

R219136
HENDERSON
ARTHUR JAMES

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A. E. SINCLAIR (remarried)
~~Mrs. Marjorie M. Henderson (widow)~~
~~Rock Island, Richmond Que.~~
~~Que.~~

~~Dec. 45.~~
18-4-50

4518-26-4-50

MEMORIAL BAR
DATE DESP.....
REGN. NO. 3398

NAME HENDERSON, Arthur James

FILE NO. ~~FD201X~~ R219136

RANK F/SGT. AIR GUNNER

CATEGORY ~~MISSING~~ PRES. DEAD

REG. NO. R219136

DATE OF DEATH: 25 July /44 MOTHER LIVING: Yes

WIFE: Yes

MINISTERIAL CARD: 14-Aug-44 ROYAL MESSAGE:

MEMORIAL CROSS
TO CHAPLAIN:

To wife,
To Wife-16-3-45

JUN 29 1945

DEL'D TO MOTHER:

DEL'D TO WIFE:

JUN 29 1945

Mrs. A.J. Henderson,
Rock Island, P.Q.

MOTHER?
Mrs. Arthur Henderson,
Beebe, P.Q.

COMMAND:

RELIGION:

dm
11/15

4-536

ATTESTATION

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NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

UNIT

74th Fed Battery P.C.A. (R)

REG'T. No. D 422099

1. What is your surname? (Block letters) HENDERSON
 2. What are your Christian names? Arthur James
 3. What is your present address? Beebe Phone No. ---
 4. Employer's name and address Butterfields Co. Phone No. ---
 5. Date of Birth 1924 6. (a) Country of Birth Canada (b) Nationality Canadian
 7. Are you single? yes Married? --- Widower? ---
 8. What is your trade or calling? Shipper 9. Religious Persuasion? Protestant
 10. Previous Naval, Military or Air Force Service None
 Give particulars, qualifications, etc.
 11. Name, Relationship and Address of Next of Kin Father,
Beebe
97953
Quebec

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Height 5'-9" Weight 142 Chest max. 37 min. 35
 Descriptive marks Scar. 2nd R. Knuckle

I have examined the above named man in accordance with instructions laid down in regulations for the Canadian Medical Services and find him Fit Category A
 Date July 28/42 Signature Arvidson

DECLARATION TO BE MADE ON ATTESTATION

I, the undersigned A. J. Henderson do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers to the foregoing questions made and signed by me are true; that I am willing to be attested for the term of three years or until legally discharged, and do understand the nature and terms of this engagement, that I will safeguard all clothing, arms and equipment issued to me and will return same when required, and that I will report any change in address of myself, my employer or my next of kin to my Commanding Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN

I, A. J. Henderson do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

J. J. Morin Signature of witness Arthur J. Henderson Signature of Man
 Dated this 3rd day of Aug. 1942 at 20.30 hrs

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 by law. The above questions 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 and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath.

A. J. Pollock
 Signature of Magistrate, Justice of Peace, or Attesting Officer

AIR
FORCE
No.

R.219136

HENDERSON, ARTHUR JAMES

SURNAME

FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES

ENLISTMENT

RE-ENLISTMENT

PLACE *Montreal Que.*
DATE *1-3-43.*

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

BIRTH: DATE <i>13-12-1924</i> PLACE <i>Beke Quebec</i> CITIZENSHIP <i>2</i> <i>British</i>		PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT <i>Beke Que.</i>				RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.				TRADE AND CHARACTER											
FATHER (FULL NAME) <i>Arthur Henderson</i>		<i>26302</i>				RANK <i>A.C.2. 8</i>		EFFECTIVE <i>1 3 43</i>		D. R. O. <i>5 M.D. 52</i>		TRADE <i>A.C. D.J.</i>		GROUP <i>8.</i>		EFFECTIVE <i>1 3 43</i>		D. R. O. <i>2 M.D. 52</i>			
BIRTHPLACE <i>Edinburgh Scotland</i>		SINGLE-MARRIED-WIDOWER-SEPARATED-DIVORCED <i>single</i>				RANK <i>Lac.</i>		EFFECTIVE <i>4 9 43</i>		D. R. O. <i>15.163.</i>		TRADE <i>317-8</i>		GROUP <i>8.</i>		EFFECTIVE <i>12 4 43</i>		D. R. O. <i>5 M.D. 52</i>			
MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) <i>Annie M. Johnston</i>		WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME) <i>Marjorie Marguerite Barlow</i>				RANK <i>Sgt. T/Pd</i>		EFFECTIVE <i>15 10 43</i>		D. R. O. <i>7 B. 248A</i>		TRADE <i>Q.C. 984</i>		GROUP <i>8.</i>		EFFECTIVE <i>15 10 43</i>		D. R. O. <i>7 B. 248A</i>			
BIRTHPLACE <i>Glasgow Scotland</i>		PLACE OF MARRIAGE <i>Rock Island, Que.</i> DATE <i>23-10-43</i>				RANK <i>Sgt. T/Pd</i>		EFFECTIVE <i>15 7 44</i>		D. R. O. <i>AFRO 2160</i>		TRADE <i>Q.C. 984</i>		GROUP <i>8.</i>		EFFECTIVE <i>15 10 43</i>		D. R. O. <i>7 B. 248A</i>			
EDUCATIONAL STANDING		MARRIED ESTABLISHMENT				RANK		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.			
HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE <i>X</i>		REMARKS				RANK		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.			
JUNIOR MATRICULATION <i>3 yrs.</i>		REMARKS				RANK		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.			
SENIOR MATRICULATION		REMARKS				RANK		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.			
TECHNICAL SCHOOL		REMARKS				RANK		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.			
UNIVERSITY		REMARKS				RANK		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.			
CORRESPONDENCE COURSES		CHILDREN				RANK		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.			
OTHER <i>3.</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
CIVIL OCCUPATIONS OR EXPERIENCE USEFUL TO R.C.A.F.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
<i>Union Twist Drill Co. Shipping Clerk 1941-43.</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
<i>Butterfield Dir Rock Island Quebec.</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
<i>8400</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
<i>14th Field Battery R.C.A. Rock Island Que.</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
<i>Gunner August 1942 still.</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
<i>6</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
HONOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
<i>AG Badge</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
AUTHORITY <i>9 B. 248A</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
DATE <i>15-10-43</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
ENGAGEMENTS		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
TERM <i>Over</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
EFFECTIVE <i>1 3 43</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
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FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
SOLO <i>1</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
DUAL <i>1</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
PASSENGER <i>1</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
RELIGION <i>U. C.</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
LANGUAGES <i>English</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
SPORTS <i>Track Badminton Hockey skating swimming</i>		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
DOCUMENT CONTROL		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
R60		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
R79		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
B465		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
X-RAY		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
AFM-13		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
IDN. CARD		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
O. H. F.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
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15-3-43		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		CHRISTIAN NAMES		BIRTH DATE		D. R. O.		TRADE		GROUP		EFFECTIVE		D. R. O.	
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AIR FORCE No. **R. 219136**

HENDERSON,
SURNAME

ARTHUR JAMES
FULL CHRISTIAN NAME

ENLISTMENT

RE-ENLISTMENT

PLACE Montreal Que
DATE 1-3-43.

R.C.A.F. R-44B (REVISED)
25M-10-42 (2834)
H. Q. 885-R44B

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

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R. A. F. — TRAINING REPORT

AIR GUNNERNo. **28** OPERATIONAL TRAINING UNIT

1. Surname **HENDERSON** Christian Names **ARTHUR JAMES**

2. Number **R219136** 3. Rank **SGT** 4. Course No. **30**

5. Posted from **3 PRG** 6. Date commenced Course **23.11.43** 7. Date Course ended **28.3.44** 8. Posted to **11 BASE**

9. Ground Work			10. Air Work		
Subject	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained	Subject	Day	Night
(a) Aircraft Recognition, Range Estimation ...	200	140	Cine-Camera Gun, exercises completed ...	2a 23 b 33 c 32 d 32	
(b) Guns ...	200	146	Cine-Camera Gun, assessment ...	2a 63 b 70 c 65 d 70	
(c) Reporting, Fighting Control ...	200	150	Air Firing Exercises completed	3	3
(d) Sighting, including practices on G.T.S.T.	200	143	Air-to-Ground Self Tow Air-to-Air ... Beam	3 1	3
(e) Turrets : drill and components ...	200	145	Per cent. hits, Air-to-Air ...	5.6%	
Total ...	1,000	724	Air Firing ...	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
Per cent. ...		72.4		1,000	700

11. Equipment Used

Type of Aircraft	Type of Guns		Type of Turrets	
	In Air	On Ground	In Air	On Ground
WELLINGTON IC & X	.303 Browning	.303 Browning	F.N.5 F.N.120	F.N.5 F.N.120

P.T.O.

	Day	Night	Total
12. Flying Experience at O.T.U.	54.00	40.35	94.35

	Exceptional	Good	Average	Poor
13. Ability as Fighting Controller... ..			X	

14. Remarks : **An average Trainee**

Ground Training 25x Range Day 4
 Night 2
 N. Sim 1
 400x Range Day 2
 Turret Manip 15
 Shot Gun 3
 F.N.120 & Servo. 10

J.R. Bell G/Capt.

**Certified that this pupil
has passed Compression
Chamber Test.**

**F.A. Drury S/Ldr.
C.G.I. 28 O.T.U.**

Date **25.3.44**

Signed **P.L.B. Morgan W/Edr** for
Officer Commanding

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R.C.A.F. FORM 5035

R.C.A.F. TRAINING REPORT

WIRELESS OPERATOR (AIR GUNNER) AND AIR GUNNER

NO. 9.....BOMBING AND GUNNERY SCHOOL

1. SURNAME.....HENDERSON.....CHRISTIAN NAMES.....Arthur James.....
2. NUMBER.....R219136.....3. RANK...LAC.....4. COURSE NO. 62.....
5. POSTED FROM. #1 AGGTS.....6. DATE COURSE COMMENCED Sept. 6/43.....7. DATE COURSE ENDED Oct. 15/43.....8. POSTED #1 "Y" Depot TO.....Halifax N.S......
9. AIRCREW TRADE Air Gunner.....10. HEIGHT 5'9 1/2".....11. GIRTH.. 33".....

12. EQUIPMENT USED							
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	TYPE OF GUNS			TYPE OF TURRETS			
	IN AIR	ON GROUND	ROUNDS FIRED 25 YD.	IN AIR	ON GROUND	ROUNDS FIRED 200 YD.	HOURS TURRET MANIP.
<u>BATTLE</u>	<u>V.G.O.</u>	<u>V.G.O.</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>BRISTOL</u>	<u>BRISTOL</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>14:30</u>
	<u>BROWNING</u>	<u>BROWNING</u>			<u>B.P.</u>		
					<u>F.N.</u>		

13. GROUND WORK			14. AIR WORK		
SUBJECT	MARKS ALLOTTED	MARKS OBTAINED	FLYING EXPERIENCE	DAY	NIGHT
GUNS, PYROS. AND AMMO. (WRITTEN)	200	135	NUMBER HOURS FLOWN	<u>21:35</u>	
GUNS (PRACTICAL)	100	88	NO. CINE EX. COMPLETED	<u>3</u>	
SIGHTING (WRITTEN) ORAL	250	188	ROUNDS FIRED	AIR TO GROUND	<u>400</u>
TURRETS (PRACTICAL)	200	135		AIR TO AIR	<u>2600</u>
A/C RECOGNITION	150	119	% HITS AIR TO AIR	<u>3.8</u>	
SIGNALS	100	100	AIR FIRING MARK	MARKS ALLOTTED	MARKS OBTAINED
TOTAL	1000	765		<u>1000</u>	<u>680</u>
PERCENTAGE		<u>76.5</u>			

15. ASSESSMENT OF QUALITIES OF CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP	MARKS ALLOTTED	MARKS OBTAINED
	100	71

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

(MARK "X" IN APPROPRIATE COLUMN)

17. REMARKS:- Position 45 in a course of 128

eat apperance average student rather quiet but popular with the boys, sufficient self-assurance and co-operative.

DATE:-Oct. 15, 1943....

(H.P. Crabb) GC OFFICER COMMANDING
NO9....BOMBING & GUNNERY SCHOOL

(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.)

First entry to be made at bottom of above section ; subsequent entries to be made directly above in sequence.

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R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

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

M.C.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Medical Board held at.....MONTREAL.....QUE.....

Date 8-1/2/43.

FILE NUMBER

R.219136

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Surname.....HENDERSON..... Chr. Names.....ARTHUR JAMES.....
Nature of Commission.....M.2..... Date of Birth.....13-12-24..... Married or Single.....SINGLE.....
Branch.....General List..... Hours Flown.....None.....
Address.....Beebe Que......

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 Tonsillitis.....NO.....
Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever or Scarlatina.....Scarlet fever 1941- No complications......
(iv) STOMACH or BOWEL TROUBLE.....NO.....
Chronic Indigestion or Pain after Food.....NO.....
(v) KIDNEY or BLADDER TROUBLE.....NO.....
Syphilis or Gonorrhoea.....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.....Childhood diseases......

Education.....10 th year......
Present Occupation.....Shipping Clerk...... Hobbies.....None......
Previous Service.....Reserve army 6 months......
Athletics.....Moderate......
Habits—Smoking.....NO..... Alcohol.....NO.....
FAMILY HISTORY—Consumption.....NO..... Diabetes.....NO..... Haemophilia.....NO.....
Nervous Ailments, Mental Trouble, or "Fits".....NO.....
Father Alive—Health.....GOOD..... Dead—Cause.....N.A......
Mother Alive—Health.....GOOD..... Dead—Cause.....N.A......
Brothers (.2) Alive—Health.....GOOD..... (0.) Dead—Cause.....N.A......
Sisters (.3) Alive—Health.....GOOD..... (0.) Dead—Cause.....N.A......

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.....8-2-43..... Signature.....Arthur J. Henderson..... Witness.....W. H. T. ...

GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EXAMINATION

Impression given by (a) Physique.....Sedentary.....(b) Mentality.....Average.....
 Body Marks, Scars, Deformities.....Scar dorsum rt. hand......
 Size of Thyroid Gland.....Normal.....
 Surgical Abnormalities.....None.....
 Results of Wounds, Injuries, Operations.....N.A......

	Date..... <u>8-2-43</u>	Date.....	Date.....	REMARKS ON ANY ABNORMALITIES FOUND
Height (ins.).....	<u>69</u>			Date..... <u>Feb 8/43</u> <u>Has complete</u> <u>irreducible phymosis,</u> <u>but no infection</u> <u>and no symptoms.</u> <u>Fit. J. P. LATOUR.</u> <u>F/L</u>
Weight (lbs.).....	<u>130</u>			
Chest Circumference (ins.).....	<u>39</u>			
Body Build (lbs.).....	<u>35</u>			
LEG LENGTH (ins.).....	<u>41</u>			
Pulse Rate { Sitting.....	<u>84</u>			
{ Standing 1st.....	<u>/</u>			
{ Standing 2nd.....	<u>/</u>			
{ After Exercise.....	<u>/</u>			
{ Time to Normal.....	<u>/</u>			
Arterial Walls.....	<u>Soft.</u>			Date.....
Blood { Systolic.....	<u>130</u>			
{ Diastolic.....	<u>85</u>			
Room Temperature.....	<u>N</u>			
Heart { Size (in cms.).....	<u>N</u>			
{ Sounds.....	<u>Clear</u>			
{ Rhythm.....	<u>Reg.</u>			
Lungs { Inspection.....	<u>Normal</u>			Date.....
{ Palpation.....	<u>"</u>			
{ Percussion.....	<u>"</u>			
{ Auscultation.....	<u>"</u>			
{ Expiratory Force.....	<u>N.H.</u>			
{ X-Ray.....	<u>NEG.</u>			
Reflexes { Knee.....	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>		
{ Ankle.....	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>		
{ Triceps.....	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>		
{ Abdominal.....	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>		
{ Plantar.....	<u>FL</u>	<u>FL</u>		
Cranial Nerves.....	<u>Intact.</u>			
Balancing Rod.....	R. L. <u>N.A.</u>	R. L.	R. L.	
Self Balancing.....	R. L. <u>S</u>	R. L.	R. L.	
Tremors { Fingers.....	<u>None</u>			Date.....
{ Eyelids.....	<u>None</u>			
Abdomen { Liver.....	<u>Not felt.</u>			
{ Spleen.....	<u>not felt.</u>			
{ Muscular Tone.....	<u>Good</u>			
Urine { Albumen.....	<u>Neg.</u>			
{ Sugar.....	<u>Neg.</u>			
Initials of M.O.....	<u>J.P.L.</u>			
40 mm. Hg. Test.....	<u>65-- 7, 788, 776, 666, 666, 6</u>			<u>J.P.L. F/L.</u>
Date.....				
Date.....				
Date.....				
Date.....				

EYE EXAMINATION

History..... Nil.

Visual Acuity { R. 20/20 $\frac{c}{2.5 D}$ = 20/200
L. 20/20 $\frac{c}{c}$ =

Colour Vision Def. Safe Ishi Safe G.A.

Red-Green M.R. 1 D Eso.

Diaphragm Test (P.D. = 57) 4 out at 1.6

Convergence { C. = 6 cms.
S. C. = 8 left. cms.Accommodation { R. 9 } Blurr
L. 9 }

Cover Test sl. div. dev. R.R.

Fundi and Media Normal

Fields Normal

REMARKS: A 1 B A 3 B

Initials of M.O. J.P.L.

Initials of M.O.

Initials of M.O.

Date 8-2-43

Date

Date

EXAMINATION OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

History..... Nil.

Hearing { R. Ear W.V. 20 ft.
L. Ear W.V. 20 ft.External Ear, { R. Ear Normal
Meatus { L. Ear x Normal
MembranesMiddle Ear, { R. Ear Patent.
Eustachian { L. Ear x Patent.
TubesCochlear { R. Ear ----
Apparatus { L. Ear ----Vestibular { R. Ear ----
Apparatus { L. Ear ----

Buccal Cavity Clear.

Teeth Good

Gums Healthy

Pharynx Normal

Nasopharynx Not seen.

Nose Clear.

Larynx Not seen.

REMARKS: A.T.B.T. wax.

Feb. 8th/43. Ears now fit

Initials of M.O. J.P.L.

Initials of M.O.

Initials of M.O.

Date 8-2-43.

Date

Date

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

No. 13 Recruiting Centre	No. 5 M.D.
Fit: ☒ A1B ☒ A3B (Turret) ☒ A3B ☒ A3B (Vision)	A1B A3B (T) A3B A3B (V)
Date. 8-2-43.	Date: 5-3-43
J.P. Latour F/L.	M.O. <i>[Signature]</i> M.O.

Good physical condition
Quiet, determined, pleasant.
Very good chance of succeeding
as aircrew.

A.T.B.T. wax. J.P. Latour F/L.

8-2-43.

Ears now fit. J.P.L.

10 8 43

A1B.
A3B. (T)
A3B.
A3B. (V)

NO 1 AGGTS(T)
F. Signac F/O

N.V.A. AA21
#1 AGGTS(T)

OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS OF THE REVIEWING MEDICAL OFFICER

Date.....

DATE SEP 5 1943 CATEGORY APPROVED FIT: A1B A3B (Turret) A3B A3B (Vision)	DATE OCT 15 1943 CATEGORY APPROVED FIT: A1B A3B (Turret) A3B A3B (Vision) On completion of training
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i> SMO
#9 Bombing & Gunnery School, Mont-Joli, P.Q.	

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

ac 4
AIR

DECEASED
MEMBER'S
NAME

Arthur J.
(CHRISTIAN NAMES)

Henderson
(SURNAME)

REGISTER NO.

FILE NO.

DATE

SERVICE NO.

FINAL RANK OR RATING

DATE OF DISCHARGE

PAYEE

ADDRESS

Mrs. Marjorie M. Henderson,
Rock Island, Que.

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE

25 July/44

26206

25 Oct/45

R.219136

F3

25 July/44

A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 513 EQUAL TO 17 COMPLETE PERIODS AT \$7.50
30

\$ 127.50

B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE

NO. OF DAYS 268 LESS 3 INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 265 DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY

66.25

C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

PAY
SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING
AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE
ADDITIONAL PAY

\$ 3.50

\$ 1.25

\$

\$

\$

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF \$ 37.20 \$ 1.24

TOTAL \$ 5.99 X 7 = \$ 41.93

NO. OF DAYS 268 X \$ 41.93

183

61.41

D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

255.16

E. DEDUCTIONS

OVERPAYMENT OF

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

OTHER DEDUCTIONS

\$

F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

255.16

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE TO YOU \$ 37.20 OF \$ 255.16 = \$ 255.16
TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE \$ 37.20

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 PLN CHECKED BY LCS

TREASURY
CHECKED BY [Signature] DATE 27/10/45

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

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 this territory City Town Village Parish Township	
2. LENGTH OF STAY		(a) In hospital or institution		(b) In municipality where death occurred		(c) In Province	
3. NAME OF DECEASED		Surname HENDERSON		Given names ARTHUR JAMES		Do not write in this space	
4. RESIDENCE		Street		No.		Hospital or Institution	
5. SEX		6. NATIONALITY (Citizenship)		7. RACIAL ORIGIN		8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word)	
Male		Canadian		Scotch		Married	
9. If married give name of wife or husband of deceased		Barlow, Marjorie Margarite					
10. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country)		Quebec					
11. DATE OF BIRTH		December		13th		1924	
12. AGE OF DECEASED		Years		Months		Days	
19						If less than one day old	
13. Trade, profession or kind of work, as spinner, teamster, office clerk, etc.		Air Gunner					
14. Kind of industry or business, as cotton-mill, lumbering, bank, etc.		R.C.A.F.					
15. Date deceased last worked at this occupation		July 25/44		16. Total years spent in this occupation		One	
17. NAME		FATHER		MOTHER (Maiden Name)		18. BIRTHPLACE (Province or Country)	
Henderson, Arthur		Johnston, Annie M.				Scotland	
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		(Month)		(Day)	

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

22. Date of death..... **July** **25th** **44**
(Month) (Day) (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 **Previously reported missing after air operations, now for official purposes, presumed dead.**
Give disease, injury or complication which caused death, not the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc.
Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to immediate cause (stated in order proceeding backwards from immediate cause).
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 **July 25th** **44**
Accident, suicide or homicide.....Date.....19.....

Presumed killed during air operations
(State which)

Manner of injury.....(How sustained)

Nature of injury.....

Specify whether injury occurred in **public place**

industry, in home, or in 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)

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

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

(Voir l'autre côté pour le français)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

O.C.R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre,
MONTREAL, - QUEBEC.

(X) or FOR GROUND DUTY ()

Date Feb. 8th, 1943

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1/3/43

PERSONAL RECORD

1. NAME: HENDERSON, Arthur James
(Surname and Christian names in Block Letters)
2. NUMBER R219136
3. EDUCATION: Highest standing attained. Province and course (e.g. XII, Ont. Tech)
..Grade X, Beebe High School, P.Q. (Dates of last school attended) From 1931 to 1941
4. TEST: (a) C.T. 47 (Form 4) (b) E.A.T. Form (c) C.A.T. (d) M.A.T. (e) A.T. (f) Compensating Factors (if any) (g) Suitable for AIRCREW (X) or GROUND DUTIES () (State Trade)

Date:

Signature J.L. Lambert F/O

5. CIVIL EXPERIENCE: (In chronological order by years, without intervals)
- | Employer | Business & Place | Details of Duties | From | To |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|------|----|
|----------|------------------|-------------------|------|----|

Union Twist Drill Co., Rock Island, P.Q.	Shipping Clerk	July 1941	Jan 30, 1943	
(Bufferfield Division)				

6. Details of Service or Similar Training: (e.g. military, auxiliary, C.O.T.C. cadets, 6 months N.P.A.M. 7th Fld. Bty. R.C.A. etc.)

7. HOBBIES & SPORTS: (a) In School years Hockey, football, track. (b) In civil life Hockey, skating, badminton

8. OTHER QUALIFICATIONS: (e.g. Languages, First Aid, Knowledge of Typing, Mechanics) NIL

9. AGE 18 HEIGHT 69 WEIGHT 130
Visual Acuity 20/20-20/20 Colour Vision Normal Medical Category Fit
(Mark X as applicable) M.O.'s ASSESSMENT

Fit - A1B	(X)	Good physical condition. Quiet, pleasant, determined. Has very good chance of succeeding as aircrew.
A3B (Turret)	(X)	
A3B	(X)	
A3B (Vision)	(X)	
Ground Duties	(X)	

M2 Exam not given

(State reason) ()

Date Feb. 8th, 1943

Signature J.P. Latour F/L

10. INTERVIEWING OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT: Willing to take any position in Aircrew.
Has driven car for 2 years, Always had ambition to fly. Best appearance. Should make good.

RECOMMENDED FOR Aircrew

Date 8 Feb. 1943

Signature E.B. Fitzgerald F/O

This space for use of Selection Board at "M" Depot
SELECTED FOR

Signature
No. "M" Depot Selection Board

FOUND SUITABLE FOR

Std. Aircrew

Signature
C.O., No. 13 Recruiting Centre, Montreal.
Date 8 Feb. 1943

Note: Information called for on the reverse side of this form is also to be provided when submitting applications under Manning Order 11.10/25

AFM.53

AIR FORCE No. R.219136

POSTED TO No.5 M.D., Lachine, Quebec.

TRADE Std. Aircrew Deferred.

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

(ATTESTATION PAPER)

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

1. Surname HENDERSON FULL Christian Names ARTHUR JAMES
2. Present Address Beebe Quebec Telephone No.
3. Permanent Address Beebe Quebec
4. Place of Birth Beebe Que. Citizenship Canadian
5. Date of Birth December 13th 1924 Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced Single
6. Particulars of Children

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

7. Occupation Shipping Clerk 8. Religion United Church
State denomination
9. Languages English State proficiency
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) Mrs. A. Henderson Relationship Mother
" Address Beebe Quebec
11. Father (Full Name) Arthur Henderson Birthplace Scotland, Edinburgh
" Address Beebe Quebec now stationed at Farnham Que. Citizenship British
" Occupation Pte. in Sherbrooke Fusiliers Regt.
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Annie Maude Johnston Birthplace Scotland, Glasgow
" Address Beebe Que. Citizenship BRITISH

13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service:

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date		Reason for discharge
				From	To	
74th Field Battery R.C.A.	Rock Island Quebec	Gunner	August 1942	Rev'd MAR 12 1943	Still on Strength	

14. Honours, Awards, Mentions N.A.
15. Are you now on any Naval, Military or Air Force Reserve? Military Reserve
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.

21. Particulars of Education:

	Name of school	Date		Courses—Subjects, etc.
		From	To	
Primary Education—Public or Separate School.....	Beebe High School Beebe Que.....	1931	1941	Completed 10th Grade
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.....	No			
Technical School	No			
University or School other than above.....	No			
Correspondence Courses, etc.....	No			

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

Employer and place	Duties, trades, positions	Date		Reason for leaving
		From	To	
Union Twist Drill Co. Butterfield Div. Rock Island Que.	Shipping Clerk	July 1941	1943	To join R.C.A.F.

23. Flying Experience (in Hours) Solo.....No.....Dual.....No.....Passenger.....No.....

24. Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to the R.C.A.F.....Has driven car for two years.....

25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally.....track, badminton, hockey, skating, swimming, (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.....Aircrew Std.
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 persons who can give references as to character and ability.

Name	Address	Occupation
Mr. Leon Millar	Beebe Quebec	Postmaster
Rev. Lovelace	United Church, Beebe Quebec	Minister
Mr. R.F. Pigeau	Rock Island Que.	Lawyer
Mr. R. A. Boisclair	Beebe Que	Merchant

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

.....Would like to go in for a pilot.

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 February 8 th 1943 MB Signature Arthur James Henderson

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Surrendered 1/3/43
R. H. Ingham Cpl.
NATIONAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
PRODUCED 68/Stonehead
39... Feb. 8th 1943

(A) Report of Interviewing Officer—

Type..... General appearance.....

Suitability for (state in what capacity).....

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

(B) Report of Trade Test (Not required for Standard (Tradesmen)—

Trade in which tested.....

Result.....

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

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

(C) DECLARATION MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Arthur James Henderson 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 March 1st ~~February 26th~~ 1943 Arthur James Henderson
Signature of Recruit

(D) OATH TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Arthur James Henderson do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Date February 26th March 1st 1943 Arthur James Henderson
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 26th 1st day of February ~~March~~ 1943

[Signature]
Signature of Officer

No. 13 Recruiting Centre, Mtl., P.Q.
Unit

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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?

(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.....	NO
(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
duration?

Examiner's Remarks re above.....

.....Scarlet fever 1941 -no complications. T.&A. 1937 Childhood diseases.

.....history and have not withheld

.....relevant information.

.....Signature of Applicant

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

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

.....Scar dorsum rt. hand.

2. Height.....5 feet 9 inches. 3. Weight.....130 pounds.

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

6. Development { Good
Fair
Poor } 7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration.....35 inches

Range of expansion.....3 inches

8. Hearing—Right.....20 ft Left.....20 ft Tympana—Right.....N Left.....N

9. Vision—Without glasses—Right.....20/20 With glasses—Right.....N.A.

Left.....20/20 Left.....N.A.

10. Condition of mouth and teeth.....healthy. Good.

11. Urine—Albumen.....Neg. Sugar.....Neg.

12. Abnormalities (Congenital and Pathological) found on Examination.....

.....Has complete irreducible phymosis but no infection and
no symptoms fit.

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

9.2.43 Ray 171579 Reg. S.F.

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

Good physical condition. Quiet, determined, pleasant.

Very good chance of succeeding as aircrew.

A.T.B.T. wax. J.P. Latour F/L.

8-2-43 Ears now fit. J.P.L.

1-3-43: sc - fit J.A.D.

Date 8-2-43 1943.

.....President

.....Member

13. Reflexes N

14. Heart N

15. Lungs N

16. Blood Pressure S.D.

17. Colour Vision 130/85

Def ssse Ishi. Member
Safe G.A.

A 1 B
A 3 B Turret.
A 3 B
A 3 B Vision.

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Richmond, Ont.

March 22/50

War Service Records

Referred To... 3d

MAR 23 1950

File No.....

Charged To.....

Department of Veterans Affairs

Dear Sir:

I am writing you about my
husbands war medals Flight-Sergeant
Arthur J. Henderson no R. 219136.
which I would like very much to
have them

Referred to... WSR

MAR 24 1950

File No... R. 219136

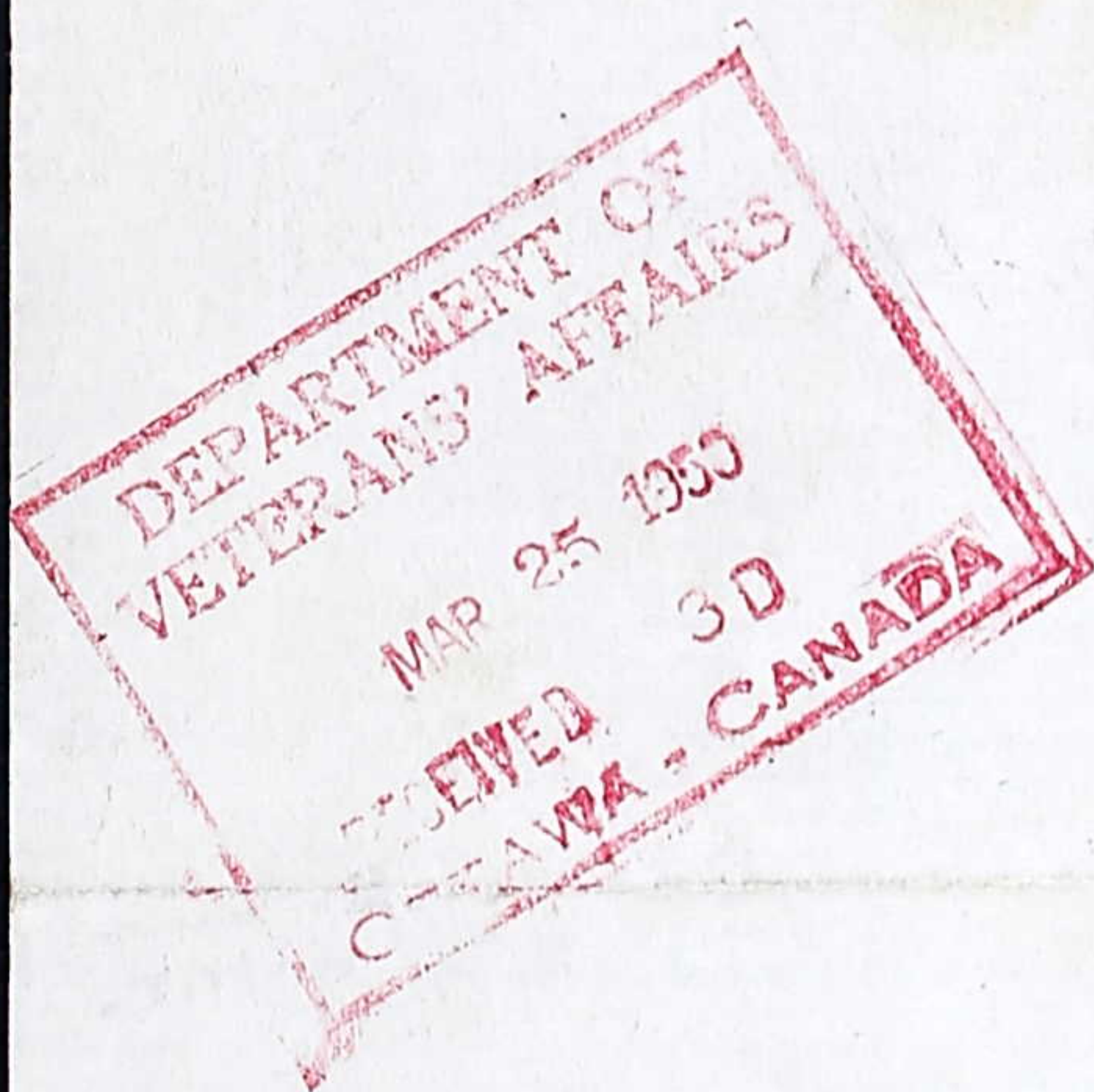
Chg'd to... WSR/F-20

Department of Veterans Affairs
War Service Records
Ottawa, Ont.

Medals disp. 18-4-50

R 3d (11)
18-4-50

[Signature]



Beebe

Quie

26th Jan. 1950

written consent
JF

Dept. of Veterans Affairs
War Service Records
Referred To.....
JAN 31 1950
File No.....
Charged To.....

Referred to..... WSR
JAN 31 1950
File No. R219136
Chg'd to.....

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter
rec; 26th Jan regarding my
son's medals, his widow
was married one year after
his death, so she told me
to apply for them as she
had not received them.

Yours Truly

A. Henderson

R-219136 (R.3D)

D.V.A

Referred to.....WSR.....
 JAN 12 1950
 File #.....R219136.....
 Chg'd to.....

Dept. of Veterans Affairs
 War Service Records
 Referred To.....3D.....
 JAN 11 1950
 File No.....219136.....
 Changed To.....

Beebe
 Luc.

Sir,
 I am writing you
 in regards service
 medals for A.I.,
 Henderson who was
 killed in Germany
 of which you must
 have a record,
 I did not apply

for them as it
stated in the paper
next of kin would
receive them without
applying,

Mr A. Henderson

Beibe

Que

Box 76 (Father)

No 219136

M. Sgt. A. J. Henderson

P. C. A. #

OTTAWA, Canada, March 10th, 1949

Mr. Arthur Henderson,
Bébé, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

It is with regret that I refer to the loss of your son, Flight Sergeant Arthur James Henderson, but a report has been received from our Missing Research and Enquiry Service which states that they have located the graves of your son and the members of his crew in Olbronn Cemetery, 6 miles north, north east of Pforzheim, Germany.

In accordance with the agreed policy of the Nations of the British Commonwealth that all British aircrew buried in Germany would be moved to British Military Cemeteries located in Germany, your son and the members of his crew were moved to the permanent British Military Cemetery at Bad Tolz. The cemetery is known as the Bad Tolz (Durnbach) British Military Cemetery. Bad Tolz is 28 miles south, south east of Munich. Exhumation resulted in the individual identification of your son. Your son was laid to rest in Plot 9, Row D, Grave No. 9. The unidentified members of the crew were buried collectively in graves 10 to 13.

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of the grave.

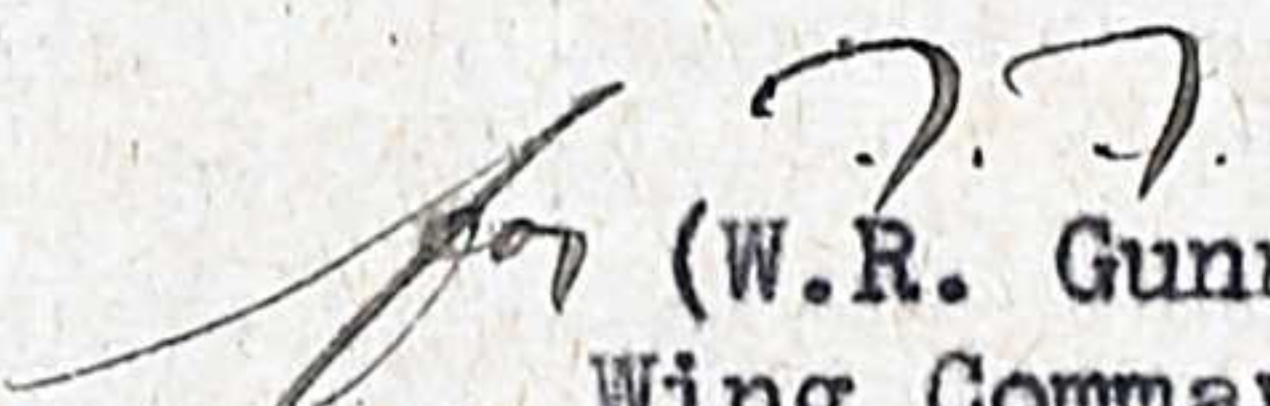
This British Military Cemetery will be reverently cared for and maintained in perpetuity by the Imperial War Graves Commission (of which Canada is a member). The cemetery will be beautified by landscaping and the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers, and the Commission will also erect a permanent headstone at your son's resting place.

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It is my earnest hope that you will be comforted with the knowledge that your son's resting place is known, and that it will be permanently maintained, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing to you and the members your family my deepest sympathy in the loss of your gallant son.

Yours sincerely,


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

S.14 (Cas.)C.5

POST PRESUMPTION MEMORANDUM NO. 4221/48

FILE NUMBER P.420684/44

DATE 27.8.48

Relating to LANCASTER ND.634

Missing on 24-25.7.44

Crashed at OELBRONN, GERMANY

NUMBER	RANK	NAME	BURIAL DETAILS	INFORMATION
			<u>BAD TOLZ</u> <u>(DURNBACH)</u> <u>BRITISH CEMETERY</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>
<u>R.219136</u>	<u>Flt.Sgt.</u>	<u>HENDERSON A.J.</u>	Plot 9 Row D Grave 9	M.R.E. report confirms original burial (M.M.6678/45) in OELBRONN Civil Cemetery Mass Grave 274 and concentration as indicated in the column adjoining.
R.183553	Flt.Sgt.	BRYANT E.M.	Plot 9, Row D, Graves 10, 11, 12 and 13 Multiple	Case closed.
1594207	Sgt.	ELLIOTT B.S.W.		
R.134936	Flt.Sgt.	HODGKINS G.A.		
1615731	Sgt.	MOORE J.M.		
1810802	Flt.Sgt.	SIMS G.H.		
T.223129	Flt.Off.	SHEARER W.G. (U.S.A.A.F.)		

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Beebe, Que.,
February 21st, 1946.

Paymaster General,
War Service Gratuities,
Arnprior, Ont.



Re: R.219136, FS HENDERSON, A.J., R.C.A.F.

Dear Sir:

The a/m was presumed dead in January 1945 and I am writing on behalf of his father, Mr. Arthur Henderson of Beebe, Que., who wishes to apply for the gratuity earned by his son.

In this case, FS Henderson was married and some time after he was officially presumed dead, his widow remarried without claiming the gratuity and Mr. Henderson, Sr. feels that he is now entitled to the claim as next-of-kin.

The particulars re the FS are:- enlisted 8-Feb-43; overseas 29-Oct-43; missing on ops 25-Jul-44; presumed dead Jan. 45.

There is also a matter of Victory Bonds believed to be of \$100.00 denomination each, one purchased just before going overseas Oct. 1943 and one in the following bond drive-Spring '44. These have not been received by the former Mrs. A.J. Henderson and FS Henderson's father wishes to make a claim for those also. Mr. Henderson has for a witness a former R.C.A.F. FS Mr. A. Peacock of Beebe, Que., who was a friend of the deceased and was on or near the same station in England.

Any further information required will be promptly furnished either by Mr. Henderson or this Branch.

Yours truly,

(SGD) J.M. Thomson
Canadian Legion Representative,
Beebe, Que.

PIN

Richmond, Que
Box 323

Dec 18/45-

Dear Sir:

I received a check for one hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-one cents my husband's estate. You didn't say anything about the money he bought in War Savings certificates Overseas about two years ago. It was around sixty dollars. I have a letter at home that tells me how much he bought. Also an answer is back from Overseas was with him when he bought them. He asked me if I had heard about them yet. So thought I better write and find out. Will you please let me know about them.



Thank you.

Yours Truly

Mrs. Mayorie M. Henderson

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ESTATES BRANCH

OTTAWA, CANADA

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Date December 18 1945

RECEIVED this date Treasury cheque for the sum of

---ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE--- $\frac{71}{100}$ Dollars (\$--195.71---)

in connection with the estate of the below-named deceased,

HENDERSON Arthur James F/S

No. R-219136 R.C.A.F.

Mrs. Maiprie M. Henderson
Signature

FY.55788. PERSONAL EFFECTS OF NO: CAN/R.219136. F/SGT. HENDERSON.
===== A. J. =====

1 carton contg;-

14 prs. socks.
1 toilet case.
1 pr. woollen gloves.
1 book.
1 Dressing gown.
1 sports Jacket.
1 pr. overshoes.
1 woollen scarf.
2 pullovers.
1 sweater.

1 fibre suitcase contg;-

writing wallet contg;-

photos, & letters.
1 photo album.
2 photos in frames.
1 money wallet contg; 2 keys.
1 Identity disc on chain.
1 pr. nail scissors.
1 case contg Waterman's
fountain pen, & Eversharp
pencil.
1 Gillette razor in case.
1 diary.
1 address book.
1 New Testament.
1 comb.
1 shaving brush.
1 tie pin.

1 pr. swimming trunks.
1 hair brush in case.
1 marriage certificate.
2 Wifes Testimonials.
1 leather belt.
1 pr. slippers.
1 pr. leather gloves.
3 shirts.
4 prs. trunks.
12 handkerchiefs.
3 scarves.
4 towels.
1 pr. trousers.
1 pr. pyjamas.
3 vests.
1 large photograph in folder.

Post Office Savings Bank Book.
Doncaster. 47867. extracted and
forwarded by Unit to RCAF. O/S.
H/Q. London. W.C.2.

Cash amounting to £2.0.0d. and
stamps to the value of 6d. found
among the effects has been
credited to his service account.

Original Station inventory signed by ?? F/O dated 27.7.44.
Effects checked at Central Depository on 23.8.44.



Rock Island,
Ont.

April 3/45

Dear Sir

On the paper I filled out
you ask if my husband had
any money in Bank or Post Office,
in one of his letters written in
July he said he had ninety
dollars in a post office over
in England, but I can't give
you the address as I don't
know it, but it wasn't very
far from where he was last
posted, He also bought \$65.00
of War Savings in London
in Feb. 1944 and he never
got them or heard anything
about them, he was going to
London on his next leave. He
was very worried about them, as
it took so long and no word.

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He probably had some receipts
of the money, but he didn't send
them home.

Yours sincerely
Mrs. Marionie Henderson.

Mrs Arthur J. Henderson,

Rock Island, Que.

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. R219136 FD 54

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ESTATES BRANCH
OTTAWA, ONT.

17 March, 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

HENDERSON, Arthur James F/Sgt.

R219136 R.C.A.F. O/S



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.

Director of Estates.

FEM/IDS

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.....	Marjorie <i>Marguerite</i>		Rock Island, Que.
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	NIL-----		
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Arthur Henderson,	42	Beebe, Que.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Annie Munroe Henderson	39	Beebe, Que.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Charles Bruce Henderson,	13	Beebe, Que.
		Douglas David Henderson,	10	Beebe, Que.
		Full Blood		
		Half Blood		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Elsie Catherine Henderson,	18	
		Grace Irene Henderson,	16	
		Elizabeth Campbell Henderson	8	
		Full Blood		
		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	
		NIL-----		

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE
PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	Arthur James Henderson,
9	Date of his birth.	Dec. 13, 1924
10	Place and date of his marriage.	Rock Island, Que Oct. 23, 1943
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Beebe, Que. May 29, 1924

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Beebe, Que.
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) Quebec Province, Stanstead County (b) Resided in above province & (c) County during total lifetime. (d)
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Shipping room clerk.
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	Resided with parents prior to enlistment.
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	Not stated.

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will? If in your custody, please forward.	No.
18	If married, and domiciled in the Province of Quebec or in a State in the U.S.A. or in a Country under the laws of which there is community of property between spouses,—was there a marriage contract dealing with property?	No marriage contract.
19	Did he have a Bank, Post Office or other deposit account? If so, give name and address of bank, etc., and the amount on deposit. Do you wish it administered with the pay account?	
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	2. \$50.00 Bonds.
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	NIL-----

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. 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)

nil

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

*.....Widow.....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. Marjorie Marquinte Henderson

{ Signature of Informant

Rock Island, Que.

Address

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief.....Mrs. Marjorie Marquinte

See above.Henserson..... { Name of informant } is the.....Widow.....of the Deceased above described. The above Declaration was made by the Informant and signed in my presence.

Dated at.....Beebe, Que.....this.....31st.....day of.....March.....19.....45

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

(Rev.) A B Honelace

Qualification.....Clergyman

Address.....

Beebe, Quebec, Canada

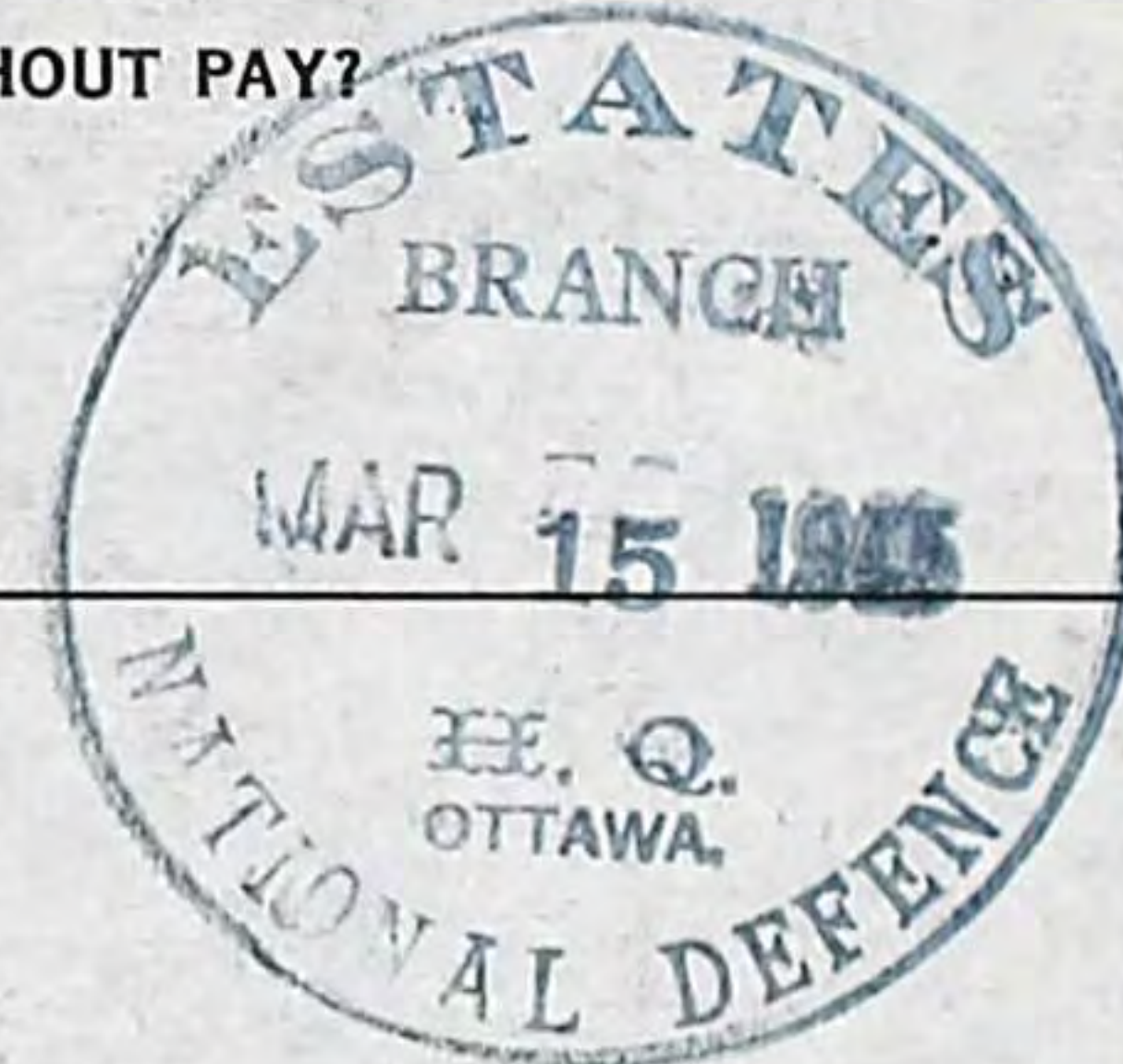
NOTE.—Before granting the above Certificate, care should be taken to see that the informant gives particulars concerning the death of any Relative stated by him or her to have died, and that the full name and address and age of each surviving Relative specified is stated in its proper place in the Statement 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

OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER	R219136	RANK	FLIGHT SERGEANT	UNIT	166 SODN (OVERSEAS)										
TRADE	A/G (SP.GR.)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>R.C.A.F.</td> <td>R.A.F.</td> <td>R.A.A.F.</td> <td>R.N.Z.A.F.</td> <td>OTHER</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>				R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	R.A.A.F.	R.N.Z.A.F.	OTHER					
R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	R.A.A.F.	R.N.Z.A.F.	OTHER											
NAME	HENDERSON, ARTHUR JAMES														
PRESENT MARITAL STATUS	MARRIED	RELIGION	UNITED CHURCH	CANADIAN	YES										
FRENCH CANADIAN				OTHER											
NEXT OF KIN	MRS. ARTHUR JAMES HENDERSON														
RELATIONSHIP	WIFE														
ADDRESS	ROCK ISLAND QUEBEC														
FATHER'S NAME															
ADDRESS	MR. & MRS. ARTHUR HENDERSON BEEBE QUEBEC	LIVING ON ENLISTMENT	YES												
MOTHER'S NAME															
ADDRESS		LIVING ON ENLISTMENT	YES												
ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT	MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT														
OCCUPATION															
WAS MEMBER ATTACHED TO R.A.F. AT ANY TIME? YES/NO															
IF CASUALTY OCCURRED IN CANADA DID MEMBER HAVE SERVICE OUTSIDE CANADA DURING WAR WITH THE GERMAN REICH? YES/NO															
IF ON LEAVE, STATE DATE LEAVE COMMENCED AND WHETHER ON LEAVE WITH OR WITHOUT PAY?															



CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. BOMBER MAIL LETTER ---d-10-FEB-45

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 25-JULY-44 AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS) (OVER STUTTGART GERMANY)

NOW "PRESUMED DEAD" 25-JULY-44 FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

LAST WILL ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.?

2
YES/NO

M.F.M. 5 ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.?

YES/NO

DATE

10
12-MAR-45

CERTIFICATE P. OF D. ATTACHED TO A. OF E. COPY

YES/NO

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

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

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ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES, OTTAWA

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Royal Canadian Air Force

CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

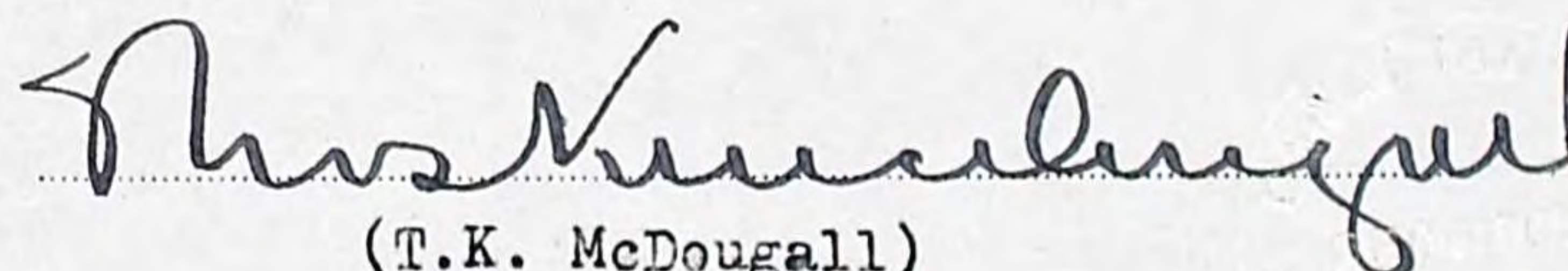
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This is to Certify that

R219136 FLIGHT SERGEANT HENDERSON, ARTHUR JAMES R.C.A.F.
(Number) (Rank) (Name in Full) (Unit)

has been officially reported as missing since the 25TH day
of JULY, 1944, and that, full inquiries having been
made, no information has been received which would indicate that he may be still alive.
For official purposes, therefore, he is presumed to have died on or since the above
mentioned date.

Dated at Ottawa, Canada, this 10TH day of MARCH 1945



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

WILL

(a) Names in full to be
written.

(1) (a) I,

Arthur James Henderson

City
Town
Village
Township

of Rock Island

in the County of
District

Province of

Zuckee

(Civil Occupation)

a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number R. 2,9136 do hereby
revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my LAST WILL.

(a) Insert "wife",
"father", "mother",
"friend", etc.
(b) Insert the name of
beneficiary(y) (ies) in
full.
(c) Insert the
address(es) if known.
(d) Here state "all of
my estate" or the
particular articles or
money intended to be
given.

See reverse side for
example.

(2) I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH unto my

(a)

wife

(b)

Marjorie Marguerite Henderson

(c)

Rock Island, Que.

(d)

My whole estate

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

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

(a)

(b)

(c)

Name and address of
Executor.

(4) I appoint

Marjorie Marguerite Henderson as above

(Name)

(Address)

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this

day of

October

19

43

30th

Signed and acknowledged by the Testator, in the
presence of us present at the same time who in
his presence, at his request, and in the presence
of each other have hereunto subscribed our
names as witnesses.

First Witness sign
here.

(5)

Norman Smith

(Signature)

Arthur J. Henderson

(Signature of Testator)

Saint John's B.

(Permanent Home Address)

Clerk.

(Occupation)

Second Witness sign
here.

(6)

D. Kintrea

(Signature)

Thessalon Ont

(Permanent Home Address)

Clerk

(Occupation)

(Witnesses are not to be beneficiaries.)

Two witnesses must sign their names where indicated.

(OVER)

Ottawa, Ont., March 8th, 1946.

J.M. Thomson, Esq.,
Canadian Legion Representative,
Standstead Frontier Branch No. 5,
Beebe, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Thomson:

Re: R219136 F/S A.J. Henderson, deceased.

This will acknowledge your letter of February 21st concerning the war service gratuity payable in respect of the above mentioned deceased member of the R.C.A.F.

Your letter mentions that Flight Sergeant Henderson's widow remarried without claiming the gratuity, but, in fact, his widow did enter an application and the gratuity was paid to her on November 2nd, 1945, the cheque being forwarded in her first married name of Mrs. Marjorie M. Henderson at Rock Island, Que.

Under the terms of a Directive issued by the Minister of Veterans Affairs, a person in receipt of dependents' allowance on behalf of a deceased member of the Canadian Armed Forces is solely entitled to the war service gratuity in respect of such member, and Mrs. Henderson qualified through receipt of this allowance. The fact that she remarried does not affect her entitlement to the gratuity. In all cases it is the condition existing at the serviceman's death which determines eligibility for the gratuity.

Yours truly,


(J. MacL. Murray)

Air Commodore
for Chief of the Air Staff

T:MD

OTTAWA, Canada, 19th April, 1945.

Mr. Arthur Henderson,
Beebe,
Quebec.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Advice has now been received from the International Red Cross Committee quoting official German information which states that Flight Sergeant Hodgkins and Sergeant Elliott together with five "Unknown" lost their lives and were buried in the Olbronn Cemetery which is located approximately six miles north, north east of Pforzheim, Baden, Germany. /

As ^{Kok} Flight Sergeant Hodgkins and Sergeant Elliott were both members of your son's crew, and the crew consisted of seven members, and in view of the lapse of time and absence of any further information regarding your son since he was reported missing, most unhappily it is believed that one of the "unknown" must be your son.

I realize that there can be little solace in this information, but I felt you would wish me to advise you of it.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

MLA

ABD
19/4

OTTAWA, Canada, 3rd February, 1945.

Mrs. A.J. Henderson,
Rock Island,
Quebec.

Dear Mrs. Henderson:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of recent date concerning your husband, Flight Sergeant Arthur James Henderson.

A report was received at these Headquarters from the International Red Cross Committee, quoting German information, which stated that Flight Sergeant Hodgkins and Sergeant Elliott, a Royal Air Force member of your husband's crew, together with five others listed as "unknown" lost their lives on July 25th, *states*

Although it would appear from this report that the entire crew, which consisted of seven members, had been accounted for, no action to reclassify the remainder of the crew has been taken at these Headquarters as it has not been possible to identify them or even to state definitely that they were the remaining members of your husband's crew.

This information was not passed to you previously as it was felt that due to the fact that your husband's name was not specifically mentioned and it was not possible to state that he was or was not one of the persons referred to as unknown, this report would only be the cause of additional distress and anxiety.

The International Red Cross Committee is doing its utmost to obtain definite information concerning your husband and the remainder of his crew and you may rest assured that if any further information is received it will be forwarded to you at once.

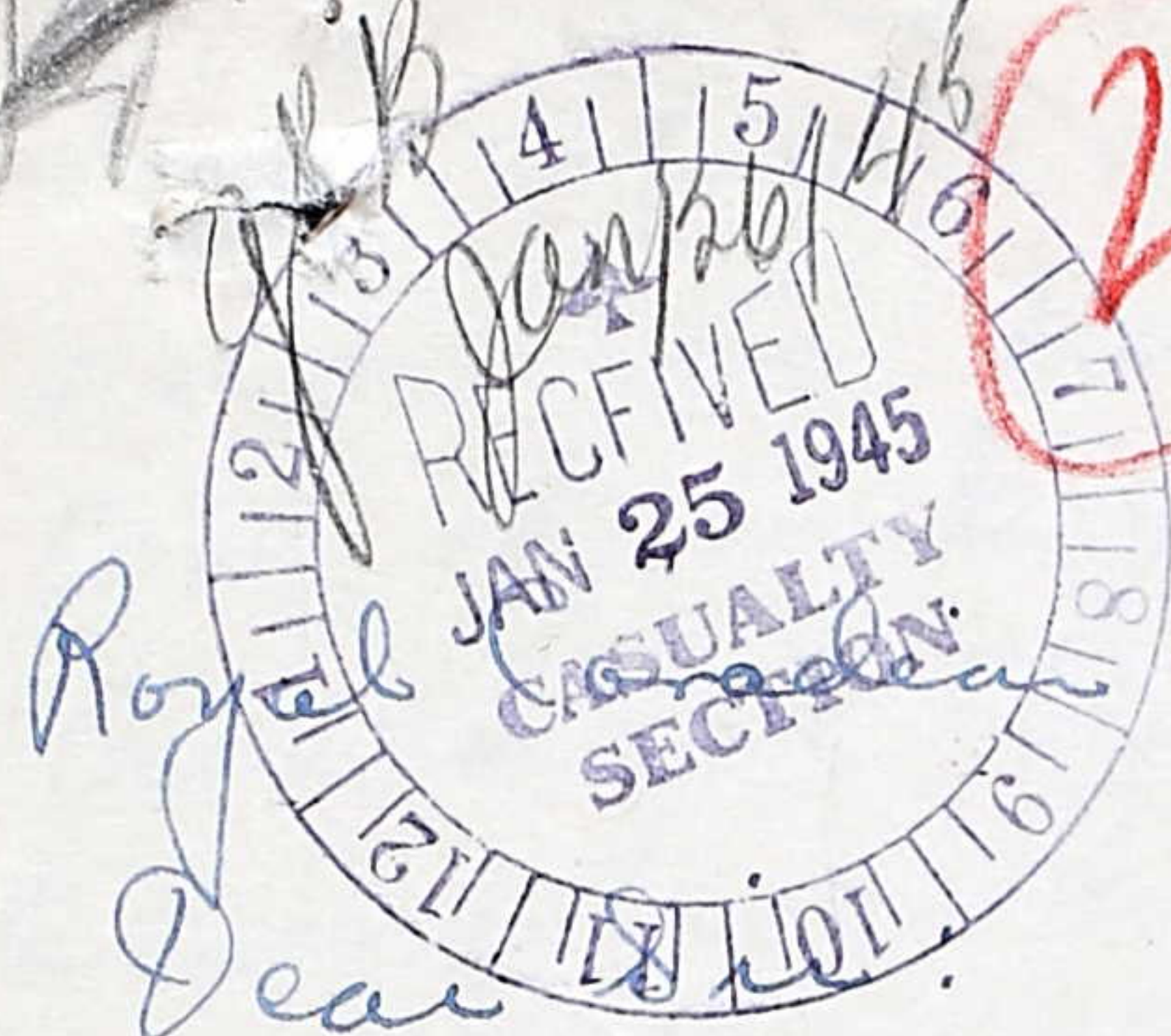
In conveying this information please accept my sincere sympathy in your continued grave anxiety.

Yours sincerely,



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

LEO/EG



Rock Island, Iowa,

Jan. 23/45

Air Force.

R219136 R04

Dear Sir,

I am writing you about my husband Flight Sergeant Arthur James Henderson who has been missing since July 25/44. So far I haven't had any more news, but I have had letters from two of the other boys wife and mother saying they had found the seven boys and could only identify 2. now I would like to know if that is true and why I haven't been notified. It is a terrible thing to have to sit and wait, while our loved ones are suffering and we can't find out a thing. But I still think my husband is safe.

on I would ^{so} had news before
now. They said they had that
news the first part of December.
But it is a funny thing if they
should get the news and I didn't
hear a word. I also had a
letter from Mr. Shearer, the
Pilots father, it was sent him
from Washington, D. C., and they
said they hadn't found any
trace of his son as yet. so
that sure doesn't look like they
had found them.

Will you please let me know
as soon as possible. I am just
sick with worry. I am very
sorry to bother you as I know
how busy you all are.

Thanking you again.
Yours Sincerely
Mrs. Arthur J. Henderson.

OTTAWA, Canada, 7th August, 1944.

Mr. Arthur Henderson,
Beebe,
P.Q.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

It is with deep regret that I must confirm our recent telegram informing you that your son, Flight Sergeant Arthur James Henderson, is reported missing on Active Service.

Advice has been received from the Royal Canadian Air Force Casualties Officer, Overseas, that your son and the entire crew of his aircraft failed to return to their base after taking off to carry out bombing operations over Stuttgart, Germany, on the night of July 24th and the early morning of July 25th, 1944.

The term "missing" is used only to indicate that his whereabouts is not immediately known and does not necessarily mean that your son has been killed or wounded. He may have landed in enemy territory and might be a Prisoner of War. Enquiries have been made through the International Red Cross Society and all other appropriate sources, and I wish to assure you 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.

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

Yours (sincerely,

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

/NC

R.B.

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Flight Sergeant A.J. Henderson
Next-of-kin: Mrs. A.J. Henderson (Wife)
Rock Island, P.Q.

Flight Sergeant G.A. Hodgkins
Next-of-kin: Mrs. G.A. Hodgins (Wife)
Box 351, Russell, Manitoba.

Sergeant E.M. Bryant
Next-of-kin: Mr. J.E. Bryant (father)
366 Brunswick Street, Stratford, Ontario.

From Wing

Royal

RAF

Lincolnshire

COPY FOR H.Q. OTTAWA

R219136 F/S Henderson A. J.
(NUMBER) (RANK) (NAME)

25th. July 1944.

Dear Mrs. Henderson,

May I be permitted to express my own and the Squadron's sincere sympathy with you in the sad news concerning your husband, Flight Sergeant Arthur James Henderson.

The aircraft of which he was the Mid-Upper Gunner took off to attack Stuttgart on the night of the 24/25th. July 1944, and nothing further has been heard.

You may be aware that in quite a large percentage of cases aircrew reported missing are eventually reported prisoner of war and I hope that this may give you some comfort in your anxiety.

Your husband was a most proficient Air Gunner and his loss is deeply regretted. I would like you to know how greatly we all honour the sacrifice he has made so far from his home country in the service of the United Nations.

His effects have been collected and will be forwarded to you in due course through Air Ministry channels.

I enclose a list of the next of kin of the crew and I shall be pleased to address and forward any letters you may care to write.

You may rest assured that should any news of your husband be received, you will be informed immediately.

Yours very sincerely,

Donalda Garner

Mrs. M. M. Henderson,
Rock Island,
Quebec,
Canada.

21 AUG 1944 P.M.

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Yours very sincerely,

Donalda Garner

Mrs. A. Henderson,
Beebe,
quebec,
CANADA.

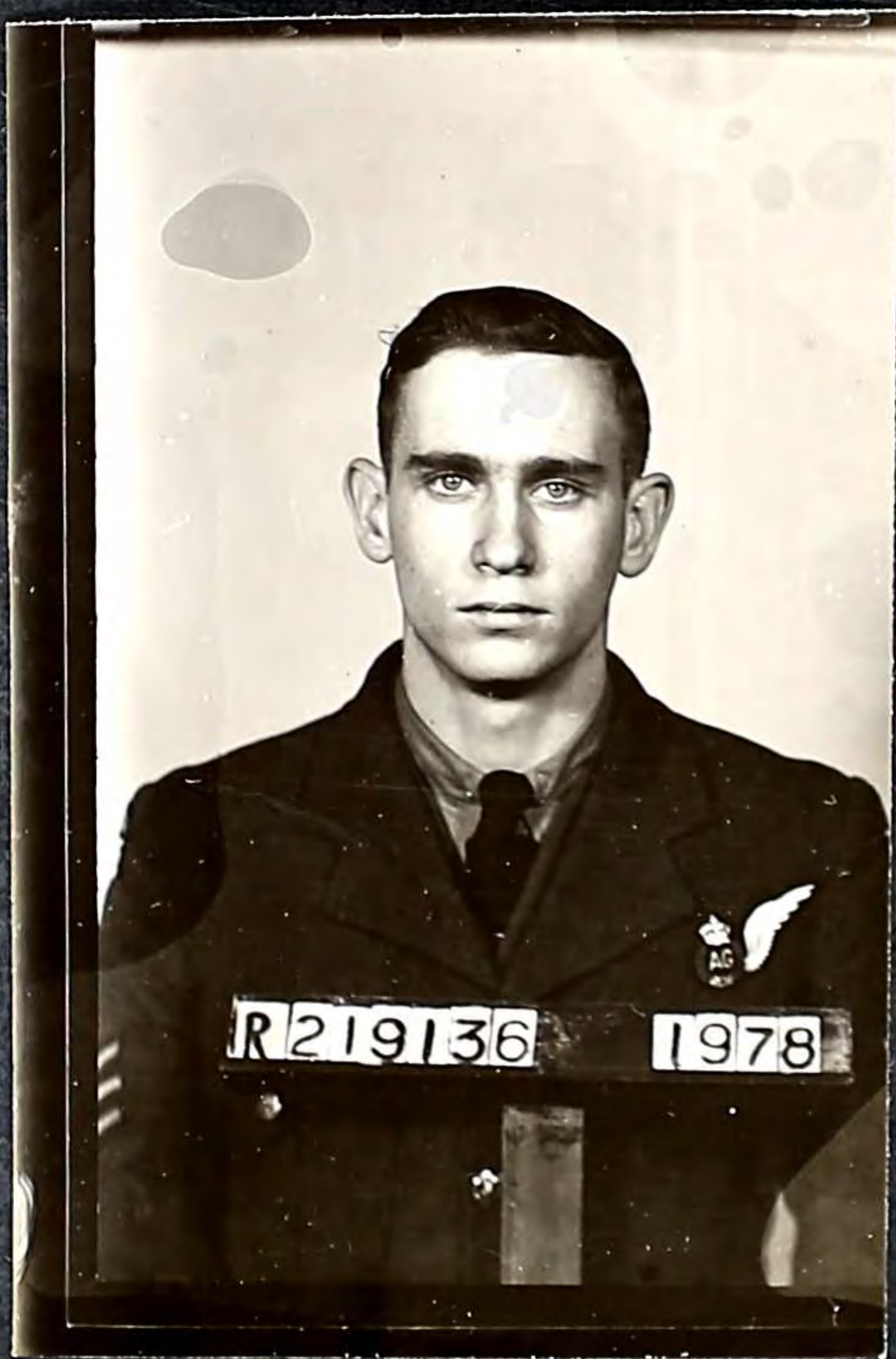
27 JUL 1944



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Henderson A. J.



Henderson, A.



Bad Tölz (Dürenbach) British Military Cemetery
Plot IX

Row D

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15 NOV 1945
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Grave 9

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