

PRESBYTERE STE. JUSTINE

DORCHESTER? P. QUE.

21 Septembre, 1939.

Je soussigne, certifie que M. Joseph, Paul,
Roland Labbe est un excellent peune homme. Sa con-
duite est exemplaire sur tous les points.

Je le recommande a votre attention.

(L.H. Paquet, cure).

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

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Extrait du Registre des baptemes, mariages et sepultures de
la paroisse de Ste. Justine, pour l'annee mil neuf cent-seize.

Le vingt et un octobre mil neuf cent seize, nous, pretre
soussigne, avons baptise Joseph, Paul, Roland, ne la veille, fils
legitime de Ernest Labbe, cultivateur et de Alexine Chabot de
cette paroisse. Parrain: Napoleon Labbe, Marraine: Celanie
Chabot, son epouse, oncle et tante de l'enfant, soussignes avec
nous. Lecture faite.

Napoleon Labbe

Celanie Chabot

Ernest Labbe.

(J.O. Audette, ptre, vic.).

Lequel Extrait, nous soussigne, Cure de la paroisse de
Ste. Justine, certifions etre vrai et conforme au registre original,
depose dans les archives de cette paroisse.

Fait le 19eme jour du mois d'aout , mil neuf cent trente-huit.

(L.H. Paquet, cure).

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

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QUEBEC 11 OCTOBRE 1939.

Messieurs:

Je, soussigne, certifie que le porteur de cette
missive est un excellent jeune homme, possedant de hautes
qualites et appartenant a une tres bonne famille.

Je ne doute aucunement qu'il pourra remplir a votre
gout les charges que vous lui confierez.

Bien sincerement a vous,

(M.A. Chabot).

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

IBERVILLE, QUE., le 20 AOUT 1938.

Je certifie par les presentes que M. Roland
Labbe a obtenu le diplôme complementaire des Scholasti-
cats-Ecoles Normales en 1937 et qu'il a toujours donne
entiere satisfaction tant pour la conduite que pour la
reussite en classe.

Signe:

for (Mre. Stratonique).
Provincial.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

(ATTESTATION PAPER)

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

1. Surname **LARBEE** FULL Christian Names **Joseph - Roland**
 2. Present Address **81 Picton St East Hamil** Telephone **all**
 3. Permanent Address **81 Picton St East Hamilton, Ont**
 4. Place of Birth **St Justine Co. Dorchester** Citizenship **Canadian**
 5. Date of Birth **Oct 20th 1916** Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced **Single**
 6. Particulars of Children

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

7. Occupation **without work** 8. Religion **Roman Catholic**
 9. Languages **French, English** State proficiency
 10. Next of Kin (Full Name) **Ernest Lavelle** Relationship **Father**
 " Address **St Justine Dorchester** **Quebec**
 11. Father (Full Name) **Ernest Lavelle** Birthplace **St Justine P.Q.**
 " Address **St Justine Dorch. Quebec** Citizenship **Canadian**
 " Occupation **raiser of silver foxes**
 12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) **Alexis Chabot** Birthplace **St Justine Dorch**
 " Address **St Justine Dorch.** Citizenship **Canadian**

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

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date	Reason for discharge
				From To	
	none				



14. Honours, Awards, Mentions **no**
 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? **Quebec**
 When? **November, 1939** Result **Dinit complete physical examination**
 17. Were you ever discharged from any branch of His Majesty's Forces as Medically Unfit? **no**
 If so, state nature of disability **Ang N.A.**
 18. Have you ever been or are you now in receipt of a Disability Pension? **no**
 If so, state nature of Disability **none**
 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.....	St. Ann's Academy	1929	1932	primary
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.....	St. Hyacinthe	1932	1934	normal school
Technical School	Sheffield	1937	38	graduate
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	
St. Ann's Academy	waiter	1938	39	term finished
Dennacore Paper Co. Quebec	clerk	1940		operations completed
Canadian Lath. Hamilton	clerk	July 1941		willingly

23. Flying Experience (in Hours) Solo none Dual Passenger 1 hour

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

Picture Painter

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

tennis (moderately) hockey (extensively) Base Ball

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
R.E. Studor,	Dennacore Paper Co. Quebec, Que.	Wood Mngr.
G. Deneault.	81 Picton St. E. Hamilton	Foreman in shop
Roy Herman	Can. Cotton Ltd. Hamilton, Ont.	Foreman
Armand Isabella	Foreman in Cotton Mills	
80 Bonnedale		

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. oct 9th 1941 Signature. Robert L. Lavelle

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(A) 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, Joseph Paul Roland Labbe 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 October 11th 19 41

Signature of Recruit

(D)

OATH TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Joseph Paul Roland Labbe do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Date October 11th 19 41

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 Hamilton, Ont. this 11th day of October 19 41.

Signature of Officer

Rank

Unit
Hamilton, Ontario.

Commanding Officer, #10 Recruiting Centre, RCAF.,

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—

1. Age. 24 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>never once as a child</u> |

3. Have you ever worn glasses? yes

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. Roland Sallie
 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).....

none

2. Height 5 feet 6 inches. 3. Weight 128 pounds.

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

6. Development Good 7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration 34 inches
Fair Range of expansion 3 inches
Poor

8. Hearing—Right W.V. 20' Left W.V. 20' Tympana—Right clear Left clear

9. Vision—Without glasses—Right 20/20 With glasses—Right 20/20 Left 20/25
 Left 20/25 Reflexes N

10. Condition of mouth and teeth satisfactory 14. Heart N

11. Urine—Albumen N Sugar N 15. Lungs N

12. Abnormalities (Congenital and Pathological) found on Examination 130/90

Intra-abdominal right testicle 16. Blood Pressure S.D.

17. Colour Vision Nishi

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.....

Fit A+B only.

V. A. with glasses is still 20/20 & 20/25.

11.10.41 X-Ray Result not rec'd at time of posting.

Date 9.10.41 19

Dr. H. B. Bell
 President

R. D. B. B. B.
 Member

Member

WILL

R.C.A.F. r.60

(1) I, LABBE, Joseph Paul Roland of the
.....
County of Hamilton in the District of
Province of Ontario School Teacher
(Civil Occupation)
a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Number, R 131388 Do hereby
revoke all former Wills made by me and declare this to be my Last Will.

(2) I give, Devise and bequeath unto:-

My father: Mr. Ernest Labbe,
St. Justine, Dorchester, Quebec.

MY WHOLE ESTATE

(3) I Give, Devise and Bequeath all the rest and residue of my Estate, both real
and personal, of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situated unto:-

(4) I appoint.....
(Name) My father, Mr. Ernest Labbe OF THE ABOVE ADDRESS
Executor (Address)
~~Executor~~

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of

Oct. 41
c. 19.....

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

Roland Labbe
(Signature of Testator)

(5) Signature.....William Gray

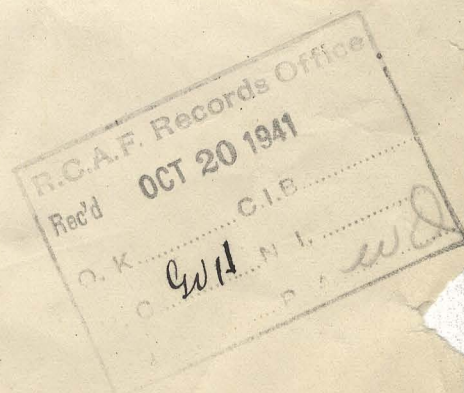
Address No. 1 Manning Depot. R.C.A.F. Toronto.

Occupation..... Clerk

Signature.....Allan G. Hall

Address..... No. 1 Manning Depot. R.C.A.F. Toronto

Occupation..... Clerk



ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

OFFICER'S APPLICATION AND RECORD SHEET

I have the honour to apply for an appointment to the:

Date 9 / 10 / 39

- (a) Permanent Active Air Force (General List);
- (b) Auxiliary Active Air Force (General List) (Non-Flying List);
- (c) Auxiliary Active Air Force (General List) (Short Service) (Special List);
- (d) Reserve of Officers, R.C.A.F. (General List) (Non-Flying List).

NOTE:—Cross out clauses which are not applicable.

Please read these notes before completing the form:

- (a) All questions must be answered in candidate's own handwriting; it is not sufficient to leave the space for reply blank or insert a dash. Incorrect answers may prejudice an applicant's chance of selection.
- (b) The certificate on page 4 must be completed.
- (c) When completed this form should be despatched to:

(d) The submission by an applicant of false or falsified documents in connection with his application may render the applicant liable to prosecution.

1. Surname (in capitals).....	LABBÉ		
2. Christian names (in full, in capitals).....	JOSEPH-PAUL-ROLAND		
3. Date and Place of Birth.....	20 oct. 1916, Ste Justine, Langeron		
4. Permanent Address.....	Ste Justine, Lang. Co. Dorchester,		
5. Present address for correspondence, stating date until which it holds good.....	Ste Justine " " "		
6. Nationality..... (Full particulars of any change of nationality must be given.)	Canadien-français		
7. Religion.....	catholique romain.		
8. Are you married? (NOTE—Candidates must be unmarried at date of entry except where otherwise expressly provided.)	je suis célibataire.		
9. (i) Father's name, in full.....	Name	Residence	Profession
	Ernest Labbé	Ste Justine	fermier et éleveur de vaches argentées
		4	Birthplace
			Ste Justine.
(ii) Mother's maiden name in full and birthplace	Name	Birthplace	
	Olepine Chabot	Ste Justine.	
10. (i) Nationality of parents at their birth.....	Father	Mother	
(ii) Has either parent acquired any other nationality? (If so, full particulars must be given.)	Canadien-franc.	Canadienne-franc.	
11. Particulars of Marriage (if applicable).....			
Age of Officer at date of Marriage.....			
Maiden name of Wife.....			
Date and place of Marriage.....			

12. Particulars of children (if applicable)

Names	Date of Birth	Place of Birth

13. Civil Education

Schools	Dates in Attendance	Courses	Diplomas and Degrees
Lewis (Quebec)	1929-32	Elem.	Elémentaire
St. Hyacinthe	1932-34	Elem.	"
Iberville	1936-37	Professeur	complémentaire
Universities			

14. Special Civil Courses or Examinations other than in 13 above, Correspondence Courses, etc.

*Petit cours de
Secourisme.
(certificat reçu)*

15. Civil Employment, and reason, if any, for leaving

Employer or Business	Years	Duties	Cause of leaving
<i>J'ai été employé chez les F.F. Maristes 3 ans à faire la classe à St Michel à La Tuque et à St Jean. Je quittai librement et volontairement</i>			

16. Previous Service with Navy, Army, Air Force or Non-Permanent Militia

Unit	From	To	Rank Held	Duties

17. Reason for Termination of last Service Engagement.

18. Particulars of Pension being received.

aucune pension reçue

19. Honours and Awards. (Quote authority—London or Canada Gazette).

aucune.

20. Service Courses Undertaken.

Course	From	To	Date of Graduation

21. Have you previously applied for a commission or for enlistment in any branch of the Royal Canadian Air Force or any of its auxiliaries? (If so, give particulars and date).....

fait aucune application

22. Have you any knowledge of internal combustion engines, construction of aircraft, mechanics, or electricity?.....

aucune

23. Have you ever flown either as a pilot, pupil, or passenger (a short flight should be mentioned)? If so, give general details, including flying hours, "solo" and "dual", also name and address of flying club or school where trained.

jamais

24. Experience as an Instructor (Flying and Ground)

Subject	From	To	Unit	Place

25. Details of Ground Officer's Duties Performed.

26. Types of Aircraft Flown (Service and Civilian)

Types	Hours	Duties

27. Total Flying Time as at (date).....Hrs.....Mins.....

28. Sports and games played. State whether ever a member of a first team at school, college or university, also games at present played, with particulars of clubs, etc.

Je fis parti de tous les clubs de sport aux collèges. Je jouais l'an passé pour le Jamaica Hawks (Hockey team) ngl.

29. Hobbies (giving experience useful to Royal Canadian Air Force).

aucune

30. Any other remarks or information not included in the foregoing.

aucune

31. Names and present addresses of at least two responsible persons (including preferably a recent employer) able to certify from personal knowledge of the candidate's career as to his suitability for commissioned rank in the Royal Canadian Air Force. (References will be taken up by National Defence Headquarters as necessary and should not be submitted with this form.)

(a) Name *ANTOINE CHABOT*
(in capitals)

Address *34 St NICHOLAS*

QUEBEC
Profession *HOTELIER*

(c) Name.....
(in capitals)

Address.....

Profession.....

(b) Name *Renée Giguère*
(in capitals)

Address *92 St Joseph*

Quebec
Profession *commerçant*

(d) Name.....
(in capitals)

Address.....

Profession.....

32. NOTE:—

The regulations for the appointment of persons to employment in the Royal Canadian Air Force provide, where necessary, for references as to the candidate's character and qualifications to be obtained from his former headmaster, employer, or other persons nominated by him. The department is not prepared to enter into correspondence, whether officially or unofficially through members of the department, with persons other than those the candidate has nominated; and the Selection Board will disregard recommendations from any persons who are not directly and personally acquainted with the candidate's work, at school or university, in industry or business, in H.M. Forces or otherwise. Candidates are cautioned not to prejudice their candidature by endeavouring to enlist the support of persons outside the Service whom they consider might have some influence.

33.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing information was personally compiled by me, and is to the best of my knowledge, correct as stated. I understand that the Minister of National Defence reserves to himself the right to dispense with the services of any officer on probation at any time.

Rank.....Unit.....Signature.....*Roland Labbe*

34.

AGREEMENT

PILOT OFFICER'S (PROVISIONAL) TRAINING

I. I AGREE to accept a Permanent } Commission, if selected, in the Services mentioned; and
Short Service (A.A.A.F.) }
with priority indicated:—

SERVICES

Yes or No

Priority

Royal Canadian Air Force—General List.....

A.A.A.F.—(General List) (Short Service) (Special List).....

Royal Air Force—General Duties Branch.....

II. I FURTHER AGREE to serve for a period of five continuous years if granted a Permanent Commission (or four continuous years if granted a Short Service Commission in the Auxiliary Active Air Force) in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Roland Labbe
(Signature of Applicant)

Place

Witness

Date

35.

FOR R.C.A.F. AND UNIT HEADQUARTERS ONLY

(a) Date and Place of signing Service Roll for Officers.

(b) Location of Will.

(c) Entered in Records.

(i) Station Records of.....by.....date.....

(ii) Headquarters Records by.....date.....

(d) Entered on Selection Committee Chart by.....

for.....Officers.

(e) Remarks of Officers i/c application.

NOTE:—This form is in use for two purposes:—

- (a) As an application form for prospective appointees to the R.C.A.F.
(b) As an Officer's Record Sheet.

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PARTICULARS OF INTERVIEW

CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSION - R.C.A.F.

NAME: Labbe Roland Ste³Justine Co. Dorchester.

1. TYPE: 34¹/₂ 5-6³/₄
2. PERSONALITY: blond
3. PERSONAL APPEARANCE, DRESS & CLOTHES:
—
4. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS:
5. ACADEMIC STANDING: Normale d'Iberville (Professeur de mathématiques)
6. SPORTS: Hockey and Baseball
7. HOBBIES:
8. SUMMARY:

REMARKS BY INTERVIEWING OFFICER:

1. Do you consider the candidate suitable in all respects for a Commission rank? yes.....
2. If not would candidate be suitable as a N.C.O. Pilot.....
3. Have this candidate's letters of reference been checked? not yet.
4. Any further details elucidated from letters of reference and checkup.....

(1) *Delivered
must be reviewed
OK
OK
OK
16/11/39*

Date 16/10/39....

(2) *Form not completed (Mr)
J.G. Monaghan
Lap for 2 days
20.11.39*

(1) *[Signature]*

J.G. Monaghan
Flight Lieutenant,
Commanding Officer,
R.C.A.F. Recruiting Centre, M.D.5

AIR
FORCE
No.

R131388

LABBE,

JOSEPH PAUL ROLAND

ENLISTMENT

RE-ENLISTMENT

C.R. FILE
NUMBERPEACE *Hamilton*
DATE *11-10-41*

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

R.C.A.F. FORM R46(B)
30M-8-41 (837)
H.Q. 1062-3-50

7. BIRTH: DATE PLACE CITIZENSHIP

20. 10. 16 *Lorchester Que.* *British*FATHER (FULL NAME) *Ernest Labbe*BIRTHPLACE *St Justine Quebec*MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) *Elevine G. Labot*BIRTHPLACE *St Justine Lorchester, Que.*

8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE *Que*JUNIOR MATRICULATION *Que*SENIOR MATRICULATION *Que*

TECHNICAL SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Normal School Que 7

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

Writer 1 year
clerk 1 1/2 years

10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE

Nil

11. HOURS-AWARDS, MENTIONS

Pilot's Flying Badge 136725341 23-11-42

12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)

SOLO — DUAL — PASSENGER *1 hr*13. RELIGION *R.C.*14. LANGUAGES *French English 3*15. SPORTS *Hockey Tennis Baseball*16. SINGLE-MARRIED-WIDOWER SEPARATED-DIVORCED *Single*

WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE DATE

AUTHORITY (IF AFTER ENLISTMENT)

17. MARRIED ESTABLISHMENT

REMARKS RANK EFFECTIVE D.R.O.

18. CHILDREN

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

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

FULL NAME *Ernest Labbe* RELATIONSHIP *Father*ADDRESS *St Justine, Lorchester, Que.* D.R.O.

FULL NAME: RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS: D.R.O.

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

RATE CHANGES ETC. EFFECTIVE D.R.O. RATE CHANGES ETC. EFFECTIVE D.R.O.

21. ENGAGEMENTS

TERM EFFECTIVE D.R.O. TERM EFFECTIVE D.R.O.

Duration 11-10-41

22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES

FROM TO DATE D.R.O.

*Pls 9 Retoris 11-10-41 1m 10 245**SORS 6-1-42 31255**Cac. you glos & draw at 5-1-42 38756*

22(A) ADDRESS PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT

*81 Picton Street, East,**Hamilton, Que. Ont.*

23. DOCUMENT CONTROL (INDICATE RECEIPT BY DATE)

R60 R79 B465 X-RAY AFM-13 IDN. CARD

20-10-41 JAN 26 42

15502

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

R.C.A.F. FORM R44(B)
50M-9-41 (637)
H.Q. 1062-3-59

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

R131388
A.F. No.Labbe
SurnameJoseph Paul Roland
Christian NamesRoman Catholic
ReligionBorn Oct 20
1916

Place

St. Justine

Country

Canada

Citizen of

Canada

Racial
OriginFrench
Canadian

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

M. S. D. W.

Wife's Maiden Name

Present Address (in pencil)

CHILDREN

NAMES

PLACE OF BIRTH

DATE

CHILDREN

NAMES

PLACE OF BIRTH

DATE

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

Ernest Labbe, St. Justine, Dorchester Que. (Father)

CIVIL EDUCATION

High School Entrance ☒

Jr. Mat.

Sr. Mat. ☒

Technical School

Business Courses

University

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Unemployed

PREVIOUS SERVICE

ENLISTMENT

Med. Cat.

DATE

Med. Cat.

DATE

Date

October 11, 1941 A1B

9/10/41

At

Hamilton Ont

Term

Duration of War

RANK

AUTH.

DATE

TRADE

AUTH.

DATE

TRADE TESTS AND COURSES

TRADE

GP

%

P or F

DATE

C.C. 2 11/10/41

G. A. C. DRO. 55 28 2 42

T/Lt. DRO 253/23-10-42 23/10/42

Pilot 28 2 42
Pilot 23 10 42
Pilot 23 10 42

LEAVE

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

FROM

To

AUTH. AND DESCRIPTION

DATE

CHARACTER

TRADE AND ASSM.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

AUTH.

20-5-42

7-6-42

AFAD A24/5

23 10 42

Awarded Pilot Flying Badges

DRO 253

24-10-42

2-11-42 (144)

Special

30-5-43

4-6-43

6 days Annual

Finger Printed

Date 11-10-41

Initials J.L.

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

AUTHORITY	UNIT FROM	UNIT TO	DATE	AUTHORITY	UNIT FROM	UNIT TO	DATE
MDR 13	Hamilton	11 MD	11-10-41				
DRD 245	RIC	Toronto					
DRD 269-41	#1 MD	#814 MS					
	Toronto	Port Albert	10-11-41				
D-R.O. 5/42.	No. 31 G.X.S.	No. 3 I.T.S.	3-1-42.				
	Port Albert.	Quebec.					
DRD 505	#11 EFTS	#13 EFTS	21-5-42				
DRD 164/14-7-42	Admiral's Home	Home	9-7-42				
DRD 174/22-7-42	Disch. from H.O.	Home.	20-7-42				
DRD 253/23-10-42	12 EFTS	No. 14 Regt (14 D)	Special				
MDL 339	Tr. 1 group	RAF IP	24/1/42				
		Lab. N York	22-11-42				
30/12 (23/108)		Dis. UK	30-11-42.				
	(724X)	3 PRC.	1-12-42				
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R.C.A.F. MESSAGE

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(REVISED 9-41)
25M PADS OF
100-9-41 (806)
H. Q. 1062-23-5

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OFFICE DATE STAMP & SERIAL NUMBER

TO* MR ERNEST LABBE ST JUSTINE DORCHESTER, ^{County} QUEBEC
(REPORT DELIVERY)

FROM* RCAF CASUALTIES OFFICER

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

M9363

DATE

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REFERENCE AND DATE

YOUR

(Use Double Space Typing)

DEEPLY REGRET TO ADVISE ~~XXX~~ THAT YOUR SON R ONE THREE ONE THREE EIGHT EIGHT
SERGEANT JOSEPH PAUL ROLAND LABBE WAS KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE ~~SERVICE~~ OVERSEAS
AUGUST SIXTH STOP PLEASE ACCEPT MY PROFOUND SYMPATHY STOP LETTER FOLLOWS

FOR FRENCH
TRANS.

This message must be sent **AS WRITTEN**
and may.....be sent by W/T.
Signature

E.O.4

ROR

This message must be sent **IN CYPHER**
and may.....be sent by W/T.
Signature

Originator's Instructions* Degree of Priority*

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T.O.R.

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OFFICE DATE STAMP & SERIAL NUMBER

TO*

M ERNEST LABBE ST JUSTINE DORCHESTER COUNTY QUEBEC

(REPORT DELIVERY)

FROM*

OFFICIER PREPOSE REGISTRE MORTS BLESSES DISPARUS CARG

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

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(Use Double Space Typing)

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This message must be sent **AS WRITTEN**

may be sent by W/T.

R.O.4

This message must be sent **IN CYPHER**

and may be sent by W/T.

Signature

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le 9 août 1943

M. Ernest Labbé,
Sainte-Justine,
Comté de Dorchester, P.Q.

Monsieur,

J'ai appris avec un vif regret la mort de votre fils, le sergent Joseph-Paul-Roland Labbé, survenue en activité de service outre-mer, le 6 août. Je tiens à vous exprimer, monsieur, de même qu'à Mme Labbé, mes condoléances les plus profondes.

Il est malheureux qu'une carrière aussi pleine de promesses ait été si brusquement interrompue. Soyez assuré que la mort de votre fils est vivement regrettée par tous ses compagnons d'armes.

Votre tout dévoué,

(SGD.) C. A. S.

L.S. Breadner,
Maréchal de l'Air,
Chef de l'état-major de l'Air.

Translation,
AP-YS,
9-8-43

le 14 août

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M. Ernest Labbé,
Sainte-Justine,
Comté de Dorchester, P.Q.

Monsieur,

J'ai le pénible devoir de confirmer les télégrammes qui vous ont été envoyés récemment pour vous faire savoir que votre fils, le sergent Joseph-Paul-Roland Labbé, avait été tué en activité de service.

J'apprends, de la part de l'officier préposé au registre des morts, blessés et disparus du C.A.R.C., outre-mer, que votre fils, qui était membre de l'équipage de bord d'un aéronef, a perdu la vie au cours d'opérations aériennes effectuées près de Bromington, Shropshire, Angleterre, la nuit du 6 août 1943. Ses funérailles ont eu lieu à onze heures du matin, le dix août, à la station Tillstock de la Royal Air Force, et il a été inhumé à deux heures de l'après-midi au Bracon Regional Cemetery, Chester, Cheshire, Angleterre.

Soyez assuré que tous nouveaux renseignements reçus au quartier général vous seront communiqués sans retard.

Permettez-moi de vous offrir, de même qu'à Mme Labbé, mes plus profondes condoléances.

Votre tout dévoué,

J.F.

Translation,
PL-SL,
14-8-43

W.R. Gunn,
Lieutenant de section,
Préposé au registre des morts, blessés et disparus
du C.A.R.C.
pour le Chef de l'état-major de l'Air.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Form 551.

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

(N.B.—To be rendered in accordance with para. 2312 of K.R. and A.C.I.)

1. Surname LABBE Christian Names (in full).... Joseph Paul Roland.
 Rank Sgt. Number R.151388 Unit No. 23 O. T. U.
 Date and time of accident... 6.8.43 23.40 hrs. Place of accident Nr. Badmington
W. 915615

2. Short statement by injured person of the circumstances of the injury. If an aircraft accident state the type and number of the aircraft. If injury sustained in the performance of Air Force duty the particular act of duty to be specified.

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

Killed as a result of an accident to Wellington aircraft BK.430
 at 23.40 hrs. on 6.8.43 whilst engaged on night flying exercise.

Trade: Pilot, undergoing operational training.

3. (a) Description of injuries —

..... Multiple injuries and burns "A.A." Dead.

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

(i) N.A. (ii)
 N.A.
 N.A.

(c) Whether (i) admitted to hospital or (ii) provided with medical comforts (see para 2312 K.R. & A.C.I.)

(i) N.A. (ii)
 N.A.
 N.A.

Date 10.8.43 Signature of Medical Officer T. F. McCarthy R/O.

4. Commanding Officer's statement :—

(a) Was the injury sustained

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

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

- (i) By whom was the game, etc., organised and under whose authority?.....

- (ii) The nature of the game, etc., (e.g., football).....

- (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).....(b).....

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?

- (v) Was the officer or airman a selected representative of an Air Force unit practising under authority?.....

- (vi) If so, under what authority and supervision?

- (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?

- (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 has to be decided (K.R. 3612(2)).....

- (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? No

If so, state in what way.....

- (e) Was anyone else to blame? If so, give name and particulars No

- (f) Is the accident being investigated by

- (i) Court of Inquiry? If so, state date and place 8.8.43. Tilstock.

- (ii) An investigating officer?.....

(see K.R. 1325 (3) (a) (ii) 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 K.R. 2312.)

Signature..... A.P. Dart W/Odr.

Date..... 18.8.43. 194..... Commanding No. 2 Wing, R.A.F. Pershore.

R 131388

REPORT ON FLYING ACCIDENT OR
FORCED LANDING NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ENEMY ACTION.Form 765 (C)
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(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.

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

A. 427 7.8.1943.

1. UNIT 23. O.T.U. Group No. 91 Command BOMBER Serial No. of Form 53/43

2. DATE OF INCIDENT 6.8.43
TIME 23.40 hrs.

SITE OF INCIDENT

(a) Name of aerodrome
or landing ground -
Nr. Badmington
(b) Place (if (a) not applicable) VJ 945615
(c) County Shropshire.

Part (a) to be completed if the incident occurred on, or
whilst taking off from or approaching to land on an
aerodrome or landing ground.3. NATURE OF AND PURPOSE FOR
WHICH FLIGHT AUTHORIZED:—

Nature { (i) Operational or Non-operational? Non-operational
(ii) Day or Night flying? Night
(iii) Purpose Operational training

This flight is being included in this { Form 765A
Unit's flying hour summary on { Form 765B (Delete as
necessary)

4. TYPE OF AIRFRAME AND ENGINE and extent of damage (see footnotes to this section).

Details of Airframe and Engine.	Airframe.	Engine.			
		Single or Port.	Starboard.	Centre Port.	Centre Starboard.
Type	WELLINGTON	Hercules	Hercules		
Mark or series	III	XI	XI		
R.A.F. No. (and makers' No. for engines)	BK.430	139/170355	54878/222425	a	a
Total hours run	178.30	171.50	94.10	b	b
Date last installed in Airframe		22.2.43	27.6.43	b	b
c Extent of damage	E	E	E		

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.AC = For repair by contractor's working party.
A = For repair by nearest R.A.F. unit.

U = No damage.

5. 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.)

Flying Experience of Pilots and Pupil Pilots. See Note (ii)

Duty.	Name and Initials (Nationality to be quoted if not British).	Rank.	No.	Degree of Injury.	Part A.						Part C (see Note (iii) below).	
					Total Solo (Day & Night).		Part B (see Note (i) below). Solo (Night).		Type Quoted in Part 4.		Instru- ments.	Link Trainer.
					Type Quoted in Part 4.	All Types.	Type Quoted in Part 4.	All Types.				
Pupil Pilot +	LABBE J.P.R.	Sgt.	R.131388	K	60	514	23	45.20				
" Nav. xx	SOLOMKA N.	P/O.	J.20892	K								
" WOP/AG. +	THERIEN J.	Sgt.	R.104805	K								
" A/B. +	DE BELLEFEUILLE G.P.J.M.	Sgt.	R.154021	K								
" Nav. xx	APRIL W.M.	Sgt.	R.145976	K								
" A/G.	SEARSTON R.	Sgt.	1818726	K								
	+ French-Canadian xx Canadian											

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

[P.T.O.]

10. SUMMARY OF PILOT'S REPORT (or a description of circumstances which terminated in the accident if the pilot's report is not 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.....1 Minutes.....- If engine failure occurred during take off quote height.....

All the crew were killed. There is no evidence available to show the behaviour of the engine or of the way the engine controls were manipulated.

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.

Failure of oil supply to Big End bearing of Master Connecting Rod in front Bank of Cylinders, causing collapse of Connecting Rod Big End Bearing; thought due to Bearing scuffing and blocking oil Ducts.
(Starboard Engine)

Is Form 1022 or 1023 being rendered? } Yes. F.1022 Signature.....G. Longstaff.....W/Cdr.
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 aerodrome 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. The accident occurred at night near Badmington, in Shropshire. The aircraft was engaged in a "Bullseye" exercise and at the time of the accident should have been at 17,000 ft. in the neighbourhood of Wrexham. Witnesses' statements indicate that the aircraft was flying very low, in right hand circles, for a few minutes before the crash which would bear out the statement of the Technical Officer.
No evidence is available concerning the fact that:
(a) No signals were received from the aircraft.
(b) No attempt was made to feather the airscrew.
(c) No attempt was made to bale out.

- B.)
C.) An investigation is being held.

Signature.....A.P.Dent.....W/Cdr..... Commanding Training Wing, Pershore. Date.....11.8.43.

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.....Not..... If any such assistance was rendered, the recommendation is to be forwarded separately.
(ii) Remarks.....to my knowledge.

Investigation being held.

Signature.....A.R.Boneb.....G/Capt..... Commanding.....23 O.T.U..... Date.....13.8.43.

- 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.....¹ Minutes..... If engine failure occurred during take off quote height.....

All the crew were killed. There is no evidence available to show the behaviour of the engine or of the way the engine controls were manipulated.

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Failure of oil supply to big end bearing of master connecting rod in front bank of cylinders, causing collapse of connecting rod big end bearing. Thought due to bearing scaling and blocking oil ducts. (Starboard engine).

Is Form 1022 or 1023 being rendered?
If "Yes" state which

Yes 1022

Signature.....

(Sgd) C. Longstaff, W/Cdr.

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) The accident occurred at night near Badminton in Shropshire. The aircraft was engaged in a Bullseye exercise and at the time of the accident should have been at 1700 ft. in the neighbourhood of Wrexham. Witnesses statements indicate that the aircraft was flying very low in right hand circles for a few minutes before the crash, which would bear out the statement of the Technical Officer. No evidence is available at the moment concerning the fact that (a) no signals were received from the aircraft (b) no attempt was made to feather the airscrew (c) no attempt was made to bale out.

(B) An investigation is being held.
(C)

Signature..... (Sgd) A.P. Dent, W/Cdr. Commanding Training Wing, Pershore, Date..... 11.8.43.

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. Not If any such assistance was rendered, the recommendation is to be forwarded separately.
(ii) Remarks. to my knowledge.

Investigation being held.

Signature..... (Sgd) A.R. Combe, G/Capt. 23 O.T.U. Date..... 13.8.43

G 31485

Ref: 626

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Unit Form 1022 Ref: Per/2341/2/ENG/BC(239), dated 12th August, 1943, from
23 O.T.U. Pershore.

Aircraft: Wellington III BK 430
Engine: Hercules XI 54878/222425
Defect: Internal failure

Examination was very difficult due to the extensive internal and external damage.

Overheating of various components had occurred indicating a failure of the oil supply, especially on the front bank. Both floating bushes were seized on to the crankshaft and the pistons were damaged beyond recognition by the break up of the engine.

Sgd. D. Orchard.

RDE/M3
2/10/43.

abandon aircraft. The pilot failed to jettison his practice bomb load and finally crashed out of control. The cause of the starboard engine failure was due to the failure of the oil supply to the big end bearing of the master connecting rod. The starboard engine bore indications of fire in the air. Suggest no further action.

Signed: A.F. James.

Group Captain.
Command Accident Investigator.

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U = No damage.

POSTAGRAM,

91G/1405/295/Air

Air Ministry C.I. (Accidents)
Air Ministry (S.4. Statistics)
Ministry of Aircraft Production (RMI)

26th August, 1943.

From: Headquarters, No 91 Group.

Accident to Wellington BK.430 of 23 O.T.U. on 6th
August, 1943, at Bramington

Reference 765(C) Serial No.53/43 regarding the above accident, herewith
copy of letter from Group Captain James - Command Accident Investigator - to
Headquarters, Bomber Command concerning the technical failure which caused
this accident.

Sgd.

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and finally crashed out of control. The cause of the starboard engine
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U = No damage.

From: Group Captain James,
Command Accident Investigator(attached to 91 Group)

To: Headquarters, Bomber Command.

Date: 23rd August, 1943.

Ref: 91G/1405/295/Air

Accident to Wellington BK.430 of 23 OTU on
6th August, 1943, at Bramington

This accident was investigated by W/Cdr Young who was posted
overseas before completing Form 412.

2. Eye witness reports indicate that the starboard engine was
back firing, and that shortly afterwards this engine caught fire in
the air, and the fire rapidly spread. It appears that the pilot
experienced engine failure at his exercise height of 10,000 ft, and
came below cloud base which was 2,500 ft to carry out a single engine
force landing. In attempting this, the starboard engine caught on
fire, and it was then too late for him to order any of his crew to
abandon aircraft. The pilot failed to jettison his practice bomb load
and finally crashed out of control. The cause of the starboard engine
failure was due to the failure of the oil supply to the big end bearing
of the master connecting rod. The starboard engine bore indications of
fire in the air. Suggest no further action.

Signed: A.F. James.

Group Captain.
Command Accident Investigator.

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REPORT ON FLYING ACCIDENT OR FORCED LANDING NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ENEMY ACTION.

Form 765 (C)
(Revised Feb., 1943.)

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- [In addition, and only if casualties to airmen are involved.]
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If this incident has been reported to the Air Ministry by signal, quote Reference No. and date.

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1. UNIT 23 O.T.U Group No. 91 Command BOMBER Serial No. of Form 53/43

2. DATE OF INCIDENT 6.8.43
TIME 23.40
SITE OF INCIDENT
(a) Name of airfield or landing ground Nr. Badmington,
(b) Place (if (a) not applicable) VJ+945615
(c) County Shropshire.
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.

3. NATURE OF AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH FLIGHT AUTHORISED:—

Nature { (i) Operational or Non-operational? Non-operational
(ii) Day or Night flying? night
(iii) Purpose Operational training.

This flight is being included in this Unit's flying hour summary on { Form 765A X (Delete as necessary)
Form 765B

4. TYPE OF AIRFRAME AND ENGINE and extent of damage (see footnotes to this section).

Details of Airframe and Engine.	Airframe.	Engine.			
		Starboard.	Starboard.	Centre Port.	Centre Starboard.
Type	<u>Wellington</u>	<u>Hercules</u>	<u>Hercules</u>		
Mark or series	<u>III</u>	<u>XI</u>	<u>XI</u>		
R.A.F. No. (and makers' No. for engines)	<u>BK.430</u>	<u>139/170355</u>	<u>54878/222425</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>a</u>
Total hours run	<u>178.30</u>	<u>171.50</u>	<u>94.10</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>b</u>
Date last installed in Airframe	<u>—</u>	<u>22.2.43</u>	<u>17.6.43.</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>b</u>
c Extent of damage	<u>E</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>E</u>		

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.

AC = For repair by contractor's working party.
A = For repair by nearest R.A.F. unit.

U = No damage.

5. ALL OCCUPANTS OF AIRCRAFT

and

FLYING EXPERIENCE OF PILOTS.

(a) Names to be entered in order of duty: 1st Pilot, 2nd Pilot, Pupil Pilots, etc.
 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.)

Flying Experience of Pilots and Pupil Pilots. See Note (ii)

Duty.	Name and Initials (Nationality to be quoted if not British).	Rank.	No.	Degree of Injury.	Part A.		Part B (see Note (i) below).		Part C (see Note (iii) below).	
					Total Solo (Day & Night).	Type Quoted in Part 4.	Solo (Night).	Type Quoted in Part 4.	Instruments.	Link Trainer.
Pupil Pilot	+ LAFBE J.P.R.	SGT.	R. 131388	K	60	514	23	45.20		
"	NAV. x SOLOMKA, N.	P/O	J.20892	K						
"	W/OP + THERIEN, J.	SGT.	R.104805	K						
"	A/B + DeBELLEFEUILLE, G.P.J.M.	SGT	R154021	K						
"	NAV x ARRIL, W.M.	SGT	R145976	K						
"	A/G SEARSTON, R.	SGT.	1818726	K						
	+ French Canadian									
	x Canadian.									

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., as appropriate	F	On ground	Quote as A or B or C, etc., as appropriate and amplify in Part 12(B) if necessary.	No

(9)

R.A.F. Station,
Persnore,
Worcs.

Reference: PER/1306/187/P.1.

14th August 1943.

Dear Sir *Lid,*

Before you receive this letter you will have had official information regarding the death of your son, Sergeant Joseph P.R. Labbe, who was killed as a result of a flying accident in Shropshire, England on the night of 6th August 1943, and I am writing to express my sincere sympathy with you in this loss.

Sergeant Labbe was the Pilot of a Wellington aircraft which took off from this Station on the evening of 6th August to carry out a night exercise. No message was received from the aircraft after taking off, and the only information we have is that it crashed into the ground at about 11.40.p.m. the same night, all the occupants being killed. It may, however, be of some small consolation for you to know that death must have been instantaneous.

The funeral took place at Blacon Regional Cemetery, Chester, at 14.00 hours on 10th August 1943 with full military honours. The funeral service was conducted by Squadron-Leader Frayne who is the Canadian Padre for this district. A wreath was sent from the officers and senior N.C.O's of this Station. Some photographs were taken of the funeral procession and service, and I am forwarding a few prints herewith which I hope will be of some interest to you.

Sergeant Labbe's personal belongings have been gathered together and will be forwarded to the R.A.F. Central Depository where they will be held for a period before being forwarded to you through the Administrator of Estates, Ottawa.

War graves are cared for by the Imperial War Graves Commission and a temporary wooden cross will be erected pending the provision of a permanent memorial. I am instructed to explain that private memorial stones cannot be erected and also that the question of re-interrment if desired could only be considered after the War.

P.T.O.

I am afraid that the information which I am able to give you in connection with the accident is very scanty and not very satisfactory from your point of view, but as the occupants of the aeroplane were all killed in the crash it is not possible to say exactly what happened.

May I again express my sincere sympathy with you .

Yours sincerely,

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Group Captain Commanding,
R.A.F. Station, Pershore.

E. Labbe Esq.,
Ste. Justine,
Co. Dorchester,
Quebec,
Canada.

R131388	SGT	Labbe U.P.R.
(NUMBER)	(RANK)	(NAME)
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DIVISION DES SUCCESSIONS

Ottawa, le 8 septembre 1943.

M. Ernest Labbé,
STE.JUSTINE,
Co. Dorchester, P.Q.

LABBE, Joseph Paul Roland, Sgt.(décédé)
No. R.131388, R.C.A.F.

Cher Monsieur Labbé,

Le décès de votre fils a été communiqué à notre Division qui est chargée de l'administration et de la distribution de sa succession militaire. Veuillez agréer nos plus sincères sympathies à l'occasion de votre deuil.

Il est à propos de vous informer que lorsque le décès survient outre-mer, tous les effets personnels qui peuvent être trouvés à l'Unité ou ailleurs sont soigneusement rassemblés et transmis au dépôt central, en Angleterre, d'où, par la suite, ils sont expédiés à notre Division dès que les conditions de transport le permettent.

M. L'Abbé Albert Bourque de Langevin, P.Q., nous a informé que votre fils était propriétaire d'un bicycle, et que de plus il avait un compte de banque en Angleterre. Comme les bicycles ne peuvent être retournés au Canada, nous vous prions de bien vouloir nous faire savoir si vous désirez que celui-ci soit vendu pour le produit en être porté au crédit de la succession militaire, ou qu'il soit donné à un ami ou parent résidant dans la Royaume Uni.

Vous seriez bien aimable aussi de nous fournir tous les détails possibles concernant le compte de banque afin que nous puissions donner instructions au Quartier Général d'outre-mer de retirer le solde créditeur en dépôt et le porter au crédit de la succession militaire.

Afin de compléter les archives du Quartier Général concernant votre fils, et aussi pour nous permettre d'effectuer la distribution convenable de sa succession, incluant et comprenant

(au verso)

tout reliquat de solde et d'allocations, il est absolument
nécessaire de vous demander de bien vouloir remplir et retour-
ner à notre Division la formule P.64 ci-incluse.

Dès que vous nous aurez retourner, dûment remplie,
la formule ci-incluse, nous communiquerons de nouveau avec
vous au sujet de la succession militaire de votre fils.

Votre dévoué,



(N.O. Seagram) S/Ldr.

pour (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.

Administrateur des successions.

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PERSONAL EFFECTS OF R.131383 SGT. LABBE, J.P.R.

- 1 ~~PORTON~~ CONTG:-
- 2 prs. pyjamas.
- 1 zip jerkin.
- 4 shirts.
- 1 photo frame with glass drawing in same.
- 1 metal photo frame (no glass) with 2 photos.
- 1 leather cloth notebook.
- 1 guide Bournemouth.
- 1 R.C.A.F. emblem (sports)
- 2 prs. shorts.
- 3 vests.
- 1 jock strap.
- 1 pr. combinations.
- 2 wool pullovers.
- 1 pullover (wool, with R.C.A.F. crest on front).
- 1 wool Polo neck.
- 1 wool scarf.
- 1 green wool cardigan (zip fastener)
- 1 pr. khaki shorts.
- 1 pr. bathing trunks.
- 1 silk scarf.
- 1 pr. fingerless wool gloves.
- 10 prs. socks.
- 14 handkerchiefs.
- 1 pkt. letters.
- 1 writing compendium (notepaper and envelopes).
- 3 black ties.
- 1 pr. braces.
- 1 leather belt.
- 1 black soap box.
- 1 cigar box contg:- photos, Xmas cards, etc.
- 1 envelope contg:- 2 pilot's brevets.
- 1 cardboard box contg:-
- 1 steel mirror in case.
- 1 key case (4 keys)
- 1 padlock & 2 keys.
- 1 wrist watch (broken)
- 1 blue eye bath.
- 1 metal watch bracelet (broken)
- 1 key.
- 1 rosary.
- 1 crucifix on chain (slightly burnt)
- 1 red crucifix.
- 3 studs (collar)
- 1 religious ring in case with initials R.R.L.
- 1 shaving brush.
- 2 toothbrushes.
- 1 sports medal.
- 2 L.A.C. props.
- 2 shoulder eagles.
- 1 propelling pencil.
- 1 cycle dynamo (in pieces)
- 1 service diary.
- 1 loose-leaf pocket book.
- 1 pocket atlas - British Isles.
- 2 pocket dictionaries.
- 2 black notebooks.
- 1 book - Rules of Hockey.
- 1 French Prayer Book.
- 1 paper pocket diary.
- 2 pocket guides to Britain & London.
- 1 blue canvas and leather hand bag.
- 1 pr. snow boots.
- 1 pr. rubber shoes.
- 1 pr. black "Oxford" shoes with trees.

1 Post Office Savings Bank Book (Bournemouth No. 50133) extracted by Unit and forwarded to ~~XXXXXX~~ R.C.A.F. O/S H.Q. London.

Next of Kin:

E. Labbe, (Father)
Ste, Justine,
Co. Dorchester, Quebec,
Canada.

1 cycle held at Unit pending disposal instructions.



1 etc. & letters

THE CANADIAN PENSION COMMISSION

P & N. H.
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COPY FOR INFORMATION OF.....Department of National Defence,
Air Service.

OTTAWA, March 30, 1944

ATTENTION MR. HUGH JONES, TREASURY OFFICE.

The Chairman
Dependents' Allowance Board
Department of National Defence
O t t a w a

R-131388 Labbe, Joseph Paul Roland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Labbe, Ste. Justine,
Dorchester County, P. Q., parents of the above noted man, have
been awarded a pension at the rate of \$40.00 a month in respect
of his death, with effect from the 7th of August, 1943.

B. Simpson
for B. Simpson,
Assistant Secretary.

DIVISION DES SUCCESSIONS
OTTAWA CANADA

10 novembre 1944.

Monsieur et Madame Ernest Labbé,
Ste Justine,
Cté Dorchester,
P. Q.

LABBE, Joseph Paul Roland, Sgt. de Section (décédé)
No. R.131388, C. A. R. C.

Cher Monsieur et Madame Labbé,

Nous sommes maintenant en mesure de distribuer la
somme apparaissant au crédit de la succession militaire de votre fils.

Ce montant est de \$325.94 et est fait comme suit: -

Reliquat de solde.....	\$134.23
Argent trouvé parmi les effets.....	37.12
Produit de la vente du bicycle.....	22.35
Reliquat du compte d'épargnes au Bureau de Poste de Bournemouth, Angleterre..	<u>132.24</u>
Total.....	\$325.94

Votre fils a signé une formule concernant le compte
d'épargnes du Bureau de Poste par laquelle il a indiqué sa mère comme
étant la personne qui, en cas de mort, devait recevoir le montant en
dépôt au compte d'épargnes de Bournemouth. Madame Labbé a donc droit à
la somme de \$132.24, reliquat de son compte de banque, et Monsieur Labbé
à la somme de \$193.70 en sa qualité d'unique bénéficiaire au testament de
votre fils.

Le Bureau du Trésor a été requis de vous transmettre

.....au verso.....

- 2 -

à brève échéance des chèques payables à votre ordre au montant respectif de \$132.24 et \$193.70. Dès que vous aurez reçu ces chèques vous voudrez bien signer et retourner à notre Division les formules d'accusé de réception ci-incluses.

Votre dévoué,

(L.M. Firth) Colonel,
le Directeur des Successions.

OG/TD
Pc. adj. (2)