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AIR FORCE No. R.280737 POSTED TO No. 5 M.D., Lachine, P?Q? TRADE Std. Air crew

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

(ATTESTATION PAPER)

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

1. Surname Thistle, FULL Christian Names Edward Francis
2. Present Address 42 Douglas St., Sydney, N.S. Telephone 952J
3. Permanent Address 41 Douglas St., Sydney, N.S.
4. Place of Birth ~~January 1st, 1917~~ Sydney, N.S. Citizenship Canadian
5. Date of Birth January 1st, 1917. Married, ~~Single, Widower, Separated,~~ Divorced
6. Particulars of Children

Name	Date of birth	Name	Date of birth
Carl Daniel Thistle	Feb. 17th, 1939		
Catherine Mildred Helen Thistle	Aug. 4th, 1940		

7. Occupation Steelworker 8. Religion R.C.
   State denomination
9. Languages English
   State proficiency
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) Mrs. Helen Blanche Thistle Relationship Wife
    " Address 41 Douglas St., Sydney, N.S.
11. Father (Full Name) Edward James Thistle Birthplace Fogo, Newfoundland
    " Address DECEASED Citizenship British
    " Occupation Carpenter
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) Marcella Jones Birthplace Iona, Cape Breton, N.S.
    " Address 97 Morris St., Halifax, N.S. Citizenship Canadian
13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service:

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date From	Date To	Reason for discharge
N.A.			N.A.			

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

14. Honours, Awards, Mentions NONE
15. Are you now on any Naval, Military or Air Force Reserve? No
16. Have you previously made application to join the R.C.A.F.? No If so, where? N.A.
    When? N.A. Result N.A.
17. Were you ever discharged from any branch of His Majesty's Forces as Medically Unfit? No
    If so, state nature of disability N.A.
18. Have you ever been or are you now in receipt of a Disability Pension? No
    If so, state nature of Disability N.A.
19. Have you ever been convicted of an indictable offence? No If so state nature N.A.
20. Are you in debt? No If so, state particulars N.A.

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21. Particulars of Education:

—	Name of school	Date From	Date To	Courses—Subjects, etc.
Primary Education—Public or Separate School	Constantine School, Sydney	1923	1929	Grade VI
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.	Sacred Heart School, Sydney	1929	1931	Grade VIII
Technical School	St. Joseph's School "	1931	1933	Incomplete Grade IX
University or School other than above				
Correspondence Courses, etc.				

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

Employer and place	Duties, trades, positions	Date From	Date To	Reason for leaving
Merchant Marines	Seaman	1934	1938	
Stayed at home		1938	1939	
J.W. Stevens, Contractor.	Carpenter Work	1939	3 months	
Dominion Steel Company, Sydney	Steel Worker	1939	1940	
Merchant Marines	Seaman	1940	1943	Join R.C.A.F.

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 NONE

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 Std. Aircrew
If for Flying Duties, state preference as (a) Pilot; (b) Observer; (c) Air Gunner (d) Wireless Operator (Air Crew). (Cross out words not applicable.)

27. Names of persons who can give references as to character and ability.

Name	Address	Occupation
Mr. J.A. Saunders	Dominion Steel Company, Sydney	Superintendent.
Mr. J.W. Stevens	Townsend St., Sydney, N.S.	Contractor.
Mr. Carl. Neville	Whitney Pier, Sydney, N.S.	Boiler Maker
Mr. J.J.W. Maddin	Byng Ave., Sydney, N.S.	Magistrate.

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 October 5th 1943 Signature Edward J. Thistle

Registration Certificate surrendered

3 E.D. 260 P.D. 4

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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 (Not required for Standard (Tradesmen)—*

Trade in which tested.....

Result.....

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

.....

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

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

I, EDWARD FRANCIS THISTLE .....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 5th 1943 Edward F. Thistle
Signature of Recruit

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

I, EDWARD FRANCIS THISTLE .....do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Date October 5th 1943 Edward F. Thistle
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 Halifax, N.S. this 5th day of October 1943

[signature]
Signature of Officer

(W.T. Chapman) Commanding Officer
Rank

Squadron Leader, No. 16 Recruiting Centre
Unit

Halifax, N.S.

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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Part 1. Information obtained from the applicant—

1. Age. 26, 2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following defects in health?

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

3. Have you ever worn glasses? ....

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

5. I certify that I have revealed by Q. M. C. medical history and have not withheld any relevant information.

Edward T. Thistle
Signature of Applicant

Examiner's Remarks *re* above Dysentry 1935 while in the Lower. Not severe. No trouble since.

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

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

Large mole on medial side of left leg.

2. Height 5 feet 5¼ inches. 3. Weight 133 pounds.

4. Complexion Fair 5. Color of Eyes Blue Hair L. brown

6. Development { Good / Fair / Poor } 7. Chest Measurement—Full expiration 32 inches

Range of expansion 4 inches

8. Hearing—Right W.V. 20 Left W.V. 20 Tympana—Right N Left N

9. Vision—Without glasses—Right 20/15 With glasses—Right

Left 20/15 Left

10. Condition of mouth and teeth good

11. Urine—Albumen neg. Sugar neg.

12. Abnormalities (Congenital and Pathological) found on Examination

Nails bitten but otherwise stable. Pulse slow in 40 mm test but color good,

Fit G.B.N.

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 A1 /3B A3B T/V

Any special remarks of the Medical Officers

4-10-43 Color Defective Safe. RCAF Lamp.

13. [illegible] N

14. Heart N

15. Lungs N

16. Blood Pressure S. D. 134/80

17. Colour Vision Def. P I Plates.

Date 24-9-43 19

E. J. McGee F/L J. Nicholson F/L.

President Member Member

AIRCREW INFORMATION SHEET Sept. 30/43

PART I

1. Name THISTLE Edward Francis
(Surname) (Christian Names)

2. No. 16 Recruiting Centre 3. Date October 4th, 1943.

4. Date of Birth Jan. 1st, 1917 5. Education Grade VIII N.S.

6. Civilian Occupation Steel Worker 7. Marital Status M. 3

READ CAREFULLY:
The R.C.A.F. is anxious to put you into the job where you will be happiest and where you are best fitted to serve and where you will be of most value to your country. In order to do this you are asked to supply some information about yourself by answering the questions listed below. There are no "best" answers to these questions, nor are there any "trick" questions. The only right answers are frank and honest statement of fact. You will help the Service and yourself by giving your full co-operation. Be sure to answer all the questions. If you are uncertain about an answer, ask the instructor. Wait for the explanation before answering such question.

DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN YOUR FIRST INSTRUCTION

1. What is your age?
19 or less ( ) x ( ) 0
20 - 21 ( )
22 - 23 ( )
24 - 29 ( )
30 or above ( )

2. What is your marital status?
Single ( ) x ( ) 0
Plan to marry within 12 mos. ( )
Married ( )
Divorced, separated, etc ( )

3. What persons are solely dependent on you?
None ( )
Father ( )
Mother ( )
Wife ( ) x
Children - 1, 2, 3, 4 ( ) x ( ) 0
Others - 1, 2, 3 ( )

4. Do you have any friends, relatives, or members of your immediate family in aircrew?
None ( )
Some acquaintances ( )
Some close friends ( ) x ( ) 1
Some relatives ( )
Members of family ( )

5. What is your education background?
Grade school or less ( ) x ( ) 0
Partial High ( )
Business School ( )
Grad. of High School ( )
Grad. of Teah School ( )
Education beyond High School ( )
University Graduate ( )

6. To what extent do you support yourself?
Wholly provided by parents ( )
Contribute whenever possible ( )
Regularly contribute ( )
Wholly self-supporting ( ) x ( ) 3

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7. What is your "job history"
Unemployed ( )
Odd jobs only ( ) x ( ) 1
Unskilled ( )
Semi-skilled ( )
Skilled ( )

8. What hobbies have you?
No definite hobbies ( )
Mechanical hobbies ( )
Non-mechanical hobbies ( ) x ( ) 1
List main hobbies below:

Reading

9. To what extent have you taken part in sports?
None ( )
Interested but not active ( )
Limited activity ( ) x ( ) 2
Fairly active ( )
Very active - keen ( )

10. Have you taken part in any military organization?
No - never interested ( )
Interested - no chance ( )
Boy Scouts ( )
COTC or NPAM ( )
Navy or Army Cadets ( ) x ( ) 3
Air Cadet ( )
University Air Cadet ( )

11. Have you ever held office in school church clubs or societies? x 0
Never elected ( )
Occasionally elected ( )
Frequently elected ( )

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AIRCREW INTERVIEW

The following suggestions are intended to act as a guide only for the information of the interviewing officer and with a view to standardizing the interview procedure:

12. The length of time he has been considering joining one of the Armed Forces:

Notes:- 6 months

13. The reason or reasons why the applicant is applying for enlistment in the R.C.A.F. rather than the Navy or Army.

Notes:- Wants to fly.

14. Attraction that Aircrew has for him which has resulted in his applying for it rather than some other form of Air Force duties.

Notes:- Interested in Aeronotics.

15. The factor or factors which have brought him to the point of applying now.

Notes:- Army Call

16. The person or persons with whom he has talked over the question of enlistment as Aircrew and their reaction to his desire to join, and any outside circumstances which may have hastened or delayed his decision.

Notes:- Friends

17. A clear explanation to the applicant and acceptance by him of the procedure by which the Aircrew Selection Board may reinstate him to General Duties (or recommend his discharge) if, in their opinion, he is not desirous of or suitable for aircrew training.

Notes:- Understands

18. Ascertain whether he is prepared to serve in any Aircrew capacity, and his assurance that he is prepared to do his best to succeed.

Notes:- Yes

PART IV
SUMMARY

Classification Test Score C.T.52.

Form R.267 Score (Part II) 11

(R.D. Seddon) - F.O.
Signature of Test Administrator

Interviewing Officer's Assessment

Suitable for Aircrew training. Mature. Part Grade IX out of school ten years. Good alertness. Should qualify for any category of Aircrew.

Signature (R.D. Seddon) - F.O.

MEDICAL CATEGORY

A1B	(x)	Height	65¼
A3B(T)	(x)	Weight	133
A3B	(x)	Visual Acuity	20/15 E.E.
A3B(V)	(x)	Colour Vision	Defective P.I. Plates.

Medical Officer's Assessment

Alert co-operative with good reactions & responses. Mature and stable. Suitable for aircrew training. ATB pending latern test for color vision. Otherwise fit.

Signature (G. Nichols) - F.L.

R.C.A.F. Number R.280737
Enlistment Number 5-10-43
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LIMITED CATEGORY
(Mark X as applicable)

Yes
X
No

A.F.H.Q. Approval (If applicable)

Signature
Commanding Officer, No.16 Recruiting Centre, RCAF, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

RCAF Form R.267

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

AGREEMENT

Personnel Granted Leave Without Pay
Direct Entry Airmen and Airwomen

1. Having this enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force, I do hereby acknowledge and agree that in consideration of being granted leave of absence without pay, the following conditions of service will apply to me during the period of such leave.

(a) That during the period of such leave I will conduct myself at all times IN a manner which will reflect credit upon the Royal Canadian Air Force of which I am a member.

(b) I will not be entitled to receive any pay or allowances, or to any issue of uniform or equipment, or to receive medical or dental services during the period of such leave.

(c) I will not be entitled to any disability pension for any injury or illness which may happen to me during the period of such leave, nor will my dependents, if any, be entitled to any pension by reason of disability or death arising from such injury or illness. Nevertheless, I will report immediately to the Recruiting Centre at which I was enlisted, any such injury or illness suffered by me whilst on leave.

(d) That if unforeseen circumstances require any change in the terms or length of my leave, I will, if I receive written notice requesting me to do so, report to the Recruiting Centre at which I was enlisted in order that such change may be communicated to me.

(e) That if I marry during the period of my leave, my wife shall not be entitled to dependents' allowance until I have completed six months' service subsequent to termination of my period of leave without pay. (Note: THIS CLAUSE IS NOT APPLICABLE TO AIRWOMEN).

A. Webber F/O
(Witness)

Edward F. Thistle
(Signature of recruit)

Halifax, Nova Scotia
(Place)

October 6th, 1943.
(Date)

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

LEAVE OR PASS FORM

No. R.280737 Rank: AC2 Name: THISTLE, Edward Francis was enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on the 5th day of October 1943, and has been granted leave of absence without pay from the 6th day of Oct. 1943, until the 8th day of Nov. 1943, inclusive and ordered to report at No. 16 Recruiting Centre, Halifax, N.S. or

Beginning the journey to the specified destination on the day following expiration of leave or as soon thereafter as transportation facilities permit (but in no instance before midnite on the last day of leave.)

NOTE: If, contrary to these instructions the journey is begun prior to midnite of the last day leave as stipulated above, it will be done entirely at the recruit's own risk in the event of injury, loss or damage, and pay and allowances will not begin until the day following the expiration of leave.

Edward F. Thistle
(Signature of Recruit)

A. Webber F/O
(Signature of Attesting Officer)

AFH 23(a) Std. Aircrew,
May 6/43

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

ENLISTMENT AGREEMENT

STANDARD AIRCREW

1. I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the following conditions of service in the event of my being accepted for enlistment in the Royal Canadian Air Force:

(a) That I will appear before an Aircrew Classification Board at Manning Depot and may be allocated for training in any aircrew category.

(b) That despite the fact that I have been enlisted as Standard (Aircrew) if I am at the time of such appearance before the Classification Board or at any time thereafter during my service found to be unsuitable for Aircrew, the Royal Canadian Air Force may remuster me to a ground trade or to General Duties or may discharge me from the Service.

(c) That I may be called upon to perform duties not directly or indirectly connected with an Aircrew trade until the Royal Canadian Air Force is in a position to commence my aircrew training.

C. Parkes Lane
(Witness)

Edward D. Thistle
(Signature of Applicant)

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S.L. ..... P.A. .....

Halifax, Nova Scotia.
(Place)

October 5th, 1943.
(Date)

AFM 23
15 Sept, 1943

AIR FORCE No. R.280737

SURNAME: Kistle

FULL CHRISTIAN NAME: Edward Francis

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT — PLACE: Halifax N.S. DATE: Oct. 5th 1943

RELIGION: R.C.

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H.Q. 555-R-230

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE
RECORD OF SERVICE
OFFICERS, AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN

BIRTH DATE	PLACE	COUNTRY	CITIZENSHIP	RACIAL ORIGIN
1 Jan. 1917	Sydney, NS	Canada	Canadian	English

CIVIL EDUCATION

PUBLIC SCHOOL	JUNIOR MATRICULATION
HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE Gr. VIII	SENIOR MATRICULATION
TECHNICAL SCHOOL	UNIVERSITY
CORR./BUSINESS COURSES	LANGUAGES SPOKEN

CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Seaman 1934-1938
1940-1943
Carpenter 1939
Lake Boater 1939-1940

PREVIOUS SERVICE

Merchant Navy
1934-1938
1940-1943

PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY	PLACE AND DATE OF MEDICAL	CATEGORY
Halifax NS - 4-10-43	A1/3B, A3B	T/V	

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY

~~SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWER, DIVORCED~~ Married

WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME) OR HUSBAND

PRESENT ADDRESS (IN PENCIL)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE — DATE

AUTHORITY (IF AFTER APPOINTMENT/ENLISTMENT)

CHILDREN

NAMES	PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH	NAMES	PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH

NAME(S), ADDRESS(ES), RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON(S) TO BE INFORMED OF CASUALTIES (IN PENCIL)

Mrs Anne Rose Kistle
41 Douglas St
Sydney N.S.

EMPLOYMENT AS INSTRUCTOR OFFICER AIRMAN/AIRWOMAN

TYPE	FROM	TO	TYPE	FROM	TO

OFFICERS

RANK, BRANCH AND CATEGORY	DATE	AUTH.	DUTIES PERFORMED DURING SERVICE, E.G. ADJ.

COURTS-MARTIAL ATTENDED WITH DATES
(STATE IF UNDER INSTRUCTION OR AS MEMBER)

AIRMEN AND AIRWOMEN

RANK	DATE	AUTH.	TRADE	DATE	AUTH.
AC2	5/10/43		Std Quarters	7/9/43	R.267

OFFICERS, AIRMEN/AIRWOMEN

COURSE OR TRADE	GRP	%	PF	DATE
Std Quarters	S		P	24/9/43

AIR FORCE No. R.280739

SURNAME: Thistle

FULL CHRISTIAN NAME: Edward Francis

ENLISTMENT/APPOINTMENT — PLACE: Halifax N.S. DATE: Oct. 5, 1943

RELIGION: R.C.

R.C.A.F. FORM R.250

TYPE OF LEAVE

FROM	TO	No. DAYS	DESCRIPTION	AUTH.
6-10-43	8-11-43	34	OLWP	AFM 23a
9.11.43	8.12.43		OLWP	AFM 23a
9.12.43	8.1.44		OLWP	AFM 23a
9.1.44	9.2.44		OLWP	AFM 23a
10.2.44	8.3.44		OLWP	AFM 23a
9.3.44	8.4.44		OLWP	AFM 23a
9.4.44	9.5.44		OLWP	AFM 23a
10.5.44	9.6.44		OLWP	AFM 23a
10.6.44	10.7.44		OLWP	AFM 23a
10.7.44	10.8.44		OLWP	AFM 23a
11.8.44	10.9.44		OLWP	AFM 23a
11.9.44	11.10.44		OLWP	AFM 23a
12.10.44	17/12/44		OLWP	AFM 23a

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ON WHICH MOST PROFICIENT

(IF UNDER INSTRUCTION STATE NUMBER OF HOURS ON EACH TYPE AND TESTS PASSED)

SERVICE MACHINES FLOWN

CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSESSMENT

DATE	CHARACTER	TRADE ASSESSMENT

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HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS

DATE	AWARD	AUTHORITY

POSTINGS, ATTACHMENTS & TEMPORARY DUTY

SOS	TOS	FROM	TO	DATE	AUTHORITY
~~✓~~	~~✓~~	~~#16 R.C.~~	~~H.S.A.D.~~	~~Oct 5 1943~~	~~M.O.R.13.~~
	✓	H.L.R.C.		5/10/43	M.O.R.13.
✓		#16 R.C.	to E.A.C. H.Q	1/8/44	A.F.O. #64
	✓	E.A.C. H.Q.		2/8/44	A.F.O. #236.
✓		E.A.C. H.Q. on Discharge from R.C.A.F.		18/11/44	A.F.O. 279.

ALL OTHER CASUALTIES

CASUALTY AND DATE	AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF THE

PROTHONOTARY SUPREME COURT

AND CLERK COUNTY COURT

COUNTY OF CAPE BRETON

SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA.

January 12, 1944.

Squadron Leader L.T.Chapman,
Commanding Officer,
No. 16 Recruiting Centre, R.C.A.F.
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir: Re: THISTLE, E.F.

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. I am enclosing herewith a certificate of conviction in re Edward Thistle. This man pleaded guilty im the County Court Judge's Criminal Court on the 12th June 1940 to the charge of setting fire to the Diana Sweets Building in Sydney on the 27th April, 1940, and was wentenced to serve four years in Dorchester Penitentiary.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) A.D. Muggal.
Clerk County Court
Judge's Criminal Court.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

.....
(L.T.Chapman) S/L
for A.O.C.-in-C., E.A.C.,Hdqs.,RCAF.,
Halifax, N.S.

16th October, 1944
(Date)

SECRET

Halifax, N.S., December 29th, 1943.

Air Officer Commanding,
No. 3 Training Command,
Montreal, P.Q.

Discharge
R.280737 AC2 THISTLE, E.F.

1. The above named airman was enlisted for aircrew training by the Mobile Recruiting Unit, operating from this Centre, on 5th October, 1943. On October 6th it was discovered that this airman had made a previous application in July, 1943, and at that time he disclosed the fact that he had just been released from the penitentiary, where he had served a sentence of arson.

2. It appears that this man was paid to set fire to a restaurant and on July 25th, 1940, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. He was released from penal servitude on July 16th, 1943, after having had a remission of one year deducted from his original sentence for good conduct.

3. On October 7th, 1943, the above information was submitted to Air Force Headquarters, attention D.P.S.S./C.I.O. (Certified true copy enclosed), and at the same time his file was forwarded for consideration in accordance with Manning Order M.10/10.

4. In view of the fact that a decision had not been given by Air Force Headquarters in this matter it was necessary to extend his leave without pay from time to time and his present posting date is January 8th, 1944.

5. This Recruiting Centre is now in receipt of a letter from Air Force Headquarters advising that the M/N recruit has been placed on the "UNDESIRABLE" list and is not to be enlisted under any conditions.

6. Since this man has been placed on the "UNDESIRABLE" list it would appear that there is no alternative except his discharge and your authority to begin the necessary action is respectfully requested, please.

Encl.
HT:JS
CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

(L.T.Chapman) S.L.,
C.O., No. 16 R.C.

(L.T.Chapman) S/L
for A.O.C.-in-C., RCAF., Halifax, N.S.

16th October, 1944
(Date)

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Should this Parchment be Lost or Mislaid no Duplicate of it can be obtained

Parchment Certificate of Discharge of No. R 280737 (Rank) A.C.V.

(Name) Edward Francis Thistle

Born in the County of Inverness

in the Province of Nova Scotia

Attested at Halifax on the 5th October 1943

for the period of duration of war, at the age of 26 years.

His description is as follows:—

Age 27 years. Height 5 feet 5 1/4 ins. Complexion medium

Eyes grey Hair brown Trade Std. Aircraw

Marks or scars on the face or other parts of the body: large mole on medial side of left leg.

Signature of Man Edward. F. Thistle.

Service towards completion of engagement NIL years ONE days.

He is discharged on K.R. (Air) 195 (2) in consequence of having made a false answer on attestation.

Campaigns Nil

Medals and Decorations Nil

Discharge confirmed at Halifax, Nova Scotia

Signature [signature]

Date 18 November 1944

Period of service includes a period of leave without pay from Oct. 6, 1943 to Nov. 18, 1944 (1 yr, 13 days)

N.B.—Any person finding this certificate is requested to forward it in an unstamped envelope to the DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, OTTAWA, CANADA

R.C.A.F. R. 15

15M—8-41 (639)
H.Q. 1062-3-20

His conduct and character in the service have been assessed on discharge under K.R.O., R.C.A.F., Para. 415, as:—

N. A.

His qualifications during Air Force service in the trade shown have been assessed under K.R.O., R.C.A.F., Para. 416, as:—

N. A.

His qualifications for civil employment in the trades shown are assessed from his Air Force service as:—

N. A.

The man's address on discharge is:—

41 Douglas Street
Sydney, Nova Scotia

Place Halifax N. S.

Date 18 November 1944

Officer Commanding

GRADE 8

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TRIPLICATE } Copy designation to be shown by striking out terms not applicable.

M.F.M. 2
(Combining M.F.M. 103)
750M—4-43 (9375) (786-828)
H.Q. 1772—39—1645

Corps No. 6 District Depot. General List. Regimental Number F 36550

CANADIAN ARMY

ENROLMENT AND ATTESTATION PAPER

WSG COMPLETED

1. THISTLE (Surname) EDWARD FRANCIS (Christian Names)
2. Present Address 350 Townsend St., Sydney, Nova Scotia.
3. (a) Date of birth 1 January 1917
   (b) Place of birth Canada (Country) Cape Breton County (County or Province) Sydney (Town or Township)
4. (a) Place of birth of Father Newfoundland Fogo
   (b) " " " " Mother Canada (Country) Cape Breton County (County or Province) (Town or Township)
5. Nationality Canadian
   (To what country do you now owe allegiance) if naturalized give certif. no. date and place of issue. If not naturalized so state.
6. Religion (state denomination) Roman Catholic
7. Trade or calling (a) Steel Worker (a) Name and address of last employer: Dominion Steel Co. Sydney, N.S.
   (b) How long employed 2 years
9. Married, Widower or Single Married If married, how many children TWO
10. Name of Next-of-Kin Mrs. Helen Thistle 11. Relationship Wife
12. Address of Next-of-Kin 350 Townsend St., Sydney, Nova Scotia.
13. Previous Service (Navy, Army or Air Force) Units and dates NA
14. (a) Former war service NA
    (b) In the armed forces of what country NA
    (c) Dates of such Service NA
15. Decorations and medals, if any NA
16. I do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true Edward F. Thistle
    Signature of Recruit, or in the case of N.R.M.A. personnel who refuse to sign, signature of officer under Regn. 8 (d) (I) R.A.S.R. 1941

16a CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ATTESTING OR ENROLLING OFFICER

The 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 above named 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,

at Halifax, N.S. this 5th day of January 1944

D. R. Kelley — Signature of Magistrate, Justice Attesting or Enrolling Officer.

(D. R. KELLEY) Capt. — Office or Rank and Unit or appointment.

Reception Centre, No 6 D. D.

ITEMS 17, 18 AND 19 WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNLESS A MAN ENLISTS FOR GENERAL SERVICE ANYWHERE.

17. DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Edward Francis THISTLE, hereby engage to serve in any Active Formation or Unit of the Canadian Army so long as an emergency; i.e., war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, exists, and for the period of demobilization after said emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.

Eff. Date 5-Jan-44 Edward F. Thistle (Signature of Recruit)

18. OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, Edward Francis THISTLE, do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegience to His Majesty

Witness J. B. Hall (Name) Pte (Rank) Edward F. Thistle (Signature of Recruit)

19. The above named recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me.

at Halifax, N.S. this 6th day of January 1944

D. R. Kelley (Signature of Magistrate, Justice or Attesting Officer.)

(D. R. KELLEY) Capt. (Office or Rank and Unit or appointment)

Reception Centre, No 6 D.D.

N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON WILFULLY MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

20. Surname THISTLE Christian Names Edward Francis

Reception Centre #6 D.D. Military District #6 Date 5 JAN 44

The medical examination is divided into three parts. The history in Part 1, item 24, (a) to (z), is taken by a Medical Officer. Part II sections items 25, 26, 27 and 28 are filled in by the respective Specialist. Part III is completed by the President of the Board.

21. Age 27 Eyes (Colour) Blue Hair Lt. Brown Height 5'7½" Weight 141

Identification marks and scars NIL

22. Urinalysis (a) Albumen Neg (b) Microscopic (if albumen positive) (c) Sugar neg

" recheck (a) " (b) " " (c) Blood sugar

23. X-Ray No. A-6557 Laboratory #6 Rec. Centre Report neg.

Part I. History

24. Have you now or did you ever have any of the following diseases?

(a) Eye trouble No

(b) Nose, throat, sinus or ear trouble

No

24. (Cont'd)
(c) Any broken bones or other injuries

No

Head injuries No

(d) Spinal trouble No

(e) Foot trouble No

(f) Operations No

(g) Ruptures No

(h) Kidney or bladder trouble No

(i) Gonorrhoea No

(j) Varicose veins No

(k) Haemorrhoids No

(l) Rheumatism or joint trouble No

Part II. Physical Examination

25. The Medical Officers will complete this part and indicate "negative" or describe positive findings.

Vision (without glasses) Rt. 20/ 20 Lt. 20/ 20

(with glasses) Rt. 20/ Lt. 20/

Hearing (C.V.) Rt. 20 Lt. 20

Ears (Drums) Rt. neg Lt. neg

Nose neg Throat neg

Sinuses no symptoms.

Remarks and Diagnosis

P 1

Pulhems grading H 1 E 1

(G.H. Ingham) Major R.C.A.M.C.
(Signature E.E.N.T. Specialist)

26. Cranium N.A.D.

Spine "

Extremities "

Hernia "

Genito-Urinary "

Rectum "

Varicose Veins "

Feet "

Abdominal "

Remarks and Diagnosis

Slight flattening metatarsal arches. No symptoms.

Pulhems grading P 1 U 1 L 1

(T.B. Acker) Capt. R.C.A.M.C.
(Signature of Surgeon)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION (cont'd.)

24. (Cont'd)

(m) Tuberculosis ..... No

(n) Bronchitis or other lung trouble ..... No

(o) Asthma or Hay Fever ..... No

(p) Heart Disease ..... No

(q) Rheumatic Fever ..... No

(r) Kidney Disease ..... No

(s) Stomach, Bowel or Rectal trouble ..... No

(t) Diabetes ..... No

(u) Goitre ..... No

(v) Syphilis ..... No

(w) Fits or fainting ..... No

(x) Nervous disorders ..... No

(y) Have you been in the Active Army in this war? ..... No

(z) Are you now or have you in the past received disability pension or compensation? ..... No

Edward T. Thistle
(Signature of Recruit)

(L.J. Cole) Capt. R.C.A.M.C.
(Witnessed by)

27. Physique :

Good X Fair ..... Poor .....

Chest :

Full expansion 36 Range of Expansion 3

Lungs : neg.

Heart : B.P. Systolic 130 Diastolic 80

neg.

Abdomen neg.

Skin neg.

Glandular Systems neg.

Remarks and Diagnosis :

N.A.D.

PULHEMS Grading P I

(L.J. Cole) Capt. R.C.A.M.C.
(Signature of Physician)

28. Psychiatrist's Report Remarks and Diagnosis :

M-169

Pulhems grading M 1 S 1

(E. Graham) Capt. R.C.A.M.C.
(Signature of Psychiatrist)

Part III

29. Category (or profile) to be assigned.

Grade 1

Certified true copy of original proceedings.

Year of Birth	P	U	L	H	E	M	S
17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

This category (or profile) is not to be changed. See note (c).

(R.D. Lindsay) Lt. Col. R.C.A.M.C.
(President of the Board)

30. (a) Vaccination — Inoculations Serodiagnostic tests to be initialled by M.O.

30. (b) Changes or confirmation in present category (or profile) to be signed by M.O. or President of Medical Board.

Date	Use one line and write plainly.	Date	P	U	L	H	E	M	S	Signature of M.O.
11-1-44	Blood Test Neg	1 Mar 44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
29-Jan-44	MBD (a)	JUN 14 '44	PROFILE CONFIRMED							
19-Feb-44	TABT (2)									
25-4-44	X RAY CHEST NEGATIVE G-830									
27-4-44	Typhus 1cc Gal									
4-5-44	Typhus 1cc Gal									
11-5-44	Typhus 1cc Gal									

NOTE: (a) Any corrections to entries made must be initialled by the officers making them.
(b) (i) Category (or profile) in Part III (29) is not to be changed after once assigned.
(ii) Subsequent changes in category (or profile) to be entered in Part III (30) (b).
(c) Officers making changes must enter their rank. Corrections ARE NOT to be written OVER original entry.

Record of Service of THISTLE (Surname) EDWARD FRANCIS (Christian Name) Regimental Number

QUALIFICATIONS

Military NIL

Business or Professional NIL

Trade or Civil STEEL WORKER

Technical NIL

Languages ENGLISH

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

High School or Collegiate NIL (years completed)

Graduation or Matriculation GRADE 8 (specify)

*College

*University NIL

* (Name of institution, courses or years completed, and degrees obtained to be shown)

All personnel whether G.S. (General Service) or N.R.M.A. will be taken on strength as private soldiers. Postings, appointments and promotions should be shown in the spaces below.

REPORT Date	REPORT From whom received	Record of Postings, Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc. from and including date taken on strength.	Rank Shown	Effective Date	Unit	Place	AUTHORITY Part II D.O. No. Cas. List, etc.	AUTHORITY Dated
		T.O.S. no. 6 D.D.C.A. (Quota)	Pte	5-1-44	6 Depot	Halifax	D.O. Pt. # 6	D/7-1-44
		S.O.S. to No. 60 C.A.(B)T.C.	"	13 Jan 44	"	"	D.O. 11	13 Jan 44
		T.O.S. #60 C.I. (B) T.C. f.a.p.	"	14 Jan 44	#60 TC	Yarmouth	#11	14 Jan 44
S.O.S. #60 C.I(B).T.C. on trans. to A14 C.I.T.C.			"	11 Mar.44	"	"	#53	10 Mar. 44
T.O.S. on transfer from No. 60 C.A.(B)T.C.			"	12 Mar 44	A14 CITC	Aldershot NS	#63	13 Mar 44
S.O.S. on transfer to No.10 District Depot.			"	20 Mar 44	"	"	" # 96	20 Apr 44
		T.O.S. No.10 D.D. Para. Wing from A14 Aldershot, N.S.	"	21 ~~Mar~~ Apr 44	#10 DD	Winnipeg	D.O. 101	28 Apr 44.
		Not having been selected for Para.Trng. is S.O.S. to A15 CITC Camp Shilo, Man	"	4 May 44	"	"	D.O. 107	5 May 44.
		T.O.S. from #10 D.D. Winnipeg, Man.	"	5 May 44	A15 CITC	SHILO	D.O. 107	5 May 44
		T.W. A563373	"	17 may 44	"	"	121	22 may 44
		Furlough until 11 Jun 44 (In lieu of emb. leave)	"	29 may 44	"	"	123	24 may 44
		To receive $1.40 per diem.	"	5 may 44	"	"	126	27 may 44
		S.O.S. to Serial No. 294A	"	22 Jun 44	"	"	148	22 Jun 44

For additional entries use M.F.M. 1 and 2 (a)

SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

PART I (For all ranks)

M.F.M. 4 (Part I)
A.F.B. 103 (Part I)
200M—8-42 (5892)
H.Q. 1772-39-1649

Unit: No. 6 District Depot, C.A. Regimental Number: F-36550

1. Surname: THISTLE
2. Christian Names: Edward Francis
3. *Substantive Rank and Appointment: Pte
   *Acting Temporary or Local Rank
   giving date
   *To be entered in pencil to facilitate alteration.
4. Place of birth: Sydney, N.S.
5. Date of birth as declared on attestation: 1 January 1917
   (A)
6. Date of enlistment: 5-1-44
7. Place of enlistment: Halifax, N.S.
8. Residence at time of enlistment: 350 Townsend St., Sydney, NS.
9. (B) Special conditions (if any) of enlistment or rate of pay
10. (C) Any subsequent variations of conditions of service
11. Religion: Roman Catholic
12. If married, state date: Married 20 April 1939
13. Trade on enlistment: Steel Worker.
14. Corps, trade and grade
15. (D) Qualifications
16. (E) Miscellaneous entries

(17) Regiment or Corps	Unit (Battn., etc.)

(18) Medical

Category	Date	Authority
Grade I	5-1-44	Medical Board
17-1111111 Conf'd	14 Jun 44	MFM 12.

(19) Next of kin (entries to be made in pencil)

Mrs Helen Thistle (Wife)
350 Townsend St
Sydney. Nova Scotia

(20) E
(21) E
(22) E

NOTES—
(A) Here enter particulars of any subsequent claim as to actual age after verification of birth certificate.
(B) Whether for home service only, enlisted at special rates of pay, etc.
(C) If to be retained on home service, period if specified to be stated; also authority and on what grounds; see (A) above.
(D) Signaller, Farrier, etc.
(E) Instructions regarding allotment of these sub-heads will be made as may be necessary after mobilization.

(a) Report: Date	(a) Report: From whom received	(b) Unit	(c) Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, &c., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, &c. Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, &c.) in accordance with para. 2 of Note to Table I of Appendix III of Field Service Regulations, Volume I	(d) Place of Casualty	(e) Date of Casualty	Army rank as at (e)	(g) Army Form or other authority for entry to be shown
		A15	Prof Pay $1.40 per diem	Shilo	5-5-44	PTE	126 27-5-44
			Embarked & SOS Cdn Army (CAN)		25-6-44		
	T.O.S. 2	IRU	T.S Cdn Army O/S	U.K.	26-6-44		
			Disembarked U.K.	U.K.	3-7-44		
			Reported for duty	U.K.	4-7-44	PTE	158 - 15-7-44
		"	DRP 15/5 0	"	5-7-44	"	162 - 10-7-44
		"	Sent to X4 list 13 Bn 2 CBRG (alg R)	"	20-7-44	"	171 - 20-7-44
X4	alg R	13 Bn	TOS from 2 CIRU	"	21 Jul 44	"	27 - Jul 44
"	"	"	Embarked U.K. 24 Jul Disembarked France. SOS to R R O/C	20 Jul "	21 Jul 44	"	30 - 1944
	O.O.	R. REGT. O.	T.O.S. FD. UNIT 1 BN. ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADA		28 JUL 1944		33 SEP 1944 43 SEP 44
	✓	✓	SOS deceased - Killed	"	29 Aug 44	"	47 / 44

R.280737 Thistle, E.T.

R03 for filing R05 mc

40306

PERMANENT PLACE OF RESIDENCE UPON ENLISTMENT ..41.Douglas.St.,.Sydney,.N.S.....

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NATIONALITY....Canadian.....2..... DATE OF BIRTH...1/January/1917.....1/7

MARITAL STATUS....Married....2..... RELIGION...Roman.Catholic.../.....

LANGUAGES SPOKEN....English fluently./.....

PREVIOUS SERVICE....Merchant Navy..1934-1938..1940...1943....8.....

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EDUCATION.....Grade VIII.....8.....

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CIVILIAN OCCUPATION....Seamen..1934.-1938..Carpenter.1939..Steel.Worker.1939-1940.480

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DATE OF ENLISTMENT..October.5,.1943...OLWP.from.6/Oct/43 to 17/Nov/44

Discharged from R.C.A.F. eff. 18/Nov/44 DRO #279

.....
(Signature of AIRMAN)

J.K. Colquhoun F/L
.....
(Signature of Witnessing Officer)

DOMINION OF CANADA — MEDICAL SERVICES

CASE SHEET (SPECIALIST REPORT)

Referred by: M.O. Date 4 April 44

No. F.36550 Rank Pte Name Thistle E.F.

Address Aldershot N.S.

Unit A-14-C.I.T.C. Trade — Category 1111111 Age 22

Referred to: Psychiatrist

History and Physical Findings (to be filled out by M.O. i/c case)

Physical - neg. Has taken all training to date.

Opinion Requested Re: Stability for paratroops

Type of Case Ambulatory, Wheelchair, Stretcher, Bed

M.O. Signat. C. Shackleton Capt

Present Pulhems

YOB	P	U	L	H	E	M	S
22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Suggested Pulhems

17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Hospital ..... Report No.....

X-Ray No.....

Man was seen at A-14 CITC 4 Apr 44
Consultation required re M & S grading for possible paratroop training.
FAMILY HISTORY: is apparantly negative.
SCHOOL & WORK HISTORY: is good.
MILITARY HISTORY: Enlisted 6 Jan 44 and completed basic training at Yarmouth, N.S. A.E. noted an "M" score of 169, and considers man suitable for and C.C. states there is no training record available. R.M.O. states man is physically fit.
PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION: Man is pleasant, co-operative and attentive. He is mildly tense and there is a fine tremor of outstreched hands. He states he is tense and excited because of his intense desire to be a paratrooper and because he is afraid he will be turned down. He has always been airminded and has enjoyed some civilian experiences. He has discussed this probled with his wife and she has given her concent. He has also considered the dan ger involved and feels he would still like to be a paratrooper.
IMPRESSION: This man has adjusted well in civil and army life and has the intelligence to appreciate the training he is applying for. Although there issome evidence of vasomotor instability the man is physically fit and is worthy of consideration.
DIAGNOSIS: M-1 S-1
RECOMMENDED: That this man be considered psychiatrically fit for paratroop training.

Approved Pulhems

YOB	P	U	L	H	E	M	S	DOE
17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6 Jan 44

DISABILITY	CODE

Diagnosis.....

Is this man fit for his duty?.....

Recommendation:.....

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Date..... .....

(Consultant's Signature)
(J.R. Loudoun) Capt/RCAMC,
Neuro Psychiatrist, M.D. 6

USE REVERSE SIDE IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

(ARMY)

SUPPLEMENT TO PERSONNEL SELECTION RECORD

(M.F.M. 196A)

To be attached to M.F.M. 196, and to be initiated **only** when M.F.M. 196 is completely filled.

F-36550	Pte.	THISTLE, Edward F.		A	27
Regtl. No.	Rank	Surname	First Name	A or R	Age / Cat.

"M" Test:	169	B	Eng.	13	18	13	26		28	15	26	30	44	54	71
	Total	Form	Eng. or Fr.	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	1-3	4-5	6-8

ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP: From: A14 CITC, Aldershot, N.S.
Pulhems 17 111111, 1 entry on MFM 6, Night Vision A.
1st Int: 6 Jan 44, #6 D.D.

1. TOS #10 D.D. on 21 Mar 44 from A14 CITC, Aldershot, N.S., approved as potential paratrooper.
2. Rejected at #10 D.D. because of dental condition - only 1 upper molar.
3. Thistle thought he would be rejected because of nerves - as he states he was told by an Eastern Psychiatrist that he was under tension. He did not appear too disappointed. "I have had a lot of disappointments. I missed the RCAF, so this is not too hard to take."
4. At Basic was reported - "This man is very smart as a soldier, a willing worker with a keen desire to get ahead. Should make good NCO material. Completed 5 weeks Advanced at Aldershot.
5. Offers no objection to training at A15 CITC. He is a good soldier, willing to accept Army orders in good grace.
6. Psychiatrist states: "Good childhood, school, occupational and Army records. Friendly, alert, pleasant, bright, bites nails, tremor, moist palms. Motivation is good. There is some suggestion of neuro-vascular instability, but his does not appear to influence his efficiency. Worth a trial."

7. Recommendation: 1. UNSUITABLE FOR PARATROOPS - Medical reasons - (dental.)
2. Cdn. Infantry Corps.
a) Despatch to A15 CITC, Shilo, Man.

#10 District Depot
JELB/VHA

26 Apr 44

J.E.L. Black Major
(J.E.L. Black) AE #10 DD

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F-36550 THISTLE E.F.

Examination of documents and interviews for the foregoing indicate his suitability for o/s Service in C.I.C. (Operational) as Inf. Non-Tradesman.

A15 C.I.T.C.
19 Jun 44.

Ashley Cobb Capt.
for (W. Hasselfield)
Army Examiner

Int 4-7-44 B. 1-1-17 ♂? 14-5-44
3-6 W. 140 M. 2-4-39 2 children Enl 5-4-44 Js 4-7-44.
Basic + Adv Trg. N.V. "A" 24-4-44.
attitude - good. - steady & reliable man. - No problems.
Rec. Inf. Fld. S.D.
Cleared from CBRG 12.7.44.

M.F.M. 196A
50M—5-43 (8887)
H.Q. 4772-32-1916

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP)

This form will accompany the soldier's regimental documents at all times.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Army)

Personnel Selection Record

C.I.C. — Arm or Corps

Trade (if Tradesman or Trade Trainee)

Work in Arm (if Non-Tradesman)

I. F36550 (Regt. No.) PTE. (Rank) THISTLE, Edward F. (Name surname first) A (A or R) 27 (Age) I (Med. Cat.)

English (Main Language) Reception Centre, No.6 D.D.(CA) (Place (Unit) Interviewed) 6 January 1944 (Date Interviewed)

II. Revised Examination "M" (Form B) #6 D.D.(CA) (Place Tested) 5-Jan-44 (Date Tested) G.C.NEW Lieut. (By Whom)

169 (Total) II (Group) Subtests 13 (1) 18 (2) 13 (3) 26 (4) 28 (5) 15 (6) 26 (7) 30 (8) Subtotals 44 (1-3) 54 (4-5) 71 (6-8) English (English or French)

Other Tests

Y.O.B.	P	U	L	H	E	M	S
17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

III. Educational Background

Completed Grade VIII and most of Grade IX at the age of 16 years (city N.S.) Ten years in school. Left school because he preferred to work.

IV. Occupational Background

3 years - Various jobs on cargo ships (steward, fireman, ordinary seaman).
5 months - Carpenter's helper.
2 years - Helping his father run restaurant.
3 years - Various odd jobs of labouring type.
2 years - Helping tinsmith at steel plant.

V. Military Background

No military trainint to present date. Enlisted 6 Jan 1944 Transferred to #60 B.T.C., Yarmouth, N.S. 13 Jan 44. Completed B.T. Completed 6 weeks Advanced training at A14 CITC, Aldershot, N.S., from 11 Mar 44. Volunteered for paratroops and despatched to #10 D.D.

VI. Other Personal History and Appraisal

Chief interest seems to be centered on his home. Does considerable reading of a general nature. No health complaints.

Height: 5'7½" Weight: 141 lbs. Medium build. Clean, neat appearance. Married. Has two children. Home - Sydney, N.Scotia Father was killed five years ago. Thistle has been partial support of his mother since then. Has two sisters. Has no special post-war plans. Home is in Sydney, N.S.

Superior army learning ability indicated by "M" score. Appears to be a good type of man, willing to do his best in the Army. Regrets that he did not go further in school. Has the aptitude for Trades training. Should develop into an efficient combatant soldier, and with training, may develop leadership qualities.

Pte L.G. Richards.

VII. Recommendations

C. I. C.

F 36550

(Signed) A.C. O'Grady
(A.C. O'GRADY) Capt. Army Examiner

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M.F.M.196
200M—1-[illegible] (8912)
H.Q. 1772-39-1916

See reverse side for further information and follow-up

60B16 Question :- Is your wife willing that you should serve as a parchutist?

Answer - Yes. - Edward. F. Thistle.
(Edward F. Thistle)

Pt slight appears, but apparently wiry and very capable physically. Has taken an active part in rugged sports and has been used to hard work. Seems agressive and anxious to come to grips with the enemy. Has had several 'plane flights and contends that "he is air-minded"

Rec Suitable for training in Can. Parachute Battalion.

A/Maudsley Capt
RE. 29/3/44

Progress Reviewed March 9th 44.
Excellent progress.
Army Examiner A/Maudsley M.O.
60B16

RE-INTERVIEWED, Aldershot Camp, N.S., 13 Mar 44 "C"

Age 27 years. Married - 2 children. Completed Basic training only. Says his health has always been good. Volunteered for Parachute training at Basic and is still very keen on becoming a paratrooper. Weight 135 pounds; height 5'7". "M" Score denotes superior learning ability. Considered suitable for Parachute training.

RECOMMENDATION: C.INF.C. - Possible Paratrooper

Refer to M. O. for Psychiatric Consultation.

R. McKim
(R. McKim) Captain
Army Examiner
A14 C.I.T.C.

M/ RE-INTERVIEWED: Aldershot Camp, N.S. 31 Mar 44.
Interviewed to ascertain suitability for Paratroops.
Married and has 2 children. Wife satisfied for Thistle to join paratroops for which he has made application. Has been active in School sports but lately has had little time for amusements. Was keen on joining Air-Force and is highly motivated for parachute training. Finds training easy and enjoys physical exertion. Appears stable.
RECOMMENDATION: Possible Paratrooper. - Refer to M.O. for psychiatric consultation.

R. McKim
A-14 C.I.T.C. (R. McKim.) Capt.
M/r Army Examiner.

Examined by M.O. and Psychiatrist, 5 Apr 44, and found to be suitable for Parachute training.

M.F.M. 268
50M-4-44 (4186)
H.Q. 1772-39-1990

CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

DAY LETTER ☐

NIGHT LETTER ☐

JMB

H.Q.405-T-11,602

CASUALTY (REPORT DELIVERY)

OTTAWA 15 SEPTEMBER 1944

TO:- MRS HELEN B THISTLE
350 TWWNSEND ST
SYDNEY N S

3798 MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT F36550 PRIVATE EDWARD FRANCIS THISTLE HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION TWENTYNINTH AUGUST 1944 STOP IF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE IT WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS RECEIVED

PREPAID

DIRECTOR OF RECORDS

405-T-11602

FIELD SERVICE

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Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of an Officer or a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death. See Table II, Appendix III, Field Service Regulations, Vol. I.

REGIMENT OR CORPS: R Regt C

Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company:

Officer's Personal No. (if known) / Soldier's Army No.: F-36550

Rank: Pte

Surname: Thistle

Christian Names: E.F.

Died — Date: 29 Aug 44

Place: France

Cause of Death*: K/A

Nature and Date of Report: A.F.W.3014/112 d.14 Sep 44

By whom made: Cdn Sec GHQ 2 Ech 21 A Gp

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial — Place: La Londe 078999 8F/2 Cem established by French people near church in village beside brick wall village la Londe.

Date: 3 Sep 44

By whom reported: C.F. RHLI

State whether he leaves a Will or not

(a) in Army Book 64: No

(b) as a separate document: Not Received.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as A. B. 64, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any report received as to verbal expressions by a deceased officer or soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be forwarded to the War Office at once, supported by a certified statement of the person who actually received the information.

In the case of a soldier a duplicate of this report is to be sent to the Paymaster at the Base, together with the deceased's A. B. 64 (after withdrawal of any will from the latter), for transmission to the Paymaster who compiles the soldier's account.

Station and Date: Belgium 13 Oct 44

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base: Eric G. Rubeck Capt.

for Officer i/c

Cdn Sec GHQ 2 Ech 21 A Gp

Wt. 46939/917 500M. 3/40 M. & S., Ltd. 51-6239

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Mrs. Helen B. Thistle,
350 Townsend Street,
Sydney, N.S.

Dear Mrs. Thistle:

It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of your husband, F36550 Private Edward Francis Thistle, who gave his life in the Service of his Country in the Western European Theatre of War on the 29th day of August, 1944.

From official information we have received, your husband was killed in action against the enemy. You may be assured that any additional information received will be communicated to you without delay.

The Minister of National Defence and the Members of the Army Council have asked me to express to you and your family their sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

We pay tribute to the sacrifice he so bravely made.

Yours sincerely,

H. F. G. LETSON
Major - General
Adjutant - General

SEP 30 1944

(H.F.G. Letson),
Major-General,
Adjutant-General.

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[redacted]

Mrs. Helen B. Thistle,
41 Douglas Street,
Sydney, Cape Breton,
Nova Scotia.

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. 405-T-11,602 FD 437

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ESTATES BRANCH
OTTAWA, ONT.

December 15, 1944

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

THISTLE, Edward Francis, Pte., [redacted]

No. F.36550, Canadian Army

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.

ESTATES BRANCH 22 1945 OTTAWA NATIONAL DEFENCE

GHF:GE

Director of Estates.

M.F.W. 77
16M-10-44 (5854)
H.Q. 1772-39-972

ANSWER IN FULL ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS

STATEMENT of the Names, Ages and Addresses or Dates of Death, of all the relatives that the deceased ever had in each of the degrees specified below:

Degrees of Relationship	RELATIVES required to be accounted for		INFORMANT'S STATEMENT: NAME IN FULL of any Relative, if any, in each degree specified	Age	ADDRESS IN FULL of each surviving Relative, opposite his or her name, and date of death of each deceased relative
1	Widow of the Deceased.....		Mrs Helen B Thistle		41 Douglas St, Sydney, N.S.
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....		See letter attached re the boy's surname. Carl Daniel Thistle Feby 17, 1939 Mildred Helen Thistle Aug 4/1940		41 Douglas St, Sydney, N.S.
3	Father of the Deceased.....		Edward James Thistle		Dead
4	Mother of the Deceased.....		Mrs Marcella Thistle		Halifax, N.S.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	None		
		Half Blood			
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Mrs Mary Hersh Kathleen Thistle		Halifax Halifax
		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
			Margaret, Mrs. James Hall died 4 years ago.		resided in Halifax

ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE

PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased.	Edward Francis Thiell
9	Date of his birth.	July 12th, 1917.
10	Place and date of his marriage.	Sydney, April 20, 1938
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Don't know.

PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Sydney
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or County in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) Pennsylvania (b) Cape Breton County (c) (d) all his life.
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Steelworker.
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.	Halifax

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?	
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.	No
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased. Indicate whether registered or bearer and where located.	None
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary therein.	None
23	Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof. Use space on page 4 if necessary.	None

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.)

(PLEASE TURN OVER)

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

* x Mrs Helen B. Thistle widow of the deceased.

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

x Mrs Helen B. Thistle {Signature of Informant}

H. I. Douglas Dt. Sydney N.S. Address

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief Mrs Helen B. Thistle

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

Dated at Sydney N.S. this 9th day of January 1945

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

Joseph Mahoney Qualification Commissioner Prov. Nova Scotia

Address 217 Benjamin St. Sydney, N.S.

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

M E M O R A N D U M

File 27-16

Nov. 14, 1944

S.P.S.O.

DISCHARGE - STD AIRCREW
R.280737 AC.2 Thistle, E.F.

1. The above airman was enlisted Oct. 5, 1943 by Mobile Recruiting Unit in Sydney, N.S., and posted on leave without pay until Nov. 5, 1943.

2. Before leave expired it was discovered that the airman had a prison record which he failed to disclose at time of enlistment.

3. Leave without pay was extended and his documents were forwarded to A.F.H.Q. for investigation under Air Force Manning Order M.10/10, resulting in discharge being initiated.

4. Medical board was completed and approved by P.M.O. #3 T.C. 11th. January, 1944.

5. Discharge certificate in duplicate was signed by airman.

6. On April 21, 1944, it was learned that Thistle had enlisted in the Active Army and was in training at #14 C.A.T.C. Aldershot. This information was sent to #3 T.C. by signal.

7. Despite requests from #16 R.C. authority for discharge was not issued by #3 T.C.

8. On October 18, 1944, our attached letter S.6 signed by G/C C.L. Trecarten, was forwarded to #3 T.C.

9. On October 27, 1944, the attached reply C.16-1 (P.4) d/24/Oct/44 was received from #3 T.C.

10. As this airman has not been on the effective strength of the R.C.A.F. it is recommended that authority be granted to complete his discharge.

(L. T. Chapman) S/L
C.R.O. E.A.C.

Approved. Make entries re pay & rehabilitation & a clothing allowance is granted.
JL
SPSO

To be discharged under K.R.(Air) 195.(2)
"Having made a false declaration on his attestation paper when enlisting"!
LC

H.Q. 405-T-11,602 D.R. 2 (D)

17th July, 1945.

Mrs. Helen B. Thistle,
350 Townsend Street,
Sydney, N.S.

Dear Madam:

Information has now been received from the overseas military authorities that your husband, F36550 Private Edward Francis Thistle, was buried with religious rites in a temporary Cemetery located at La Londe, approximately five miles East of Bourgtheroulde, France.

The grave will have been temporarily marked with a wooden cross for identification purposes and in due course the remains will be reverently exhumed and removed to a recognized military burial ground when the concentration of graves in the area takes place. On this being completed the new location will be advised to you but for obvious reasons it will likely take approximately one year before this information is received.

Yours faithfully

for C.L.Laurin Colonel
Director of Records
for Adjutant-General.

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H.Q. 405-T-11,602 D.R. 2(D)

5th January, 1946.

Mrs. Helen B. Thistle,
41 Douglas Street,
Sydney, N.S.

Dear Madam:

Information has just been received from overseas that the remains of your husband, F36550 Private Edward Francis Thistle, have been carefully exhumed from the original place of interment and reverently reburied in grave 2, row A, plot 13, of Coriano Ridge British Empire Cemetery, two miles North of Coriano, Italy. Marked map is enclosed. This is a recognized military burial ground and will receive care and maintenance in perpetuity.

The grave will have been marked with a temporary cross which will be replaced in due course by a permanent headstone suitably inscribed. While it cannot now be stated when this work of permanent commemoration will begin, before any action is taken you will be communicated with and an opportunity will be given you to submit a short personal inscription of your own choice for engraving on the headstone. Therefore, if you should change your address would you be good enough to inform the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

for C.L. Laurin, Colonel,
Director of Records,
for Adjutant-General.

/EFH

H.Q. 405-T-11602
D.R. 2 (C)

11th April, 1946.

Mrs. Helen B. Thistle,
41 Douglas Street,
Sydney, C.B., N.S.

F.36550, Private Edward F. THISTLE

Dear Mrs. Thistle:

Will you please disregard my letter of January 5th last concerning the burial place of your late husband, the marginally named, as the information contained therein was in error and referred to another soldier of the same name.

It has just recently been discovered from records that the remains of Private Thistle have now been carefully exhumed from the original place of interment and reverently reburied in grave 13, row G, plot 17, Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian Military Cemetery, Bretteville-sur-Laize, France. Marked map is enclosed. This is a recognized military burial ground and will receive care and maintenance in perpetuity.

The grave will have been marked with a temporary cross which will be replaced in due course by a permanent headstone suitably inscribed. While it cannot now be stated when this work of permanent commemoration will begin, before any action is taken you will be communicated with and an opportunity will be given you to submit a short personal inscription of your own choice for engraving on the headstone. Therefore, if you should change your address would you be good enough to inform the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

J.B. Ladner

for C.L. Laurin, Colonel,
Director of Records,
for Adjutant-General.

Encl.

P.A.

File No. 405-T-116.02

VERIFICATION FORM

WAR SERVICE MEDALS 1939-45

No. F 36550 Name Thirtle, Edward Francis,

Rank on Discharge Pte Date of Discharge 29-8-44

Authority for Discharge or Retirement Deceased

Served in:

			Non-qualifying service
Canada	from 5-1-44	to 25-6-44	
	from	to	
United Kingdom	from 26-6-44	to 24-7-44	
	from	to	
Italy	from	to	
Northwest Europe	from 25-7-44	to 29-8-44 (K/a)	
	from	to	
	from	to	

Eligible for award of:

1939 - 45 Star OK ✓

~~Italy Star~~

France-Germany Star OK ✓

Defence Medal NE

War Medal OK ✓

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal OK ✓

with clasp OK ✓

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N.O.K.

Verified by Annette Routhier

Date 10-9-46.

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