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PERSONAL FILE

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\* Strike out Force not applicable.

PERSONAL RECORD OF SERVICE—AIRME

1. \*PERMANENT FORCE

434251

3. No. 4. SURNAME **HARRIS** 5. CHRISTIAN NAMES *John Osborne*

7. DATE OF BIRTH *10-9-1924* 8. SINGLE  9. NEXT OF KIN  Name *Mr G. Harris*

Certified that name and date of birth have been checked. **MARRIED**  Relationship *Wife*

**CHECKED AT UNIT** **WIDOWER**  Address *15 Haig St*

(Signature) *[Signature]* **DIVORCED**  *Clayfield, QLD*

11. RELIGION *C of E* 12. NATIONALITY **BRITISH**

13. PREV. TRADE & TRADE QUALIFICATIONS. *Salesman*

14. ENLISTMENTS & RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

ENLISTED at **NO. 3 REC. CENTRE** for the duration of the War and a period of twelve months thereafter on **6 NOV 1942** Age in Years *18* Authority *POR 383/42*

RE-ENGAGED for years on / /

" " " / /

" " " / /

" " " / /

15. PREV. NAVAL, MILITARY

Unit	From
<i>ATC</i>	<i>Nov 42</i>

17. MUSTERINGS.

Date	Classification for Pay	Authority
<i>6 NOV 1942</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>POR 383/42</i>
<i>22.11.42</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>3A.T.S. 7/43</i>
<i>22.7.43</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>3W.A.G.S. 59/43</i>
<i>19.8.43</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>13.A.G.S. 119/43</i>
<i>11.3.44</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>180" N" 283/44</i>

20. *NO. 3 I.T.S.*  
*3 W.A.G.S. Kaye*  
*No. 1 B.A.G.S. - EVAN*  
*No. 1 A.N.S. - PARK*  
*163 E.D. Sandg*  
*162 E.D. Bradfield*  
*No. 11 P.D.C.*  
*11 Base*  
*No. 101 Squadron W.P.A.D.*

18. PROMOTIONS, RECLASSIFICATIONS, REDUCTIONS AND REVERSIONS.

Description	Date	Authority
<b>A.C. 2 ON ENLISTMENT</b>	<b>6 NOV 1942</b>	<b>POR 383/42</b>
<i>Lac</i>	<i>2.1.43</i>	<i>3W.A.G.S. 4/43</i>
<i>Temp. Sgt. (T.) F/SGT</i>	<i>19.8.43</i>	<i>13.A.G.S. 119/43</i>
	<i>19.2.44</i>	<i>180" N" 283/44</i>

21. Attached *358. Nat.*

Deceased Dec

19. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS. *del*

22. MOVEMENTS *Embarked at Sydney on 12/3/42. Disembarked U.K. 12/3/42. Missing and missing believed 28.5.44 Presumed Dead.*

PERSONAL RECORD OF SERVICE—AIRMEN

R.A.A.F. Form P/P.25  
(Revised Sept., 1940.)

PERMANENT FORCE

2. \*CITIZEN FORCE.

1. NAME **OSBORNE** 5. CHRISTIAN NAMES *John Osborne* 6. No. **434251**

7. SINGLE  9. NEXT OF KIN *Mr G. HARRIS* 10. PERSON TO BE INFORMED *Next of kin*

8. MARRIED  OF *Relationship* *Next of kin*

9. WIDOWER  KIN *Address* *15 Haig Street* OF *Address*

10. DIVORCED  CASUALTIES *Enter in pencil*

11. NATIONALITY **BRITISH** *S/NO 2128*

14. ENLISTMENTS & RE-ENGAGEMENTS.		15. PREV. NAVAL, MILITARY or AIR SERVICE.				16. Decorations, Medals, Mentions & Badges.	
ENLISTED at	for the duration	Unit	From	To	Rank on Discharge	Decorations, etc.	Authority
on 6 NOV 1942	Age in Years <i>18</i> Authority <i>PDR 383/42</i>	<i>AFC.</i>	<i>11/4/42</i>	<i>6/11/42</i>	<i>cadet</i>	<i>other Sunner's Badge 19.8.43</i>	<i>13.A.G.S. 11/43</i>
RE-ENGAGED	for years on					<i>1939/45, A+C Europe War Medal</i>	<i>P.P.157</i>
"	" " / /					<i>WAR MEDAL 1939/45</i>	<i>S/N. 472</i>
"	" " / /						
"	" " / /						

20. POSTINGS.			21. POSTINGS.		
Date	Classification for Pay	Authority	Posted to	Date	Authority
6 NOV 1942	<i>V</i>	<i>PDR 383/42</i>	<i>NO. 3 I.T.S.</i>	6 NOV 1942	<i>3RC. PDR 383/42</i>
<i>24. 11. 42</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>3.I.T.S. 2/43</i>	<i>3 W.A.G.S. Kaysong</i>	<i>11. 1. 43</i>	<i>3 W.A.G.S. 4/42</i>
<i>22. 7. 43</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>3 W.A.G.S. 29/43</i>	<i>No 1 B.A.G.S. - EVANS HEAD.</i>	<i>26. 7. 43</i>	<i>13.A.G.S. 11/43</i>
<i>19. 8. 43</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>13.A.G.S. 11/43</i>	<i>No 1 A.N.S. - PARKES.</i>	<i>2. 9. 43</i>	<i>17.A.N.S. 4/43</i>
<i>1. 3. 44</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>ABO 'N' 283/44</i>	<i>clo 3.E.D. Sandgate</i>	<i>29. 10. 43</i>	<i>3.E.D. 15/43</i>
			<i>clo 2.E.D. Bradfield</i>	<i>25. 11. 43</i>	<i>2.E.D. 402/43</i>
			<i>No. 11 P.D.R.C.</i>	<i>12. 5. 44</i>	<i>11 P.D.R.C. 6/44</i>
			<i>11 Base</i>	<i>11. 4. 44</i>	<i>11 Base 2/44</i>
			<i>No. 101 Squadron</i>	<i>3. 5. 44</i>	<i>101 Sqdn. 15/44</i>
			<i>WRAD</i>	<i>28. 5. 44</i>	<i>WRAD 20/44</i>

20. REDUCTIONS AND REVERSIONS.			21. ATTACHMENTS.			
Date	Classification for Pay	Authority	Attached	From	To	Authority
6 NOV 1942	<i>V</i>	<i>PDR 383/42</i>	<i>3 S.D. Nat.</i>	<i>28. 10. 43</i>	<i>13. 11. 43</i>	<i>11 P.D.R.C. 6/44</i>
<i>2. 1. 43</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>3 W.A.G.S. 4/42</i>		<i>12. 2. 44</i>		
<i>19. 8. 43</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>13.A.G.S. 11/43</i>				
<i>19. 2. 44</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>13. S.D. 7/44</i>				

22. MOVEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

*Embarked at Sydney on 27. 1. 44 on posting to 11 P.D. S.A.P. 20/44*

*Disembarked U.K. 12/3/44. 11 P.D.C. 6/44*

*Missing and missing believed killed 28/5/44 WRAD 20/44*

*28.5.44 Presumed Dead by O.P. 28.5.44 11 P.D. 20/44*

23. CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY.							26. PAY AND ALLOWANCES.											
Rank	Character	Trade Classification	PROFICIENCY			Date												
			A	B	C													
A.C.11	V.G.	Aviation V	U.T.			31-12-42												
<p style="text-align: center; color: purple; font-weight: bold; opacity: 0.5;">DISCONTINUED AUTHORITY</p>							27. DEPENDENTS											
							Name in Full	Relationship										
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							Type of Course	From	To	Result	Authority							
Class 2nd Sumner's course	22.7.43	20.8.43	Pass	I.B.A.G.S. 110/43.														
Nature of Casualty or Disability						Hospital												
885.44. missing air ops. target Baum, Leopold, Belgium. D.C.R. 03/44 27.10. 1.6.44. 10 Jan 44																		
25. EXAMINATIONS PASSED FOR PROMOTION.							29. CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS											
For	Subject	Date	Remarks	Authority	Act or Regulation	Award or Sentence												

AGENCY		26. PAY AND ALLOWANCES.				Authority
	Date					
	31-12-42					
		27. DEPENDANTS.				
		Name in Full	Relationship	Date of Birth	Authority	
		28. CASUALTIES, ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM HOSPITAL.				
		Nature of Casualty or Disability	Hospital	From	To	Authority
		28.5.44. bombing air ops. target Bourg, Leopold, Belgium. D.R. 0370 2 Dk 10. 1. 6. 44. 10 Jan 44				
Authority						
13. H.G.S. 110/43.						
		29. CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS.				
Authority		Act or Regulation	Award or Sentence	Location	Date	Authority

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Sgt.  
HARRIS



No. 434257 Rank SGT. Name and Initials J.O. HARRIS. Trade W/A. R.A.F. Form 67813

From	To	No. days or hours	Leave (Type) *	P.O.R. No.	No. of free Travel Warrant (if issued) or "Nil"
11.5.44	17.5.44	7 DAYS	PRIV.		E834002

\*i.e. Priv., emb., sick, dis., 48 hours, compass., spec. (details to be stated).

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CONTINUATION :

From	To	No. days or hours	Leave (Type) *	P.O.R. No.	No. of Free Travel Warrant (if issued) or "Nil"

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SUBJECT: 434251 Flsqt Harris, J.O. (Decand)

It is requested that the change of address of the next of kin of the abovenamed member be noted in all records: - Letter dated 23/8/49

Mr. G. Harris (Mother)  
136 Oriel Road,  
Ascot, Qld

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11/10/49

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CASUALTY NOTIFICATION FOR "P" FILE

NAME:

424251 Sgt. HARRIS, J.O., att. R.A.F.U.K.

NATURE OF CASUALTY:

Missing air ops. target Bourg, Leopold, Belgium

CASUALTY REPORT NO.:

153

DATE:

28.5.44.

(PD. 19/1944)

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

Official No. 434251 Name HARRIS, John Osborne Rank LAC  
(In full in block capitals, surname first.) (Or acting appointment.)  
 Registering Aircrew Special Qualifications \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., Gas Instructor, Fire Fighter, Boxing Instructor.)  
 Date of Birth 10.9.24 Religion C. of E. Occupation in Civil Life Salesman  
 Last Enlisted 6/11/42 Current Engagement Duration of War and up to 12 mths. thereafter.  
 If Reservist, which Class ("E," 1-5) \_\_\_\_\_ Whether Married, Single, or Widower Single

<b>NEXT of KIN.</b>	Enter in Pencil.	Name <u>Gwendolice Harris</u>	Person to be Informed of Casualties.	Enter in Pencil.	Name <u>Margaret Harris</u>
		Relationship <u>Mother</u>			Relationship <u>Sister</u>
		Address <u>15, Haig Street, Klayfield - Brisbane District</u>			Address <u>address as H of Kin</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.
			3 R.C.		
3 R.C.	3 I.T.S.	6/11/42	383/42	ACII on Enlistment	6/11/42
3 I.T.S.	3 W.A.G.S.	7.1.43	3 I.T.S. 2/43	Aircrew V (G)	24.12.42
3 W.A.G.S.	1 B.A.G.S.	26.7.43	3 W.A.G.S. 4/43	LAC V (G)	2.1.43
1 B.A.G.S.	1 A.N.S. (attached)	PD 628 14/4 2.9.43	3 W.A.G.S. 5/43	Aircrew II (G)	22.7.43
1 A.N.S.	3 E.D. (clean account)	28.10.43	1 B.A.G.S. FOR 11/43	Remuster. W.O.A.G. (II)	19.8.43
3 E.D.	1 A.N.S.	13.11.43	1 B.A.G.S. FOR 11/43	Promoted 1/SGT (II)	19.8.43
1 A.N.S.	1 O.T.V.	16.11.43	1013 sqdn 17/44	1/SGT	19.2.44
PD. 848 19/11. No. 3 E.D.	No. 2 E.D. Ent. Aust. U.K.	20.11.43	4357/44	Remustered WOI/AIA	11-3-44
11 PDRC	11 Base	11/4/44			
11 BASE	101 Sqdn.	3.5.44			
101 Sqdn	Missing	28.5.44			
P. Dead WOAD	Por 10/45	Mar (Cas/accs). WOAD/POA 28.5.44 20/44			

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

SECTION 3.—CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY.

(To be assessed on every occasion on which an airman is struck off the strength of a unit, e.g., on posting, admission to hospital, death, &c.)

Rank.	Character.	Mustering.	Proficiency.*			Whether specially recommended, recommended, or not recommended for promotion or reclassification.	Date.	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.
			A	B	C			
<i>LAC</i>	<i>V. G.</i>	<i>Aircrew TC(D)</i>	<i>VIT</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>N. A.</i>	<i>26/7/43</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>f/sqr</i>	<i>VG.</i>	<i>WOP/AB.</i>	<i>SMT</i>	<i>SMT</i>	<i>—</i>		<i>28.5.44</i>	<i>[Signature] W/c</i>

SECTION 4.—DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS BY A.O.S.C., ETC.

Nature.	Date of Effect.	Authority.
<i>FOR 110/43 35(G) COURSE I. B. &amp; G. S. PASS.</i>	<i>19. 8. 43</i>	<i>I. B. H. G. S. FOR. 110/43</i>
<i>AND AWARDED A/G BADGE</i>		

NOTES.—This Form is to be forwarded immediately, together with Form P/P. 8 to the Commanding Officer of the Unit (if within the Command) to which the airman is posted whilst effective.  
 It is to be forwarded immediately, together with Form P/P. 8 to the B.P.S.O. in all other cases where the airman is struck off strength of his Unit, e.g., killed, died, admitted to hospital, transferred to Home Establishment, posted outside the Command, etc.  
 \* The trade proficiency headings "A," "B," and "C" signify— "A" (i) Skill in his trade (applicable to airmen up to rank of Corporal (inclusive)). (i) Proficiency as Pilot, Air Gunner, or Air Observer (if so mustered or appointed). "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. To be assessed in accordance with A.B.O. A.66/40.— "Ex."—(Exceptional); "Supr."—(Superior); "Sat."—(Satisfactory); "Mod."—(Moderate); "Inf."—(Inferior).

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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 HARRIS,  
 CHRISTIAN NAME John Osborne. OFFICIAL NO. 434251  
 Date of Birth 10. 9. 1924 Age on Entry into R.A.A.F. 18 years 27 days.  
 Place of Birth (Town) Brisbane (District and State) Queensland  
 Occupation in Civil Life Salesman  
 Trade in Royal Australian Air Force Aviator W.A.C.  
 Religious Denomination CoP.C.  
 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							
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Date current engagement commenced.</th> <th>Age at that Date.</th> <th>Terms of Enlistment.</th> </tr> <tr> <td><u>6. 11. 42</u></td> <td><u>18</u></td> <td><u>Duration 22 months</u></td> </tr> </table>				Date current engagement commenced.	Age at that Date.	Terms of Enlistment.	<u>6. 11. 42</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Duration 22 months</u>	<u>ATC</u>	<u>14. 4. 42</u>	<u>6. 11. 42</u>	<u>Squad</u>
Date current engagement commenced.	Age at that Date.	Terms of Enlistment.											
<u>6. 11. 42</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Duration 22 months</u>											
(c) Date of Actual entry into													
{ Permanent Force _____ { Citizen Force <u>6. 11. 42</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>Mrs G. Harris</u>	PERSON TO BE INFORMED OF CASUALTIES	Enter in pencil	Name _____
		Relationship <u>Mother</u>			Relationship <u>Wife</u>
		Address <u>15 Haig Street, Clayfield Qld</u>			Address _____

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.		Hair.	Eyes.	Complex'n	
On Enlistment	5	11	33/37	Dark Brown	Fair	Birthmark lateral side L knee Transverse across L knee Small scar on bridge of nose	
On Re-engagement							
" "							
" "							
" Discharge							

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

DISCHARGE PARTICULARS:—

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

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



POSTINGS					PROMOTIONS and RECLASSIFICATIONS { REDUCTIONS and REVERSIONS		
Departure Authority	Unit from which	Unit to which	Date of effect	Arrival Authority confirming	Authority	Description	Date of effect
POR 383/42	3RC	3ITS	6. 11. 42		POR 383/42	ACC	6. 11. 42
	3ITS	3WAGS	11. 1. 43	POR. 4/42	3WAGS 7/43	ACC	2. 1. 43
	3WAGS	10AGS	26. 7. 43	104/42	10AGS 110/43	Sgt/Ty	19. 8. 43
	10AGS	1ANS	2. 9. 43	44/43	101 Sgd 17/44	T/E/Sgt.	19-2-44
	1ANS	3ED	29. 10. 43	186/43			
	3ED	2ED	26. 11. 43	702/43			
SASISWS 24	2ED	<del>100RC</del>	D/D				
		Emb. Aust.	27. 1. 44				
		U.K.	12. 3. 44				
		11. PDRC	4. 3. 44	67/44			
87/44	11 PDRC	11 Base	11. 4. 44				
22/44	11 Base	101 Sgdn	3-5-44	15/44			
	101 Sgdn	WCAD	28-5-44				
	CEL 1471	Musting	27/08-5-44				
		DP.	28-5-44	CEL 1737			
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>							
<b>REMUSTERINGS</b>							
Mustering on enlistment					Air crew V.		
Remustered to					Air crew V(C) on 14.12.42 Authority 3ITS 2/43.		
" "					" II(C) " 22. 7. 43 " 3WAGS 50/43		
" "					" W.O.A.G. " 19. 8. 43 " 10AGS 110/43		
" "					" W.O.P/AIR " 11. 3. 44 " AUSA A357/44		
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MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES

CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY

Rank	Character	Trade Classification	† Proficiency			Date	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer
			A	B	C		
ae2	VG	Aircrew V/Guard V/T	-	-	31.12.42	J. A. Mumman F/0	
Sgt	V.G.	W.O.A.F.	V/Sat	-	2.12.43	J. A. Mumman F/0	
F/SGT	VG	WOP/AIR	Sat	Sat	28.2.44	J. A. Mumman F/0	
						FOR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RECORDS	
						CERTIFIED	
						TRUE EXTRACT	
						FROM FORM P/P 75	
						J. A. Mumman F/0	
						For Air Officer i/c Records	

**CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE**

\* 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.

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

Signature and Rank of Officer authorising the discharge.

NAME HARRIS *John Osborne*  
(in full, surname first)

OFFICIAL No. *432861*

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
<i>1BAGS 11/43</i>	<i>35 Air Gunners Course</i>	<i>Passed</i>	<i>20.8.43</i>					

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

Authority	Nature	Date of Effect
<i>1BAGS 11/43</i>	<i>Air Gunners Badge</i>	<i>19.8.43</i>
<i>CCL 1471</i>	<i>Missing</i>	<i>27.28-5-44</i>
<i>CCL 1737</i>	<i>Death presumed</i>	<i>28-5-44</i>

**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.

10 AUG 1945

# CITIZEN AIR FORCE.

Attestation of No. 434251 Name HARRIS John Osborne  
Joined at No. 3 RECRUITING CENTRE, BRISBANE  
on 6 NOV 1942

## QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE RECRUIT BEFORE ENLISTMENT.

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....   | 1 <u>John Osborne HARRIS</u> |
| 2. Where were you born? .....   | 2. Town <u>Brisbane</u>      |
|   | State <u>Queensland</u>      |
| 3. Are you a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject?<br>(N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)   | 3 <u>British Subject</u>     |
| 4. What is the date of your birth? (You are warned that if you<br>give a false answer to this question you are liable to be<br>severely punished.)  | 4 <u>10/9/1924</u>           |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....   | 5 <u>Salesman</u>            |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to<br>whom, and for what period? .....   | 6 <u>No</u>                  |
| 7. Are you married? .....   | 7 <u>No</u>                  |
| 8. Have you ever been convicted by a Civil Court? .....   | 8 <u>No</u>                  |
| 9. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's<br>Forces with Ignominy, or for Misconduct, or as Incorrigible and<br>Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a<br>Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been Dismissed with<br>Disgrace from any of His Majesty's Naval Forces? (You<br>are warned that you are liable to heavy punishment if you<br>make a false answer to this question.) | 9 <u>No</u>                  |
| 10. Do you now belong to any of His Majesty's Naval, Military or<br>Air Forces? .....   | 10 <u>No</u>                 |
| 11. Have you ever served in any of His Majesty's Naval, Military<br>or Air Forces? If so, state which, and the cause of your Dis-<br>charge or Dismissal, or other termination of service   | 11 <u>No</u>                 |
| 12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service?<br>If so, on what grounds? .....  | 12 <u>No</u>                 |
| 13. Are you willing to be enlisted under the conditions stated in<br>the Regulations for the Air Force of the Commonwealth of<br>Australia?   | 13 <u>Yes</u>                |
| 14. Do you understand that enlistment is subject to your under-<br>going a satisfactory X-ray examination and that you will be<br>required to be vaccinated and inoculated after enlistment?  | 14 <u>Yes</u>                |
| 15. Are you in receipt of a pension under the Superannuation<br>of the Commonwealth?  | <u>No</u>                    |

## DECLARATION.

I, John Osborne HARRIS.....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, and that I thoroughly understand and accept the conditions governing enlistment, promotion, remuster, transfer and discharge from the Service.

Signature of Recruit John Osborne Harris

## 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 the duration of the war and twelve months thereafter 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 make an affirmation [see Air Force Regulations].)

## CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The recruit abovenamed 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.

I have examined his Naturalization Papers, and am of the opinion they are correct. (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 Brisbane  
in the State of Queensland, this Sixth day of November  
1942, before me.

Signature W. Dick 7/0

(A Justice of the Peace or Attesting Officer.)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE RESERVE.

I, John Osborne HARRIS undertake to serve in the  
 Royal Australian Air Force Reserve. *J. O. Harris*  
 (Signature.)

OATH OR AFFIRMATION.\*

OATH.

I, John Osborne HARRIS 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, John Osborne HARRIS 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 Brisbane  
 Declared }  
 in the State of Queensland  
 this Fifth day of  
October One  
 thousand nine hundred and 42

*J. O. Harris*  
 (Signature of Person enrolled.)

Name John Osborne Harris  
 †(Signature of Officer or Justice of the Peace administering the oath or taking the declaration.)

\*A person who objects to take the oath may make the affirmation. Cross out form not used. All amendments must be initialled by the Officer or J.P. witnessing the affirmation.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 18 years 1 months.  
 Height 5 feet 11 inches.  
 Weight 154 lb.  
 Chest Measurement 33/37 inches.  
 Vision 6/6 R. Eye 6/6 L. Eye.  
 Complexion Fair  
 Eyes (Colour) Brown  
 Hair (Colour) Dark  
 Religious Denomination Church of England

Wounds, Scars, or Distinctive Marks.

Birthmark Lateral side L knee  
Transverse across L knee.  
Small scar on bridge of nose.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

The abovenamed recruit has been examined in accordance with the medical standards prescribed for service in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Details of such examination have been recorded, as required by Air Force Orders, on the appropriate form, and copies thereof have been inserted in the recruit's Medical History Envelope (R.A.A.F. Form P/M. 38).

His medical category is A<sub>1</sub> B<sub>1</sub> A<sub>2</sub> B<sub>2</sub> (A/00 only)

(Signature) *[Signature]*

(Rank) SQUADRON LEADER

(Appointment)

Date 5 - NOV 1942  
 Place No. 3 RECRUITING CENTRE, BRISBANE

RAAF.  
434251

\*Strike out Force not applicable.

PERSONAL RECORD OF SERVICE—~~AIRMAN~~

~~1. PERMANENT FORCE~~

3. No. **20464**      4. SURNAME **HARRIS**      5. CHRISTIAN NAMES **John Osborne**

7. DATE OF BIRTH **10.9.24**      8. SINGLE      9. NEXT Name **Edwin Frank Harris**

Certified that name and date of birth have been checked.      MARRIED      OF Relationship **father**

(Signature)      WIDOWER      KIN Address **Junction Road, Blayfield, Bus Queensland**

11. RELIGION      12. NATIONALITY **British**

13. PREV. TRADE & TRADE QUALIFICATIONS.	14. ENLISTMENTS & RE-ENGAGEMENTS.	15. PREV. NAVAL, MILITARY or AIR		
	ENROLLED <del>ENLISTED</del> at <b>3 Cadet Wing HQ AIC BRISBANE</b>	Unit.	From	To
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	on <b>14/4/42</b> Age in Years <b>17</b> Authority <b>3 Wing 6/42</b>			
	RE-ENGAGED			
	for                    years on    /    /			
	"                    "                    /    /			
	"                    "                    /    /			
	"                    "                    /    /			

17. MUSTERINGS.	Date	Classification for Pay.	Authority.	20. Posted to
On Enlistment				
Remustered to				<b>No. 3 Cadet Wing, No. 5A</b>

18. PROMOTIONS, RECLASSIFICATIONS, REDUCTIONS AND REVERSIONS.			21. Attached.
Description.	Date.	Authority.	
<b>cadet</b>	<b>14. 2. 42</b>	<b>3 Wing 6/42</b>	

23. **MOVEMENT**  
**Enrolment terminated 21. 9**

19. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS.

**PERSONAL RECORD OF SERVICE—ARMEN.**

R.A.A.F. Form P/P.25  
(Revised Sept., 1940.)

PERMANENT FORCE

CITIZEN FORCE

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NAME **HARRIS** 5. CHRISTIAN NAMES *John Osborne* 6. No. **20464**

8. SINGLE }  
MARRIED }  
WIDOWER }  
DIVORCED }  
*Enter in pencil.*

9. NEXT OF KIN }  
Name *Edwin Frank Harris*  
Relationship *father*  
Address *Junction Road,  
Blayfield Brisbane  
Queensland*

10. PERSON TO BE INFORMED OF }  
Name }  
Relationship }  
Address }  
*Next of kin*

12. NATIONALITY *British*

14. ENLISTMENTS & RE-ENGAGEMENTS.	15. PREV. NAVAL, MILITARY or AIR SERVICE.	16. Decorations, Medals, Mentions & Badges.																														
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22. MOVEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.  
*Enrolment terminated 21. 9. 42 Reaching 18 yrs To RAAF. 3 Wing 11/42*

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS.





PROFICIENCY			Date
B	C		

26. PAY AND ALLOWANCES.			
			Authority.

27. DEPENDENTS.			
Name in Full	Relationship	Date of Birth	Authority

28. CASUALTIES, ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM HOSPITAL.				
Nature of Casualty or Disability	Hospital	From	To	Authority

N.	
Result	Authority.
<i>Pass</i>	<i>3 Aug 42</i>

29. CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS.	
Acts	Authority

Act or Regulation	Award or Sentence	Location	Date	Authority

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

GENERAL

CONDUCT SHEET

*J. A. Adam*, Squadron Leader,  
Commanding No. 3 I.T.S., Kingaroy,  
Signature and Rank of O.C.  
Sheet No. One (in letters) Date 1/11/42

Sheet Destroyed .....  
Date of Last Entry .....  
Number of Cases of Drunkenness .....  
Date of Last Instance of Drunkenness .....  
† Certified Correct Rank HARRIS, Name John Osborne Date of Enlistment 6/11/42 of John Osborne  
Official No. 434251

Unit and Place.	Date of Offence.	Rank.	Cases of Drunkenness (in full 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	<i>Adjutant No. 3 I.T.S., Kingaroy</i>	<i>Kingaroy 4 JAN 1943</i>	<i>26/7/43</i>		
				CERTIFIED NO ENTRY	<i>Adjutant T.V., No. 1 B.A.O.S., 18-8-43</i>				
				CERTIFIED NO ENTRY	<i>Adjutant, No. 3 Embarkation Depot, SANDGATE.</i>	<i>20 NOV 1943</i>			
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For method of making entries see Appendix 8/1/1.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

**SERVICE**

**CONDUCT SHEET.**

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Date of Last Entry .....

Number of Cases of Drunkenness .....

Date of Last Instance of Drunkenness .....

† Certified Correct .....

Official No. 434251 .....

Name HARRIS John Labone  
(In full)

Date of Enlistment 6/11/42

Sheet No. 001E

Signature and Rank of O.C. J. Thomson  
Date 1 FEB 1944

F/O

(In Letters) FOR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RECORDS  
Date 1 FEB 1944

Unit and Place.	Date of Offence.	Rank.	Cases of Drunkenness (in red ink).	Offence.	Witnesses.	Punishment Awarded.	Date of Award or of Award Dispensing with Trial.	By whom Awarded.	Initials and Rank of Officer making Entry and Remarks with Date.
			CERTIFIED NO ENTR. FROM RECORDS		J. Thomson F/O	FOR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RECORDS			1 FEB 1944

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

**APPLICATION FOR AIR CREW**

Candidates who apply for selection as Air Crew may be selected for training as Pilots, Observers, or Wireless Operator - 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. CREEK ST. BRIS.

1. Surname HARRIS  
(Block Letters)
2. Christian Names JOHN OSBORNE  
(In Full)
3. Postal Address of Place of Residence "TULEEN" JUNCTION RD.  
CLAYFIELD, N.Z. BRISBANE.
4. Date of Birth 10<sup>th</sup> SEPT. 1924 5. Married or Single SINGLE
6. Name, Relationship, and Address of Next-of-Kin Edwin Frank HARRIS, Mother, JUNCT. RD. CLAYFIELD.
7. Are you a British Subject? YES Of pure European Descent? YES
8. State the Nationality of your Parents at their birth:—  
Father Australian Mother English

	Names and Addresses of Schools.	Period of Education.	
		From	To
(a) Give particulars opposite of the schools at which you were educated from the age of 12.	<u>Eagle Junction State School</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>Brisbane State High School</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>

- (b) Have you sat for the Merit, Intermediate or Junior Public Examination? If so, give particulars opposite.
- Name of examining body \_\_\_\_\_
- Description of certificate Junior Certificate
- Date of examination December 1939
- Was certificate obtained Yes
- Subjects passed in English, Arithmetic, German, Algebra, Physics, Geography
- Subjects failed in History, Chemistry
- Subjects (if any) in which a first-class pass was obtained \_\_\_\_\_

22.9.42  
J.H.

- (c) Have you sat for any other educational examination? If so, give particulars opposite.
- Name of examining body \_\_\_\_\_
- Description of examination \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of examination \_\_\_\_\_
- Was examination passed \_\_\_\_\_
- Particulars of subjects passed in \_\_\_\_\_

- (d) Give particulars (with dates) of further education undertaken since leaving school. Name and address of educational establishment or tutor should be stated, subject taken, and whether whole or part time tuition.
- None.

APPROVED BY R.A.A.F. MAN  
S. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 5.10.42

10. Occupation since leaving school, including nature of work on which now engaged  
Salesman, Australian General Electric Pty Ltd

11. Are you prepared to serve for the duration of the war and for a period of up to 12 months there-  
after? 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? —

13. Details of any ~~Naval~~, ~~Military~~ or Air Force Service  
Air Training Corps.

14. Attach particulars of any Experience you have had in the following:—  
Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony None.

Engineering (electrical, mechanical, structural, or civil) None.

Internal Combustion Engines None

Fitting and Turning None.

15. Particulars of Sports and Games played Boxing, Golf, Tennis,  
Cricket, Football,

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

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

Joined Air Training Corps on 5th March 1942.

17. Physical particulars: Height 5ft. 11" Weight 10st. 10lbs.

Chest measurement: Normal 35½" Expanded 39"

Have you been previously medically examined for Air Force or Civil Flying No.

18. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No.

19. **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 10th Aug 1942.

J. O. Harris  
Signature of Applicant.

20. **CERTIFICATE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.**

(To be signed if applicant is under the age of 21 years).

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

Date 10/8/42.

J. O. Harris  
Signature of Parent or Guardian.

21. Applicant is requested to ATTACH to this form a copy of extract of birth entry or statutory  
declaration as to date of birth, particulars of Naturalisation (if applicable), copies of educational  
certificates and copies of references from at least two responsible persons who have known candidate  
for a considerable period.