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NELSON, B.C.  
April 9, 1940.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been closely associated with the applicant, John B. Gray for a period of two years, and have always found him honest and trustworthy in every respect. He has displayed a conscientious and willing attitude toward his work. As a former officer of a Vancouver regiment, I believe he has the qualities that go to make a fine airman.

Yours truly,

*Nelson Colville*  
Nelson Colville.

NC/EC

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RUBBER  
GOODS  
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April 10th, 1940

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have known the bearer Mr. J. B. Gray for several years and believe him to be an honest, honourable, and enterprising young man. His home surroundings have been of the best and I have no doubt that the teachings therein learned will have a lasting impression. I do not think there is any question of his integrity and have no hesitancy in recommending him to the R. C. A. F.

Yours sincerely

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*R. Andrew*  
*P*

J. B. GRAY  
JEWELLER  
WATCHMAKER - OPTOMETRIST  
*"Good Goods at Gray's"*  
NELSON, B.C.

June 10th;. 1940.

Flight Lieut;. L.D.Bawlf.

Vancouver. B.C.

Dear Sir,

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 8th inst;. I have conveyed the information to my son John and he will report to you on June 25th; He may be down before that time and if so will report to you when he gets to Vancouver.

I would like to thank you for the kindly interest you have taken in the boy. I am writing to Don Rowland to-night also telling him of the progress we have made. Of course Jack knows that once he is in, it all depends on himself how far he will go.

Yours faithfully,

*John B. Gray. Jr.*

# SPECIAL RESERVE

Std. Air Gunner

AIR FORCE NO. R.58225. NAME OF  
AIRMAN John Balfour Gray.

## EVIDENCE OF BIRTH

DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT

Certificate.

NUMBER 59898

DATE April 4, 1940.

ISSUING AUTHORITY

Registrar, B.C.

SUBJECT Self (full name)  
~~Child of (full name)~~

John Balfour Gray.

DATE OF BIRTH

January 21, 1921.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Trail

B.C.

Canada

City, Town, Village Province Country

MOTHER (Full Maiden Name)

Wilhelmina McAllister.

FATHER (Full Name)

John Balfour Gray.

DATE April 4, 1940

CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT

*John Balfour Gray*  
(Signature & Rank) O/C  
R.C.A.F. RECRUITING CENTRE  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

#Strike out words not applicable.

A.F.M. No.10

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S. L. <i>[initials]</i>	P. A. <i>[initials]</i>

AIR FORCE No. R. 58225

POSTED TO No. 1 Manning Depot Toronto TRADE Std. Air Gunner

SPECIAL RESERVE

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## (ATTESTATION PAPER)

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

1. Surname Gray FULL Christian Names John Balfour  
2. Present Address 815 Baker St. Nelson, B.C. Telephone 573-R  
3. Permanent Address 815 Baker St. Nelson, B.C.  
4. Place of Birth Trail, B.C. Citizenship Canadian  
5. Date of Birth January 21, 1921 Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced Single  
6. Particulars of Children

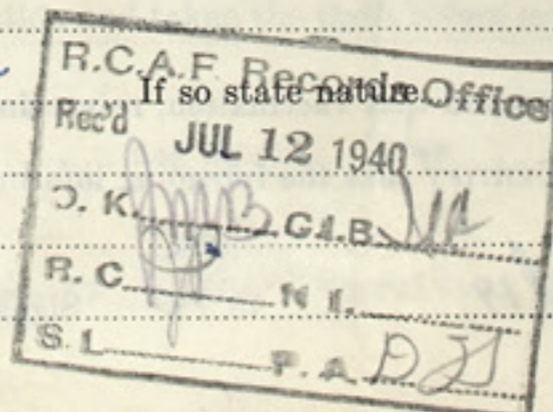
Name	Date of birth	Name	Date of birth

7. Occupation Optical Technician 8. Religion Presbyterian  
9. Languages Fluent English; Junior Matriculation French  
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) John Balfour Gray Sr. Relationship Father  
" Address 815 Baker Street Nelson, B.C.  
11. Father (Full Name) John Balfour Gray Birthplace Brechin, Scotland  
" Address 815 Baker Street Nelson, B.C. Citizenship Canadian  
" Occupation Jeweller and Optician  
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Wilhelmina McAllister Birthplace Molesworth, Ontario  
" Address 815 Baker St. Nelson, B.C. Citizenship Canadian

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

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date		Reason for discharge
				From	To	
		<u>N.A.</u>				

14. Honours, Awards, Mentions  
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.? Yes If so, where? Vancouver  
When? April, 1940 Result Filled out Form R-28 - returned in favor of Form R-100  
17. Were you ever discharged from any branch of His Majesty's Forces as Medically Unfit? No  
If so, state nature of disability  
18. Have you ever been or are you now in receipt of a Disability Pension? No  
If so, state nature of Disability  
19. Have you ever been convicted of an indictable offence? No  
20. Are you in debt? No If so, state particulars



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## 21. Particulars of Education:

	Name of school	Date		Courses—Subjects, etc.
		From	To	
Primary Education—Public or Separate School.....	<i>Nelson Public &amp; Junior High Schools</i>	<i>1927</i>	<i>1935</i>	
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.....	<i>Nelson High School</i>	<i>1935</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>Completed Junior Matric.</i>
Technical School .....				
University or School other than above.....	<i>Nelson Business College</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>1940</i>	<i>Bookkeeping, Typing and Commercial Law</i>
Correspondence Courses, etc.....				

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

Employer and place	Duties, trades, positions	Date		Reason for leaving
		From	To	
<i>Carter, Halls, Aldinger</i>	<i>Road Work</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>End of job</i>
<i>B. C. Government</i>	<i>Gravel Checker</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>End of job</i>
<i>Nelson Credit Bureau</i>	<i>Typist</i>	<i>1940</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Still employed</i>
<i>Consolidated Optical Co.</i>	<i>Optical Technician</i>	<i>1940</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Still employed</i>

23. Flying Experience (in Hours) Solo *None* Dual *None* Passenger *None*24. Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to the R.C.A.F. *Business Training*  
*Truck driving experience*25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally. *Basketball extensively*  
*Softball, Swimming, Hockey, Lacrosse moderately*  
*Also Rowing and Track occasionally*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.  
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
<i>R. Andrew</i>	<i>579 Baker St, Nelson</i>	<i>Shoe Store Proprietor</i>
<i>M. Colville</i>	<i>210 Medical Bldg, Nelson</i>	<i>Manager Consolidated Optical Co.</i>
<i>L. V. Rogers</i>	<i>514 Victoria St, Nelson</i>	<i>Principal Nelson High School</i>

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 19,* 19 *40* Signature *John B. Gray Jr.*

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Report of Interviewing Officer—

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

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

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

(B) Report of Trade Test—

Trade in which tested.....

Result.....

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

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

(C) DECLARATION MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, John Balfour Gray, do solemnly declare that the foregoing particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve on active service anywhere in Canada, and also beyond Canada and overseas, in the Royal Canadian Air Force for the duration of the present war, and for the period of demobilization thereafter, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so long require my services.

Date June 28, 19 40. John B Gray  
Signature of Recruit

(D) OATH TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, John Balfour Gray, do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Date June 28, 19 40. John B Gray  
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 Vancouver, B.C. this 28th day of June, 19 40.

S. B. B. B. O/C  
R.C.A.F. RECRUITING CENTRE  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Flight Lieutenant S RCAF Recruiting Centre Vancouver  
Rank Unit BC

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**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

**Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—**

1. Age. 19 2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following defects in health?

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

3. Have you ever worn glasses? No

John B. Gray Jr.

Signature of Applicant

Examiner's Remarks re above.....

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

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

Nil

2. Height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches. 3. Weight 149 pounds.

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

6. Development Good  
Fair  
Poor 7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration 38 inches  
Range of expansion 3 inches

8. Hearing—Right 20/20 Left 20/20 Tympana—Right Normal Left Normal

9. Vision—Without glasses—Right 20/20 With glasses—Right 20/20  
Left 20/20 Left 20/20  
Reflex  
Normal

10. Condition of mouth and teeth Good

11. Urine—Albumen Neg. Sugar Neg.

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

Ishikawa - Normal

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

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

Date 25. 6. 40 19.....

W. W. Marshall

President

Lucretia

Member

Member

# SPECIAL RESERVE

R.C.A.F. Special Reserve

## Interview Report

~~Administrative~~  
~~Technical~~  
~~Equipment~~  
~~Pilot~~  
~~Observer~~  
~~Wingman~~  
~~Air Gunner~~

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL	Age	19
GRAY	John Balfour	Height	71 1/2"
ACADEMIC STANDING:		Weight	149 lbs.
		<del>Married</del> Single	
		<del>Non-commissioned</del>	

Junior Matriculation

### FLYING HISTORY (PARTICULARLY DURING LAST YEAR)

None

### EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING (INCLUDING MILITARY) USEFUL IN THE R.C.A.F.

None

#### SPORTS:

EXTENSIVELY: Basketball Hockey  
 MODERATELY: Softball  
 OCCASIONALLY:

#### HOBBIES:

Photography

APPEARANCE: HEALTHY-ROBUST-SLENDER  
 TALL-MEDIUM-SHORT  
 REFINED-ORDINARY-COARSE  
 CLEAN - ~~CRUDE~~

DRESS: ~~SLIM~~ TASTEFUL-CONSERVATIVE  
~~PROUDLY~~ ~~PROUDLY~~ ~~PROUDLY~~ ~~PROUDLY~~  
 NEAT-SMART-~~PROUDLY~~ CARELESS

INTELLIGENCE: ~~QUICK~~ - DELIBERATE - ~~STUBBORN~~  
 ORGANIZED-ACCURATE-~~RECKLESS~~

PERSONALITY: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - CONFIDENT-  
~~STUBBORN~~ - MATURE-  
~~PROUDLY~~ - PLEASANT-  
~~PROUDLY~~ - ~~PROUDLY~~

SUITABLE IN ALL RESPECTS FOR SERVICE IN  
 R.C.A.F.....YES ~~NO~~

FULLY QUALIFIED IN PERSONAL RESPECTS  
 FOR COMMISSIONED RANK...YES ~~NO~~

INFORMATION ELUCIDATED FROM INVESTIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.F.M. 6/1 Para.1(b)

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#### SUMMARY OF ALL OF THE ABOVE:

A little immature but very keen.  
 Good references. Recommended Air  
 Gunner

~~RECOMMENDED~~  
~~RECOMMENDED~~  
 AVERAGE  
~~RECOMMENDED~~  
 (Strike out words  
 not applicable)

#### RECOMMENDED FOR:

Air Gunner.

DATE: 1-5-40

RECRUITING CENTRE: Vancouver, B.C.

A.F.M.5

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER: *[Signature]*  
 R.C.A.F. RECRUITING CENTRE  
 VANCOUVER, B. C.

NO. 1 INITIAL TRAINING SCHOOL, TORONTO

G U N N E R ' S   R E P O R T

Period: July 22 - Sept. 14/40.

NO. R.58225 NAME GRAY J.B. COURSE NO. 5

ADMINISTRATION  
& ORGANIZATION 84

MATHEMATICS 68

ARMAMENT 76

DRILL 85

TOTAL MARKS 313

TOTAL AVERAGE 78

POSITION IN CLASS 28 / 214

PERSONALITY ..... very good

APPEARANCE ..... very good

INITIATIVE ..... good

Service Recommendation:

Fine type with good common sense.

Very good type for gunner.material.

*[Signature]*  
..... Wing Commander

No. 1 Initial Training School, Toronto.

SEP 25 1940

Date ..... 19....

Posted to No. ☒ Wireless School, *Calgary.*

REPORTING FORM

NO. 2 BOMBING AND GUNNERY SCHOOL  
MOSSBANK SASKATCHEWAN

NUMBER.. R.58225 .....

RANK.. LAC .....

NAME AND INITIALS.. GRAY, J.B. .....

TRADE.. WIRELESS AIR GUNNER GROUP.. STANDARD .....

MARRIED OR SINGLE.. SINGLE RELIGION.. PRESBYTERIAN .....

NEXT OF KIN - NAME.. J.B. GRAY .....

FATHER  
(Relationship)

ADDRESS.. 815 Baker St .....

NELSON, B.C. .....

REPORTING FROM.. No. 2 Wireless School, Calgary .....

BY.. Rail .....

(Rail, Bus or P.M.G.)

REPORTING DATE.. 20/1/41 .....

(Below this line for Orderly Room only)

DATE T.O.S. .... AUTHORITY .....

POSITION NUMBER .....

DUTY WATCH .....

REMARKS

T.O.S. in D.R.O. No. .... 17 .....

N.B. To be filed with Officer's or Airman's DOCUMENTS

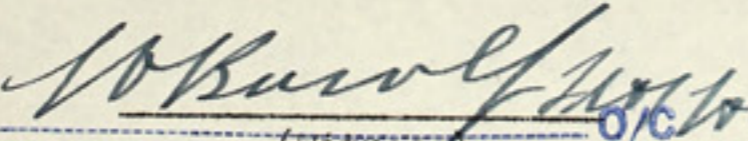
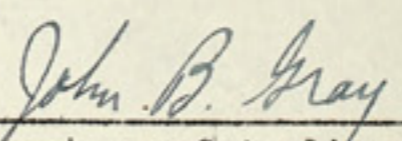
AGREEMENT  
**SPECIAL RESERVE**

From: **John Balfour Gray.**  
To: Commanding Officer  
R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre,

1. In the event of my being accepted for enlistment in the Royal Canadian Air Force, I agree to the following conditions of service:

- (a) That I will be liable to be called upon to perform duties not directly or indirectly connected with the trade in which I have applied, i.e. ....  
.....**Std. Air Gunner**.....  
until such time as the R.C.A.F. is in a position to employ or train me in said trade.
- (b) That I will be required to pass the prescribed examinations and tests before a R.C.A.F. Trade Test Board before I will become eligible for re-mustering to a higher trade group.
- (c) That in the event of my being found unsuitable by R.C.A.F. authorities for employment or training in the above mentioned trade, I am liable to be re-mustered to another trade.

2. I have carefully read this agreement, and fully understand it to be in addition to the agreement in the attestation paper that it will be necessary for me to sign if I should be attested.

 (Witness) <b>R.C.A.F. RECRUITING CENTRE</b> <b>VANCOUVER, B. C.</b> <b>28-6-40</b> _____ (Date)	 (Signature of Applicant) <b>28-6-40</b> _____ (Date)
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# RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

1. POSTING (INDICATE S.O.S. AND T.O.S.)				2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.				4. TRADE AND CHARACTER				6. LEAVE			
S.O.S. OR T.O.S.	UNIT AND PLACE	EFFECTIVE	D.O.	RANK	EFFECTIVE	D.O.	TRADE	GROUP	EFFECTIVE	D.O.	FROM	TO	DAYS	REMARKS	D.O.
TOS	IMP Toronto	27 40	IMP 157	AC 2	28 6 40	IMP 157	Surveillance	1	28 6 40	IMP 157	18-2-41	10-3-41	21		28 6 40
SOS	IMP to 137 S. Toronto	22 7 40	IMP 173	AC	16 9 40	23 8 40	Wp 1/4	Sp	17 2 41	23 8 40	4-5-41	11-5-41	8	Priv.	RA 26
SOS	137 S to 2 R. S. Calgary	16 9 40	137 S 152	Sgt (Temp X Pd)	17 2 41	23 8 40	3045								
SOS	23 8 40 to 2 R. S. 1. Montreal	19 1 41	23 8 40	1/11/41	1 11 41	RAF 8									
TOS	23 8 40 to 2 R. S. 1. Montreal	20 1 41	23 8 40	T 3											
SOS	23 8 40 to 2 R. S. 1. Montreal	11 3 41	23 8 40												
TOS	Embarkation Depot Beirut	12 3 41	RAF 21												
SOS	Embarkation Depot Beirut	5 11 41	RAF 47												
SOS	3 PR to 2 Sig. Sch.	3 5 41	RAF 26												
SOS	to 16 OTU	16 8 41	RAF 39, 48												
SOS	to 144 Spt for 16 OTU	26 12 41	RAF 3												
	Killed.	27 2 42	RAF 12												
<p>Operational - Flying Accident, Sarnia, Ontario, Eng. Thompson - cause of crash unknown - apt. carrying bombs - Cause Primary - fuel Britain - 1st 4 Squadron Sig PX 6400 4/20-2-42.</p>															
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<p>W 56 2 10 44</p>															
<p>By 4th Wing back back 19 1 41 23 8 40</p>															
<p>23 8 40 to 2 R. S. 1. Montreal 5 7 41</p>															

3. MEDICAL HISTORY			
EXAMINATIONS (IN RED INK)			
DATE	FORM	CATEGORY	REMARKS
HOSPITALIZATION (IN BLACK INK)			
HOSPITAL	ADMITTED	DISCHARGE	D.O.
QUARTERS	CONFINED	RET'D DUTY	
27-6-40	R100	A.	
27-8-40	M2	A13A30	
2-11-41		RAF 52	

5. COURSES-TESTS-ETC.			
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No. 2 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mossbank, Sask.  
AIRMEN'S APPLICATION FOR LEAVE

Leave to date \_\_\_\_\_ days

Now requested 22 days

Initials of N.C.O. i/c of

Orderly Room \_\_\_\_\_

To: Officer Commanding,  
Ground Instructional School.

From:

1. I have the honour to make application for leave of absence from  
AD hours (date) 17/2/41 to 0900 hours (date) 12/3/41  
for the purpose of proceeding to Nelson, B.C. on annual leave  
My address whilst on leave will be J. B. GRAY

Box 157

Nelson, B.C.

2. Advance of pay and allowances is/~~is not~~ required, please.

Date 17/2/41

R58225 Sgt GRAY  
(Number) (Rank) (Surname)

J. B.  
(Initials)

3. Recommended:

PH  
Officer Commanding,  
Ground Instructional School.

4. Approved:

[Signature]  
Commanding Officer,  
No. 2 B. & G. School, Mossbank.

5. Authority:

6. Personnel needing Medical attention while on leave to apply as follows:

- (a) To a Medical Officer of the RCAF or Permanent Active Militia, if available; or if not available,  
(b) To a Medical Officer of the Department of Pensions and National Health; or, if not available,  
(c) To a Medical Officer of the Auxiliary Active Air Force or Non-Permanent Active Militia; or failing (a), (b) and (c),  
(d) To a Civilian Doctor.

7. The Airman concerned will be responsible that immediate notification of the first visit or attendance is made to the Medical Officer, No. 2 B. & G. School, Mossbank, Saskatchewan.

8. I fully understand the above procedure. To arrive on or before 0900 HRS

12/3/41 at DEBERT, N.S.

G.I.S. 41.

J. B. Gray  
(Signature)

## CRIME

..... No. 2 Squadron.....  
SQUADRON, BATTERY OR COMPANY

CHAR. Against No. B-58225 LAC Gray, J. B. ....

Place	Date of OFFENCE	OFFENCE	NAME OF WITNESS	PUNISHMENT AWARDED	BY WHOM AWARDED
#2 Wireless School 2-1-41 R.C.A.F. Calgary, Alberta.		<p>The accused LAC Gray, J. B. B58225 an airman of the R. <del>Can</del> Canadian Airforce is charged with:-</p> <p>WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DID ABSENT HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE FROM HIS QUARTERS FROM 1340 HOURS JAN. 2--1941 UNTIL 2230 HOURS JAN. 2--1941. TOTAL TIME ABSENT 8 HOURS AND 50 MINUTES.</p> <p>Sec. 15 (1) A.F.A.</p>	Sgt. Savage.		<p><i>ep</i></p> <p><i>Adm. par</i></p> <p><i>Seel</i></p>

## Service

Number of good conduct badges

Date of last entry in company conduct book

Character

Date of last entry for an act of drunkenness

Number of cases of drunkenness within the last 12 months.

MFB 264

H.Q. 1772-39-99

700m-7-18

Commanding

*entered*

*entered in defaulters*

*book.*

*3-12-41*

*to*

*9-12-41*

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Bomber Command.

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FORM 39 (Continuation)

Sheet No

Surname Gray Christian Names John Balfour.  
Rank F/Sgt. Official No. R 58225.  
Date. Age:- 20. Service:- 1 10/12.

Trade:- WO/AG.

Unit:- 144 Sqdn North Luffenham.

Arrival as direct admission 27.2.42. from Unit.

Death:- 27.2.42.

No of days under treatment:- Nil

Multiple Injuries.(F.B.)

Previous History.

Was rear gunner of a Hampden a/c which crashed at Warmsworth near Doncaster on return from operational sortie on 27.2.42.

On Admission.

As above.

Dead.

Date.

FORM 39 (Continuation)

Bomber Command

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John Ballour

Gray

R 58225

W/air

Service: - 1 10/12

Age: - 20

Trade: - WO/AC

Unit: - 144 Sqn North Luffenham

Arrival as direct admission 27.2.42 from Unit

Death: - 27.2.42

No of days under treatment: - Nil

Multiple Injuries (F.R.)

Previous History

Was rear gunner of a Handley Page O/4 which crashed at Wainworth near Doncaster on return from operational sortie on 27.2.42.

On Admission

As above

Dead

Condition on discharge

Dead.

Signature of Medical Officer

Date 27.2.42.

*[Signature]* S/Lar.

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Form 551.

# ROYAL AIR FORCE.

## OFFICER OR AIRMAN—REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES OR IMMEDIATE DEATH THEREFROM.

(N.B.—To be rendered in accordance with the Instructions on Pages 3 and 4.)

1. Surname GRAY Christian Names (in full) JOHN BAFFOUR  
Rank F/SGT Number CAN/R57225 Unit 144 SQUADRON  
HEXTHORPE RAILWAY CUTTING  
Date and time of accident 7.2.42 0.30 HRS. Place of accident NEAR WARMSWORTH BY  
ST JAMES BRIDGE

2. Short Statement by injured person of the circumstances of the injury (see Instruction 6). If an aircraft accident state the type and number of the aircraft.

Signed statements of witnesses, or of persons to whom the injured person may have mentioned his injury, to be attached (see Instruction 7).

DEAD

3. (a) Description of injuries:—

multiple injuries and  
partial incineration

(b) Are the injuries serious or of such a nature that they might be the exciting cause of disability later?

(c) Whether (i) admitted to hospital or (ii) provided with medical comforts (see Instruction 12).

Date 2.3.42 Signature of Medical Officer N. Finlay 7/6 for 7/42

## 4. Commanding Officer's statement :—

(a) Was the injury sustained

(i) In the performance of air force duty?..... *Yes*

(See Instruction 9)

(ii) In gliding, a game or other form of physical recreation definitely organised by or with the approval of the proper air force authority? ..... *NA*(iii) On leave?..... *NA*

N.B.—See Instruction 8 before completing the following section.

(b) If the answer to (a) (ii) is in the affirmative state

(i) By whom was the game, etc., organised and under whose authority?..... *NA*(ii) The nature of the game, etc., (e.g., football)..... *NA*(iii) Was the officer or airman detailed to take part in it (a) as a member of an air force team, or (b) to compete as an individual? ..... (a) *NA* (b) *NA*

NOTE.—Questions (iv) to (vi) to be answered in addition only if the injury was sustained at practice.

(iv.) For what service event was the practice held? ..... *NA*(v) Was the officer or airman a selected representative of an Air Force unit practising under authority?..... *NA*(vi) If so, under what authority and supervision? ..... *NA*(vii) If the injury was sustained in gliding was the injured person participating in the gliding as a member of a Service gliding club under the supervision of an officer or fully qualified airman pilot? ..... *NA*(c) If sustained in a game, etc., but not in an organised game, state if there are any special circumstances which should be taken into account if and when the question of attributability comes to be decided (K.R. 3612(2))..... *NA*(d) Was the injury due to his own fault, i.e., did it arise from negligence or misconduct or any blameworthy cause within his own control? ..... *NA*If so, state in what way..... *NA*(e) Was anyone else to blame? If so, give name and particulars..... *NA*

(f) Is the accident being investigated by

(i) Court of Inquiry? If so, state date and place ..... *No*(ii) An investigating officer?..... *No*  
(see para. 1325 (3) (a) (ii) of K.R. as to endorsement required in certain circumstances)(g) In the case of an airman, if the answer to question (d) is in the affirmative, state whether hospital charges have been or will be recovered (see Instruction 12) ..... *NA*

Signature.....

Date.....

*3rd March*19*42*

Commanding .....

*G. J. B. Smith W/Cdr*  
*144 Squadron*



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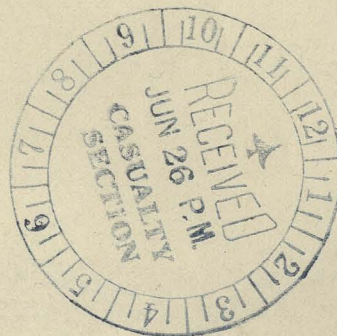
NOTIFICATION OF DEATH

CERTIFIED that according to the  
records of this department CAN/R58225  
Flight Sergeant John Balfour GRAY, Royal  
Canadian Air Force lost his life on the  
twenty-seventh day of February, 1942, near  
Warmsworth, Yorkshire, as the result of air  
operations.

*London Smeaton*

Flight Lieutenant,  
for Director of Personal Services.

Dated at  
the Air Ministry,  
London,  
this 10 day of June, 1942.





Ottawa, March 12, 1942.

G.H. Bowler, Esq.,  
Ministry Representative,  
British Ministry of Pensions,  
Journal Building,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

R58226 Flt. Sgt. GRAY J. B.

Dear Sir:

The Department of National Defence, Air Service, officially reports that the marginally named was reported "~~killed in a~~ flying battle" on the 27th Feb. 1942. He was a member of the R.C.A.F. attached to the R.A.F. (Overseas) and his next of kin is reported as:- Father -

Mr. J. B. Gray,  
815 Baker Street,  
Nelson,  
British Columbia.

The Addressograph Stencil shows payment of Assigned Pay of \$ 30.00 a month to --  
To 1/7/41 when account was suspended. Mr. John B. Gray,  
Box 157,  
Nelson, B. C.

As no D.A. was payable the Commission will not take any action unless a claim be filed.

Yours sincerely,

E. Clewes,  
for  
Canadian Pension Commission.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

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WAR SERVICE GRATUITY - PARTICULARS OF SERVICE

NUMBER R58225 FINAL PAID RANK 2nd Lt GROUP 1 CHRISTIAN NAMES John Dalfour SURNAME Gray

Reason for termination of service: Killed 27-2-42

TOTAL SERVICE:

T.O.S. 28-6-40 S.O.S. 27-2-42 610 DAYS  
T.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_ S.O.S. \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS  
TOTAL 610 DAYS

LESS NON-QUALIFYING SERVICE:

From: 2-1-41 To: 2-1-41 11 DAYS  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS  
TOTAL QUALIFYING SERVICE 609 DAYS

OVERSEAS SERVICE:

From: 15-4-41 To: 27-2-42 329 DAYS  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS  
TOTAL 329 DAYS

LESS NON-QUALIFYING SERVICE:

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS  
TOTAL QUALIFYING OVERSEAS SERVICE 329 DAYS

Certified that entitlement to benefits under  
The War Service Grants Act, 1944 has been  
established, based on service shown herein.

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CHECKER'S INITIALS	
DATE	15 June 45

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OTTAWA  
R.C.A.F.-R.310

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R-58225

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

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Ottawa, Ontario, 31st July, 1945.

Mr. John B. Gray,  
Nelson,  
British Columbia.

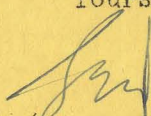
Dear Sir:

In view of the information contained in your recent letter, the war service gratuity payable in respect of the late **Flight Sergeant John Balfour Gray** will be paid into his service estate.

Distribution may be expected within the reasonably near future.

Any further enquiries should be directed to the Estates Branch, 308 Sparks St., Ottawa, Ontario (Attention: War Service Gratuity Section).

Yours truly,

  
(J. MacL. Murray)  
Air Commodore  
for Chief of the Air Staff

21613/R58225  
J. B. GRAY  
JEWELLER

WATCHMAKER - OPTOMETRIST

"Good Goods at Gray's"

NELSON, B.C.

R58225 JUL 8 1945  
June 22nd;.  
1945.

Re file No R58225. R2/WSG.

1945 JUN 26 PM Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 15th inst re War Service Gratuity. I might say that I was not a dependant of my son Flgt/Sgt J.B.Gray. He assigned to us the sum of \$40.00 a month but not as dependents. We were putting this aside for him against his return.

I am not clear as to the meaning of the gratuity forming part of the "Service Estate" and would like to get further information as to this.

In the second paragraph of your letter it states that ... "or in receipt of an assignment of pay, part of which at least must have been used for the support of the recipient" I might say that no part of the assigned pay was used for this purpose.

While I am writing to you we are wondering if any decorations that might have come to our boy are available to us. This may not be in your department at all but you might be able to pass this on to those responsible.

Yours faithfully,

John B. Gray

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OTTAWA, Canada, February 22nd., 1946.

Mr J.B.Gray,  
815 Baker Street,  
Nelson, British Columbia.

Dear Mr Gray:

It is a privilege to have the opportunity of sending you the Operational Wings and Certificate in recognition of the gallant services rendered by your son Flight Sergeant J.B.Gray.

I realize there is little which may be said or done to lessen your sorrow, but it is my hope that these "Wings", indicative of operations against the enemy, will be a treasured memento of a young life offered on the altar of freedom in defence of his Home and Country.

Yours very sincerely,



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

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