

Form 280.

# ROYAL 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 Council.

NAME (in full, Surname first) STOPPERTON, Charles OFFICIAL No. 642583

DATE OF BIRTH 19 July 1920 AGE ON ENTRY INTO R.A.F. 18 years 292 days.

PLACE OF BIRTH (Parish) Greenwich (Town & County) London London

OCCUPATION IN CIVIL LIFE Mechanical Worker

TRADE IN ROYAL AIR FORCE Mechanical Trade of Signal Mechanic & Signal Fitter

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Church of England

SIGNATURE ON TRANSFER TO THE RESERVE OR DISCHARGE.....

CURRENT ENGAGEMENT IN H.M. FORCES:— R.A.F.

(a) State whether in Navy, Army, or R.A.F. R.A.F.

(b) Period	Date current engagement commenced.	Age at that date.	Terms of Enlistment.
	<u>8 May 1939</u>	<u>18 3/4</u> <u>200</u>	<u>6 0</u>

(c) Date of actual entry into ... R.N.A.S./R.F.C./R.A.F. 8 May 1939

(d) Period engagement extended for } years Regular A.F. Service.  
years Reserve Service.

(e) Period engagement prolonged for } years Regular A.F. Service.  
years Reserve Service.

(f) Period re-engaged for.....

PRIOR ENGAGEMENT IN H.M. FORCES.

Service (Navy, Army, or R.A.F.)	Period.		Rank on Discharge.
	From	To	

DATE TRANSFERRED TO ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE. (Period not to count as qualifying service for Pension.)

DATE RECALLED FROM ROYAL AIR FORCE RESERVE.

NAME, ADDRESS and RELATIONSHIP of person (or persons) to be informed of casualties (to be entered in pencil).

Mrs Ernestine  
70, High Street SE  
East Greenwich SE 10

PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.

Full Christian Names and Surname of Woman, and whether Spinster or Widow.	Place and Date of Marriage.	Present Address of Wife.	No. and Date of C.F. Promulgating.	Initials of Officer verifying entry.

DESCRIPTION OF PERSON.	Height.		Chest.	Colour of			Marks, Wounds or Scars.
	Feet.	Inches.		Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	
On entry as an apprentice or boy							<u>None</u>
On attaining the age of 18 years or on first entry as aircraftman	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>35 1/2</u>	<u>fair</u>	<u>hazel</u>	<u>fair</u>	<u>Scar over</u>
On prolongation or re-engagement							<u>respects at arm</u>
Further descriptions if necessary							

DISCHARGE PARTICULARS:—

Date 17 July 1951 Address on Discharge 15 GARETH GRAVE

Total Service { towards engagement 12 (years) 55 (days) DORINGHAM  
towards pension 7 (years) 19 (days) BROMLEY, KENT

MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES.				PROMOTIONS, REDUCTIONS, AND REMUSTERINGS.			CHARACTER		
Departure authority.	Unit FROM which.	Unit TO which.	Date of effect.	Authority.	Description.	Date of effect.	Rank.	*Character.	Trade Classification.
	3 Sqn	8 May 1939	CF 10/39.	CF 10/39.	Released A.C.	8 May 1939	AC2.	VG	ACH 7/1. E.K.
CF 6/39.	No. 2 Sqn. No. 3 Sqn.	No. 1 Sqn. No. 6 Sqn.	12 July 1939	CF 7/39.	Remustered A.M. 4/1 S. Regor	4 Sept 39	AC2.	VG	Light Tech A
	6 Sqn T.T.	17 Sqn	15 Mar 40	Pre 30/40	Remustered F/Rig 2	7 Mar 40	AC1	VG	Fitter II A
	17 Sqn	Mildenhall	28 Feb 41	Feb 12/41	Remustered F.M.A.	21.11.40	LAC.	VG	Fitter II A
	Mildenhall	15 Sqn T.T.	25 Apr 41	Pre 1/41	Released F.P.D.	1-1.41	LAC	V.G.	FITTER II A.
	15 Sqn T.T.	147 Sqn	9 Aug 41	Pre 5/41	Released A.C.	6.6.41	LAC	V.G.	FITTER II A
	147 Sqn	Middle East	14 Feb 42	Pre 10/41	Reclassification A.C.	1 Dec 41	LAC	V.G.	FITTER II A.
	M.E.	104 Sqn	16 Jan 42	Pre 10/41	Remust. & T.P. relas A.C.	25 July 41.	LAC	V.G.	FITTER II A
Pol 30/43 12/2/43	104 Sqn	M.E.	25 Jan 43	Pre 10/41	Reclass. LAC	1.12.42			
	75 O.T.V.	Sierra Leone	10 Aug 43	Pre 10/41					
	SIERRA LEONE	132 M.U.	26.4.45						
	132 M.U.	M.E. Comm SQDN	13.10.45						
	M.E. Comm SQDN	21 P.T.C.	2.12.45						
	21 P.T.C.	M.E.	12.12.45						
	M.E.	104 P.D.C.	13.2.46						
	104 P.D.C.	RELEASE	26.5.46						
	RELEASE	DISCHARGE	1.7.51						

  

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.			
Authority.	1st, 2nd, 3rd.	Awarded, Deprived, Restored.	Date of effect.
SIERRA LEONE,			
104, 197/44.	1st.	Awarded.	16 July 43.

\* "V.G." is the highest character which can be awarded in the Trade Proficiency Badges "A", "B" & "C" signify—  
 A. i. Skill in the trade (applicable to airman up to the rank of Observer (if so instructed).  
 ii. Proficiency as Pilot, Air Gunner (Full Time) or Air Gunner (if so instructed).  
 B. For an airman manager, foreman, or supervisor in his trade.  
 C. For an airman manager, foreman, or supervisor in his trade, who is also a commissioned officer in the Royal Air Force.

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PROMOTIONS, REDUCTIONS, AND REMUSTERINGS.

Priority.	Description.	Date of effect.
1/39	<i>Warrant AC2</i>	9 May 1939
11/39	<i>Remustered C/M with 5 Poppers</i>	4 Sept 39
10/40	<i>Remustered F/Rig 2</i>	7 Mar 40
12/40	<i>Remustered F/M.A.</i>	21.11.40
1/41	<i>Reclassified F/C</i>	1.1.41
1/41	<i>Remust. to Fitter II A.</i>	28.2.41
5/41	<i>Reclass. LAC</i>	6.6.41
5/41	<i>Reclassified APC</i>	1. Dec 41
1/42	<i>Remust. to H.A. as LAC</i>	25 July 41
1/42	<i>Reclass. LAC</i>	1.12.42

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

Priority.	1st, 2nd, 3rd.	Awarded, Deprived, Restored.	Date of effect.
1/42	1st.	Awarded.	16 July 43.

CHARACTER AND TRADE PROFICIENCY.

Rank.	*Character.	Trade Classification.	† Proficiency.			Date.	Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.
			A.	B.	C.		
AC2.	V6	ACH 4T. F.R.	1/5	-	-	31 Dec 39	<i>Manuel R.</i>
AC2.	V6	Light truck A	5/5	-	-	31 Dec 40	<i>Manuel R.</i>
AC1	V4	Fitter II A	5/5	-	-	31 Dec 41	<i>Manuel R.</i>
LAC.	V6	Fitter II A.	SUPR	-	-	31.12.42	<i>Manuel R.</i>
LAC	V6.	FITTER II A.	SUPR	-	-	31.12.43	EXTRACT FROM PERMANENT RECORDS
LAC	V6.	FITTER II A	SUPR	-	-	31.12.44	<i>Manuel R.</i>
LAC	V6.	FITTER II A.	SUPR	-	-	31.12.45	FOR AIR COMMANDER, PROFILES COMMANDING
LAC	V6	FITTER II A	SUPR	-	-	26.5.46	ROYAL AIR FORCE RECORD OFFICE

\* "V6" is the highest character which can be awarded in the Trade Proficiency Badges "A", "B", "C", "C" signify -  
 A. 1. Skill in the trade, applicable to airman up to the rank of  
 ii. Proficiency as Pilot, Air Gunner (Full Time) or Air  
 B. Ability to instruct or to supervise in the trade.  
 C. Ability to manage, organize, or supervise in the trade.  
 D. Administration, discipline, etc.

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.

Certified discharged FIRST day of JULY 19 51  
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 Signature and Rank of Officer  
 authorising the discharge.  
 FOR AIR COMMANDER, PROFILES COMMANDING,  
 ROYAL AIR FORCE RECORD OFFICE.

4 NAME STOPPERTON. Charles OFFICIAL No. 642583  
(in full, Surname first)

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS and Courses of Instruction, etc.				TIME FORFEITED.				
Authority.	Description and Place.	Degree of Proficiency and class of Certificate awarded.	Date.	Authority.	Cause.	Dates.		Number of Days.
						From	To	
<i>R. 167</i>	<i>Course for something at ...</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>7 Feb 40</i>	<i>FOR 11/10</i>	<i>Absence.</i>	<i>22.8.40</i>	<i>11.00.40</i>	<i>1.</i>
<i>R. 167</i>	<i>Course for something at ...</i>	<i>45.2%</i>	<i>7 Mar 40</i>	<i>FOR 8/41</i>	<i>Absence.</i>	<i>6.10.40</i>	<i>7.10.40</i>	<i>1.</i>
<i>P. 0. 1007</i>	<i>Course for something at ...</i>	<i>61.6%</i>	<i>24 July 41</i>	<i>FOR 9/41</i>	<i>Absence.</i>	<i>1.8.41</i>	<i>9.6.41</i>	<i>9.</i>
<i>660 374</i>	<i>Course for ...</i>	<i>88.4%</i>	<i>29 Aug 41</i>	<i>FOR 7/42</i>	<i>Absence.</i>	<i>1.8.41</i>	<i>14.7.41</i>	<i>3.</i>
				<i>04 P.D.C</i>				
				<i>5.1.46</i>	<i>Rel. A</i>	<i>13.2.46</i>	<i>5.4.46</i>	<i>102</i>

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

Authority.	Nature.	Date of Effect
	<i>1939-45 STAR. AFRICA STAR. DEFENCE MEDAL.</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.