

The following is a list of some of the abbreviations which might occur in the enclosed  
Canadian Army personnel records


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| a/                | acting   |                     |  |
| AA                | Anti-aircraft, Army Act                                    | CIC                 | Canadian Infantry Corps (becomes RCIC after 30 April 1947) |
| AAI               | Allied Armies Italy  |                     |  |
| ADC               | Aerodrome Defence Company, or aide-de-camp                 | CIHU                | Canadian Infantry Holding Unit                             |
| Adj/Adjt          | Adjutant   | C in C              | Commander in Chief   |
| adm               | Admitted   | CIRU                | Canadian Infantry Reinforcement Unit                       |
| ADS               | Advanced Dressing Station                                  | CITC                | Canadian Infantry Training Centre                          |
| Adv               | advance or advanced  | CMA                 | Central Mediterranean Area                                 |
| AEF               | Allied Expeditionary Force                                 | CMF                 | Central Mediterranean Force                                |
| AF                | Active Force   | CMH                 | Canadian Military Hospital                                 |
| AHU               | Administrative Holding Unit or Artillery Holding Unit      | CMHQ                | Canadian Military Headquarters                             |
| allce             | Allowance  | C.O.                | Commanding Officer   |
| Anti-tk (or A-tk) | Anti-Tank  | COCTC               | Canadian Ordnance Corps Training Centre                    |
| Armd              | Armoured   | Col                 | Colonel  |
| Arty              | Artillery  | Coln                | column   |
| A & T staff       | Administration and Training staff                          | comd                | Command, commander, commandant or commanding               |
| auth              | authorized, authority                                      | comn                | Communication  |
| Aux. Serv.        | Canadian Auxiliary Services                                | comp                | composite  |
| Awd'd             | Awarded  | conc                | concentrate or concentration                               |
| AWL, AWOL         | Absent Without Leave                                       | COTC                | Canadian Officer Training Corps                            |
| Bde               | Brigade  | Coy                 | Company  |
| Bdr               | Bombardier (RCA)   | Cpl                 | Corporal   |
| BGH               | British General Hospital                                   | CQMS                | Company quartermaster-sergeant                             |
| Bn (or Batt'n)    | Battalion  | CSEC                | Canadian Special Employment Company                        |
| BOD               | Base Ordnance Depot  |                     |  |
| BQMS              | Battery Quartermaster-Sergeant                             | CSM                 | Company Sergeant-major                                     |
| Brig              | Brigadier  | CSRU                | Canadian Signals Reinforcement Unit                        |
| BSM               | Battery Sergeant-major                                     | CSTC                | Canadian Signals Training Centre                           |
| BTC               | Basic Training Centre                                      | CVSM                | Canadian Volunteer Service Medal                           |
| bty               | Battery  | CW                  | Chemical Warfare   |
| BW                | blast wound  | DCM                 | District Court-Martial                                     |
| BWI               | British West Indies  | DD                  | District Depot   |
| CA(A)             | Canadian Army (Active)                                     | Dep.                | Depot  |
| CAAF              | Canadian Army Active Force                                 | Det                 | Detachment   |
| CA(A)TC           | Canadian Army (Advanced) Training Centre                   | Detn                | Detention  |
| CA(B)TC           | Canadian Army (Basic) Training Centre                      | DF                  | direction finding  |
| CAB W/S           | Canadian Armoured Brigade Workshop (RCME)                  | Disemb              | disembarked  |
| CAC               | Canadian Armoured Corps (becomes RCAC after 2 August 1945) | dis                 | discharged   |
| CACRU             | Canadian Armoured Corps Reinforcement Unit                 | div                 | division or divisional                                     |
| CACTR             | Canadian Armoured Corps Training Regiment                  | DM                  | Defence Medal  |
| CACTS             | Canadian Armoured Corps Trained Soldiers Regiment          | Dmech               | driver mechanic  |
| CAHU              | Canadian Artillery Holding Unit                            | DNK                 | date not known   |
| CAMMS             | Canadian Army Motor Mechanic School                        | DO                  | Daily Order  |
| CAOF              | Canadian Army Occupation Force                             | D of W (DOW)        | died of wounds or duration of war                          |
| CAPF              | Canadian Army Pacific Force                                | DRLS                | Despatch Rider Letter Service                              |
| CAPO              | Canadian Army Post Office                                  | DS                  | Dressing Station   |
| CAR               | Canadian Armoured Regiment                                 | Dvr                 | Driver   |
| CARU              | Canadian Armoured Reinforcement Unit                       | EA                  | enemy aircraft   |
| Cas               | Casualty   | ech                 | echelon  |
| CASCRU            | Canadian Army Service Corps Reinforcement Unit             | ED                  | Efficiency Decoration                                      |
| CASF              | Canadian Active Service Force                              | EM                  | Efficiency Medal   |
| CATC              | Canadian Armoured Training Centre                          | empl'd, emp.        | employed or emplaned                                       |
| CATR              | Canadian Army Tank Regiment                                | ent                 | entitled   |
| CATS              | Canadian Army Training School or Canadian Army Tank School | eqpt                | equipment  |
| CB                | Confined to barracks                                       | ERP                 | Extra Regimental Pay                                       |
| CBD               | Canadian Base Depot  | est                 | establishment  |
| CCS               | Casualty Clearing Station                                  | evac                | evacuated  |
| CD                | Canadian Forces Decoration                                 | fap                 | for all purposes   |
| Cdn. Detn. Bks.   | Canadian Detention Barracks                                | FDS                 | Field Dressing Station                                     |
| CDIRU             | Canadian Divisional Infantry Reinforcement Unit            | FF                  | fire fighting or field force                               |
| CERU              | Canadian Engineer Reinforcement Unit                       | FGCM                | Field General Court-Martial                                |
| CFA               | Canadian Field Ambulance or Canadian Field Artillery       | Fld, Fd             | field  |
| CFH               | Canadian Field Hospital                                    | Fld Pk Coy (or Sqn) | Field Park Company (or Squadron) (RCOC or RCME)            |
| Cfn               | Craftsman (RCME)   | forf                | forfeits   |
| CGH               | Canadian General Hospital                                  | freq                | frequency  |
| CGRU              | Canadian General Reinforcement Unit                        | furl                | furlough   |
| CIB W/S           | Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop (RCOC or RCME)          | Fus                 | Fusilier (Canadian Infantry Corps)                         |
|                   |  | fwd                 | forward  |
|                   |  | GCM                 | General Court-Martial                                      |
|                   |  | Gdsmn (or Gdsm)     | Guardsmen  |
|                   |  | GEC                 | General Employment Company                                 |
|                   |  | GHQ                 | General Headquarters                                       |
|                   |  | Gnr                 | Gunner (RCA)   |
|                   |  | GO                  | General Order  |
|                   |  | GOC (in C)          | General Officer Commanding (in Chief)                      |
|                   |  | GP                  | Group  |
|                   |  | Grn                 | Garrison   |
|                   |  | GRO                 | General Routine Order                                      |
|                   |  | GS                  | general service or General Staff                           |
|                   |  | GSO                 | General Staff Officer                                      |
|                   |  | GSW                 | gunshot wound  |
|                   |  | gtd                 | granted  |
|                   |  | H/                  | Honorary (rank)  |

|                            |   |                 |  |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| HAA                        | Heavy Anti-Aircraft                                     | HU              | Holding Unit   |
| HD                         | Holding Depot or Home Defence                           | HWE             | Home War Establishment                                     |
| HE                         | Holding Establishment, High Explosive or His Excellency | hyg             | hygiene  |
| hosp                       | hospital  | IAW             | in accordance with   |
| how                        | howitzer  | incl            | include, inclusive or including                            |
| ind (or indep)             | independent   | RCCS            | Royal Canadian Corps of Signals                            |
| inf (or infmn)             | infantryman   | RCE             | Royal Canadian Engineers                                   |
| instr                      | instructor or instructor                                | RCEME           | Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers         |
| Int                        | Intelligence  |                 |  |
| KIA                        | killed in action  | RCHA            | Royal Canadian Horse Artillery                             |
| KR & O                     | King's Regulations and Orders                           | RCOC            | Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps                              |
| L/                         | Lance   | rd              | road or round  |
| LAA                        | Light Anti-Aircraft                                     | RDF             | Radio Direction Finding                                    |
| LAD                        | Light Aid Detachment (RCEME)                            | recce           | reconnaissance   |
| L/bdr                      | Lance-bombardier (RCA)                                  | reg             | regulating or regulations                                  |
| LMG                        | light machine gun                                       | regt            | regiment   |
| L/cpl                      | Lance-corporal  | rehab           | rehabilitation   |
| L.G. (or Lon Gaz)          | London Gazette  | rept (or rep't) | reported   |
| L of C                     | Line of Communications                                  | Res             | Reserve  |
| L/sgt                      | Lance-sergeant  | Rfn (or Rif)    | Rifleman (Canadian Infantry Corps)                         |
| Lt                         | Lieutenant or light                                     | rft             | reinforcement  |
| LWOP                       | Leave without pay                                       | RMC             | Royal Military College (Kingston)                          |
| MA (or n/a)                | meal allowance  | RO              | Routine Order  |
| MAC                        | motor ambulance convoy                                  | R.Q. & A.       | Rations, Quarters and Allowance                            |
| mag                        | magnetic or magazine                                    | RQMS            | Regimental Quartermaster-sergeant                          |
| maint                      | maintenance   | RSM             | Regimental Sergeant-major                                  |
| Maj                        | Major   | RT              | radio telephony  |
| MD                         | Military District                                       | RTU             | returned to unit   |
| MDB                        | Military Detention Barracks                             | R Wing          | Reinforcement Wing   |
| mech                       | mechanic, mechanical or mechanized                      | SA              | small arms, South Africa or South African                  |
| med                        | medium or medical                                       |                 |  |
| Med                        | Mediterranean   | SAA             | small arm ammunition                                       |
| MG                         | machine gun   | SD              | Staff Duties (and Training)                                |
| MGTC                       | Machine Gun Training Centre                             | SEC (or SEP)    | Special Employment Company (or Special Employment Platoon) |
| M.I.                       | Military Intelligence                                   |                 |  |
| MIA                        | missing in action                                       | sig             | signal   |
| MID                        | Mentioned-in-Despatches                                 | Sigmn           | Signalman (RCCS)   |
| MMG                        | medium machine gun                                      | Sigs            | Signals  |
| MO                         | Medical Officer   | SMG             | sub machine gun  |
| mov                        | movement  | SO              | Staff Officer  |
| MP                         | Military Police   | S.O.E.          | Special Operations Executive                               |
| MT                         | mechanical transport (or Motor Transport)               | SOS             | struck off strength (of a unit)                            |
|                            | no active disease                                       | SP              | self-propelled   |
| nad                        |   | Spr             | Sapper (RCE)   |
| NCO                        | Non-commissioned officer                                | Spvr            | Supervisor (Auxiliary Services)                            |
| NP                         | Non-permanent   | SQMS            | Staff (or Squadron) Quartermaster-sergeant                 |
| NPAM                       | Non-Permanent Active Militia                            |                 |  |
| NRMA of 1940               | National Resources Mobilization Act of 1940             | S/Sgt           | Staff Sergeant   |
|                            |   | SSM             | Staff (or Squadron) Sergeant-major                         |
| NWE                        | Northwest Europe  | str             | strength   |
| OC (or O/C)                | Officer Commanding                                      | SW              | shell or shrapnel wound                                    |
| O/Cdt                      | Officer Cadet   | swbd            | switchboard  |
| OCTU                       | Officer Cadet Training Unit                             | T/              | temporary (appointed rank)                                 |
| OIC                        | Officer-in-charge                                       | T & T           | through and through [type of wound]                        |
| ops                        | operations  | TC              | Training Centre  |
| OP                         | Observation Point                                       | T.D.            | temporary duty   |
| OR                         | other rank(s) or Orderly Room                           | TDR             | Tank Delivery Regiment                                     |
| ord                        | ordnance  | tech            | technical  |
| O/S                        | overseas  | tele            | telegraph or telegraphic                                   |
| OTC                        | Officers Training Centre                                | tk              | tank   |
| P & A                      | Pay and Allowances                                      | TOET            | Test of Elementary Training                                |
| PAM                        | Permanent Active Militia                                | TOS             | taken on strength (of a unit)                              |
| para                       | parachute or paragraph                                  | T.P.            | Trades Pay   |
| Part II, P.T.O., Pt. II O. | Part II Order   | Tpr             | Trooper (CAC)  |
| PE                         | Permanent Establishment                                 | tps             | troops   |
| pet                        | petrol (gasoline)                                       | tpt             | transport  |
| P.F.                       | Permanent Force   | trg             | training   |
| P.I.A.T.                   | Projector, Infantry, Anti-Tank                          | TS Badge        | Trained Soldier's Badge                                    |
| pk                         | park  | TSR             | Trained Soldier Regiment (Canadian Armoured Corps)         |
| pl                         | platoon   |                 |  |
| P.L. or priv. lve.         | Privileged leave  | TTS             | Trades Training School (or Technical Training School)      |
| Pnr                        | Pioneer   |                 |  |
| posn                       | position  | TW              | travel warrant   |
| POW (or PW)                | prisoner of war   | veh             | vehicle  |
| pro                        | provost   | VTS             | Vocational Training School                                 |
| proc                       | proceeded   | W & T           | Wireless & Telephony                                       |
| prov                       | provisional   | WE              | War Establishment  |
| pte                        | Private   | wef             | with effect from   |
| QM                         | Quartermaster   | wks             | works  |
| QMS                        | Quartermaster Sergeant                                  | wksp            | workshop   |
| R & A                      | rations and allowance                                   | WO1 (or WO2)    | Warrant Officer, Class 1 ( or Class 2)                     |
| R & Q                      | rations and quarters                                    | W/S             | workshop (RCOC, RCE, or RCEME)                             |
| R or Regt                  | Regiment  | WT (or W/T)     | wireless telegraphy  |
| RAP                        | Regimental Aid Post                                     | 21 AG           | 21st Army Group  |
| RCA                        | Royal Canadian Artillery                                |                 |  |
| RCAMC                      | Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps                       |                 |  |
| RCAPC                      | Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps                           |                 |  |
| RCASC                      | Royal Canadian Army Service Corps                       |                 |  |
| RCATC                      | Royal Canadian Artillery Training Centre                |                 |  |

**CANADIAN ARMY (ACTIVE)**  
**DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE**

M.F.M. 7 (Linen)  
500M-2-45 (6061)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1653

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|---|---|
| This is to Certify that No. <u>E-29815</u> (Rank) <u>RIFLEMAN (L/CPL)</u>                         |   |
| Name (in full) <u>John KELSO</u> enlisted <del>or was</del>                                       |   |
| enrolled in the <u>"ROYAL RIFLES OF CANADA"</u>   |   |
| the <b>CANADIAN ARMY (ACTIVE)</b> at <u>Quebec, Que.</u> on the <u>15th</u>                       |   |
| day of <u>July</u> 19 <u>40</u> .   |   |
| He served in Canada <u>NORTH ATLANTIC AREA- HONG KONG-</u>  |   |
| and is now discharged from the service under Routine Order <u>1029</u> para <u>5</u> by reason of |   |
| <u>TO RETURN TO CIVIL LIFE (On demobilization)</u>  |   |
| Medals, Decorations, Mentions, } <u>1939-45 Star-</u>   |   |
| awarded in respect of service } <u>C. V. S. M., Ribbon &amp; Clasp-</u>                           |   |
| during this war   |   |
| THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SOLDIER on the DATE below is as follows:—                                 |   |
| Age <u>25 years 10 months</u>   | Marks or Scars                                |
| Height <u>5' 5 1/4"</u>   | <u>Vaccination left arm</u>                   |
| Complexion <u>Medium</u>  |   |
| Eyes <u>Brown</u>   | Other Active Army Service (This War)          |
| Hair <u>Brown</u>   | <u>- - - NIL - - -</u>                        |
| <u>John Kelso</u><br>Signature of Soldier   |   |
| Date of Discharge   | <u>A. D. Johnson</u><br>Issuing Officer       |
|                | <u>W. S. ECHENBERG</u><br>Rank <u>Colonel</u> |
|   | <u>COMMANDING No. 4 DISTRICT DEPOT (CA)</u>   |
|   | Date <u>22 March</u> 19 <u>46</u> .           |

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Unit Royal Rifles of Canada (C.A.S.F.) Regimental Number E-29815CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE  
ATTESTATION PAPER

1 Surname KELSO  
2 Christian Names John  
3 Present address 509 Champlain St., Quebec, P. Q.  
4 Date of birth 17th May 1920  
Place of birth Canada Quebec Quebec City  
(Country) (County or Province) (Town or Township)  
Religion (state denomination) Roman Catholic  
Trade or Calling Laborer  
6 Married, Widower or Single Single  
Name of next of kin Mrs. Cora Kelso  
Relationship Mother  
11 Address of next of kin 509 Champlain St., Quebec, P. Q.  
12 Have you served in any Naval, Military or Air Force? R.R.C. N.P.A.M.  
13 If previous war service, state arm, force and regimental particulars. None  
14 Do you now belong to or have you served in the Active Militia of Canada? R.R.C. N.P.A.M.  
17 March 1936  
(Give unit and date of attestation)

## DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

John KELSO

do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve in the Canadian Active Service Force so long as an emergency, war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, exists, and for the period of demobilization after emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.

15th July 1940.

*John Kelso*

(Signature of recruit)

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

John KELSO

I, John KELSO do sincerely promise and swear (that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

*John Kelso*

(Signature of Recruit)

## CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by law.

The above questions and answers 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, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me,

at Quebec City, P.Q. this 15th day of July 19 40.*J. C. Long, Capt.*  
*A. J. A. R.R.C. CASE*

{ Signature of Magistrate, Justice  
or Attesting Officer.  
{ Office or Rank and Unit  
or appointment.

N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT

*SAW*

N. K. CARDED

Record of Service of **KELSO** **John** .....Regimental Number **E-29815**  
 (Surname) (Christian Name)

QUALIFICATIONS

**00** Military **Five years in Royal Rifles of Canada (N.P.A.M.)**  
**00** Business or Professional **Nil**  
**00** Trade or Civil **Nil**  
**04** Technical **One year Technical School - Electrician**  
**2** Languages **English and French**

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

**03**  
 High School **St. Patrick's High School** Graduation **Two years**  
 " or **Quebec Technical School** or Matriculation **One Year**  
 Collegiate (years completed)  
 \*College **Nil**  
 \*University **Nil**

(Name of institution, courses or years completed, and degrees obtained to be shown)

All enlisted personnel will be taken on as Private soldiers, appointments and promotions to higher rank to be shown as provided in the space below.

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| Date   | From whom received |  |                 |                |                   |                     | Part II D.O. No. Cas. List, etc. | Dated          |
|        |                    | Joined on appointment<br><b>Royal Rifles of Canada (C.A.S.F.)</b>  | <b>Rifleman</b> | <b>15-7-40</b> | <b>R.R.C.</b>     | <b>Quebec</b>       | <b>D.O. (11) No 9</b>            | <b>16-7-40</b> |
|        |                    | <b>App'd. A/S/Cpl., with pay</b>   | <b>A/S/Cpl.</b> | <b>2/8/40</b>  | <b>"</b>          | <b>Valcartier</b>   | <b>" 24</b>                      | <b>2/8/40</b>  |
|        |                    | <b>EMBARKED CANADA - SAILING LIST NO. ....</b>   | <b>A/S/Cpl.</b> | <b>2-12-40</b> | <b>525</b>        | <b>6-12-40</b>      |                                  |                |
|        |                    | <b>DISSEMBARKED <del>ENGLAND</del> "W" FORCE</b>   |                 |                |                   |                     |                                  |                |
|        |                    | <b>CONFIRMED IN HIS RANK AS L/CPL.</b>   | <b>L/CPL</b>    | <b>10-1-41</b> | <b>(W.F.R.C.)</b> | <b>NEWFOUNDLAND</b> | <b>D.O. 7</b>                    | <b>10-1-41</b> |
|        |                    | <b>GRANTED 14 DAYS LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b>  |                 |                |                   |                     |                                  |                |
|        |                    | <b>COMMENCING 17-1-41</b>  | <b>"</b>        | <b>17-1-41</b> | <b>"</b>          | <b>"</b>            | <b>D.O. 9</b>                    | <b>13-1-41</b> |
|        |                    | <b>PROMOTED TO A/CPL WITH PAY</b>  |                 |                |                   |                     |                                  |                |
|        |                    | <b>TO COMPLETE ESTABLISHMENT</b>   | <b>A/CPL</b>    | <b>3-4-41</b>  | <b>"</b>          | <b>"</b>            | <b>D.O. 72</b>                   | <b>3-4-41</b>  |
|        |                    | <b>ADMITTED TO BOTWOOD MILITARY</b>  |                 |                |                   |                     |                                  |                |
|        |                    | <b>HOSPITAL</b>  | <b>"</b>        | <b>4-4-41</b>  | <b>1</b>          | <b>"</b>            | <b>D.O. 79</b>                   | <b>14-4-41</b> |
|        |                    | <b>DISCHARGED FROM BOTWOOD MILITARY</b>  |                 |                |                   |                     |                                  |                |

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|        |                    | HOSPITAL  | A/CPL      | 6-8-41         | (W. FORCED N.D.)<br>R.R.C. MARCH     | D.O. 79                                      | 18-4-41    |
|        |                    | ADMITTED TO LESTER'S FIELD MILITARY   |            |                |                                      |  |            |
|        |                    | HOSPITAL ST JOHN'S Nfld.  | "          | 2-5-41         | "                                    | D.O. 99                                      | 12-5-41    |
|        |                    | DISCHARGED FROM LESTER'S FIELD MILITARY   |            |                |                                      |  |            |
|        |                    | HOSPITAL ST JOHN'S  | "          | 20-5-41        | "                                    | D.O. 108                                     | 22-5-41    |
|        |                    | RET. CANADA AUG 28 1941<br>S/L 53   |            | 28-8-          |                                      |  |            |
|        |                    | CONFIRMED IN HIS RANK OF CPL  | CPL        | 18-9-41        | R.R.C. VALCARTIER D.O. 196           |  | 18-9-41    |
|        |                    | SEVERELY REPRIMANDED & FORFEIT ONE DAY'S PAY FOR THE  |            |                |                                      |  |            |
|        |                    | OFFENCE OF A.M.L. FROM 1200 HRS. 21-9-41 TO 0830 HRS. 22-9-41   |            |                |                                      |  |            |
|        |                    | (ABSENT 20 HRS. 30 MINS.)   | "          | 22-9-41        | "                                    | D.O. 200                                     | 22-9-41    |
|        |                    | REVERTS TO PERMANENT GRADE AT OWN REQUEST   | PTE        | 30-9-41        | " St. John, NB                       | 206  | 1-10-41    |
|        |                    | EMBARKED CANADA - SAILING LIST No. 966  |            | 27-10-41       | 525                                  | 8 Oct 20-1 Oct 79.                           | Sup. Card  |
|        |                    | GRANTED INCREASED RATE OF PAY   |            | 1-1-43         |                                      | A.O. 3                                       | 12-2-43    |
|        |                    | S.L.S. to L-1 List CAPT   | PTE        | 15 Aug 45      | W.H.A.S.                             | A.O. 16                                      | 16 Aug 45  |
|        |                    | Reported P.O.W.   | P.F.N.     | 25 Dec 41      | R.R.C. N.D.H. 9.<br>N.D.H. 9. Ottawa | A.O. 10                                      | 30 Aug. 45 |
|        |                    | Awarded the 1939-45 Star  | "          | 8 Dec 41       | "                                    | A.O. 13                                      | 2 Sept. 45 |
|        |                    | Awarded C.V.S.M. and clasp  | "          | 17 Jan 42      | "                                    | A.O. 12                                      | 1 Sept. 45 |
|        |                    | Safe in Allied hands  | "          | 6 Sep 45       | "                                    | A.O. 20                                      | 15 Sep 45  |
|        |                    | S.O. 1. 6 Jan C.O. Vol  | "          | 7 Oct 45       | "                                    | A.O. 33                                      | 15 Oct 45  |



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| For 4 days ordinary pay by A.A. 46-2 for<br>the difference of intelligence while on<br>lookout duty. | Rfc        | —              | R.R. Sc.<br>Force 'C' | —     | 2           | 7 Nov 41 |





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Name..... Helio J.

Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc.—

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Regimental No. *E 29815* Rank *John*  
 Name *HELSO*

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| Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc.—                                     | Rank Shown          | Effective Date   | Unit                   | Place            | Authority       |                   |
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| <i>T.O.S. from R.R.C. (Force C) Inseml. Canada</i>  | <i>R.F.N.</i>       | <i>5 OCT. 45</i> | <i>1 BN. P.A. VOL.</i> | <i>E.S.G.</i>    | <i>177</i>      | <i>10 OCT. 45</i> |
| <i>S.O.S. to 5 DD (whilst on lve)</i>   | <i>"</i>            | <i>8 OCT. 45</i> | <i>"</i>               | <i>"</i>         | <i>178</i>      | <i>11 OCT. 45</i> |
| <i>Ltd 42 days lve. x r. a. 8 Oct. to 18 Nov. 45. Trav. time 196.27 Hrs</i>                                 | <i>"</i>            | <i>8 OCT. 45</i> | <i>"</i>               | <i>"</i>         | <i>178</i>      | <i>11 OCT. 45</i> |
| <i>TOS from 1. BN whilst on leave from 8 Oct 45 to 27 Nov 45</i>  | <i>-</i>            | <i>9 Oct 45</i>  | <i>5. DD</i>           | <i>Lauzon</i>    | <i>265</i>      | <i>30 Oct 45.</i> |
| <i>Granted Sick Lve to 28 Dec 45</i>  | <i>-</i>            | <i>29 Nov 45</i> | <i>-</i>               | <i>-</i>         | <i>306</i>      | <i>14 Dec 45</i>  |
| <i>Granted S/A to 28 Dec 45</i>   | <i>-</i>            | <i>29 Nov 45</i> | <i>0</i>               | <i>-</i>         | <i>306</i>      | <i>14 Dec 45</i>  |
| <i>N.Y. Lve &amp; Rat. to 2 Jan 46</i>  | <i>"</i>            | <i>29 Dec 45</i> | <i>"</i>               | <i>"</i>         | <i>2</i>        | <i>2 Jan 46</i>   |
| <i>AWL from 0800hrs (Cancelled by DO 14 d/16 Jan 46)</i>  | <i>-</i>            | <i>7 Jan 46</i>  | <i>-</i>               | <i>p</i>         | <i>11</i>       | <i>12 Jan 46</i>  |
| <i>S.O.S. to D.D. 4 Montreal P.Q.</i>   | <i>Pte</i>          | <i>17 Jan 46</i> | <i>D.D. 4</i>          | <i>Lazon</i>     | <i>21</i>       | <i>24 Jan 46</i>  |
| <i>TOS FROM DD 5</i>  | <i>"</i>            | <i>18-1-46</i>   | <i>DD 4</i>            | <i>Mtl Sth</i>   | <i>24</i>       | <i>28 Jan 46</i>  |
| <i>Adm sick to Mtl Mil Hosp.</i>  | <i>"</i>            | <i>7 Feb 46</i>  | <i>"</i>               | <i>"</i>         | <i>37</i>       | <i>12 Feb 46</i>  |
| <i>Disch from "tl Mil Hosp.</i>   | <i>"</i>            | <i>19 Feb 46</i> | <i>"</i>               | <i>"</i>         | <i>44</i>       | <i>20 Feb 46</i>  |
| <i>Disch from Mtl Mil Hosp.</i>   | <i>"</i>            | <i>19 Feb 46</i> | <i>"</i>               | <i>"</i>         | <i>46</i>       | <i>22 Feb 46</i>  |
| <i><i>Capt L/Cpl</i></i>  | <i>L/Cpl</i>        | <i>24 Dec 45</i> | <i>P.R.C. Force C.</i> | <i>Ottawa</i>    | <i>A.O. 46</i>  | <i>26 Nov 45</i>  |
| <i>POS DISCHARGED:- (R.O. 1029 para 5.)</i>   | <i>Rfn. (L/Cpl)</i> | <i>22 Mar 46</i> | <i>4 DD</i>            | <i>Mtl. Sth.</i> | <i>70</i>       | <i>22 Mar 46</i>  |
| <i>ADD. On DISCHARGE:- 109 6th Ave., Verdun, Mtl-19, Que.</i>   |                     |                  |                        |                  |                 |                   |
| <i>Granted \$100.00 Clothing Allowance (Art 186 (1) Fr &amp; I)</i>   |                     |                  |                        |                  |                 |                   |
| <i>and 30 days of rank (R.O. 4415).</i>   |                     |                  |                        |                  |                 |                   |
| <i>Ltd Japanese Campaign Pay of Rank under the prov of P.C. 11286 d/17 Mar 49 from 1 Jan 45 to 5 Dec 45</i> | <i>L/Cpl</i>        | <i>1 Jan 45</i>  | <i>P.R.C. Force C.</i> | <i>Ottawa</i>    | <i>A.O. 188</i> | <i>14 May 49</i>  |

|                                    |                 |          |                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| KELSO, John                        | E-29815         | L/Cpl.   | FILE NO:<br>405-K-2281<br>V: 20403 |               |
| SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)         | CHRISTIAN NAMES | REG. NO. | RANK ON DISCHARGE                  | C.A.S.F. UNIT |
| WAR SERVICE ELIGIBLE               |                 |          |                                    |               |
| BADGE                              |                 |          |                                    |               |
| (CLASS), G.S.C. 874567(22-3-46)DD4 |                 |          |                                    |               |
| DATE DESPATCHED:                   |                 |          |                                    |               |
| ADDRESS:                           |                 |          |                                    |               |

| CAMPAIGN MEDALS   | REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED |
|---|---|
| 1939-45 Star  | 7380 - 24 - 1 - 52                      |
| Pacific Star  |   |
| CVSM & Clasp  |   |
| War Medal, 1939-45  |   |
| Defence Medal - awarded 21/6/94 Medals despatched prior to death. |   |
| Hong-Kong Bar   |   |
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| (THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)                      |   |
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| (1) <u>MEDALS</u><br><u>PERSON</u><br>ENTITLED TO                         |     |
| ADDRESS:  | (1) |
| (2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> <b>N/A Single on discharge.</b>                 |     |
| WIDOW   | (2) |
| ADDRESS:  |     |
| (3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> <i>7 Letter to mother 5 Dec 1956 - No reply</i> |     |
| MOTHER  | (3) |
| ADDRESS:  |     |
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|   |     |
| <i>Vict's death related to service.</i>                                   |     |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Surname.....  | <b>KELSO</b>  |
| Christian Names.....  | <b>John</b><br><small>(Show Christian Names in full)</small>  |
| Service No.....   | <b>E-29815</b>  |
| Rank on Discharge.....  |   |
| Kindly forward Medals to which I am entitled by reason of my service during the War 1939-45, to:- |   |
| No. & Street.....   | <b>5322 St. Urbain Street,</b>  |
| Town.....   | <b>MONTREAL 14</b>  |
| Province.....   | <b>P.Q.</b>   |
|   | NAVY<br>ARMY<br>R.C.A.F.  |
| SIGNATURE <b>corres on file 13-1-52</b>   | <small>(Designate by an "X" the branch of the service from which you obtained your final release)</small> |
| <small>(Write in block letters and in ink)</small>  | OTHER SERVICES.....<br><small>(Name Organization with which served)</small>                               |
| <b>I AM ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF</b>  |   |
|   | <small>K. 15557</small>   |

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| IF DISCHARGE<br>IF REPATRIATED<br>OR OF WAR<br>"POW" | IN HOSPITAL |
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| ATTENTION<br>TRAINING. |
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|---|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. SURNAME<br><b>K E L S O</b>                                      | FIRST NAME<br><b>John</b> | INITIALS<br><b>---</b> | RANK<br><b>L/CPL</b>         | NUMBER<br><b>E- 29815</b>        | SEX<br><b>M</b>             |
| 2. DATE OF COMMENCEMENT<br>OF ACTIVE SERVICE:-<br><b>15 July 40</b> |                           |                        | PLACE<br><b>Quebec, P.Q.</b> |                                  | YR. OF BIRTH<br><b>1920</b> |
| 3. SERVICE OUTSIDE CANADA:-   |                           | YES<br><b>E</b>        | NO                           | IN WHAT SERVICE ?<br><b>Army</b> |                             |
| 4. CAUSE OF DISCHARGE:-<br><b>R.O. 1029 (5-C)(1)</b>                |                           |                        |                              |                                  |                             |

5. PRE-ENLISTMENT EDUCATION:-  
**Completed grade XI, Quebec, 1938. One year studying electricity at Quebec Technical school.**

6. LANGUAGES:-  
**English. French. Japanese (spoken).**

7. OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY:-  
**1943 - 44 : (2 yrs) General labour in a foundry.**

8. IMMEDIATE PRE-ENLISTMENT EMPLOYMENT:-  
(WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER)  
**1939 - 40 : Baseball-player for John Ritchie Shoe Co., Quebec City, P.Q.**

9. SHORT ACCOUNT OF SERVICE, TRAINING AND DUTIES:-  
**Total service: 12 months in Canada.  
57 months in Newfoundland, Hong Kong, Japan.**  
**Corps : Infantry.**  
**Duties : General Duty Rifleman.**  
**P.O.W. : 45 months.**

10. EDUCATIONAL COURSES WHILE IN SERVICE:-  
**NONE.**

11. MEDICAL OFFICER'S STATEMENT OF PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS (IF ANY):-  
**FIT.**



13. DISCHARGEES OWN STATEMENT OF FUTURE PLANS (IF ANY):-

**Vocational training in electricity.**

14. POST-DISCHARGE MAILING ADDRESS:-

**109 - 6th Ave., Verdun, Que.**

15. BASIS FOR COUNSELLOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:-

**Kelso states that he wishes to finish his technical school course in electricity.**

**Kelso is a good looking, well built 25 year old man, unmarried. He has his high school leaving and one year of technical school in Quebec in electricity. In the army he rose to rank of Corporal and was then taken prisoner by Japanese where he was held for 4 years. Worked in Jap foundry for 2 years.**

**Kelso appears to be the type of fellow who would profit by vocational training.**

16. ACTION RECOMMENDED:-

**Classification: Vocational Training.**

**Recommendation: Suitable for training in electricity.**

17. OTHER POSSIBILITIES SUGGESTED BY COUNSELLOR:-

- 1. Foundry labour.**
- 2. Japanese interpreter.**

18. REFERRED TO:-

**D.V.A. Counsellor, Montreal, Que.  
N.E.S. Placement Officer, Montreal, Que.**

19. PLACE DATE  
**Montreal South, Que. 21 Mar 46**

SIGNATURE OF COUNSELLOR **H. D. Morrison**

RANK OR APPOINTMENT **H.D. Morrison, Captain**

NOTE:- COUNSELLOR WILL CHECK TO SEE THAT THIS FORM HAS BEEN COMPLETED AS REQUIRED.

**(1)**

**ORIGINAL**PARTICULARS OF FAMILY OF AN OFFICER OR OTHER RANK OF THE C.A.S.F. OR  
R.C.A.F. (SPECIAL RESERVE)

## INSTRUCTIONS.

- (a) This form is to be completed immediately an officer or other rank is appointed to, or enlisted in, the C.A.S.F. or R.C.A.F. (Special Reserve.)
- (b) All questions, etc., must be completed.
- (c) Both copies of the form are to be forwarded by the Officer Commanding the unit for each officer and other rank, to the Paymaster, or Officer acting as such. The latter will transmit one copy, through the District, Command, or Camp Paymaster, to the Officer i/c Records, N.D.H.Q., Ottawa. The other copy will be retained by the Paymaster of the unit, when transferred to another unit the copy retained by the Paymaster will be sent to the Paymaster of the individuals new unit.

(1) Name of Officer or Other Rank KELSO, JOHN  
(Surname first—Christian names in full—Block capitals)

(2) Regimental or Air Force Number and Rank E-29815

(3) Unit ROYAL REGTS. OF CANADA, C.A.S.F.

(4) Are you married? No

(5) If married, state,

(a) Full name of your wife N.A.

(b) Present postal address of wife N.A.

(6) If married, have you been regularly supporting your wife? If not—state reasons N.A.

(7) Are you a widower? No

(8) Have you any children? No

If so, give number of boys and girls N.A.

Also their names and ages N.A.

(9) If Dependents' Allowance is claimed in respect of children—state whether you have been regularly supporting them N.A.

Give particulars of Guardian to whom Dependents' Allowance should be paid—if authorized.

Name N.A.

Postal Address N.A.

[SEE OTHER SIDE]

(10) Have you a common-law wife—whom you have been regularly supporting and publicly representing as your wife for at least 12 months immediately prior to enlistment?..... **No**

If so, state her full name and Postal Address..... **N.A.**

(11) Is your father alive?..... **Yes**

If so, state name and address, occupation..... **Edmond Kelso, 509 Champlain ST.,  
Quebec City, P. Q. Machinist**

(12) If your father is a widower and is totally incapacitated from earning a living—are you his sole or partial support?..... **N.A.**

(13) If sole or partial support of father who is a widower, totally incapacitated from earning a living—state what amount per month you have given him prior to joining C.A.S.F. or R.C.A.F. (Special Reserve)..... **N.A.**

Also state reason he has no other means of support if partially supported by you, what is your reason for not providing full support?..... **N.A.**

(14) Is your mother alive?..... **Yes**

If so, state name and address..... **Mrs. Cora Kelso, 509 Champlain ST.,  
Quebec City, P. Q.**

(15) If your mother is a widow, are you her sole or partial support?..... **N.A.**

(16) If sole or partial support of widowed mother—state what amount per month you have given her prior to joining C.A.S.F. or R.C.A.F. (Special Reserve)..... **N.A.**

Also state reason why she has no other means of support, if partially supported by you what is your reason for not providing full support?..... **N.A.**

(17) Are you contributing to the support of any dependents, other than those shown above?..... **No**  
If so, state the following particulars:—

Relationship..... **N.A.**

Full Name..... **N.A.**

Postal Address..... **N.A.**

Amount contributed monthly during the past six months..... **N.A.**

(18) Have you any Brothers 16 years of age or under or Sisters 17 years of age or under solely supported and maintained by yourself as Bona Fide members of your household before your enlistment or appointment?..... **No**

(19) Are you insured?..... **Yes**

If so, in what Company?..... **Metropolitan Life**  
(Give number of policy)

Have you made arrangements for payment of your Insurance Premium?..... **Yes**  
If not, and it is a monthly premium, you may assign the amount in addition to any other assignment you wish to make, provided the total assignment is not in excess of the maximum monthly amount which may be assigned.

I hereby certify that the information given by me on this form is correct in each and every particular.

Date..... **15th July 1940**

*John Kelso*  
(Signature of officer or man)

*W. J. Stone*  
Lt Colonel,  
Officer Commanding **O.C. Royal Rifles of Canada, C.A.S.F.**

Date..... **15th July 1940**

N.B. In the above form the term Father includes Foster Father; the term Mother includes Foster Mother, the form should, however, be changed to read accordingly and applicable.

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CHANGE IN STATUS

~~MISSING TO R.O.W.~~

|   |  |                        |        |
|---|--|------------------------|--------|
| IND   |  | 13-9-45                |        |
| NUMBER                                      | E29615   | RANK                   | Rfn.   |
| NAME  |  | KEL90, John            |        |
| SERVICE UNIT                                |  | Royal Rifles of Canada |        |
| DATE OF BIRTH                               |  |                        |        |
| H.Q. 405-K-2281                             |  |                        |        |
| MARITAL STATUS                              |  | MARITAL STATUS         |        |
| PRESENT                                     | Single   | ON ENLISTMENT          | Single |
| NEXT OF KIN                                 |  |                        |        |
| Mrs. Core Kalso, (Mother)                   |  |                        |        |
| ADDRESS                                     |  |                        |        |
| 109-6th Ave.,<br>Verdun, Montreal, Que.     |  |                        |        |
| AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO.                     |  |                        |        |
| CanPat 21                                   |  |                        |        |
| CASUALTY                                    |  | DATE                   |        |
| DETAILS                                     | Prev. reported .O.W. now safe in Allied hands. | 6-9-45                 |        |
| <div>DIRECTOR OF RECORDS<br/>N.D.H.Q.</div> |  |                        |        |

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