

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,  
RECRUITING CENTRE.

FORM P/P. 78/44

OLD LEGISLATIVE BLDGS.  
NORTH TERRACE

ADELAIDE, S.A.  
19 JUN 1941

*Mr. J. J. Bailo.*  
Dear Sir,

With reference to your recent application to serve with the Royal Australian Air Force as a member of an Air Crew under the Empire Air Scheme, I have to inform you that at your examination you were successful in passing the necessary tests. In the first instance, therefore, you have been selected to enter an initial Training School as trainee air crew. Final assessment will be dependent upon the progress and ability displayed by you during the Initial Training Course.

Additional training schools are being established in accordance with the proposals laid down at the Ottawa Conference for the development of the Empire Air Training Scheme. As the number of air crew applicants offering at present is in excess of the capacity of the existing training organisation, it will be necessary to place successful applicants on a waiting list from which they will be called up when additional training facilities are created.

In the meantime, therefore, you have been enrolled in the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve, with the rank of Aircraftman Class 2, Group V, and will remain a member of the Reserve for the period you are on the waiting list. The Official Badge of the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve is enclosed/ has already been handed to you.

It is thought unlikely that you will be called up before

*Oct, 1941*

When called up for training, you automatically cease to be a member of the Reserve, and you will be required to surrender the Official Badge on taking up training.

It will not be necessary for you to communicate further with this Office, except in the event of changing your address, as you will receive ample notice of the date upon which you are to report for training.

Yours faithfully,

*R. S. [Signature]*

RECRUITING OFFICER.



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Form P/P. 78/60.

Mr. T.J. Bails,  
12 Bishop Avenue,  
ALBERTON, S.A.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,  
No. 5, RECRUITING CENTRE,  
OLD LEGISLATIVE BLDGS.  
NORTH TERRACE  
ADELAIDE, S.A.  
21st October, 1941.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to your recent application for entry into the Royal Australian Air Force, it is requested that you report to the above address at 8.30 a.m. on FRI. 7th Nov., 1941. for enlistment (subject to medical review), as an air crew in Group V, with the rank and pay of Aircraftman, Class II, in readiness to proceed to an Initial Training School.

To enable arrangements to be completed with Initial Training Schools it is essential you should notify me within seven days should you NOT be able to report on that date. You must realise that only a very special reason will justify your non-attendance.

The following certificates applicable to you are to be produced when reporting:—

- (a) Marriage certificate and birth certificates of any children.  
(Recruiting Centre to be advised immediately if married since enrolment on the Reserve.)
- (b) Militia, Army, or Naval discharge papers.
- (c) Completed Form M/F. 3 (enclosed).
- (d) Completed Forms M/F. 4 and 5, if claiming dependant's allowance.

Enlistment is for the duration of the war, and for a period of up to twelve months thereafter. Air crews are liable for service in Australia or overseas, but the majority, however, will be required for service overseas.

The daily rate of pay applicable to your appointment is 5/- per diem for the first period of the initial training course. (Pay is issuable for seven days a week.) After this period of initial training, candidates selected for training as pilots, air observers or wireless operator-air gunners will be re-classified as follows:—

Pilot .....	Leading Aircraftman, Group II—9/- per diem.
Air Observer .....	Leading Aircraftman, Group II—9/- per diem.
Wireless Operator - Air Gunner during Wire- less Course .....	Leading Aircraftman, Group V—5/6 per diem.
Wireless Operator - Air Gunner (on success- fully completing Wire- less Course) .....	Leading Aircraftman, Group II—9/- per diem.
Air Gunner .....	Leading Aircraftman, Group V—5/6 per diem.

Trainees as Wireless Operator-Air Gunners who fail to complete successfully the Wireless Course continue their training as Air Gunner (L.A.C., Group V).

On completion of training, trainees who successfully graduate will be granted higher rank as under:—

Pilot .....	Sergeant (Group I), or Sergeant (Special Group) when serving with the R.A.F.
Air Observer .....	Sergeant (confirmed as Temporary Sergeant normally after six months service) (Group I), or Sergeant (Special Group) when serving with the R.A.F.
Wireless Operator - Air Gunner .....	Sergeant (Group II), or Sergeant (Special Group) when serving with the R.A.F.
Air Gunner .....	Sergeant (Group V), or Sergeant (Special Group) when serving with the R.A.F.

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# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CERTIFICATE OF THE SERVICE AND DISCHARGE OF

The corner of this Certificate to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "bad" character, or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Air Board.

SURNAME BAILS

CHRISTIAN NAME Thomas Joseph OFFICIAL No. 416919

Date of Birth 25. 11. 09 Age on Entry into R.A.A.F. 31 years 348 days.

Place of Birth (Town) Alberton (District and State) SA Australia

Occupation in Civil Life Timber Worker

Trade in Royal Australian Air Force Aircraft V

Religious Denomination Methodist

Signature on Transfer to the Reserve or Discharge

### Current Engagement in R.A.A.F.—

(a) State whether in Active or Reserve Active

(b) Period:	Date current engagement commenced.	Age at that Date.	Terms of Enlistment.
	<u>8. 11. 41</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>Duration 12 months</u>

(c) Date of Actual entry into { Permanent Force \_\_\_\_\_  
Citizen Force 8. 11. 41

(d) Re-engaged for \_\_\_\_\_ years on \_\_\_\_\_

### Prior Engagement in H.M. Forces.

Service (Navy, Army, or Air Forces). UNIT	PERIOD.		Rank on Discharge.
	From	To	
<u>R.A.N.R.</u>	<u>2 1/2 years</u>		<u>Leading Seaman</u>

Date transferred to R.A.A.F. Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Date recalled from R.A.A.F. Reserve \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT OF KIN { Enter in pencil Name Eileen Mary Maud Bails PERSON TO BE INFORMED OF Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship WIFE Relationship Next of Kin  
Address 12, Bishop Ave. Alberton SA. Address \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 Part II order promulgating.	Initials of Officer verifying entry.
<u>Eileen Mary Maud Bails</u> <u>Spinster</u>	<u>Alberton SA.</u> <u>22. 12. 34</u>	<u>as above</u>		

Description of Person.	HEIGHT.		CHEST.	COLOUR OF			Marks, Wounds or Scars.
	Feet.	Inches.	Inches.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complex'n	
On Enlistment <u>8 ... 11 ... 41 ...</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Med</u>	<u>Small scar L. eyebrow</u>
On Re-engagement							<u>Small scar inner side L. arm.</u>

Further Description, if necessary ;—

DISCHARGE PARTICULARS :—  
 DATE 19TH August 1942 ADDRESS ON DISCHARGE c/o No. 2 B.A.G.S. R.A.A.F. PT. PIRIE  
 TOTAL SERVICE — (YEARS) 285 (DAYS)



NAME BAILS Thomas Joseph  
(in full, surname first)

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS  
and courses of instruction, etc.

Authority	Description of course and place held	Result	Date	Rank Passed for	Subject	Date	Authority	Remarks
FOR 18/42	Course 22(G) 4 I.T.S.	PASS	30.1.42					
FOR 17/42	No 22 W.I.G.'s course at NO 1 W.I.G.P.	Pass	5/3/42 20					
FOR 10/42	NO 22 Air Gunnery course at 28001	PASS	22/7/42 19.8.42					

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

Authority	Nature	Date of Effect
2 BAILS 164/42	Air Gunnery Badge	20.8.42

**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.