R125848
BIRTCH
GEORGE ERNES

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

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Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full: BIRTCH Gordon George Ernest (b) Reg'l. No. R125848
2. (a) Arm of service: Air (b) Unit: #2 MD RCAF Brandon, Man. (c) Rank: AC2
3. (a) Date of birth: Aug 2 1920 (b) Have you any dependents? Yes (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment: Nanotick, Stn. Ont.
4. (a) Place of enlistment: Ottawa, Ont. (b) Date of enlistment: 11-9-41

Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school: 17 (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.): 3 yrs. High
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured: No
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? Yes (b) If so, for what occupation? Assembler (c) Did you finish it? Yes (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it?
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? English & French (b) What languages do you read well? Eng. & French

Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING or NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working", as case may be; particulars are asked for below): Working (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member? No

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. Name of employer: Beach Foundry Ltd. 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.): Manufacturers of household goods
20. (a) Your specific occupation: Assembler (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer: 1 yr.
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 (b) Where was it located?
23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge?

Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war? Yes (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? Yes (c) If so, in what kind of farming? Mixed
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? No (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? 10 yrs. (c) In what provinces did you have experience? Ont.

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.) N/A
28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form No

DATE 1-12-41 194..... SIGNATURE

Rec'd JAN 19 1942
O. K. .... C.I.B. ....
R. C. .... N.I. ....
S.L. .... P.A. ....

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

FILE NUMBER

Medical Board held at Ottawa, Ontario *Date* Sept. 11/41

Surname BIRTCH *Chr. Names* ERNEST GEORGE
Nature of Commission W.O. *Date of Birth* 2/8/20 *Married or Single* Single
Branch R.C.A.F. *Hours Flown* No
Address Manotick, R.R. No. 2, Ontario

HAVE YOU ANY HISTORY OF:—

(i) NERVOUS TROUBLE or Nervous Breakdown NO
Severe or "Sick" Headaches, Migraine NO
Fits or Convulsions of any kind NO
Sun or Heat Stroke NO
Head Injury or Concussion (including "knock-out") NO
Insomnia, Nightmares, Sleep-walking, or Bed-wetting NO
(ii) LUNG TROUBLE or Consumption NO
Bronchitis, Pneumonia or Pleurisy NO
Asthma or Hay Fever NO
(iii) HEART DISEASE, "Weak or Strained Heart" NO
Fainting Attacks or Giddiness NO
Rheumatism, Rheumatic Fever or "Growing Pains" NO
Frequent Sore Throats or Tonsilitis NO
Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever or Scarlatina NO
(iv) STOMACH or BOWEL TROUBLE NO
Chronic Indigestion or Pain after Food NO
(v) KIDNEY or BLADDER TROUBLE NO
Syphilis or Gonorrhœa NO
(vi) TROPICAL DISEASE NO
Malaria NO
Dysentery NO
(vii) EYE TROUBLE or Inflammation of Eyelids NO
Wearing of Glasses NO
Colour or Night Blindness NO
(viii) EAR TROUBLE, Earache or Discharge from Ears NO
Deafness, Noises in the Ears, or Dizziness NO
Frequent Colds in Head, Catarrh or Obstruction NO
Prolonged Hoarseness or Loss of Voice NO
Sea, Car or Train Sickness NO
Discomfort on Swings, Roundabouts, Switchbacks NO
(ix) OPERATIONS NO
(x) Any illness or Injury not mentioned above Measles. Whooping cough.

Education 3 years High School 15 years.
Present Occupation Farmer Hobbies No
Previous Service No
Athletics Football, Hockey (slightly)
Habits—Smoking 30 pipes per day Alcohol No
FAMILY HISTORY—Consumption No Diabetes No Haemophilia No
Nervous Ailments, Mental Trouble, or "Fits" No
Father Alive—Health Good Dead—Cause
Mother Alive—Health Good Dead—Cause
Brothers (3) Alive—Health Good (1) Dead—Cause Infancy
Sisters (4) Alive—Health Good (1) Dead—Cause Infancy

I hereby declare that I have carefully considered the statements made above, that to the best of my belief they are complete and correct, and that I have not withheld any relevant information or made any misleading statement. I am fully aware that by wilfully suppressing any information I shall incur the risk of not being accepted for Service, or if accepted, of being discharged or retired and forfeit any claim to gratuity or other award.

Date 11/9/41 *Signature* Ernest Birtch *Witness* [illegible] F/O

GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EXAMINATION

Impression given by *(a)* Physique ..... Wiry ..... *(b)* Mentality ..... Dull standard .....
Body Marks, Scars, Deformities ..... Scar right wrist. .....
Size of Thyroid Gland ..... Not enlarged .....
Surgical Abnormalities ..... None .....
Results of Wounds, Injuries, Operations ..... None .....

	Date 11/9/41	Date Apr. 7/42	Date	Remarks on any Abnormalities Found
Height (ins.)	65	65		
Weight (lbs.)	120	136		*Date* Apr 7/42.
Chest Circumference (ins.)	32-34			
Body Build (lbs.)	-9	plus 7		Very flat feet.
Leg Length (ins.)	39	40		No apparent disability to date.
Pulse Rate — Sitting	84	72		
Pulse Rate — Standing 1st	108	96		
Pulse Rate — Standing 2nd	96	84		
Pulse Rate — After Exercise	120	108		
Pulse Rate — Time to Normal	30	30		
Arterial Walls	N			*Date*
Blood Pressure — Systolic	120	120		
Blood Pressure — Diastolic	75	80		
Room Temperature	70			
Heart — Size (in cms.)	8.5	N		
Heart — Sounds	N	N		
Heart — Rhythm	N	Reg.		
Lungs — Inspection	N			
Lungs — Palpation	N			
Lungs — Percussion	N			
Lungs — Auscultation	N	Clear		
Lungs — Expiratory Force	120			*Date*
Lungs — X-Ray				
Reflexes — Knee	N	Sl		
Reflexes — Ankle	N			
Reflexes — Triceps	N			
Reflexes — Abdominal	N	N		
Reflexes — Plantar	Fl.	Fl		
Cranial Nerves	N	N		
	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	
Balancing Rod	1-S 1-S			
	R. L.	R. L.	R. L.	
Self Balancing	1-FS 1-FS	1/FS 1/FS		
Tremors — Fingers	0	SC		*Date*
Tremors — Eyelids	0	0		
Abdomen — Liver	N	N		
Abdomen — Spleen	N	N		
Abdomen — Muscular Tone	N	Good		
Urine — Albumen	Neg.	Neg.		
Urine — Sugar	Neg.	Neg.		
Initials of M.O.	R.T.G.	FCB		

40 mm. Hg. Test .....
Date ..... 11/9/41 ..... 7/6-9-10, 8-8-8, 8-9-8, 7-7-7, 7 ..... 2 trials .....
Date .....
Date ..... 50 Secs. 6/788/887/776/6 ..... (3rd attempt) .....
Date .....

Fit. A1B - A3B Seems pretty dull mentally but will probably improve.
R.T. Gates F/O
Apr 7/42. Fit physically. This boy lacks determination--Gives up easily on 40 mm. test. Will need a lot pushing along. Stability ~~x~~only fair. As Pilot (3) As Observer (3)

(F.C. Barton) Flt/Lt.

History ..... Neg. .....
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Visual Acuity { R. 20/20 / L. 20/20

Colour Vision .....
Red, Green .....
Diaphragm Test (P.D. .....

Convergence { C. = ... / S. C. =

Accommodation { R. ... / L. ...

Cover Test ..... Slt. lat
Fundi and Media Cl
Fields .....
Remarks: Fi

Initi
Date

History ..... Head col
.....

Hearing { R. Ear / L. Ear

External Ear, Meatus Membranes { R. Ear / L. Ear

Middle Ear, Eustachian Tubes { R. Ear / L. Ear

Cochlear Apparatus { R. Ear / L. Ear

Vestibular Apparatus { R. Ear / L. Ear

Buccal Cavity .....
Teeth .....
Gums .....
Pharynx .....
Nasopharynx .....
Nose .....
Larynx .....
Remarks: Fit.

RGICAL EXAMINATION

(b) Mentality Dull standard

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7/42 Date		Remarks on any Abnormalities Found
		Date Apr 7/42. Very flat feet. No apparent disability to date.
		Date
		Date
	R. L.	
	R. L.	
/FS		Date

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(3)

(F.C.Barton) Flt/t.

EYE EXAMINATION

History Neg. Negative History.

Visual Acuity	R 20/20, $\bar{c}$ 2.25 = 20/200	20/20 c plus 2.50 20/200	
	L 20/20, $\bar{c}$ 2.25 = 20/200	20/20 c plus 250 20/200	
Colour Vision	N	Normal (9th Ishihara)	
Red, Green	Esophoria 1 Δ	At 20' Eso 6D; at 15" Eso 4D.	
Diaphragm Test (P.D. = 60)	bar over 4 @ 1	P.D. 65 Crowding at 3.	
Convergence	C. = 6.5 cms.	P. 8 cms.	
	S. C. = 8.5 cms.	11.5 cms.	
Accommodation	R. 8	10.0 cms.	
	L. 8	10.0 cms.	
Cover Test	Slt. lat. dev. R.R.	Sl. conv. RR	
Fundi and Media	Clear	Normal	
Fields	N	Normal	
Remarks:	Fit.	R.H.-R.E. Astigmatism. A1B A3B.	
	Initials of M.O Spiro	Initials of M.O JCA	Initials of M.O
	Date 11/9/41	Date 7-4-42.	Date

EXAMINATION OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

History Head colds once or twice a year.

Hearing	R. Ear	WV 20 ft.	w.v. 20'	
	L. Ear	WV 20 ft.	w.v. 20'	
External Ear, Meatus Membranes	R. Ear	N	Normal	
	L. Ear	N	normal	
Middle Ear, Eustachian Tubes	R. Ear	P		
	L. Ear	P		
Cochlear Apparatus	R. Ear	N		
	L. Ear	N		
Vestibular Apparatus	R. Ear	N		
	L. Ear	N		
Buccal Cavity		N	Fairly clear	
Teeth		D.C. 28, Pts. 16	Good	
Gums		N	Normal	
Pharynx		N	Normal	
Nasopharynx		N		
Nose		N	Good airway.	
Larynx		N		
Remarks:		Fit.		
		Initials of M.O Spiro	Initials of M.O. FCB	Initials of M.O
		Date 11/9/41	Date Apr. 7/42.	Date

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

Fit. A1B - A3B   This applicant seems rather dull mentally but may take instruction well. Is stolid and may make good W.A.G.

R.T. Gates F/O

[signature] F/O

ALTITUDE TOLERANCE TEST   Date 11-10-142

No. of 2 hr tests at 35,000 feet		Symptoms	Recommended for:
1.		nil on ______ runs	~~A. flying to 35,000 ft. or more~~
(2.)		mild on / "	~~B. limited flying to 30,000 ft.~~
3.		moderate on / "	(C.) flying only to 25,000 ft.
		severe on ______ "	

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS OF THE REVIEWING MEDICAL OFFICER

Date Apr. 11/42.

1. Flat feet. Eso 6D.
2. Below average stability.
3. R.H.-R.E.

Category A1B A3B.

[signature] Flt/Lt.
(F.C. Barton) Flt/Lt.

NIGHT VISION 15/32 average.
E.E.G. Cat. 8
DECOMPRESSION CH.
No difficulty

FOR COMPLETION AND RETURN BY

Form P. 64

Mr. G.T. Birtch,
Billings Bridge,
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. 1040 B 790 185

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ESTATES BRANCH

OTTAWA, ONT.

24 July 1944

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

Birtch, George Ernest Percy F/S

No. R125848 R.C.A.F.

ESTATES BRANCH AUG 12 1944 H.Q. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

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.

E. C. Cousins
for Director of Estates.

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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		None		
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births		None		
3	Father of the Deceased		George Thomas Birtch	57	Billings Bridge Ontario
4	Mother of the Deceased		Greta Donalda Birtch	46	Billings Bridge Ontario
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Kenneth Wellis Birtch	19	Billings Bridge Ont.
		Half Blood	Thomas A. W. Walker	28	Aylmer East Que.
			John Wilfred Walker	27	Aylmer East Que R.R. #1.
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	mrs Muriel Elizabeth (Gale)	22	Billings Bridge Ont
			Greta Lillian Birtch	15	" " "
			Anna Lois Birtch	13	" " "
			Janet Myrtle Birtch	11	" " "
		Half Blood	—	—	—
7	Names of brothers or sisters (whether of the full or the half blood) of the Deceased, *who are dead*, and date of death of each.		Names and ages of their children (if any)		Address of their children
	—		—		—

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE

PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	George Ernest Percy Bistch
9	Date of his birth.	August 2nd 1920
10	Place and date of his marriage.	— —
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Ottawa Ont Oct. 28th 1919

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Aylmer East 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) Aylmer East Que 14 yrs. (b) (c) Metcalfe Ontario 4 yrs (d) Manotick Stn. Ont 3 yrs
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Farmer.
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	—
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	—

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	—
18	If married, and domiciled in the Province of Quebec or in a State in the U.S.A. or in a Country under the laws of which there is community of property between spouses,—was there a marriage contract dealing with property?	—
19	Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? If so, give name and address of bank, etc., and the amount on deposit. Do you wish it administered with the pay account?	—
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	unknown
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	unknown
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	—
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.	—
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.	—

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

(PLEASE TURN OVER)

DECLARATION

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

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

*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.

George T. Birtch ..... Signature of Informant

Billings Bridge, Ont. ..... Address

CERTIFICATE

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

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 Billings Bridge this 10th day of August 1944

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

Address Billings Bridge, Ont.

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

AIR FORCE No. R125848 POSTED TO R.C. Ottawa, Ontario TRADE Wireless Operator Air Gunner Std.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

(ATTESTATION PAPER)

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

1. Surname BIRTCH FULL Christian Names George Ernest Percy
2. Present Address Manotick, R.R.No.2, Ont. Telephone
3. Permanent Address Manotick, R.R.No.2, Ont.
4. Place of Birth Aylmer, Que. Citizenship Canadian
5. Date of Birth Aug. 2, 1920 Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced Single
6. Particulars of Children

Name	Date of birth	Name	Date of birth

7. Occupation Assembler 8. Religion Presbyterian (State denomination)
9. Languages English (fluently) French (fluently) (State proficiency)
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) George Thomas Birtch Relationship Father
    " Address Manotick, R.R.No.2, Ont.
11. Father (Full Name) George Thomas Birtch Birthplace Gatineau, Que.
    " Address Manotick, R.R. No. 2, Ont. Citizenship Canadian
    " Occupation Farmer
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Greta Donalda Girard Birthplace Metcalfe, Ont.
    " Address Manotick, R.R.No. 2, Ont. Citizenship Canadian
13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service:

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date From	Date To	Reason for discharge

R.C.A.F. Records Office
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O.K. ... C.I.S.
R.C. ... N.1.
S.L. ... P.A.

14. Honours, Awards, Mentions Na
15. Are you now on any Naval, Military or Air Force Reserve? No
16. Have you previously made application to join the R.C.A.F.? No If so, where? Na
    When? Na Result Na
17. Were you ever discharged from any branch of His Majesty's Forces as Medically Unfit? No
    If so, state nature of disability Na
18. Have you ever been or are you now in receipt of a Disability Pension? No
    If so, state nature of Disability Na
19. Have you ever been convicted of an indictable offence? No If so state nature Na
20. Are you in debt? No If so, state particulars Na

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21. Particulars of Education:

—	Name of school	Date From	Date To	Courses—Subjects, etc.
Primary Education—Public or Separate School	Aylmer Acad. P.Que.	1920	1928	Entrance
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.	Aylmer Acad. P.Que.	1928	1930	2 years of H.Sc.
Technical School	Nepean H.Sc. Ottawa, Ont.	1930	1931	3 years of H.Sc.
University or School other than above				
Correspondence Courses, etc.				

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

Employer and place	Duties, trades, positions	Date From	Date To	Reason for leaving
Father's Farm	Farmer	1931	1934	To betterment
G. Reaney, Metcalfe, Ont.	Farmer	1934	1935	To betterment
Father's Farm	Farmer	1935	1941	To betterment
Beach Foundary, Hinton St., Ottawa, Ont.	Assembler	1941		still

23. Flying Experience (in Hours) Solo Na Dual Na Passenger Na

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

25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally Skating, skiing, football, softball swimming, mod.

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
George Reaney	Metcalfe R.R.No.3, Ont.	Farmer
Fenson Ealey	Gladstone St., Ottawa, Ont.	Foreman of Beach Foundary.
Jack Boyd	Metcalfe, R.R.No.3, Ont.	Farmer
D.O. Arnold	Nepean St., H.Sc. Ottawa, Ont.	Princ. of H.Sc.

28. Other information that may have any bearing on this application Na

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 September 5, 19 41 Signature J. Ernest Burtch.

/MM

(A) *Report of Interviewing*

Type

Suitability for (state i

Date

(B) *Report of Trade Test—*

Trade in which tested

Result

Trade qualifications c

Date

(C)

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particulars are true, and
and overseas, in the Royal
thereafter, and in any eve
services.

Date 11-9-41

(D)

I, Ge
declare) that I will be fait

Date 11-9-41

(E)

The Recruit above
he would be liable to be p

The above questions

I have taken care tha
as replied to and the said

at Ottawa, Ont

Date From	Date To	Courses—Subjects, etc.
1920	1928	Entrance
1928	1930	2 years of H.Sc.
.1930	1931	3 years of H.Sc.

Date From	Date To	Reason for leaving
1931	1934	To betterment
1934	1935	To betterment
1935	1941	To betterment
1941		still

Dual Na Passenger Na

Na

Skating, skiing, football, softball

o enlist

(c) ~~Air Gunner~~ (d) ~~Wireless Operator (Air Crew)~~

racter and ability.

	Occupation
.3, Ont.	Farmer
Ottawa, Ont.	Foreman of Beach Foundary.
.3, Ont.	Farmer
Ottawa, c. Ont.	Princ. of H.Sc.

n Na

ion are compulsory? Yes

me is correct to the best of my knowledge and

est Birtch

NATIONAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE PRODUCED. ED 45 P.D. 9 M.M.D.

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(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, George Ernest Percy Birtch 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 11-9-41 19.....

G. Ernest Birtch
Signature of Recruit

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

I, George Ernest Percy Birtch do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Date 11-9-41 19.....

G. Ernest Birtch
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 Eleventh day of September 1941

W B Denez
Signature of Officer

F/O
Rank

Commanding Officer,
R. C. A. F. Recruiting Centre
90 O'Connor Street,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.
Unit

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—

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

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

3. Have you ever worn glasses?........no

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

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

Ernest Butch
Signature of Applicant

Examiner's Remarks *re* above........measles, whooping cough.

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

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

2. Height........5........feet........5........inches. 3. Weight........120........pounds.
4. Complexion........med........ 5. Color of Eyes........blue........Hair........brown.
6. Development ~~Good~~ Fair ~~Poor~~ 7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration........32........inches
Range of expansion........2........inches
8. Hearing—Right........WV 20........Left........WV 20........Tympana—Right........N........Left........N........
9. Vision—Without glasses—Right........20/20........With glasses—Right........
Left........20/20........Left........
10. Condition of mouth and teeth........28 T 18 P.
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

A.B
A3B.

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

Part 2 Cont'.
13. Reflexes N
14. Heart N
15. Lungs N
16. Blood Pressure S. D. 120/70
17. Colour Vision N

11-9-41 X-Ray 16694 Neg. (Chest)

Date........11/9/41........19........

J. M. Honze[?] ....President ....F/O ....Member ....Member

R0125848 BIRTCH GEORGE EP FS3

1 NUMBER 9 NAME 29 RANK

SERVICE AWARD CARD

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

	39-45 STAR	ATL. STAR	A/C EUR STAR	AFRICA STAR	PACIFIC STAR	BURMA STAR	ITALY STAR	FR. AND GER. STAR	DEFENCE MEDAL	~~GEN.~~ war SER. MEDAL	C.V.S.M.			Ow Hpa	
	33 34 35	36 37 38	39 40 41	42 43 44	45 46 47	48 49 50	51 52 53	54 55 56	57 58 59	60 61 62	63 64 65	66 67 68	69 70 71	72 73 74	75 76 77 78 79 80
	✓		✓						✓	✓	✓				AWARD
											✓				AWARD AND CLASP
															APPLICATION DISPATCHED
															RIBBON ISSUED
														8/10/46	MEDAL ISSUED

PREFIX NUMBER NAME RANK CODE

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Mrs. Greta D. Birtch (mother)
Billings Bridge.
Ont.

apr.-45

MEMORIAL BAR
DATE DESP
REGN. NO 1679

18250

NAME BIRTCH, George Ernest Percy FILE NO. 1040-B-790

RANK F/ Sgt. Navigator CATEGORY ~~XXXXXX~~ PRES. DEAD REG. NO. R125848

DATE OF DEATH: 1 Sept. /43 MOTHER LIVING: Yes WIFE: N.A.

MINISTERIAL CARD: 28/9/43 ROYAL MESSAGE: MEMORIAL CROSS TO CHAPLAIN: SEP 21 1944

SEP 25 1944

To Mother & father DEL'D TO MOTHER:

To Mother and Father-20-7-44 DEL'D TO WIFE:

Mr. & Mrs. George Thomas Birtch,
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Billings Bridge,
Ontario.

COMMAND: Rockliffe

RELIGION: Pres.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCES

SERVICE
AND
PAY BOOK

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MUST BE PRODUCED ON DEMAND

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

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE SERVICE BOOK

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS AND AIRMEN

1. You will be held responsible for the safe custody of the book.

2. You will always carry the book on your person both at home and abroad.

3. You must produce the book whenever called upon to do so by a competent authority, civil, naval, military or air.

4. You must not alter or make any entry in this Book (except as regards short form of Will on page 16, see instructions on pages 12 to 15), and disobedience of this order will be treated as a serious offence.

5. Should you consider that any entry in the book is lacking or incorrect, or should you lose the book, you will report the matter to your immediate superior in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Any change in name or address of person to be informed of casualties must be reported immediately to your Commanding Officer.

Missing 31-8-43.

Air Force No. R125848 Surname Birch

Christian Names (in full) Georges Ernest Percy

Date of Birth 7.8.20 Religion Presb.

Date of Enlistment/~~Appointment~~ 11.9.41

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

Occupation in Civil Life Farmer

Signature of Holder

Name and Address of Next-of-Kin
Mr George Thomas Birch (father)
Manotick R.R. Ont.

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

Certified Correct [illegible] F/Lt

Date 1.4.43 Place R.C.A.F. Station London

R.A.F. Rank as at 1.3.43 Sgt. Air

RANK, GROUP AND R.C.A.F. TRADE OR BRANCH

Branch or Trade and Group	Date of Effect	Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer making Entry
Dir Obs	23.5.42		
A Nav. S.A.	25.9.42		

Rank	Date of Effect	Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer making Entry
AC2	11.9.41		
LAC	23.5.42		
Sgt.	25.9.42		
F/Sgt.	25-3-43	0/0653/43.	

MEDALS, DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, ETC.

Particulars	Date and Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer

MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

(For entries for which space is not otherwise provided)

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

Particulars	Date and Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer

AIR FORCE No. R125848

BIRTCH, GEORGE ERNEST PERCY
SURNAME — FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES

ENLISTMENT — PLACE Ottawa — DATE 11-9-41
RE-ENLISTMENT
C.R. FILE NUMBER

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

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R.C.A.F. FORM R44(B)
30M-3-41 (9782)
H.Q. 1062-3-58

1. POSTING (INDICATE S.O.S. AND T.O.S.)

S.O.S. OR T.O.S.	UNIT AND PLACE	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
TOS	R/C Ottawa	11	9	41	Or/c 95
SOS	R/c Ottawa	28	11	41	R/c O 121
TOS	# 2. M.D. Brandon	29	11	41	2 MD 288
SOS	2 MD Brandon	31	1	42	2 MD 26
TOS	5 P.H.U. (7 BGS Paulson)	1	2	42	7BG 36
SOS	5 P.H.U. (7 BGS Paulson)	12	2	42	7BG 42
T.O.S.	16 S.F.T.S. Hagersville	13	2	42	16 SF-41
SOS	16 SF Hagersville	28	3	42	16 SF 76
TOS	5 ITS Belleville	29	3	42	5 ITS 78
SOS	5 ITS. Belleville	6	6	42	5 ITS 136
TOS	# 1 AOS. Malton	7	6	42	1AOS 67
SOS	1 AOS Malton	9	10	42	1AOS 115
TOS	1 Y Depot Halifax	10	10	42	1Y 286
SOS	1 Y Dep. to RAF Trainees Pool	27	10	42	1Y 314
TOS	RCAF PRC disemb & arrived	5	11	42	RAF 88
SOS	to Overseas	27	10	42	E 551
	Pres Dead Bomber Meml 16C	31	8	43	
1323		7	3	45	
	Completed MAR 7 1945				
	Missing	21	8	43	
	PCX 59	2	9	43	
	H.S.Q. Comp.	2	10	44	

2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.

RANK	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
A.C. 2.	11	9	41	Or/c 95
L.A.C.	23	5	42	5 ITS 124
6				
T/Sgt. Pd	25	9	42	1AOS 115
T/Flt Sgt	25	3	43	GB 653

3. MEDICAL HISTORY

EXAMINATIONS (IN RED INK)
HOSPITALIZATION (IN BLACK INK)

DATE / HOSPITAL / QUARTERS	FORM / ADMITTED / CONFINED	CATEGORY / DISCHARGE / RET'N DUTY	REMARKS / D.R.O.
11-9-41	R 100	A1B A3B	

4. TRADE AND CHARACTER

TRADE	GROUP	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
W.A.G.	"5"	11	9	41	Or/c 95
P. or O.	S.	23	1	42	2 MD 21
Aircrew O.		23	5	42	5 ITS 124
303					
Aircrew Air Nav	S.	7	6	42	1AOS 75
Air. Nav	S.G.	25	9	42	1AOS 115

TRADE PROFICIENCY	CHARACTER ASSESSMENT	DATE OF R41

5. COURSES-TESTS-ETC.

SUBJECT	RESULT	DATE	AUTHORITY
Observ. awaiting posting			5 ITS 124

6. LEAVE

FROM	TO	DAYS	REMARKS	D.R.O.
12-9-41	28-11-41		L.W.P.	Or/c 95
20-5-42	3-6-42		Special	5 ITS 127
14 days	pre-Emb.		leave rep. 10-10-42	1AOS 115

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

AIR FORCE No. R125848 R.

BIRTCH, GEORGE ERNEST PERCY
SURNAME — FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES

ENLISTMENT — PLACE Ottawa — DATE 11-9-41
RE-ENLISTMENT — PLACE — DATE
C.R. FILE NUMBER

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

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

7. BIRTH: DATE 2-8-20 — PLACE Aylmer, Que — CITIZENSHIP British 2

FATHER (FULL NAME) George Thomas Birtch

BIRTHPLACE Gatineau, Que.

MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) Greta Donalda Girard

BIRTHPLACE Metcalfe, Ont.

8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE X Quebec

JUNIOR MATRICULATION 2 yrs. Quebec, 3 yrs. Ontario

SENIOR MATRICULATION

TECHNICAL SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

4

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

Farmer - 10 years.
assembler — —

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10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE

Nil

0

11. HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS

HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS	AUTHORITY	DATE

12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)

SOLO — DUAL — PASSENGER —

13. RELIGION Pres.

4

14. LANGUAGES English and French

3

15. SPORTS skating, skiing, football, softball, swimming.

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: G. T. Birtch — RELATIONSHIP Father

ADDRESS: Aylmer, Que — D.R.O.

FULL NAME: — RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS: — D.R.O.

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

RATE CHANGES ETC.	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.	RATE CHANGES ETC.	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.
1 dep. pay & dep. sub. allce	11	9	41	DR1C95.			
Subs. all. from $.85 to $1.00 per diem for 1 day	12	9	41	2M0299			
Qtrs. allce	26/9	9/10	42	1A05115.			

21. ENGAGEMENTS

TERM	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.	TERM	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.
Duration	11	9	41				
—							

22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

FROM	TO	DATE	D.R.O.
Pub. qtrs		30-11-41	2MD288.
Occ. Pub. Qtrs. & draw. rtns.		31-1-42	1BG36
Occ. P. Qtrs. & draw rtns.		13-2-42	16SF.41.
Occ. gov't qtrs & draw rtns		29-3-42	5ITS78

22.(A) ADDRESS PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT

Manotick, R.R. No. 2. Ont.

10500

23. DOCUMENT CONTROL (INDICATE RECEIPT BY DATE) OHJ

R60	R79	B465	X-RAY	AFM-13	IDN. CARD	
4-12-41	FEB 25 '42	3-12-41				KXM

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

A.F. No.	Surname	Christian Names	Religion
R125848	Birtch	George Ernest Percy	Presbyterian

Born 2-8-20 Place Aylmer, Que. Country Canada Citizen of Canada Racial Origin Irish

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

M. S. D. W.

Wife's Maiden Name

Present Address (in pencil)

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

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

Mr. George Thomas Birtch (Father)
Manotick, R.R #2, Ontario

CIVIL EDUCATION

High School Entrance ✓ Jr. Mat. 5 yrs Sr. Mat.

Technical School Business Courses

University

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Farmer 1931-41
Assembler 1941-To Date

PREVIOUS SERVICE

None

ENLISTMENT

Date 16-9-41 At Ottawa, Ont. Term Duration of War

Med. Cat.	Date	Med. Cat.	Date
A1BA3B11	9 41		

RANK

Rank	Auth.	Date
AC2		11 9 41
AC	DRO 124	23 5 42
Sgt (P)	DRO 115	25 9 42

TRADE

Trade	Auth.	Date
Wireless Operator Air Gunnery Std		
Pilot or Obs. "S"	DRO 21	23 1 42
Air Observer	DRO 124	23 5 42
Gunnery Air Navigator	DRO 75	7 6 42
Air Nav. Spec Grp	DRO 115	25 9 42

TRADE TESTS AND COURSES

Trade	GP	%	P or F	Date
GAS				20 10 42

LEAVE

From	To	Auth. and Description
12-9-41	28-11-41	AFM23D
26-9-42	9-10-42	DRO 115 Pm Embarkation Lv.

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

Date	Character	Trade and Assm.	Honours and Awards	Auth.

R.C.A.F. R.44C
100M—6-41 (305)
H.Q. 1062-3-58

(OVER)

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date	Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date
MOB13	RC Ottawa	# 2 M.D BRANDON	DRO288				
DRO 299.	Entitled to increase in subs. all. of						
	85¢ to $1.00 per diem while attached to						
	#12 Recruiting	Centre Ottawa.	(1 day).				
DRO 26	No 2 M.D Brandon	No 7 P.H.U. Paulson	31-1-42				
DRO41/42	P.H.U.	#16 S.F.T.S.					
	Paulson Man	Hagersville Ont.	13-2-42				
DRO76/42	#16 S.F.T.S.	#5 I.T.S.					
	Hagersville Ont.	Belleville Ont.	28-3-42				
" 136	#5 I.T.S.	#1 A.O.S.	6-6-42				
	Belleville	Malton					
Awarded	Air Observers	Badge eff	25-9-42				
on successfully	completing Air	Navigator					
Course	52 R.A.F.						
		D.R.O 115	25-9-42				
DRO 115	No 1 A.O.S.	No 1 "Y" Depot eff:	9-10-42				
DRO116 28-9-42	Issued S.L. [illegible]	C108170 Brockville to Ottawa					
D.R.O.314	No 1 "Y" Depot	RAF					
	Halifax	T.P.	27-10-42				
		Emb Can	28-10-42				
		U.K.	4-11-42				
	Int #3 B'MOUTH	3 P.R.C.	5-11-42				
50/42 (23/8) 3/43 (11/19)	RCAF PRC	4 A.O.S.	28-12-42				
13/51 42/43 4 AOS (59/52)	4 A.O.S.	3 P.R.C. SUPY	2-3-43				
41/43 58/43	3 PRC	#23 OTU	9-3-43				

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Date SEP 11 1941
Initials

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

38 Course.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Official No. CAN R125848 Name BIRTCH, George Ernest Rank T/Sgt
(In full in block capitals, surname first). (Or acting appointment).

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

Date of Birth 2.8.20 Religion Presby Occupation in Civil Life Assembler

Last Enlisted 11.9.41 Current Engagement D of W

If a member of the Auxiliary Air Force

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

Name, address and relationship of legal next of kin (to be entered in pencil):
Mr G T Birtch (Father) Hanstick RR #2 Ontario

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

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

Section I.—Movements and Casualties.			Section 2.—Promotions, Acting Appointments (Paid or Unpaid), Reductions, Remusterings.		
Unit FROM which.	Unit TO which.	Date of Effect.	* Authority.	Description.	Date of Effect.
Nor AOS	Nor Y Depot	9.10.42		W.O.A.G. AC2	11.9.41
Nor Y Depot	RAFTP	27.10.42		Pot Obs.	23.1.42
	Emb Can	28.10.42		Air Obs. LAC	23.5.42
	UK	4.11.42		Air Nav:	7.6.42
Int 3	3 PRC	5.11.42		" " Spec T/Sgt(p)	25.9.42
50/42 3 PRC.	4 A.O.S	28.12.42	O/O 653/43	2/S.	25-3-43.
4. A.O.S.	RRC Bournemouth	2.3.43.			
3 PRC.	23 O.T.U.	9.3.43.			
23 OTU	429 Sqdn	27.5.43			
429 Sqdn.	1659 C.U.	28.5.43			
1659 C.U.	419 Sqdn.	21.6.43.			
419 (RCAF) SQDN-	RCAF O/S. H.Q. NIE MISSING KNIGHTSBRIDGE	1.9.43			
419 Sqdn.	TOS. RCAF U.K. NEU.	1-9-43.			
SOS. RCAF U.K. NEU.	Pres. Dead	1-9-43.			

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., on posting; admission to hospital when posted to N.E. strength; death; etc.; also on 31st December each year.)

Rank.	Character.	Trade Classification.	Proficiency. A	B	C	Whether specially recommended, recommended, or not recommended for promotion or reclassification.	Date.	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.
Sgt.	V.G.	Nav.	On strength for training only				2.3.43	[signature] S/L
Sgt	VG	Nav (Sp)	ON STRENGTH FOR TRAINING ONLY				27.5.43	[signature] S/L
Sgt.	V.G.	Nav.	On strength for less than one month				28.5.43	[signature] W/C
Sgt	V.G.	Nav.	On strength for training only				21.6.43	[signature] F/O
SGT.	V.G.	NAV.		Sat	Sat	N/E MISSING.	1-9-43	[signature] F/Lt S/L

41/43	24.7.43	30.7.43	7 days Priv.			R Warrant SAP	49 SQDN	[signature] F/Lt
POR 18/43	Priv leave	9 days	18/5	7 Priv.	26/5	RW.3 22510		J W Green P/O
9.2.43	25.2.43.	22 days.	Sp. leave	& FRW				[signature] F/O
9.2.43	15.2.43	4 Days priv L	Pon 28/43	F.R.W.I.				[signature] A/F/O

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.

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

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

REPORT ON PUPIL AIR OBSERVERS

AIR AND GROUND TRAINING

SURNAME Birtch Christian Names G.E.

Number R 125848 Rank L.A.C.

INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART I

1. No. 5 INITIAL TRAINING SCHOOL. COURSE NO. 50 FROM 30-3-42 TO 23-5-42

2. EXAMINATION RESULTS.

SUBJECT	MARKS Maximum	MARKS Obtained	REMARKS
Mathematics	150	137	Average & unimpressive - conscientious - tries hard. Remustered from W.A.G. at Manning Depot.
Armament	50	38	
Signals	150	120	
Navigation	200	120	
~~Visual Link Trainer~~ R.H.A.	100	61	
Airmanship, Theory of Flight and Engines	100		
Drill	100	85	
Law and Discipline, etc	100	84	
~~Hygiene and Sanitation~~ Gen. Studies	100	87	
A/C Recognition	100		
Anti-Gas	50	32	
TOTAL	1000	764	
Position in Class 30	Percentage	76 %	
No. in Class 110	PASS	~~FAIL~~	

Char. Asses. 90

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd. DEC 17 1942
O.K. JB C.I.B.
R.C. JB N.I.
S.I. R.A.

Commanding Officer

TO BE PASSED TO 1 A.O.S.

No. I.T.S.

DATE

PART II

1. No.....Air Observers' School. Course No..... From.....

2. Flying Time:— To.....

Aircraft	Day		Night		Bombing	Passenger	Total
	1st Nav.	2nd Nav.	1st Nav.	2nd Nav.			
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

3. Bombing Results:—

Exercise	Error in Yards converted to 10,000 feet	No. of Bombs Dropped
Grouping, Radius.....	.....	.....
Application, High Level.....	.....	.....
Bombs dropped on Navigation Flights and/or Camera Obscura Bombing.....	.....	.....

4. Examinations and Proficiency:—

Subject	Marks		Remarks
	Maximum	Obtained	
Proficiency as A/Navigator.....	500	.....	Navigation:
Proficiency as B/A.....	100	.....	
D.R. Plotting.....	150	.....	
D.R. and D/F. W/T (Written).....	200	.....	
Compasses and Instruments.....	150	.....	
Signals.....	100	.....	
Bombing.....	100	.....	
Maps and Charts.....	100	.....	
Meteorology.....	100	.....	
Photography.....	100	.....	Armament:
Reconnaissance.....	100	.....	
.....	.....	.....	
.....	.....	.....	
Totals.....	1,700	.....	
Position in Class	Percentage	%	
No. in Class	Pass	Fail	General:
Assessment as A/O.....	.....		
As Instructor.....	Suitable	Unsuitable	
Commission Rank.....	Suitable	Unsuitable	
Character and Leadership.....	Maximum 850	Obtained	

.....
Chief Instructor

No.....A.O.S.

To be Passed to No.....B. & G. S. Date.....

1. No.....

2. Flying Time:—

Air

3. Bombing Result

Application—High Leve

Low Level.....

4. Air Gunnery:—

Beam Test.....

Beam Relative Speed Te

Under Tail Test.....

5. Examinations a

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Bombing (Written).....

Bombing (Pract.).....

Proficiency as a B/A.....

Gunnery (Written).....

Gunnery (Pract.).....

Proficiency as a A/G.....

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Total.....

Position in Class.....

Number in Class.....

Commission Rank.....

Character and Leadershi

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To be Passed to N

..... From.....

To.....

	Bombing	Passenger	Total
v.			
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....

	Error in Yards converted to 10,000 feet	No. of Bombs Dropped
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
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Remarks

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Chief Instructor

No.....A.O.S.

Date.....

PART III

1. No.....Bombing and Gunnery School. Course No..... From.....

To.....

2. Flying Time:—

Aircraft	Bombing		Gunnery		Passenger	Total
	Day	Night	Day	Night		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Brought Forward..... .....

Grand Total..... .....

3. Bombing Results:—

Exercise	Average Error in Yards		No. of Bombs Dropped
	Day	Night	
Application—High Level—Converted to 1,000 feet	.....	.....	.....
Low Level.....	.....	.....	.....

4. Air Gunnery:—

Exercise	% Hits to Rounds Fired	No. of Rounds Fired
Beam Test.....	.....	.....
Beam Relative Speed Test.....	.....	.....
Under Tail Test.....	.....	.....

5. Examinations and Proficiency:—

Subject	Marks		Remarks
	Maximum	Obtained	
Bombing (Written).....	150	.....	Bombing:
Bombing (Pract.).....	300	.....	
Proficiency as a B/A.....	150	.....	
Gunnery (Written).....	100	.....	
Gunnery (Pract.).....	200	.....	
Proficiency as a A/G.....	100	.....	Gunnery:
.....	.....	.....	
.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	1,000	.....	
Position in Class.....	Percentage	%	
Number in Class.....	Pass	Fail	General:
Commission Rank.....	Suitable	Unsuitable	
Character and Leadership.....	Maximum 500	Obtained	

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Chief Instructor

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Officer Commanding

Awarded Air Observers Badge—Date.....

No.....B. & G. S.

To be Passed to No.....A.N.S.

Date.....

PART IV

1. No.....Air Navigation School. Course No..... From.....

2. Flying Time:—

Aircraft	Day		Night		Bombing	Passenger	Total
	1st Nav.	2nd Nav.	1st Nav.	2nd Nav.			
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Brought Forward..... .....

Grand Total..... .....

3. Examination and Proficiency:—

Subject	Marks		Remarks
	Maximum	Obtained	
Proficiency as Air Navigator.....	250	.....	
Astronomical Navigation Plotting.....	150	.....	
Astronomical Navigation (Written).....	100	.....	
.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	500	.....	
Position in Class.....	Percentage	%	
Number in Class.....	Pass	Fail	
Recommended as Instructor.....	Yes	No	
Assessment as Air Navigator.....	.....		
Character and Leadership.....	Maximum 250	Obtained	

.....
Chief Instructor

No.....A.N.S.

Date.....

4. Final Assessment:—

—	Training Marks			Character and Leadership			Totals		
	Maximum	Obtained	%	Maximum	Obtained	%	Maximum	Obtained	%
Air Observer School.....	~~1,700~~ 2000	1484½	74.5	~~850~~ 1000	400	40	~~2,550~~ 3000	1884½	63
Bombing and Gunnery School.....	1,000	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	1,500	.....	.....
Air Navigation School.....	500	.....	.....	250	.....	.....	750	.....	.....
Totals.....	3,200	.....	.....	1,600	.....	.....	4,800	.....	.....

Remarks:—

Average Student, has done good work considering previous schooling.

Slow and methodical

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~~Officer Commanding~~
Chief Supervisory Officer,
No.....1 AOS ~~A.N.S. or B. & G.S.~~

Date.....25-9-42

BIRCH, G.E.

PART II (For Air Navigators)

1. No. 1 Air Observers School. Course No. 52 From 8-6-42

To 25-9-42

2. Flying Time

	Day		Night		Passenger	Total
	1st Nav.	2nd Nav.	1st Nav.	2nd Nav.		
	34:40	36:45	15:40	12:35		99:40

3. Examination and Proficiency:

Subject	Marks Maximum	Marks Obtained	Remarks
			Navigation
Navigation (Air Work)	700	528	Average Student. Has done good work considering previous schooling.
Photography (Air Work)	100	82	
Elements of Navigation	500	319	Slow and methodical
Magnetism and Compasses	100	86	
Instruments	50	35	
Signals (Practical)	100	100	
Signals (Written)	50	36	
Maps and Charts	50	34½	
Meteorology	100	59	
Photography	50	43	
Reconnaissance	100	67	
Aircraft Recognition	100	95	General:
Totals	2000	1484½	

Position in Class 20 Percentage 74.5 %

No. in Class 26 Pass ~~Fail~~

Assessment as Air Navigator Average

As Instructor ~~Suitable~~ Unsuitable

Commissioned Rank ~~Suitable~~ Unsuitable

	Maximum	Obtained
Character and Leadership	1000	400

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~~Chief Instructor~~
Chief Supervisory Officer

No. 1 A.O.S. Date 22-9-42

Awarded Air Navigator's Badge 25-9-42

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

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Individual Record of Flying

RANK ~~L.A.C.~~ SGT. NO. R 125848 NAME Birtch, G. C.

UNIT	PERIOD ENDING	SERIAL NO.	SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT												MULTI-ENGINE AIRCRAFT												CREW DUTIES						PASSENGER		TOTAL	
			DAY						NIGHT						DAY						NIGHT															
			1ST PILOT		2ND PILOT		DUAL		1ST PILOT		2ND PILOT		DUAL		1ST PILOT		2ND PILOT		DUAL		1ST PILOT		2ND PILOT		DUAL		OBSERVER		AIR GUNNER		OTHER					
			(A)		(B)		(C)		(D)		(E)		(F)		(G)		(H)		(J)		(K)		(L)		(M)		(N)		(O)		(P)		(Q)		(R)	
			Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins
No 1																					Day						71	25								
A.O.S.	25-9-42																				Night						28	15								
																																			99	40

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R.A.F. Form 5021

R.A.F.—TRAINING REPORT.

NAVIGATOR A.F.U. (O)

NO. 4 AIR NAVIGATION SCHOOL

1. Surname BIRTCH Christian Names George Ernest

2. Number R. 125848 3. Rank Sgt. 4. Course No. 28

5. Posted from 3 PRC., Bournemouth. 6. Date course commenced 29.12.42 7. Date course ended 8.2.43 8. Posted to P.R.C. Bournemouth.

9. Ground Work			10. Air Work		
Subject	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained	Subject	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
(a) Air Nav.—Exercises ...	250	125	(a) Air Nav.—Day	350	182
(b) Air Nav.—Test... ...	250	165	(b) Air Nav.—Night ...	250	120
(c) Reconnaissance... ...	150	-	(c) Air Nav.—Map Reading	200	130
(d) Signals	150	-	(d) Photography	100	61
(e) Photography	150	-	(e) Reconnaissance	100	-
(f) Aircraft Recognition ...	50	44			
Total ...	1,000	334	Total	~~1,000~~ 900	493
PER CENT.		60.7	PER CENT.		54.8

11. Assessment of qualities of Character and Leadership	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
	100	60

Degree of Suitability for further training	0 Not at all suitable	1 Moderately suitable	2 Definitely suitable	3 Extremely suitable
12. As a Navigation Instructor	X			
13. As an Armament Instructor		X		
14. Specialist Navigation Course	X			

(Mark "X" in the appropriate column for each)

15. **Remarks :**

A slow plodding type. Is keen and works hard. Of average ability.

Date 20th February, 1943. Signed [signature] W/Cdr.
Officer Commanding

(*10264) Wt. 22836—1289 20,000 8/42 T.S. 700 N.B. (Flying times shown overleaf).

16. **Flying Times** (At this Unit) :

Type of Aircraft	Time	1st Nav.*	2nd Nav.	Armament Flying	Other	Total
Anson	Day ...	6.50	8.45	-	4.00	19.35
	Night ...	5.00	10.00	-	-	15.00

* Count only the time during which the pupil carried full responsibility for the navigation of the aircraft.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

INTERVIEW REPORT

SURNAME BIRTCH

CHRISTIAN NAMES George Ernest

MARRIED ______ NO. OF CHILDREN ______

Assessment of Education: 63

EDUCATIONAL STANDING:- Number of years ______

____ High School 3 yrs ____ Technical ____ Commercial ____

____ University (Name and dates of Attendance) ______

____ Standing Other Countries ______

FLYING EXPERIENCE:- Total hours

____ Commercial Hours ____ Solo ____ Dual ____

____ Private " ____ Solo ____ Dual ____ Passenger ____

No. Hours & Types during last 2 yrs. ______

MILITARY AND OTHER TRAINING:

SPORTS:-(What branches)

Skating, swimming, football

HOBBIES:

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

Rural lad-slow in speechaand manner. Shoulbd be material adaptable to training.

REFERENCES CHECKED - SATISFACTORY
" " - UNSATISFACTORY
" NOT CHECKED

CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR COMMISSIONED RANK? No

BEST FITTED FOR W.O.-A.G.

DATE 11-9-41

RECRUITING CENTRE
OTTAWA

A.F.M. 5

for *[signature] F/O*
R. L. Gagnier F/O
Signature of Officer

AGE 21
HEIGHT 5-5
WEIGHT 123

N.F.— ADMINISTRATION
TECHNICAL
EQUIP/ACCTS
GEN. LIST

FLYING — PILOT
OBSERVER
W.O. AIR GUNNER X

APPROACH
Confident
Nervous
Easy X

CARRIAGE
Upright
Medium
Athletic X

DRESS
Neat
Conservative
Clean
Careless X

PHYSIQUE
Medium
Heavy set
Slender X

SPEECH
Clear
Slow
Hesitant X

RESPONSE
Quick
Deliberate
Slow X

MANNER
Alert
Confident
Sincere
Reserved X
Nervous
Overbearing
Irresponsible

EXCELLENT
ABOVE AVERAGE
AVERAGE
BELOW AVERAGE X

MARK WITH AN X THE DESCRIPTION WHICH APPLIES

419S/904/69/P.1.

No.419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron,

11th September, 1943.

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Dear Mr. Birtch,

I regret to inform you that your son, Sergeant George Ernest Birtch, is missing from operations on the night of August 31st, 1943. The operation was a very heavy attack on one of the main German targets and was very successful, but unfortunately nothing has been heard of your son's plane since take-off and its loss can only be attributed to enemy action. There is quite a possibility that all or part of the crew may be prisoners of war but this would not be known for some weeks yet.

George was with us for two months and during that time had taken part in fifteen attacks on the enemy including some of the recent heavy raids on Berlin, Milan, Nurenburg, Hamburg and the Ruhr Valley towns. His work was of a very high standard and though he was of a very quiet and retiring disposition and made friends slowly, his crew had a very high opinion of him and his ability.

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

Sergeant Birtch's kit and personal effects have been collected and forwarded to the Central Depository, Colnbrook, Slough, Bucks., who, after completion of necessary details, will communicate with you as to their disposal.

May I express my sincere sympathy with you in your great loss and hope with you that better news may follow.

Yours sincerely,

Wing Commander, Commanding,
No.419 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

Mr. G.T. Birtch,
Manotick Station,
R.R. No.2,
Ontario, CANADA.

R125848 SGT. BIRTCH, G.E.D.
(NUMBER) (RANK) (NAME)
P/FILE No. 408244.
LETTER RECEIVED 13.9.43
ORIGINAL SENT 20.9.43
OTTAWA 21.9.43
N.A.

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

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

1040-B-790 (R.O.4)

OTTAWA, Canada, 13th September, 1943.

Mr. G.T. Birtch,
R.R. No. 2,
Manotick, Station, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Birtch: (Sent Eng)

It is my painful duty to confirm the telegram recently received by you which informed you that your son, Sergeant George Ernest Percy Birtch, is reported missing on Active Service.

Advice has been received from the Royal Canadian Air Force Casualties Officer, Overseas, which states that your son was a member of the crew of an aircraft which failed to return to its base after a bombing raid over Berlin, Germany, on August 31st, 1943. There were four other members of the Royal Canadian Air Force in the crew and they also have been reported missing. Since you may wish to know their names and next-of-kin we are listing them below:

Sergeant R.E. Boos,
Next-of-kin, Mr. William Boos, (father)
Gleichen, Alberta.

Sergeant W.D.L. Cameron,
Next-of-kin, Mr. D.G. Cameron, (father)
206 Maria Street, Sarnia, Ontario.

Sergeant R.W. Scharf,
Next-of-kin, Mrs. T.A. Scharf, (mother)
267 Cobden Street, Sarnia, Ontario.

Sergeant V.J.A. Wintzer,
Next-of-kin, Mr. August Wintzer, (father)
164 Roehampton Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

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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 Mrs. Birtch in the hope that better news will be forthcoming in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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

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R125848 (R.O.4)

OTTAWA, Canada, 19th June, 1945.

Mrs. H. Gale,
Billings Bridge,
Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Gale,

Our Overseas Headquarters have forwarded to this Headquarters statements by Warrant Officer R.E. Boos and Warrant Officer B.W. Scharf, members of the crew of your brother, Flight Sergeant George Ernest Percy Birtch. These airmen were Prisoners of War but have now been liberated.

They state that their aircraft crashed near Berlin, Germany. Warrant Officer Boos states that when he baled out at 500 feet your brother was still in the aircraft which was in a steep dive. The Germans informed both of them that your brother lost his life in the crash. I realize that this distressing information is of little solace to you but I thought you would like to know of any particulars received of your brother's last flight.

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

A Royal Air Force and Dominion Air Force Missing Research and Enquiry Service has been organized for the purpose of research and enquiry in liberated territories into the circumstances of aircrews reported as casualties.

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This Service endeavours to obtain additional information to supplement that already received. The civilian population of these areas is being contacted by Radio, Press and Proclamations through the various civic authorities to centralize through this Service any information or concrete evidence they may have about Air Force personnel or crashed aircraft. Similar instructions have been issued to all Service personnel in those areas.

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

May I again offer you my deep sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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

MGS
JLW/EWJ

Our File: R.116979 (R.O.)

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

OTTAWA, Canada, 9th July, 1946.

Casualty Enquiry No.G. 1195 (P408244-43)

(Russian Zone)

1. Halifax JD.270, Engines, Port Outer 102983/351239, Port Inner 102649/351072, Stbd. Inner 103063/351279, Stbd. Outer 102012/351259, was reported missing on the night of the 31st August, and the 1st September, 1943, target Berlin, with the following crew:-

CAN/R116979	WO2	CAMERON, W.D.L.	Capt.	PRESUMED DEAD
CAN/R125848	F/S	BIRTCH, G.E.	Nav.	PRESUMED DEAD
CAN/R136426	F/S	WINTZER, V.J.	B/A	PRESUMED DEAD
536072	SGT.	MULLANY, J.T.	F/Eng.	PRESUMED DEAD
1575910	SGT.	DUGGAN, L.H.	WOP/AG	Safe.
CAN/R116903	SGT.	SCHARF, B.W.	2ND/G.	Safe.
CAN/R.92719	SGT.	BOOS, R.E.	R/G	Safe.

2. On repatriation, members of this crew stated that the aircraft was in a dive and burning at five hundred feet, and crashed near Berlin. They were notified by the Germans that WO2 CAMERON, F/S BIRTCH, F/S WINTZER and SGT. MULLANY were killed.

3. German totenliste reported the death of F/S WINTZER.

4. Captured German documents mentioned the death of F/S WINTZER and one R.C.A.F. "unknown". These documents stated that the aircraft crashed 3 Km. S.W. of Wernigerode, (M.R.M52/D16).

5. May enquiries be made near the scene of the crash to locate the burial place of the four missing members of this crew.

(W.A. Dicks),
Group Captain,
for Chief of the Air Staff.

WWF/BM

R125848 (DPC)

OTTAWA, Canada, April 13th, 1948

Mr. G.T. Birtch,
Billings Bridge,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Birtch:

It is with regret that I again refer to the loss of your son, Flight Sergeant George Ernest Percy Birtch, but you will wish to know of a communication received from our Missing Research and Enquiry Service.

Investigating Officers of this Service have ascertained that your son's aircraft crashed in Wernigerode Forest, 2 miles South West of Wernigerode. This town is 45 miles South West of Magdeburg. The remains of the 4 members of the crew including your son who lost their lives were recovered from the wreckage and buried in a collective grave in Hasserode Cemetery, a little over a mile South West of Wernigerode. Exhumation was carried out resulting in the identification of Sergeant Mullany, your son's Flight Engineer.

The crew have since bee re-interred in the Berlin (Heerstrasse) British Military Cemetery in the City of Berlin. Graves 2, 3, and 4 in Row A, Plot 6 have been registered collectively with the names of your son and the 2 other unidentified crew members.

This is one of the permanent British Military Cemeteries which has been located in Germany in accordance with the agreed policy of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, that all British aircrew buried in Germany would be moved to British Military Cemeteries located in Germany. This Cemetery will be turned over to the Imperial War Graves Commission

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(of which Canada is a member) who are responsible for the reverent and perpetual care of the resting places of all our Fallen. The Cemeteries will be beautified by landscaping and the planting of shrubs and flowers, and a headstone will be erected at each grave. Unhappily, there are great numbers of these headstones to be erected and will quite naturally take considerable time. It is not necessary to write to the Imperial War Graves Commission as you will be contacted by them before the stone is prepared.

May I take this opportunity of extending my sincere sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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

R.C.A.F. G.64
5M—10-42 (2840)
H.Q. 885-G-64

Royal Canadian Air Force

CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH NO. 0269

This is to Certify that

R125040 FLIGHT SERGEANT BIRTCH, GEORGE ERNEST PERCY

(Number) (Rank) (Name in Full) (Unit) R.C.A.F.

has been officially reported as missing since the 1ST day of SEPTEMBER 1943, 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 JULY 1944

(W.D. Low)
Squadron Leader,
Acting R.C.A.F. Records Officer.

CANADIAN AIR FORCE RECORDS OFFICE

OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER R125848 RANK F/SGT? UNIT 419 SQDN RCAF (OVERSEAS)

TRADE NAV(SP.GR.)

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

NAME BIRTCH, GEORGE ERNEST PERCY

MARITAL STATUS SINGLE RELIGION PRESBYTERIAN CANADIAN YES

FRENCH CANADIAN OTHER

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON REC. OF SERV. & RELATIONSHIP / ADDRESS: MR. G.T. BIRTCH(FATHER) BILLINGS BRIDGE, ONTARIO. → MRS. ~~R.A.~~ S.T. ~~DUNARD~~ BIRTCH

NAME ADDRESS D.A.B. NOT SHOWN

ESTATES BRANCH JUL 21 194[illegible] H.Q. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON CAS. SIG. & RELATIONSHIP / ADDRESS: MR G.T. BIRTCH (FATHER) RR2 MANOTICK STN. ONTARIO (NOW RESIDING AT ABOVE ADDRESS) ------ALSO---- MRS H GALE (SISTER) BILLINGS BRIDGE ONT.

FATHER'S NAME / ADDRESS: MR. & MRS GEORGE THOMAS BIRTCH BILLINGS BRIDGE. ONTARIO. LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

MOTHER'S NAME / ADDRESS LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

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-17-JUNE-44

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED"MISSING" 1-SEPT-43 (OFFICIAL MISSING DATE CORRECTEI
AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS) (OVER BERLIN, GERMANY.)

NOW "PRESUMED DEAD" -1-SEPT-43 FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES

LAST WILL ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.? YES/NO~~X~~ M.F.M. 5 ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.? YES/~~NO~~ DATE 10-JULY-44

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

L Eckerson

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

FORM 6

This form if placed in an envelope, marked "Dominion Statistics—Free, penalty for improper use $300," and properly addressed will pass through the mail "FREE"

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO—CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH

Every item of information should be carefully supplied. (See reverse side for instructions)

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED FORTHWITH WITH THE DIVISION REGISTRAR OF THE DIVISION IN WHICH THE DEATH OCCURRED BEFORE A BURIAL PERMIT CAN BE ISSUED

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

1. PLACE OF DEATH County or District of OVERSEAS (GERMANY) Township of ....
If in City, Town or Village .... (Name) Street .... House No. ....
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number)

2. LENGTH OF STAY (in years, months and days)
(a) In City, Town or Township where death occurred .... (b) In Province .... (c) In Canada (if immigrant) ....

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED BIRTCH (Family name) GEORGE ERNEST PERCY (Given name or names in usual order)

RESIDENCE No. .... Street R.R.#2 City, Town, Village or Township Manotick Province Ontario
(Residence means usual place of abode. Post Office Address for residents in rural parts not sufficient)

4. Sex	5. Nationality (Citizenship)	6. Racial Origin	7. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word)
Male	Canadian		Single

8. BIRTHPLACE Quebec (Province or Country)

9. DATE OF BIRTH August (Month) 2nd (Day) 1920 (Year)

10. AGE in

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

OCCUPATION

11. Trade, profession or kind of work as spinner, teamster, office clerk, etc. Navigator

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

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation Sept.1/43 | 14. Total years spent in this occupation Two

15. If married give name of wife or husband of deceased ....

FATHER

16. Name Birtch, George Thomas

17. Birthplace Quebec (Province or Country)

MOTHER

18. Maiden Name Girard, Greta Donalda

19. Birthplace Ontario (Province or Country)

20. Person giving information sign here D. Emond S/L For (R.C.A.F. Records Officer)

Address ....

Relationship to deceased ....

21. Place of Burial, Cremation or Removal ....

Date of burial or removal ....

22. Burial Permit was issued by ....

Address ....

23. Undertaker .... (Name and address)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

24. DATE OF DEATH September (Month) 1st (Day) 19 43 (Year)

25. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from:
........19.... to ....19....
and last saw h.... alive on ....19....

CAUSE OF DEATH

I. Immediate cause — Give disease, injury or complication which caused death, not the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc.
(a) Previously reported missing after air operations, now for official purposes, presumed dead.

Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to immediate cause (stated in order proceeding backwards from immediate cause).
due to (b) ....
due to (c) ....

II. Other morbid conditions (if important) contributing to death but not causally related to immediate cause. ....

PHYSICIAN: Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically

26. If a communicable disease is mentioned on this certificate, give (a) Date of appearance ....19.... (b) Duration of disease ....days

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

28. Was there a surgical operation? .... Date of operation ....19....
State findings .... Was there an autopsy? ....

29. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:—
Accident, suicide or homicide? Accident (State which) Date of injury Sept.1st 19 43
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 by .... M.D.

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

30. Division Registrar's Record No. ....

31. Filed ....19.... .... (Division Registrar)

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Read this whole Form and Instructions on other side before commencing to complete.

WILL

R.C.A.F. R. 60
40M—5-41 (225)
H.Q. 1062-3-45

(1) I, George Ernest (Percy) Birtch of the ~~City~~ ~~Town~~ ~~Village~~ Township

Last Permanent Civilian Address

of Manotick in the County District of

Province of Ontario, Assembler
(Civil Occupation)

a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number R125848 do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my LAST WILL.

(a) Relationship (b) Names and (c) Address of beneficiaries and (d) What each is to receive.

(2) I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH unto my mother

Mrs. Rita (Greta) Donalda Birtch
R.R. #2
Manotick
Ontario

All my estate

Relationship, Names and Address of Residuary Beneficiaries.

(3) ~~I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal, of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate unto~~

(4) I appoint Mrs. Rita (Greta) Donalda Birtch (Name) as above (Address), to be the ~~Executor~~ Executrix of this my Last Will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of December 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.

G. Ernest Birtch
(Signature of Testator)

First Witness sign here.

(5) A. H. Towers
(Signature)
RCAF Brandon
(Address)
Clerk
(Occupation)

Second Witness sign here.

B. Crawford
(Signature)
RCAF Brandon
(Address)
Stenographer
(Occupation)

(Witnesses are not to be beneficiaries.)

R.C.A.F Records Office
Rec'd DEC 4 1941
O. K. ..... C.I.B. .....
R. C. YS ..... N. I. .....
S. L. ..... P. A. McD

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NOTE

(1) Example: I, John Charles Brown, of the City of Ottawa, County of Carleton, Province of Ontario, Mechanic.

(2) If only one beneficiary, complete as follows: I give, devise and bequeath unto "my wife, Mary Brown, 26 Cherry Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, all my estate", in which event, strike out clause (3). If more than one beneficiary, set out in clause (2) what each is to receive, such as—

"my wife, Mary Brown, 26 Cherry Avenue, Ottawa, Ont.....$.....00 and my household goods and effects",
"my mother, Ethel Brown, 480 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. .....$.....00",
"my sister, Margaret Brown, 480 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont.....$.....00",
"my friend, John Smith, 60 LaSalle St., Winnipeg, Man.....$.....00",
and any personal gift, if desired.

(3) If any specific gifts have been made in clause (2), the testator should name the person or persons to whom he desires to give the balance of his estate in clause (3), such as "my wife, Mary Brown, 26 Cherry Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario" or "my mother, Ethel Brown, and my father, George Brown, of 480 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, equally" or as desired.

(4) Failure to appoint an executor or an executrix can only result in additional expense in the settlement of the estate in question. Testators are, therefore, strongly urged to make such an appointment. A beneficiary or legatee under the will may be appointed executor or executrix. It is recommended, however, that testators avoid appointing as executor any person on or likely to be on Active Service.

(5) Do not omit to date the will. The testator should sign the will with his usual signature in the presence of two witnesses, each of whom should immediately thereafter, and in the presence of the testator, sign his or her name, and insert his or her address and occupation in the place provided. No person who receives any benefits under the will should act as witness. It is preferable, though not essential, that the witnesses be persons not on Active Service.

GENERAL

Generally speaking, under the Laws of most of the provinces, a will revoked or cancelled by marriage of the testator after the date of the will is invalid; it is advisable, therefore, immediately upon marriage to make a new will.

When completed, leave with Commanding Officer for transmission to the Records Office for safe custody.

STATEMENT OF LOCATION OF WILL

I hereby certify that I have previously made a will, which is now located at.....

.....
(Name and address in full)

.....

.....
(Signature)

To be made out in duplicate

M.F.M. 5
200M—2-41 (9495-6)
H.Q. 1772-39-1651

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY OF AN OFFICER OR OTHER RANK OF THE CANADIAN ARMY (AF) OR R.C.A.F. (ON ACTIVE SERVICE)

INSTRUCTIONS.

(*a*) This form is to be completed immediately an officer or other rank is appointed to, or enlisted in, the Canadian Army (AF) or R.C.A.F. ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

(*b*) All questions, etc., must be completed.

(*c*) Both copies of the form are to be forwarded by the Officer Commanding the unit for each officer and other rank, to the Paymaster, or Officer acting as such. The latter will transmit one copy, through the District, Command, or Camp Paymaster, to the Officer i/c Records, N.D.H.Q., Ottawa. The other copy will be retained by the Paymaster of the unit, when transferred to another unit the copy retained by the Paymaster will be sent to the Paymaster of the individual's new unit.

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(1) Name of Officer or Other Rank BIRTCH George Ernest
(Surname first—Christian names in full—Block capitals)

AC 2 "S"

(2) Regimental or Official Number and Rank R125848

(3) Unit NO 2 MANNING DEPOT R. C. A. F. ARENA BUILDING, BRANDON, MAN.

(4) Are you married? NO

(5) If married, state,

(*a*) Full name of your wife NA

(*b*) Present postal address of wife NA

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

(7) Are you a widower? No

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

Names and ages ....

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

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

Name ....

Postal Address NA

R.C.A.F. Records Office Rec'd DEC 8 1941

[SEE OTHER SIDE]

ARENA BUILDING, BRANDON, MAN.

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

If so, state her full name and Postal Address

NA

(11) Is your father alive? YES

If so, state name and address, occupation George Thomas Birtch

Manotick Station, R.R.#2, Ontario. Fireman.

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

(13) If sole or partial support of father who is a widower, totally incapacitated from earning a living —state what amount per month you have given him prior to appointment or enlistment

NA

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

(14) Is your mother alive? YES

If so, state name and address Rita Donelda Birtch,

Manotick Station, R.R.#2 Ontario.

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

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

Also state reason why she has no other means of support, if partially supported by you what is your reason for not providing full support? NA

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

If so, state the following particulars:—

Relationship NA

Full Name

Postal Address

Amount contributed monthly during the past six months

(18) Are you insured? NO

If so, in what Company? NA
(Give number of policy)

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

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

x G. P. Birtch x
(Signature of officer or man)

Date 1-12-41.

F.E. Wood F/O
for Officer Commanding

Date 1-12-41.

N.B. If parent(s) of the officer or other rank concerned has (have) been replaced by foster parent(s), questions relating to fathers and/or mothers above should be altered and answered as applicable.

NO. 2 MANNING DEPOT R.C.A.F.
ARENA BUILDING, BRANDON, MAN.

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY ═══ ARMY ═══ AIR FORCE

STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

R.34 4 AIR

A-12359

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: George E.P. (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Birtch (SURNAME)

PAYEE: Mrs. Greta D. Birtch,

ADDRESS: Billings Bridge, Ont.

REGISTER NO.: 17323

FILE NO.: 12 July/45

DATE: "125848

SERVICE NO.: F/S

FINAL RANK OR RATING: 1 Sept/43

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE: 1 Sept/43

DATE OF DISCHARGE:

		$ ¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS 643 / 30 EQUAL TO 21 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50	157.50
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS 310 LESS 13 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 297 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY	74.25
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE		
DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE		
PAY	$ 4.00	
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE	$ 1.25	
ADDITIONAL PAY	$	
	$	
	$	
	$	
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $	$	
TOTAL	$ 5.25 ×7 = $ 36.75	
NO. OF DAYS 310 / 183	×$ 36.75	62.26
D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY		294.01
E. DEDUCTIONS — OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES	$	
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY	$ 40.00	
OTHER DEDUCTIONS	$	40.00
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE		254.01

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

~~DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU $ XXXXXXXX OF $~~ 100% =$ 254.01

~~TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $ XXXXXXXXXXX~~

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

PREPARED BY	CHECKED BY	TREASURY CHECKED BY	DATE
MRG	RK		

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Treasury Office.
Air Force Services
OTTAWA, - CANADA.

Rec'd. JUL 13 1945

P. & A. SECTION

E 38282

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF CAN/R125848 T/F/SGT. BIRTCH,G.E.P.

1 Black Attache case damaged containing:-

2 Towels.
1 Mouth Organ.
1 Pipe.
2 Vests.
1 Tooth Brush holder.
1 Belt.
1 Razor.
11 Handkerchiefs.
3 Prs. Socks.
2 Diaries.
2 London Guide Folders.
1 Pr. Shoes.
1 Soap Box.
2 Pr. Shorts.
1 Pr. Bathing Trunks.
1 Pr. Braces.
1 Comb.
1 Pr. Woollen Gloves.
1 Wooden Toilet case.
2 "AG" and 1"N" Badge.
1 Wallet with driver's licence.
1 Bundle of private correspondence and photographs.
2 Shirts.
7 Handkerchiefs.
1 Wallet containing:- snaps.
1 Pr. Shorts.
3 Pr. Socks.

NOTE. One R.C.A.F. Pay Book - Form R.C.A.F A47. extracted by Unit and forwarded to R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, London.

Cash amounting to 1/3d was found amongst the personal effects and credited to his Service Account.

Original Station inventory signed by Hennessy F/O undated
Effects checked at Central Depository on 15/21.10.43.

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

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

1040-B-790 (R.O.4)

OTTAWA, Canada, 18th Feb., 1944.

Mr. G.T. Birtch,
R.R. No. 2,
Manotick Station,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Birtch:

I have been directed to inform you that your son, George Percy Birtch, has been promoted to the rank of Flight Sergeant with effect from August 25th, 1943.

It is regretted that no further news of your son has been received since he was reported missing on August 31st and I wish to extend to you and the members of your family my sincere sympathy in this trying time.

Yours sincerely,

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

/OBR
Auth: O.O. 653/43

P.A.

R125848 (RO)

REGISTERED

OTTAWA, Canada, 8th October, 1946.

Mrs. Greta D. Birtch,
Billings Bridge,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Birtch:

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, Flight Sergeant G.E.P. Birtch.

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) W/C
R.C.A.F. Records Officer.

/LTB