

DECLARED before me at the City of Montreal in the Province of Quebec this 15th day of June A.D. 1942

Lucien Des Roches.
SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT

J. Shackell Re
.....

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd. JUN 22 1942
O. K. C. I. B.
R. C. N. I.
S. L. P. A.

R171245
5416
N—SAFETY—KODAK

Desrochers J.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Right Index Fingerprint

Name DESROCHES, JOSEPH PAUL LUCIEN WILFRID. R 1 7 1 2 4 5

Rank A.C.2 R.C.A.F.

Age 26 Height 5'9¾" Weight 178

Hair D. BROWN Eyes BROWN Hair on face DARK

Marks, scars, etc. SCAR ON UPPER LIP, SCAR ON RIGHT THUMB, SCAR ON LEFT LITTLE FINGER, SCAR ON L. IN

Lucien Desroches (Signature of holde

John R. Chard F/O. (Signature of issue

Place NO 1 "M" DEPOT TORONTO. Date JUNE 18-42

Card serial number 1 4 6 2 2 2

RANK	POSTED TO	DATE
AC2	K.T.S., Trenton	8-8-42
AC2	St. Hubert, Que.	28-8-42
LAC #2A.6.6.T.S.	Trenton Ont	14-5-43

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

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE SERVICE BOOK

1250 FORM
No. 5434

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.

J 88390.1

Air Force No. ~~R 171245~~ Surname Desroches

Christian Names (in full) J. P. L. ~~[illegible]~~

Date of Birth 22-9-15 Religion R.C.

Date of Enlistment/Appointment 15-6-42

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

Occupation in Civil Life Clerk store manager

Signature of Holder L. DesRoches

Name and Address of Next-of-Kin (wife)
Mrs Marie [illegible] Desroches
139 Jean Talon West
Montreal

Name, Address, and Relationship of Person to be informed of Casualties—
Mr. Levy Jules Alexis
Desroches (Father)
53 West Mozart St.
Montreal P.Q.

Certified Correct [illegible]

Date 11 Aug 43 Place 4 Depot Halifax

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
Air Gunner	6-8-43	DR0187A	[illegible] Sgt

Rank	Date of Effect	Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer making Entry
T/Sgt.	6-8-43	DR0187A	[illegible] Sgt
P/O.	21-4-44.	0/01081/44.	

MEDALS, DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, ETC.

Particulars	Date and Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer

MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

(For entries for which space is not otherwise provided)

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

Particulars	Date and Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer
1250	22/8/43	[illegible] P/O

LEAVE RECORD
(With Free Railway Warrant)

From (date)	To (date)	Signature of Officer

LEAVE RECORD
(With Special Leave Warrant A.24)

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

MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION

Date	Category	Medical Board or Medical Exam. (Form No.)	Unit	Initials of M.O.
23.5.42	A4B	M, 3 T. B.		
26.10.42	A3B(T)	M10		HOPKIRK
29.7.43	A3B(T)	B2		

BLOOD GROUP

Date	International	Initials of M.O.
	BLOOD GROUP A	

NIGHT VISUAL CAPACITY

Date	Score	Group	Initials of M.O.
22/8/43	14		J.G.L

IMMUNIZATION PROCEDURES
VACCINATION

Date	Result	Initials of M.O.
18.6.42	J. F. HOPKIRK	

Susceptibility Test	Date	Result	
Schick Test	18.6.42	Pos.	
Dick Test	18.6.42	neg.	

PROTECTIVE INOCULATIONS*

Nature of Inoculation	Date	Dose	Initials of M.O.
TABT I	18.6.42	1cc	J. F. HOPKIRK
" II	10.7.42	1cc	
" III	31.7.42	1cc	
Diph Tox. I	25.6.42	1cc	
" " II	27.7.42	1cc	
TAB 2. Annual	9.7.43	½cc	
Kahn Neg	18.8.42	—	

IMMUNIZATION PROCEDURES—Con.

Nature of Inoculation	Date	Dose	Initials of M.O.

* To include diphtheria toxoid, scarlet fever toxin, cholera, plague and yellow fever vaccines, etc.

PRESCRIPTION FOR SPECTACLES

	Vision without Glasses	SPH	CYL	Axis Standard Notation	Vision with Glasses	Unit	Date of Exam.
R						Frame No. (or measurements)	Date of Issue
L							

Initials of M.O.....

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	Vision without Glasses	SPH	CYL	Axis Standard Notation	Vision with Glasses	Unit	Date of Exam.
R						Frame No. (or measurements)	Date of Issue
L							

Initials of M.O.....

DENTURES SUPPLIED

Particulars	Date	Initials of Medical or Dental Officer
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SURGICAL APPLIANCES ISSUED

Particulars	Date	Initials of M.O.
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MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL ENTRIES

(for entries for which space is not otherwise available)

Particulars	Date	Initials of M.O.

MEDICAL INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONNEL ON LEAVE IN CANADA

1. Personnel on leave or pass or otherwise absent from their parent unit who require medical attention are to report to the nearest R.C.A.F. Medical Officer. In cases of urgency when the services of an R.C.A.F. Medical Officer are not available, report to:

(a) An R.C.A.M.C. Medical Officer,

(b) A Medical Officer of the Dept. of Pensions and National Health, or

(c) A civilian medical practitioner,

in that order.

2. When it is necessary to call in other than an R.C.A.F. Medical Officer, arrangements are to be made to notify the R.C.A.F. Medical Officer, if one is located in the vicinity, in order that he may assume charge of the case. Immediate action is also to be taken to notify the individual's Commanding Officer in the event that the illness is of serious nature and likely to delay reporting to the unit on termination of leave.

3. All accounts for attendance upon personnel on leave rendered by civilian hospitals or civilian practitioners are to be forwarded in triplicate to the nearest administrative centre of the Dept. of Pensions and National Health for payment.

4. Personnel who, while on leave, are in contact with a case of infectious disease are, on the termination of their leave, to report to their Station Medical Officer before they enter any barrack block, mess or other building on the station.

WILLS

1. The particulars of the next-of-kin should always be carefully inserted in the Form on page 1 of this Book, but the Officer or Airman must understand that the entries made there have no legal effect with respect to the disposition of his estate in the event of his death and therefore do not relieve him from the necessity of making a Will. Unless an Officer or Airman duly makes a Will, his estate is dealt with in the same manner as that of any other person who dies without leaving a Will, and not only may the relative or person desired or intended to be benefited receive little or no share of the estate but the distribution thereof is delayed until such of the next-of-kin as may be legally entitled can be located. Therefore, though his estate may consist of no assets other than the amount of pay and allowances at credit and the belongings he has on his person or in camp, it is urgent that he make a Will which, when completed, is left with his Commanding Officer for transmission to the Records Office for safe custody and in the event of his death is forwarded firstly, to the Estates Branch, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, for administration and distribution of the Service estate, and secondly, if other assets (including real estate) make it necessary, to the Executor named in the Will.

2. The Officer's or Airman's Will should preferably be made out on the Will Form—R.C.A.F. R. 60 (English) or R.C.A.F. R. 60A. (French)—provided for that purpose and on which are also printed a number of helpful instructions. These Forms are obtained through the Commanding Officer of each Unit. A separate sheet of paper may be used but in such case the general form of the Will as shown in the Form R.C.A.F. R. 60 or R. 60A. should be carefully followed. The Officer or Airman will date the Will and at the bottom of it sign his name in the presence of two witnesses who at the same time in the presence of each other and of the Officer or Airman will also sign their respective names. If the Officer or Airman cannot write, he will make his mark in the place in the Will where his signature would ordinarily appear, and immediately above their signatures on the Will the witnesses will write a memorandum as follows:—"The above Will has been first duly and audibly read over to this Officer or Airman when he appeared

to understand it and made his mark hereto in our presence as aforesaid". In such cases, however, it is recommended that the guidance of the Officer's or Airman's immediate superior Officer be obtained.

3. The Short Form of Will (see pages 15 and 16 of this Book) may be used by an Officer or Airman on Active Service but it must be entirely in his own handwriting. It is pointed out, however, that under the laws of some of the Provinces of Canada, such a Will is ineffective as to real estate. Therefore an Officer or Airman having a Canadian domicile and owning real estate should use the Will Form R.C.A.F. R. 60 or R. 60A., and appoint therein a responsible executor. An Officer or Airman having a domicile out of Canada should not use the Short Form on page 16 because it may not comply with the law of such domicile.

4. No person who receives any benefit under a Will can be a witness. If a person to whom an Officer or Airman intends to give any part of his estate is a witness of the Will, he will not be allowed to receive the intended gift. He may, however, be appointed an executor.

5. When making a Will it is not desirable that alterations be made in it. If, however, alterations are made by the Officer or Airman in his Will, he and the two witnesses must write their initials in the margin opposite the alterations. Any changes in the provisions of a previously made Will can always be made by a new document called a Codicil which should refer to the previously made Will and then state the changes desired, and be dated and signed and witnessed in the same manner as the Will itself.

6. A completely new Will can at any time be made and in such case it revokes, or cancels, any Will of earlier date. The laws of all the Provinces of Canada except one, and of most English speaking countries provide that marriage after the date of a Will revokes that Will. Therefore, an Officer or Airman, immediately upon his marriage, should make a new Will in order that, in the event of his death, his estate may be distributed in accordance with his wishes as shown in his Will.

7. The Will of an Officer or Airman on Active Service is not invalid by reason that at the date it was made he was under the age of 21 years.

An Officer or Airman who has made a Will before his enlistment, is recommended to inform his Commanding Officer where such Will has been deposited and the Commanding Officer shall upon receipt of such information forthwith complete the following certificate and despatch the same to the R.C.A.F. Records Officer.

No.....Rank.....Name.....

states that he has executed a Will and that the same has been deposited with.....

at.....

Signature of Officer.....

Rank or Appointment.....

Date.....

Before embarkation, each Officer or Airman is recommended, particularly those who have real estate, to consider the necessity for executing a document appointing some person or Trust Company his Attorney to manage or otherwise deal with real estate during his absence from Canada; also to review his affairs in the light of any changes that may have occurred since the date of his last Will and, if desirable, make a formal Will and inform his Commanding Officer thereof as indicated at the top of this page, or make a Will on R.C.A.F. R. 60 or R. 60A., and hand it duly completed to his Commanding Officer for transmission to the Records Officer concerned for safe custody.

The Officer receiving such Will shall complete the following certificate:—

Certificate R.C.A.F. R. 60 or 60A. received and forwarded to the R.C.A.F. Records Officer.

Signature of Officer.....

Rank or Appointment.....

Date.....

Date Certificate extracted.....

Signature of Officer.....

Unit.....

To Whom sent.....

To Whom sent.....

Unit.....

Date Will extracted.....

Signature of Officer.....

Solely for use on Active Service. The Will, on page 16, must NOT be used until you have been placed under orders for Active Service.

SHORT FORM OF WILL

(Write Will on next page)

If an Officer or Airman on active service, or under orders, for active service, who has not previously made a Will, or who having previously made one, wishes to cancel it in its entirety or make some change in the disposal of his property, he may do so on the next page. **It must be entirely in his own handwriting and must be signed by him and dated.** The full names and addresses of the persons whom he desires to benefit, and the sum of money or the articles of property which he desires to leave to them, must be clearly stated. **The writing of the name of a person on the next page without stating what he or she is to receive is of no legal value.**

The following is a specimen of a Will leaving all to one person:—

In the event of my death I give all my estate to my mother, Mrs. Sheila Griffin, 711 Victory Street, Toronto, and appoint her my executrix.

(Signature) GEORGE GRIFFIN,
Sgt., R. 12345,
Date October 10th, 1942. R.C.A.F.

The following is a specimen of a Will leaving gifts to more than one person:—

In the event of my death, I give $10.00 to my friend, Miss Rose Smith, of No. 1, High Street, London, and I give $5.00 to my sister, Miss Margaret Griffin, 711 Victory Street, Toronto, and I give the remainder of my estate to my mother, Mrs. Sheila Griffin, 711 Victory Street, Toronto, and appoint my mother my executrix.

(Signature) GEORGE GRIFFIN,
Sgt., R. 12345,
Date October 10th, 1942. R.C.A.F.

Solely for use on Active Service. This Will page must NOT be used until you have been placed under orders for Active Service.

WILL

(For use if the Officer or Airman has not already made a will or wishes to alter one already made. See instructions on page 15.)

In the event of my death I give

I appoint.....

Residing at.....

to be my executor.

Signature.....

Rank, Air Force No.....

Unit.....

Date.....