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PERSONAL FILE

~~WCT FRANCIS-J.E~~



**CORD OF SERVICE.—AIRMEN \* (PERMANENT).  
PERSONAL. (CITIZEN FORCE).**

R.A.A.F. FORM P/T 25.  
(Revised May, 1940.)  
AIR FORCE No. **409579**

Christian Names **John Edmund**  
 Next of Kin Name **FRANCIS Stanley Charles** Address **46 Inyan Road, S.W. 1824**  
 Relationship **Father** **cas 5.10.43**

ENLISTMENTS AND RE-ENGAGEMENTS.	PREVIOUS NAVAL, MILITARY, OR AIR SERVICE.				DECORATIONS, MEDALS, MENTIONS.	
	Unit.	From.	To.	Discharge.	Decorations, &c.	Authority.
#1 NO. 1 REC. CENTRE Enlisted for duration of the war and a period of 12 months thereafter on <b>12 SEP 1941</b> Re-engaged for years on <b>18.1.42</b> <b>ACE: 18</b>					1939/45 A/C Europe Defence War Medal	P/P 157 S/N-213
" " "						
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EXAMINATIONS PASSED FOR PROMOTION.						
Birth.	Verified from.	Rank passed for.	Subject.	Date.	Authorities.	Remarks.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS.	
Classification for Pay	V
TS 16/41	V
O.S. 168/41	VI
TS 114/42	I
" " "	
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**MOVEMENTS.**  
 Emb. dlyd for service overseas 24-8-42. PDR. 34/4.3  
 Casualty: 31.10.43. Missing air ops from W.A. - D.A.  
 Pres. dead by Air Man 7.10.43. D.R. 104/44 + W.C.A.D. 20/44

APPOINTMENTS.	
Date.	Authority.
2 SEP 1941	IRC. 162 215/41
5-12-41	N.A.O.S 168/41
5-6-42	2 ANS 114/42
5-12-42	O.S.P 50/42

POSTINGS.			COURS
Posted to.	Date.	Authority.	Nature.
4 I.T.S!	12 SEP. 1941	1 R.C. 106 215/41	To 20(0) Course at 2AO 16.20(0) equal. Astro Navig. at 2
2 A.O.I. off Gambia	11.12.41	2 A.O.S. 168/41	
2 BAGS Pt. Pirie	5.4.42	2 BAGS 71/42	
162 ANS. N. Hill	1.6.42	2 A.N.S. 100/42	
No. 2 Lt. Bradford Park	25.6.42	2 A.D. 112/42	
RAF 3rd Command	18/10/42	UK 82/42	
140 TU.	23.2.43	UK 1743.	
1660 Low Unit	20.5.43	1660 6.11.4/43	
H67 Sqn	29.6.43	H67 Sqn 13/43	

ATTACHMENTS.				PAY AND ALLOWANCE
Attached to.	From.	To.	Authority.	
RAF	24.8.42		2 A.D. 34/43.	
T.C. Retreat & P.	9.10.42	19.10.42	Rhod. 76/42	
Aircraft Commando Sect.	20.5.43	23.5.43	Amersley 4/43.	

Rank	Character	Trade Classification	A	B	
LAC	V/c	a/c 11(0)	U/T		21/41

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Nature.	From.	To.	Authority.	Result.
To 20(0) Course at 2 Nos. No. 20(0) & qual. Astro Navig. at 2 PMS	1.6.42	1/4/42 25.6.42	2 Nos 28/42 2 PMS 1/4/42	Pass Pass

PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM HOSPITAL.

From.	To.	Authority.
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SPECIAL LEAVE.

From.	To.	Authority.
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PARTICULARS FOR ASSESSMENT OF LEAVE CREDITS

DECEASED MEMBERS OF R.A.A.F.

NO: **40279** RANK: **P/SGT** NAME: **FRANCIS, John Edmund**

DATE OF ENLISTMENT: **12.9.41.** DATE OF DEATH: **4.10.45.**

MOVEMENTS: **Embarked at Sydney on 24.8.42 for U.K.**

**Presumed dead wof 4.10.45.**

**Result of air operations U.K.**

Attached hereto is Form P/P28 (Record of Leave) of the abovenamed deceased member for notation and return to this office. ~~No Form P/P28 (Record of Leave) is held at this office in respect of the abovenamed deceased airman.~~

**R. HAYWARD**

For Group Captain,  
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RECORDS.

12 / 4 / 46.



CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

REFERENCE: Dis charge Advice No. 120.

SERIAL NO: PR313/44.

DATE: 16/6/44.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
409579	F/Sgt.	FRANCIS J.E.	att R.A.F.
<u>MUSTERING:</u>	Air Obsvr.		

DATE AND NATURE OF CASUALTY: Previously repta. missing (D.A.No.865),  
now pres. dead by Air Min. w.e.f.  
4/10/43.

P.R.D. 54/44.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.  
PERMANENT FORCES.

War Service only.  
When used for  
attestation  
other than  
duration of  
War, this  
strip must  
be cut  
off.

Attestation of No. 409579 Name FRANCIS John Edmund

Joined at No. 1 RECRUITING CENTRE, R.A.A.F., MELBOURNE  
on 12 SEP 1941

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. John Edmund FRANCIS
2. In or near what Town were you born? ... 2. At or near the Town of Adelaide  
... in the State of South Australia  
... 3. British Subject
3. Are you a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject of pure European descent? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)
4. What is your Age? (You are warned that if you give a false answer to this question you are liable to be severely punished) } 4. 18 yrs. 5 mths. (7-11-23)  
... 5. Student
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... 5. No
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? } 6. No
7. Are you married? ... 7. No
8. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 8. No
9. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces with Ignominy, or for Misconduct, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been Dismissed with Disgrace from any of His Majesty's Naval Forces? (You are warned that you are liable to heavy punishment if you make a false answer to this question.) ... 9. No
10. Do you now belong to any of His Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces? ... 10. No
11. Have you ever served in any of His Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces? If so, state which, and the cause of your Discharge or Dismissal, or other termination of service. ... 11. Yes No.
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? } 12. No
13. Are you willing to be enlisted under the conditions stated in the regulations for the Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia? } 13. Yes.

DECLARATION.

John Edmund FRANCIS do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Signature of Recruit J. E. Francis

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia for the term of \* three years or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed or removed; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will, in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.  
So HELP ME, GOD.

(A recruit who objects to take an oath may "affirm." (see Air Force Regulations.)

\* Strike out whichever inapplicable.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Air Force Act and Air Force Regulations of the Commonwealth of Australia. The questions 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 by him.

~~XX~~ (In the case of a British Subject, this is to be struck out.)

The said recruit has made and signed the Declaration and taken the Oath at Melbourne  
in the State of Victoria, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September

19 41, before me.

Signature M. J. Wilson  
No. 1 RECRUITING CENTRE

Description of FRANCIS John Edmund on Enlistment.

Age 18 years - 5 months.
Height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches.
Weight 148 lbs.
Chest Measurement 32 1/2 inches.
Complexion Fair.
Eyes Hazel
Hair Fair.
Religious Denomination C. of E.

WOUNDS, SCARS, OR DISTINCT MARKS.

Nil

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named recruit, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :-

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; haemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendant testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for service in the Permanent Air Force of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Date 24/2/41

Place No.1 R.C.Melbourne. C.I.

(Signature of Examining Medical Officer.)

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to No. 4 I. T. S. VICTOR HARRISON

If enlisted by special authority, number and date to be here quoted

Date 12 SEP 1941

Place No. 1 RECRUITING CENTRE, R.A.A.F., MELBOURNE

(Signature of Attesting Officer)
Attesting Officer,
Commanding No. 1 RECRUITING CENTRE

D.2.10.

CERTIFY that I ha
(Rank)
and in my opinion he doe
with the efficient perform

Place

Date

Re-engagement

I, (No.)

(Name)
enlisted on the
for a period of
service in the Royal Aus
Force Regulations and i
term of
removed.

Signed before me
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Place

I CERTIFY that I
(Rank)
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Re-engagement

I, (No.)

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removed.

Signed before me
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Place

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**RE-ENGAGEMENT PAPER.**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

I CERTIFY that I have carefully examined (No.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
and in my opinion he does not suffer from any disability or ailment likely to interfere  
with the efficient performance of his duties.

Signature of Medical Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORITY FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT.**

Re-engagement approved *vide* \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT ON RE-ENGAGEMENT.  
AIR FORCE REGULATION 107, (FORM 2).**

I, (No.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

enlisted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years, hereby agree to re-engage for  
service in the Royal Australian Air Force, under the conditions prescribed in the Air  
Force Regulations and in accordance with the terms of my oath of enlistment for the  
term of \_\_\_\_\_ years, or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or  
removed.

Signature of Airman \_\_\_\_\_

Signed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
19 \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding Officer.

Place \_\_\_\_\_

**RE-ENGAGEMENT PAPER.**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.**

I CERTIFY that I have carefully examined (No.) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
and in my opinion he does not suffer from any disability or ailment likely to interfere  
with the efficient performance of his duties.

Signature of Medical Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORITY FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT.**

Re-engagement approved *vide* \_\_\_\_\_

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AIR FORCE REGULATION 107, (FORM 2).**

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Force Regulations and in accordance with the terms of my oath of enlistment for the  
term of \_\_\_\_\_ years, or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or  
removed.

Signature of Airman \_\_\_\_\_

Signed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
19 \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding Officer.

Place \_\_\_\_\_

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# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

## CERTIFICATE OF THE SERVICE AND DISCHARGE OF

The corner of this Certificate to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "bad" character, or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Air Board.

SURNAME FRANCIS

CHRISTIAN NAME John Edmund OFFICIAL No. 409579

Date of Birth 7. 4. 1923 Age on Entry into R.A.A.F. 18 years, 159 days.

Place of Birth (Town) Adelaide (District and State) South Australia

Occupation in Civil Life Student

Trade in Royal Australian Air Force Aircrew V

Religious Denomination 6 of 6

Signature on Transfer to the Reserve or Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Current Engagement in R.A.A.F.—				Prior Engagement in H.M. Forces.			
(a) State whether in Active or Reserve. <u>Active</u>				Service (Navy, Army, or Air Forces), Unit	PERIOD.		Rank on Discharge.
(b) Period:					From	To	
Date current engagement commenced.	Age at that Date.	Terms of Enlistment.					
<u>12.9.41</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>12 months</u>		<u>Nil</u>			
(c) Date of Actual entry into							
Permanent Force.							
Citizen Force. <u>12.9.41</u>							
(d) Re-engaged for _____ years on _____							
"	"	"					
"	"	"					
"	"	"					
"	"	"					

Date transferred to R.A.A.F. Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Date recalled from R.A.A.F. Reserve \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT OF KIN	Enter in pencil	Name <u>Charles Stanley Francis</u>	PERSON	Enter in pencil	Name <u>Charles Stanley Francis</u>
		Relationship <u>Father</u>	TO BE		Relationship <u>Father</u>
		Address <u>Bank of N. S. W. Newborough N. S. W.</u>	INFORMED OF		Address <u>Bank of N. S. W. Windsor N. S. W.</u>

CASUALTIES

PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.				
Full Christian Names and Surnames of Woman and whether Spinster or Widow.	Place and Date of Marriage.	Present Address of Wife.	No. and date of Part II order promulgating.	Initials of Officer verifying entry.

Description of Person.	HEIGHT.		CHEST.	COLOUR OF			Marks, Wounds or Scars.
	Feet.	Inches.	Inches.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complex'n	
On Enlistment	5	11 1/2	22 1/2	Fair	Hazel	Fair	Nil
On Re-engagement							
"							
"							
"							
" Discharge							

Further Description, if necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

DISCHARGE PARTICULARS:—

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS ON DISCHARGE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SERVICE (YEARS) \_\_\_\_\_ (DAYS) \_\_\_\_\_

POSTINGS				PROMOTIONS and RECLASSIFICATIONS		
Departure Authority	Unit from which	Unit to which	Date of effect	Arrival Authority confirming	Description	Date of effect
POR 215/41	IRC	4 ITS	12.9.41	POR 134/41	Abd. on enlistment	12.9.41
ROL 27650 1/11	4 ITS	2 AOS	11.12.41	POR 162/41	AAC (T)	6.12.41
PD 786 28/3	2 AOS	2 BAGS	6.4.42	POR 71/42	Revert ACI on Remuster	25 JUN 1942
PD 819 25/5	2 BAGS	2 A.N.S.	1.6.42	POR 100/42	T. SGT.	25 JUN 1942
PD 602 24/6	2 A.N.S.	2 E.O.	26.6.42	POR 100/42	T. SGT.	25.12.42
		Enl. Aus	24.5.42			
		RAAF Bmt	18.11.42			
25/43 (1/3)	11. FDR	14. O.T.U	23.4.43			
14/43	14 O.T.U	1660 B.U	20.5.43			
4/43	1660 B.U	467 Sqn	29.6.43			
12/24/43	467 Sqn	467 Sqn	4.10.43			
Missing	467 Sqn		5.10.43	CCL 12/42		
	Death presumed		4.10.43	CCL 14/46		

ATTACHMENTS		
SAs 11062 17/8	2 E.O.	R.A.F. (U.K.) 25 8 11

REMUSTERINGS		
Mustering on enlistment	Aircrew	v
Remustered to	AIR CREW V(O)	on 3 NOV 1941 Authority POR 162/41
"	Aircrew 2(O)	16.12.41 " POR 162/41
"	AIR OBS. (1)	25 JUN 1942 " 114/42
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"

Rank	* Character	Tr
L.A.C.	V.G.	Air
Sgt	V.G.	
Pt/Sgt	V.G.	
Pt/Sgt	V.G.	A

\* Exemplary is the highest character which can be awarded in the Royal Australian Air Force, but is only awarded to an airman with more than 5 years' service. For others, V.G. is the highest award.

† The Trade Proficiency headings "A," "B," "C," signify —

A. (i) Skill in his trade (applicable to airmen up to the rank of Corporal inclusive).

(ii) Proficiency as Pilot, Air Gunner (Full Time) or Air Observer (if so mustered).

B. Ability as Technical Warrant, or non-commissioned Officer, i.e., as foreman, manager, foreman, or supervisor in his trade.

C. Ability as a Warrant, or non-commissioned Officer in administration, drill, discipline, etc.

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

Effect  
1942  
1942

CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY

Rank	Character	Trade Classification	† Proficiency			Date	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer
			A	B	C		
L.A.C.	V.G.	Aircrew & Co	U/T			1-1-43	<i>[Signature]</i>
Sgt	V.G.	WO/AG	On strength			20-5-43	CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT FROM FORM P/P 75 <i>[Signature]</i> F/Lt. For Air Officer i/c Records R.A.F.
P/Sgt	V.G.	..				19-6-43	
P/Sgt	V.G.	Air Bomber	Sat	Sat		4-10-43	

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C. Ability as a Warrant, or non-commissioned, Officer in administration, drill, discipline, etc.

**CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE**

Certified discharged \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

Signature and Rank of Officer authorising the discharge.

NAME

*Francis John Edmund*

(in full, surname first)

OFFICIAL No.

*009579*

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS and courses of instruction, etc.				EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION				
Authority	Description of course and place held	Result	Date	Rank Passed for	Subject	Date	Authority	Remarks
PER 184/41	Course 20(0) 4 ITS	Pass	5-12-41					
PER 27/42	Course 20(0) 2AOS	Pass	1/4/42					
PER 112/42	20(0) 2BAS	Pass	1/6/42					
" 114/42	" 20(0) 2ANS	Pass	25-6-42					

## CASUALTIES, WOUNDS, GREAT WAR SERVICE, MEDALS, CLASPS, DECORATIONS, SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS, MENTIONS, ETC.

Authority	Nature	Date of Effect
PER 112/42	AWARDED A.O. BADGE.	29 MAY 1942
SCL 1262	Missing	5-10-43
SCL 1476	Death presumed	4-10-43

**WARNING**

Airmen on quitting His Majesty's Service are hereby reminded that the unauthorised communication by them to another person at any time of any information they may have acquired which might be useful to an enemy in war renders them liable to prosecution under the Official Secrets Acts.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

Sheet Destroyed  
Date of Last Entry  
Number of Cases of Drunkenness  
Date of Last Instance of Drunkenness  
† Certified Correct  
Official No. 409579

**GENERAL CONDUCT SHEET**

Name FRANCIS John Edmund Rank Wing Commander  
 Date of Enlistment 13.9.41 Sheet No. ONE Date 21 SEP 1941  
 (In full) Wing Commander  
 Initials and Rank of Officer making Entry W. J. W.  
 Remarks with Date Victor Harbour

Unit and Place.	Date of Offence.	Rank.	Cases of Drunkenness (in red ink).	Offence.	Witnesses.	Punishment Awarded.	Date of Award or of Awarding with Trial.	By whom Awarded.	Initials and Rank of Officer making Entry. Remarks with Date.
	CERTIFIED NO ENTRY					ADJUTANT, No. 4 INITIAL TRAINING SCHOOL		VICTOR HARBOUR.	10 DEC 1941
	Certified No Entry			Adjutant No 2 A.O.S. Mt. Gambier	ADJUTANT, No. 2 A.O.S. Mt. Gambier	5 APR 1942			
	Certified No Entry			Hamberton St. 2 BOMBING & GUNNERY SCHOOL R.A.A.F. PORT PIPIE, S.A.	ADJUTANT		29 MAY 1942		
	Certified No Entry			Adjutant No. 2. A.N.S. NEPTUN	ADJUTANT, No. 2. A.N.S. NEPTUN				
	Certified No Entry			Richardson	ADJUTANT, No. 2. Broadfield Park, N.S.W.		13 JUL 1942		
	Certified No Entry				ADJUTANT, No. 14 O.T.U. COTTESMORE				30 May 43
	Certified No Entry				FLY 1660 Comd Squadron				29.6.43
	Certified No Entry				Adjutant #67 Squadron				4.10.43

\* "General" or "Service" to be inserted here with suitable rubber stamp.  
 † For method of making entries see Appendix 8(1).  
 ‡ To be signed by the Adjutant.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

SERVICE CONDUCT SHEET

Sheet No. 409579 of 13 \* 41 13.9.41 Date of Enlistment 13.9.41 Sheet No. ONE Wing Commander  
 Name FRANCIS, John Edmund Rank Adjutant Victor Harbour  
 † Certified Correct 21 SEP 1941

Unit and Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness (in red ink)	Offence	Witnesses	Punishment Awarded	Date of Award or of Award Disposing with Trial	By whom Awarded	Initials and Rank of Officer making Entry and Remarks with Date
	CERTIFIED NO ENTRY Certified No Entry			<u>Drunkenness</u>		ADJUTANT, No. 4 INITIAL TRAINING SCHOOL VICTOR HARBOUR			10 DEC 1941
	Certified No Entry			<u>NO. 2 BOMBING &amp; GUNNERY SCHOOL R.A.A.F. PORT PIRIE, S.A.</u>	5 APR 1942 Adjutant Hawthorn St		29 MAY 1942		
	Certified No Entry			<u>Adjutant, No. 2, ANS, NHILL</u>	25 JUN 1942				
	Certified No Entry			<u>Adjutant, No. 2, ANS, NHILL</u>			13 JUL 1942		

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 † To be signed by the Adjutant.

## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE AIRMAN'S RECORD SHEET (Active Service—Overseas)

Official No. <sup>AUS</sup> 409579 Name FRANCIS, John Edmund Rank T. SGT.  
(In full in block capitals, surname first.) (Or acting appointment)  
Mustering Air crew Special Qualifications \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., Gas Instructor, Fire Fighter, Boxing Instructor)  
Date of Birth 7.4.1923 Religion C. of E. Occupation in Civil Life Student  
Last Enlisted 12.9.1941 Current Engagement Duration  
If Reservist, which Class ("E," 1-5) \_\_\_\_\_ Whether Married, Single or Widower Single

<b>NEXT of KIN</b> <small>Enter in Penult.</small>	Name <u>Charles Stanley Francis</u>	<b>Person to be Informed of Casualties</b> <small>Enter in Penult.</small>	Name <u>Charles Henry Francis</u>
	Relationship <u>Father</u>		Relationship <u>Sister</u>
	Address <u>Bank of New South Wales Wentworth New South Wales</u>		Address <u>Bank of New South Wales Wentworth N.S.W.</u>

Any alteration to above (e.g., Promotions) to be made by crossing out and writing above.

SECTION 1—MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES.			SECTION 2— PROMOTIONS, ACTING APPOINTMENTS (PAID OR UNPAID), REDUCTIONS, REMUSTERINGS.		
Unit FROM which.	Unit TO which.	Date of effect.	*Authority.	Description.	Date of Effect.
2AOS	2BAGS	6.4.42	POR 168/41	L.A.C.	6.12.41
2BAGS	2ANS	1.6.42	" 114/42	AIR OBS. (1)	25 JUN 1942
2ANS	2ED	26 JUN 1942	" "	Revert ACI on Remuster	25 JUN 1942
2ED	R.A.F. (U.K.)	25.8.42	" "	T. SGT.	25 JUN 1942
	Emb. Crew	24-8-42	" 7/43	Promoted 2/3/42	25.12.42
	R.A.A.F. BnH	15-11-42			
11P8CC	14. OTU	23.2.43			
No. 14 OTU COTTESMORE	1660 Bom Unit	20 May 43			
1660 Bom	467 Sqdn	29.6.43			
<p>Posted supy. NE Missing to War Casualties, NE Acc'ts Depot. wef 4/10/43, on being reported Missing from operations 3-4/10/43. Authy.: 59/2007/43 d/d. 4/10/43.</p>					
Clothing etc. returned to store or otherwise explained.					
AMU 860/43 Accountant Office					

\* When on active service overseas, the authority to be quoted will be the serial number of the B.P.S.O.'s Casualty Form.



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Form P/P. 49.  
(Sept., 1933.)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

ENROLMENT OF PERSON IN THE RESERVE.

No. R. Name FRANCIS John Edmund  
Joined at Melbourne  
Joined on 24-4-1941

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ENROLMENT.

What is your Name? John Edmund FRANCIS  
What is your Age? 18 years months.  
What is the Date of your Birth? 7-4-1923  
Are you Married or Single? Single  
Are you a British Subject? British Subject  
Where were you Born? { Town Adelaide  
State Sth Australia  
What is your Religion? C of E  
Have you previously served in Australia or elsewhere? If so, state Regiment or Corps, Service, &c. No  
Do you now belong to any Service, Regiment, or Corps? No  
What is your Trade or Profession? Student  
Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No  
Have you ever been dismissed from any part of His Majesty's Service? No  
What is your { Place of Residence? a/- Bank of N.S.W. Wentworth N.S.W.  
Business Address? as above

I, John Edmund FRANCIS declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

J. E. Francis

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

I HAVE examined the above-named, and Certify that he is medically suitable for the Air Force Reserve.

Height 5 ft. 11 1/2 in. Vaccination Marks  
Chest 32 1/2 in. When Vaccinated  
Weight 148 lb. Marks or Scars  
Vision R. Eye 6/6 L. Eye 6/6  
Colour Vision N Ish  
Hearing 20' wh R. Ear 20' wh L. Ear.  
Physical Development  
Complexion  
Eyes (colour)  
Hair (colour)

W. M. He...  
S/L

(Signature of Examining Medical Officer.)

Date 24/2/41

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION.\*

OATH.

I, John Edmund FRANCIS swear that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King as a member of the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia, and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained, and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law. So help me God!

~~AFFIRMATION.~~

I, solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King as a member of the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia, and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained, and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

Sworn before me at Melbourne in the State of Victoria this Twenty Fourth day of April One thousand nine hundred and Forty One Name B. S. Selman (Signature of Officer or Justice of the Peace administering the oath or taking the declaration.) Address 104 Russell St Melbourne

J. E. Francis (Signature of Person enrolled.)

John Edmund FRANCIS has been passed by me this day and posted to Class of the Reserve.

Official Number R. Date 24-4-1941 Enlistment Officer F/O

RE-ENROLMENT.

I, No. R. (Rank) (Name) at present serving in the Reserve enrolled on (date) desiring to re-enroll in the Air Force Reserve for a period of four years from do hereby declare that I agree to re-enroll and to well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King in the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia for the term of four years from (date), or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

Signature of Reservist

Signed at in the State of this day of 19 before me. (Signature)

\* A person who objects to taking the oath may make the affirmation. Cross out form not used. All amendments must be initialed by the Officer or J.P. witnessing the Affirmation. † "justice of the Peace" means a Stipendiary or Police or Special Magistrate, or some Magistrate of the State who is specially authorized by the Governor-General to administer the oath. \*\* Rank and appointment.

I, No. R. at present serving in the Reserve desiring to re-enroll in the Air Force Reserve for the term of four years from discharged, dismissed, or removed; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

Signed at in the State of day of before me.

**RE-ENROLMENT.**

I, No. R. \_\_\_\_\_ (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
at present serving in the Reserve enrolled on (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
desiring to re-enroll in the Air Force Reserve for a period of four years from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare that I agree to re-enroll and to well and truly serve  
Our Sovereign Lord the King in the Air Force Reserve of the Commonwealth of Australia  
for the term of four years from \_\_\_\_\_ (date), or until sooner lawfully  
discharged, dismissed, or removed; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause  
His Majesty's Peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to  
my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

*Signature of Reservist* \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_

in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19

before me.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





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 Form P/P. 80.  
 (November, 1939.)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

**APPLICATION FOR AIR CREW.**

Candidates who apply for selection as Air Crew may be selected for training as Pilots, Air Observers, and Air Gunners for service in the Royal Australian Air Force at home or abroad.  
 Application form to be completed in candidate's own handwriting.  
 When completed this form should be despatched to:



R.A.A.F. Recruiting Centre

1. Surname FRANCIS (Block Letters.)  
 2. Christian Names John Edward  
 3. Postal Address of Place of Residence 70 Bank of New South Wales  
Elmore  
 4. Name, Relationship, Occupation, and Address of Next-of-Kin Stanley Charles  
Francis, father, Bank Manager, Bank of New South Wales, Elmore  
 5. Date of Birth 7 April 1920 6. Married or Single Single  
 7. Are you a British Subject? Yes Of pure European descent? Yes  
 8. State the Nationality of your Parents. (Nationality at time of death if deceased.)  
 Father British Mother British

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9. (a) Give particulars opposite of the schools and colleges at which you were educated from the age of 12.	Names and addresses of Schools and Colleges.	Period of Education.	
		From	To
	<u>Bendigo High School</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1940</u>

(b) Have you sat for the Intermediate or Junior Public Examination? If so, give particulars opposite.  
 Name of examining body Bendigo High (Internal Exam)  
 Description of certificate Intermediate  
 Date of examination December 1939  
 Was certificate obtained? Yes  
 Subjects passed in English, French, Physics  
with Alg Exam, Chem, Brit History  
 Subjects failed in None  
 Subjects (if any) in which a first-class pass was obtained \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Have you sat for any other educational examination? If so, give particulars opposite.  
 Name of examining body University of Melbourne  
 Description of examination Leaving  
 Date of examination December 1940  
 Was examination passed? Passed in four subjects only  
 Particulars of subjects passed in Eng, Phys, Maths II, Maths III

(d) Give particulars (with dates) of further education undertaken since leaving school. Name and address of educational establishment or tutor should be stated, subjects taken, and whether whole or part-time tuition.

**APPROVED**  
 [Signature]  
 Man Power Officer.  
 R.A.A.F. Recruiting Centre, Melbourne.

10. Occupation since leaving school, including nature of work on which now engaged—  
at Elmore awaiting result of this application

11. Are you prepared to serve for the duration of the war and for a period of ~~up to~~ 12 months thereafter? yes

12. Have you had any flying experience? no If so, number of hours  
Dual — Solo — Name of training organization —

Do you hold a Pilot's Licence? no

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

14. Attach particulars of any Experience you have had in the following:—  
Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony —  
Engineering (electrical, mechanical, structural, or civil) —  
Internal Combustion Engines —  
Fitting and Turning —

15. Particulars of Sports and Games played Cricket, football, tennis, swimming, athletics & vice-captain of school house teams

16. Have you previously applied for an Appointment in any Branch of the Royal Australian Air Force or Active Citizen Air Force? (If so, give particulars and date.)

NOTE.—An incorrect answer to this question may disqualify a Candidate.

Have applied for under age educational course.

17. Physical particulars: Height 6 ft. Weight 11 stone  
Chest Measurement: Normal 35 1/2 Expanded 37 1/2

Have you been previously medically examined for Air Force or Civil Flying? no

18. **CERTIFICATE.**  
I hereby certify that the replies set out to the above questions are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.

Date 27/3/41 J. B. Francis  
Signature of Applicant.

19. **CERTIFICATE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.\***

I am agreeable that my <sup>son</sup>~~ward~~ joins the Air Force for flying duties, for service at home or abroad.

Date 27/3/41 J. B. Francis  
Signature of Parent or Guardian.

20. Certificates to be completed by two responsible persons who have known the candidate for a considerable period.

I certify that I have known John Edmund Francis for

(a) 10 years. (b) one year

and can certify as to his moral courage and suitability for service in the Royal Australian Air Force.

(a) Name H. Hornburg (b) Name George Langley

Address Edmore Address Headmaster, High School Bendigo.

President R.S.S.G.L.A.  
Edmore Sub Branch \* To be filled in if Applicant is under 21 years of age Lieut Colonel  
Cmdr. 38<sup>th</sup> Bn C.M.F.

**RECORD OF LEAVE.**

AIR OBS. (1)

Form P/P. 28.  
(Revised July, 1938.)

No. 409599 Rank SGT.

SGT.

Name FRANCIS J. E.

Checked  
Mustering

Joined 12-9-41

Period.	ANNUAL RECREATION LEAVE.				SPECIAL LEAVE.				LEAVE IN LIEU.					
	Days Due.	Leave Granted.			Routine Order.	Leave Granted.			Routine Order.	Due on Account of.	Days due in Lieu.	Days Taken.		Balance Due.
		From.	To.	Days.		From.	To.	Days with Pay.				Days without Pay.	Date.	
						6-12-41	9-12-41	4						
						(Inter Course Leave)								
						Pre-em. leave A.F.O. A. 109								
						26-6-42	5-7-42	10						

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NOTE.—At the close of each leave period the card is to be ruled off

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# RECORD OF LEAVE.

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(Revised July, 1943.)

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mustering \_\_\_\_\_ Joined \_\_\_\_\_

Period.	ANNUAL RECREATION LEAVE.				SPECIAL LEAVE.				LEAVE IN LIEU.					
	Days Due.	Leave Granted.		Routine Order.	Leave Granted.		Days with Pay.	Days without Pay.	Routine Order.	Due on Account of.	Days due in Lieu.	Days Taken.		Balance Due.
		From.	To.		Days.	From.						To.	Date.	

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22. Courses of Instruction : Subject.	Unit.	From	To	Result and percentage of marks.
Language 20 ASTRO B + S	2015 2015			

23. Postings and Attachments.					Postings and Attachments.				
To	Duty	P <sup>r</sup> or A <sup>s</sup>	Date	Authy.	To	Duty	P <sup>r</sup> or A <sup>s</sup>	Date	Authy.
Capt. Sydney Richard Hill RARE PRC 41 F.O.S. Head Sqd 14 OTU			26-8-42 18-11-42 17-11-42 8-1-43 P. 23/2/43						
1660 CV 447 Squadron		P	22-5-43 14/6/43						

24. Attendances at Courts Martial.					
Date	Under Instrn.	As P. or M.	Date	Under Instrn.	As P. or M.

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ROYAL AIR FORCE

*FOIS. 404574*

Form 373.

1. Rank.

2. Christian Names.

3. Surname.

4. Decorations.

*Sgt.*

*John, Edmund,*

*FRANCIS*

5. Type and date of commission or engagement, if Airman Pilot.

7. Date of award of flying badge.

*27-5-42.*

8. Types of service aircraft flown.

Date of expiry.

Date of qualification as service pilot, % marks, and whether failed, and re-examined.

7a. Qualifications, including any symbols; whether passed Promotion Exam. (with date) and whether passed Staff College Qualifying Exam.

6. Branch or Trade.

*OBS.*

10. Date of birth.

12. If married: Date.

11. Religion.

*Angl. E.*

13. Medical classfn.

14. Date and place of last medical Exam.

15. \*Date of last vaccination.

16. \*Date of last inoculation.

- 1. T.A.B.
- 2. Cholera.
- 3. Plague.

9, 13-19 and 21 to be kept in pencil.

\*To be inserted in unit copy only.

17. Permanent Address.

18. Next of kin. Relationship and address.

19. Name and address of person to be notified in case of casualty.

*Father  
Mr. E. S. Francis  
Bank of N.S.W.  
Wentworth  
N.S.W. Austr.*

Instead of \_\_\_\_\_ the Next of kin.

\*In addition to

\*Delete as necessary.

20. Periods in hospital, or sick quarters, or sick at home.

21. Whether completed Annual Musketry Course and Annual Gunnery and Signalling Training; If not, what tests still require to be passed.

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