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ROST
WILLIAM FRANCI

No. 433 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron,
Royal Canadian Air Force,
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11th April, 1944.

Dear Mr. Rost,

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

Bill and his crew took off from here on the night of the 30th of March at 9:50 p.m. to carry out operations against the enemy, and were due to return at 5:53 a.m. the following morning. Unfortunately the aircraft did not return and nothing has been heard since of any of the crew. There is of course always hope in the possibility that Bill is a prisoner of war, in which event you will either hear direct from him, which I sincerely hope you do, or through the Air Ministry.

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

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

Bill had proven himself to be a most capable Pilot having two Operational Sorties against the enemy to his credit totaling 18:10 hours. He had made a number of friends on the Squadron, and his absence is indeed felt by his comrades.

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

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

Yours very sincerely,

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

Mr. R. F. Rost,
40½ Montreal Rd.,
Cornwall, Ontario,
Canada.

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Royal Canadian Air Force

CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH NO. 10445

This is to Certify that R135105 W.O.2
(Number) (Rank)

ROST, WILLIAM FRANCIS R.C.A.F.
(Name in Full) (Unit)

has been officially reported as missing since the 31ST day of MARCH, 1944, and that, full inquiries having been made, there appears to be conclusive proof that he is dead. For official purposes, therefore, he is presumed to have died on or since the above mentioned date.

Dated at Ottawa, Canada, this 10TH day of JANUARY, 1945.

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

c.9

Ref: 433/S.2511/15/Air. P. 415428.

F/S. Rost W.F. – R135105

No. 433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqdn.,

CONFIDENTIAL. 2nd April 1944.

HALIFAX MK.III. HX.272 Missing from Operations on the night of 30/31st March 1944.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report in amplification of my signal dated March 31st 1944, with reference to the crew of the above mentioned aircraft of this Unit which has been reported missing from Operations on the night of March 31st 1944.

2. At 21.49 hours on March 30th 1944, the aircraft piloted by Can. J.85080 Pilot Officer C.Nielson took off from this aerodrome to carry out bombing operations. The aircraft was due to return at 05.53 hours, but nothing further has been heard of the aircraft or any member of the crew since time of take off.

3. All necessary action has been taken.

4. The names of the members of the crew together with particulars of their trips and operational hours are as follows:-

Can. J. 85080	P/O.	Nielson C.	Pilot.	27.	186.10.
Can. R.135105	F/S.	Rost W.F.	2nd Pilot	2.	13.10.
Can. J. 19610.	Awrey D.Mc.	P/O.	Nav.	24.	168.10.
Can. R. 81093.	Cooper H.	WO.1.	WOP.	25.	164.10.
Can. R.149816.	Milward L.V.	WO.2.	B/A.	26.	175.10.
1796355.	Sgt.	Thompson J.S.	A/G.	6.	40.45.
1686348.	Sgt.	Banton C.W.	F/E.	25.	168.10.
Can. R.166148.	WO.2.	McLaughlin J.G.	A/G.	25.	166.10.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(C.B.Sinton) Wing Commander,
Commanding, No.433 (R.C.A.F.) Sqdn.
RCAF. Station. Skipton-On-Swale.

The Under Secretary of State for Air,
Air Ministry P.4. Cas.,
73/77 Oxford Street. W.1.

Copies to: H.Q., No.6. Group.
R.C.A.F. O/S.HQ.
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R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

Force No. R135105 Posted to ~~#1 M.D. Toronto, Ont.~~ #5A M.D. Valcartier, P.Q. Trade ~~Pilot or Observer Std~~ Wireless Air Gunner St

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

(ATTESTATION PAPER)

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

1. Surname ROST Full Christian Names WILLIAM FRANCIS
2. Present Address 0612 Richmond Street, Montreal, P.Q. Telephone Wi. 1226
3. Permanent Address 0612 Richmond Street, Montreal, P.Q.
4. Place of Birth Montreal, P.Q. Citizenship Canadian
5. Date of Birth July 16th, 1923 Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced Single
6. Particulars of Children None

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

7. Occupation Chaser 8. Religion Roman Catholic (State denomination)
9. Languages English Fluently, French (a little) (State proficiency)
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) ~~Miss May Donovan~~ RALPH ROST Relationship ~~Aunt~~ FATHER
    " Address ~~0612 Richmond Street, Montreal, P.Q.~~ 40½ MONTREAL ROAD, CORNWALL, ONT.
11. Father (Full Name) Ralph Rost Birthplace Montreal, P.Q.
    " Address 40½ Montreal Road, Cornwall, Ontario Citizenship Canadian
    " Occupation Radio Technician
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Margaret Donovan Birthplace Montreal, P.Q.
    " Address 0612 Richmond Street, Montreal, P.Q. Citizenship Canadian
13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service: None

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date From	Date To	Reason for discharge
N.A.						

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14. Honours, Awards, Mentions None
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? N.A.
    When? N.A. Result N.A.
17. Were you ever discharged from any branch of His Majesty's Forces as Medically Unfit? No
    If so, state nature of disability N.A.
18. Have you ever been or are you now in receipt of a Disability Pension? No
    If so, state nature of Disability N.A.
19. Have you ever been convicted of an indictable offence? No If so state nature N.A.
20. Are you in debt? No If so, state particulars N.A.

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H.Q. 1062-3-83

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21. Particulars of Education:

—	Name of school	Date From	Date To	Courses—Subjects, etc.
Primary Education—Public or Separate School	Canon O'Meara Academy Montreal, P.Q.	1930	1938	Comercial Courses
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.	D'Arcy McGee School Montreal, P.Q.	1938	1941	Classical Course
Technical School	Technical Institute Montreal, P.Q.	1940	1940	Junior Engineering (night course)
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
Defence Industries Ltd. Montreal, P.Q.	Chaser	June 1941	Aug. 1941	To better self
	Unemployed	Sept. 1941	1941	

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

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

Aeroplane model work

25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally

Hockey - extensively. Baseball - moderately

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 Pilot
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
Senator W.J. Hushion	Keefer Building, Montreal, P.Q.	Insurance
Mr. T.P. Healy, M.P.	423 Magdalène Street, Montreal, P.Q.	Carter
Rev. Father Doran	St.Patrick's Orphanage Montreal, P.Q.	Chaplain
Mr. W.B. Doran	733 De L'epee Avenue, Outremont, P.Q.	Appraiser

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 September 11th. 19 41 Signature ~~Frank Rost~~ ~~F.R.~~
Francis Rost

NATIONAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE PRODUCED. 82 A.L.L. Lapointe F/O
OCT 8 1941

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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.....

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

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

I, William Francis Rost 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 Oct. 8th 19 41 Francis Root
Signature of Recruit

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

I, William Francis Rost do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Date Oct. 8th 19 41 Francis Root
Signature of Recruit

(E) **CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER**

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

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

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

at Montreal, P.Q. this 8th day of Oct. 1941

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

Finger Printed
Date 2-10-41
Initials. E.P.

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—

1. Age. 18 2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following defects in health? No

(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 ..... Fr. 1st metatarsal (Rt) 1940
(r) Other Disease or Defect ..... Measles - Mumps -

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

4. Have you had any illness for more than one week's duration. yes

Examiner's Remarks re above ..... Nil

Frank Root F.R.
Francis Root
Signature of Applicant

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) ..... Scar on flexor surface of right wrist (ulnar eminence) Vaccine mark left arm

2. Height 5 feet 8 inches. 3. Weight 136 pounds.

4. Complexion Fair 5. Color of Eyes Blue Hair Blonde

6. Development {~~Good~~ / Fair / ~~Poor~~} 7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration 33 inches
Range of expansion 2½ inches

8. Hearing—Right W.V. 20' Left W.V. 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 ..... Dental caries

11. Urine—Albumen Neg Sugar Neg

12. Abnormalities (Congenital and Pathological) found on Examination ..... Dental caries. Excaphoria - (madden Rod) Tachycardia

Part 3. The Candidate has been examined in accordance with the pamphlet, "Physical Standards and Instructions for the Medical Examination of Recruits" and he is considered fit for Category ~~A1 B1~~ A3 B 2/10/41

8-10-41 Recheck normal

To have molar rechecked

Any special remarks of the Medical Officers ..... To have teeth extracted
Otherwise fit for observer or wireless gunner
2-10-41 94923X Rec Neg.
2/10/41 Fit for wireless gunner
Recheck normal

Part 2 Cont'd.
13. Reflexes N
14. Heart N
15. Lungs N
16. Blood Pressure S. D. 130/75
17. Colour Vision Normal

Date September 19th 1941.

A W McEwan F/O. — President
Member
Normal
W. W. McEwan F/O — Member

FOR COMPLETION AND RETURN BY

Form P. 64

Miss May Donovan,
0612 Richmond Street,
Montreal, P.Q.

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. R.135105 FD. 333

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ESTATES BRANCH

OTTAWA, ONT.

26th January, 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

ESTATES BRANCH FEB 19 1945 H.Q. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

ROST, William Francis, W.O.2

No. R.135105, 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.

/MS

all remarks

Director of Estates.

M.F.W. 77
16M-10-44 (5854)
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.....				
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....				
3	Father of the Deceased.....		Ralph Rest	39	10½ Mahant St Cornwall Ont
4	Mother of the Deceased.....		Margaret Donovan	40	Mahant St
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood			
		Half Blood			
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Ruth Mary Hanna Rest Margaret Mary Emma Rest	18 17	Cornwall Ont Cornwall Ont
		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. William Francis Rost	
9	Date of his birth. July 16th 1923	
10	Place and date of his marriage. —	
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage. Ogdensburg NY	June 2 - 1922

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born. 0612 Richmond St Montreal	
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) Quebec (b) Lefeltino (c) (d)
14	Nature of employment before enlistment. Clerk	
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. 0612 Richmond St Montreal	

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward. Do not Know	
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? Yes	am given to understand by P/O J K Dalgleish he had a P.O Savings in England
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	Do not Know of any
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	Believe he had a $100.00 Bond at Station in England
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	Metropolitan Insurance 273.00 Mutual Life (Premium only) Approx 100.00 Mary A. Donovan (Aunt)
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
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.	No

(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

STATEM... 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 ...other", etc.

* Aunt (maternal) 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.

Mary Donovan — Signature of Informant

0612 Richmond St. Montreal — Address

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief that Miss Mary Agnes Donovan (Name of informant) is the* Aunt of the Deceased above described. The above Declaration was made by the Informant and signed in my presence.

*See above.

Dated at Montreal Que this 16th day of February 1945

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces. W Crowley — Qualification L(E) R C N R

Address 1098 Melrose ave Verdun P.Q.

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

On Sunday February 11th, 1945 I was told by P.O. J.K. Dalgliesh 21 Chateau Apt. Regina Sask. and P.O. Geo. Cracknell J-92233 of 63 Rosedale Ave, Ottawa Ontario, who were on their way home and who were the Navigator and Rear Gunner of the crew to which X WO. Rost belonged, that when they found he was posted "Missing" they gave between 15 and 20 pounds (English money) to the Chaplain to be sent to me at 0612 Richmond Street Montreal. They stated they had seen this Padre at the Y Depot in Lachine on Sunday morning but did not know his name. I, however, located a Padre Berthiaume who was with the Porcupine Squadron last Spring but he did not remember the incident neither does he know the boys nor Frank Rost as he said he was ill most of the time he was overseas and had been with the Squadron only a few weeks prior to March 31st. Evidently the money of which the boys spoke was turned over with the rest of Frank's possessions. This money had been saved by WO Rost to buy a motor cycle. The boys also said Frank had a savings account in the Post Office as they had gone with him on several occasions to draw money. In his Kit there should be a watch (his own) as it was out of order and he had with him the watch belonging to P/O Cracknell.

Fr. Berthiaume told me prior to his being posted to the Porcupine Squadron Padre Wm. Province (P) was the chaplain and if I contacted Deputy Director of Chaplains Jennings, Jackson Building, Ottawa, he would be able to tell me the address of Chaplain Province.

W.O. Rost also had been paying for a Victory Bond in England ($100.00)

Mary Donovan

X W.O. Rost was co-pilot with another Crew when posted "Missing")

17 Elgin Terrace,
Edinburgh,
Scotland,
18th June 1945.

Dear Sir,

I hope you will excuse the liberty I am taking in writing again in furtherance of my inquiry re Warrant Officer Rost posted missing & of whom I have not heard anything definite although I did as you so kindly advised me to do, forwarded a letter to his father through your Office.

I shall be very pleased if you can see you way to let me have any news about him as we at home here are anxious about him, having taken a great liking for him during his stay in Edinburgh.

Thanking you again for your previous letters & hoping to hear from you soon if convenient.

I Remain,
Yours
Angus McPherson.

22 JUN 1945

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, William Francis Rost of the City / Town / Village / Township

Last Permanent Civilian Address

of Montreal in the County / District of

Province of Quebec, Laborer (Civil Occupation)

a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number R 135105 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 Aunt.

Miss May Donovan.

0612 Richmond St.

Montreal.

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 Miss M. Donovan (Same as above)
(Name) (Address)

, to be the ~~Executor~~ Executrix of this my Last Will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of October 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.

Francis Rost
(Signature of Testator)

First Witness sign here.

(5) J. McCallum
(Signature)

5th M.D. Valcartier Quebec.
(Address)

Clerk
(Occupation)

Second Witness sign here.

D.C. Roberts
(Signature)

5th M.D. Val Cartier
(Address)

Clerk
(Occupation)

(Witnesses are not to be beneficiaries.)

R.C.A.F Records Office
Rec'd OCT 20 1941
O. K. ..... C.I.B. .....
R. C. L.D. N. I. .....
S. L. ..... P. A. P.F.

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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)

FR. 18700

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF NO: CAN/R.135105 W/O. ROST, W. F.

1 brown imitation leather suitcase containing:-

1 pr. green satin swimming trunks
1 pr. brown leather slippers with zipper
1 electric iron
1 pr. khaki trousers
1 pr. black leather driving gloves
2 prs. black leather shoes
1 pr. pyjamas
10 shirts
1 blue woollen scarf
2 black ties
1 black leather belt
~~xxxxx~~ 1 pr. braces
3 prs. shorts
2 summer vests
2 striped towels
1 Winter undervest
19 Handkerchiefs
4 prs. socks
1 French ivory hair brush
1 cardboard box containing:
1 paper box of Photographs and Negatives
1 Book "How to Make Good Pictures"
1 Book "How to Identify Aircraft"
1 Magazine "The Airmen"
1 Snapshot album with snaps and 2 class pictures
1 Religious Book "The Small Roman Missal"
1 Gillette Razor in Case
1 black 2-cell flashlight
1 Kodak 6-20 De-Luxe Camera in light brown leather case
1 Portrait (mounted)
1 blue leather writing case with zipper contg:
1 Photograph (mounted)
1 small blue covered address book
1 Sgt. chevron
1 Pilot's Brevet
3 Cloth Crowns
2 Locks of Hair
1 small tin box contg:
1 metal mirror in blue leather case
7 souvenir silk handkerchiefs
1 nail file
1 Sasta Wrist watch (unserviceable) stainless steel back
1 wrist watch works and case
2 metal wrist watch straps
1 pr. garters
1 wooden cigarette case
1 key ring with 14 keys
1 small black address book
2 "Spring" blue covered note books
9 metal service buttons
5 collar buttons
1 red plastic holder with Snapshot corner holders
1 black leather wallet (empty)
1 piece light blue ribbon
1 metal hat badge
1 string black beads with crucifix

P.T.O.

1 metal arm band
1 Identity Bracelet
(chain broken)
1 metal mirror
2 combs
1 Aluminum Disc (Plaza
Rugby)
1 souvenir metal gun
1 collar pin
1 deck playing cards
1 black leather bill fold
(empty)
3 combs
1 blue leather wallet with
zipper containing:
2 Religious Medals
2 Crucifix
6 souvenir coins (1 damaged)
8 Street Car Tickets (various)
2 unused 3-cent Canadian stamps

1 Piano Vamping Chart and
Instruction Sheet
3 packages personal correspondence
and papers
1 Package of Post Cards
2 Pipes (mended)
1 Hair Brush
1 Red plastic shaving brush
handle

NOTE:
Cash amounting to £23.5s.3d. found among the personal effects has been credited to his service account.

1 Post Office Savings Bank Book No. 191 and
3 Letters from Post Office, Reference, Savings, extracted by Unit and forwarded to R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, London.

Original station inventory signed by ?? F/O dated 2.4.44.
Effects checked at Central Depository on 25.4.44.

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

2598 G.K. 2 AIR

49063

[redacted]	William F (CHRISTIAN NAMES)	Rost (SURNAME)	REGISTER NO.
			FILE NO. 24060
PAYEE	Receiver General of Canada,		DATE 4 Sept/45
ADDRESS	Director of Estates,		SERVICE NO. R135105
	Ottawa, Ont.		FINAL RANK OR RATING W02
DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE	31 Mar/44		DATE OF DISCHARGE 31 Mar/44

	$ ¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE — NO. OF DAYS 906 / 30 EQUAL TO 30 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50	225.00
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE — NO. OF DAYS 390 LESS 6 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 384 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY	96.00
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE	
D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY	408.27
E. DEDUCTIONS — OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES $; DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $; OTHER DEDUCTIONS $	
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	408.27

Ju 185

SEP 21 1945

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY	$ 4.60	
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE	$ 1.25	
ADDRESS PAY	$	
	$	
	$	
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $	$	
TOTAL	$ 5.85	×7 = $ 40.95
NO. OF DAYS 390 / 183		×$ 40.95

87.27

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

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

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

PREPARED BY	CHECKED BY
F.N.F.	A.M.S.

TREASURY	
CHECKED BY	DATE
	6.9.45

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SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

OUTFIT ALLOWANCE PAID
WARRANT OFFICERS $.....ON.....
OFFICERS $.....ON.....
$.....ON.....

MARRIED or SINGLE.....

APPOINTED OR ENLISTED
AT.....ON.....

RECORD OF PAY

NET RATE OF DEFERRED PAY $.....

BANKING ARRANGEMENTS.....

No. R135105 NAME IN FULL Ross T. W.F.

R.C.A.F. A388.

RATE OF PAY

R.R.O. No.	Eff. Date	Rank	Group	P.F. or A.S. Rate	Daily Rate	Add. Pay	Combined Rate	Pen. Ded.	Net Fortnight Rate of Pay	Casualties Affecting Rate of Pay
	19.6.43	Sgt	SG	A/S	4 00		4 00		8.13.8	
7.872	19.2.44	WO2	SG	A.S.	4 60		4 60			101 LH803 (44)

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignee	Eff. Date	Amount	Total
Frater Mother		20 00	
S.V. Loan	1.11.43	16 80	36 80
"	1.4.44	20 00	
S.V. Loan arrears	1.11.43	16 80	

DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE

Date App. Forwarded	Relationship	Amount Awarded	Eff. Date

Missing 31.3.44 AK HHS 64
Presumed dead 31.3.45 GR63

REMARKS

N.D.T. Class

Reconciled with AHQ 12.2.45

PAY AND ALLOWANCES

Date	Particulars of Entry	Debit	Credit	Balance
	Brought Forward		192 52	192 52
	a/c.	36 80		155 72
	AR 47642 24.12.43	17 43		138 29
	AR 47642 24.12.43	42 47		95 82
	v 48042 – Wellesbourne. 7-1-44 (12)	38 44		57 38
	48042 ✓ 7.1.44 (12)	30 84		26 54
Feb	Pay		116 00	142 54
	a/c.	36 80		105 74
	49165 – Wellesbourne Mtfor – 21-1-44	38 44		67 30
	50207 ✓ ✓ 4-2-44	38 44		28 86
Mar	Pay		124 00	152 86
	a/c.	36 80		116 06
	51903 WELLESBOURNE 12.2.44 (12)	38 44		77 62
	52475 TORCLIFFE 17.2.44 (12)	38 44		39 18
	54623 ✓ 2.3.44 (12)	38 44		74
	TRANS. FROM DEF. PAY B.T. 1137		53	21
Apr 1	Pay		120 00	120 21
" 1	a/c.	36 80		83 41
	Missing 31.3.44	83 41		
		552 52	552 52	
			83 41	83 41 (13)
Apr	71 B275. Acq/Roll TORCLIFFE (13)	38 44		44 97
	83/182. Reverse. APR. PIP (3)		20 00	64 97
	" Reverse. S.V.L. (67 1680) (3)		100 80	165 77
	CARRIED FORWARD	38 44	204 21	

Date	Particulars of Entry	Debit	Credit	Balance
	Brought Forward		165 77	165 77
Apr	83/182. Reverse. APR Pay (3)	120 00		45 77
	101 LH803. PROM. WO2 EFF. 19.2.44 (4)		25 20	70 97
May	115-11/1219. CASH IN EFFECT (1)		103 98	174 95
	– Bal. of Allos (1)		3 80	178 75
June	155. GH. 3150. Acq. ROLL LEEMING (3)	38 44		140 31
Jan	15/11/1944 R.O.S. MESS BILL SKIPTON ON SWALE (44)	2 50		137 81
Aug	12/12/1944 OVERDRAFT PAID HARROGATE (44)	7 73		129 28
	To Bal.	129 28		
		298 75	298 75	
	Fwd. as L.P.C. Bal.		129 28	129 28 (3)

DEFERRED PAY

NB427

Date	Particulars	Debit	Credit	Balance
	Brought Forward	53		23
Mar	Trans. to C/Act. B.T. 1137 (44)		53	0
		53	53	0
			NIL	

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CARRIED FORWARD

R.O.A.F.
O.S. H.
15
MAR
ESTATES BRANCH

R.C.A.F. A288.

OUTFIT ALLOWANCE PAID
WARRANT OFFICERS $.....ON.....
OFFICERS $.....ON.....
$.....ON.....

MARRIED or SINGLE S

APPOINTED OR ENLISTED
AT ..... ON 8-10-41

RECORD OF PAY

NET RATE OF DEFERRED PAY $.....

BANKING ARRANGEMENTS .....

No. R135105 NAME IN FULL WILLIAM FRANCIS ROST

RATE OF PAY

D.R.O. No.	Eff. Date	Rank	Group	P.F. or A.S. Rate	Daily Rate	Add Pay	Combined Rate	Pen. Ded.	Net Fortnight Rate of Pay	Casualties Affecting Rate of Pay
	1-3-43	Sgt	SG	P/S	3 70	✓	3 70	✓	42.47 8.14.0	(23)
									7.14.0	(34-12) F11905 A.S.B. 7-10-25/43
(23)	9-5-43	Flt Sgt	SG	A.S.	4 00		4 00	●	8.0.0	(38-11) [illegible]

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignee	Eff. Date	Amount	Total
Father mother		20 -	20 00
S/L Son F11905	1.11.43	16 00	36 00

DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE

Date App. Forwarded	Relationship	Amount Awarded	Eff. Date

REMARKS

N.D.T. CLASS.

PAY AND ALLOWANCES

Date	Particulars of Entry	Debit	Credit	Balance
1943	BROUGHT FORWARD			
1-31-5	Pay		114 70	
	A.P.	20 00		94 70
1-30-6	Pay		111 00	
	A.P.	20 00		
	✓ 8448	26 82		
	✓ 19546	42 47		
	✓ 4605	21 01		
	✓ 18488	42 47		52 93
1-31-7	Pay		114 70	
	A.P.	20 00		
	✓ 3921	42 47		
	✓ 32748	42 47		
	✓ 39013	42 47		20 22
		20 22		
		340 40	340 40	
			20 22	
	CARRIED FORWARD			

Date	Particulars of Entry	Debit	Credit	Balance
1943				
31-7	BROUGHT FORWARD		20 22	20 22
1-31-8	Pay		114 70	
1-31-8	A.P.	20 00		114 92
31-8	GH-7-40192	42 47		72 45
31-8	GH-12-40515	42 47		29 98
2-14	Pay		111 00	140 98
	F/Pay	20 00		120 98
2-14	QR 41157	42 47		78 51
30-9	GH-3-41800	42 47		36 04
Oct	Pay		114 70	150 74
	AP	20 00		130 74
"	QR 42120	42 47		88 27
Nov	Pay		111 00	199 27
	AP	20 00		179 27
	6-H-55-43628	42 47		136 80
	6-H-55-43628	42 47		94 33
	6 Bloom F11905 A.S.B. 7-10-25/43	10 80		77 53
	A.S.B. 7-10-25/43 7.24.1.25-23 [illegible]		31 20	108 73
	6-H-75-44745	42 47		66 26
	6-H-75-44745	42 47		23 79
Dec	Pay		124 00	147 79
	AP	36 80		110 99
	6-H-100-46457 (23)	42 47		68 52
Jan	Pay		124 00	192 52
	CARRIED FORWARD	752 82	760 82	

DEFERRED PAY NR427

Date	Particulars	Debit	Credit	Balance
	BROUGHT FORWARD			
20.10.43	Bal J.2646	53		53
			53	0
	No Bal:			
	CARRIED FORWARD			

R.C.A.F.
O.S. Headquarters
15
MAR 1945
ESTATES BRANCH

P.A.

R133105 (RO)

R135105

R E G I S T E R E D OTTAWA, Canada, 6th June, 1947.

Miss May Donovan,
0812 Richmond St.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Miss Donovan:

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 nephew, Warrant Officer Class 11, W.F. Rost.

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
for Chief of the Air Staff

F/O R.J. Rocheleau/LD

I N V E S T I G A T I O N R E P O R T

FROM: NO. 3 M.R.E.U. B.A.F.O.

TO: AIR MINISTRY, P.4. (CAS), 73/77 Oxford Street, London.

COPIES TO:

DATE: 9-12-46

YOUR FILE OR FOLDER REFERENCE: P.415428/44/P.4. MR.2

YOUR CASUALTY ENQUIRY NUMBER: G.713

OUR REFERENCE: E/MRES

NAME OF SEARCH OFFICER: F/LT. G.F.R. George.

TARGET:

AIRCRAFT TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER: Halifax MK.111 Hx 272

DATE REPORTED MISSING: 30/31st March, 1944. 0130 hours.

PLACE OF CRASH, WITH MAP REFERENCE: GSGS 4416 T-5/100,000 0 381422

PLACE OF BURIAL, WITH MAP REFERENCE: Buttenheim Civilian cemetery, GSGS 4416 T-5/ 100,000 0 367389.

CREW:

Can. J.85080	P/O	NIELSEN C.	P.O.W.
Can. R135105	F/S	ROST, W.F.	Communal Grave
Can. J.19610	P/O	AWREY, D.M.	Communal Grave
Can. R81093	WO1	COOPER, H.	P.O.W.
1796355	SGT	THOMPSON, J.S.	Communal Grave
Can.R1149816	WO2	MILWARD, L.V.	Communal Grave
1683648	SGT	PANTON, C.W.	Communal Grave
Can.R166148	WO2	McLAUGHLIN, J.G.	P.O.W.

RESULT OF INVESTIGATION AND FINDINGS:

On Thursday, December 5th, I visited the civilian cemetery at Buttenheim, and in the centre of the northermost row of graves I discovered onw which appeard likely to contain the members of this crew. It is large, and shaped as an inverted U, being in a well-tended condition. There is a plain wooden cross, without any kind of inscription. The grave is not registered.

The village Buergermeister, Schalk, although not holding office at the time of the crash, stated that it occurred in March 1944. He said that four men were buried shortly afterwards in the local cemetery, in the position already described. The cause of death as far as could be ascertained, was due to head injuries and broken bones. He thought that another body was discovered some little time later, but was not certain whether it was also buried in the same place. He believed that the crash occurred on the summit of a hill, several kilometres north-east of Buttenheim, Ketschendorf.

I telephoned the Burgermeister of Ketschendorf, Kramer, who stated that the crash took place on the ketschendorferberg, three men being taken prisoner, and five bodies were sent to buttenheim on April 1st, where they were place in the mortuary, and later put into coffins and buried in the civilian cemetery there.

Policeman Martin Hummer of Buttenheim stated that the crash took place between 1.30 and 2 A.M. in the morning of 31st March, the aircraft being split into several pieces. Three bodies were lying nearby, and another was mixed up with some machine guns. Hummer thought that this man was wearing an AG Brevet. When the wreckage was being removed a week or two afterwards - the lapse of time was due to the inaccessibility of the terrain - a fifth body, shrivelled and very badly burnt, was underneath the fuselage. according to a totenbuch- death book - in the police offices, four men were buried on April 3rd, 1944, a fifth on April 21st. I eas shown a copy of a report sent from Buttenheim on April 4th 1944, to the Commanding Officer of the Luftwaffe station in Herzogenaurach. It is headed burial of four English Flyers, and the translation is as follows:-

> "On the verbal instructions given by C.O. of Herzongenaurach on 31.3.44, the four English Flyers who were killed on the same day in the crash on the Ketschendorferberg, were buried in Buttenheim churchyard and numbered one to four, as lai down by the Commanding Officer."

(Signed) Martin Hummer, Police Chief.

According to grave-digger BEHM, the bodies were buried from right to left, and the fifth body, which was placed in abox, was buried on the extreme right of the grave. I could find no connection between the numbers and the nemes of the crew, but Behm saidthat a Fliegerhorst officer had numbered the four identity tags and allotted the corresponding numbers to the bodies. He took the tags away with him. Therefore, across the grave, from left to right, the numbers run 4,3,2,1,5.

Coffin-maker Josef Dittrach stated that he made the four coffins, but not the box, and therefore saw only four of the bodies. He was certain that three of them were Canadians, as he saw the name "Canada" on their battle-dresses. The other man was placed in the coffin umbered No.4.

Dittrach's statement tallies with the crew list, and the fourth coffin must conta in the body of Sgt. Thompson or Sgt. Panton. and when this fact is linked up with Hummer' statement that one of the four men found on March 31st was wearing an AG Brevet, it is obvious that the man buried in the box, and resting on the extreme right of the grave is Sgt. Panton, the Flight Engineer, as the only other English member of the crew was St. Thompson, an Air gunner. There is no way of determining the individual positions of the Canadian members of the crew, apart from being certain that they are buried in the same grave and occupy the centre positions, viz nos. 3,2, and 1.

May permission be granted to paint the already existing white cross with the names of the five deceased crew members, i.e. Sgt. thompson, F/Sgt. Rost, P/O Awrey, WO/2 Milward and Sgt. Panton - and then the grave may be registered, and the case considered closed.

.....F/Lt. Search Officer.

.....S/Ldr. Commanding "E" Secti

OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER R135105 RANK W.O. II UNIT 433 RCAF SQDN OVERSEAS

TRADE PILOT (SP GR)

NAME ROST, WILLIAM FRANCIS

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

PRESENT MARITAL STATUS SINGLE RELIGION R.C. CANADIAN YES

FRENCH CANADIAN OTHER

NEXT OF KIN MR R.F. ROST

RELATIONSHIP FATHER

ADDRESS 40½ MONTREAL RD. CORNWALL ONT.

FATHER'S NAME MR RALPH FRANCIS ROST

ADDRESS 40½ MONTREAL RD CORNWALL ONT LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

MOTHER'S NAME MRS MARGARET DONOVAN ROST

ADDRESS ~~162x~~ 1620 SHERBROOKE ST. WEST MONTREAL P.Q. 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?

CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. BEBER MAIL LETTER ----------d-24-NOV-44

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 31-MARCH-44 AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS) (OVER NUREMBURG, GERMANY)

NOW "PRESUMED DEAD" 31-MARCH-44 FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES

RR 5-2

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

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

DATE 8-JAN-45

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

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

R.C.A.F. R217
30M-6-44 (4664)
H.Q. 885-R217
△TS-RT

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COPY FOR C.R. FILE

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THE THOMAS D'ARCY Mc GEE HIGH SCHOOL

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY PINE AVENUE WEST

MONTREAL, CANADA

September 10, 1941.

The Commanding Officer,
Royal Canadian Air Force.

I hereby certify that William Francis Post has completed three years of High School. During his stay here he gave evidence of being honest, industrious and talented.

Yours truly,
Brother Lobet
Principal

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd. OCT 11 1941
O. K. ..... C. I. S. .....
R. C. ..... N. I. .....
S. I. ..... P. A. .....

I, William Francis Rost do solemnly declare that I was born on the 16th day of July in theyear of Our Lord 1923 in the city of Montreal, Province of Quebec.

I also declare that William Francis Joseph ROST as on my birth certificate and William Francis ROST as on my application refer to one and the same person and I wish to be known henceforth as William Francis ROST

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

I have signed.

Frank Rost F.R.

.....

Francis Rost

DECLARED BEFORE ME AT THE CITY OF MONTREAL PROVINCE OF QUEBEC THIS EIGHTH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 1941.

A. L. L. Laporte J/C

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd. OCT 11 1941
O.K. O.I.3
R.C. ..... R.

Airman's Statement at Embarkation

1. Number R135105 Rank SGT Name ROST WILLIAM FRANK
Surname Christian Name

2. Name of person to be notified in case of casualty MISS MARY DONOVAN

Address 0612 RICHMOND ST. MONTREAL Relationship, if any AUNT

3. Alternative name of person to be notified in case of casualty MR. W.F. DONOVAN 0612 RICHMOND ST. MONTREAL

4. Legal next of kin MR. R.F. ROST
Full Christian Names

5. Single, married, widower, divorced, separated SINGLE

Full Christian Names of wife ——

Address ——

6. If married, have you completed a will since marriage? N/A If so, state location.

7. Have you completed necessary documentation for dependent's allowance? N.A.

8. Are parents living? Father YES Mother YES

9. Parent's names (only if living) Give full Christian names

Father ROST RALPH FRANCIS

Address 40½ MONTREAL RD. CORNWALL ONT.

Mother DONOVAN MARGARET

Address 2125 DORCHESTER ST MONTREAL

10. Your own permanent home address 0612 RICHMOND ST MONTREAL

11. Religion (name of Church) ROMAN CATHOLIC

12. Have you Identification Discs? YES

Airman's signature W. F. Rost

Date 6-March-43

No. 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax, N.S.

MAR 18 1943
C.I.B.
N.C.O.
S.L.
P.A.
Office

R.C.A.F. FORM A.28
150M—10-41 (1009)
H.Q. 885-A-28

RECORD OF PAY

CLAIM FOR OUTFIT ALLOWANCE FORWARDED TO..... ON..... APPOINTED OR ENLISTED AT..... ON..... MARRIED OR SINGLE..... NO..... NAME IN FULL.....

RATE OF PAY											ASSIGNMENTS				DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE				REMARKS
D.R.O. No.	Eff. Date	Rank	Group	P.F. or A.S. Rate	Daily Rate	Add. Pay	Combined Rate	Pen. Ded.	Casualties Affecting Rate of Pay		Assignee	Eff. Date	Amount	Total	Date App. Forwarded	Relationship	Amount Awarded	Eff. Date	N.D.T. Class.

Period	No. of Days	Amount of Pay	Sub. Allce.	Other Credits Description	Other Credits Amount	Credit B/F	Total Credits	Ass. Pay	Pen. Ded. & N.D.T.		Debit B/F	Other Debits Description	Other Debits Amount	Cas. Pay	Mid Pay	Total Debits to this Column	End Pay	Debits & Credits to Next Account	Casualties and Sig. of A.O. on Transfer of Account
6-8-3	3	11 10					11 10	2 00				E159 VC 6764 4/838	1 78	9 00		12 [illegible]		1 68	505 E608 EFF. 8-8-43 J.J. Wood F/O
											1 68							Dr 1 68	Audited by Treasury 2/4/43 L. Kennedy

R.C.A.F. FORM A.28
150M—10-41 (1000)
H.Q. 885-A-28

RECORD OF PAY

WO/AG

FEB 23 1943

CLAIM FOR OUTFIT ALLOWANCE FORWARDED TO ..... ON .....

APPOINTED OR ENLISTED AT Montreal, Que. ON 8-10-41

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single

No R135105

NAME IN FULL ROST, W.F.

RATE OF PAY

D.R.O. No	Eff. Date	Rank	Group	P.F. or A.S. Rate	Daily Rate	Add. Pay	Combined Rate	Pen. Ded.	Casualties affecting rate of pay
137	8-10-41	AC2	5	A.S.	1 30		1 30	NA	#5 M.D. Lachine, Que
148	20/6/42	LAC	5	A.S.	1 50		1 50		Reclass LAC Eff 20-6-42.
113	17-8-42	LAC	5	A.S.	1 50	75	2 25		F/P
44	19-2-43	Sgt.	5/C	A.S.	3 70				Appointed Sgt. Temp Ld. A/19-2-43 Sp. Cr.

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignee	Eff. Date	Amount	Total
May Donovan (Foster-mother)	1-11-41	20 00	20 00

DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE

Date App. Forwarded	Relationship	Amount Awarded	Eff. Date

REMARKS — N.D.T. CLASS.

Period	No. of Days	Amount of Pay	Sub. Allce.	Other Credits: Description	Other Credits: Amount	Credit B/F	Total Credits	Ass. Pay	Pen. Ded. & N.D.T.	Debit B/F	Other Debits: Description	Other Debits: Amount	Cas. Pay	Mid Pay	Total Debits to this Column	End Pay	Debits & Credits to Next Account	Casualties and Sig. of A.O. on Transfer of Account
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1-1-42 31-1-42	31	40 30	— —	—	— —	Ø	40 30	20 00	— —	Ø	—	— —	— —	10 00	30 00	10 30	Ø	S.O.S. to R.C.A.F. Station Rockcliffe, Ont. Eff. 28.2.42. DRO #50 — C.P. Gambles Wor
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to audited by Treasury 24/2/43 N. Callon

FORM 6 Declaration on file changing name from William Francis Joseph Rost to William Francis Rost

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS—QUEBEC DEATH TRANSCRIPT

Do not write in this space

1. PLACE OF DEATH

Municipal county: OVERSEAS (GERMANY)

Official name of civil municipality or township:

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

Street: No.: Hospital or Institution:

2. LENGTH OF STAY

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

3. NAME OF DECEASED

Surname: ROST (Block letters)

Given names: WILLIAM FRANCIS

Do not write in this space

4. RESIDENCE

Street: Richmond Street N 0612

Official name of civil municipality or township: Montreal

Municipal county: Province: Quebec

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

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

10. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country): Quebec

11. DATE OF BIRTH: July (Month) 16th (Day) 1923 (Year)

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

OCCUPATION

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

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

15. Date deceased last worked at this occupation: Mar. 31/44

16. Total years spent in this occupation: Two

	17. NAME	18. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country)
FATHER	Rost, Ralph	Quebec
MOTHER (Maiden Name)	Donovan, Margaret	Quebec

19. Place of burial, cremation or removal

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

21. PLACE OF REGISTRATION OF THIS BURIAL

(a) Name of parish or church

(b) Civil municipality of

(c) Municipal county

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

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

22. Date of death: March (Month) 31st (Day) 1944 (Year)

23. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from ....19.... to ....19....

and last saw h....alive on ....19....

24. CAUSE OF DEATH

I

Immediate cause Give disease, injury or complication which caused death, **not** the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc.

(a) Previously reported missing after air operations, now for official purposes, presumed dead.

due to

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

(b)

due to

(c)

II

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

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

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

(b) Duration of disease....days

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

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

State findings....Was there an autopsy?

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

Accident, suicide or homicide: Accident (State which) Date: March 31st 1944

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

Nature of injury

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

Signed....M.D.

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

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

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

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

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

(Voir l'autre côté pour le français)

OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER [illegible] RANK W.O. II UNIT 433 SQAF HQDN OVERSEAS

TRADE PILOT (SP GR)

NAME ROST, WILLIAM FRANCIS

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

PRESENT MARITAL STATUS SINGLE RELIGION R.C. CANADIAN YES

FRENCH CANADIAN OTHER

NEXT OF KIN MR R.F. ROST

RELATIONSHIP FATHER

ADDRESS 40½ MONTREAL RD, CORNWALL ONT.

FATHER'S NAME MR RALPH FRANCIS ROST

ADDRESS 40½ MONTREAL RD CORNWALL ONT LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

MOTHER'S NAME MRS MARGARET DERMAN ROST

ADDRESS ~~[illegible]~~ 1420 SHERBROOKE ST. WEST MONTREAL P.Q. 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?

CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. LETTER [illegible]-21-[illegible]-44

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 31-MARCH-44, AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS) (OVER NURNBERG, GERMANY)

NOW "PRESUMED DEAD" 31-MARCH-44 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 X

DATE [illegible]-JAN-45

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

MFM-5 sent Dept 21-5-45 by S/O D. S/O

W. M. Williams

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

R.C.A.F. R217
30M-6-44 (4664)
H.Q. 885-R217
ΔTS-RT

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COPY FOR DOCUMENT FILE

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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

K.L. 4 AIR

49063

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: William F (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Rost (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

FILE NO. 24060

PAYEE: Receiver General of Canada,

DATE: 4 Sept/45

ADDRESS: Director of Estates, Ottawa, Ont.

SERVICE NO. R135105

FINAL RANK OR RATING W02

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 31 Mar/44

DATE OF DISCHARGE 31 Mar/44

	$ ¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE NO. OF DAYS 906 / 30 EQUAL TO 30 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50	225.00
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE NO. OF DAYS 390 LESS 6 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 384 DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY	96.00
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE	
DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE PAY $ 4.60 SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE $ 1.25 ADDITIONAL PAY $ $ $ DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $ $ TOTAL $ 5.85 ×7 = $ 40.95 NO. OF DAYS 390 / 183 ×$ 40.95	87.27
D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY	408.27
E. DEDUCTIONS — OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES $ DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $ OTHER DEDUCTIONS $	
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	408.27

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

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

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $

~~P. & A.~~ Bal. Trans. Trust Account
Journal Voucher # G185

R.C.A.F. Rec'd SEP 17 1945 D.K. R.C.

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
F.N.F.	A.M.S.

TREASURY	
CHECKED BY	DATE
	6.9.45

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Treasury Office.
Air Force Services
OTTAWA. - CANADA.

Rec'd. SEP 5 1945

P. & A. SECTION

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

MEMBER'S NAME: WILLIAM F. ROST
(Christian Names) (Surname)

PAYEE: RCAF
(Christian Names) (Surname)

ADDRESS:

Register No. .....
File No. 24060
Date 4 Sep/45
Service No. R135108
Final Rank or Rating WOX
Date of Discharge 31 Mar/44

Date of Termination of O/S service 31 Mar/44

	$	¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE		
No. of days 906 / 30 equal to 30 complete periods @ $7.50	225	00
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE		
No. of days 390 less 6 ineligible days, equal to 384 days @ 25¢ per day	96	00
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE		
Daily Rates at Discharge: Pay .....$ 4.60; Subsistence or Lodging and Provision Allowance .....$ 1.25; Additional Pay .....$.....; Dependents' Allowance 1/30 of $ .....$.....		
TOTAL $ 5.85 x 7 = $ 40.95		
No. of days 390 / 183 x $ 40.95	87	27
67.13 + 20.14 = 87.27		
DD. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY	408	27
E. Deductions — Overpayment of: Pay and Allowances $; Dependents' Allowance and Assigned Pay $; Other deductions $		
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	408	27
G. YOUR PROPORTION: (D.A. in issue to you / Total D.A. in issue) = ———— of $		

PREPARED BY	CHECKED BY
FWF	[illegible]

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
The Secretary,
Department of National Defence for Air,
OTTAWA, Canada.

R135105 (R.O.4)

OTTAWA, Canada, 14th April, 1944.

Mr. Ralph Rost,
40½ Montreal Road,
Cornwall, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Rost:

It is my painful duty to confirm the telegram recently received by you which informed you that your son, Flight Sergeant William Francis Rost, is reported missing on Active Service.

Advice has been received from the Royal Canadian Air Force Casualties Officer, Overseas, that your son was a member of the crew of an aircraft which failed to return to its base after a bombing raid over Nuremburg, Germany, on the night of March 30th and the early morning of March 31st, 1944. There were five 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:

Pilot Officer C.M. Nielsen,
Next-of-kin, Mrs. C.M. Nielsen, (mother)
33-37 201 Street, Bayside, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Pilot Officer D.M. Awrey,
Next-of-kin, Mr. E.C. Awrey, K.C. (father)
1162 Chilver Road, Windsor, Ontario.

Warrant Officer First Class Henry Cooper,
Next-of-kin, Mr. G.G. Cooper, (father)
323 East Keith Road, North Vancouver, B.C.

Warrant Officer Second Class J.G. McLauchlan,
Next-of-kin, Mr. John McLauchlan, (father)
28 Rosewarne Avenue, St. Vital, Manitoba.

Warrant Officer Second Class L.V. Milward,
Next-of-kin, J4713, F/O P.E. Milward, (brother)
R.C.A.F. Station, Patricia Bay, B.C.

BL

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

DGAS

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

OP

1261 SHEARER STREET
MONTREAL

0612 Richmond Street
Montreal, Que.
April 27, 1944

D.G. Gratton-Smith A/s
R.C.A.F. Casualty Officer
for Chief of the Air Staff
Royal Canadian Air Force
Ottawa, Ontario.

RECEIVED
APR 29 1944
CASUALTY SECTION

Re- R135105 (R.O.4)
W.O. II William Francis Rost.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 10th instant is received and I thank you very sincerely. I appreciate the fact that yours is not a pleasant duty and that you have a great number of letters to write every day.

It is nice to feel that someone else has the same feeling that while Frank is missing yet there is the great hope that he is somewhere Over There. This war is taking a heavy toll of the flower of our country and while he is my nephew, in reality he is more than a son as I brought him up and it is with a very sore heart I write today. I know that if God has taken my boy Home it is for the best and he went in a good cause but somehow I feel that he is alive and I have no intention of giving up hope.

His navigator (who was not with him at the time (Ken. Dalgleish) wrote me on the 1st but had no more news than I had already recieved from Ottawa.

May I, sir, extend to you my sincere thanks and appreciation with the hope that when next I hear from you it will be good news.

Sincerely yours,
Mary A. Donovan
Mary Donovan

No reply Glad.

R135105 (R.O.4)

R E G I S T E R E D

OTTAWA, Canada, 4th January, 1945.

Miss Mary Donovan,
0612 Richmond Street,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Miss Donovan:

It is with deep regret that I must inform you that advice received from the Royal Canadian Air Force Casualties Officer, Overseas, states that your nephew, Warrant Officer William Francis Rost, is now for official purposes presumed to have died on Active Service on March 31st, 1944.

I realize that this letter will be a blow to the hopes you have entertained for so long, and in your added sorrow I offer you my deepest sympathy. May the same spirit which prompted your nephew to offer his life give you renewed courage.

Yours sincerely,

(D.E. MacKell)
Air Commodore,
Acting Air Member for Personnel.

PA 21-1-45.

R.O.4

(19)

Your File R135105 (R.O.4)

0612 Richmond Street
Montreal, February 15,1945

[redacted]

Air Commodore D.E.MacKell,
Acting Member for Personnel
Royal Canadian Air Force
Ottawa,Ont.

Dear Sir,

Under date of January 4th, you were kind enough to write me advising that for official purposes my nephew Warrant Officer William Francis Rost is now presumed to have died on Active Service on March 31st, 1944.

I thank you for your kind sentiments of sympathy and I am sure your task is a very trying and difficult one and I appreciate what it means to every good Canadian to have to bring bad news. I still have the feeling that Frank is alive somewhere and soon we will hear from him again. It is good to feel that our fine young boys with everything to live for have the courage to face every odds to help bring Peace to this war torn world. So many homes are sorrowful and so many hearts saddened that surely out of it all something fine should emerge in God's good time.

Again thanking you, for to me Frank is even more than a son as I love him very sincerely and deeply and his sentiments to me are the same.

Sincerely,

Mary Donovan

RECEIVED
FEB 17 1945
CASUALTY SECTION
920-2-13

noted
no ack

0612 Richmond Street,
Montreal, 22, Que.

R135105

Casualties Department
R.C.A.F. Headquarters
Ottawa, Ontario.

1945 MAY 21 PM 2:57

Re- WO.II William Francis Rost
R-135105

PA 2-3-45

Dear Sirs,

I am wondering if there is any way you can help me. My nephew, Wm.Francis Rost-R-135105, was posted missing as of March 31st, 1944 and subsequently presumed dead. Last week I received his personal belongings.

In the Star of May 3rd., 1945, there appeared a picture of a group of prisoners resting at Brussels. They were mostly Army NCO's but thirty of my friends and acquaintances think they recognize one of the men as Frank. I went to the Star office and looked at the original picture and I cannot be sure as the lower part of the face is not exactly as I remember him. Of course two year make a great difference in a young man who is still growing. I am enclosing a couple of snaps whichwere taken in England in February 1944 as well as the picture from the newspaper and hope you will be able to do something to trace the names of the boys in the photograph as if the one marked is not Frank it surely is a good double.

The Red Cross have not given me any hope as they claim they have reported every prisoner of war but I feel it is not necessarily a foregone conclusion that every boy "Missing" in the Air Force is a P.O.W. as many must have been hidden and possibly when prisoners are being evacuated from a certainarea they join with them.

Of the crew of the plane three were reported as P.O.W- the pilot Chris Nielsen of Flushing ,N.Y. WO.2 J.G. McLauchlan, St.Vital, Man. and Henry Cooper WO.1 North Vancouver,B.C. who were all at Stalag Luft VI those missing were J.V. Milward, Shoal Harbor Sidney B.C.(enlisted at Patricia Bay B.C., P.O./ D.M. Awrey Windsor Ont. and Wm.Francis Rost who was co-pilot on that trip.

This may turn out to be a mirage but I feel I should try,at least, to follow every angle as no doubt there will be many turn up who have been given up. I should really like to know who the boy in this picture is as apart from the face , the posture and slant of the cap are identically like Frank. I thank you for any trouble you may take in following this up for me as I certainly appreciate the fact that you must be inundated with similar requests. Trusting to hear from you,

Sincerely,

Mary A. Donovan

(Miss) Mary A. Donovan.

RECEIVED
MAY 21 1945
CASUALTY SECTION

May 28/45

Wireless Operator Air Gunner Std

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

J.A.T.P. CANADA

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

A.F. No.	Surname	Christian Names	Religion
R135105	ROST	William Francis	R.C.

Born 16/7/23 Place Montreal Que Country Canada Citizen of Canada Racial Origin Canadian

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

~~M.~~ S. ~~D. W.~~

Wife's Maiden Name

Present Address (in pencil)

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

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

Miss May Donovan (Aunt)
612 Richmond St. Montreal P.Q.

CIVIL EDUCATION

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

Technical School Business Courses

University

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Grocer June 1941 to Aug 1941

PREVIOUS SERVICE	ENLISTMENT	Med. Cat.	Date	Med. Cat.	Date
N.A.	Date 8-10-41	A 3 B	8/6/41		
	At Montreal				
	Term Duration of War				

Rank	Auth.	Date	Trade	Auth.	Date
A.C.2		8/10/41	Wireless Operator		8/10/41
LAC	DRO148	20/6/42	Air Gunner		
T/Sgt Paid	DRO44	19/2/43	Std		
			P & O. "S"	DRO37/42	18/1/42
			Airman Pilot	DRO148	20/6/42
			Airman Pilot Spec Group	DRO44	19/2/43

TRADE TESTS AND COURSES

Trade	GP	%	P or F	Date
Wireless Operator	S		P	18/9/41
Air Gunner				
Std				
P & O "S"	S		P	18/1/42

LEAVE

From	To	Auth. and Description
12-10-42	24-10-42	DRO. 134/42 (Special)
24.12.42	28.12.42. (Sd)	DRO313 (Rationed) Spec. Xmas.
20:2:43	6:3:43	DRO44 Embark

DRO44 Entitled to Rat allow. for period of leave act 196(4) F.R.T.

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

Date	Character	Trade and Assm.	Honours and Awards	Auth.
	Awarded Pilots Flying Badge Course at No 2 S.F.T.S. Upland Feb: 19/43			67
	Cat P.A. DRO44			

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
M.D.R. 13	R/C Mil	No 5 A M.D.	8-10-41				
		Valcartier Que					
DRO #137/41	TOS 5 A M.D.	" "	8-10-41				
DRO 176/41	Proceeded on T/S	to No 2 M.D. Lachine	23-11-41				
DRO 183/41	Ceases to be on T/S	to No 2 M.D. Lachine	1-12-41				
DRO 37/42	REMUSTERED	PTO. "S"	18-1-42				
DRO 50/42	#5 M.D. Lachine, P.Q.	R.C.A.F. Stat. Rockcliffe, Ont	28-2-42				
DRO 88/42	C.T.S. Rockcliffe	#5 I.T.S. Bellbrook	11-4-42				
DRO. 190	H5 I.T.S.	H 13 E.F.T.S.	15-8-42				
DRO 113	Entitled to draw	Flying Pay Eff.	17-8-42				
DRO. 134/42	#13 E.F.T.S. St. Eugene, Ont	#2 S.F.T.S. Uplands, Ont	24-10-42				
DRO. 134/42	Auth. To draw Allowance of 50¢ per diem in lieu of rations from 12-10-42 To 24-10-42						
DRO 257 TOS	13 EFTS	No 2 SFTS	25:10:42				
DRO 44	No 2 SFTS Uplands	No 1 Y Depot Halifax	MAR 5/43				
DRO 70	#1 YD Depot	R.A.F. T.P.	8.3.43				
		EMB	9-3-43				
		NY	17-3-43				
		UK	18-3-43				
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Date 8-10-41
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R0135105 ROST WILLIAM F W022

1 NUMBER 9 NAME 29 RANK

SERVICE AWARD CARD

FORM NO. R. 325

R.C.A.F.

	39-45 STAR	ATL. STAR	A/C EUR STAR	AFRICA STAR	PACIFIC STAR	BURMA STAR	ITALY STAR	FR. AND GER. STAR	DEFENCE MEDAL	~~GEN.~~ ~~SER~~ WAR MEDAL	C.V.S.M.				
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AWARD AND CLASP											>				
APPLICATION DISPATCHED															
RIBBON ISSUED															
MEDAL ISSUED															

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LICENSED FOR USE UNDER CANADIAN PATENT NUMBER 315306

Miss May Donovan (aunt)
0812 Richmond St.,
Montreal,
Que.

Jan.-46.

MEMORIAL B R
DATE DESP
REGN NO 3420

3607 11-2-50

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

J.A.T.P. CANADA

INTERVIEW REPORT

AGE 18
HEIGHT 5'9
WEIGHT 140

SURNAME ROST

CHRISTIAN NAME WILLIAM FRANCIS

MARRIED SINGLE NO. OF CHILDREN N.A.

N.F.

FLYING: PILOT X; OBSERVER; W.A. GUNNER

Assessment of Education: 6

EDUCATIONAL:- NUMBER OF YEARS 10 yrs.

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

University (Name and Dates of Attendance) .....

Standing other Countries .....

FLYING EXPERIENCE:- Total hours NONE

Commercial Hours Solo ..... Dual NONE

Private Hours Solo ..... Dual ..... Pass NONE

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

MILITARY AND OTHER TRAINING:-

NONE

SPORTS:-(What branches) .....

Hockey, baseball

HOBBIES:- model airplane

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

Seems quite young for his age, but is very keen and bright. Should be OK for aircrew.

REFERENCES CHECKED // SATISFACTORY X
REFERENCES CHECKED // UNSATISFACTORY
REFERENCES NOT CHECKED

CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR COMMISSIONED RANK? doubtful

BEST FITTED FOR Pilot

APPROACH
Confident X
Nervous
Easy

CARRIAGE
Upright X
Medium
Athletic

DRESS
Neat
Conservative X
Clean X
Careless

PHYSIQUE
Medium X
Heavy Set
Slender

SPEECH
Clear X
Slow
Hesitant

RESPONSE
Quick X
Deliberate
Slow

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

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

DATE: 18-9-41

RECRUITING CENTRE: Montreal, P.Q.

Signature of Officer: P.E. Henault F.O.

A.F.M.5

OUR FILE 27-13-1

REF. YOUR

DATED

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Montreal, P.Q., January 22nd, 1942.

NO.	NAME	A. to L. SCORE
R.135105	ROST, W. F.	37

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

3 yrs. Algebra
No Physics

2 yrs. Geometry
No Trigonometry

R E M A R K S:

Good A.L. Score - Keen and Alert - Enthusiastic.

RECOMMENDED FOR: P. or O.

J. A. T. P. CANADA

W.A. WRIGHT F/O
Temporary Ed. Officer

R.J. LA BROSSE F/O
Manning Personnel Officer

R.C.A.F. G. 32
2000M—9-41 (855)
H.Q. 1062-9-36

AIR FORCE No. R 135105

SURNAME: Rost

FULL CHRISTIAN NAME: William Francis

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE: Montreal
DATE: 8-10-41

RELIGION: R.C.

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

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

BIRTH DATE	PLACE	COUNTRY	CITIZENSHIP	RACIAL ORIGIN
16-7-43	Montreal	Que	Canadian	

CIVIL EDUCATION

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

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

None

PREVIOUS SERVICE

Nil

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

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

CHILDREN

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

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

Father MR RF ROST
40 MONTREAL ST.
CORNWALL ONT

Miss May Rooney (aunt)
612 Richmond St.
Montreal, P.Q.

PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY	PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY
8-10-41	A3B		

EMPLOYMENT AS INSTRUCTOR OFFICER AIRMAN/AIRWOMAN

TYPE	FROM	TO	TYPE	FROM	TO

OFFICERS

RANK, BRANCH AND CATEGORY	DATE	AUTH.	DUTIES PERFORMED DURING SERVICE, E.G. ADJ.

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

AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN

RANK	DATE	AUTH.	TRADE	DATE	AUTH.
AC2	8 10 41		Wireless Opr.	8 10 41	
LAC	20 6 42	DRO 148	Pay O Std	18 1 42	DRO 37/42
T. Sgt Pl.	19 2 43	DRO 44	Airman Plt	20 6 42	DRO 148
T/Flt Sgt.	19 8 43	O/R 2 Gp 7/7/43	Airman Plt. Sgt	19 2 43	DRO 44
T/WO II	19 2 44	GO 922/44			

OFFICERS, AIRMEN/AIRWOMEN

COURSE OR TRADE	GRP	%	PF	DATE
Gee 67 2 S.F.T.S				26 10 42 / 19 2 43
Wireless Opr. A.G.	S		P	18 9 41
Pilot or Observer	S		P	18 1 42

AIR FORCE No. R135105

SURNAME: ROST

FULL CHRISTIAN NAME: WILLIAM FRANCIS

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE: Montreal
DATE: 8-10-41

RELIGION: R.C.

R.C.A.F. FORM R230

TYPE OF LEAVE

FROM	TO	No. DAYS	DESCRIPTION	AUTH.
4-4-43	10-4-43		P. Leave	3PRC 80/43
10-7-43	19-7-43	10	Prin Leave	GCR Sgt. 14/43
29.9.43	3.10.43	5	P/Leave	18(P)AFU 135/43
Recalled	15.10.43.	7	Unexpired	18(P)AFU 35/43
11-1-44	25-1-44	15	Prin L.	220TU 3/44
21-2-44	26-2-44	6	L	61 Base 38/44

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ON WHICH MOST PROFICIENT

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

SERVICE MACHINES FLOWN

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSESSMENT

DATE	CHARACTER	TRADE ASSESSMENT

HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

DATE	AWARD	AUTHORITY
19 2 43	Pilots Flying Badge	No 2 S.F.T.S.

POSTINGS, ATTACHMENTS & TEMPORARY DUTY

SOS TOS	FROM	TO	DATE	AUTHORITY
SOS	14 To R.A.F. T.P.		8 3 43	DRO 70
	Disembarked U.K.		17 3 43	E 608
T.O.S.	at 3 P.R.C.		18 3 43	Int. 42
att.	R.A.F. Whitely Bay		13 4 43	89/43
T.O.S.	at G.R. Sch. Bridgnorth		22 5 43	Bridgnorth 14/43
T.O.S.	at 18(P) A.F.U.		20 7 43	18AFU 33
T.O.S.	220TU. from 18(P)AFU.		19 10 43	18(P)AFU 81/43 220TU 43.
SOS	220TU to 61 Base		8 2 44	61 Base 11 220TU 12.
Att.	165 S.C.U from 61 Base		22/23 2/3 44	165 S.C.U 1/44.
SOS	61 Base to 433 Sqd		22 3 44	61 Base 33/44
att to	Dalton Battle Sch.		27 2 44	61 Base 24/44
F/B	Missing from 433 Sqdn.		30/31 3 44	AERO 1020/44 CR 445
PRESUMED	DEAD		31 3 44	CR 632

ALL OTHER CASUALTIES

CASUALTY AND DATE	AUTHORITY
Adm S.S.Q 29-7-43 to 31-7-43	18(P)AFU 84/43, 37/44

Emb 9-3-43

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Individual Record of Flying

DATE P. CANADA

R.C.A.F. R. 45
30M-4-41 (168)
H.Q. 1062-2-126

61 Bomb
~~8/2/44~~
~~220 TCU~~
433 fwd 433 =
22-3

RANK LAC NO. R135105 NAME ROST, W.F.

LOWE-MARTIN MFRS.

UNIT	PERIOD ENDING	SERIAL NO.	SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT DAY 1ST PILOT (A) Hrs	Mins	2ND PILOT (B) Hrs	Mins	DUAL (C) Hrs	Mins	SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT NIGHT 1ST PILOT (D) Hrs	Mins	2ND PILOT (E) Hrs	Mins	DUAL (F) Hrs	Mins	MULTI-ENGINE AIRCRAFT DAY 1ST PILOT (G) Hrs	Mins	2ND PILOT (H) Hrs	Mins	DUAL (J) Hrs	Mins	MULTI-ENGINE AIRCRAFT NIGHT 1ST PILOT (K) Hrs	Mins	2ND PILOT (L) Hrs	Mins	DUAL (M) Hrs	Mins	CREW DUTIES OBSERVER (N) Hrs	Mins	AIR GUNNER (O) Hrs	Mins	OTHER (P) Hrs	Mins	PASSENGER (Q) Hrs	Mins	TOTAL (R) Hrs	Mins
13 EFTS St. Eugene, Ont.	9-10-42		31	15			32	35	1	00			4	30																						69	20
#2 S.F.T.S.	19/2/43		73	25			58	50	11	40			5	30																			7	45	226	30

Sheet Destroyed, date 30-6-42
Date of last entry 22-2-42
Number of cases of drunkenness NIL
Date of last instance of drunkenness N.A.

J.A.T.P. CANADA

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

GENERAL CONDUCT SHEET

OFFICIAL No. ~~R135015~~ 135105 NAME AND INITIALS ROST W.F. (IN BLOCK LETTERS) DATE OF ENLISTMENT 8-10-41

SHEET No. Two (IN WORDS) SIGNATURE AND RANK OF C.O. [signature] F/L for (J.M. Dobson) Squadron Leader DATE 30-6-42.

UNIT AND PLACE	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness (in red)	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	Initials and Rank of Officer making entry and Remarks, with Date
No. 13 E.F.T.S. St. Eugene, Ontario	21-9-42	LAC		A.W.L. from 23:59 hours, 20-9-42 to 2359 hours 21-9-42. Absent 24 hours. (A.F.A. Sec. 15 (1))	Flt. Sgt. T. Stewart, Cpl. F.J. Symons.	4 day's C.B.	23-9-42	Sqn. Ldr. W.M. Smith	1 day's automatic forfeiture of pay [illegible] SLC 23-9-42
No. 13 EFTS., St. Eugene, Ontario.	9-10-42	LAC		Failed to appear at place of rendezvous appointed by his Commanding Officer, in that he was absent from parade at 0730 hrs., 9-10-42. (A.F.A. Sec. 15 (2))	Cpl. C. L. Sullivan.	1 day C.B.	10-10-42	(G. E. Cherrington) Flight Lieutenant.	GEC/F 13-10-42
Ground G.R. School, Bridgnorth.				Certified No Entry.	[illegible] for O.C. Ground G.R. School. 20/7/43.				

To be carried over

R.C.A.F. R. 71
50M—1-41 (8774)
H.Q. 1062—3-53

Confidential R.A.F.—TRAINING REPORT R.A.F. Form 5012A

PILOT

NO. 1533 BEAM APPROACH TRAINING FLIGHT

1. Surname ROST Christian Names : WILL. FRANK.

2. Number : R.135105 3. Rank : Sergeant 4. Course No. : 38

5. Posted from 18 (P)AFU. 6. Date Course commenced 24 Aug.43 7. Date Course ended 29 Aug.43 8. Posted to 18 (P)AFU

9. Flying Times (at this Unit) :

Type of Aircraft	Day		Night		Beam Flying	Instrument Flying	Passenger	Link Trainer
	Dual	Solo	Dual	Solo				
Oxford Mk.1.	10.10	-	-	-	10.10.	10.10.	-	5.00.

10. Flying Tests

SUBJECT	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
(a) B.A. PROCEDURE AND "Q" CODE (LINK TRAINER)	200	130
(b) RECEIVER OPERATION	100	50
(c) INSTRUMENT FLYING...	250	165
(d) CLOUD AND NIGHT FLYING	250	170
(e) GENERAL APPLICATION OF B.A. PROCEDURE (FLYING)	200	135
TOTAL	1,000	650
	PER CENT. :	65%

11. Remarks : A good average beam pilot who has worked hard. His instrument flying is sound and steady.

Date 29th August 1943. Signed A.H. Tompkins. F/Lt. for. Officer Commanding.

(*10896) Wt. 35101—2250 15,000 11/42 T.S. 700
(*11498—10896) Wt. 46602—P3136 20,000 2/43 T.S. 700

Confidential

PILOT

R.A.F. TRAINING REPORT.

R.A.F. Form 5014

No. 18(P) ADVANCED FLYING UNIT

1. Surname ROST. Christian Names WILL FRANK.
2. Number R.135105 3. Rank SGT. 4. Course No. 26
5. Posted from Bridgenorth. 6. Date course commenced 20/7/43. 7. Date course ended 19/10/43. 8. Posted to 22 O.T.U.

9. Flying Tests

Subject	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
(a) General Flying	400	265
(b) Applied Flying	200	
(c) Instrument Flying ...	250	170
(d) Night Flying	100	60
(e) Link Trainer	50	37
Total	1,000	532
PER CENT.		65%

10. 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
11. As a Flying Instructor		X		

(Mark "X" in appropriate column.)

12. **Remarks :**

Keen and hardworking. Good type N.C.O. generally, but lacks sense of responsibility.

Date 17th October, 1943. Signed F.G. ARGYLE ROBINSON. G/Capt.
Officer Commanding.
No. 18 (P) A.F.U.

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

13. Flying Times (At this Unit) :

Type of Aircraft	Time	Dual to 1st Solo	Total dual	Solo	~~Passenger~~ D/N	Formation	Instrument	Link Trainer
OXFORD.	Day ...	4.25	25.35	24.10	3.20	3.15	4.40	5.30
	Night...	1.20	10.15	16.25	BAT.		10.10	5.00

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

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

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

(*11077—10274) Wt. 38188—P2393 30,000 12/42 T.S. 700

No. 18 ADVANCED FLYING UNIT, R.A.F.

Record of Progress and Flying Times

1.—Surname Sgt Rost. Christian Names William Frank.

2.—Number R 135 105 3.—Rank Sgt 4.—Course No. 26.

5.—Posted from Bridgnorth 6.—Date Course commenced 20 July. 7.—Date Course ended 19/10/43 8.—Posted to 22 O.T.U.

9.—Flying Tests		
Subject	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
(a) General Flying ...	400	265
(b) Applied Flying ...	200	
(c) Instrument Flying ...	250	170
(d) Night Flying	100	60
(e) Link Trainer	50	
Total	1000	
Per cent. ...		%

Flight Marks						
			B			
			220			
			1.30			

10.—Assessment of Qualities of character and leadership	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained		
	100	60	B 50	

Degree of Suitability for further training.
11.—As a Flying Instructor.

Not at all suitable	Moderately suitable	Definitely suitable	Extremely suitable
~~X~~	X		

12.—REMARKS. Keen + hardworking. Good type NCO, generally, but lacks sense of responsibility

Date 19/10/43. Signed [illegible] Officer Commanding Squadron.

FLIGHT COMMANDER'S REMARKS

Flight	Date In	Date Out	
			Previous Flying : 219 Training System British Empire Training
			T.E. — S.E. 219 Previous A/c Types Flut Harvard.
			S.F.T.S. Night Flying.
			Has progressed well with night flying. is now considered a capable pilot at night. I.F. Good average. [illegible] F/Lt
B.	15 Sept	27 Sept.	Average type of NCO pilot, completed advanced exercises satisfactorily, but is not particularly good at formation. [illegible] F/L

(*12438) Wt. 16671—714 15M 6/43 T.S. 700

NAME ROST.

Date	Day Flying Dual Trip	Day Flying Dual Total	Day Flying Solo Trip	Day Flying Solo Total	Instrument Solo & Dual Trip	Instrument Solo & Dual Total	Day/Night Dual Trip	Day/Night Dual Total	Exercise	Instructor	REMARKS :
			36·00								
Bght. Fwd.		19.45		16.15.		3·10		3·20.			
Sept 15th	·50	20·35			·40	3·50			16 (E-K LP)	SGT WOOD.	S/F satisfactory but should be smoother on the controls. General flying ok.
	1·20	21·55.							27 (123.)	SGT. DANIEL.	Had difficulty keeping room, both in level flight & also on outside of turn.
16	1.05	23.00			·50	4·40			16 (A-M.P)	SGT. DANIEL.	I.F. good. Only difficulty was variation of ht at constant speed.
17	1.00	24.00	·50						27 (123)	F/L Rutherford	Knows his signals but can't do with practice.
			50S	17·05	45S.				16 (A-L)	SOLO	fit for solo formation
	·15	24.15							NAV. 7	SOLO (F/L PAPWORTH	NAVIGATOR.
	·10	24.25							Weather Test	F/L RUTHERFORD.	Local flying in bad visibility.
18th.	·25	24.50									
18th			1·15	18·20					8A 9AC 10B	Solo.	
20th	·55	25·35							27 (1.2.3)	Sgt WOOD.	Still needs more practice at keeping station but improved with practice.
21			·55	19.15					W.S. Arm D.	Solo.	
23			2·35	21·50					NAV 6	Solo (SGT WOOD)	Held courses ht and a/s well both clear hood and on instruments.
24.	X		1·05.	22·55.					CAM. OBS.	SOLO.	map reading and pin pointing satisfactory.
26			·35	23·30	Amend F/S				8A 9A 7A 8C 15A	Solo	
27			·40	24.10.					10AB 15A 18	Solo.	

Name Sgt Rost.

Previous Night Flying

PUPIL'S PROGRESS REPORT NIGHT

Day Flying at Unit
- Dual 18:35
- Solo 16:15
- I/F 5:55
- Day/Night 3:20

Date	Dual Trip	Dual Total	Solo Trip	Solo Total	Exercise	Instructor	Landings Dual	Landings Solo	REMARKS
30 AUG	1.20	1.20	1.25	1.25	Circuits	P/O Roots	5 2 o/s	3	Inclined to gain ht on downwind leg of circuit. Take off & over shoot procedure O.K. & landings 3 f/f. Sent solo!!
31 AUG	.50	2.10	.40	2.05	Circuits	Officer	2 2 o/s	2	Quite safe landings. But should make more tail-down landings
2 SEPT	.30	2.40	2.30	4.35	Circuits	F/S CARTER	3 2 o/s	10	Circuits & o/s OK. Landings still very much 'tail up'
3 SEPT	1.20	4.00	1.00	5.35	Prec. + B-Hop	SGT. LLOYD	1	1	Reads beacons well. I/F quite good. S.E. OK.
4 SEPT	1.25	5.25	1.30	7.05	NAV. X & XI	Sgt. Neville	1	1	Accuracy work O.K. General I/F good, except that he could hold courses more exactly. Landing and approach excellent.
5 "	—	5.25	2.50	9.55	Circuits	Solo	—	8	
6 SEPT	2.20	7.45	2.45	12.40	NAV PRECISION XII + XI	Sgt Neville	1	2	Very good trip, has evidently taken previous teaching to heart. Courses + A/S held precisely, now excellent
7 SEPT	—	7.45	2.55	15.35	NAV XI PREC.	SOLO	—	2	
8 "	2.30	10.15	—	15.35	NAV XII W/T	P/O DAVIES	1	—	Quite a good show all round. Beacon-recs courses, height + A/S good. Nice circuit & landing.
13 "	—	10.15	.50	16.25	PRECISION	SOLO	—	1	

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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.

Air Force No. R/35105 Surname ROST

Christian Names (in full) WILLIAM FRANCIS

Date of Birth 16/7/23 Religion R.C.

Date of Enlistment/~~Appointment~~ 8/10/41

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

Occupation in Civil Life [redacted]

Signature of Holder W. F. Rost

Name and Address of Next-of-Kin MISS MAY DONOVAN (AUNT) 0612 RICHMOND ST. MONTREAL P.Q.

Name, Address, and Relationship of Person to be informed of Casualties—
Miss M. A. Donovan
0612 Richmond Street
Montreal, Quebec
Aunt.

Certified Correct for A. B. Mackenzie F.L.
Date 14/4/43 Place R.C.O.T.S. H.Q.

R.C.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
Pilot	19/2/43		

Rank	Date of Effect	Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer making Entry
T/SGT.	19/2/43		
F/SGT	19.8.43	PaR 98/43	
WO2	19.2.44	0/0922/44	

MEDALS, DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, ETC.

Particulars	Date and Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer

MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

(For entries for which space is not otherwise provided)

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

Particulars	Date and Authority	Signature and Rank of Officer

LEAVE RECORD
(With Free Railway Warrant)

From (date)	To (date)	Signature of Officer

LEAVE RECORD
(With Special Leave Warrant A.24)

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

MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION

Date	Category	Medical Board or Medical Exam. (Form No.)	Unit	Initials of M.O.
8/10/41	A3 B			

BLOOD GROUP

Date	International	Initials of M.O.

NIGHT VISUAL CAPACITY

Date	Score	Group	Initials of M.O.

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

WILL

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

In the event of my death I give

I appoint.....

Residing at.....

to be my executor.

Signature.....

Rank, Air Force No.....

Unit.....

Date.....

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Right Index Fingerprint

Name ROST, William Francis R 1 3 5 1 0 5

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

Age 18 Height 5'8" Weight 136.

Hair Blonde Eyes Blue Hair on face Light.

Marks, scars, etc. Scar right wrist.

Francis Rost (Signature of holder)

A.W. Kennedy. F/O. (Signature of issuer)

Place Montreal Recruiting Centre. Date Oct. 8th, 1941.

Card serial number 97613

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IF YOU FIND THIS CARD,

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OTTAWA ATTENTION P.I.B.

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R.135105 WO. W. F. ROST
R.C.A.F
30-3-44
SGT. WH BEVAN
SGT. JH DYER
SGT. AVD MINES
SGT. EH HOLMES
PO. WR MAJOR
FSGT. FJ MILES
SGT. G PETTINGER

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ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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

Official No. CAN/R135105 Name ROSS, WILLIAM FRANCIS Rank T/F/Sgt
(In full in block capitals, surname first). (Or acting appointment).

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

Date of Birth 16-1-23 Religion RC Occupation in Civil Life CHASER

Last Enlisted 8-10-41 Current Engagement Dy/W

If a member of the Auxiliary Air Force

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

Name, address and relationship of legal next of kin (to be entered in pencil):
MISS MAY DONOVAN. 2612 RICHMOND ST. MONTREAL, QUE. AUNT

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.")
Nx/R

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.
#23FTS	#1 YDEPot	5-3-43		W.D.A.C. STD AC2	8-10-41
#1 YDEPot	RAF HP	8-3-43		P.&D STD AC2	18-1-42
	EMB NY	9-3-43		AIRMAN Pilot STD	LAC 20-6-42
	UK	17-3-43		Pilot SPEC (2)	
INT42	3PRC	18-3-43		T/Sgt	19-2-43
3 PRC	G.R. School. RAF Bridgnorth	22.5.43	POR 92/43	Promoted T/F/SGT.	19.8.43
Ground G.R. School.	18 (P) AFU	20.7.43	b/o 922/44	WO2	19.2.44
18(P)AFU.	22.O.T.U.	19.10.43.			
22 OTU	61 Base	8-2-44			
61 Base	433 Sqdn.	22/3/44			
433(RCAF) S&DN	RCAF UK Ne. Unit	31-3-44			
433 Sqdn	TOS Rbat UK Hen	1-4-44			
SOS Rbat UK Hen	Pre. Dead	31.3.44.			

Section 3.—Good Conduct Badges.

* Authority.	1st, 2nd, 3rd.	Awarded, Deprived, Restored.	Date of Effect.

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

(*10349) Wt. 23821—1216 100M 8/42 T.S. 700
(*11118—10349) Wt. 39960—2622 100M 12/42 T.S. 700

WB

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	Proficiency. B	Proficiency. C	Whether specially recommended, recommended, or not recommended for promotion or reclassification.	Date.	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.
T/Sgt.	V.G.	Pilot.	On Strength for training only.				20.7.43	[illegible]
Sgt	VG	Pilot U1.	On Strength for training only.				19.10.43	[illegible] S/Ldr.
T/F/Sgt.	V.G.	PILOT.	ON STRENGTH FOR TRAINING ONL				31/12/43.	[illegible] S/Ldr

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R 135105

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

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

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FILE NUMBER

R 135105

Medical Board held at Montreal, P.Q. *Date* 19-9-41

Surname ROST *Chr. Names* WILLIAM FRANCIS
Nature of Commission M2-1 *Date of Birth* 16-7-23 (18) *Married or Single* S
Branch General List *Hours Flown* None
Address 0612 Richmond Street, Montreal, P.Q.

HAVE YOU ANY HISTORY OF:—

(i) NERVOUS TROUBLE or Nervous Breakdown ..... NO
Severe or "Sick" Headaches, Migraine ..... NO
Fits or Convulsions of any kind ..... NO
Sun or Heat Stroke ..... NO
Head Injury or Concussion (including "knock-out") ..... NO
Insomnia, Nightmares, Sleep-walking, or Bed-wetting ..... NO
(ii) LUNG TROUBLE or Consumption ..... NO
Bronchitis, Pneumonia or Pleurisy ..... NO
Asthma or Hay Fever ..... NO
(iii) HEART DISEASE, "Weak or Strained Heart" ..... NO
Fainting Attacks or Giddiness ..... NO
Rheumatism, Rheumatic Fever or "Growing Pains" ..... NO
Frequent Sore Throats or Tonsilitis ..... T & A 1937
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 ..... T & A 1937
(x) Any illness or Injury not mentioned above ..... measles and mumps, Fractured right 1st metatarsal bone 1930.

Education ..... Equiv. 4 yrs. High School
Present Occupation ..... Chaser Hobbies ..... Model airplane
Previous Service ..... N.A.
Athletics ..... hockey, baseball
Habits—Smoking ..... 5-6 c.a.d. 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 (0) Alive—Health ..... N.A. (0) Dead—Cause .....
Sisters (2) Alive—Health ..... good (0) Dead—Cause .....

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

Date 19/9/41 *Signature* ~~Frank~~ Rost Francis *Witness* [illegible]

GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EXAMINATION

Impression given by *(a)* Physique Athletic ~~Fair~~ *(b)* Mentality standard
Body Marks, Scars, Deformities nil
Size of Thyroid Gland not palpable
Surgical Abnormalities nil
Results of Wounds, Injuries, Operations nil - vaccination mark left arm.

	Date 19-9-41	Date May 1/42	Date	Remarks on any Abnormalities Found
Height (ins.)	68			
Weight (lbs.)	136	140		Date 2-10-41
Chest Circumference (ins.)	35½			
Body Build (lbs.) 42	134	+5		Pulse
Leg Length (ins.)	45			Sitting 84 1st.
				Standing 96
Pulse Rate: Sitting	96	84		" 90 2nd
Pulse Rate: Standing 1st	108	108		After exercide 120
Pulse Rate: Standing 2nd	102	96		Time to normal 35 secs.
Pulse Rate: After Exercise	120	120		
Pulse Rate: Time to Normal	20	30"		
Arterial Walls	soft			Date
Blood Pressure: Systolic	130	120		
Blood Pressure: Diastolic	75	70		
Room Temperature				
Heart: Size (in cms.)	N	N		
Heart: Sounds	N	N		
Heart: Rhythm	regular	R.E.G.		
Lungs: Inspection	N			
Lungs: Palpation	N			
Lungs: Percussion	N			
Lungs: Auscultation	N	CLEAR		
Lungs: Expiratory Force	180			
Lungs: X-Ray	neg.			Date
Reflexes: Knee	N	Sl.		
Reflexes: Ankle	N			
Reflexes: Triceps	N			
Reflexes: Abdominal	N	N		
Reflexes: Plantar	N↓	FL		
Cranial Nerves	N	N		
Balancing Rod	R. L. steady	R. L.	R. L.	
Self Balancing	R. L. S S	R. L. 1/FS 1/FS	R. L.	
Tremors: Fingers	no tremor	0		Date
Tremors: Eyelids	no tremor	0		
Abdomen: Liver	not palpable	N		
Abdomen: Spleen	not palpable	N		
Abdomen: Muscular Tone	good	good		
Urine: Albumen	neg.	neg		
Urine: Sugar	neg.	neg.		
Initials of M.O.	AM	H.B.		

40 mm. Hg. Test 8/899/877/777/676/60secs.
Date May 1/42 60 sec = 7/10 12 12/12 11 10/10 10 10/10 10 9 (1st trial)
Date
Date
Date

May 1/42. Fairly fit. Immature type. Impression is that he is a fair prospect only. Stability average.
Cas p. ⊕
Cas obs. ⊕ H.B. Smith Capt/L.M.

EYE EXAMINATION

History	NIL		RH. LE
Visual Acuity	R. 20/20, ± c 2.25 = 20/200	20/20 c 2.25 = 20/200	20/15 + 2.25 blur
	L. 20/20, ± c — = 20/200	20/20	20/15 + 2.25 blur
Colour Vision	N. Ish.	n ish	C.V. N #9 doubtful
Red, Green	Esophoria +7 P.O. (N.R.)	Eso greater than 7D maddox	RR low Eso 4.5Δ – 5Δ. 25 Eso 2Δ
Diaphragm Test (P.D. = 62)	3,4,5 crowd at 4	(6.2) 3 & 4 crowd at 3	6 crowding at 6
Convergence	C. = 7 cms.	7	6.0
	S. C. = 10 cms.	8	7.0
Accommodation	R. 10½ cms.	8	8.0
	L.		8.0
Cover Test	Isophoria (slight) both eyes R.R.	no apparent movement	long Eso 3Δ ; 25cm Ortho no latency
Fundi and Media	N	"	N
Fields	Full N.	"	N
REMARKS: Esophoria with maddox rod -7 Dieptres unfit for pilot.		muscle balance unfit pilot. Esophoria marked at 20 ft	A 1 B A 3 B Slightly borderline
	Initials of M.O. [signature]	Initials of M.O. [signature]	Initials of M.O. [signature]
	Date 19-9-41	Date 23-1-42	Date 1/5/42

EXAMINATION OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

History	Nil			
Hearing	R. Ear	W v 20'	W v 20.	
	L. Ear	W v 20'	W v 20.	
External Ear, Meatus Membranes	R. Ear	N	Normal	
	L. Ear	N	Normal	
Middle Ear, Eustachian Tubes	R. Ear	Patent		
	L. Ear	Patent		
Cochlear Apparatus	R. Ear			
	L. Ear			
Vestibular Apparatus	R. Ear			
	L. Ear			
Buccal Cavity		clean	fair	
Teeth		dental caris - healthy	- 3 carious	
Gums		clean	N	
Pharynx		H	N	
Nasopharynx		not seen		
Nose		clear	patis functory.	
Larynx		not seen		
REMARKS: dental caries.		Initials of M.O. [signature]	Initials of M.O. [signature]	Initials of M.O.
		Date 19-9-41	Date May 1/42	Date

To see dental officer.

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

19-9-41 Dental caries.
Esophoria greater than +7D
Passes tests fairly well but obviously excitable. Pulse fast but no cardiac abnormality rated.
Should have pulse reactions and infected teeth extracted.
I believehe would be fit for W.A.Gunner. AtBt

W M Gemmell Sqn Ldr
Medical Officer

2-10-41 Recheck Normal.
Fit for W.A. Gunner A3B

W M Gemmell S/Ldr.
Medical Officer

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS OF THE REVIEWING MEDICAL OFFICER

Date May 11/42.

1. fit. Eso 4.5Δ
2. Stability fair
3. RH - LE. Category ~~W~~ A.B A3B.
~~F.~~ Boulton Sqn/Ldr

Night Visual Acuity Average

NIGHT VISION 11/32 average.
E.E.G. Cat. 5
DECOMPRESSION CH.
No difficulty.

A1B		N.V.C.	
A3B	Turret	N.V.C.	
A3B		N.V.C.	average
A3B	Vision		
A3B	Radio		
Sig:			
Date	24.2.43		

AIR FORCE No. R 135105

SURNAME: Rost

FULL CHRISTIAN NAME: William Francis

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE: Montreal
DATE: 8-10-41

RELIGION: R.C.

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

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

BIRTH DATE	PLACE	COUNTRY	CITIZENSHIP	RACIAL ORIGIN
16-7-43	Montreal	Que	Canadian	

CIVIL EDUCATION

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

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Chorer

PREVIOUS SERVICE

Nil

PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY	PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY
8-10-41	A3B.		

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWER, DIVORCED: Single

WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME) OR HUSBAND:

PRESENT ADDRESS (IN PENCIL):

PLACE OF MARRIAGE: DATE:

AUTHORITY (IF AFTER APPOINTMENT/ENLISTMENT):

CHILDREN

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

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

Father MR R.F. RUST
40 MONTREAL RD.
CORNWALL ONT CR44 Sd 4/4/44

Miss May Donovan (aunt)
612 Richmond St.
Montreal, P.Q.

EMPLOYMENT AS INSTRUCTOR OFFICER AIRMAN/AIRWOMAN

TYPE	FROM	TO	TYPE	FROM	TO

OFFICERS

RANK, BRANCH AND CATEGORY	DATE	AUTH.	DUTIES PERFORMED DURING SERVICE, E.G. ADJ.

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

AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN

RANK	DATE	AUTH.	TRADE	DATE	AUTH.
AC2	8 10 41		Wireless Opr.	8 10 41	
LAC	20 6 42	DRO 148	P or O Std	18 1 42	DRO 37/42
T. Sgt Pd.	19 2 43	DRO 44	Airman Plt.	20 6 42	DRO 148
T/Sgt.	19 8 43	OTO 20/43 377/43	Airman Plt. S.G.	19 2 43	DRO 44
T/WO II	19 2 44	OTO 922/44			

OFFICERS, AIRMEN/AIRWOMEN

COURSE OR TRADE	GRP.	%	PF	DATE
Gee 67 25 F.T.S.				26 10 42 / 19 2 43
Wireless Opr. A.G.	S		P	18 9 41
Pilot or Observer	S		P	18 1 42

ADVISE ENTRIES
UNIT RECORDS RETURNED
TO CANADA

AIR FORCE No. R135105

SURNAME: ROST

FULL CHRISTIAN NAME: WILLIAM FRANCIS

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT
PLACE: Montreal
DATE: 8-10-41

RELIGION: R.C.

R.C.A.F. FORM R230

TYPE OF LEAVE

FROM	TO	No. DAYS	DESCRIPTION	AUTH.
4-4-43	10-4-43		P. Leave	3PRC 80/43
10.7.43	19.7.43	10	Prin Leave	EGR Sch. 14/43
29.9.43	3.10.43	5	P/Leave	18(P)AFU 155/43
Recalled	15.10.43.	7	Unexpired	18(P)AFU 51/43
11-1-44	25-1-44	15	Prin L.	22OTU 3/44
21-2-44	26-2-44	6	L	61Base 22/44

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ON WHICH MOST PROFICIENT

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

SERVICE MACHINES FLOWN

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSESSMENT

DATE	CHARACTER	TRADE ASSESSMENT

HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

DATE	AWARD	AUTHORITY
19 2 43	Pilots Flying Badge	No 2 S.F.T.S.

POSTINGS, ATTACHMENTS & TEMPORARY DUTY

SOS TOS	FROM TO	DATE	AUTHORITY
SOS	14 To R.A.F.T.P.	8 3 43	DRO TO
	Disembarked U.K.	17 3 43	E 608
T.O.S.	at 3 P.R.C.	18 3 43	Int. 42
att.	R.A.F. Whitely Bay	13 4 43	89/43
T.O.S.	at G.R. Sch. Bridgenorth	22 5 43	Bridgenorth 14/43
T.O.S.	at 18(P) A.F.U.	20 7 43	18AFU 33
T.O.S.	22OTU. from 18(P)AFU.	19 10 43.	18(P)AFU 81/43 22OTU. 43.
SOS	22OTU to 61 Base	8 2 44	61 Base 11 22OTU 12
Att.	1659 CU from 61 Base	22/3 44	1659 CU 44
SOS	61 Base to 433 Sqd	22 3 44	61 Base 33/44
att to	Dalton Battle Sch.	27/2 44	61 Base 24/44
F/B	Missing from 433 Sqdn.	30/31 3 44	AFRO 1020/44 CR445
PRESUMED	DEAD	31 3 44	A.F.R.O. 89 CR632

ALL OTHER CASUALTIES

CASUALTY AND DATE	AUTHORITY
Adm S.S.Q 29-7-43. to 31-7-43	18(P) AFU 34/43, 37/46

ADVISE ENTRIES
UNIT RECORDS RETURNED
TO CANADA

Emb 9-3-43

AIR FORCE No. R135105 R.

SURNAME: ROST, FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES: WILLIAM FRANCIS

ENLISTMENT — PLACE: Montreal — DATE: 8-10-41

RE-ENLISTMENT

C.R. FILE NUMBER

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

R.C.A.F. FORM R44(B) 30M-8-41 (637) H.Q. 1062-3-58

7. BIRTH: DATE: 16-7-23 — PLACE: Montreal, Que. — CITIZENSHIP: British 2

FATHER (FULL NAME): Ralph Rost

BIRTHPLACE: Montreal, Que.

MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME): Margaret Donovan

BIRTHPLACE: Montreal, Que.

8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE X Que.

JUNIOR MATRICULATION 3 yrs. H. S. Que.

SENIOR MATRICULATION

TECHNICAL SCHOOL in 1944 (night) Junior Engineering Que

UNIVERSITY

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

3.

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

chaser. 3 mos.

10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE

nil

0

11. HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS

	AUTHORITY	DATE
Pilots Fly. Badge	28744	19-2-43

12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)

SOLO — DUAL — PASSENGER —

13. RELIGION R. Catholic

1

14. LANGUAGES English

1

15. SPORTS Hockey, baseball, aeroplane model work.

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: Ralph Rost — RELATIONSHIP: Father

ADDRESS: 40½ Montreal Rd. Cornwall Ont. — D.R.O.

FULL NAME: Miss M. L. Donovan — RELATIONSHIP: Sr. 25.6.47

ADDRESS: 0612 Richmond St. Montreal Que — D.R.O.

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

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

21. ENGAGEMENTS

TERM	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.	TERM	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.
Duration	8 10 41				

22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

FROM	TO	DATE	D.R.O.
Acc. gtrs & rtns		9-10-41	5 Ad. D137
Acc. pert gtrs		1-3-42	H53
Posted to G/D			H53
Special Leave T/W #C268278		23-2-43	28755

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22.(A) ADDRESS PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT

0612 Richmond St., Montreal Que.

22302

23. DOCUMENT CONTROL (INDICATE RECEIPT BY DATE)

R60	R79	B465	X-RAY	AFM-13	IDN. CARD	
20-10-41	JAN 15 '42					

AIR FORCE No. R135105

SURNAME: ROST, FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES: WILLIAM FRANCIS

ENLISTMENT — PLACE Montreal — DATE 8-10-41

RE-ENLISTMENT

C.R. FILE NUMBER

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

13

R.C.A.F. FORM R44(B) 30M-8-41 (637) 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.
T.O.S.	5 A.M.D. Valcartier	8	10	41	5 A.M.D. 137
S.O.S.	5 M.D. Lachine	28	2	42	5 M.D. 51
T.O.S.	R.C.A.F. Stn. Rockcliffe	18	1	42	H 53
S.O.S.	R.C.A.F. Stn. Rockcliffe	11	4	42	H 88
T.O.S.	5 S.T.S. Bellevill	12	4	42	5 S.T.S. 190
S.O.S.	5 S.T.S. Bellevill	15	8	42	5 S.T.S. 190
T.O.S.	13 E.F.T.S. St Eugene	16	8	42	13 E.F.T.S.
S.O.S.	13 E.F.T.S. St Eugene	24	10	42	13 E.F.T.S.
T.O.S.	2 S.F.T.S. Uplands	25	10	42	2 S.F.T.S.
S.O.S.	2 S.F.T.S. Uplands	5	3	43	2 S.F.T.S.
T.O.S.	1 Y "Depot Halifax	6	3	43	1 Y D 63
S.O.S.	1 Y Depot to R.A.F. Trainees Pool	8	3	43	1 Y 77
Presumed Dead. 31 Mar. 1944 — DCL 852 d/28-11-44.					
S.O.S.	to Overseas	8	3	43	L 608
	Missing	31	3	44	
	Pilx 4/16	1	4	44	
	Re charge				

2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.

RANK	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
AC2	8	10	41	5 A.M.D. 137
8				
LAC	20	6	42	5 T.S. 148
Sgt (Temp) (Pil)	19	2	43	2 S.F.T.S. 44
P/Flt Sgt (Pil)	19	8	43	GB 711
F/Sgt (Pil)	19	2	44	GB 922

3. MEDICAL HISTORY

EXAMINATIONS (IN RED INK)

DATE	FORM	CATEGORY	REMARKS

HOSPITALIZATION (IN BLACK INK)

HOSPITAL QUARTERS	ADMITTED CONFINED	DISCHARGE RET'N DUTY	D.R.O.
2-10-41	R100	A3B.	
11-5-42	M2	A1B, A3B	

4. TRADE AND CHARACTER

TRADE	GROUP	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
N.G.D.	S.	8	10	41	5 A.M.D. 137
P. or O.	S.	18	1	42	5 M.D. 137
301 S					
Air Plot	S	20	6	42	5 T.S. 148
Air Crew Pilot (Course 67)	G.D.	19	2	43	2 S.F.T.S. 44

TRADE PROFICIENCY	CHARACTER ASSESSMENT	DATE OF R41

5. COURSES-TESTS-ETC.

SUBJECT	RESULT	DATE	AUTHORITY
Trans. from Crse 51	Berse	52	5 S.T.S. 136
Course 67	50.5	26/19 10/2 42/43	T 87A
(6) m-lyam.	25		T 87A

6. LEAVE

FROM	TO	DAYS	REMARKS	D.R.O.
18-6-42	3-7-42		Special	5 T.S. 145
1-8-42	17-8-42		Special	5 T.S. 184
20-2-43	5-3-43	14	Disembark.	2 S.F.T.S. 44

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