

INFORMED BY ME THAT, ON ENLISTMENT, HE WAS
MEDICALLY UNFIT FOR TRAINING,

R.A.F. FORM 266

DATE 9th 56

R. Smith R.T. off
ROYAL AIR FORCE

(Entry as an Aircraft Apprentice or Administrative Apprentice)

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NOTICE PAPER

12 YEARS' REGULAR AIR FORCE SERVICE RECKONED FROM THE DATE OF ATTAINING
18 YEARS OF AGE.

Signature of Boy receiving the Notice Paper L. S. James

NOTICE to be given to a Boy at the time of his offering to join the Royal Air Force.

Date 19th SEPTEMBER 56

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 Her Majesty as an airman for a period of Regular Air Force Service, terminating on the
expiration of twelve years from the date on which you attain the age of 18 years, provided Her Majesty so long requires
your services, and with the additional liabilities specified in Question 22 on page 3 of this Form. Airmen who reach the
required standard may be accepted for re-engagement with a view to pension.

2. On enlistment into the Royal Air Force, you 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.

3. Your term of Service will be reckoned thus:—

The service shall begin to reckon from the date on which you attain the age of eighteen years, but if you
are guilty of any of the following offences:

- (a) Desertion from Her Majesty's Service; or
- (b) Fraudulent enlistment;

the whole period of service prior to disposal of offence shall be forfeited.

4. The age given by you on enlistment will be accepted as your true age, and you will be liable to be held to serve
on the engagement for which you attest notwithstanding that at some future date you may prove that your age given on
enlistment is incorrect.

5. If serving beyond the seas at the time you are due for your discharge you will be sent to the United Kingdom
free of expense, subject to the conditions of Question 22 (b) on page 3 of this notice.

6. You will be attested by the Attesting Officer. On signing the attestation paper and taking the oath you will
be subject to all the provisions of the Air Force Act for the time being in force.

7. If within three months of your enlistment you pay for the use of Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £20 you can
be discharged, unless when you claim such discharge a Proclamation is in force requiring the Air Force Reserve to enter
upon Regular Service.

8. You will be required by the Attesting Officer to answer the questions printed on pages 2, 3 and 4, and to take
the oath shown on page 4, and you are warned that if you wilfully or knowingly make at the time of your attestation any
false answer to him you will thereby render yourself liable under the Air Force Act to punishment.

Signature and Rank of the Officer or Non-Commissioned }
Officer serving the notice

L. F. Collins

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Certified Copy of Attestation

No. **682416** NAME JAMES, LESLIE THOMAS

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 a false answer to any of the following questions, you will be liable under the A.F. Act to a maximum punishment of two years' imprisonment.

1. What is your name? ... James Leslie Thomas
2. Where were you born? ... Croydon
In, or near, the Town of Croydon
In the County of Surrey
3. What was the date of your birth? ... 30 December 1939
4. What is your full postal address (including the County, or in London, the Metropolitan Borough)?
43, New Stone Road, Selsbest, London, S.E. 25.
5. Are you a British Subject by birth? ... Yes
6. Are you a naturalised British Subject? ... No
7. Were either of your parents not of British Nationality? ... No
8. Have either of your parents acquired any other nationality? (If so, full particulars must be given.) ... No
9. What is your trade or calling? ... Laundry Worker
9. (a) Special qualifications ... General Certificate of Education (West of England) "O" Level
10. What is your religious denomination? ... "O" Level
11. Are you, or have you been, an indentured apprentice? If so, where? To whom? For what period? And when did, or will, the period of your apprenticeship expire? ... No
12. Are you married? ... No
13. Have you ever been convicted by the civil power? If so, give particulars and dates of all convictions. ... No
- *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 Special Reserve, the Supplementary Reserve, the Territorial Force (or Army), the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, the Royal Army Reserve, the Royal Air Force Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force, the A.T.C., or any O.T.C. or Cadet Unit, or the armed forces of any Dominion or of Eire or in a Reserve of any such force? If so, state particulars of all engagements, giving official No., Rank (Substantive or Acting), Unit or Corps, and, where applicable, cause of discharge.
A.T.C. 2303 Heat (Last School Squadron) Cadet
November 1955 to July 1956

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and 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) _____ 19__

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

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

15. Yes

16. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for any of the Military, Naval, or Air Forces of the Crown ? If so, on what grounds ?

16. { No

17. Have you ever been awarded a disability pension, a gratuity or any temporary or conditional allowance for disability ?

17. { No

18. Are you now in receipt of any such pension or allowance ?

18. No

19. Did you receive a notice stating the general conditions of the contract, and do you understand what it means ? Who gave it to you ?

19. { Yes W/O S.F. Allen

20. Do you understand that every person in the Royal Air Force 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 ?

20. Yes

21. Do you understand that you are being enlisted as an Apprentice for training in the Radio

Engineering trade group and that should you fail to make adequate progress and appear to be incapable of becoming an efficient tradesman you will be liable to discharge

21. Yes

Do you also understand that should you fail for the trade for which you are trained you will either:--
(a) be discharged;
(b) be offered retention in the Service in any other trade subject to the consent of your parent or guardian?

should so long require you. services :

(a) Up to the date of attaining the age of 18 years and for a period terminating on the expiration of 12 years, reckoned from that date, in Regular Air Force Service.

(b) If the above-mentioned term of 12 years expires while you are on service with the Royal Air Force—
(i) beyond the seas, or (ii) while a state of War exists, or (iii) while Airmen in the Reserve are required by Proclamation to continue in or re-enter into Service in the Royal Air Force, or (iv) while Airmen in the Reserve are called out to serve in defence of the British Islands against actual or apprehended attack—then to serve for a further period, not exceeding 12 months.

Yes
Yes

I, Leslie Thomas James 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 L.S. James

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS W. Noble

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION

I, Leslie Thomas James swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and of the Air Officers and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING 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. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to.

The said Recruit has made and signed the Declaration and has taken the oath before me at RAF FINESTOCK on this thirteenth day of SEPTEMBER 1953

I certify that the requirements as to attesting him have been fulfilled.

The Consent of his Parent or Guardian (duly witnessed) has been obtained in writing and is attached hereto.

Signature of Attesting Officer J. Scott PLT. O.F.A.

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation the Attesting Officer should be requested to make it and initial the alteration as required by Section 80 (6), Air Force Act.