J88872
WOOTTEN
HAROLD LESTE

J88872 (DPC)

Ontario,
17th September, 1952.

Mr. John L. Wootten,
Cookshire,
P.Q.

Dear Mr. Wootten:

It is with reluctance that after so long an interval, I must refer to the loss of your son, Pilot Officer Harold Lester Wootten, but due to the lack of any information concerning him since he was reported missing, it must be regretfully accepted and officially recorded that he does not have a "known" grave.

Due to the extreme hazards attending air operations there are, unhappily many thousands of British aircrew boys who do not have "known" graves and all will be commemorated on General Memorials that will be erected at a number of locations by the Imperial War Graves Commission (of which Canada is a member), each Memorial representative of a theatre of operations. One of these Memorials will be erected at Malta, and the name of your son will appear on that Memorial.

The attached verification form was received from the Commission with the request that it be forwarded on to you for completion and return direct to them.

I realize that this is an extremely distressing letter and that there is no manner of conveying such information to you that would not add to your heartaches. I am fully aware that nothing I may say will lessen your great sorrow, but I would like to express to you and the members of your family my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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

Encls.

S.14. (Cas.) C.5. POST PRESUMPTION MEMORANDUM NO. 2667/47

FILE NUMBER. P. 414715/44 DATE 11.9.47.

Relating to SPITFIRE MA.459 Missing on 11.3.44.

Assumed Crashed in SEA.

NO.	RANK	NAME	BURIAL DETAILS	INFORMATION
			LOST AT SEA	ITALY
J.88872	P/O.	H.L. WOOTTEN	Nothing has been heard of this member since he was reported missing on 11.3.44. It is assumed he lost his life at sea.	Circumstantial report states aircraft flew from BORGO (CORSICA) to CAPODICHINO (ITALY) for inspection. Inspection completed pilot took off. Nothing further was heard of aircraft. It is assumed to be LOST AT SEA. CASE CLOSED.

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253 (HYDERABAD STATE) SQUADRON,
ROYAL AIR FORCE,
C.M.F.

7th. May 1944.

MR. J.L. Wootten,
Pene,
Cookshire,
P. Quebec,
Canada.

Dear Mr. Wootten,

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that your son W/O. H.L. Wootten (or "Wutt" as he was affectionately known on the Squadron) is missing from a flight.

Your son had been with the Squadron for many months, long before I personally joined it, and it was soon obvious to me that he was one of those "jolly good fellows" who was not only extremely popular, but was also respected by all ranks.

He had on all occasions and at all times shown himself to be a keen and capable pilot eager to engage the enemy, and indeed a very worthy member of the Unit and a credit to the Service.

Once again please allow me to express my sympathy and on behalf of my Officers, N.C.Os and men also.

Yours sincerely,

H Hopkinson

Squadron Leader, Commanding,
No. 253 (Hyderabad State) Squadron,
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

16 MAY 1944

AWAITING DM

TO AWA (OTTAWA)

LETTER RECEIVED 16-5
ORIGINAL SENT 19-5
COPY TO OTTAWA 22-5
PHOTOS SENT TO N/A

W0/2. Wanted HP Copy to Ottawa 22/5/44

REPORT ON FLYING ACCIDENT OR FORCED LANDING NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ENEMY ACTION.

Form 765 (C)
(*Revised Feb.*, 1943.)

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In every case copies of this form are to be rendered as follows :—

(i) One copy direct to Air Ministry, C.I. (Accidents).
(ii) Two copies direct to Air Ministry, (S.4. Statistics).
(iii) One copy direct to Ministry of Aircraft Production (R.M.I.).
(iv) One copy through usual channels to Command Headquarters.
[*In addition*, and *only* if casualties to airmen are involved.]
(v) One copy direct to Records Office.

Indicate here by an X to whom this copy is addressed.

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If this incident has been reported to the Air Ministry by signal, quote Reference No. and date.

T.134. 13/3/44.

1. UNIT No.253 (Hyderabd State) Squadron. | Group No. 242. | Command M.A. C.A.F. | Serial No. of Form 40.

2. DATE OF INCIDENT 11/3/44.

TIME A.M.

SITE OF INCIDENT

(*a*) Name of airfield or landing ground.....

(*b*) Place (if (*a*) not applicable) AT SEA.

(*c*) County .....

Part (*a*) to be completed if the incident occurred on, or whilst taking off from or approaching to land on an airfield or landing ground.

3. NATURE OF AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH FLIGHT AUTHORISED :—

Nature { (i) Operational or Non-operational ? Non-operational
(ii) Day or Night flying ? Day

(iii) Purpose Ferrying aircraft.

This flight is being included in this Unit's flying hour summary on { Form 765A / Form 765B } (Delete as necessary)

4. TYPE OF AIRFRAME AND ENGINE and extent of damage (*see* footnotes to this section).

Details of Airframe and Engine.	Airframe.	Engine. Single or Port.	Starboard.	Centre Port.	Centre Starboard.
Type	SPITFIRE.	Merlin			
Mark or series	IX	63			
R.A.F. No. (and makers' No. for engines)	MA.459. *a*	108521/ 352522. *a*	*a*	*a*	*a*
	b	*b*	*b*	*b*	*b*
Total hours run		*b*	*b*	*b*	*b*
Date last installed in Airframe	—				
c Extent of damage					

a To be quoted whenever an engine is damaged or fails.
b To be quoted only for incidents involving defect or failure of airframe or engines.
c To be indicated as :—
E = Missing, unrepairable, reduction to scrap or instructional. AC = For repair by contractor's working party.
B = For repair at contractor's works or R.A.F. Depot A = For repair by nearest R.A.F. unit. U = No damage.

5. All Occupants of Aircraft and Flying Experience of Pilots.

(i) Names to be entered in order of duty : 1st Pilot, 2nd Pilot, Pupil Pilots, etc.
(ii) Degree of injury to be classified as : Missing, Killed, Injured (admitted to Sick Quarters or Hospital), Slightly Injured (not admitted to Sick Quarters or Hospital), Uninjured. (Quote as M, K, I, I(s) or U as appropriate.)

Duty.	Name and Initials (Nationality to be quoted if not British).	Rank.	No.	Degree of Injury.	Flying Experience of Pilots and Pupil Pilots. *See* Note (ii)					
					Part A. Total Solo (Day & Night).		Part B (*see* Note (i) below). Solo (Night).		Part C (*see* Note (iii) below).	
					Type Quoted in Part 4.	All Types.	Type Quoted in Part 4.	All Types.	Instruments.	Link Trainer.
Pilot.	WOOTTEN H.L. (Canadian)	WO/2.	R.117696.	M.	110.55.	533.00.				

NOTE (i) Part B only to be quoted if incident occurred during night flying. (ii) Quote to nearest hour.
(iii) Part C only to be quoted if loss of control at night or in bad visibility or cloud by day is a possible contributory factor.

6. Stage of Flight.	7. Did Fire occur? If Yes, state "In air" or "On ground" as appropriate. If no fire state "No."	8. Conditions of Light in which Incident occurred.	9. If Incident occurred when taxying on, taking off from or landing on a runway state "Yes."
A. Picketed or at moorings. F. In flight. B. Starting up. G. Landing C. Stationary other than A or B. H. Towed or manhandled. D. Taxying. J. Not known. E. Taking off		A. Day (daylight). E. Moonlight. B. Dusk (half light of evening) F. Not known. C. Dawn (half light of morning). D. Dark (no moon or moon obscured).	
Quote A or B or C, etc., as appropriate ..... F.	Not known	Quote as A or B or C, etc , as appropriate and amplify in Part 12(B) if neccessary. ..... –	..... –

10. DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT (or summary of pilot's report, if available). In cases of engine failure information should be given as to the behaviour of the engine and manipulation of the engine controls immediately before failure.

Duration of flight since last take off : Hours..... Minutes..... If engine failure occurred during take off quote height.....

Pilot took off to fly from Capodichino to Bastia - Did not arrive.

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11 REPORT BY APPROPRIATE SPECIALIST OFFICERS (A. E. Nav., &c.) :—(i) If technical failure is involved information as to the nature and cause of the failure is required ; precise information as to the extent of the damage arising as a result of this failure is not required. (ii) If the non-embodiment of an authorised modification is considered to have contributed to the accident, the serial number of the modification and reason for non-embodiment should be stated.

No information available - aircraft presumed lost at sea.

NO. R.E. Humphreys, P/O.

Is Form 1022 or 1023 being rendered? } ..... Signature.....
If "Yes" state which }

12. REMARKS BY UNIT COMMANDER (to be given under three separate headings) :—

Part A. Remarks as to circumstances of the incident. (If it occurred at night on or near an airfield the nature of the lighting system in use at the time is to be noted in Part A.)

Part B. Diagnosis of all contributory factors. The manner in which any particular factor contributed to the incident is to be clearly indicated.

Part C. General remarks (including any recommendation with regard to personnel, training, airframes, engines, accessories, etc., and notes of any action taken as a result of this incident).

A. Pilot detailed to fly aircraft from Capodichino to Borgo.

B. Not known.

C. Owing to the fact the Squadron is on three weeks detachment at Borgo with a minimum if ground crew, aircraft due for 40 hour inspection were flown back to Capodichino. W/O.Wootten took off Capodichino the morning of the 11th March and did not arrive Borgo. A search is being made.

Signature H. Hopkinson, S/L. *Commanding* 253 (Hyderabad State) Squadron. *Date* 13/3/44

13. REMARKS BY STATION COMMANDER (and notes of any action taken as a result of this incident) :—

(i) Was any assistance rendered in rescue work after the accident, which is considered worthy of recommendation? Yes or No..... If any such assistance was rendered, the recommendation is to be forwarded separately.

(ii) Remarks.

Signature..... *Commanding*..... *Date*.....

(*11591—8836) Wt. 48544—3196 100,000 2/43 T.S. 700

W/O. Wootten HL
R 117696

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CIRCUMSTANTIAL REPORT ON W/O H.L. WOOTTEN (CAN.R.117696).

Owing to the fact that this Squadron was posted to Borgo on a three weeks' detachment, the minimum number of men were brought, leaving the Maintenance personnel at Capodichino. W/O Wootten flew an aircraft across to Capodichino on March 8th for a 40 hours inspection. The inspection was completed and the pilot took off from Capodichino at approximately 0830 hours on March 11th and no further news has yet been heard of him. I flew to Borgo on the morning of 13th, and found that the pilot had not returned. I took the normal casualty action.

This Unit's Signal T.134 dated 13/3 refers.

(Signed) H. HOPKINSON.
Squadron Leader, Commanding,
253 (Hyderabad State) Squadron
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Certified true copy of Circumstantial Report.

(Signed) ?????? F/Lt.
No. 253 (Hyderabad State) Squadron
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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[redacted] 10/3 WSG

Cookshire. Que. February 4 th. 1947

ESTATES BRANCH
MAR 7 1947
E.E. Q.
OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

Estates Branch. War Service Gratuity Section

308 Sparks Street,

Ottawa , Ont.

Dear Sirs:- Your File 88872(DAF) f62-5

I would appreciate very much if you would advise me if there is anything being done in the way of getting Pioleg Officer Harold Lester Wootten Gratuity fixed up. As I have not been advised of any progress in the last few monthes I would appreciate an early reply.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention in this matter . I am ,

Touys truly.

J. L. Wootten

Executor - Father

John L. Wootten

"Executor of the estate
of Harold L. Wootten
deceased"
Lookshire, P.O.

$503.66

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

DEPARTMENT ~~OF~~ NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY ═══ ARMY ═══ AIR FORCE

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STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME [redacted] Harold L (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Wootten (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO. E-16576-3
FILE NO. 31131
DATE 16 Jan/47
SERVICE NO. J88872
FINAL RANK OR RATING P/O
DATE OF DISCHARGE 11 Mar/44

PAYEE Receiver General of Canada
ADDRESS

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 11 Mar/44

					$	¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE						
NO. OF DAYS 958/30	EQUAL TO 31	COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50			232.50	
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE						
NO. OF DAYS 502	LESS 28	INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 474	DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY		118.50	
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE						
DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE						
PAY				$ 6.25		
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE				$ 1.70		
ADDITIONAL PAY				$		
				$		
				$		
				$		
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $				$		
TOTAL				$ 7.95	×7 = $ 55.65	
NO. OF DAYS 502/183					×$ 55.65	152.66
D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY						503.66
E. DEDUCTIONS	OVERPAYMENT OF	PAY AND ALLOWANCES		$		
		DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY		$		
	OTHER DEDUCTIONS			$		
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE						503.66

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

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

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

PREPARED BY	CHECKED BY
LG	LL

TREASURY
CHECKED BY [signature] DATE 22/1/47

[signature]
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ESTATES BRANCH

OTTAWA, CANADA

Date Sept 19th 1945

RECEIVED this date Treasury cheque for the sum of

One thousand two hundred and seventeen $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars ($ 1217.46)

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

J.88872 P/O Harold L. Wootten

ESTATES BRANCH
SEP 27 1945
E. Q.
OTTAWA
NATIONAL DEFENCE

№ 16901

Signature

A PART I

From:- Base Personnel Office. C.M.F.

Personal effects of 117096 (R) W/O. WOOTTON H.L.

To be forwarded by Registered Post to C/O Regimental Depository.R.A.F. Church Stretton.

One parcel containing:-

1 Rolls razor.
1 Steel mirror.
1 New Testament.
1 Book "R.A.F. in Pictures".
1 Book "Spitfire".
1 Book "Pompei".
1 Pocket book & cards.
1 Dictionary English - Italian.
1 Cherrywood pipe.
1 Red match case.
2 Cigarette lighters.
1 Paper knife.
1 Gillette razor in case.
3 Towels.
1 Face cloth.
1 Handkerchief unb.small.
1 Leather money belt.
1 Pocket torch.
1 Tooth brush in case.
1 Ornamental ring.
1 Eagle and crown badge.
2 Collar pin.
2 Photograph albums.
Collection view cards in oilskin folder.
8 Portrait photographs.
1 Large diary.
1 small diary maroon coloured.
1 Leather case containing private letters etc.
1 Diary (black) stiff cover.
1 Diary black (Italian).
1 Cardboard box containing:- Letters etc.
1 Fountain pen.

1 Plqtoes cigarette tin etc:- Snapshots etc.
1 ron francs note.
1 English 2/-piece.
1 " penny.
2 " pennies.
2 Cemadian 1 cents.
1 Yugoslavian 10 cents.

2 Keys.
1 Pa Clock.
1 Brevet pilots R.C.A.F

PART II

From: Duo personal effects O.R.P.

Personal effects office W/O.

SOUTH N.I.

To be forwarded by sea to 6A Infantry Brigade, B.A.O.R. Base Kit.

One suitcase containing:-

2	Blue aleuvian pillows.
2	Handkerchiefs assorted.
1	Kit cart black and white.
1	Pr. Blue slippers.
1	Pr. Gloves.
1	Pr. Black leather shoes.
1	Pr. Brown fibre.
1	Pr. Civilian trousers.
1	Civilian jacket.
1	White tool count.
10	Pr. socks assorted.
1	pr. black satin shorts.
5	Grey cotton shirts.
1	Pr. Mittens.
1	Silk and chenile bedjacent.
2	pr. shorts (U/wear).
1	Vest

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W I L L

R.C.A.F. r.60

(1) I WOOTTEN Harold Lester of the Town of Cookshire in the District of Province of Quebec, N/A a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number R117696 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 John Lester Wootten, of Cookshire, Que. My whole estate

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

(4) I appoint my Father Mr John Lester Wootten of the above address to be the Executor of this my Last Will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of July 1941.

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.) (signed) H.L. Wooten

(5) Signature (signed) W.A. Hayman

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

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Province of Quebec IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

District of St.Francis

BE I T REMEMBERED that on the seventh day of the month of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five, at the City of Sherbrooke, in the District of St.Francis;

BEFORE ME, Albert Désilets, Prothonotary of the Superior Court for the Province of Quebec, in the District of St.Francis;

CAME AND APPEARED :- John Lester Wootten, of the Town of Cookshire, in the District of St.Francis, Lumberman, acting herein in his quality of sole universal legatee duly named under the Will and Testament hereinafter mentioned,

PETITIONER

for the Probate of the Will and Testament of his son, the late Pilot-Officer Harold Lester Wootten, and Officer of the Royal Canadian Air Force ; said Will and Testament made and executed in the form derived from the Laws of England, before witnesses, and bearing date the twenty-ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one, is hereunto annexed and marked "A";

THE EXECUTION of the said Will and Testament having been duly proved before me by the deposition of the said John Lester Wootten, Petitioner;

I APPROVE of the said Will and Testament as and for the Last Will and Testament of the said late Harold Lester Wootten, AWARD PROBATE thereof and ORDER that the said Will and Testament be enregistered in the registers of the Superior Court and exemplification thereof granted according to law;

WITNESS THE SEAL of the Superior Court and my signature hereunto affixed at the City of Sherbrooke, in the District of St.Francis, this seventh day of February, one

thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

(signed) ALBERT DESILETS

P.S.C.

C A N A D A

Province of Quebec IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

District of St. Francis

I, the undersigned, Albert Désilets, Prothonotary of the Superior Court for the Province of Quebec, in the District of St. Francis, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Last Will and Testament and of the Probate thereof of the late Pilot Officer Harold Lester Wootten, and Officer of the Royal Canadian Air Force; the original whereof remains of record in my office and of which original I am the legal custodian.

SHERBROOKE, in the District of St. Francis, this ninth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

P.S.C.

SUPERIOR COURT

District of St. Francis

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Last Will and Testament

and Probate thereof

of the late

Harold Lester Wootten.

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C O P Y

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ESTATES BRANCH
MAR 1 1945
H. Q. OTTAWA.
NATIONAL DEFENCE

Mr John L. Wootten,
Cookshire, Que.

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

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

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. 1022-W-1805 FD 19

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ESTATES BRANCH
OTTAWA, ONT.

6 Feb. 194 5

ESTATES BRANCH FEB 15 1945 H.Q. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

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

WOOTTEN, Harold Lester P/O

J88872 R.C.A.F. O/S

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

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

H Lumsden Lt/o
for Director of Estates.

FEM/IDS

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

ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

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

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for		INFORMANT'S STATEMENT: NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree specified	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative
1	Widow of the Deceased.....		Not married.		Nil
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....		Nil		Nil
3	Father of the Deceased.....		JOHN L. WOOTTEN		Cookshire, Que.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....		EVA (KERR) WOOTTEN		Cookshire, Que.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	None		Nil
		Half Blood	None		Nil
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	BARBARA JUNE VOGELL RUTH EVA WOOTTEN		Cookshire, Que. Cookshire, Que.
		Half Blood	None		Nil
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, *who are dead*, and date of death of each.		Names and ages of their children (if any)		Address of their children
	None		Nil		Nil

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE

PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	WOOTTEN, Harold Lester P/O.
9	Date of his birth.	28th. December 1920.
10	Place and date of his marriage.	Nil
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Cookshire, Que.

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Cookshire, Que.
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	*(a)* Cookshire, Que. (all his life) *(b)* *(c)* *(d)*
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Still going to College.
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	No
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	Cookshire, Que.

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	Yes
18	If married, and domiciled in the Province of Quebec or in a State in the U.S.A. or in a Country under the laws of which there is community of property between spouses,—was there a marriage contract dealing with property?	Nil
19	Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? If so, give name and address of bank, etc., and the amount on deposit. Do you wish it administered with the pay account?	No
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	Nil
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	Nil
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	Sun Life Assurance Co. Policy - $2000.00 payable to Father John L. Wootten
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	None

OTHER PARTICULARS

24	Did the deceased after enlistment incur any debts for:— *(a)* His own separate board and lodging while on service. *(b)* Service clothing and equipment. An itemized account for each such debt should be attached hereto, and if same is correct you should mark the bill "approved" and sign same. If believed incorrect, give particulars.	No
25	Have you or any other relative paid the funeral expenses or any part thereof? If so, attach itemized accounts showing amount paid, and by whom.	Nil
	(NOTE:—The government pays funeral expenses within the amounts authorized in the Regulations, where death occurs and burial is made Overseas as well as where death occurs and burial is made in Canada or elsewhere in the North American zone, and if a relative has already paid those expenses the Government will reimburse such relative to the extent of the amount authorized in the Regulations. Any amount of such expenses in excess of those authorized in the Regulations is not payable by the Government nor is it chargeable against the service estate of the deceased.)	

(PLEASE TURN OVER)

NIL

DECLARATION

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

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

*.....Father.....of the deceased.

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

.....J. L. Wootten..... {Signature of Informant

.....Cookshire, Que.....Address

CERTIFICATE

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

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

Dated at....Sherbrooke, Que.....this.....13th.....day of.....February.....19.45.

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

.....B. L. Hollaw KC..... Qualification.....
COMMISSIONER SUPERIOR COURT
DISTRICT OF ST. FRANCIS.

Address.....44b Wellington No. - Sherbrooke, Que.

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

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

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

OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER J88872 ~~(R117696)~~ RANK P/O UNIT 253 SQDN MAAF ALGIERS

TRADE PILOT (G.L.)

NAME WOOTTEN, HAROLD LESTER

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

PRESENT MARITAL STATUS SINGLE RELIGION U.C. CANADIAN YES

FRENCH CANADIAN OTHER

NEXT OF KIN MR JOHN LESTER WOOTTEN

RELATIONSHIP FATHER

ADDRESS COOKSHIRE, QUEBEC

FATHER'S NAME MR & MRS JOHN LESTER WOOTTEN

ADDRESS COOKSHIRE QUEBEC LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

MOTHER'S NAME

ADDRESS LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT COOKSHIRE QUEBEC MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT SINGLE

OCCUPATION STUDENT

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

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

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

CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO.

BOMBER MAIL LETTER------d-6-JAN-45

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 11-MAR-44 AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS) (~~CHAPODICHINO AREA OF NAPLES ITALY~~) (BETWEEN CHAPODICHING APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES NORTH EAST OF NAPIES, ITALY, AND BASTIA, CORSICA ISLAND)

NOW "PRESUMED"DEAD" 11-MAR-44 FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES

ESTATES BRANCH FEB 3 1945 H. Q. 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 27-JAN-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

67895

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

Royal Canadian Air Force

CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

NO. 10800

This is to Certify that

J88072 PILOT OFFICER HAROLD LESTER WOOTTEN R.C.A.F.
(Number) (Rank) (Name in Full) (Unit)

has been officially reported as missing since the 11TH day of MARCH, 1944, and that, full inquiries having been made, no information has been received which would indicate that he may be still alive. For official purposes, therefore, he is presumed to have died on or since the above mentioned date.

Dated at Ottawa, Canada, this 29TH day of JANUARY 1945

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

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

The Secretary,
Department of National Defence for Air,
OTTAWA, Canada.

1022-W-1805 (R.O.A.)

Ottawa, Canada, 29th March, 1944.

Mr. J.L. Wootten,
Cookshire,
Quebec.

Dear Mr. Wootten:

It is my painful duty to confirm the telegram recently received by you which informed you that your son, Warrant Officer First Class Harold Lester Wootten, is reported missing on Active Service.

Advice has been received from the Royal Canadian Air Force Casualties Officer, Overseas, that your son was the sole occupant of an aircraft which failed to reach its destination on a flight from Chapodiching, approximately five miles north east of Naples, Italy, to Bastia, at the Northern tip of Corsica Island on March 11th, 1944.

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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

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ADDRESS REPLY TO:

The Secretary,
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OTTAWA, Canada.

1022-W-1805 (R.O.4)

Ottawa, Canada, 29th March, 1944.

Mr. J.L. Wooten,
Cookshire,
Quebec.

Dear Mr. Wooten:

It is my painful futy to confirm the telegram recently received by you which informed you that your son, Warrant Officer First Class Harold Lester Woote

SJ088872 WOOTTEN HAROLD L — POB

1 NUMBER — 9 NAME — 29 RANK

SERVICE AWARD CARD

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

PREFIX — NUMBER — NAME — RANK — COD

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John L. Wootten (Father)
Cookshire,
Que.

aug.-45.

MEMORIAL B R
DATE DESP
REGN. NO 3882

NAME WOOTTEN, Harold Lester FILE NO. 1022-W-1805

RANK Pilot OFFICER CATEGORY PRES. DEAD REG. NO. J88872

DATE OF DEATH: 11 Mar. /44 MOTHER LIVING: YES WIFE: NA

MINISTERIAL CARD: 5-4-44 ROYAL MESSAGE: MAY 29 1945 MEMORIAL CROSS TO CHAPLAIN:

To mother & father DEL'D TO MOTHER: MAY 28 1945

To Mother and Father- DEL'D TO WIFE:

MAR 1 1945

Mr. & Mrs. John Lester Wootten,
Cookshire,
Quebec.

COMMAND:

RELIGION:

MB

AIR FORCE No. ~~R117696~~

SURNAME: WOOTTEN, FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES: HAROLD LESTER

ENLISTMENT PLACE Montreal P.Q. DATE 28-7-41 — RE-ENLISTMENT

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

J.88872

OFFICER RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

13 Comm. 10-3-44.

R.C.A.F. FORM R44(B) 30M-3-41 (9762) H.Q. 1062-3-56

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.
208	IMD Toronto	28	7	41	IMD 179
SOS	IMD Toronto	9	8	41	IMD 189
TOS	ISF Camp Borden	10	8	41	ISF 156
SOS	ISF Camp Borden	10	10	41	ISF 201
TOS	SITS Belleville Ont.	11	10	41	SITS 59
SOS	SITS Belleville	6	12	41	SITS 106
208	11 EFTS Cap de la Madeleine	7	12	41	11 R 766
SOS	11 R7 Cap de la Madeleine	28	2	42	11 E 714
TOS	8 S.F. Moncton	1	3	42	8 S F 53
					P/O 10-3-44/AP1R245/16-10-44 — AFRO 2274
Ad	8 S.F. Moncton	12	7	42	8 S 7145
TOS	1 C.F.O. St. Laguenay	13	7	42	1-01 M.T.
SOS	10 T.W. Dartmouth	24	10	42	10 T.W. 70
TOS	#1 N.D. Depot Halifax	26	10	42	1 Y 301
SOS	10 A.F.U. Torquay Paul Boulogne Prud	27	10	42	1 Y 314
SOS	P.R.C. to 5 4 0 Sqdn	24	11	42	R.A.F. 98
TOS	R.C.A.F. P.R.C.	5	11	42	R 47 87
	Presumed Dead. 11 Mar. 44. DCL 9254/19 Jan. 45.				
SOS	4 Overseas	22	10	42	E 551
	Missing	11	3	44	
	PCX 332 16-3-44				
	Discontinued	11	10	44	

2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.

RANK	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
A.C.2	28	7	41	IMD 179
Lac	6	12	41	SITS 106
6				
J/Lgt (Pd)	19	6	42	8 S 7145
T/Flt/Sgt (Pd)	19	12	42	8 B 647
P/W/O 2 pd.	19	6	43	8 B 747
T/W/O 1 (Pd)	19	12	43	G B 866
				G B 1106 AFRO 2274

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.
24-7-41	R 100	A/A 5 B	

4. TRADE AND CHARACTER

TRADE	GROUP	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
P. O.	S	28	7	41	IMD 179
Aircraftsman/P		6	12	41	SITS 106
302 S.					
AP	rsc 50	19	6	42	8 B 7145
Pilot	J. L.	10	3	44	P/O R245/16-10-44

TRADE PROFICIENCY	CHARACTER ASSESSMENT	DATE OF R41

5. COURSES-TESTS-ETC.

SUBJECT	RESULT	DATE	AUTHORITY
Rapid Reference 50	68-71	19 6 42	1874-8SF

6. LEAVE

FROM	TO	DAYS	REMARKS	D.R.O.
25-8-41	27-8-41	2		1 S F 171.
16-2-42	28-2-42	13	annual	11 R 714
29-6-42	12-7-42	14	Pre-embarkation	8 S F 145
11-10-42	24-10-42	14	"	10 T.W. 70

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

AIR FORCE No. ~~J 11496~~ R

WOOTTEN, HAROLD LESTER
SURNAME FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES

ENLISTMENT PLACE Montreal, P.Q. DATE 28-7-41
RE-ENLISTMENT

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

(J.88872

OFFICER RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

Comm 10-3-44

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

7. BIRTH: DATE 28-12-21 PLACE Sherbrooke P.Q. CITIZENSHIP British

FATHER (FULL NAME) John Lester Wootten

BIRTHPLACE Scotstown, P.Q.

MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) Eva Clarissa Kerr

BIRTHPLACE Island P.Q.

8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE X P.Q.
JUNIOR MATRICULATION X (Eps - Two)
SENIOR MATRICULATION
TECHNICAL SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY Lasalle Course 2 yrs. 1939-41
CORRESPONDENCE COURSES 4

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

Nil

9500

10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE

Bishop's college C.O.T.C. Lennoxville, Cadet 2 yrs

6

11. HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS

	AUTHORITY	DATE
Pilot's Flying Badge	~~J~~ 87145	1-6-42
1939-43 Star, Rosette	DB 61-110	25-12-43

12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)

SOLO	DUAL	PASSENGER

13. RELIGION Protestant Presbyterian 4

14. LANGUAGES English fluently 1

15. SPORTS Hockey, tennis, swimming, skiing

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

WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME)
PLACE OF MARRIAGE DATE
AUTHORITY (IF AFTER ENLISTMENT)

1

17. MARRIED ESTABLISHMENT

REMARKS	RANK	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.

18. CHILDREN

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

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

FULL NAME: Mrs. John Lester Wootten RELATIONSHIP Father
ADDRESS: Cookshire P.Q. D.R.O.
FULL NAME: RELATIONSHIP
ADDRESS: D.R.O.

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

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

21. ENGAGEMENTS

TERM	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.	TERM	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.
Duration	28 7 41				

22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

FROM	TO	DATE	D.R.O.
Reported & occupg	Qtrs & draw rtns.	29-7-41	1MD179
Occ. govt. qtrs.	& dr. rtns.	10-10-41	5ITS59
Special Leave Trans. warrant 85858			11871?
Occ govt qtrs	& draw rtns	1-3-42	88F53
Sped. Leave	DW C 103407		87145

22.(A) ADDRESS PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT

Cookshire P.Q.

21602

23. DOCUMENT CONTROL (INDICATE RECEIPT BY DATE)

R60	R79	B465	X-RAY	AFM-13	IDN. CARD	
	FEB 10 '42					K.K.

AIR FORCE No. ~~R117696~~ J.88872

WOOTTEN, HAROLD LESTER

SURNAME — FULL CHRISTIAN NAME

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE Montreal, P.Q.
DATE 28-7-41

RELIGION C. Protestant Presbyterian

R.C.A.F. FORM R230

TYPE OF LEAVE

FROM	TO	No. DAYS	DESCRIPTION	AUTH.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ON WHICH MOST PROFICIENT

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

SERVICE MACHINES FLOWN

HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

DATE	AWARD	AUTHORITY
19 6 42	Pilots Flying Badge.	8 SJ 145
	1939/43 Star & Rosette	253 Sqdn 2/44
15 1 44	C V S H [redacted] 12	253 Sqd. 6/44

POSTINGS, ATTACHMENTS & TEMPORARY DUTY

SOS TOS	FROM TO	DATE	AUTHORITY
S.O.S.	10 Dd Bagotville	24 10 42	1470 TO
SOS	4 PD Z RAF Trainee Pool	23 10 42	14 3 14
	Disembarked U.K.	4 11 42	E 551
SOS to	560 T U.	24 11 42	96/20.
SOS to	1 P.D.C. Supy	30 1 43	31/21.
Emb for	E A C Africa	6 2 43	M. 2.
SOS to	Practice Flt. N.WAAF	19 4 43	1/43.
SOS to	253 Sqdn	24 4 43	2/43.
F/B	Missing from 253 Sqd. (ME)	11 3 44	253 Sqd. 3/44 AFRO 874/44 shows in date 11/3/44 CR 439 3 BPD 25/4/44 awaiting amendment by AFRO
S.O.S	253 Sqd to 3 BPD (N/E)	12 3 44	253 Sqd. 3/44
TOS	Repat N/E Units (m)	12 3 44	N.E.U 23/44
	Presumed Dead.		C.L. 669.
			AFRO. 239.

ALL OTHER CASUALTIES

CASUALTY AND DATE	AUTHORITY

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSESSMENT

DATE	CHARACTER	TRADE ASSESSMENT

000441

Emb 28/10/42

AIR FORCE No. J. 88872 / R 117696

SURNAME: Wootten — FULL CHRISTIAN NAME: Harold Lester

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE: Montreal, P.Q.
DATE: 28-7-41

RELIGION: Protestant Presbyterian

COMM.

R.C.A.F. FORM R230
100M-3-43 (3137)
H.Q. 555-R-230

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

BIRTH DATE	PLACE	COUNTRY	CITIZENSHIP	RACIAL ORIGIN
28-12-21	Sherbrooke, P.Q.	Canada	British	

CIVIL EDUCATION

PUBLIC SCHOOL	JUNIOR MATRICULATION 4 yrs - Que.
HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE	SENIOR MATRICULATION
TECHNICAL SCHOOL	UNIVERSITY
CORR./BUSINESS COURSES	LANGUAGES SPOKEN

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

9500	

PREVIOUS SERVICE

Bishop's college C.O.T.C. Lennoxville, Cadet - 2 yrs.

PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY	PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY
24-7-41	A1B / A3B		

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWER, DIVORCED	Single
WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME) OR HUSBAND	
PRESENT ADDRESS (IN PENCIL)	
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE
AUTHORITY (IF AFTER APPOINTMENT/ENLISTMENT)	

CHILDREN

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

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

Mr. John Lester Wootten father - Cookshire, P.Q.

EMPLOYMENT AS INSTRUCTOR OFFICER AIRMAN/AIRWOMAN

TYPE	FROM	TO	TYPE	FROM	TO

OFFICERS

RANK, BRANCH AND CATEGORY	DATE	AUTH.	DUTIES PERFORMED DURING SERVICE, E.G. ADJ.
P/O R(S.S.) Z.G. PILOT	10 3 44	O.O. 1106/44	C.R. 651

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

AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN

RANK	DATE	AUTH.	TRADE	DATE	AUTH.
AC2	28 7 41	1MD179	P. D. "J"	28 7 41	1MD179
LAC	6 12 41	51 TS 106	Aircrew/P	6 12 41	51 TS 106
T/Sgt (Pte)	19 6 42	8 Sqn 145	A/P Gnr 50	19 6 42	8 Sqn 145
T/P/Sgt	19 12 42	O/O 647/43			
T/W O II	19 6 43	O/O 747/43			
T/WOI	19 12 43	2663 Wg 253 Wg 4444			

OFFICERS, AIRMEN/AIRWOMEN

COURSE OR TRADE	GRP.	%	PF	DATE
Pupil Pilot Course		68.71		19 6 42

000442

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

INTERVIEW REPORT

SURNAME.....WOOTTEN.....

CHRISTIAN NAME....HAROLD LESTER.....

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

N.F.

FLY ING

AGE ~~20~~ 19.....
HEIGHT...5'10.....
WEIGHT....142....

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

EDUCATIONAL:- NUMBER OF YEARS.....

High School....4 yrs....Technical.....Commercial.

University (Name and Dates of Attendance)...1939-41

Bishops College - Science

Standing other Countries....Nil.....

FLYING EXPERIENCE:- Total hours

N O N E

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

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

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

.....N.O.N.E.....

MILITARY AND OTHER TRAINING:-

...Bishops College 1939-41.....

...No employment - being still at College.....

SPORTS:-(What branches)...Hockey, tennis, swimming, skiing.

HOBBIES:-.....Sports.....

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

Good solid mentality, determined, good education, and intelligent...Would command respect.....

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

CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR COMMISSIONED RANK?...Yes.....

BEST FITTED FOR...Pilot.....

DATE: 24-7-41

RECRUITING CENTRE: Montreal, P.Q.

A.F.M.5

A. K. L. Lapointe F/O
Signature of Officer
for
F. W. McCrea F.O.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pilot Observer WAG (STD)

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

A.F. No.	Surname	Christian Names	Religion
~~R117691~~ J88872.	Stratten	Harold Lester	Presbyterian

Born 28/12/19 Place Lake Brooke P.Q. Country Canada Citizen of Canada Racial Origin Canadian

ENLISTMENT

Date 28/7/41.
At Montreal P.Q.
Term Duration

CIVIL EDUCATION

High School Entrance — Jr. Mat. — Sr. Mat. ✓
Technical School — Corres. Courses
University

PREVIOUS SERVICE

C.O.T.C. Bishop College 1939-1941

Rank	Date	Med. Cat.	Date
AC 2	28 7 41	A1 A9/10	24 7 41.
LAC	6 12 41		
Sgt.	19 6 42		
P/O 00	10 06/44	10 11 44.	

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

None

COURSES AND TRADE TESTS

Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.	Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.
P-O. Std Aircrew Pilot				6 12 41					
Elem. Pilot Spec.				19 6 42					

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY M / S D

Wife — Maiden Name — Present Address (in pencil)

Children	Names	Date of Birth	Place of Birth

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

Mr. John Lester Stratten Father
Cookshire P.Q.

LEAVE

From	To	Auth. and Description
25-8-41	27-8-41	DRO 171 2 days
29-6-42	12-7-42	Appx. 345 14 days
M. 10.42.	24.10.42. (14)	Pre Emb. DRO 70/42

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

Date	Character	Trade and Assm.	Honours and Awards	Signature

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date
MW R13	R/e Middle	#1 MD Toronto Ont.	28/7/41
		DRO 179/41	
~~DRO~~ - 189 - 41	#1 MD Toronto	#1 SFTS Camp Borden	9-8-41
DRO 201	#1 SFTS	#5 ITS	
" 106	C Borden	Belleville	10-10-41
	#5 I.T.S.	#11 E.F.T.S.	6-12-41
D.R.O. 17/42.	Belleville	Ste de la Madeleine Que from Sherbrooke P.Q. to Cookshire, P.Q.	26/2/42.

Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date
DRO 53	#8 E.F.T.S. Ste de la Madeleine Quebec	#8 E.F.T.S. Moncton NB	1-3-42
DRO 145 - Award - Fly Badge			19-6-42
DRO 145	Jas. S. W.C 10340	Appointed to Cookshire Det.	
DRO 146	No 8 SFTS Moncton	No. 1 (F) OTU Sagenay	Eff. 12-7-42
DRO 69/42 Ext to	Rat all (2)	2/c to 12-7-42	
DRO 70/42 Ext to	Rat all (14)	25.10.42 to 24.10.42	
DRO 70/42 SOS.	10 T.D. Bagotville P.Q.	1 Y Depot Halifax N.S	24.10.42

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

(OVER)

D.R.O. 314	No 1 Wksp Halifax Camp Emp	RAF TP CamEmb U.K	27-10-42 28. 10 42. 4 11 42				
	INT 3	3 PRC	5. 11. 42				
21/42 (20/98) 1/43 31/43 (21/31)	3. P.R.C. 56. OTU	56. OTU 1 P.D.C. SUPPY	24-11-42. 20. 1. 43				

Finger Printed
Date 27-7-41
Initials EB

Confidential

R.A.F.—TRAINING REPORT

R.A.F. Form

6938.

PILOT

No. 56 OPERATION TRAINING UNIT

1. Surname WOOTTEN (CANADIAN) Christian Names HAROLD

2. Number R.117696 3. Rank SGT. 4. Course No. 52

5. Posted From — to No.1 (Can) O.T.U. 6. Date course commenced 2/.11.42 7. Date course ended 12.1.43 8. Posted to Overseas

9. Ground Examinations

Subject	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
(a) Airmanship	300	200
(b) Armament	300	225
(c) Meteorology	100	55
(d) Navigation	200	115
(e) Signals	100	95
Total	1,000	690
PER CENT.		69

10. Flying Tests

Subject	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
(a) General Flying	400	280
(b) Applied Flying	200	130
(c) Instrument Flying ...	250	-
(d) Night Flying	100	65
(e) Link Trainer	50	38
Total	1,000	513
PER CENT.		68.4

11. Assessment of qualities of Character and Leadership	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
	100	70

12. **Remarks :** An average pilot. Capable and keen. Good type of N.C.O.
Has worked hard.

1. Intelligence examination result:- 69%
2. Exercises not carried out:- No. 23
3. No. of rounds fired:-
   i) Air to air 4060
   ii) Air to ground 800
   iii) Hits 3.03%
   iv) Film exposed 138 ft.

Date 12.1.43 Signed [signature] Flt. Lieutenant
Officer Commanding.
No. 56 O.T.U., R.A.F., Ternhill.

(N.B.—Flying Times and Accident Record shown overleaf.)

(At this Unit) :

Type of Aircraft	Time	Dual to 1st Solo	Total dual	Solo	Passenger	Formation	Instrument	Link Trainer
MASTER 1. HURRICANE 1.	Day ...	.35	1.00	23.15		8.20		12.00
HURRICANE 1.	Night...			1.15				

14. **Flying Accidents.—All** flying accidents in which this pupil was concerned while at this unit are to be noted below, whether serious or trivial, whether otherwise reported or not. If there were no such accidents, write in " None."

(1) Type of Aircraft	(2) Date of Accident	(3) Day or Night	(4) Previous Reports	(5) Nature of Accident	(6) Amount of Damage	(7) Degree of pupil's responsibility	
							Comment
(Name)	Day Month Year	" D " or " N "	e.g. 765c Number or other reports (if any)	Use one or two words (e.g. " Taxying " " Heavy Landing " " Over-shooting " etc.)	" R.U." " R.X.U." or " W.O."*	" None " " Partial " " Full " or " Unknown "	e.g. " Engine Failure " " Inexperience " " Carelessness," etc.
			NONE.				

* Column (6) above : " R.U." —Repairable at Unit.
" R.X.U." —Repairable away from Unit.
" W.O." —Write off.

(*10275) Wt. 22833—1285 20,000 8/42 T.S. 700
(*10881—10275) Wt. 33592—2219 2219 25,000 11/42 T.S. 700

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

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Official No. CAN R 117696 / 188872 Name WOOTTEN, Harold Leslie Rank ~~Sgt.~~ P/O ~~W.O.2~~

(In full in block capitals, surname first). (Or acting appointment).

R.A.F. Trade Pilot (2) Special Qualifications —

(e.g., Gas Instructor, Fire Fighter, Boxing Instructor).

Date of Birth 28.12.[illegible]21 Religion Presby Occupation in Civil Life —

Last Enlisted 28.7.41 Current Engagement Duf War.

If a member of the Auxiliary Air Force —

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

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

Mrs J L Wootten, Pene, Cookshire P.Q (Father)

Name, address and relationship of person (or persons) to be informed of casualties (to be entered in pencil).

(If this person is the legal next of kin, it is only necessary to insert here " Next of Kin.")

N.K

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.
1.O.T.U.	1.Y.Depot.	24.10.42		Pos.O. Std A/C2	28.7.41.
1.Y.Depot	R.A.F.T.P.	24.10.42		Pilot LAC	6.12.41
	Emb. Can.	28.10.42.		Spec. (2) Sgt.	19.6.42
	U.K.	4.11.42	POR 13/43.	Promoted F/Sgt.	19.12.42.
INT.3	3.P.R.C.	5.11.42	" 1/44	Promoted W.O.2.	19.6.43
21/42. 3.P.R.C.	56 O.T.U.	24.11.42.	" 4/44	Promoted W.O.1.	19.12.43
56 O.T.U.	No.1 P.D.C.	30-1-43.			
Aircrew Personnel Depot.	Fighters Practice Flight.	19.x.43.			
Practice Flight Detd	253 6G3 Squadron	24.4.43			
Missing from Ops		11.3.44			
CAN 3/44. 253 Sqdn.	3 BPO. (N/E)	12.3.44			
Presumed Dead.		11.3.44	CR669		
Discharged on app. to Commission		9.3.44	O/01106/44		

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.

(*10349) Wt. 23821—1216 100M 8/42 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., admission to hospital when posted to N.E. strength ; death ; etc. ; also on 31st December each year.)

Rank.	Character.	Trade Classification.	Proficiency. A	Proficiency. B	Proficiency. C	Whether specially recommended, recommended, or not recommended for promotion or reclassification.	Date.	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.
Sgt.	V.G.	Pilot II.	Sat.	Sat.			31-12-42	[illegible] S/Ldr
Sgt.	V.G.	Pilot II					30-1-43.	[illegible] S/Ldr
Sgt.	V.G.	Pilot II.	On Reinforcement			Pool strength only.	19.4.43.	[illegible] F/Lt.
Sgt.	V.G.	Pilot (2)	On strength for [illegible]			[illegible] month	24.4.43	[illegible] S/Ldr
F/S.	V.G.	"	Sat	Supr.	—	Recd.	31.12.43	[illegible] S/Ldr
W/O2.	VG.	"	Sat.	Supr.	—		12.4.44.	[illegible] S/Ldr

ON STRENGTH FOR TRAINING ONLY

23/42. 17.11.42 23.11.42 Privilege Leave - 7 days (wed.) Rw. 866656 [illegible]

Record of Leave and Issue of Free Travelling Warrants

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.
MOAF/1803/14/P2b 25-12-43	1939-43 Star ribbon issued.	

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CONFIDENTIAL

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

R.C.A.F. M.3
150M—8-40 (6421)
H.Q. 1062-10-2

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Medical Board held at Montreal, P.Q. *Date* 24-7-41

FILE NUMBER

R117696

Surname WOOTTEN *Chr. Names* HAROLD LESTER

Nature of Commission M-2-1 *Date of Birth* 28-12-~~21~~ 21 *Married or Single* S

Branch Gen. List. *Hours Flown* None 1 flight in Yale as passenger.

Address Cookshire, 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")	knocked out - no complications
	Insomnia, Nightmares, Sleep-walking, or Bed-wetting	NO
(ii)	LUNG TROUBLE or Consumption	NO
	Bronchitis, Pneumonia or Pleurisy	NO
	Asthma or Hay Fever	Asthma when young, NO attacks since 12 yrs. old.
(iii)	HEART DISEASE, "Weak or Strained Heart"	NO
	Fainting Attacks or Giddiness	NO
	Rheumatism, Rheumatic Fever or "Growing Pains"	NO
	Frequent Sore Throats or Tonsillitis	NO
	Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever or Scarlatina	NO
(iv)	STOMACH or BOWEL TROUBLE	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	Terminal phalanx rt. index finger lost 1934, measles, mumps, whooping cough.

Last attack 8 yrs ago - came on near horses or exposure to dust. Hay fever mild for short interval sometime in Summer 1940

Education 4 yrs. High School, 1 yr. college sound & math. (Bishop's College)

Present Occupation student Hobbies None

Previous Service None

Athletics hockey, basketball, school teams - done sports moderately

Habits—Smoking None Alcohol None

FAMILY HISTORY—Consumption NO

Nervous Ailments, Mental Trouble, or "Fits" NO

Father Alive—Health good (asthmatic) Dead—Cause

Mother Alive—Health good Dead—Cause

Brothers 0 (....) Alive—Health 1 (....) Dead—Cause birth

Sisters 2 (....) Alive—Health good 0 (....) Dead—Cause

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

Date 24-7-41 *Signature* H. L. Wootten *Witness* W. G. Thomson Flt. Lt.

GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EXAMINATION

Impression given by *(a)* Physique athletic *(b)* Mentality alert
Body Marks, Scars, Deformities None
Size of Thyroid Gland N
Surgical Abnormalities None
Results of Wounds, Injuries, Operations None

	Date 24-7-41	Assessing Room	Date 7/11/41	Assessing Room	Date	Assessing Room	Remarks on any Abnormalities Found
Height (ins.)	68½		69.				
Weight (lbs.)	137		147				Date
Chest Circumference (ins.)	31-33						
Body Build (lbs.)	-2		+8				
Leg Length (ins.)	40						
Pulse Rate — Sitting	84		60				
Pulse Rate — Standing 1st	108		72				
Pulse Rate — Standing 2nd	96		66.				
Pulse Rate — After Exercise	120		84				
Pulse Rate — Time to Normal	40		40.				
Arterial Walls	soft						
Blood Pressure — Systolic	130		134				
Blood Pressure — Diastolic	75		80.				
Heart — Size	N		N				
Heart — Sounds	N						
Heart — Rhythm	N						
Lungs	N		N				
Breath held	65						
Expiratory Force	170						Date
Vital Capacity (Best of 5)							
Reflexes — Knee	N		N				
Reflexes — Ankle	N						
Reflexes — Triceps	N						
Reflexes — Abdominal	N						
Reflexes — Plantar	Pl						
Cranial Nerves	N						
Balancing Rod	R. L. 1S 1S	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	
Self Balancing	R. L. 1S 1S	R. L.	R. L. 1½S 1½S	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	
Tremors — Fingers	SF		SC				
Tremors — Eyelids	SF		SC				Date
Abdomen — Liver	N		N				
Abdomen — Spleen	N						
Abdomen — Muscular Tone	N						
Urine — Albumen	neg.		neg				
Urine — Sugar	neg.		neg				
Initials of M.O.	[illegible]						

40 mm. Hg. Test 7/899,1099,876,666,6 = 65 secs.
Date 7/11/41 60-S 8/899/888/988/887
Date
Date
Date
Date

Remarks by Consultant.

Wants 1. Pilot.
2. Obs
3. WAG

Good average or better (4)
Quiet. Steady. Pleasant.
Good education.

[illegible] Barker

Night Vision Test B'Mth. 13/11/42. 21/32.

EYE EXAMINATION

History	Neg.	Right Lenticel O.S. Macula eye.	
Visual Acuity	R. 20/20, c̄ 2.25 = 20/200	20/15-3 c̄ 2-50 : Blur	
	L. 20/20, c̄ 2.25 = 20/200	20/15-1 c̄ 2.50 : Blur	
Colour Vision	defective unsafe Ish.	C.D.M. Ishihara 9.	
Red, Green	Ortho	6m. Ortho M.R. 25cm. Exo = 13D	
Diaphragm Test (P.D. = 62 mm)	bar at 3		
Convergence C. =	9 cms.	8-5 cm.	
Convergence S.C. =	10 cms.	14.5 cm.	
Accommodation R.	10	9 "	
Accommodation L.	10	10 "	
Cover Test	no conv. or div.	6m = Ortho 25cm Exo = 13D	
Fundi and Media	N	N.	
Fields	N	N	
Remarks:	passed Giles Archer lamp	Fit. Crossed Dominance C.D.M. but has passed A.G. lamp.	
	Initials of M.O. J.S.	Initials of M.O. N.F.O'T.	Initials of M.O.
	Date 24-7-41	Date 7 Nov. 7/41	Date

EXAMINATION OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

History	Neg.		
Hearing R. Ear	W.V. 20	W.V. 20'	
Hearing L. Ear	W.V. 20	W.V. 20'	
External Ear, Meatus Membranes R. Ear	N	N	
External Ear, Meatus Membranes L. Ear	N	N	
Middle Ear, Eustachian Tubes R. Ear	N	P	
Middle Ear, Eustachian Tubes L. Ear	N	P	
Cochlear Apparatus R. Ear			
Cochlear Apparatus L. Ear			
Vestibular Apparatus R. Ear			
Vestibular Apparatus L. Ear			
Buccal Cavity	H	Healthy	
Teeth	fit	"	
Gums	N	"	
Pharynx	N	"	
Nasopharynx	not seen		
Nose	no obstr.	Has airway only R	
Larynx	not seen		
Remarks: Fit	Initials of M.O. J.S.	Fit Initials of M.O. DBB	Initials of M.O.
	Date 24-7-41	Date 7/11/41	Date

HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION

Date 24-7-41

Alert, quiet type, does tests moderately well.

Cat. A1B A3B

S/L Simpson F/O

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS BY PRESIDENT OF BOARD

Date 11-11-41

① Physically fit and has above average potentialities.

② Lt. Handed, O. S. master

Category A1B-A3B

M L Davis Wc

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

Aircrew

AIR FORCE No. R117696 POSTED TO No. 1 Manning Depot, Toronto TRADE Pilot or Observer Std.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

(ATTESTATION PAPER)

M.D.N.D. 2310-41

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

1. Surname WOOTTEN Wootten FULL Christian Names HAROLD Harold LESTER Lester
2. Present Address Cookshire P.Q. Telephone 30
3. Permanent Address Cookshire P.Q.
4. Place of Birth Sherbrooke P.Q. Citizenship Canadian
5. Date of Birth Dec 28 192[illegible] Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced Single
6. Particulars of Children None

Name	Date of birth	Name	Date of birth
None			

7. Occupation Student 8. Religion Protestant (Presbyterian)
   State denomination
9. Languages English Fluently
   State proficiency
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) John Lester Wootten Relationship Father
    " Address Cookshire P.Q.
11. Father (Full Name) John Lester Wootten Birthplace Scotstown P.Q.
    " Address Cookshire P.Q. Citizenship Canadian
    " Occupation Lumberman
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Eva Blanche Kent Birthplace Island Brook P.Q.
    " Address Cookshire P.Q. Citizenship Canadian

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O.K.
R.C. C.G.
S.L. P

13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service:

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date From	Date To	Reason for discharge
Bishop's College C.O.T.C.	Lennoxville	cadet	n/a	Sept/39	28-7-41	To joint R.C.A.F.

14. Honours, Awards, Mentions — None
15. Are you now on any Naval, Military or Air Force Reserve? Bishop's College C.O.T.C.
16. Have you previously made application to join the R.C.A.F.? No If so, where? n/a
    When? — n/a Result — n/a
17. Were you ever discharged from any branch of His Majesty's Forces as Medically Unfit? No
    If so, state nature of disability — n/a
18. Have you ever been or are you now in receipt of a Disability Pension? No
    If so, state nature of Disability — n/a
19. Have you ever been convicted of an indictable offence? No If so state nature — n/a
20. Are you in debt? No If so, state particulars — n/a

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400M-[illegible]40 (5739)
H.Q. 1062-3-83

21. Particulars of Education:

—	Name of school	Date From	Date To	Courses—Subjects, etc.
Primary Education—Public or Separate School	Cookshire High			
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.	Cookshire High School			
Technical School				
University or School other than above	University of Bishop's Colleg	Sept '37	June '41	Science course
Correspondence Courses, etc.				

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

Employer and place	Duties, trades, positions	Date From	Date To	Reason for leaving
N.A.				

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

24. Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to the R.C.A.F.

25. Sports engaged in. State: ~~extensively,~~ moderately, ~~occasionally.~~ Hockey, Tennis, swimming, skiing.

26. AIR FORCE DUTY you wish to enlist for ~~Ground Duties.~~ Flying Duties.

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

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

Name	Address	Occupation
Rev. R.W. Carr	Cookshire P.Q.	Minister
Mr. A.W. Patt	Cookshire P.Q.	Town secretary
Mr. B.A. Miller	Cookshire P.Q.	Principal

28. Other information that may have any bearing on this application None

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

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

Date July 10 1941 Signature W.L. Wootten

NATIONAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE PRODUCED
JUL 28 1941

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY A. L. L. Lapointe F/O

(A) *Report of Interviewing Officer—*

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

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

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

(B) *Report of Trade Test—*

Trade in which tested.....

Result.....

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

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

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

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

Date.....July 28th,.....19..41..... H. L. Wootten
Signature of Recruit

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

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

Date.....July 28th,.....19..41..... H. L. Wootten
Signature of Recruit

(E) **CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER**

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

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

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

at.....Montreal, P.Q.....this.....28th.....day of.....July.....19...41

A. L. L. Lapointe F/O ..... RCAF. Recruiting Centre, Montreal
Signature of Officer — Rank — Unit

Pinger Printed
Date 28-7-41
Initials. G.B

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—

1. Age. 20 2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following defects in health?

(a) Rheumatism	no	(j) Nasal Trouble	no
(b) Tuberculosis	no	(k) Ear Disease	no
(c) Bronchitis or Asthma	asthma before 10 yrs old	(l) Eye Disease	no
(d) Heart Disease	no	(m) Epilepsy	no
(e) Kidney or Bladder Disease	no	(n) Nervous or Mental Disease	no
(f) Gastro-intestinal	no	(o) Syphilis	no
(g) Rupture	no	(p) Gonorrhoea	no
(h) Varicose Veins	no	(q) Bone Fracture	no
(i) Flat or Deformed Feet	no	(r) Other Disease or Defect	lumps behind ear under tongue

3. Have you ever worn glasses? no

4. Have you had any illness for more than one week's duration. measles mumps whooping cough

Examiner's Remarks *re* above none

H. L. Wootton
Signature of Applicant

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

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

1. Identification marks or scars (if operative obtain history) none

2. Height 5 feet 8½ inches. 3. Weight 137 pounds.

4. Complexion Sandy 5. Color of Eyes blue Hair brown

6. Development {Good / ~~Fair~~ / Poor} 7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration 37 inches

Range of expansion 2 inches

8. Hearing—Right WNL Left WNL Tympana—Right N Left N

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

Left 20/20 Left nil

10. Condition of mouth and teeth healthy

11. Urine—Albumen neg Sugar neg

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

Part 3. The Candidate has been examined in accordance with the pamphlet, "Physical Standards and Instructions for the Medical Examination of Recruits" and he is considered fit for Category A1 B3

Part 2 Cont'.

Any special remarks of the Medical Officers

25-7-41 X-Ray #86791 Reg Dff

13. Reflexes N

14. Heart N

15. Lungs N

16. Blood Pressure S. D. 130/70

17. Colour Vision N

Date 24th July 1941

President Member Member

R.C.A.F. T.58A

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

REPORT ON PUPIL PILOT -- FLYING AND GROUND TRAINING

Surname ..Wootten..... Christian Names. H.L.

Number ..(R 117696)..... Rank ..LAC.....

INSTRUCTIONS

1. For instructions on the use of this form, see A.F.A.O. A 51/2.

Part 1

INITIAL TRAINING

1. No. ..5..... I.T.S. Course No. ..38..... From ..13-10-41.. To ..5-12-41..

2. Results of Examinations:-

Subject	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained	Subject	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
Mathematics	150	..117..	R.H.A.	50	..39..
Armament (P&O)	100	...81..	Drill	100	...81..
Signals	150	..144..	Law and Disc.	100	...94...

3. Maximum Marks 650. Marks Obtained .....556..... Percentage. ..86.....

4. Passed or Failed ..P.. Position in Class.....38..... No. in Pilot's Class ..107..

5. Considered ~~Suitable~~ Unsuitable for Commissioned Rank.

6. Recommended for training as : (a) Pilot .....
(b) ~~Air Observer~~
(c)

7. Remarks .....Quiet, studious type, intelligent not much drive. RBW 40

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.....Wg. Comdr.
Commanding Officer
No. ..5..... I.T.S., Belleville, Ont.

Date .....3-12-41.....

To be passed to No. ..11..... E.F.T.S.

Can.
A ~~Mx~~ Trainee
~~Aux.~~
~~Mx~~

Note: X out countries not applicable

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JB N.I.
C.I.B. R.A.F.

R.C.A.F. T58A.
REVISED 4-11-41.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE.

REPORT ON PUPIL PILOT - FLYING AND GROUND TRAINING.

SURNAME.....Wootten.....CHRISTIAN NAMES....H.L.....

NUMBER.....R.117696.....RANK.....LAC.....

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. For instructions on the use of this form see A.F.A.O. A.51/2.

PART I.

INITIAL TRAINING.

1. No.....I.T.S. Course No.....From.....To.....

2. Results of Examinations:--

Subject	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained.	Subject	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
Mathematics...	150	.....	Aircraft Recognition.	100	.....
Armament (P&O.)	50	.....	Drill.....	100	.....
Signals.....	150	.....	Law and Disc., etc...	100	.....
Anti-Gas.....	50	.....	Navigation.....	200	.....
			General Studies.....	100	.....

3. Maximum Marks 1000 Marks Obtained.....Percentage.....

4. Passed or Failed.....Position in Class.....No. in Pilot's Class .....

5. Considered Suitable / Unsuitable for Commissioned Rank.

6. Recommended for training as: (a) Pilot.....
(b) Air Observer.....
(c) _____

7. Remarks: .....
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.....Wg. Comd.
Commanding Officer.
No.....I.T.S.
Date.....

To be passed to No.....E.F.T.S.

A Can. / U.K. / Aus. / N.Z. Trainee.

Note: X out Countries not applicable.

PART II.

ELEMENTARY TRAINING.

1. No. 11 ... E.F.T.S. Course No. ... 44 ..... From. Dec. 8-41. To Feb. 11-42..

2. Flying Time:--

FLYING TRAINING.

Aircraft	Total Dual.	Total Solo.	Instrument Flying.	Total Night F. (Incl. in Total Dual)	Passenger	Total	Link. Train
Fl. Finch #2	31:15	33:45	...7:35...	.....3:00.....	.....	65:00	10:00

3. Results of Fly. Tests:--20 Hr.....% Final Test.....%Inst. Fly.....%

4. Ability as a Pilot (Ex. AA., A.Below Av., Poor)....A.....Pass or Fail...P.

5. Recommended for Training on T.E. or S.E. aircraft.....

6. Remarks on Flying Progress and Points which require special consideration
Could have more ambition in his work. Has to be pushed allways. I.F. very steady.

P.M. Boisvert.
.....
Chief Flying Instructor.
Date. February 16. 1942.....

GROUND TRAINING.

7.

Subject.	Maximum Marks.	Marks Obtained.	Subject	Maximum Marks.	Marks Obtained.
Airmanship.....	200	159	Th. of Flight.....	100	59
Airframes.....	100	68	Air Nav.....	200	162
Aero Engines....	100	70	Aircraft Recog.....	75	.....
Signals (Prac.).	100	100	Arm.....	125	135
			Quals as an Officer	200	.....

Maximum Marks. 1200, Marks Obtained...753.....Percentage...75.3...

Pass or Fail..P.....Position in Class..10.....No. in Class...48...

8. Commissioned Rank (appears suitable or unsuitable).....

9. General Remarks (Ability, Conduct, etc.). Quiet type of man - keen.....
..excellent worker..Splendid character.....
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Chief Ground Instructor.
Date..FEB 14 1942.....

.....Sqn/Ldr
Chief Supervisory Officer
NO. 11 ELEMENTARY FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL
No.....E.F.T.S.....
Date.....FEB.19.1942.....

To be passed to No.....8.....S.F.T.S.

PART III

H.L. Wootten

SERVICE FLYING TRAINING

1. No. 8 S.F.T.S. Course No...50..... From..2-3-42..... To.19-6-42.....

2. Flying Time:--

FLYING TRAINING

Aircraft	S.E. AIRCRAFT				T.E. AIRCRAFT				Instrument	Link Trainer	Passenger
	Day		Night		Day		Night				
	Dual	Solo	Dual	Solo	Dual	Solo	Dual	Solo			
Harvard	52:50	67:40	5:20	10:50					28:00	21:00	
Total											
Brought Forward from EFTS	28:15	33:45	3:00	—					7:35	10:30	
GRAND TOTAL	81:05	101:25	8:20	10:50					35:35	31:30	

3. Qualities as a Pilot. 750 Marks obtained.....514.....

4. Remarks on Flying Progress, Navigation, and points which require consideration.....
This pilot is inclined to be careless about details, and should be checked for cross-wind landings. His instrument flying is steady and his aerobatics average.
Link Trainer - 83.

H.O Burgess S/L
Squadron Commander

Date....19-6-42.....

5. GROUND TRAINING

Subject	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained	Subject	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
Airmanship & Maintenance	200	122	Navigation	150	75
Armament (W)	100	76	Meteorology	50	32
Armament (P)	100	77	Signals (W)	50	26
			Signals (P)	100	90
			TOTAL	750	498

6. Remarks of C.G.I....Quiet. An average student.....

W.S Dunbar S/L
Chief Ground Instructor

Date....26-5-42.....

7. Armament (Air Exercises) (T.E. Schools Only) (Ex.,A.Av.,Av.,B.Av., or P.)

(a) Wind Speed and Direction Finding.....

(b) Straight Runs Over as Pilot.....

PART III (Continued) H.L. Wootten

8. Character & Leadership (Marks Possible) 750. Marks Obtained...534.....

9. Final Assessment (Maximum Marks) 2250. Marks Obtained.....1546.....

10. Passed or Failed..P.....Position in Class..18.....No. in Class.53.....

11. Qualities as an Operational Pilot (Ex.,Above Av.,Av.,BelowAv., Poor).....

(a) Formation Flying.....Av.... (b) Navigation Ability.....Av.....

(c) Night Flying.....Av.... (d) Determ. and Initiative..Av.....

(e) Instrument Flying.....Av.....

(f) Ability to Maintain Speed, Course & Height (T.E.).....Av.....

Recommended for (Type of Service Squadron).....Fighter.....

Type of A/C (T.E. or S.E.)..S.E.....Recommended for Flying Instructor..No.....
(Yes or No)

NOTE: Paras. 11(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f) to be assessed Ex.,A.Av.,Av.,Below Av.,Poor.

12. General Remarks of Training, Ability, etc.....An average student, who has developed satisfactorily....Pupil's choice "F".....

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Certified that pupil pilot has passed all tests required for Pilot's Badge, as laid down by A.F.A.O. A.51/2.

W.W. Broun S/L .....S/L
Chief Instructor.

13. Awarded Pilot's Flying Badge w.e.f....19-6-42.....
(Date)

14. Recommended for Commission..Yes.....Assessment.....
(Yes or No) (Ex.,Above Av., Av.)

15. Remarks of Commanding Officer.....I concur.....

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W.W. Broun GC .....
Commanding Officer Group Captain

No. 8 S.F.T.S., Moncton, N. B.

Date.....19-6-42.....

16. Accidents (C.A.P. 100, Sec. 4)

This pupil has been involved in the following flying accidents during his training.

E.F.T.S. or S.F.T.S.	Type of Accident Para. 27	Assessment of Blame - Para. 25.	Previous Communications	Signature of Chief Supervisory Officer or Chief Instructor (as applicable)

FORM 6

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS—QUEBEC DEATH TRANSCRIPT

Do not write in this space

1. PLACE OF DEATH

Municipal county: OVERSEAS (ITALY)

Official name of civil municipality or township:

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

Street: No.: Hospital or Institution:

2. LENGTH OF STAY

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

3. NAME OF DECEASED

Surname: WOOTTEN (Block letters)

Given names: HAROLD LESTER

Do not write in this space

4. RESIDENCE

Street: No.:

Official name of civil municipality or township: Cookshire

Municipal county: Province: Quebec

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

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

10. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country): Quebec

11. DATE OF BIRTH: December (Month) 28th (Day) 1921 (Year)

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

OCCUPATION

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

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

15. Date deceased last worked at this occupation: Mar.11/44

16. Total years spent in this occupation: Three

	17. NAME	18. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country)
FATHER	Wootten, John Lester	Quebec
MOTHER (Maiden Name)	Kerr, Eva Clarissa	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: March (Month) 11th (Day) 1944 (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 due to for official purposes, presumed dead.

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.**

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

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

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

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

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

State findings..... Was there an autopsy?.....

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

Accident, suicide or homicide: Accident (State which) Date: March 11th 19 44

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

Nature of injury.....

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

Signed..... M.D.

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

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

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

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

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

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(Voir l'autre côté pour le français)

Certified that Mr. John L. Wootten(f)

is the beneficiary under the will of the

late J.88872 P/O Wootten, H. L.

(J.MacL. Murray)
Air Commodore
for Chief of the Air Staff

GX

1946 SEP 10 AM
REFERRED TO...
31131

J 88872

Cookshire, Que.,
Sept. 6th, 1946

Royal Canadian Air Force,
States Branch,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs: Re: WOOTTEN, Harold Lester, P/O (Deceased)
J 88872 - R.C.A.F.

I understand that the above deceased officer is entitled to a gratuity allowance, and would ask you to advise me along this line at an early date.

I have been in touch with others who have received this, and it is probably due to my not being familiar with the act in filling out the necessary forms, that I have not already received same.

Yours truly,

A. L. Wootten

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R.C.A.F. RECORD OFFICE
SEP 11 1946

1946 NOV 27 PM 2 5

REFERRED TO..... F25

Cookshire, Que.,
Nov. 26, 1946.

The Secretary,
Dept. of National Defence for Air,
Ottawa, Ont.
Att. DAF/Gratuity Section.

Dear Sir: Re: File J.88872/DAF

Replying to your letter of October 2nd, we wish to advise you as follows:

This boy had a portion of his pay sent direct to his Mother, Mrs. E.C. Wootten, which she in turn put into a savings account in the Bank, so that he would have it on his return. She was not dependent on him in any way.

He had a will on the basis of which his back pay and other dispersements were made payable to his Father.

We trust this will clear up the matter, and we as his Mother and Father have both signed.

Yours truly,

Mrs. E. C. Wootten

Father

John L. Wootten.

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

EP 4
AIR

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY ═══ ARMY ═══ AIR FORCE

STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: Harold L (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Wootten (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO. E/5563

PAYEE: Receiver General of Canada

ADDRESS:

FILE NO. 31131

DATE 16 Jan/47

SERVICE NO. J88872

FINAL RANK OR RATING P/O

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 11 Mar/44

DATE OF DISCHARGE 11 Mar/44

		$	¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS 958 / 30 EQUAL TO 31 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50	232.50	
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS 502 LESS 28 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 474 DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY	118.50	
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE			
	DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE		
	PAY $ 6.25		
	SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE $ 1.70		
	ADDITIONAL PAY $		
	$		
	$		
	$		
	DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $		
	TOTAL $ 7.95 ×7 = $ 55.65		
	NO. OF DAYS 502 / 183 ×$ 55.65	152.66	
D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY		503.66	
E. DEDUCTIONS	OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES $		
	DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $		
	OTHER DEDUCTIONS $		
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE		503.66	

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

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

8 OCT 1947

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
LG	LL

TREASURY

CHECKED BY	DATE
	22/1/47

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

13583

H. W.

Wootten

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE J-88872

Fingerprint

Name WOOTTEN HAROLD LESTER R 117696

Rank SGT R.C.A.F.

Age 20 Height 5' 10" Weight 147

Hair BROWN Eyes BLUE Hair on face MEDIUM

Marks, scars, etc. RIGHT INDEX FINGER MISSING

H. L. Wootten (Signature of holder)

H Hughes. F.O. (Signature of issuer)

Place No. 1 "Y" DEPOT HALIFAX N.S. Date OCTOBER 27th 1942

Card serial number 150623

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Missing