

AIR FORCE NO. R154976

Depot  
SPECIAL RESERVE  
POSTED TO Machine, Gun

Aircrew (ITS) Std.  
TRADE

# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## (ATTESTATION PAPER)

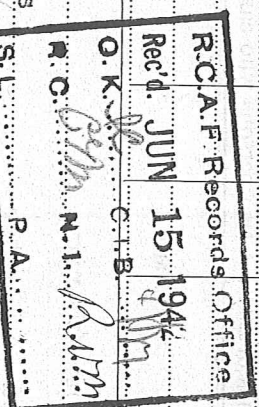
(Pages one and two, only, are to be completed in Applicant's own Handwriting)

1. name NORTON Full Christian Names DONALD BLAIR
2. Present Address Milltown, N.B. Telephone 318-21
3. Permanent Address Milltown, N.B.
4. Place of Birth Milltown, N.B. Citizenship Canadian
5. Date of Birth Jan. 29th, 1921 Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced Single
6. Particulars of Children

Name	Date of birth	Name	Date of birth
<u>None</u>	<u>N.A.</u>	<u>N.A.</u>	<u>N.A.</u>

7. Occupation Student 8. Religion United Church  
State denomination
9. Languages English fluently State proficiency
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) Mrs. Jessie F. Norton Relationship Mother  
" Address Milltown, N.B.
11. Father (Full Name) Chester V. Norton Birthplace Milltown, N.B.  
" Address Milltown, N.B. Citizenship Canadian
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Jessie F. Libby Birthplace St. Stephen, N.B.  
" Address Milltown, N.B. Citizenship Canadian
13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service:

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date		Reason for discharge
				From	To	
<u>Mount Allison University</u>	<u>Sackville, N.B.</u>	<u>Cpl. 1st</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>To join RCAF</u>
<u>C.O.T.C.</u>						



14. Honours, Awards, Mentions None
15. Are you now on any Naval, Military or Air Force Reserve? Yes
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.....	Milltown Public School Milltown, N.B.	1927	1938	Grade XI
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.....	Mount Allison University Sackville, N.B.	1938	1942	B.S.C. (completed college)
Technical School .....				
University or School other than above.....				
Correspondence Courses, etc.....				

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

Employer and place	Duties, trades, positions	Date		Reason for leaving
		From	To	
Student.....				

23. Flying Experience (in Hours) Solo .....

None

Dual .....

None

Passenger .....

None

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

None

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

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 (ITS) 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 at least two persons who can give references as to character and ability.

Name	Address	Occupation
Mr. Frank McGarity	Milltown, N.B.	Mayor
Mr. Fred McAllister	Milltown, N.B.	Manufacturer
Mr. Robert Webber	Milltown, N.B.	Foreman
Mr. G.N. Laidlaw	c/o Mount Allison University Sackville, N.B.	Professor.

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 June 1st, 1942 19

Signature

*Donald Martin*



# 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

## Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full Donald Blair Mortar (b) Reg'l. No. R-154926
2. (a) Arm of service RAF (b) Unit No. 14 Depot (c) Place of residence P.O.
3. (a) Date of birth 29/11/21 any dependents? No at time of enlistment Milltown NB
4. (a) Place of enlistment Moncton NB (b) Date of enlistment 9/6/42

PLEASE  
LEAVE  
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## Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school 21 (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment? College
6. State definitely highest standing reached at public, technical or high school (for instance—"4 years, Public School", "two years, High School", "Junior Matriculation", or "4 years technical course in printing", etc.) Junior Matriculation B.Sc.
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured.
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? No for what occupation? English (b) If so, (c) Did you finish it, how long did you serve at it? (d) What languages do you read well? English
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. (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member?
- Not working

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

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? No (c) If so, in what kind of farming? AUG 24 1942
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? No (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? (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? P
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

DATE January 26 1943 SIGNATURE Donald B. Mortar



To be made out in duplicate

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H.Q. 1772-39-1651

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

INSTRUCTIONS.

- (a) This form is to be completed immediately an officer or other rank is appointed to, or enlisted in, the Canadian Army (AF) or R.C.A.F. ON ACTIVE SERVICE.
- (b) All questions, etc., must be completed.
- (c) Both copies of the form are to be forwarded by the Officer Commanding the unit for each officer and other rank, to the Paymaster, or Officer acting as such. The latter will transmit one copy, through the District, Command, or Camp Paymaster, to the Officer i/c Records, N.D.H.Q., Ottawa. The other copy will be retained by the Paymaster of the unit, when transferred to another unit the copy retained by the Paymaster will be sent to the Paymaster of the individual's new unit.

(1) Name of Officer or Other Rank NORTON DONALD BLAIR  
(Surname first—Christian names in full—Block capitals)

(2) Regimental or Official Number and Rank R-154776 P/O

(3) Unit R.C.A.F.

(4) Are you married? No

(5) If married, state,

(a) Full name of your wife.....

(b) Present postal address of wife.....

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

(7) Are you a widower?.....

(8) Have you any children?..... Number of boys..... Girls.....

Names and ages.....

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

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

Name.....

Postal Address.....

[SEE OTHER SIDE]

(10) Have you a common-law wife—whom you have been regularly supporting and publicly representing as your wife for at least 2 years immediately prior to appointment or enlistment?.....

If so, state her full name and Postal Address.....

(11) Is your father alive? Yes.....

If so, state name and address, occupation.....

Milltown N.B. Chester Norton  
Costa Officer

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

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

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

(14) Is your mother alive? Yes.....

If so, state name and address..... Mrs. Chester Norton

Milltown N.B.

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

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

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

(17) Are you contributing to the support of any dependents, other than those shown above?.....

This may include any brothers 16 years of age or under, or any sisters 17 years of age or under, solely supported and maintained as bona fide members of your household before your appointment or enlistment.

If so, state the following particulars:—

Relationship .....

Full Name .....

Postal Address .....

Amount contributed monthly during the past six months.....

(18) Are you insured? No.....

If so, in what Company?.....

(Give number of policy)

Have you made arrangements for payment of your Insurance Premium?.....

If not, and it is a monthly premium, you may assign the amount in addition to any other assignment you wish to make, provided the total assignment is not in excess of the maximum monthly amount which may be assigned.

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

Date..... 26/6/43

Wm B Norton  
(Signature of officer or man)

Date.....

26 June 1943 Wm Norton Officer Commanding Police Battalion

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

A.F. No.

Surname

Christian Names

Religion

Born 9 June

Place Milton H.B. Country

Citizen of C

Racial  
Citizen of

## PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

Present Address (in pencil)

~~Mr. S. D. W.~~

[illegible]

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

Mrs. Jessie J. Norton (Mother)

Mail Station 718

## CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

High School Entrance	Jr. Mat.	Sr. Mat.

Stewart

University  
B.S.C. Mount Allison, N.B. 1936-42

PREVIOUS SERVICE		ENLISTMENT				
Mount Allison University	Date	9-6-42	Med. Cat.	DATE	Med. Cat.	DATE
C.O.T.C. Sackville, N.B.	At	Mount N.B.	A1B A3B	9	6	42
Cpl. 1940-2	Term	Induction	A1B A3B	11	6	43

[illegible]

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

[illegible]



## MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

[illegible]

P10: Norton D.B. 12/1/44  
**REPORT ON FLYING ACCIDENT OR  
FORCED LANDING NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ENEMY ACTION.** (Form 765 (C)  
(Revised Feb., 1943.)

In every case copies of this form are to be rendered as follows:—

- (i) One copy direct to Air Ministry, C.I. (Accidents).
- (ii) Two copies direct to Air Ministry, (S.4. Statistics).
- (iii) One copy direct to Ministry of Aircraft Production (R.M.I.).
- (iv) One copy through usual channels to Command Headquarters.
- [In addition, and only if casualties to airmen are involved.]
- (v) One copy direct to Records Office.

Indicate here by an X to whom this copy is addressed

F.41243

If this incident has been reported to the Air Ministry by signal, quote Reference No. and date.

1. UNIT	24. O.T.U.	Group No.	21	Command	Barber	Serial No. of Form	151
2. DATE OF INCIDENT	6.1.44	3. NATURE OF AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH FLIGHT AUTHORISED:—  Nature { (i) Operational or Non-operational? <b>Non operational</b> (ii) Day or Night flying? <b>N.F.</b> (iii) Purpose <b>Training</b>					
TIME	20.40 hours.						
SITE OF INCIDENT							
(a) Name of airfield or landing ground <b>Saintbury Grounds</b>							
(b) Place (if (a) not applicable) <b>1 N.5. Homebourne Airfield</b>		This flight is being included in this Unit's flying hour summary on <b>COPIED to Archives 1944 Refd 765B</b> (Delete as necessary)					
(c) County <b>Hares.</b>							
Part (a) to be completed if the incident occurred on, or whilst taking off from or approaching to land on an airfield or landing ground.							

Details of Airframe and Engine.	Airframe.	Engine.			
		Single or Port.	Starboard.	Centre Port.	Centre Starboard.
Type	<b>WITTNEY</b>	<b>Merlin</b>	<b>Merlin</b>		
Mark or series	<b>V</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		
R.A.F. No. (and makers' No. for engines)	<b>RD. 283</b>	<b>753321</b>	<b>137395</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>
	<b>b</b>	<b>22431</b>	<b>10249</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>
Total hours run		<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>
Date last installed in Airframe	<b>—</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>b</b>
c Extent of damage	<b>E</b>	<b>Total destroyed</b>	<b>Total destroyed</b>		

a To be quoted whenever an engine is damaged or fails.  
b To be quoted only for incidents involving defect or failure of airframe or engines.  
c To be indicated as:—  
E = Missing, unrepairable, reduction to scrap or instructional.  
B = For repair at contractor's works or R.A.F. Depot. A = For repair by contractor's working party. U = No damage.



## 6. ALL OCCUPANTS OF AIRCRAFT

and

## FLYING EXPERIENCE OF PILOTS.

- (i) Names to be entered in order of duty : 1st Pilot, 2nd Pilot, Pupil Pilots, etc.  
 (ii) Degree of injury to be classified as : Missing, Killed, Injured (admitted to Sick Quarters or Hospital), Slightly Injured (not admitted to Sick Quarters or Hospital), Uninjured. (Quote as M, K, I, I(s) or U as appropriate.)

Duty	Name and Initials (Nationality to be quoted if not British).	Rank.	No.	Degree of Injury.	Flying Experience of Pilots and Pupil Pilots. See Note (ii)			
					Part A. Total Solo (Day & Night).	Part B (see Note (i) below). Solo (Night).	Part C (see Note (iii) below).	
					Type Quoted in Part 4.	All Types.	Type Quoted in Part 4.	All Types.
Pilot	H.R. Jones	P/O.	J.25913	I(s)	27 hrs	174	2 hrs	18 hrs
Nav.	J.B. Norton	P/O.	J.26934	I(s)				
A/B.	Barnett G.H.	Sgt.	R.10771	I				
W/O.P.	Churko A.D.	Sgt.	R.167704	I(s)				
A/G.	Shettler R.	Sgt.	R.189527	I(s)				

Note (i) Part B only to be quoted if incident occurred during night flying. (ii) Quote to nearest hour.

(iii) Part C only to be quoted if loss of control at night or in bad visibility or cloud by day is a possible contributory factor.

6. STAGE OF FLIGHT.		7. DID FIRE occur? If Yes, state "In air" or "On ground" as appropriate. If no fire state "No."	8. CONDITIONS OF LIGHT IN WHICH INCIDENT OCCURRED.		9. IF INCIDENT occurred when taxiing on, taking off from or landing on a runway state "Yes."
A. Picketed or at moorings.	F. In flight.		A. Day (daylight).	E. Moonlight.	
B. Starting up.	G. Landing.		B. Dusk (half light of evening).	F. Not known.	
C. Stationary other than A or B.	H. Towed or manhandled.		C. Dawn (half light of morning).		
D. Taxiing.	J. Not known.		D. Dark (no moon or moon obscured).		
E. Taking off					
Quote A or B or C, etc.	B	On ground	Quote as A or B or C, etc., as appropriate and amplify in Part 12(b) if necessary.	J	Yes
as appropriate					



10 Description of Accident (or summary of pilot's report, if available). In cases of engine failure information should be given as to the behaviour of the engine and manipulation of the engine controls immediately before failure.

Duration of flight since last take off: Hours..... Minutes..... If engine failure occurred during take off quote height.....

Engine tempo. and behaviour normal during previous circuit.

Took off from runway and at approx 100ft. port engine banged and cut. Aircraft swung to port and rear gunner saw puff of white smoke come from engine. Pilot could not maintain height or stop swinging to port. He had difficulty in keeping port wing up and struck tree with this wing. Aircraft crashed and caught fire. Conditions of light were, good, vis. half moon slightly obscured by cloud.



11 REPORT BY APPROPRIATE SPECIALIST OFFICERS (A. E. Nav. &c.) :—(i) If technical failure is involved information as to the nature and cause of the failure is required; precise information as to the extent of the damage arising as a result of this failure is not required. (ii) If the non-embodiment of an authorised modification is considered to have contributed to the accident, the serial number of the modification and reason for non-embodiment should be stated.

This engine is being returned to this Unit for examination. When the examination has been completed a further report will be rendered.

Is Form 1022 or 1023 being rendered? } Yes. Signature..... No Westgate W/Carr

If "Yes", state which

12. REMARKS BY UNIT COMMANDER (to be given under three separate headings) :—

Part A. Remarks as to circumstances of the incident. (If it occurred at night on or near an airfield the nature of the lighting system in use at the time is to be noted in Part A.)  
 Part B. Diagnosis of all contributory factors. The manner in which any particular factor contributed to the incident is to be clearly indicated.  
 Part C. General remarks (including any recommendation with regard to personnel, training, airframes, engines, accessories, etc., and notes of any action taken as a result of this incident).



A. Cloudy night. Drem in use. Good vis.

B. This pupil had carried out 120 minutes solo flying in this a/c before the accident. Nothing occurred during this period to warn the pilot of any engine trouble. At approx 20.35 he took off on a normal circuit and at 100 ft. over the edge of the aerodrome the port engine cut dead, following a bang and cloud of sparks.

C. This pupil pilot endeavoured to gain height ~~maintaining height~~ in flying straight ahead, but was unable to maintain height. At 20.37 he crashed into a field, hit some trees and caught fire.

D. This pilot had no chance to avoid this accident and did everything in his power to save crew from injury. A very good belly landing was attempted and only trees caused the breaking up and subsequent fire.

Signature J. F. Gann R/Cdr. Commanding Treating Wings 24. O.T. U.D. Date 20.1.44

13. REMARKS BY STATION COMMANDER (and notes of any action taken as a result of this incident) :—

(i) Was any assistance rendered in rescue work after the accident, which is considered worthy of recommendation? Yes or No. NO If any such assistance was rendered, the recommendation is to be forwarded separately.

(ii) Remarks.

Technical report will follow seperately. No further investigation needed. I agree with 12, above.

Signature A. C. P. Carter G/Cpt. Commanding 24. O.T. U. Date 20.1.44  
 (\*11591-8836) Wt. 4544-3796 100.000 2/43 I.S. 700

MINUTE 1.

D.P.S.

1. No.420 R.C.A.F. Squadron reported that Halifax aircraft, MA.505, with a crew of 8, failed to return from an operational attack on Acheres, France. It left base at 23.03 hours on the 7th. June, 1944, after which no further news was received. F/O. H.R. Jones and F/O. D.B. Norton were members of this crew.

2. An extract from official German totenliste No.251, states that F/O. Jones and F/O. Norton, (names taken from parts of clothing), were killed on the 8th. June, 1944, and buried in the French Cemetery, Poix de la Somme, France. The grave numbers and date of burial are not given.

3. It is accordingly submitted that the death of CAN/J25913 F/O. H.R. JONES, and, CAN/J26934 F/O. D.B. NORTON, be presumed, for official purposes, to have occurred on the 8th. June, 1944.

4. The four remaining R.C.A.F. members of this crew, F/O. F.G. Tilt, Sgt. J.F.E. Yates, Sgt. D.W. Salmon and Sgt. G.S. Tannuck, are still classified as "Missing", and the two remaining members of this crew were not R.C.A.F. personnel.

18/1/45.

*M. M. Stalling r/c*

19/1/45.

*M. J. Cameron S/L*  
for R.C.A.F. Casualties Officer.

MINUTE 2.

Para. 3. of Minute 1. approved.

J. S. HARRIS.

*J. S. Harris*

ORIGINAL ON P4/GAS/COM.  
RETURNS: 4-17 VOL: 7 FOLIO: 53

O.O. D. Log 19/1/45. 20/1/45. 58A.

Wing Commander,  
for Director of Personal Services.

*C. J. H. D. D. M. M. Stalling r/c*



5th April, 1946.

Officer in Charge,  
No 1 Missing Research & Enquiry Unit,  
Royal Air Force,  
c/o British Army of the Rhine.

Casualty Enquiry No F 583.  
Department Somme.

1. Halifax III aircraft NA. 505-P.O. SS. 35106M/A472546- P.I. SS 36670M/A47110- St. I. SS 25783M/A428059- St. O. SS36528M/A473968- Hercules XVI engines- failed to return from operations over Acheres on the night of 7/8th June, 1944.

2. CREW:

J. 25913-	F/O JONES	H.R.	PILOT	MBK?
J. 22697-	F/O TILT	F.G.	A/BOMBER	MISSING.
J. 26934-	F/O NORTON	D.B.	NAVIGATOR	M.B.K.
R; 198133-	SGT. YATES	J.F.E.	W/OP A/G.	Missing.
R. 204065-	SGT. SAMMON	W.D.	A/Gunner.	M.B.K.
R. 250562-	SGT. TANUCK	G.S.	A/Gunner.	Missing.
1853986-	SGT. HAMPSON	J.W.	A/Gunner.	Missing.
2203660-	SGT. McCLADE	J.H.	F/Engineer.	Missing.

3. German Totenliste states- Halifax shot down 8/6/44, Norton, Jones and one unknown buried in the French Cemetery Poix-De-La-Somme, France, graves 182, 183 and 181, respectively.

4. Exhumation Report states- grave 193, Row A. Plot B, Poix Cemetery- identity discs found for 204065 D.W. SAMMON, R.C.A.F. Cemetery Records show unknown Halifax aircraft at Bosement 13/6/44, now buried in grave 44., Row B. Plot A.

5. German Death Cards held for Jones, Norton and one unknown.

6. Captured German Records state- Halifax shot down at 0200 hours on 8-6-44 in the neighbourhood of Ronchois, 28 Km. W.S.W. of Poix, 3 bodies found. Norton and Jones identified by leather strips and one unknown too badly burnt to be identified. Four airmen thought to have escaped but no further details of these are given.

- 7; It would be appreciated if an investigation could be made to definitely identify the unknown in grave 181, and to ascertain the fate of the remaining members of the crew.

C W WRIGHT. (STAMPED).  
for Director of Personal Services.

Copies: R.A.F. & RCGA/AF

OTTAWA, Canada, 8th June, 1948.

Mr. C.V. Norton,  
Miltown,  
New Brunswick.

Dear Mr. Norton:


It is with regret that I again refer to the loss of your son, Flying Officer Donald Blair Norton, but you will wish to know of a report received from our Missing Research and Enquiry Service.

Investigating Officers of this Service have ascertained that your son's aircraft crashed at Ronchois, approximately sixteen miles West of Poix in the Department of Somme, France. The aircraft exploded on impact with the ground. The remains of four crew members only were recovered and interred in the Poir de la Somme Cemetery. Investigating Officers visited this cemetery and examined the graves resulting in the identification of your son, Flying Officer Jones, Flying Officer Tilt and Sergeant Sarnon. Your son's grave has been registered by the Graves Registration Service as Grave No. 69 in this cemetery.

The reverent and perpetual care of the burial places of all who served in the Royal Canadian Air Force is the task of the Imperial War Graves Commission (of which Canada is a member). The Commission will also erect a headstone at the grave. Unhappily, there are great numbers of these headstones to be erected, and it will quite naturally take considerable time.

May I again offer you 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.

RFP:GB

OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER	30024 (103076)	RANK	7/0	UNIT	103076 (Ottawa)										
TRADE	NAV (C.A.F.)														
NAME	PRESENT NAME, DONALD RAY				<table><tr><td>RC.A.F.</td><td>RA.F.</td><td>RAAF.</td><td>RAZAF.</td><td>OTHER</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	RC.A.F.	RA.F.	RAAF.	RAZAF.	OTHER	X				
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PRESENT MARITAL STATUS	MARRIED	RELIGION	METHODIST	CANADIAN	YES
FRENCH CANADIAN				OTHER	

NEXT OF KIN	MR. DONALD RAY
RELATIONSHIP	WIFE
ADDRESS	PARTON, CHURCH DOWN MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

FATHER'S NAME	N	LIVING ON ENLISTMENT	YES
ADDRESS	MR & MRS. CHRISTIAN JAMES HARRISON MILTON, NEW BRUNSWICK	LIVING ON ENLISTMENT	YES
MOTHER'S NAME		LIVING ON ENLISTMENT	YES
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 YES FROM 1940-1945

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?

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. CASUALTY DETAILS: OTHER WITH INQUIRY 1-20-45

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING 0-11-44 AFTER AIR CRASHING (STANDARD)  
(OVER AMERICAN FRONT) AND SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED MISSING MISSING  
11-20-44 (OFFICIAL RECORD INFORMATION)  
NOW RETURNED 10-20-44 FOR OFFICIAL REPORT

LAST WILL ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. or E.?	YES/NO
CERTIFICATE P. of D. ATTACHED TO A. or E. COPY	YES/NO

M.F.M. 5 ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. or E.?	YES/NO
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COPY FOR DOCUMENT FILE

DATE 0-11-45  
FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF  
68539



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. J26934 FD-33

Mr. Chester Vane Norton,  
Milltown, New Brunswick.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
ESTATES BRANCH  
OTTAWA, ONT.

6th June, 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

NORTON

Donald Blair

F/O

J-26934

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.

CYS/EC

Director of Estates.

## 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:

INFORMANT'S STATEMENT				
Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for	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.....	Sally Bircher Norton	24	Toronto Parson Rd. Cheshamdown, Eng. Gloucester, Eng.
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....	None	—	—
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Chester V. Norton	47	P.O. Box 47 Milltown, N.B.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Jessie Florence Norton	48	P.O. Box 47 Milltown, N.B.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	John E. Norton	17	Same
6	Sisters of the Deceased	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	
		None	—	



ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE  
PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	Donald Blair Norton
9	Date of his birth.	January 29 <sup>th</sup> 1921
10	Place and date of his marriage.	Gloucester, England - March 29 1944
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Milltown, N.B. Canada October 30 1919

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Milltown, N.B.
13	State, in order, the Province, <del>State</del> and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) New Brunswick - Charlotte City (b) 23 years (c) 23 years
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Student
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived, and, if so, where situated.	No
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	2

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
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?	No
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased. Indicate where located.	Nil
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	Nil
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	Nil
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.	No
25	Have you or any other relative paid the funeral expenses or any part thereof? If so, attach itemized accounts showing amount paid, and by whom.	No

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



## DECLARATION

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

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

\* Father of the deceased.

N.B.—To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public or Commissioned Officer of any of His Majesty's Forces.

C. W. Norton {Signature of Informant  
P.O. Box 47 - Milltown N.B. (actual Address

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief Chester V. Norton of the Deceased above described. The above Declaration was made by the Informant and signed in my presence.

See above.

Milltown N.B. Name of Informant is the \* Father

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

Rev. D. Blackburn Qualification Clergyman  
Address Milltown N.B.

Dated at Milltown N.B. this 7th day of October 19 45

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

J026934 NORTON DONALD B										F07	
NUMBER	NAME										RANK
1	SERVICE AWARD CARD										39-45
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4											A/C EUR. STAR
5											AFRICA STAR
6											PACIFIC STAR
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FILE NO. FD 164

RANK	F/O	CATEGORY	MISSING	PRES.	DEAD	REF.	NO.
							J26934

DATE OF DEATH: 8 June / 44 MOTHER LIVING: YES WIFE: YES

MINISTERIAL CARD: 23-6-44 ROYAL MESSAGE:  
TO CHAPLAIN:

To Wife-  
To Mother, and Father-

To Wife-  
To Mother and Father-

DEL'D TO MOTHER:

Mrs. D. B. Norton,

Toronto, Parton Road,  
Churchdown, ~~XXIXSXXX~~  
XXIXSXXX

~~NOTHING~~ Gloucester,  
England.

Mr. & Mrs. C. V. Norton, (Chester Vane)  
Milltown,  
New Brunswick.

DEL'D TO WIFE:

COMMAND:

RELIGION:

3153-31-10-49

Mrs. Sally Norton (widow)

% Chester Lane Norton (father)

P.O. Box 47,

Mililton,

N. B.

Nov.-45.

"TORONTO" RAPID ROAD  
CHELTENHAM ROAD EAST  
GROUCESTER, ENG.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DFSP

REGN. NO

2342



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AIR FORCE No. R154976

NORTON, DONALD BLAIR

ENLISTMENT

RE-ENLISTMENT

C.R. FILE NUMBER AK

PLACE Moncton

DATE 9-6-42

J.26934

OFFICER

FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

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

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

Temporary Duty (In Red)

2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.

4. TRADE AND CHARACTER

6. LEAVE

S.O.S. OR T.O.S.	UNIT AND PLACE	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.	RANK	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.	TRADE	GROUP	EFFECTIVE	D.R.O.	FROM	TO	DAYS	REMARKS	D.R.O.
TOS	5MD Lachine	9 6 42	5MD138	Ac 2	9 6 42	5MD138	Aircrew (I.T.S)	1	9 6 42	5MD138	31-12-42	5-1-43	18	New Year Special	6ITS311
TOS	No 114 D Halifax NS	29 3 18 42	5MD183	Lac	30 12 42	6ITS311	Air Nav	1	30 12 42	6ITS311	5-1-43	18-1-43			6ITS311
	Pres on to O. 5MD218			2/Sgt. fd.	11 6 43	4AOS122A	4e Navigator	8	11 6 43	4AOS122A	12-6-43	25-6-43	14		4AOS122A
TOS	#5 MD Lachine	24 10 42	5MD255				Nav GL		11 6 43	(RR R115/113)					
TOS	#6 Sts Toronto Ont	25 10 42	6ITS256				1400								
TOS	#6 ITS Toronto	23 1 43	6ITS20												
TOS	#4 A.O.S. London	24 1 43	4AOS17												
TOS	#4 AOS Rondon	25 6 43	4AOS122A												
TOS	14 Halifax	26 6 43	14151												
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TOS	On appt to a comm	11 6 43	14152												
TOS	14 to RR trainee pool	27 6 43	14164A0												
	Presumed Dead 8 June 44	28 6 43	28 6 43												

3. MEDICAL HISTORY

EXAMINATIONS (IN RED INK)

DATE	FORM	CATEGORY	REMARKS
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HOSPITALIZATION (IN BLACK INK)

HOSPITAL	ADMITTED	DISCHARGE	D.R.O.
QUARTERS	CONFINED	RET'N DUTY	

1-6-42 R100 A4B

5. COURSES-TESTS-ETC.

SUBJECT	RESULT	DATE	AUTHORITY
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OVERSEAS ENLISTMENT PRESENT MARITAL STATUS HIGH & TECH. SCHOOL EDUCATION C.O.F. BAP. U.C. PRES. R.C. HER. MIS. OTHER PREV. RELIGION PROV. OF ENLISTMENT DISCHARGE AC

AIR FORCE No.	J 26934	SURNAME	NORTON	FULL CHRISTIAN NAME	DONALD BLAIR	ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT PLACE	17 Depot	RELIGION	P.C.
ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE RECORD OF SERVICE OFFICERS, AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN						R.C.A.F. FORM R230 100M-3-43 (3137) H.Q. 885-R-230			
BIRTH DATE	PLACE	COUNTRY	CITIZENSHIP	RACIAL ORIGIN	PARTICULARS OF FAMILY				
29-6-21	Milltown N.B.	CANADA	CANADA	Irish	SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWER, DIVORCED Married				
CIVIL EDUCATION					WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME) OR HUSBAND Norah Evelyn Sarah (Birden)				
PUBLIC SCHOOL		JUNIOR MATRICULATION			PRESENT ADDRESS (IN PENCIL)				
HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE X		SENIOR MATRICULATION			PLACE OF MARRIAGE Register Office Gloucester				
TECHNICAL SCHOOL		UNIVERSITY B.S.C. Mount Allison N.B. 38-42			DATE 1.3.44 24 Oct 48				
CORR./BUSINESS COURSES X		LANGUAGES SPOKEN			AUTHORITY (IF AFTER APPOINTMENT/ENLISTMENT)				
CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE					CHILDREN				
Student.									
PREVIOUS SERVICE					NAME(S), ADDRESS(ES), RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON(S) TO BE INFORMED OF CASUALTIES (IN PENCIL)				
Mount Allison University C.O.T. Sackville N.B. Cpl. 1940-42					Mrs Jessie F Norton (mother) - Milltown, N.B. Toronto Ontario England				
EMPLOYMENT AS INSTRUCTOR OFFICER AIRMAN/AIRWOMAN									
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The following is a list of some of the abbreviations which might occur in the enclosed  
Royal Canadian Air Force personnel records

adm.	admitted
Air B.	Air Bomber
AC1 or AC2	Aircraftman 1st Class or 2nd Class
ACHQ	Air Command Headquarters or Area Combined Headquarters
ACU	Aircrew Conditioning Units
ADC	Air Detection Corps
AEM	Air Engine Mechanic
AFHQ	Air Force Headquarters
AFM	Air Frame Mechanic
AFS	Advanced Flying School
AFU	Advanced Flying Unit
AG	Air Gunner
AGGTS	Air Gunners Ground Training School
AGS	Air Gunnery School
AGTS	Aircrew Graduate Training School
AHU	Administrative and Holding Unit
AID	Aeronautical Inspection District
AMD	Auxiliary Manning Depot
ANS	Air Navigation School
AOC	Air Officer Commanding
AOS	Air Observer School
APE	Address Prior to Enlistment
ARC	Appraisal and Refresher Course
Arm (B or G)	Armourer (Bombs or Guns)
auth.	authority, authorized
AWL (or AWOL)	Absent Without Leave
BAT	Beam Approach Training
B&GS	Bombing and Gunnery School
B&GFU	Bombing and Gunnery Flying Unit
BR	Bomber Reconnaissance Squadron
BSU	Bombing Survey Unit
CFS	Central Flying School
CIU	Clinical Investigation Unit
CLK	Clerk
CMU	Construction and Maintenance Unit
CTS	Composite Training School
CU	Conversion Unit
CVSM	Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
dis.	discharged
DRO	Daily Routine Order
D.T.	Driver Transport
EA	Enemy Aircraft (or Enemy Action)
EAC	Eastern Air Command
ED	Equipment Depot or Efficiency Decoration
EFTS	Elementary Flying Training School
Elect.	Electrician
Emb.	Embarked
Eqpmt. Ass't.	Equipment Assistant
F/C	Flight Commander
FIS	Flying Instructors School
FL	Flying List
F/Lt	Flight Lieutenant
Flt. Eng.	Flight Engineer
Flt/Sgt (or F/S)	Flight Sergeant
F/O	Flying Officer
FTU	Flying Training Unit
FW	Fighter Wing
G/C	Group Captain
GD	General Duties

GIS	Ground Instructors School
GRS	General Reconnaissance School
HE	Home Establishment (or High Explosive)
HCU	Heavy Conversion Unit
HWE	Home War Establishment
IFS	Instrument Flying School
ITS	Initial Training School
KIA	Killed in Action
LAC	Leading Aircraftman
LAW	Leading Aircraftwoman
LG	London Gazette
LWOP	Leave Without Pay
LWP	Leave With Pay
Mach.	Machinist
MD	Manning Depot
MID	Mentioned in Despatches
MM	Motor Mechanic
Nav.	Navigator
NETD	Non-Effective Transit Depot
N/E Unit	Non-Effective Unit
NWAC	North West Air Command
OTS	Operational Training Squadron
OTU	Operational Training Unit
P/L	Privilege Leave
P/O	Pilot Officer
PRC	Personnel Reception Centre
PTU	Port Transit Unit
RC	Recruiting (or Release or Reselection) Centre
RD	Repair (or Repatriation) Depot
RDF	Radio Direction Finding (Radar)
RNS	Radio and Navigation School
RU	Radio Unit
SAN	School of Air Navigation
SE	Servicing Echelon
SFTS	Service Flying Training School
Sgt. Plt. (or Sgt. P.)	Sergeant Pilot
S/L	Squadron Leader
SLTW	Special Leave Travel Warrant
SOS	struck off strength
SR	Special Reserve
SU	Staging Unit
TAC	Tactical Air Command
TAF	Tactical Air Force
TD	Temporary Duty
TOS	taken on strength (of a unit)
TTS	Technical Training School
U.T.	Under Training
WAC	Western Air Command
WAG (or WOAG)	Wireless Operator/Air Gunner
W/C	Wing Commander
w.e.f.	with effect from
WEM	Wireless and Electrical Mechanic [Radar]
Wg	Wing
Wg Hq	Wing Headquarters
W/Mech.	Wireless Mechanic
W/O (or W/Op)	Wireless Operator
WOI or WOII	Warrant Officer (Class 1 or Class 2)
WS	Wireless School
"Y" Depot	Overseas Transit Depot