

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## (ATTESTATION PAPER)

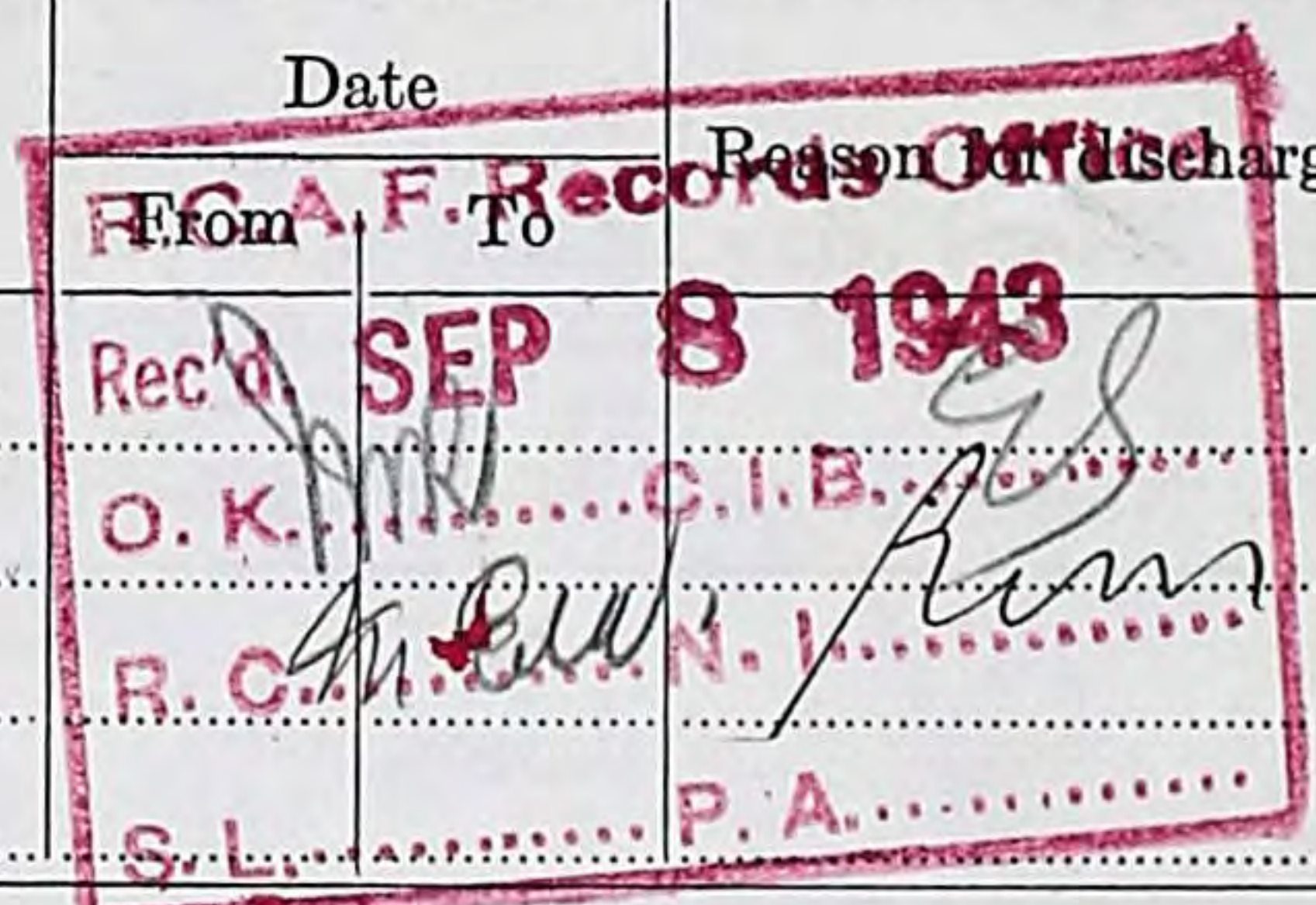
(Pages one and two, only, are to be completed in Applicant's own Handwriting)

1. Name DAMOUR FULL Christian Names Gerald Rock  
2. Present Address 949 Wellington ~~Avenue~~ Street, Ottawa, Ont. Telephone   
3. Permanent Address same 949 Wellington Street Ottawa Ontario  
4. Place of Birth Montebello, Que. Citizenship Canadian  
5. Date of Birth 5 March, 1925 Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced Single  
6. Particulars of Children

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

7. Occupation Stationary Clerk 8. Religion Roman Catholic  
9. Languages French & English State proficiency  
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) Mr. Anthony DAMOUR Relationship Father  
" Address 949 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario.  
11. Father (Full Name) Anthony DAMOUR Birthplace Ottawa, Ont.  
" Address 949 Wellington St. Ottawa, Ont. Citizenship Canadian  
" Occupation Inspector (U.K. Inspection Board).  
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Lucille BOYER Birthplace Buckingham, Que.  
" Address 949 Wellington St. Ottawa, Ont. Citizenship Canadian  
13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service:

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date	Reason for Discharge
N.A.					



14. Honours, Awards, Mentions N.A.  
15. Are you now on any Naval, Military or Air Force Reserve? N.A.  
16. Have you previously made application to join the R.C.A.F.? N.A. 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? N.A.  
If so, state nature of disability N.A.  
18. Have you ever been or are you now in receipt of a Disability Pension? N.A.  
If so, state nature of Disability N.A.  
19. Have you ever been convicted of an indictable offence? N.A. If so state nature N.A.  
20. Are you in debt? N.A. If so, state particulars N.A.



## 21. Particulars of Education:

	Name of school	Date		Courses—Subjects, etc.
		From	To	
Primary Education—Public or Separate School.....	Buckingham Que.	1930	1938	
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.....	Jayinat du Sacre Cauer Buckingham	1938	1940	
Technical School .....	Ottawa Tech. Sch.	1940	1941	3rd form, Ont.
University or School other than above.....				
Correspondence Courses, etc.....				

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

Employer and place	Duties, trades, positions	Date		Reason for leaving
		From	To	
Dom. Gov't & Naval Service	Stationery Clerk	1941	1943	present
Leclerc Printing , Hull, Que.	Machine Operator	1941	(1 Month).	

23. Flying Experience (in Hours) Solo..... N.A. Dual..... N.A. Passenger..... N.A.

24. Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to the R.C.A.F. TYPING, machine shop work.

25. Sports engaged in. State: ~~extensively~~, moderately, ~~occasionally~~..... softball, baseball, hockey, hockey, cycling.

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..... Std. Aircrew  
If for Flying Duties, state preference as (a) Pilot; (b) Observer; (c) Air Gunner (d) Wireless Operator (Air Crew).  
(Cross out words not applicable.)

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

Name	Address	Occupation
Mr. R. B. Armstrong	Ottawa Ontario. Val Tetreau	Naval Storekeeper.
Mr. W. B. Wallen	24 Downing St. Ottawa, Ont.	School Principal
R. Brisson	369 Clarence St. Ottawa,	Post Office Clerk
Mr. F. J. Little	84 Carling Avenue, Ottawa	School Teacher

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..... 16th August..... 19 43 Signature..... *L. R. D'Amour*



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Surrendered

(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.....

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

(C) DECLARATION MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I,.....Gerald Roch D'AMOUR.....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.....6th September.....19 43.....  
Signature of Recruit

(D) OATH TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I,.....Gerald Roch D'AMOUR.....do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Date.....6th September.....19 43.....  
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.....Ottawa, Ontario.....this.....6th.....day of.....September.....19 43.

Signature of Officer.....Rank.....No. 12 Rec. C., Ottawa, Ontario  
Unit



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**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

*Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—*

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

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

3. Have you ever worn glasses?..... *No*

4. Have you had any illness for more than one week's duration. *Scarlet Fever 1930*

Examiner's Remarks re above.....

5.

I certify that I have revealed my full 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)..... *Wart on Rt. Tragus.*

2. Height..... *5* feet *5 1/2* inches.                      3. Weight..... *128* pounds.

4. Complexion..... *Med.*                      5. Color of Eyes..... *Blue*                      Hair..... *Brown*

6. Development { Good  
Fair  
Poor                      7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration..... *31 1/2* inches

Range of expansion..... *3* inches

8. Hearing—Right..... *WV. 20* Left..... *WV. 20* Tympana—Right..... *N* Left..... *N*

9. Vision—Without glasses—Right..... *20/25* With glasses—Right..... *Part 2 Cont'.*

Left..... *20/20* Left..... *13. Reflexes N*

10. Condition of mouth and teeth..... *Good.*                      14. Heart..... *N*

11. Urine—Albumen..... *N*                      Sugar..... *N*                      15. Lungs..... *N*

12. Abnormalities (Congenital and Pathological) found on Examination..... *16. Blood Pressure S. D. 120/70*

..... *20 - 8 - 43 X-Ray 47156 ppit for service*                      17. Colour Vision..... *N.*

*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*

Any special remarks of the Medical Officers.....

*SEP 6 1961*  
 I certify upon my honour that I have suffered no illness or disability since my last examination

*SEP 6 1961*  
 (Witness) *W. E. Hall* (Applicant) *G. H. Wainman*

Date..... *20 AUG 43* 19.....

*W. E. Hall*  
 President

*W. E. Hall*  
 Member

Member



POB

[illegible]



Joseph A. D'Amour (Father)  
949 Wellington St.,  
Ottawa,  
Ont.

mar.-46.

English

9594

25/1/50

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP

REGN. NO

1503







SECTION 4.—CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY.  
(To be assessed on the occasions shown in A.M.O. "A" 1268/43.)

[illegible]

SECTION 5.—RECOMMENDATIONS FOR \*TRADE AND AIR CREW TRAINING, SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RECLASSIFICATION (AIRCRAFT HANDS) AND FOR PROMOTION TO FLIGHT SERGEANT OR WARRANT OFFICER (see A.M.O. A 676/42), RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMISSIONS, RESULTS OF COURSES OF INSTRUCTION (INCLUDING RECRUITS TRAINING) AND LOCAL TRAINING (e.g., ANTI-GAS, GROUND DEFENCE TRAINING, ETC.)

[illegible]

\* Recommendations for Trade Training to be entered in pencil.

### SECTION 6.—DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS BY A.O.S.C., ETC.

[illegible]



Mr. Anthony D'Amour,

949 Wellington St.

OTTAWA, Ontario.

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. J-95221 T.D. 251

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

## ESTATES BRANCH

OTTAWA, ONT.

30 October 1945

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

D'AMOUR, Gerald Roch.

P/O

J-95221

R.C.A.F.



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

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

X  
A-6/11  
B.F.-X.

Chas Smith  
Col.

GSG/LMW.

Director of Estates.



## ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

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

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	INFORMANT'S STATEMENT		
		NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree specified	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative
1	Widow of the Deceased.....			
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....			
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Anthony D'Amour	49	949 Wellington St. Ottawa, Ont.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Luce D'Amour	49	as above.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Jacques, M. D'Amour	15	as above
		Jean. Marc. D'Amour	11	as above
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Gabrielle, Nora. D'Amour	23	as above
		Vivian, C. D'Amour	19	as above
		Constance. D'Amour	14	as above
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, who are dead and date of death of each.	Names and ages of their children (if any)	Address of their children	



ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE  
PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	GERALD ROCH. D'AMOUR.
9	Date of his birth.	MARCH 5 <sup>th</sup> 1925.
10	Place and date of his marriage.	
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	MONTREAL, MARCH 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1921

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Montebello, 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) Montebello, Que. 1 YEAR. (b) BUCKINGHAM, Que 12 " (c) OTTAWA, ONT. 5 " (d)
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	CIVIL SERVANT -
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.	OTTAWA.

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did the deceased leave a Will other than a Service Will? If in your custody, please forward. If not, can you state where it is?	NO
18	If married, and domiciled in the Province of Quebec or in a State in the U.S.A. or in a Country under the laws of which there is community of property between spouses,—was there a marriage contract dealing with property?	—
19	(a) Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? (b) Give name and address of bank, etc., and the amount on deposit. (c) Do you wish it administered with the pay account? (d) If it is a joint account, state the survivor's name and relationship to the deceased.	NIL
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates purchased by the deceased and registered in his name. State where located.	NONE
21	(a) Amount of Victory Loan Bonds left by deceased. (b) State whether bearer or registered. (c) State in whose name they are registered. (d) During what loan were they purchased? (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) (e) In whose possession, and address, are they?	NIL
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	METROPOLITAN. About - \$180.00 (his mother) MRS. LUCE D'AMOUR.
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	—

OTHER PARTICULARS

24	Did the deceased after enlistment incur any debts for:— (a) His own separate board and lodging while on service. (b) Service clothing and equipment. An itemized account for each such debt should be attached hereto, and if same is correct you should mark the bill "approved" and sign same. If believed incorrect, give particulars.	NO
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(PLEASE TURN OVER)



## DECLARATION

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

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

\* 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.

Anthony Damore

{ Signature of Informant

949 Wellington St.

Address

## CERTIFICATE

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

\*See above.

M. Anthony Damore { 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 Ottawa this 1st day of November 19 45

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

Father Yves of Lacap

Qualification Ass. Pastor

Address

1062 Wellington St. Ottawa

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



Read this whole Form and instructions  
on other side before commencing to  
fill in etc.

R.C.A.F. R. 60  
(Revised 1-42)  
60M-10-42 (2842)  
H.Q. 885-R-60

WILL

(a) Names in full to be  
written.

(1) (a) I,

*Gerald Lock D'Aman*

City  
of the Town  
Village  
Township

of

*Ottawa*

in the County of

*Carlton*

District

Province of

*Ontario*

(Civil Occupation)

*Stationery Clerk*

a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number *R 274509* 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  
beneficiary(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.

(2) I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH unto my

(a)

*father*

(b)

*Joseph Antoinette D'Aman*

(c)

*949 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ont.*

(d)

*all my estate.*

Draw a diagonal line  
through Para. (3) if not  
applicable, i.e., if all Es-  
tate disposed of in Para.  
(2) above.

(3) All the remainder of my estate I give, devise and bequeath unto:

(a)

(b)

(c)

Name and address of  
Executor.

(4) I appoint

*Joseph Antoinette D'Aman, 949 Wellington St. Ottawa*

(Name)

(Address)

to be the Executor of this my Last Will.  
Executrix

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this

*7th*

day of

*September*

19*43*

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.

(5)

*Harold R. Holtby*

(Signature)

*31 Adelaide St. Ottawa*

(Permanent Home Address)

*Filing Clerk*

(Occupation)

Second Witness sign  
here.

(6)

*H.C.J. Reynolds*

(Signature)

*Carlton Place Ontario*

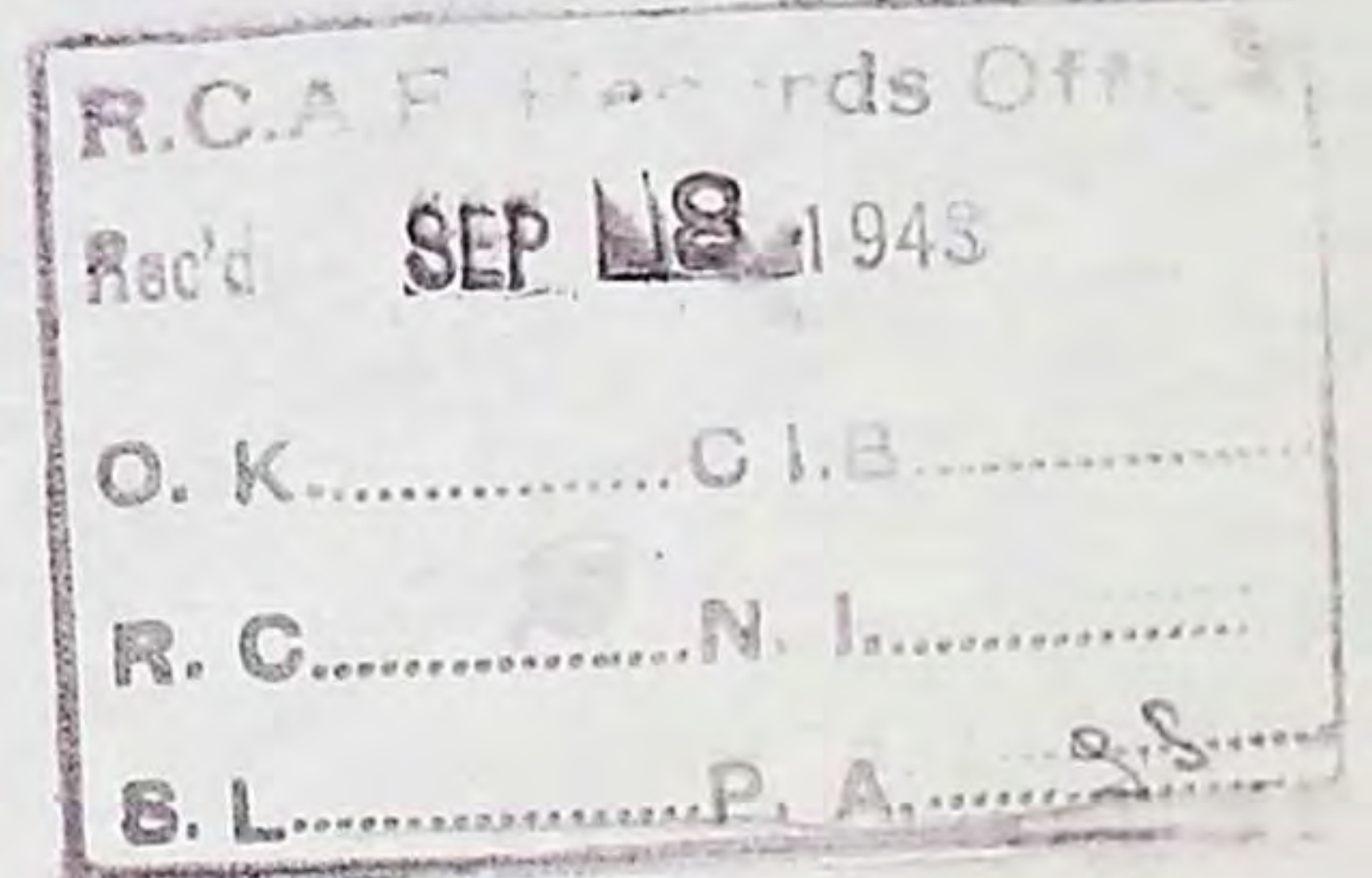
(Permanent Home Address)

*Wool Washer*

(Occupation)

(Witnesses are not to be beneficiaries.)

Two witnesses must sign their names where indicated.



(OVER)



Y-9/12  
P.A.-Y.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

INVENTORY

Date... 8-2-46

The Estates Branch has received the following personal effects of

NAME... D'AMOUR, G.R.A... F/Sgt... No. R274509... R.C.A.F.

- |                                      |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Blue haversack                     | 1 photo in cardboard folder          |
| 1 Small blue canvas kitbag           | 1 black Eclipse fountain pen         |
| 1 Pr. green swimming trunks          | 1 padlock                            |
| 1 Blue woollen sleeveless sweater    | 1 Hairbrush                          |
| 1 Light blue wool sweater            | 1 Blue covered book                  |
| 3 Prs. shorts                        | 1 High School Commencement programme |
| 5 Handkerchiefs                      | 1 Cigarette case                     |
| 5 Neckties                           | 1 Bundle letters                     |
| 1 Pr. black leather bedroom slippers | 3 Shirts                             |
| 1 Pr. braces                         | 2 Prs. pyjamas                       |
| 1 Black leather belt                 | 1 Pr. shorts                         |
| 2 Brown leather straps               | 4 Prs. socks                         |
| 1 Flashlight                         | 4 Handkerchiefs                      |
| 1 Black leather wallet contg:        | 1 Towel                              |
| 3 Canadian coins                     | 1 Facecloth                          |
| 1 red leather case contg:            | 1 Jockstrap                          |
| 2 Religious medals                   | 2 Shirts                             |
| 1 Rosary                             | 1 Towel                              |
| 5 cloth crowns                       | 1 Pr. socks                          |
| 1 Identification bracelet            | 10 Handkerchiefs                     |
| 1 Photograph                         | 7 Prs. socks                         |
| 1 Envelope contg. snapshots          |                                      |
| 1 Loose leaf notebook cover          |                                      |
| 1 Address book                       |                                      |
| 1 Oilskin tobacco pouch contg:       |                                      |
| 1 keyring with 7 keys                |                                      |
| 1 comb in case                       |                                      |
| 6 postcards                          |                                      |

Received the effects as listed

SIGNATURE... *J. G. D'Amour*

MK

DATE REC'D... Feb 8<sup>th</sup>/46



# OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER **J95221 (R274509)** RANK **PILOT OFFICER** UNIT **408 SQDN OVERSEAS**

TRADE **AIR GUNNER (G.L.)**

NAME **D'AMOUR, GERALD ROCH**

R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	R.A.A.F.	R.N.Z.A.F.	OTHER
<b>X</b>				

PRESENT MARITAL STATUS **SINGLE** RELIGION **R.C.** CANADIAN **YES**

FRENCH CANADIAN OTHER

NEXT OF KIN **MR. ANTHONY D'AMOUR**

RELATIONSHIP **FATHER**

ADDRESS **949 WELLINGTON STREET, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.**

FATHER'S NAME **MR & MRS ANTHONY D'AMOUR**

ADDRESS **949 WELLINGTON STREET**

LIVING ON ENLISTMENT **YES**

MOTHER'S NAME **OTTAWA, ONTARIO.**

ADDRESS

LIVING ON ENLISTMENT **YES**

ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

OCCUPATION

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

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

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



AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. **AIR MIN KWY** CASUALTY DETAILS: **PCX8733---d--26-SEPT-45**

**PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 24-DEC-44 AFTER AIR OPERATIONS OVERSEAS (OVER LOHAUSEN AIRFIELD, DUSSELDORF, GERMANY) AND SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED "MISSING BELIEVED KILLED" (INFORMATION FROM INVESTIGATING UNIT)**

**NOW "PRESUMED DEAD" 24-DEC-44 FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.**

ALL WILLS (1)

~~WILL~~ ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.? **YES/NOX**

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

DATE **12-OCT-45**

CERTIFICATE P. OF D. ATTACHED TO A. OF E. COPY **YES/NOX**

*Wm Bushnell*  
FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF



# OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

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

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

## Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

- (a) Print name in full DAMOUR, GERALD ROSE (b) Reg'l. No. R974309
2. (a) Arm of service BLVD (b) Unit 1st M. Bn. (c) Rank Pvt.
3. (a) Date of birth 1925 (b) Have you any dependents? No (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment Ottawa, Ont.
4. (a) Place of enlistment Ottawa, Ont. (b) Date of enlistment Sept. 6, 1942

PLEASE  
LEAVE  
BLANK

## Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 16 (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment? No
6. State definitely highest standing reached at public, technical or high school (for instance—"4 years, Public School," "two years, High School," "Junior Matriculation," or "4 years technical course in printing," etc.) 2 years
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured None
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade or apprenticeship? No (b) If so, for what occupation? None (c) Did you finish it? No (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it? None
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? English, French (b) What languages do you read well? English, French

## Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING or NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working," as case may be; particulars are asked for below) Working (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member? None

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

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

11. Had you ever been employed fairly regularly since leaving school? No
12. (a) If answer to 11 be "Yes," state exact trade or occupation at which you actually worked None (b) State how long you had worked at this trade or occupation None
13. If answer to 11 be "No," state exact trade or occupation for which you feel qualified None
14. If you had been employed after leaving school, state when you last worked fairly regularly before enlistment None
15. Give details of last employer, if any: Name None Address None
16. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer," or "building contractor," or "boot factory," or "iron foundry," or "retail store," etc.) None
17. (a) If your last employment was in a business of your own, state nature and address of business None (b) Date of discontinuing it None

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

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

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

18. Name of employer Naval Service Dept. Address Ottawa, Ont.
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer," or "building contractor," or "boot factory," or "iron foundry," or "retail store," etc.) Government
20. (a) Your specific occupation Naval Service Dept. (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer 1 year
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? No (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? No (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment? No

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

22. (a) State nature of business, or professional practice None (b) Where was it located? None
23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business None (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge? No

## Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war? No (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? No (c) If so, in what kind of farming? None
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? No (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? None (c) In what provinces did you have experience? None

## Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for re-establishment in civil life after discharge? No
27. If so, state nature of your plans (for example, do you plan to return to school, or have you been assured of a job, etc.) None
28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form None

DATE Sept 24, 1942 194 2 SIGNATURE G. R. Damour



**PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
VITAL STATISTICS ACT  
REGISTRATION OF DEATH**

Registration Number

For use of Registrar General only.

**1. PLACE OF DEATH**

City, Town or Village of **OVERSEAS (GERMANY)** Street.....  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number)  
Township of..... County or District of.....

**2. LENGTH OF STAY**

In Municipality where death occurred In Province In Canada (if immigrant)  
(in years, months and days).....

**3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED****D'AMOUR****GERALD ROCH**

(Surname or last name)

(Given or Christian names)

**4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:**

City, Town or Village of **Ottawa** Street **949 Wellington Street**  
Township of..... County or District of..... Province of **Ontario**

**5. SEX****Male****6. CITIZENSHIP**

(See marginal note)

**Canadian****7. RACIAL ORIGIN**

(See marginal note)

**8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced**

(Write the word)

**Single****9. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country)****Ontario****10. Date of Birth****March****5th****1925**

(Month by name)

(Day)

(Year)

**11. AGE**

Years

Months

Days

If less than one day

**19**

hrs. or min.

OCCUPATION

**12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work as spinner, grader, clerk, etc.**  
**(b) Kind of industry or business, as paper mill, lumber, bank, etc.**

**Air Gunner****R.C.A.F.**

(If "Labourer" specify kind of work above)

**13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation****December 24, 1944****14. Total years spent in this occupation****One****15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased****16. Name of father****D'Amour**

(Surname or last name)

**Anthony**

(Given or Christian names)

**17. Maiden name of mother****Boyer**

(Surname or last name)

**Lucille**

(Given or Christian names)

**18. Birthplace:**

Father

**Ontario**

(Province or Country)

Mother

**Quebec**

(Province or Country)

**19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

Given under my hand at

**Ottawa**this **19th** day of**November**19**45**

Signature of informant

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

Relationship to deceased

Address

**20. Burial, Cremation or Removal**

Date

(Month by name)

(Day)

19

Place of Burial

Cemetery

(Municipality)

Burial Permit was issued by

Address

**21. Funeral Director:**

Name

Address

**22. Marginal notations (Office use only)****MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH****23. DATE OF DEATH****December****24th**19**44**

(Month by name)

(Day)

(Year)

**24. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from**

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to

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and last saw h

alive on

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I Immediate cause Give disease, injury or complication which caused death, nor the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc.	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Previously reported missing after air operations, now for official purposes, presumed dead.</b>	DURATION		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to immediate cause (stated in order proceeding backwards from immediate cause).	(a) due to			
	(b) due to			
	(c) due to			
II Other morbid conditions (if important) contributing to death but not causally related to immediate cause.				

**25. If a woman, was the death associated with pregnancy?**

Duration

weeks.

Was there a delivery?

**26. Was there a surgical operation?**

Date of operation

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**

Date of injury

**December 24th**19**44**

(State which)

Manner of injury

**Presumed killed during air operations**

(How sustained)

Nature of injury

**public place**

Specify whether injury occurred in INDUSTRY, in HOME, or in PUBLIC PLACE

Signed by

Designation

M.D., Coroner, etc.

Address

Date

19

Division Registrar's Record No.

Date of Registration

19

(For use of Division Registrar only)

(Signature of Division Registrar)

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING. WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

CITIZENSHIP (NATIONALITY) is defined in terms of the country to which the person owes allegiance. The term "Canadian" should be used as descriptive person who was born in Canada or who has rights of Citizenship in Canada, unless he or she has subsequently become the citizen of another country.

RACIAL ORIGIN is defined in terms of the people or race to which the person—traced through the father—belongs, whether English, Irish, Scottish, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian, etc. The terms "Canadian" or "American" should not be used for RACIAL ORIGIN, as they express CITIZENSHIP (NATIONALITY).

In case of Stillbirth consult reverse side before making out certificate.



# Royal Canadian Air Force

## CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

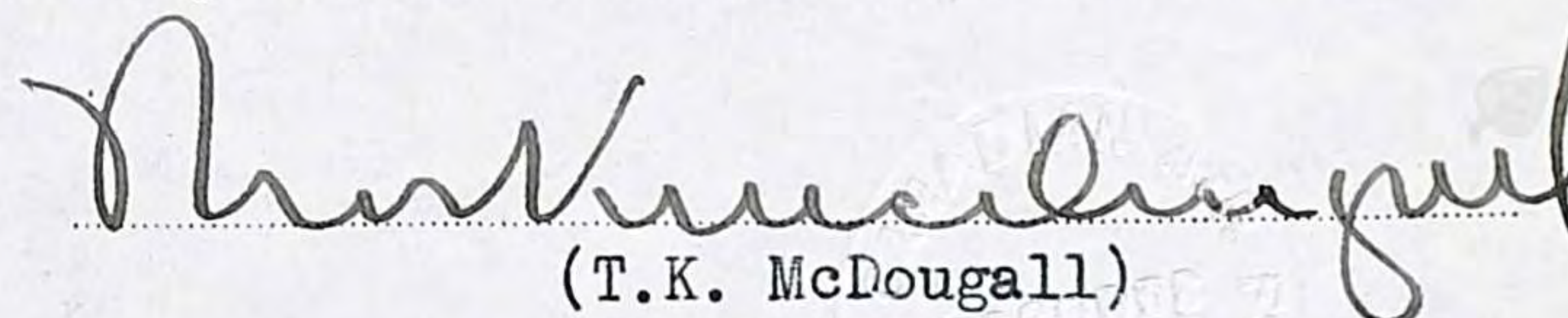
NO. 14598

**This is to Certify that**

J95221 PILOT OFFICER GERALD ROCK D'AMOUR R.C.A.F.  
(Number) (Rank) (Name in Full) (Unit)

has been officially reported as missing since the 24TH day  
of DECEMBER, 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 12TH day of OCTOBER, 1945



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







D'A MOUR . E. R



# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE



Right Index  
Fingerprint

Name D'AMOUR GERALD ROCK

R 2 7 4 5 0 9

Rank

**S.E.T.**

R.C.A.F.

Age 18

Height 5' 7"

Weight 131

Hair BROWN

Eyes BLUE

Hair on face FAIR

Marks, scars, etc.

NONE VISIBLE

*G. R. D'Amour*

(Signature of holder)

*W. Hill 710*

(Signature of issuer)

Place NO 5" M" DEPOT LACHINE QUE Date SEPTEMBER 9TH 1943

Card serial number 259140



CONFIDENTIAL

R.C.A.F. FORM 5003

R.C.A.F. TRAINING REPORTPRE-AIRCREW EDUCATIONSCHOOL <sup>18 P.A.E.D. Kingston, Ont</sup> TYPE <sup>AC(AG) STD</sup>1. Surname <sup>D'AMOUR</sup> Christian Names <sup>G.R.</sup>2. Number <sup>R274509</sup> 3. Rank <sup>AC2</sup> 4. Course No <sup>34</sup>5. Posted From <sup>18 P.A.E.D.</sup> 6. Date Course Commenced <sup>25-10-43</sup> 7. Date Course Ended <sup>30-11-43</sup> 8. Posted To <sup>10B&G</sup>

## 9. Examination Results

S u b j e c t	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained	Supplemental Examinations
(A) English	100	78	
(B) Science	100		
(C) Mathematics	100	83	
(D) Aircraft Recognition	100	81	
(E) Signals	100	85	
T o t a l	500		
A v e r a g e	100	78.0%	

10. Remarks: -

11/Dec/43

Date.....

Signed E. R. Boyd F.O.  
Chief Instructor  
or  
Examining Officer



## R.C.A.F. TRAINING REPORT

## WIRELESS OPERATOR (AIR GUNNER) AND AIR GUNNER

NO...10.....BOMBING AND GUNNERY SCHOOL

1. SURNAME...D'AMOUR.....CHRISTIAN NAMES...GERALD ROCH.....  
 2. NUMBER...R274509.....3. RANK.....LAC.....4. COURSE NO.....72.....  
 5. POSTED P.A.E.D. FROM...Kingston.....6. DATE COURSE COMMENCED...13-12-43.....7. DATE COURSE ENDED...10-3-44.....8. POSTED #4 A.G.T.S. TO...Valleyfield.....  
 9. AIRCREW TRADE...Air Gunner Std.....10. HEIGHT...65 $\frac{1}{2}$ .....11. GIRTH...33.....

12. EQUIPMENT USED							
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF GUNS			TYPE OF TURRETS			
	IN AIR	ON GROUND	ROUNDS FIRED 25 YD.	IN AIR	ON GROUND	ROUNDS FIRED 200 YD.	HOURS TURRET MANIP.
BOLINGBROKE	BROWNING	BROWNING	475	BRISTOL	BRISTOL		4Hrs 45Mins
					FRASER NASH		8 " 30 "
					BOULTON PAUL 1100		6 "

13. GROUND WORK			14. AIR WORK		
SUBJECT	MARKS ALLOTTED	MARKS OBTAINED	FLYING EXPERIENCE	DAY	NIGHT
GUNS, PYROS. AND AMMO. (WRITTEN)	200 }	225	NUMBER HOURS FLOWN	12Hrs 35Mins	
GUNS (PRACTICAL)	100 }		NO. CINE EX. COMPLETED	3	
SIGHTING ( <del>WRITTEN</del> ) oral	250	194	ROUNDS FIRED	AIR TO GROUND	300
TURRETS (PRACTICAL)	200	130		AIR TO AIR	2100
A/C RECOGNITION	150	93	% HITS AIR TO AIR	4	
SIGNALS	100	75	AIR FIRING MARK	MARKS ALLOTTED	MARKS OBTAINED
TOTAL	1000	717		1000	750
PERCENTAGE		71.7			

15. ASSESSMENT OF QUALITIES OF CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP	MARKS ALLOTTED	MARKS OBTAINED
	100	50

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

(MARK "X" IN APPROPRIATE COLUMN)

17. REMARKS:- Has little fortitude, only fair as an Air Gunner.

DATE:-...10-3-44.....

*[Signature]*  
 OFFICER COMMANDING  
 NO...10.BOMBING & GUNNERY SCHOOL



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Estates Form "P. 4"

R.C.A.F.

GL

Name.....D'AMOUR.....Gerald R......No. J.95221  
Surname Christian Names  
Rank P/O Unit R.C.A.F. O/S Date of Death 24-12-44

AMOUNT  
W.S.G. 237.02  
L.P.C.....\$ 97.87  
Date.....12-2-46 Other Credits..... 107.36  
Total..... 442.25

SHARE	RELATIONSHIP	NAME AND ADDRESS	AMOUNT
All	Father	Joseph Antoine D'Amour 949 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario.  (Sole beneficiary under will)	442.25

P4. TO TREAS. 28-2-46, QW.

AUTHORITY					
H.Q. F.E. No.	VOTE	PRI	H.Q. SUB.	OBJ.	AMOUNT
0000 <del>9999</del>	833	01	70	000	442.25
CLASSIFIED BY  D			EXAMINED BY  For Chief Treasury Officer		

DISTRIBUTION APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED

(L. M. FIRTH) Colonel  
Director of Estates

AUDITED FOR PAYMENT

For Chief Treasury Officer



SEVENTH VICTORY LOAN BONDS

Certified that R 274509 SGT GERALD ROCK D'AMOUR  
(Regimental No.) (Rank) (Name)

has subscribed for \$ 100 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>xx</sub> SEVENTH VICTORY LOAN BONDS

(a) By outright purchase in respect of which Cheque/Draft/Crossed Warrant/Money Order, for \$..... has been received.

(b) By monthly assignments of pay \$ 16 <sup>80</sup>/<sub>xx</sub>.....

Bonds to be delivered to: MRS LUCILLE D'AMOUR 949 WELLINGTON ST.  
OTTAWA ONT.

Date: .....

NOTE: This stub to be torn off  
and handed to subscriber.

.....  
(Unit Representative)



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
NAVY        ARMY        AIR FORCE  
STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

*Jim* 2  
AIR

CEASED  
MEMBER'S  
NAME

Gerald R.  
(CHRISTIAN NAMES)

D'Amour  
(SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

FILE NO.

DATE

SERVICE NO.

FINAL RANK OR RATING

DATE OF DISCHARGE

PAYEE

ADDRESS

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

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE

24 Dec./44

28232

18 Dec/45

J.95221

F/O

24 Dec/44

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 475 EQUAL TO 15 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50  
30

\$  
112.50

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 236 LESS 25 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 211 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY

52.75

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY \$ 6.25  
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING  
AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE \$ 1.70  
ADDITIONAL PAY \$  
\$  
\$

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$

TOTAL \$ 7.95 X 7 = \$ 55.65  
NO. OF DAYS 236 X \$ 55.65  
183

71.77

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

237.02

E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

PAY AND ALLOWANCES \$  
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE  
AND ASSIGNED PAY \$

OTHER DEDUCTIONS \$

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

237.02

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  
HRH

CHECKED BY  
DRM

TREASURY  
CHECKED BY  
DATE  
21-12-45

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE



408/702/206/P.1

28th December, 1944.

Dear Mr. D'Amour:

Before you receive this letter you will have had a telegram informing you that your son, Flight Sergeant Gerald Roch Arthur D'Amour (R274509), has been reported missing as a result of air operations.

At approximately 11:34 hours on the morning of the 24th instant "Jerry" and members of his crew took off from this aerodrome to carry out bombing operations over Dusseldorf (Lohausen Airfield), Germany, but, unfortunately, failed to return. He and his crew were due back at approximately 16:15 hours that afternoon, but no news has been received from the aircraft since the time of take-off.

It is with regret that I have to write to you this date to convey to you the feelings of my entire Squadron. The loss of your son and other members of the crew is greatly felt by everyone as he was very popular with the boys. "Jerry" had 4 operational trips to his credit and a total of 29:55 hours over enemy territory, and proved himself to be a very capable air gunner.

There is always a possibility that your son may be a prisoner of war, in which case you will hear from him direct or through Air Ministry, who will receive advice from the International Red Cross Society. To be a prisoner of war is not the happiest thought in one's mind, particularly for you who are so fond of your son, but, on the other hand, I think you will

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agree with me that it carries a certain gratifying thought in knowing that our loved ones are alive and well and will, some day, return home safely.

Your son's effects have been gathered together and forwarded to the Central Depository, Royal Air Force, where they will be held until further news is received, or, in any event, for a period of at least six months before being forwarded to you through the Administrator of Estates, Ottawa.

I do not wish to grieve you further in your deep anxiety, and trust that you will bear with us until such a time as definite information is received one way or the other concerning the welfare of your son.

Air Ministry, Casualties Branch, will furnish you with any further news received regarding your son.

May I offer my most sincere sympathies as well as those of my officers and men in your anxiety.

Sincerely yours,

*J.R. Sharp*  
(F.R. Sharp) Wing Commander,  
Commanding,  
No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Mr. A. D'Amour,  
949 Wellington Street,  
OTTAWA, Ontario, Canada.

LETTER RECEIVED.....	2	1
ORIGINAL SENT.....	3	1
COPY TO OTTAWA.....	8	1
PHOTOS SENT TO.....	N/A	



C O P Y

22nd May 1945.

R.C.A.F. (Q's) Headquarters,  
20, Lincoln's Inn Fields,  
LONDON.

Attn. Casualties.

J.37475 F/O. W.H.Dunwoodie,  
re: Crew

When we were hit on the afternoon of 24 December 1944 by 88 mm flack, I was blinded, knocked unconscious and my microphone and ear phones were blown off. When I came to, the only contact I could make with any of the crew was with the inter position call light. Being blinded I could not tell if my message to jump was acknowledged by any one. I felt around for the members nearest me but couldn't find any one. I then left the aircraft myself.

On the 28th February I could see well enough with one eye to read a record of all P.O.W's who had gone through the transit camp at Netzar. There I found, R.88187 F/Sgt. CHIASSON, J.A. had gone through on 5th January 1945. I believe he was uninjured because the hospital on the camp had no record of him.

I have no knowledge of J.13140 F/Lt. W.L.FRICKER; J.38411 F/O. D.G.KELLAR; R.212809 F/Sgt. TOMKIN, D.O. R.274509 F/Sgt. D'ARMOUR, G.R.A., or R.208171 Sgt. ALLAN, W.B.

(Signed) W.H.Dunwoodie, F/O.,  
Patient No. 11 Can. Gen. Hospital,  
Taplow, Bucks.



OTTAWA, Canada, 14th July, 1945.

Mr. Anthony D'Amour,  
949 Wellington St.,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. D'Amour:


It is with deep regret that I must confirm our recent telegram informing you that your son, Flight Sergeant Gerald Roch D'Amour, previously reported missing on Active Service, is now reported "missing believed killed."

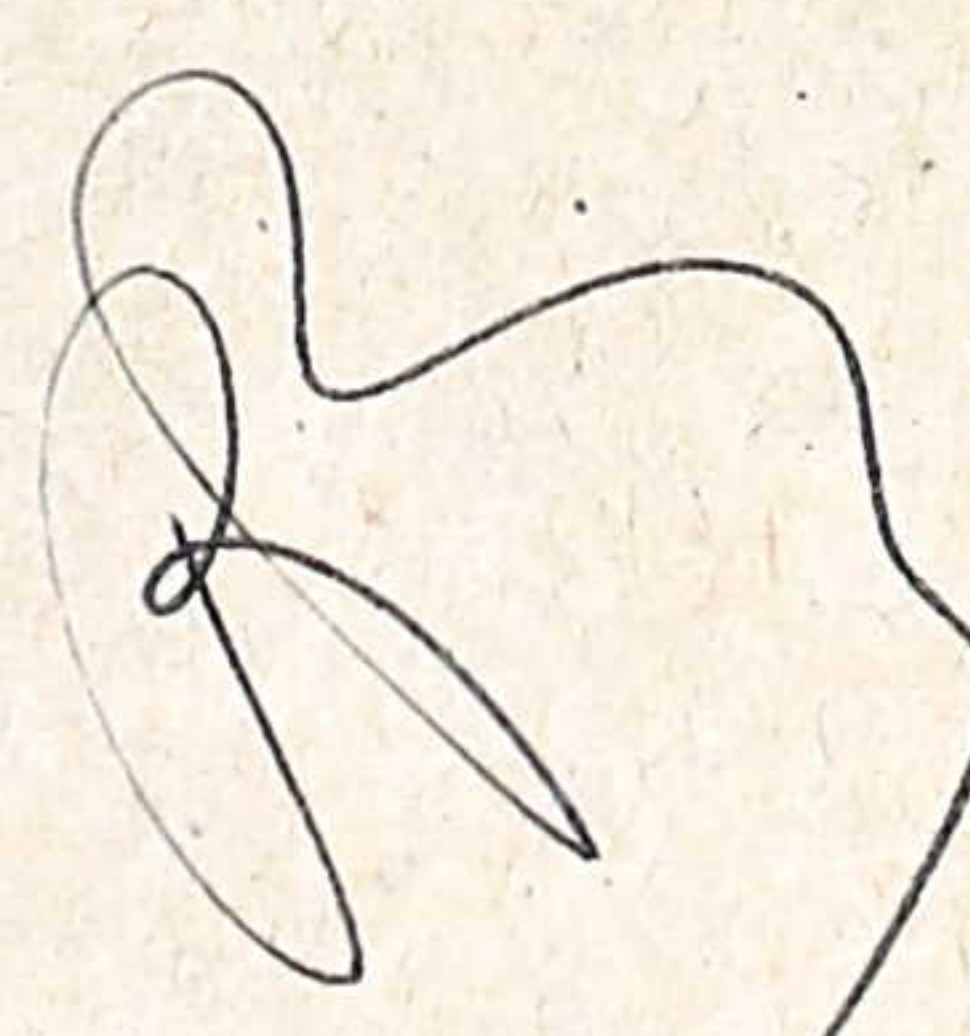
According to a report received from an Investigating Unit, your son's aircraft crashed near Dusseldorf Airport, on December 24th, 1944. The local inhabitants report that two airmen baled out, Flying Officer Dunwoodie and Flight Sergeant Chiasson, and that five other lost their lives and were buried in Sturzelberg Cemetery, five miles south of Dusseldorf, Germany. There had been a record of the names of those who were buried, but these records were destroyed. However, as Flying Officer Dunwoodie and Flight Sergeant Chiasson, both members of your son's crew, have arrived safely in the United Kingdom, it is most unhappily believed that the five who lost their lives are your son, Flight Lieutenant Friker, Flying Officer Kellar, Flight Sergeant Tonkin, and Sergeant Allan.

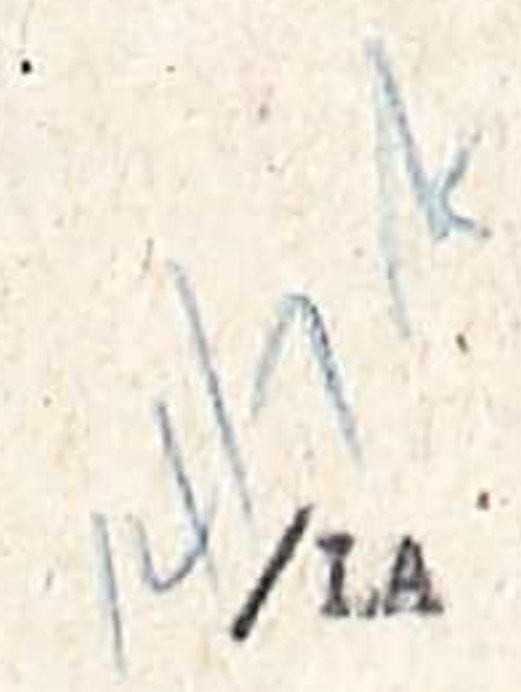
In view of this information and in accordance with established procedure, Air Ministry, Overseas, is now taking action to presume your son's death for official purposes, and when this action is completed you will be advised by registered letter from the Chief of the Air Staff. Pending completion of this action it is necessary to consider your son as "missing believed killed."

May I extend to you and the members of your family my most earnest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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







Police Station Buettgen  
of Police Administrative District.

Buettgen, the 30th Jan.47

To: Officer Commanding,  
No. 4 M.R.E.U., R.A.F.

Ref: H.329

Concerning the aircraft crash on the 24th December, 1944.

Referring to the aircraft crash on the 24th December, 1944, you are informed that the aircraft came down in flames at approx 14.45 hours, crashed on the ground and continued burning fiercely. The Chief of Police A.D. Thye, Kaarst has given the report as requested at that time. From the engineer of the Fliegerhorst at Krefeld, Sgt. Peltzer, he ~~gained~~ got the information that it was a four engined bomber, type Halifax. Peltzer determined the type by small aircraft parts. It was not possible for Thye himself to determine the type by Serial number plates or other parts. Because of the fire the colour and signs could no longer be established.

Referring to further information from Thye, parts of the bodies of the deceased airmen, which were spread over a wide area, were gathered by the Red Cross, put into two coffins and buried in the Gemeinde Cemetery of Kaarst. Presumably there were four bodies but it is impossible to give a correct number as there were only small fragments of bodies left.

After the occupation of the Allied troops (American) in the beginning of March, 1945, the graves were inspected and the bodies were exhumed by the same troops at the end of March, 1945. The place of reburial is not known here.

Further details can no longer be determined.

(Sgd)



J95221 (RO)



REGISTERED

OTTAWA, Canada, 14th February, 1947.

Mr. Joseph A. D'Amour,  
949 Wellington Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. D'Amour:

It is a privilege to have the opportunity of sending you the Operational Wings and Certificate in recognition of the gallant services rendered by your son, Pilot Officer G.R. D'Amour.

I realize there is little which may be said or done to lessen your sorrow, but it is my hope that these "Wings", indicative of operations against the enemy, will be a treasured memento of a young life offered on the altar of freedom in defence of his Home and Country.

Yours very sincerely,

(W.A. Dicks)

Wing Commander

F/O E.J. Rocheleau /BEO for Chief of the Air Staff.



OTTAWA, Canada, February 19th, 1949.

Mr. J. Anthony D'Amour,  
941 Wellington Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. D'Amour:

It is with regret that I refer to the loss of your son, Pilot Officer Gerald Roch D'Amour, who lost his life on air operations against the enemy December 24, 1944, and who was believed to be buried with four members of his crew in the cemetery at Sturzeburg, Germany, but a report has been received from our Missing Research and Enquiry Service that on visiting the cemetery at Sturzeburg, it was found that the graves of your son and the four members of his crew had been moved by an American Graves Service to the United States Cemetery at Margraten, Holland, and according to agreed policy that all British aircrew buried in American cemeteries would be moved to British Military Cemeteries, your son and his crew members were moved to the permanent British Military Cemetery at Venraij, Holland, which is located twenty-two miles south southeast of Nijmegen, Holland.

Your son is resting in Grave No. 8, Row D, Plot 8, of that cemetery. Most unfortunately, the four members of his crew who lost their lives with him could not be individually identified -- Flight Lieutenant W.D. Friker, Pilot Officer W.B. Allan, Flying Officer D.G. Kellar and Pilot Officer D.C. Tonkin (all R.C.A.F.) and they are resting in adjoining Multiple Graves, registered in their names and numbered 9 and 10. The cemetery and the graves will be reverently cared for and maintained in perpetuity by the Imperial War Graves Commission (of which Canada is a member). The cemetery will be beautified by landscaping and the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers, and the Commission will also erect a permanent headstone at your son's resting place, and will write to you before the stone is prepared.

It is my earnest hope that you will be comforted with the knowledge that your son's resting place is known, and that it will



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be permanently maintained, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing to you and the members of your family my deepest sympathy in the loss of your gallant son.

Yours sincerely,

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

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28/9/49

The R.C.A.F. Records Office,  
Canadian Air Ministry,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sirs:

While visiting the grave of a Canadian cousin who served in the R.C.A.F. and is buried in the Venray Cemetery, Holland, I took the enclosed picture of an adjoining grave, P/O D'Amour, J96221, who was probably a crewman of my cousin. I am sending the picture and film to you in the hope that you may be able to trace the boy's family and forward it on to them. No doubt the relatives of this brave lad would be pleased to have a picture of the last resting place of their boy.

This letter comes from an admirer of everything Canadian so I do hope that P/O D'Amour's family can be traced.

I am,

Yours truly,

(sgd)

D.A. Busby,  
6 St. James Drive,  
Wandsworth Common,  
London, S.W.17.



Mr J95221 (DPC)

October 19, 1949.

Mr. J. Anthony D'Amour,  
941 Wellington Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. D'Amour:

The enclosed letter with a photograph of the resting place of your son, Pilot Officer Gerald Roch D'Amour, and the negative, have been forwarded here for delivery to you.

The letter is self-explanatory, and it is my earnest hope that it will be of comfort and solace to you and the members of your family.

May I take this opportunity of expressing my deepest sympathy in the loss of your gallant son.

Yours sincerely,

(W. R. Gurn)

Wing Commander  
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