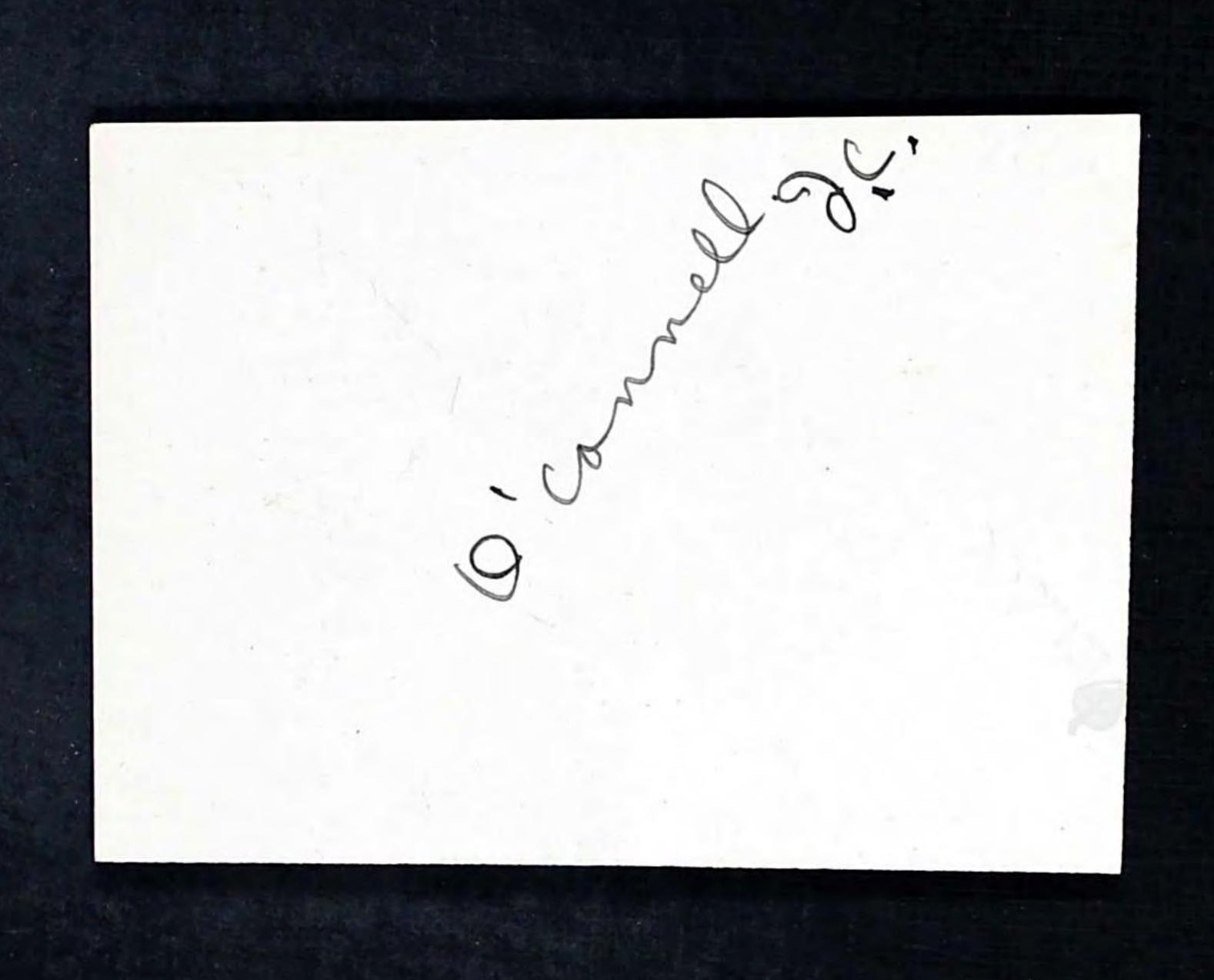
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(ATTESTATION PAPER)

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

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21. Particulars of Education:

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C. Lindsay D.K. 14/8/42 PC	318 Kensington A	ve.Wes	tmount	Surveyor
B. Lattimer	3501 Vendome Ave	Mtl.	P. Q	Insurance Agent
J. C. Wickham M. D.	4484 Sherbrooke			Surgeon
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FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

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(b) Tuberculosis	
(c) Bronchitis or Asthma	(1) Eye Disease
(d) Heart Disease	
(e) Kidney or Bladder Disease	(n) Nervous or Mental Disease
(f) Gastro-intestinal	(o) Syphilis
(g) Rupture.	(p) Gonorrhoea
(h) Varicose Veins	5. (q) Bone Fracture Loft clawcele 1937
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(C)	DECLARATION MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION
the	d overseas, in the Royal Canadian Air Force for the duration of the present war, and for the period of demobilization creafter, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so long require my vices. The August 14th, 19.42. Signature of Recruit
(D)	OATH TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION
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(E)	CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER
he	The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions would be liable to be punished as provided by law.
	The above questions and answers were then read to the Recruit in my presence.
as 1	I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered replied to and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the Oath before me,
at	Montreal, P.Q. this 14th day of August, 19 42
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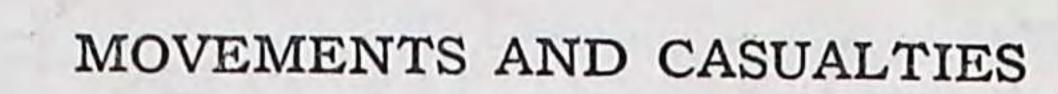
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R.C.A.F. TRAINING REPORT

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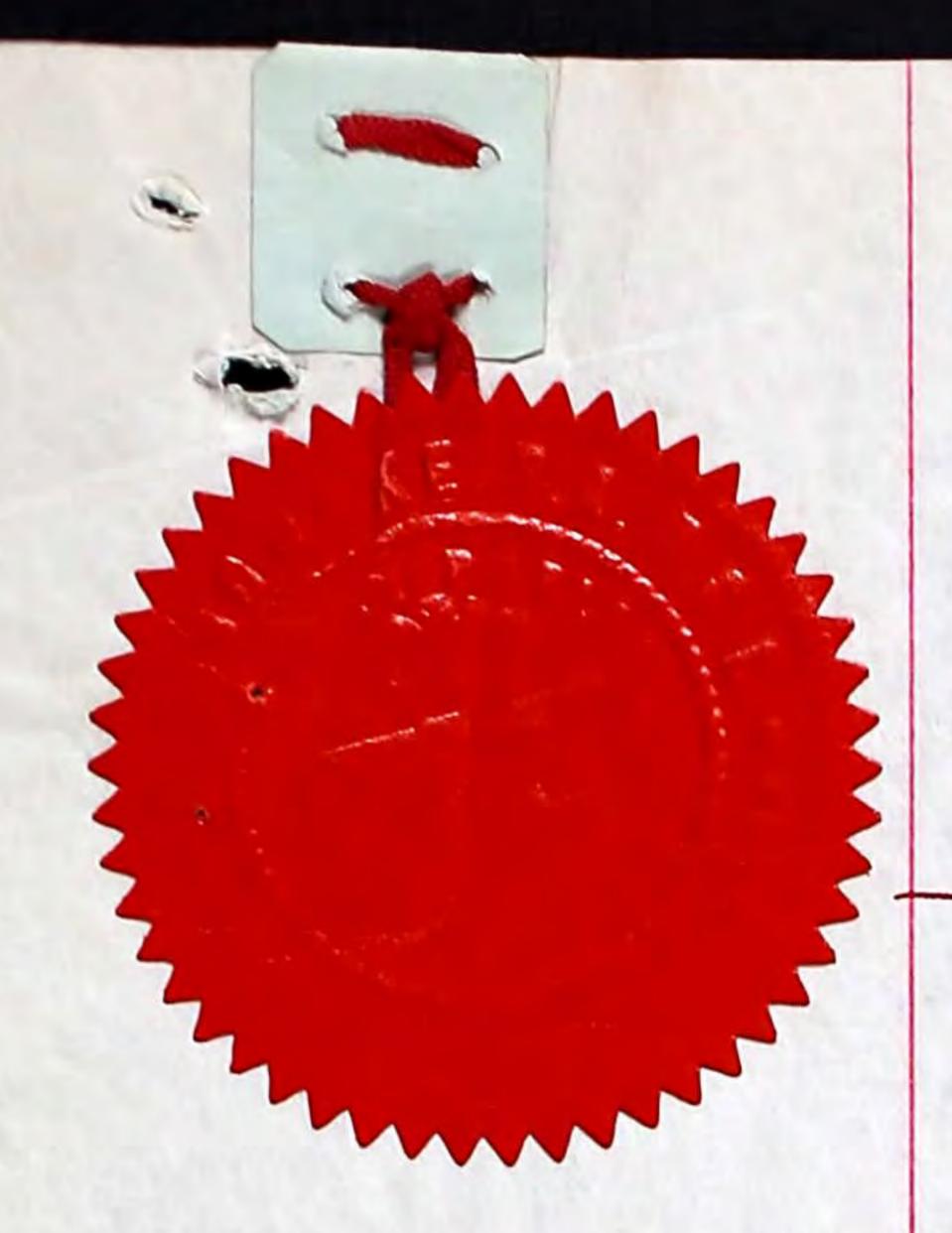
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written.	Village Township	-
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	Province of Quelic Student & (Civil Occupation)	
	a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number 8.185380 do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my Last Will.	
(a) Insert "wife", "father", "mother", "friend", etc. (b) Insert the name of beneficiar(y)(ies) in full. (c) Insert the address(es) if known. (d) Here state "all of my estate" or the particular articles or money intended to be given. See reverse side for example.		
Draw a diagonal line through Para. (3) if not applicable, i.e., if all Es- tate disposed of in Para. (2) above.		
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Name and address of Executor.	(4) I appoint Mrs John G.C Connell Mestrace (Name)	Š
	to be the Executor of this my Last Will. Executrix	
	IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this.	
	day of Lephen 1942	
	Signed and acknowledged by the Testator, in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.	
First Witness sign here.	(Signature of Testator) (Signature) (Permanent Home Address),	
Second Witness sign here.	(Occupation) (Occupation) (Occupation) (Occupation) (Occupation) (Occupation)	
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ON THIS thirtieth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty.

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BEE FOR E WILLIAM MANLY BOURKE and FREDERICK
KIRKLAND STEVENSON, the undersigned Notaries Public for
the Province of Quebec, practising in the City of Montreal.

A P P E A R E D DAME STELLA ANNA PELLETIER, presently residing at 330 Kensington Avenue in the City of Westmount, wife of JOHN CARLOS O'CONNELL of the same place,

WHO being of sound mind as appeared unto us, the said Notaries, hath requested us to write down and receive in due form of law her LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT which she declared in manner and form following, that is to say:-

perty from my husband, the said John Carlos O'Connell, in virtue of the laws of the Province of Ontario where we were domiciled at the time of our marriage and where we continued to live for some time after our marriage.

SECONDLY: - I revoke all Wills and other testamentary dispositions heretofore made by me and declare the present to be my only true Last Will and Testament.

THIRDLY: - I desire all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses to be paid as soon as possible after my death.

FOURTHLY:- I give and bequeath the property which
I own at Trenton, Ontario, - land, building and all
appurtenances thereto to my three children, Mary Sybil
O'Connell, John Carlos O'Connell, Junior, and Robert
Pelletier O'Connell, equally, share and share alike, and
the share of any child who may have predeceased shall
accrue to my surviving children or child as the case may
be. Should my Executor deem it to be in the interests of
my said children to sell and dispose of the said property
he may do so at such price and apon such terms and

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conditions as he deems advisable in which event the net proceeds derived from such sale shall be divided between my said children equally.

FIFTHLY:- I give and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my property, moveable and immoveable, real and personal, moneys, stocks, funds, securities for money and household furniture and effects and other generally whatsoever of which I may be possessed and to which I may be entitled at the time of my death, to whatever the same may amount and wherever the same may be situate, including all property over which I may have power of appointment, unto my husband, the said John Carlos O'Connell, and I hereby constitute my said husband my universal residuary legatee.

SIXTHLY:- I appoint my husband, the said John Carlos O'Connell, sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and I extend his authority as such beyond the year and day limited by law and until the full and final execution of this my Will.

My Executor shall have power to sell and otherwise dispose of all property, moveable and immoveable, belonging to my Estate for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as he deems advisable; to receive the consideration money and give valid discharge therefor; to invest all money comprised in my Estate in subh investments as he may deem safe without being restricted to those investments in which Executors are by law bound to invest and to alter such investments from time to time; to borrow money upon any terms and conditions he may deem advisable; to hypothecate, pledge or otherwise affect any property of my Estate; to sign all Deeds of Sale and other instruments in writing that may be necessary or expedient and generally to act with the fullest and most unrestricted powers in the administration and settlement of my Estate and the Execution of this my Will, the whole without the intervention of any of my legatees being necessary or any

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judicial or other authorisation being required.

My Executor shall not be obliged to give security for his administration or to make any more detailed inventory of my Estate than that which may be required for succession duty purposes and he shall have power to compromise and settle upon such terms and conditions as he deems advisable all claims in favour of or against my Estate, to determine what sums shall be credited or charged to revenue or to capital and to make the partition of the Estate whenever required at such valuation as he may deem necessary to ensure equality without any legal formality or the consent of any beneficiary.

THE PRESENT WILL was thus declared by the said Testatrix to us, the said Notaries, and by me, William Manly Bourke, one of the said Notaries, the other being present, read to the said Testatrix who declared to understand the same and to persist therein as being her only true Last Will and Testament.

DONE AND PASSED at the said City of Westmount in the residence of the Testatrix. No. 330 Kensington Avenue, on the day, month and year first herein written under the number nine thousand and ninety of the original Minutes of the said William Manly Bourke and signed by the said Testatrix with and in the presence of the said Notaries also hereunto subscribing in her presence and in that of each other after due reading hereof as aforesaid.

> (Signed) Stella A. O'Connell F. K. Stevenson, N. P. W. M. Bourke, N. P.

A TRUE COPY of the original hereof remaining of record in my office.

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30th April 1940.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

- of -

DAME STELLA A. PELLETIER wife of JOHN C. O'CONNELL.

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Mrs	John Carlos	O'Connell,
) Kensington	
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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:-

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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.

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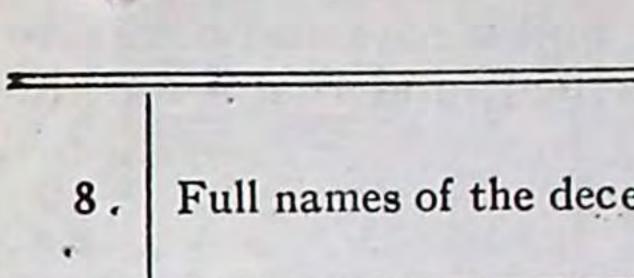
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ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

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:

Daniel	RELATIVES		INFORMANT'S STATEMENT			
Degrees of Rela- tion- ship			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			None			
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births		Nank			
	Father of the Deceased					
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4			Stella a. o'Cannell	62	Decases Jan. 29/45	
.5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	F/o Rolf. P. O'Cannell	20	200 Squasroin R.a.F. S.E. A. air Force	
		Half Blood				
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Sylvil O'Cannell	22	330 Kensingtan ave, Westmannt, Ene,	
		Half Blood				
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, who are dead, and date of death of each.		Names and ages of their children (if any)		Address of their children	



8.	Full names of the deceased
. 9	Date of his birth.
10	Place and date of his marr
11	Place and date of his parer
12	Place where deceased was
13	State, in order, the Provin resided before enlistment a
14	Nature of employment bef
15	State whether he owned the so, where situated.
16	Name place where deceas permanent home.
17	Did he leave a Will? If in
18	If married, and domiciled in in the U.S.A. or in a Councommunity of property bet contract dealing with property
19	Did he have a Bank, Post Congive name and address of bar Do you wish it administers
20	Amount of War Savings Cowhere located.
21	Amount of Victory Loan whether registered or beare
22	If deceased had life insurpayable under each policy therein.
23	Describe other assets, if ar space on page 4 if necessar
24	Did the deceased after enling (a) His own separate (b) Service clothing and An itemized account for hereto, and if same is "approved" and sign particulars.
25	Have you or any other relapart thereof? If so, amount paid, and by w

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ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8.	Full names of the deceased.	Sohn Carlos O'Cannell
9	Date of his birth.	San. 14th 1922
0	Place and date of his marriage.	No
1	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Frankou, Out. Jan. 15th 19
	PARTICULARS OF D	OMICILE
2	Place where deceased was born.	Grantan, Out.
3	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) Mantreal (b) Lusbee (c) Canafa (d) 17 years
4	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Schaol
5	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	No
6	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	Did nat say
	PARTICULARS OF	ESTATE
7	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	Jas in Ottawa
8	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?	Nat marines
9	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?	Bank acet. 191.00 Can. Bank Commerce St. Cathrine + Westealf Wante
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1	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	200 AD BERRAK Boule
2	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	None
3	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	Nane
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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.	Name
5	Have you or any other relative paid the funeral expenses or any part thereof? If so, attach itemized accounts showing	1

(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.)

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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.)

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PERSONAL EFFECTS OF CAN/R. 185380 SGT. O/CONNELL, J. C.

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	1 pr. Bathing Trunks	2 Small Cloth Bags	30)
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	1 Steel Mirror in case	1 Large Portrait (Crayon)	
	2 Combs:	1 Belt	-
	1 Good Luck Disc	17 pr. Socks	
	1 Fountain Pen (Conway)	2 Towels	
	1 Toilet Case contg:	1 Writing case contg: 1 Diary,	
	Hair Brush	1 Photo Wallet and Photographs	
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	1 Scarf	I pr. shoes	
	1 Pullover	2 prs. Wool Gloves	
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	I small Case with R.C.	6 Vests	
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	1 Mail Pick	1 Kit Bag Handle	,
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	2 Safety Razors	1 Shirt	
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	NOTE:		

Cash amounting to £7. 13s. 7d. found among the personal effects, has been credited to his service account

I Post Office Savings Bank Book DARLINGTON No. 42423 extracted by Unit and forwarded to R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, London.

Offiginal station inventories signed by P.E. Wilkinson F/O on 17/5/44 and 5/6/44

Effects checked at Central Depository on 8/6/44 and 29/6/44

OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

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FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

No. 419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, "MOOSE SQUADRON"

16th May, 1944.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

I regret having to confirm the telegram, which you have doubtless already received, notifying you that your son, Sergeant John Carles O'Commell, is missing from operations on the night of 12th May, 1944. This operation was a very heavy and effective attack on an important objective in enemy occupied territory but, unfortunately, nothing has been heard of your son's aircraft since take-off on that night and its loss can only be presumed to be due to enemy action. There is still quite a possibility that all or part of the crew may be prisoners of war but news of this could not be expected for some considerable time yet.

Your son was with us for a period of 25 months and during that period took part in 16 operations against the enemy. He was a very good-natured lad, cheerful and co-operative and was very popular with his fellow Gunners and his courage and operational ability were beyond question.

R192014 Sgt. Turner, L.G., of this Squadron, a personal friend of your son's, would be pleased to give you any information of a personal nature if you care to write to him.

If any further news comes to hand, you may rest assured you will be notified immediately.

Sgt. O'Connell's kit and personal effects have been · collected and forwarded to the Central Depository, Collibrook, Slough, Bucks, who, after completion of necessary details, will communicate with you as to their disposal,
20 MAY 1944

May I convey my sincere sympathy to you in your reat loss and hope with you that better news may follow.

Yours sincerely,

(W.P. Pleasance) Wing Commander, Commanding 419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqdn.

Mr. J.C. Ø Connell, 330 Kensington Ave., Westmount, P.Q. Can.

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OTTAWA, Canada, 19th May, 1944.

Mr. J.C. O'Connell, 330 Kensington Avenue, Westmount, Quebec.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

It is with deep regret that I must confirm our recent telegram informing you that your son, Sergeant John Carlos O'Connell is reported missing on Active Service.

Advice has been received from the Royal Canadian Air Force Casualty Officer, Overseas, that your son and the entire crew of his aircraft failed to return to their base after taking off to carry out bombing operations over Louvain, Belgium, on the night of May 12th and the early morning of May 13th, 1944.

The term "missing" is used only to indicate that his whereabouts is not immediately known and 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 and all other appropriate sources and I wish to assure you that any further information received will be communicated to you immediately.

Attached is a list of the members of the Royal Canadian Air Force who were in the crew of the aircraft together with the hames and addresses of their next-of-kin. 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.

Permit me to excend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty and I join with you and the members of your family in the hope that better news will be forthcoming in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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

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OTTAWA, Canada, 6th July, 1944.

Mr. J.C. O'Connell, 330 Kensington Avenue, Westmount, Quebec.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

Confirming my telegram of recent date, I regret to inform you that advice has been received from the International Red Cross Society at Geneva concerning your son, Sergeant John Carlos O'Connell, previously reported missing on Active Service.

The report quotes German information which states that your son host his life on May 13th, 1944, but does not contain any further particulars. The International Red Cross Society is making every effort to obtain the location of your son's grave. However, I feel sure you will appreciate the difficulties attendant upon securing additional details.

Since this information originates from enemy sources it is necessary for the present to consider your son "missing believed killed" until confirmed by further evidence. However, in the absence of additional information, his death will be presumed after a lapse of nine months from the date he was reported missing.

May I assure you and the members of your family of my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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

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OTTAWA, Canada, 3rd November, 1944.

Mr. J. C. O'Connell, 330 Kensington Avenue, Westmount, Quebec.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

Further to my letter of July 6th, advice has been received from the International Red Cross Society, quoting German information which states that your son, Sergeant John Carlos O'Connell, was buried in the English Military Cemetery, Per 10, Row 19, Grave number one, Brussels, Belgium.

As advised in my previous letter, since this information comes from enemy sources, it is necessary to consider your son "missing believed killed" until official confirmation has been received by the Air Ministry, or until the lapse of six months from the date he was reported missing. You will be notified by registered letter from the Chief of the Air Staff when his death has been officially presumed.

May I again offer you and the members of your family my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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

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AIR MINISTRY

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

2nd November, 1944.

CAN/R185380/P.4.Cas.Can.C.11.

Dear Pilot Officer O'Connell,

Further to the information which you have already received, it is with regret that I must inform you that a telegram has been received from the International Red Cross Committee, quoting German information, which states that your brother, Sergeant John Carlos O'Connell, was buried in the English Military Cemetery, Brussels, Belgium, Park 10, Row 19, grave No.1.

Your father has been informed.

Please accept my deepest sympathy with you in the sad loss of your brother:

Yours sincerely,

(G.E.J.Welsh) Squadron Leader, for Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, R.C.A.F.Overseas.

J.39613 P/O R.P.O'Connell, c/o R.C.A.F.Section, Canadian Base Post Office, England.

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OTTAWA, Canada, 22nd December, 1944.

Mr. J.C. O'Connell, 330 Kensington Avenue, Westmount, Quebec.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

Further to my letter of November 3rd, advice has been received from the International Red Cross Committee, quoting official German information which confirms that your son Sergeant John Carlos O'Connell, was buried in Plot 10, row 19, grave number one in the English Military Cemetery, Brussels, Belgium.

As this is official German information, Presumption of Death action is being instituted by the Air Ministry and when your son's death has been officially presumed you will be so advised by registered letter.

May I offer you and the members of your family my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

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73-77 Oxford St., London, W.1. CAN/R185380/P4/CAS/C12. 15th. January, 1945. Dear Mr. O'Connell, It is with deep regret that I must refer to my letter of the 2nd. November, 1944, regarding your brother, Sergeant John Carlos O'Connell. Particulars received from an official source confirm the information conveyed to you in my above referenced letter. Action has now been taken to presume for official purposes that he lost his life on the 13th. May, 1944. Please accept my profound sympathy in the loss of your brother. Yours sincerely, (J.S. Harris) Wing Commander, for Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Royal Canadian Hir Force, Overseas. J39613, 60% P/O. R.P. O'Connell, c/o. R.C.A.F. Section, Canadian Base Postal Depot, England. MC/HAL

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20th January, 1945.

Mr. J.C. O'Connell, 330 Kensington Avenue, /

Dear Er. O'Connell:

I have learned with deep regret that your son, Sergeant John Carlos O'Connell, is now for official purposes presumed to have died on Active Service Overseas on May 13th, 1944. I wish to offer you and the members of your family my sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

It is most lamentable that a promising career should be thus terminated and I would like you to know that his loss is greatly deplored by all those with whom your son was serving.

Yours sincerely, /

(SGD.) C. A. S.

(J.A. Sully) Air Vice-Marshal,

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Acting Chief of the Air Staff.

OTTAWA, Canada, 12th September, 1946.

Mr. J.C. O'Connell, 330 Kensington Ave., Westmount, P.Q.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

Confirmation has now been received from our Overseas Headquarters which states that your son, Pilot Officer John Carlos O'Connell, was laid to rest in Grave No. 1, in the English Military Cemetery, Brussels, Belgium.

Enclosed herewith are photographs of the grave of your son which were forwarded to this office from our Overseas Headquarters for onward transmission to you. Please be assured that when the permanent headstone is erected it will be inscribed with your son's correct rank and number.

The reverent care of the burial places of all who served in the Royal Canadian Air Force is the task of the Imperial War Graves Commission. Bainent architects have supervised the construction of beautiful cemeteries and the graves of all who served in Canadian Forces will be supported and sustained by the Dominion of Canada. I hope that it may be of some consolation for you to know that your gallant son's grave is in sacred care and keeping.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

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- No. 419 R. C.A.F. Squadron reported that Lancaster aircraft, KB.710, with a crew of 7, failed to return from an operational attack on Louvain, Belgium. It left base at 21.55 hours on the 12th. May, 1944, after which no further news was received. The aircraft was due to return to base at approximately 02.35 hours on the 13th. May, 1944.
- A telegram from the I.R.C.C. quoting German information, states that Sgt. Livingstone, F/O. Moore, F/O. Finlayson and Sgt. O'Connell were killed on the 13th. May, 1944.
- An extract from official German totenliste No. 228, confirms their death on the 13th. May, 1944, and states that they were buried in the British Military Cemetery, Brussels, Plot 10. The date of burial is not stated. The grave numbers are as follows:-

F/0.	Finlayson,	Grave	No.4.	Row	19.
	O'Connell,	Grave	No.1.	Row	19.
P/0.	Livingstone,	Grave	No.22.	Row	16.
	Moore,	Grave	No.3.	Row	19.

- It is accordingly submitted that the death of CAN/J26540 F/O. W.R. FINLAYSON, CAN/R185380 SGT. J.C. O'CONNELL, JR., CAN/J86829 P/O. S.G. LIVINGSTONE, and, CAN/J23943 F/O. J.L. MOORE, be presumed, for official purposes, to have occurred on the 13th. May, 1944.
- The two remaining R.C.A.F. members of this crew, P/O. H.I. Smith and F/O. W. W. Price, are still classified as "Missing" and the one remaining member of this crew was not R.C.A.F. personnel.

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for R.C.A.F. Casualties Officer.

J. S. HARRIS.

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Wing Commander, for Director of Personal Services. rom:- Officer i/c, No.2 Section, (Belgium), M.R.E. Service, R.A.F.

Air Ministry, (P.4.Cas.,), 77, Oxford Street, London. W.1.

Date: 20th July, 1945.

Ref:- 2 MRES/S. E.F. 18.

CASUALTY ENQUIRY NO. 182

With reference to your P/417112/417115/44/P.4.B.4. dated 20th February 1945, regarding the above enquiry, the following information is submitted.

On the 16th instant I visited the British Military Cometery at Brussels-Evere in order to verify the order of burial and the inscripitons on the graves mentioned in your letter. The German Index cards at the Service de Successions were then consulted to ascertain the place of death. The consolidated information gathered is as follows:-

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22. LIVINGSTONE		
Plot 10. Row 18.		
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Plot 10. Row 19.		
Grave No.		
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4. LAYSON		
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14. MORRISON	***	
15. Sgt. EMPEY. E.D.	12.5.44.	

Crosses on the above graves bear the Maple Leaf. Grave 4 marked LAYSON can be assumed to contain the remains of FINLAYSON. It would appear that the dates on the crosses are those of the burials.

On the 17th instant, visits were made to ESPINETTE where no useful information could be obtained and to the scene of the crash near HAL. There a labourer whose house adjoins the field in which the aircraft crashed assured me that the aircraft was completely burned, and although he could not tell me how many bodies were recovered, he told me that bodies were found the next day in the woods nearby. A visit to the Cendarmerie at BRAINE LE CHATEAU confirmed that four bodies were recovered in the woods. Furthermore I was informed that on the night of the crash two men parachuted to safety in the same area and were taken away by the Germans. No details as to their identity could be obtained,

It will be seen from the above information that the total of unknown and known deceased airmen, excluding the 3 who died at LONDERZEEL, amounts to 15, which exceeds the total of the two crews. It would appear that a third aircraft crashed on that night in the area South of BRUSSEES.

In the circumstances it is not possible to say for certain which of the graves marked Unknown contain the remains of the two crews in question.

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TARGET LOUVAIN

SERIAL NO AIRCRAFT TYPE 1Halifax M.Z.629 K.B. 900 2 Hancaster

3/J.64 3/J.65 3/J.65 MAP REF PLACE OF CRASH 1. ESPINETTE 2. 4 Kms S.S.E. of HAL MAP REF BRUSSELS-EVERE PLACE OF BURALL

PARTICULARS AND FATE OF CREW:

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W/O2 C.J. CAMPBELL	K.I.A.	ROW	19	Grave	No.	6
" C.S. BARZEELE	Safe					
P/O S.M. PRESTON	?					
W/O2 A. LATURNUS	K.I.A.	ROW	19	GRAVE	No.	4
Sgt E.D. Empey	K.I.A.	. 11	19	11		15
Sgt A.B. YARINGTON	K.I.A.	et	18	. 11		21
Sgt J.D. MacPHERSON	?					
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	K.I.A.	Row	19	Grave	No.	13
D/O J.L. Moore	11	Row	19			3
F/O W.E. FINALYASON	?					
F/O W.W. PRICE	?					
SGT R. BULL	K.I.A.	Row	19	Grave	No.	2
SGT J.C. O'CONNELL	11	- 11	19	11		1
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INVESTIGATION AND FINDINGS:

1946, some of the above named were identified and are located in the graves shown. The whole of Row 19 No.s 1 - 14 inclusive were exhumed, except for No. 3. This was necessary as two of the previously KNOWN, CAMPBELL - BULL turned up in UNKNOWN graves and the graves bearing the crosses had to be opened in an endeavour to identify the remains therein.

Information as to the remains in the remaining UNKNOWN graves No.s 5 9 10 11 and 12 and the one marked MORRISON (No. 14) who has no connection with these crews, in as follows:-

- Grave 5: Body badly burnt, but appeared to be slim build. Small piece of striped cotton pants, unmarked. Teeth. Irregular. Of the teeth found Nos 6 and 7 bottom right and 7 bottom left were filled. No discs. No bracelet. No identification.
- Grave 9 Only fragments of burnt body. Small amount of curly hair, probably brown, obtained. One small piece of R.A.F. sock, no teeth. No discs. no bracelet, no identification.
- Grave 10. No estimate as to height and build was possible as body is burned and mangled. Small pieces of airments shirt, white sweater found, also braces, white with two red and blue stripes, and piece of parachute harness. No skull found, but a little short curly fair hair found. No teeth, no discs, no bracelet.
- Grave 11. Smell build with light brown hair. Part of jaw only, found. Teeth right lower 7 and 8 filled. Only part of body, hadly DECOMPOSED no discs, no bracelt.
- Grave 12. Teeth large and regular Top right 5 X, 7 and 6 F 8 X

 left 4, 6 and 7 F

 Lower right 6 X 8 X left 7 and 8 F

 Small pieces airman's shirt, parachute harness. No other means of identification.
- Grave 14. Completely burnt and decomposed. No possible means of identification found.

Examination of the private records kept by the Sexton and EVERE Cemetery did nothing towards solving thes case, as he had no information which had not been given him by the Germans. He had no line at all on the mysterious MORRISON in Grave 14, in fact his records, for ones, were very vague. It is hoped that the particulars of teeht given in Graves 5 and 11 and 12, may help in identifying there remains. It is regretted that no further information could be obtained from the Cemetery.

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