

**Name: Rushby, Kenneth**

**Rank: WO2**

**Service Number: R-90058**



A paper factory employee, Kenneth Rushby attested in the RCAF on the 18 July 1940. His mother and father were Thomas Rushby, a blacksmith and Annie Branagan Rushby. He was employed by T S Halpin and Company. Enjoyed playing hockey and occasional swimming. He had one brother and four sisters.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 1942 his plane was reported missing over the Mediterranean and he was presumed “lost at sea”. He is remembered on the El Alamein memorial.

## SERVICE RECORD

<i>Date</i>	<i>Particulars</i>
Medal Card	39-45 Star, Africa Star and clasp, Defence Medal, War Medal, CVSM (Canadian Volunteer Service Medal) and clasp
5 Jun 1919	Born at Glanworth Ontario
12 July 1940	Letter from N Hazzard Union Gas Company regarding character, also another letter (undated) from ER Bond in recommendation.
18 July 1940	Attestation paper factory employee, father- Thomas Rushby blacksmith, mother- Annie Branagan, education - Mt Brydges Public, Mt Brydges High, Continuation school. Employment – CP Rail, Union Gas, T S Halpin & Co, Sports- Hockey extensively, Baseball and swimming occasionally , Brother- Thomas William Rushby, Sisters- Kathleen Rushby, Mrs Harold Phillips, Mrs Herbert Williams, Mrs Frank Muma.
22 Nov 1940	Enrolment Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada, Regimental number A441142, Middlesex and Huron Regiment, Kenneth Rushby, Mount Brydges Ont, Born 5 Jun 1919, father Thomas Rushby, 5' 3 ¾" 120 lbs, blue eyes, brown hair, preference Air force gunner.
27 Jan 1941	Letter from G A Wheable Superintendant of Schools – stating he has matriculation standing
27 Jan 1941	Royal Air Force Airman's Record Sheet (Active Service) - enlisted, RAF Trade WO/AG (grade II)

27 Jan 1941	To M2MD(?) Brandon
21 Mar 1941	From Brandon to #15 SFTS Claresholm
28 Apr 1941	Ceases attachment to #15 SFTS to 4TS
29 Apr 1941	From 4TS Regina to 2 WS Calgary
12 Sept 1941	From #2 WS Calgary to #3 ? MacDonald
11 Oct 1941	A. S. Badge
13 Oct 1941	Promoted T/Sgt, WO/AG "sp"
13 Oct 1941	10 days leave to 23 Oct 1941
14 Oct 1941	From 3 B&S to #1 ?Depot
3 Nov 1941	Emb Canada
14 Nov 1941	To 3 PRC
23 Dec 1941	1 Signal School
11 Mar 1942	From 1 Sic Schl to 3 Rd School
2 Jun 1942	From 3 <sup>rd</sup> School to 5(c) OUT
23 Aug 1942	Departed by air from 10 A DU for overseas M E
14 Dec 1942	Date of death, Certificate of Registration of Death – "previously reported missing after air operations, no for official purposes, presumed dead" "accident public place"
14 Dec 1942	Missing in Action
22 Dec 1942	Letter from Air Ministry- initial letter saying Kenneth missing
4 Jan 1943	Ministerial Card sent
16 Feb 1943	Memorial Cross sent to mother
23 Feb 1943	Royal Message Sent
1 Nov 1943	Official Royal Canadian Air Force Casualty Notification – 203 Squadron M. E. Overseas. "previously reported missing 14 Dec 1942 after air operations (overseas)(Middle East) (over Mediterranean) no "presumed dead" 14 Dec 1942 for official purposes
23 Oct 1946	Post Presumption Memorandum 4048 – "Lost at Sea. Nothing has been heard of these personnel since they were reported missing on 14.12.42. It is assumed they lost their lives at sea. Case closed"
28 Nov 1952	To Mrs Annie Rushby from Wing Commander W R Gunn stating that he has no known grave and will be remembered on the El Alamein memorial.

# MILITIA ACT

M.F.M. 82  
480M—8.40 (6652)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1773

National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940

## ENROLMENT NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA OF CANADA

REGIMENTAL No. A441142

Militia Unit taken On Strength Middlesex & Huron Regt.

1. Surname (Block Letters) Rushby
2. Christian Names (In Full) Kenneth
3. Present Address Mount Brydges, Ont.
4. Place of Birth CANADA Date of Birth June 5, 1919
5. Religion United Church Occupation Electrician
7. Next-of-Kin Thomas Rushby (Father)  
(NAME AND ADDRESS)  
Mount Brydges. ONT
8. Physical Description: Height 5' 3 3/4" Weight 120  
Color of Eyes BLUE Color of Hair BROWN.

9. Preference, if any, for Naval, Military or Air Force Service. (Give particulars, qualifications, etc.)

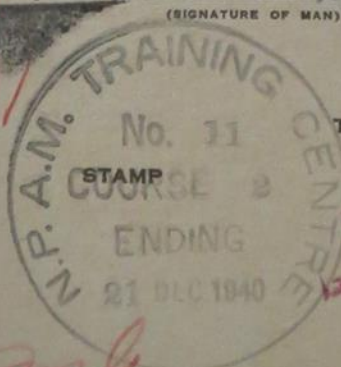
AIR FORCE (Gunner)

Dated this 22 day of Nov. 19 40.

Training Centre No. 11.

Kenneth Rushby  
(SIGNATURE OF MAN)

H. G. Lucas Lt  
(SIGNATURE AND RANK OF OFFICER EFFECTING ENROLMENT)



TRAINING CERTIFICATE  
STAMP

H. G. Lucas Capt  
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AFFIXING THE STAMP)



## SPECIAL RESERVE

AIR FORCE No. R.90058

POSTED TO No. 2 Manning Pool, Brandon, TRADE (Air Gunner) Manitoba.

Wireless Operator

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## (ATTESTATION PAPER)

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

1. Surname Rushby FULL Christian Names KENNETH
2. Present Address Mt. Brydges Ontario Telephone none
3. Permanent Address Mt. Brydges Ontario
4. Place of Birth Glanworth Middlesex County Citizenship Canadian
5. Date of Birth June 5th 1919 Married, Single, Widower, Separated, Divorced Single
6. Particulars of Children none

Name	Date of birth	Name	Date of birth
<u>n/a</u>			

7. Occupation Factory employee 8. Religion Protestant, Anglican  
State denomination Church
9. Languages English (good) State proficiency
10. Next of Kin (Full Name) THOMAS RUSHBY Relationship Father  
Address Mt. Brydges Ontario
11. Father (Full Name) THOMAS RUSHBY Birthplace England Sheffield  
Address Mt. Brydges Ontario Citizenship Canadian  
Occupation Blacksmith
12. Mother (Full Maiden Name) ANNIE BRANAGAN Birthplace Sheffield England  
Address Mt. Brydges Ontario Citizenship Canadian
13. Details of any Naval, Military or Air Force Service: none

Unit	Place	Rank	Trade	Date		Reason for discharge
				From	To	
<u>G.A.</u>			<u>R.C.A.F. Records Office</u>	<u>FEB 3 1941</u>		
			<u>O.V.</u>	<u>1941</u>		
			<u>R.C.</u>	<u>1941</u>		
			<u>S.L.</u>	<u>P.A.</u>		

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

21. Particulars of Education:

	Name of school	Date		Courses—Subjects, etc.
		From	To	
Primary Education—Public or Separate School	Mt. Brydges	1926	1933	General Course
High School—Collegiate Institute, etc.	Mt. Brydges	1933	1937	Algebra, Geometry
Technical School	Continuation School			Agric I Agric II
University or School other than above				English French
Correspondence Courses, etc.				Canadian History

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

Employer and place	Duties, trades, positions	Date		Reason for leaving
		From	To	
Chatham Ont.				
C.P. Railroad	Bridge & building	1937	1937	temporary
Mt. Brydges Ontario Union Gas Co.	service work	1937	1938	temporary
				employment
Mt. Brydges T.S. H. Alpin & Co.	Assembling Automatic Phonographs	1938	1941	Still employed

23. Flying Experience (in Hours) Solo... none Dual... none Passenger... 1/2 hr.

24. Special Qualifications, Hobbies, etc., useful to the R.C.A.F. none

25. Sports engaged in. State: extensively, moderately, occasionally. Hockey... extensively  
Baseball & swimming... occasionally

26. AIR FORCE DUTY you wish to enlist for ~~Ground Duties~~  
Flying Duties.  
If for Ground Duties, state Air Force trade in which you wish to enlist... n/a  
If for Flying Duties, state preference as (a) Pilot; (b) Observer; (c) Air Gunner (d) Wireless Operator (Air Crew).  
(Cross out words not applicable.)

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

Name	Address	Occupation
Mr J W Silett	Mt. Brydges Ont.	Bank Manager
Mr E R Bond	Mt. Brydges Ont.	Manager of Canada Simit Showers Association

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 July 18th 1940 Signature Kenneth R. Ashby  
Rebutten Jan 24th 1941



**R90058**  
**RUSHBY**  
KENNETH

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H.Q. FILE NO. 1022-R-3395

REGT'L No. .... R90058

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Every item of information should be carefully supplied. (See reverse side for instructions)

FORM 6

This form if placed in an envelope, marked "Dominion Statistics-Free, penalty for improper use \$300," and properly addressed will pass through the mail "FREE"

# PROVINCE OF ONTARIO—CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH { County or District of OVERSEAS (MIDDLE EAST) Township of \_\_\_\_\_  
If in City, Town or Village \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ House No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number)  
2. LENGTH OF STAY (in years, months and days)  
(a) In City, Town or Township where death occurred \_\_\_\_\_ (b) In Province \_\_\_\_\_ (c) In Canada (if immigrant) \_\_\_\_\_  
3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED RUSHBY EMMETH  
(Family name) (Given name or names in usual order)  
RESIDENCE No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City, Town, Village or Township Mrs. Bridges Province Ontario  
(Residence means usual place of abode. Post Office Address for residents in rural parts not sufficient)

4. Sex Male 5. Nationality (Citizenship) Canadian 6. Racial Origin English 7. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word) Single

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

8. BIRTHPLACE Ontario  
(Province or Country)

9. DATE OF BIRTH June 5th 1919  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

10. AGE in 23 Years Months Days If less than one day old hrs. or min.

11. Trade, profession or kind of work as spinner, teamster, office clerk, etc. Wireless Air Gunner

12. Kind of industry or business, as cotton-mill, lumbering, bank, etc. R.C.A.F.

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation Dec. 14/42 14. Total years spent in this occupation Two

15. If married give name of wife or husband of deceased \_\_\_\_\_

16. NAME Rushby, Thomas

17. BIRTHPLACE England  
(Province or Country)

18. MAIDEN NAME Branagan, Annie

19. BIRTHPLACE England  
(Province or Country)

20. Person giving information sign here For R.C.A.F. Records Officer

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to deceased \_\_\_\_\_

21. Place of Burial, Cremation or Removal \_\_\_\_\_

Date of burial or removal \_\_\_\_\_

22. Burial Permit was issued by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

23. UNDERTAKER \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and address)

24. DATE OF DEATH December 14th 1942  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

25. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

and last saw him/her \_\_\_\_\_ alive on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

1. Immediate cause Give disease, injury or complication which caused death, not the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, asthma, etc. due to \_\_\_\_\_

2. Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to immediate cause (stated in order proceeding backwards from immediate cause). (b) \_\_\_\_\_ due to \_\_\_\_\_

3. Other morbid conditions (if important) contributing to death but not causally related to immediate cause. (c) \_\_\_\_\_

26. If a communicable disease is mentioned on this certificate, give (a) Date of appearance \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

(b) Duration of disease \_\_\_\_\_ days

27. If a woman, was the death associated with pregnancy? \_\_\_\_\_

28. Was there a surgical operation? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of operation \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

State findings \_\_\_\_\_ Was there an autopsy? \_\_\_\_\_

29. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:—

Accident, suicide or homicide? Accident Date of injury Dec. 14th 1942  
(State which)

Manner of injury Presumed killed during air operations  
(How sustained)

Nature of injury \_\_\_\_\_

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place Public place

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ M.D.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

30. Division Registrar's Record No. \_\_\_\_\_

31. Filed \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
(Division Registrar)

## PHYSICIAN

Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED FORTHWITH WITH THE DIVISION REGISTRAR OF THE DIVISION IN WHICH THE DEATH OCCURRED BEFORE A BURIAL PERMIT CAN BE ISSUED

## Royal Canadian Air Force

### CERTIFICATE OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH NO. 5640

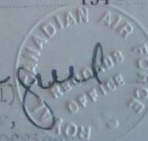
#### This is to Certify that

R99050 SERGEANT RUSBY, KENNETH R.C.A.F.  
(Number) (Rank) (Name in Full) (Unit)

has been officially reported as missing since the 14TH day  
of DECEMBER, 1942, and that, full inquiries having been  
made, no information has been received which would indicate that he may be still alive.  
For official purposes, therefore, he is presumed to have died on or since the above  
mentioned date

Dated at Ottawa, Canada, this 1ST day of NOVEMBER 1943

*W. K. McDougall*  
(W. K. McDougall)  
Wing Commander,  
R.C.A.F. Records Office.





# OFFICIAL ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER **R90058**

RANK **SGT.**

203 SQUADRON M.E.  
UNIT OVERSEAS

TRADE **W.A.G. (2)**

NAME **RUSHBY, KENNETH**

R.C.A.F.	R.A.F.	R.A.A.F.	R.N.Z.A.F.	OTHER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

MARITAL STATUS **SINGLE**

RELIGION **ANGELICAN**

CANADIAN **YES**

FRENCH CANADIAN

OTHER

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON  
REC. OF SERV. & RELATIONSHIP  
ADDRESS **MR. THOMAS RUSHBY (FATHER)  
MOUNT BRYDGES, ONTARIO.**

NAME  
ADDRESS  
D.A.B. **MRS. ANNIE RUSHBY  
SAME ADDRESS**

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON  
CAS. SIG. & RELATIONSHIP  
ADDRESS **MR. T. RUSHBY (FATHER)  
MOUNT BRYDGES  
ONTARIO**

FATHER'S NAME **MR. & MRS. THOMAS RUSHBY**  
ADDRESS **MOUNT BRYDGES  
ONTARIO.**

LIVING ON ENLISTMENT **YES**

MOTHER'S NAME  
ADDRESS

LIVING ON ENLISTMENT **YES**

WAS MEMBER ATTACHED TO R.A.F. AT ANY TIME? YES ☒

IF CASUALTY OCCURRED IN CANADA DID MEMBER HAVE SERVICE OUTSIDE CANADA DURING WAR WITH THE GERMAN REICH? YES/NO

IF ON LEAVE, STATE DATE LEAVE COMMENCED AND WHETHER ON LEAVE WITH OR WITHOUT PAY?

## CASUALTY DETAILS:

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO.

**AIR MIN KNY---PCX119---d-6-OCT-43.**

**PREVIOUSLY REPORTED "MISSING" 14-DEC-42 AFTER AIR OPERATIONS (OVERSEAS)  
(MIDDLE EAST) (OVER MEDITERRANEAN)**

**NOW "PRESUMED DEAD" 14-DEC-42 FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.**



LAST WILL ATTACHED TO  
NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.7 YES ☒

M.F.M. 5 ATTACHED TO  
NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.7 YES ☒

DATE

**1st Nov. 43.**

CERTIFICATE P. OF D.  
ATTACHED TO A. OF E. COPY YES ☒

*minneapolis*

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**ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES, OTTAWA**

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

**28945**



1.  
MEMORANDUM FOR

P. 64

Mr. Thomas Rushby,  
Mount Prydges, Ont.

Any further communication on this subject should  
be addressed to:—

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATES,  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

and the following number quoted:—

H.Q. 1022-R-3395 FD. 284

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
ESTATES BRANCH  
OTTAWA, ONT.

Nov. 15th. 1943

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

RUSHBY, Kenneth, Sgt.

R. 90058 R.C.A.F.



it is necessary that the requisite information regarding the deceased and his relatives  
should be furnished on the inside of this form in strict accordance with the printed  
instructions. The particulars required are to be carefully filled in and the Declaration  
on the back should then be signed in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local  
Magistrate, Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public, who should be asked to com-  
plete and sign the Certificate. This form should then be returned to the above address.

A deceased's Service estate, the administration of which is the responsibility of  
the Estates Branch, consists of any balance of pay and allowances at credit, cash on  
hand and the personal effects which are under the control of the Service authorities.  
To obtain such assets, it is not necessary for the person(s) legally entitled thereto to  
obtain through the Courts Probate of the Will, or if none, Letters of Administration  
of his estate.

In addition to the administration of those Service assets, the Administrator of  
Estates is authorized to withdraw into Government account any funds (within a  
defined amount) on deposit to the deceased's credit in Banks, Post Offices or other  
financial institutions in Canada and Overseas, without expense or trouble to the  
person(s) legally entitled to the estate, and to distribute such funds at the same time  
as any balance of pay is distributed. Also, War Savings Certificates and Victory  
Loan Bonds owned by the deceased may be redeemed and similarly distributed, or  
transmitted into the name(s) of the person(s) legally entitled. Such Certificates and  
Bonds should not be forwarded to the Administrator of Estates until they are requested.

If there are other assets which necessitate an application for Probate or Letters  
of Administration, the Administrator of Estates may transfer and hand over the  
Service assets to the executor or administrator appointed by the Court so that all  
the estate, Service and otherwise, may be dealt with as a whole.

The information given by you on Pages 2 and 3 of this form is therefore of import-  
ance in determining whether or not the deceased's assets are such that they may all  
be administered by the Administrator of Estates to the person(s) legally entitled,  
that is, without the need for Probate or Administration.

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.

IGR/CF

*(Signature)*  
(N.O. Seagram) S/Ldr.  
for (L.M. Firth) Lt.-Col.

Administrator of Estates.



## 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.....	not married.		
2	Children of the Deceased and dates of their Births.....			
3	Father of the Deceased.....	Thomas Rushley	66	Mr Rydges, Ontario.
4	Mother of the Deceased.....	Annie Rushley	57	Mr Rydges, Ontario.
5	Brothers of the Deceased	Full Blood	Thomas William Rushley	500. Jannette Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.
		Half Blood		
6	Sisters of the Deceased	Full Blood	Miss Kathleen Rushley 30 Mrs Harold Phillips 29 Mrs Herbert Williams 28 Mrs Frank Muma 26	Mr Rydges, Ontario 221 Hamilton Rd 95 Belleperche Place Riverside, Windsor Arbora, Ontario R. R. 1.
		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	
	10 days old) Dorothy Rushley Died Jan: 28 1931. Mrs Edith Rushley. Died Oct 3, 1922.			



## ANSWER FULLY EACH QUESTION ON THIS PAGE

## PARTICULARS AS TO IDENTITY

8	Full names of the deceased	Kenneth Rushby.
9	Date of his birth	June 5 <sup>th</sup> 1919.
10	Place and date of his marriage.	Single.
11	Place and date of his parents' marriage.	Berlin (horo Kitchener) Ont. Feb: 1 <sup>st</sup> 1913.

## PARTICULARS OF DOMICILE

12	Place where deceased was born.	Glanworth.
13	State, in order, the Province, State and/or Country in which he resided before enlistment and the period of time in each.	(a) Ontario 3 yrs. (b) Glanworth (c) Mt Brydges 19 yrs. (d)
14	Nature of employment before enlistment.	Electric Appliances.
15	State whether he owned the premises in which he lived and, if so, where situated.	no. withdrawn
16	Name place where deceased stated he intended to make his permanent home.	Mt Brydges

## PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

17	Did he leave a Will?	When leaving for Brandon, left Document with mother. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	no.
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.	Bautz deposit account - \$531.35. Royal Bank of Canada, Mt Brydges <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20	Amount of War Savings Certificates held by deceased.	none that we know of.
21	Amount of Victory Loan Bonds held by deceased.	" " " " "
22	If deceased had life insurance, name companies and amount payable under each policy and the person named as beneficiary there. Describe other assets, if any, and estimated value thereof.	Prudential Insurance Co. of Amer. Face Amount of Insurance \$1000. Twice the above amount in event of death, by accidental means mother: Beneficiary.
23	Is application for Probate or Letters of Administration necessary (see page 1)?	no.

## 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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(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

*Father*

of the deceased.

N.B. To be signed in full in the presence of a Clergyman, Priest, Local Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public.

*Thomas Rushley*  
*Mr. Bridges*

{ Signature of Informant

Address

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief

\*See above. *Thomas Rushley* { Name of Informant } is the\* *Father* of the Deceased

above described, and I believe the above Declaration and the Statement of Relatives and of particulars made by the Informant and signed in my presence to be complete and correct.

Dated at *Int. Bridges* this *25* day of *November* 19*43*

Signature of Clergyman, Priest, Magistrate, Commissioner or Notary Public

*Chas. Sutherland*

Qualification

*A Commissioner my comm expires June 1944*

Address *Int. Bridges*

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

The Policy is a 46 year Endowment Policy, annual dividends accidental death benefits. The Premium of the Policy is paid annually. Several days before the Premium was due this August. 26<sup>th</sup>. I informed the Co; my Son was reported missing. Received a reply saying, it would be best for me to pay the premium again, which I did, and I think I am entitled to the amount of the premium back again. Since my Son is presumed to have died Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1942. Annual Premium is \$20.44. I also received a statement of total dividends with interest amounting to \$10.66. Date due, 10-26-43.

For Sentimental reasons, I would appreciate having my Son's personal effects sent home to us from the middle East.

Thanking you  
Yours Sincerely  
Mrs Annie Rushley.



R90058 (DPC)

Ontario.  
28 November, 1952.

Mrs. Annie Rushby,  
Mount Brydges,  
Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Rushby:

It is with reluctance that after so long an interval, I must refer to the loss of your son, Warrant Officer Class 2 Kenneth Rushby, but due to the lack of any information concerning him since he was reported missing, it must be regretfully accepted and officially recorded that he does not have a "known" grave.

Due to the extreme hazards attending air operations there are, unhappily many thousands of British aircrew boys who do not have "known" graves and all will be commemorated on General Memorials that will be erected at a number of locations by the Imperial War Graves Commission (of which Canada is a member), each Memorial representative of a theatre of operations. One of these Memorials will be erected at El Alamein, and the name of your son will appear on that Memorial.

The attached verification form was received from the Commission with the request that it be forwarded on to you for completion and return direct to them.

I realize that this is an extremely distressing letter and that there is no manner of conveying such information to you that would not add to your heartaches. I am fully aware that nothing I may say will lessen your great sorrow, but I would like to express to you and the members of your family my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

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for (W.R. Gunn)  
Wing Commander,  
R.C.A.F. Casualties Officer,  
for Chief of the Air Staff.

Encls.

POST PRESUMPTION MEMORANDUM 4048

Relating to Baltimore AG.721, Missing on 14.12.42 at Sea, S.7.(Cas.C.5.) Date: 23.10.46.

FILE NO.	RANK	NUMBER	NAME	INFORMATION
P.376675/42	F/O	122358	COWAN, M.J.	<u>LOST AT SEA</u>
	F/O	115403	AYERS, F.E.	Nothing has been heard of these
	Sgt.	NZ.404621	SMALL, C.E.L.	personnel since they were reported
	Sgt.	R.90058	RUSHBY, K.	missing on 14.12.42. It is assumed they lost their lives at sea.

CASE CLOSED

Circulation to:

Amenments (B.1.)  
Chron. Cards (B.1.)  
S.7.(Cas.C.5.)  
Presumptions (B.3.)  
Miss Crabbe (A.3. for A.G.13.)  
Cas.Can. ✓  
R.A.A.F. O.H.Q.  
R.N.Z.A.F. O.H.Q.  
P.File.

G.96618.



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22nd December 1942

C7/CAN/R.90058

Sir,

I am commanded by the Air Council to express to you their grave concern on learning from the Casualties Officer of the Royal Canadian Air Force that your son, CAN/R.90058 Sergeant Kenneth RUSHBY has been reported missing as the result of air operations.

The Baltimore aircraft of which your son was the wireless operator and air gunner failed to return to its base on the 14th December 1942 from an operational flight.

This does not necessarily mean that he is killed or wounded, and if he is a prisoner of war, he should be able to communicate with you in due course. Meanwhile enquiries will be made through the International Red Cross Society and, as soon as any definite news is received, you will be at once informed.

If any information regarding your son is received by you from any source you are requested to be kind enough to communicate it immediately to the Secretary, Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa, who will forward it to the Air Ministry.

The Air Council desire me to express their deep sympathy with you in your great anxiety, and earnestly hope that favourable news of your son may be forthcoming.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. Rushby Esq.,  
Mount Brydges,  
Ontario,  
C A N A D A.

Air Commodore,  
Air Officer in Charge,  
Air Ministry Records.

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2031

22nd December 1942

07/CAN/R.90058

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I am commanded by the Air Council to express to  
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, TORONTO

DEPARTMENT OF PROVINCIAL SECRETARY  
REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S BRANCH

This Certificate of Birth is issued for Military,  
Naval and Air Force purposes only

August 1, 1940

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the  
Birth of the person named hereunder  
is of record at the office of the  
Registrar-General of Ontario as of  
the date and place noted.

Kenneth Rushby

Middlesex County

June-5-1919

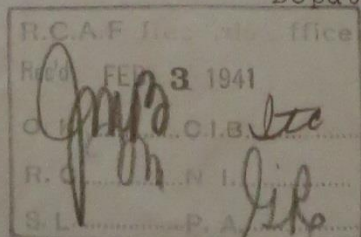
Name of Father Thomas Rushby

Maiden Name of Mother Annie Branagan

1919-20-420

KP

*F. R. Johns*  
Deputy Registrar-General





G. A. WHEABLE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



January 27th, 1941.

The Royal Canadian Air Force,  
LONDON, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

Re: Kenneth Rushby

This applicant has a statement from the Assistant Principal of the Mount Brydges Continuation School, stating that he attended that school for four years. This is a long enough period to secure a full Junior Matriculation.

Although he has no certificates with him, from my conversation with him, I am led to believe that he has his Junior Matriculation with the exception of History and Latin. Apparently he has matriculation standing in Algebra, Geometry and Physics.

He states that he has misplaced his departmental certificates but, if necessary, duplicates of these could be secured from the Ontario Department of Education, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent of Schools.

GAW/MM

R.C.A.F. Records Office	
Rec'd	FEB 3 1941
<i>JMB</i>	C.I.B.
<i>MM</i>	N.I.
<i>SL</i>	P.A. <i>GR</i>



UNION GAS COMPANY OF CANADA LIMITED

HEAD OFFICE

CHATHAM, ONTARIO

Mt. Brydges, Ont.,  
July 12, 1940.

R. C. A. F.  
Recruiting Headquarters.

To Whom it may concern:

This is to certify that the bearer,  
Kenneth Rushby, through employment with our company, is  
well known by me. I feel that I am assured in recommending  
him as a man of excellent character, an efficient employee,  
and capable of assuming the responsibility of any work  
in which he is engaged.

*H. Hazard.*

Division Manager,  
Union Gas Company.

H/B

R.C.A.F. Recruiting Office	
Rec'd FEB 3 1941	
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R. C.	N. I.
S. L.	P. A.

*[Signature]*



E. R. BOND

MT. BRYDGES

PHONE 13

Royal Canadian Air Force.

Gentlemen:

This will serve to certify that I have known the bearer, Mr. Kenneth Rushby, from childhood. I believe him to be a very honorable, industrious young man, and of good habits. I have likewise known his parents for a great many years, they are people held in very high esteem, in the community. It is with pleasure I recommend Kenneth to your service.

Yours very truly,

*E. R. Bond*

# ROYAL AIR FORCE. **AIRMAN'S RECORD SHEET (Active Service).**

Official No. CAN/R 90058. Name RUSHBY, KENNETH. Rank T/Sgt.  
(In full in block capitals, surname first). (Or acting appointment).

R.A.F. Trade WO/AG (Grade I) Special Qualifications  
(e.g., Gas Instructor, Fire Fighter, Boxing Instructor).

Date of Birth 5.6.19. Religion Anglican Occupation in Civil Life Factory Employee

Last Enlisted 27.1.41. Current Engagement O.R.W.

If a member of the Auxiliary Air Force.....

If Reservist, which Class ("E," "F," V.R.) SR Whether Married, Single, or Widower S.

Name and Address of Person (or Persons) to be informed of Casualties (to be entered in pencil):

Mr Thomas Rushby Mr Brydges Oakham

Relationship (to be entered in pencil) Father

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

## SECTION 1.—MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES.

Unit FROM which.	Unit TO which.	Date of Effect.
3 B.G. MacDonald. 140 Halifax.	14 Depot. Halifax.	14.10.41
	RAF. TP. Emb. Canada	2.11.41
		3.11.41
	3 PRC.	14.11.41
3 PRC No. 1 SIGNALS SCHOOL	1 S.S.	27.12.41
No. 3 R.D.F. School.	No 3 Radio Sch	10 MAR 1942
No. 5 (C) O.T.U.	No. 5 (C) O.T.U.	2-6-42
	Rusby.	23.8.42.
	Middle East	
203 Sq	Missing	11.12.42

SECTION 2.—  
PROMOTIONS, ACTING APPOINTMENTS (PAID OR UNPAID),  
REDUCTIONS, REMUSTERINGS.

* Authority.	Description.	Date of Effect.
	Enlisted AC2, WO/AG 'Std'.	27.1.41.
	From T/Sgt, WO/AG 'Sp'.	13.10.41.

## SECTION 3.—GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

* Authority.	1st, 2nd, 3rd.	Awarded, Deprived, Restored.	Date of Effect.



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

SECTION 5.—DECORATIONS, MENTIONS, SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS BY A.O.S.C., ETC.

Authority.	Nature.	Date of Effect.



# ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

## RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN

DATE 19-8-41

INITIALS

R20058  
A.F. No.

Rushley  
Surname

Henneth  
Christian Names

Anglican  
Religion

Born 5-6-19 Place Co. of Middlesex Country Ontario Citizen of Canada Racial Origin English

ENLISTMENT		CIVIL EDUCATION		PREVIOUS SERVICE
Date	27-1-41	High School Entrance	Jr. Mat. & Equivalent	Sr. Mat.
At	London, Ont.	Technical School	Corres. Courses	
Term	Duration of Vac.	University		

RANK	DATE	Med. Cat.	Date	CIVIL OCCUPATIONS AND EXPERIENCE									
1st Sgt. Pd.	13/10/41			Factory Employee.									
COURSES AND TRADE TESTS													
Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.	Trade	Grp.	%	PorF	Date Rem.				
W00.1	100												
W.A.S.	3p			13/10/41									
W0/24 Gmct	11	(91)		6/3/42									

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY			Wife	Maiden Name	Present Address (in pencil)
Children	Names	Date of Birth	Place of Birth		

NAME(S)	ADDRESS AND RELATIONSHIP OF PERSONS TO BE INFORMED OF CASUALTIES (in pencil)
	Mr Thomas Rushley (Father)
	Mr Rydges, Ont.

LEAVE			CHARACTER AND TRADE ASSM. HONOURS, AWARDS AND MENTIONS				
FROM	TO	AUTH. AND DESCRIPTION	DATE	CHARACTER	TRADE AND ASSM.	HONOURS AND AWARDS	SIGNATURE
13/10/41	23/10/41	10 days - P.R.O. 218.	11/10/41			A.S. Rydges.	T.D.R.O. 218.

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES							
AUTHORITY	UNIT FROM	UNIT TO	DATE	AUTHORITY	UNIT FROM	UNIT TO	DATE
MOR 13	AC LONDON.	W.S.M.A. RANDON	27-1-41	15/42/42	1st Sgt. 3rd. Sch.	11-3-42	
DRO 66	W.S.M.A. RANDON	W.S.M.A. RANDON	21-8-41	25/42 (91)	3rd. Sch. 10th. U.	2-6-42	
DRO 100	Cases off	15. S.F.T.S.	28-4-41	76/42 (91)	5(10)th. 10th. U.	20-8-42	
DRO 100	H.T.C.	W.S.		Departed by air	10th. U. 10th. U.	23-8-42	
DRO 217	REGINA	CALGARY	28-4-41	92/42 (91)	M.E.	23-8-42	
DRO 124	W.S.M.A. RANDON	W.S.M.A. RANDON	12-9-41				
D.R.O. 218	#38.42	#1 (1st. Sch.)	14/10/41				
D.R.O. 269	W.S.M.A. RANDON	W.S.M.A. RANDON	2-11-41				
	128/41	Canada	3-11-41				
	27	3 P.R.C.	14-11-41				
	125/41 (91)	1st. Sch.	23-12-41				



AIR FORCE NO.		RUSHBY, KENNETH		ENLISTMENT		RE-ENLISTMENT		C.R. FILE NUMBER	
R90058		RUSHBY, KENNETH		PLACE, London Wd.		DATE, 27-1-41			
SURNAME		FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES							
RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN									
1. POSTING (INDICATE S.O.S. AND T.O.S.)				2. RECLASS'NS-PROMOTIONS-ETC.				4. TRADE AND CHARACTER	
UNIT AND PLACE		EFFECTIVE		D.O.		RANK		EFFECTIVE	
T.O.S. 2ND, Brandon, Man.		29 1 41		2ND25		16 2		27 1 41	
S.O.S. 2ND, Brandon, Man.		19 3 41		2ND26		24 C		28 5 41	
T.O.S. 4TC Regt (1st Lt.)		22 3 41		4TC 72		Sgt (Lt) Pl.		13 11 41	
S.O.S. 4TC Regt (1st Lt.)		28 4 41		4TC 100		74		13 11 41	
T.O.S. 2nd, Calgary		1 5 41		2nd 187		2725		13 11 41	
S.O.S. 2nd, Calgary		29 4 41		2nd 112		2100 2		13 10 42	
T.O.S. 2nd, Calgary		12 9 41		2nd 217		2100 2		1 11 42	
S.O.S. 3BGS MacDonnell		13 9 41		3BGS 154					
T.O.S. 3BGS MacDonnell		19 10 41		3BGS 278					
S.O.S. 3BGS MacDonnell		14 11 41		3BGS 225					
T.O.S. 3BGS MacDonnell		15 11 41		3BGS 225					
S.O.S. 3BGS MacDonnell		2 11 41		3BGS 225					
T.O.S. 3BGS MacDonnell		14 11 41		3BGS 225					
S.O.S. 3BGS MacDonnell		23 12 41		3BGS 225					
T.O.S. 3BGS MacDonnell		11 3 42		3BGS 225					
S.O.S. 3BGS MacDonnell		2 6 42		3BGS 225					
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FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES				DATE <i>3-7-41</i>		RE-ENLISTMENT			
RECORD OF SERVICE AIRMEN									
7. BIRTH DATE <i>5-6-19</i> PLACE <i>Sheffield Eng</i> CITIZENSHIP <i>British</i>				16. SINGLE-MARRIED-WIDOWER-SEPARATED-DIVORCED <i>Single</i>				21. ENGAGEMENTS	
FATHER (FULL NAME) <i>Thomas A. Rushby</i>				WIFE (FULL MAIDEN NAME) _____ DATE _____				TERM EFFECTIVE D.O. TERM EFFECTIVE D.O.	
BIRTHPLACE <i>Sheffield Eng</i>				17. MARRIED ESTABLISHMENT					
MOTHER (FULL MAIDEN NAME) <i>Emily Brangan</i>				REMARKS					
BIRTHPLACE <i>Sheffield Eng</i>				RANK EFFECTIVE D.O.					
8. EDUCATIONAL STANDING				18. CHILDREN				22. TEMPORARY DUTY AND MISCELLANEOUS ENTRIES	
HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE <i>X Out</i>				CHRISTIAN NAMES BIRTH DATE D.O. CHRISTIAN NAMES BIRTH DATE D.O.				FROM TO DATE D.O.	
JUNIOR MATRICULATION <i>X Out</i>								Occupying the 1305 hoo. 28-1-41 2ND 25	
SENIOR MATRICULATION _____								Reported for duty at 1530 h. 14th Nov 1941 3-41 2ND 26	
TECHNICAL SCHOOL _____								See full file & drawing etc 28-12-41 4TC 72	
UNIVERSITY _____								at 16.15 29.12.41 for 14 days 28-2-41 4TC 72	
CORRESPONDENCE COURSES _____								Can take all 16 to 1530 h. 14 Nov 28-4-41 4TC 100	
9. CIVIL OCCUPATIONS OR EXPERIENCE USEFUL TO R.C.A.F.				20. PAY ENTRIES (OFFENCE FORFEITURES STOPPAGES IN RED INK)					
<i>Supervisor Building 132 C.P.R. Service with the Union Sp. 2 Assembling automotive &amp; aerographic Sp. 2</i>				RATE CHANGES ETC. EFFECTIVE D.O. RATE CHANGES ETC. EFFECTIVE D.O.					
2990									
10. PREVIOUS ARMY, NAVY OR AIR FORCE SERVICE				21. NEXT OF KIN (ADDRESS AND D.O. IN PENCIL)					
<i>Nil</i>				FULL NAME: <i>Thomas Rushby</i> RELATIONSHIP <i>Father</i>					
				ADDRESS: <i>7th, Brangan Rd</i> D.O. _____					
				FULL NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____					
				ADDRESS: _____ D.O. _____					
11. HONOURS-AWARDS-MENTIONS				12. FLYING EXPERIENCE ON ENLISTMENT (HOURS)					
AUTHORITY DATE				SOLD DUAL PASSENGER					
<i>Av. Honour Badge 358218 11-11-41</i>									
13. RELIGION <i>Ang</i>				14. LANGUAGES <i>English</i>					
15. SPORTS <i>Hockey Baseball</i>				23. DOCUMENT CONTROL (INDICATE RECEIPT BY DATE)					
				RED H78 D485 X-RAY AFM-13 IDN-CARD					
				3-2-41 3-11-41				CHF	
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