O'BRIEN
JOHN JOSEPH KENNETH
R94274

AIR FORCE No. R 94274 POSTED TO RCAF Recruiting Centre, Mtl. TRADE RADIO MECHANIC (U.T.)

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)

O'BRIEN JOHN JOSEPH KENNETH.

1. Surname O'Brien FULL Christian Names John Joseph Kenneth

2. Present Address 10 Douglas Avenue, Westmount, P.Q. Telephone We 1234

3. Permanent Address ~~Same~~ 10 Douglas Avenue, Westmount, P.Q.

4. Place of Birth Winnipeg, Manitoba Citizenship Canadian

5. Date of Birth Feb. 20, 1912 Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced Single

6. Particulars of Children

| Name | Date of birth | Name | Date of birth |
|---|---|---|---|
| n.a. | | | |
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7. Occupation Estimator - Purchasing Ag't 8. Religion Roman Catholic (State denomination)

9. Languages English only (State proficiency)

10. Next of Kin (Full Name) John Joseph O'Brien Sr. Relationship Father

" Address 10 Douglas Ave, Westmount, P.Q.

11. Father (Full Name) John Joseph O'Brien Sr. Birthplace Stratford, Ont.

" Address 10 Douglas Ave, Westmount, P.Q. Citizenship Canadian

" Occupation Retired Federal Government

12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Theresa Martha Hearne (see B.C.) Birthplace Barrie, Ontario

" Address ~~Same~~ 10 Douglas Ave, Westmount, P.Q. Citizenship Canadian

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

| Unit | Place | Rank | Trade | Date From | Date To | Reason for discharge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Loyola College O.T.C. | Montreal | 2nd Lt. | n.a. | 1929 | 1933 | Graduation from College |

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R. C. N.I.
S. L. P.A.

14. Honours, Awards, Mentions n.a.

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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21. Particulars of Education:

| — | Name of school | Date From | Date To | Courses—Subjects, etc. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Primary Education—Public or Separate School | St Leo's Academy, Westmount, P.Q. | 1918 | 1925 | Grammar School |
| High School—Collegiate Institute, etc. | Loyola High School, Montreal, P.Q. | 1925 | 1929 | General |
| Technical School | | | | |
| University or School other than above | Loyola College, Montreal, P.Q. | 1929 | 1933 | Bachelor of Arts Degree |
| ~~Correspondence Courses~~, etc. | McGill University, Montreal, P.Q. | 1933 | 1934 | Engineering |
| | | | | |

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

| Employer and place | Duties, trades, positions | Date From | Date To | Reason for leaving |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Northern Construction Co Eastern Canada | Engineer's Assistant | 1930 | 1934 | (Summer work only) |
| Imperial Tobacco Ltd (Western Canada) | Sales & Advertising | 1934 | 1939 | Better position obtained |
| Armstrong Cork & Insulation, Montreal | Estimator-Purchasing | 1939 | 1941 | Present Position |
| All in Montreal, P.Q. | | | | |

23. Flying Experience (in Hours) Solo None Dual None Passenger 3

24. Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to the R.C.A.F. Honors in Mathematics, Special interest in technical studies & work

25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally Sailing (inland lakes) extensively. Skiing - moderately, 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 Radio ~~Technician~~ Mechanic M.7.
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 |
|---|---|---|
| John S. Kent | 200 Craig St. West Montreal, P.Q. | Company Manager |
| Vincent O. Walsh (Major) | Huntingdon Training Camp Huntingdon, P.Q. | Military Training Officer |
| | | |

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 April 17 1941. Signature [illegible]

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NATIONAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE PRODUCED. 16-4-41 P.O. Gadhoski

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(A) *Report of Interviewing Officer—*

Type: Very Good. General appearance: Very neat & clean cut

Suitability for (state in what capacity): Radio Mechanic (U.T.)

Date: 16-4-41 Signature: E.E. Bean Rank: Sgt.

(B) *Report of Trade Test—*

Trade in which tested: NA

Result: NA.

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

Bachelor of Arts. 1½ Engineering

Date: 16-4-41 Signature: E.E. Bean Rank: Sgt.

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

I, John Joseph Kenneth O'BRIEN 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: April 16th, 1941 John J. O'Brien
Signature of Recruit

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

I, John Joseph Kenneth O'BRIEN do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Date: April 16th, 1941 John J. O'Brien
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 Sixteenth day of April 1941

P.O. Gadhoski
Signature of Officer — Flying Officer, Rank — RCAF Montreal Recruiting Centre, Unit

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## CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

*Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—*

1. Age. 29 2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following defects in health?

(a) Rheumatism ..... no
(b) Tuberculosis ..... no
(c) Bronchitis or Asthma ..... no
(d) Heart Disease ..... no
(e) Kidney or Bladder Disease ..... no
(f) Gastro-intestinal ..... no
(g) Rupture ..... no
(h) Varicose Veins ..... no
(i) Flat or Deformed Feet ..... no
(j) Nasal Trouble ..... no
(k) Ear Disease ..... no
(l) Eye Disease ..... no
(m) Epilepsy ..... no
(n) Nervous or Mental Disease ..... no
(o) Syphilis ..... no
(p) Gonorrhoea ..... yes - 6 mos ago - no trouble since.
(q) Bone Fracture ..... no
(r) Other Disease or Defect ..... yes

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

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

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

..... Signature of Applicant

Examiner's Remarks *re* above ..... pneumonia - age 16 - no complications, T + A - age 10 measles, mumps, chickenpox - childhood - no complications.

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

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

2. Height ..... 6 ..... feet ..... 2 ..... inches. 3. Weight ..... 163 ..... pounds.

4. Complexion ..... med. 5. Color of Eyes ..... blue Hair ..... brown

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

Range of expansion ..... 4 ..... inches

8. Hearing—Right ..... w/w 20' Left ..... w/w 20' Tympana—Right ..... n Left ..... n

9. Vision—Without glasses—Right ..... 20/20 With glasses—Right ..... | na

Left ..... 20/20 Left ..... |

10. Condition of mouth and teeth ..... very slight gingivitis - lower incisors - fit

11. Urine—Albumen ..... neg Sugar ..... neg

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

*Part 3.* The Candidate has been examined in accordance with the pamphlet, "Physical Standards and Instructions for the Medical Examination of Recruits" and he is considered fit for Category A + B

Any special remarks of the Medical Officers ..... 15 - 4 - 41 X - Ray # 75537 neg

Part 2 Cont'.

13. Reflexes n
14. Heart n
15. Lungs n
16. Blood Pressure S. D. 115/80
17. Colour Vision n 20/20

Date ..... 14 - 4 - ..... 19 41

..... President ..... Member ..... Member

R0094274 OBRIEN JOHN JK SGT 4

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. SERVICE MEDAL | C.V.S.M. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AWARD | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| AWARD AND CLASP | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| APPLICATION DISPATCHED | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 4 5 2 | | | |
| RIBBON ISSUED | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 8 / 11 / 49 | | |
| MEDAL ISSUED | | | | | | | | | | 171800 | | | | | |

PREFIX NUMBER NAME RANK CODE

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John J. O'Brien (Father)
10 Douglas Ave.,
Westmount,
P.Q.

Mar.-46

MEMORIAL BAR
DATE DESP.
REGN. NO. 1,031

Radio Mechanic (W.T)

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

## RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

| A.F. No. | Surname | Christian Names | Religion |
|---|---|---|---|
| R94274 | O'Brien | John Joseph, Kenneth | Roman Catholic |

Born 20/2/12 Place Winnipeg Man Country Canada Citizen of Canada Racial Origin Canadian

| ENLISTMENT | CIVIL EDUCATION | | | PREVIOUS SERVICE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date 16/4/41 | High School Entrance | Jr. Mat. | Sr. Mat. ✓ B.A. | Loyola College |
| At Montreal Que | Technical School | Corres. Courses | | C.O.T.C. Montreal Que. |
| Term Duration | University | | | |

| Rank | Date | | | Med. Cat. | Date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A.C. 2 | 16 | 4 | 41 | A4B | 14 | 4 | 41 |
| LAC | 6 | 9 | 41 | | | | |
| 9) LAC. | 4 | 2 | 42 | | | | |

### CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Estimator 2 years.

### COURSES AND TRADE TESTS

| Trade | Grp. | % | PorF | Date Rem. | | | Trade | Grp. | % | PorF | Date Rem. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RM(WT) | B | | | 6 | 9 | 41 | | | | | | | |
| Rm. G. | 47.6% | | | 4 | 2 | 42 | | | | | | | |
| Remustard RDF/MECH (L) | 496 Wing 41/42 | Radio | O's (27/8) | 21 | 5 | 42 | | | | | | | |
| 8/506 Rem 0/43 RDF/M | "A" | | | 1 | 10 | 42 | | | | | | | |

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY M S D

Wife Maiden Name Present Address (in pencil)

| Children | Names | Date of Birth | Place of Birth |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

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

John O'Brien Sr. Father
10 Douglas Ave Westmount Que

### LEAVE

| From | To | Auth. and Description |
|---|---|---|
| 19/4/41 | 5/5/41 | Without pay. |
| 8-9-41 | 22-9-41 | SPEC. LEAVE BETWEEN COURSES. |

### CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

| Date | Character | Trade and Assm. | Honours and Awards | Signature |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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### MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

| Authority | Unit from | Unit to | Date | Authority | Unit from | Unit to | Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reg 11.4 27/3/41 | Rec C Montreal Que | Rec C. Montreal Que | 16/4/41 | 83/42(14) | 79 Wing | Kilkeel | 19.2.42 |
| | | | | 233/42 (30/50) | Kilkeel | West Africa | 19-6-42 |
| D.R.O. #3/41 T.O.S. | #4A M.D | St. Hubert | 5-5-41 | | | | |
| DR.O. 25/41 | 4A M.D. St. Hubert | RCAF Det McGill Univ Montreal | 31-5-41 | | | | |
| DRO 66/41 505 | RCAF McGill Montreal | HOLY DEPOT HALIFAX | 25-9-41 | | | | |
| DRO 243 | 1 Y Depot | RAFTP | 6-10-41 | | | | |
| 113/41 | Embarked Canada | | 7.10.41 | | | | |
| 51 | | 3 P.R.C. | 19.10.41 | | | | |
| 124/41.51 | | (R.S.) | 7.[illegible].41 | | | | |
| [illegible]42 (9) | | 49W Kilkeel | 8.2.42 | | | | |

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Shadow Roster

O/O 527/43 App. T/Sgt. 1.4.43

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Initials JM

# OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER R94274 RANK SGT UNIT 1 REPAT DEPOT ROCKCLIFFE, ONT.

TRADE R.D.F. MECHANIC

NAME O'BRIEN, JOHN JOSEPH KENNETH

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

MARITAL STATUS SINGLE RELIGION R.C. CANADIAN YES

FRENCH CANADIAN OTHER

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON REC. OF SERV. & RELATIONSHIP MR. JOHN JOSEPH O'BRIEN(FATHER)

ADDRESS 10 DOUGLAS AVE.
WESTMOUNT, P.Q.

NAME
ADDRESS
D.A.B.

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON CAS. SIG. & RELATIONSHIP MR. J.J. O'BRIEN(FATHER)

ADDRESS 18 DOUGLAS AVE
WESTMOUNT, QUEBEC. (NOW RESIDING AT ABOVE ADDRESS)

FATHER'S NAME

ADDRESS MR. & MRS JOHN JOSEPH O'BRIEN LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES
10 DOUGLAS X AVE.

MOTHER'S NAME WEST OUNT. QUEBEC. LIVING ON ENLISTMENT YES

ADDRESS

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

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

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

CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. 3 C.M.B. LACHINE HB3S--d--1--AUG--44 HR74/2 AUG

"NATURAL DEATH" 27--JULY--44 ~~XXXXX~~ CAUSE OF DEATH RETRO PERITONEAL SARCOMA.

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

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

DATE 14-AUG-44

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

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

ATS-RT 7

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R.A.F. Form 39
Army Form I. 1220
Naval Form M. 246

Surname O'BRIEN Christian Names John Joseph K.

R.A.F. or Army No. R-94274 Rank SGT.

Command ..... Branch or Trade .....

Unit RAF 78 Wing Ashburton (RCAF) Under instruction as .....

Age 32 Total Service ..... CONFIDENTIAL

## Hospital or Sick List—Record Card

Hospital or Station rendering this form No. 11 Cdn. Gen. Hosp. (TAPLOW)

No. of enclosure in Form 48 ..... Serial No. in Form 38 or in A. & D. Book rcaf 61/44

Dates of:

Arrival as direct admission ..... from .....

" " transfer 17 JUNE 44 from Naval Hospital Plymouth

Discharge to duty .....

" as an invalid or to unit for invaliding .....

Transfer 6 JULY 44 to CANADA

Death .....

Number of days under treatment 19

CLINICAL NOTES

Disease or injury Osteo Chondroma of Laminal Vertebrae Right Side 1309

New disease supervening, and date .....

Operation, nature and date .....

Anæsthetic, and method of administration .....

| Date | Previous history of case and family, if relevant |
|---|---|
| | This man is very healthy appearing man - good physical specimen without any complaints except the gastric complaints and pains in back of thighs. Only physical examination was check on X-rays sent from Naval Hospital at Plymouth - which certainly supports the diagnosis and examination of abdomen. Has mass to right of midline extending from below ribs to below umbilicus. It is oval in shape and appears fairly well fixed - hard |

Condition on admission

N.B.—In the event of an error in diagnosis, the disease or injury entered will be crossed out in such a way as to remain legible, and the new disease or injury will be entered above it. In the event of a new disease supervening it will be entered in the space allotted.

D4683 Wt.39094/02965 40,000 12/43 T51-7804 D&Co.(Stpt)Lrd.

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Date

Progress of case palpate and not tender. Skin is freely moveable over it.

To repatriate to Canada for treatment.

Col.
OFFICER COMMANDING
II CDN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Condition on discharge

Signature of Medical Officer

Date

Encl. 6

Ref. RCAF M.B. 832

# M E M O R A N D U M

5th July, 1944.

D.M.S.

R94274 Sgt. O'Brien, J.J.K.

1. The above named sergeant was seen by the R.C.A.F. Medical Board on July 4th, 1944, having been referred from No.11 Canadian General Hospital, Taplow. He has a retro-peritoneal tumor, which in all probability is malignant and the prognosis is bad. The Board is recommending, therefore, that he be returned to Canada at the earliest possible moment by air and if at all possible would like to have a medical orderly accompany him on the trip. He need not return to his unit since all his kit is at No.11 Canadian General Hospital.

2. This N.C.O. is carrying all his medical documents and x-rays with him, and it would be appreciated if you would make the necessary arrangements to have him returned by air immediately and D.M.S. Ottawa, advised of the steps being taken, in order that investigation and treatment may be initiated as soon as possible on arrival.

M L Barr Mc

(M.L.Barr, W/Cdr.)
President,
R.C.A.F. Medical Board.

#1 Rup w/ P.M.D.

DOMINION OF CANADA - MEDICAL SERVICES

# CASE HISTORY SHEET

Serial No.....
in A. and D. Book

I Hospital ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL Force R.C.A.F.

Active F. No. R-94274 Rank Sgt. Unit or Ship 1 Repat. Depot.
Reserve F. No. ..... " ..... " " .....
C.E.F. No. ..... " ..... " " .....
Others No. ..... " ..... " " .....

Surname O'BRIEN Christian Names John J.K.

Address 18 Douglas Ave., Westmount, P.Q.

Age 32 Trade ..... Religion RC Total Service (Mos.) .....

Next-of-Kin Mr. J.J. O'Brien Relationship Father.

Address of Next-of-Kin As above.

Admitted direct (as transfer) from ..... Date 17.7.44. Class 12bIMP

Disposal) Discharged to Unit, Medical Board, Home, Died Died Date 27.7.44. Class 12bIMP
of case )
Transferred to ..... Date ..... Class .....

Condition on Discharge (or transfer) Deceased. Days in Hospital .....

Final Diagnosis Retroperitoneal Sarcoma.

II Admission Note:

Provisional Diagnosis:

Signature of Admitting Officer.

III History and Physical Examination (in chronological order) Date July 17/44.

PREVIOUS ADMISSIONS:
1. 1937. Ottawa Civic Hospital. Septic arthritis.
2. 1942. West Africa Hospital. Malaria.
3. 1940. Treated for g.c. by a private physician.

COMPLAINTS: 1. Pain in the back for 18 months, localized in the lower part of the back.

FAMILY HISTORY: Father and Mother, A & W.
4 sisters, A & W.
No history of tbc. rheumatic fever or any other familial diseases in the family.
Pt. is single.

PERSONAL HISTORY: This pt. was born in Canada. He had mumps, chicken pox and whooping cough. The pt. is a moderate drinker and smoker.

FUNCTIONAL INQUIRY:
Eyes: Negative.
Ears: The pt. has never suffered from any earaches or suffered any discharge from the ear.
Nose: The pt. does not suffer from frequent colds in the nose or severe epistaxis.

Date.....

Medical Officer i/c Case.

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Militia MFB 313A
R.C.N. M2000

| DATE | CLINICAL NOTES |
|---|---|

Mouth & throat: Negative.
Glands: No enlarged or tender glands.
Chest: No history of chronic cough or hemaptysis. No chest pains. Pt. had pneumonia at 16 years.
Heart: No rheumatic fever. No swelling of the ankles or shortness of breath.
G.I.Sys: Pt. has had a normal G.I. history until the onset of his pain in the back 18 months ago. Since that time he has been suffering from loss of appetite, increasing loss in weight. Bowel movements have always been regular, once a day. No blood in the stools. No history of nausea or vomiting. No haemorrhoids or hernia.
G.U.Sys: Diagnosis of g.c. in 1940, treated by a private physician. No difficulty in urination or frequency. No blood in the urine.
C.N.S: No convulsions or attacks of paralysis.
Extremities: With the onset of pain in the back 18 months ago, the pt. has noticed that his pain has radiated to the right hip and down his right thigh, causing him to limp when he walks.
Skin: When the pt. had mala ia in 1942, in West Africa, he took considerably amounts of the drugs quinine and atabrine, which made him quite yellow and dark in colour. At the present time there is an impression of jaundice to the pt's skin.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: The pt. was normally well until March, 1944. At this time he developed a pain in the lower back, which was more concentrated on the right side, which passed to the right hip and down the right knee. The pain would last for a week and then it would disappear. He would feel quite well. In April 1943, the pt. reported this pain to his M.O. in England. Upon examination referred him in May 1943 to a surgical consultant in Plymouth, Eng. where x-rays were taken. Where upon the pt. was repatriated to Canada.

During the past few months the pt. has noticed that he has lost his desire to eat, and consequently has lost approx. 40 lbs. in weight. For the past week the pt. has noticed that his bowel movements have become quite light in colour. At present there is a slight yellow colour to his skin, and in his sclerae.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Temp. 98°, pulse 86, resp.80.B.P.110/70
The pt. is a young, adult, male, appearing not acutely ill.
Head: Negative.
Eyes: There appears to be slight icteric tingle to the sclerae. The eyes react to L & A.
Ears: No discharge.
Nose: Negative.
Mouth & Throat: Negative.

GLANDULAR SYSTEM: No enlarged lymph glands in the palpable parts of the body.

RESP. SYSTEM: Chest moves equally well on both sides. There is no dullness on percussion. Chest is resonant throughout. No adventicious sounds are heard on listening to the chest.

CARDIO-VASC. SYSTEM: The heart is not enlarged to percussion. Rhythm is regular at approx. 87. No murmurs heard.

ABDOMEN: The abdomen appears somewhat distended. There are no

IV Condition on Discharge

Disposal of Case

Date

Medical Officer i/c Case

# 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 O'BRIEN JOHN JOSEPH KENNETH (b) Reg'l. No. R94274
2. (a) Arm of service R.C.A.F. (b) Unit (c) Rank LAC 2
3. (a) Date of birth Feb 12/12 (b) Have you any dependents? No (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment Westmount P.Q.
4. (a) Place of enlistment Montreal (b) Date of enlistment April 16 41

## Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 22 yrs (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.) 4 yrs High
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured Loyola College B.A. Degree.
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? No (b) If so, for what occupation? (c) Did you finish it? (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it?
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? None.

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

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

11. Had you ever been employed fairly regularly since leaving school?
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 Armstrong Cork & Insulations Co. Address Montreal
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.) Cold Storage Installations
20. (a) Your specific occupation Estimator (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer 2 yrs
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? Yes (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? No (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment? Yes

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

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

## Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

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

## 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.)
28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form

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DATE May 26 194 1 SIGNATURE John O'Brien

| 1. No. | 2. RANK OR RATING | 3. SURNAME | 4. CHRISTIAN NAMES |
|---|---|---|---|
| CAN.R94274 | Sergeant | O'BRIEN | John Joseph Kenneth |

| 5. UNIT OR SHIP | 6. DATE OF CASUALTY | 7. H. Q. FILE No. | 8. RELIGION |
|---|---|---|---|
| #1 Repatriation Depot, Rockcliffe, Ontario | 27th July 1944 | CAN.R97274 ~~(RD)~~ | Roman Catholic |

| 9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY | 10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN |
|---|---|
| Hospitalized on repatriation from United Kingdom by air.<br>Cause of death: Retro Peritoneal Sarcoma. | Mr. J. J. O'Brien (Father)<br>10 Douglas Avenue<br>Westmount, Que. |

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| 11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY |
|---|
| Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Que. |

NOTE:—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located

| 12. CEMETERY | 13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY | 14. GRAVE LOCATION | 15. REGISTERED No. OF GRAVE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cote des Neiges Cemetery - R.C. | Montreal, Que. | Grave: Lot 675<br>Plot: Family<br>Row: Sect. 1 | 3843 |

| 16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN | 17. EXPOSURE No. | 18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO |
|---|---|---|
| Yes, showing temporary wooden Cross.<br>(Also photos of funeral service at Church and Cemetery.) | Not known. | Next-of-kin: Mr. J. J. O'Brien (Father)<br>10 Douglas Avenue<br>Westmount, Que. |

19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.

**Extrait** des Registres des BAPTEMES, MARIAGES et SEPULTURES, faits dans la paroisse de Montréal, sous le titre du St-Nom de Marie, dans l'Ile, Comté et District de Montréal, Province de Québec, pour l'année mil neuf cent quarante-quatre-------

Le vingt-neuf juillet------ mil neuf cent quarante-quatre nous, Prêtre soussigné, avons inhumé dans le cimetière de cette paroisse, le corps de John Joseph O'Brien, fils de John Joseph O'Brien et Theresa Hearn

décédé le vingt-sept du mois courant âgé de trente-deux ans cinq mois sept jours, de la paroisse de l'Ascension's

Témoins: John Joseph O'Brien, Michael Lawrence O'Brien et autre,

qui ont signé . Lecture faite.

John Joseph O'Brien,

Michael Lawrence O'Brien,

Wilfrid E.McDonagh,

Justin O'Brien C.S.P.

Lequel EXTRAIT, nous, soussigné, certifions être conforme à l'Original.
Au Bureau de la Fabrique,

Ce vingt-trois septembre------1944

Arthur Dubeau, p.s.s.
curé

*Ptre S.S.,*
*Curé de N.-D.*

For inclusion in Form No. 10.

Le 29 juillet 1944

# EXTRAIT DE SEPULTURE

DE

JOHN JOSEPH O'BRIEN.

OEUVRE ET FABRIQUE
DE NOTRE-DAME DE MONTREAL
424, RUE ST-SULPICE
MONTREAL

# Certificate of Birth

## PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

Registration Division of WINNIPEG Registration No.

| | |
|---|---|
| Where was the Child Born? | 210 Kenmore Apartments. Winnipeg. |
| Date of Birth | 20th February 1912. 1.45 p.m. |
| What is the Child's Full Name? | John Joseph Kenneth O'Brien. |
| Male or Female? | Male. |
| Name of Father | John Joseph O'Brien. |
| Occupation | Paymaster. |
| Maiden Name of Mother | Theresa Martha Hearn. |

I, C.J.BROWN. *Division Registrar, of the Registration Division of* WINNIPEG. *, in the Province of Manitoba do hereby certify the following is a correct extract from the return of birth, as made to me and entered in the Birth Notice, and is not included in any semi-annual return made to the Provincial Board of Health, and the said Certificate is issued by me under the provisions of section 11 of "The Vital Statistics Act."*

Winnipeg, *Man.*, 31st October *19*19

C.J.Brown
Division Registrar

Form 2

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

P. S. Franklin F/O

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

Date 14/4/41

R.C.A.F. R. 41
75M—2-41 (9247)
H.Q. 1062-3-27

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## RECORD OF CHARACTER, TRADE PROFICIENCY AND PROMOTION
OF

No. R.94274 Rank ~~LAC~~ AC.2 Name O'BRIEN, J.J.K.

1. Date of enlistment 16.4.1941
2. Trade classification Radio Mechanic
3. Married or single Single
4. Assessment of character Very good
   (Vide Para. 415 K.R. and O. for R.C.A.F.)
5. Assessment of trade proficiency Ex.
   (Vide Para. 416 K.R. and O. for R.C.A.F.)

| 6. Outstanding features of an airman's work in his trade:— | 7. Specializes in his trade in:— | 8. Promotion:— |
|---|---|---|
| | | (a) Accelerated |
| | | (b) Ordinary Yes |
| | | (c) Retard |
| | | Remarks: |

| 9. Capabilities other than trade classification:— | 10. Outstanding in:— | 11. Recommendations:— |
|---|---|---|
| Engineering | | |
| Department | | |
| Amateur Concert Co. | | |
| Sailing | | |

12.

13. Initials of airman reported on J.J.O'B. G. B. Fuller F/O C.O.
(Signature)

14. Date SEP 4 1941 O/C (Appointment)

RCAF Detachment, McGill University, Montreal.
(Unit)

Initials of Flight Commander or other person who originated the Document.

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R.C. N.I.
S.L. P.A. PF

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R.C.A.F. T.20
10M-7-41 (460)
H.Q. 1062-13-20

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Report on R.C.A.F. Personnel attending a Course of Instruction

in RADIO MECHANICS (U.T.)

Name O'Brien, J.J.K. R.94274 Station McGill University Detachment.

Rank AC.2 Course commenced 1-6-1941 Course ended 5-9-1941

| Subjects Examined | Maximum Marks | marks obtained | Percentage |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fondamental Theory | 100 | 69 | 64 |
| Applied Theory | 100 | 59 | |
| Practical Laboratory Assessment | 100 | 94 | |
| Initiative and Leader ship Assessment | 100 | 80 | |
| | | 208 | |

## FLYING ON COURSE

| Aircraft Type | Pilot | Passenger | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
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Remarks of Instructor

David A. Ugs.
Instructor or O.C. School

Suitable as Instructor

Assessment above average

Passed or Failed Passed

To be assessed
Exceptional
Above the Average
Average
Below the Average
Poor

DATE SEP 7 1941

G. S. Fuller F/O
Officer i/c, RCAF Detachment,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

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September 12, 1

No. R94274 AC2 O'Brien, J.J.K.,
10 Douglas Avenue,
Westmount, P.Q.

McGill University, Montreal, P.Q.

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# DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVY ARMY AIR FORCE

## STATEMENT OF WAR SERVICE GRATUITY

DECEASED MEMBER'S NAME: John J.K. (CHRISTIAN NAMES) O'Brien (SURNAME)

REGISTER NO. E-478-4

FILE NO. 27991

DATE 13 Dec/45

SERVICE NO. R.94274

FINAL RANK OR RATING Sgt.

DATE OF DISCHARGE 26 July/44

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

DATE OF TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS SERVICE 7 July/44

| | | $ ¢ |
|---|---|---|
| A. TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE | NO. OF DAYS 1180 / 30 EQUAL TO 39 COMPLETE PERIODS AT $7.50 | 292.50 |
| B. QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE | NO. OF DAYS 1006 LESS INELIGIBLE DAYS, EQUAL TO 1006 DAYS @ 25c. PER DAY | 251.50 |
| C. SUPPLEMENT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE | | |

DAILY RATES AT DISCHARGE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| PAY | $ 2.95 | |
| SUBSISTENCE OR LODGING AND PROVISION ALLOWANCE | $ 1.25 | |
| ADDITIONAL PAY | $ | |
| | $ | |
| | $ | |
| DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE 1/30 OF $ | $ | |
| TOTAL | $ 4.20 ×7 = $ 29.40 | |
| NO. OF DAYS 1006 / 183 | ×$ 29.40 | 161.62 |

| | |
|---|---|
| D. WAR SERVICE GRATUITY | 705.62 |
| E. DEDUCTIONS — OVERPAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES $ | |
| DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE AND ASSIGNED PAY $ | |
| OTHER DEDUCTIONS $ | |
| F. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE | 705.62 |

G. YOUR PORTION OF GRATUITY IS—

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

TOTAL DEPENDENTS' ALLOWANCE IN ISSUE $

N.A. JAN 19 1946

P. & A. Gen. Trans. Trust Account
Journal Voucher # G317

**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 |
|---|---|
| CNM | DRM |

| TREASURY | |
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| CHECKED BY | DATE |
| | 18.12.45 |

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

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# Loyola College

Montreal Canada

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN

April 7, 1941

District Recruiting Officer,
Royal Canadian Air Force,
Bishop Street, Montreal.

This is to certify that JOHN JOSEPH O'BRIEN attended Loyola High School and Loyola College. He was awarded his Matriculation Diploma in 1929, his B.A. Degree in 1933.

John L. Swain S.J.
Dean of Studies.

R.C.A.F Records Office
Rec'd MAY 3 1941
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S. L. ..... P. A. .....

# Armstrong Cork & Insulation Company, Limited

200 Craig Street, West

Montreal, Que.

April 7th,
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Officer Commanding,
R. C. A. F. Recruiting Office,
MONTREAL,
Que.

Dear Sir:

We have no hesitation in recommending Mr. J. J. O'Brien to your attention.

Although he has been with us little more than a year, we have found him to be a valuable, intelligent and conscientious employee and at any other time but that of the present emergency, we would be sorry to lose him.

Very truly yours,

ARMSTRONG CORK & INSULATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

E. V. Davies, Mgr.
Building Materials Division.

EVD:s.

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TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
132 ST. JAMES STREET
MONTREAL

O. Walsh,
PRESIDENT

April 16th,1941.

Recruiting Officer,
Royal Canadian Air Force
MONTREAL, Que.,

Sir:

The bearer of this letter Mr. John J. O'Brien has been known to me for a period of ten years and to my knowledge is honest, conscientious and reliable.

I believe him to be a desirable recruit for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Yours truly
MACWORTH ADJUSTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

O. Walsh

Director.

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