

Tel. No.—HOLBORN 3434,

Ext. ....

Correspondence on the subject  
of this letter should be  
addressed to

THE UNDER-SECRETARY  
OF STATE,

AIR MINISTRY, .....  
and should quote the reference

S. 7(d)/Medals/226.

Your Ref. ....



AIR MINISTRY,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

10 March, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed to return herewith your flying log book and with reference to your claim to the Defence Medal to request that you forward a completed Form B.2068 (one is enclosed), to cover the period that you served with the Home Guard, in order to substantiate your claim to this award.

2. Pending receipt of this certificate your claim to the Defence Medal must be deferred.

3. A piece of the War Medal ribbon, for which you automatically qualify, is forwarded for your retention.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Flight Lieutenant J.F. Banks,  
98, Copthorne Road,  
Shrewsbury.



**CONFIDENTIAL.**

R.A.F. Form 826  
Naval Form M255.

Enclosure No.  
in Form 48

**MEDICAL BOARD AT** I.M.H. Westlake, Cape. Date 30.6.43  
Surname BANKS L.A.C. Chr. Names John Francis  
Nature of Appointment Commission Date of Birth 1.7.22 M or S S  
Branch A/Bomber Hours Flown 96  
Address Ex 41 AS Attached I.F.T.C. Westlake.

**HISTORY OF PREVIOUS AILMENTS.**

Childhood Ailments.

Education Secondary School (Ludlow)  
Previous Occupation Civil Servant Hobbies Reading, Stamps  
Previous Service 1yr 10mths (1578295)  
Athletics Rugby, Tennis, Swimming, Table Tennis.  
Habits. Smoking Cigs 20PD Alcohol Beer 2 Pts PD.

**FAMILY HISTORY.**

Consumption, Diabetes, Haemophilia. No.  
Nervous Ailments, Mental Trouble, or "Fits". No.  
Father Alive—Health Good Dead—Cause  
Mother Alive—Health Good Dead—Cause  
Brothers (3) Alive—Health Good ( ) Dead—Cause  
Sisters (Nil) Alive—Health ( ) Dead—Cause

**GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EXAMINATION.**

Impression given by (a) Physique Good (b) Mentality Alert  
Body Marks, Scars, Deformities. Nil.  
Size of Thyroid Gland. Normal.  
Surgical Abnormalities. Nil.  
Results of Wounds, Injuries, Ops. Satisfactory.  
Height 70½ ins. Weight 150 lbs.  
Body Build      lbs. Leg Length 42 ins. Chest Circumference 35 ins.  
Pulse Rate—Sitting 72 per min. Standing 1st      per min.; 2nd      per min.  
After Exercise      per min. Time of return to normal      secs.  
Condition of Arterial Walls Soft  
Blood Pressure { Systolic 160 mm. Hg.  
Diastolic 90 mm. Hg.  
G.P.-S.32978—1941-2—5,000. S.

HEART. Size N.  
Sounds N.  
Rhythm R.

LUNGS. N.

NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Reflexes. K.Js. N. Ankle Js. N. Triceps Js. N.  
„ Abdominal N. Plantar. N.  
Cranial Nerves. N.  
Tremors—Fingers Nil. Eyelids. Nil.  
Self-Balancing—R. l.S. l.l.S.

ABDOMEN. Liver N.  
Spleen N.  
Musc. Tone Good.

URINE. Alb. Nil. Sugar Nil. Remarks

40 mm. Hg. Test. 55 secs. 6/91010,101110,9109,66.

EYES. Vision—R.=6/6 =6/  
L.=6/5 =6/

Colour vision Normal.

Red-Green -

Maddox Rod -

Diaphragm (P.D.) =6.4. BH 2

Convergence { C = 6 cms.  
SC = - cms.

Accommodation } R. N.  
L. N.

Cover Test. S. L.D. QR L. eye

Fundi and Media N.

Fields N.

EARS. Hearing—R. ear FW 20 ft. L. ear FW 20 ft.

Ext. Ear—Meatus Memb. R. N. L. N.

Mid. Ear—Eustachian Tubes R. Pat Val L. Pat Val

Cochlear Apparatus R. N. L. N.

Vestibular Apparatus R. N. L. N.

NOSE, THROAT, ETC. Buccal cavity Healthy Teeth Good Gums. Good

Pharynx N.

Nasopharynx N.

Nose N.

Larynx N.

REMARKS AND FINDINGS. 30.6.43.

A 3 B (Air Bomber)  
Fit for Commission.

*J. L. Anderson*

S/Ldr. President of Board.

over me. So help me God.

## CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING AND APPROVING OFFICER.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he wilfully or knowingly made any false answer to any of the foregoing questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by the Air Force Act.

The foregoing 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. He has been inspected by me, I consider him fit for service in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and due care has been exercised in his enlistment. The said Recruit has made and signed

the Declaration, and has been enlisted in the R.A.F.V.R. in the Rank and Trade of.....

..... I certify his attestation is correct, the required forms have been complied with and he has taken the Oath before me at.....on this.....day of.....

194.....

Name of Attesting Officer .....

that the foregoing is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

.....Attesting and Approving Off

# ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

## NOTICE PAPER.

### DURATION OF THE PRESENT EMERGENCY.

Signature of Man receiving the Notice Paper John I. Kamm

NOTICE to be given to a Man at the time of his offering to join The Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Date 27 August 1941

The General Conditions of the Contract of Enlistment that you are about to enter into with the Crown are as follows:—

1. You will engage to serve His Majesty as an airman for the duration of the present emergency, provided His Majesty should so long require your services.
2. On enlistment into the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, you will be liable, if called fit, to carry out duty in the air in any type of aircraft and may be ordered to serve in

# ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE

## Certified Copy of Attestation.

No. .... Name BANKS. JOHN FRANCIS.

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

You are hereby warned that if, after enlistment, it is found that you have wilfully or knowingly made false answer to any of the following questions, or if you have at any time been discharged with disgrace from any of His Majesty's Air or Military forces or dismissed with disgrace from the Navy and have failed to disclose such discharge or dismissal, you will be liable under the Air Force Act to a maximum punishment of two years imprisonment, with hard labour.

1. What is your name?

1. (Christian Names) John Francis  
(Surname) Banks.

2. Where were you born?

2. In the Parish of Doddington  
in, or near, the Town of Luddlow  
in the County of Shropshire

3. What was the date of your Birth?

3. 1<sup>st</sup> July 1922.

(A) The Recruit is to be asked to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him, on re-enlistment, conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows:—

(Name).....Re-enlisted in the Royal Air Force on  
the (Date).....

If Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character is not produced, state briefly the circumstances  
.....

I, John Francis Banks.....do solemnly declare that the foregoing  
answers made by me to the foregoing questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the  
engagements made.

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT John F Banks

NAME OF WITNESS A. Lynn Sgt

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I,.....swear by Almighty God that I will  
be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Sixth His Heirs and  
Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty  
His and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dominion.

14.† Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Supplementary Reserve, the Territorial Force (or Army), the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Auxiliary Air Force, the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force, or any O.T.C. or Cadet Unit, or the armed forces of Eire or of any other Dominion, or in a Reserve of any such force? If so, state particulars of all engagements.

14. { Home Guard

15. Have you truly stated the whole of your previous service, if any?

15. yes.

16. Did you receive a notice paper, and do you understand what it means? Who gave it to you?

16. { yes.  
Name P. L. S. Sgt.

17. Do you understand that every person in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve will be liable, if medically fit, to carry out duty in the air in any type of aircraft and may be ordered to serve in any part of the world, ashore or afloat?

17. yes.

18. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?—

18. yes.

For the duration of the present Emergency, which means that you will be required to serve for so long as His Majesty should require your services in connection with the Emergency for which you are now enlisting, and that if you are still serving at the termination of the Emergency you will be discharged as soon as your services can be dispensed with hereafter.

19. no.

4. What is your full permanent post address (including the County, or in London, the Metropolitan Borough)?

5. Are you of pure European descent?

6. Are you a British subject by birth?

7. Are your parents both British subjects by birth? If not, state separately their nationality at birth:

(a) Father. (b) Mother.

8. Are you, or is either of your parents, a naturalised British subject?

9. If so, state the date(s) of the naturalisation certificate(s).

10. What is your Trade or Calling?

11. What is your Religious Denomination?

Are you married?

12. Have you ever been convicted by the court? If so, give particulars and date of convictions.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

11.

12.

13.

Braun Amos  
3 Poplar

yes.

yes.

yes.

(a)

(b)

no.

scat clerk (C/o)

church of England

no.

no.

COFFEE

\*\*\*\*\*

C. R. Parker

R.A.F. FORM 2520C  
OFFICER



ROYAL AIR FORCE  
SERVICE AND RELEASE BOOK

Rank FLIGHT LIEUTENANT  
Personal Number 146378  
Surname BARKS  
Initials J. E  
Class of Release "A"  
Age and Service Group No. 43

16. If you suffered from the disability before joining the Forces, give the name and address of any doctor, hospital, etc., from which you received treatment. Give approximate dates.

## CLAIM FOR DISABILITY PENSION—R.A.F. OFFICER

THIS FORM is to be used only if you claim to be suffering from disability attributable to or aggravated by WAR SERVICE. You may complete it at any time WITHIN 6 MONTHS after the date you ceased to draw service pay.

When completed the form should be sent to the Air Ministry (O.A.R.), Adastral House, Kingsway W.C.2.

If there is insufficient space on the form further explanations or answers can be written on a plain sheet of paper which you must SIGN and attach firmly to the form.

Any pension granted on this application will commence on the day following cessation of service pay.

After six months from the cessation of service pay, any claim to pension must be made on a different form to be obtained from the nearest office of the MINISTRY OF PENSIONS, the address of which can be obtained at the Local Post Office.

1. Surname..... **BANKS** 2. Personal No. **1463/8**  
(BLOCK LETTERS)  
3. Christian Name/s..... **JOHN FRANCIS**  
4. Rank..... **FLIGHT LIEUTENANT** 5. Unit/Group..... **SHQ TENGOL HQ MALAYA**  
6. Date of Release.....

7. Have you served in the Armed Forces before the present War and been discharged?  
("Yes" or "No")..... **Yes** If "Yes" give particulars below:—

Former Regt., Corps or Ship, etc.	Army or Official Number	Date of Discharge	Cause of Discharge	Particulars of Pension (if any) for disablement or service

8. Give particulars of your wife and children now under 18 years of age for whom you received family allowances at any time during service:—

(a) Wife—full Christian Names.....  
and name before marriage.....

(b) Wife's present address.....

(c) Date of marriage.....

(d) CHILDREN.....  
Full Christian Names (and Surname where different from your own) and dates of birth.

1. ....  
Date of Birth.....

2. ....  
Date of Birth.....

3. ....  
Date of Birth.....

9. Give particulars of any child born after release.

Name/s.....  
Date/s of Birth.....

Serial No. 232869

Form 1376.

Reference :- A.1/ 1578295

RECORD OFFICE, ROYAL AIR FORCE,

Date

WANTAGE HALL, READING, BERKS.

## ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

### Notice to Recruit to Rejoin for Service.

With reference to your recent enlistment into the Royal Air Force, when you were relegated temporarily to the reserve until recalled, you are hereby warned that you will be required to join for service on 23 FEB 1942

NO. 1 AIR CREW R.C.

LORDS CRICKET GROUND.

You are, therefore, to present yourself at 10.0 a.m. or as early as practicable thereafter on that date.

When you report you should bring with you the following :-

- (1) This paper.
- (2) Your National Registration Identity Card and Civilian Ration Card.
- (3) Your Unemployment Book and Health and Pensions Insurance Card.
- (4) Your Civilian Respirator (anti-gas).
- (5) The R.A.F.V.R. badge which was issued to you on enlistment.
- (6) If married, your marriage certificate and birth certificates in respect of children.

A railway warrant for the journey is attached.

You will be taken on strength with effect from the date you report for duty, and will also be issued with uniform, etc., as soon as possible thereafter. You should, therefore, bring with you the minimum of personal requirements.

BRING CIVILIAN  
CLOTHING  
RATIONING CARD.

Officer i/c Records,  
Royal Air Force.

To :-

Number 1578295

Name

Banbo, J.F.

456. 18259. Wt. 10200-34 2,400 Bks. 7/41. A., P. & S., Ltd.