R177668
RADCLIFFE
ALBERT JAMES

R0177668 RADCLIFFE ALBERT J LAC 6

1 NUMBER 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. MEDAL	C.V.S.M.				
AWARD									✓	✓	✓				
AWARD AND CLASP											✓				
APPLICATION DISPATCHED															
RIBBON ISSUED															
MEDAL ISSUED															

PREFIX NUMBER NAME RANK CODE

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LICENSED FOR USE UNDER CANADIAN PATENT NUMBER 315306

Mrs. Ethel F. Radcliffe (mother)
Rivers,
Man.

Sept.-45.

MEMORIAL B R
DATE DESP
REGN. NO 7825

177668 SPECIAL RESERVE LWP #2

AIR FORCE No. R.177668 POSTED TO #6 R.C. Winnipeg, Man. TRADE Aero Engine Mechanic

W.E.T.F O.L.W.P.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

(ATTESTATION PAPER)

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

68-1-80C

1. Surname RADCLIFFE FULL Christian Names ALBERT JAMES
2. Present Address 188 Smith St. Winnipeg Man Telephone 25915
3. Permanent Address Rivers Manitoba
4. Place of Birth Rivers Manitoba Citizenship Canadian
5. Date of Birth November 21st 1921 ~~Married~~, Single, ~~Widower~~, ~~Separated~~, ~~Divorced~~ Single
6. Particulars of Children none

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

7. Occupation Unemployed 8. Religion United Church (~~Not stated~~) State denomination
9. Languages English (fluently) State proficiency
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) Mrs. John Radcliffe Relationship Mother
    " Address Rivers, Manitoba
11. Father (Full Name) John Radcliffe Birthplace England
    " Address Rivers Manitoba Citizenship English
    " Occupation Farmer.
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Ethel Florence Blabey Birthplace Essex County Ont.
    " Address Rivers Manitoba 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.				

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd. JUL 24 1942
O.K. O.I.B.
R.C. N.I.
S.L. P.A.

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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400M—6-40 (5739)
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	Rivers Cons.	1928	1936	Public School
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.	Rivers Collegiate	1937	1940	Gr. XI (except French)
Technical School				
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
Hoyle Gold Mines Pamour Ont.	Slusherman Machine Helper	Sept 1940	March 1941	Home to Work
Elliott Bros. Rivers Man	Taxi driver	Aug 1941	Nov. 1941	to Enlist R.C.A.F

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

24. Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to the R.C.A.F. Orchestra Work, Band Work, Taxi driving. Handling Dynamite and Explosives extensively in Mines.

25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally Softball (Moderatly) Football (moderatly)

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. Aero-Engine Mechanic
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
W. J. Stewart	Rivers Manitoba	Principal Rivers School.
G. M. Henderson	Rivers Manitoba	Postmaster Rivers
J. A. McKenzie	Rivers Manitoba	Merchant.
C. Penney	(Hoyle Gold) Ont. South Porcupine	Mining Capt.

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 December 11th 1941 Signature Albert J. Radcliffe

A.h. Rcve 32

NATIONAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE PRODUCED.

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(A) *Report of Interviewing Officer—*

Type: Good General appearance: Good

Suitability for (state in what capacity): aero Engine mech & T

Date: 23.6.42 Signature: [illegible] Rank: P/S

(B) *Report of Trade Test—*

Trade in which tested:

Result: Trainee

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

Date: Signature: Rank:

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

I, ALBERT JAMES RADCLIFFE 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: JUNE 25th 1942 Albert J. Radcliffe
Signature of Recruit

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

I, ALBERT JAMES RADCLIFFE do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Date: JUNE 25th 19 42 Albert J. Radcliffe
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 Winnipeg, Manitoba this 25th day of June 19 42

[illegible] Flt Lt No. R.C. Winnipeg, Manitoba
Signature of Officer Rank Unit

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—

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

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

3. Have you ever worn glasses? no

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

Examiner's Remarks *re* above

Fracture clavicle sl. - 1938 - cured.

Albert J. Radcliffe
Signature of Applicant

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

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

1. Identification marks or scars (if operative obtain history) Scar front - right - wrist. Scar left - upper lip.

2. Height 5 feet 6½ inches. 3. Weight 144 pounds.

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

6. Development {Good / ~~Fair~~ / ~~Poor~~} 7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration 36 inches

Range of expansion 3 inches

8. Hearing—Right w.v. 2i Left w.v. 2i Tympana—Right Normal Left Normal

9. Vision—Without glasses—Right 20/60 With glasses—Right see prescription

Left 20/20 Left

10. Condition of mouth and teeth Good. No carious teeth - Fair - class

11. Urine—Albumen Neg Sugar Neg 17-1-42

12. Abnormalities (Congenital and Pathological) found on Examination Vision defective. Eyes correctible with glasses. X ray chest negative.

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 ~~A1B1~~ A4B.

Any special remarks of the Medical Officers

Part 2 Cont'.

13. Reflexes N

14. Heart N

15. Lungs N

16. Blood Pressure S. D. 135/85

17. Colour Vision Normal

Date 17-1-42 19

A Broadley — President; F. J. Butler — Member; Member

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

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

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

PLEASE LEAVE BLANK

Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full RADCLIFFE, A.J. (b) Reg'l. No. R-177668
2. (a) Arm of service R.C.A.F. (b) Unit NO 1. M.D. (c) Rank A.C.2
3. (a) Date of birth 21/11/21 (b) Have you any dependents? NO. (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment RIVERS MAN
4. (a) Place of enlistment WINNIPEG (b) Date of enlistment JUNE 26/42

Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 18 (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment? NO
6. State definitely highest standing reached at public, technical or high school (for instance—"4 years, Public School", "two years, High School", "Junior Matriculation", or "4 years technical course in printing", etc.) JUNIOR MATRICULATION
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? NO (b) If so, for what occupation? N.A. (c) Did you finish it? N.A. (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it? N.A.
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? ENGLISH (b) What languages do you read well? ENGLISH

Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING or NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working", as case may be; particulars are asked for below) WORKING (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member? N.A.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. Name of employer ELLIOT BROS TAXI Address RIVERS
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.) TAXI COMPANY
20. (a) Your specific occupation (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? NO (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? NO (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment? NO

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

22. (a) State nature of business, or professional practice (b) Where was it located?
23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge?

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Rec'd AUG 25 1942
O.K.
R.C.
N.P.A.

Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war? N-A (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? N.A. (c) If so, in what kind of farming? N-A.
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? YES (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? 5 (c) In what provinces did you have experience? MANITOBA

Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for re-establishment in civil life after discharge? NO
27. If so, state nature of your plans (for example, do you plan to return to school, or have you been assured of a job, etc.) N.A.
28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form N.A.

DATE AUGUST 20th 1942 SIGNATURE Albert J. Radcliffe

(2)

DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

Application for Treatment

Immediately after examining an ex-soldier the Medical Representative of the Department will detach upper half and forward at once to C M O. of the District. Forward lower half at end of month for payment for treatment, and another lower half at end of each subsequent month till case is disposed of.

1. Regt. No. ..... Rank ..... Date Jan. 19th, 1942

Name and Initials Radcliffe, A. J. Address Riverson, Man.

Force (Canadian, Imperial, others) Referred by #6 Recruiting Centre, R.C.A.F.

2. Physical findings and Diagnosis of present condition Eye Refraction was:

OD: 20/50 20/25 w +0.50 cyl. 75°

OS: 20/20 20/20 w +0.25 cyl. 90°

3. Recommendation to District Office [illegible]

DETACH HERE

Medical Representative.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

R-177668	RADCLIFFE	ALBERT JAMES	United
A.F. No.	Surname	Christian Names	Religion

Born 21-11-21 Place Rivers, Man Country Canada Citizen of Canada Racial Origin English

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)

Mrs. John Radcliffe (Mother)
Rivers, Manitoba

CIVIL EDUCATION

High School Entrance Jr. Mat. XI Sr. Mat.

Technical School Business Courses

University

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Slusherman. 1 yr.
Taxi driver 3 months.

PREVIOUS SERVICE

None

ENLISTMENT

Date 25-6-42
At Winnipeg. Man.
Term Dur. of War

Med. Cat.	Date			Med. Cat.	Date		
A4B	23	6	42				

Rank	Auth.	Date			Trade	Auth.	Date		
A.C. 2	enl	25	6	42	W.E.T.P. aero Engine Mech	enl	25	6	42
A.C. 1	DRO 101	6	1	43	Qual. A&M. B	129	1	7	43
L/AC	170	10	5	43					

TRADE TESTS AND COURSES

Trade	GP	%	P or F	Date		
DRO 5/43 AEM	C	—		6	Jan	43
A.E.M.	B	61	P	18	5	43.
AEM	A	77	F	1	10	43

LEAVE

From	To	Auth. and Description
26-6-42	end of W.E.T.P.	on leave without pay
~~22-10-43~~	~~5-11-43~~	~~(Annual) DRO 257~~
Cancelled	in DRO 280	

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

Date			Character	Trade and Assm.	Honours and Awards	Auth.

R.C.A.F. R.44C
50M—10-41 (961)
H.Q. 1062-3-58

(OVER)

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date	Authority	Unit from	Unit to	Date
Enlisted	#6 Rec. Centre, Winnipeg Man.		25-6-42				
T.O.S. D.R.O.#	#6 Rec. Centre, Winnipeg. Man		25-6-42				
S.O.S. D.R.O.#	#6 Rec. Centre, Winnipeg. Man						
#1 M.D. 199	"	#1 M. Depot	17-8-42				
#1 M.D. 243	#1 M. Depot Toronto	To St. Thomas	9-11-42				
			ARO 245/42				
DRO 304/42	Must draw rations & accom. from 1000 hrs 29 Dec/42 (5 days)		AD 23 Dec 42				
DRO 7/43	T.T.S.	#1 "Y" DEPOT					
	ST. THOMAS	HALIFAX	7 Jan/43				
DRO 29/43	1 "Y" Depot	Torbay Nfld.	1-Feb-43				
DRO. 101	Forfeits 5 days pay		22-3-43				
to 26-3-43. Awarded 120 hrs.							
detention eff 19-4-43.							
DRO. 102	Forfeits pay 5 days AWL		19-4-43				
22-3-43 to 27-3-43							
DRO 137	Entitled 1 day flying pay		16 May/43				
DRO 138	SOS RCAF Stn. Torbay	To #16 Sqdn Gandle	26 May/43.				
D.R.O. 184 S.O.S.	No. 10 SODN, GANDER, NFLD.						
	PRESUMED TO HAVE DIED		20-10-43				

Sheet Destroyed, date.....
Date of last entry.....
Number of cases of drunkenness.....
Date of last instance of drunkenness.....

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

GENERAL CONDUCT SHEET

OFFICIAL No. R177668 NAME AND INITIALS RADCLIFFE, ALBERT, JAMES (IN BLOCK LETTERS) DATE OF ENLISTMENT June 25th, 1942.

SHEET No. ONE (IN WORDS) SIGNATURE AND RANK OF C.O. (R.S. Grandy) G/C DATE 20-4-43

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
RCAF Station Torbay	22-3-43	AC 1		ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE in that he on 22-3-43 failed to report on the expiration of his leave and did not report until 27-3-43 (Time absent 5 days (5)	Documentary	Awarded 120 hrs. Detention. Detention will include 2 hrs. pack drill every 24 hours.	19-4-43	Group Captain R.S. Grandy	Forfeits five days pay (5)
				To be carried over					

R.C.A.F. R. 71
50M—6-41 (288)
H.Q. 1062—3-53

AIR FORCE No. R.177668

SURNAME: RADCLIFFE, FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES: ALBERT JAMES

ENLISTMENT PLACE Winnipeg DATE 25-6-42

RE-ENLISTMENT

C.R. FILE NUMBER

R.C.A.F. FORM R44 (B) 30M-12-41 (1346) H. Q. 1062-3-58

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

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

S.O.S. OR T.O.S.	UNIT AND PLACE	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
TOS	Winnipeg Rec	25	6	42	Wpg Rec 81
SOS	Wpg Rec	16	8	42	Wpg Rec 117
TOS	I.M.D. Toronto	17	8	42	IMD 199
S.O.S.	I.M.D. Toronto	9	10	42	IMD 243
TOS	T.T.S. St Thomas Ont	10	10	42	TTS 245
SOS	T.T.S. St. Thomas	7	1	43	TTS 7
TOS	I.Y.D. Halifax	8	1	43	IYD 13
SOS	Ry Depot Halifax	1	2	43	IYD 41
TOS	Torbay Nfld.	2	2	43	T.B. 33
S.O.S	R.C.A.F. Stn. Torbay	26	5	43	TB 138
TOS	10 Sqdn. Gander	27	5	43	Nfl 143
missing after air operation		20	10	43	Nfl 279.
11504					
Completed JAN 5 1945					
Computed		3/10/44			
P. D.		20	10	43	
Presumed to have died		20	10	43	Nfl 184
Missing		20	10	43	
a 82		20	10	43	

2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.

RANK	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
AC2	25	6	42	Wpg Rec 81
AC1	6	1	43	TB 101
LAC	10	5	43	Nfl 170

3. MEDICAL HISTORY

EXAMINATIONS (IN RED INK)

DATE	FORM	CATEGORY	REMARKS

HOSPITALIZATION (IN BLACK INK)

HOSPITAL	ADMITTED	DISCHARGE	D.R.O.
QUARTERS	CONFINED	RET'N DUTY	
17-1-42	R-100	A4B	

4. TRADE AND CHARACTER

TRADE	GROUP	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
AEM (W&T/P)	S	25	6	42	Wpg Rec 81
AEM.	C.	6	1	43	TPS-5
A & M	B.	10	5	43	Nfl 163

TRADE PROFICIENCY	CHARACTER ASSESSMENT	DATE OF R41

5. COURSES-TESTS-ETC.

SUBJECT	RESULT	DATE			AUTHORITY
A. & M.	B	1	7	43	T. B. 129

6. LEAVE

FROM	TO	DAYS	REMARKS	D.R.O.
26-6-42	grad		LAC	Wpg Rec 81
6-3-43	20-3-43	14		TB 57
22-10-43	5-11-43	14	annual	Nfl. 257

6(A) RATIONS AND QUARTERS

UNIT	DATE COMMENCED	DATE DISCONTINUED	D. R. O.

R.C.A.F. OVERSEAS | ENLISTMENT MARITAL STATUS | PRESENT MARITAL STATUS | HIGH & TECH. SCHOOL EDUCATION | C. OF E. | DAP. | U.C. | PRES. | R.C. | HEB. | MIS. | OTHER | RELIGION | PREV. SERV. | PROVINCE OF ENLISTMENT | DISCHARGE | AC

AIR FORCE No. R.177668

SURNAME: RADCLIFFE, FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES: ALBERT JAMES

ENLISTMENT — PLACE Winnipeg — DATE 25-6-42

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R.C.A.F. FORM R44 (B) 30M-12-41 (1346) H. Q. 1062-3-58

7. BIRTH: DATE 21-11-21 — PLACE Rivers Man — CITIZENSHIP British

FATHER (FULL NAME) John Radcliffe

BIRTHPLACE England

MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) Ethel Florence Blakey

BIRTHPLACE Ont.

8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE X Ont Man.

JUNIOR MATRICULATION X yrs Ont Man.

SENIOR MATRICULATION

TECHNICAL SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

WETP (GEM)

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

Salesman & Machine helper 9-40 to 3-41
Hayle Gold Mines.
Tapi Driver 8-41 to 11-41 Elliott Bros.

5100

10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE

Nil

0

11. HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS

	AUTHORITY	DATE

12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)

SOLO — DUAL — PASSENGER —

13. RELIGION U.C.

2

14. LANGUAGES English

1

15. SPORTS softball, football.

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

WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE — DATE

AUTHORITY (IF AFTER ENLISTMENT)

1

17. MARRIED ESTABLISHMENT

REMARKS	RANK	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.

18. CHILDREN

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

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

FULL NAME: Mrs John Radcliffe — RELATIONSHIP Mother

ADDRESS: Rivers Man — D.R.O.

FULL NAME: — RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS: — D.R.O.

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

RATE CHANGES ETC.	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.	RATE CHANGES ETC.	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
1 days Pay & Subs allce	25	6	42	W 81					
Cancelled	23/								
Forfeits 5 days Pay	25	3	43	TB 98					
Forfeits 5 days pay	27	3	43	TB 102					

21. ENGAGEMENTS

TERM	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.	TERM	EFFECTIVE			D.R.O.
Duration	25	6	42						

22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

FROM	TO	DATE	D.R.O.

22.(A) ADDRESS PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT

Rivers,
Man.

60802

23. DOCUMENT CONTROL (INDICATE RECEIPT BY DATE)

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RECORD OF PAY

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

APPOINTED OR ENLISTED AT WINNIPEG, Man. ON 17-8-42

MARRIED OR SINGLE SINGLE

No. R-177668

NAME IN FULL RADCLIFFE, Albert James

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
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ASSIGNMENTS

Assignee	Eff. Date	Amount	Total

DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE

Date App. Forwarded	Relationship	Amount Awarded	Eff. Date

REMARKS

N.D.T. Class.

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S/L Dadson K.J.

Senior Accountant Officer

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

Royal Canadian Air Force

CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH NO. 0305

This is to Certify that

R177660 L.A.C. RADCLIFFE, ALBERT JAMES R.C.A.F.
(Number) (Rank) (Name in Full) (Unit)

has been officially reported as missing since the 20TH day

of OCTOBER, 1943, and that, full inquiries having been made, no information has been received which would indicate that he may be still alive. For official purposes, therefore, he is presumed to have died on or since the above mentioned date

Dated at Ottawa, Canada, this 10TH day of AUGUST 1944

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

C[illegible]IAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER R177668 RANK LAC UNIT 10 SQDN (GANDER NFL)

TRADE A.E.M. "C"

NAME RADCLIFFE, ALBERT JAMES

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

MARITAL STATUS SINGLE RELIGION U.C. CANADIAN YES

FRENCH CANADIAN OTHER

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON REC. OF SERV. & RELATIONSHIP MR. J. RADCLIFFE (FATHER)

ADDRESS RIVERS, MAN.

NAME MRS. ETHEL FLORENCE RADCLIFFE
ADDRESS
D.A.B.

ESTATES BRANCH AUG 24 1944 H. Q. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON CAS. SIG. & RELATIONSHIP MRS JOHN RADCLIFFE (MOTHER)

ADDRESS RIVERS, MAN.

Commanding Officer, R.C.A.F. Station, Gander, C.A.P.O. 4, Newfoundland.

FATHER'S NAME

ADDRESS MR.& MRS JOHN RADCLIFFE
RIVERS, MAN.

LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

MOTHER'S NAME

ADDRESS

LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

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

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

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

CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. X K.R. (AIR) PARA710 (3) -----d----17---JULY--44

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 20-OCT-43 AS A RESULT OF A FLYING ACCIDENT ----LAST REPORTED OVER MONT JOLI ---ENROUTE GANDER TO DORVAL (FAMILIARIZATION AND TRANSPORTATION)

NOW "PRESUMED DEAD" 20-OCT-43 FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES

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

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

DATE 10-AUG-44

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

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

ATS-RT 2 ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES, OTTAWA 26643

Personal kit of
R177668 LAC Radcliffe A.S.

1 Leather jacket.
1 Fountain pen
1 Cigarette case.
1 RCAF crest.
1 Shirt.
1 Swimming trunks
2 Pr Socks.
1 Laundry bag
1 Money belt.

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Surplus

2 shirts
1 pr socks
1 pr Kaki pants
1 Towel
4 Handkerchiefs
2 undr pants
1 Kit Bag handle & Lock

Letters ???
— see C of A Report.

25 11/43
1 ctn Rfd

FOR COMPLETION AND RETURN BY

Form P. 64

Mrs. Ethel Florence Radcliffe,
Rivers,
Manitoba.

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

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

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. 1040 R 603 FD 216

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ESTATES BRANCH

OTTAWA, ONT.

26 August 1944

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

RADCLIFFE, Albert James LAC

No. R177668 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.

ESTATES BRANCH SEP 8 1944 H.Q. OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

(1) ack P64
– send effects
– death cert.

(2) ack C of D Report & effects (return packing note to unit)

(3) upliftment under Rlb a/c.
– see C. of D. report for number of A/C.

C. J. Bessemer F/L
Director of Estates.

M.F.W. 77
6-44 (4878)
H.Q. 1772-39-972

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ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

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

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		SINGLE		
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births		NIL		
3	Father of the Deceased		John Radcliffe.	55.	Riviers Man
4	Mother of the Deceased		Ethel Florena Radcliffe.	52	Riviers Man
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Robert J. Radcliffe	26	Riviers Man.
			William D. Radcliffe	13	Riviers Man.
		Half Blood	NIL		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Mrs. Hazel Cearley	29.	Riviers Man.
			Miss Dawn Ethel Radcliffe	16	Riviers Man
		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
	Brother Reported. Missing. Killed March 25/44. R.C.A.F.		Kenneth L. Radcliffe.		was Riviers Man.

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE

PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	Albert James Radcliffe,
9	Date of his birth.	Nov 21 - 1921
10	Place and date of his marriage.	Single,
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Municipality of Daly. Manitoba

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Municipality of Daly.
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) lived all his life in Municipality (b) of Daly. Man except for (c) a few months in ontario before (d) he joined the R.C.A.F. at Winnipeg
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Taxi Driving.
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.	at home on N1/2 of Sec. 14 - 12 - 21 W of I in The Rural Municipality of Daly

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	not to my knowledge.
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?	Single.
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?	None.
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	not to my knowledge.
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	none to my knowledge.
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	not to my knowledge.
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	None.

OTHER PARTICULARS

24	Did the deceased after enlistment incur any debts for:— (a) His own separate board and lodging while on service. (b) Service clothing and equipment. An itemized account for each such debt should be attached hereto, and if same is correct you should mark the bill "approved" and sign same. If believed incorrect, give particulars.	None.
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

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

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

*Mother 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.

Mrs Ethel Florence Radcliffe — Signature of Informant

Ruiers Manitoba — Address

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief Mrs Ethel Florence Radcliffe {Name of informant} is the* Mother of the Deceased above described. The above Declaration was made by the Informant and signed in my presence.

*See above.

Dated at Ruiers this 5th day of September 1944

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

Albert Wareham — Qualification Commissioner for oaths.

Address Ruiers Manitoba

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES May 18 - 1944

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

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

834 p. 2

AIR

A-12830

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: Albert J. (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Radcliffe (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

FILE NO. 11504

PAYEE: Receiver General of Canada,

DATE: 17 July/45

ADDRESS: Director of Estates, Ottawa, Ont.

SERVICE NO. R177668

FINAL RANK OR RATING LAC

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE N.A.

DATE OF DISCHARGE 20 Oct/43

		$ ¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS 421/30 EQUAL TO 14 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50	105.00
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS LESS INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY	
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE		

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY $

SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE $

ADDITIONAL PAY $

$

$

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $ _____ $ _____

TOTAL $ ×7 = $

NO. OF DAYS _____/183 ×$

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D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY		105.00
E. DEDUCTIONS	OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES $ 15.75 DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $	
	OTHER DEDUCTIONS $	15.75
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	5154	89.25

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
NC	JFM

TREASURY	
CHECKED BY	DATE
	20.7.45

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

R177668 (RO)

AIR MAIL

OTTAWA, Canada, 28th June, 1946.

Mr. John Radcliffe,
Rivers,
Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Radcliffe:

It is my painful duty to confirm the information that was conveyed in the tree telegrams I recently despatched to you, advising of the locating of the wreckage of the Liberator aircraft on which your son was proceeding from Gander to Dorval October 20th, 1943. I sincerely regret that at this time it is not possible to convey to you many more details than were contained in the telegrams, for the search party that had experienced great difficulty in reaching the site of the crash identified the wreckage as that of the Liberator and determined that it was not possible to make recovery or identify any of the occupants and then returned to the village of St. Donat, Quebec, with their initial report which was conveyed to you in my telegram of June 25th.

The wreckage was sighted by a Pilot who was engaged on the search for a missing aircraft that had proceeded over that area the day before and had failed to arrive at its destination. He observed a glint of sunshine on a metal object and on further investigation was able to determine that it was what remained of an aircraft but could not identify it. He conveyed the location to Headquarters and a search party was despatched immediately, but owing to the mountainous region, dense undergrowth and heavy timber the search party was not able to locate the site. An aircraft was then despatched to guide the search party from the air and difficulties encountered were so great that the site could not be observed until within fifteen feet of it. In addition air activities were hampered by weather conditions. The exact location is described as forty-six degrees sixteen minutes North, seventy-four degrees eighteen minutes West, on west side of twenty-five hundred foot mountain. It is approximately six miles from the village of St. Donat, Quebec.

The search party has again proceeded and is at present at the scene of the crash where they will clear the area as well as possible and erect a cairn. Crosses are being made and will be taken to the scene of the crash for erection. These will be individual Crosses with the name, rank and date of death inscribed thereon. The difficulty of transporting flowers has been carefully considered, but twenty-four roses will be taken to the site which will represent one for each of the occupants of the aircraft. The Memorial Burial Service will be held at the site of the crash on Wednesday, July 3rd, 1946, at 2:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, weather permitting, the area being quite liable to be entirely covered by cloud if it is not a clear day. Wing Commander R.M. Frayne, Principal R.C.AF. Protestant Chaplain and Wing Commander L.A. Costello, Principal R.C.A.F. Roman Catholic Chaplain, will proceed to the site and will officiate at the service. A trumpeter will also be present. Official R.C.A.F. photographers will secure photographs which will be conveyed to you and complete reports of the service will be sent to you by the respective Chaplains. During the service a Union Jack will be draped over the cairn. A flag-pole will be erected if it is possible, behind the cairn. A permanent brass plaque will be placed on the cairn at a later date; it is not possible to have such a plaque manufactured and ready for the service.

The officer in charge of the search party states that it is beyond all doubt death was instantaneous to all occupants of the aircraft. He also states that the site is quite inaccessible and should only be undertaken by an experienced woodsman. Considerable difficulty will be encountered in getting the officiating party for the memorial service to the site.

I realize that the anxiety and heartaches you have had to endure these many months will not be lessened by anything conveyed in this letter, but it is my sincere hope that you may derive some measure of comfort from the knowledge that these gallant boys did not suffer, for death is merciful to the men who fly in the air.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

WRG/MB

41-3/PC (P)

3110 Lisgar Building, Ottawa, Ont.,
July 4th 6

Mr. John Radcliffe,
Rivers, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Radcliffe: -

You will have been informed through official R.C.A.F. channels that the funeral service for your son, LAC Albert James Radcliffe, was to take place at the scene of the crash yesterday, July 3rd, 1946, at 2:30 o'clock Eastern Daylight time. It was felt, however, that you would like to hear some of the more intimate details of yesterday's happenings on the slope of the mountain.

Yesterday morning the official party, consisting of a Hebrew Chaplain, Captain E.F. Mandelcorn of Montreal, W/C L.A. Costello, Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain and myself, together with S/L H. Cobb and F/O W. Tessier, DFC, Officers in charge, accompanied by a Trumpeter, R.C.A.F. Photographer, R.C.A.F. Public Relations Officer and representatives of the Press, was conducted to the scene of the burial by the Chief of St. Donat Police, Leo Bertrand, the Mayor of St. Donat, Richard Coutu, the members of St. Donat Council, and a member of the Quebec Provincial Police.

A number of the next-of-kin who had driven in also attended. These included J.A. MacDonald and E.C. Hopkins, father and uncle of P/O Robert MacDonald, Gordon, William and Ira Beattie and James Arnold, three brothers and a brother-in-law of Corporal Harold David Beattie, Mr. G. Sanderson and Mr. W. Slack, relatives of F/O Stephen Andrew Sanderson, AFM, Mr. and Mrs. G.O. Marr, parents of Corporal Ronald Douglas Marr, Mrs. G.R. Patterson, the widow of LAC Guy Ridgewood Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton, parents of Sgt. William G. McNaughton, Mr. J.A. Poirier, father of F/L Joseph Alfred Poirier, together with Joseph's brother, P/O Cecil Poirier. As nearly as I can recollect the above folk comprise the representatives of the next-of-kin but as I am trusting my memory in this connection there may possibly have been some other relatives present. As well as the above, there were some hundred and fifty local inhabitants in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Patterson and other womenfolk remained below at the village.

The party left the hotel at St. Donat at 7:30 in the morning, drove back along the road for six miles, crossed a narrow arm of Lac Archambault and set out in a westerly direction along the trail that the advance party had broken in locating the crash and up the two hills that had to be climbed. Arriving at 11:00 o'clock at a tiny lake the party rested, had some sandwiches and then proceeded to the scene of the crash, arriving at 2:15 o'clock. Pictures of the setting for the funeral service will be forwarded to you within a few days. These should give you a fairly good idea of where your loved one is buried.

A single red rose was then placed upright at the foot of each cross and the Star of David by the next-of-kin present and by the Chief of Police and the Mayor who represented the next-of-kin who were not present.

Two Chaplains took their places at the side of the Cairn, which had been erected by the advance party and on which a memorial bronze plaque will be permenently placed, and then proceeded to conduct the funeral services.

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Captain Mandelcorn led off with the funeral rites for WO.1 Jacob Silverstein, singing and reading the last rites of the Jewish faith for his laddie.

He was followed by W/C Costello, who was assisted by four priests who were vacationing at St. Donat. The full Roman Catholic Libera was chanted and read by these representatives of the Roman Catholic Church for F/L Poirier, F/O Sanderson and LAC Joseph Veilleux. Upon the conclusion of the Roman Catholic Libera the last high offices of the Protestant Church were then conducted by the Principal Protestant Chaplain of the R.C.A.F. for the following:

F/L Robert Frank Fisher
F/O Jay Syver Johnston
F/O James Lamont
P/O Robert William MacDonald
WO.1 Wilfred Howlett
WO.1 Franklin Elwood Jenkins
WO.2 Joseph Alexander Barabonoff
F/S Raymond Frank Ware
Sgt. Franklin Highs Elliott
Sgt. Eric Morgan Finn
Sgt. William Gordon MacNaughton
Sgt. Stanley Albert Wood
Cpl. Harold David Beattie
Cpl. Howard Kenneth Hambly
Cpl. Alec Clare Johnston
Cpl. Ronald Douglas Marr
LAC Charles Laurie Dynes
LAC Albert James Radcliffe
LAC Edwin William Read

The Protestant Service began with the reading of St. John 11; 25-26; Job 19; 25-27; Romans 8; 38-39; St. Matthew 5;4; St. John 14;1 and 2; Iasiah 40;11. These Scripture verses were followed by a reading of the names of the twenty Protestant boys who had paid the supreme sacrifice on this site.

The 23rd Psalm and the 121st Psalm were read, followed by the re-reading of some of the New Testament Passages as above, together with Revelation 7;16 and 17.

Included in the funeral sermon were references to the fact that the love given to God's children will never die, and that nothing can kill it; neither principalities nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor the sword, nor the crash of aircraft, nothing can kill it; it will last over - Forever.

The group present was reminded that those gathered on this mountainside were joined in spirit by the loving next-of-kin from Halifax to the West Coast. The serves of "O Valiant Hearts" were then read:

'O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the Land you loved.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,
Whose cross has bought them and whose Staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing Land
Commits her Children to Thy Gracious Hand.

Reference was made to a somewhat similar crash that had taken place in Britain during the war, while the Principal Chaplain was overseas. In this crash the Duke of Kent had been killed and Prime Minister Winston Churchill said:

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"There is something about death on active service which is different from ordinary death in the normal course of nature. It is accepted without question by the fighting men. Those they leave behind them are also conscious of a light of sacrifice and honour which plays around the grave or tomb of the warrior. They are, for the time being, uplifted. This adds to their fortitude but does not in any way lessen their pain. Nothing can fill the awful gap; nothing can assuage or comfort the loneliness and deprivation. Only faith in a life after death, in a brighter world, where dear ones will meet again - only that and the measured tramp of time can give consolation."

There followed a mention of the hope of immortality which is ours, founded on the words of our common Lord and Master; reference being made to the New Testament passages above mentioned.

Passages were then quoted from the address given by Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg:

"We have come to dedicate a portion of this mountain as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live."

"The brave men who died here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract."

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that whe here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

The Committal took the form of the placing of twenty maple leaves, which had been picked from the trees of Canada's Capital City, on the grave, one by one, with these words:

For as much as it has pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the Souls of our comrades departed, we therefore now commit their earthly remains to this grave - a maple leaf from the Capital City of our beloved nation for each one, the symbol which marked them as Canadians wherever they sojourned in war - the emblem of the land they loved and for which they died. A gallant group of young Canadian gentlemen they were -

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

The Committal Service was followed by the Paryer of Thanksgiving for the hope which is in Christ Jesus, and for the willingness with which our young men offered themselves and laid down their lives for the country which gave them birth.

Then came the prayer for the loved ones at home, the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction. After a brief pause, the Last Post was sounded by the R.C.A.F. Trumpeter. The service was brought to a close by the

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sounding of the Reveille and the saluting of each of the twenty-three Crosses, the one Star of David and the Cairn by the three Chaplains and the Officers present.

Two wreaths were then placed at the foot of the Cairn as a token of loving remembrance.

We realize most intimately that the belated discovery of the wrecked aircraft has broken open again the wounds of your sorrow and loneliness and all of us in the Royal Canadian Air Force join with you in your grief.

We must all of us recognize, however, that whether here or There, we are still in the Father's Hand and can look forward to that day when we shall know one another and love one another with a knowledge and love that are eternal in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In the meantime, it is our prayer that the Heavenly Father who gave His only and well beloved Son in sacrifice, even unto death, may grant you a peace that passeth all understanding and strength for the days ahead.

Yours very sincerely,

(R.M. Frayne)W/C
Principal Chaplain (P) RCAF.

R-177668 (R.O.)

R E G I S T E R E D

OTTAWA, Canada, 7th August, 1946.

Mr. John Radcliffe,
Rivers,
Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Radcliffe:

I regret the unavoidable delay in the preparation of the photographs that were taken at the Memorial Service held in memory of your boy and his comrades who lost their lives October 20th, 1943.

You will find enclosed five pictures, one of which shows the Cross that was erected in memory of your son. The four other photographs are exceptionally good pictures of the officiating clergymen which it was felt you would like to have. In picture No. 1 (marked on back) they are, left to right, the trumpeter, Wing Commander Costello, R.C. Chaplain, Wing Commander Frayne, Protestant Chaplain, and Captain E.F. Mandelcorn, Hebrew Chaplain. From this picture you will be able to identify these Chaplains in the other three pictures.

I am aware that your Chaplain has advised you of the Service and I trust indeed that these photos will be of some solace to you in the irreparable loss of your gallant boy.

I would like to again express to you and the members of your family my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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

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FROM ------ RCAF CASUALTIES OFFICER (REPORT DELIVERY)

TO ------ MR JOHN RADCLIFFE RIVERS MANITOBA

P2288 25 JUN UNCLAS. FURTHER TO MY TELEGRAM OF JUNE 24 SEARCH PARTY REPORTS THAT IXXX SITE OF WRECKED AIRCRAFT IS SIX MILES FROM ST DONAT QUEBEC IN A HEAVILY TIMBERED INACCESSIBLE AREA WHERE IT WAS FOUND THE AIRCRAFT HAD FLOWN DIRECTLY INTO THE MOUNTAIN SIDE STOP NO DOUBT EXISTS THAT DEATH CAME TO ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE ARXX AIRCRAFT INSTANTANEOUSLY STOP I DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT IT SI NOT POSSIB POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY OR MAKE RECOVERY OF ANYONE AND A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY RXX PROTESTANT AND ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS AT THE SITE WHERE A CAIRN WILL BE ERECTED STOP LETTER FOLLOWS------252135

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R177668 (R.O.)

OTTAWA, Canada, December 2nd, 1947.

Mr. John Radcliffe,
Rivers,
Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Radcliffe;

You will wish to have the enclosed photographs which were recently taken of the Memorial Cairn erected on Black Mountain, Quebec, commemorating the memory of the twenty-four gallant lads who lost their lives there on the 20th of October, 1943.

There are four photographs of the Cairn and nearby surroundings, as well as one of the Bronze Plaque erected on the face of the Cairn, also one which shows the entrance to the trail leading to the Memorial, and one of the surrounding countryside which was taken from the base of the Cairn looking north-east.

It is my earnest hope that these photographs will be of some small comfort to you, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing to you and the members of your family my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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

Encl.

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

Royal Canadian Air Force

CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

NO. 0305

This is to Certify that

R177660 L.A.C. RADCLIFFE, ALBERT JAMES R.C.A.F.
(Number) (Rank) (Name in Full) (Unit)

has been officially reported as missing since the 20TH day

of OCTOBER, 1943, and that, full inquiries having been made, no information has been received which would indicate that he may be still alive. For official purposes, therefore, he is presumed to have died on or since the above mentioned date.

Dated at Ottawa, Canada, this 17TH day of JULY 1944

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

CANADIAN AIR FORCE RECORDS OFFICE

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

4 AIR

A-12830

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: Albert J. (CHRISTIAN NAMES) Radcliffe (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

FILE NO. 11504

PAYEE: Receiver General of Canada,

DATE 17 July/45

ADDRESS: Director of Estates, Ottawa, Ont.

SERVICE NO. R177668

FINAL RANK OR RATING LAC

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE N.A.

DATE OF DISCHARGE 20 Oct/43

		$ ¢
A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS 421/30 EQUAL TO 14 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50	105.00
B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE	NO. OF DAYS ____ LESS ____ INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO ____ DAYS @ 25C. PER DAY	
C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE		

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY $

SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE $

ADDITIONAL PAY $

$

$

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $ ____ $

TOTAL $ ×7 = $

NO. OF DAYS ____/183 ×$

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY		105.00
E. DEDUCTIONS — OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES	$ 15.75	
DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY	$	
OTHER DEDUCTIONS	$	15.75
F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE		89.25

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU $ ~~P. & A. Bal.~~ $ Trans. Trust=$ Account

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $ Journal Voucher # G92

JUL 28 '45 P. & A. G.

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
NC	JFM

TREASURY	
CHECKED BY	DATE
	20.7.45

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Treasury Office,
Air Force Services
OTTAWA, - CANADA.

Rec'd. JUL 19 1945

P. & A. SECTION

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

WILL

R.C.A.F. R. 60
50M—8-40 (6698)
H.Q. 1062-3-45

(1) I, RADCLIFFE Albert James of the City / Town / Village / Township

Last Permanent Civilian Address

of Rivers in the County / District of

Province of Manitoba, Taxi Driver (Civil Occupation)

a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number R 177668 do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my LAST WILL.

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

(2) I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH unto

MY MOTHER Mrs. Ethel Florence Radcliffe
of Rivers, Manitoba.
MY WHOLE ESTATE

In the event of my mother's death before mine, I give, devise and bequeath unto:

MY FATHER Mr. John Radcliffe
of Rivers, Manitoba.
MY WHOLE 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 Mr. Robert John Radcliffe of Neepawa, Manitoba. (Name) (Address)

(School Teacher), to be the Executor ~~Executrix~~ of this my Last Will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of August 19 42.

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.

Albert James Radcliffe (Signature of Testator)

First Witness sign here.

(5) [signature] (Signature)

26 Havelock St., Toronto (Address)

Clerk RCAF R129457 (Occupation)

Second Witness sign here.

Phillips Motley (Signature)

3136 Westmount Blvd. Montreal (Address)

Clerk RCAF R154215 (Occupation)

(Witnesses are not to be beneficiaries.)

R.C.A.F. Records Office
Rec'd AUG 25 1942
O. K. ..... C. I. .....
R. C. MM ..... N. I. .....
S. L. ..... P. A. RL

[OVER]

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

FORM 5

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH { If in Rural Municipality OVERSEAS (NEWFOUNDLAND) (Name) Sec..... Twp..... Rge.....
If in City, Town or Village..... (Name) Street..... House No..... (If in hospital or institution, give name instead of street and number)

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

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED RADCLIFFE (Surname) ALBERT JAMES (Given name or names in usual order)

RESIDENCE Rivers, Manitoba.
(Usual place of abode—If urban, give street and number and name of city, town or village. If rural, sec., tp. and rge.)

4. SEX	**5.** NATIONALITY (Citizenship)	**6.** RACIAL ORIGIN	**7.** Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (*Write the word*)	**8.** BIRTHPLACE (If in Manitoba, give exact location; if in Canada, province, city, town, village or nearest post office; if foreign, state the country and post office address)
Male	Canadian	English	Single	Manitoba

9. DATE OF BIRTH	Month	Day	Year	**10.** AGE IN	Years	Months	Days	If less than one day
	November (*Write the word*)	21st	1921		21			....hrs. or....min.

OCCUPATION

11. Trade, profession or kind of work as **spinner, teamster, office clerk,** etc. Aero Engine Mechanic

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

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation October 20th 1943 | **14.** Total years spent in this occupation One

15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased.....

PARENTS

16. Name of father Radcliffe, John

17. Birthplace of father England

18. Maiden name of mother Blabey, Ethel Florence (same as item No. 8)

19. Birthplace of mother Ontario (same as item No. 8)

The above stated particulars are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

20. Signature of informant [signature]
Address For (R.C.A.F. Records Officer) | **21.** Relationship to deceased

22. Place of burial, cremation or removal | Date of burial ....19....

23. Burial Permit was issued by.....Address.....

24. Signature of Undertaker or person acting as Undertaker.....Address.....

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

25. DATE OF DEATH ..... (Hour) 20th (Day) October (Month) 1943 (Year)

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

CAUSE OF DEATH

I
Immediate cause — Give disease, injury or complication which caused death, **not** the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc.
(a) Previously reported missing in flying accident, 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.

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

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

29. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:—
Accident, suicide or homicide? Accident (State which) Date of injury October 20th 1943
Manner of injury Presumed killed in flying accident (transportation flight) (How sustained)
Nature of injury.....
Specify whether injury occurred in **industry,** in **home,** or in **public place** public place

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the particulars and cause of death above written are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed by.....**M.D.**
Address.....**Date**.....**19**.....

30. Registered number.....filed this.....day of.....19.....

31. .....
(Signature of Division Registrar)

SEC. 45, Vital Statistics Act, makes it the duty of the Undertaker or person acting as Undertaker, to obtain all the particulars required in the "Official Registration of Death" and to file the same with the Division Registrar who shall issue the Burial Permit. The Undertaker obtains the Medical Certificate from the Physician last in attendance, who is required by Section 41 to fill in all the particulars.

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
Every item of information should be carefully supplied. (*See reverse side for instructions.*)

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